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Minutes of 5th Council Meeting, 2005/6

Date & Time : May 29, 2006 (Monday) at 7:30 p.m.

Venue : Mariner's Club

Present : Robert Zajac – President RZ
 Alex Leigh – Vice President AL
 Charmian Koo – Secretary CK
 Steve Wong – Treasurer SW

Committee Members

Ronald Hui	RH	Chan Yiu	CY
Jacky Liu	JL	Kelvin Yim	KY
Alan Sze	AS	Christopher Leung	CL
Doris Lo	DL		

Apologize: Laurance Lo LLO

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| 1. | Received and adopted last minutes | |
| | <u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES</u> | |
| 2. | Regarding the Special Voting Member List, AL has just passed the draft to CK, SW will send the update membership status to LLo and LLo shall mail the letter to the corresponding recipients. | CK/SW/
LLO |
| 3. | Regarding the Triangular Inter-port tournament, AS not yet confirm with Shenzhen team about registration as Macau Team B. Macau disagreed Shenzhen as Macau Team II but agreed on individual members to play in the team if invited. | AS |
| 4. | Regarding the complaint lodged by S.H. Yu for an incident at Continuous Pairs 5 on Dec 6, AL still failed to meet SH Yu before Council meeting. | AL |
| 5. | SW reported that the change of authorized signature of designated bank was pending due to problem encountered with the Company Registry. SW shall continue follow on this issue. David suggested to adjust the financial year. The impact is that the Intercity Sub committee has to create in previous financial year. | SW |
| 6. | There is one team registered for the 3 rd FISU World University Bridge Championships. However, to apply for the participation of this event, it is required to obtain the approval from the University Games Committee, Hong Kong. AS had a meeting with UGC last week. It is replied that the application is approved unless a NPC or a Coach will be in companion. The Council confirmed that no financial subsidy will be provided to the applicant team. Also, no NPC/Coach will be appointed by the Council. | |

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

System Automation Project

The project scope has been reduced to Internet Sales and Master Point Update because Anthony Ching will engage the Scoring system from Japan and Taiwan in the coming Intercity. Therefore, the project cost will be scratched from \$28,000 to \$18,000. However, for the Scoring system from Japan, KY will be responsible to apply a language pack to transfer Japanese to other languages.

The developer, Janice, has already finished Internet Sales programming. It is pending for product photos and description to be published. For the Master Point Update, she has already finished the upload function of ABC result of Pairs events. It is pending for LLO to prepare some real data for further testing. AS will continue to follow on this issue.

LLO

Regarding the price list, it is adopted by the Council. However, the non-member's proposed prices has been rejected.

Sponsoring Organization of Cup Events

No progress on this issue.

Membership Management

To reduce the workload of SW, start from this year, KY will prepare a Excel spreadsheet and place in Director's laptop, to keep track the member recruitment and serial number.

KY

Moreover, SW also voice out that directors always forgot to submit the Director Registration Form after tournaments. AL will start to take up this task to ensure all the forms have been submitted.

AL

Inventory Management

JL stated that action to be taken on Jun 01.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Intercity 2006

CL will be the treasurer of Intercity. He will present the financial statements to SW asap after Intercity in order to meet AGM in January, 2007. The Council agreed that a Treasurer should be selected by the Intercity sub committee from now on, to handle the financial report for Intercity.

Application for PABF Senior Team

The application of Hong Kong Senior Team is adopted. A \$6,000 subsidy is approved to give to the NPC, David C. C. Ng.

The Council endorsed \$6,000 each for both NPC and players of PABF Senior Team, Ladies Team and Open Team. Mr Derek Zen as Playing Captain of Open Team.

Incident of Continuous Pairs Overall Ranking

David C. C. Ng reported that the tie breaking of Pairs Events is not synchronized. Some directors use the higher ranking point, some use the average of the ranking point. It leads to a controversial topic for the Champions of Continuous Pairs as different method leads to different result.

The Council adopted to use the WBF rule for tie-breaking. Each event should immediately breaks by direct comparison on number of winning boards.

RH

In case a tie-break on year round ranking, compare the 8th Match.

The Council suggested that the tie-break should be included in the COC for coming Pairs and Team Events.

Revision of Master Point Scheme (GP/PP Conversion)

The new scheme of Master Point is adopted. The Open Paris of Intercity shall receive 3 and 2 and 1 Placement Point for the winner, 1st runner up and 2nd runner up respectively.

Guangdong Province Team Championship

Invitation letters from Guangzhou Bridge Association for the Pairs Event to be held on Jun 23-25 at Tin Hung Hotel and Teams Event to be held on Jul 20 – 24 at Jiang Men. Details of Trials will be posted on website.

Sponsorship from HKJC

HKJC Charity Trust requests further details on bridge promotion for secondary students. AS and Leo will draft the proposal before Jun 20. AS

AOB

1. The Council agreed to change the meeting venue to Happy Valley, but on a month-to-month agreement basis. JL will be responsible for meeting room booking.
 2. In order to save cost on CBA Events, Conference room instead of Main Hall should be used.
 3. The Council endorsed to buy 10,000 packs of bar-coded cards at \$4.7 each.
 4. The Council adopted the official directors list and 2 directors have been promoted.
 5. David C. C. Ng will assist SW in clearing Tournament directors file and other auditing works as SW will be busy and away from Hong Kong in coming months.
 6. The next Council meeting is scheduled on Jun 18 (Sun) in Shing Wo Youth Center, Shing Wo Road, Happy Valley and JL will assist in room booking.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm

Prepared By CK

Minutes of 6th Council Meeting, 2005/6

Date & Time : June 18, 2006 (Sunday) at 11:00 a.m.

Venue : President's Home

Present : Robert Zajac – President RZ
Alex Leigh – Vice President AL
Charmian Koo – Secretary CK
Steve Wong – Treasurer SW

Committee Members

Chan Yiu	CY	Doris Lo	DL
Jacky Liu	JL	Kelvin Yim	KY
Alan Sze	AS		

Apologize: Laurance Lo LLO
Christopher Leung CL
Ronald Hui RH

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1.	Received and adopted last minutes	
	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES</u>	
2.	Regarding the Special Voting Member List, SW will give the list to LLO this week. LLO and CK will mail the letter to the corresponding recipients with the notification of EGM.	CK/SW/ LLO

3. Regarding the Triangular Inter-port tournament, AS not yet confirm with Shenzhen team about registration as Macau Team B AS
4. Regarding the complaint lodged by S.H. Yu for an incident at Continuous Pairs 5 on Dec 6, AL already talked with S.H. Yu who agreed not to pursue further and case closed.
5. As advised by the Company Registry, the change of authorized signature of designated bank would be able to proceeded in mid-August after EGM to be held in July.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

System Automation Project

RZ, AL and AS will meet Janice in the coming week to discuss the project.

AL/AS/
RZ

Sponsoring Organization of Cup Events

No progress on this issue.

Membership Management

To reduce the workload of SW, start from this year, KY will prepare a Excel spreadsheet and place in Director's laptop, to keep track the member recruitment and serial number.

KY

Announcement for EGM

The EGM will be held on Jul 22 at 2:30pm. The quorum is 30. SW will send the agenda to LLo. CK and LLo will help to send the agenda to members.

SW/LLO/
CK

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Revision of budget for World Youth Team Championships

This year, the registration fee of WJ has risen from US\$500 to US\$3,000. In case the team chooses to live in the venue hotel which costs US\$73 for a 3-bedded room per person per night, then the registration fee will be reduced to US\$1,000. RZ has sent letter to PABF Committee and WBF Committee to negotiate the dramatic increase of the registration fee. This issue will be discussed in the Captain's meeting in WJ.

Approval of NPC for PABF Open Team

The Council has approved Leo Cheung to be the NPC for PABF Open Team

Complaint from Bubble Ho

Our member, Bubble Ho complaint the attitude of Eric Tang, the director of Paul Jones on Jun 6. RZ will write a formal reply to Bubble. RH will remind directors to give reason in a polite manner to players for any decision.

RZ

AOB

1. The Council agreed that free game coupon can be distributed by director after the signature from CK.
2. The Council agreed to request members who had not paid membership fee for year 7/2005 – 6/2006 to pay the full fee in the forthcoming months.
3. The next Council meeting is scheduled on Jul 17 (Mon) in Mariner's Club.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Prepared By CK

Minutes of 7th Council Meeting, 2005/6

Date & Time : July 22, 2006 (Saturday) at 1:00 p.m.

Venue : Mariner's Club, TST

Present : Robert Zajac – President RZ
 Alex Leigh – Vice President AL
 Charmian Koo – Secretary CK
 Steve Wong – Treasurer SW

Committee Members

Chan Yiu	CY	Doris Lo	DL
Jacky Liu	JL	Kelvin Yim	KY
Christopher Leung	CL	Ronald Hui	RH

Apologize: Laurance Lo LLO
 Alan Sze AS

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1. Received and adopted last minutes

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

2. Regarding the Special Voting Member List and EGM agenda, LLo and CK already sent out email and letters to all the members.

3. Regarding the Triangular Inter-port tournament, AS not yet confirm with Shenzhen team about registration as Macau Team B AS

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

System Automation Project

AL will assist in the membership module testing.

Membership Management

KY and AL already take up the membership renewal task. The progress is satisfactory.

Inventory Management

All the stock have been sent to RZ's home. JL will send a soft copy of inventory record to Council. JL

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Intercity

The Intercity Committee has recruited \$250,000 sponsorships for intercity.

The Champion, 1strunner up and 2nd runner up of Rose Bowl and Inter-postsecondary Bridge Championships will have free entry to Intercity Youth Series.

KY will post the deadline of Intercity registration (i.e. 31-Jul-2006) onto HKCBA website. KY

Revision of budget for World Youth Team Championships

The Council has approved the budget for World Youth Team – School Series. The amount will be same as Youth Team, i.e. \$6,000 * 7 = \$42,000

Approval of NPC for World Junior School Team

The Council has approved Charmian Koo to be the NPC for World Junior School Team.

Complaint from Bubble Ho

Case closed.

Enquiry from LH Chin regarding Trophy Presentation

The Trophy presentation is confirmed to be held on coming AGM instead of Intercity due to technical operation issue. CK will reply the request raised by LH Chin.

Attendance of PABF Delegates Meeting

PABF Delegates Meeting will be held on Aug 20. CY and KY will attend the meeting. The Council would like to raise the below issues in the meeting:

- The Berth to WJ 2008 will be determined by PABF 2007
- Request to postpone PABF 2007 from May to Jun 2007 due to examination period of most of the youth players.

AOB

1. The Council has agreed to impose a special sponsorship of \$6,000 to our honorary member, Ella Graca.
2. Some of the members request an update Master Point list. LLO please prepare all the materials before Intercity. The Intercity helpers will calculate master point and update the list. LLO
3. LLO please prepare the Cup winner's list in next council meeting. LLO
4. Director course will be started tomorrow. There are 11 members registered the course.
5. Bridge course conducted by SK Luk is already started. There are 11 participants.
6. There will be no money prize starting from 2005 for all AIA student events.
7. The next Council meeting is scheduled on Aug 16 (Wed) in Mariner's Club.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Prepared By CK

Lorraine Sung 隊式賽

LORRAINE SUNG TEAMS

這次在七月底舉行有十一隊參加的比賽，打大循環共賽十一場，其中有一場輪空，每場只打五副牌，偶然性就多些。第一天打五場，開始我很希望能打出好成績，第一天五場的成績只有 43VP（平均分是每場八分），屬中游水準，離領先的 W.K.Lai 隊差好遠，他們得 58VP（只賽四場），我隊隊友是 Ringo Lee, W.C.Lai, L.T.Pang 均屬「打得」的選手。我雖和 L.T.Pang 第一次搭擋，第一天有好幾副牌屬默契上的問題。

This event was held in July with 11 teams taking part. A round robin of 10 matches of 5 boards were played, luck certainly was called for in such a format. There were 5 matches on the first day when I hoped for a good start but ended up with only 43VP, slightly above average of 8 per match and way behind the leaders, W.K.Lai, etc with 58VP but 4 matches only. My teammates were Ringo Lee, W.C.Li and L.T.Pang, all very competent players and my first partnership with L.T., hick-ups were understandable.

第二天由於落後較多，也就放鬆很多，盡量打出自己水平，後五場獲 16+16+16+14+3 的好成績，但關鍵對 Lai 隊時輸 13:3，最後一場我們輪空，我們總成績 108VP，Lai 隊得 101VP。他們還有一場只要打平，就贏得比賽，誰知在下面這副牌上…

As we were so far behind, we relaxed somewhat on the second day and played to good form and results: 16+16+16+14+3. The problem of course was we lost to Lai' s team 13 : 3. We had our bye on the last round totaling 108VP, Lai' s team had 101 but one match to play, a draw would see them through. This was the critical board:

Game EW	♠ K	
Dealer N	♥ J32	
	♦ AJ87542	
	♣ K5	
♠ J10		♠ 9752
♥ 108765		♥ K4
♦ K10		♦ Q963
♣ QJ102		♣ A64
	♠ AQ8643	
	♥ AQ9	
	♦ --	
	♣ 9873	

二隊南北都是主打 3NT，如果防守正確，3NT 無法成約。Lai 隊防守失誤，因而輸掉這副牌，也即是輸掉整個比賽。這副牌首攻 ♣Q 後，只要及時轉攻 ♦，甚至轉攻 ♥ 都無法成約。但如北家主打的話，防守難度加大，東只有攻出 ♥K 防守殺著才行，這牌主動權在別人手中。我們最後贏得這場比賽是我們運氣好，例如：

Both North-South played in 3NT and should fail with correct defense. Fortunately for us, they slipped and lost the match. Here with South declaring and ♣Q lead and continuation, defense need simply to switch to ♦ or even ♥ to hold declarer to 8 tricks. With North declaring, the defense would be difficult if not impossible like the ♥K lead. We were extremely luck on the second day:

我坐南 I was South

(1)

Dealer E		♠ 104	♠ A532
	♥ KQ63	♥ 872	♥ KQ3
	♦ 9875	♦ KQ3	♦ 1082
	♣ A65	♣ 1082	
♠ KQ6		♠ A532	
♥ A		♥ 872	
♦ AJ62		♦ KQ3	
♣ KQJ94		♣ 1082	
	♠ J987		
	♥ J10954		
	♦ 104		
	♣ 73		

West	North	East	South
		pass	pass
1♣	pass	1♣	pass
2♦	pass	3♣	pass
6♣	pass	7♣	pass
pass	X	pass	pass
XX	pass	pass	pass

隊友只叫到 5♣，如敵方能停在 6♣，來回相差二十幾個 IMP 呢！

Teammates stopped at 5♣, a swing 20+ IMPs had our opponents stopped in 6 here!

(2)

Dealer N		♠ 1054	♠ KQ3
	♥ AQJ6	♥ 4	♥ 4
	♦ Q107654	♦ AJ83	♦ AJ83
	♣ --	♣ K10853	♣ K10853
♠ 762		♠ KQ3	
♥ 107532		♥ 4	
♦ K9		♦ AJ83	
♣ A64		♣ K10853	
	♠ AJ98		
	♥ K98		
	♦ 2		
	♣ QJ972		

West	North	East	South
	pass	1♣	pass
1♥	pass	2♣	pass
pass	2♦	2NT	pass
3♣	pass	pass	X
pass	pass	pass	

3♣ 加倍二下，五百分。是否東可在北叫 2♦ 後，拿著 ♦ 套 pass 呢。

That was 2 down, +500. Shouldn't East pass when North balanced with 2♦? He had ♦ and misfit with partner!

(3) Dealer N

♠ 53	♠ AQJ8	♠ K1064
♥ 963	♥ J4	♥ A87
♦ --	♦ QJ765	♦ A84
♣ AQJ109853	♣ 72	♣ K64

♠ 972	♠ 972
♥ KQ1052	♥ KQ1052
♦ K10932	♦ K10932
♣ --	♣ --

West	North	East	South
	1♦	X	1♥
3♣	pass	3NT	4♦
5♣	pass	pass	5♦
pass	pass	X	pass
pass	pass		

由於東無法攻出 ♠，最後 5♦ 加倍做成。另一桌叫到 5♣ 無人再叫，結果雙得分。
As East never got to touch the ♠ without loss, 5♦X was made. 5♣ by East was reached at the other table, so we won big.

(4) Dealer N

♠ 1054	♠ 863	♠ KQJ97
♥ AKQ8	♥ 5	♥ 7642
♦ QJ10	♦ A87642	♦ K
♣ 984	♣ J72	♣ AKQ

♠ A2	♠ A2
♥ J1093	♥ J1093
♦ 953	♦ 953
♣ 10653	♣ 10653

敵方缺少兩個 Ace 叫上 6♥，當然打不成啦。
They bid to 6♥ with 2 Aces out and down they went.

(5) 主打時的運氣 Luck when declaring

Dealer E

♠ A52	♠ 106	♠ Q9874
♥ QJ985	♥ 1076	♥ 432
♦ 54	♦ AQJ	♦ K6
♣ 964	♣ K10832	♣ AJ5

♠ KJ3	♠ KJ3
♥ AK	♥ AK
♦ 1098732	♦ 1098732
♣ Q7	♣ Q7

West	North	East	South
pass	1NT	pass	1♦
pass	3♦	pass	2♦
pass	pass	pass	3NT
pass		pass	

首攻 ♠7，很好運氣打成，如首攻 ♥ 就打不成了。
♠7 was led and 3NT made but not if a ♥ instead.


有那麼多的運氣牌，所以我們得到第一名呢。
That was how we won, lots of luck.

穗港澳選拔賽 INTER-PORT TRIAL 2006

這次只有四個隊參加選拔，四隊打循環，每隊共打六十副牌。我們香港長青組作為練習，也參加了選拔，選不上是意料中事，但表現如此之差，令我吃驚，以此水準，在香港可能連二流水平都達不到，我們這些“老”將，一些簡單基本功，例如讀牌、數贏墩…等等，都做得不好，代之以隨手打牌，不信嗎？隨便舉些例子：

Only 4 teams entered this trial event, double round robin with 60 boards against the other 3. We played mainly as a practice for the coming PABF Senior Teams event. Our appalling performance was however shocking to me. Everything, even basics, appeared wrong to seasoned players like us, card-reading, counting tricks... All too casual, some examples:

(1)

Dealer E	♠ KJ862 ♥ 6 ♦ QJ73 ♣ 1032		♠ Q10543 ♥ 9 ♦ K854 ♣ KQJ
♠ 9 ♥ QJ75432 ♦ 2 ♣ A976	♠ A7 ♥ AK109 ♦ A1096 ♣ 854		

West	North	East	South
2♦	X	pass	1NT
pass	2♠	2♥	X
pass	pass	X	2NT
pass	pass	X	pass

也許 2♠ 較易成約，但 2NT 也有八墩牌。首攻 ♠9，隨手從明手打 ♠J，依次為 ♠Q、♠A，再送出 ♠7，明手的 ♠ 已好，但防守卻先取六墩（四墩 ♣，一墩♠ 和一墩 ♦）。

Perhaps 2♠ would be easier but there were 8 tricks for 2NT too! ♠9 was led, J, Q, ♠A. Then ♠7 was ducked to East, so the ♠ were all good but the defense had 6 tricks first, 4 clubs, 1 spade, 1 diamond.

(2)

♠ 5 ♥ AQ97542 ♦ A653 ♣ 7		♠ KQ10643 ♥ 103 ♦ K10 ♣ 1062
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東西叫到 4♥，打成的機會是 ♥K 要在南家手上，而且 ♥ 是 2-2 分配，第十墩或者將吃 ♦（要求 ♦ 是 4-3 分配），或者送出 ♠K 後，♠Q 為第十墩（♠ 4-2 分配就可以），因為橋引只有一個，所以兩者無法兼顧。在 ♥ 的條件均符合要求的情況下，實戰中還是下一。南北的牌如下：

由北主打 3NT。無論東首攻 ♥ 或 ♠ (首攻 ♥ 更不必說)，當你忍讓一圈 ♦，在 ♦A 上手時，應不難發現要轉攻 ♣，否則莊家已夠九墩了。實戰中，另外三桌都只拿到七墩，由南做莊時，西首攻 ♠，但即使北做莊，發現不到轉攻 ♣，大概也是習慣「隨手」牌所致，或者不仔細計算莊家的贏墩。

North declared in 3NT, after East's lead of ♠ or ♥ (in particular) and routinely ducking one round of ♦, it should be easy to discover that ♣ offered the only hope before declarer got his 9 tricks. In fact the defense got 6 tricks in 3 other tables, but here ♣ were never touched upon, another case of card-following or casual plays without counting.

(5)

Dealer W	♠ K1098		
	♥ K		
	♦ KQJ52		
	♣ J102		
♠ J63		♠ Q42	
♥ 63		♥ AQJ10982	
♦ 1098		♦ 7	
♣ AK874		♣ Q3	
	♠ A75		
	♥ 754		
	♦ A643		
	♣ 965		

防守北的 4♦，居然可以做成十墩，大概難以相信吧！
10 tricks in 4♦ after some incredible defense.

(6) 叫牌錯誤也許不好講，但下面幾副的叫牌常常造成只輸不贏的結局

Bidding errors may be quite unavoidable, but these following cases could only lead to losses

Dealer N	♠ KJ72
	♥ KQ6
	♦ KJ
	♣ 9542
	♠ AQ10
	♥ AJ83
	♦ A3
	♣ AKQ8

West	North	East	South
	1♣	pass	4NT
pass	5♦	pass	5NT
pass	6♦	pass	6NT
pass	?		
	5♦: 0 or 3		
	6♦: ♦K		

在同伴開叫的情況下，拿著 24 點，是否應考慮大滿貫，上來就問 4NT，之後 6NT，同伴還能叫嗎？

After partner opened and your holding 24 points, isn't it time to consider grand slam instead of immediate 4NT then 6NT giving partner no chance?

(7) Dealer W

♠ KJ10843		♠ AQ
♥ 86		♥ AJ97
♦ KQ762		♦ 10954
♣ --		♣ 1085
♠ 6	♠	
♥ Q105	W	
♦ A83	N	
♣ KQ9762	E	
	S	
♠ 9752		
♥ K432		
♦ J		
♣ AJ43		

西開叫 1♣ 後，北叫 2♠ (有局方不夠開叫點力，六張應該不錯的 ♠)，拿南的牌，應否加叫 ♠，但南一直沉默，最後東叫到 3NT，由於 ♠ 有二檔，♣ 分配對東有利，輕易做成 3NT。另一桌叫到 4♠，僅下一，輸 9 IMP。

After West opened 1♣ and North overcalled 2♠ (vul, 6-card good suit or compensating values, -12 points), shouldn't South support? East-West ended up 3NT and made with ease with ♣ lying nicely. 4♠ was of course bid in opposing table for 9 IMPs again.

(8) Dealer E

♠ 10843		♠ K9762
♥ A7		♥ J102
♦ 1053		♦ J76
♣ K1063		♣ 84
♠ A5	♠	
♥ 864	W	
♦ AQ94	N	
♣ AQJ7	E	
	S	
♠ QJ		
♥ KQ953		
♦ K82		
♣ 952		

West	North	East	South
		pass	pass
1♣(?)	pass	1♠	pass
2♦	pass	2♠	pass
2NT(?)	pass	3♣	pass
pass	pass		

東西打 15-17 無將，為什麼不開叫 1NT 呢？在同伴應叫 1♠ 再 2♠ 示弱後，再叫 2NT，不知東如何來判斷西的 2NT。最後竟打 4-2 配荒唐的 3♣。另一桌叫 2♠，輸 6 IMP。

East-West played 15-17 NT so why not opened 1NT? When partner responded 1♠ then rebid 2♠, what should 2NT mean to end up in a miserable 3♣ contract? 2♠ was bid in the other room, 6 IMPs loss.

太亞區橋牌錦標賽

P A B F

今年在上海舉行的太亞區橋牌錦標賽，香港參加了公開組，女子組，長青組。全部的比賽大家一致認為的是公開組的成績很好，取得近年來的較好成績 — 第三名。而女子組和長青組的成績就不那麼理想了。我這裡只談些長青組的情況。我們除三對選手外，還有不上場隊長 C.C.NG 先生，這也是我近年來見到的非常負責的隊長了，可惜有隊員在比賽期間，還有工作要做 (如不能專心比賽，何必來上海呢)，使得隊長在安排上有困難，影響比賽成績。整體來說，成績不理想，在十四個隊伍中名列第八，但落後第一至第六名 VP 很多。下面介紹具體牌例：

(1) 第一循環對澳洲一隊 (最後的冠軍隊)，一共十四副牌。在我們這桌澳洲坐南北，有九副牌是他們做莊，但五副未打成。例如，南北缺少橋引的情況下，由北主打 4♥，首攻 ♦9 結果下三。隊友在另一桌叫到 3NT，當然也是做不成，還好只下一，贏 3 IMP。

Dealer E		♠ Q	♠ K1083
	♥ Q8652	♥ J73	♥ J73
	♦ 32	♦ 96	♦ 96
	♣ Q10984	♣ J532	♣ J532
♠ 764			
♥ K9		♠ AJ952	♠ K1083
♦ Q874		♥ A104	♥ J73
♣ AK76		♦ AKJ105	♦ 96
		♣ --	♣ J532

(2) 仍是對澳洲隊，我坐東

West	North	East	South
	pass	pass	1♥
X	pass	1♠	X
pass	2♥	2♠	3♥
pass	pass	pass	

Dealer N		♠ 9842	♠ Q1053
	♥ K10	♥ 74	♥ 74
	♦ J109	♦ 652	♦ 652
	♣ Q543	♣ K1086	♣ K1086
♠ AJ76			
♥ 953		♠ K	♠ Q1053
♦ AK74		♥ AQJ862	♥ 74
♣ J9		♦ Q83	♦ 652
		♣ A72	♣ K1086

由於 ♣K 的位置不利，3♥ 下一。
另一桌隊友叫到 2♥，正成。
最後結果是 30:29 勝 1 IMP。

(3) 第一循環對台灣隊 (亞軍隊)，我坐東

West	North	East	South
	pass	1♣	pass
1♥	pass	1NT	pass
2NT	pass	pass	pass

Dealer N		♠ Q8542	♠ KJ109
	♥ J53	♥ A82	♥ A82
	♦ A98	♦ QJ4	♦ QJ4
	♣ 72	♣ J94	♣ J94
♠ 76			
♥ Q1074		♠ A3	♠ KJ109
♦ K1062		♥ K96	♥ A82
♣ AQ8		♦ 753	♦ QJ4
		♣ K10653	♣ J94

2NT 是邀請，拿著三個 J 的 12 分，你會叫 3NT 嗎？另一桌台灣隊叫到 3NT 二邊都得到九墩。

(4) 接著的一副牌

West	North	East	South
		1♥	pass
2♥	2♣	3♦	pass
4♥	pass	pass	pass

這次相反，台灣隊停在 3♥，二位莊家都拿到十墩牌。

比賽結果是 14:14 IMP (15:15 VP)

Dealer E	♠ AKQ1076	♣ 5
	♥ K4	♥ AQ1096
	♦ J106	♦ A842
	♣ 76	♣ Q103
♠ J83		
♥ 532		
♦ KQ7		
♣ K954		
	♣ 942	
	♥ J87	
	♦ 953	
	♣ AJ82	

(5) 對第四名的日本一隊 (第三為澳洲二隊)

我坐北，東開叫 1♦，南超叫 1♥，西 2♣ (逼叫)，我加叫 2♥ 之後，西叫到 4♣。首攻 ♥9，本來雖然打成的機會比較少，例如必須 ♣ 3-3 等，但牌的分配有利，照日本隊的水平，本應打成，但結果還是次序打錯而下一。隊友叫到由東做莊的 3NT，首攻 ♥ 已有九副牌。

Dealer N	♠ QJ10	♣ A875
	♥ 9875	♥ K102
	♦ A64	♦ KJ109
	♣ 1086	♣ J2
♠ K96		
♥ 4		
♦ Q72		
♣ AKQ943		
	♣ 432	
	♥ AQJ63	
	♦ 853	
	♣ 75	

(6) 我坐北

West	North	East	South
		pass	pass
1♥	1♣	2♥	4♣
5♥	pass	pass	5♣
pass	pass	pass	

首攻 ♥，打對 ♣ 已有十二墩。

隊友直叫 4♥，拿北和南的牌也無法再叫了對日本隊的結果是 41:19，即 20:10 VP

當然好的牌還很多，但是初級錯誤也實在太多。

Dealer E	♠ Q10875	♣ J64
	♥ J86	♥ 543
	♦ K95	♦ J1043
	♣ AK	♣ 654
♠ A		
♥ AKQ10972		
♦ Q6		
♣ J98		
	♣ K932	
	♥ --	
	♦ A872	
	♣ Q10732	

(7) 默契不夠，太多低階加倍對方而被做成

(A) 對紐西蘭隊，隊友坐東西方

West	North	East	South
	pass	pass	2♦
X	pass	pass	2♣
X	pass	pass	pass

結果被做成。

Dealer N	♠ J98	♣ Q1043
	♥ K754	♥ J1083
	♦ J	♦ 943
	♣ QJ863	♣ 109
♠ 7		
♥ AQ92		
♦ AK108		
♣ AK54		
	♣ AK652	
	♥ 6	
	♦ Q7652	
	♣ 72	

在我們這桌

West	North	East	South
pass	pass	pass	2♣
pass	pass	pass	

同伴 2♣ 下一，輸 13 IMP。

(B) 對台灣隊，我坐北方主打 3♦，坐東的是黃光輝，連攻三輪 ♠，之後 ♣ 上手再打第四輪 ♠，你是不是要輸二墩 ♠、♥ 和 ♣ 各一墩，還有一墩 ♦，下一。

另一桌也是北主打 3♦，但被隊友加倍首攻二輪 ♠，轉攻 ♣，防守結束。防守方只拿到二墩 ♠，一墩 ♥ 和一墩 ♣，合約正成。輸 13 IMP。

Dealer N	♠ 92	♥ KQ94	♦ AKQ84	♣ J9
♠ QJ	♥ A1083	♦ J752	♣ 1075	♠ AK1087
				♥ J52
				♦ --
				♣ KQ643
				♠ 6543
				♥ 76
				♦ 10963
				♣ A82

(8) 不必要的叫牌

對中國珠江隊，隊友坐南北時：

West	North	East	South
X	pass	1NT	3♣
		pass	pass

持南的牌，有必要叫嗎？針對 1NT 開叫你有潛在的防守贏墩，為什麼不 pass 呢？結果加倍下二，而敵方無任何成局定約。

Dealer E	♠ 109542	♥ Q6542	♦ K86	♣ --
♠ J86	♥ KJ93	♦ 9542	♣ K9	♠ AKQ
				♥ A107
				♦ QJ3
				♣ J542
				♠ 73
				♥ 8
				♦ A107
				♣ AQ108763

在我們這桌叫牌：

West	North	East	South
pass	2♣	1NT	pass
		pass	pass

2♣: Both Majors

結果下一，輸 6 IMP。

Captain's Report

2006 PABF Youth Championships

4th June – 7th June

By: Alan Sze

The 11th World Youth Teams Championships (WYTC) will be held from 29th July to 8th August in Bangkok this year. Since it is necessary to select the Zone 6 representatives to participate in the WYTC before the end of June, this is the first time that the PABF Youth Championships to be held separately from other categories of the PABF Championships which confirmed to be held in August 2006 in Shanghai, China. In addition, starting from this year, the cycle of WYTC would have been changed to be held in even-numbered year. It is also the first time for PABF to introduce the School Category, in order to select the Zone 6 representatives to join the second-time World School Teams Championship, holding together with the WYTC.

The Championship took place in the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (RBSC). The venue is a racecourse and also a beautiful golf court, which is opened to members only. We arrived in Bangkok on the 3rd of June, one day before the start of the tournament. Most of the teams stayed in the Montien Hotel Bangkok. We have been told the hotel is 10 minutes walking distance from the RBSC. We tried walking once from the hotel to the venue on the day of arrival and we found that it took us around 30 minutes. Under the hot weather in Bangkok, we decided to take taxi every morning and night to come and forth, between the venue and hotel. The traveling time was then shortened to 5 minutes, to save the time for a better rest.

Training

The 2005-06 Youth Team program had started in October 2005. We have conducted several lecture sessions on Hands Evaluation (by Mr. Samuel Wan), Meanings of Doubles in different level (by Mr. Patrick Lui), Laws and Ethics (by Mr. Anthony Ching), Suit Combinations (by Mr. Theo Chin), regular practice sessions and discussions groups on every Sundays.

After half a year observation, we selected the Youth Team by the following criteria:

- Attendance (on both Training and HKCBA events)
- Quizzes Result (testing on biddings, declarer plays, and defenses)
- Committee Comment (on discipline and stability)
- Performance (on technique and skills)
- Mentor Comment (overall comment)
- Trial Result (table presence compared with the pre-set advised scores)

The Youth Team has played participated in the Guangzhou Pearl River Cup, the summer session of the Shenzhen Team Games, and also played against various HK teams (by invitation). Results are not satisfied but they have learnt lots of experience.

For the School Team, the HKCBA has been invited to join this newly event by the end of March. It is too late to hold any form of selection. As a repay to the continual support for the AIA Rose Bowl, HKCBA decided to invite the 1st runner-up of the 2005 Rose Bowl (since the champion team decided not to participate). They have various practice sessions with some other young players and also the Youth Team since then.

A 2-days intensive training had been organized from 31st May to 1st June in Tai Tam Scout Center. All the players in Youth Team and School Team, together with 2 special guest players and the Youth Team sub-committee, have been invited to join. In the camp, we followed exactly the PABF time schedule, to have five 12-boards matches a day, with lunch and dinner breaks. The team spirit had been arousing greatly, and both the teams had also adapted to the time frames of the tournament coming up.

Youth Team

The participants of the Junior Series must be born on or after 1st January 1980. The Hong Kong Youth Team consists of three pairs: Jacky Ip – Sunny Mo, Kinman Leung – Baron Ng, Ivan Leung – Yiu Wai Sing. Except Sunny Mo, the remaining team members were exactly the same as the PABF Youth Team in Seoul 2005.

There were 9 teams in the Junior Series. The match was in the form of double round robin, each team had to play against all the other teams twice and having a sit-out round in each round robin. There were thus 16 rounds in Junior, playing 12 boards per match with a maximum of 25 VPs per match. The top 3 teams with the highest VPs, excluding Australia (from Zone 7) and Thailand (the host of the WYTC), would represent the Zone 6 in the coming 11th World Youth Teams Championship.

During the first day match, the Youth Team lost to Indonesia and Singapore in the first 2 matches, both by 11-19. Then the Team got two wins over Philippines (19-11) and Thailand (17-13). However, there was a depressing 2nd day result, we lost all the four matches and got only 35 VPs, including two matches (vs Japan / Australia) on BBO vu-graph.

Here is the summary of the 1st round robin:

	Opponents			Players' Datum (IMPs)						Team Score		Rank after each round
	Name	Total	Avg	Jacky-Sunny	Ivan-Sing	Kinman-Baron	IMPs	VPs				
4 th Jun	Indonesia	144.5	18.1	+16	-20		+25	-34	45-29	11	7	
	Singapore	150	18.8	+6	-20	+11	-15		12-27	11	8	
	Philippines	100.5	12.6	+27	-13		+10	-11	30-14	19	8	
	Thailand	94.5	11.8			+12	-18	+33	-17	25-16	17	7
5 th Jun	Japan	133	16.6	+20	-27	+16	-42		26-51	8	6	
	China	121	15.1	+11	-20		+20	-24	12-24	12	7	
	Chinese Taipei	106	13.3			+17	-33	+15	-16	13-31	10	9
	Australia	128	16.0	+10	-29	+8	-34		8-45	5	9	
	BYE										9	
1 st Round Robin - Total				+90	-129	+64	-142	+103	-102	171-237	93	

The ranking after 1st round robin was as follows:

1. Singapore 150
2. Indonesia 144.5
3. Japan 133
4. Australia 128
5. China 121
6. Chinese Taipei 106
7. Philippines 100.5
8. Thailand 94
9. China Hong Kong 93

This has been the history of the Hong Kong Youth Team, to be ranked in the LAST position after a round robin. The Youth Team was depressed and the morale of the Team was dropped to the lowest. In order to encourage the Team, the Team had been going out to relax in the evening. The Youth Team was ordered to forget about the first round robin result and targeted to get the first in the second round robin with high concentration.

We had a good start by winning over Chinese Taipei by 22-8, but then immediately lost to the final champion Singapore by 10-20. The turning point of the whole tournament was the match against Indonesia. We had won over Indonesia by 25-4, not only because Indonesia was one of our major opponents for competing the berths, but also most importantly, we did not lose a single IMP (i.e. 42-0) in the match. The Team had got back the momentum after this match. We showed our strength and team spirit by winning the remaining matches. Finally, we got the 1st runner up in the overall ranking. Last but not least, the team achieved the target of getting the first in the 2nd round robin by 171 VPs, 1.5 VPs more than Singapore which had won all the matches.

Here is the summary of the 2nd round robin:

	Opponents			Players' Datum (IMPs)						Team Score		Rank after each round
	Name	Total	Avg	Jacky-Sunny		Ivan-Sing		Kinman-Baron		IMPs	VPs	
6 th Jun	Chinese Taipei	124.5	15.6	+49	-35	+47	-25			58-31	22	8
	Singapore	169.5	21.2			+29	-22	+16	-40	28-47	10	8
	Indonesia	99	12.4	+45	-9	+23	-13			42-0	25	7
	Australia	133	16.6	+30	-27			+41	-10	41-9	23	7
	Japan	111	13.9			+41	-8	+16	-23	34-14	20	7
7 th Jun	Thailan	65.5	8.2	+23	-15	+35	-7			40-11	23	4
	Philippines	67.5	8.4			+50	-18	+53	-11	77-16	25	3
	China	110	13.8	+45	-12			+26	-20	50-18	23	3
	BYE											2
2 nd Round Robin - Total				+192	-98	+225	-93	+152	-104	370-146	171	

The overall ranking is as follows:

1. Singapore 319.5
2. China Hong Kong 264
3. Australia 261
4. Japan 244
5. Indonesia 243.5
6. Chinese Taipei 232.5
7. China 231
8. Philippines 168
9. Thailand 160.5

And thus, Singapore, China Hong Kong, and Japan will represent Zone 6 in the 11th World Youth Teams Championship.

The Championship comes to Singapore, which had won ALL the matches in both round robins. It would have been the first time ever in the PABF history, it even did not happen in either the Open series, Ladies series or Senior series. With the aid of Japan defeating Australia in the last match (while it is crucial to Japan to get the last berth), we become the 1st runner-up.

The individual performance by pair has been summarized as below:

Pairs	Total IMPs			#Bds played	IMPs / Bd	IMPs Quotient	Ranking	Highest IMPs Gained / Round	Highest IMPs Lost / Round
	+	-	Net						
Jacky-Sunny	+282	-227	+55	132	0.4167	1.2423	5	+49	-35
Kinman-Baron	+255	-206	+49	120	0.4083	1.2379	6	+50	-42
Ivan-Sing	+289	-235	+54	132	0.4091	1.2298	7	+53	-40

School Team

The participants of the School Series must be born on or after 1st January 1985. The Hong Kong School Team consists of two pairs, from last year Rose Bowl 1st runner up: Charlie Lee – Ben Lai, Himmy Ng – Adam Fok. They were studying in Po Leung Kuk Centenary Li Shiu Chung Memorial College. Charlie and Ben are now studying in Form 6 (Charlie is now in Lui Cheung Kwong Lutheran College, while Ben is staying in the original college), Himmy has just finished the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examinations in May, while Adam is now studying Physics in the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

There were 7 teams in the School Series. The match was in the form of double round robin, each team had to play with all the other teams twice and having a sit-out round in each round robin. There were thus 12 rounds in School, playing 12 boards per match with a maximum of 25 VPs per match. The top 3 teams with the highest VPs, excluding Thailand (the host of the WYTC), will represent Zone 6 in the coming 11th World School Teams Championship.

The School Team had a good start on defeating Singapore and China by 19-11. But then here come to the only losing match, 2-25 to Chinese Taipei. After a good rest, the School Team got back the momentum on the 2nd day and had won all the remaining matches, including the last match vs Chinese Taipei on BBO vu-graph.

The ranking after 1st round robin is as follows:

1. Chinese Taipei 124
2. China Hong Kong 94
3. China 92.5
4. Indonesia 89.5
5. Thailand 76
6. Singapore 75
7. Japan 71

Here is the summary of the 1st round robin:

	Opponents			Players' Datum (IMPs)				Team Score		Rank after each round
	Name	Total	Avg	Charlie-Ben		Himmy-Adam		IMPs	VPs	
4 th Jun	Singapore	75	12.5	+23	-9	+24	-17	23-7	19	1
	China	92.5	15.4	+15	-20	+27	-12	30-17	19	2
	Taipei	124	20.7	+6	-24	+8	-46	4-56	2	5
5 th Jun	Thailand	76	12.7	+23	-16	+29	-10	29-9	20	5
	Indonesia	85.5	14.3	+28	-35	+25	-7	36-32	16	2
	Japan	71	14.8	+48	-3	+16	-30	40-20	20	2
	BYE									2
1 st Round Robin – Total				+143	-107	+129	-122	162-114	96	

I have made a serious mistake on filling the line-up sheet wrongly in the very first match. Thus, the School Team had been procedural penalized by 2 VPs. I apologize for the mistake and had been concentrated more in all the subsequent matches.

Here is the summary of the 2nd round robin:

	Opponents			Players' Datum (IMPs)				Team Score		Rank after each round
	Name	Total	Avg	Charlie-Ben		Himmy-Adam		IMPs	VPs	
6 th Jun	Japan	74.5	12.4	+18	-27	+22	-13	18-14	16	3
	BYE									2
	Thailand	73	12.2	+24	-11	+39	-4	44-4	25	2
	Singapore	73	12.2	+39	-20	+25	-16	51-24	22	2
7 th Jun	China	85.5	14.3	+23	-14	+14	-15	20-14	16	2
	Indonesia	72.5	12.1	+82	-8	+72	-2	115-2	25	2
	Taipei	121	20.2	+41	-27	+23	-36	39-30	17	2
2 nd Round Robin – Total				+227	-107	+195	-86	277-98	121	

The overall ranking is as follow:

1. Chinese Taipei 245
2. China Hong Kong 215
3. China 178
4. Indonesia 162
5. Thailand 149
6. Singapore 148
7. Japan 145.5

And thus, Chinese Taipei, China Hong Kong, and China will represent Zone 6 in the World School Teams Championship in WYTC.

The Championship comes to Chinese Taipei. They performed steadily throughout the whole tournament and stayed in the top. Our School Team also performed steadily and remained in the 2nd position most of the time. We defeated Indonesia by 25-0 (115-2 in IMPs) in the 2nd last match which is crucial to China School Team for competing the last berth with Indonesia. The China School Team members even come to say thanks to our players after the match, and finally they defeated Indonesia in the last match to get the last berth.

The individual performance by pair has been summarized as below:

Pairs	Total IMPs			#Bds played	IMPs / Bd	IMPs Quotient	Ranking	Highest IMPs Gained / Round	Highest IMPs Lost / Round
	+	-	Net						
Charlie-Ben	+370	-214	+156	144	1.0833	1.7290	2	+82	-35
Himmy-Adam	+324	-208	+116	144	0.8055	1.5577	4	+72	-46

There was an Appeal Case for the School Team in the 1st round robin 5th match vs Indonesia. Opponents NS pair did not alert for their precision 1♣ opening. Ben overcalled 1♦ as Suction (either ♥ OR ♠+♣). The responder doubled, without alert. Charlie did not notice the opponents were playing strong ♣ and preempted with 3♦. It got doubled and went down 4 in Vul, -1100. Charlie called for Director and claimed for damage. The Director ruled for canceling the board since it is hard to determine the final contract (if the alert had been provided), and penalized the not alerting side for 3 IMPs. Indonesia appealed and the Appeal Committee decided to let the score stands as NS +1100 while they were penalized 3 IMPs for not alerting. It turns the result from 20-10 to 16-14. The Appeal Case has been attached with this report.

Evaluation

The Youth Team started badly in the 1st round robin (with an average of 11.625 VPs), mainly because of the lack of concentration and did not think deeply enough when making a decision, especially in defense and bidding. In the 2nd day of the tournament, they became more and more anxious when losing one match by one match, they made even more mistakes than usual and beyond their skill level. The Team went out for a walk and got relax. They have been asked to concentrate more, and accept the invitation if the hands were between going and not going. The significant improvement on the concentration made the difference of the scores and performance in the 2nd round robin (with an average of 21.375 VPs).

I am really glad to see the members were kneading each other to encourage the pairs going to play. The team spirit and bonding are extremely important when the Team were depressing.

For the School Team, I did not have any idea on the level of the other School Teams, I simply set the goal of getting the berth. After the 1st round robin, we have aimed at getting the 1st runner-up. The School Team performed steadily throughout the tournament. The Team bid aggressively while the declarer play still needs improvement. There are still plenty of rooms for them to improve their biddings. Some are even not familiar with the conventions they are using. Anyhow, this result is a good sign for our future, especially we can see more young players are interested and keen to participate in the international event, and willing to learn from it.

From the lesson learnt in the PABF, we shall focus not only on improving the skill or technique of the young players, but also the attitude towards the games. Being concentrated in the games is the most crucial factor to perform steadily and satisfactory. It would also have been reminded that, there is not necessary for the team to be too depressed (after a great losing match) or too excited (after a big winning match). Everything could be turned around.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Youth Team Sub-committee, Charmian Koo and Tony Lau, the ex-sub-com L.H.Chin, Leo Cheung and Dicky Lai, and all the mentors (David CC Ng, Dicky Lai, Karic Chiu, L.H.Chin, Patrick Lui and Samuel Wan). Without their support, the Youth Team would not be able to recover so soon in the 2nd round robin, and catch up the scores. I would also like to thank to all the HK bridge fans, rooting around on the internet and asking the scores when they met me in MSN or BBO, though I was busy in the venue to check with everything.

I hereby wish both the Youth Team and School Team every success and getting good result from the 11th World Youth Team Championships, in Bangkok.

Appeals Case

Event	School Team 1 st Round Robin																																																														
Round	5	Date/Time	5 June 2006, 12:00																																																												
Board	23	Room	Open																																																												
Team	Indonesia	vs	China Hong Kong																																																												
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Captain's Report ~ for School Team

11th World Youth Team Championships

29th July 2006 – 8th August 2006

By: Charmian Koo

Summary

It is my pleasure to be the NPC of Hong Kong School Team which participating the School Series of World Youth Bridge Team Championships held at Bangkok from July 29 to August 8, 2006. We finished at 11th place after the Qualifying rounds. Finally, Israel is the Champions, Latvia is the 1st runner-up and Poland is the 2nd runner-up.

Here is the ranking of round robin:

Round Robin - Ladder		
Rank	Team	VPs
1	ISRAEL	320
2	AUSTRALIA	285
-	LATVIA	285
4	POLAND	269
5	NORWAY	266
6	USA RED	261
7	SWEDEN	245
8	USA BLUE	243
9	CHINESE TAIPEI	232
10	PAKISTAN	204
11	CHINA HONG KONG	203
12	ITALY	186
13	CANADA	181
14	CHINA	133
15	INDONESIA	114
16	THAILAND	111

Background

This year, the World Youth Bridge Team Championships has expands to include a separate Schools series, in addition to the normal Junior series. Players who born on or after Jan 1, 1985 are eligible to participate in the School series. Same as Junior series, Zone 1 (Europe) may enter up to five team; Zones 2 (North America) and 6 (Pacific Asia) three teams each; Zone 7 (South Pacific) two teams; and Zones 3 (South America), 4 (Asia & Middle East), 5 (Central America) and 8 (Africa) one team each. The host country is entitled to be represented by one team in each series.

Conditionally, a sixth team will be accepted from Zone 1 (Europe) in each series. This year, as Thailand is the hosting country, the representatives of Zone 6 are Chinese Taipei, China Hong Kong, Indonesia and China who have won the berth in PABF, plus Thailand.

The Championships consist of a qualifying stage, semifinals, a final and a playoff for third place in each series. For the winners of the Schools series final there is the José Damiani Trophy and replicas, in addition to the World Schools Champions title.

For School series, there are 16 teams this year. Therefore, there are 15 rounds in the qualifying round, which required 6 days to complete the qualifying. Each day, we need to play 2 or 3 rounds with 20 boards per round.

Team Formation and Selection

We have won the berth to 11th World Youth Team, Bangkok in PABF in June. During PABF, the team consisted of Charlie Lee – Ben Lai and Himmy Ng – Adam Fok. Since PABF only lasted for 5 days, it is affordable to have a 4 people team. However, the World Youth Team Championships is a 10 days tournament. Therefore, Youth Team Sub Committee held a selection of the 3rd pair in mid-June, which involved declarer play, defense and partnership bidding. Finally Ricky Koo and Aaron Poon were selected as the 3rd pair and a 6 people team was formed.

Sponsorship

Besides those sponsorships from youth sub-committee, some generous persons have raised \$9,000 from Mr Robert Zajac, Mr. Alex Leigh and Mr. Wing Kong Wong. Mr. Steve Wong would like to contribute \$3,000 as performance reward if School Team achieved the average. It is a pity that School Team is slightly behind the average. We would like to show the gratitude of the above sponsors who solve the financial difficulties of these students.

Strategy

Since School series is a new series, we did not have any information on opponent teams except Thailand, China, Indonesia and Chinese Taipei, which had played against during PABF. Fortunately, we would play against 2 Asian teams in the first day of qualifying round such that we could have time to analyze the strength of opponents.

As Ricky-Aaron was new to overseas tournament, I decided to assign them to play against weaker team in order to strengthen their confidence. At the beginning, they were also playing fewer rounds than other pairs in order to get used to tournament atmosphere.

As Charlie-Ben and Himmy-Adam had experience in playing against Asian teams, they were assigned to play against them again and they were also responsible to play against stronger teams.

Round-by-Round Pair Performance and Team Results

Opponents			Players' Datum (IMPs)				Team Scores		Rank
Name	Total	Avg	Charlie-Ben	Himmy-Adam	Ricky-Aaron	Charlie-Himmy	IMPs	VPs	after each round
Canada	181	12.07	17		32		67-30	23	3
Thailand	111	7.40	5	40			71-31	23	2
Indonesia	114	7.60	20	34			85-36	25	1
USA Blue	243	16.20		-12	-30		32-69	7	2
Norway	266	17.73	3	-40			24-51	8	6
Pakistan	204	13.60	42		10		61-11	25	3
C. Taipei	232	15.47	4	-23			40-56	12	3
China	133	8.87		16	34		70-28	24	2
USA Red	261	17.40		-28	9		36-53	11	3
Latvia	285	19.00	9	-54			10-55	6	8
Poland	269	17.93	-25		-15		27-71	6	10
Australia	285	19.00	10		-26		40-72	8	10
Italy	186	12.40	-32	10			47-60	12	10
Sweden	245	16.33		-44	-3		20-66	6	10
Israel	320	21.33			-26	-21	38-84	6	11
Total			53	-101	-15	-21	668-773	203	11

*In the last round playing against the Champions, Ben and Adam were both not feeling well, therefore, Charlie and Himmy formed a new partnership and used the Himmy' s system. The result was acceptable.

Conclusion

Since the result of PABF is totally out of our expectation, we hope that we could get the average in World Youth Team Championships. In the first few days, we were playing against weaker opponents, therefore, we gained very good result. After the first day qualifying, we ranked the first among 16 countries. However, besides Pakistan and Canada which were comparatively weak opponents, we lost to all European and American countries. Finally we ranked 11th out of 15 in the qualifying round. The performance of Ricky and Aaron was obviously better when playing against weak opponents. Charlie and Ben were comparatively stable than other pairs. However, they still got some serious mistakes and being post in the bulletin. The performance of Himmy and Adam was relatively fluctuated.

As this is the first time for School team to participate in a world-class tournament, it is a lesson and valuable experience for them to understand team cooperation and broaden their vision in the bridge world. It is glad that youngsters can already have overseas tournament experience in this early age. Though Hong Kong Team is strong in APAC, if compared to European and American teams, there is still lot of room to improve regarding steadiness and team spirit. Last but not least, I would like to show my gratitude to sponsors, Alan Sze and Tony Lau, Youth Team members and finally the School Team.

Captain's Report

11th World Youth Team Championships

29th July 2006 – 8th August 2006

By: Tony Lau

The 11th World Youth Teams Championships (WYTC) was held from 29th July to 8th August in Bangkok this year. The Championship took place in the Baiyoke Sky Hotel (BSKH). Starting from WJ2006, the entry fee is increased from US\$500 to US\$3000, and there is a new arrangement this year that the entry fee would be lower to US\$1000 if the participating teams and the officials accepted to join the package of US\$79 per day for the meals and accommodation in BSKH (Please refer to Appendix A for details). In order to lower the cost of the players, the Youth Team sub-committee has decided to choose the Baiyoke Suite Hotel (BSUH), which is the daughter hotel of BSKH. The facilities are about the same as BSKH and it only takes around 5 minutes walk to BSKH. We arrived in Bangkok on 29th July, one day before the start of the tournament.

Youth Team

The participants of the Junior Series must be born on or after 1st January 1980. The Hong Kong Youth Team consists of three pairs: Jacky Ip – Sunny Mo, Kinman Leung – Baron Ng, Ivan Leung – Yiu Wai Sing. This team is exactly the same as the team won the 1st runners up in PABF 2006.

There were 18 teams in the Junior Series. The match was in the form of single round robin. There were totally 17 rounds, 20 boards and a maximum of 25 VPs per match. The top 4 teams with the highest VPs would advance to a 64-board semi-finals. The two semifinal winners will play in the 96-board series final to determine the champion.

Before the start of the tournament, the Youth Team Sub-Committee (YTSC), based on the Team's performance in PABF 2006 and the past results against foreign teams, outlined a suggested lineup for the Team. Moreover, the YTSC provided some advice and guideline to the Team, especially on the bidding to the game and slam contract, and strongly emphasized the importance of concentration and ethics on table.

During the first day match, the Youth Team lost to the 2006 PABF Champion Singapore by a shock 5-25 defeat. Luckily, the Team recovered quickly and won the remaining 2 matches, Japan and USA2, by 20-10 and 16-14 respectively. We had a good start on the 2nd day, which we won the final Champion USA1 by 17-13 and Egypt by 24-6. However the Team lost heavily to Poland by 7-23. On the 3rd day, we had a good win against Australia and Chile. However, on the BBO VU-graph match against Italy, the Team performed badly and committed several serious mistakes in declarer play and defense, and we finally lost by 6-24. We finished 8th after the first half.

After the Team rested for the day of outing, in order to get a higher rank, the Team were advised to be more aggressive in bidding for the game contract, and to be more concentrate, especially during the start and the end of one match. We won Brazil and Hungary by 20-10 and 19-11 respectively. But the Team had a surprising lost to Thailand by 10-20. For the later matches, the Team had some wins and losses and finally achieved 10th in the overall ranking.

Here is the summary of the matches:

	Opponents			Players' Datum (IMPs)						Team Score		Rank after each round
	Name	Total	Avg	Jacky-Sunny		Ivan-Sing		Kinman-Baron		IMPs	VPs	
30 th Jul	Singapore	304	17.9	+29	-72	+34	-41			36-85	5	15
	Japan	188	11.1			+38	-37	+49	-22	56-30	20	12
	USA2	261	15.4	+58	-23			+22	-51	47-44	16	12
31 st Jul	USA1	328	19.3	+24	-44			+45	-18	48-38	17	13
	Egypt	263	15.5	+61	-7	+36	-37			74-27	24	8
	Poland	309	18.2			+18	-39	+13	-37	14-53	7	11
1 st Aug	Australia	219	12.9			+34	-32	+49	-24	65-35	21	8
	Italy	304	17.9	+23	-44	+10	-44			23-69	6	11
	Chile	236	13.9	+48	-15			+46	-23	70-17	25	8
3 rd Aug	Brazil	247	14.5	+41	-40	+47	-27			66-42	20	9
	Thailand	156	9.2			+32	-46	+36	-40	44-66	10	11
	Hungary	244	14.4	+29	-34			+49	-23	54-34	19	11
4 th Aug	Israel	293	17.2			+24	-29	+20	-36	31-50	11	11
	France	301	17.7	+21	-51			+35	-57	41-78	7	11
	Canada	243	14.3	+55	-38	+27	-46			38-40	15	10
5 th Aug	Norway	291	17.1			+25	-38	+29	-46	28-61	8	12
	Jordan	88	5.2	+42	-32			+46	-33	61-39	20	10
Total				+431	-400	+325	-416	+439	-410	796-808	251	

The ranking after qualifying round was as follows:

10. USA1	328	10. China Hong Kong	251
11. Poland	309	11. Brazil	247
12. Italy	304	12. Hungary	244
Singapore	304	13. Canada	243
5. France	301	14. Chile	236
6. Israel	293	15. Australia	219
7. Norway	291	16. Japan	188
8. Egypt	263	17. Thailand	156
9. USA2	261	18. Jordan	88

And thus, USA1, Poland, Italy and Singapore entered the semifinal.

The final ranking for the top 4 is as follows

1. USA1
2. Italy
3. Singapore
4. Poland

The Championship comes to USA1, which had performed steadily over the whole championships and only lost 2 single matches during qualifying rounds. Moreover, Singapore got the 2nd runners up, which it would have been the first time ever in the PABF history, to get a medal in the world youth championships.

The individual performance by pair has been summarized as below:

Pairs	Total IMPs			#Bds played	IMPs / Bd	IMPs Quotient	Ranking	Highest IMPs Gained / Round	Highest IMPs Lost / Round
	+	-	Net						
Jacky-Sunny	431	400	+31	220	0.14	1.0775	20	+54	-43
Kinman-Baron	439	410	+29	240	0.12	1.0707	21	+27	-29
Ivan-Sing	325	416	+91	220	-0.42	0.7813	35	+20	-34

After the qualifying rounds, the players were invited to join the swiss pairs tournament. The top 3 ranking and the performance of Hong Kong Youth Team were as follow:

	Country	IMPs
1. Joaquin PACAREU – Jack SMITH	Chile	134
2. Espen LINDQVIST – Joern RINGSETH	Norway	130
3. Erik BERG – Allan LIVGARD	Norway	111
16. Sunny MO – Jacky IP	HK	29
19. Baron NG – Kinman LEUNG	HK	21
22. YIU Wai Sing – Ivan LEUNG	HK	7

Evaluation

The Youth Team did not perform steadily throughout the tournament. Their performance was fluctuated. They can win their opponents which are about the same standard by 24 or 25, while they can lose to some weaker opponents much. Their main weakness is the lack of concentration. According to the datum, the chances of losing imps are usually during the start and the end of a match, which suggested that the Team did not have a well mental preparation before the start of the match and cannot maintain a high level of concentration during the whole match. The YTSC can provide suitable training programmes such as bridge camp, especially on a 20-board match, to let the Team get familiarized with the format of the tournament.

Moreover, the Team should improve the bidding, especially the high level bidding / slam bidding.

This can be done by performing regular bidding practice on BBO / bidding challenge.

Though the result just meets YTSC' s requirement, I am satisfied with the team' s performance, especially on the effort they spent to prepare for the World Junior. Hopefully they can learn from their mistakes during that tournament and fight for glory for the Hong Kong Youth Team in the coming future.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Youth Team Sub-committee, Alan Sze and Charmian Koo, the ex-sub-com L.H.Chin, Leo Cheung and Dicky Lai, and all the mentors (David CC Ng, Dicky Lai, Karic Chiu, L.H.Chin, Patrick Lui and Samuel Wan) for sharing their invaluable experience and help to the Team. Special thanks will be given to the Council, for the financial support and backup, as well as continual support to the Team starting from the training, selection and the competition. I would also like to thank to all the HK bridge fans for cheering up the Team in the BBO.

Appendix A

Comparison table between the cost of living in Baiyoke Sky Hotel (BSKH) and Baiyoke Suite Hotel (BSUH)

	Cost Comparison Table (in US Dollars)	
	<u>BSKH</u>	<u>BSUH</u>
Entry Fee	1000	3000
Meals and Accommodation		
@79 per person per day	4740	
@40 per person per day (*)		2400
Total	5740	5400

Although the total paying amount are almost the same, it happens that the council would burden more while the players and NPC would burden less. It is because the council is responsible for the entry fee, and provided around 60% subsidy to the players and NPC. I wish to thank the council on the support to the Youth Team.

The Youth Team sub-committee had also raised the concern of the dramatic rise of the entry fee (from US\$ 500 to US\$ 3000). With the support from HKCBA president Robert Zajac, WBF vice-president Patrick Choy, and part of the PABF executives, the message had been forwarded to the WBF Youth Chairperson - Panos Gerontopoulos. We wish the high entry fee would not be a problem in 2008 World Junior again.

SCHEDULE

OCTOBER ~ DECEMBER 2006



十月 OCTOBER 2006

1	Sun	HK Open Team Final
3	Tue	Paul Jones #3
6	Fri	IMP Pairs 4
10	Tue	October Pairs
13	Fri	Ladder Team #4
17	Tue	Continuous Pairs 4
20	Fri	Quadruple Pairs #1
21	Sat	Quadruple Pairs #2 & 3

十一月 NOVEMBER 2006

3	Fri	IMP Pairs 5
7	Tue	November Pairs
10	Fri	Ladder Team #5
11	Sat	Open League 4
14	Tue	Edward Chok Swiss Team #1
17	Fri	Edward Chok Swiss Team #2
21	Tue	Continuous Pairs 5
28	Tue	Grand Slam Individual

十二月 DECEMBER 2006

1	Fri	IMP Pairs 6
5	Tue	Paul Jones #4
8	Fri	Ladder Team #6
9	Sat	Open League 5
12	Tue	Tom Wong Swiss Pairs #1
15	Fri	Tom Wong Swiss Pairs #2
19	Tue	December Pairs