





JPMorgan Inter-city Bridge Championships 2008

AIA Open Team Score Board



Today's Schedule

- 12:00** Open/Ladies Teams Round Robin 4
Youth Teams Swiss Round 4
- 14:20** Open/Ladies Teams Round Robin 5
Youth Teams Swiss Round 5
- 16:40** Open/Ladies Teams Round Robin 6
Youth Teams Swiss Round 6
- 19:00** Open/Ladies Teams Round Robin 7
Youth Teams Swiss Round 7

Today's Vu-graph

- 12:00** 北京三辰卡通集團 vs Magic Eyes
- 14:20** Ambassador vs 深圳橋友隊
- 16:40** 沈陽聖雨田 vs Singapore
- 19:00** 深圳國際電子城 vs WBack

Contact Numbers

Secretariat & Hospitality Ext. 5218
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Section A 組		Vs 對										+/-	VP 勝分	Rank 名次
Team 隊名		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
深圳橋友隊	1								25	12	25		62	2
廣州珠江賓	2			9	24					25			58	3
北京銀帝橋牌俱樂部	3		21						23		20		64	1
WDP	4		6			4		13					23	9
Wind	5				25			16			14		55	4
Ambassador 大使	6							18	25	6			49	5
PLUS	7				17	14	12						43	6
Hoot	8	3		7			3						13	10
WinBridge	9	18	0				24						42	7
Angels & Guardians	10	0		10		16							26	8

Section A 組		Vs 對										IMP +	IMP Quotient 勝分基數
Team 隊名		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
深圳橋友隊	1								63	29	85	177	3.339622642
廣州珠江賓	2			24	71					91		186	2.162790698
北京銀帝橋牌俱樂部	3		48						52		51	151	2.126760563
WDP	4		33			6		23				62	0.389937107
Wind	5				55			33			32	120	1.690140845
Ambassador 大使	6							38	67	20		125	1.315789474
PLUS	7				33	26	24					83	0.882978723
Hoot	8	9		16			12					37	0.203296703
WinBridge	9	42	5				59					106	0.757142857
Angels & Guardians	10	2		31		39						72	0.428571429
IMP -		53	86	71	159	71	95	94	182	140	168		

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Section B 組		Vs 對										+/-	VP 勝分	Rank 名次
Team 隊名		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Warsaw	1								25	6	25		56	2
沈陽聖兩田	2			20	16					15			51	4
深圳國際電子城	3		10						7		21		38	8
Kornhill	4		14			11		12					37	9
WBack	5				19			19			23		61	1
Singapore	6							20	11	23			54	3
Fingers	7				18	11	10						39	7
北京八喜綠茵橋牌俱樂部	8	5		23			19						47	5
ZZang	9	24	15				7						46	6
1♥1♠4♣	10	3		9		7							19	10

Section B 組		Vs 對										IMP +	IMP Quotient 勝分基數
Team 隊名		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Warsaw	1								57	14	61	132	1.913043478
沈陽聖兩田	2			44	40					30		114	1.310344828
深圳國際電子城	3		22						26		41	89	0.74789916
Kornhill	4		33			13		25				71	0.657407407
WBack	5				29			43			45	117	1.083333333
Singapore	6							40	30	56		126	1.166666667
Fingers	7				39	24	17					80	0.740740741
北京八喜綠茵橋牌俱樂部	8	12		60			49					121	1.12037037
ZZang	9	53	32				24					109	1.09
1♥1♠4♣	10	4		15		13						32	0.217687075
IMP -		69	87	119	108	50	90	108	113	100	147		

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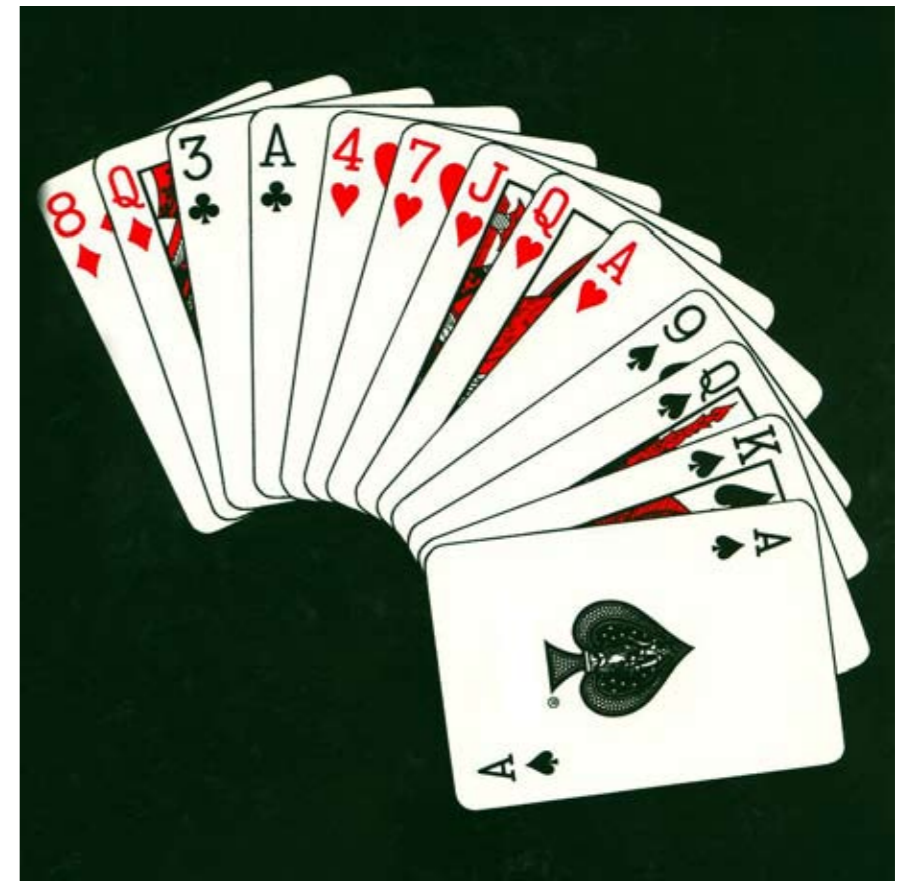


Section C 組		Vs 對										+/-	VP 勝分	Rank 名次
Team 隊名		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
AIA 友邦	1								22	18	24		64	1
Weide	2			9	25					20			54	3
北京三辰卡通集團	3		21						21		21		63	2
IPS Gold	4		1			0		2					3	10
Güte	5				25			12			15		52	5
Magic Eyes	6							19	16	13			48	6
星傲	7				25	18	11						54	3
Happy Bridge	8	8		9			14						31	8
HKES	9	12	10				17						39	7
Big Guns	10	6		9		15							30	9

Section C 組		Vs 對										IMP +	IMP Quotient 勝分基數
Team 隊名		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
AIA 友邦	1								48	26	63	137	2.74
Weide	2			37	76					34		147	1.670454545
北京三辰卡通集團	3		64						58		42	164	1.906976744
IPS Gold	4		11			13		10				34	0.146551724
Güte	5				86			16			40	142	0.612068966
Magic Eyes	6							43	39	29		111	0.478448276
星傲	7				70	28	24					122	0.525862069
Happy Bridge	8	17		31			33					81	0.349137931
HKES	9	11	13				39					63	0.707865169
Big Guns	10	22		18		39						79	0.544827586
IMP -		50	88	86	232	80	96	69	145	89	145		



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President's Cup Youth Team Score Board



Section Y 組		Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Round 4		Round 5		Round 6		Round 7		Round 8		Adj.	Total VP	Rank
No.	Name	vs	VP	vs	VP	vs	VP	vs	VP	vs	VP	vs	VP	vs	VP	vs	VP			
1	FG	2	20	14	20	12	11	5											51	4
2	GF 小隊	1	10	8	23	10	12	14											45	7
3	Raiders	4	9	9	20	14	10	8											39	12
4	C U Again	3	21	10	18	6	17	12											56	2
5	RB Bronze: TWGSS	6	4	11	16	9	25	1											45	7
6	OneWorld	5	25	12	14	4	13	10											52	3
7	IPS Bronze: CUHK	8	11	13	11	11	18	9											40	11
8	U26	7	19	2	7	13	17	3											43	9
9	RB Gold: QC D	10	9	3	10	5	1	7											20	14
10	QOO	9	21	4	12	2	18	6											51	4
11	RB Silver: QC E	12	7	5	14	7	12	13											33	13
12	SuperWest	11	23	6	16	1	19	4											58	1
13	SPC Alumni	14	10	7	19	8	13	11											42	10
14	IPS Silver: HKU 2	13	20	1	10	3	20	2											50	6



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President's Cup Youth Team IMP Quotient



Section Y 組		IMP+									IMP-									Total VP
No.	Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	
1	FG	64	55	31						150	43	35	49						127	1.181102362
2	GF 小隊	43	62	25						130	64	27	40						131	0.992366412
3	Raiders	18	55	15						88	43	32	35						110	0.8
4	C U Again	43	27	36						106	18	12	27						57	1.859649123
5	RB Bronze: TWGSS	11	37	73						121	62	30	5						97	1.24742268
6	OneWorld	62	31	27						120	11	38	36						85	1.411764706
7	IPS Bronze: CUHK	29	24	34						87	47	42	21						110	0.790909091
8	U26	47	27	43						117	29	62	34						125	0.936
9	RB Gold: QC D	27	32	5						64	54	55	73						182	0.351648352
10	QOO	54	12	40						106	27	27	25						79	1.341772152
11	RB Silver: QC E	5	30	21						56	41	37	34						112	0.5
12	SuperWest	41	38	49						128	5	31	31						67	1.910447761
13	SPC Alumni	20	42	34						96	43	24	43						110	0.872727273
14	IPS Silver: HKU 2	43	35	35						113	20	55	15						90	1.255555556



Take Care Of Your Belongings When You Are In Shenzhen

The Shenzhen Qiaoyao Team leads the field with their IMP Quotient of 3+. That means you are likely to lose more IMPs than you might gain when you meet them.

The VP ranking leaders are Beijing Bridge Club, WBack, and AIA. For the youth teams the VP leader is the Super West Team.

Your editor has focused on the fieldwork of the Shenzhen Qiaoyao Team so

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

THE BATTLE CONTINUES...





THANK YOU DOUBLE

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JP Morgan Inter-City Bridge Championship 2008 Open Team R2:

Board 8 ALL VUL

Ya Ping Ji	J. Kalita	Xiao Li Xu	K. Kotorow
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	X	All Passed

The opening bid of West was 1♠ in this table, which is a normal opening in the field.

In the closed room, Polish West player adopted an aggressive opening 4♠, which in return gave him -150 (down 3). While people expected some imps to the relatively conservative 1♠ opening by the Chinese team, N/S Polish players in this table planned to violate the prediction.

It seems that these Polish friends love to bid aggressively with shape. In this table, South also made an aggressive overcall 3♥ with only 8 hcp of good shape. North bid a game to end the auction.

East player, holding 9 hcp, wondered if the opponents could make the game contract with so few. He also had AQT♥ in defense against 4♥, nice asset to defense.

The good hearts turned out to be poison.

See the hands,

	♠ Q42		
	♥ 75		
	♦ KJT6		
	♣ AQ83		
♠ AKJ965		♠ T87	
♥ 42		♥ AQT	
♦ 5		♦ Q42	
♣ K752		♣ J964	
	♠ 3		
	♥ KJ9863		
	♦ A9873		
	♣ T		

West led 5♦. The declarer won it, and then he played a small ♥ from dummy.

East played A♥ and then a diamond, hoping partner would ruff it. Dreams come true, but still need one more trick to defeat 4♥.

♠		♠
♥		♥ QT
♦		♦
♣		♣

He needed to guess the heart right after 3 losers, either finesse Q♥ or playing 1-1 ♥. Thanks East's double, one of the hints that asked the declarer to adopt the finesse approach.

NO NEED TO THINK THIS TIME

今回、あんまりかんがえなくてもいい

JP Morgan Inter-City Bridge Championship 2008 Open Team R1:

Board 7 ALL VUL

Ashley	Zoe	Vincent	Phoebe
			Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	All Passed	

		East leads K♣, how will you play the hand?									
♠ T974		You need only 7 tricks for making 1♠, but know where they actually are?									
♥ Q2											
♦ AKJ7											
♣ QT8											
	<table border="1"> <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		Having no idea at the beginning, you might play small ♣ from dummy, to West's K♣.
	N										
W		E									
	S										
		North did not need to think too much, as West played a ♣ to East's K♣. East then played A♠ and then a small one. On dummy the declarer played T♦ finesse, that held. Another ♦ to J♦, and then last trump, and then a ♥ play to account for only 2♠, 1♥ and 1♣ losers.									
♠ Q65											
♥ K954											
♦ T4											
♣ A642											

EリードK♣, どうやって1♠をメイクするつもり?

トリックはどこか、可能性おおいね。

考えることは苦手だろう。でも、今回はちょっとやさしい。

選手は2♣をやって、K♣に勝たれた、あとは待つだけだった。

Wは♠をリードした、Eは♠A、K、2で連続トランプ攻撃したが、Q♠で勝った NはT♦でフィンネンス成功した。あっという間にプレイはやさしくなっていた。

AK♠ A♥ K♣しか負けなかった。

スリーメイク。





FORGOT TO ANSWER YOU SO SORRY

返事しなかったごめん

JP Morgan Inter-City Bridge Championship 2008 Open Team R1:

Board 8 NO VUL

Ashley	Zoe	Vincent	Phoebe
Pass	1♣	1♥	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
3♠	4♦	All Passed	

♠ O4	East bid 3♥ to ask for ♥ control for 3nt, I guess.
♥ Q986	North is supposed to bid 3nt with ♥Q986, telling partner
♦ A52	“It is okey I have heart control. Don’t worry!”
♣ KQJ8	Unfortunately West bid 3♠ showing threat of ♠ attack.
	Now North is in dilemma. She wants to tell partner that
	she has got heart control, but she has not ♠ control. She
	wondered if 3nt bid also told ♠ control. Finally, she
	scared possible spade attack in defense by going to 4♦,
♠ KJ8	that goes down while 3nt is cold. 11 imps for a lesson of
♥ J1	not answering partner’s question.
♦ KQJ64	
♣ 963	

3♥ビッドの意味はなんですか。♥コントロールが欲しいね。それを持ったら3ntをビッドしてくれて。

Nは♥Q986を持っているので3ntができるはずだけど、なんと突然にWが3♠をビッドした。このあと、3ntをビッドすると、♠コントロールも持っているわけ？困っていたNは結局パートナーの質問をわすれてた4♦。

3ntはメイクよ。パートナーの質問を答えないので、罰金11 imp払う始末だ。



2008 年香港城市桥牌锦标赛

实战牌例

第2轮
第22副
东西局

♠ AQ863
♥ K7
♦ AQJ1053
♣ ---

♠ 5
♥ AQJ9832
♦ 8
♣ AK87

♠ J10942
♥ ---
♦ 76
♣ QJ10642

♠ K7
♥ 10654
♦ K942
♣ 953

这副牌如果北家主打 6D 是没有问题的。实战中 3 个组全部 30 桌共有 6 桌叫到 6D，其中 4 桌北家做庄都完成定约，南家做庄的 2 桌 1 成 1 宕。非常有趣的是只有打宕的这桌 6D 没有加倍，其余 5 桌完成的都被加倍了。

第2轮，A组，WDP队 vs PLUS队。

开室：

西	北	东	南
何兆光	Carola	林泽财	李诚君

4H	4NT	—	5D
—	6D	—	—
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如果你是西家，你会首攻什么？CA 是不是很自然的？

PLUS 队开室坐西家的牌手何兆光的选择是 HA！他找到了成功之路。同伴获得红心将吃击溃定约。

根据叫牌，再结合西家自己的牌来看，北家应该是黑心、方块两套牌，还应该有 1 个缺门，并且草花应该最多 1 张（6061 或者 5260）。

无辜的庄家是 WDP 队的 Ringo Lee。

第2轮
第26副
双有局

♠ A10642
♥ K5
♦ KJ1086
♣ J

♠ KJ98
♥ 10987
♦ 93
♣ 1087

♠ Q73
♥ J43
♦ 742
♣ Q532

♠ 5
♥ AQ62
♦ AQ5
♣ AK964

这手牌所有 30 桌中 18 桌停在 3NT，9 桌叫到 6D 或者 6NT，仅有 3 桌叫到 7D 定约：北京银帝队胡林林/李振鹏；沈阳圣雨田队柳俊峰/牛盾；Fingers 队 Antony Mok / Sunny Lam。

第2轮，B组，沈阳圣雨田队 vs 深圳国际电子城队。

开室：

北	南
柳俊峰	牛盾
	1C（精确）
1S	2C
2D	2NT
3D	3H（扣叫）
3S（扣叫）	4C（扣叫）
4H（扣叫）	4S（扣叫）
4NT（KC）	5C（3KC）
5NT	7D

闭室叫牌过程：

北	南
	1C（精确）
1S	2C
2D	2NT
3D	3H
3S	3NT



第3轮 ♠ K103
 第6副 ♥ QJ9
 东西局 ♦ AQ85
 ♣ QJ4

♠ Q765	N	♠ 94
♥ A2	W	♥ K8653
♦ J3	E	♦ 1062
♣ K10832	S	♣ A96

♠ AJ82
 ♥ 1074
 ♦ K974
 ♣ 75

第3轮，B组，沈阳圣雨田队 vs ZZang 队。
 开室：

西	北	东	南
	柳俊峰		牛盾
—	1NT	—	2C
—	2D	—	2NT
—	3NT	—	—
=			

南北打精确体系，约定第3、4家开叫1NT是15-16点，南家8点邀请很勉强。

东家首攻红心，西家A大后继续红心，东家HK吃进并打出第3轮红心。庄家现在有4墩方块、1墩红心，现在只能得到4墩黑

心才能完成定约，似乎需要飞中SQ并且黑心3-3分布？

庄家是沈阳圣雨田队队员柳俊峰，他在第3墩红心进手后连续兑现3轮方块，发现东家跟了3张。他决定打西家黑心长，他认为如果西家6张草花的话应该加倍南家的2C叫品。

还需要放慢速度，方向确定了还不够，黑心的单套结构取4墩的打法是...？没错，只能打东家S9双张或者单张！柳俊峰第3轮方块止于明手，然后从明手直接打出了SJ！成功之路找到了！

闭室：

西	北	东	南
	Sung		Sooja
—	1NT	—	2C
X	2D	—	2NT
—	—	=	

东家首攻草花，防守方连续出了3轮草花，现在庄家面临的选择是猜对SQ的位置，否则2NT也要宕掉。韩国队员Katherine Sung最终选择正确，取得8墩完成2NT定约。

沈阳圣雨田队赢7 Imp。

2008年北美夏季桥牌大赛（一）

2008年7月18日-28日，北美夏季桥牌大赛在内华达州赌城拉斯维加斯举行。改赛事重要的比赛项目是北美终身大师双人赛和斯平果尔德杯队式赛。共有15000桌60000人次参加了本次比赛。特别需要我们注意的是，我国国家男女队部分牌手也参加了本次北美大赛。

7月18至23日赛况

北美大赛开始了，美国的桥牌比赛和欧美其他多数体育项目一样，夏季大赛是每年赛季的开始，因此，本次比赛将会有不少的变化。我们年初听到的传闻都一一兑现：首先，齐亚加入尼克队，和哈曼联手。其次，Duboin和Bocchi拆档，Duboin和Sementa搭档，Bocchi的新搭档暂时是Ferraro。他们分别加入了O'Rourke队和Narasimhan队。其他各队也是纷纷走马换将，热闹非凡。

Spingold杯的种子出炉，Lauria/Versace, Fantoni/Nunes加盟的James Cayne队从往日的1号种子降至2号，1号种子是卫冕冠军、已经获得代表美国参加智力运动会资格的Nickell队。而福中/赵杰所在的Mahaffey队正好是16号种子，这样如果正常进行，Mahaffey队将在16进8的比赛中和Nickell队遭遇，以往经常能够淘汰1号种子的经历还会出现吗？签证原因造成国家男队无法全体前往美国参赛，除福/赵外，施豪军/庄则军也得以成行，他们在Spingold比赛中加入了一支跨国队，被列为45号种子，队友来自加拿大和荷兰。他们的荷兰队友在先前进行的终身大师双人赛中取得冠军。

国家女队有2对牌手领到了美国的签证，古玲/张亚兰、孙铭/王宏利组成的队参加夏季大赛女子队式赛——Wagar杯，她们是赛会的5号种子。她们进入16强后的对手12号种子也实力非凡，有多位北美著名牌手的夫人。

北美大赛第一项重要的赛事——北美终身大师双人赛——中，荷兰牌手Jan Jansma与Ricco Van Prooijen夺得冠军。Jansma是前几年一直打荷兰队的主力，自从B&B组合卡文迪许2006年夺冠进入荷兰国家队后，Jansma就消失了，现在他的搭档换成了2004年奥林匹克世界桥牌锦标赛亚军得主Prooijen，Prooijen2005年来到中国，参加了杭州进行的叶氏杯，他当时的搭档是Brink，Brink还小，显然冲劲十足。他们的运气不太好，加上时差原因，首场2:25败给中建，之后就陷入苦战，也没能取得好成绩。

北美人称“小Meckwell”的Greco和Hampson以及澳大利亚人Delmonte与他的加拿大搭档Demuy分别获得第2和第3名。我国牌手孙铭/王宏利、施豪军/庄则军也进入决赛分别获得14名和60名。

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Spingold战况。

夏季大赛进行过半，Spingold也开始真刀真枪地争夺。我们先看一下报名的名单。共有106队参加Spingold淘汰赛。

45号种子是我国选手施豪军和庄则军参加的跨国队，在实际开赛后他们已经成为40号种子。在进入32强以前的比赛中，最强的落马种子是4号种子Strul队，这支队真的实力很强，他们6月刚刚在迈阿密和Nickell队纠缠了120副牌，遗憾败北而Nickell队也就此获得代表美国参加北京智运会的资格。Strul队的对手是美国人、丹麦人、冰岛人组成的联队，最有名的要数Mike Lawrence了，64副牌的比分是149:106。再往下是13号种子Steve Robinson队、18号种子Onstott队失利。Robinson队是一支老队伍，队中4人在一起已经打了很长时间了。Robinson和Boyd是华盛顿标准制的创立并发扬光大者；而Woolsey与Stewart则是我们熟悉的桥牌作家。他们都来过中国，并且Robinson和Boyd在1997年做为当年的范德比特冠军来成都参加了中国杯的比赛。Onstott队最著名的牌手是Wolff，现在Wolff经常混迹在一些老年队中。

Spingold淘汰赛进入32强后，多数强队顺利过关，中国牌手参加的Mahaffey队和Shi队也进入32强，Mahaffey的对手是17号种子Brogeland队，这是一支英国女老板加上挪威人、澳大利亚人、加拿大人组成的多国部队。Shi的对手是强大的8号种子Meltzer队，队中有挪威的海海组合以及“桥牌浪子”Sontag和老贝茨，看来双军组合凶多吉少。

（未完待续）



The Lovely Battles

ROUND ONE

Board 1: *Use Your Heart*

NS has two possible games. 3N would be easier than 4H.

Shenzhen Qiayao received the awkward club lead from West after their special treatment:

The bidding:				N/NIL	N
W	N	E	S		S KJ63
	1D	P	1H		H AK52
P	2N	P	3S*		D A83
P	4H	P	P		C A8
P				S AQT2	S 98754
				H Q764	H T9
				D T742	D 96
				C 6	C KJ32
				S /	
				H J83	
				D KQJ5	
				C QT9754	

Henry Lam won the King and returned a trump. Declarer bought the idea that the clubs would be breaking. So he tried to clear the trumps but he had to lose a spade, a heart and two clubs.

With a suspicious look on the club lead declarer could have engineered 2 hearts, 4 diamonds, 1 club and 1 *club ruff en passant*.

Board 2: *Your Craving Heart*

Shenzhen Qiayao shows how to play bridge with the opponent's heart in the next deal.

The bidding:				E/NS	N
W	N	E	S		S T5
		1H	1S		H 87
2S	P	3H	P		D 932
4H	P	P	P		C A98542
				S AQ	S J7
				H KJ652	H AT943
				D KQT5	D A87
				C J6	C KQ7
				S K986432	
				H Q	
				D J64	
				C T3	

Henry Lam had 2 automatic bids after West's show of strength. Then West had questions about the club suit and he resigned, missing the lay-down slam.

Board 3: *My Heart Goes On*

Play your ball as far to the baseline as possible. Shenzhen Qiayao showed how to keep the opponents from even touching the ball.

The bidding:				S/EW	N



W	N	E	S		S Q82
			2H		H K765
P	2N	P	3C		D QJ5
P	3H	P	4H		C K63
P	P	P		S 654	S AKJ973
				H J832	H /
				D A64	D K973
				C AQ2	C 754
				S T	
				H AQT94	
				D T82	
				C JT98	

The bidding was natural, with just enough nuisance to make the next bidder to sit on the edge. The defence was perfect, but -100 was a bargain.

Board 4: *If You Are Not Kidding We Can Play 3NT*

A useful tool to sort out the strength of partner's one-level overcall is the simple cue-bid. Shenzhen Qiayao gave a vivid demonstration.

The bidding:				W/ALL	N
W	N	E	S		S KJT97
1C	1S	P	2C		H K75
P	2S	P	2N		D T76
P	3N	P	P		C KT
P				S A65	S 83
				H AJ8	H Q432
				D Q42	D 983
				C J754	C Q932
				S Q42	
				H T96	
				D AKJ5	
				C A86	

Board 5: *Buy Low Sell High*

What a simple wisdom. Yet we pay dearly to learn it. Shenzhen Qiayao gave a vivid demonstration again, as you can compare with some other tables.

The bidding:				N/NS	N
W	N	E	S		S KQJ8
	1C	1S	2C		H J876
P	P	2S	3C		D 95
P	P	P			C KQ7
				S 65	S AT9742
vs				H AQT43	H K95
	1C	X	1D	D 732	D AKJ
1H	P	1S	2C	C T32	C 9
P	P	2H	3C		S 3
3H	P	P	4C		H 2
					D QT864
vs					C AJ8654

	1C	1S	5C
X	P	P	P



Board 9: *My Funny Hearts*

Shenzhen Qiayao tried to net a big fish but the bait was almost too expensive.

The bidding:				N/E/W	N
W	N	E	S		S J92
	P	IH	P		H KJT2
2H	P	P	X		D 92
P	2S	P	P		C AT82
P				S Q53	S K764
				H 864	H Q9753
				D Q74	D KJT
				C KJ95	C Q
				S AT8	
				H A	
				D A8653	
				C 7643	

Henry led a normal heart. Dummy came down, and North could not help but laugh. Well, the lead was a trick too late to prevent a diamond ruff in the hand, making +110.

Board 10: *My Funniest Hearts*

It is not easy to bargain with Shenzhen Qiayao. Somehow you'll lose in the currency exchange.

The bidding:				E/ALL	N
W	N	E	S		S K762
		P	P		H KQJ8
1D	X	IH	P		D Q3
1S	P	1N	2C		C 965
2H	P	P	P	S AQ43	S J9
				H AT2	H 9753
				D T976	D J42
				C QJ	C AK84
				S T85	
				H 64	
				D AK85	
				C T732	

A trump was led to the Jack. North then returned a low diamond to the King. At this point the killing continuation would be a spade, but South attacked with a second trump. Henry played the HA, unblocked the clubs and played a diamond. The defence thus had one trick evaporated, but NS still gets +100 instead of -90.

Board 11: *Location, Location, Location*

In general the King in the opponents' suit is a defensive card.

The bidding:				S/ALL	N
W	N	E	S		S Q
			P		H 62
P	1D	1S	2H		D AKQJ9
2S	3C	P	3D		C JT643
3S	P	P	4D	S AJ64	S KT832
P	P	P		H K	H QJ73
				D T87	D 64
				C Q9872	C A5
				S 975	
				H AT9854	
				D 532	
				C K	



Shenzhen Qiayao tried their currency exchange tactics again. Had EW proceeded to 4S they would register +420 as the CK falls. North mismanaged the clubs, so -150. point the killing continuation would be a spade, but South attacked with a second trump. Henry played the HA, unblocked the clubs and played a diamond. The defence thus had one trick evaporated, but NS still gets +100 instead of -90.

Board 12: *As Good As The Ace*

Shenzhen Qiayao's earlier truncated pre-empt appeared again - on a table in the youth section. However, they should have known a little bit more.

The bidding:				W/NS	N
W	N	E	S		S 7
2S	3C	3S	3N		H AK9
P	P	P			D J82
					C AQ8652
				S AJT85	S Q92
				H 74	H QT85
				D Q753	D KT94
				C K9	C J3
				S K643	
				H J632	
				D A6	
				C T74	

Charlie Lee bid a very good 3N (it fails from North). With an Ace in East there would be a defence against 3N, so in this situation it would be right to bid 4S without an Ace!

Board 15: *Cherish The Ace*

Many players missed the right play in 3N on this hand.

The bidding:				S/NS	N
W	N	E	S		S 973
			P		H Q65
1S	P	2C	P		D T9654
2H	P	3N	P		C 73
P	P			S Q8542	S KT
				H KJ43	H A8
				D A	D KJ73
				C KJ5	C QT842
				S AJ6	
				H T972	
				D Q82	
				C A96	

On a heart lead declarer would quickly fail if he inserts the Jack. The correct play is King, DA, then continue clubs. On the next heart win Ace, DK, clubs and establish a spade. *With perilous communications protect your main assets.*





Board 16: *As The Ace Sees It*

Many players missed the red light and crashed into 3N.

The bidding:				W/EW	N
W	N	E	S		S T854
1H	P	1S	P		H 4
2C	P	2D	P		D K987
2N	P	3N	P		C KT73
P	P			S 9	S AQJ73
				H AJ865	H 7
				D J65	D AQ432
				C AJ94	C 86
					S K62
					H KQT932
					D T
					C Q52

3N goes at least one down, but it may be 3 down with a desperate attempt, even by Patrick Huang:

W	N	E	S
1H	P	1S	P
2C	P	2D	P
2H	P	2N	P
3N	P	P	P

In this situation when the unfit is clear, West is allowed to pass with a minimum. That means East would bid a straight 3N on the second round with 14 useful points.

ROUND TWO

Board 22: *Ice And Desire*

The following sequence or similar ones occur in the youth teams more often:

The bidding:				E/EW	N
W	N	E	S		S AQ863
		P	P		H K7
4H	4S	X	P		D AQJT53
P	5D	P	P		C /
X	P	P	P	S 5	S JT942
				H AQJ9832	H /
				D 8	D 76
				C AK87	C QJT642
					S K7
					H T654
					D K942
					C 953

West soon discovered that *Aces and Kings don't count with wild 2-suiters*. Only tricks do so. West would be better off to continue with 6C, which pushes South to 6D, and then East would brave with 7C. NS would double to produce the beautiful *finale*.

Board 24: *The Early Spade Buries The Heart!*

Let's look at the table where West did not open 1S:

The bidding:				W/NIL	N
W	N	E	S		S A3
P	1C	1S	X		H K543
2C	2H	2S	3H		D K
4S	P	P	P		C Q76543
				S QJ986	S KT754
vs				H JT	H A62
1S	2C	2S/3C	3D	D 98	D QJ7
so on				C AK92	C T8
					S 2
					H Q987
					D AT65432
					C J

West always end in 3S (Shenzhen Qiayao again!) or 4S when he starts the ball rolling. *iters*. Only tricks do so. West would be better off to continue with 6C, which pushes South to 6D, and then East would brave with 7C. NS would double to produce the beautiful *finale*.

ROUND THREE

Board 8: *From Warsaw With Love*

The Polish method makes a call with weak hands with shape or strong semi-balanced hands.

The bidding:				W/NIL	N
W	N	E	S		S Q42
1S	P	2S	3H		H 75
3S	4H	X	P		D KJT6
P	P				C AQ83
				S AKJ965	S T87
				H 42	H AQT
				D 5	D Q42
				C K752	C J964
					S 3
					H KJ9863
					D A9873
					C T

East soon discovered that his trumps were badly placed and declarer had 10 easy tricks.



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