



Today's Schedule

- 10:00** Open Teams Quarter-finals 1
Youth Teams Final 1
- 13:30** Open Teams Quarter-finals 2
Youth Teams Final 2
- 11:00** HKES Swiss Teams
- 13:00** DBS Vickers Securities Youth Pairs
- 16:15** Open Teams Sem-finals 1
Youth Teams Final 3
- 19:15** San Miguel "Happy Hour"
Continuous Pairs

Today's Vu-graph

- 10:00** Weide vs 廣州珠江實業
- 13:30** Warsaw vs 沈陽聖雨田
- 16:15** TBA

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JPMorgan Inter-city Bridge Championships 2008
 (Organised by Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association Limited 香港橋牌協會有限公司主辦)



Playoff Schedule 決賽圈輪次表

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1 (10:00)	O4 - O3	O6 - O2	O1 - O8	O7 - O5	Y2 - Y3
2 (13:30)	O2 - O6	O3 - O4	O8 - O1	O5 - O7	Y3 - Y2
3 (16:15)	O - O	O - O			Y3 - Y2

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4 (10:00)	O - O	O - O			
5 (13:30)	O - O	O - O			
6 (16:15)	O - O				

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7 (10:00)	O - O				
8 (13:30)	O - O				
9 (16:15)	O - O				

Vu-Graph

O1	北京三辰卡通集團	O5	深圳橋友隊
O2	Warsaw	O6	沈陽聖雨田
O3	廣州珠江實業	O7	AIA
O4	Weide	O8	WinBridge
Y1	GF 小隊	Y3	C U Again
Y2	IPS Bronze - CUHK	Y4	QOO

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AIA Open Team Score Board



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		23	16	13	16	14	18	25	12	25		162	2
廣州珠江實業	2	7		9	24	15	16	25	25	25	25	-0.5	170.5	1
北京銀帝橋牌俱樂部	3	14	21		16	13	17	15	23	15	20	LSW	154	5
WDP	4	17	6	14		4	6	13	15	4	9		88	9
Wind	5	14	15	17	25		15	16	25	14	14		155	4
Ambassador 大使	6	16	14	13	24	18		18	25	6	17		151	6
PLUS	7	12	5	16	17	14	12		15	10	21		122	7
Hoot	8	3	2	7	15	4	3	15		15	6	-0.5	69.5	10
WinBridge	9	18	0	15	25	16	24	20	15		24	-0.5	156.5	3
Angels & Guardians	10	0	4	10	21	16	13	9	24	6			103	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		45	41	32	43	35	62	63	29	85	435	1.623134328
廣州珠江實業	2	9		24	71	54	45	70	73	91	57	494	1.82962963
北京銀帝橋牌俱樂部	3	34	48		41	34	59	24	52	45	51	391	1.249201278
WDP	4	42	33	36		6	20	23	28	21	19	228	0.52173913
Wind	5	39	52	44	55		7	33	60	32	32	360	1.379310345
Ambassador 大使	6	41	42	48	59	15		38	67	20	35	371	1.297202797
PLUS	7	50	27	28	33	26	24		26	25	54	296	0.850574713
Hoot	8	9	10	16	27	9	12	24		44	20	171	0.364605544
WinBridge	9	42	5	45	73	35	59	46	43		58	406	1.245398773
Angels & Guardians	10	2	8	31	46	39	25	28	57	19		255	0.620437956
IMP -		268	270	313	437	261	286	348	469	326	411		

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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		17	18	20	25	20	19	25	6	25		175	1
沈陽聖雨田	2	13		20	19	25	13	17	25	15	15		162	2
深圳國際電子城	3	12	10		21	11	16	14	7	13	21		125	6
Kornhill	4	10	11	9		11	10	12	18	11	19		111	9
WBack	5	5	5	19	19		23	19	13	25	23		151	3
Singapore	6	10	17	14	20	7		20	11	23	17		139	4
Fingers	7	11	13	16	18	11	10		22	21	14		136	5
北京八喜綠茵橋牌俱樂部	8	5	5	23	12	17	19	8		18	10	-0.5	116.5	8
ZZang	9	24	15	17	19	4	7	9	12		15		122	7
1♥1♠4♣	10	3	15	9	11	7	13	16	20	15			109	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		43	35	46	64	57	50	57	14	61	427	1.824786325
沈陽聖雨田	2	33		44	40	59	27	42	62	30	33	370	1.456692913
深圳國際電子城	3	21	22		62	29	43	42	25	25	41	310	0.870786517
Kornhill	4	23	21	37		13	38	25	30	28	33	248	0.700564972
WBack	5	22	16	47	29		58	43	23	77	45	360	1.016949153
Singapore	6	34	36	37	61	22		40	30	56	43	359	1.014124294
Fingers	7	32	33	45	39	24	17		50	43	30	313	0.884180791
北京八喜綠茵橋牌俱樂部	8	12	19	60	18	32	49	19		56	47	312	0.881355932
ZZang	9	53	32	36	45	27	24	19	42		38	316	0.861035422
1♥1♠4♣	10	4	32	15	14	13	34	34	69	38		253	0.681940701
IMP -		234	254	356	354	283	347	314	388	367	371		



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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		9	13	25	15	15	16	22	18	24		157	3
Weide	2	21		9	25	23	15	16	25	20	25		179	2
北京三辰卡通集團	3	17	21		19	24	25	20.8	21	16	21	-0.5	184.3	1
IPS Gold	4	0	1	11		0	12	2	11	7	19		63	10
Güte	5	15	7	6	25		19	12	25	25	15		149	4
Magic Eyes	6	15	15	4	18	11		19	16	15	19		132	6
星傲	7	14	14	16.6	25	18	11		14	22	12		146.6	5
Happy Bridge	8	8	0	9	19	2	14	16		18	23		109	8
HKES	9	12	10	14	23	5	15	8	15		22		124	7
Big Guns	10	6	2	9	11	15	11	18	7	8			87	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		11	33	87	33	11	42	48	26	63	357	1.691943128
Weide	2	38		37	76	41	20	45	82	34	90	466	2.295566502
北京三辰卡通集團	3	43	64		36	62	71	0	58	34	42	410	1.898148148
IPS Gold	4	1	11	20		13	32	10	25	21	39	175	0.336538462
Güte	5	32	7	25	86		42	16	67	48	40	363	1.434782609
Magic Eyes	6	12	18	24	44	24		43	39	29	43	276	0.971830986
星傲	7	35	41	0	70	28	24		35	38	34	305	1.19140625
Happy Bridge	8	17	9	31	43	7	33	42		0	60	242	0.635170604
HKES	9	11	13	28	56	6	27	10	0		55	206	0.807843137
Big Guns	10	22	29	18	22	39	24	48	27	25		254	0.545064378
IMP -		211	203	216	520	253	284	256	381	255	466		

Rank	Name	IMP
1	Wu Zhong Hua - Tan Jian	4088.65
2	Zhang Zhi Jun - Dai Yu	3169.92
3	Huang You Ping - Yuan Yu Miao	2826.33
4	Zhang Rui Hua - Huang Hua	2819.65
5	Roger Ling - David Chan	1985.39
6	Paulus CC Lam - KB Chan	1775.08
7	David CC Ng - WW Cho	1595.61
8	FH Chow - PS Shum	1469.4
9	Patrick Lui - SN Wong	1413.36
10	Abby Chiu - Jacky Ip	1196.81
11	David Ip - Dave Pang	1181.69
12	IL Ieong - Wong Wing Kong	1117.61
13	Jack Wong - Gary Hui	1115.82
14	Alan Sia - Seet Choon Cheng	1015.44
15	Kongo Kong - Wilson Leung	867.34
16	L Shen - P Poon	848.35
17	Greta Chai - Lan Fou	779.24
18	Jeff Luk - Frankie Tsoi	766.53
19	Myung Kee Park - Hwang Irene	736.03
20	Carola Hoogervorst - Andre Korenhof	716.55
21	Bob Ham - Zia Mo	701.16
22	Nick Fung - Bubble Ho	660.83
23	Housman Chan - KW Chung	461.61
24	Wong Kon - Billy Fung	436.66
25	Samuel Wan - Charmian Koo	362.36
26	Chua Gang - Gemma Tan	358.5
27	Jackson Lai - Steven Leung	332.62
28	Christopher Leung - Ringo Lee	323.24
29	Baron Ng - Kinman Leung	266.65
30	Sukon Hung - Perry Shek	261.75
31	KC Li - Ben Lam	243.16
32	Kao Ming Shih - Hung Chien Yi	211.67



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President's Cup Youth Team IMP Quotient

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President's Cup Youth Team Play-off Results

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	25	20	30	29	53	307	43	35	49	66	76	22	52	21	364	0.843406593
2	GF 小隊	43	62	25	51	29	72	81	53	416	64	27	40	37	31	24	14	22	259	1.606177606
3	Raiders	18	55	15	89	63	35	51	56	382	43	32	35	20	59	35	39	49	312	1.224358974
4	C U Again	43	27	36	65	49	53	37	22	332	18	12	27	25	56	39	43	53	273	1.216117216
5	RB Bronze: TWGSS	11	37	73	66	56	18	37	49	347	62	30	5	25	49	63	38	56	328	1.057926829
6	OneWorld	62	31	27	43	38	35	14	0	250	11	38	36	32	33	35	81	0	266	0.939849624
7	IPS Bronze: CUHK	29	24	34	62	33	63	43	59	347	41	42	21	18	38	18	37	25	240	1.445833333
8	U26	41	27	43	20	34	14	52	85	316	29	62	34	89	35	84	29	9	371	0.851752022
9	RB Gold: QC D	27	32	5	18	35	22	39	35	213	54	55	73	62	34	30	49	66	423	0.503546099
10	QOO	54	12	40	32	59	84	55	25	361	27	27	25	43	63	21	31	59	296	1.219594595
11	RB Silver: QC E	5	30	21	45	55	24	49	21	250	41	37	34	39	43	72	39	53	358	0.698324022
12	SuperWest	41	38	49	25	31	21	38	9	252	5	31	31	65	29	84	37	85	367	0.686648501
13	SPC Alumni	20	42	34	39	76	39	39	66	355	43	24	43	45	20	53	51	35	314	1.130573248
14	IPS Silver: HKU 2	43	35	35	37	43	84	31	0	308	20	55	15	51	55	14	55	0	265	1.162264151

SF1	Team		Segment		Total
			1	2	
	Y1	GF 小隊	39	31	70
Y3	CU Again	39	45	84	

SF2	Team		Segment		Total
			1	2	
	Y2	IPS Bronze - CUHK	39	31	70
Y4	QOO	17	49	66	

F	Team		Segment			Total
			1	2	3	
	Y2	IPS Bronze - CUHK				0
Y3	CU Again				0	



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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	6	13	3	9	17	8	10	11	23		110	9
2	GF 小隊	1	10	8	23	10	12	14	18	12	15	11	25	6	25	4	22		150	1
3	Raiders	4	9	9	20	14	10	8	25	10	16	6	15	13	18	5	16		129	5
4	C U Again	3	21	10	18	6	17	12	24	5	14	13	18	7	14	2	8		134	3
5	RB Bronze: TWGSS	6	4	11	16	9	25	1	24	4	16	7	5	12	15	3	14		119	7
6	OneWorld	5	25	12	14	4	13	10	17	7	16	3	15	2	1	14	18		119	7
7	IPS Bronze: CUHK	8	12	13	11	11	18	9	25	6	14	5	25	4	16	10	23		144	2
8	U26	7	18	2	7	13	17	3	2	9	15	14	1	1	20	12	25		105	10
9	RB Gold: QC D	10	9	3	10	5	1	7	5	8	15	1	13	11	13	13	8		74	14
10	QOO	9	21	4	12	2	18	6	13	3	14	12	25	14	21	7	7		131	4
11	RB Silver: QC E	12	7	5	14	7	12	13	16	14	18	2	4	9	17	1	7		95	13
12	SuperWest	11	23	6	16	1	19	4	6	2	15	10	2	5	15	8	0		96	12
13	SPC Alumni	14	10	7	19	8	13	11	14	1	25	4	12	3	12	9	22		127	6
14	IPS Silver: HKU 2	13	20	1	10	3	20	2	12	11	12	8	25	10	9	6	0	-5	103	11





Tournament Director's Note

The re-match of Round 6 for Section C was played yesterday after the last round of the round robin. Unfortunately 2 teams have prior engagement and were unavailable at the re-match time. Their opponents were awarded the respective victory points, treating the case as a walkover. However, since they were not offenders and the fault was with the organisation, these 2 teams were awarded their running average at the time of the incident or 15 VPs (average), whichever is higher.



Highest IMP Quotient Current Standing

Weide 2.295

Highest Datum for 1 Session

廣州珠江實業

65 (Round 3)

If you were not qualified yesterday you won't be knocked out today.

Bridge players enjoy a longer life because we survive our ups and downs with a laugh every time.

For most of us the champion match is for our admiration. The excitement for us is trying to get a ticket to the final.

So your editor has invited you to sit in on a penultimate qualifying round for a contesting team.

The Bridge Ambassadors

This year young Zoe Li from Hong Kong joined the Ambassador Team. Her warm hospitality delighted our WBF representative Patrick Choy and the others from South Asian countries.

On the last round the Ambassadors met the Wind. I expected a blasting match because that would produce one berth for the winner. It was almost a tie.

Alas, Winbridge had a blitz and Chan Yiu must be very happy to summersault into the Play Off.

I wonder if Chan Yiu would be going to the Pesta Sukan Festival in Singapore from Aug 8 to 10 in Singapore. They have Open Pairs, Mixed Pairs, and Open Team with a total cash prize of SD 1500 on offer.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THE BEST HOSPITALITY AND SINGAPORE SLING (SWING) THERE.

The Bridge Bruise

The Star Cruises IMP Pairs attract a big crowd every year because in one evening session you have a chance to rub shoulders with your friends or idols. The interlude has produced many new acquaintances and some of them flowered into long friendships.

For 2008, the lucky pair is Mr. Tan Jian and Miss Wu Zhong Hua. Congratulations and you must come back again.

For those who are bruised this time, the IMP Pairs event promises you lots of mines (or gold mines) in the future.

THE MOGULS WILL FIGHT!...





KILLING PLAY TOPS KILLING LEAD

Jun Cheng

JP Morgan Inter-City Bridge Championship 2008 Open Team R8:
Board 32 EW VUL

	♠ KJ8		
	♥ J63		
	♦ 963		
	♣ KT98		
♠ T		♠ Q975	
♥ T7542		♥ K	
♦ K1		♦ J7542	
♣ J6432		♣ Q75	
	♠ A6432		
	♥ AQ98		
	♦ AQ8		
	♣ A		

Shi Zhengjun	Edmund Tse	Sun Miao	Patrick Huang
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	4♣
All Passed			

Another table the contract was also 4♣.

The declarer received a friendly lead at another table, i.e. K♦. This lead was main stream but this time worked badly into declarer AQ♦ tenace. He played A♠ before unblocking A♣, then small ♠ to King. 2 losers in spade suit were known. 8♦ was then discarded by K♣. He finally played J♥ to K, A♥. The 3rd loser was 10♥. +420.

Patrick Huang was not so lucky. He suffered a killing small club lead by West, telling him the K♦ loser is not preventable. At 2nd trick, he played 2♣ to J♠ to Q♣. West returned another killing lead 2♦ that went into West's K♦. 2 losers already, and at least one more trump loser later on, sigh. 4♣ seemed hopeless.

The declarer announced that killing declarer play could win the killing leadings this time, by winning the K♣ return, which discarded a ♦ on hand. He then played small heart to A, ♠ to K.

Here was an interesting play. He ruffed a ♣ to hand. The ♣ ruff looked no meaning but actually created an end-play. After that, he played A♠, and small to East's 9♠ thrown-in, producing this layout,

	♠ J6		
	♥ 9		
	♣ T		
♠ T75		♠ J754	
♥ J		♥	
♦		♦	
♣		♣	
	♠ Q98		
	♥ A		
	♦		
	♣		

East needed to play a diamond now.

West got trouble about a discard. If he discards a heart, declarer's hearts on hand would all be good. If he discards the J♣, dummy's T♣ would be good.

Patrick Huang got +420 too, a push board, but involved a lot of things.

WE HAVE MORE CLUBS THEN U DO

Jun Cheng

JP Morgan Inter-City Bridge Championship 2008 Open Team R8:
Board 24 NON VUL

	♠ 9642		
	♥ AJ		
	♦ AJ63		
	♣ QT7		
♠ KT53		♠ QJ87	
♥ Q87		♥ T62	
♦ AK9832		♦ O842	
	♣ J4		
	♠ A		
	♥ K9543		
	♦ K1975		
	♣ 65		

Derek Zen	Li Jie	Samuel Wan	Hou Xu
1♣	Pass	1♠	*2♣
3♣	*4♣	Pass	4♥
All Passed			

*2♣ alerted, "I have more clubs then you, Derek Zen!"


*4♣ alerted, "I also have more clubs then you, Derek Zen!"

Kidding.

*2♣ showed both red suits, *4♣ said he had good support, was true.

Li Jie held 4 cards of diamonds but only 2 cards of hearts, he could have simply bid his diamonds over 3♣, but he did not get rid of the chance of a heart game. They went to 4♥ at the end for +7 imps. Nice partnership bidding.

Mind-Booster: Bridge



Despite all the medications doctors prescribe, the best way to save your brain as you get older is to use it. That's why so many seniors are taking college classes. A less-expensive way

is to play bridge. According to a study by the University of California at Berkeley, bridge also measurably strengthens the immune system. Select whichever way is best for you, but keep thinking.

To be sure you have a "full deck" later in life, play bridge.



ALERT MISSED?

アラート忘れちゃったかなあ

JP Morgan Inter-City Bridge Championship 2008 Open Team R6:
Board 21 N/S VUL

Lan Foo	Liu Jung F	C C Seet	Niu Dun
3♦	Pass	2nt	Pass
4♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
	Pass	6♥	All Passed

♠ QT			♠ AJ5
♥ Q18652			♥ AK9
♦ 5			♦ KQ976
♣ QT96			♣ A7

South led A♦, and then shift to 9♠.

The declarer won by Q♣. She then pulled trumps, ended in hand. A♣, then KQ♦ discarded two clubs. Next, she played her remaining hearts, ended in dummy. At the end of her declarer play, she finessed spade one more time. A♠ discarded a losing club to make the contract. 11 imps to the slam maker as another side landed in 4 level.

Even if South did not lead A♦, the declarer needed the success of spade finesse to make the slam, so she would do the finesse at the beginning. The diamond loser would still be discarded by A♠. All she lost was the K♣.

The declarer play was not that interesting.

But you might have been surprised after seeing the bidding auction. East was supposed to pass 4♥ no matter what she had. Calm down! This hand is recorded in vugraph. Perhaps, West's 3♦/4♥ bid had been alerted on the table, which did tell partner slam try? (I don't think so)

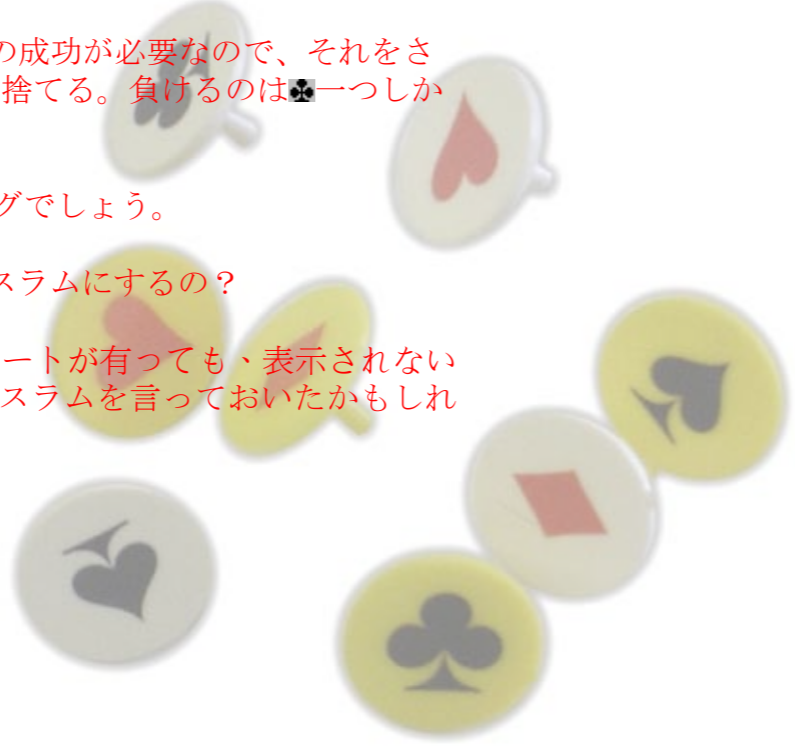
6♥プレイはむずかしいけど、実際は、SがA♦リードして9♠シフトした。
♠フィンネンスが通れるようなので、6♥は問題なしだった。

SがA♦をリードしない場合、♠フィンネンスの成功が必要なので、それをさきに処理しなければいけない。結局A♠で♦を捨てる。負けるのは♣一つしかない。

おもしろいのはプレイではなく、ビiddingでしょう。

ふつうは、4♥をパスすることだね。なんでスラムにするの？

このハンドを見た場所はインターネット。アラートが有っても、表示されないことがある（故障）。W 3♦/4♥ビッドは、スラムを言っておいたかもしれない。



2008 年香港城市桥牌锦标赛

实战牌例

第7轮
第10副
双有局

♠ J97
♥ QJ65
♦ J642
♣ KQ

♠ K85	N	♠ AQ632
♥ K872	W	♥ A43
♦ A8	E	♦ 10973
♣ AJ72	S	♣ 6

♠ 104
♥ 109
♦ KQ5
♣ 1098543

第8轮
第31副
南北局

♠ 108
♥ 9
♦ KJ86
♣ Q97632

♠ A74	N	♠ KQ5
♥ Q1083	W	♥ K742
♦ 109	E	♦ AQ54
♣ 10854	S	♣ AJ

♠ J9632
♥ AJ65
♦ 732
♣ K

这本是一副没什么悬念的牌，基本上所有桌东西都完成了4S定约。

这手牌看上去也很平淡，多数桌都是东西完成4H。但在B组，沈阳圣雨田队 vs Fingers队开室的打牌过程中却出线了罕见的跷跷板局势。

但在A组 Ambassador 队 vs Angels and Guardians 队的开室却发生了有趣的故事。

打牌过程如下：

西	北	东	南
			—
1NT	—	2H	—
2S	—	3NT	—
4S	—	—	=

西	北	东	南
4	<u>C6</u>	J	K
4	8	Q	<u>S3</u>
3	9	<u>HK</u>	A
7	10	K	<u>S2</u>
5	3	<u>CA</u>	H5
A	C2	5	<u>S6</u>
<u>D10</u>	J	Q	2
8	C7	<u>H2</u>	6

北家福中首攻 HQ，明手 A 吃住，庄家跟了 H8（？），方块 3—K—A—2，继续方块到南家蔡国雄 Q，蔡国雄出红心，庄家 K 吃住。

残局

♠
♥
♦ K86
♣ Q9

♠	N	♠
♥ Q10	W	♥ 74
♦ 9	E	♦ A54
♣ 108	S	♣

♠ J9
♥ J
♦ 73
♣

即使到此，庄家也可以轻松完成定约，但庄家此时打出 H7，福中 J 大，蔡国雄垫掉 D5，福中继续打 H6，桌上垫方块，蔡国雄...注意到红心的出牌过程了嘛？...将吃了福中 H6！失去了打宕的机会。否则福中再出一个方块蔡国雄 10 将吃将有一个将牌提升。

打完牌之后的对话：
蔡国雄：庄家是怎么打的？
福中：...我怎么知道啊！
.....



8 轮之后的残局如上。庄家此时出 HQ，北家被窒息，如果垫草花，庄家就将吃草花做大最后一墩草花；如果垫方块，庄家就出方块再将吃方块做大明手的方块。实战的过程是后者。

第 9 轮 ♠ ---
 第 10 副 ♥ KQJ742
 双有局 ♦ J6
 ♣ J10765

♠ A1098743	N	♠ J52
♥ A6	W	♥ 1095
♦ AQ	E	♦ K87542
♣ K4	S	♣ 2

♠ KQ6
 ♥ 83
 ♦ 1093
 ♣ AQ983

A 组，Wind 队 vs Ambassador 队开室的叫牌异常火爆。

西 北 东 南
 福中 蔡国雄

2008 年北美夏季桥牌大赛（三）

中国女队真的遇上了麻烦。在 16 进 8 的比赛中不敌对手 Simon 队，4 节比赛始终没有获得领先。中国女队的美国阴影还在继续。

麦克斯特罗斯北美大师分首超 60000。在春季大赛时麦老师的大师分只有 58900，当时只有第一人帕素尔过 60000 分，而现在，麦老师则成为紧随帕素尔的追赶者。麦老师获得 7 次世界冠军 44 次北美冠军，刚刚 50 出头的他正值桥牌巅峰期，照这样的势头，用不了多长时间，北美第一人非麦克斯特罗斯莫属。本次 Spingold 如果麦克斯特罗斯卫冕成功，将是他 24 年中第 13 次获得这一荣誉，如此多的冠军和高效率，在 Spingold 杯近 80 年的历史上也是独一无二。将门虎子，麦老师的儿子 Matt 已经在北美大赛上崭露头角了，他曾经是去

		—	1C
X	3H	—	—
4S	5C	5S	—
—	6C	—	—
X	—	—	=

西家首攻 SA，明手将吃，此时如果 CK 能飞到，6CX 定约可以回家！但蔡国雄没有起贪念，吊将直接到 A，SKQ 垫掉方块，仅宕 1。

闭室 Ambassador 队完成 4S，赢 9 Imp。

B 组波兰华沙队 vs 沈阳圣雨田队，开闭室都叫到 4S 定约。

闭室华沙队庄家在赢得 HK 首攻后不经意的 SA 吊将，定约已经被葬送，宕 2。

开室圣雨田队庄家在 HA 赢得首攻之后直接 CK...完成定约。

看似固若金汤的时候更要居安思危！切切不可麻痹大意。

年 0 - 1500 分组迷你 Spingold 杯冠军，今年仍将参加此项比赛。

麦克斯特罗斯在本次大赛开始阶段进行的 Grand National Team 比赛中，与搭档罗德威尔一起，队友有 Mike Becker/Warren Spector，Larry Cohen/David Berkowitz，他们所在的 9 区佛罗里达队夺得冠军。该项比赛是美国的地区级队式锦标赛，外国选手不得参加，全美分成 16 个区，牌手只能代表自己生活所在的区比赛，所以有可能不会是原配搭档参赛。从麦老师所在的佛罗里达区队队员来看，有 2 对闻名遐尔的搭档，加上 Becker 也不是吃素的，所以他们取得冠军也就不足为奇了。夺冠路上决赛很轻松，但鬼门关在半决赛。他们半决赛的对手是德州区的 Bramley 队，该队中有麦克斯特罗斯的队友、传奇人物哈曼，还有去年 Nickell 队短

暂的队员 Lall。半决赛前 3 节比赛，佛罗里达落后 44IMP，最后 1 节上演惊天逆转，61: 5! 之后便一路坦途。

这个冠军是麦克斯特罗斯的第 44 个北美冠军，也是他第 8 个 GNT 冠军。他的老弟罗德威尔是第 7 个 GNT 冠军但是自己的第 45 个北美冠军。看来麦瘦要想超过罗老师，必须得跟别人搭档才行，还得管住罗德威尔别让他乘机又超过自己。

7 月 26 日

Spingold 杯赛渐入佳境。

到了周末，夏季大赛也快要结束了，大赛的正赛——Spingold 淘汰赛进入到半准决赛，随着种子队之间的互相碰撞，真正的大腕开始登场。

上半区，头号种子 Nickell 较为轻松战胜淘汰了 Mahaffey 队的 Brogeland 队，在转播的第 3 节中，我们看到 Brogeland 的搭档也是他们的女老板 Rita Shugart 出现了不少失误，在和 Meckwell 的对抗中显然不在一个数量级上。8 号种子 Meltzer 淘汰 9 号种子 Ekeblad，他们将是卫冕冠军最大的对手。5 号种子俄波联队 Gromov 一路未遇象样地抵抗，他们争夺前 4 的对手是淘汰了波兰同胞 Tuszynski 队的 Markowicz 队，这队是一支多国部队，队中也有波兰人在内。

1/4 比赛结束，Meltzer 队果然射落头号种子 Nickell 队，4 节比赛中 Meltzer 一直领先，最后 1 节之前甚至比分扩大到了 52IMP，第 4 节，如梦初醒的 Nickell 队不甘就此退出，展开大反击，一举追回 39IMP，但 Meckwell 没能再现 GNT 半决赛逆转 Hamman 的一幕，13IMP 的差距败北。全美第一人 Soloway 刚刚魂归天国，在他参加的最后一项比赛中也就是去年的 Spingold 杯夺取冠军，而今年 Zia 刚刚加盟 Nickell 队就止步 8 强，不知是不是 Soloway 没有感召 Zia 吧。另外一场争夺 4 强的比赛以 Gromov 队 4IMP 胜出，他们将在半决赛迎战 Meltzer 队，Nickell 队已被淘汰，去年的亚军 Gromov 有了复辟之心。

在下半区，2 号种子 Weed 队是意大利人为主力，他们也轻松战胜 Ladyzhensky 队进入前 8，对手是淘汰了 Passell、Bramley、Bocchi 等加盟的 10 号种子 Narasimhan 队的 7 号种子 Sadek 队，该队实力不凡，一对埃及台柱，加上 Cavendish 冠军 Levin/Weinstein，以及去年美国 1 队成员 Katz/Jacobs。1/4 决赛 Weed 队和 Sadek 队交锋，在后面，我将为大家评述几副牌。报名时是 64 号，后来变为 43 号种子的 Lusky 队，人员全部来自美国西北部的俄勒冈州，队员也都是业余选手，这是目前存活的最大黑马。他们一路上击毙了不少高手，先是 11 号种子 Milner 队，然后是 6 号种子 Schwartz 队都成了 Lusky 的刀下鬼，他们在争夺前 4 名的比赛中和 14 号种子 Welland 队相遇，而 Welland 则是刚刚打退 3 号种子 O`Rourke 队的进攻，士气正旺。不过，1/4 比赛前 2 节，Welland 一点便宜没沾着，反而落后不少，直到第 3 节结束，才把比分勉强追平。最后 1 节，Lusky 队暴露出和职业团队的差距，刚过几副牌就被拉开了差距，最终，Welland 队将和 Weed 队争夺下半区的决赛资格，斯杯 4 强没有黑马出现。

女子比赛 Wagar 淘汰赛今天结束，决赛对阵双方是 8 号种子 Westheimer 队和 2 号种子 Baker 队。8 号种子除队长外，有去年美国 2 队成员 Eythorsdottir，还有荷兰年轻女将 Michielsen 与 Wortel。她们先是最后 1 节反败为胜淘汰赛会头号种子 Fireman 队，然后又大比分战胜淘汰了中国女队的 Simon 队，她们在决赛第 2 节大胜 61: 9 似乎奠定胜局，但最后的冠军归属并没有因此而确定。2 号种子 Baker 队都是美国女子牌坛上鼎鼎有名的人物，要不是 1 号种子去年威尼斯杯夺冠，恐怕这些老太太们才应该是 1 号种子。决赛上半场领先 64IMP，第 3 节过后被削减为 29IMP，Westheimer 队能否顶住老将的冲击？最后 1 节见分晓，可惜的是，经验战胜了朝气，80: 21IMP，残酷的比分令传统仍然继续。Baker 队完成了逆转。

（未完待续）



The Berth Certificate

After 7 rounds of Qualifying match you found yourself in the deadliest group with 5 potential candidates for two berths (with a possible third). You have 2 more rounds to go. You are EW.

(Please solve the problems in the bidding as shown. You will know what did happen in the match and also your teammate's result.)

Board 17 N/NIL

The bidding:				N/NIL	Your hand
W	N	E	S		S AKQ92
	3C	P	P		H K64
X	P	?			D KJ9
					C Q2

(You have enough for a game, and your clubs do not smell good for a slam.)

In the match West elected to pass.

	N
	S 8
	H A2
	D 6532
	C KJ9853
S AKQ92	S J765
H K64	H J875
D KJ9	D A
C Q2	C AT76
	S T43
	H QT93
	D QT874
	C 4

Partner cashed the DA. Declarer lost the obvious 8 tricks for -800. EW gained 9 IMPs as it was a normal 4S just made in the replay.

+9 IMPs

(If you bid spades you tie the board.)

Board 18 E/NS

The bidding:				E/NS	N
W	N	E	S		S A975
		P	1D		H KJ4
3D	2C	P	2N		D A
P	3S	P	4H		C AJ875
P	4S	P	P	S J862	S 3
				H Q5	H T8762
				D T972	D K654
				C KQ2	C 964
					S KQT4
					H A93
					D QJ83
					C T3

East led D5, declarer guessed the HQ for 12 tricks.

Your teammate also stopped in 4S and made 12 tricks for a push.

Still +9 IMPs

Board 19 S/EW

The bidding:				N/NIL	Your hand
W	N	E	S		S QT52
					H AQ7
P	P	X*	XX		D AK9865
4S	P	?			C /

*Your double promises majors

(You have only 4 losers.)

In the match East continued to bid.

The bidding:				E/NS	N
W	N	E	S		S 843
					H JT84
P	P	X*	XX		D JT
4S	P	6S	P		C JT74
P	P			S KJ76	S QT72
				H 652	H AQ7
				D /	D AK9865
				C A98652	C /
					S A9
					H K93
					D Q7432
					C KQ3

North led DJ. West ruffed to start with a heart finesse. South won, drew 2 trumps and West went down 3 in the end. Teammates defended a normal 4S, declarer made 10 tricks after ruffing a small diamond to lose a trump, a heart and a diamond.

East lost 14 IMPs by the aggressive bid.

Total -5 IMPs.

(Hope you have not gone beyond 4S)

Board 20 W/ALL

The bidding:				W/ALL	Your hand
W	N	E	S		S K98
2C*	P	2D	P		H 6
3C	3H	4H	P		D AKT6
5C	P	?			C QJ864

* 11-16, single suit in clubs

(partner cannot cue-bid spades).

So East passed.

	N
	S T6
	H QJ98753
	D QJ52
	C /
S Q43	S K98
H A4	H 6
D 93	D AKT6
C AK9752	C QJ864
	S AJ752
	H KT2
	D 874
	C T3





North led HQ, partner played for a safe 11 tricks. Opponents took 12 tricks for a 1 IMP gain.
Total -6 IMPS.

(If you fancied and bid 6C partner makes the slam because the diamonds rescued him after SK is lost, so you would win 13 IMPS)

Board 21 N/NS

The bidding:				N/NS	Your hand
W	N	E	S		S Q92
	P	P	P		H A9
1C*	1H	X	2H		D 862
3D	P	3H	P		C 76542
4C	P	?			

*17+

(partner shows a strong hand with 2 minors)

East passed in the match.

	N
	S 8743
	H QJ8762
	D AT
	C Q
S AT	S Q92
H K	H A9
D KQ743	D 862
C AKT83	C 76542
	S KJ65
	H T543
	D J95
	C J9

North led HQ, 2 diamond losers.

In the replay the opponents had an accident and stopped in 4D. Therefore 5C made gained 7 IMPS.

Back in the black with 1 IMP.

(If you passed you also win 7 imps)

Board 22 E/EW

The bidding:				E/EW	Your hand
W	N	E	S		S 6
		1D	P		H AKJ5
1S	2S	3H	P		D AKJT972
4D	P	?			C T

North's 2S is natural.

(You have a big big hand but you have shown at least 64 in the red suits)

In the match East bid a mild 5D.

	N
	S AQJ932
	H Q8
	D /
	C AK762
S 8754	S 6
H T94	H AKJ5
D Q65	D AKJT972
C 854	C T
	S KT
	H 7632
	D 843
	C QJ93

Well. Partner says that you will have black losers.

THIS IS THE CRITICAL BOARD.

In the replay teammate bid 5S, got doubled and made 11 tricks for 650. Therefore you have a total of 1250 or 15 IMPS.

NOW EW ARE 16 IMPS UP. (They know that NS can make at least 4S)

West was well rewarded with his 1S bid on the first round.

(Hopefully you have also passed)

Board 23 S/ALL

The bidding:				S/ALL	Your hand
W	N	E	S		S AQT75
			P		H AJ643
1D	P	1S	P		D 84
2C	P	2H	P		C J
2S	P	?			

(Partner has a minimum opening)

East bid 4S in the match.

	N
	S 83
	H Q52
	D QT6
	C AQ985
S 964	S AQT75
H 7	H AJ643
D AKJ9	D 84
C KT742	C J
	S KJ2
	H KT98
	D 7532
	C 63

Well. East managed to get 8 tricks after the club lead and the trump switch.

Opponents did a trick better in 4S also, so -3 IMPS.

Total 13 IMPS.

(If you bid a mild 3S partner would stop. Then you can make 9 tricks with 3 spades, 1 heart, 2 diamonds, a club and 2 ruffs for a 4 IMP gain) see *As The Ace Sees It* in Bulletin 2



Board 24 W/NIL

The bidding:				WNIL	N
W	N	E	S		S 9642
2C	P	P	2H		H AJ
2S	2N	3S	3N		D AJ63
P	4H	P	P		C QT7
P				S KT53	S QJ87
				H Q87	H T62
				D /	D Q832
				C AK9832	C J4
				S A	
				H K9543	
				D KT975	
				C 65	

Declarer lost a trump after three rounds of clubs.
Teammate also made 10 tricks, but they were in 3H so 6 IMPS lost.

Still +7 IMPS

Board 25 N/EW

The bidding:				N/EW	N
W	N	E	S		S 98
	1C	P	1N		H AKQ8643
P	3H	P	3N		D KT
P	P	P			C AJ
				S AT432	S Q5
				H 97	H J2
				D 9864	D AQ32
				C 98	C Q7643
				S KJ76	
				H T5	
				D J75	
				C KT52	

West began with SA and continued a spade so declarer claimed 11 tricks.
Teammate also got an extra trick in 4H so push.

Still +7 IMPS.

Board 26 E/ALL

The bidding:				E/ALL	Your hand
W	N	E	S		S A987
		1C	P		H 75
1D	P	1N	P		D J7653
2C	P	2S	P		C Q7
?					

(Partner has a Balanced ~17 and 4 spades)

West bid 4S, and South got off the lead in a heart after cashing 2 clubs.



	N
	S T2
	H J98632
	D KT
	C 642
S A987	S Q654
H 75	H AKQ
D J7653	D A84
C Q7	C J93
	S KJ3
	H T4
	D Q92
	C AKT85

East led a trump to Ace, so he lost 2 spades, 2 diamonds and 2 clubs for -300.
Opponents also bid 4S! They escaped for 2 down, so 3 IMPS lost.

(If you passed you would win 310 for 7 IMPS, If you invite with 3S you win 3 IMPS)
How can partner take care of the losers in 3 side suits?

Now you are only 4 IMPS up.

Board 27 S/NIL

The bidding:				N/EW	N
W	N	E	S		S AQJ65
			P		H T65
P	1S	P	1N		D Q98
P	P	P			C 94
				S KT2	S 943
				H J82	H AQ97
				D T642	D A7
				C AJT	C Q875
				S 87	
				H K43	
				D KJ53	
				C K632	

West began with D2 and East won.... D7 and now declarer has at least 7 tricks.
Actually DJ won, SJ won, HK won and in the end he got 9 tricks for 150.

In the other room teammate arrived at 2S. North could manage 7 tricks but he lost an unnecessary trump for -100. That was 6 IMPS away.

2 IMPS in the red now.

Board 28 W/NS

The bidding:				W/NS	Your hand
W	N	E	S		S 4
P	P	1D	P		H AQJ2
2C	P	2H	P		D AJT854
3D	P	?			C Q6

(Partner has a near-opening hand and preferred diamonds to hearts)

East chose to bid 5D.



	N
	S T875
	H K653
	D 96
	C AJT
S KJ9	S 4
H T4	H AQJ2
D KQ2	D AJT854
C K9543	C Q6
	S AQ632
	H 987
	D 73
	C 872

Hear King was friendly, so +400.
Opponents bid 3N, 10 tricks. One more IMP lost.

3 IMPS below.

(If you passed you would lose 7 IMPS. If you bid 3S and then pass 3N you tie the board)

Board 29 N/ALL

The bidding:				N/EW	N
W	N	E	S		S T653
	P	P	1D		H K53
P	1S	P	2S		D K95
P	P				C A54
				S Q4	S KJ2
				H J8	H 9762
				D A8642	D JT3
				C QT63	C K72
				S A987	
				H AQT4	
				D Q7	
				C J98	

A heart was led and declarer lost the 5 inevitable tricks. In the replay teammate got a precious extra trick for an IMP.

Only 2 IMPS in the red now.

Board 30 E/NIL

The bidding:				E/NIL	Your hand
W	N	E	S		S J976
		P	P		H K76
1C*	1H	X	1S		D 875
2D	3C	?			C QJ7

*Usually 17+
(Partner has only 3 spades. He holds good diamonds and at least SKQX)

East expected 9 quick tricks and bid 3N.
North doubled on his turn.

Would you run?

	N
	S/
	H AQJ853
	D K2
	C A9852
S AQ4	S J976
H 2	H K76
D AQJT94	D 875
C KT4	C QJ7
	S KT8532
	H T94
	D 63
	C 63

East stayed put. Heart led and continued, DK did not oblige, 3 down for -500.

It was very sad. But your counterpart also made a mistake!

Teammate played in 4HX..... by South. The defence missed the trump lead, and the contract was made on the friendly clubs. +590 for a 3 IMP gain!

ONE IMP PLUS and two more boards to go.

(If you pass on your third round you would end up doubling 4H. You would lead a diamond to partner's Ace and he would return a trump for one down. You win 12 IMPS)

(If you run away from 3NX your side makes 4D for 12 IMP gain)

CALM DOWN!

Board 31 S/NS

The bidding:				S/NS	Your hand
W	N	E	S		S A74
			P		H QT83
P	P	1C*	P		D T9
1D	P	2N	P		C T854
?					

(partner has balanced 19-21)

West bid 3N in the match.
East of course did not know about the stiff CK so he made 9 tricks with normal play.

And opponents stopped in 1N for the same 9 tricks but they lost 6 more IMPS.

Total 7 IMPS NOW and one more board.

(If you remembered to bid 3C for Stayman you would end up in 4H, 10 tricks with normal play to win 7 IMPS)



Board 32 W/EW

The bidding:				W/EW	N
W	N	E	S		S KJ8
P	P	P	1C		H J63
P	1N	P	2C		D 963
P	2D	P	2S		C KT98
P	3C	P	3N	ST	S Q975
P	P	P		HT7542	HK
				DKT	D J7542
				C J6432	C Q75
					S A6432
					HAQ98
					DAQ8
					CA

East chanced the HK lead, which made no difference to the 10 tricks due from normal play.

In the replay it was 10 tricks for South in 4S. Push.

EW won by 7 IMPS.

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Your editor was watching East (Huang Rui) and West (Chen Sheng Hong) of Shenzhen Qiaoyao Team.

They had an easier ride on the next match to secure their berth.



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Ladies Series - 1st Runner Up (Hoot)



IMP paires - 40 tables

