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BBO VuGraph Matches

QF 1	Nangang Power	vs	CCH Power
	CRE8IVE	vs	SYSYT
QF 2	To be confirmed		
	To be confirmed		

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ Today's Programme ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

Time 時間	Event 項目	
9:15 - 11:30	Quarter Final Segment 1 半準決賽第一節	Ella Graca Open Teams Ella Graca 公開組
	Semi- Final Segment 1 準決賽第一節	Inter-City Ladies Teams 城市女子組
		President's Cup Youth Teams 會長盃青年組
10:30 - 14:00	Feishang Swiss Teams Segment 1 飛尚瑞士式隊制賽第一節 *Walk-in registration closes at 20 July 10:00	
11:40 - 13:55	Quarter Final Segment 2 半準決賽第二節	Ella Graca Open Teams Ella Graca 公開組
	Semi- Final Segment 2 準決賽第二節	Inter-City Ladies Teams 城市女子組
		President's Cup Youth Teams 會長盃青年組
13:55 -14:00	Captains Meeting 隊長會議	
15:00 - 17:15	Semi Final Segment 1 準決賽第一節	Ella Graca Open Teams Ella Graca 公開組
	Final Segment 1 決賽第一節	Inter-City Ladies Teams 城市女子組
		President's Cup Youth Teams 會長盃青年組

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ Today's Programme ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

Time 時間	Event 項目	
15:00 - 18:30	Feishang Swiss Teams Segment 2 飛尚瑞士式隊制賽第二節	
17:25 - 19:40	Semi Final Segment 2 準決賽第二節	Ella Graca Open Teams Ella Graca 公開組
	Final Segment 2 決賽第二節	Inter-City Ladies Teams 城市女子組
		President's Cup Youth Teams 會長盃青年組
19:45 - 23:30	Geely Automobile Open Pairs Qualifying 吉利汽車公開組雙人賽初賽 *Walk-in registration closes at 20 July 19:15	
20:40 - 22:55	Semi Final Segment 3 準決賽第三節	Ella Graca Open Teams Ella Graca 公開組
	Final Segment 3 決賽第三節	Inter-City Ladies Teams 城市女子組
		President's Cup Youth Teams 會長盃青年組

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ Equipment and Souvenir Items for Sale ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

	Item	Description	Selling price per unit
1	Bidding Boxes	Set of 4	HK\$ 80
2	Bidding Box Inserts	Set of 4	HK\$ 60
3	Boards	Set of 1-32	HK\$ 400
4	Polo Shirt	With Inter-City logo	HK\$ 60
5	Ballpens	With HKCBA logo	HK\$ 5
6	Scorebooks	With Inter-City logo	HK\$ 5
7	FujiX 13.3" Ultrabook (FX13UG - 01) Pickup Time: 21 July (21:00-22:00) (Used)	Core M7- 6Y75 1.2GHz 8GB RAM 256GB SSD	SOLD OUT
8	Fujitsu 13.3" Notebook (U536K13B) Pickup Time: 21 July (21:00-22:00) (Used)	Core i3 6006U 2.0GHz 4GB RAM 128 SSD + 500GB HDD	HK\$2, 700
9	Playing Cards	With Inter-City Logo	HK\$ 10



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Section A Results

Open A Round 7 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Geely Automobile	 New combination	57:45	13.28:6.72
2	 SYSYT 沈阳圣雨田	 A team of BLU-Best Like You!	59:7	19.34:0.66
3	 Xiamen Xiashun	 Skewl	59:13	18.77:1.23
4	 Mountain 高山隊	 Mistral	65:26	17.97:2.03
5	 Besties	 SX Club - Lion	74:15	19.93:0.07

Open A Round 8 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Skewl	 Geely Automobile	35:39	8.80:11.20
2	 New combination	 SYSYT 沈阳圣雨田	47:24	15.56:4.44
3	 Mistral	 Xiamen Xiashun	27:24	10.91:9.09
4	 Besties	 Mountain 高山隊	30:65	2.55:17.45
5	 SX Club - Lion	 A team of BLU-Best Like You!	29:40	6.96:13.04

Open A Round 9 Results


Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Geely Automobile	 SYSYT 沈阳圣雨田	31:38	7.97:12.03
2	 Xiamen Xiashun	 New combination	24:44	5.00:15.00
3	 Skewl	 Mountain 高山隊	22:32	7.20:12.80
4	 Besties	 A team of BLU-Best Like You!	33:36	9.09:10.91
5	 Mistral	 SX Club - Lion	78:19	19.93:0.07

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Section B Results









Open B Round 7 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Nangang Power	 Dark Chocolate	93:17	20.00:0.00
2	 Vincent Li	 Fukien	31:33	10:61:10.31
3	 Shenha Qiaoyou	 Philippines Manila	32:33	9.69:10.31
4	 Charlie Lee	 NAKANISHI	45:38	12.03:7.97
5	 Haoran 浩然	 SX Club - Starlord	61:1	20.00:0.00

Open B Round 8 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Philippines Manila	 Nangang Power	20:36	5.82:14.18
2	 Dark Chocolate	 Vincent Li	19:66	1.13:18.87
3	 NAKANISHI	 Shenha Qiaoyou	20:62	1.67:18.33
4	 Haoran 浩然	 Charlie Lee	41:14	16.26:3.74
5	 SX Club - Starlord	 Fukien	40:43	9.09:10.91

Open B Round 9 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Nangang Power	 Vincent Li	54:6	18.97:1.03
2	 Shenha Qiaoyou	 Dark Chocolate	24:35	6.96:13.04
3	 Philippines Manila	 Charlie Lee	42:27	13.97:6.03
4	 Haoran 浩然	 Fukien	37:15	15.38:4.62
5	 NAKANISHI	 SX Club - Starlord	15:45	3.27:16.73

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Section C Results

Open C Round 7 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Avia Financial	 Dragonite	54:9	18.66:1.34
2	 HK ZEN	 Happy Bridge	0:0	0.00:12.00
3	 Guangzhou Pearl River	 Philippines A	48:9	17.97:2.03
4	 Windflower	 Dangoon	46:36	12.80:7.20
5	 KOSING	 SX Club - Spark	41:44	9.09:10.91

Open C Round 8 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Philippines A	 Avia Financial	5:43	2.15:17.85
2	 Dragonite	 HK ZEN	34:54	5.00:15.00
3	 Dangoon	 Guangzhou Pearl River	27:55	3.58:16.42
4	 KOSING	 Windflower	43:21	15.38:4.62
5	 SX Club - Spark	 Happy Bridge	55:29	16.09:3.91

Open C Round 9 Results











Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Avia Financial	 HK ZEN	13:26	6.48:13.52
2	 Guangzhou Pearl River	 Dragonite	46:25	15.19:4.81
3	 Philippines A	 Windflower	13:9	11.20:8.80
4	 KOSING	 Happy Bridge	32:36	8.80:11.20
5	 Dangoon	 SX Club - Spark	17:30	6.48:13.52

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Section D Results











Open D Round 7 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Oly-Star 奧達	 CRE8IVE	28:28	10.00:10.00
2	 HeyYo!!	 BridgeMate III	69:32	17.72:2.28
3	 Magic Eyes	 Ghost of Red	41:17	15.74:4.26
4	 CCH Power	 Seoul	15:48	2.83:17.17
5	 Bridge Buddies	 Rose Bowl Gold- DBS	76:29	18.87:1.13

Open D Round 8 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Magic Eyes	 Oly-Star 奧達	31:51	5.00:15.00
2	 BridgeMate III	 CRE8IVE	51:20	16.88:3.12
3	 Seoul	 HeyYo!!	16:39	4.44:15.56
4	 CCH Power	 Ghost of Red	36:53	5.61:14.39
5	 Rose Bowl Gold- DBS	 Bridge Buddies	12:63	0.75:19.25

Open D Round 9 Results











Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Oly-Star 奧達	 CRE8IVE	1:66	0.00:20.00
2	 HeyYo!!	 BridgeMate III	31:19	13.28:6.72
3	 Magic Eyes	 Ghost of Red	60:36	15.74:4.26
4	 CCH Power	 Bridge Buddies	42:32	12.80:7.20
5	 Seoul	 Rose Bowl Gold- DBS	65:23	18.33:1.67

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Inter-City Ladies Teams Championships

Ladies Results









Section L Round 7 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Oly-Star 奧達女隊	 SX Club - Qingluan	84:9	20.00:0.00
2	 China x HK Ladies Team	 SX Club - Fenghuang	24:44	5.00:15.00
3	 Indian Summer	 The Mighty Miseres	7:70	0.00:20.00
4	 SX Club - Honghu	 Singapore - HK	33:57	4.26:15.74
5	 Shanghai Stonehill	 MINERVA	66:7	19.93:0.07

Section L Round 8 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 The Mighty Miseres	 Oly-Star 奧達女隊	46:53	7.79:12.03
2	 SX Club - Qingluan	 China x HK Ladies Team	16:52	2.41:17.59
3	 Singapore - HK	 Indian Summer	30:20	12.80:7.20
4	 Shanghai Stonehill	 SX Club - Honghu	63:31	17.03:2.97
5	 MINERVA	 SX Club - Fenghuang	24:66	1.67:18.33

Section L Round 9 Results




Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Oly-Star 奧達女隊	 China x HK Ladies Team	40:1	17.97:2.03
2	 Indian Summer	 SX Club - Qingluan	51:51	10.00:10.00
3	 The Mighty Miseres	 SX Club - Honghu	9:14	8.52:11.48
4	 Shanghai Stonehill	 SX Club - Fenghuang	43:1	18.33:1.67
5	 Singapore - HK	 MINERVA	29:12	14.39:5.61

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President's Cup Youth Teams Championships

Section X Results

Section X Round 7 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Not Appropriate	 lol	34:52	5.40:14.60
2	 Shanghai Youth	 SX Club - Venus	43:77	2.69:17.31
3	 HKU	 HKU SKY Lee Hall	29:36	7.97:12.03
4	 SX Club - Mars	 Liaoning Jinpu	87:6	20.00:0.00
5	 Bad Beat	 SX Club - Ziwei	25:45	5.00:15.00

Section X Round 8 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 HKU SKY Lee Hall	 Not Appropriate	56:46	12.80:7.20
2	 lol	 Shanghai Youth	46:10	17.59:2.41
3	 Liaoning Jinpu	 HKU	9:57	1.03:18.97
4	 Bad Beat	 SX Club - Mars	38:34	11.20:8.80
5	 SX Club - Ziwei	 SX Club - Venus	14:74	0.00:20.00











Section X Round 9 Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 Not Appropriate	 Shanghai Youth	34:42	7.71:12.29
2	 HKU	 lol	26:48	4.62:15.38
3	 HKU SKY Lee Hall	 SX Club - Mars	31:61	3.27:16.73
4	 Bad Beat	 SX Club - Venus	30:25	11.48:8.52
5	 Liaoning Jinpu	 SX Club - Ziwei	26:86	0.00:20.00











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Ella Graca Open Teams Championships

Section Y Results

Section Y Round 7 Results				
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 F & B	 SX Club - Mercury	27:53	3.91:16.09
2	 Shanghai Chenyi	 SX Club - Saturn	55:12	18.44:1.56
3	 Alfred Lam	 HKUST	98:27	20.00:0.00
4	 SX Club - Jupiter	 Dalian Youth	94:11	20.00:0.00
5	 Queen Catcher	 SX Club - Chrysanthemum	23:42	5.20:14.80

Section Y Round 8 Results				
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 HKUST	 F & B	22:45	4.44:15.56
2	 SX Club - Mercury	 Shanghai Chenyi	11:62	0.75:19.25
3	 Dalian Youth	 Alfred Lam	14:102	0.00:20.00
4	 Queen Catcher	 SX Club - Jupiter	34:58	4.26:15.74
5	 SX Club - Chrysanthemum	 SX Club - Saturn	21:80	0.07:19.93

Section Y Round 9 Results				
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP	VP
1	 F & B	 Shanghai Chenyi	34:2	17.03:2.97
2	 Alfred Lam	 SX Club - Mercury	41:34	12.03:7.97
3	 HKUST	 SX Club - Jupiter	25:42	5.61:14.39
4	 Queen Catcher	 SX Club - Saturn	11:87	0.00:20.00
5	 Dalian Youth	 SX Club - Chrysanthemum	23:116	0.00:20.00

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Rankings

Section A Rankings after R9

Rank	Team	VPs
1	 Mountain 高山隊	113.52
2	 SYSYT 沈阳圣雨田	111.80
3	 Geely Automobile	107.44
4	 Xiamen Xiashun	107.43
5	 Mistral	100.97
6	 New combination	93.38
7	 Besties	91.14
8	 Skewl	77.00
9	 A team of BLU-Best Like You!	55.65
10	 SX Club - Lion	41.67

Section B Rankings after R9

Rank	Team	VPs
1	 Nangang Power	148.35
2	 Vincent Li	120.68
3	 Haoran 浩然	113.72
4	 Philippines Manila	102.02
5	 SX Club - Starlord	90.19
6	 Charlie Lee	88.75
7	 Shenha Qiaoyou	71.84
8	 Dark Chocolate	60.63
9	 Fukien	56.64
10	 NAKANISHI	47.18

Section C Rankings after R9

Rank	Team	VPs
1	 Avia Financial	131.82
2	 KOSING	107.31
3	 Guangzhou Pearl River	104.74
4	 HK ZEN	101.27
5	 Dragonite	95.25
6	 Windflower	79.03
7	 Philippines A	77.96
8	 SX Club - Spark	75.57
9	 Dangoon	60.80
10	 Happy Bridge	58.25

Section D Rankings after R9











Rank	Team	VPs
1	 CCH Power	122.19
2	 Bridge Buddies	118.10
3	 CRE8IVE	111.52
4	 HeyYo!!	110.26
5	 Seoul!	110.08
6	 Oly-Star 奧達	87.95
7	 BridgeMate III	82.74
8	 Ghost of Red	74.91
9	 Magic Eyes	69.21
10	 Rose Bowl Gold- DBS	11.54

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Rankings











Section L Rankings after R9

Rank	Team	VPs
1	 SX Club - Fenghuang	131.77
2	 Oly-Star 奧達女隊	130.30
3	 China x HK Ladies Team	117.67
4	 Shanghai Stonehill	114.13
5	 The Mighty Miseres	98.18
6	 Singapore - HK	94.85
7	 SX Club - Honghu	82.45
8	 MINERVA	63.66
9	 Indian Summer	36.54
10	 SX Club - Qingluan	30.45

Section X Rankings after R9

Rank	Team	VPs
1	 SX Club - Venus	136.95
2	 Bad Beat	136.07
3	 SX Club - Mars	126.61
4	 HKU SKY Lee Hall	104.78
5	 lol	95.46
6	 Not Appropriate	89.73
7	 Shanghai Youth	76.56
8	 SX Club - Ziwei	71.85
9	 HKU	57.67
10	 Liaoning Jinpu	3.82









Section Y Rankings after R9









Rank	Team	VPs
1	 F & B	128.04
2	 Alfred Lam	127.96
3	 SX Club - Jupiter	126.05
4	 Shanghai Chenyi	122.04
5	 SX Club - Mercury	107.18
6	 HKUST	91.49
7	 SX Club - Saturn	90.60
8	 SX Club - Chrysanthemum	55.83
9	 Queen Catcher	50.81
10	 Dalian Youth	0.00

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Quarter Final Scheduled Matches





Open		
Segment 1 2018- 07- 20 9: 15 - 11: 30		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 Nangang Power	 CCH Power
2	 Avia Financial	 KOSING
3	 SYSYT 沈阳圣雨田	 CRE8IVE
4	 Mountain 高山隊	 Vincent Li





Open		
Segment 2 2018- 07- 20 11: 40 - 13: 55		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 CCH Power	 Nangang Power
2	 KOSING	 Avia Financial
3	 CRE8IVE	 SYSYT 沈阳圣雨田
4	 Vincent Li	 Mountain 高山隊





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Semi Final Scheduled Matches

Ladies		
Segment 1 2018- 07- 20 9: 15 - 11: 30		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 China x HK Ladies Team	 SX Club - Fenghuang
2	 Oly-Star 奧達女隊	 Shanghai Stonehill

Ladies		
Segment 2 2018- 07- 20 11: 40 - 13: 55		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 SX Club - Fenghuang	 China x HK Ladies Team
2	 Shanghai Stonehill	 Oly-Star 奧達女隊

Youth		
Segment 1 2018- 07- 20 9: 15 - 11: 30		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 SX Club - Venus	 Alfred Lam
2	 F & B	 Bad Beat

Youth		
Segment 2 2018- 07- 20 11: 40 - 13: 55		
Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 Alfred Lam	 SX Club - Venus
2	 Bad Beat	 F & B

Cre8ive v Bridge Buddies (Open Round 7)

Going into the third and final day of qualifying, Cre8ive of China and Hong Kong's Bridge Buddies were tied at the top of the Group D rankings, but with only a tiny advantage over the third-placed team. This, then, was a crucial match for both teams, with neither being able to afford a big loss.

The first board was mostly about the opening lead, though there was a little more to it than that.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tam	Dong	Chan	Liu
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	2♣	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Bi	Ko	Jin	Fok
–	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

For Buddies, K.W. Tam opened INT in fourth seat and Chunhui Dong overcalled to show the majors. Cecil Chan raised to 3NT and that was that. I can imagine many players choosing to lead a low heart due to the lack of any meaningful intermediate to back up the king-queen, but Dong found the killing lead of the queen of hearts, asking for attitude, and that proved to be a great thing to do as dummy contributed the jack and South, Yan Liu the ten. A low heart to the eight was ducked, as was the third heart. Dong overtook and cleared the suit and Tam could take only seven tricks; down two for –200.

Zhanjie Jin's feather-light Precision 1♦ opening at the other table saw his partner respond 1♥. When Shuguang Bi became declarer in 3NT, a heart lead round to his known suit hardly looked attractive and Chuen Ho Ko instead tried the eight of clubs, suggesting no interest in clubs so implying that he might appreciate a switch when partner gained the lead. Bi won and cashed all five clubs, by the end of which the opposing hearts were no longer a threat as South had thrown one and North two cards from their original holdings. Bi now ran the queen of spades to the king, and Ko returned the queen of diamonds to the king and ace. W.H. Fok found the heart switch, but it was all too late. Bi ducked, after which he could knock out the ♦J to set up his ninth trick; +600 and 13 IMPs to Cre8ive – the perfect start for them.

Buddies got on the board by making 4♥ for +620 against 3NT for +600 at the other table, then their N/S pair outbid their counterparts to add another 6 IMPs on this next deal.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tam	Dong	Chan	Liu
–	–	–	INT
2♣	3♠	All Pass	

The off-centre INT opening worked poorly for Liu. Dong's jump to 3♠ looks as though it was intended to be forcing, but Liu had neither spade support nor a club stopper and took a view to pass. He was right in a sense, in that 3♠ was the limit in a spade contract, and that is what Dong made for +140.

At the other table, Fok, for Bridge Buddies, opened 1♦ on the South hand and eventually declared 5♦ (we don't have the auction). That proved to be a comfortable make for +400 and 6 IMPs to Buddies.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tam	Dong	Chan	Liu
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♠
2♦	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Dble	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Bi	Ko	Jin	Fok
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♠
3♦	Dble	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Dong doubled the opening bid then cuebid to show his power at his next turn. However, his third effort, 3NT, was doubled by Chan, who also doubled Liu's run-out into 4♣, ending the auction. All in all not a great auction from the Chinese N/S, as they reached 4♣ doubled on a 5-2 fit when game was close in the 5-3 spade fit. Tam led a low diamond and declarer spurned what was surely a heavily odds on finesse, going up with dummy's ace. Liu ruffed a diamond and led a heart towards the king, Tam grabbing the ace and returning a club. Liu won dummy's ace, cashed the king of hearts and ruffed a heart. Next he led a club to the king followed by a diamond. Chan ruffed in with the queen and returned a trump to declarer's jack. Liu led a spade to the king and ace, cashed the ♠Q, and conceded the last two tricks for down one and -200.

Ko doubled then doubled again, saving space and convincing Fok that it was worth repeating his moderate five-card spade suit in competition. Ko raised to the spade game and Bi led his singleton club. Four Spades can be made from here but that is because the king of spades is bare and declarer can therefore lay down the ace to draw it. In practice, Fok thought that he needed to take the spade finesse, so he played ace of diamonds then ruffed a diamond, followed by a spade up. When the king appeared he took it at face value and won the ace then cashed the king of clubs before ruffing a diamond to hand. The problem was that Jin got a heart discard on this trick so that when Fok ruffed and led a heart up Bi could win the ace and return a heart. Fok put up the king, seeing no benefit in finessing against the queen, and Jin ruffed. He returned a low spade to Fok's nine and Fok ruffed a club with the queen then led a diamond to make his remaining trump en passant. However, that all meant down one for -100, but 3 IMPs to Buddies.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tam	Dong	Chan	Liu
-	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Bi	Ko	Jin	Fok
-	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Chan opened 1♠ and Tam responded 2♦. Why 3♣ was the correct rebid on the East cards I have no idea, but failing to show the primary diamond support worked out very badly when Tam followed through with 3NT and Chan passed. There were 12 tricks once the diamond proved to be onside; +690.

Jin started with a strong club then raised the natural positive response. Though he next suggested his minimum (semi-)balanced hand, Bi was willing to go on with a club cuebid followed by Key-card, and the small slam was reached. There was nothing to the play. With diamonds playing for no loser, a club ruff in the dummy was the thirteenth trick for +1390 and 12 IMPs to Cre8ive.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tam	Dong	Chan	Liu
-	1♣	Dble	Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Bi	Ko	Jin	Fok
-	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♠	3♥	3♠	All Pass

Both Norths opened with a strong club and both Easts came into the auction. Jin overcalled 1♠, collected a raise from Bi, and was willing to compete to the three level over Ko's 3♥. Chan doubled the opening bid – I don't know if that had any special meaning – then bid spades at his next turn. He too got a competitive spade raise out of partner, but was not willing to be pushed to the three level so Dong was left to play in 3♥/

Chan led a diamond against 3♥. That ran to Dong's jack and declarer played the queen of hearts from hand, Chan taking the ace and getting out with a second diamond to declarer's ace. Dong cashed all but one of his trumps then exited with the jack of clubs, but Chan won and played his remaining club and Tam could overtake to take his partner off the endplay. There was a spade to be lost but Dong had nine tricks for +140.

Fok led a heart against 3♠, Jin winning and playing king of clubs then overtaking the queen, planning to lead a spade up. However, the fall of the jack of clubs meant that there was a better option available, to play the winning ten of clubs, and that forced Ko to ruff with the ♠♦ to prevent a heart discard. Jin over-ruffed and conceded a heart. Ko won and played another top heart but Jin could ruff with the ten and lead a low spade to dummy's eight to force the ace. Ko played ace then jack of diamonds, covered by queen and king, and that was all for the defence; nine tricks for +140 and 7 IMPs to Cre8ive.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tam	Dong	Chan	Liu
-	-	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Bi	Ko	Jin	Fok
-	-	Pass	INT
Dble	All Pass		

Different no trump ranges led to different sides declaring INT on this deal, doubled at one table. Where Liu opened the South hand with 1♦, Precision, Tam overcalled and Chan responded INT. As Chan was a passed hand, there was no temptation for Tam to go on in search of a possible game. Liu led the queen of hearts. Chan won the king and played ace and jack of spades. Chan won the ♠K and now tried the queen of clubs. Chan won the ace and played queen and another spade and had seven tricks for +90 – all very simple

Fok opened a weak no trump and Bi doubled, ending the auction. Bi led a spade so Jin won and continued the suit. Fok won the spade and played the queen of clubs, Bi winning the ace and playing queen and another spade. Fok won the fourth spade in dummy and cashed the clubs then played a heart, won by Bi who cashed the fifth spade. The remaining hearts were divided one with each defender, but Fok didn't know that and guessed to bare the king of diamonds to keep a heart stopper. That meant that the defence had the rest of the tricks for down two and -500; 9 IMPs to Cre8ive.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tam	Dong	Chan	Liu
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Bi	Ko	Jin	Fok
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Buddies were in desperate need of a swing and got one – and a huge one at that.

Both Norths opened a strong club and both Souths made a natural positive. I'm not going to try to guess the meaning of the two auctions.

What we know is that Fok eventually chose to put his partner in 6NT, probably to protect a possibly insecure club holding – exactly right, though as it happens the ace of clubs was onside. Jin led the jack of clubs, Bi winning the ace and returning the suit. Ko won the ♣K and played diamonds from the top and had 12 tricks for +1440.

When Dong/Liu chose to play in 6♦, it looked as though it would just cost them a couple of IMPs, however...

Tam led ace and another club to dummy's king. Dong led dummy's singleton diamond to... his ten! That lost to the jack and the slam was down one for -100 and a massive 17 IMPs to Buddies.

The diamond finesse gains against jack-to-four onside but loses against three or four low onside. The odds are quite heavily in favour of playing diamonds from the top – we will never know what persuaded Dong to play against the odds.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tam	Dong	Chan	Liu
–	–	INT	Pass
2♣	Dble	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Bi	Ko	Jin	Fok
–	–	1♣	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Jin opened a strong club and Bi responded INT, 8+ balanced. Jin inquired and found that his partner had four hearts but not a big hand so settled for the no trump game. Ko led a low club and Bi had 11 tricks for +660.

In the other room, Chan opened an 18-point INT and Tam used Stayman. Dong took the opportunity to make a lead-directing double, but Tam bid 3NT anyway at his next turn – not that any game was making any more – and Liu's lead of the jack of clubs meant a quick one down for -100 and 13 IMPs to Cre8ive.

The final score was 69-32 in favour of Cre8ive, converting to 17.72-2.28 VPs. They consolidated their position in the top two, while Bridge Buddies slipped to fourth, over 10 VPs behind second, and had only two matches in which to repair the damage.

Nangang Power v Philippines Manila (Open Round 8)

Going into Round 8 of Group B, China's Nangang Power led and looked assured of a place in the knock-outs, while Philippines Manila lay third and would need two big wins plus some good fortune to make it through to the last eight.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Quiogue	Li	Maliwat
–	1♦	1♥	2♥
2NT	3♥	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Guzman	Chen	Virola	Shen
–	1♦	1♥	Dble
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

When Jian Wei Li overcalled 1♥. Joseph Maliwat cuebid 2♥, presumably just a general force, and Bang Xiang Zhang bid 2NT to show a four-card heart raise. Albert Quiogue Cuebid in turn to show his heart shortage and, when Li went on to 4♥, Maliwat doubled and Quiogue trusted him to know what he was doing and passed. Maliwat found the best start for the defence – a trump. If he continues to lead trumps each time he gains the lead, he can hold declarer to just one ruff in the dummy and take the contract down three. However, Li won the lead with dummy's king and led the queen of clubs, discarding a spade as Maliwat won the ace. Maliwat now played king followed by a low spade to Quiogue's ace and Quiogue switched to ace and another diamond. That got five tricks for the defence but Li could take two ruffs in dummy to bring his total to eight tricks; down two for 300 to Philippines Manila.

In the other room, Jiaxiang Shen doubled the overcall and Ann de Guzman raised all the way to 4♥. What the negative double said about spades, I am not sure, but Shenghong Chen was willing to be bullied into bidding 4♠, which suggests that Shen would usually have four of them. Four Spades ended the auction and Romy Virola led the ace of hearts. Chen ruffed and played a diamond to the king, back to the ace, and a third round to Virola's queen. He ruffed the heart return and led a club to the ace then ruffed a third heart. That brought the total up to nine tricks but with no hope of a second club winner that was his lot; down one for –50 and 8 IMPs to Philippines Manila. Four Spades can certainly be made. One tempting option is to discard on three rounds of hearts to keep trump control and needing diamonds to come in without loss, but that line can be defeated by a club ruff as the cards lie. The winning line therefore does require declarer to ruff a heart but to play diamonds by taking the finesse. There is a little more to it than that, of course, but if declarer takes three heart ruffs, three diamond tricks, and one club (if he leads the first round through East it does the defender no good to ruff a low card), three trump tricks brings the total to 10 via a dummy reversal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Quiogue	Li	Maliwat
Guzman	Chen	Virola	Shen
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Identical auctions saw both Easts declare 3NT but on different opening leads.

It was very easy for Virola after Shen's lead of the ten of clubs, attempting to his partner's long suit, to the queen, king and ace. He wrapped up an overtrick in no time for +430.

Maliwat led the jack of diamonds, which left Li with eight top tricks but some communication issues to overcome. It perhaps seemed to him that to take the club finesse required an all or nothing approach of cashing the hearts and diamonds then running the ♣Q, which would leave the defence with five winners if the king was offside. Meanwhile, if South did hold the ♣K, a club towards the queen-jack would work better, only failing when South also held at least H10xx of spades and found the spade switch. That is the line Li chose, but when the ♣Q lost to the king Quiogue returned a low spade and the spade lie was such that the defence could take four tricks in the suit to defeat the contract by a trick; -50 and 10 IMPs to Philippines Manila.

Declarer should have unblocked the diamond at trick two and cashed the hearts then run the queen of clubs without first cashing the ♦Q. If the club holds he can then cash the diamond, while if the club loses the contract is still OK unless South has the aforementioned H10xx of spades. The benefit of declarer's actual line is that if South does hold the ♣K it may be more difficult for him to recognise the urgency of switching to a spade when he has the dangerous holding.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West Zhang	North Quiogue	East Li	South Maliwat
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠ Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

West Guzman	North Chen	East Virola	South Shen
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Both N/S pairs bid confidently to decent but not-best slams.

Quiogue had the benefit of an old-fashioned strong jump shift and Maliwat, expecting a good suit, was happy to raise with doubleton king. After an exchange of cuebids, Maliwat asked for key cards then bid the small slam in spades. That requires a three-two spade break but there were no problems on the actual layout and Quiogue soon had all 13 tricks after the lead of the jack of hearts; +1010. Chen made a simple 1♠ response and Shen jumped to 3♦ to show his maximum non-strong club opening. Chen just took control, asking for key cards then bidding the small slam in diamonds. Six Diamonds requires diamonds three-two or bare jack, so is a little better than 6♠. Again, there were no problems on the actual layout and the lead of the queen of hearts meant that Shen too could claim all 13 tricks; +940 but 2 IMPs to Philippines Manila.

The best slam is 6NT. If either long suit divides favourably there will be 12 tricks without worrying about the other one.

On Board 21 Quiogue and Maliwat bid to a thin and very poor 3NT which had to go down a trick for -100, while Chen/Shen stopped in 1NT for +120, and Nangang were on the scoreboard with a 6 IMP swing. The next few deals were quiet, though this next deal had its interest.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West Zhang	North Quiogue	East Li	South Maliwat
-	2♦	All Pass	

West Guzman	North Chen	East Virola	South Shen
-	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Quiogue opened what I assume was an always-weak multi and Maliwat decided to pass. That can throw all sorts of spanners in the works for opponents who have to pass in second seat with some strong hand-types, but here that was not the case. I was surprised to see Zhang pass out 2♦ - I would have thought a 3♣ overcall was a normal enough action. Anyway, Li led the ten of clubs and Zhang overtook and cashed a second club. A third club would have seen Li over-ruffing dummy but Zhang couldn't guarantee that this was the case and decided to play a trump, relying on his partner for the ace rather than the ten.

Li duly played the hoped for card and returned the $\diamond 10$ so Zhang won the king and cashed a third club trick before switching to his singleton spade. There was no sixth defensive trick, however, and Maliwat scored up +90.

Chen did not like to open a weak two bid on such an empty suit so passed and it was Shen, in third seat, who made a pre-emptive opening. With no weak $2\diamond$ at his disposal that meant an aggressive $3\diamond$. Virola doubled when that came around, hoping to find partner with either a major or, much less likely, a hand to pass and collect a penalty. Guzman's actual $4\clubsuit$ bid was a disappointment.

Chen led the nine of diamonds against $4\clubsuit$. Guzman won dummy's ace and led a second diamond to the king then ruffed her last diamond. Now she played dummy's remaining trump and, rather oddly, went up with the ace then cashed the king, thereby losing a trick to the queen. Surely the queen could not be doubleton offside as then Chen could have ruffed in front of dummy at trick three? The club was Guzman's fourth loser so the contract was down one for -100 and no swing.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	\spadesuit A J 9		
	\heartsuit A K Q 8 5 4		
	\diamond 8 6		
	\clubsuit A 7		
\spadesuit 8 6 3 2		\spadesuit K 7 5	
\heartsuit 9 6 2		\heartsuit J 3	
\diamond K Q 7 2		\diamond A 9 5 4 3	
\clubsuit 9 5		\clubsuit K 8 2	
	\spadesuit Q 10 4		
	\heartsuit 10 7		
	\diamond J 10		
	\clubsuit Q J 10 6 4 3		

West Zhang	North Quiogue	East Li	South Maliwat
Pass	$1\heartsuit$	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West Guzman	North Chen	East Virola	South Shen
Pass	$1\clubsuit$	$1\diamond$	Dble
$2\diamond$	$2\heartsuit$	$3\diamond$	Pass
Pass	$3\heartsuit$	All Pass	

Chen opened a strong club and Virola overcalled. Double showed a semi-positive. Chen knew that game would only be possible if a fit was found and, when Shen could not bid over the opposing $3\diamond$, that seemed not to be the case. He therefore simply competed with $3\heartsuit$ and was left to play there. After a diamond lead there were two of those and one in each black suit to be lost; +140.

Quiogue opened a natural $1\heartsuit$ and raised to INT response to 3NT, probably showing the good heart suit by doing so. On another day there would have been a black-suit lead with the king onside and nine tricks would have required only that hearts split three-two or with a bare jack. But not today. Zhang led the six of spades. Maliwat finessed, losing to the king, and Li's low diamond switch enabled the defence to cash out five tricks in the suit for down two and -200; 8 IMPs to Nangang.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	\spadesuit 9 6 5		
	\heartsuit 10 5 3		
	\diamond 10 7 4		
	\clubsuit K J 8 6		
\spadesuit A K 10 4		\spadesuit Q J 8 7 3	
\heartsuit Q J 9		\heartsuit A 8 4	
\diamond A 9 8		\diamond K Q 3	
\clubsuit 4 3 2		\clubsuit A 5	
	\spadesuit 2		
	\heartsuit K 7 6 2		
	\diamond J 6 5 2		
	\clubsuit Q 10 9 7		

West Zhang	North Quiogue	East Li	South Maliwat
-	Pass	$1\clubsuit$	Pass
$2\spadesuit$	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	$4\spadesuit$	All Pass

West Guzman	North Chen	East Virola	South Shen
-	Pass	$1\spadesuit$	Pass
2NT	Pass	$3\diamond$	Pass
$4\diamond$	Pass	4NT	Pass
$5\clubsuit$	Pass	5NT	Pass
$6\spadesuit$	All Pass		

Li's $1\clubsuit$ was 16+ and the $2\spadesuit$ response and (4)-3-3-3 positive. Three No Trump showed a strong range so, when Li signed off in $4\spadesuit$, Zhang had already shown his hand so was not seriously tempted to bid on. There was a club and a heart to lose so Zhang made a safe +650.

Virola opened $1\spadesuit$ and 2NT was a forcing spade raise. From there, someone did way too much - my guess is East, but not knowing the intricacies of their methods it isn't really fair of me to speculate. Two balanced hands need a lot of high cards to make slam and this time they were some way short of what was required. There was no miracle heart position so Virola was down one for -100 and 13 IMPs to Nangang and the lead in the match for the first time.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J 5 4 ♥ A K 8 4 2 ♦ K ♣ A 8 7 2</p> <p>♠ A K 9 8 3 2 ♥ Q J 3 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 7 ♥ 10 9 7 6 ♦ A J 8 3 ♣ 10 9 6</p> <p>♠ 10 6 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 9 6 5 4 ♣ K Q J 5 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
Zhang	Quiogue	Li	Maliwat
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Guzman	Chen	Virola	Shen
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Zhang opened 1♠ in second seat, rightly judging the West hand to be too good for a weak two bid. He rebid 2♠ and was allowed to play there, though either opponent might have competed – North with a slightly iffy overcall when vulnerable and facing a passed partner, or South, who might have considered a balancing 2NT on the minor two-suiter. Quiogue led the king of hearts against 2♠ but then switched to the king of diamonds when two more rounds of hearts might have given the defence a chance. Zhang won the diamond, drew trumps and played on hearts, being allowed to get away with a tenth trick for +170.

If North does play hearts at tricks two and three (or underleads the ace at trick two), South ruffs and puts him in with the ace of clubs for a fourth heart play, ruffed by South's ♠10. Declarer over-ruffs but now has to play for the remaining spades to be three-zero by leading low to dummy's seven or will have a trump loser to go with the late diamond loser, and has six losers.

Guzman did not open the West hand, presumably thinking it to be too good for a weak two bid but not good enough for a one bid. She overcalled at her second turn, but by then it was too late and Chen/Shen had already got clubs into the game. Four Clubs was a comfortable make for +130 and 7 IMPs to Nangang.

The final match score was 36-20 IMPs in favour of Nangang Power, or 14.18-5.82 VPs, confirming their place in the knock-out stages. Other results also confirmed that Vincent Li would be the other qualifiers, with a match still to be played. Other groups were set up for far more exciting finishes.



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San Miguel "Happy Hour" Continuous Pairs

Rank	Pair	Score	%	Tie	Name
1	33	994	62.8		Brandon Poon - Jack Wong
2	21	991	62.6		Eugene Chung - Simon Cheung
3	11	970	61.2		Kelvin Chung - Li Xiao
4	4	938	59.2		David Ip - Wilson Mok
5	25	935	59.0		Chun Yu Lo - Charlie Cheng
6	40	934	59.0		Zhiwei Ma - Xianming Zeng
7	62	930	58.7		John Tsang - K W Tam
8	6	929	58.6		Emma Cheung - Jack Chen
9	64	919	58.0		James Lam - Sam Lau
10	12	916	57.8		Yongchuan Li - Hongbin Song
11	46	909	57.4		K T Lin - Jenny To
12	5	905	57.1		Patrick Choy - Yoke Lan Tan
	60	905	57.1		Perry Shek - Tai Yau
14	56	896	56.6	2	Sunny Lam - Ricky Lai
15	26	896	56.6	0	Kin Wai Chu - Sunny Chung
16	41	894	56.4		Lance Chan - Wilson Leung
17	18	892	56.3		Abhinav Gorawara - Rajan Gupta
18	38	890	56.2		Mick Yeung - David C C Ng
19	45	888	56.1		Alfred Lam - Derek Wong
20	31	884	55.8		Charlie Lee - Ben Law
21	1	882	55.7		Jane Choo - Simon Chan
22	63	872	55.1		Xie Lei Yang - Zhe Min
23	54	871	55.0		Barney Lui - Sing Leung
24	13	870	54.9		Chuen Ho Ko - Louis Leung
25	24	856	54.0		P L Yu - F H Chow
26	15	854	53.9		Kelvin Yim - Benedict Yan
27	49	853	53.9		Ying Zhao - Binti Yin
28	37	849	53.6		Kelvin Chan - Edward Cheung
29	14	847	53.5		Wendy Simpson - Christine Booth
30	9	842	53.2		Jackson Lai - Steven Leung
31	44	841	53.1		Alan Mok - Fu Cheung
32	52	839	53.0		Yuan Nien Chen - Miranda Lee
33	50	838	52.9		Zen Hou Hsu - Raymond Tseng
34	57	837	52.8		Man Fu Ko - Lincoln Yue
35	7	822	51.9		Paladin Chan - K Y Chan
36	20	813	51.3		Sukon Hung - Simen Lo
37	48	785	49.6		Sunny Lau - Jimmy Lai
38	65	776	49.0		Curtiss Yeung - Sum Yeung
39	59	765	48.3		Xiaoguang Yang - Rongguang Mai
40	43	761	48.0		Zia Wai - Mark Ng
	47	761	48.0		Leo Lam - Baron Ng
42	39	755	47.7		Jacky So - Vincent Lui
43	19	753	47.5		Wei Chih Tseng - Kun Sian Jiang
	51	753	47.5		Edward Ng - Kin Kong
45	34	744	47.0		Jacky Chan - Douglas Tsang
46	42	741	46.8		Dave Pang - Bacon Lam
47	17	734	46.3		Keith Chu - Kon Wong
48	35	731	46.1		Ko Wong - Tim Lam
49	58	728	46.0		Yu Hin Chiu - Jacky Cheng
	61	728	46.0		Justin Tang - Chris T H Chan
	66	728	46.0		Xia Wu - Zhonghuan Liu

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2nd Runner-up:
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—	3H	—	3NT
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北家开叫，Besties 队南家虽然 11 点，但东家的 1S 争叫增加他寄望黑心 KJ 的位置有利的信心，叫到联手 22 点的 3NT。

西家选择首攻 CQ，明手 A 赢进，眼见至少 4 个方块输墩和 SA 必输，庄家只能寄望黑心的位置都有利，并且还需要对手防守犯错误。从明手拉小黑心，暗手 J 飞过，幸运的事情没有发生，被西家 SQ 吃到。想要吃到 9 墩的希望彻底破灭。

桥牌比赛中的这类边缘点力进局情况很多，也很难把握准确，是否成功往往都是要靠外面的大牌或牌型分布有利得以实现。

请再仔细看看整手牌。只要跳对黑心，4H 定约很轻松就能完成，由于东家的争叫，使得庄家在 SK 和 SJ 的选择上似乎会轻松一些？

是东家的争叫让南家忘却了初心？！

预赛第 5 轮 ♠ 96

第 7 副 ♥ KQ7542

双方有局 ♦ AK

♣ 642

♠ Q842

♥ ---

♦ Q765

♣ K9753

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A1053

♥ 103

♦ 108432

♣ A8

♠ KJ7

♥ AJ986

♦ J9

♣ QJ10

西	北	东	南
项煜	WU	李军	TSAI
—	4H	—	1H
—	—	—	—
—	—	=	

西家首攻小黑心，东家 SA 吃进后立即拔掉 CA，看到同伴的欢迎信号后继续 C8，获得草花将吃。定约宕一。很流畅的防守！90% 的比赛桌都完美的呈现了这样的防守。

您注意到了吗？这手牌南北联手有 11 张红心，4H 无法完成，但 3NT 却是可以完成的！您可能会说，这怎么可能，没有人会打 3NT！且慢~~

西	北	东	南
	高泉豪		霍永铿
—	3NT	—	1H
—	—	—	—
—	—	=	

南北是香港 Bridge Buddies 队牌手，南家忘记了同伴的 3NT 是 13-15 点，均型配合加叫而 pass 了。一不小心成就了全场唯一叫到并完成 3NT 定约的组合！

桥牌，就是如此迷人！

预赛第 5 轮 ♠ K9874
 第 11 副 ♥ K1075
 双方无局 ♦ 85
 ♣ 94

♠ AQ65	N	♠ 1032
♥ ---	W	♥ Q42
♦ 104	E	♦ J976
♣ AKQ8653	S	♣ J72

♠ J
 ♥ AJ9863
 ♦ AKQ32
 ♣ 10

西	北	东	南
Lin	陈庆刚	Chen	金晶
			1H
X	3H	—	4H
5C	—	—	5H
—	—	X	—
—	=		

开室，南家金晶依仗 6511 牌型勇敢战斗，叫牌过程决定了将牌 Q 是不会打错的，金晶很轻松的完成了 5Hx 定约。

西	北	东	南
项煜	WU	李军	TSAI
			1C
3C	—	4C	4H
4S	X	5C	5D
6C	6H	—	—
7C	X	—	—
=			

中华台北队 Besties 队南家开叫精确 1C 并展示了两个红色套。

由于担心对手的牌型异常怪异，加上对对手 1C 开叫的警觉性，虽然手中有两个 A，但沈阳圣雨田队项煜还是选择了小输赢战术，7C 盖掉了对手打不成的 6H 叫品。

无局方被加倍宕 3，-500，但圣雨田队这副牌还是赢到了 4IMP。

预赛第 5 轮 ♠ 93
 第 15 副 ♥ KQ
 南北有局 ♦ A765
 ♣ QJ1054

♠ KQJ107	N	♠ A862
♥ A8	W	♥ J954
♦ 92	E	♦ 108
♣ AK63	S	♣ 987

♠ 54
 ♥ 107632
 ♦ KQJ43
 ♣ 2

西	北	东	南
Sachiko	莫介泽	Shoko	严家荣
			—
1S	—	2S	—
4S	—	—	=

香港黑巧克力队严家荣首攻 CQ。从盘面看，庄家必然丢失 2 墩方块、1 墩红心、1 墩草花，除非.....

庄家的坐庄也很诡秘，尽量避开南家进手（北家没有首攻方块），庄家 SK 再 Sx 到明手 SA 清光将牌，再从桌上出小红心暗手放 8，被北家严家荣吃进。

如果是您，此时能否换攻出方块？答案也许是：不太容易？不好说？

北家没有看出危险的情况，继续出 C10，此时南家垫牌，打出了要方块的信号。但庄家已经有机会完成定约了，他只需要草花吃进，兑现 HA，HK 应声而落！小概率再次发生，HJ 可以垫掉一张方块，再输 1 墩草花，定约回家。

“上帝给我一双黑色的眼睛，我却用它寻找光明！”

前面仅仅是我们想想。庄家哪里又能想象到 HKQ 双张的微小机会，他忍让了第 2 轮草花，寄望北家犯错，继续出草花。但此时严家荣已经看到了同伴的导航，换出方块！

预赛第 6 轮 ♠ K8432

第 17 副 ♥ J6

双方无局 ♦ 942

♣ 1094

♠ 10

♥ Q10432

♦ KQ5

♣ A852

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AQJ7

♥ K95

♦ A83

♣ KQ7

♠ 965

♥ A87

♦ J1076

♣ J63

西	北	东	南
Wu	陈胜洪	Lin	沈佳祥
		2NT	—
3D*	—	3H*	—
4C	—	4S*	—
4NT*	—	5D*	—
6D*	—	6H	—
—	=		

将牌 J 的猜断，完全凭运气。桌上台北浩然队东家飞错位置，6H 宕 1。

西	北	东	南
李建伟	Lin	张邦祥	Chen
		1C*	—
1NT*	—	2C*	—
2D*	—	2H*	—
2S*	—	3H	—
3S	—	4C	—
4D	—	5H	—
—	=		

1C = 精确体系

1NT = 8 点以上，红心套

2C = 接力

2D = 11 点以上

2H = 接力

2S = 有 4 张草花

5H 邀叫，西家所有实力和特征都已交代完毕，当然 pass.

5H 正好完成，深圳南港动力队赢 11 IMP。

预赛第 6 轮 ♠ A84

第 19 副 ♥ Q9532

东西有局 ♦ 83

♣ 1087

♠ KQ5

♥ A6

♦ AJ52

♣ QJ53

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 73

♥ K1074

♦ K1096

♣ A92

♠ J10962

♥ J8

♦ Q74

♣ K64

西	北	东	南
Wu	陈胜洪	Lin	沈佳祥
			—
1C	—	1D	1S
2D	2S	3S	—
3NT	—	—	=

陈总首攻 S4，南家放 9，庄家 K 吃进。出草花到 A，再拉回小草花，沈佳祥 CK 吃进后打出 SJ，考验庄家的时候到了。可能是外面的点并不多，南家不应该会拿 J 领头的套去争叫，最终庄家还是扑上了 SQ.....宕一。这墩牌只要防小，切断防守方的联通，定约就一定完成。后面的方块飞牌也一定会规避南家进手而飞南家 DQ。

预赛第 6 轮 ♠ KJ64

第 27 副 ♥ AJ96

双方无局 ♦ KQJ94

♣

♠ 92

♥ 843

♦ A63

♣ KQ962

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 1075

♥ 752

♦ ---

♣ AJ108743

♠ AQ83

♥ KQ10

♦ 108752

♣ 5

西	北	东	南
	陈胜洪		沈佳祥
			1D
—	4C*	X	—
—	6D	all pass	

简单轻松叫到满贯。

March 30 - April 3, 2019

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Bridge Festival



Prizes : Cups and gifts will be awarded to the first three placings in each event, as well as 6 prizes for the best accumulated scores in all side events

General Information

Smoking :

Smoking is prohibited inside all hotels and restaurants in Bangkok

Shopping :

Many, shops nearby

Restaurants :

Many, many restaurants of all nationalities within walking distance

PROGRAM

Day 1 : Sat. March 30th

09.00 - 12.00 : Registration
13.00 - 18.00 : ATBF Pairs Championships
19.30 - 23.30 : Finals and Consolation

Day 2 : Sun. March 31st

13.00 - 19.00 : ATBF Open Teams Championships
20.30 - 24.00 : ATBF Swiss Pairs

Day 3 : Mon. April 1st

09.30 - 12.30 : Sunshine Pairs
13.30 - 19.30 : ATBF Open Teams Championships
20.30 - 24.00 : ATBF Continuous Pairs

Day 4 : Tue. April 2nd

13.00 - 19.00 : ATBF Open Teams Championships
20.30 - 24.00 : Happy Hours Pairs

Day 5 : Wed. April 3rd

13.00 - 18.30 : ATBF Open Teams Semi Finals and Finals
14.00 - 18.00 : Consolation Swiss Teams
19.30 : Victory Dinner

Bridge Tournament Entry Fees

ATBF Open Teams	US\$ 770	(per team)
ATBF Open Pairs	US\$ 20	(per player)
Sunshine Pairs	US\$ 12	(per player)
Swiss Pairs	US\$ 12	(per player)
Continuous Pairs	US\$ 12	(per player)
Happy Hour Pairs	US\$ 20	(per player)

Cost of Accommodation

Double Room Including breakfast
US\$ 80.00 per room

Airport transfer to Hotel :

Baht 1,400 per 2 persons
Baht 1,900 per 4-6 persons

Rooms must be reserved with Open Teams Registration.



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REGISTRATION & DEPOSITS of US\$ 400

(room 200, open team 200) to be paid by credit card

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Mixed Pairs, Open Teams

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Pesta Sukan Bridge Championships 2018

Schedule

Day	Time	Event
3 August	1930 - 2300	Open Pairs
4 August	0930 - 1300	Mixed Pairs
	0930 - 1245	Social Swiss Pairs
5 August	1430 - 2230	Open Teams (Qualifying)
	0930 - 1230	Open Teams (Qualifying)
	1400 - 1800	Open Teams (Finals/Consolations)
	1800 - 1830	Prize Giving & Closing

Participation Fees

Event	Open	Mixed	Student	<u>Important Notice</u>
Open Pairs	50	38	25	1. Social Pairs on First Come First Served
Social Pairs	40	30	20	
Mixed Pairs	50	38	25	
Open Teams	450	350*	250	2. *Mixed = At least half students
Early Bird	(400)	(320)*	(220)	
Early Bird - Make payment by 31st July				3. Buffet lunch provided on 5 August

Registration / General Queries

To register a team, drop an e-mail with team and player names to:

clubmanager@scba.org.sg

For general enquiry, please drop an e-mail to:

competition@scba.org.sg



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