

Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships 2019

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Welcome to Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships 2019

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Welcome to Hong Kong again!
 Thanks for your continuous support. Same as last year, there are 70 teams in the main events of the Hong Kong Intercity Bridge Championships 2019 which includes Open Teams, Ladies Teams and Youth Teams. As a result of the change in venue to the Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Kowloon East since last year, we have very spacious areas to comfortably host the main events and various side games as well as player's lounge for those to relax in between matches and next to the conveniently located area for smokers, not to mention sufficient office space for the Organising Committee.

As we have only two Daily Bulletin Editors, being Song Zhao and myself, we do need your input in providing us the brilliancies and funny stories you come across. Please get hold of one of us in the playing area or the main office on the 2nd floor.

Steve Wong

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ **Today's Programme** ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

Time 時間	Event 項目
09:00 - 10:30	Teams Registration 隊制賽報名
10:30 - 11:00	Captains Meeting 隊長會議
11:30 - 13:30	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Luncheon 開幕典禮及歡迎午宴
14:00 - 15:30	Teams Qualifying Round 1 隊制賽初賽第一輪
15:45 - 17:15	Teams Qualifying Round 2 隊制賽初賽第二輪
17:30 - 19:00	Teams Qualifying Round 3 隊制賽初賽第三輪
20:00 - 22:00	Speedball Pairs 快速雙人賽 (Walk-in registration closes at 17 July 19:30)

BBO VuGraph Matches

Round 1	Geely Automobile 吉利汽车
vs	Kohoch
Round 2	Happy Team 正常开心队
vs	Mickey Two Clubs
Round 3	SG
vs	Gaofeng 高锋队

BBO VuGraph Matches

Round 1	Vincent Li
vs	HK Ladies
Round 2	Oly-Star 奧達女隊
vs	ZEN
Round 3	Djarum Super
vs	Jiangxi Shangrao 江西上饒橋協



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

	Item	Description	Selling price per unit
1	Bidding Boxes	Sets of 4	HK\$80
2	Bidding Box Inserts	Sets of 4	HK\$60
3	Boards	Sets of 1-32	HK\$300
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	(Used) Fujitsu 13.3" Notebook (U536K13B)	Core i3 6006U 2.0GHz 4GB RAM 128GB SSD + 500GB HDD	HK\$1,500
8	Playing Cards		HK\$10

Please order at the Secretariats (Diamond 6)
and collect on or before the afternoon of 21 July 2019

Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships 2019

Inter-City Open / Inter-City Ladies & President's Youth Teams Championships



Team Number



Open / Ladies A

1. 🇨🇳 Cre8ive 鼎元
2. 🇨🇳 Geely Automobile 吉利汽车
3. 🇨🇳 Oly-Star 奧達
4. 🌟 Mickey Two Clubs
5. ● Blue Sky
6. 🌟 Windflower
7. 🇰🇷 Seoul
8. 🇰🇷 Kohoch
9. 🇨🇳 Happy Team 正常开心队
10. 🌟 Percy Team
11. 🌟 2019 BLU
12. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Starlord 圣醒星爵
13. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Honghu 圣醒鸿鹄
14. 🌟 TEAM

Open / Ladies B

1. 🌟 Vincent Li
2. 🇰🇷 Ambassador
3. 🇨🇳 Nangang Power 深圳南港动力
4. 🌟 iTeam
5. 🇨🇳 SG
6. 🌟 WK Chung
7. 🇰🇷 Bridge View
8. 🌟 Ghost of Red
9. 🇰🇷 Gaofeng 高峰队
10. 🌟 PLUS
11. 🌟 Da Big Storm
12. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Spark 圣醒星火
13. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Ziwei 圣醒紫微
14. 🌟 HK Ladies

Open / Ladies C

1. 🇰🇷 NEW CHI 八方新氣
2. 🌟 ZEN
3. 🇨🇳 Xiamen Xiashun 厦门厦顺
4. 🌟 Dragonite
5. 🇮🇩 Djarum Super
6. 🌟 Wizards
7. 🇰🇷 YOYO BAND
8. 🌟 Monica
9. 🇨🇳 Jiangxi Shangrao 江西上饒橋協
10. 🌟 Happy Bridge
11. 🌟 Charlie Lee
12. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Nebula 圣醒星云
13. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Fenghuang 圣醒凤凰
14. 🇨🇳 Oly-Star 奧達女隊

Youth X

1. 🌟 Babies
2. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Venus 圣醒金星
3. 🇰🇷 Lazy
4. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Mars 圣醒火星
5. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Saturn 圣醒土星
6. 🌟 TNHT
7. 🌟 Inter College — CUHK
8. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Mickey
9. 🇨🇳 SX Club - RED
10. 🌟 Rose Bowl - Queen's College
11. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Tianxi 圣醒天喜
12. 🌟 Rose Bowl - Valtorta College
13. 🌟 Rose Bowl - King's College
14. 🇨🇳 Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜

Youth Y

1. 🌟 TKPCU
2. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Jupiter 圣醒木星
3. 🌟 Swindler
4. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Mercury 圣醒水星
5. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Little Star 小星星队
6. 🌟 No Mind
7. 🌟 Inter College — HKU
8. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Yellow
9. 🇨🇳 SX Club - ORANGE
10. 🌟 Inter College — HKUST
11. 🇨🇳 SX Club - Qinglong 青龙队
12. 🌟 Rose Bowl - BLMCSS
13. 🌟 Rose Bowl - St. Paul's College
14. 🇨🇳 Shanghai Youth 上海山岭岭山队

Hong Kong Inter-City Bridge Championships 2019

Inter-City Open / Inter-City Ladies & President's Youth Teams Championships

Scheduled Matches

Open / Ladies A	
Round 1 2019-07-17 14:00 - 15:30	
Home Team	Visiting Team
1. Seoul	SX Club - Honghu 圣醒鸿鹤
2. Geely Automobile 吉利汽车	Kohoch
3. Oly-Star 奥速	Happy Team 正常开心队
4. Mickey Two Clubs	Percy Team
5. Blue Sky	2019 BLU
6. Windflower	SX Club - Starlord 圣醒星爵
7. Cre8ive 鼎元	TEAM

Open / Ladies A	
Round 2 2019-07-17 15:45 - 17:15	
Home Team	Visiting Team
SX Club - Honghu 圣醒鸿鹤	Cre8ive 鼎元
SX Club - Starlord 圣醒星爵	Seoul
Kohoch	Oly-Star 奥速
Happy Team 正常开心队	Mickey Two Clubs
Percy Team	Blue Sky
2019 BLU	Windflower
TEAM	Geely Automobile 吉利汽车

Open / Ladies A	
Round 3 2019-07-17 17:30 - 19:00	
Home Team	Visiting Team
Cre8ive 鼎元	SX Club - Starlord 圣醒星爵
Geely Automobile 吉利汽车	SX Club - Honghu 圣醒鸿鹤
Seoul	2019 BLU
Mickey Two Clubs	Kohoch
Blue Sky	Happy Team 正常开心队
Windflower	Percy Team
Oly-Star 奥速	TEAM

Open / Ladies B	
Round 1 2019-07-17 14:00 - 15:30	
Home Team	Visiting Team
1. Bridge View	SX Club - Ziwei 圣醒紫微
2. Ambassador	Ghost of Red
3. Nangang Power 深圳南港动力	Gaofeng 高锋队
4. iTeam	PLUS
5. SG	Da Big Storm
6. WK Chung	SX Club - Spark 圣醒星火
7. Vincent Li	HK Ladies

Open / Ladies B	
Round 2 2019-07-17 15:45 - 17:15	
Home Team	Visiting Team
SX Club - Ziwei 圣醒紫微	Vincent Li
SX Club - Spark 圣醒星火	Bridge View
Ghost of Red	Nangang Power 深圳南港动力
Gaofeng 高锋队	iTeam
PLUS	SG
Da Big Storm	WK Chung
HK Ladies	Ambassador

Open / Ladies B	
Round 3 2019-07-17 17:30 - 19:00	
Home Team	Visiting Team
Vincent Li	SX Club - Spark 圣醒星火
Ambassador	SX Club - Ziwei 圣醒紫微
Bridge View	Da Big Storm
iTeam	Ghost of Red
SG	Gaofeng 高锋队
WK Chung	PLUS
Nangang Power 深圳南港动力	HK Ladies

Open / Ladies C	
Round 1 2019-07-17 14:00 - 15:30	
Home Team	Visiting Team
1. YOYO BAND	SX Club - Fenghuang 圣醒凤凰
2. ZEN	Monica
3. Xiamen Xiashun 厦门厦顺	Jiangxi Shangrao 江西上饶桥协
4. Dragonite	Happy Bridge
5. Djarum Super	Charlie Lee
6. Wizards	SX Club - Nebula 圣醒星云
7. NEW CHI 八方新气	Oly-Star 奥速女队

Open / Ladies C	
Round 2 2019-07-17 15:45 - 17:15	
Home Team	Visiting Team
SX Club - Fenghuang 圣醒凤凰	NEW CHI 八方新气
SX Club - Nebula 圣醒星云	YOYO BAND
Monica	Xiamen Xiashun 厦门厦顺
Jiangxi Shangrao 江西上饶桥协	Dragonite
Happy Bridge	Djarum Super
Charlie Lee	Wizards
Oly-Star 奥速女队	ZEN

Open / Ladies C	
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NEW CHI 八方新气	SX Club - Nebula 圣醒星云
ZEN	SX Club - Fenghuang 圣醒凤凰
YOYO BAND	Charlie Lee
Dragonite	Monica
Djarum Super	Jiangxi Shangrao 江西上饶桥协
Wizards	Happy Bridge
Xiamen Xiashun 厦门厦顺	Oly-Star 奥速女队

Youth X	
Round 1 2019-07-17 14:00 - 15:30	
Home Team	Visiting Team
1. Inter College — CUHK	Rose Bowl - King's College
2. SX Club - Venus 圣醒金星	SX Club - Mickey
3. Lazy	SX Club - RED
4. SX Club - Mars 圣醒火星	Rose Bowl - Queen's College
5. SX Club - Saturn 圣醒土星	SX Club - Tianxi 圣醒天喜
6. TNHT	Rose Bowl - Valtorta College
7. Babies	Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜

Youth X	
Round 2 2019-07-17 15:45 - 17:15	
Home Team	Visiting Team
Rose Bowl - King's College	Babies
Rose Bowl - Valtorta College	Inter College — CUHK
SX Club - Mickey	Lazy
SX Club - RED	SX Club - Mars 圣醒火星
Rose Bowl - Queen's College	SX Club - Saturn 圣醒土星
SX Club - Tianxi 圣醒天喜	TNHT
Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜	SX Club - Venus 圣醒金星

Youth X	
Round 3 2019-07-17 17:30 - 19:00	
Home Team	Visiting Team
Babies	Rose Bowl - Valtorta College
SX Club - Venus 圣醒金星	Rose Bowl - King's College
Inter College — CUHK	SX Club - Tianxi 圣醒天喜
SX Club - Mars 圣醒火星	SX Club - Mickey
SX Club - Saturn 圣醒土星	SX Club - RED
TNHT	Rose Bowl - Queen's College
Lazy	Shanghai Chenyi 上海辰宜

Youth Y	
Round 1 2019-07-17 14:00 - 15:30	
Home Team	Visiting Team
1. Inter College — HKU	Rose Bowl - St. Paul's College
2. SX Club - Jupiter 圣醒木星	SX Club - Yellow
3. Swindler	SX Club - ORANGE
4. SX Club - Mercury 圣醒水星	Inter College — HKUST
5. SX Club - Little Star 小星星队	SX Club - Qinglong 青龙队
6. No Mind	Rose Bowl - BLMCSS
7. TKPCU	Shanghai Youth 上海山岭岭山队

Youth Y	
Round 2 2019-07-17 15:45 - 17:15	
Home Team	Visiting Team
Rose Bowl - St. Paul's College	TKPCU
Rose Bowl - BLMCSS	Inter College — HKU
SX Club - Yellow	Swindler
SX Club - ORANGE	SX Club - Mercury 圣醒水星
Inter College — HKUST	SX Club - Little Star 小星星队
SX Club - Qinglong 青龙队	No Mind
Shanghai Youth 上海山岭岭山队	SX Club - Jupiter 圣醒木星

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Round 3 2019-07-17 17:30 - 19:00	
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TKPCU	Rose Bowl - BLMCSS
SX Club - Jupiter 圣醒木星	Rose Bowl - St. Paul's College
Inter College — HKU	SX Club - Qinglong 青龙队
SX Club - Mercury 圣醒水星	SX Club - Yellow
SX Club - Little Star 小星星队	SX Club - ORANGE
No Mind	Inter College — HKUST
Swindler	Shanghai Youth 上海山岭岭山队



Xiashun Celebrity Tournament
廈順名人橋牌邀請賽



	Team				
Team 1	Mr S S CHAN Mr GUI Sheng Yue	陳成秀先生 桂生悅先生	+ +	Mr William CHAN Ms WANG Li Ping	陳志吉先生 王禮萍女士
Team 2	Mr W S CHAN Mr Charles YEUNG	陳榮旋先生 楊少初先生	+ +	Mr John Chai Ir. Dr Derrick PANG	蔡新榮先生 彭一邦博士工程師
Team 3	Mr Ricky CHU Mr K W LEE	朱敏健先生 李群華先生	+ +	Mr Vincent FUNG Mr Baron NG	馮浩賢先生 吳子翔先生
Team 4	Mr JU Chuan Cheng Mr WANG Dade	鞠傳成先生 王大德先生	+ +	Mr Patrick CHOY Mr JIANG Tong	蔡國雄先生 姜彤先生
Team 5	Ir Albert CHENG Mr WONG Sau Ching	鄭定寧工程師 黃守正先生	+ +	Mr Charlton WONG Prof LAM Kin	黃永泰先生 林建教授
Team 6	Mr Jerome SZE Mr NIE Weiping	施展熊先生 聶衛平先生	+ +	Prof SHEN Weike Mr SUN Shaolin	沈維克教授 孫少林先生
Team 7	Ms Naoko WADA Mr CHEN Sheng Hong	和田直子女士 陳勝洪先生	+ +	Ms Zoe LI Mr WANG Rui	李雪茹女士 王銳先生
Team 8	Mr LIN Rongqiang Mr Michael PANG	林榮強先生 彭準來先生	+ +	Mr TAO Jianhua Mr Tim SHUM	陶建華先生 岑建樂先生

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Rank
1		18.00	18.78	15.99	13.71	2.92	13.71	2.29	85.40	3
2	2.00		5.78	0.17	0.00	16.73	0.00	5.30	29.98	8
3	1.22	14.22		4.85	13.18	3.27	0.00	18.54	55.28	7
4	4.01	19.83	15.15		10.00	11.38	19.64	9.29	89.30	1
5	6.29	20.00	6.82	10.00		4.42	3.27	9.29	60.09	6
6	17.08	3.27	16.73	8.62	15.58		13.71	10.71	85.70	2
7	6.29	20.00	20.00	0.36	16.73	6.29		2.00	71.67	5
8	17.71	14.70	1.46	10.71	10.71	9.29	18.00		82.58	4



The Champion: Team 4

Mr JU Chuan Cheng	鞠傳成先生	+	Mr Patrick CHOY	蔡國雄先生
Mr WANG Dade	王大德先生	+	Mr JIANG Tong	姜彤先生



1st Runner-up: Team 6

Mr Jerome SZE	施展熊先生	+	Prof SHEN Weike	沈維克教授
Mr NIE Weiping	聶衛平先生	+	Mr SUN Shaolin	孫少林先生



2nd Runner-up: Team 1

Mr S S CHAN	陳成秀先生	+	Mr William CHAN	陳志吉先生
Mr GUI Sheng Yue	桂生悅先生	+	Ms WANG Li Ping	王禮萍女士

W B F Continuous Victory Point Scales

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ 世界橋聯連續式勝利分對照表 ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

IMP Difference	Winner VP (11-board)	Winner VP (12-board)	IMP Difference	Winner VP (11-board)	Winner VP (12-board)
0	10.00	10.00	27	17.11	16.91
1	10.37	10.36	28	17.28	17.08
2	10.74	10.71	29	17.45	17.24
3	11.09	11.05	30	17.61	17.40
4	11.43	11.38	31	17.77	17.56
5	11.77	11.70	32	17.92	17.71
6	12.09	12.01	33	18.07	17.86
7	12.41	12.31	34	18.21	18.00
8	12.71	12.61	35	18.35	18.14
9	13.01	12.90	36	18.49	18.28
10	13.30	13.18	37	18.62	18.41
11	13.58	13.45	38	18.75	18.54
12	13.85	13.71	39	18.87	18.66
13	14.11	13.97	40	18.99	18.78
14	14.37	14.22	41	19.11	18.90
15	14.62	14.46	42	19.22	19.02
16	14.86	14.70	43	19.33	19.13
17	15.10	14.93	44	19.44	19.24
18	15.33	15.15	45	19.54	19.34
19	15.55	15.37	46	19.64	19.44
20	15.76	15.58	47	19.74	19.54
21	15.97	15.79	48	19.84	19.64
22	16.18	15.99	49	19.93	19.74
23	16.38	16.18	50	20.00	19.83
24	16.57	16.37	51		19.92
25	16.75	16.55	52		20.00
26	16.93	16.73			

WBF ZONE 6 (APBF) THE PAST AND PRESENT



Patrick Choy
Vice President,
World Bridge Federation

In the early years

In the fifties, a group of Rubber Bridge players came together and organized a series of inter-port tournaments in Manila, Hong Kong and Bangkok. To enhance membership participation, our forerunners not only established national Bridge organizations in their own countries, but also in 1957 inaugurated the Far East Bridge Federation (FEBF) which became the zonal management center for promoting Bridge and presiding over regional championship events. Since then the FEBF has increased the number of NBOs substantially. In 1966, FEBF represented by its zonal champion, Thailand, made its first appearance in the Bermuda Bowl. In 1969, FEBF surprised the world when its representative, a combined Chinese Taipei (then Nationalist China)-Thai team, upended a powerful American team en route to meeting the legendary Italy Blue Team in the final of the Bermuda Bowl.

With the zone rapidly expanding to include Pacific, West Asian and the Middle Eastern NBOs, the 70's was regarded as a golden era of the FEBF. In 1980 those new FEBF NBOs in West Asia and the Middle East were granted their own zone (BFAME: WBF Zone 4). This WBF "re-zoning" by subtraction actually helped FEBF by allowing it to concentrate its resources and expand its influence in the East Asia region; China's entry gave its greatest impetus.

China Emerging

In 1979 a group of Hong Kong Bridge administrators and top players visited Shanghai and Beijing on a Bridge mission. During play in a friendly tournament it was suggested that the host country would consider forming a government-sanctioned national Bridge association. Only months later in 1980, the Chinese Contract Bridge Association (CCBA) was established under the Ministry of Sports; Deng Xiao Ping, the paramount leader became Honorary President of CCBA. In the same year WBF President Jaime Ortiz-Patiño visited China for the first time while, on a separate front, teams from Shanghai and Beijing came to Hong Kong to play in the Hong Kong Inter-City Tournament highlighting the first international exposure for China.

In 1981, CCBA inaugurated its first international tournament in Shanghai which was well attended by world-class players from USA, Europe and Asia. Later in the same year, the Hong Kong Inter-City Tournament caught worldwide attention when Chinese from the Mainland and Taiwan met officially for the for the very first time since their severance in 1949. 1982 was a landmark year:

CCBA became an official member of the WBF and FEBF, confirming China's interest in competing in FEBF and WBF Championships.

As avid Bridge players, many Chinese leaders have the vision of developing Bridge in their country. The most enlightening must be the remark made by Vice Premier Li Tieying during his meeting with WBF President, Bobby Wolff in 1993: "There are no less than 400 million card players in China and I wish to convert 30% of them (i.e. 120 million) to become Bridge players." Mr Li has embraced his vision with actions: today Bridge is being taught at high schools, universities and community centers. Even though the current Bridge population is still short of Mr Li's target, the latest estimate of 24 million players is an impressive figure.

In the Nineties

In 1991, FEBF changed its name to Pacific Asia Bridge Federation (PABF) to accurately reflect the geographical parameters of the Zone (i.e. the Pacific side of Asia) standing apart from the South Pacific Zone (Zone 7); Japan hosted the World Teams Championships in Yokohama and staged an exceptional tournament that demonstrated the expertise and spirit of cooperation from a NBO of the new zone.

On the trail of Japan, China organised the 1995 World Teams Championships in Beijing. In addition to the professional management of the tournament, the 1995 Championship also demonstrated that bridge can attract substantial commercial sponsorship not only for financing of the operation of tournament but also with resources to the development of bridge. The two World Championships generated enormous publicity and support which have profound effect on the development of bridge in Zone 6.

The Early Years of the 21st Century World Mind Sport Game

In 2005, WBF President José Damiani took the initiative for unifying other mind sports associations - i.e. Chess, Go and Draughtsatically, Chinese Chess – and was instrumental in creating the International Mind Sports Association (IMSA). Since then, Zone 6 and China have joined José in conceptualizing and bringing to fruition ambitious plans for the first World Mind Sport Games (WMSG) in the Olympic city of Beijing in 2008. The WMSG -Bridge was participated by practically all the NBOs in the world with over 2,300 national bridge players. The event attracted extensive publicity which has propelled the sport of Bridge to new heights, opening the way for Bridge and the other mind sports to hopefully become fully Olympic.

Asia Game and Asia Pacific Bridge Federation (APBF)

In 2009, to facilitate Bridge to be an Asia Game event, PABF was converted into APBF to put “on paper” the Zone 4 NBOs under its wing. While Zone 4 continues to operate under its own zonal management, to signify the unity of the two zones, the Zone 4 NBOs are highly encouraged to participate in the once every four years Asia Bridge Cup. The first its kind was held in Ningpo with the generous support and sponsorship of the municipality.

For years, the WBF has been trying to win Olympic status for Bridge. Moving a giant step closer to this dream, Indonesia through its ceaseless efforts has propelled Bridge as one of the events in the premier sporting event – the Asia Games in 2018.

Different Types of NBOs in Zone 6

A caveat: unlike the club-centered Bridge environment of Zone 1 and Zone 2, Bridge activities in Zone 6 are largely staged at community centers, schools, universities and social clubs not tied to their NBOs.

NBOs under PABF can be classified into four categories:

A. The small Bridge Clubs

The NBO itself is the biggest Bridge club of the country; Bridge activities are essentially enjoyed only by relatively affluent members. With their influence the NBO may well be a member of the National Sport Federation. Unfortunately, due to the lack of popular acceptance of Bridge (principally a difficult sport to appreciate by the masses), commercial sponsorships of any significance are hard to come by. Among the 12 PABF NBOs Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, China Macau and Korea are good Category A examples.

B. The Small but Developed NBOs

Here we have Hong Kong and Singapore, both with no more than 500 registered players; yet Bridge is a relatively popular sport in both. Their major tournaments, Hong Kong's Inter-City and Singapore's Pesta Sukan, are heavily sponsored by the government and by business enterprises while attracting hundreds of international Bridge players. What is most pleasing is that, aided by government funding at the high school and university levels, Bridge is being taught to students who in turn organize Bridge clubs and run well-attended inter-school competitions. Bridge is also a popular game in community centers.

C. Large Bridge Clubs

Japan and Chinese Taipei are somewhat similar to the major European NBOs, featuring a large Bridge population that includes a significant percentage of experts and professionals. Both NBOs have the technical expertise, resources and sponsorship to host annual first-class cash-prize tournaments – the NEC Bridge Festival and Yeh Brothers Cup – and attract many of the world's leading players.

D. Large and Developed Bridge Nations

The bridge scene in both China and Indonesia stands on its own. In addition to all the characteristics of the major European NBOs, Bridge in these countries is classified as a major sport (like table tennis in China and badminton in Indonesia) and is supported by substantial government subsidies. Commercial sponsorships are also surprisingly readily available. Both NBOs have been successfully promoting Bridge at the grass root level by teaching the game and organizing games/tournament in schools, colleges and above all, community centers. State leaders, ministerial-rank officials and top executives of major corporations are keen players who for decades acted as ambassadors for the game of Bridge. China and Indonesia, with a combined population of 1.6 billion, occupy 24% of the world's population; yet their per-capita Bridge population is no more than 2%. With the resources that the governments and commerce are willing to contribute, China and Indonesia represent the highest growth potential for WBF.

The Next Few Years

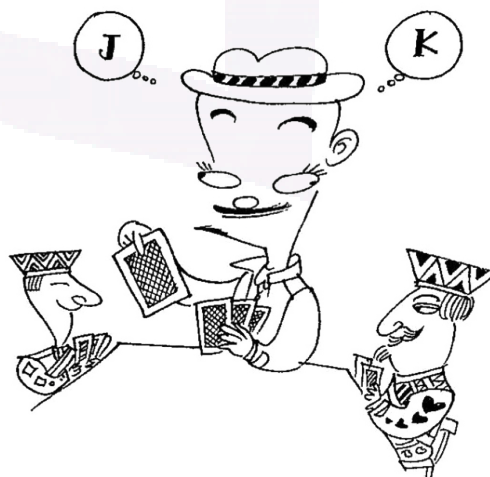
The next few years will be of critical importance to the development of bridge not only to Zone 6 APBF but more over to the world at large. In September this year (2019) the World Team Championship will be held in Wuhan, in Central China. In the Olympic Year of 2020, Qingdao China will stage the WMSG. The Organization is aiming to make this event as successful if not surpassing the Beijing 2008 edition. The 2022 Asia Game will be held in Hangzhou, China and bridge is very likely to be once again an official event. This will solidify bridge position as a recognised sport.

The Amazing Zone 6

During the past 60 years, we have witnessed Zone 6 in successfully organising eight World Bridge Championships to the total satisfaction of the world bridge community. Zone 6 has won six world bridge titles and 11 Zone 6 bridge players have been awarded World Grand Master status. Zone 6 started with a small group of bridge players in the three cities to become the administration center of bridge activities for 25% of the world population; and above all bridge is becoming a household name.

Bridge has come a long way. The world is quickly recognizing and appreciating the staying power of its magic.

June 2019



Guangzhou-Hong Kong-Macau Interport 2019

Over the weekend, the 36th Guangzhou-HK-Macau Interport was held for the first time in the Club House of the HKCBA Ltd. Two teams from each of the three regions play 16 boards against four other teams from the other two regions. Apart from the Champion team which accumulates the most VPs, there is also a Regional Overall Champion for the region with the most total VPs. While the Guangzhou team, consisting of Chen Ji-en, Liu Song, Lou Xing-cheng and Zhang Guang-yang, won the Championship, Hong Kong took the Regional Overall Champion by a meagre margin of 0.21 VPs.

Round 2 : Guangzhou vs HK – Dragonite
Guangzhou was ahead by 1 IMP after the first two boards.

Board 19 Dealer South EW Vul.

	♠ KQT84		
	♥ AJ7		
	♦ AQ5		
	♣ AQ		
♠ J5		♠ A3	
♥ KT532		♥ Q84	
♦ T64		♦ KJ92	
♣ KT6		♣ 9432	
	♠ 9762		
	♥ 96		
	♦ 873		
	♣ J875		
West	North	East	South
Chen	Leo	Zhang	Flora
			Pass
Pass	2♣ (*1)	Pass	2♦ (*2)
Pass	2NT (*3)	Pass	3♣ (*4)
Pass	3♠ (4+♠)	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

- *1 = almost GF
- *2 = waiting
- *3 = 23-24 HCPs balanced
- *4 = Stayman

In the Open Room, it was not surprising for Flora Wong of the HK – Dragonite team to explore further and raise to 4♠ after finding her partner, Leo Cheung, with ♠ fit because 2♣ opening, in their system, represented an almost game forcing hand.

It is highly unlikely to find the double dummy defence of ♠A and another ♠. Playing 3rd/5th lead, ♣3 was led to offer a free finesse in ♣ to the declarer, Leo of the HK – Dragonite team. Chen did well not to play his ♣K. As the cards lay, this was all the help Leo needed to bring home the contract. He drew trump with ♠K and East had no better return than his remaining trump. ♣A was unblocked before conceding a ♥. Leo could even afford to finesse in ♦ if ♦T was returned by West. Declarer could then take the next trick with his ♦A, cashed ♥A and ruffed another ♥. After all, ♣K fell under the next ♣ ruff. Dummy could still be re-entered with the last trump so that the second ♦ loser was taken care of by ♣J.

In the Closed Room, it would be too demanding for South, Liu of the Guangzhou team, to try game when holding a flat hand with just 1 HCP. Unfortunately, as far as Precision bidding is concerned, Luo could not jump to 2♠ with just a 5-card suit so as to force another round of bidding from his partner.

West	North	East	South
Daniel	Luo	Laurance	Liu
			Pass
Pass	1♣ (16+)	Pass	1♦ (0-7)
Pass	2NT (22-24)	All Pass	

10 tricks were made after the same ♣3 was led and ♥T/K was not covered when ♥9 was played from dummy. The extra overtricks limited Guangzhou's loss on this hand to just 6 IMPs.

After 5 more boards, Guangzhou recovered another overtrick IMP but still trailed by 4 IMPs. When their EW pair could not find the double dummy defence to defeat the feather thin 3NT contract reached by Leo/Flora in the Open Room, they lost another 6 IMPs as their teammates in the Closed Room correctly stayed in 3♥, duly made with an overtrick.

Board 25 Dealer North EW Vul.

♠ J85
♥ T9
♦ K8543
♣ K52

♠ 97
♥ K82
♦ J762
♣ AJT8

♠ QT432
♥ QJ
♦ QT9
♣ 643

♠ AK6
♥ A76543
♦ A
♣ Q97

West	North	East	South
Chen	Leo	Zhang	Flora
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT (F1)	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	Pass

Zhang made a normal fourth best lead of ♠3 which was run to declarer's ♠J. A ♥ was ducked and Zhang now shifted to ♦9. But the defence was a tempo behind. ♥ A and another ♥ set up 3 more tricks in that suit. The defence could not untangle the ♦ suit in time to score two more tricks before declarer established his ninth trick in ♣.

Guangzhou was still behind by 9 IMPs when board 28 came up. Both North faced with the same aggressive preempt of 3♣ by West, the dealer. They took different views of their holdings and the bold bidders were rewarded by 10 IMPs.

Board 28 Dealer West NS Vul.

♠ AT4
♥ AQJ7
♦ Q94
♣ KT6

♠ J7
♥ T
♦ J75
♣ A985432

♠ Q32
♥ K8542
♦ KT3
♣ J7

♠ K9865
♥ 963
♦ A862
♣ Q

Open Room :

West	North	East	South
Chen	Leo	Zhang	Flora
3♣	X	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Closed Room :

West	North	East	South
Daniel	Luo	Laurance	Liu
3♣	3NT	All Pass	

Hoping partner to have a fair share of the remaining values, Lou of the Guangzhou team gambled for 3NT while Leo Cheung of the HK – Dragonite team opted for a takeout double. When his partner came up with 3♠, Leo tossed a coin in his mind and passed, thus missing the vulnerable game. Guangzhou took the lead for the first time in this match by 1 IMP.

The next board featured a finer bidding sequence adopted by Chen Ji-en of the Guangzhou team.



Board 29 Dealer North Both Vul.

♠ 95
♥ 862
♦ K754
♣ AJ74

♠ AK
♥ 43
♦ AQT82
♣ K982

♠ 76432
♥ A97
♦ 93
♣ T63

♠ QJT8
♥ KQJT5
♦ J6
♣ Q5

Open Room :

West Chen	North Leo	East Zhang	South Flora
2♦	2♥	Pass	1♥
X	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Closed Room :

West Daniel Liu	North Luo	East Laurance	South
X	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦ (*1)	Pass	2♥
	Pass	2♠	All Pass

*1 = Good raise in ♥

In the Open Room, when declarer ducked the ♥ lead, Flora Wong of the HK Dragonite team erred by not returning ♣Q right away so that they could take the first 4 tricks by way of a ♥, two ♣ and a ♣ ruff while the offside trump K would be the setting trick. In the Closed Room, 2♠ went 3 down. The 9 IMPs gained on this board extended Guangzhou's lead to 10 IMPs.

On board 30, the HK – Dragonite team gained 2 overtricks IMPs to cut the deficit to 8 IMPs.

Board 31 Dealer South NS Vul.

♠ KJ87
♥ 8753
♦ QJ85
♣ 6

♠ T52
♥ K94
♦ AKT964
♣ 4

♠ 63
♥ QJT6
♦ 2
♣ AQJ532

♠ AQ94
♥ A2
♦ 73
♣ KT987

Open Room :

West Chen	North Leo	East Zhang	South Flora
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
X	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room :

West Daniel	North Luo	East Laurance	South Liu
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	X

Owing to the unfavourable lie of cards, both 3NT in the Open Room and 3♥ in the Closed Room went 3 down. HK – Dragonite overtook Guangzhou again and maintained the tiny winning margin of 2 IMPs until the end.

Round 3 : Guangzhou vs HK – Mickey House

Board 5 Dealer North NS Vul.

The HK – Mickey House team were made up of aggressive bidders and it was not surprising this match was decided by how good they handled the slam hands. Though they gained 13 IMPs from making 6♠ on board 13, a slam not reached by the Guangzhou team in the Open Room, they missed the other two on board 3 and 5, dropping 22 IMPs as a result.

Board 3 Dealer South EW Vul

♠ K9832			
♥ J8			
♦ KT			
♣ Q854			
♠ A76		♠ QJT54	
♥ T92		♥ 754	
♦ 984		♦ 732	
♣ JT97		♣ 32	
♠ -			
♥ AKQ63			
♦ AQJ65			
♣ AK6			

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♠ (*2)	Pass	2♣ (*1)
Pass	4♣	Pass	3NT(*3)
All Pass		Pass	4NT

- *1 = strong (22+) or at least 5-4 in majors, less than opening hand
- *2 = excellent support in ♠ if opener is 4-5 in majors weak
- *3 = strong

Expecting partner to have a minimum balanced hand of 22-23 HCPs, Kong of the HK – Mickey House team judged not to push for any non-vulnerable slam and passed, especially when there was no obvious fit in the black suits.

♠ 85	♠ AK63
♥ KQ	♥ AJ982
♦ T832	♦ A74
♣ K7532	♣ 6
♠ QJ942	
♥ 74	
♦ 95	
♣ AQJT	
♠ T7	
♥ T653	
♦ KQJ6	
♣ 984	

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
	All Pass		

First lead : ♥K Results : 4♠ by W +2
At the Closed Room, the bidding by the Guangzhou pair went :-

West	North	East	South
1♠ (8+)	Pass	1♣ (16+)	Pass
3♣ (*2)	Pass	2♠ (*1)	Pass
4♠	Pass	3♦ (*3)	X
5♣ (*4)	Pass	4NT	Pass
		6♠	All Pass

- *1 = Trump asking
- *2 = 5-card with one top honour (A/K/Q)
- *3 = Asking for quality in ♦
- *4 = one keycard

In view of the lead directing X by his partner, ♦3 was led by Kong of the HK – Mickey House team. Declarer had no better option than ruffing finesse the ♣K after drawing one round of trump. A second trump was played towards the queen. When the outstanding trumps were split 2-2, declarer could discard the two small ♦ in dummy by the good ♣ and then ruffed ♦ with dummy's last trump, losing just a ♥ trick.

Board 13 Dealer North Both Vul.

♠ A6
♥ K
♦ AJT
♣ KT98732

♠ 2
♥ JT642
♦ K876
♣ AJ4

♠ J754
♥ Q9
♦ 9432
♣ Q65

♠ KQT983
♥ A8753
♦ Q5
♣ -

Closed Room :

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦ (F1)
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠ (*1)
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠ (*2)
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- *1 = Good 6+ suit
- *2 = 2 KCs + ♠Q

Against ♥J led by West, Yiu of the HK - Mickey House team next ruffed a ♣ and a ♥. Another ♣ was ruffed before entering dummy again with a trump. Dummy's ♣ was established after ruffing for the third time. If two more rounds of trumps could remove all the outstanding trumps, declarer could cash ♥A before entering dummy with ♦A to enjoy the good ♣. As the cards lay, despite the 4-1 break in trump, Yiu could cash ♥A and intended to take the finesse in ♦ by first playing a small ♦ towards dummy. ♣ could then be played from dummy until East ruffed while there was still an entry to dummy in ♦. It did the defence no good even if West put up his ♦K to block the suit because declarer could overcome this by jettisoning the ♦Q from hand when ♣ was played from dummy. East had nothing other than ♦ to return after ruffing either ♥A or ♣.

In the Open Room, Chen stretched the North hand a bit to make a Precision 1♣ opening and then took a pessimistic view to stay out of slam.

West	North	East	South
	1♣ (16+)	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

They could have taken the following course of action in order to get to this small slam.

West	Chen North	East	Zhang South
	1♣ (16+)	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT (*1)	Pass	2♦ (*2)
Pass	2♠ (*3)	Pass	3♠ (*4)
Pass	4♣ (*5)	Pass	4♠ (*6)
Pass	5♠ (Extra?)	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- *1 = Control asking
- *2 = 3 controls (A = 2 ; K = 1)
- *3 = Trump asking
- *4 = 6-card with two top honours (A/K/Q)
- *5 = Asking for quality in ♣
- *6 = shortness, singleton or void

Based on his own holdings, Chen could tell that his partner held ♠KQ and ♥A but not ♦K. On the other hand, Zhang was certain that Chen knew his strength in the majors. Given his ♦Q, ♥ length, void in ♣ and Chen's possible better trump support than Ax to provide further source of tricks, it was justified for him to shoot for small slam himself.

For the same slam reached by both teams on board 16, the HK - Mickey House team declared from South in the Closed Room and failed while that was made in the Open Room when declared from the opposite direction by their opposing team.

Board 16 Dealer West EW Vul.

	♠ K953	
	♥ AT4	
	♦ KJ2	
	♣ KQ5	
♠ 874		♠ Q6
♥ 962		♥ KJ853
♦ T94		♦ Q53
♣ 9874		♣ 632
	♠ AJT2	
	♥ Q7	
	♦ A876	
	♣ AJT	

In the Open Room where Chen of the Guangzhou team sat North, the bidding went :-

West	North	East	South
	1C (16+)	Pass	1NT*
Pass	3NT (16-18)	Pass	4D
Pass	4S	Pass	6S
All Pass			

1NT*= 8-13 or 16+

Apparently, the defence gave away nothing by leading ♣6. Chen passed the first hurdle by tackling trump starting with small to the king. After clearing all outstanding trumps and eliminating ♣ ending in dummy, Chen considered his options in restricting loser in the two red suits to ONE only. With obvious length in the red suits, it was fishy that East had led an unsupported ♣. Instead of finessing in ♦, he chose to cash the two top ♦, hoping to drop ♦Q doubleton. When that was not the case, he still had an extra chance if the suit was divided 3-3. East was then hopelessly thrown in by the third ♦ and the small slam was beautifully brought in, well deservedly netting 14 IMPs for the Guangzhou team and winning the match by a bigger margin of 35 IMPs.



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Rank	Team	Names	VPs	Bds	R1	R2	R3	R4
1	4	Guangzhou	66.84	64	20	9.39	17.45	20
2	5	Hong Kong - Dragonite	55.43	64	16.88	10.61	17.03	10.91
3	6	Hong Kong - Mickey Hou	48.05	64	13.97	16.73	2.55	14.8
4	3	Guangzhou Pearl River	36.37	64	6.03	13.28	7.97	9.09
5	2	Macau 2	18.42	64	3.12	3.27	12.03	0
6	1	Macau 1	14.89	64	0	6.72	2.97	5.2

The Champion: Team 4
 Guangzhou



Hong Kong Team



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Final result

8 tables, 16 pairs. Number of boards: 24. Average: 168.

Rank	Pair	Score	%	Name
1	6	202	60.1	Zhang Guang Yang - K L Fung
2	16	201	59.8	Baron Ng - Wilson Mok
3	2	197	58.6	Steve Wong - Benny Kwok
4	7	186	55.4	Kongo Kong - Yiu Wai Sing
5	18	177	52.7	Rocky Tam - Barney Lui
6	3	173	51.5	Asvezes Tsang - Wai Choi
7	11	172	51.2	Charlie Lee - W K Lai
8	1	170	50.6	Lawrence Lee - Vincent Lei
9	4	166	49.4	Wilson Leung - Peter Chow
10	8	160	47.6	H L Hau - Sing Leung
11	12	159	47.3	Krystal Fang - Leo Lam
12	13	149	44.3	Jenny To - Louis Leung
13	15	146	43.5	Bacon Lam - Beacon Lam
14	14	145	43.2	York Kwan - Ben Law
15	5	144	42.9	Lou Xing Cheng - Lui Song
16	17	141	42.0	Alan Mok - Kelvin Yim



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The Champion: Pair 6
Zhang Guang Yang - K L Fung



1st Runner-up: Pair 16
Baron Ng - Wilson Mok



2nd Runner-up: Pair 2
Steve Wong - Benny Kwok



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