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“WELCOME FRIENDS”



It gives me the greatest of pleasure to welcome all of you to Beijing. This is no ordinary occasion. As bridge and the other mind sports are paving their way towards Olympic recognition, we are experiencing the unprecedented pleasure of welcoming young players from no fewer than 74 countries, representing all the continents and zones. At the same time, we will be holding our prime Youth events, the competitions for the Ortiz-Patino and Damiani Trophies, for young and younger players.

Many people have done a lot of work to make this competition a success. The Chinese organisers, fresh from the huge success of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, are once again bringing their skill and experience to bear on our Olympic-like event.

The World Bridge Federation has concentrated all its efforts on these events and proved its great care for Youth bridge by providing us with a complete separate organisation. We are fortunate enough to have a first class team, consisting of international experts, who have come here to run these Youth competitions.

I am sure that players and team officials alike will contribute to the success of these Games in their own way, by showing the highest possible ethics and good sportsmanship. I am certain that each one will do his or her utmost to ensure that bridge will see an unforgettable success in Beijing.

Enjoy the bridge and enjoy your stay in China.

Panos Gerontopoulos
(General Manager Youth Bridge Section)

Today's Schedule

- 10.30 U-28 Teams, Swiss 1
- 10.30 U-26 Teams, Round 1
- 10.30 U-21 Teams, Round 1
- 14.20 U-28 Teams, Swiss 2
- 14.20 U-26 Teams, Round 2
- 14.20 U-21 Teams, Round 2
- 17.30 U-28 Teams, Swiss 3
- 17.30 U-26 Teams, Round 3
- 17.30 U-21 Teams, Round 3



TD Corner



The Tournament Directors would like to stress the importance of asking and answering all questions in writing. Given the many languages in use at these championships, this is by far and away the safest method to ensure no unnecessary misunderstandings. Having a written record of a query and response also protects you from any disagreement regarding the facts should there be a dispute.

The Appeals period against a TD's ruling expires 30 minutes after the official result is posted.

U-26 TEAMS

TODAY'S
PROGRAM

ROUND 1

1	POLAND	GERMANY
2	CHILE	USA
3	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY
4	INDONESIA	CHINESE TAIPEI
5	CHINA	CANADA
6	ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND
7	EGYPT	ITALY
8	AUSTRALIA	INDIA
9	DENMARK	CHINA HONG KONG

ROUND 2

1	POLAND	AUSTRALIA
2	GERMANY	CHINA HONG KONG
3	ITALY	ARGENTINA
4	NEW ZEALAND	CHINA
5	CANADA	INDONESIA
6	CHINESE TAIPEI	NETHERLANDS
7	NORWAY	CHILE
8	USA	DENMARK
9	INDIA	EGYPT

ROUND 3

1	CHINA HONG KONG	USA
2	DENMARK	NORWAY
3	AUSTRALIA	GERMANY
4	NETHERLANDS	CANADA
5	INDONESIA	NEW ZEALAND
6	CHINA	ITALY
7	ARGENTINA	INDIA
8	EGYPT	POLAND
9	CHILE	CHINESE TAIPEI

U-21 TEAMS

TODAY'S
PROGRAM

ROUND 1

1	URUGUAY	ECUADOR
2	SINGAPORE	USA
3	AUSTRALIA	BOTSWANA
4	ARGENTINA	NORWAY
5	POLAND	BULGARIA
6	NETHERLANDS	PAKISTAN
7	CANADA	INDONESIA
8	CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA
9	FRANCE	ENGLAND

ROUND 2

1	URUGUAY	CHINESE TAIPEI
2	ECUADOR	ENGLAND
3	INDONESIA	NETHERLANDS
4	PAKISTAN	POLAND
5	BULGARIA	ARGENTINA
6	NORWAY	AUSTRALIA
7	BOTSWANA	SINGAPORE
8	USA	FRANCE
9	CHINA	CANADA

ROUND 3

1	ENGLAND	USA
2	FRANCE	BOTSWANA
3	CHINESE TAIPEI	ECUADOR
4	AUSTRALIA	BULGARIA
5	ARGENTINA	PAKISTAN
6	POLAND	INDONESIA
7	NETHERLANDS	CHINA
8	CANADA	URUGUAY
9	SINGAPORE	NORWAY

The Brighton Swiss Pairs 2008

by Brian Senior

The Swiss Pairs Championship at the English Bridge Union's Summer Meeting in Brighton is the biggest event in the EBU calendar, with well over 200 tables playing over four sessions, 14 x 8-board matches. This year it was won by two juniors, Simon Cope and John Atthey. They offered these three deals from the last session to illustrate how the cup was won.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North Atthey	East	South Cope
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

The champions bid nicely to the top spot (4♠ also makes on this layout but 5♣ is where you would want to be) on this deal which caused problems for much of the field. The 1NT response was forcing and 2♥ showed either a minimum hand with six spades or weak or invitational with clubs. John bid 2♠ in case it was the first option and now 3♣ was invitational with clubs (2NT would have been weak with clubs). John supported clubs, Simon cuebid, and John settled for game; +400.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North Atthey	East	South Cope
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

One Club was either natural or balanced and 1♠ denied a major. When East overcalled, Simon's pass was either a penalty double of hearts or, as here, an 11-13 no trump. John bid 2NT and, with a maximum, Simon went on to game.

The lead was the eight of spades. John won the ace and led a diamond to the ace then finessed the ♦8, following restricted choice and catering to a possible four-one split. That lost and back came another spade. John cashed his spade and diamond winners and West bared the king of hearts to keep the clubs. John played a heart to the king and West led a low club. Rising with the ace allowed John to exit with a club to East's now bare king of clubs and East had to lead to the ♥Q at the end for declarer's ninth trick; a nice +600.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North Atthey	East	South Cope
—	Pass	1♦	Dble
Pass	1♥	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♥
3♦	All Pass		

There seemed to be little to this deal, yet simply for pushing the opposition up a level and getting the resulting 3♦ down one Simon and John chalked up an 80% board. North's double of 2♦ to show some values but no long suit would be a fairly routine expert manoeuvre but, as the matchpoint score on this deal illustrates, it is by no means automatic for non-experts.

Simon is here in Beijing as coach for the English Open team.

Ben Green also came up with a couple of interesting stories, the first from the third session. Ben and Duncan Happer are in the English Under 28 team here in Beijing.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A J 8 7 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ A Q 10 9 2 ♣ Q</p>			
♠ K Q 9 2 ♥ K J 8 5 ♦ J 7 6 4 ♣ 7	<p>N W E S</p>	♠ 10 4 3 ♥ 9 6 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ A 8 6 5 4	
<p>♠ 6 5 ♥ 10 7 4 3 ♦ 3 ♣ K J 10 9 3 2</p>			
West	North	East	South
Green		Happer	
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	All Pass	

South must have been thrilled to be forced to choose between his partner's suits – understandably, he didn't want to do anything that would suggest any more strength than he actually had.

Duncan Happer led the three of spades to the queen and ace and declarer played ace then ruffed a diamond with dummy's remaining trump. He took the heart finesse then misguessed the diamonds, leading the queen in the hope that this might pin the jack. Duncan won the ♦Q and played his remaining heart to declarer's ace. Now declarer decided to try a club, but Duncan won the ace and led the ♠10, which Ben ran to declarer's jack. When

declarer next led the ten of diamonds, Duncan pitched and Ben could win, draw trumps, and cash two heart winners for one down; a nice defence.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A 3 ♥ Q 9 7 4 ♦ 10 9 7 6 2 ♣ 10 4</p>			
♠ Q 10 5 4 ♥ 2 ♦ 8 4 ♣ K J 7 6 5 2	<p>N W E S</p>	♠ 9 8 7 2 ♥ 8 3 ♦ Q J 5 3 ♣ 9 8 3	
<p>♠ K J 6 ♥ A K J 10 6 5 ♦ A K ♣ A Q</p>			
West	North	East	South
	Green		Happer
Pass	Pass	2NT	Dble
3♣	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

East's imaginative 2NT psyche created a very unusual situation for Ben and Duncan. Naturally, Duncan began with a double and Ben could double 3♣ for take-out. Duncan cuebid and was delighted to find the heart fit. He continued with RKCB and, on finding Ben with one key card, asked for the ♥Q. 5NT said yes, but no side king, and 6♣ asked for second-round control in that suit.

Most people who had an uncontested auction found getting to seven was too difficult. The grand only makes because of North's five-card diamond suit, plus his having the right doubleton. Overcoming the psyche and having a scientific auction was a good effort.

ID



Players are reminded that they must wear their official ID badges at all times.

All players must have their passports checked to confirm their eligibility to play in these championships. NPCs should deliver all their team's passports to the bridge hospitality outside the Open playing room, not later than the end of play on Sunday,

HELP!

We badly need your help to make the Youth section of these bulletins as good as it possibly can be. Between the three championships we have 110 tables in play and there are just three bulletin editors. It is almost guaranteed that we will therefore miss all your most brilliant plays, bids of genius, and moments of sheer insanity.

So we need your help. Please, if you have a good story, whether it be a brilliancy or an entertaining disaster, let us know about it.

The bulletin team is Brian Senior, Jan van Cleef and Micke Melander. If you don't see one of us walking around, we can be found in the bulletin room, through the far end of the Open Room.