



## 2006 YEH BROS CUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 16th to 19th (Thursday~Sunday)

Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei



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### Welcome to the 2006 Yeh Bros Cup Championships

**T**HIS IS the strongest Yeh Bros Cup field in the eight year history of the event with star players from all over the globe. Indeed, this is arguably the strongest bridge event that has ever been held in Asia, apart from the four Bermuda Bowls. (Taipei in 1971, Manila in 1977, Yokohama in 1991, and Beijing 1995. Next year the Bowl will be in Shanghai.)

The trip to Kaohsiung already been a useful learning experience for a handful of bridge experts (who bribed me not to print their names). Thinking Kaohsiung to be a suburb of Taipei, they flew into Taipei and caught the bus. They had six hours on the bus to learn the truth!

Kaohsiung is the second largest city in Taiwan with a population of about 1,450,000. It sits on the southwestern coast of Taiwan facing the [Taiwan Strait](#). It is a major centre for manu-



*The Love River meandering through the city before feeding into the harbour*

facturing, refining, and transportation.

The downtown areas are centred around Kaohsiung Harbour, which is one of the four largest harbours in the world. So it is no surprise that Kaohsiung the centre of Taiwan's [shipbuilding](#) industry, as well as home to a large [ROC Navy](#) base.

#### Free Harbour Cruise

Mr Chen Yeh, the sponsor of the Yeh Bros Cup, invites participants and their spouses on a half day harbour cruise on Saturday morning.

Pick up from the hotel is 9am on Saturday 18 March and the bus will return by about 11:30am.

Anyone wishing to go must register on the seventh floor registration desk by 7pm Friday at the latest.



*Kaohsiung Harbour, where the tour will go on Saturday morning*

#### Increase in Prize Money

Following the late entry of a team, the prize money (to be paid in cash) has now been increased by US \$13,000. The total pool is now US \$81,500. In detail:

Open teams	1st US \$42,000
	2nd US \$10,000
	3rd US \$6,000
Swiss teams	1st US \$5,000
	2nd US \$2,000
Open pairs	1st US \$6,000
	2nd US \$3,000
	3rd US \$1,500
Consolation Pairs	1st US \$1,500
	2nd US \$1,000
	3rd US \$500

#### You can make the difference!!

Good input from you will help to change this bulletin from being pretty ordinary to pretty good.

So please take a little time to share your interesting bridge situations and do pass on anything funny.

I will be around the office on the seventh floor most of the time.

But you may also prefer to simply leave a note. That is fine too.

Your stories are all the more interesting because the same boards are being used in all the matches. And the later matches will be on BBO so many of the Internet readers will also be familiar with the deals.

## Team Rosters

<b>France</b>	Paul Chemla, Alain Levy, Marc Bompis, Jean Christophe Quantin
<b>Morris Chang</b>	Morris Chang, C-H Kuo, Jessica Lee, Derek Zen, Samuel Wan
<b>Italy I</b>	Maria Teresa Lavazza npc, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Guido Ferraro, Agustin Madala, Adam Zmudzinski, Cezari Balicki
<b>Indonesia</b>	Amiruddin Yusuf, Munawar Sawirudin, Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Denny Sacul
<b>Italy II</b>	Benito Garozzo, Dano De Falco, Antonio Sementa, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria, Gabriella Olivieri, Sergio Valle mgr
<b>Japan</b>	Yasuhiro Shimizu, Yoshiyuki Nakamura, Chen Dawei, Kazuo Furuta
<b>USA II</b>	Steve Landen, Geoff Hampson, Brad Moss, Fred Gitelman
<b>Hong Kong</b>	Alan Sze, W. K. Lai, W. K. Chan, K. F. Mak
<b>Sweden</b>	Per Olof Sundelin, John Carruthers, Ricco van Prooijen, Louk Verhees
<b>Singapore</b>	Ho Hweng Sheng, Wong Choo Wai, Steve Robinson, Heng Aik Koon, Liao Kuo Tang
<b>Wolffpack</b>	Bobby Wolff, Neil Chambers, Dan Morse, John Schermer
<b>Philippines</b>	Martin Anastacio, Ceferino Carreon, Albert Quiogue, Vicente Reyes, Kong Te Yang, Arnel Baybay manager
<b>UK</b>	Barbara Hackett npc, Paul Hackett, Justin Hackett, Geir Helgemo, John Armstrong
<b>Korea</b>	Ilsu Chung, Jungyoon Park, Kyunghae Sung, Sooja Kwon,
<b>Global Mix</b>	Sabine Auken, Daniela Von Arnim, Juan C. Ventin, Pablo Lambardi
<b>Well Wise</b>	Albert Hsiao, Violet Liu, Craig Gower, Wayne Chu, Kurt Ko
<b>Canada</b>	Eric Kokish, George Mittleman, Gavin Walpert, Vincent Demuy
<b>Wei-Chein</b>	Chi-Hsiang Wang npc, S.H. Chuang, Huan-Kwei Lai, Chao-Chi Lu Shi-Chi Lin, Tzong-Shun Ho, J.J. Wei
<b>Poland</b>	Radek Kielbasinski, Piotr Gawrys, Bartosz Chmurski, Apolinary Kowalski, Piotr Tuszyński
<b>Num Kun</b>	Jonky Chung, Herstein Liu, Sidney Yang, Jed Wang, Sidney Liu
<b>Australia</b>	Ishmael Del'Monte, Hugh Grosvenor, Bobby Richman, Zoly Nagy, Maryo Derofo
<b>Chikan</b>	Teng-Yuan Liang, Chien-Kuo Wang, Yu-Chang Hung, Chi-Tsong Hung
<b>New Zealand</b>	Val Gardiner, Richard Jedrychowski, Ashley Bach, Michael Ware
<b>Jetox-Jet</b>	John Yeh npc, Jong Wu, Hsiu-Ching Hsia, Chieh-I Kuo, Cheng-Hsien, Sun, Jeff Tsai, Jackie Chen
<b>Israel</b>	Migry Zur Campanile, Michael Barel, Israel Yadlin, Doron Yadlin
<b>Yeh Bros</b>	Chen Yeh, Jim Tritt, Patrick Huang, Chin-Hsiang Wu, Chih-Kuo Shen, Juei-Yu Shih

## From the Chief Director

This is a summary – all players should read the full text of the Conditions of Contest as printed in the welcome programme.



*Chief Grenside laying down the law at the captain's meeting*

The championships are a 12 round Swiss of 8 board matches, delayed draw, to qualify 15 teams to a knock-out stage. 7 ½ minutes per board + 5 minutes to finish off. Notification of time taken will be announced at the ¼, ½ and ¾ points. There will be no play backs.

No Brown sticker convention in the Swiss but Brown stickers are permitted in knockout stages provided system cards are lodged with the CTD before the start of the Swiss.

All questions and answers to be written.

For Swiss, blind lineups will apply. Penalties will apply for: late seating, late finish, mobile phones, smoking.

Appeals and score corrections:

For Swiss 1-2-3 by 2:15 pm 16th; 4-5-6 by 8:45 am 17th; 7-8-9 by 2:15 pm 17th; 10-11-12, 15 minutes after each match. For Knockouts: 15 minutes after each segment.

Scoring: pick up slips will be used. The scoring team will produce results and these should be checked by teams before the next match.

Laws: players are reminded that defenders are not permitted to question their partners of failure to follow suit.

No smoking in any area other than the designated smoking area.

*Richard Grenside*

## Australia's National Open teams final

Since no one has yet pulled a card in the Yeh Bros Cup, here are a few interesting deals from the final of Australia's National Open Teams, which was played in late January.

Boye BROGELAND, Espen Erichsen (Norway), Pablo Lambardi (Argentina), David Stern, Linda Stern, Robert Grynberg (Australia) met Erwin OTVOSI (Australia), Marek Szymanowski, Marek Borewicz, Jacek Pszczola, Jurek Russyan, Jeremy Stepinski (Poland).

OTVOSI picked up tenimps on the first board when a light Brogeland overall did more harm than good.

Board 1	♠ A Q 9 8 6		
N/Nil	♥ K J 5		
	♦ 2		
	♣ J 10 7 2		
♠ 2		♠ K J 7 4	
♥ A Q 8 4 2		♥ 7 6 3	
♦ J 5 4		♦ 10 9 8 6 3	
♣ 6 5 4 3		♣ K	
	♠ 10 5 3		
	♥ 10 9		
	♦ A K Q 7		
	♣ A Q 9 8		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brogeland	Stepinski	Erichsen	Russyan
	1♠	pass	2♣
2♥	pass	pass	4♠
all pass			

Erichsen could have led the king of clubs to ensure a one-trick set but he led his partner's suit. Looking at those juicy trumps, he might have hoped to force declarer off. However, the heart lead cut the communication with his partner and the club ruff vanished into the icy atmosphere. (The Lakeside Hotel, the venue for the final, chills the playing room colder than the average meat works.)

Things went differently at the other table where there was no overall.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Szym'ski	L Stern	Pepsi	Lambardi
	1♠	pass	2♣
pass	3♣	pass	4♠
all pass			

Pepsi led a diamond and Linda, with no indication about the heart honours, played off the king and queen of diamonds to pitch two hearts. Nice

## Schedule for Thursday 16 March, 2006

9:00 - 10:05	Swiss qualifying – 1
10:20 - 11:25	Swiss qualifying – 2
11:40 - 12:45	Swiss qualifying – 3
14:20 - 15:25	Swiss qualifying – 4
15:40 - 16:45	Swiss qualifying – 5
17:00 - 18:05	Swiss qualifying – 6
19:15	Pre-dinner cocktail party – 4th floor
19:30	Welcome dinner – 4th floor

### Draw for match 1

France v Japan  
Italy 1 v Hong Kong  
Italy 2 v Well Wise  
USA 2 v Jetox-Jet  
Sweden v Chikan  
Wolffpack v Indonesia  
England v Yeh Bros  
Global Mix v Num Kun  
Canada v Wei Chein  
Poland v Philippines  
Australia v Morris Chang  
New Zealand v Singapore  
Israel v Korea

### Draw for match 2

France v Hong Kong  
Italy 1 v Well Wise  
Italy 2 v Jetox-Jet  
USA 2 v Chikan  
Sweden v Indonesia  
Wolffpack v Yeh Bros  
England v Num Kun  
Global Mix v Wei Chein  
Canada v Philippines  
Poland v Morris Chang  
Australia v Singapore  
New Zealand v Korea  
Israel v Japan

In round three the draw will be based on the standings at the end of the first round and the fourth round will be based on the end of the second round and so on. Only in the last round will the draw be based on the current standings.

plan but here it was fatal. At this point declarer could not prevent being forced off. At the table, Linda ran the ten of spades. Pepsi won the jack and switched to the king of clubs. When in with the king of spades he crossed to the ace of hearts for the club ruff and one down. OTVOSI 10 BROGELAND 0.

On board 9, Stepinski faced this lead problem as North.

♠ Q75 ♥ — ♦ QJ5 ♣ KQJ10753

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brogeland	Stepinski	Erichsen	Russyan
	2♣!	dbl	5♣
5♥	6♣	pass	pass
6♥	all pass		

The wisdom of your 6♣ bid will depend on your lead.

**BBO BROADCAST** will start on March 17 for the last 3 matches of the qualifying, and all knock-out matches and finals.

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

Stepinski led ♣K. Brogeland won ♣A, drew trumps and ducked a spade. When the spades divided 3-3 he had his 12 tricks. A diamond lead would have beaten the slam by two tricks.

In the other room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Szym'ski	L Stern	Pepsi	Lambardi
	1♣	1♠	1NT
3♥	pass	4♣	pass
4♥	all pass		

*Continued over ....*

**Put this in your diary**  
**The 2007 Yeh Bros Cup**  
**Championships will be**  
**held in Shen Zhen**

Linda gave East-West an easy run when she failed to press in clubs. Szymanowski made the same 12 tricks on the same lead, for +680 and 13 imps out. OTVOSI 34 BROGELAND 25. Then came the deal that would clinch the final.

Board 24	♠ J		
W/Nil	♥ K J 10 6		
	♦ A 10 7		
	♣ A Q 10 8 5		
♠ K 10 8 6 5		♠ 3	
♥ 8 4		♥ A Q 9 7 3 2	
♦ J 4 2		♦ Q 5 3	
♣ 9 6 2		♣ K 4 3	
	♠ A Q 9 7 4 2		
	♥ 5		
	♦ K 9 8 6		
	♣ J 7		

Things happened normally enough in the first room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
D Stern	Pszczola	Grynberg	Szym'ski
pass	1♣	1♥	dbl
pass	3NT	all pass	

Grynberg led ♥7. Leading long suits against notrumps might be intuitive but it is wrong more often than it is right.

Declarer won ♥J and played on clubs. Grynberg hopped in with ♣K and banged down ♥A in the hope of finding declarer with ♥KJ but when that failed to materialize, he shifted to a spade. Declarer ducked allowing the defence to take their third and final trick.

At the other table the Poles put up a defence that was as good as you will see.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Russyan	Erichsen	Stepinski	Brogeland
pass	1♣	1♥	1♠
pass	2♣	pass	2♠
pass	2NT	pass	3♥
pass	3NT	pass	pass
dbl	pass	pass	rdbl
all pass			

The first good move was Russyan's double steering Stepinski off the fatal

heart lead. He duly led a spade and Erichsen had nothing better to do than to duck. Russyan won the king and shifted to ♥8. Erichsen put in ♥J and Stepinski won ♥Q. The defence had started well but declarer was still on track to an easy make by way of two spades, two diamonds, four clubs and a heart but Stepinski found a brilliant shift to interfere with declarer's communications. He switched to the queen of diamonds. Erichsen could not afford to win in dummy and cash the two top spades because he would not have safe discards. In essence, the ♦Q shift forced Erichsen to guess who had ♦J. Not surprisingly, he judged the shift to be from ♦QJx. He won ♦A and ran ♦10. His heart must have sank when West won ♦J and continued hearts. East beat ♥10 with ♥A and forced out ♥K with ♥7. Erichsen cashed two spades and two diamonds before taking the club finesse but East won ♣K and cashed a good heart for down two. OTVOSI +600. That was 14 imps in instead of 12 away.

OTVOSI 68 BROGELAND 49.

Then OTVOSI added 12 more imps when they bid a slam that was missed by the Norwegians.

Board 27	♠ A		
S/Nil	♥ J 8 7 6 4 2		
	♦ A Q 9 2		
	♣ Q 9		
♠ Q 10 9 5 4 3		♠ K J 6 2	
♥ A K 10		♥ Q 9 5	
♦ J 7		♦ 4	
♣ 6 2		♣ 10 8 7 4 3	
	♠ 8 7		
	♥ 3		
	♦ K 10 8 6 5 3		
	♣ A K J 5		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
D Stern	Pszczola	Grynberg	Szym'ski
1♠	dbl!	3♠	pass
4♠	4NT	pass	5♣
pass	5♦	pass	6♦
dbl	all pass		

There was not a lot of point in David's double – 12 tricks were easy. OTVOSI +1090. However, the loose double became irrelevant when the Norwegians missed slam.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Russyan	Erichsen	Stepinski	Brogeland
1♠	2♥	3♠	1♦
pass	5♦	all pass	pass

That was 12 imps to OTVOSI.

OTVOSI 82 BROGELAND 49.

Then, just when the score threatened to get out of hand, Grynberg - Stern combined well to pull 13 imps back.

Board 28	♠ Q 7 5		
W/NS	♥ A J 10 8 3 2		
	♦ K Q 6		
	♣ 2		
♠ A K 8 4		♠ J 9 3 2	
♥ —		♥ Q 5	
♦ 10 9 5 3		♦ 7	
♣ J 10 8 4 3		♣ K Q 9 7 6 5	
	♠ 10 6		
	♥ K 9 7 6 4		
	♦ A J 8 4 2		
	♣ A		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
D Stern	Pszczola	Grynberg	Szym'ski
pass	1♥	pass	2♦!
dbl	2♥	3♣	4♣!
4♠	pass	pass	5♣
pass	5♦	5♠	pass
pass	dbl	pass	pass
6♣	pass	pass	6♥
all pass			

Stern engineered the swing with his 4♠ bid. It paved the way to the successful save at the five level and the winning lead against slam. Grynberg led a spade so 6♥ was one down.

No doubt exhausted from his defence against 3NTxx, Russyan made a simple 5♣ bid as West and shelled out 680 points when Stepinski led a club.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Russyan	Erichsen	Stepinski	Brogeland
pass	1♥	2♣	2NT
5♣	pass	pass	5♦
pass	5♥	all pass	

13 imps to BROGELAND.

OTVOSI 82 BROGELAND 62.

The final score was OTVOSI 128 imps, BROGELAND 103. ♠♣

**Swiss Teams Captains**

There will be a meeting for the captains on Saturday 18 at 12:30pm.