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Open Pairs to Bocchi – Duboin



Italian stars Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio Duboin won the open pairs with 64.42%. They pocket US \$6,000.



Runners up from Indonesia are Eddie Manoppo and Henky Lasut who scored 61.38%. They win US \$3,000.

In third place, winning US \$1,500 are Ishmael Del'Monte and Hugh Grosvenor from Australia. They scored 58.81%.

Fourth were Migry Zur-Camponile and Michael Barel from Israel on 57.3%.

It's France by half an IMP!

POLAND ADDED to their carry forward of 6.5 imps on the first board of the final with a fine defence.

1.N/nil ♠ A Q 6
 ♥ 8 7 6 3 2
 ♦ 10 9 4
 ♣ 5 4

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

♠ 10 9 3 2
♥ J 5
♦ A K J 8 5
♣ 10 7

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|--------|---------|
| Quantin | Tuszynsk | Bompis | Kowalsk |
| | Pass | 1♣ | 1♦ |
| 1♥ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

North led the ♦10. South won and shifted to the ♠9. Declarer covered

with the ♠K and North won the ace and came back another diamond. South won and played another spade. Declarer misguess, playing ♠J so the defence took two spade tricks for one down.

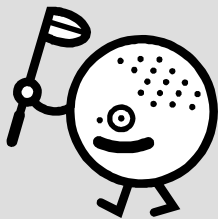
In the other room:

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|--------|--------|
| Chmursk | Levy | Gawrys | Chemla |
| | Pass | 1♣ | 1♦ |
| 1♥ | 2♦ | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

North led the ♦10 and South played low so declarer quickly claimed 11 tricks.

The French struck back on the very next board bidding a slam on a finesse that was working. At the end of the first half the score with carry forward was Poland 44.5, France 44.

The second half was France by 29 imps to 28 and that was enough. The last two boards were thrilling. The penultimate was tied in the right grand slam and the final board was a slam doubled two down.



Ryder Cup of Bridge

TO BE HELD in Dublin, Ireland 18-21 September 2006. That is right before the golf.

Ryder Cup of golf has long been one of the major events on the golf calendar. In essence, it is a match between Europe and America with each side having 12 players. The play a variety of match play events such as four-somes and four ball matches.

Paul Hackett, who has devised a similar format for bridge, is the captain of the European team. His team is:

Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Justin Hackett – Jason Hackett, Sabine Auken, Daniella von Arnim, Cezari Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski, Tom Hanlon, Hugh McGann.

The American team is Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein, Jill Levin, Jill Myers, Zia Mahmood, Roy Welland, David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen, Geoff Hampson, Fred Gitelman. The captain is yet to be advised.

Mirroring the golf, three different types of bridge events will be held: individual, pairs and teams. In each event, the unit (player, pair or team) will be compared with one other unit on a win/loss basis.

It is noteworthy that there is no prize money for this event. The players are taking part to be a part of a new idea that could become a landmark in bridge.

Plus, of course, they get front row seat at one of the best golf games in the world as soon as the bridge finishes.



THIS HAS BEEN a superb event and now it is time to recognize the people who have made it so.

To **Mr Chen Yeh**, the sponsor and visionary of the event. As all the players would know by now he is a very generous man who loves people and bridge. He has created an invitation bridge competition here in Asia that is as strong as any in the world with a friendly atmosphere and a level of hospitality that make it truly special. I know I speak on behalf of all of the players when I say thank you Mr Yeh. We really appreciate what you are doing.

Next year the Yeh Bros Cup will be in Shen Jen, China. It is expected to be in March or April, timed to suit the Chinese Bridge Association and to avoid conflict with other major bridge events. The details will be confirmed in about six months time.

To **Patrick Huang** who has made sure that the event is well organized to provide the best integrity of bridge over the four scheduled days.

To **Chi-Hua Chen**, the executive secretary. The administration is thanks to him, from being picked up at the airport to the general flow of the tournament and final good byes.

To **Richard Grenside** the Chief Tournament Director and his staff, including **MF Thai** who directed the Swiss teams and the open pairs.

To **Jing Shen Wu**, the operations chief. It was his job to arrange the tables and screens and all the other equipment needs.

These days BBO has become a major adjunct to all major bridge events, bringing the play live to homes all around the world. Thanks to **Bo-Yin YANG** and his team for co-ordinating the BBO Show. Up to 1700 people were watching the final today.

Thanks to my Bulletin assistant, **Sho-Shi YANG**, and her team. It was rare that they would get to bed before 3:30am and then it was usually an early start the next day to record matches and the like.

A big thanks too to **Sue Grenside** for her help with the recording.



Polish runners up : Apolinary Kowalski, Piotr Tuszyński, Piotr Gawrys, Bartosz Chmurski



To the left is the French team busy counting up the imps.

The image on the front page was taken about fifteen seconds later.

They win US \$42,000 while the Poles win US \$10,000.

The Canadians and Italy tied for third at 33 imps all. They each win US \$3,000

