



## 2007 YEH BROS CUP CONTRACT BRIDGE INVITATION

March 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> (Thursday~Sunday)

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### Points of interest from the captain's meeting

- You are requested to enter the open pairs by 2pm Thursday. It is no problem if you later have to withdraw.
- If you are playing on vu-graph, you are on the 5th floor. All other play in the teams is on the 4th floor.
- The afternoon schedule on Thursday is 20 minutes earlier than in the program. This is to allow more time to set up the welcome dinner.



Chief director, Anthony Ching from Hong Kong laying down the rules at the captain's meeting

### Please share your stories

Here at the bulletin office we can't wait to hear your stories. Tell us about clever plays and funny things. Our office is on the 4th floor office or email [pm@grandslam.com.au](mailto:pm@grandslam.com.au), or simply leave a note.

*Paul Marston*

### An interview with Mr Yeh



**M**r Chen Yeh is the very well liked inspiration of this tournament, which started in 2003 in Shanghai. Since then it has been held in Beijing, Hangzhou, and Kaohsiung, Mr Yeh's home city. In this short time it has grown into arguably the strongest invitation event in the world.

With his brother, Mr Yeh has created a powerhouse furniture manufacturing company with offices all over the globe including a large factory here in Shenzhen.

#### When did you first learn bridge?

At college.

#### What does bridge do for you these days?

I enjoy the mental challenge.

#### What system do you play?

Natural.

#### What is your most proud moment at bridge?

Attending the Bermuda Bowl (in Estoril Portugal).

#### What has been the key to your enormous business success?

Just do it and focus.

#### How involved are you in the business today?

I am an invisible CEO.

#### What plans for the future?

To be invisible in the business side and visible at bridge tournaments!

### The city of Shenzhen



Shenzhen reflection showing Shun Hing Square in center

**S**henzhen has an estimated official population of about nine million.

It has been the fastest growing city in China for the past thirty years, and likely to be the most rapidly evolving city in the world.

The average age in Shenzhen is less than 30. Among the total, 8.49% are less than 15 and 88% are between 15 and 59, 20% between 20 and 24 and only 1% are over 65.

The population polarizes into two opposing extremes: densely populated intellectuals with a high level of education, and migrant workers with poor education.

In 2002, 7,200 Hong Kong residents commuted daily to Shenzhen for work, and 2,200 students from Shenzhen commuted to school in Hong Kong. Daily commuters still need to pass through customs and immigration checkpoints as travel between the Special Economic Zone and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) is restricted.

## Tim Bourke's card play challenge



Every peak performance athlete needs to get warmed up before he or she performs and that is where Tim Bourke, pictured right, comes in. Tim will bring you a new card play problem in each of these bulletins and they should warm you up nicely.

Tim is one of Australia's leading bridge authors and journalists. He is an author or co-author of over twenty books and forty pamphlets. He has also written articles for almost every English language bridge magazine currently published. Although retired as a player now (because of a neck injury), he has won numerous Australian State Titles as well as a dozen or so National Titles.

Also he owns the largest English language bridge library in the world and has a reputation for finding interesting deals. Indeed over half of the deals appearing in David Bird's Abbot series over the last ten years originate from him. So, it is a pleasure to present some of his single dummy problems that, when a solution is missed, are of the "I should have got right variety" rather than from his "I would never get that right" stream of deals. So, we hope you will enjoy trying to get them right over breakfast or brunch.

### 1. COUNTDOWN

♠ 6 4 2  
♥ K 8 7  
♦ Q J 6  
♣ 8 6 5 2

♠ A 7  
♥ A J 10 9 5  
♦ 4 2  
♣ A K J 4

East deals, NS vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 NT <sup>1</sup>	dbl
2 ♠ <sup>2</sup>	pass	pass	3 ♥
pass	4 ♥	All pass	

1. 12 to 14

2. Natural, promises a 5-card suit

West leads the king of spades against your contract of four hearts. How do you propose to make ten tricks?



The Australian Gold Coast Congress, which was held this year at the Broadbeach Convention Centre a week ago, continues to be dominated by Brits. The open teams was won by Jason Hackett, Paul Hackett, Bill Hirst (England) and Tom Hanlon (Ireland). In the final they beat the Sydney team of Michael Courtney, Paul Wyer, Tony Nunn, and Tony Burke by 111 imps to 77.

This deal comes from the final round of the teams qualifying shows you the dangers of talking too much. It stars the five times world champion Kate McCallum of the USA. In fairness to Kate, her team was out of contention at the time and there was a coffee shop mood at the table but it is still funny.

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

Kate sat West and she heard her opponents bid boldly to six spades. She led a heart and when she saw dummy she announced that she had to take two trump tricks and showed her cards. But the declarer stopped and figured out what to do. She played three rounds of hearts, throwing a diamond, and trumped a heart. She then led the queen of diamonds to the ace and trumped a diamond followed by three rounds of clubs ending in dummy. She then trumped the last diamond, reducing everyone to three cards. It was now a simple matter to exit with a low trump, putting West, the one with the loose lips, on lead and forcing her to lead a spade back into declarer's ace-queen. Thus she made her slam. At every other table declarer played six spades and went one down. ♥♠

## Last year's Yeh Bros Cup in Kaohsiung



In last year's Yeh Bros Cup, the French team of Paul Chemla, Alain Levy, Marc Bompis, Jean Christophe Quantin finished first by a mere half an imp. They won US\$42,000. This year it is US\$50,000 for first.

Last year the open pairs was won by Giorgio Duboin and Norberto Bocchi of Italy. They won US\$6,000. The open pairs prize money is the same this year.

# Team rosters

## 2 - USA-2

Geoff Hampson, Brad Moss, Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue

## 4 - Italy 1

Maria Teresa Lavazza NPC, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Guido Ferraro, Agustin Madala, Antonio Sementa, Sergio Valle

## 6 - USA- Moss

Michael Moss, Gunnar Hallberg, Peter Fredin, Bjorn Fallenius

## 8 - Poland

Radek Kielbasinski, Boguslaw Gierulski, Jerzy Skrzypczak, Mirosław Cichocki, Krzysztof Pikus

## 10 - Italy 2

Benito Garozzo, Dano de Falco, Lorenzo Lauria, Gabriella Olivieri, Alfredo Versace, Valerio Giubilo

## 12 - Netherlands

Berry Westra, Vincent Ramondt, Louk Verhees, Huub Bertens

## 14 - Argentina

Pablo Lambardi, Pablo Ravenna, Ernesto Muzzio, Ricardo Angeleri

## 16 - Sweden

James Mahaffey, Barnet Shenkin, Peter Bertheau, Adam Zmundzinski, Cezary Balicki, Fredrik Nystrom

## 18 - Israel

Michael Barel, Migry Zur Campanile, Israel Yadlin, Doron Yadlin

## 20 - Canada

Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Zygmundt Marcinski, Gavin Wolpert, Jurek Czyzowicz

## 22 - France

Paul Chemla, Alain Levy, Marc Bompis, Jean Christophe Quantin

## 24 - England Plus

Paul Hackett, John Armstrong, Jason Hackett, Justin Hackett, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness

## 26 - Norway

Jon Egil Furunes, Terje Aa, Joergen Molberg, Boerre Lund

## 28 - France Lady

Jose Damiani NPC, Sylvie Willard, Catherine D'Ovidio, Daniele Gaviard, Benedicte Cronier, Julien Gaviard

## 1 - Yeh Bros

Patrick Huang, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Chen Yeh, Chih-Kuo Shen, Juei-Yu Shih

## 3 - Japan

Kazuo Furuta, Dawei Chen, Tadashi Imakura, Masayuki Ino

## 5 - Hongkong

Derek Zen, Samuel Wan, Alan Sze, W.K. Chan, W.K. Lai, K.F. Mak

## 7 - Global Times

Jihong Hu NPC, Ming Sun, Yalan Zhang, Ling Gu, Ru Yan, Yongling Dong, Hongli Wang

## 9 - Beijing Capital

Xin Li, Xiaojing Wang, Shaolin Sun, Meng Kang, Xiaoyi Li, Hua Chen

## 11 - China Smeg

Gang Chen NPC, Zhong Fu, Jack Zhao, Zejun Zhuang, Haojun Shi, Jianming Dai, Lixin Yang

## 13 - India

Kiran Nadar, Gupta Sabhash, Sunit Chokshi, Rajeshwar Tewari, B.Satyanaranan, K.R. Vennkatraman

## 15 - Shenzhen

Zhonghua Wu NPC, Shenghong Chen, Shengyue Gui, Yafu Lin, Bangxiang Zhang, Jiaxiang Shen, Rui Wang

## 17 - Jetox

John Yeh, Hung-Tu Wang, Jess Sun, Jeff Tsai, Jackie Chen, Chih-Sung Chang

## 19 - Zhejiang Huamen

Yu Zhang, Liping Wang, Yiqian Liu, Wenfei Wang, Yanhui Sun, Jingrong Ran

## 21 - Indonesia

Bert Toar Polii, Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Boyke Bojoh, Anthonius George, Wimpy S Tjetjep

## 23 - New Zealand Plus

Valerie Gardiner, Brian Callaghan, Wayne Burrows, Michael Ware, Peter Gill, Adam Sarten

## 25 - RU-YI

Gloria Meng, Violet Liu, Yvonne Wu, Wenchuan Tsai, Sheaufong Hu, Fangwen Gong

## 27 - Australia OzOne

Ishmael Del'Monte, Vince Demuy, Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn

## Solution to Tim Bourke's countdown

The first thing to observe is that the opening lead has marked West with the king and queen of spades. So, as the remaining twelve missing high card points will be on your right, the idea is to finesse East for the missing queens in hearts and clubs:

<p>♠ 6 4 2 ♥ K 8 7 ♦ Q J 6 ♣ 8 6 5 2</p> <p>♠ K Q 10 5 3 ♥ 3 2 ♦ 10 9 8 3 ♣ 7 3</p>	<p>♠ J 9 8 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ A K 7 5 ♣ Q 10 9</p> <p>♠ A 7 ♥ A J 10 9 5 ♦ 4 2 ♣ A K J 4</p>
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After winning the ace of spades, as a careless play of the five of hearts to the king will restrict you to only one of the finesses in hearts and club. You must play the jack of trumps to dummy's king and finesse East for the queen of trumps by running the eight of hearts when East plays low. (If he covers, you win the ace and cross back to dummy by playing the carefully preserved five of hearts to dummy's seven.) Once that finesse succeeds, you must finesse in clubs next, as there is no entry back to dummy. As both hearts and clubs are 3-2, you will make ten tricks.

The only question that remains is "How would you cope if East had four trumps to the queen instead of two or three?" The answer to that is based on how you judge the spades to be divided. You should exit with a spade after drawing trumps. If West has only five spades, then, on best defence, you will have to fall back on East having started with a doubleton queen in clubs. But when West has six spades you will make the contract when clubs are 3-2, as East will be endplayed when you lead a diamond to the jack. ♥♠

## BBO BROADCAST

Table one of the teams will be shown on BBO at every session.



Scenes from the captain's meeting. In the first row Gunnar Hallberg explains to Bjorn Fallenius that you don't really need a Chinese visa when you are Swedish. Meanwhile, two rows back, Barnett Shenkin explains to Joe Grue why he decided to become a Swede.

### Appeal Committee

Paul Marston, Australia

Patrick Huang, Taiwan

Geoff Hampson, USA

Guido Ferraro, Italy

Jack Zhao, China

Any three members will constitute a quorum.

### Smoking

There is no smoking in the playing rooms or the corridors, only in the designated smoking areas.

### Alcohol

You are not allowed to consume alcoholic drinks at the table.

### Knockout stage

In the knockout stage all matches will be subject to blind lineups.

If you are knocked out you can enter the consolation Swiss with 90% of the leading score's victory points.

### Schedule for Thursday 1 March

9:00 - 10:05 Swiss qualifying – 1

10:20 - 11:25 Swiss qualifying – 2

11:40 - 12:45 Swiss qualifying – 3

14:00 - 15:05 Swiss qualifying – 4

15:20 - 16:25 Swiss qualifying – 5

16:40 - 17:45 Swiss qualifying – 6

19:30 Welcome dinner – 4th floor

### Schedule for Friday 17 March

9:00 - 10:05 Swiss qualifying – 7

10:20 - 11:25 Swiss qualifying – 8

11:40 - 12:45 Swiss qualifying – 9

14:20 - 15:25 Swiss qualifying – 10

15:40 - 16:45 Swiss qualifying – 11

17:00 - 18:15 Swiss qualifying – 12

### 1st Round Match-up

Table	Home team	Visiting team
1	2 USA 2	1 Yeh Brothers
2	4 Italy 1	3 Japan
3	6 USA Moss	5 Hong Kong
4	8 Poland	7 China Global Times
5	10 Italy 2	9 China Beijing Capital Bridge Club
6	12 Netherlands	11 China SMEG
7	14 Argentina	13 India
8	16 Sweden	15 China Shenzhen QBC
9	18 Israel	17 Jetox
10	20 Canada	19 China Zhejiang HBC
11	22 France	21 Indonesia
12	24 England Plus	23 New Zealand Plus
13	26 Norway	25 Ru-Yi
14	28 France Lady	27 Australia Oz One

### 2nd Round Match-up

Table	Home team	Visiting team
1	4 Italy 1	1 Yeh Brothers
2	6 USA Moss	3 Japan
3	8 Poland	5 Hong Kong
4	10 Italy 2	7 China Global Times
5	12 Netherlands	9 China Beijing Capital Bridge Club
6	14 Argentina	11 China SMEG
7	16 Sweden	13 India
8	18 Israel	15 China Shenzhen QBC
9	20 Canada	17 Jetox
10	22 France	19 China Zhejiang HBC
11	24 England Plus	21 Indonesia
12	26 Norway	23 New Zealand Plus
13	28 France Lady	25 Ru-Yi
14	2 USA 2	27 Australia Oz One

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.