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Welcome to the 2008 Yeh Brothers Cup

Unquestionably, the tenth Yeh Bros Cup will be the strongest ever. World champions from all over the globe will be taking part, World Champions, and Zonal Champions from all round the world have gathered together, and if you can't identify the weak team, watch out! It may be you!

Specifically, we have members of reigning World Champions the Silver Medallists and semi-finalists Norway Jacobs and South Africa, current Olympiad Champions and Silver Medallists, Italy and Netherlands respectively, the 2008 NEC Winners and both losing semi-finalists, Israel, Sweden and Japan. Additionally we have competing members of the 2007 Reisinger winners in USAII, 2006 Yeh Winners France, and European Silver medallists Ireland.

Kaohsiung is the second largest city in Taiwan with a population of about 1,500,000. It sits on the South-West coast of Taiwan facing the Taiwan Strait. It is a major centre for manufacturing, refining, and transportation. The down town 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.

Increase in Prize Money

The prize money for the Yeh Cup has been increasing ever more generously each year, and in fact has virtually doubled from two

years ago. The total pool will now be at least US \$158,100. Specifically

Open teams

- 1st US \$60,000
- 2nd US \$30,000
- 3rd US \$10,000
- 4th US\$ 5,000

Swiss teams

- 1st US \$6,000
- 2nd US 4,000
- 3rd \$2,000

Open pairs

- 1st US \$20,000
- 2nd US \$10,000
- 3rd US \$2,500
- 4th US 1,500

Consolation (B) Pairs

- 1st US \$1,500
- 2nd US \$1,000
- 3rd US \$500

Consolation (A) Pairs

- 1st US \$300
- 2nd US \$200
- 3rd US \$100

You can make the difference!!

By now, you will all know that the difference between an average and an excellent bulletin is the quantity and quality of the material. All the players can make a difference by providing us with your stories of good, bad, or humorous events. Please bring them to us on the seventh floor office (either Barry Rigal, Sue Picus or Sho-Shi Yang) will be happy to take the details.

2008 Roster

Team	Players
1. Yeh Brothers	Chen Yeh, Hsin-Lung Yang, Henky Lasut, Patrick Huang, Juei-Yu Shih, Eddy Manoppo
2. Israel	Migry Campanile, Michael Barel, Israel Yadlin, Doron Yadlin
3. Hong Kong	Samuel Wan, Karic Chiu, Peter Yeung, Dicky Lai, K.F. Mak
4. USA I	George Jacobs, Ralph Katz, Howard Weinstein, Lew Stansby, JoAnna Stansby
5. Russia	A. Gromov, A. Dubinin, C. Balicki, A. Zmudzinski, Victoria Gromova, Tonya Ponomareva
6. England Swings	Paul Hackett, Eric Kokish, Gerry Charney, John Armstrong
7. CBLT	Khunying.Esther, S. Baisamut, V. Svangsopakul, Asdang Riamsree, V. Chinmanas
8. France	Romain Zaleski, Marc Bompis, Jean-Christophe Quantin, Albert Faigenbaum
9. Egypt	Ahmed Hussein, Tarek Sadek, Apolinary Kowalski, Piotr Tuszynski
10. Sweden	Fredrik Nystrom, Peter Bertheau, Peter Fredin, Bjorn Fallenius
11. South Africa	Tim Cope, Vernon Rice, Naville Eber, Chris Bosenberg, Graig Gower, Wayne Chu
12. Netherlands	Jeanne van der Meiracker (NPC), Ton Bakkeren, Huub Bertens, Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver
13. New Zealand	Valerie Gardiner, Brian Callaghan, Peter Hollands, Justin Howard, Haig Tchamitch
14. Denmark	Jens Auken, Soren Christiansen, Michael Askgaard, Gregers Bjarnarson
15. Taipei	Jonky Chung, Jed Wang, Sidney Yang, Sidney Liu, Herstein Liu, Chih Chung Tsai
16. Italy II	Benito Garozzo, Dano De Falco, Valerio Giubilo, Gabriella Olivieri, Alfredo Versace
17. India	G. Venkatesh, P. Sridhar, J. M. Shah, S. Sundarram, R. Tewari, B. Prabhakar
18. Ireland	Hugh McGann, Tom Hanlon, Tommy Garvey, John Carroll
19. Japan	Yoshiyuki Nakamura, Masayuki Ino, Tadashi Imakura, Hiroki Yokoi, Tadashi Teramoto
20. Norway	Geir Helgemo, Espen Kvam, Ulf Haakon Tundal, Glenn Groetheim
21. Australia	Bob Richman, Tony Nunn, Peter Gill, Sartaj Hans, Paul Gosney, Ishmel Delmonte
22. USA II	Geoff Hampson, Joe Grue, Curtis Cheek, Jon Kranyak
23. Sino-America	Jing-Dong Chen, Eric Tan, William Chu, Jeff Fang, Phoebe Lin
24. Italy I	Maria-Teresa Lavazza npc, G. Duboin, N. Bocchi, A. Madala, A. Sementa, G. Ferraro

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. The championships are a 10 round Swiss of 10 board matches. The line-ups of matches one and two are detailed in the bulletin.

The format is a delayed draw; in other words, the match-ups will be based on the results from one round previously. The format will qualify 15 teams to a knock-out stage.

The time allocation is 8 minutes per board + a 5 minute grace-period. Notification of time taken will be announced at the $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ points.

There will be no play-backs until the knock-out stage.

No Brown Sticker conventions will be permitted in the Swiss but Brown Stickers are permitted in the knock-out stages, provided system cards and recommended defences are lodged with the CTC before the start of the Swiss.

All questions and answers behind screens are to be written down. For the Swiss, blind line-ups will apply (each captains will write down their line-ups on individual sheets then turn them over). Penalties will apply for: late seating, late finish, mobile phones, smoking. The timing for Appeals and Score Corrections is as follows:

For Swiss 1-2 by 12:55 pm 13th;

3-4-5 by 19.00 pm 13th;

6-7 by 12:55 pm 14th;

8-9-10, 15 minutes after each match.

For Knock outs: 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 on a possible failure to follow suit.

No smoking in any area other than the designated smoking area. No cell-phones

Richard Grenside

First Round Match-ups

1. Yeh	vs	2. Israel
3. Hong Kong	vs	4. USA I
5. Russia	vs	6. England
7. CBLT	vs	8. France
9. England Swings	vs	10. Sweden
11. South Africa	vs	12. Netherlands
13. New Zealand	vs	14. Denmark
15. Chinese Taipei	vs	16. Italy II
17. India	vs	18. Ireland
19. Japan	vs	20. Norway
21. Australia	vs	22. USA II
23. Sino-America	vs	24. Italy I

Second Round Match-ups

1. Yeh	vs	4. USA I
3. Hong Kong	vs	6. England
5. Russia	vs	8. France
7. CBLT	vs	10. Sweden
9. England Swings	vs	12. Netherlands
11. South Africa	vs	14. Denmark
13. New Zealand	vs	16. Italy II
15. Chinese Taipei	vs	18. Ireland
17. India	vs	20. Norway
19. Japan	vs	22. USA II
21. Australia	vs	24. Italy I
23. Sino-America	vs	2. Israel

THE YEHBROS CUP, REVISITED



WELCOME DINNER

Don't forget! The party starts at 7:30 tonight on the Fourth Floor. There is an OPEN BAR from 7:00.

The victorious Beijing team from 2007 – Meng Kang, Xiaoyi Li, Xiaojing Wang, Shaolin Sun, Xin Li, Hua Chen

Here are a summary of the deals from 2007 and 2006 that caught my eye. The two teams from the top bracket to make it through the first two rounds of the knock out were Italy I (Maria Teresa Lavazza NPC, Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Guido Ferraro, Agustin Madala, Antonio Sementa, Sergio Valle) and USA -2 (Geoff Hampson, Brad Moss, Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue).

At the half-way point of their match, the Americans were leading by 27imps to 13. Joe Grue generated 12 of those imps with this terrific play:

Board 4 West dealer Both Vul

<p>♠ A J 7 4 ♥ Q J 5 4 3 ♦ K 5 ♣ J 6</p> <p>♠ 10 5 3 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ J 6 4 3 ♣ Q 7 3</p> <p>♠ K 9 6 ♥ A 8 7 2 ♦ A 9 ♣ 9 5 4 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ 10 9 ♦ Q 10 8 7 2 ♣ A K 10 8</p>
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West	North	East	South
Duboin	Grue	Bocchi	Cheek
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Bocchi cashed the ♣A-K and played a third club, which Grue trumped. He was facing a likely heart loser so he would have to avoid losing a spade. This is how he did it. He crossed to the ace of hearts and cashed the king then ace of diamonds. Then he played the last club and trumped in hand.

Only now did he exit with a trump. Duboin won with his king and he was endplayed. He had to lead a spade and now Grue would make so long as West held either the ten of queen of spades. At the other table, Agustin Madala opened one heart and Antonio Sementa responded two clubs, an innocent response that had far reaching effects. Madala re bid his hearts, Sementa explored with two no-trumps, Madala raised to three no-trumps and Sementa corrected to four hearts. Meanwhile the club response made a club lead look unattractive to Brad Moss so he led a heart. That gave Madala no chance of matching Grue's inspired play. He took a spade finesse and went down.

When Sweden met Shanghai Smeg in the last round of the Swiss, both teams were well placed but neither was safe. In fact the match turned out to be a big win for Sweden. Despite this, Shanghai still qualified in sixth place. The world pairs champs, Jack Zhao and Fu Zhong had to work very hard on this board to stop the loss being even greater.

Board 10 East dealer Both Vul.

♠ 8 6 5 2

<p>♥ K 9 2 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ 6 5 3</p> <p>♠ J 3 ♥ Q J 8 7 6 4 ♦ 7 ♣ Q J 10 4</p> <p>♠ A Q 7 ♥ 5 3 ♦ J 8 3 2 ♣ 9 8 7 2</p>	<p>♠ K 10 9 4 ♥ A 10 ♦ A K 10 5 4 ♣ A K</p>
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West	North	East	South
Zm'ski	Zhong	Balicki	Zhao
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	All Pass

That well known Swedish pair Adam Zmudzinski and Cezary Balicki got a little high in the bidding and the Chinese champs made them pay. Fu led a spade. Jack took the queen and exited with a club. Declarer cashed dummy's other top club and forced out the ♠A. South won the ♠A and exited in spades. Declarer cashed a fourth round of spades followed by the ace and king of diamonds. On the second diamond, Fu could see that he had to stay off lead. If he won the third round of diamonds he would have to provide declarer with entry to his locked vault of winners. So on the second diamond, Fu dropped the ♦Q. But the defence still wasn't done. On the third round of diamonds Fu was in danger of being forced to win with the nine. However, Jack rose with the jack of diamonds, gobbling up the nasty nine. Jack got off play with his last diamond, leaving declarer in dummy with a losing heart. And yes, if Fu had dropped his diamond nine on the first round of the suit and the queen on the second round, he would have saved Jack the problem!

CELLPHONES

No cell-phones are to be carried to the playing area. Players should deposit their cell-phones at the service desk and get a number tag for collection after the match.

I'm not a fan of off-centre no-trump openings; but they do have their moments, undoubtedly. From Round 4, India v China Smeg, for example.

Board 4 West dealer Both Vul.

♠ K 10 9 8 4 2
♥ Q 10 3
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 3

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

West	North	East	South
Shi HJ	Chokshi	Zhuang	Vennka
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2NT might not have been every one's choice as East but it is a boring hand and if you open 1♦ you won't have an easy rebid after a 1♥ response (unless you count 3♣!) so you open 2NT. It's only 19 HCP but who's counting? You can add on something for ruffing values. South leads ♣J and you have ten tricks in double time; and yes, a spade lead would have been a completely different story.

West	North	East	South
Satyanar	Dai	Nadar	Yang LX
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	All Pass

At the other table the auction goes in a more traditional way; North comes in with spades so East-West settle in the best game. South led a spade and declarer finished up one down. 12 IMPs to China SMEG. Mind you, Taufia Asbi of Indonesia played very well to make 5♣ against New Zealand Plus. He won the spade lead, played a diamond to the ace, then the diamond king, and ruffed a diamond. Then he cashed the ♣Q before crossing to hand with a heart to the ace. This protected against a 4-1 club break. Next came a good diamond, throwing a spade.

South could ruff and return a trump but dummy still had a trump for the spade, thanks to Asbi's far sighted play. He could ruff his spade loser and give up a heart, win the return and draw the last trump.



As to the 2006 tournament, won by the French team (Paul Chemla, Alain Levy, Marc Bompis and Jean-Christophe Quantin) here are my favourite deals.

Board 8, session six...

West Dealer Neither Vul.

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

Ishmael Del'Monte reported that Hugh Grosvenor opened 1♠ on the North hand and that he responded 2♥ on the South hand. Hugh now bid 5♦, a key card ask for hearts excluding diamonds. Ish responded 6♣ to show two plus the queen. But West, K F Mak from Hong Kong, found the

sensational opening lead of the ♣6. Naturally Ish played low and down he went.

When Benito Garozzo asks you if you want a hand – you say yes!

Match 10, Italy 2 v Poland.

Dealer North East-West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sementa	K'ski	Garozzo	Gawrys
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣(1)	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) Drury; spade support and maximum pass

Antonio Sementa led the ♦K. Declarer won the ace and played the ♥J. Sementa ducked and declarer rose with the king. Garozzo took the ace and switched to the ♠7. This went to the eight, queen and king. Declarer ruffed a low heart, dropping the queen, and trumped a diamond. He now played the nine of hearts, low from Garozzo, diamond discard from declarer, and trumped by Sementa. This was the position:

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

Declarer has lost two tricks so he had to hold his remaining losers to one. The automatic play for North is to exit with a spade to prevent another diamond ruff but Sementa could see that this would get him nowhere. In fact, declarer simply wins and runs his trumps to squeeze West for an overtrick. So Sementa led the ♦Q, giving declarer his ruff.

By now declarer was convinced that Sementa had no more trumps so he trumped a heart and Sementa cleverly maintained the illusion by discarding. Had he trumped in, declarer would have eventually guessed the queen of clubs, knowing West to be long in that suit.

But if Sementa had no more trumps, declarer could see that he didn't have to guess the club position. All he had to do was cash the ♣A and cross to the ♣K and play the last heart, trumping with the ♠10. It must have come as a nasty surprise when Sementa over trumped with the ♠J and cashed the ♣Q for one down. It should be said that declarer should have cashed the ♠A to clarify the trump position before he cashed the two top clubs but declarer had no doubt in his mind where the trumps were, so masterful was Sementa's deception.

YEBROS CUP SMOKING POLICY

1. No smoking is allowed anywhere on the 7th Floor. Each offense will be penalized by 2 V.P. A smoking space is available on the 5th floor, next to the elevator.
2. No players are allowed to leave the table in order to smoke during a match.

