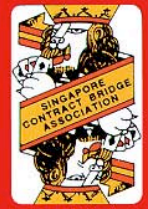


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## Coming Events at a Glance

**2 & 3 June – Friday 7.30 pm & Saturday 2.30 pm**

*20<sup>th</sup> Worldwide Bridge Contest.*  
\$12 per member, \$15 per guest,  
\$8 per student. SCBA Clubhouse.

**10 June – Saturday 2.30 pm**

*Junior Student Pairs Championship.*  
\$3 per student. SCBA Clubhouse.

**24 June – Saturday 2.30 pm**

*Youth Pairs Championship.* \$10 per pair. SCBA Clubhouse.

**15 July – Saturday 2.30 pm**

*Singapore Mixed Pairs Championship.* \$40 per pair. \$20 per student pair. Two sessions. SCBA Clubhouse.

**22 & 23 July – Saturday 2.30 pm**

*NUSS Inter-college Open Teams.* NUSS.

**24 July – Monday 7.30 pm**

*BGB Summer Simultaneous Pairs.*  
\$12 per member, \$15 per guest, \$8 per student. SCBA Clubhouse.

**4-6 August – Friday-Sunday**

*Pesta Sukan.* Open Pairs \$40 per pair, Mixed Pairs \$40 per pair Saturday & Sunday, Open Teams \$320 per team, Novotel Clarke Quay Singapore.

**18-21 August – Friday-Monday**

*Governor Kepri Cup III.* Batam, Indonesia

**20-31 August**

*44<sup>th</sup> PABF Championship.* Shanghai, China

## A Month of Championships!

June is packed with the PABF Youth Championships, World Bridge Championships, and of course, not forgetting the World Cup in Germany that I am sure many of you will be watching.

Winning and losing is part and parcel of any competition. Sometimes, however, especially for competitive players like myself, we are too focused on that, that we forget the experience of the competition itself.

### 44<sup>th</sup> PABF Youth Championships

I have always enjoyed the excitement of competition. This June is an important one for our bridge community as our youth players – Alex Loh, Loo Choon Chou, Fabian Tan, Kelvin Ng, Poon Hua and Tan Li Yu, captained by Chua Gang, represent us in the 44<sup>th</sup> PABF Youth Championships, vying for a berth to play in the upcoming World Youth Championships then after, which I think they stand a great chance. They will be competing with players from

Australia, China, China Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Japan Philippines and Thailand.

In the School series, our very first junior team comprising Cheng Zehan, Jack Ho, Jackie Ang, Ong Qunxiang, Perry Chen and Yeo Yong Hui, will compete against players from China, China Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Japan and Thailand.

Guys, play beyond yourselves and enjoy! We'll be supporting you in Singapore. For updates, please log on to the official competition website: <http://pabf.kelvinyim.com/index.jsp>

### 12<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Championships

Taking place in Verona, Italy, from June 9 to 24, check out <http://www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Verona.06/Verona.htm> for the results and bulletins to see some great masters at play. Enjoy!

### Membership Dues – Please Pay

A further reminder for members who have yet to pay their dues for the 2006 Calendar Year – please pay your dues promptly. Thanks!

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## AGM NOTICE: 7 July 2006, Friday

The Singapore Contract Bridge Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been set on 7 July 2006 (Friday) at 7.30 pm. We hereby give notice to all members for their attendance at our Bishan Clubhouse on this date and time for the AGM. A complimentary game of bridge will follow the AGM.

# Great Scissors Coup Destroyer

LL Wong

This Board 25 hand was played at the NUS multi-purpose sports hall on 13 May 2006 during the 20th Inter Club Bridge League Match 3 where 28 teams were playing this hand.

The full deal was:

	S J	
	H KQJ85	
	D Q9	
	C KQJ65	
S 1064	<b>North</b>	S KQ8632
H 93		H A104
D AK52		D 107
C 9432	<b>South</b>	C 108
	S A97	
	H 762	
	D J8643	
	C A7	

The general bidding went:

1H	1S/2S	2H/3H	2S/3S
3C/4H	P	4H/P	AP

From the first glance, 4H contract seems to be quite a standard contract and although 4S sacrifice might yield a gain but could also lose 500 on a correct lead and defense with the poor vulnerability. Therefore the majority of the teams in the field played in a 4H contract. This is a sign of the improvement of the overall standard, which is encouraging.

For those who had made the 4H happily on the likely following play:

SK	SA	S4	SJ
HA	H2	H3	HJ
SQ	S7	S6	H5 and drew trumps together with collection of 5 club tricks.

There were 15 teams who had done that to make the contract where 5 other teams shot up to 5H without cure.

Eleven other defenders (including some of them defense in 5H, 5HX) took another view to set the contract down by means of an upper cut play. The play was:

SK	SA	S4	SJ
HA	H2	H3	HJ
D10!*	D3	DK	D9
*Good imaginative shift			
D7	D6	DA	DQ
H10	D4	D2!!	H8**

\*\*Note that a high ruff also doesn't help

As you can see the H10 has been promoted to a winner now. Well done to these 11 defenders.

Was it all over about the play? No. Mr. Edwin Lau pointed out after the game that the declarer may choose to apply the Scissors Coup to help in avoiding the contract being brought down, the line of play being:

SK	SA	S4	SJ
S6	S7	S10	D9!***
***Good play to cut the communication			
D10	D3	DA	DQ
D7	D4	DK	H8

And now declarer has no problem in drawing all the remaining trumps. This loser on loser play is also called Scissors Coup because it cuts away the important entry to West that is needed for an upper cut, and the contract can be secured then. How many of you did this to secure your 4H contract?

If so, well done. But wait a minute! The defenders were not stopped just by that, which Mr. Gerald Tan pointed out the next day:

SK	SA	S4	SJ
S6	S7	S10	D9
		DK*	DQ

\*key play to prevent loser on loser

S6 H5

So after taking DK, return the S6 for dummy to ruff, because since an upper cut in diamond doesn't seem to work, as you have no entry, but an upper cut might work in spade.

HA H2 H3 HJ  
 SQ! H7 H9! HQ

Hey! My H9 was sacrificed just for you. Yes. It works now. Dummy has to over ruff the H9 and the H10 is promoted now. The famous Scissors Coup has been destroyed by this play for this board in another form of upper cut play. This is the destroyer of the great Scissors Coup.

*(Ed's note: Really some nice declarer play and defense here. May I also contribute something? A diamond opening lead from East would offer this contract no chance at all. Simple, eh? No name for this correct lead.)*

## Can You Make It?

CS Chen

The following hand appeared in a Polish National Tournament. It was reported that most North-Souths reached the best contract of 6H but very few declarers made it. Can you?

### Both Vul

S K76

H 973

D Q52

C Q632

S JT83

H 2

D JT98

C J984

S AQ9542

H T84

D 3

C K72

S -

H AKQJ65

D AK764

C AT

The bidding went:

W N E S  
 P 2S 5H  
 P 6H all pass

Lead was a spade from West.

## H S HO TEAMS CHALLENGE MATCH SCHEDULE

	DATE	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	WINNER (imps)
Series 1 Match 1	8 Jan	Blue Moon	Ya Ya	Ya Ya (121 vs 106)
Series 1 Match 2	5 Feb	Ya Ya	X-Men	X-Men (173 vs 98)
Series 1 Match 3	19 Feb	X-Men	Bozzetto Rosso	X-Men (128 vs 123)
Series 2 Match 1		Ya Ya	Blue Moon	Blue Moon (146 vs 93)
Series 1 Match 4	5 Mar	X-Men	Gijssel	Gijssel (132 vs 97)
Series 2 Match 2	19 Mar	Blue Moon	Bozzetto Rosso	Bozzetto Rosso (129 vs 108)
Series 1 Match 5	9 Apr	Gijssel	D-Coup	D-Coup (176 vs 104)
Series 2 Match 3		X-Men	Bozzetto Rosso	Bozzetto Rosso (101 vs 100)
Series 1 Match 6	7 May	D-Coup	Dragon	Dragon
Series 2 Match 4				
Series 1 Match 7	4 Jun	Dragon	Arsenal	W1
Series 2 Match 5				
Series 2 Match 6	11 Jun			
Series 2 Match 7	25 Jun			
Series 2 Match 8	9 Jul		Bozzetto Azzurro	
Series 2 Match 9	23 Jul			

# Singapore Open Teams

The Singapore Open Teams 2006 was successfully held over two weekends on 20, 21, 27, 28 May, whereby the first weekend was the qualifying rounds and the second one the finals and consolations.

## Winners regardless

It was a tough fight between G(I)JZELS and Bozzetto Rosso in the finals, after each has respectively knocked out their opponents, the Youth Team and X-Men, on the first four sets of a total of 64 boards.

The final four sets of a total of 64 boards yielded the result of 120imps to Bozzetto Rosso and 119imps to G(I)JZELS. Formed by the Singapore Ladies Team – Jane Choo, Greta Chai, Foo Yoke Lan, Seet Choon Cheng, Lam Ze Ying and Selene Tan, G(I)JZELS, however was crowned champions of the game as Bozzetto Rosso, comprising Soh Siew Luie, Jason Chew, Chue Kah Loong, Liw Meng Hong, Gerald Tan, and Yong Kien Fong, has a penalty of 3imps for being late for 5 – 10 min on that very Sunday morning.

This brought to mind two points: 1) Who says overtricks are not important for team games? 2) The importance of punctuality as part of discipline in any sport, including bridge, as a mind sport.

Nevertheless, well done to both teams for their marvelous performance in the finals.



G(I)JZELS: Lan, Ze Ying, Selene, Seet (standing from L to R), Greta & Jane (sitting from L to R)



Siew Luie, Jason, Kien Fong and Meng Hong

Coming in third is the Youth Team comprising Poon Hua, Loo Choon Chou, Kelvin Ng, Tan Li Yu, Fabian Tan and Alex Loh. And fourth is X-Men comprising CT Ng, Leonard Goh, Christopher Gregory, Zhang Jing Dong, K Rajendra and Wong Chee Wai.

## Consolations

Results from the consolations are as follows:

1. NTU 1 – Ng Yong Hao, Raymond Chan, Chiang Feng, Terence Koh, Adrian Lim, Joseph Tan
2. Open Team
3. E-Play
4. NUSS White
5. NTU 2
6. Junior Team

Congratulations to all winners!

## Venues: League Cup

17 Jun (League Cup) NUS MPSH 4

For latest information, refer to our website [www.bridgeleague.net](http://www.bridgeleague.net).



# What Will You Bid?

CT Ng

One particular hand captured my attention during our private match for the League at Bishan. How would you bid this hand?

Your hand:                    N   E   S   W  
S: K Q                        P   1C   P   1H  
H: AK 10 xxx                P   1S   P   2D  
D: A xxx                      P   3NT? P   P?  
C: x

Our opponents passed and he made 3NT, 12 tricks.

Partner's hand:

S: A J x x  
H: J x  
D: J x  
C: A K xxx

On the other table, our teammates used Precision. The bidding went:

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
P	2C*	P	3H**	*Precision
P	3S	P	4D***	**3H: 16+ HCP and 5+ hearts
P	4H?	P	P?	***4D: 4 cards & 6 hearts

My view is that the captain of the bidding should be East. Partner has shown interest in slam by bidding 4D. With this bid, I think he is also showing support to spade, Kx or even KQ. With 11 high card points, East will still bid 4H. So, it is difficult for West to try for slam when partner is not keen. I will think that a better bid will be 5H and let partner decides. What is your view? At my table, I think that the bidding should be 3C after partner used 4th suit forcing. 3NT should be used as showing minimum hand and 4234 distribution, while 2NT as maximum with 4234. With 3-card heart support, he will bid 2H with maximum hand and 3H with minimum. This will allow partner to access the situation and not kill the bidding. Correct contract should be 6H making. What is your view?



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