

Bridging SCBA



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Hari Raya Special Game

Friday 10 Sept, 9.30am

\$5 per member, \$7 per guest, \$3 per student

Venue: SCBA Clubhouse

*Note: The regular Friday afternoon and evening games will be cancelled on 10 Sept

Match-point Teams Championships

Sunday 26 Sept, 2.30 – 11pm

\$100 per team, \$50 per student team

Venue: SCBA Clubhouse

SCBA-BTCC Open Pairs

Saturday 2 October, 2.00-6.30pm

\$12 per adult, \$10 per senior citizen, \$8 per student

Venue: Bukit Timah Community Centre

Calling all fellow female bridge players! The Contract Bridge League of Thailand will be organising the Thailand Women's Bridge Festival, in co-operation with the APBF and the Women's Committee of WBF. All women bridge players of any level, are invited to join this friendly event. Friends and spouses are welcome for additional bridge games, golf, sight seeing and shopping.

Date: 22-27 January 2011

Venue: Montien Hotel, Bangkok Thailand

Cost: US\$740 per person (sharing of double rooms), inclusive of 5 nights accommodation, tours and meals.

For more details, please contact SCBA

For this month's newsletter, our loyal bridge guru shares an interesting solution, where players need to analyse the bidding, their hand and some assumptions, in order to find the killing lead.

As usual, if you have any bridge articles or feedback, do email me your comments.

Happy reading!

Yiu Lin

Editor Bridging SCBA

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Now this is nothing personal but this month you get a message from your Honorary Secretary, as our President of Vice is currently in China battling it out for the 1st Asia Bridge Cup... I just checked and Poon Hua's team just crept past Bahrain to retain 6th out of 19 positions. I hope that Poon Hua is back in the scribe's seat next month and able to report Singapore's success in China.

The leagues and cup competition are drawing to a close – more or less one round to go and there are some tight finishes. In **Division 3** it looks all but signed and sealed that Tyxeros (what is that name? – when I google it I get an online casino...) 2nd, 3rd and 4th spots are really too close to call. **Division 2** promotion looks to be a two horse affair between SCBA (B) and N NTU staff but there is an outside chance for NTU (A). **Division 1** has another two horse race with favourites (Sheep) and current champions once again in pole position for their head to head encounter with the Bears. NUS(G) look assured of 3rd but could easily grab 2nd if the Bears once again get fleeced (sorry I could not resist it).

Our weekly games now have significantly increased in numbers, so come on down to Bishan for a fun-filled game!

And now for something completely different:

SCBA is committed to keeping Bridge a **drug free** activity. Since we are part of the international Olympic movement, we need to abide by the rules that govern such things as drug-taking. This is administered by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) <http://www.wada-ama.org/>

You may think that doping does not apply to the less active sports. This is not true. Any infringement will reflect badly on SCBA and the Bridge in general. All our members and those, even non-members who play in SCBA organized events *may* be subject to random testing at any time.

The key things for our top players (those that are selected to represent the SCBA in international events such as the PABF, Bermuda Bowl, Venice cup and Olympiads) need to know are the following:

- (1) You must be aware of the list of banned substances <http://www.wada-ama.org/en/World-Anti-Doping-Program/Sports-and-Anti-Doping-Organizations/International-Standards/Prohibited-List/> especially those that relate to Bridge specifically (Beta-blockers), and the timing of their exclusion
- (2) If you are taking or have taken such substances for any reason, you **must** let the SCBA committee know about it
- (3) You may be able to seek an **exemption** by applying in advance of any test (see details on the WADA TUE - Therapeutic Use Exempt
- (4) Once selected to represent Singapore (as a player or coach) you will need to give up-to-date contact details so that you can be reached in the event of a planned test
- (5) There is also a list of Singapore National Olympic Council Anti-Doping rules (currently dated 2009) that need to be viewed on the SNOC website

Any questions: contact me or another member of the SCBA committee.

Cheers to all Derek Maggs,
Hon. Secretary, SCBA ♣

SOLUTION TO AUGUST QUIZ

LL Wong

The opening lead often determines the fate of a contract. Making a good lead requires logical analysis, using the information gathered during the bidding, as well as your card holding. It also requires you to make some assumptions. First, let's take a look at the bidding:

South	You	North	Partner
3♥	P	4♥	All pass

From the above bidding, it is fair to make the assumption that most of the honour cards are going to be in dummy, with the possibility of an outside running suit. Now examine your own hand:

(You)	Dummy – raised 4♥
♠ A964	
♥ AQ83	
♦ 109	
♣ Q63	Declarer – opened 3♥

At this point in time, you have three possible winning tricks, and in order to

take the contract down, you will need one more trick to come from partner. Therefore, it is logical to assume that partner could have one of the control cards; an Ace or King, or even Q♦ or 9♥. However, even if partner should have one of these cards, timing is another important factor, as the wrong lead could give away the contract.

Therefore, the following thoughts should be going through your head when considering leads.

Option 1 – small club. This could work well if partner has the K♣. However, if it is not your day, you could be leading to declarer's KJ

Option 2 – 10♦. This looks good. But you could lose tempo or a trick, where an immediate spade discard could happen on the diamonds.

Option 3 – small ♠. Under-leading from the A♠ may work one day – but are you desperate enough to do it today?

Option 4 – A♠. While this might look straightforward, it could be costly if

you establish dummy's K♠ for a side suit discard, or even worse, if declarer's hand is void in spades. Option 5 – A♥. If you have got nothing else better, why not try this play? You will get to see dummy, without losing control, timing or any tricks. It will allow you to plan the next move, as well as to see any signalling from partner.

Hence A♥ is the suggested lead. Nevertheless, most defenders will lead the A♠, and upon doing this, you will see the dummy come down with:

♠ KQxxx
♥ -
♦ AKxxx
♣ Axx

Even though the A♠ may not have been the best lead, upon viewing the dummy, there is still a chance. When all players follow the spades, the best option is to switch to small club. Declarer will win with dummy's A♣, and it is important to look for partner's signal. If he does not have the K♣, he will discourage.

AUG QUIZ (cont'd)

LL Wong

You hope that partner can get a spade ruff (once you get in with the hearts).

On tricks 3 and 4, declarer plays dummy's K♠ and Q♠, to discard two losing clubs. When declarer plays trumps, and you get in with the A♥ or Q♥, the best option is to play the last spade for partner to ruff, and hope to get a trump promotion. Unfortunately, this does not work, as declarer's has the remaining high trumps. This is declarer's hand:

♠ x
 ♥ KJ1097xx
 ♦ QJ
 ♣ Jxx

As you can see, the lead of A♥ would have given defence a much better chance at winning 4 tricks. After the lead, switch to club before declarer has established dummy's spades to throw his losing clubs.

Defenders should be able to take two hearts, one spade and at least one club, as they have retained the control.

In fact, the A♥ lead is even more effective should declarer be void in spades. ♣

SEPT QUIZ LL Wong

A similar hand to this one was played during the HS Ho Team Challenge in August 2010. The bidding and hand was as follows:

North	East	South	West
1♦	1♥	1♠	P
2♠	All pass		

♠ AQ9
 ♥ xxx
 ♦ A954
 ♣ A62

♠ K10xxx
 ♥ xx
 ♦ 10862 (Declarer)
 ♣ Q8

The lead was Q♥. Can you find a suitable play that could gain your team 4 IMPs?

What if the lead was 2♥? ♣

Pesta Sukan Asian Bridge Championship

Mixed Pairs, 7 Aug 2010, (29 pairs)

- 1st Chua Gang & Seet Choong Cheng
- 2nd Loo Choon Chou & Wu Hong Jun
- 3rd Melissa Chan & Phang Hong Kee

Open Teams, 7-8 Aug, (23 teams)

- 1st D'Coup: Poon Hua, Loo Choon Chou, Allen Tan, Kelvin Ng and Ng Yong Hao
- 2nd India – CV Rao: CV Rao, SN Dey Sarkar, P Bardhan, Badal Das, A Loke Sadhu and P Kushari
- 3rd X-Men: CT Ng, Raj, Chris, LL Wong and AK Heng

Consolation Teams

- 1st Gap! Gap Gap: Marvin Lai, Fabian Tan, Lin Meng Hong and Yong Kien Fong
- 2nd International: Wong Choo Wai, Alen Sia, Kimiko Endo and Derek Maggs
- 3rd NUS (::) : Tan Wei Seng, Lim Zhi Bang, Tham Wei Che, Kenneth Lim, Lam Cheng Yen and Wee Xiao Ling

Open Pairs, 9 Aug, (21 teams)

- 1st Alope Sadhu & Badal Das
- 2nd Liu I Nan & Seet Choong Cheng
- 3rd Loo Choon Chou & Poon Hua



Mixed pair winners, Chua Gang and Seet Choon Cheng, together with the SCBA Vice President, Poon Hua

Singapore National Bridge League results

	Division 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Adj	Total	Rank			
1	Friends of Sheep			20	15	24	21	19	17	24	25		165	1			
				54	25	54	52	108	56	108	71	61			40	57	43
2	The Bridge Bears			16	15	16	20	25	22	23	23		160	2			
				55	48	44	46	64	54	87	61	85			22	106	64
3	Saniva	10	14			20	17	6	14	25	14		120	5			
		25	54	48	55			75	46	80	65	33			84	80	84
4	Bozzetto (Argento)	15	15			16	4	8	14	22	20		114	6			
		52	54	46	44			68	61	31	99	23			62	55	62
5	NUSS (Red)	6	14	10	14			10	7	8	21		90	8			
		56	108	54	64	46	75	61	68			56			84	54	102
6	Bozzetto (Azzurro)	9	10	13	25			7	14	25	9		112	7			
		71	108	61	87	65	80	99	31			29			78	36	43
7	NUS (G)	11	4	24	22	20	23			22	14		140	3			
		40	61	22	85	84	33	62	23	84	56	78			29		
8	Bukit Timah CC (A)	13	8	16	16	23	16			19	22		133	4			
		43	57	64	106	84	80	62	55	102	54	43			36		
9	NUS (B)	6	7	0	8	22	5	8	11				67	10			
		33	88	40	89	21	138	66	104	79	36	34			91	47	89
10	X-Men	0	7	16	10	8	21	16	8				86	9			
		40	137	70	118	76	70	45	73	55	96	81			44	42	32

Glory Gallery

	Division 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Adj	Total	Rank					
1	NTU Staff			15	13	18	15	25	24	4	25		139	2					
				0	0	32	42	84	69	66	63	102	36	84	37	31	94	112	24
2	SCBA (B)			12	17	18	19	21	25	19	11	-1	141	1					
				38	54	66	53	52	36	89	66	71	40	88	25	64	40	32	53
3	SICC (Red)	15	18			16	15	0	17	0	17		98	8					
		0	0	54	38			54	46	0	0	W	0	51	39	W	0	74	60
4	Blue Moon	17	13			16	21	0	25	15	18		125	4					
		42	32	53	66			43	34	79	47	24	118	65	12	62	64	80	65
5	SRC Dreamers	12	12	14	14			10	19	14	25	-1	119	6					
		69	84	36	52	46	54	34	43			50	78	?	?	73	79	95	29
6	NUS (A)	15	11	15	9			23	16	1	21		111	7					
		63	66	66	89	0	0	47	79			62	20	83	75	27	109	93	59
7	Congenital Optimists	3	9	18	25	20	7			25	16	-2	121	5					
		36	102	40	71	W	0	118	24	78	50	20	62			93	35	62	53
8	Bozzetto (Rosso)	6	4	13	5	11	14			15	12		80	10					
		37	84	25	88	39	51	12	65	?	?	75	83			0	0	45	64
9	NTU (A)	25	11	18	15	16	25	4	15				129	3					
		94	31	40	64	W	0	64	62	79	73	109	27	35	93	0	0		
10	NUSS (Blue)	0	19	13	12	3	9	14	18				88	9					
		24	112	53	32	60	74	65	80	29	95	59	93	53	62	64	45		

	Division 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Adj	Total	Rank					
1	GWCC D Rakes			15	8	25	16	9	18	20	25		136	4					
				48	45	33	68	133	49	42	37	57	91	W	0	75	46	87	23
2	Japan Club			24	9	15	17	4	25	23	25		142	3					
				88	37	31	63	26	26	63	49	30	88	108	21	61	21	77	15
3	NTU (B)	15	6			25	9	0	10	16	14		95	8					
		45	48	37	88			93	39	52	82	19	142	32	58	72	66	33	38
4	Bukit Timah CC (B)	22	21			25	15	20	19	24	0		146	2					
		68	33	63	31			156	17	57	56	54	26	64	42	89	43	W	0
5	VJC	1	15	5	0			3	18	10	0		52	10					
		49	133	26	26	39	93	17	156			35	100	64	45	45	73	W	0
6	NUS (C)	14	13	21	15			9	5	6	24	-1	106	5					
		37	42	49	63	82	52	56	57			44	76	47	101	37	84	79	32
7	Tyxeros	21	25	25	10	25	21			20	25		172	1					
		91	57	88	30	142	19	26	54	100	35	76	44			60	31	89	30
8	HCJC	0	1	20	11	12	25			16	15		100	7					
		W	0	21	108	58	32	42	64	45	64	101	47			65	58	0	0
9	KKCC Bridge Club	10	7	14	6	20	24	10	14				105	6					
		46	75	21	61	66	72	43	89	73	45	84	37	31	60	58	65		
10	SMU	4	4	16	18	18	6	4	15			-1	84	9					
		23	87	15	77	38	33	W	0	W	0	32	79	30	89	0	0		

September 2010 Events Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
<p>All events are held at SCBA Clubhouse unless stated otherwise.</p>		1	2	3	4	5	
	6	7	8	9 <i>5th Naning International Bridge Invitational Tournament, China</i>	10 <i>Hari Raya Puasa Special Game</i> • 9.30am	11 <i>24th Singapore National Bridge League Open House #13</i> • 2.30pm, SCBA	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>24th Singapore National Bridge League Open House #14</i> • 2.30pm, SCBA	26 <i>Match-point Teams Championships</i> \$100 per team, \$50 per student team • 2.30-11pm, SCBA
	27	28	29	30	31		

October 2010 Events Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31 All events are held at SCBA Clubhouse unless stated otherwise.				1	SCBA/ BTCC Open Pairs 2 \$24 per pair • 2.30 – 6.30pm, Venue: Bukit Timah CC	3
4	5	6	7	8	Double 8 Senior Pairs 9 \$20 per pair • 2.30pm, SCBA	10
11	12	13	14	15	Singapore IMP Pairs Championship 16 \$50 per pair, \$25 per student pair • 2.30pm, SCBA	17
18	19	20	26	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Corporate Members + SCBA Officials

Weekly Games @ Bridge Clubs

SCBA weekly games Monday – 9.30am and 7.30 pm
Thursday - 9.30 am
Friday – 1.00pm and 7.30pm
Sunday - 2.00 pm

KAMPONG KEMBANGAN CC, 5 Lengkong Tiga. Mon/ Thurs
7.00pm (SCBA Liaison Officer – Derek Maggs)

NTU CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB, 20 Nanyang Green Hall 7.
Tues 7.30pm (SCBA Liaison Officer – Lan Foo)

NUS SPORTS & RECREATION CENTRE, Kent Ridge
Crescent, MPSH 4. Tues 7.00pm (SCBA Liaison Officer –
Fabian)

NUSS The Graduate Club, 9 Kent Ridge Drive
Every Wed 7.30 pm at Bkt Timah Guild House (SCBA Liaison
Officer – Thiagarajan)

SIGLAP COMMUNITY CENTRE, 300 Bedok South Avenue 3
Sun 2.30 pm (SCBA Liaison Officer – AK Heng)

SINGAPORE ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB, 240 Sime Road
Bridge @ The Niblick. Mon/ Thurs 7.30 pm. Wed 1.00pm (from
7 April 2010) (SCBA Liaison Officer – Maha)

SINGAPORE JAPAN CLUB BRIDGE LEAGUE, 120 Adam
Road. Tues 9.00 am (SCBA Liaison Officer – Lan Foo)

SINGAPORE RECREATION CLUB, B Connaught Drive
Tues 7.30 pm (SCBA Liaison Officer – Derek Maggs)

TANGLIN CLUB, 5 Stevens Road, Mon, Wed & Fri at 1pm,
Wed at 7.30pm (SCBA Liaison Officer – Derek Maggs)

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