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# BRIDGE AT CENTER STAGE



Dong Wang and Fan Guang Sheng – emcees at the opening ceremonies

The World Bridge Team Championships, back in China for the first time in 12 years, received a warm and official welcome from the host nation and the city of Shanghai, clearly committed to making the competition memorable for all involved.

WBF President José Damiani declared the championships open at 7:02 p.m. It was the conclusion of a night of celebrations and promises.

“We will make every effort to provide a satisfying environment . . . for the players, staff and officials,” said Xiang Huai Cheng, president of the Chinese Contract Bridge Association.

Shanghai Vice Mayor Yang Dinghua pledged her city’s cooperation and support for the championships, and Liu Peng, minister of the General Administration of Sports, declared that the bridge tournament is “an important event for China.”

China, Damiani said, “is becoming a true force in our family of bridge.”

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### VUGRAPH MATCHES

#### Round 1 (11.00-13.20)

VG:	Table 4	China SMEG - Argentina	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 1	USA 1 - USA 2	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 3	New Zealand - Brazil	(BB)
SWAN:	Table 11	Norway - Sweden	(BB)
OurGame:	Table 23	England - China Global Times	(VC)

#### Round 2 (14.20-16.40)

VG:	Table 6	Italy - Poland	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 2	USA 2 - Sweden	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 9	Brazil - Indonesia	(BB)
SWAN:	Table 49	USA 2 - Denmark	(SB)
OurGame:	Table 4	Egypt - Canada	(BB)

#### Round 3 (17.10-19.30)

VG:	Table 22	France - China Global Times	(VC)
BBO 1:	Table 5	China SMEG - Italy	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 9	South Africa - Netherlands	(BB)
SWAN:	Table 49	Germany - Sweden	(SB)
OurGame:	Table 21	New Zealand - Croatia	(VC)

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## PRESIDENT'S OPENING SPEECH

Mr Minister

Ladies and gentlemen – dear friends

We have come together here, in this truly vibrant city, to enjoy the challenge of the World Bridge Championships. I am sure you are all, as I am, excited and pleased to be in Shanghai.

The Chinese Contract Bridge Association has a history of staging excellent tournaments. I am sure some of you will remember the exceptional Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup in 1995 in Beijing; last year the CCBA hosted the World University Championship in Tianjin and the very successful Juno Cup held in Wu Xi, and I am quite sure the 2007 World Championships will be no exception.

I am only too delighted to be able to thank, on your behalf, our close friends and colleagues in the Chinese Contract Bridge Association who have worked long and hard in the run-up to these championships to ensure their success.

I would also like to express my warm thanks to the chairman of SMEG, Mr Xue Pei Jian, to the Shanghai Bridge Association and, of course, to our friends the Generali Group for their generous sponsorship and help.



China is becoming a true force in our family of bridge – not only are they the host to these championships but next year will see us return to this great country, to Beijing, for the first World Mind Sport Games and the Inter-Nation Bridge Teams Championship... formerly the Teams Olympiad.

But let us return to the here and now, and to these World Championships in Shanghai. I know that our hosts will make you feel welcome, will do all that they can to make your stay here enjoyable. As you compete in what some consider to be the toughest of all the World Championships, I hope you will find some time, even if only a little, to explore this wonderful city with its history and its fascinating culture.

I would like to thank you all for coming here to play your best bridge in fair competition and I wish you the best of good fortune in the coming days.

And now, ladies and gentlemen, let me proceed with the awards that the World Bridge Federation is honoured to present to two great friends of bridge.

**José Damiani, WBF President**

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The ceremonies were co-hosted by Fan Guang Sheng, secretary general of the CCBA, and Dong Wang, a sportscaster for one of the many television stations operated by the Shanghai Media & Entertainment Group, a major sponsor of the tournament.

SMEG's commitment to the event was evident by the number of TV cameras recording the ceremonies.

Sixty-six teams from 30 different countries are represented in the three major events – the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Bowl.

After several enthusiastic officials were introduced to offer welcomes to the players and staff of the tournament, Damiani took the stage to a burst of the trumpet music heard at the Olympic Games. It has long been the dream of the WBF to have bridge included in the Games.

The WBF president presented special gifts to two friends of the game.

Wang Han Bin, a Chinese State Leader, has a great passion for bridge, Damiani told the gathering. "In particular, without his support the 1995 World Bridge Championships would not have been possible. He also utilized his capacity as the Vice-Chairman of the National People's Congress to promote bridge globally by playing the game with international political dignitaries."

The other special award went to Li Lianqing.

Said Damiani: "I very often talk about my love story with China and the Chinese people. This is due in great part to Mr Li Lanqing.



*WBF President José Damiani presenting Wang Han Bin with a special award*

"We met about 15 years ago, and not only did we play bridge, but we also talked about music, education and you know what: Corsica, my small island of origin. (Very few people in the world are able to locate this beautiful place, even though some knew that it was Napoleon's birthplace).

"I was very impressed by the knowledge, culture and open mind of Mr Li Lanqing.

"And year after year when we met, my admiration and friendship for you, Mr Li Lanqing, increased more and more.

"Not only have you had a great professional career but you have a tremendous reputation across the world as an economist and you were kind enough to show me that you

are also a great writer, as you sent me signed copies of your marvellous books on music and education.

“The world bridge community is very proud to have you, as a bridge lover and Honorary President of the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, with us tonight.”

Li surprised Damiani by presenting him with two gifts, a carving depicting bridge and a scroll about promoting bridge “for intelligence.”

Dong concluded the evening with one more plug: “As long as we have bridge inside, we will transcend.”

*More photos on the back page*

## Did you know?

The last time the World Bridge Championships took place in China, the Bermuda Bowl final was contested by two teams from North America – the Nick Nickell team from the USA and a squad from Canada.

The championship was won by the Nickell team, at the time composed of Nickell, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell.

The runners-up were Boris Baran, Fred Gitelman, Eric Kokish (now coach of the Nickell team), George Mittelman, Mark Molson and Joe Silver.

## Worldwide Focus on Shanghai



The world, it seems, is coming to Shanghai. As the World Bridge Team Championships get underway today, the city is host to another world event – the Women’s World Cup of football.

At a press conference on Friday at the Shanghai Convention Center, the focus was bridge and the excitement over the return of the world championships to China. The only previous time the nation hosted a World Bridge Championship was in 1995 in Beijing.

Big-time bridge will be back in Beijing next year as one of the events in the World Mind Sports Games, along with Chess, Go, Draughts (Checkers) and Chinese Chess. The Shanghai championships are expected to help boost interest in the Beijing tournament.

Journalists packed a meeting room at the convention center to hear all about the 2007 tournament, which has drawn more than 1,200 players and staff from 50 different countries.

Xiao Min, vice president of the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, welcomed the organizers of the world championships, reflecting on the recent success of the Chinese women’s team (silver medals in the Venice Cup in 1997 and 2003) and conceding that the open team “has a long way to go.” China does have the reigning World Open Pairs champions – Zhong Fu and Jie Zhao. They will be playing for China SMEG in this year’s Bermuda Bowl.

SMEG – Shanghai Media & Entertainment Group – is one of several sponsors of the world championships, including the Generali Group, the Shanghai Sport Federation and the CCBA.

Fan Guang Sheng, CCBA general secretary, noted that interest in bridge has declined somewhat in recent years in China, in no small measure because of the impressive growth of China’s economy. More of its citizens now are engaged in earning money, leaving less time for entertainment activities such as bridge, he said.

Fan said, however, that he is hopeful that the Shanghai championships, followed next year by the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing, will stimulate more interest in bridge.

José Damiani, president of the World Bridge Federation, congratulated the organizers – the CCBA, Shanghai Bridge Association and the Shanghai Sport Federation – for the choice of venue. “The convention center is absolutely marvellous,” he said. “The players will be very comfortable.”

Damiani said that in his world travels on behalf of bridge, he has noted a “special situation” regarding bridge in China. Bridge, he said, has very strong government support in China, providing hope that the teaching of bridge in schools may become a reality.

Asked to assess the Chinese women’s team competing in the Venice Cup, Damiani chose a diplomatic response: “They are very, very good – and they are good friends of mine.”

Damiani said he has played against the Chinese women on more than one occasion and found them to be especially good at concentration.

The WBF president said he expects good performances from Chinese teams in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Bowl in Shanghai: “I am more than confident that China will have very good results.”



# TODAY'S PROGRAM



## Bermuda Bowl

ROUND 1 11.00		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	USA 1	USA 2
2	Indonesia	Japan
3	New Zealand	Brazil
4	China SMEG	Argentina
5	Poland	Trinidad & Tobago
6	India	Italy
7	Canada	Chinese Taipei
8	South Africa	Egypt
9	Australia	Pakistan
10	Ireland	Netherlands
11	Norway	Sweden

ROUND 2 14.20		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	USA 1	Ireland
2	USA 2	Sweden
3	Pakistan	South Africa
4	Egypt	Canada
5	Chinese Taipei	India
6	Italy	Poland
7	Trinidad & Tobago	China SMEG
8	Argentina	New Zealand
9	Brazil	Indonesia
10	Japan	Norway
11	Netherlands	Australia

ROUND 3 17.10		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Sweden	Japan
2	Norway	Brazil
3	Ireland	USA 2
4	New Zealand	Trinidad & Tobago
5	China SMEG	Italy
6	Poland	Chinese Taipei
7	India	Egypt
8	Canada	Pakistan
9	South Africa	Netherlands
10	Australia	USA 1
11	Indonesia	Argentina

## Venice Cup

ROUND 1 11.00		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	Denmark	Indonesia
22	Egypt	Croatia
23	England	China Global Times
24	Brazil	Japan
25	Jordan	India
26	South Africa	Netherlands
27	Guadeloupe	Germany
28	USA 1	Argentina
29	Canada	USA 2
30	Australia	Philippines
31	France	New Zealand

ROUND 2 14.20		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	Denmark	Australia
22	Indonesia	New Zealand
23	USA 2	USA 1
24	Argentina	Guadeloupe
25	Germany	South Africa
26	Netherlands	Jordan
27	India	Brazil
28	Japan	England
29	China Global Times	Egypt
30	Croatia	France
31	Philippines	Canada

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24	England	India
25	Brazil	Netherlands
26	Jordan	Germany
27	South Africa	Argentina
28	Guadeloupe	USA 2
29	USA 1	Philippines
30	Canada	Denmark
31	Egypt	Japan



# TODAY'S PROGRAM

## Senior Bowl

### ROUND 1 11.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	Thailand	Guadeloupe
42	Denmark	India
43	South Africa	USA 2
44	Italy	Brazil
45	China	France
46	Canada	Japan
47	New Zealand	Indonesia
48	Germany	Egypt
49	Poland	China Hong Kong
50	Australia	Sweden
51	USA 1	Argentina

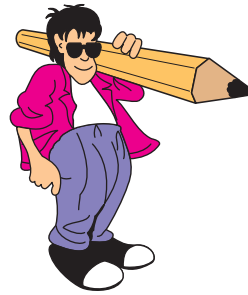
### ROUND 2 14.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	Thailand	Australia
42	Guadeloupe	Argentina
43	China Hong Kong	Germany
44	Egypt	New Zealand
45	Indonesia	Canada
46	Japan	China
47	France	Italy
48	Brazil	South Africa
49	USA 2	Denmark
50	India	USA 1
51	Sweden	Poland

### ROUND 3 17.10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	Argentina	India
42	USA 1	USA 2
43	Australia	Guadeloupe
44	South Africa	France
45	Italy	Japan
46	China	Indonesia
47	Canada	Egypt
48	New Zealand	China Hong Kong
49	Germany	Sweden
50	Poland	Thailand
51	Denmark	Brazil

## Championship Diary



Welcome to Shanghai, surely the sporting capital of the World for the next two weeks. Apart from these World Championships, sports fans have already been able to enjoy an Athletics Grand Prix, and can now look forward to today's Women's soccer World Cup Final (Germany meet Brazil),

the FI Grand Prix next Sunday and the Special Olympics.

We have started our search for the best places to eat and drink. If you cross the river (the simplest way is one stop on the metro – Line 2, a mere 3RMB) then you might enjoy an evening at Hart Ma, 20 Guang Dong Road – a sort of sports bar that serves all types of food, where mentioning that you are from the Bridge World Championships will get you an instant *Happy Hour!*

On our way to the place we spotted Fu Zhou Road, no doubt named in honour of the reigning World Pairs Champions (not really, but it's a great story.)

We spotted that the slogan for the Beijing Olympics has been announced, 'One World, One Dream.'

With that in mind maybe we should have a slogan for next year's World Mind Sports Games – how about 'Five Sports, One Desire.?'

Bridge players around the world can follow play on-line. Roland Wald tells us that the BBO record is 13,817 users online of which 6,829 have been watching VuGraph at a given time. The record for spectators at a single table is 6,224. He expects all three records to be broken. (However, playing times are not good for breaking records. BBO peak hour is around 20:00 GMT. Sunday is the busiest. The times in Shanghai will keep many North Americans in bed. Anyway, when we reach the semi-finals and finals, Roland bets that most of the users over there will stay up late or get up early.)

The good news is that BBO can accommodate at least 20,000 users at the same time.

## Systems revisions

Captains who have brought revised systems have been requested to send these to Anna Gudge (anna@ecats.co.uk). These will be posted on the website at [www.ecatsbridge.com](http://www.ecatsbridge.com) – click on the link for Shanghai, and you will see the link labelled On-Site Changes. File-names will start BB, VC and SB as appropriate, followed by a short country name and the players' names.



## ALERT! Important information for all players and participants



### Smoking Regulations

This building is totally non-smoking. Anyone wishing to smoke must go outside at the end of the session. You may not go to smoke during a session.

### Mobile phones and other electronic devices

There are penalties for anyone taking mobile phones or any other electronic device capable of sending or receiving data into the playing area.

### Alcoholic drinks

Alcoholic drinks are not permitted in the playing areas at any time.

### Dress code

Players are asked to take note of the recognition of bridge as a sport by the IOC, and the WBF requests that players should, at all times, be dressed appropriately; this is particularly the case at the Opening Ceremony and at the Prize Giving Ceremony or Victory Banquet, when it is expected that teams should at least be uniformly dressed even if a team uniform is not available. During play appropriate dress would, for example, be an open-necked shirt, or a smart polo or sweatshirt worn with trousers or skirt as appropriate. Shorts and open-toed sandals may not be worn during play.

### Convention cards

Players are reminded of the requirement to have two identical, fully completed, convention cards at the table at all times for the use of their opponents.

### Systems

Players are reminded that HUM and Brown Sticker Conventions are not permitted in the Round Robin, nor are they permitted at any time in the Senior Bowl.

### Rulings and appeals

The WBF Code of Practice applies in all events at these championships. The attention of players is drawn particularly to the fact that the appeals committee bases the hearing of each appeal on the expectation that the ruling of the director is free of significant error and appropriate to the facts. An appeals committee will only change the ruling made by the director if wholly convinced by the appellant that such is not the case. For this reason, players who are inclined to appeal a ruling are asked to bear these considerations in mind:

1. The Chief Tournament Director is at the top of his profession and the team of directors he has assembled include a number of senior directors with exceptional experience of world championships.
2. If any question arises as to the application of the law to the facts of a case, there is consultation among these directors.
3. In reaching decisions that involve bridge judgment, the directors consult a number of expert players for their opinions. Consequently, only the strongest arguments will overturn rulings that are never made on impulse or without proper consultation.

## Roster changes announced

There have been a number of changes in the team lineups for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Bowl since the official programme was published.



### Bermuda Bowl

**Egypt:** Ayman Azzam is now non-playing captain.

**USA 2:** Paul Soloway has withdrawn and has been replaced by Hemant Lall.

### Venice Cup

**Canada:** Rhoda Habert has withdrawn and has been replaced by Linda Lee. Ray Lee is now NPC.

**Croatia:** Branislav Protega (NPC) has withdrawn and is replaced by Dusan Krautsak.

### Senior Bowl

The **Pakistan** team has withdrawn and is replaced by China Hong Kong – Patrick Choy (captain), Yiu Chan, Monica Chan, Nancy Neuman, Wang Kong Wong, George Wong.

**India:** Avinash Gokhale has withdrawn and is replaced by Mr R Shridhar.

## Paul Magerman



Paul Magerman, one of the originators of international university bridge, died Sept. 26 in Belgium after a long illness.

A player and an administrator, Magerman was a member of the World Bridge Federation's FISU Committee. FISU is the International University

Sport Federation.

He was also FISU liaison with the European Bridge League. In 2002, he was awarded the Gold Medal by the EBL.

As a player, Magerman was 13th in the Senior Pairs, playing with Guy Mintiens in 1989 at the European Championships, and achieved the same rank with Lieve Van Der Mijnsbrugge in the World Senior Pairs in Lille in 1998.

Magerman also served as non-playing captain of Belgium's open team in European and World Championships.

The funeral will be on Tuesday, Oct. 2, in Antwerp, Belgium.

## China's Challenge

by Mark Horton

Our hosts are among the favourites in every competition and the challenge of China SMEG in the Bermuda Bowl is spearheaded by the reigning World Pairs Champions, Zhong Fu and Jie Zhao.

This example of their brilliant defensive play from this year's Yeh Bros Cup has already gone around the world:

Dealer East - All Vul.

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N						
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West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Fu Zhong	Balicki	Jack Zhao
		1♣*	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	All Pass

I was commentating on Bridge Base and pointed out that 3NT would make, the main point being that the defenders will never get a heart trick and will eventually have to play either clubs or hearts to declarer's advantage.

4NT was too high – but as the play developed it took a combination of brilliant plays for the defence to prevail.

North led the six of spades. South took his queen and rather than simply continue spades, he switched to the eight of clubs, declarer winning in dummy as North followed with the six.

Declarer unblocked the ace of clubs and played the nine of spades. South went in with the ace and exited with a spade, declarer winning in the dummy and cashing the remaining spade winner, discarding two hearts from his hand.

Now came the ace and king of diamonds, on which North delivered the queen.

That avoided the first possible endplay.

When declarer continued with dummy's four of diamonds the crocodile reared his head and South went up with the jack of diamonds, avoiding the second possible endplay.

He exited with a diamond and declarer had to surrender a heart trick at the end.

Declarer lost his way in 3NT in the other room, so it was a flat board.

## Instructions for Recorder Bridgemate

### General

Press OK to start Bridgemate. There is no Off button – it turns itself off.

Press OK to continue. Press Cancel to go back.

### Start

Press OK. A welcome screen is shown. Press OK again.

### Round, table and board number

The next screen shows what round and what boards are to be played. Press OK to continue.

Next you enter board number.

### Enter bidding

The order of bidding is West, North, East and South. You enter the bids in a normal bridge fashion (1♥, 2♠, 3NT, X=Double, XX=Redouble, PASS, etc).

If at any time you make an incorrect bid you can press Cancel to go back one step. You can click Cancel many times to go back further.

End the bidding by PASS, PASS, PASS.

After that you are asked to confirm the final contract and declarer. This step is very important since it decides if the final result will be correct or not. It cannot be changed later.

If the contract or declarer is wrong, you need to press Cancel to go back and correct the error.

### Enter play

The order of play is the same as for the bidding. To the left you see a number indicating the trick number starting with 1.

You enter suit first and then card (♣K, ♠5, ♥10 – the bid zero (0) button with a small one (1), etc). When you have finished a trick you are automatically taken to the next line where the winner of the previous trick is on lead.

Sometimes there can be mistakes in the cards played so that the winner of the trick is incorrect. If so, you can press N/S or E/W once or twice to change player on lead.

### Tips and tricks

If you don't see exactly what card was played, you can press X to indicate an unknown card.

If you miss an entire trick after the lead, you can press XX to fill the trick with unknown cards.

If the card played is the same suit as the one led, you only need to enter the card – the suit will be automatic.

If a new trick starts with the same suit as the previous trick, you again only need to enter the card – the suit will be automatic.

### End play

Press OK to end play or indicate a claim. At this point you have to enter the final result. Use = for just made, + n for overtricks or – n for setting tricks.

Note! There is no verification after you press OK. If you make a mistake you need to call the tournament director.



Top  
The Chinese team enjoy an ovation after being introduced



Left  
Li Lanqing and WBFF President José Damiani share a hug after Li received a special award.



Bottom  
Flags from various countries decorate the walls of the auditorium.

