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Daily Bulletin 1 – Editors Brian Senior and Cathy Chua

From Cathy: Welcome to the 51st APBF Championships and the second time they've been held in Korea. Much has changed in the bridge world since 2005, most notably we now take for granted the technology that lets us watch bridge online as it happens. These days we get video as well as the play. No doubt the technology will play its part here as well. But importantly, it's an occasion for people of a wide variety of cultures to meet and share the wonderful experience of playing together. The Antipodeans continue to appreciate their invitation to be part of this gathering and I'm looking forward to another stint at the Bulletins, this time more layout and less writing. I was amazed last time by what an incredible job a tiny number of dedicated bridge lovers did here in Korea and I have no doubt they will build on that this year. Add the goodwill that is always present at these gatherings of the countries in this part of the world and for my money it's a truly special event.

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Cathy and JJ aka Choi Jung Jin 2005

From Brian: Welcome to Seoul and the 51st Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Championships. For many of us, myself included, this is a first visit to South Korea, and I have no doubt we will have a wonderful time in the exciting and vibrant city of Seoul. However, with places at this summer's World Championships in Lyon up for grabs, there is some very serious business to attend to alongside the fun. Good luck to all in pursuit of those qualifying places.

Cathy and I will do the best we can to provide you with an interesting and informative Daily Bulletin, but to achieve that we need your help. There are far too many tables in play to hope that we will spot all of your finest plays, defences and bidding sequences, let alone any funny stories, so please, if you have a newsworthy piece of action at your table, whether by yourself or an opponent, come and tell us about it.

At the Riviera - food

Within the Riviera are various food options. All are on the first floor.

IMPORTANT: players must wear their tournament ID to ensure they can order the specials at the Cafe Vista and also at Wyn&Dyn. Current exchange rate is approximately US\$1 = KRW1120

Cafe Vista

KRW8,000 (\$8) meal, fixed Korean spicy food
Menu changes each day of the week.
7am – midnight

Wyn&Dyn

KRW8,000 (\$8) meal using coupons to be purchased in advance from the restaurant. It may be possible to get the specials without prepurchase as long as tournament ID is worn. Today I was asked if I was with the bridge and then offered the special bridge menu. Korean, Chinese, Japanese - mostly simple noodle or fried rice dishes
bookings accepted 11am – 10.30pm

Delicatessen

café food such as breads, cakes, beverages 7am – 11pm

Pub Buffet restaurant

KRW19,000 (\$17) 10.30am – 10.30pm

Food of your own or brought in from elsewhere - Must be consumed in the guest room or function rooms. Not to be eaten on the corridors or restaurants.

On the 15th floor is the **Sky Lounge** open until 2am daily.

For more on food options, please see pages 3 and 4. Tips for what to expect: very little or no English in restaurants! Local food is mainly hot and spicy. Some restaurants and most in the COEX have dishes described in English as well as Korean and a photo to show what you get.



Pi Hahn, right with Tadayoshi Nakatani in 2005, is again chief organiser in 2017.

Out and About – Food

The last time I did the Bulletins in Korea, I scarcely left the hotel, but I'm assured that this time will be different, so I've been putting a little effort into discovering what the area within walking distance looks like.

The shortest way of describing the area around the Riviera is 'posh'. It ranges from highly up-market, the really expensive designer label shops to streets of less generic small businesses such as art galleries.

So, if you want to pay going on for \$20US for a cup of coffee, do drop into House of Dior. It's surreal modern, with a patisserie including a view from on high and outside seating. The food looks exquisite and it's a treat you can combine with a visit to whatever the current exhibition is at their gallery. On the other hand, if Starbucks is more your style, it, along with other coffee chains, abound.

High-end Western food is plentiful in this area.

Italian:

Mi Piace

1st Floor, 2nd Floor, Samyoung Building,
97-22 Cheongdam-dong, Gangnam-gu

The Ristorante O

15 Dosan-daero 75-gil, Cheongdam-dong,
Gangnam-gu

Bookings compulsory, has no sign, expensive!

Pairing Room

117-12 Cheongdam-dong, Gangnam-gu
no website, not cheap

French:

Palais de Gaumont

118-10 Cheongdam-dong, Gangnam-gu,
Cheap Western: both KFC and Domino's Pizza
are a walk from the hotel.

Korean:

Samwon Garden

835 Eonju-ro, Sinsa-dong, Gangnam-gu

Jungsik

11 Seolleung-ro 158-gil, Cheongdam-dong
Gangnam-gu

Pro Ganjang Gejang Sinsa - famous for crab
and for bibimbap

9 Gangnam-daero 97-gil, Jamwon-dong,
Seocho gu,

The Dadam - For KRW40000 at lunch time
you can get a lovely sounding set lunch with
lots of courses.

A similar meal at dinner is KRW70000. At
either lunch or dinner a set vegetarian menu is
available for KRW70000.

M building B1, Dosan-daero 445, Gangnam-gu
+82. 2. 518. 6161

Gaehwaok

63, Nonhyeon-ro 175-gil Gangnam-gu

Jigudang

32 Apgujeong-ro 14-gil, Gangnam-gu

Samwon Garden famous for its garden setting
including waterfalls, as well as for its food.
Soup dishes look like they are good value, but
mainly expensive.

835 Eonju-ro, Sinsa-dong, Gangnam-gu

Hanilkwan a piece of history, running since
1939, prices range from cheap to expensive.
619-4 Sinsa-dong, Gangnam-gu

Haru Pan soba is specialty. Crowded at meal
times.

56, Eonju-ro 172-gil Gangnam-gu

Hot Eatsue Hotel Cappuccino Run by 2 star
Michelin chef, a chance to eat his food at
cheap prices – his main restaurant starts at
around KRW150000.

Japanese:

Tokyo Saikabo not cheap in general, though
there are some dishes below KRW20000.
127-19 Cheongdam-dong, Gangnam-gu

Dosa calls itself Modern Korean with Japanese
essence. It has only a set menu, smaller and
cheaper at lunch, KRW40000, while dinner's
is much more expensive. It looks lovely.
B1 Park B/D, Dosandaero-67gil-7 Cheongdam-
dong, Gangnam-gu

Seafood:

Over this side of the river, and going on for an hour on the subway – a straightforward trip I believe – is the famous **Noryangjin Fish Market** 674 Nodeul-ro, Noryangjin 1(il)-dong, Dongjak-gu. As well as being a wholesale market, you can eat there.

Tips for eating on a budget.

First don't make mistakes with all those zeros in the prices – and I don't say that facetiously.

A lot of the restaurants have a much larger range of prices than is usual in Western restaurants, and adding a small amount of premium meat can cost a lot more. So, the same restaurant might have a substantial bowl of beef soup for

KRW15000 (which is about \$12), but lots of other dishes will be much more expensive. Soup noodles are cheap and you will often find them on the same menu as other fare.

Second, eat at lunchtime if you want an expensive meal at the best price.

The Riviera Hotel will provide a shuttle bus to **COEX** Mall at 8:00 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 11.30, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00 one-way service. Return trip is under your own steam. The Mall is very large (keep in mind the possibility of getting lost) and has a food court with great variety of food and prices including Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Indian, Turkish, Western style cafes. It is a 10 minute walk or a taxi trip which should cost about \$4.00 or KRW4,000~5,000.

Out and about – The local area

We're in the song – Gangnam Style! And nearby, no wonder the organisers are worried they might lose the entire field of the tournament at COEX. It's the biggest shopping mall in Asia at 88,000 square metres. That's a number I can't get my head around, but at least if I get lost, I'm not a player. Garosu-gil is an area of tree-lined streets, galleries, cafes, bars, unique small stores including clothing and books. Adjoining them are Cheongdam-dong and Apgujeong-dong where you can find the standard high end luxury brands and labels.

Cheongdam Park is a beautiful spot near the Riviera and I expect there are nice walks along the river which the Riviera overlooks.

Seoul is a huge city of 24M people, if you want to go exploring there is a lot to see and a good subway system for getting around. However, it's good to know that everything is at your fingertips within the immediate vicinity of the playing area, and if you don't leave the neighbourhood, you can rest assured of having a great time during your breaks from the bridge.



Chief editor Brian Senior, second on the left, after winning the NEC earlier this year.

The Amazing Thailand Bridge Festival 2017

Brian Senior

The Amazing Thailand Bridge Festival 2017 was held in the Montien Hotel, Bangkok, just across the road from the infamous Patpong nightlife area, from April 5-9. As most readers will be aware, the long-time king of Thailand died last year and the country is still in the middle of an official year of mourning. This reduced the number of Thai players taking part in the festival and may also have contributed to the lower number of foreign participants, who feared that the atmosphere and possibilities available in the various entertainment venues might be less than in a normal year. All of this meant that the festival was noticeably smaller than in previous years, though there was still plenty of interesting bridge played. As well as Thailand, there were teams from Singapore, China, Indonesia, Japan, China Hong Kong, New Zealand, Korea, USA, and Norway/England.

The festival began with a one-day pairs championship – one session qualifying, one session all-play-all final, followed by the main event, the four-day teams championship. The format for this was a 12 x 10-board Swiss to qualify four teams to the knockouts on the final day of the festival. The non-qualifiers played a one-day consolation Swiss. The Championship Pairs was won by Dick Shek and Jens Rasmussen, English and Norwegian ex-pats who now live in Malaysia. There was also a series of one-session pairs events throughout the week to complete the program.

Hong Kong Zen topped the qualifying Swiss and met Trump No More (Norway/England) in the 20-board semi-final, while Indonesia Ladies faced Shenzhen of China in the other match. Neither match was close, with Hong Kong Zen defeating Trump No More by 62-25 and Indonesia Ladies beating Shenzhen 71-41. The two winners then faced off over two 14-board sessions to decide the champions. Again, there was very little suspense as Hong Kong Zen led Indonesia Ladies by 36-8 at half-time and drew away to win by 78-23. Congratulations to Derek Zen, Roger Ling, Samuel Wan and Peter Yeung.

Here are some of the more interesting deals from the knockouts.


On the following deal, Aiyue opened 2♥, weak with both majors, showed the maximum five-five in response to the 2NT inquiry, then bid 4♥ to deny a diamond control. However, Cheng went on with RKCB and bid the small slam on finding his partner with two key cards.

Swiss Rd 11 (Panjaroon v Shenzhen)

Board 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cheng</i>	<i>Wanna</i>	<i>Ma Aiyue</i>	<i>Panjaroon</i>
		2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	All pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Rawit</i>	<i>Singsan</i>	<i>Patnarin</i>	<i>Sundayt</i>
		Pass	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Dble
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	All pass		

Knowing of dummy's diamond weakness, Wanna led the three of diamonds to the king and ace. Cheng drew two rounds of trumps then led a diamond, Wanna winning the queen and exiting safely with his last diamond. Cheng won and played a heart to the ace followed by a heart to the jack, the normal play, so was down one for -50.

In the other room, Patnarin did not have a bid for the East hand so passed. However, when Rawit opened a strong no trump, Patnarin used Stayman then splintered in clubs and, after a long exchange of cuebids, Rawit finally added a sixth spade to reach the same contract as in the other room.

Singsan led the ten of hearts to the jack, queen and ace. Rawit drew trumps then ran the eight of hearts and, with no heart loser had 12 easy tricks for +980 and 14 IMPs to Panjaroon.

The deal illustrates the danger of leading in dummy's side-suit. Where Wanna led a diamond, declarer had no reason to get the hearts right. True, Wanna knew that dummy had a heart side-suit, so to avoid the fatal lead was straightforward, but surely Sing-san should also have avoided the heart lead. Dummy, a passed hand, had co-operated fully in a slam hunt facing a flat 15-17 HCP and had shown a club shortage, so had to be very distributional. To lead either red suit was hugely dangerous and, as we have seen, the heart lead proved to be fatal. Partner had doubled the Stayman 2♣ bid and, though it was highly improbable that there was a club trick to be cashed, that was the suit which should have been led as anything else was simply too big a risk and, after all, unless you have a very good reason to do otherwise, why not keep partner happy by leading the suit in which he has expressed an interest?

Swiss Round 11 (Panjaroon v Shenzhen)

Board 19 ♠ K Q 6 3
 South Deals ♥ 3
 E-W Vul ♦ 9 7 4 3
 ♣ Q 9 8 6

♠ A 5	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; color: white; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 7 2	♥ Q 10 7 6 4
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W E						
S						
♥ A J 8 5 2		♥ K 9	♦ A 2			
♦ 8 6 5		♦ K Q J 10	♣ J 7 3 2			
♣ A 10 4		♠ J 10 9 8 4				
		♥ K 9				
		♦ K Q J 10				
		♣ K 5				

West	North	East	South
<i>Cheng</i>	<i>Wanna</i>	<i>Ma Aiyue</i>	<i>Panjaroon</i>
			1 ♠
2 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥	Pass
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Rawit</i>	<i>Sing-san</i>	<i>Patnarin</i>	<i>Sundayt</i>
			1 ♠
2 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥	Pass
Pass	5 ♠	Dble	All pass

The 2♥ overall based on what is effectively a weak no trump with a mediocre five-card suit, is hardly a thing of beauty. On a bad day West could concede a four-figure penalty. However, I guess that it is just one of those scary bids that have to be made, and it came to no harm on this occasion. Both Norths raised semi-pre-emptively to 4♠ and

East, looking at five-card heart support, had little option but to bid 5♥ as, from his perspective, either 4♠ or 5♥ might be making.

At our first table, 5♥ ended the auction as everyone had already done their bidding on the deal. Wanna led the ♠K, won by Cheng with the ace. Cheng crossed to dummy's ♦A to lead the ♥Q and run it when Panjaroon played low. A second heart to the king and ace was followed by a spade exit. Panjaroon won and played king then queen of diamonds, ruffed. Eventually, Cheng played South for the doubleton club honour to hold his losers in the suit to one. That meant down one for -100.

At our second table, Sing-san made the very undisciplined bid of 5♠ when 5♥ came back to him. A basic principle of high-level competition is to let the opposition take the last guess. Here, North had a completely normal hand for his previous action, which had put the opposition under pressure. Whatever good the 4♠ had done was undone by bidding again and thereby turning a plus into a minus. Patnarin doubled 5♠ and there were four aces to be lost for down two and -300; 9 IMPs to Panjaroon instead of a flat board had Sing-san defended 5♥.

Swiss Round 12 (Shenzhen v Kenlong)

Board 24 ♠ 9 5 3
 West Deals ♥ A J 7 3 2
 None Vul ♦ 6
 ♣ A Q 8 3

♠ K Q 8 4	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; color: white; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A J 10 6 2	♥ Q 8
N						
W E						
S						
♥ 10 4		♥ K 10 5	♦ K J 5			
♦ Q 9 8 3		♠ 7				
♣ 10 9 7		♥ K 9 6 5				
		♦ A J 7 4 2				
		♣ 6 4 2				

West	North	East	South
<i>Taweessith</i>	<i>Sing-san</i>	<i>Narongrit</i>	<i>Sundayt</i>
Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♠
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Cheng</i>	<i>Aasan</i>	<i>Ma Aiyue</i>	<i>Fred</i>
Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♠
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	5 ♥
All pass			

For Shenzhen, Sundayt started the South hand with a cuebid raise then showed his side-suit when Taweessith's 3♠ came back to him. When Narongrit now saved in 4♠, Sundayt had shown his hand and could trust partner to make the decision whether to double or to go on to 5♥. With a misfit for his partner's side-suit, Singisan had an easy decision to double.

Sundayt led a heart, Singisan winning the ace and switching to the singleton diamond. Sundayt won and returned a suit-preference seven for the ruff so Singisan had no difficulty in playing back a heart. Sundayt won the king and gave his partner a second ruff and, with the ♣A still to come, that was down three for -500, more than the value of the opposing game.

For Kenlong, Fred preferred to make a splinter raise of 3♠. When Cheng now took the spade save, Aasan had a minimum opening but no wasted values in spades so left the decision round to his partner. That was mildly optimistic and perhaps he should have doubled to discourage his partner from bidding on. However, the real culprit was South who had nothing special for his 3♠ bid – a singleton spade when it might have been a void, 8 HCP when it could have been much more – and so in my view had no business going on to the five level. Five Hearts was down one for -50 and 11 IMPs to Shenzhen. You might say, 'Ah, but it was unlucky that the club was offside, as otherwise 5♥ might have made. But the even heart break was already a piece of good fortune for declarer in a heart contract and, had the ♣K been onside, +800 would have been available on defence to 4♠ doubled. Perhaps South would have felt more comfortable had he started with a 3♦ fit-jump rather than the 3♠ splinter. Not only would this have told North immediately that there was a side-suit misfit, enabling him to make the decision to double 4♠ in front of South, but perhaps a constructive raise to 3♥ is closer to the true value of the South cards.


LATE NEWS

Disappointing to hear that Bangladesh has had to pull out of the Open teams at the last moment – but with a challenging schedule here, play starting at 9am with four rounds most days, maybe a bye in the Open will seem like a blessing for some.

Semi-final (HK Zen v Trump No More)

Board 7

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



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

West	North	East	South
<i>Wan</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Zen</i>	<i>Lie</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
All pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Rasmusen</i>	<i>Yeung</i>	<i>Shek</i>	<i>Ling</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All pass			

After identical starts to the two auctions both Easts doubled the 2♥ fourth-suit asking bid and both Souths passed to say that they had nothing useful to say at this point in the auction. Now Paul Hackett bid 2NT on the North cards, no doubt believing that his failure to bid no trump on the previous round expressed doubt about his heart holding. However, with poor spades and nothing else to say, Terje Lie had no reason to do other than raise to 3NT. Derek Zen's heart lead saw the defence collect the first six tricks for down two and -200.

In the same position as Hackett, Peter Yeung bid 2♠ over 2♥ doubled. His argument would be that, playing two-over-one, he would have bid 2♠ over 2♦ if holding three-card support, so this only showed a strong doubleton and if partner had something in hearts he could always bid 2/3NT over 2♠. Looking at a small doubleton heart, Roger Ling judged correctly to raise himself to 4♠ – not that this was a good contract, but at least it had play, unlike 3NT. Ling ruffed the third heart, led a spade to the jack and cashed the ♠A, then came to hand with a diamond to cash the ♠K. The even spade split meant that he could now set up a

club for his tenth trick for +620 and 13 IMPs to Hong Kong Zen.

Semi-final (HK Zen v Trump No More)

Board 14 ♠ J 5 2
 East Deals ♥ K 4 2
 None Vul ♦ 8 4
 ♣ K 8 7 5 3

♠ 9	N	♠ A K 10 7 6 4
♥ A 9 5 3	W	♥ —
♦ A Q J 7 5	E	♦ K 6 2
♣ A 9 2	S	♣ Q J 6 4

♠ Q 8 3
 ♥ Q J 10 8 7 6
 ♦ 10 9 3
 ♣ 10

West	North	East	South
<i>Rasmussen</i>	<i>Yeung</i>	<i>Shek</i>	<i>Ling</i>
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	5 ♦	All pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Wan</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Zen</i>	<i>Lie</i>
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♦	All pass

Rasmussen's 2♣ response showed five or more diamonds and he followed up with a jump to 3NT, showing extras but a dislike for spades. Shek now showed his diamond support and Rasmussen cuebid but then accepted Shek's sign-off. Surely, once Easy goes on over 3NT and shows diamond support, he is showing at least some interest in slam and the West hand, with such good controls, should go on to slam?

Ling led the ten of clubs, an obvious shortage, so Shek rose with dummy's ace and ruffed a heart in hand then drew trumps and played on clubs to establish two extra tricks. That gave him 12 in all for +420.

In the other room, Wan's 2♦ response was natural and game-forcing and his 2NT rebid left room for Zen to show diamond support at a lower level. While 3♥ could, at that stage, have been just a no trump probe, when Wan followed up with 4♣ it was clear that he had slam in mind. Zen marked time with 4♦ but, when Wan could cuebid again,

took control with RKCB and bid the small slam when Wan showed zero or three.

The natural response meant that the contract was played the other way up from the first table but Hackett too led a club. Wan put up dummy's queen, winning the trick, and he led a second club towards the ace. Lie ruffed and returned the ♥Q but Wan could ruff, lead a diamond to hand and take a second heart ruff then play three rounds of spades to get to hand to draw a second round of trumps and claim 12 tricks for +920 and 11 IMPs to Hong Kong Zen.

Bridge matches are not just decided by game and slam hands. Trump No More recovered 8 IMPs on this partscore deal:

Semi-final (HK Zen v Trump No More)

Board 15 ♠ 10 6 3
 South Deals ♥ A Q J 10 4
 N-S Vul ♦ A K J
 ♣ 10 5

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

♠ 7 2
 ♥ 7 5 3 2
 ♦ Q 7 5 4 3
 ♣ K 9

West	North	East	South
<i>Wan</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Zen</i>	<i>Lie</i>
			Pass
1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥
Dble	Redble	2 ♠	Pass
Pass	3 ♥	All pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Rasmussen</i>	<i>Yeung</i>	<i>Shek</i>	<i>Ling</i>
			Pass
1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥
2 ♠	Dble	3 ♠	All pass

At a different vulnerability the two Souths might have made a pre-emptive raise to 3♥, given that they have four-card support and not much defence. However, this is surely too aggressive when vulnerable against not, and the actual quiet raise to 2♥ looks normal to me. Wan now doubled to show three-card spade support and Hackett redoubled to show a good hand. Zen signed off in 2♠ and when that came back to him Hackett bid the obvious 3♥. Now Zen knew that his side held only eight spades between them and suspected that his opponents also held only eight hearts.

That would make a 3♠ bid unLAWful – eight never, nine ever for bidding three over three – and he passed. Zen led the ten of diamonds against 3♥ and the double fit meant that Hackett could take five tricks in each red suit, ten in all, for a painless +170.

Do Support Doubles still apply when partner has promised five cards in his suit, as had Shek here? I would say yes, as partner will still want to know how many trumps opener has to help him to judge how high to compete, but Rasmussen's raise to 2♠ means that he and Shek disagree with me. Yeung doubled 2♠ to show extras and Shek, not knowing whether he faced three- or four-card spade support, looked at the strength of his spades and raised to 3♠ in front of the coming 3♥ bid from South.

Three Spades ended the auction and Ling's heart lead enabled Yeung to cash three red tricks but that was all. Another +170 meant 8 IMPs to Trump No More. However, it proved to be too little, too late, and Hong Kong Zen were through to the final.

On board 24 (see next column) for Indonesia Ladies, Joice Tuaeje opened a Multi 2♦ and Ling could not bid immediately over the pass-or-correct 2♥ response as double would have been take-out and 3♥ artificial. However, when Tuaeje rebid 2♠ and Lusje Bojoh introduced her long diamonds, Ling could now overcall 3♥. When that came back to Bojoh she competed with 4♦ and this ended the auction.

Yeung led the four of diamonds, Tuaeje winning dummy's seven and attempting to cash the ♥A. That was ruffed and Yeung returned his remaining trump. With no heart ruffs in hand and no way to establish then cash a black trick, Tuaeje was restricted to eight tricks – seven trumps and the ♥K – so was down two for -100.



Rick Wakeman BBO Seoul 2005

Final (Hong Kong Zen v Indonesia Ladies)

Board 24 ♠ K 10 6 4 2
 West Deals ♥ —
 None Vul ♦ A J 10 4
 ♣ J 9 5 2

♠ Q J 9 7 5 3
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ Q 10 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ —
 ♥ A K 7 4
 ♦ Q 9 8 7 3 2
 ♣ A 7 3

♠ A 8
 ♥ Q J 9 8 5 3 2
 ♦ 6
 ♣ K 8 4

West	North	East	South
<i>Tuaeje</i>	<i>Yeung</i>	<i>Bojoh</i>	<i>Ling</i>
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	3♥
Pass	Pass	4♦	All pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Wan</i>	<i>Murniati</i>	<i>Zen</i>	<i>Dewi</i>
2♠	Pass	3♦	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3N	Dble	4♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All pass	

At the other table, Wan opened a natural weak two bid and Zen responded with a forcing 3♦. When Suci Amita Dewi overcalled 3♥, Zen doubled. Clearly, he intended that to be for penalty, but Wan thought he could run the diamonds so took a stab at 3NT, only to see his partner run to the relative safety of 4♦ when that was doubled. Kristina Murniati doubled again, ending the auction.

We have seen that it is not too difficult to defeat 4♦, but the defence went horribly wrong after Dewi's lead of the queen of hearts. Murniati ruffed and underled her clubs to put partner back in with the ♣K to lead a second heart. Unfortunately, Dewi did not know that her partner held all the missing spades, so that second heart was the jack, suit preference for spades. Rather than attempt to cash the ace of clubs, Murniati ruffed the second heart and returned a low spade. Zen could ruff, draw the remaining trumps in one round, and throw dummy's clubs on the ace and king of hearts. His second club was then ruffed in dummy and that was ten tricks for +510 and 12 IMPs to Hong Kong Zen on their way to the championship.

The Festival should be back up to its normal size next year. Bangkok is a very attractive city to visit – why not give it a try?

Remembering 2005

In 2005, Rick Wakeman took charge of the BBO matches and organised the first ever Chinese commentary on that site:



Since then, Rick's gone from a stalwart of the bridge community in Seoul and online as player and commentator to a new life that makes a story on its own. While living in Korea he began travelling to Cambodia, dropping out of the live bridge scene, but playing and commentating on BBO. However, his work in Cambodia, 'development' work to do with education – building schools and training teachers got a new focus in 2012 when he started work with people with disabilities. In 2014 he moved fulltime to Cambodia to continue with this. To quote Rick when I talked to him a couple of weeks ago:

People with disabilities are simply at the back of the bus and seldom, if ever, served. There are needs in so many areas, that I am picking my spots to get involved, spots where persons with disabilities can reasonably become empowered and then they themselves can carry the initiative. The result is minor programs operating in transportation, emergency health care, micro-savings, and meals on wheels. The major projects in various stages of maturity are Genevieve's Fair Trade Village where disabled artists display and sell their creations and a house construction project: 4 homes so far with hopes for another 20 in this calendar year and a wheelchair accessible organic farm - mostly targeted at persons paralyzed due to spinal cord injuries (this project will have the first participant move in this week as a matter of fact).

It's a million miles away from what we are doing here in Seoul. It isn't that Rick hasn't tried to get himself a live game, but people he teaches move away. 'I now sneak onto BBO a few times a week to play against the BOTs and get a little of my bridge fix in.'

Bridge Highlights and Lowlights from 2005

Cathy Chua

Many times Australian representative Bobby Richman died in Hong Kong, while there for the APBF championship in 2013. His first outing at the event was in 1979 and he played on nine Open Australian teams as well as a couple of Seniors. A sign of being a consummate player was his large number of partners over that period, seven in the Open and two in the Seniors.

Another sign of being a consummate player is to be able to tell a story against oneself, as Bobby did on this hand.

2005 round 9 Australia vs Japan

Board 6	♠ K 5 4 2										
East Deals	♥ A K Q 7										
E-W Vul	♦ J 10										
	♣ 7 5 3										
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♣ 6 2		♣ K 9 8									
	♠ 6										
	♥ 8 3 2										
	♦ K Q 9 4										
	♣ A Q J 10 4										

West	North <i>Richman</i>	East	South <i>Gaspar</i>
		Pass	1 ♠ ¹
Pass	1 NT ²	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Dble	All pass

1. minors
2. semi-forcing

3 NT× by North
Down 1 — NS -100

I'm very sorry not to have the names of the Japanese EW, East's last call is a splendid example of a speculative double, inspired by the slow struggle to 3NT.

The defence began with the accurate diamond to the ace and two rounds of spades through declarer. There is no use continuing a third round of spades as declarer can't go round. Hence a heart shift from West. Anybody reading this will be able to count the 11 tricks declarer now has, 11 of the last 9 cards left, that is.

But Richman saw a way to make 9 tricks irrespective of the club position via a squeeze in hearts and clubs against either opponent. So he exited a low spade to East's ace and East shifted correctly to clubs. Bobby rose ace, knowing that he had ruined the hand at trick three.

Did you wonder what declarer had pitched from dummy on the spades? One or more small heart might look natural, and indeed, if you didn't get further in your analysis than hoping the club finesse was working, then you might as well pitch hearts. But the hearts are definite winners while the clubs are not and for the squeeze to work the hearts are vital for communication. Well, here you are, you've risen on the spade shift. If you have kept all your hearts you can now cross to the second round of hearts, cash the spade king pitching a third club (dummy now has only the queen of clubs left), cross in diamonds and cash them. You are coming down to an ending where dummy has

♠ ---
♥ 8
♦ 9
♣ Q

opposite

♠ ---
♥ Q7
♦ ---
♣ 7

When you cash the last diamond you catch either opponent guarding hearts and clubs. Instead, because dummy had let go of a heart early this ending could not be reached...and Richman's -100 was the worst score in his direction.

The Singapore Open team had an exciting tournament in 2005, performing beyond expectation. The following deal was against the always fancied Indonesians.

Singapore vs Indonesia Rd 9 RR2

Board 19 ♠ 9 4 2
 South Deals ♥ A J 7
 E-W Vul ♦ K 8 2
 ♣ Q J 8 3

♠ 10 7	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K Q 8 6 3	
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S						
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♦ A Q J 10 5 4		♦ 9 3				
♣ 9 4		♣ 10 5				

♠ A J 5
 ♥ Q 10 9
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ A K 7 6 2

The auction is not recorded, but it's one of those hands where, after South opens 1NT, a lot of players like staying quiet and hoping for a good outcome against 3NT. It has 10 tricks, as you can see with the key red suit cards onside. But Tan for Singapore began with the ♦Q, continued with the jack...and when that held, next cashed out the suit. The only other West defender to do the same and also beat 3NT? Bobby Richman.

In fact they started by trouncing Japan 25-0 in the very first round.

Looking back on 2005, I see recorded in the Bulletins a lot of blood. Especially evil hands? My taste in reporting? The nature of the tournament? I guess 2017 will give me more data to answer these questions. This is an example of what I mean. (top of next column)

It's disappointing to see that there isn't an Open team for the Philippines this year, they were a lot of fun last time. Here, playing Australia, by the end of board two they had a handsome lead. There was nothing to the play of either contract. Japan picked up 14 IMPs playing NZ, 5♠x in one room and 6♦x down one in the other.

But Indonesia topped both of these, playing 6♣x NS which is cold in one room, and in the other? EW Hendrawan-Polii played 6♥ doubled. North, for Indonesia began with the well motivated low club aiming for the ruff. I have no doubt Richman would have been having the same thought had he sat in that seat. South took the trump ace at trick two and shifted to spades, but it's all too late. Declarer made via a dummy reversal, ruffing three clubs and then the spade goes on the long heart in the end. 20 IMPs to Indonesia!

Rd 11 RR1

Board 2 ♠ J 8 6 4 3 2
 East Deals ♥ 3
 N-S Vul ♦ —
 ♣ A K J 9 8 3

♠ 10 9 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 7	
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♦ Q J 9 4 2		♦ A K 10 3				
♣ —		♣ 7 6 4				

♠ K Q
 ♥ A 6 2
 ♦ 8 7 6 5
 ♣ Q 10 5 2

West	North	East	South
<i>JNL Chua</i>	<i>Neill</i>	<i>Carreon Jr</i>	<i>Klinger</i>
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	2 NT	3 ♥	5 ♣
5 ♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All pass			

5 ♥x by West
 Made 5 — EW +650

West	North	East	South
<i>Richman</i>	<i>Quiquo</i>	<i>Gaspar</i>	<i>Alejandro</i>
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♦	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥	5 ♠
Dble	All pass		

5 ♠x by North
 Made 6 — NS +1050

In 2005 I wanted a special section in the Bulletin called Possum Pages. It would be named after the Adelaide Sunday Mail's insert for children. And that's what our Daily Bulletin's Possum Pages would be: a special place for children where adults would know they shouldn't go. My goodness they got up to some stuff last time and this year, there are two categories of Youth. The mind boggles as to the consequences for thie Bulletin. These hands happened in the same match in 2005 in the Youth to one unknown West player who has probably taken up golf or something since.

Rd 2 RR2

Board 10

East Deals
Both Vul

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

5♥×× by North
Made 5 — NS +1200

South opened 1♠, so when Feiler, North for Australia in the Youth, discovered that 2 aces were missing and signed off in 5♥, West made the well motivated double with those well placed spades. There is no way to beat five, but after declarer guessed clubs, West didn't take his other black ace and it disappeared for the overtrick. I wonder what would have happened in six?



Bobby Richman Seoul 2005

Two boards later and hapless West is in the spotlight again, with a chance to get it all back.

Rd 2 RR2

Board 12

West Deals
N-S Vul

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

6♥ by North
Made 6 — NS +1430

After 2NT by North, Porter, South, transferred and then invoked RKCB via 4NT. After a 5♣ response from partner he knew Gabby held the heart queen which was irrelevant, but only two aces which was, of course, to the point. Ahem. Good old RKCB. Was it a RKCB disaster? Only for poor West. Against mostly 4♥, but several times 6♥, the field led the ♠J, or the ♠A if played the other way up. Here West won the ace and had to guess which minor to shift to: +1430 to Australia.

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On the map of the Riviera to COEX (p. 16) , you can see ‘Bongeun Temple’. It’s a short walk from the Riviera, it’s free to enter and wander around the area – a serene break from the bridge when you are sitting out. If you want something more structured, there is a 2 hour tour on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm and costs KRW10,000.



Hard to believe, but this famous Buddhist temple was surrounded by farmland as recently as the 1970s. Since that time a dramatic transformation has left the temple area untouched, an island of tradition in a wealthy highrise urban environment.



Gangnam 1970s

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Opening buffet dinner 20:00 The late start is again due to the need to set up for the dinner after the Opening Ceremony.

Group photo session for VIPs at the Opening Ceremony, and of NBOs and teams at the Opening dinner.

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