



Issue No. 10

Thursday Evening, 24 August 2017

A celebration of youth



BAM-A (J-Y-G) Gold winners – USA



BAM-B (J-Y-G-K) Gold winners – China RDFZ Girls



BAM-A Kids Gold winners – Shengxing Venus



A group of Chinese players sing for the crowd in a moving tribute to bridge.

It is true that all good things must come to an end, but there was joy at the closing ceremony of the Funbridge World Youth Open Championships in Lyon, where winners and non-winners were celebrated for their contributions. Ata Aydin, chairman of the WBF Youth Committee, told the crowd: "Keep your heads up and try harder. Eventually you also will be a champion." WBF President Gianarrigo Rona told the players, "Thank you not only for coming but for showing once again how important youth bridge is. I hope to meet all of you again at the next World Championship, in China next year."

Joan Gerard Youth Awards



JUNIORS

Christian Bakke



YOUNGSTERS

Martin Nataf



GIRLS

Jinyi Ma & Sarah Combesure



KIDS

Anshul Bhatt





FINAL RANKING for B-a-M



Group A for Juniors, Youngsters, Girls Final Ranking after 25 rounds

1	USA	68.00
2	VILLA FABBRICHE	61.75
3	GERMANY 1	60.75
4	SYNREY RDFZ	60.44
5	FRANCE	60.00
6	CHINA	59.75
7	INDIA JUNIORS	59.38
8	FINLAND	59.31
9	SHENGXING TEAM 1	59.00
10	COLOMBIA	58.00
11	WHITEWALKERS	57.69
12	UNITED FRENCH	57.19
13	SRBIJA VAJS	55.06
14	CHILE	52.44
15	EGYPT	52.13
16	ITALY YOUNG	51.81
17	BRIDGE ACADEMY AZSUW	51.00
18	SHENGXING TEAM	49.38
19	FRANCE YOUNGSTER 2	47.44
20	BRAZIL	45.63
21	JAPAN	45.38
22	GERMANY 2	43.56
23	SHENGXING TEAM 2	43.25
24	CHINA RDFZ YOUNG	42.88
25	CHILE JUNIORS	42.50
26	ITALIA GIRLS	36.94

Group A for Kids Final Ranking after 26 rounds

1	SHENGXING VENUS	80.50
2	MAGIC EYES THAILAND	70.00
3	SHENGXING SATURN	68.00
4	NORWAY U16	59.50
5	CHINA RDFZ GALAXY	58.00
6	POLAND	56.00
7	SHENGXING MERCURY	55.00
8	SHENGXING MARS	53.00
9	CHINA RDFZ RED	52.00
10	SHENGXING YELLOW	49.50
11	CHINESE TAIPEI MLGS	46.50
12	ITALY	45.50
13	CHINA SHJS 2	44.50
14	CHINA RDFZ BLUE	32.00

Group B for all categories Final Ranking after 24 rounds

1	CHINA RDFZ GIRLS	62.00
2	GERMANY KIDS	62.00
3	CHILE YOUNG	62.00
4	CHINA RDFZ YELLOW	59.00
5	CHINA SHJS 1	56.00
6	SHENGXING JUPITER	52.00
7	SHENGXING TEAM 5	49.00
8	CHINA RDFZ HOPE 3	47.00
	SHENGXING GREEN	47.00
10	CHINA RDFZ HOPE 1	46.00
11	AUVERGNE RHONE ALPES	45.00
12	CHINA RDFZ HOPE 2	44.00
13	GERMANY	43.00
14	SHENGXING RED	42.00
15	TJ BRIDGE 2	41.00
16	CHILE	38.00
17	CHINA SHJS 3	35.00
18	SHENGXING TEAM 4	33.00

MORE MEDAL WINNERS



Juniors Silver – Japan



Juniors Bronze – Villa Fabbriche



Youngsters Silver – Shengxing



Youngsters Bronze – China



Girls Silver – France I



Girls Bronze – Sh Xin Jiangnan



Kids Silver – Shengxing Venus



Kids Bronze – Shengxing Saturn

MORE B-A-M MEDAL WINNERS



BAM-A (J-Y-G) Silver winners – Villa Fabbriche



BAM-A (J-Y-G) Bronze winners – Germany I



BAM-A Kids Silver winners – Magic Eyes Thailand



BAM-A Kids Bronze winners – Shengxing Saturn



BAM-B (J-Y-G-K) Silver winners – Germany Kids



BAM-B (J-Y-G-K) Bronze winners – Chile Young



BAM-B Kids Gold winners – China RDFZ Yellow





Powerful performance

by Brent Manley

Going into the final set of the Junior Teams, USA had a comfortable lead of 116-54 over Japan. There was little chance that Japan could overcome such a deficit, but the Americans did not let up and Japan did not quit.

In the final set, USA sent Adam Kaplan, Christian Jolly and Adam and Zach Grossack against Takayuki Hino, Ryoichi Yamada, Derek Neo and Sanekata Sonoike.

After two boards in the final set, USA was ahead 9-0 for a lead of 125-54 when Japan struck back.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hino	Kaplan	Neo	Jolly
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
All Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥



Ryoichi Yamada, team Japan

It's not clear whether 4♣ was a cue-bid showing slam interest or ace asking, but if it was the latter, the 4♦ response (no key cards) would make sense. Kaplan won the lead of the ♠8 in hand with the queen, then played a heart to the ace and another heart. He lost a trick to the trump king but could claim for plus 480. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Z. Grossack	Sonoike	A. Grossack	Yamada
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
All Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥

Sonoike got a spade lead but played along the same lines as Kaplan to quickly get to 12 tricks for plus 980 and 11 IMPs to Japan. On the next deal, Japan had a chance for another double-digit swing, but it didn't work out.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hino	Kaplan	Neo	Jolly
Pass	6♦	3♥	4NT
		All Pass	

Considering that he was off two aces, Kaplan's aggressive jump to slam should have resulted in down one, but Neo started with the ♠6, allowing Kaplan to discard both of dummy's hearts on the ♠10 and ♠A. He lost only one trick – to the trump ace – and scored up plus 1370. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Z. Grossack	Sonoike	A. Grossack	Yamada
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	4♦	2♥	3♣
All Pass		Pass	5♦

Zach Grossack naturally led a heart and the defenders got two tricks. Plus 600 for Japan was a 13-IMP gain for USA instead of a 12-IMP loss.

There was more bad news for Japan on this deal:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hino	Kaplan	Neo	Jolly
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♠
		Dble	All Pass

Hino started with the ♥3: 7, 2 6. At trick two, Jolly called for the ♦10. When East played low, so did Jolly, and West was forced to win with the ace. A low spade from West went to the jack, 10 and 3, and Jolly played a heart to his king and ruffed the ♦7 with dummy's ♠Q. He pitched a club on dummy's ♥A. All the hearts were now good, so Jolly played the ♥9, discarding the ♦9. West ruffed and exited with a club, but Jolly could win the ace, ruff a club, cash the ♦K and exit with a spade. The defenders got three spade tricks and the ♦A, but that was it. The overtrick meant plus 570 for USA. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Z. Grossack	Sonoike	A. Grossack	Yamada
1♠	2♠*	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3♣

2♠ Michaels cuebid: hearts and a minor

Zach Grossack led the ♣Q. Declarer won with the ace and cashed the ♥A and played a heart to his king. Yamada led a low spade from hand and claimed eight tricks after West won with the ♠A. Minus 50 meant 12 IMPs to USA.

Japan picked up 10 IMPs for a vulnerable game swing on board 25, but they got only 2 IMPs from there. The final score was 164-80 for USA.



WBF Youth Regulations

The Executive Council confirmed that:

The World Junior Teams for the Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy is for Junior players who must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31st December 2017 and so born from 1st January 1993 on.

The World Girls Teams Championship for the Gianarrigo Rona Trophy and this Championship is also for players who must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31st December 2017 and so born from 1st January 1993 on.

The World Youngsters teams for the José Damiani Cup is for players who must not have achieved their 20th birthday by 31st December 2017 and so born from 1st January 1998 on.

The World Kids Teams Championship for the Koç University Trophy is for players who must not have achieved their 15th birthday by 31st December 2017 and so born from 1st January 2003 on.

In addition, Article 6 of the Eligibility Regulations concerning Youth Players was amended to reflect the decision that youth players are not subject to the Eligibility Regulations contained in Sections 1.4, 1.5, 2 and 3 of the WBF Eligibility Code.

The revised Eligibility Code can be found at : <http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/competitions/eligibility-regulations/>



Online Youth Bridge Magazine

The World Bridge Federation is committed to the promotion of Youth Bridge, which it strongly believes represents the future of this sport.

The WBF is proud to present the :

NEW Online Youth Bridge Magazine!

It contains a wealth of

* News * Articles * Videos * Quizzes and a lot more.

Visit at: <http://youth.worldbridge.org/>

Follow at:



wbfyouth



World Bridge Federation
Youth



On the comeback trail

by David Stern

Here we are, a beautifully warm and sunny day in Lyon, France, and just 28 more boards to decide which Junior Team will win the 2017 World Open Youth Bridge Championship. Will it be USA (A Grossack, Z Grossack, Jolly, Kaplan, Rosenberg and Tebha) or Japan (Hino, Imakiire, Kobayashi, Neo, Sonoike and Yamada)? With USA leading Japan 65 IMPs to 50 IMPs, a very slender margin of just 15 IMPs, there is everything to play for!

Momentum was in favour of Japan. Down by 32 IMPs after the first set, they recovered 17 IMPs in the second set. Board one was flat when both Easts bid the max up with their seven-card suits.

Board 1. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Imakiire	Kaplan	Kobayashi	Jolly
All Pass	Pass*	4♥	Dble

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Neo	A Grossack	Sonoike
All Pass	1♠	4♥	Dble



Zachary Grossack, team USA

BBO shows North in the Open Room as passing initially, but I will speculate that in fact he opened 1♠ based on his holding 13 HCP and his partner's double of the 4♥ overcall. Both tables went -300 for a flat board when both Souths switched to an excellent low heart to keep declarer from ruffing a diamond in dummy while maintaining the defence's two heart tricks.

On board 3, there was good judgement at both tables.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Imakiire	Kaplan	Kobayashi	Jolly
2♥ 6♥	4♠ 6♠	5♥ Dble	Pass All Pass

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Neo	A Grossack	Sonoike
4♦	6♠	Dble	2♦ All Pass

In the open room, West hit the jackpot when he decided to show his five-card heart suit ahead of his six-card diamond suit. North guessed correctly that his opponents could make a small slam and, no doubt encouraged by the favourable vulnerability, sacrificed in 6♠ when the opponents did in fact reach slam. East doubled and led a diamond won by West who switched to the singleton club, got the club ruff together with a top heart and +500.

In the closed room, over the 2♦ opening (weak two-bid opening in either major), West bid 4♦ to show 5+♥ and 5+♦. North decided to back his judgement and immediately sacrifice in 6♠ over West's 4♦ bid. The play was identical for a flat board.

It seems likely after the pre-empt that E/W in 6♥ would have cashed the ♥A and played restricted choice, finessing North for the ♥J.

There is a saying: "Play with cats and get scratched." And so it was on the next board, although nobody could take much exception to South's action in the closed room.



Kevin Rosenberg, team USA

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Imakiire	Kaplan	Kobayashi	Jolly
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
Dble*	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Dble Three-card spade support

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Neo	A Grossack	Sonoike
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
Dble	All Pass		

When you hold a good two-suited hand and they open a five-card major in one of your suits, it's usually best to be conservative. South's 2♣ bid in the open room would not be everyone's choice given the vulnerability, but we have all seen worse bids. Here, however, opinions parted ways. East in the open room preferred to declare despite holding five clubs, a void in partner's suit and knowing partner held three spades. In the closed room, East probably thought "It

looks like we have a penalty here, and even if I'm wrong we'll just write -180."

In the open room, East scrambled nine tricks, certainly aided by South's attempt to cash the ♥A. Eight tricks were never at risk.

In the closed room, declarer was held to just five trump tricks for - 800, a 12-IMP swing to USA, now leading 77-50.

Board 5 Japan unsuccessfully declared two-level part-scores in both rooms, losing 6 IMPs.

Board 6 A flat board with both sides failing by a trick in 1♥.

Board 7 A well-earned overtrick IMP to USA.

Board 8 Both tables defended 2NT, USA Japan three down and USA one down after an ill-advised switch by defenders.

The running score at that point was 87-50 for the Americans. The next swing came on board 9.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Imakiire	Kaplan	Kobayashi	Jolly
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♣
	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Neo	A Grossack	Sonoike
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

Jolly decided to make a bid in keeping with his name and pre-empted 3♣ third in hand on his five-card suit. I am not sure that many would fault West's 3♥ overcall although others may prefer a double. The 4♥ bid by East can best be described as optimistic. When declarer won the ♣Q lead with the king and cashed two top hearts he wound up three down when North was able to ruff the third spade, cash the ♥Q and gather two more clubs and two diamonds for three down and -300.

The auction in the Closed Room was not as disruptive where West, Zach Grossack for the USA, opened INT after three passes and make nine tricks for +150 and 10 more IMPs to the USA, who led 97-50, having picked up 32 IMPs to zero on this set.

Japan finally scored on this deal.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Imakiire</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Kobayashi</i>	<i>Jolly</i>
		Pass	1♦
Dble	1♥	Dble	2♦*
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Z Grossack</i>	<i>Neo</i>	<i>A Grossack</i>	<i>Sonoike</i>
		Pass	1♦
Dble	1♥	1♠	2♦
2♠	3♦	3♠	All Pass

* Denies three hearts

In the open room, Jolly, South for the USA, was probably quite happy with his 11 tricks and +150 after East switched to a low diamond to the 3, 7 and 9, eliminating the defensive trump trick.

In the Closed Room, 3♠ didn't seem like a bad spot, until that is, South managed to get two heart ruffs to go with the defence's one spade, two diamonds and two clubs and go -300, 4 IMPs to Japan to put them on the board. The score was 97 - 54 for USA.

The next swing was on board 12, and it went to the USA.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Imakiire</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Kobayashi</i>	<i>Jolly</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

* Constructive heart raise

West	North	East	South
<i>Z Grossack</i>	<i>Neo</i>	<i>A Grossack</i>	<i>Sonoike</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

In the open room, Kaplan didn't have the values to respond to his partner's takeout double when West made a conventional bid, but he wasn't going to be denied in the safety of the pass-out seat. The play didn't present a problem, especially when the ♣K fell as declarer ruffed the suit. That was +140 for the USA.

In the closed room, East's 1♣ opening allowed South to overcall INT, something that the 1♥ opening in the open room prevented. This allowed North to transfer to 2♠, after which East doubled for takeout in the pass-out seat and West passed for penalty. North fell from grace when he got greedy and redoubled. There is a rule in bridge that suggests you should back your judgement rather than trust the opponents. Clearly this news hasn't reached Zach Grossack, who, lucky for his side, retreated to 2NT. Almost certainly, 2♠ doubled was destined to make +670 or +870, instead of which USA made eight tricks for +120 after scoring two club tricks. It was a 6-IMP swing to the USA, now leading 103 to 54.

USA had no intention of taking their feet off the accelerator.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Imakiire</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Kobayashi</i>	<i>Jolly</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Neo	A Grossack	Sonoike
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

Adam Grossack's opening in the closed room clearly led to the differing views on the level of the contract. That said, slam is not such a great proposition. The play was interesting. AG won the opening ♠J lead with the queen in dummy and cashed two diamonds, finishing in hand. When he played the ♥J, South played the ace, clearing up that issue for Grossack, who said later he was always going to play the king if South followed low. There was more work to do, however. This was the position with South on lead.

♠ A 4	♠ 8	♠ K
♥ K 9	♥ Q 7 6	♥ 10 8 2
♦ Q 7 5	♦ J	♦ 10 9
♣ K Q	♣ J 10 3 2	♣ A 7 5
	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ 10 9 6 5	
	♥ 5	
	♦ —	
	♣ 9 8 6 4	

At the table, South continued with a spade. At that point, declarer must be very careful. He has to win the ♠K in hand, unblock the clubs, play the ♦Q and a diamond to hand, cash the ♣A cross back to the ♥K to play the ♠A, the 12th trick. What if South exits with a heart? South can still survive, but only with extreme care. He wins the ♥K, unblocks the ♣K Q, crosses to the ♠K to cash the ♣A, followed by a diamond to the queen. When he cashes the ♠A he must unblock the ♦9 allowing dummy to win the last two tricks with the ♦7 and ♦5.

The last board was flat when USA reached 4♥ and Japan reached 5♥ both tables making 12 tricks. USA won the session finishing 116 to Japan 54.



Thanx, Team



The Funbridge World You Open Bridge Championships are now over, so it's time to thank the staff who contributed to the Youth Daily Bulletin.

Akis Kanaris did an outstanding job making all the articles and photos look great. Ron Tacchi, despite being a bit under the weather, took dozens of excellent photos to go with the prose.

Micke Melander and David Stern stayed busy reporting on the "adventures," you might say, of the young players, who clearly had a wonderful time in Lyon. Thanks are also due to Herman De Wael, who contributed thoughtful articles with a statistical bent.

Comments on the Youth DB were uniformly positive, and for that we are grateful.

Brent Manley, editor.



Bridge Magazine Online

In July 2013 **Bridge Magazine** (founded 1926) became an online publication, affording it all the advantages of modern publishing techniques, including an unlimited number of pages.

You can read **Bridge Magazine** on your computer, laptop, mobile device & smart phone.

The Editor, **Mark Horton**, concentrates on major events from the UK and the rest of the world, analyses modern bidding methods in *Partnership Profile* and adds to his collection of *Misplay these Hands with Me* deals. **Julian Pottage** and **Ron Tacchi** present testing problems. **David Bird** continues his hilarious tales of the Abbot and the monks of St. Titus and also reports on deals that catch his eye. **Alex Adamson** and **Harry Smith** write from the Over the Rainbow Bridge Club. **Sally Brock** explores opening leads and **Alan Mould** oversees the World's best bidding panel which includes **Andrew Robson**, **Eric Kokish**, **Eric Greco**, **Geoff Hampson** and **Mike Lawrence** in a competition with valuable prizes. Add them all together and you have a must read magazine no bridge player can afford to be without.

A monthly publication featuring book reviews, news, prize quizzes & competitions, readers' queries, special subscriber offers and much more.

Junior players can subscribe free of charge until the age of 26!

The quick way to subscribe is to send an email to Mark Horton at: markhorton007@hotmail.com. Unless you request otherwise your Subscription will start with the January 2018 issue.

Stop Press

From January 2018 **Larry Cohen** will be presenting a regular article on modern bidding.

So far...

by Herman De Wael and Akis Kanaris

Junior Teams

Gold: USA: Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Christian Jolly, Adam Kaplan, Kevin Rosenberg (pc), Anam Tebha (USA)

Silver: JAPAN: Takayuki Hino, Eishi Imakiire, Koki Kobayashi, Derek Neo, Sanekata Sonoike, Ryoichi Yamada (JPN), Hireaki Miura (npc)

Bronze: VILLA FABBRICHE: Guillermo Minutti, Maximo Crusizio (URU), Shivam Shah (ENG), Christian Bakke (NOR)

Youngster Teams

Gold: FRANCE: Raphaël Basler, Luc Bellicaud, Arthur Boulín, Melic Dufrêne, Maxence Fragola, Théo Guilemin (FRA), Christophe Oursel (npc)

Silver: SHENGXING TEAM: Deng Cheng, Liu Yihong, Tong Jaxin, Yuan Zhijie, Yun Yu, Zhang Tiancheng (CHN), Zeng Qi (npc)

Bronze: CHINA: Cheng Zhiyu, Jang Baozhuo, Pan Randy, Qiu Shi, Wang Xihao, Yu Haoqing (CHN), Hu Jichao (npc), Du Bing (coach)

Kids Teams

Gold: CHINA RDFZ GALAXY: Cai Zhenhao, Chen Jingfan, Niu Yuanzhe, Wang Zhaofeng, Zhang Boxin, Zhao Fangchen (CHN), Hu Jichao (npc), Li Jie (coach)

Silver: SHENGXING VENUS: Liu Haochen, Liu Yizhou, Lu Mingyu, Mao Ruicheng, Yao Tianle, Yu Zhaochen (CHN), Liu Gongjun (npc)

Bronze: SHENGXING SATURN: Cheng Licong, Wang Penghao, Wang Ruizhe, Wang Yingqi, Xu Hao, Yang Jiahao (CHN), Liu Qin (npc)

Girls Teams

Gold: SHENGXING TEAM I: Chen Yunpeng, Ge Chenyuan, Lu Yajie, Lu Yijia, Ruan Xinyao, Xu Jiaming (CHN), Kong Xiaochen (npc)

Silver: FRANCE GIRLS I: Hélène Besançon, Hélène Chelin, Sarah Combescure, Marie-Valentine Coupel, Emeline Jounin, Mathilde Thuillez (FRA), Wilfried Libbrecht (npc)

Bronze: SH XIN JIANGNAN TEAM: Gu Yueling, Li Shiyi, Mao Shiyun, Mao Yanting, Wang Yici, Wu Xiaotong (CHN), Lv Yi Xing (npc)

Junior Pairs

Gold: Simon Ekenberg – Linus Dahlström (SWE)

Silver: Edouard Du Corail – Loic Neveu (FRA)

Bronze: Baptiste Combescure – Julien Bernard (FRA)

Youngster Pairs

Gold: Deng Cheng – Yuan Zhijie (CHN)

Silver: Gianmarco Giubilo – Federico Porta (ITA)

Bronze: Arthur Boulín – Theo Guillemin (FRA)

Kids Pairs

Gold: Liu Yizhou – Lu Mingyu (CHN)

Silver: Mao Ruicheng – Yu Zhaochen (CHN)

Bronze: Cheng Licong – Wang Penghao (CHN)

Girl Pairs

Gold: Mathilde Thuillez – Sarah Combescure (FRA)

Silver: Chen Yunpeng – Xu Jiaming (CHN)

Bronze: Ruan Xinyao – Lu Yajie (CHN)

Medal Table	gold	silver	bronze	total
China	4	4	5	13
France	2	2	2	6
Sweden	1			1
USA	1			1
Italy		1		1
Japan		1		1
Uruguay			0.5	0.5
England			0.25	0.25
Norway			0.25	0.25
total	8	8	8	24

During these two weeks, China have passed England and the Netherlands, and now have 56 medals in world championships, one less than Poland. Only the USA (212), France (85) and Italy (66) have more.

BAM Teams

Group A

Gold: USA: Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Christian Jolly, Adam Kaplan, Kevin Rosenberg (pc), Anam Tebha (USA)

Silver: VILLA FABBRICHE: Guillermo Minutti, Maximo Crusizio (URU), Shivam Shah (ENG), Christian Bakke (NOR)

Bronze: GERMANY I: Maximilian Litterst, Viktor Otto, Sibrand Van Oosten, Leonard Vornkahl (GER), Hartmut Kondoch (npc)

Youngsters Gold: FRANCE: Raphaël Basler, Luc Bellicaud, Arthur Boulín, Melic Dufrêne, Maxence Fragola, Théo Guilemin (FRA), Christophe Oursel (npc). **Photo not available.**

Girls Gold: CHILE: Sofia Gerstmann, Diana Molina, Francisca Nacur, Valentina Roman, Camila Yanez (CHL), Alexandra Cova (npc), Hanoi Rondon (coach). **Photo not available.**

Group A Kids

Gold: SHENGXING VENUS: Liu Haochen, Liu Yizhou, Lu Mingyu, Mao Ruicheng, Yao Tianle, Yu Zhaochen (CHN), Liu Gongjun (npc)

Silver: MAGIC EYES THAILAND: Asawanee Chulathamakun, Kittinan Kotha, Phitchaphuek Kuisuwan, Parit Promjan, Kritsakron Siangli, Theeraphat Sopak (THA), Phanuwit Tor Charoen (npc), Somchai Baisamut (coach)

Bronze: SHENGXING SATURN: Cheng Licong, Wang Penghao, Wang Ruizhe, Wang Yingqi, Xu Hao, Yang Jiahao (CHN), Liu Qin (npc)

Group B

Gold: CHINA RDFZ GIRLS: Ling Hu, Jinyue Li, Guangli Wendy Liu, Xinyi Luo, Lingyi Ma, Qi Xia (CHN), Hong Li (npc), Yidan Wu (coach)

Silver: GERMANY KIDS: Karl Dransfeld, Niels Ole Farwig, Marius Guendel, Emil Langer (GER), Hartmut Kondoch (npc)

Bronze: CHILE YOUNG: Kyle Bossonney, Nicolas Davila, Bastian Perez, Esteban Vasquez (CHI), Alexandra Cova (npc), Hanoi Rondon (coach)

Kids Gold: CHINA RDFZ YELLOW: Yukun Lin, Buwen Liu, Bruce Wu, Yili Yao, Qi Wang (npc), Hongbing Yang (coach)



FUNBRIDGE.com

Play bridge wherever and whenever you like!



Download for free



iPhone, iPad, Mac, PC, Android, Amazon

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIAL OFFER

Get 100 deals for free!

Select Shop > Gift Code in the menu at www.funbridge.com
and enter the code **LYON**

Offer valid until 15 September 2017

WWW.FUNBRIDGE.COM