



## The Finals to Decide Champions of Africa

In Open Championship semi-finals South Africa blasted past Morocco who conceded after two sessions. For those two sessions South Africa played brilliantly and whoever had been their opponents would have struggled to keep up with them. In the other semi-final between Egypt and Tunisia, it was Egypt who won all three sessions by 23, 20 and 27 respectively, giving them a healthy lead into the final session. The winner of this semi-final will accompany South Africa to Marrakesh.

In the Womens Championship South Africa had the better of Tunisia, winning all three meetings by 31, 35 and 6 giving them a lead of 72. It will be hard work for Tunisia to overturn that score. The Moroccan Women took the first two sessions against Egypt to build a healthy lead of 44 but Egypt came back in the last session of the day and clawed back 23 to leave them only 21 behind. Tomorrow's final session will be a hard fought affair.

The final session of the semi-finals start at 9.00 GMT.

The Open Championship final will be between South Africa and the winner of the other semi-final and will be over two sessions starting at 12.30. For the two losing semi-finalists there will be a play-off at the same time as the final.

The Women Championship final will be between the two winners of the semi-final. The two teams going to Marrakesh will be the two finalists unless one of them is Morocco, in which case the two losing semi-finalists will play-off for the right to go to the World Championships over four sessions.

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## Semi-Final Standings

### African Bridge Federation

#### ABF Trials 2023 - Open Teams / Semi-Final

						June - 2023		
G	Team		S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	Total	PEN.
			IMP	IMP	IMP	IMP	IMP	
	South Africa	0.5	<u>84</u>	<u>55</u>			139.5	
	Morocco	0	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>			13.0	
G	Team		S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	Total	PEN.
			IMP	IMP	IMP	IMP	IMP	
	Egypt	0.5	<u>43</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>50</u>		145.5	
	Tunisia	0	<u>20</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>23</u>		75.0	

### African Bridge Federation

#### ABF Trials 2023 - Women Teams / Semi-Final

								June - 2023	
G	Team		S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	Total	PEN.	
			IMP	IMP	IMP	IMP	IMP		
	Egypt	0.5	<u>19</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>32</u>		75.5		-20.5
	Morocco	0	<u>46</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>9</u>		96.0		20.5
G	Team		S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	Total	PEN.	
			IMP	IMP	IMP	IMP	IMP		
	South Africa	0.5	<u>60</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>28</u>		147.5		72.5
	Tunisia	0	<u>29</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>		75.0		-72.5

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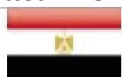
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## Butler Scores Round Robin

R	Country Category	PLAYER NAMES	ToT	Boards Played
1	RSA ( Open )	Craig Gower & Alon Apteker	1.14	144
2	EGY ( Open )	Sherif Noshy & Moaaz	1.04	160
3	RSA ( Open )	Neville Eber & Hennie Fick	1.03	160
4	EGY ( Women )	Nada Wattar & Catherine Pascal	0.784	144
5	EGY ( Women )	Dina & Hoda Soliman	0.78	128
6	EGY ( Open )	Rafat Elsayyad & Wael Adel	0.678	160
7	RSA ( Open )	Bernard Donde & Rob Stephens	0.57	176
8	MOR ( Women )	Teber Samira & Graziella Nabil	0.43	80
9	TUN ( Open )	Omar Meddeb & Lasad	0.36	144
10	TUN ( Women )	Meriem Dorai & Daldoul	0.298	96
11	RSA ( Women )	Carol A Stanton & Vanessa Armstrong	0.25	128
12	TUN ( Women )	Mayssa Farhani & Trabelsi Ferdous	0.245	144
13	KEN ( Women )	Vina Virjee & Sejal Shah	0.15	112
14	EGY ( Open )	Ahmed Hussein & Moataz Fouda	0.146	160
15	MOR ( Open )	Stephane Dahan & Lahlou Fatim	0.10	240
16	TUN ( Open )	Skander & Ahmed Meddeb	0.1	144
17	TUN ( Open )	Lasad & Anis	0.07	16
18	RSA ( Women )	Tas Nestoridis & Nicola Bateman	0.055	128
19	MOR ( Women )	Hayat Hachimi & Kabbaj Leila	0.04	144
20	TUN ( Open )	Lakhdhar Mohamed Ali & Anis	-0.015	176
21	REU ( Open )	Christian Giraud & Patrick HAMEL	-0.04	176
22	MOR ( Women )	Graziella Nabil & Teber Samira	-0.09	64
23	RSA ( Women )	Roz Bernstein & Sharon Lang	-0.11	128
24	MOR ( Open )	Ismail Chamar & Ammor	-0.21	240
25	EGY ( Women )	Nada Moussa & Marguerite Homsy	-0.30	112
26	TUN ( Women )	Jalila Ghodhbane & Hediassellami	-0.414	144
27	REU ( Open )	Wan Hoi Regine & Aouate	-0.43	144
28	KEN ( Open )	Bhanumati Shah & Ramula	-0.65	160
29	KEN ( Women )	Bijal M Shah & Punam Shah	-0.83	144
30	REU ( Open )	Jean Luc Neulat & Melin	-0.84	160
31	KEN ( Women )	SAMIRA & RUPAL SHAH	-0.89	128
32	KEN ( Open )	Chandrakant Velji Shah & Aruna Shah	-0.93	128
33	MOR ( Women )	Marrakchi Khadija & Hayat Hachimi	-0.95	16
34	KEN ( Open )	Bhanumati Shah & Samina Esmail	-1.12	48
35	MOR ( Women )	Benmlih Leila & Marrakchi Khadija	-1.20	80
36	KEN ( Open )	Samina Esmail & Jimmy Deen	-1.73	144







## Some Team Photos



Morocco Open and Women's Teams: (L to R) Ikhadija Marrakchi, Hayat Hachimi, Leila Kabbaj, Leila Benmlih, Chafika Tak-Tak, Stephane Dahan, Fatim Lahlou, Mohammed Ammor, Ismail Chamar



Kenya Open Team (L to R) IRamula Shah, Chandrakant V Shah, Aruna Shah, Bhanumati Shah, Samina Ismail, Saleem Ud Deen



Reunion Open: (L to R) Gabriel Melin, Régine Wan Hoi, Patrick Hamel, Catherine Aouate, Jean-Luc Neulat, Christian Giraud



Egypt Women: (L to R) Nada Moussa, Nada Wattar, Catherine Pascal, Hoda Soliman, Marguerite Homsy, Dina Ali



Kenya Women: (L to R) Sejal Shah, Vimla Virjee, Punam Shah, Bijal Shah, Samira Dedhia Soni, Rupal Shah



South Africa Women: (L to R) Nicola Bateman, Carol Stanton, Tas Nestoridis, Roz Bernstein, Sharon Lang, Venessa Armstrong



Tunisia Women: (L to R) Hedia Sellami, Jalila Ghodhbane, Meriem Daldoul, Maissa Farhani, Aicha Daldoul, Ferdous Trabelsi





## Open Championship Day 5 Session 3 Reunion v Morocco

The very last match in the Open Championships Round Robin series had Reunion pitted against Morocco. At the beginning of the day Reunion were 20 VPs adrift of Morocco and that vital fourth place in the table. Having had the better results from the first two rounds Reunion now needed to win with 13 VPs to progress to the semi-finals.

### Board 36. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ —	♠ KQ7432	♠ A9
♥ A762	♥ K83	♥ Q10954
♦ 1065	♦ 93	♦ AQJ
♣ KQJ743	♣ 105	♣ A82
	♠ J10865	
	♥ J	
	♦ K8742	
	♣ 96	

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fatim</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>	<i>Dahan</i>	<i>Aouate</i>
Pass	2♦*	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
5♥	All Pass		
2♦	Multi		

Would 3♠ by West over East's 2♥ have described his hand, especially as he had passed originally and if so would it have got them to the slam. As there was virtually no way to play the trump suit for two losers declarer had twelve ticks.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamel</i>	<i>Ammor</i>	<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Chamar</i>
1♣	2♠	3♦*	4♠
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass
3♦	Transfer ♥		

When West elected to open his hand it became easier for East to go on to slam when West was prepared to bid at the five-level. Same twelve tricks and 13 IMPs to Reunion.

### Board 44. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ AQ10873	♠ J2
♥ 86	♥ QJ543
♦ J953	♦ AQ
♣ 8	♣ A932
♠ 65	♠ K94
♥ K1092	♥ A7
♦ K8762	♦ 104
♣ KJ	♣ Q107654



West	North	East	South
<i>Fatim</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>	<i>Dahan</i>	<i>Aouate</i>
Pass	2♦*	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South started with the king of spades which held the trick. The spade continuation was won by North who switched to his singleton club. When trumps were played South immediately took his ace and played a club for partner to ruff and defeat the contract.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamel</i>	<i>Ammor</i>	<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Chamar</i>
Pass	2♠	Double	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

North led his singleton club taken in hand by declarer and a trump was played, South winning with the ace and giving partner a club ruff. North cashed the ace of spades, South playing the ♠4 and now North switched to a diamond. Declarer now had his contract as he could discard his losing spade on the king of diamonds. I do not know N/S carding methods in this situation but South needed to encourage a spade continuation, perhaps he thought he had already sent that message when he returned the ♣10 for partner to ruff, an obvious suit signal. 10 IMPs to Reunion.

Reunion now had in excess of 15 VPs and still had them going to the last board





## Board 48. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 875	♠ 103
♥ 865	♥ A742
♦ K3	♦ 109865
♣ KQ1082	♣ A6
♠ AKQ94	♠ J62
♥ KJ	♥ Q1093
♦ AJ72	♦ Q4
♣ 74	♣ J953



### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fatim</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>	<i>Dahan</i>	<i>Aouate</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass
1NT	Forcing		

Viewing his hand through rose-tinted spectacles East blasted into slam. Not the best odds, after a club lead it is about 25% - you need a 3-3 spade split and the diamonds to come in for one loser. Today was the right day for putting on those spectacles as all the requirements mentioned above fell into place.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamel</i>	<i>Ammor</i>	<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Chamar</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3NT*	All pass		
1NT	Forcing		
2NT	Strong unless 5-5		
3♣	Relay		

The Three Clubs relay bid was not fully explained, I think the 3NT response showed the strong hand and not the 5-5 variant. There was little East could now do except pass. On the heart lead declarer rapidly made twelve tricks but it was 12 IMPs to Morocco.

Reunion won the match but only by 12.29-7.71 VPs which left them three-quarters of a victory point short of qualifying for the semi-finals. Bad luck.







## Open Championship Semi-Final Session 1 Egypt v Tunisia

The first match of the semi-final between Egypt and Tunisia started the penultimate day of the Championships.

### Board 1. Dealer North, Non Vul.

	♠ AQ1074	
	♥ 42	
	♦ AQJ5	
	♣ 107	
♠ 5		♠ J962
♥ KQ873		♥ J5
♦ 1042		♦ K983
♣ K642		♣ 853
	♠ K83	
	♥ A1096	
	♦ 76	
	♣ AQJ9	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Anis	Elsayyad	Ali	Adel
–	1♠	Pass	3NT*
All Pass			
3NT	13+ fit ♠		

I wonder if North had a little doze and forgot that 3NT showed a spade fit. The ♥7 went to East's jack and declarer's ace. A spade to dummy's queen and the ten of clubs run round to the king. West now cashed the king and queen of hearts before exiting with a diamond taken with dummy's ace. Declarer now had nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hammam	Meddeb	Noshy	Lassad
–	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♦	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Double	4♠	All Pass	

The more likely contract of 4♠ was reached and East led the ♥J taken by dummy's ace. A spade to the queen and one back to the king brought to light the trump situation. Declarer continued with a third

round of trumps and taking the club finesse which West smoothly ducked. When declarer repeated the finesse West took his king, cashed the king of hearts and then the queen, ruffed and overruffed. The defence then came to two diamond tricks so the contract was two off. 13 IMPs to Egypt.

### Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ J107642	
	♥ 873	
	♦ Q2	
	♣ 82	
♠ A5		♠ Q8
♥ AJ2		♥ KQ1054
♦ AJ943		♦ K876
♣ Q74		♣ AK
	♠ K93	
	♥ 96	
	♦ 105	
	♣ J109653	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Anis	Elsayyad	Ali	Adel
–	2♦*	2♥	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
2♦	Multi		
2♠	Cue-bid		
4♦	RKCB		
4NT	2 keycards		

Always good to bid a minor-suit slam, though the heart slam is basically the same odds. The question is how good are the odds for the grand slam. The a priori odds are about 52% in favour of playing for the drop. However at this table you know North has (probably) six spades and South only three. This changes the vacant spaces arguments significantly and I believe that the odds have swung in favour taking a second round finesse against the queen in the South hand by about 4%





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## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hammam</i>	<i>Meddeb</i>	<i>Noshy</i>	<i>Lassad</i>
–	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♦*	Pass
7♦	All Pass		
2♦	Game forcing		
4NT	6card RKCB		
5♦	0 or 3 of 6keycards		
5♠	Queen ask		
6♦	♥Q		

West bid the grand slam knowing he was missing the queen of trumps. It is well known that the normal lead against a grand slam is a trump. If that is the case then it settles the suit for declarer and if as here a trump is not led there is a negative inference that the hand on lead has the missing queen. There was no diamond lead and declarer played the top trumps and was shortly claiming his grand slam and 13 IMPs to Egypt.

### Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 86	♠ AK43	♠ 975
♥ QJ8652	♥ K4	♥ 1093
♦ a74	♦ 1098	♦ K63
♣ 108	♣ KQ64	♣ A952
	♠ QJ102	
	♥ A7	
	♦ QJ52	
	♣ J73	



## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Anis</i>	<i>Elsayyad</i>	<i>Ali</i>	<i>Adel</i>
–	–	–	Pass
2♥	2NT	3♣	3NT
All Pass			

My personal preference with the North hand is to double - I just want to give those spades a chance. East led a heart to dummy's ace. With the clubs not behaving and the defence not discarding foolishly there were only ever eight tricks.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hammam</i>	<i>Meddeb</i>	<i>Noshy</i>	<i>Lassad</i>
–	–	–	Pass
2♥	Double	3♥	4♠
All Pass			

Declarer took the opening heart lead, cashed three rounds of trumps and forced out the diamond honours and was always in control and only lost the tops in the minors and so made his contract and gained 10 IMPs for Tunisia.

Egypt took the first session 43-20 IMPs







## Women Championship Semi-Final Session 2 South Africa v Tunisia

In the Women Championship after the first session South Africa held a good lead over Tunisia 60-29 IMPs. Tunisia would need to fight back strongly to keep themselves in the semi-final.

### Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J108742		
♥ AQ8		
♦ Q32		
♣ A		
♠ AK65		♠ 9
♥ —		♥ K532
♦ AK10974		♦ J865
♣ 965		♣ 10873
		♠ Q3
		♥ J109764
		♦ —
		♣ KQJ42

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lili</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Dorai</i>	<i>Lang</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
Double	1♠	Pass	2♥
3♦	4♥	All Pass	

Declarer ruffed the opening diamond lead and ran the jack of hearts, ducked by East. A heart to the ace and ace of clubs unblocked. East took the queen of hearts and played another diamond. Declarer ruffed, drew the last trump and cashed four clubs conceding last two tricks after he had scored ten.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Hediasellami</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	3♦*	3♥
4♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

Declarer could not escape the loss of two spades and the king of trumps for one off and 12 IMPs to South Africa.

### Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ Q763		
♥ Q108		
♦ 932		
♣ Q97		
♠ A10542		♠ JJ
♥ J97542		♥ AK63
♦ —		♦ KQ10
♣ J5		♣ A10842
		♠ K98
		♥ —
		♦ Aj87654
		♣ K63

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lili</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Dorai</i>	<i>Lang</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	Double	Redble*
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass			
Redble	spade support		

I was continually surprised on this hand, firstly West did not act over the opening 1♦ and then when she learnt partner had a hand with at least four hearts, values and at most a singleton spade could only squeak out 2♥. You have no losers in spades or diamonds, at least a 6-4 fit in hearts, what more do you need to make some kind of effort. Six hearts can be made on careful play. In theory 3♦ can be beaten but requires some counter intuitive defence.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Hediasellami</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	Double	2♦
2♥	3♦	3♥	5♦
5♥	Pass	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

West found the fine lead of the ♣J, I would have let the jack run but East went in with her ace and switched to her jack and again as West I would have ducked but West went in with her ace and





led another for partner to ruff. There was still a trump trick to come so that was three off. (A couple of ducks might have made it four off). 14 IMPs to South Africa

## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 3	♥ A843	♦ J9654	♣ A73
♠ A7	♥ 109762	♦ A107	♣ J64
♠ K95	♥ KQJ	♦ Q2	♣ K9852
♠ QJ108642	♥ 5	♦ K83	♣ Q10

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lili</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Dorai</i>	<i>Lang</i>
-	-	3♠	All Pass

South led the king of hearts and then switched to the queen of diamonds which declarer won in hand. A successful finesse against the king of spades but it failed to drop under the ace. A heart from dummy was ruffed in hand. A diamond to the ♦10 lost to the jack and the defence took their two club tricks and master trump take the contract down.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Hediasellami</i>
-	-	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Four Diamonds seems a big gamble to me. If you are desperate to compete then try a double. The problem with Four Diamonds is that partner probably has a reasonable hand and will bid on, suspecting you of holding a hand worth bidding on rather than the eight-loser you actually hold. East started with his singleton heart taken in dummy. The queen of diamonds was taken by West's ace and a heart was ruffed by East. The queen of spades was covered by the king and ace and another heart ruffed with the king of diamonds. Declarer ruffed the spade continuation in hand and cashed the jack of diamonds. The defence now had a trump and a club trick to come for four off and 11 IMPs to South Africa

## Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 7	♥ KJ1098	♦ J975	♣ J82
♠ QJ9	♥ AQ52	♦ Q	♣ K9753
♠ 108643	♥ 763	♦ 10	♣ Q1064
♠ AK52	♥ 4	♦ AK86432	♣ A

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lili</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Dorai</i>	<i>Lang</i>
-	-	-	1♦
Double	1♥	1♠	3NT
All Pass			

How best to bid the South hand ,don't ask me I don't know. 3NT was practical and avoided any possible pratfalls and got a vulnerable game on the scoresheet.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Hediasellami</i>
-	-	-	1♦
Double	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	6♦
All pass.			

See the difference when East does not interfere. Now there is more space in the bidding and once South is aware of some diamonds opposite six is not a bad punt. In fact when you see dummy you know it is lay down. 13 IMPs to Tunisia, but too little too late. At the end of the second session South Africa were leading 119-53.





*Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:*



## Play Links

Each category will have its own playing link ( Open teams link – Women teams link .. etc.  
Play links will be posted to the captains' WhatsApp group and will be also posted to the ABF website at the following link

[https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display\\_page24](https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page24)

Click the Match number, official start time or Session open time of your category to join the game. The game will be open to players 30 min before the official start time.

## 1. Open, Women & Mixed Categories.

For the Semi-final, Final and play-off sessions, It has been decided that:

- The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in sessions 2 and 4 in the Semi-final match.
- The team ranked lower after the RR stage will be the Home team in sessions 1 and 3 in the Semi-Final match.
- The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in session 2 in the Final or Play-off match.
- If Morocco team qualify to the final match in any category, there will be a 4 Segments play-off match between the semi-final losers to determine the team to qualify to Marrakesh.

## 2. All Africa Pairs tie-break procedure

If two pairs or more have the same cumulative score after the end of the 2nd session or 4th Session, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- A. The pair with the higher score in the 2nd / 4th session shall determine the final ranking.
- B. Mutual boards between the tied pairs - if applicable -

## 3. Teams Events ... Last RR

The last Round Robin for all categories shall be done according to the final ranking of the teams in the previous played rounds.

## 4. Click the link below for instructions

**[Alert Procedures - Undo Procedures - General Instructions](#)**

## 5. Play instructions and Schedule of play ...

- A. When you log on to the RealBridge game ( using the game link ), you will find your team name written in one of the Tables.
- B. All team members are required **to sit at their table ( all together )** in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the EW pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.







that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

## 8. Time delay and hesitation

- It is very important to know that the TDs have the tools to produce a board report which includes the time for each bid / play by each player, so please be bare that in mind when calling the TD for a possible hesitation or before denying it.
- It is also very important to know that the TDs also have the tools to produce a session time report which includes the exact time taken by each player in a session, in case of time delay, the penalty will be given according to this report.

## 9. Home & Visiting teams

- When you log in to the RealBridge game ( using the game link ), you will find your team name written on one of the Tables.
- All team members are required to sit at their table ( all together ) in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the EW pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.
- In the schedule of play you will find Home team ( the team mentioned first ) and Visiting team ( the team mentioned second )
- NO LINE-UP will be needed from the teams, the visiting team has to sit first at their table ( in Pairs NS and EW ), minimum 10 min before the official start time, and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

## 10. Headphones / Earphones

In order to minimize the noise in the venue as much as possible...

- It is mandatory for each player to have his own headphone / earphone which is connected to his device during play
- Use the table chat / private chat as much as possible and don't use vocal chat.
- Any vocal explanation will not be taken into the TD consideration in any case.
- You need to be very careful when using the table chat as you might give an unauthorized information to your partner which could results in adjusted score by the TD.

## 11. Kibitzers

- Kibitzers are not allowed by any means at 1) the playing venue, 2) RealBridge online playing room.
- All players are required to immediately leave the playing area when they finish their session, players are also kindly asked to keep their seats and not roam around the playing area.
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<https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>





determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

## 8. Time delay and hesitation

- It is very important to know that the TDs have the tools to produce a board report which includes the time for each bid / play by each player, so please be bare that in mind when calling the TD for a possible hesitation or before denying it.

- It is also very important to know that the TDs also have the tools to produce a session time report which includes the exact time taken by each player in a session, in case of time delay, the penalty will be given according to this report.

## 9. Home & Visiting teams

- When you log in to the RealBridge game ( using the game link ), you will find your team name written on one of the Tables.
- All team members are required to sit at their table ( all together ) in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the EW pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.
- In the schedule of play you will find Home team ( the team mentioned first ) and Visiting team ( the team mentioned second )
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- At the RealBridge kibitzer website, you can find the live broadcasted matches and also all the other matches scheduled for broadcast.
- For security reasons, all broadcasted matches will be delayed by 30-45 min.

## 12. Smoking, Eating and Alcohol, Mobile and electronic devices

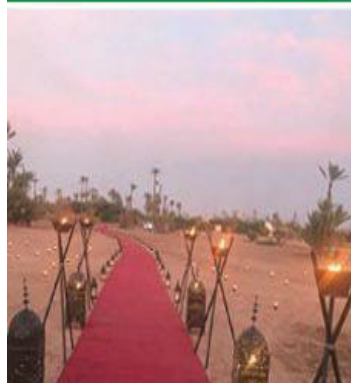
We must act as if we were playing these championships "live", therefore, the following is strictly forbidden during play:

- Mobile phones and any other electronic devices, Mobile phones will be collected and there will be a regular check each session by the monitor.
- Eating (even if only biscuits)
- Drinking Alcohol
- Smoking
- Going to the WC without permission
- Talking loudly during or at the end of any board if the player is unhappy about his/her partner's bid, hand play or defense.

## 46<sup>th</sup> WORLD BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS 13<sup>th</sup> WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

Marrakech, Morocco • 20 August - 2 September 2023\*

*\*Registration and Opening Ceremony on 19 August*







## Roster - Open Teams

### Egypt

Captain

Ahmed Zayed

Wael Adel

Raafat El Sayyad

Ahmed Hussein

Motaz Fouda

Sherif Noshay

Moaz Hammam

### Kenya

Captain

Bhanumati Shah

Samina Ismail

Ramula Shah

Samina Esmail

Saleem Ud Deen

Aruna Shah

Chandrakant V Shah

### Morocco

Captain

Fatim Lahlou

Mohammed Adnane Ammor

Ismail Chamar

Stephane Dahan

Fatim Lahlou

Pierre Sibony

### Reunion

Captain

Patrick Hamel

Patrick Hamel

Christian Giraud

Gabriel Melin

Jean-Luc Neulat

Catherine Aouate

Régine Wan Hoi

### South Africa

Captain

Hennie Fick

Neville Eber

Hennie Fick

Alon Apteker

Craig Gower

Bernard Donde

Robert Stephens

### Tunisia

Captain

Hassouna Ben Abdelmalek

Skander Touil

Ahmed Meddeb

Anis Ghodhbane

Mohamed Ali Lakhdhar

Omar Meddeb

Lassad Jedidi





## Roster - Women Teams

### Egypt

Captain

Dina El Awady

Nada Wattar

Catherine Pascal

Hoda Soliman

Hoda Soliman

Marguerite Homsy

Nada Moussa

### Kenya

Captain

Bijal Shah

Bijal Shah

Punam Shah

Samira Dedhia Soni

Rupal shah

Sejal Shah

Vimla Virjee

### Morocco

Captain

Hayat Hachimi

Hayat Hachimi

Leila Kabbaj

Samira Teber

Grazellia Nabil

Leila Benmlih

Khadija Marrakchi

### South Africa

Captain

Roz Bernstein

Roz Bernstein

Sharon Lang

Vanessa Armstrong

Carol Stanton

Nicky Bateman

Tas Nestoridis

### Tunisia

Captain

Mohamed Rebai

Ferdaous Trabelsi

Maissa Farhani

Hedia Sellami

Jalila Ghodhbane

Meriem Daldoul

Aicha Daldoul





## RealBridge Playing Instructions

### First : Log in , Lobby, at the table and Settings

1. To join any RealBridge game you will need a **LINK**

2. All the play links will be available on ABF website

[https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display\\_page24](https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page24)

**AND** you might also receive it by mail.

3. Click the link and you will be redirected to the log on page of our game which looks like the next figure ...

Notice that your video should appear in the right bottom corner of the page and mic volume showing that it works.

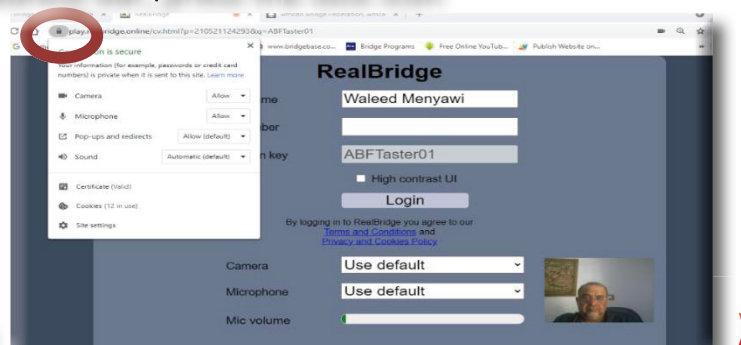
4. If you can't see your video then you need to allow your browser to use your cam and mic, do as follows to allow it

5. From Goggle Chrome and just before the address bar, press the lock icon

6. Allow cam and allow mic.

7. Write your name in the required field and press login – nothing else is to be done- **NO ID number will be used, ( leave it blank )**

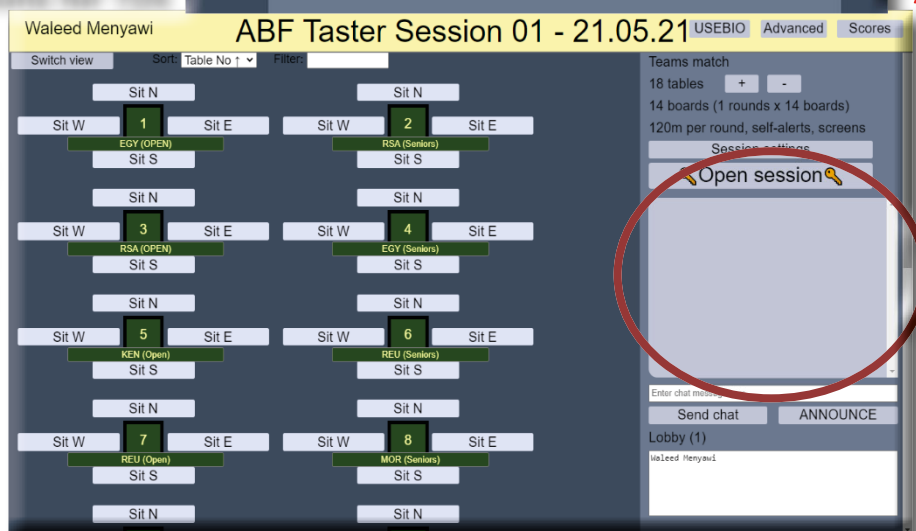
8. When you logged in you will see the lobby which almost looks like the following figure ( **but this figure includes extra buttons for TDs** )



Notice the lobby chat window to the right.

**Keep an eye to the Lobby chat ....**

**- For important announcements**







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9. Each table labeled with a team name, find your table and chose where to sit ( Sit N, Sit S, Sit E or Sit W )
10. Get familiar with the buttons at your table and call the TD using the button for help.

Volume control for your partner.

Volume control for left-hand opponent. You have a separate volume control for each player. This only affects what you hear.

Private chat with left-hand opponent. You can chat privately only with the opponents, not partner

Volume control for right-hand opponent.

Private chat with right-hand opponent.

Disable/enable your video.

Disable / enable your microphone. Use this when you're on the phone!

Hide / unhide the other players' videos. Use this if you have a poor connection.

Redial. Restarts audio and video connections. Use it if the connection fails, or if your video or audio gets out of sync.

## Settings

"Detailed cards" shows pictures of cards; "Simplified cards" are schematic and have larger symbols

The orientation of dummy's cards when you are defending.

The orientation of dummy's cards when you are declaring.

Choose the way you make bids and plays. With "Two taps", the first tap selects the card, then the second tap confirms. "Double click" means that you make two fast clicks.

Display style

- ☒ Detailed cards
- ☐ Simplified cards

As defender, see dummy

- ☐ Facing declarer
- ☒ Facing me

As declarer, see dummy as

- ☐ Vertical suits (facing declarer)
- ☒ Horizontal hand

Input style

- ☒ One click or tap
- ☐ Two taps (tablet)
- ☐ Double click (mouse)

Deal animation

Slide

Animation duration

This controls how a new hand arrives at the beginning of each deal. Choose an effect, or set to "None" to have the hand simply appear.

If you have an animation enabled, use the slider to control how long the animation lasts.

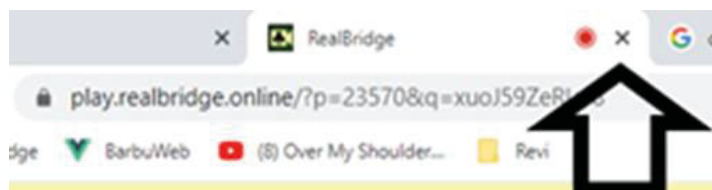
OK Cancel





11. After we play all boards



Leave RealBridge, close the tab. See the small X? just click it.



12. Can Use and Can't use

Can Use	Can't use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windows laptop</li> <li>Windows desktop</li> <li>MacBook or another Apple laptop</li> <li>iMac or another Apple desktop</li> <li>Chromebook</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smartphone</li> <li>Old iPads, older than 2018.</li> </ul>

You must use one of these web browsers (you probably are using one of them!):

Can Use ü	Can't use û
<p>Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Safari. The logo must look like one of these – <b><u>exactly</u></b> as below. If it looks different, you are using an out-of-date version. <i><u>If you are choosing amongst your browsers, we advise that you chose something other than Firefox.</u></i></p>	<p>Internet Explorer (notice the gold band)  The old EDGE (see shape of the e)</p>
	

## Second : Bidding, Play, Alert and System

13. **At the start** of any session, All the team members are required to be seated at the same table ( Table with the **team name label** ), the system will automatically move the EW pairs to the opponents table when we start the session **and will send them back to their home table when both tables finish playing the boards.**

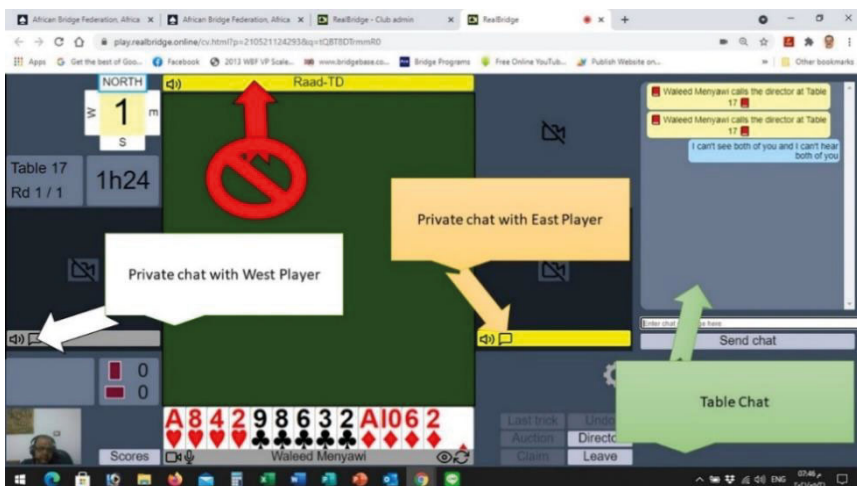
14. **Private chat and Table chat**

- It is strongly recommended to use the chat rather than the vocal chat; the TDs will not take into consideration any vocal explanation if you have any case.
- I will show you now, 2 figures and will appoint to you where to find the table chat (where the 4 players can see your chat) and where to find the private chat where you can chat privately with one of your opponents ( not your partner of-course 😊 ).





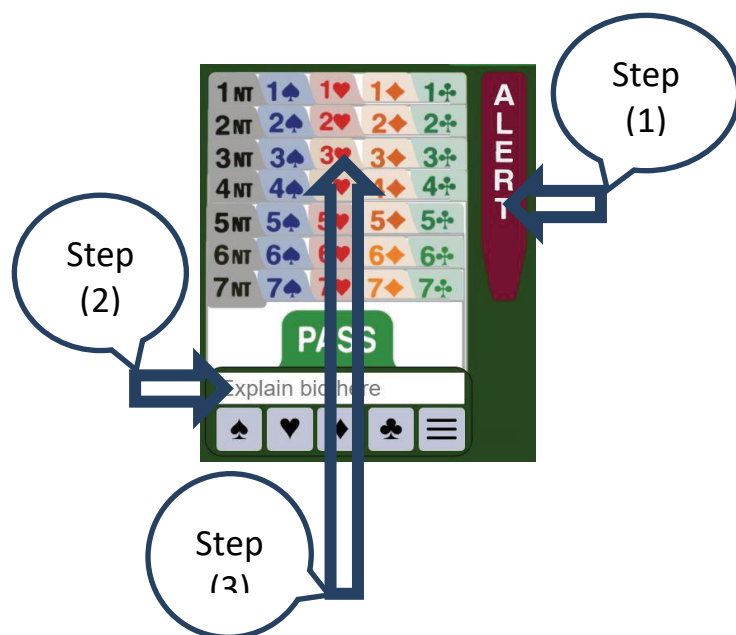
When you are at Full Screen mode



When you are at normal view ( NOT Full Screen mode

## 15. Self-alert and self-explanation proper procedure:

1. Click alert (if required)
2. Write / Put in explanation
3. Make bid



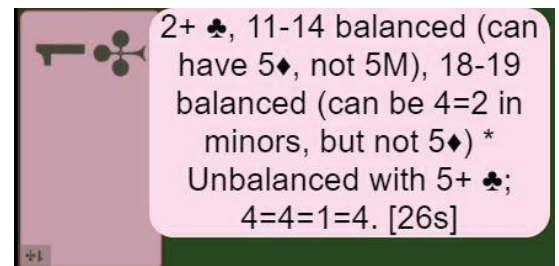




If you make a **mistake** or need to **explain your bid further** after you have bid, you can click on the bid and add more text.



The added text will appear after an asterisk \*. The time in seconds between when the bid was **made** and the added explanation was **submitted** is presented after the added text in the square brackets, for this example, 26 seconds. The character limit on explanations is 200 characters.



## 16. System

All teams are required to write a brief about their system at the table chat box before the start of first board in each match.

