



Daily Bulletin

31st Asean Bridge Club
Championships

Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

5-9 December 2009



At the Welcome Luncheon



Bienvenue

We may have won rupiahs, trophy, or fame,
More likely we went home poor
Tired but rich with the friends we made
Last year in Semarang and Borobodur,
At the Asean playing THE game
With the "Lucky slam" and the "Squeeze well played.

Now with a match or a sometimes hello,
We kept in touch through BBO,
Until the year's come around and now we are here
At Asean time again and for sure
The bridge and the friends we hold extra dear
Are all here together in Kuala Lumpur!

This verse from Gemma Tan says it all. Since its inception in 1979, the Asean Bridge Club Championships has been an annual event that bridge lovers look forward to. The friendly and warm atmosphere has kept participants returning year after year. In this 31st occasion, we welcome players from our Asean nations as well as visitors from Australia, China, Denmark, Finland, Hong Kong, Norway, Sweden and Taiwan. With the team matches on BBO, we also look forward to reach your friends around the world. We hope you will all enjoy the next 5 days of bridge and your stay in Kuala Lumpur.

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Today's Schedule

5th December

Saturday

Time	Event
10:00 - 11:00	Delegates Meeting
11:00 - 11:45	Captains Meeting
12:00 - 13:30	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Luncheon
14:00 - 17:30	Open Pairs Session 1
19:30 - 23:00	Open Pairs Session 2

Teams Number & Name

Mixed Teams

1 DJARUM
2 GABRIAL MGTH
3 GEO TIMAH A
4 MCBA I
5 GEO TIMAH B
6 GEO TIMAH C
7 ALEJAL
8 SCBA
9 AMBASSADOR

10 TUASON
11 CBLT
12 PBSC POLO CLUB
13 FOS
14 X-MAN
15 RYLAI
16 INTERNATIONAL
17 DANTA
18 SEE FAH/THAI

Ladies/Youths Team

1 MCBA KUCHING
2 INTERNATIONAL
3 ANGELS
4 XMING
5 GEO TIMAH A
6 SANIVA
7 EMMALINE
8 MCBA 2
9 SINGAPORE
10 MCBA I
11 DJARUM
12 MCBA 3
13 RBSC POLO CLUB
14 GEO TIMAH B

Open Teams

Section A

1 SYABAS ENERGY
2 RYLAI
3 CBLT THAI
4 FORBES
5 DJARUM I
6 DANTA
7 MCBA KUCHING
8 GABRIAL UI
9 BOOMZ
10 PATTAYA BRIDGE CLUB I
11 AMBASSADOR
12 GEO TIMAH A

Section B

1 GEO TIMAH B
2 FOS
3 PATTAYA BRIDGE CLUB 2
4 KATIPUNAN
5 DJARUM 2
6 TUASON
7 MCBA KL
8 GABRIAL MGTH
9 RBSC POLO CLUB
10 RBSC
11 X-MAN



ASEAN Memories

By David Law

Having attended quite a number of Asean Championships the most vivid memories are the friendly atmosphere at all the events. The memories for some years' events are also evoked by events which happened away from the bridge table.

The excitement of the 1983 Championships in Bangkok did not end with the Victory Dinner. At midnight, fire broke out in the hotel and the players and other hotel guests scrambled down the fire escape. Now, that was some safely play!

The dignitary invited to open the 1987 Championships in Kuala Lumpur was sensationally arrested the previous day on a murder charge. Obviously he did not turn up for the Opening Ceremony but a large press contingent which had not updated their diaries did.

The 9/11 tragedy cast a somber mood over the 2001 Championships in Manila. The thoughts of many players turned to those who had lost or were searching for loved ones. At the Victory Dinner, PTBA President Sylvia Alejandro led the guests in a prayer for lasting friendships and the safe return home of all visitors.

Getting Ready

The Open Pairs gets underway today with one session this afternoon and another session this evening.

The Mixed Teams will start tomorrow with 18 teams taking part. There will be eight 8-board rounds of Swiss, with matching by computer. From the players' list, it looks like a well balanced field. It could be anybody's game!

The Open, Ladies and Youth Teams will follow on Monday.

There are 23 teams in the Open, divided into 2 sections of 12 and 11. It will be a round robin of 14-board matches; 6 rounds on Monday and 5 on Tuesday. The top 2 teams from each section will qualify for the finals, to take place on Wednesday.

11 teams have registered in the Ladies and 3 in the Youths. They will play in a combined section. It will also be a round robin of 14-board matches; 6 rounds on Monday, 5 on Tuesday and 2 on Wednesday. The top 2 Ladies and Youth teams will play in a 16-board final on Wednesday.

For those who do not qualify into any one of these finals, they can join the Swiss on Wednesday. One match from each team session will be on BBO, starting with the Mixed.

Open Team Match Schedule

Date	Time	Round	Table					
			1	2	3	4	5	6
7-Dec	09:30 - 11:15	1	1 - 12	2 - 11	3 - 10	4 - 9	5 - 8	6 - 7
	11:25 - 13:10	2	11 - 1	10 - 2	9 - 3	8 - 4	7 - 5	12 - 6
	14:00 - 15:45	3	1 - 10	2 - 9	3 - 8	4 - 7	5 - 12	6 - 11
	15:55 - 17:40	4	9 - 1	8 - 2	7 - 3	12 - 4	11 - 5	10 - 6
	17:50 - 19:35	5	1 - 8	2 - 7	3 - 12	4 - 11	5 - 10	6 - 9
	19:45 - 21:30	6	7 - 1	12 - 2	11 - 3	10 - 4	9 - 5	8 - 7
8-Dec	09:30 - 11:15	7	1 - 6	2 - 4	3 - 5	7 - 12	8 - 10	9 - 11
	11:25 - 13:10	8	5 - 1	3 - 2	6 - 4	11 - 7	9 - 8	12 - 10
	14:15 - 16:00	9	1 - 4	2 - 5	3 - 6	7 - 10	8 - 11	9 - 12
	16:10 - 17:55	10	3 - 1	6 - 2	5 - 4	9 - 7	12 - 8	11 - 10
	18:05 - 19:50	11	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 12

*All 14-board matches*Ladies/Youths Combined Section Match Schedule

Date	Time	Round	Table						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7-Dec	09:30 - 11:15	1	1 - 14	2 - 13	3 - 10	4 - 6	5 - 9	7 - 11	8 - 12
	11:25 - 13:10	2	13 - 1	14 - 2	12 - 3	11 - 4	7 - 5	9 - 6	10 - 8
	14:00 - 15:45	3	1 - 12	2 - 11	3 - 13	4 - 9	5 - 10	6 - 7	8 - 14
	15:55 - 17:40	4	11 - 1	12 - 2	5 - 3	13 - 4	10 - 6	14 - 7	9 - 8
	17:50 - 19:35	5	1 - 10	2 - 9	3 - 14	4 - 7	5 - 12	6 - 11	8 - 13
	19:45 - 21:30	6	9 - 1	10 - 2	7 - 3	12 - 4	14 - 5	13 - 6	11 - 8
8-Dec	09:30 - 11:15	7	1 - 8	2 - 7	3 - 6	4 - 5	9 - 11	10 - 13	12 - 14
	11:25 - 13:10	8	7 - 1	8 - 2	9 - 3	10 - 4	13 - 5	12 - 6	14 - 11
	14:15 - 16:00	9	1 - 6	2 - 5	3 - 8	4 - 14	7 - 12	9 - 13	10 - 11
	16:10 - 17:55	10	5 - 1	6 - 2	11 - 3	8 - 4	13 - 7	14 - 9	12 - 10
	18:05 - 19:50	11	1 - 4	2 - 3	5 - 8	6 - 14	7 - 10	9 - 12	11 - 13
9-Dec	09:30 - 11:15	12	3 - 1	4 - 2	11 - 5	8 - 6	9 - 7	14 - 10	13 - 12
	12:30 - 14:15	13	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 12	13 - 14

All 14-board matches

Final Timetable

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5 Dec	10:00 - 11:00	Delegates Meeting				
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	14:00 - 17:30	Open Pairs Session 1				
	19:30 - 23:00	Open Pairs Session 2				
6 Dec	09:30 - 10:30	Mixed Teams Swiss 1				
	10:45 - 11:45	Mixed Teams Swiss 2				
	12:00 - 13:00	Mixed Teams Swiss 3				
	14:30 - 15:30	Mixed Teams Swiss 4				
	15:45 - 16:45	Mixed Teams Swiss 5				
	17:00 - 18:00	Mixed Teams Swiss 6				
	18:15 - 19:15	Mixed Teams Swiss 7				
	19:30 - 20:30	Mixed Teams Swiss 8				
7 Dec	09:30 - 11:15	Open/Ladies/Youths QR1				
	11:25 - 13:10	Open/Ladies/Youths QR2				
	14:00 - 15:45	Open/Ladies/Youths QR3				
	15:55 - 17:40	Open/Ladies/Youths QR4				
	17:50 - 19:35	Open/Ladies/Youths QR5				
	19:45 - 21:30	Open/Ladies/Youths QR6				
8 Dec	09:30 - 11:15	Open/Ladies/Youths QR7				
	11:25 - 13:10	Open/Ladies/Youths QR8				
	14:15 - 16:00	Open/Ladies/Youths QR9				
	16:10 - 17:55	Open/Ladies/Youths QR10				
	18:05 - 19:50	Open/Ladies/Youths QR11				
9 Dec	09:30 - 11:45	Open F1	09:30 - 11:15	Ladies/Youth QR12	09:30 - 10:30	Swiss R1
					10:40 - 11:40	Swiss R2
	12:30 - 14:45	Open F2	12:30 - 14:15	Ladies/Youth QR13	12:30 - 13:30	Swiss R3
					13:40 - 14:40	Swiss R4
	14:45 - 17:00	Open F3	14:45 - 17:00	Ladies/Youth Final	14:50 - 15:50	Swiss R5
					16:00 - 17:00	Swiss R6
	19:00 - 20:30	Victory Dinner and Prize Presentation				