

# The 6th South East Asia Bridge Federation Championships The 39th ASEAN Bridge Club Championships

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## Today's Schedule

09.30 - 11.00: Teams Round 1  
11.15 - 12.45: Teams Round 2

14.00 - 15.30: Teams Round 3  
15.45 - 17.15: Teams Round 4  
17.30 - 19.00: Teams Round 5

## Championship Website



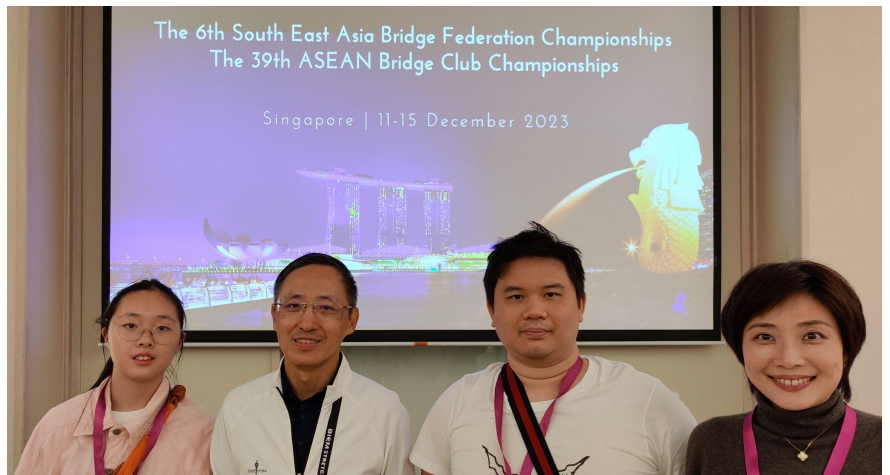
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## Tourist Map



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## Mixed Nuts wins Mixed Teams



(Team Mixed Nuts - L to R: Nuoyi Xu, Jiening Xu, Gideon Tan, Zeying Lam)

The Mixed Teams was contested by fourteen teams on Tuesday.

Going into the last round, team Mixed Nuts from Singapore was in third place trailing by 6.8 VPs from the then-leaders Amanda. With Amanda losing to Ganesha Mixed-1 in the final round and team SGP only managing a small win against team Magic, team Mixed Nuts overtook both of them with a 16-4 win over Ganesha Mixed-2 to secure the title.

In a nail-biting final round, the lead changed hands several times from Amanda to SGP to Mixed Nuts, and at several points, the difference was down to as close as 0.03 VPs!

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# Mixed Teams Winners



## Winner

Mixed Nuts:  
Gideon Tan, Zeying Lam, Jiening Xu, Nuoyi Xu



## Runner-up

SGP:  
Gang Chua, Choon Cheng Seet, Cheng Luo, Ann De Guzman, Choon Chou Loo (not in photo)



## 2nd Runner-up

Ganesha Mixed-1:  
Taufik Asbi, Lusje Bojoh, Beni Ibradi, Dewita Sonya, Isman Ramadi, Tracy Polii, Herry Herdian (NPC)



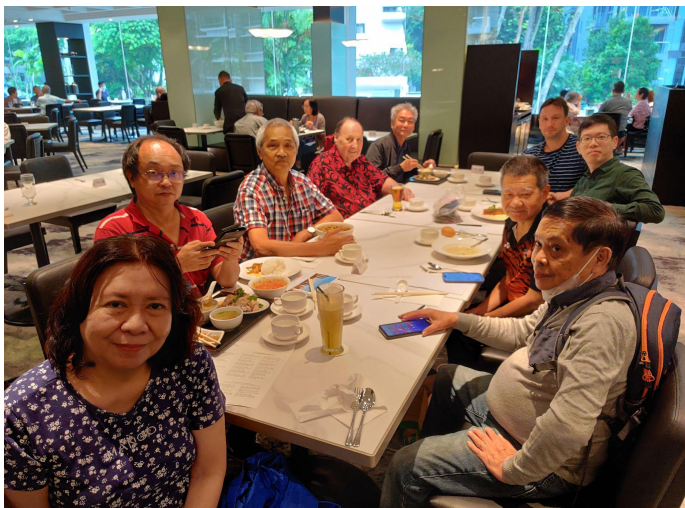


# Mixed Teams Results

Rank	VPs	Team Name	Players
1	94.48	Mixed nuts	Tan Gideon, Lam Zeying, Xu Jie Ning, Xu Nuo Yi
2	90.41	SGP	Gang Chua, Choon Chou Loo, Cheng Luo, Ann De Guzman, Choon Cheng Seet
3	87.47	Ganesha Mixed-1	Taufik Asbi, Lusje Bojoh, Beni J Ibradi, Dewita Sonya, Isman Ramadi, Tracy Polii, Herry Herdian
4	85.28	Amanda	Tan Sock Ngin, Fong Kien Hoong, Tan Yoke Lan, Alan Sia
5	74.45	Magic	Marvin Lai, Steve Robinson, Gemma Tan, Greta Chai
6	71.42	Aceh Mixed	Said Zulhasri, Mulyadi Djahudin, Sukiyah Tedjowidjoyo, Agustina Dharma Awuy, Magda Lusiana
7	68.97	Djarum Mixed 3	Sugeng Triworo, Jemmy Bojoh, Della Ayu Nobira, Desy Noervita
8	67.84	HKC	Gordon Ho, Baron Ng, Crystal Tang, Floral Wong
9	67.66	Ganesha Mixed-2	Sugiharto, Nur Afifatur Rohinun, Kikik Hikmat, Fera Damayanti, Paulus Halim, Riantini, Liliek Sudirahardjo, Kikik Hikmat
10	67.37	Give Chance Pls	Yeo Hui Teng, Chan Yiulin, Kelvin Ong Yi Sheng, Ong Jin Xiang
11	65.74	Ambassador	Patrick Choy, C C Ju, Jim Lee, Peter Haw, Leong Jia Min, Jazlene Ong
12	65.05	Djarum Mixed Team 2	Anthony Subroto, Agus Kustrijanto, Ernis Sevita, Yunita Firy
13	63.14	Magic Eyes	Esther Sophonpanich, Somchai B., Panjaroon J., Wanna A., Sagan L., Virat C.
14	54.86	Djarum Mixed Team 1	Bert Toar Polii, M Apin Nurhalim, Paulus Sugandi, Monica Ayu Triana, Fransisca Martanti
15	33.86	Singapore Cricket Club	King Fook Chan, Edith Somogyi, Esme Parish, Martin Edwards, Ajit Kanagasundrum, Shyamala Kanagasundrum



# Photos





## Mixed Teams Rounds 6 and 7

### Round 6

Given the Swiss format of these championships, the teams fighting out for the top spots would be at the first few tables. After round 5, three Singaporean teams SGP, Amanda and Mixed Nuts were leading the pack with 75.6, 68.82 and 60.11 VPs respectively. (Eventual second runners-up Ganesha Mixed-1 were in 8th with 51.57 VPs.) I sat down slightly late to the round 6 match between teams SGP and Amanda.

In the Open Table, the partnership of Cheng Luo (North) and Choon Cheng Seet (South) were playing against Alan Sia (East) and Yoke Lan Tan (West). North found himself in 3NT on board 17 but could not find the 9th trick. At the other table, Kien Hoong Fong (South) made 9 tricks in 3NT. 10 IMPs to Amanda.



(L-R: Choon Cheng Seet, Yoke Lan Tan, Cheng Luo, Alan Sia)

Boards 18 and 19 saw two part score swings and the running score was 14-5 in Amanda's favour when Board 20 hit the table:

N	E	S	W
			1♣
1♦	P	2♣	P
2NT	P	3NT	AP

Now as East, what would be your lead holding:

♠T9832  
♥QJ8742  
♦4  
♣9

Either major looks like a possible choice. Going with the longer major, ♥, also presents a question of which card. Alan chose the ♥Q and the first trick went: ♥Q, ♥A, ♥K and ♥5. Unlucky. The full hand was:

All Vul  
W Dealer  
♠A7  
♥T5  
♦KJ932  
♣AT72

♠KQ54  
♥K  
♦T865  
♣KQ63

♠T9832  
♥QJ8742  
♦4  
♣9

♠J6  
♥A963  
♦AQ7  
♣J854

After playing on the clubs at trick 2, declarer had 3 club tricks, 5 diamond tricks and the two major suit Aces for ten tricks. At the other table, East (Ann De Guzman) made 2♥ exactly. 12 IMPs to team SGP and we have a new match leader with the score at 17-14

Board 21 saw two different auctions at the two tables:

NS Vul  
N Dealer  
♠KQJ8643  
♥AQT53  
♦-  
♣9

♠A2  
♥876  
♦JT976  
♣T63

♠T95  
♥J  
♦843  
♣AJ8742

♠7  
♥K942  
♦AKQ52  
♣KQ5

Open Room:

N	E	S	W
1♠	P	2♦	P
2♥	P	3♥	P
3♠	P	4♣	P
4♦	P	4NT	P
5♣	P	5♥	AP

Closed Room:

N	E	S	W
1♠	P	2♦	P
3♥	P	4NT	P
5♣	X	5♦	X
5♥	P	P	X
AP			



In the Open Room, Cheng spent a long time thinking after 5♥ but eventually passed. After the lead of the ♣A, he drew trumps, and conceded the ♠A.

In the Closed Room, the bidding took a different turn and resulted in a flurry of doubles from EW. Gang Chua (West) eventually doubled 5♥ and led a ♦ reasoning that his partner could possibly have a void. North (Sock Ngin Tan) made 12 tricks and a 9 IMP swing back to Amanda who now lead 23-17

After a few more IMPs being exchanged on the next two boards, Amanda led 28-19 going into board 24:

None Vul ♠J  
W Dealer ♥A873  
♦KJ95  
♣J943

♠KQ942 ♠T863  
♥KJ6 ♥-  
♦8762 ♦AQT3  
♣8 ♣K7652

♠A75  
♥QT9542  
♦4  
♣AQT

N	E	S	W
			P
P	P	1♥	1♠
2NT <sup>A</sup>	4♠	5♥	AP

The ♠K lead was won by declarer. Now the ♥Q, K, A and a small ♥ back from dummy to the 10 and the J. On the ♣8 return, declarer won in hand with the 10 and then ruffed a ♠.

Declarer now tried leading the ♦K out from dummy but East won the trick with the A and returned a ♣ for a ruff to take the contract 1 down.

At the other table, the defence did not find their third trick and 5♥ made exactly for 11 IMPs to Amanda.

Amanda won the match 39-19 which translated to 16.46-3.54 in VPs, overtaking SGP. In the match at Table 2, Mixed Nuts beat Djarum Mixed Team 2 18.37-1.63 to take 11 VP lead over Ganesh Mixed-1 (who won 16.9-3.1 against Ambassador) in 4th place.

## Round 7

Given that the top two teams have just played each other, Amanda was now matched against Ganesh Mixed-1 in the last round at Table 1.

At the Open Table, we have the husband-wife partnership of Sock Ngin Tan (North) and Kien Hoong Fong (South) playing against Dewita Sonya (East) and Beni Ibradi (West).



(L-R: Kien Hoong Fong, Beni Ibradi, Sock Ngin Tan, Dewita Sonya)

Ganesh Mixed-1 took the lead on board 25 with 3 IMPs when Dewita went only one off in 1NT vs two off at the other table.

All Vul ♠64  
E Dealer ♥A63  
♦7  
♣KQJ5432

♠KT52 ♠AQJ873  
♥QJT7 ♥K  
♦A32 ♦QJT96  
♣96 ♣A

♠9  
♥98542  
♦K854  
♣T87

N	E	S	W
	1♣ <sup>A</sup>	P	1NT <sup>A</sup>
2♣	2♠	P	4♠
P	4NT	P	5♠
P	6♠	AP	

Playing precision club, Dewita opened a strong 1♣ and ended up in 6♠ after a keycard ask. After the ♣ lead, declarer drew trumps in two rounds ending in dummy, played a small ♥ to



the K, then ♦Q covered with the K and the A and claimed all 13 tricks.

The closed room EW pair of Alan Sia (East) and Yoke Lan Tan (West) stopped in 5♠ making an overtrick for a swing of 13 IMPs. 16-0 to Ganesha Mixed-1.

Board 28 saw yet another swing:

NS Vul ♠63  
W Dealer ♥AKQT85  
♦J64  
♣32

♠AKJ97  
♥963  
♦A973  
♣9

♠542  
♥J742  
♦K2  
♣AQJ8

♠QT8  
♥-  
♦QT85  
♣KT7654

N	E	S	W
			1♠
2♥	3♥	P	4♠
AP			

Sock Ngien led off the top three ♥s. The next trick was ♥8, ♥J, ♠Q, ♠A. Declarer now drew trumps with the ♠K and ♠J. ♣ to the A set up the ruffing finesse with the ♦K as an entry to the good ♣ winner in dummy. Contract making 10 tricks and another 10 IMPs to Ganesha Mixed-1 when 4♠ went one down at the other table.

Boards 29 and 30 saw 2 IMPs going to Ganesha Mixed-1 on each of the boards while

Board 31 was a push. With Ganesha Mixed-1 leading 30-0, we come to the last board of the event:

EW Vul ♠Q43  
W Dealer ♥JT875  
♦K75  
♣KT

♠AK75  
♥-  
♦Q862  
♣QJ652

♠986  
♥AKQ  
♦AT94  
♣A98

♠JT2  
♥96432  
♦J3  
♣743

N	E	S	W
			1♦ <sup>A</sup>
P	3NT	AP	

On the ♥ lead, Dewita discarded a small ♠ from dummy and won in hand. The ♣A was cashed, then a small ♣ was led, with a small ♣ being played from dummy and Sock Ngien won with the K. On the ♥ return, another ♠ was discarded from dummy. Now the ♦10 was played round to the K and declarer claimed the rest of the tricks, making 11 tricks.

In the closed room, Yoke Lan (West) was in 6♣ but did not manage to get the ♣s right either, going one off. 13 IMPs to Ganesha Mixed-1 who won the match 20-0 in VPs to overtake team Amanda to clinch the last podium spot. Commiserations to team Amanda who can feel somewhat hard done by their luck in the last round.

## Message from the Tournament Directors

### Please remember to count your cards at the start of each hand!

Again, several teams were penalized for not counting. It is a requirement in the bridge laws (Law 7B2) to count before looking at the cards.

### Please silence your phones!

Any ringing phones will incur an automatic 2VP penalty.

### Please beware of COVID-19!

There has been a resurgence of cases in Singapore and various parts of Southeast Asia. If you are feeling unwell or experiencing flu-like symptoms, please request for an ART kit from the Secretariat on Level 21. For your safety, elderly players, pregnant women, and people with weak immune systems, are advised to mask up in the competition venue.





## Combined Teams Swiss Team Numbers

Team Number // Team Name					
1	Ambassador	9	PH Open	17	ACR JM
2	Bobo Dird	10	Djarum Senior	18	Ganesha Senior
3	Payoon Bridge	11	Amanda	19	NUS
4	HKB	12	Tiger	20	SGP
5	Ganesha Ladies	13	Djarum Super	21	Djarum LA
6	Eagles	14	Magic Eyes	22	Ganesha Open
7	RI	15	Bridge Hunters	23	PHELCYLDRM
8	ACEH	16	Nautilus	24	Xia Shun

## Combined Teams Swiss Start List

Table	Home Team	Team No.	Visiting Team	Team No.
1	Ambassador	1	Bobo Dird	2
2	Payoon Bridge	3	HKB	4
3	Ganesha Ladies	5	Eagles	6
4	RI	7	ACEH	8
5	PH Open	9	Djarum Senior	10
6	Amanda	11	Tiger	12
7	Djarum Super	13	Magic Eyes	14
8	Bridge Hunters	15	Nautilus	16
9	ACR JM	17	Ganesha Senior	18
10	NUS	19	SGP	20
11	Djarum LA	21	Ganesha Open	22
12	PHELCYLDRM	23	Xia Shun	24

Note:

Home team sits NS in the Open Room and EW in the Closed Room;  
 Visiting team sits EW in the Open Room and NS in the Closed Room.  
 Neither team has seating rights.



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### Trivia Corner

Ngee Ann City is a renowned shopping mall on Singapore's famous Orchard Road, owned and managed by Ngee Ann Kongsi, which is a Teochew clan association. Despite intense competition from newer malls nearby, such as ION, 313@somerset, and more, this mall has managed to remain highly popular despite its markedly dated design.

Some say this is due to the mall's excellent anchor tenants and curation of brands. Yet others say it is thanks to the fengshui. Officially, the architect was inspired by the Great Wall of China, but most people of Chinese descent will notice how the mall resembles a traditional Chinese tombstone. Take a walk from York Hotel and decide for yourself!

### Want to Contribute?

Do you have a trivia submission of your own? Or do you have an interesting hand that you wish to highlight to your fellow players? Please send submissions to [competition@scba.org.sg](mailto:competition@scba.org.sg) with details of the hands (Event, Session number, board number, name of players, bidding and play) marking "For the Editor" in the subject title.