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# The Many Faces of Bridge

The Mixed Teams have reached the Round of 16, the reigning World Champions **Ferm** being eliminated after a dramatic last board.

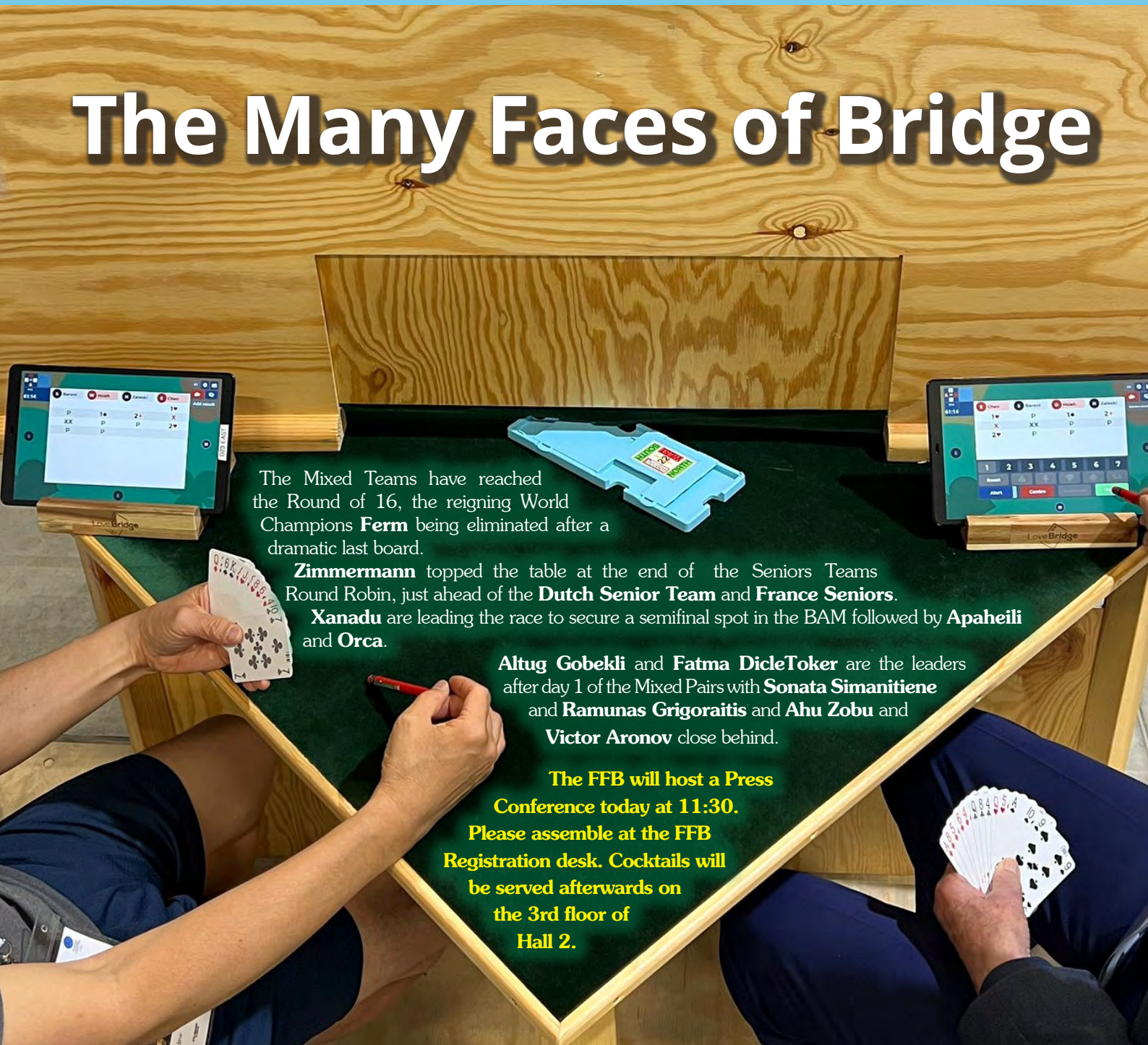
**Zimmermann** topped the table at the end of the Seniors Teams Round Robin, just ahead of the **Dutch Senior Team** and **France Seniors**.

**Xanadu** are leading the race to secure a semifinal spot in the BAM followed by **Apaheili** and **Orca**.

**Altug Gobekli** and **Fatma DicleToker** are the leaders after day 1 of the Mixed Pairs with **Sonata Simanitiene** and **Ramunas Grigoraitis** and **Ahu Zobu** and **Victor Aronov** close behind.

**The FFB will host a Press Conference today at 11:30.**

**Please assemble at the FFB Registration desk. Cocktails will be served afterwards on the 3rd floor of Hall 2.**





# Editor's Log

## Stardate 05062023

I happened to log in to BBO in time to see this deal from Round 9:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ A K J 8 5 ♥ K J 3 2 ♦ 3 ♣ 9 5 2</p>		<p>♠ 10 4 ♥ 10 7 6 ♦ Q J 4 2 ♣ Q 7 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ A 5 4 ♦ K 8 7 5 ♣ A J 10 8 6</p> <p>♠ Q 9 7 3 2 ♥ Q 9 8 ♦ A 10 9 6 ♣ K</p>
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At the table I was watching the auction went like this:

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
?			

In recent years I have frequently referred to the development of *Alpha Zero Bridge*, which I predict will eventually become the first bridge playing software to be capable of outplaying human opposition. It will be very aggressive during the bidding phase (in the days when I turned the cards our philosophy for preemptive actions was 'weak as you dare'). In his classic book *Tiger Bridge*, Jeremy Flint showed how aggressive tactics could reap rich rewards. I suspect that Alpha Zero would not hesitate to double 3NT with West's hand. Your spades could hardly be better and the opponents have limped into game. We'll come back to that in a moment.

Here East led the ♦2 and when declarer's eight took the trick a club to the king was followed by a diamond to the king and the ace and jack of clubs,

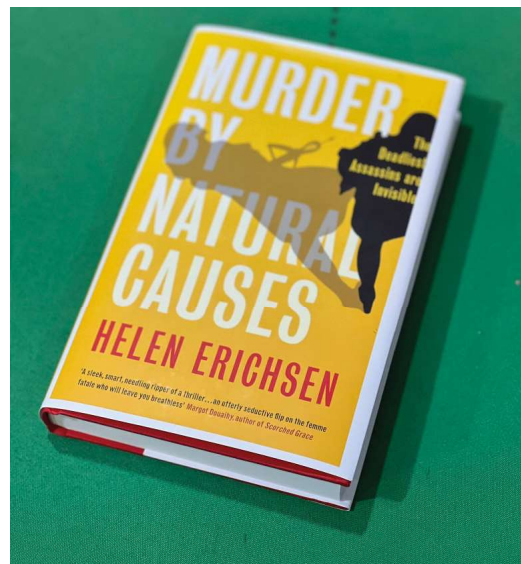
East winning as West pitched a spade on the second round of diamonds while declarer parted with a spade and a diamond. When East switched to the ♠10 for dummy's queen, West could score three tricks in the suit, but then had to surrender the rest.

In the other room NS stopped in 2NT and although declarer took nine tricks for +150 it meant the loss of 10 IMPs.

In the Mixed Teams 3NT was doubled 5 times and always went one down. The strongest defence assuming the ♠10 is covered by the queen and ace, is for West to switch to a diamond at trick two, which should result in two down.

In the Seniors Teams 3NT was doubled three times, the penalties being -200, -500 (well done!) and a remarkable -1100.

Talking of books, Barry mentioned he is currently devouring *Murder by Natural Causes* written by Helen Erichsen, who has represented England at bridge on several occasions. According to the blurb on Amazon, bridge plays a small, but essential part (there are references to well-known players and London's TGR club). I have put it on my Christmas wish list!



Herman De wael is following our every move via the Internet. Yesterday morning (having spotted a small mistake on page 7 of Bulletin 3) he mailed 'I'm sure I won't be the first to tell you that underleading from an 8-card suit to find partner with the card you apparently hold yourself is even more remarkable!'



# The difficult we do at once...

When a contract appears to be unbeatable, it may take something special to keep the defenders in the game. There is no one better for such a situation than the legendary Zia Mahmood.

Look at this astonishing piece of deception from Round 12 of the Seniors:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bigdeli</i>	<i>Zorlu</i>	<i>Olafsson</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

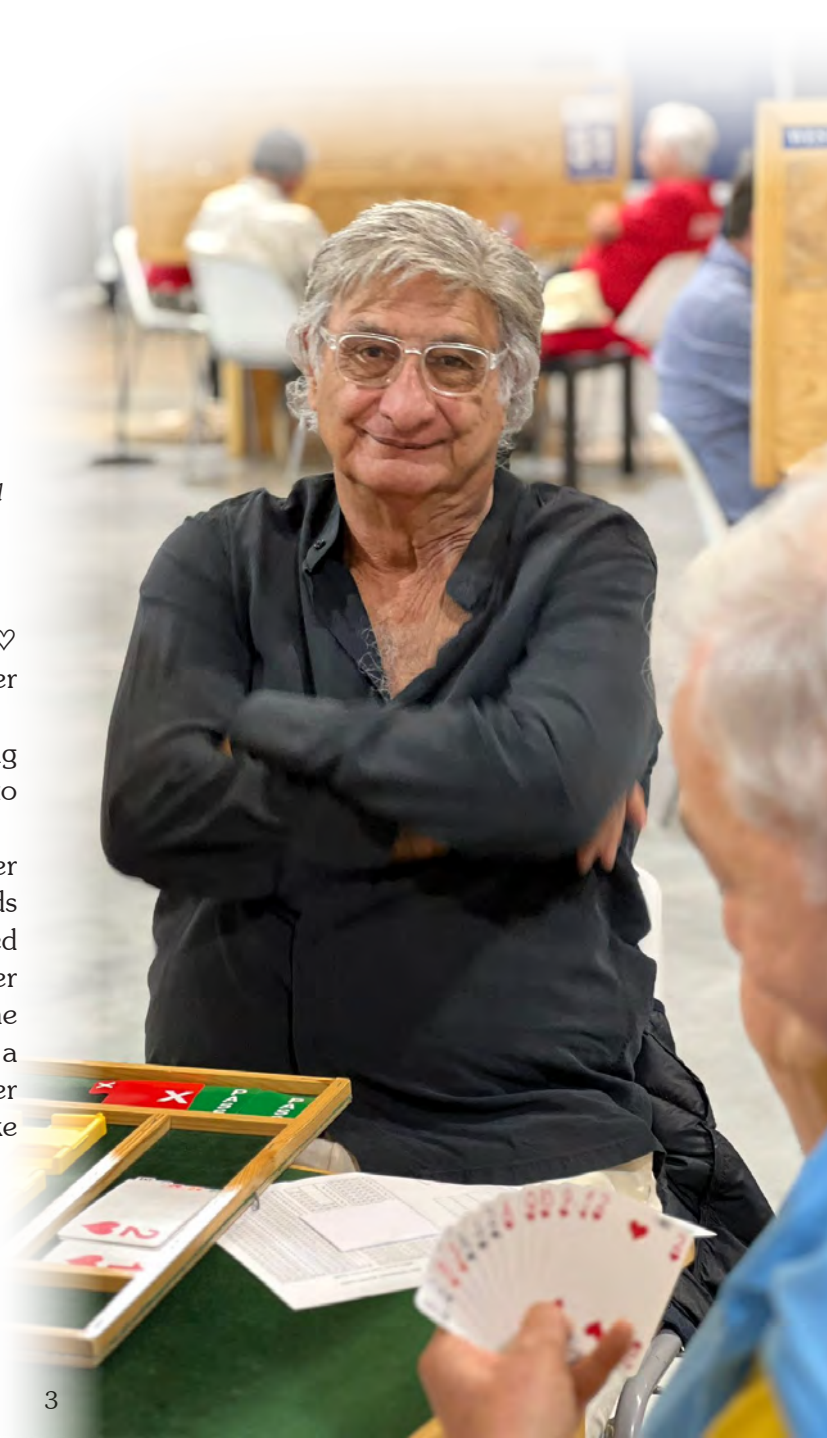
In the other room North led the ♣4 against 4♥ and when dummy's jack collected the ace declarer had little trouble getting up to 10 tricks for +420.

Here North led the ♦2 and declarer won, pitching a spade from dummy. His next move was a heart to dummy's ace on which South deposited the king!!

With North now 'marked' with ♥J97 declarer played a spade to the ace and played two diamonds discarding spades from dummy. When North ruffed the fourth round of the suit with the ♥7, declarer discarded dummy's remaining spade. Back came the ♠K and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a heart. When South followed with the nine, declarer went up with the queen and could no longer make the contract!

Even if he plays a club to the jack South wins with the ace, cashes the ♥J and can then score the ♦9. When declarer played a club to dummy's king the defenders had five tricks and 11 IMPs.

Declarer must have been close to falling off his chair when South proved to be the one with the ♥J. As Zia remarked later – 'If declarer had asked me I would have told him we play high low in trumps with three'.





# Mixed Teams R8

My choice for the second day's story once again was the middle match of the day, Round 8, with **Turnips** v **54Fun**, **Sparkling Vintages** v **Just Mixed** and **Robinson** v **Ferm**.

This time, no laments about possibly unspectacular deals because one had to be wide awake on the first board of the set already.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A 10 ♥ A Q 5 4 3 ♦ A K 6 5 3 ♣ J		♠ 8 6 5 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ Q 4 ♣ A Q 7 6 3	♠ J 9 2 ♥ 10 9 ♦ 10 2 ♣ K 10 9 5 4 2 ♠ K Q 7 4 3 ♥ K 8 2 ♦ J 9 8 7 ♣ 8
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Well, this did not really apply in the Open Room of the Turnips v 54Fun match as this was the bidding over there...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hsieh	Halfon	Chen	Robert
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	2♣	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Strong Club, no further nonsense and +450 to 54Fun. Next board, please.

In the Closed Room, however, they had other ideas.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	Bausback	Franceschetti	Ding
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Once partner made a cuebid over 3♠, slam must have play if he's also got a keycard, Setton reasoned. In a sense, she was quite right because the success of the slam did not depend so much on keycards but rather on spot cards. Look at what happened.



Daniela Von Arnim

Linda Robinson

Zach Grossack

Simon De Wijs

Spade lead, of course, to the queen and declarer's ace. Diamond to dummy's queen and the ♥J. When this held the trick uncovered, the rest was suddenly less difficult. Trumps were drawn with the repeated finesse and the ♦AK were cashed. No luck but declarer had another string to her bow. The ♣J, covered this time by king and ace and now the spade loser went on the ♣Q. Back to hand, a diamond conceded and 12 tricks. Turnips +980 and 11 IMPs to them.

In the Robinson v. Ferm match, we saw mainly the same:

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Z Grossack</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♥	2♠
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

A simple +450 to Ferm but once again, they had other ideas next door.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>A Grossack</i>	<i>S Drijver</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>L. Madsen</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Spade lead, here as well, to queen and ace followed by an immediate ♣J from Adam Grossack. Bas Drijver did not cover so the jack won the trick and next came a diamond to the queen. Now, the spade loser should have gone on dummy's ♣A but...South spoiled the party by ruffing in.

When she ruffed with the ♥2, declarer overruffed low, cashed the ♦A, ruffed a diamond in dummy and drew trumps in two rounds, finessing on the way back to his hand. His losing spade thus became his only loser. Robinson +980 and 11 IMPs to them.

Had South ruffed with the ♥8, the defence's trump trick would not have evaporated because North's supplementary heart spots would have saved the day for the defenders, had declarer overruffed with the queen. However, ruffing with the eight would have paved the way for an unusual loser-on-loser play. Declarer simply discards his losing spade and can later ruff a diamond low in dummy, or overruff North's nine with dummy's jack, draw trumps in two rounds with the help of a finesse and score his 12 tricks after all.

Over the room, we saw 4 more instances of +980 and just one case of -50 in the slam.

A few boards later, the success of N/S's heart game would depend mainly on a diamond guess. At a number of tables, West came to declarer's rescue by leading the ♦A but in the Sparkling Vintages v Just Mixed match, we saw a different approach...



Lin-Huan Chen

Quentin Robert

Donatella Halfon

Ding-Hwa Hsieh

## Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Froehner</i>	<i>Danielsen</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Bekkouche</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

On this auction, Nadia Bekkouche, the Danish declarer, won the spade lead with her ace and immediately tempted West with the ♦J. When he fell for it by playing his ♦A, she was home,

Sparkling Vintages +420.

Her team-mates added to the Danish success on the board in their own way.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Auken</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Gladiator</i>
—	—	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	Dble	Rdbl
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

This went down only one for -100 but 8 IMPs to the Sparkling Vintages. The sacrifice was found at only

one other table, by Saeterdal-Anjer from Norway.

The next board was a matter of finding the right suit to lead as West against South's 3NT. When West passed over South's opening bid, North would often respond 1♠ so quite a lot of West players led a low heart. Declarer then followed the line of cashing his two top spades first before taking the (losing) club finesse and thus went down one or two at many tables. When West led a spade, the contract rolled home, of course, but Quentin Robert, for Turnips, found an amusing alternative when West led a heart:

## Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

He won dummy's queen, cashed four rounds of diamonds ending in dummy and next played a spade to his ten. West won the queen, but she only knew that partner had discarded his ♥2 on the 4th diamond. So how could she know that cashing the ♥A would have been the winning continuation? When she tried the ♣9 instead, Robert was quick to put up dummy's ace and cash his nine tricks for ...a loss of only 2 IMPs. Overtricks in 3NT on a spade lead at the other table.

On the next board, team Ferm's Open East player was waiting to convert the reopening double that never came...



Roy Welland

Anne Gladiator

Sabine Auken

Michael Gromoeller



Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Z Grossack</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
1♣	1♥	All Pass	

West's own heart holding simply was too strong to take any further action...

Down five, Ferm +250.

At the other table, North did not find the same daring overcall as in the Open Room, so E/W could launch their relays undisturbedly.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>A Grossack</i>	<i>S Drijver</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>L. Madsen</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

No problem on any lead, nine tricks, +600 and 8 IMPs to Robinson.

Two boards later, getting to the slam certainly was more problematic. For once, I will show you the auctions in all three matches on display...

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Turnips v 54Fun

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Hsieh</i>	<i>Halfon</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Robert</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	2♥	3♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

One overtrick, Turnips +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Setton</i>	<i>Bausback</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Ding</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	2♥	3♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Down two, 54Fun +500 and 2 IMPs to them.



Emma Kolesnik

Christina Lund Madsen

Bas Drijver

Adam Grossack

**Robinson v Ferm**

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Z Grossack</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	2♥	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Just made on the ♥K lead, Ferm +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>A Grossack</i>	<i>S Drijver</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>L. Madsen</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦*	1♥	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

1♦ Transfer

An easy +920 when the trumps behaved, Robinson +920 and 11 IMPs to them.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Froehner</i>	<i>Danielsen</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Bekkouche</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Straightforward bidding but not to the highest level. Just Mixed +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Auken</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Gladiator</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦*	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

1♦ 4 or more hearts

Like everyone else who played in diamonds: 12 easy tricks.

Sparkling Vintages +920 and 11 IMPs to them.

Onn the last board of the set, you should stay out of game with a combined 24 count. In the Sparkling Vintages v. Just Mixed match both N/S pairs duly managed to do so (well done!) but in both our other matches, at one table they overstretched.

Board 20. Dealer West All Vul.

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


**Turnips v 54Fun**

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Setton</i>	<i>Bausback</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Ding</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led a spade to dummy's queen but took the ♣A in the second round of the suit and tried the effect of the ♥A upon seeing partner's ♦2 on the ♣A Down two, Turnips +200, good for 7 IMPs.

In the Robinson v Ferm match, both N/S pairs were in 3NT, with auctions equivalent to 1NT 3NT. For Ferm, Daniela von Arnim made short work of the defence by leading the ♥A and continuing the suit when partner contributed the two. Ferm +200.

At the other table, however, Emma Kolesnik led a more orthodox (or whatever) low spade to the jack and Bas Drijver's king. When Bas played his ♣K next, she immediately won her ace to continue...a spade to dummy's now blank queen. Nine tricks for Bas, Ferm +600 and 13 much needed IMPs back to them.

The final results in our matches:

**Turnips v 54Fun**

20-17 or 11.14 – 8.86 VP.

**Sparkling Vintages v Just Mixed**

37-2 or 18.58 – 1.42 VP.

**Robinson v Ferm**

32-17 or 14.80 – 5.20 VP.





# Mixed Teams R10

## Just Mixed v Alpert

The final session of the Swiss from the Mixed Teams saw fourth-placed Just Mixed take on Alpert, who were occupying seventh spot. This was Alpert's first appearance on BBO in this tournament. Neither team needed to worry about qualifying for the knock-out phase, since they were certain to be in the top 32 places. However, the better their result, the higher their position would be, with more choices of opponent for the first elimination round.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 5 2 ♥ 7 4 ♦ A Q 10 9 5 ♣ A J 9 3		♠ 10 8 7 6 ♥ A J 9 ♦ 7 6 4 3 2 ♣ 6	♠ Q J 3 ♥ Q 10 6 5 3 ♦ 8 ♣ K 7 5 4
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North's opening One Club could be short and have longer diamonds, the One Diamond response showed hearts. Two Diamonds relative to the opposition's Two Clubs might possibly have saved an IMP but Two Spades would be a significant gain – in short matches part-score swings can be worth valuable victory points. South led a small heart which gave a trick to declarer, but it was not enough to save her from two off. The good news for South was that she did not lead a small club, as then the contract could have been made. Declarer can ruff three clubs in hand and North will eventually be endplayed to give a trump trick to dummy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Froehner</i>	<i>Bernal</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	Pass	1♠	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Weiss</i>	<i>Cuzzi</i>	<i>Selway</i>
—	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♦	All Pass

Not the world's most electrifying auction but it shows how important these part-scores are. When West was able to make a take-out double, it gave East a chance to show her spades and steal the contract. South led his singleton diamond and North took two rounds before returning a trump to the queen and king. A small club from dummy was won by South who played another round of trumps. However, declarer rose with the king and cashed her two heart tricks, then made her four trumps separately on a crossruff for an overtrick. 5 IMPs to Just Mixed.



Pony Beate Nehmert

Cecilia Rimstedt

Francisco Bernal

Christian Froehner

## Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Weiss</i>	<i>Cuzzi</i>	<i>Selway</i>
—	—	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♦	4+♦ & 4+major		
2NT	Asking		
3♦	5♦ not minimum		

When East chose as her lead the ♠4 declarer was always going to succeed. The ♠J held the trick and a diamond towards the king also won. The diamond continuation was taken by West, who pursued the spade attack. Declarer won and cleared the diamond suit; now West was thrown in: no matter which suit he lead he gave declarer his ninth trick. Had he cashed his ♦A earlier he would have encountered the same endplay when thrown in with a heart.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Froehner</i>	<i>Bernal</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When East's Stayman enquiry failed to find a major fit East settled on the no-trump game. Having seen partner's opening bid East produced the lead of ♣8 to the queen and king, declarer ducking. West returned a club to East's jack and the suit was cleared. Declarer was now doomed. When the ♦K was played West won with the ace and cashed three rounds of clubs and still had another diamond to come, beating the contract by two. 13 IMPs to Just Mixed.

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Weiss</i>	<i>Cuzzi</i>	<i>Selway</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1NT	Dble	Redble	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Monica Cuzzi

Louise Selway

Florian Weiss

Antonio Sementa





East's redouble got them to the least worse spot. The lead was the king of clubs which declarer took with his ace to play back a small one for North's jack. The trump queen was cashed before North switched to a small diamond. South took her ace and returned the suit for North to win with the king. The third round was won by the queen and declarer advanced the jack of spades which North let pass. Now declarer was home as it was impossible to misguess the heart suit for a trick. The cheeky 'finesse' had brought home the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Froehner</i>	<i>Bernal</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

I believe the 2♣ bid shows the majors and that the 2♦ response denied a four-card major; so South made the pragmatic decision to play in diamonds. The start of the defence was not dynamic, the opening club lead being taken by the ace. Ace and another spade to East's king and a third round allowed declarer to make her queen. A trump to the ♦8 and West's ♦9 was the last trick for the defence. 7 IMPs to Alpert.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Weiss</i>	<i>Cuzzi</i>	<i>Selway</i>
—	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

An uninviting hand from which to lead saw North eventually choose a diamond, a lead which gave declarer a chance. Winning with the ace, declarer quickly cashed three rounds of clubs discarding dummy's losing spade. The diamond king was cashed and a small trump towards hand saw the ♥10 hold

the trick. When the ♦10 was led South ruffed and led a spade, ruffed in dummy. Now declarer just led winning diamonds from dummy and South was helpless and could only come to two more trump tricks. North needed to cash his spade honour at trick one and then the contract should go down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Froehner</i>	<i>Bernal</i>
—	3♠	All Pass	

East/West sold out to the pre-empt but at least they beat it by one when they cashed their five minor suit winners in the first five tricks but it was 11 IMPs to Alpert.

In another match after the same start to the auction as that in the Open Room Simon Cope declared 4♥x doubled and North lead a club. Declarer won the ♣Q, cashed the ♦A and played the top clubs for the spade discard, followed by a second then third diamond. North scored the ♥5 but was down to all spades. A spade ruff in dummy saw Cope lead a fourth diamond, pitching a club, then a fifth diamond, South could discard or ruff in but declarer could hold his trump losers to two whatever South did.

At the end of the match Alpert had won by the slender margin of 5 IMPs, 11.85-8.15 VP.



Francisco Bernal



## Mixed Teams Round-of-32 (1)

### Alpert v Otra Vez

This is a majestic Mixed Teams championship. All-day knock-out matches from the round of 32 onwards? Wow! No wonder so many star players are attracted to it. Mixed Teams has overtaken Women's and Senior Teams in dramatic fashion. Mats Nilstrand wanted to watch his compatriots, so I joined him to commentate on this encounter. It would feature the promising Swedish Juniors, Andrea Nilsson and Mayalo Bjork Heed, who switched from a cancelled under-21 event at the last moment.

Let's see some action.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

<p>♠ A 9 7 6 4 2 ♥ K 5 2 ♦ 9 8 ♣ 7 6</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	<p>♠ 10 5 3 ♥ — ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ A K J 9 8 4 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ Q 9 8 4 3 ♦ J 4 ♣ Q 10 5 3</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hult</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bjork Heed</i>	<i>Alpert</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♦	All Pass

The auction looked good to me, although we can see that there is a play for 6♦. Some suggested that East should bid 4♦ instead. Her heart void was not an asset, however, and her clubs might not be so useful opposite a 5-6 red-suit hand.

North cashed the ♠A and switched to a trump. Simon Hult won and ruffed a heart. A spade to the king was followed by a second heart ruff and the discard of two hearts on the ♣AK. A spade ruff allowed the trumps to be drawn and that was twelve tricks. Easy enough after the ♠A lead.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>C.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Nilsson</i>	<i>Bernal</i>	<i>Palma</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥*	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Again, the ♠A was led. We were warned that the play was wrongly recorded on BBO, but the same twelve tricks were made. It was 13 IMPs to Alpert.

So, would the slam be made after a trump lead? Nothing could be easier, chant the double-dummy programs. You simply finesse the ♠J to North's ace, take one heart ruff and discard three hearts on the ♣AK and the established ♠10!



Simon Hult



Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q J 7 4 2		♠ 10 8 5
♥ 3 2		♥ K Q J 6 5 4
♦ K J 7 4		♦ 8 3
♣ K 2		♣ 10 4
♠ K 9 6 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                 N W     E S             </div>	
♥ 8 7		
♦ A Q 9		
♣ 9 7 6 3		
♠ A		
♥ A 10 9		
♦ 10 6 5 2		
♣ A Q J 8 5		

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Hult</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bjork Heed</i>	<i>Alpert</i>
Pass	Pass	2♦*	3♣
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

2♦                  Multi

Since North had not opened with a weak-two, Claire Alpert could not expect six spades opposite. North was therefore likely to hold close to an opening bid. 3NT may not look particularly appealing for South,

but it would have made. Also, 3♠ on a 5-1 fit might be awkward.

East led the ♥K, ducked, and Versace won the second heart. He crossed to the ♠A, returned to his hand with a club and played the ♠Q. The contract was made for the loss of two spades, one heart and a diamond.

Would they be more ambition at the other table?

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>C.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Nilsson</i>	<i>Bernal</i>	<i>Palma</i>
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Nilsson's 3♠ showed a maximum with a side-suit of diamonds. Antonio Palma won the heart lead and played three round of clubs, ditching dummy's remaining heart. East ruffed the third club and switched to a spade. On lead with the spade ace, declarer played a trump to the jack. Lady Luck smiled in his direction, and the diamond game was made. It was 6 IMPs to Otra Vez.




Francisco Bernal

Antonio Palma

Andrea Nilsson

Cecilia Rimstedt

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hult</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bjork Heed</i>	<i>Alpert</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

So, what should Alpert lead against the diamond slam. Side-suit singletons are usually a good bet, but hearts had been bid and raised. If the ♥2 did not strike the ace with partner, it might damage his holding in the suit.

The seconds ticked by, and then Alpert reached for her chosen card. It was the ♥2. Versace won with the ace and his ♥6 return acted like a matador's sword – instant death to the contract. As you see, 6♥ would have been impregnable.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>C.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Nilsson</i>	<i>Bernal</i>	<i>Palma</i>
—	—	—	3♠
Dble	4♠	Dble	All Pass

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Francisco Bernal decided to take the money, at Love All. He received 300, cash in hand, and that was an 8-IMP swing to Alpert.

The second-highest swing of the match occurred on this deal:

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hult</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bjork Heed</i>	<i>Alpert</i>
—	1♥	1♠	5♥
All Pass			

Readers may have noticed, from my reports so far, that I am not overkeen to criticise the players' bidding. They are international stars, or players aspiring to that status, whereas I am a humble scribe. Here, though, I will say that I regard 5♥ as a wild effort. I will justify this assessment, m'lud, with the following points: South has no idea what his partner holds. There is no reason to assume that the opponents will bid to 4♠; if they do, you can consider bidding 5♥ then. The score is Game All. Finally, bidding everyone's 4♥ may keep West quiet anyway.

Only the fact that the great Versace would play the contract can have persuaded East not to double. So, the damage was just 200 instead of 500. Perhaps the bidding will be more restrained in the Closed Room. They are running a board or two behind us at the moment.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>C.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Nilsson</i>	<i>Bernal</i>	<i>Palma</i>
—	1♥	1♠	4♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Any bidding text-book would be proud to include such an auction. Cecilia Rimstedt lost two diamonds and two clubs, going one down. 200 plus 200 was a swing of 9 IMPs to Otra Vez. Alpert took a lead of 38-18 into the next set, with a long, long way still to go.



# Mixed Teams Round-of-32 (2)

## Breno v 54Fun

A number of the Round of 32 matches looked to be almost over after the first stanza, with teams leading by more than 50 IMPs. I picked a match that was close, Breno (Italy/Sweden/France) leading 54Fun (USA/Germany) by 3 IMPs (37-34) at the start of the second set.

As usual, we start with some problems for you. Firstly, with only your opponents vulnerable, you are East holding:

♠ J 3  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ K Q 10 9 8 5  
 ♣ A K 7.2

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	3♥	Dble*	4♥
4♠	Pass	?	

What, if anything, do you bid now?

Next, with only your side vulnerable, you are sitting in the North seat with:

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

West	North	East	South
—	?		

What, if anything, do you open?

Finally, with neither side vulnerable, you hold in the East seat:

♠ —  
 ♥ A 8 6 5  
 ♦ A K 5 4  
 ♣ Q 9 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Dble	4♠
Pass	Pass	?	

What action, if any, do you take?



Lin-Huan Chen

Irene Baroni

Romain Zaleski

Ding-Hwa Hsieh

While you mull those over, we join the action on the opening deal of the set, with French star Thomas Bessis faced with the first of the problems posed above.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>K.Bertheau</i>	<i>Bausback</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Ding</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	3♥	Dble	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

Nikolas Bausback's daring 3♥ overcall, at red opposite a passed partner, reaped huge dividends. Thomas Bessis could presumably have advanced with a natural 4♦ bid but his negative double looks like the most flexible choice. Then Hong Ding raised the ante still further, dangling an enormous carrot. Kathie Bertheau (not a fan of vegetables, perhaps) turned down the +800 on offer to emphasize her spades. When Bessis passed after considerable thought, they had settled for a meagre E/W +480.

The Italians failed to exert quite as much pressure in the replay...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hsieh</i>	<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	3♦	4♥
6♦	All Pass		

Romain Zaleski's 2♥ overcall did not shut out Lin Huan Chen's diamond suit. Although Irene Baroni upped the auction to the four-level before the opener got a second bid, the damage had already been done, and Ding-Hwa Hsieh jumped to 6♦.

South's club lead did not trouble declarer, who was soon claiming all 13 tricks. E/W +940 and 10 IMPs to 54Fun, who move into the lead.

Both North players had to decide what to do in first seat at 'red' with the second of today's problem hands...

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>K.Bertheau</i>	<i>Bausback</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Ding</i>
—	2♠	3♦	3♠
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Bausback opened with a weak two on the North hand, and Ding raised to the three-level in competition. Kathie Bertheau competed in diamonds and it looks as if E/W would have been allowed to go plus had Bessis managed to find a green card. 5♦ had three unavoidable losers: E/W -50.

It looks like opening a weak two on the North hand is not enough to get you to your game. Around the room, 2♠ (or Multi) and 3♠ were the most popular openings. There were also a couple of 1♠ openings and a few passes. Let's see how passing turned out at the other table in this match.


Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hsieh</i>	<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
—	Pass	1♦	1♥
2♦	2♥	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After passing as Dealer, Romain Zaleski raised his partner's heart overcall in competition. Moments later, it then fell to him to find the winning opening lead against 3NT. I would guess that most players would choose between a heart and the ♣K, but neither is good enough to defeat the contract. Only an opening spade lead restricts declarer to eight tricks to flatten the board. The Americans who named this team probably considered this a hilarious E/W +400 and another 10 IMPs to 54Fun.

It was not all jocularly, though. Both East players had to answer the last of today's problems on our next deal...

Board 25. Dealer West. Nil Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hsieh	Zaleski	Chen	Baroni
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Lin-Huan Chen doubled North's 1♠ opening but settled for defending with Irene Baroni's raise to 4♠ came back to him. The defenders had a pair red-suit A-Ks to cash, so that was one down: E/W +50.

In the replay, Thomas Bessis was not prepared to go quietly on that East hand...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
K.Bertheau	Bausback	Bessis	Ding
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Bessis backed in with a second double when 4♠ was passed around to him. Kathie Bertheau duly retreated into her only four-card suit, and Hong Ding doubled on the way out with the South cards.

The defenders can take two top clubs and a club ruff against 5♥x, and they don't need to find the ruff on the go as declarer needs to set up dummy's clubs and cannot afford to draw trumps first.

Bausback opened the ♠A. Bertheau ruffed in dummy and immediately started clubs. Ding contributed the ten (perhaps he is too young to have seen Eddie Kantar's advice to always play the king first from ♣K10 doubleton), and declarer's jack lost to the ace. Although the defenders' clubs are now blocked, declarer still has too much to do. Bertheau won the trump switch with dummy's ace and continued with a low club, picking off South's now-bare king. But she is still an entry short to both take a spade ruff and draw trumps. South can play either red suit to beat the contract but, when Ding exited with a high spade, he unwittingly solved declarer's entry problems. Bertheau ruffed in dummy, drew trumps via a finesse, and claimed her eleven tricks. A spectacular E/W +650 and 12 much-needed IMPs to Breno.



Thomas Bessis

Hong Ding

Nikolas Bausbak

Kathrine Bertheau

The match score stood at 65-62 in favour of 54Fun when the final board of the segment was placed on the tables.

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hsieh</i>	<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Baroni</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Chen led the ♥J, which was allowed to trundle around to declarer's queen. Zaleski then ran the ♣Q at trick two, which held. With the spade suit producing four tricks, it would seem that declarer has a fairly easy nine tricks from this point. Let's see what happened...

Zaleski played a low diamond from his hand at trick three, West winning with the ♦Q and clearing the hearts, declarer pitching the low club from his hand on the third round. Declarer then played a second round of diamonds, ducking all round. A presumably bemused East won with the ♦9 and cashed his two heart winners to put the contract one down. A rather mysterious N/S -100.

**Ding-Hwa Hsieh**

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>K.Bertheau</i>	<i>Bausback</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Ding</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Bessis also led the ♥J, Bertheau winning with the ♥K and playing a second heart to declarer's queen. Bausback also led the ♣Q, but East here covered. Declarer's next move was to play the ♣8 from dummy, running it when West did not split. All very odd. With a third club trick in the bag, the play record shows that declarer cashed the ♥A and the ♣J and claimed nine tricks. Logic suggests that he must have taken the spade finesse at some point in order to get to nine, but quite why he didn't then make ten tricks when spades broke remains a mystery. N/S +600 and 12 IMPs to 54Fun to finish the set.

At the midway point of the match, 54Fun lead by 15 IMPs (77-62), but there is surely plenty more bridge to be played in the remaining 28 boards of this match.





# Too Hot to Handle

Patryk Preuha reached a reasonable slam on this deal from the first session of Bridge24's Mixed Teams Round of 32 match against Just Mixed but was unlucky to encounter a 5-0 trump break. However, he ran into a lie of the cards that would let him have a chance for his slam. Could he take advantage of it?

Preuha took the lead of the ♠10 and advanced the ♣K to South's ace. Back came a spade, and Preuha tested diamonds by cashing dummy's queen, discovering the bad news. Then came the ♣Q for a heart discard, a club ruff, and the ♥A and a heart ruff. In this ending, with the lead in dummy:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jarosz	Weiss	Preuha	Selway
—	Pass	1♦	2♦*
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Patryk led a club and overruffed North's ♦9. Then a heart ruff allowed him to play a club from dummy for the trump coup.

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# Results - Senior Teams

## Round 11

51	MILNER	ZIMMERMANN	8	35	2.66	17.34
52	FRANCE SENIORS	DUTCH SENIOR TEAM	3	24	3.82	16.18
53	BUCHAREST SENIORS	GERMANY	3	25	3.61	16.39
54	LES MOUSQUETAIRES	NORWAY	38	15	16.59	3.41
55	ENGLAND PRYOR	RUMMEL	23	11	14.00	6.00
56	BBCX	ROTH	40	15	16.97	3.03
57	VICTORS	GEHAKTMOLEN SENIORS	14	13	10.39	9.61
58	LA FONTAINE	SWISS SENIORS	13	35	3.61	16.39

## Round 12

51	ZIMMERMANN	GEHAKTMOLEN SENIORS	40	16	16.78	3.22
52	SWISS SENIORS	GERMANY	14	19	8.15	11.85
53	FRANCE SENIORS	NORWAY	13	16	8.86	11.14
54	BUCHAREST SENIORS	ENGLAND PRYOR	17	26	6.86	13.14
55	ROTH	LES MOUSQUETAIRES	1	27	2.84	17.16
56	RUMMEL	VICTORS	17	15	10.77	9.23
57	MILNER	BBCX	41	6	18.58	1.42
58	LA FONTAINE	DUTCH SENIOR TEAM	21	8	14.28	5.72

## Round 13

51	GEHAKTMOLEN SENIORS	BBCX	0	24	3.22	16.78
52	DUTCH SENIOR TEAM	NORWAY	18	3	14.80	5.20
53	SWISS SENIORS	ENGLAND PRYOR	15	23	7.17	12.83
54	FRANCE SENIORS	ROTH	26	7	15.75	4.25
55	VICTORS	BUCHAREST SENIORS	38	2	18.71	1.29
56	LES MOUSQUETAIRES	MILNER	8	52	0.34	19.66
57	ZIMMERMANN	RUMMEL	22	7	14.80	5.20
58	LA FONTAINE	GERMANY	21	23	9.23	10.77

## Round 14

51	BBCX	RUMMEL	8	20	6.00	14.00
52	GERMANY	ENGLAND PRYOR	43	8	18.58	1.42
53	DUTCH SENIOR TEAM	ROTH	53	3	20.00	0.00
54	SWISS SENIORS	VICTORS	19	39	4.03	15.97
55	MILNER	FRANCE SENIORS	35	16	15.75	4.25
56	BUCHAREST SENIORS	ZIMMERMANN	6	59	0.00	20.00
57	GEHAKTMOLEN SENIORS	LES MOUSQUETAIRES	24	29	8.15	11.85
58	LA FONTAINE	NORWAY	5	22	4.71	15.29

## Round 15

51	LES MOUSQUETAIRES	BUCHAREST SENIORS	25	3	16.39	3.61
52	ENGLAND PRYOR	VICTORS	2	28	2.84	17.16
53	NORWAY	MILNER	21	32	6.28	13.72
54	GERMANY	ZIMMERMANN	18	31	5.72	14.28
55	GEHAKTMOLEN SENIORS	DUTCH SENIOR TEAM	6	35	2.32	17.68
56	SWISS SENIORS	BBCX	21	32	6.28	13.72
57	RUMMEL	FRANCE SENIORS	16	56	0.78	19.22
58	LA FONTAINE	ROTH	27	31	8.50	11.50

## Ranking after Round 15

1	ZIMMERMANN	191.29
2	DUTCH SENIOR TEAM	190.50
3	FRANCE SENIORS	187.89
4	MILNER	181.68
5	LES MOUSQUETAIRES	177.94
6	VICTORS	176.40
7	BBCX	166.47
8	ENGLAND PRYOR	162.06
9	NORWAY	157.11
10	GERMANY	153.14
11	SWISS SENIORS	125.82
12	ROTH	123.21
13	RUMMEL	104.61
14	BUCHAREST SENIORS	102.88
15	GEHAKTMOLEN SENIORS	102.49
16	LA FONTAINE	91.11

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## Bracket - Senior Teams

1	ZIMMERMANN
	BBCX
2	MILNER
	VICTORS
3	FRANCE SENIORS
	LES MOUSQUETAIRES
4	DUTCH SENIOR TEAM
	ENGLAND PRYOR

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## Results - SENIOR TEAMS - Butler

BOMPIS Marc	STEUER Patrick	2.30	10	France	3716.220843	France
VAN ELJCK Willem	GOSSCHALK Willem	1.25	150	Netherlands	6999.21059	Netherlands
MAHMOOD Zia	ZORLU Nafiz	1.01	120	U.S.A.	325.8374	Turkiye
BIZON Piotr	BLAT Marek	0.99	120	Poland	12307.21305	Poland
ROCAFORT Jean-Pierre	CLARET Michel	0.88	100	France	3354.9139	France
OLAFSSON Magnus	BIGDELI Faramarz	0.82	50	Iceland	641.8064	Belgium
KWIECIEN Michal	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	0.75	110	Poland	3755.789	Poland
LALL Hemant	MILNER Reese	0.68	80	U.S.A.	11060.11259	U.S.A.
TUSZYNSKI Piotr	GAWRYS Piotr	0.64	110	Poland	298.1124	Switzerland
SOULET Philippe	BOMPIS Marc	0.60	20	France	1004.3716	France
VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel	BIGDELI Faramarz	0.51	100	France	3719.8064	Belgium
FLEURY Herve	CHOTTIN Philippe	0.49	100	France	14268.20152	France
GODED Federico	VINCENT Herve	0.42	150	Spain	4604.17866	France
BITRAN Albert	STRETZ Francois	0.32	100	France	3718.4403	France
BAKKE Tor	ANDERSSEN Rune Brenderford	0.31	150	Norway	16860.21138	Norway
MARTENS Krzysztof	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	0.31	80	Monaco	1140.4458	Switzerland
LEVY Alain	BENIADA Guy	0.28	150	France	3857.219664	France
ZELIGMAN Shalom	MELMAN Victor	0.28	90	Israel	7475.8863	U.S.A.
PRYOR Malcolm	KENDRICK David	0.21	150	England	7565.16329	England
BUCHLEV Nedju	LESNICZAK Jacek	0.14	150	Germany	6877.11119	Germany
CHAMBERLAIN Richard	SHIELDS Patrick	0.11	150	England	9116.28524	England
KLUMPP Herbert	LAIDIG Dieter	0.06	150	Germany	9456.219663	Germany
HOFLAND Leonhard	VAN DER HOEK Bas	-0.03	150	Netherlands	9381.30444	Netherlands
THOMASSEN Arne	HANTVEIT Helge	-0.05	150	Norway	662.21184	Norway
DAUWE Gunther	CHANDESAIS Yves	-0.12	150	Belgium	10437.19534	Belgium
HASHIMOTO George	ANDERSSON Thomas	-0.14	100	Switzerland	161167.2	Switzerland
ROTH Marion	ANDRIESCU Radu	-0.32	150	France	7509.2573	France
PLEKSEPP Tonis	JULLIS Toivo	-0.36	150	Estonia	7560.20047	Estonia
SCHOU Steen	HANSEN Jorgen Cilleborg	-0.40	100	Denmark	11624.17829	Denmark
ZIVKOVIC Gojko	DERIVAZ Jean-Pierre	-0.42	100	Switzerland	4614.199988	Switzerland
LUCACIU Alexander	BRUNEL Denys	-0.43	150	France	8836.25037	France
NIKITINE Ruth	SCHURTER Peter	-0.44	100	Switzerland	11329.19999	Switzerland
MARKOWICZ Victor	MOSZCZYNSKI Krzysztof	-0.44	90	Poland	7809.15335	Poland
MATEI Cornel Dumitru	GLIGA Radu	-0.47	150	Romania	4587.20286	Romania
BOMPIS Marc	CORIAT Alain	-0.48	50	France	3716.28772	France
VAN GLABBEEK Hedwig	MAAS Willem jan	-0.50	150	Netherlands	4419.4421	Netherlands
DEN BOER Henk	MEIJER Egbert	-0.71	150	Netherlands	30440.16882	Netherlands
SOULET Philippe	STEUER Patrick	-0.80	80	France	1004.220843	France
BOMPIS Marc	EISENBERG Marc	-0.87	30	France	3716.220844	France
SOULET Philippe	CORIAT Alain	-0.90	20	France	1004.28772	France
RUMMEL Aarne	LEIS Paul	-0.93	150	Estonia	4484.17598	Estonia
SAVIN Daniel Octavian	URSEANU Dan	-0.95	150	Romania	4871.8779	Romania
EISENBERG Eric	EISENBERG Marc	-1.84	90	France	96.220844	France

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# Results - Mixed Pairs

1	GOBEKLI Altug	TOKER Fatma Dicle	TUR - TUR	59.19
2	SIMANAITIENE Sonata	GRIGORAITIS Ramunas	LTU - LTU	59.01
3	ZOBU Ahu	ARONOV Victor	TUR - BUL	58.44
4	FISCHER Brigitta	RIMSTEDT Ola	HUN - SWE	58.25
5	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	57.29
6	TARDY Stephane	MICHEL Sophie	MON - FRA	57.21
7	OLSEN Svein Arild Naas	SIGSGAARD Julie Marina	NOR - DEN	56.93
8	BAHNIKOVA Eva	BAHNIK Petr	CZE - CZE	56.66
9	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	FREEMAN Jacob	FRA - CAN	56.20
10	GODFREY Lizzie	GIAVARINI Rene	FRA - FRA	55.88
11	WRANG Frederic	KWON Haeryung	SWE - KOR	55.86
12	PAULISSEN Gert-Jan	PAULISSEN Severine	NED - FRA	55.65
13	LHUISSIER Nicolas	ROLLAND Sabine	FRA - FRA	55.17
14	CAMPAGNANO Debora	HUIBAN Jean-Marc	ITA - FRA	54.43
15	ELSELEHDAR Ahmed Nayer	FARHANI GONCALVES Maissa	EGY - TUN	54.40
16	TIHANE Aivar	IHER Mirjam	EST - EST	54.17
17	GARNER Steve	TEBHA Anam	USA - USA	54.13
18	SCHANKA Martin	KOHUTOVA Lucie	CZE - CZE	54.10
19	KOKTEN Namik	ALUF Tuna	TUR - TUR	53.97
20	ALP Zeynep	KEPEKCI Mehmet Faruk	TUR - TUR	53.42
21	BEAUVILLAIN Edouard	VITETTA Michele	FRA - FRA	53.04
22	RIMBAUD Laurence	RIMBAUD Pierre	FRA - FRA	53.02
23	UZUNHASAN Mert	GUMRUKCUOGLU Lale	TUR - TUR	52.78
24	BOCKEN Patrick	MIERZWA Aleksandra	BEL - BEL	52.69
25	USZYNSKI Wojtek	WHEELER Anna	POL - FRA	52.54
26	VINAY Adrien	LELEU Anais	FRA - FRA	52.33
27	QUERAN Euriell	DEPROUW Michael	FRA - FRA	52.23
28	HENNER Christal	IVATURY Uday	USA - USA	51.96
29	BYLUND Dan	STROMBERG Helena	SWE - SWE	51.94
30	BROGELAND Tonje Aasand	STOKKVIK Dag-Jorgen	NOR - NOR	51.93
31	LEVY Anne-Frederique	GOUBIN Thierry	FRA - FRA	51.91
32	KARLYKOV Petro	REITMANN Marina	UKR - UKR	51.79
33	DOWLING-LONG Hilary	STEWART Peter	IRL - IRL	51.71
34	MEYERSON Elianna	MEYERSON Adam	SUI - SUI	51.64
35	HAUSEUX Francois	STAS Marie-Francoise	BEL - BEL	51.59
36	DUGUET Michel	DUGUET Marlene	FRA - FRA	51.54
37	MERCAN Nese	AKSUYEK Ender	TUR - TUR	51.47
38	VANDERVORST Mike	MOMMAERTS Laure	BEL - BEL	51.44
39	STUYCK Dominique	BAHBOUT Sam	BEL - BEL	51.39
40	HAMORI Zsuzsa	HONYEK Andras	HUN - HUN	51.34
41	SUZER Ugurcan	ATES Ebru	TUR - TUR	51.14
42	MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	51.04
43	ROMANOVSKA Maija	BETHERS Janis	LAT - LAT	50.96
44	BARDEN Paul	ROBINSON Claire	ENG - ENG	50.94
45	LANGELAND Aase	EIDE Harald	NOR - NOR	50.80
46	AYDAR Yalcin	YILMAZ Zeynep	TUR - TUR	50.56
47	GOODMAN Peter	MACHALE Aoife	IRL - IRL	50.54
48	CAUMEL Jean Patrick	MARECHAL Monique	FRA - FRA	50.50
49	BERNARD Julien	PEPIC Selena	FRA - SER	50.43
50	HOMME Marianne	HOMME Egil	NOR - NOR	50.29
51	SCHIRESON Olivia	VALLET Esteban	USA - FRA	50.17

# Results - Mixed Pairs

52	ELLIA Emmanuel	CELERIER Patricia	FRA - FRA	50.08
53	TRAVIS Barbara	REYNOLDS Peter	AUS - AUS	49.91
54	YILMAZ M.Gokhan	NAHMIYAS Rakel	TUR - TUR	49.84
55	LAVAT Eric	POUSSOU Geraldine	FRA - FRA	49.51
56	HARDING Marianne	GILLIS Simon	NOR - ENG	49.32
57	PSZCZOLA Jacek	SAKR May	USA - USA	49.26
58	ENGEL Zvi	SAVRANSKY Ziva	BEL - BEL	49.22
59	BASKAN Burak	SALHON Riva	TUR - TUR	49.15
60	SOHTORIK Yusuf	ERENGIL Yasemin	TUR - TUR	48.94
61	BEDOUET Pierre	KUREK BEAULIEU Margaux	FRA - FRA	48.92
62	EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik	ZACK EFRAIMSSON Anna	SWE - SWE	48.77
63	ERGIN Pinar	EROL Burak	TUR - TUR	48.27
64	KANDEMIR Ismail	NUHOGLU Sevil	TUR - TUR	48.02
65	KOVACHEV Valentin	MARQUARDT Diana	BUL - USA	48.00
66	WAKSMAN Sophie	ARFAOUI Bechir	FRA - FRA	47.96
67	NATT Shahzaad	LEEMING India	ENG - ENG	47.91
68	YUEN Michael	FENTON Angela	CAN - CAN	47.87
69	MORAES Jose	ARRAIANO Rita	POR - POR	47.84
70	HAGEN Eskil	BLAAGESTAD Lise	NOR - NOR	47.75
71	POON Hua	MIN Grace Sangwon	SIN - KOR	47.57
72	McGEE Antoinette	McGEE Tos	IRL - IRL	47.19
73	LYBAEK Astrid Steen	BOLVIKEN Erik	NOR - NOR	47.18
74	OZER Ahmet Murat	KANLIKILIC Ferda	TUR - TUR	47.12
75	SANDQVIST Niklas (Nick)	SHASHOU Nathalie	ENG - ENG	47.10
76	BREKKA Geir	LINDSTROEM Mona	NOR - NOR	46.82
77	MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	POULSEN Flemming	DEN - DEN	46.76
78	PETELKO Lia	RETTOR Koren	ISR - ISR	46.75
79	BERTHEAU Peter	ANDERSSON Ann-Sophie	SWE - SWE	46.62
80	PHELAN John	PHELAN Lucy	IRL - IRL	46.60
81	TAUBE Aire	DAHL Leevi	EST - EST	45.99
82	BELLEFROID Patrick	MENARD Sophie	FRA - FRA	45.64
83	SORESINI Antonella	GUGLIELMI Enrico	ITA - ITA	45.64
84	LIBBRECHT Wilfried	SCHLUMBERGER Wilhelmine	FRA - FRA	45.16
85	BOHNSACK Susanne	BOHNSACK Sandro	GER - GER	45.15
86	IAVICOLI Federico	DI LORENZO Anastasia	ITA - ITA	45.09
87	OZTURK Guzide	ELER Cuneyt	TUR - TUR	45.03
88	GHOSN Rita	BRAENDVANG Morten	LIB - NOR	45.02
89	MAJ-RUDNICKA Marta	LASZCZUK Jaroslaw	POL - POL	44.48
90	LANGER Darina	GWINNER Hans-Herman	SUI - GER	44.32
91	MAGNUSSON Stephan	DUC Laurence	SUI - SUI	44.27
92	TALYIGAS Peter	HEGEDUS Orsolya	HUN - HUN	44.20
93	ZUCCHINI Giancarlo	AZZIMONTI Annarita	ITA - ITA	43.94
94	SEALE Catherine	HELNESS Fredrik	ENG - NOR	43.58
95	MERCIL Yasemin	ARSLAN Mustafa	TUR - TUR	43.54
96	BODIS Gyula	SZUCS Villo	HUN - HUN	43.44
97	HOYLAND Sven Olai	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	NOR - NOR	43.35
98	RUS Gregor	DRNOVSEK Tina	SLO - SLO	42.83
99	PAPAZISSIS Constantine	ARSLANOGLU Marianthi	GRE - GRE	42.47
100	DANCHAUD Mauricette	CHAPUIS Christian	FRA - FRA	42.16

# Results - Mixed BAM

After Round 9 the ranking is:

1	XANADU	61.00
2	APAHEILI	53.00
3	ORCA	50.00
4	XYZ	48.00
5	ARROW	47.00
6	EPSILON	45.00
7	BV WALDSOLMS	39.00
	SWEDEN 2	39.00
9	SWISS MIXT TEAM	38.00
10	BEATUS	30.00

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## PRESS RELEASE



You may have heard that the World Bridge Federation has been invited to the Olympic Esports Week ("OEW") in Singapore, June 19-25, organized by the International Olympic Committee.

The WBF, together with the platform providers BBO and Funbridge, will have a pavilion at the Free-To-Play Zone ("FTPZ") the IOC is providing, June 22-25, for a limited number (10-15) of its recognised "International Federations" during the OEW. It is a great achievement and honour for Bridge to have been selected as one of them, to showcase our progress and activities in the field of electronic sports.

The FTPZ will be a large exposition at the Suntec Convention Centre, and tens of thousands of visitors are expected. It is an important opportunity for all of us, NBOs as well as the WBF, to showcase Bridge as a modern sport - adopting the latest technology, including Artificial Intelligence.

At our pavilion we will live-stream tournaments on both platforms with both local and international competitors, provide "Minibrige" demonstrations, show play on Lovebridge tablets on site and various other promotional activities. Many activities can be followed online on YouTube, and possibly Twitch.

Leading up to the tournaments in Singapore we are arranging qualification events on both BBO and Funbridge and would appreciate it if you would promote these through all your channels of communication including social media, NBO bulletins and website, event flyers and direct mailings. Attached you will find the detailed format of these qualifying events. The overall winner on each platform will be invited (travel and accommodation) to the Transnational week (August 28 - September 2) during the World Championships in Marrakech, and there will be a ranking by country with prizes in the form of the platforms' "currencies".

You may also be aware that Bridge is an official sport in the upcoming Asian Games.

We thank you for your cooperation in this effort, which we believe can bring substantial benefits to the whole bridge community. However, nothing will be gained if we don't actively make use of all these promotional tools at all levels.

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# Programme for Online Bridge Olympic Esports Week, June 19/25

## Qualification phase

19/21, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - Tournaments of 6 boards (100 tournaments available )  
(0.50 Babydollars BB\$ on BBO) (25 diamonds on Funbridge) per tournament

Best five tournaments to qualify with a minimum average of 55 %

Thursday off

## Final

23/25 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, free of charge, 8 Tournaments of 6 boards (50 tournaments available)

Ranking according to the average of the best five.

Players should register on the sites and may play on either one or both. They should follow the online instructions, stating which Federation they belong to.

Registration implies complete acceptance of the BBO, Funbridge and WBF rules.

## More Information

Additional information about this event will be available on the BBO and Funbridge websites:

<https://www.bridgebase.com/>

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