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# Moving in the Right Direction



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Not pictured: Kari-Anne Opsal

### BAM and Pairs events

Remember to register for either the BAM or the Pairs event before their start. The time limit is tomorrow evening at 10.00.

Pairs have to be registered on the website (DO NOT send us any information about it: just do it), whilst as for BAM you have two options: if you play it with the same team as the Open (or Women), send us a mail at [registration@europeanbridge.org](mailto:registration@europeanbridge.org) (alternatively, go to the registration desk); if you play with a different line up, register the team on the website.

Playing requirement to be eligible for masterpoints: 7 matches in the qualification of both Women and Open.

If Saturday is moving day at the Masters Golf in Augusta, then Sunday is Step Up day in Strasbourg, as the teams try to ensure qualification for the knockout phase.

At the end of the second day in the Open Teams some new names appeared at the business end of the standings. **France Green** won all their matches to finish the day on top of the table. They are followed by **Scorway, Videv, Partypack, Zimmermann & Daisy Chain**.

In Women's Round Robin, **Mothers N Daughters** are still ahead, despite losing three matches yesterday. They are chased by **Teamnl Women, Tri Polar, France Dames, Stephy Helles Lad & Galatasary SK**.

Don't forget to Register for the **Online Bridge Olympic Esports Week, June 19/25.**

For details see the press release published at pages 20-21.



# Editor's Log

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## Eric O. Kokish 1947-2023

Eric was born in Montreal and eventually moved to Toronto. At one time he had envisaged a career outside of bridge as an architect, but I guess he had a passion for the game which meant that he inevitably devoted his life to it, becoming a builder of systems rather than a designer of buildings. He was a tremendously talented player. In 1974, sitting opposite another famous Canadian, Joey Silver, he was a member of the youngest ever team to win the Vanderbilt. He had a terrific partnership with Peter Nagy and in 1978 they finished second in the World Open Pairs Championship. It's easy enough to check out Eric's many successes – they included silver in the 1995 Bermuda Bowl in Beijing. Although his appearances at the table become almost non-existent, he lost none of his expertise – in 2017 he won the prestigious Yeh Bros Cup.

He found everlasting fame as the ultimate bridge coach, starting in 1985 when he guided Brazil to within a whisker of a Bermuda Bowl triumph.

That was followed by a coaching job in Indonesia and then came an ongoing alliance with one of the greatest teams in the history of the game, the squad captained by Nick Nickell. Don't ask how many World Championships and major titles they have won together.

Eric received the ACBL's Blackwood Award in 2011, being elected to the ACBL Hall of Fame and of course he was a member of the Canadian Hall of Fame.

Somehow, he found time to put pen to paper and for many years he was the main contributor to the World Championship books, being primarily responsible for introducing the concept of a detailed analysis of the play. He wrote regularly for The Bridge World, International Popular Bridge Monthly and Bridge Magazine and was a columnist for the Montreal Gazette and the Toronto Star. He edited Bulletins around the world. He collaborated on various books, including The Rabbi's Rules (which contains many of his ideas on bidding, including the brilliant Flags & Scrambles about how best to respond to an opening bid of 2NT) and Close Encounters Books 1 & 2 which recount some of the greatest contests in history.



His contributions to bridge theory are too numerous to mention, the most famous being the Kokish relay of 2♥ after 2♣-2♦. The detail he went into surrounding the best way to deal with various tactical opening bids is astonishing. His 'simple' defence to the Multicoloured 2♦ (which you can find The Mysterious Multi) runs to more pages than most pairs complete system notes.

It is impossible to convey in a few brief words what a wonderful man Eric was (by the way, Barry Rigal thinks the O. stood for Otto) but if you watch these videos, you will get an inkling as to why he was universally loved, admired, and respected.

**ACBL Hall of Fame Eric Kokish - YouTube**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcX2Xo5u\\_j0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcX2Xo5u_j0)

**Bridge Kids: Eric Kokish, the top bridge coach in the world - YouTube**

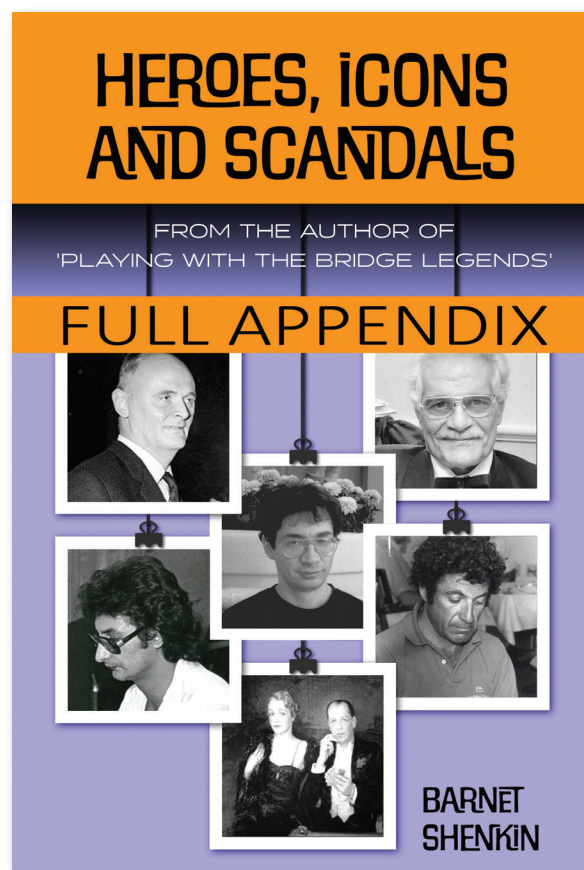
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOWSdX4ISHc>

It might sound like a platitude, but we may not see his like again.

Barnet Shenkin's Heroes Icons and Scandals focuses on the great characters in the history of bridge, both the heroes and those subject to scandal. There is some fascinating material in the Appendix,

and it can be read for free by going to:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kHuz0vIAHkQaLGBAfjJKoBjBq5QrwKUu/view>



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# Open Teams Swiss Round 3

After the excitement of the Mixed Teams Final and the in the end slightly one-sided Seniors Final, from this second Saturday of the event onwards we can turn our attention to the Open and Women Teams. Traditionally, these two events are considered the main events of these Open Transnational Championships so it would be quite reasonable to expect many more good bids and plays. To my surprise and disappointment, in this 3rd round my attention was drawn mainly to swings caused by various forms of mistakes. Any bridge journalist would prefer to write about good plays rather than mistakes but sticking to the facts has always been and must remain the journalist's most important objective.

So, there we go. My choices, of course, were the three BBO matches in the round:

Funbridge v Lankveld, Dumbovich v Levant and Mauritius v Coyne.

This was the opening deal of the set:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K 9 ♥ Q J 6 3 ♦ Q 5 ♣ A K Q J 8</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W     E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ A 7 5 4 2 ♥ 10 8 4 ♦ K J 8 2 ♣ 6</p>	<p>♠ J 10 8 ♥ A 7 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ 10 9 7 5 4</p>
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This should have been a pretty routine 3NT but even bidding it turned out not to be as simple as all that, as we shall see later on.

## Funbridge v Lankveld

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	Kolesnik	Van den Bos	Lahrmann
—	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The Dutch “Muiderberg” gadget made it easy, however, even more so when North led a heart. Lankveld +430.

At the other table, the difficulties of this board came to light for the first time.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Heiberg	De Boer	Abragi	Snellers
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Not at all impressed by the auction, Wubbo de Boer led a low spade away from his ♠Q63. Declarer won the king in hand and began by cashing her top clubs. When North did not follow suit to the 3rd round, she suddenly had a big problem because her intended 9th trick had not materialised. She went on to cash the ♣J as well and then tried the effect of the ♦Q. North won the ace immediately and continued the ♠Q to dummy's ace. The ♦KJ came next but when dummy got off play now with a heart to North's king, the defence still had a club, a spade and the ♥A to cash for a fine one down. Lankveld +50 and the first 10 IMPs to them.

In the Dumbovich v Levant match, the Turkish E/W pair also reached 3NT by West. No problem for them when North led a diamond away from his ace.

In the Closed Room, however, we saw a Hungarian hiccup.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lakatos	Kizilok	Szabo	Uzum
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

This was not the right contract. Down two, another +100 and 11 IMPs for the Levant.

On the next board, N/S had to take the sacrifice available to them - but not all of them did so.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Funbridge v Lankveld  
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Lankveld</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Van den Bos</i>	<i>Lahrmann</i>
—	—	1♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dble	All Pass

Just the one down, Lankveld +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Heiberg</i>	<i>De Boer</i>	<i>Abragi</i>	<i>Snellers</i>
—	—	1♣	2♠
Pass	4♠	5♣	All Pass

South led a diamond and got her ruff, but there was no spade trick available for N/S. Funbridge +600 and 11 IMPs back to them.

In the Mauritius v Coyne match, the Dutch N/S had basically the same problem.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Coyne</i>	<i>Muller</i>
—	—	1♣	2♠
Pass	4♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Just made after the initial ruff, Coyne +750.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helle</i>	<i>Pigot</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>O’Gorman</i>
—	—	1♣	2♠
2NT	4♣	6♣	Pass
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East’s slam gamble provoked a further sacrifice from North but as it happened, even -300 was worth 10 IMPs to Coyne.

In the Dumbovich v Levant match, sacrificing was out of the question. It was only about slam or not.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Umur</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Aslan</i>	<i>Szegedi</i>
—	—	1♣	2♠
2NT	3♠	6♣	All Pass

The slam looks more than playable; but here too, as well, it quickly failed on the diamond lead. Dumbovich +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>Kizilok</i>	<i>Szabo</i>	<i>Uzum</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1NT	Dble	Rdbl	2♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	All Pass

When Szabo guessed the right level of clubs to play at, he was soon rewarded with +600 and 12 IMPs.

Two quiet boards but then:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Lankveld</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Van den Bos</i>	<i>Lahrmann</i>
—	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Enjoying an undisturbed auction made it easy for the very transnational N/S pair to reach the correct final contract in natural style. Funbridge +1010 when all suits behaved well.

In the Closed Room, the Dutch had a misunderstanding that brought to mind some nostalgic feelings from the times that the Gardener 1NT overcall was in vogue (16-18 or a long minor).

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Heiberg	De Boer	Abragi	Snellers
—	1♣	1NT	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♣	3♦
All Pass			

What to do after a double of a 1NT overcall? Is a new suit forcing? Is a jump forcing? What is the meaning of life? So many questions, so few answers.

Lankveld +170 but 13 IMPs more to Funbridge.

In the Mauritius v. Coyne match, the N/S hands produced another problem.

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Walsh	De Wijs	Coyne	Muller
—	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Dble	3♦*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The three-suited opening bid with short diamonds was entirely OK on this hand but after that, it proved too difficult to find out enough about the differences in suit quality and thus the exact location of North's top cards.

Twelve tricks, Mauritius +480.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helle	Pigot	Hoogenkamp	O'Gorman
—	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Talking about nostalgia: it is long ago that I have seen someone being able to open the North hand 1♥. This time, it was the perfect introduction to a laydown slam. Coyne +980 and 11 IMPs to them.

#### Dumbovich v Levant

##### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Umur	Winkler	Aslan	Szegedi
—	1♣	Dble	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Winkler could not open a major but after the modern 2♦ GF relay, the Hungarians found their heart fit easily enough. Little could South know that his club void was a great asset rather than a handicap. Dumbovich +510.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lakatos	Kizilok	Szabo	Uzum
—	1♣	Pass	1♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Looking at this auction, one would assume that 1♦ was a transfer and that 4♣ was a splinter. If that was the case (I cannot check, alas), the Turkish pair produced a fine auction indeed to the correct slam for a well-deserved +980 and 10 IMPs to them.

On the next board, the Dutch might have missed a defensive chance in the Funbridge v Lankveld match.

#### Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	Kolesnik	Van den Bos	Lahrman
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

This was the normal contract. Lankveld +620.

In the Closed Room, E/W were more ambitious.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Heiberg	De Boer	Abragi	Snellers
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	3♥	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♥	All Pass		



North led the obvious ♣K to declarer's ace and then, the ♦Q came next. North ruffed this and continued a club, so declarer could ruff in dummy and play ♥A and another for her contract. Funbridge +650.

What would have happened, I was asking myself, if North does not ruff? South wins the ace and plays a spade. To finesse now means one down, so you win the ace and what next? The heart finesse also produces one down; so, a heart to the ace and ♦K for a spade discard? Not good enough either - a great but difficult chance missed by the Dutch.

The next deal was another slam:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	Kolesnik	Van den Bos	Lahrmann
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦*	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

North's 1♠ response made it easy for N/S to discover the club fit. Funbridge +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Heiberg	De Boer	Abragi	Snellers
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

When North stressed his suit quality in the replay, the club fit remained a secret. Just made, Lankveld +420 but 11 more IMPs to Funbridge.

In the Mauritius v. Coyne match, reaching the slam also caused problems. Not so much for De Wijs and Muller, whose relay system steered them faultlessly into the right contract: 6NT by South.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helle	Pigot	Hoogenkamp	O'Gorman
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The Irish, too, did not fully appreciate their club fit and thus had to be content with +510 only for a 10-IMP loss.

Only in the Dumbovich v Levant match was the board was a push in 6♣.

On the last board of the set the Levant pairs bought the contract in both rooms.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Umur	Winkler	Aslan	Szegedi
—	—	Pass	1♣
Dble	Rdbl	1♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South correctly led his ♦Q but when he played a heart next, dummy's ♥9 won a cheap trick. What is more: declarer now had the communication to produce a 7th trick for +140 to Levant. A spade went to South's ace and only now did we see the much-needed club shift. Too late!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lakatos	Kizilok	Szabo	Uzum
—	—	Pass	1♣
Dble	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♥	3♣	All Pass	

In the other room, they reached what probably was the par contract. Declarer does not have enough tricks and thus should always go down once the defence starts playing trumps.

Dumbovich +50 but 3 IMPs to Levant.

The final scores in these matches:

**Funbridge** v **Lankveld** 41-11 or 17.84-2.16 VP.

**Dumbovich** v **Levant** 17-25 or 7.17-12.83 VP.

**Mauritius** v **Coyne** 14-26 or 6-14 VP.



# Womens Teams Round 4

This was round four of the qualifier with each team a little above average after three matches. On what was a set of boards with the potential for a large swing on at least 8 of the 10 deals, the match started with a bang:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Yavas</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Ozgur</i>	<i>Smith</i>
—	Pass	Pass	3♠
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tebha</i>	<i>Acar</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Erkan</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Nicola Smith's pre-empt persuaded Yavas to bid 3NT rather than double or bid diamonds; and who could blame her? After a spade lead declarer had nine top tricks and ended with 11. In the other room I can't say I would have bid the E/W cards in the way the Americans did, but who can argue with success? Slam would have been extremely challenging on a club lead but no one had bid diamonds so South's opening lead is hard to reproach. Seamon-Molson won in hand and tested trumps with the queen and ace, finding the bad news. Then she ruffed out the diamonds and led a spade to dummy's ♠A.

<p>♠ K J 4 ♥ 6 ♦ 7 5 ♣ —</p>		<p>♠ 7 ♥ K 8 ♦ — ♣ J 10 9</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ J 9 ♦ — ♣ A Q 7 3</p>
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When she led the fifth diamond, North ruffed and Molson pitched a club. The best North could do was play her last trump. Declarer won and finessed in spades for 12 tricks. Had North played a club instead declarer would have ruffed, ruffed her winning diamond to draw the last trump, and finessed in spades for her contract. 11 IMPs to Tripolar. (one other pair bid and made slam, in that case 6♦).

Molson was back in the hot seat on the next deal:

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Yavas</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Ozgur</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Tebha</i>	<i>Acar</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Erkan</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Each table led the ♣Q overtaken by North. Both declarers ducked and won the second club.


Seamon-Molson, who knew South had five clubs, led ♥K and then when South followed to the ♥J she overtook, giving herself chances in both spades and diamonds and losing only to North being short in both hearts and clubs. This was perfectly reasonable - but the cards did not agree.

By contrast Ozgur won the second club and unblocked hearts then gave up a club – requiring the opponents to play a spade or a diamond now. When Smith shifted to the ♠3 Ozgur inferred that her decision to reject playing a passive club argued that she did not have a significant card in the suit. She rose with the ♠A to draw trumps and led a diamond to the ♦J, a painless route to ten tricks. Galatasaray had a well-deserved 10 IMPs. (Six of the nine declarers in 4♥ on a club lead did make it.)

On the next deal both Souths brought home a delicate 3NT when after a Stayman auction had come up empty, both Wests led a diamond from ♦107532 and a four-count. A heart from the doubleton ♥75 would have given declarer several losing options.

Then for the third time in four deals East’s declarer-play talents were going to be tested in the Closed Room, where Anam Tebha’s light opening bid on the next deal worked rather better than it might have done. (If anybody adds ‘than it deserved to have done’ ...well, I could not possibly comment).

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yavas	Senior	Ozgur	Smith
Pass	Pass	1♦	4♥
Dble	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tebha	Acar	Seamon-Molson	Erkan
1♦	Pass	1♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Yet again, pre-empts wreaked havoc on the E/W pair. In the Closed Room I cannot fault the E/W actions – though the question of which minor you open as East is up to you. 5♦ on repeated heart leads saw declarer ruff and misguess trumps. Smith got out with a spade, letting declarer draw the last trump before testing clubs. Since South could have been counted as having two spades and two diamonds (as well as eight hearts from the bidding and early play?) maybe leading the ♣J from dummy is indicated, followed by a finesse against the ♣10? Ozgur didn’t see it that way and led a club to the ♣Q; down one.

In the other room Tebha’s decision to open might shock the purists, but we are all only young once. Whether to covert 4♥x to 4♠ with only three trumps is a far harder matter. I’d have tried to take the money and led a trump I’m sure, collecting an uninspired but safe +500. Seamon-Molson received a heart lead and friendly shift to ♣9, covered by dummy. (After a second heart, ruffed, there are several routes home but the path is harder). When North did not cover the ♣J, which simply cost a trick in that suit, declarer drew three rounds of trumps ending in dummy, then finessed in clubs and drew the last trump before repeating the club finesse. Then she cashed out diamonds from the top, bringing down the ♦Q as if it were no more than her due. +680 and 13 IMPs.

Tebha was in position to do a lot of bidding on the next deal – this time with the vulnerability on her side.

Holding:

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

She heard a strong no-trump and partner come in with 2♥ to show that suit and a minor. 4♥ to the right, showing spades, and you will be in the hot seat on this round of the auction or the next. As I see it the most useful meaning for a double here is consultative – “I want you to bid 5♥ if you feel like it”. Pass then double is for penalty maybe. Tebha quite reasonably hoped not to find her partner with a singleton diamond, when 4♠ could probably be beaten on ruffs, and bid 5♥. Erkan accurately doubled in the pass out seat with her 7-2-2-2 pattern, but their 300 was not much compensation for the 620 from 4♠ in the other room when West did not save. That made it 33-10 to Tripolar.

Of the 14 tables in play in the Women’s Teams seven pushed on to 5♥, and 3 N/S pairs then misjudged to bid 5♠ for down one.

Two boards later Seamon-Molson had a bidding

problem:

♠ K J 10 7 6 5 3  
 ♥ A 5  
 ♦ K 7  
 ♣ A 7

Both vulnerable you respond 3♠ to partner's 3♣ opener. Over partner's 3NT call do you hit or stay? Seamon-Molson bid 4♠, far from unreasonably, and caught a pile of manure opposite in the form of: a 0-3-3-7 with ♥Q10 and ♣KQ. 4♠ went down one when trumps were very unfriendly on normal defence. Worse, though the ♦A was offside, the hand on lead has a natural lead of ♦Q from ♦QJx and that would be your ninth trick in 3NT! Only three tables managed to play 3NT here, two making on a top diamond lead, one on a heart lead.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

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

♠ K J 7 4		
♥ 9		
♦ 10 7 6		
♣ J 10 9 8 6		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yavas	Senior	Ozgur	Smith
Tebha	Acar	Seamon-Molson	Erkan
—	2NT	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

It seems natural to win the diamond and lead a spade to the ♠J, doesn't it? Then you win the diamond and play a spade to the ♠K, West in one case discarding a diamond, in the other case the ♥4 playing reverse signals.

Acar (whose opponent had pitched a diamond) led a heart to the queen and the defenders simply forced her with a diamond and eventually collected +100. Senior took the club finesse and then played on clubs; East refused to ruff (pitching a diamond) but declarer then played ♥A and ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and ruffed her third heart in dummy as East was obliged to follow. That was 10 tricks (one spade one heart three clubs and two diamonds, two ruffs in dummy and one ruff in hand).

Clearly at double dummy declarer can do better in spades... but that wasn't the mistake on the deal. Can you

spot how either declarer could make by force after trick two, or how the defenders could have done better. Full marks to the double-dummy analysts who see the answer.

I believe it to be completely counter-intuitive, but East can prevail by rising with ♠A on the second trump and either playing a third diamond or a third trump. If declarer leads the ♠8 towards the king, you must win the ♠A and then play a top diamond. The details are left to the interested reader.

The 11 IMPs to Tripolar left them leading 44-10, but Turkey came back with the biggest swing of the match.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yavas	Senior	Ozgur	Smith
—	—	Pass	1♣
Dble	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tebha	Acar	S-Molson	Erkan
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♣
Dble	All Pass		

It is always nice when a team can get their bidding accidents out of the way on the same deal, and also nice when there is enough blame to go round that apportionment is not strictly necessary. Suffice it to say that 2♦x on a top heart lead saw declarer win in hand and cross to the ♦K to play on spades. She eventually managed to ruff her diamond and elope with enough small trumps that she held her losses to one in each red suit and just one trump, for a scintillating +580.

With 4♠x receiving a deadly low heart lead rather than a more friendly diamond lead Senior could not avoid losing 500 in the other room, and Turkey had 14 IMPs to close the gap to 44-24, about a 16-4 win for Tripolar.



# Open Teams Round 5

The final round of the first day of Open Teams saw third and fourth placed teams, Patchwork Dynamite and Breno opposing each other.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lanzarotti	Grossack	Franchi	Rimstedt
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	All Pass		
1NT	weak		

Two Clubs bid was a relay and I assume that the subsequent Two Spades bid was an invite to 3NT which was declined. North led a small heart which South won with his singleton king and returned a diamond to North's king. The jack of diamonds was next taken in hand with the ace. The king of spades followed by another brought the good news/bad news of the sight of the queen – good news because he had found the queen – bad news declarer was now making at least nine tricks. After cashing the spades, the queen of hearts showed how to play the suit and when a club to the king held the trick the contract had made plus two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Attanasio	Konow	Delle Cave
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
1♦	11-14 balanced or 4+♦	11-15	

A club was led to South's ace and declarer took the continuation in hand with the king. King and another spade allowed declarer to draw trumps without loss in three rounds. A small heart towards hand was taken by South's king and a diamond returned to North's king but now declarer had the rest of the tricks and so an early 6 IMPs to Patchwork Dynamite

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lanzarotti	Grossack	Franchi	Rimstedt
—	—	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Declarer ruffed the opening lead of the king of clubs and played a small diamond to hand which West took with the ace to lead a trump which declarer won cheaply, ruffed another club with the ♠A and then returned to hand with ace and another heart which he ruffed. The outstanding trumps were drawn, and declarer conceded a diamond and claimed ten tricks.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Attanasio	Konow	Delle Cave
—	—	3♣	3♠
4♣	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

South did well to go on to Five Spades as Five Clubs is a make, even if the defence find their heart ruff. Declarer only ever has ten tricks – if he ruffs three clubs in dummy, he has a trump loser and unless

the defence starts with a heart lead, he cannot make anything of the red cards in dummy.

West led the ♣K and one down meant the loss of 10 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lanzarotti	Grossack	Franchi	Rimstedt
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	2♠*	Pass
3♠	Dble*	Pass	4♥
4♠	Dble	Pass	All Pass
2♠	Spades and a minor		
Dble	Takeout		


South's Four Hearts bid won the pot as West took insurance against the making contract. The six of clubs was led and taken by North's ace and the suit returned. Declarer tried the ♠K from dummy but that failed to drop the queen so declarer had six top losers for three off, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Attanasio	Konow	Delle Cave
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Dble	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Both tables elected to a no-trump on a 4441 hand. East's penalty double was removed by West to Two Spades. Declarer lost the same six tricks as in the Open Room but gained 10 IMPs for Patchwork Dynamite.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lanzarotti	Grossack	Franchi	Rimstedt
3♥	3NT	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
4♥	Spades		

North's 3NT bid was a practical solution and slightly surprisingly to my mind was the bid employed at all tables where the bidding was transmitted. East led his partner's suit taken in hand with the ace. A successful spade finesse followed and when declarer started to cash the diamonds he was going to make all the trick as if East ruffed, declarer could overruff in dummy, ruff his last heart in hand and dummy would just be trumps. If East did not ruff then all of dummy's losers would have been discarded and there would still be a trump in hand to take the finesse to trap the trump king.



Giuseppe Delle Cave

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Attanasio	Konow	Delle Cave
3♥	3NT	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

4♥ Spades

South took a rosier view of his hand though I do not understand North's response to what I assume was Blackwood. A heart was led and won in hand then a successful trump finesse was taken. What is now the best line of play? The two main lines are to cash the ace of trumps or start immediately on diamonds. If we consider the spade/diamond situation in the West hand: playing a second high spade only loses to 1♠/3♦, setting about the diamonds loses to 2♠/1♦ and 2♠/2♦. Now which set of distributions is the more likely after the pre-empt? My gut feeling - and it is only a feeling - is that 1♠/3♦ is marginally more likely but when it is 1♠/2♦ it does not matter what you do. At this table declarer played a second round of spades and when East turned up with four diamonds he had brought home his slam and gained 10 IMPs for Breno.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lanzarotti	Grossack	Franchi	Rimstedt
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♣ Splinter agreeing hearts

West chose the ♦5 for the opening lead, and after winning in dummy declarer played a club. East went in with his ace and returned the queen of spades. Declarer

was now fated to fail by one trick as the spade return set up two tricks in the suit and, of course, there was also a trump loser. Declarer can make his contract by basically tackling trumps at trick two – after losing a trump to the king he will be able to draw trumps and cash his diamonds to dispose of two of his spade losers and so only lose a trump, a spade and a club. an opening spade lead should always beat the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Attanasio	Konow	Delle Cave
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♣ Splinter agreeing hearts

At this table the ♣4 was chosen for the opening lead, and East took the ace of clubs and made the good switch to a spade, unfortunately the ♠9, and so put West to an unnecessary test of having to duck to preserve communications between the two defenders' hands. Unfortunately, West failed the test and played the ace. East could come to his trump trick but had no entry to his partner's hand for the setting spade trick. In the Open Room the defence found the lead to let the contract through, but it went down, while in the Closed Room the defence found the lead to beat the contract but let it make. It's a funny old game.

At the end of the match Patchwork Dynamite had edged out Breno 14-6 VPs.



Arrigo Franchi



## Open Teams Round 6

### Scorway v Patchwork Dynamite

The qualifying Swiss for the Open and Women's Team Championship is 3 days long. Here, we will watch Table 1, where Scorway (in 1st place) face Patchwork Dynamite (3rd place.) Would you prefer more waffle from me, or going straight to the deals? All right. There's no need to shout.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Konow</i>	<i>Brekka</i>
—	2♣*	3♦	3NT
All Pass			

I am familiar with the method where 2♣ shows 18-20 HCP, but here it showed 17-20. That seems an uncomfortably wide range. Geir Brekka ventured 3NT after the 3♦ overcall. The ♦6 was led and he was doubtless pleased to see the ♣A in dummy. Kasper Konow won with the ♦K. An impossible low heart switch would have beaten the contract, but of course he was more than happy to continue with the ace and 10 of diamonds. Seeing declarer immediately claim the contract was not exactly what East had been hoping for.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shenkin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Levinson</i>	<i>Welland</i>
—	1♣	1♦	1NT
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Even this two-level contract might have gone down, losing two diamonds and four trump tricks. Stephen Levinson led the ♦A, and then had winning continuations available in all four suits. The ♦4, ruffed

by West's ♥J, was not one of them. The contract was made for +110, and Scorway picked up 10 early IMPs.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Konow</i>	<i>Brekka</i>
	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West's 2♥ showed a sound spade raise. To beat the spade game, Brekka needed to find a heart lead. Or a diamond, actually. Or a trump. No doubt the Great Dealer had found it amusing to give South the ♣10987.

North won the ♣10 lead with the king and had no winning play. He switched to the ♦10, won with dummy's ace. The ace and queen of clubs allowed Konow to ditch his diamond loser. He then ducked a heart and subsequently ruffed a heart. That was ten tricks, for +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shenkin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Levinson</i>	<i>Welland</i>
—	1NT	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

With an amused Great Dealer still among the kibitzers, the same opening lead was made, North winning with the king. A trump to the king, and the ♠Q to North's ace, was followed by the ♦9, covered by the jack. When South graced this trick with the ♦3, declarer actually made an overtrick for a 1-IMP gain.

Bridgewriters thrive on double-figure wings, and the



next deal provided one.

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

<p>♠ Q 9 7 6 ♥ J 10 9 7 4 ♦ Q 3 ♣ J 9</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	<p>♠ K 5 4 3 2 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ K 8 2 ♣ 8 2</p>	
<p>♠ A J 10 ♥ K Q 3 2 ♦ J 9 7 ♣ 7 6 4</p>		<p>♠ 8 ♥ 8 ♦ A 10 6 5 4 ♣ A K Q 10 5 3</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Konow</i>	<i>Brekka</i>
—	—	1♠	4NT
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

When Michael Askgaard doubled 4NT, Nils Kare Kvangraven was happy to pass the choice of minor to his partner. Why did he have to redouble, rather than pass, to achieve this? You will have to ask him.

This was soon followed by another puzzling move in the auction. Why did Askgaard pass over 5♣, rather than double? This was a forcing pass and Kasper Konow considered bidding for quite a while, despite his sub-minimum opening. All ended well when he, perhaps shrugging his shoulders, doubled 5♣.

West led the ♠A and switched accurately to a trump. Declarer won with the ♣10 and played a diamond to the queen and king. A second trump ensured two down, and that was +500 to East-West.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shenkin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Levinson</i>	<i>Welland</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	3♣
All Pass			

Here East did not open his 10-count. (It is amazing how often opening light on all sorts of hands produces a good result.) Nine tricks were made and Patchwork Dynamite scored 12 IMPs, which proved to be their only swing of the match.

It was Scorway's turn to do well on the penultimate deal:

Board 29. Dealer North. Both Vul.

<p>♠ — ♥ Q 6 3 ♦ A K 10 6 3 ♣ 10 7 6 5 2</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	<p>♠ Q 6 5 ♥ K J 10 9 ♦ 8 7 ♣ A Q J 4</p>	
<p>♠ K J 10 9 4 3 ♥ A 7 ♦ 9 5 2 ♣ 9 8</p>		<p>♠ A 8 7 2 ♥ 8 5 4 2 ♦ Q J 4 ♣ K 3</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Konow</i>	<i>Brekka</i>
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Whether or not 3♠ was invitational (usually not), Konow passed it out. North cashed the ♦A and switched to the ♣2, declarer calling for dummy's ace. A diamond to South's jack was followed by the ♣K and a heart to the queen and king. Declarer played a trump to the king, and ruffed his diamond loser. That was +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shenkin</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Levinson</i>	<i>Welland</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥*	2♦	Dble*	3♦
4♠	All Pass		

The North-South bidding allowed Shenkin to place partner with a diamond shortage. He jumped to 4♠, against which Sabine Auken cashed two top diamonds. It was possible to leave declarer a guess for his tenth trick, but her next play was the ♥3. Dummy's ♥J won and declarer then had a discard for his potential club loser. That was +620 and 10 IMPs to Scorway, who won the match by 32 IMPs to 12.

# Results - Open Teams

## Round 6

1	SCORWAY	PATCHWORK DYNAMITE	32	12	15.97	4.03
2	TEAM FUNBRIDGE	SLOVAKIA	25	22	11.14	8.86
3	COYNE	DINKIN	17	12	11.85	8.15
4	LEVANT	TEXAN ACES	24	26	9.23	10.77
5	PARTYPACK	BRENO	18	11	12.51	7.49
6	VIDEV	EKIN MADEN	18	13	11.85	8.15
7	PAULISSEN	ROSENTHAL	17	13	11.50	8.50
8	LES FRINGANTS	MELI MELO	14	41	2.66	17.34
9	SANDFIA	BC HAPOEL	21	9	14.00	6.00
10	MOSKOVITS WARRIORS	MCALLISTER	15	34	4.25	15.75
11	DAISY CHAIN	GERMANY OPEN	37	13	16.78	3.22
12	DE BOTTON	MORAN	25	2	16.59	3.41
13	DUMBOVICH	TIANYU	15	18	8.86	11.14
14	MIKADINHO	TEAM BLACK	15	32	4.71	15.29
15	BRIDGE24PL B	GROUP ONE TEAM	11	18	7.49	12.51
16	MIXED TEAM	STREET	23	22	10.39	9.61
17	HARARI	MKMP	40	3	18.84	1.16
18	CROATIA	FRANCE PURPLE	30	23	12.51	7.49
19	BALIAN	TEAMNL	10	22	6.00	14.00
20	AJ DIAMENT	KAPLAN	32	20	14.00	6.00
21	FRANCE GREEN	MAURITIUS	37	12	16.97	2.83
22	PALMA	REVANCHE	19	15	11.50	8.50
23	ZIMMERMANN	FODD	42	10	18.15	1.85
24	BICI	BUDAPEST QUARTETT	29	8	16.18	3.82
25	VINCI	DE MICHELIS	32	18	14.54	5.46
26	MAVERICKS	PSG	18	23	8.15	11.85
27	CHOKOLATA	MALEV	12	22	6.57	13.43
28	BBC 1	64FUN	30	2	17.51	2.49
29	MM BRIDGE ACADEMY	BV WALDSOLMS	6	36	2.16	17.84
30	DAVID	ARAKISELLA	11	19	7.17	12.83
31	DELIMPALTADAKIS	1 OVER 2	18	13	11.85	8.15
32	KNOTTENBELT	CUMBRE VIEJA	2	25	3.41	16.59
33	AMOUR DU BRIDGE	PHARMASERVICE	28	21	12.51	7.49
34	MOSSOP	ZIGGY	32	25	12.51	7.49
35	BUYUK KULUP ISTANBUL	VINCIGUERRA	20	13	12.51	7.49
36	LANKVELD	ORCA	5	12	7.49	12.51
37	ECF HOLDING	VALIO	30	11	15.75	4.25
38	VERTYS	GLOSENDAS	34	23	13.72	6.28
39	RIGAINVITES LV	TRESET	17	10	12.51	7.49
40	EX 5	HELLAS TEAM	3	31	2.49	17.51
41	ZAZA BOYS	MAJOR BOGAZICI	16	13	11.14	8.86
42	LATVIA U31	AUSTRIA	29	27	10.77	9.23
43	GILLIS	ISTANBUL	27	9	15.52	4.48
44	LES 4 COMPAGNONS	ROTH	0	18	4.48	15.52
45	TRANSREGIONAL	KROGH	32	6	17.16	2.84
46	BASF	BRIDGESCANNER 4	31	19	14.00	6.00
47	DUGUET	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## Round 7

1	SCORWAY	COYNE	22	9	14.28	5.72
2	TEAM FUNBRIDGE	MELI MELO	11	28	4.71	15.29
3	SLOVAKIA	PARTYPACK	17	35	4.48	15.52
4	TEXAN ACES	PATCHWORK DYNAMITE	57	0	20.00	0.00
5	LEVANT	DAISY CHAIN	13	42	2.32	17.68
6	DINKIN	DE BOTTON	53	30	16.59	3.41
7	SANDFIA	MCALLISTER	34	25	13.14	6.86
8	VIDEV	PAULISSEN	34	25	12.74	6.46
9	HARARI	TEAM BLACK	14	35	3.82	16.18
10	BRENO	ROSENTHAL	26	8	15.52	4.48
11	EKIN MADEN	ZIMMERMANN	29	36	6.69	11.71
12	FRANCE GREEN	GROUP ONE TEAM	42	22	15.97	4.03
13	TIANYU	TEAMNL	5	15	6.57	13.43
14	AJ DIAMENT	CROATIA	1	22	3.82	16.18
15	BICI	BC HAPOEL	41	25	15.05	4.95
16	DUMBOVICH	MIXED TEAM	12	11	10.39	9.61
17	LES FRINGANTS	STREET	25	35	6.57	13.43
18	MOSKOVITS WARRIORS	BRIDGE24PL B	29	26	11.14	8.86
19	BBC 1	PALMA	8	44	1.29	18.71
20	VINCI	BV WALDSOLMS	5	28	3.41	16.59
21	GERMANY OPEN	MIKADINHO	56	26	17.84	2.16
22	MORAN	REVANCHE	51	24	17.34	2.66
23	FRANCE PURPLE	MALEV	23	23	9.80	10.00
24	CUMBRE VIEJA	BALIAN	33	13	15.97	4.03
25	PSG	ECF HOLDING	27	19	12.83	7.17
26	KAPLAN	ARAKISELLA	56	15	19.33	0.67
27	MKMP	AMOUR DU BRIDGE	40	27	14.28	3.72
28	MAVERICKS	DELIMPALTADAKIS	40	17	16.59	3.41
29	MAURITIUS	MOSSOP	43	1	19.44	0.56
30	HELLAS TEAM	BUYUK KULUP ISTANBUL	24	15	13.14	6.86
31	ORCA	VERTYS	0	50	-0.10	19.90
32	BUDAPEST QUARTETT	DE MICHELIS	21	50	1.92	17.28
33	CHOKOLATA	1 OVER 2	21	17	11.50	8.50
34	FODD	DAVID	37	25	14.00	6.00
35	TRESET	PHARMASERVICE	24	36	5.90	13.90
36	ZIGGY	VINCIGUERRA	11	38	2.66	17.34
37	GILLIS	LANKVELD	13	31	4.38	15.42
38	64FUN	RIGAINVITES LV	3	44	0.67	19.33
39	ZAZA BOYS	TRANSREGIONAL	60	14	19.86	0.14
40	MM BRIDGE ACADEMY	ROTH	37	35	10.77	9.23
41	KNOTTENBELT	GLOSENDAS	34	40	7.82	12.18
42	LATVIA U31	MAJOR BOGAZICI	33	18	14.80	5.20
43	VALIO	AUSTRIA	47	28	15.75	4.25
44	EX 5	BASF	13	23	6.57	13.43
45	ISTANBUL	DUGUET	24	16	12.83	7.17
46	KROGH	BRIDGESCANNER 4	26	34	7.17	12.83
47	LES 4 COMPAGNONS	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

# Results - Open Teams

## Round 8

1	SCORWAY	TEXAN ACES	16	18	9.23	10.77
2	MELI MELO	DAISY CHAIN	28	28	10.00	10.00
3	PARTYPACK	DINKIN	46	22	16.78	3.22
4	TEAM FUNBRIDGE	TEAM BLACK	0	31	2.00	18.00
5	SANDFIA	COYNE	12	18	7.82	12.18
6	VIDEV	BRENO	33	31	10.77	9.23
7	FRANCE GREEN	SLOVAKIA	77	0	20.00	0.00
8	CROATIA	PALMA	63	12	20.00	0.00
9	BICI	MCALLISTER	40	24	15.05	4.95
10	ZIMMERMANN	TEAMNL	44	25	15.75	4.25
11	PAULISSEN	GERMANY OPEN	11	9	10.77	9.23
12	BV WALDSOLMS	MORAN	24	59	1.42	18.58
13	DE BOTTON	LEVANT	52	41	13.72	6.28
14	STREET	KAPLAN	12	34	3.61	16.39
15	HARARI	EKIN MADEN	25	19	12.18	7.82
16	PATCHWORK DYNAMITE	DUMBOVICH	39	18	16.18	3.82
17	CUMBRE VIEJA	MIXED TEAM	38	23	14.80	5.20
18	ROSENTHAL	MOSKOVITS WARRIORS	32	8	16.78	3.22
19	TIANYU	MAURITIUS	12	39	2.66	17.34
20	GROUP ONE TEAM	MAVERICKS	15	22	7.49	12.51
21	BRIDGE24PL B	VERTYS	71	23	20.00	0.00
22	LES FRINGANTS	PSG	33	41	7.17	12.83
23	BC HAPOEL	AJ DIAMENT	33	33	10.00	10.00
24	RIGAINVITES LV	DE MICHELIS	20	49	2.32	17.68
25	FRANCE PURPLE	MKMP	59	26	18.30	1.70
26	MALEV	HELLAS TEAM	21	42	3.82	16.18
27	ZAZA BOYS	VINCIGUERRA	23	42	4.25	15.75
28	VINCI	FODD	41	37	11.50	8.50
29	BBC 1	CHOKOLATA	30	34	8.50	11.50
30	ECF HOLDING	LANKVELD	16	33	4.71	15.29
31	REVANCHE	PHARMASERVICE	11	21	6.57	13.43
32	MIKADINHO	BALIAN	28	2	17.16	2.84
33	BUYUK KULUP ISTANBUL	1 OVER 2	43	18	16.97	3.03
34	VALIO	AMOUR DU BRIDGE	30	38	7.17	12.83
35	LATVIA U31	DELIMPALTADAKIS	4	39	1.42	18.58
36	DAVID	GLOSENDAS	42	42	10.00	10.00
37	MM BRIDGE ACADEMY	ARAKISELLA	31	23	12.83	7.17
38	ROTH	ORCA	5	58	0.00	20.00
39	MOSSOP	BUDAPEST QUARTETT	30	28	10.77	9.23
40	KNOTTENBELT	GILLIS	27	45	4.48	15.52
41	TRESET	BASF	42	18	16.78	3.22
42	ZIGGY	MAJOR BOGAZICI	23	14	13.14	6.86
43	ISTANBUL	64FUN	33	51	4.48	15.52
44	AUSTRIA	TRANSREGIONAL	31	27	11.50	8.50
45	LES 4 COMPAGNONS	KROGH	35	21	14.54	5.46
46	DUGUET	BRIDGESCANER 4	8	58	0.00	20.00
47	EX S	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## Round 9

1	SCORWAY	PARTYPACK	36	60	3.22	16.78
2	TEXAN ACES	FRANCE GREEN	4	36	1.85	18.15
3	TEAM BLACK	MELI MELO	13	42	2.02	17.38
4	DAISY CHAIN	CROATIA	58	19	19.10	0.90
5	COYNE	VIDEV	0	24	3.22	16.78
6	MORAN	ZIMMERMANN	11	41	2.16	17.84
7	SANDFIA	BICI	32	24	12.83	7.17
8	BRENO	DINKIN	22	17	11.85	8.15
9	PATCHWORK DYNAMITE	BRIDGE24PL B	72	9	20.00	0.00
10	DE BOTTON	ROSENTHAL	25	39	5.46	14.54
11	MAURITIUS	PAULISSEN	31	31	9.90	9.90
12	KAPLAN	TEAM FUNBRIDGE	47	29	15.52	4.48
13	CUMBRE VIEJA	HARARI	9	34	3.03	16.97
14	GERMANY OPEN	FRANCE PURPLE	0	17	4.71	15.29
15	DE MICHELIS	MCALLISTER	24	12	14.00	6.00
16	EKIN MADEN	TEAMNL	43	22	16.18	3.82
17	MAVERICKS	LEVANT	51	34	15.29	4.71
18	STREET	PSG	29	40	6.28	13.72
19	HELLAS TEAM	SLOVAKIA	4	26	3.61	16.39
20	VINCIGUERRA	PALMA	38	29	13.14	6.86
21	BC HAPOEL	MIKADINHO	16	28	6.00	14.00
22	AJ DIAMENT	MIXED TEAM	18	21	8.86	11.14
23	GROUP ONE TEAM	BV WALDSOLMS	20	11	13.14	6.86
24	DUMBOVICH	LANKVELD	47	12	18.58	1.42
25	LES FRINGANTS	MOSKOVITS WARRIORS	26	15	13.72	6.28
26	VINCI	BUYUK KULUP ISTANBUL	37	32	11.85	8.15
27	DELIMPALTADAKIS	TIANYU	39	29	13.43	6.57
28	PHARMASERVICE	ORCA	25	29	8.50	11.50
29	CHOKOLATA	FODD	33	12	16.18	3.82
30	MALEV	RIGAINVITES LV	24	44	4.03	15.97
31	BBC 1	AMOUR DU BRIDGE	41	13	17.51	2.49
32	VERTYS	ZAZA BOYS	11	41	2.16	17.84
33	MKMP	MM BRIDGE ACADEMY	30	35	8.15	11.85
34	REVANCHE	TRESET	15	31	4.95	15.05
35	ECF HOLDING	GLOSENDAS	48	17	18.00	2.00
36	DAVID	GILLIS	26	33	7.49	12.51
37	VALIO	MOSSOP	11	63	0.00	20.00
38	BALIAN	ZIGGY	37	23	14.54	5.46
39	ARAKISELLA	64FUN	12	27	5.20	14.80
40	BUDAPEST QUARTETT	1 OVER 2	21	34	5.72	14.28
41	LES 4 COMPAGNONS	LATVIA U31	0	39	0.80	19.00
42	AUSTRIA	KNOTTENBELT	31	39	7.17	12.83
43	EX S	BRIDGESCANER 4	56	5	20.00	0.00
44	MAJOR BOGAZICI	ROTH	29	45	4.95	15.05
45	TRANSREGIONAL	BASF	18	33	5.20	14.80
46	KROGH	DUGUET	11	34	3.41	16.59
47	ISTANBUL	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

# Results - Open Teams

## Round 10

1	PARTYPACK	FRANCE GREEN	13	30	4.71	15.29
2	DAISY CHAIN	SCORWAY	18	29	6.28	13.72
3	MELI MELO	VIDEV	2	33	2.00	18.00
4	PATCHWORK DYNAMITE	ZIMMERMANN	0	21	3.82	16.18
5	KAPLAN	TEXAN ACES	14	16	9.23	10.77
6	SANDFIA	TEAM BLACK	16	21	8.15	11.85
7	BRENO	HARARI	33	13	15.97	4.03
8	ROSENTHAL	BICI	19	30	6.28	13.72
9	FRANCE PURPLE	DINKIN	17	14	11.14	8.86
10	CROATIA	COYNE	30	16	14.54	5.46
11	MORAN	DE MICHELIS	13	16	8.86	11.14
12	MAURITIUS	EKIN MADEN	11	9	10.77	9.23
13	PAULISSEN	MAVERICKS	6	48	0.56	19.44
14	SLOVAKIA	DUMBOVICH	13	26	5.72	14.28
15	PSG	DE BOTTON	17	7	13.43	6.57
16	TEAM FUNBRIDGE	VINCIGUERRA	8	18	6.57	13.43
17	MIKADINHO	CUMBRE VIEJA	39	7	18.15	1.85
18	GERMANY OPEN	GROUP ONE TEAM	6	13	7.49	12.51
19	MCALLISTER	BRIDGE24PL B	33	7	17.16	2.84
20	LES FRINGANTS	MIXED TEAM	5	58	0.00	20.00
21	CHOKOLATA	DELIMPALTADAKIS	7	10	8.86	11.14
22	BBC 1	VINCI	10	26	4.95	15.05
23	RIGAINVITES LV	AJ DIAMENT	29	26	11.14	8.86
24	ZAZA BOYS	LEVANT	22	23	9.61	10.39
25	TEAMNL	PALMA	11	30	4.25	15.75
26	STREET	BC HAPOEL	30	4	17.16	2.84
27	BV WALDSOLMS	HELLAS TEAM	26	5	16.18	3.82
28	ECF HOLDING	BUYUK KULUP ISTANBUL	38	4	18.44	1.56
29	MOSSOP	PHARMASERVICE	10	21	6.28	13.72
30	ORCA	MOSKOVITS WARRIORS	21	20	10.39	9.61
31	TRESET	TIANYU	13	15	9.13	10.67
32	MM BRIDGE ACADEMY	GILLIS	4	27	3.41	16.59
33	BALIAN	LANKVELD	7	16	6.86	13.14
34	MKMP	LATVIA U31	34	15	15.75	4.25
35	64FUN	EX S	17	17	10.00	10.00
36	FODD	MALEV	12	21	6.86	13.14
37	1 OVER 2	VERTYS	17	7	13.23	6.37
38	REVANCHE	DAVID	30	11	15.75	4.25
39	AMOUR DU BRIDGE	ZIGGY	2	28	2.84	17.16
40	KNOTTENBELT	BASF	11	19	7.17	12.83
41	GLOSENDAS	BUDAPEST QUARTETT	53	12	19.33	0.67
42	ARAKISELLA	ROTH	18	36	4.48	15.52
43	VALIO	ISTANBUL	19	13	12.18	7.82
44	AUSTRIA	BRIDGESCANNER 4	8	5	11.14	8.86
45	LES 4 COMPAGNONS	DUGUET	1	20	4.25	15.75
46	MAJOR BOGAZICI	KROGH	19	11	12.83	7.17
47	TRANSREGIONAL	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## RANKING AFTER ROUND 10

1	FRANCE GREEN	139.49	32	GROUP ONE TEAM	106.61	63	REVANCHE	91.77
2	SCORWAY	134.80	33	SLOVAKIA	106.20	64	HELLAS TEAM	91.55
3	VIDEV	133.38	34	ECF HOLDING	106.07	65	MALEV	91.43
4	PARTYPACK	131.79	35	STREET	105.51	66	1 OVER 2	91.28
5	ZIMMERMANN	131.41	36	VINCI	105.47	67	BC HAPOEL	90.86
6	DAISY CHAIN	129.45	37	PALMA	105.00	68	GLOSENDAS	90.18
7	BRENO	124.60	38	DE BOTTON	104.94	69	64FUN	89.83
8	MELI MELO	123.75	39	BV WALDSOLMS	103.99	70	EX S	89.66
9	TEXAN ACES	120.87	40	DELIMPALTADAKIS	102.66	71	BALIAN	88.44
10	TEAM BLACK	120.75	41	TEAM FUNBRIDGE	102.47	72	ZIGGY	88.35
11	MAVERICKS	120.10	42	PAULISSEN	102.26	73	BUYUK KULUP ISTANBUL	88.25
12	KAPLAN	119.49	43	GERMANY OPEN	101.96	74	ROTH	87.27
13	CROATIA	118.82	44	CHOKOLATA	101.63	75	MM BRIDGE ACADEMY	86.42
14	BICI	118.18	45	RIGAINVITES LV	101.36	76	FODD	86.05
15	SANDFIA	117.67	46	LEVANT	100.21	77	LATVIA U31	84.35
16	PATCHWORK DYNAMITE	117.40	47	PHARMASERVICE	100.14	78	BASF	83.69
17	FRANCE PURPLE	115.57	48	ZAZA BOYS	99.60	79	VERTYS	82.58
18	DE MICHELIS	113.76	49	AJ DIAMENT	98.94	80	DAVID	79.96
19	MIKADINHO	113.68	50	GILLIS	98.45	81	VALIO	79.86
20	DUMBOVICH	113.67	51	BBC 1	96.47	82	KNOTTENBELT	79.66
21	ROSENTHAL	113.44	52	ORCA	96.32	83	AUSTRIA	78.50
22	MAURITIUS	112.74	53	BRIDGE24PL B	96.18	84	AMOUR DU BRIDGE	78.15
23	DINKIN	112.63	54	CUMBRE VIEJA	96.06	85	ARAKISELLA	74.72
24	MIXED TEAM	112.27	55	MKMP	96.00	86	MAJOR BOGAZICI	74.65
25	PSG	112.00	56	TIANYU	95.26	87	ISTANBUL	74.00
26	EKIN MADEN	111.22	57	MOSKOVITS WARRIORS	94.85	88	TRANSREGIONAL	73.69
27	HARARI	111.15	58	LANKVELD	94.37	89	DUGUET	73.52
28	MCALLISTER	110.29	59	TRESET	94.05	90	BUDAPEST QUARTETT	71.24
29	VINCIGUERRA	109.21	60	TEAMNL	93.65	91	BRIDGESCANNER 4	68.45
30	MORAN	109.12	61	LES FRINGANTS	92.96	92	LES 4 COMPAGNONS	68.11
31	COYNE	108.88	62	MOSSOP	92.71	93	KROGH	56.20

# Results - Women Teams

## Round 6

81	MOTHERS N DAUGHTERS	SWISS WOMEN	23	28	8.15	11.85
82	FRANCE DAMES	GALATASARAY SK	13	25	6.00	14.00
83	STEPHY HELLES LADIES	GERMANY	17	7	13.43	6.57
84	GREEN	STAYWOMEN	31	27	11.50	8.50
85	EQUIPO VICUNA	BAKER	18	27	6.86	13.14
86	TRI POLAR	TEAMNL WOMEN	14	18	8.50	11.50
87	AINM	CAIRDE	36	11	16.97	3.03
88	CONTRACT KILLERS	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## Round 7

81	SWISS WOMEN	CAIRDE	18	44	2.84	17.16
82	CONTRACT KILLERS	GERMANY	38	14	16.78	3.22
83	FRANCE DAMES	STAYWOMEN	23	24	9.61	10.39
84	STEPHY HELLES LADIES	EQUIPO VICUNA	31	20	13.72	6.28
85	TEAMNL WOMEN	GREEN	40	28	14.00	6.00
86	BAKER	AINM	29	35	7.82	12.18
87	MOTHERS N DAUGHTERS	TRI POLAR	31	41	6.57	13.43
88	GALATASARAY SK	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## Round 8

81	CAIRDE	TRI POLAR	23	45	3.61	16.39
82	GALATASARAY SK	STAYWOMEN	25	27	9.23	10.77
83	CONTRACT KILLERS	EQUIPO VICUNA	38	26	14.00	6.00
84	FRANCE DAMES	TEAMNL WOMEN	46	0	19.86	0.14
85	AINM	STEPHY HELLES LADIES	22	29	7.49	12.51
86	GREEN	MOTHERS N DAUGHTERS	32	39	7.49	12.51
87	SWISS WOMEN	BAKER	7	48	0.67	19.33
88	GERMANY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## Round 9

81	TRI POLAR	BAKER	33	46	5.72	14.28
82	GERMANY	EQUIPO VICUNA	53	16	18.84	1.16
83	GALATASARAY SK	TEAMNL WOMEN	22	19	11.14	8.86
84	CONTRACT KILLERS	AINM	21	34	5.72	14.28
85	MOTHERS N DAUGHTERS	FRANCE DAMES	45	11	18.44	1.56
86	STEPHY HELLES LADIES	SWISS WOMEN	49	7	19.44	0.56
87	CAIRDE	GREEN	1	38	1.16	18.84
88	STAYWOMEN	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## Round 10

81	BAKER	GREEN	32	17	14.80	5.20
82	STAYWOMEN	TEAMNL WOMEN	16	34	4.48	15.52
83	GERMANY	AINM	29	13	15.05	4.95
84	GALATASARAY SK	MOTHERS N DAUGHTERS	14	7	12.51	7.49
85	SWISS WOMEN	CONTRACT KILLERS	14	23	6.86	13.14
86	FRANCE DAMES	CAIRDE	29	13	15.05	4.95
87	TRI POLAR	STEPHY HELLES LADIES	33	6	17.34	2.66
88	EQUIPO VICUNA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## RANKING AFTER ROUND 5

1	MOTHERS N DAUGHTERS	130.63
2	TEAMNL WOMEN	122.96
3	TRI POLAR	121.87
4	FRANCE DAMES	119.72
5	STEPHY HELLES LADIES	116.18
6	GALATASARAY SK	115.53
7	BAKER	114.84
8	STAYWOMEN	112.93
9	GREEN	98.99
10	GERMANY	94.66
11	CONTRACT KILLERS	93.60
12	AINM	88.82
13	CAIRDE	87.53
14	EQUIPO VICUNA	59.84
15	SWISS WOMEN	41.50

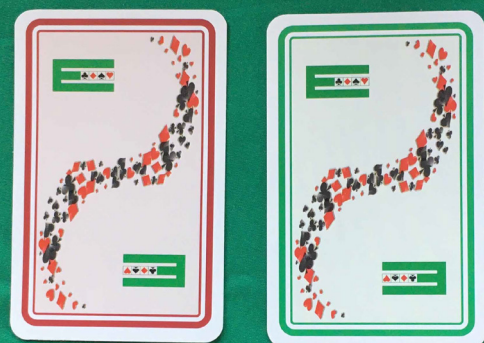
### Championship offer

The NEW dealing machines (only) used during the championships in Strasbourg are sold during the event for delivery at the end for the occasional price of **€2650**. Visit Jannersten's stall or email [anna@jannersten.com](mailto:anna@jannersten.com)



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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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