World Bridge Tour
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Online Contract Bridge League

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Weekend Warriors

Schedule Today

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE

SWISS ROUND 2. 17.00 CET / 11.00 EST

VUGRAPH	Weekend Warriors	VS	Sleepless in Seattle
	Potter	VS	Cole
	Robinson	VS	Alpert
	Pace e Salute	VS	Munich
	Sugi	VS	Carmichael
	Harris	VS	Medium Rare
	Puzzles	VS	Fan

LINE-UP

We kindly ask you to remember to send us the line-up in time. It is very important for the tournament to run in the right way.

PLAYING TIME

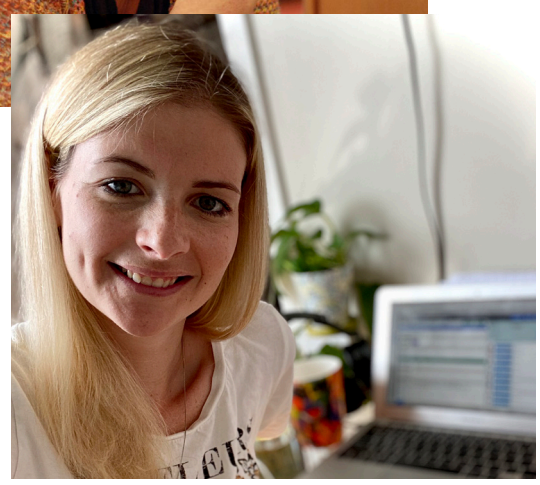
The playing time is 2 hour 30 minutes (20 boards x 7.5 minutes). Respecting the time frame is very important for the tournament to run in the right way. Thank you for your cooperation.

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE

RANKING AFTER ROUND 1

1	Weekend Warriors	19.79
2	Sleepless in Seattle	18.63
3	Potter	17.06
4	Cole	16.93
5	Robinson	14.76
6	Alpert	13.61
7	Pace e Salute	10.55
8	Sugi	9.45
9	Munich	6.39
10	Carmichael	5.24
11	Harris	3.07
12	Medium Rare	2.94
13	Puzzles	1.37
14	Fan	0.21

'Weekend Warriors' is the name of a team playing the OCBL Mixed League... but don't we all feel like *Weekend Warriors*? The OCBL Mixed League will be played for 7 consecutive weeks on Saturdays and Sundays. Guess who is leading now? Yes, them! Gary Donner, Jodi Edmonds, Joe Grue, Gillian Miniter, Sandra Rimstedt, Andrew Rosenthal, Joel Wooldridge, Migry Zur-Campanile - the Weekend Warriors (19.79 VPs). They are followed by Sleepless in Seattle (T. Bauer, O. Ekinci, K. Eng, E. Sieg) (18.63 VPs) and by Potter (P.O. Cullin, K. Dwyer, S. Huang, M. Michielsen, C. Potter, C. Rimstedt) (17.06 VPs).



Migry and Sandra, two Weekend Warriors

World Bridge Tour Ranking

After the OCBL January Cup (the first 2021 WBT event) the ranking of the World Bridge Tour has been updated. Joyce Hill (pictured left) is leading as captain of the Hill team, who won the January Cup.
The complete ranking is posted **on page 5**.

Zoom

Zoom is not mandatory for the OCBL Mixed League.
However, players can freely decide to use it.

If anyone is unfamiliar with Zoom and would like to try it, please let us know and we will do our best to facilitate the process for you.

We are getting ready to offer Zoom services for the final stages of the upcoming WBT OCBL events. We will arrange and manage the meetings, so that teams wishing to use Zoom will be able do that with no effort, since we will take care of starting the meetings for them. For now the service will be offered to all teams and they will be free to choose whether to use it or not.

The feedbacks we have received are that video increases the social aspect of the game, explanations are made faster and more clearly, creating a much more enjoyable game for all.

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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE
12 January - 27 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/openleague1/

JANUARY OPEN TEAMS
18 - 22 January 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/januaryoteams/

OCBL FEBRUARY CUP
1 - 5 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/februarycup/

FEBRUARY OPEN TEAMS
15 - 19 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/februaryot/

MARCH OPEN TEAMS
8 - 11 March 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/marchot/

OCBL MARCH CUP
22 - 26 March 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/marchcup/

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE
30 March - 16 May 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/openleague2/

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE
27 March - 9 May 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/mixedleague2/

OCBL APRIL CUP
5 - 9 April 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/aprilcup/

APRIL OPEN TEAMS
19 - 23 April 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/aprilot/

OCBL MAY CUP
3 - 7 May 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/maycup/

MAY OPEN TEAMS
31 May - 4 June 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/mayot/

OCBL JUNE CUP
4 - 18 June 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/junecup/

About the OCBL Events:

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE
Play 3 days a week:
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
at 21.30 CET (15.30 EST)
Qualification + Knockout

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE
Play 2 days a week:
Saturday and Sunday
at 17.00 CET (11.00 EST)
Qualification + Knockout

OCBL CUP
Play 5 days
Qualification + Knockout

OCBL OPEN TEAMS
Play 5 days (4 in March)
Qualification + Swiss A

One of those Days

by **Mark Horton**

I have frequently compared bridge to other sports where one's form can vary from day to day. Golf is a good example, a player shooting in the mid 60's one day and then taking over 70 next time around. What's more, if you are not quite at the top of your game you can bet your bottom dollar that the opponents will be firing on all cylinders - or at least that's the way it will feel. That's how things panned out in the first Final of the 2021 OCBL season.

On Board 2 EW held

♠A K 8 6 ♡4 ♢A Q J 6 ♣K 6 4 2 facing ♠J 10 ♡K Q 2 ♢7 4 ♣A Q J 10 8 7 and both teams reached 6♣. A heart lead to the ace left East to guess which finesse to take. Both players advanced the ♠J, but when South followed with the two they both (with a nod to Zia) won in dummy and relied on the diamond finesse. That meant one down and it turned out that South had the ♠Q.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

	♠ Q 4 ♡ A J 9 7 6 ♢ 10 9 2 ♣ Q J 3	
♠ 10 9 7 3 ♡ 10 5 3 ♢ A K ♣ 10 8 7 5		♠ A K J 5 2 ♡ 2 ♢ 8 7 3 ♣ K 9 6 4
	♠ 8 6 ♡ K Q 8 4 ♢ Q J 6 5 4 ♣ A 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Crouch	*O Rimstedt*	*Cope*	*M Rimstedt*
—	—	—	1♢
Pass	1♡	1♠	2♡*
3♠*	4♡	All Pass	

2♡ 4♡
3♠ Mixed raise

East led the ♠K and when West followed with the ten he continued with the five, which presented declarer with the contract, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*de Wijs*	*Huang*	*Muller*
—	—	—	1NT*
Pass	2♡*	2♠	2NT*
4♠	All Pass		

1NT 9-12
2♡ To play
2NT Good raise

South led the ♡K and then played two rounds of clubs, which merely served to speed up the play, as declarer was sure to take ten tricks on this layout, +620 and 14 IMPs changed hands.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

	♠ J 8 ♡ A K 9 6 2 ♢ 8 5 3 ♣ 9 6 4	
♠ A 10 9 7 2 ♡ 8 5 4 ♢ Q 7 ♣ A Q 10		♠ K Q 6 5 3 ♡ 7 ♢ A K 4 2 ♣ 8 7 2
	♠ 4 ♡ Q J 10 3 ♢ J 10 9 6 ♣ K J 5 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Crouch	*O Rimstedt*	*Cope*	*M Rimstedt*
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	2♡	Pass	4♡
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♡
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
5♠*	All Pass		

2♣ Artificial, game forcing
5♠ Slam try

With the ♣K onside there were 12 tricks, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*de Wijs*	*Huang*	*Muller*
—	—	1♠	Pass
2NT*	3♡	4♢	5♡
6♠	All Pass		

2NT 4+♠, limit+

When East bid 4♢ West, who could expect his partner to at most one heart, bid what he hoped his side could make and collected 13 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Crouch	*O Rimstedt*	*Cope*	*M Rimstedt*
—	1♢*	Pass	1NT*
2♠	3♡	4♠	Pass
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♢	All Pass	

1♢ Not balanced
1NT Game forcing relay
4NT RKCB
5♠ 2 key cards +♢Q

That was +1370.

Would bidding 5♠ rather than 4NT have worked? Could they do better in the other room?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*de Wijs*	*Huang*	*Muller*
—	1♡	Pass	1♠*
2♠	3♢	4♠	4NT
5♠	6♢	All Pass	

1♠ Artificial, game forcing, asking

No.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ J 10 5 4 ♡ 7 4 2 ♢ 10 9 8 7 ♣ 5 4	
♠ K 9 3 ♡ Q 6 5 ♢ A Q 2 ♣ Q 10 3 2		♠ A Q 8 6 2 ♡ K J 10 9 ♢ J 6 5 ♣ 7
	♠ 7 ♡ A 8 3 ♢ K 4 3 ♣ A K J 9 8 6	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Crouch	*O Rimstedt*	*Cope*	*M Rimstedt*
—	—	1♠	2♣
2NT*	Pass	3♡	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2NT Invitational in spades or choice of games

South led the ♣K and switched to the ♡8, declarer winning with the jack, crossing to the ♠9 and then playing the nine to the ace, South pitching the ♣6. Declarer played the ♡9 and South took the ace and exited with a heart, declarer overtaking dummy's queen and playing the ♠6, North winning with the ten and exiting with the ♣5, which declarer ruffed.

Simon de Wijs

These cards remained:

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

If declarer draws the outstanding trump South must pitch a club and then the ♡10 finishes him off, but declarer, perhaps losing track, left the ♠J outstanding and played a diamond to the queen which meant he had to lose another trick, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*de Wijs*	*Huang*	*Muller*
—	—	1♠	2♣
3♣*	Pass	3♡	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3♣ 3♠, limit+

North led the ♣5 and South won with the king and switched to the ♢3, declarer winning with dummy's jack and playing on hearts. he finished with ten tricks when the defenders did not cash their second club trick, +630 and 12 IMPs.

It had been a great half for Hill, ahead 44.1-9.

Board 14. Dealer East. NS Vul.

	♠ A 6 4 ♡ 10 7 6 ♢ A K 9 4 3 ♣ 10 7	
♠ Q J 3 ♡ K 9 3 ♢ Q 10 8 ♣ K 6 4 3		♠ 10 ♡ A Q J 5 4 2 ♢ 7 5 ♣ J 9 8 2
	♠ K 9 8 7 5 2 ♡ 8 ♢ J 6 2 ♣ A Q 5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*de Wijs*	*Huang*	*Muller*
—	—	3♡	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

The policy of preempting 'one-higher' than might be considered necessary by everyone has many supporters, notably World Champions Karen McCallum and Sally Brock. On its day it can be a devastating weapon.

South led the ♠8 and North took the ace, cashed the king then ace of diamonds and exited with a spade. Declarer ruffed and immediately played a club, and when South took the ace and exited with a diamond he was subsequently squeezed when declarer ran his trumps, one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	O Rimstedt	Gupta	MRimstedt
—	—	2♡	2♠
3♡	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♡3 and East won with the ace and returned the jack, declarer ruffing, playing a spade to the ace and ducking a spade to West's queen. When West exited with a club declarer won with the queen, cashed the ace, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, drew the outstanding trump and was home, +620 and 11 IMPs.

With Hill adding a total of 35 IMPs over the first six deals the result was not in doubt, but Gupta did have time to score a couple of hits:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ Q J 10 7 5 3 ♡ 9 4 ♢ A Q 10 ♣ 8 3	
♠ 8 ♡ A K Q J 7 6 3 ♢ J 9 ♣ K J 10		♠ A 4 2 ♡ 10 2 ♢ K 8 7 6 5 ♣ A 7 2
	♠ K 9 6 ♡ 8 5 ♢ 4 3 2 ♣ Q 9 6 5 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*de Wijs*	*Huang*	*Muller*
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	2♠	3♢*	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

1♣ Strong ♣
3♢ 5+♢,game forcing

Declarer won the spade lead with dummy's ace, drew trumps and played the ♢9, soon claiming 12 tricks, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	*O Rimstedt*	*Gupta*	*M Rimstedt*
—	—	—	Pass
1♡	2♠	3♢	3♠
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

4NT RKCB
5♣ 0-3 key cards

After a spade lead declarer won in dummy, ruffed a spade and played the ♢9. North took his ace and exited with a spade declarer ruffing, and playing two rounds of diamonds for +1430 and 13 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

	♠ J 4 3 ♡ J 8 5 4 ♢ K 9 8 6 5 ♣ 10	
♠ A Q 5 ♡ 10 6 ♢ J 7 4 2 ♣ A 9 8 7		♠ 8 ♡ A K Q 7 2 ♢ A 3 ♣ Q J 5 4 3
	♠ K 10 9 7 6 2 ♡ 9 3 ♢ Q 10 ♣ K 6 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*de Wijs*	*Huang*	*Muller*
1♢*	Pass	1♡	1♠
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1♢ 2+♢, 10-15
2NT Take out

North led the ♠3 and declarer took South's king with the ace and played a club for the ten, jack and king, finishing with 10 tricks, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	*O Rimstedt*	*Gupta*	*M Rimstedt*
Pass	Pass	1♡	1♠
Dble*	2♢*	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

2♢ Weak spade raise, no A/K/Q

South led the ♠6 and when dummy's queen held declarer came to hand with a heart and ran the ♣Q. He drew trumps via the finesse, pitched a diamond and soon claimed, +1390 and 11 IMPs.

The set score was 37-28 - tout est perdu fors l'honneur.

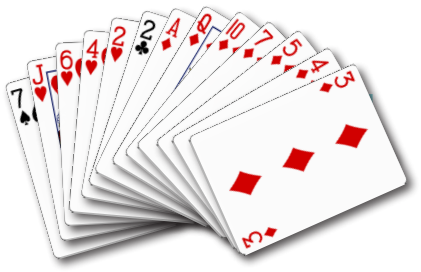
Bauke Muller - pic: Arianna Testa / WBF

Yesterday's quiz - solution

Dealer North. E/W Vulnerable.

West	North	East	South
	1♡	Pass	?

Your cards as South:



The Horns of a Dilemma

by **Mark Horton**

One interpretation of a good bidding problem is that there should be at least three possibilities. Let's take a look at this deal from the second session of the quarterfinals from South's point of view:

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

	♠ A Q 9 3 2 ♡ A K 9 8 7 5 ◇ 6 ♣ 4	
♠ 10 5 4 ♡ Q ◇ K 8 2 ♣ A K J 10 7 3		♠ K J 8 6 ♡ 10 3 ◇ J 9 ♣ Q 9 8 6 5
	♠ 7 ♡ J 6 4 2 ◇ A Q 10 7 5 4 3 ♣ 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cronier	*de Wijs*	*Combuscure*	*Muller*
—	1♡	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

Personally I think 4♡ is perhaps not the best move with these cards, but let's see what happened elsewhere.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	*Volcker*	*Gupta*	*Lévy*
—	1♡	Pass	2◇
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

Alain Lévy commented, 'I don't know how to bid this hand'. It looks like a good idea to introduce the diamonds, but perhaps South can bid 3♡ on the second round? If North then bids 3♠, South can continue with 4♣ when North might decide to ask for key cards. The trouble with this is that North might not be sure that South has much in the way of trump support. How did the other contenders fare?

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Johansen	*Hallberg*	*Aaseng*	*Hult*
—	1♡	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

3NT 4+♡, singleton ♣
4NT RKCB
5♣ I key card

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Helgemo*	*Black*	*Andresen*
—	1♡	Pass	2NT*
3♣	4NT*	5♣	Pass*
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

2NT Hearts, game forcing
4NT RKCB
Pass 1 key card

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*O Rimstedt*	*Gawrys*	*M Rimstedt*
—	1♡	Pass	2NT*
3♣	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Dble	6♡	All Pass	

2NT Invitational+, 4+♡
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 key card

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Hurd*	*Huang*	*Bathurst*
—	1♡	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	4◇*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♡
All Pass			

3♠ Any shortage, minimum game force, 4+♡
3NT Asking
4♣ Club shortage
4◇ Cuebid
4NT Spade control

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Odin	*Mintz*	*Saelensminde*	*Limor*
—	1♡	Pass	1♠*
2♣	3♣	4♣	4♡
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5◇*	Pass	6♡*
All Pass			

1♠ Relay, can be void in spades
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1-4 key cards
5◇ ♡Q?
6♡ Yes

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yadlin	*Linqvist*	*Orenstein*	*Brogeland*
—	1♡	Pass	3♣*
Dble	Pass*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4◇*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5◇*
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

3♣ Invitational with 3+♡
Pass Better than 3♡
4♣ Cuebid
4◇ Cuebid
4♠ Cuebid
4NT RKCB
5◇ 1-4 key cards

If you add them up, you will see that we had 7 different responses to 1♡!

My preference is for 2◇ followed by 3♡, but perhaps it's more important to make it clear that you have four-card heart support?

Online Bridge NEWS

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RANKING

After the OCBL January CUP,
the ranking of the World Bridge Tour was updated:

	Team	WBT P.	Captain
1	Hill	120	Joyce Hill
2	Gupta	96	Nareen Gupta
3	Black	77	Andrew Black
4	Israel Seniors	61	Doron Limor
5	Edmonds	49	Jodi Edmonds
6	Gillis	44	Simon Gillis
7	Zaleski	40	Romain Zaleski
8	Skeidar	36	Martin Andresen
9	Coppens	34	P Coppens
10	Champey	32	Bart Bussink
11	Lall	31	Reese Milner
12	Lewis	29	Linda Lewis
13	Apple	28	H Setton
14	Ireland	26	John Carroll
	Israel Emerald	26	I Bareket
16	Hunisr	24	Gabor Winkler
17	Scotland/Norway	23	Steve Levinson
18	Salvo	21	Nafiz Zorlu
19	Alexander	20	E Øvelius
20	Sugi	19	Sugiharto
21	The Optimist	18	Berne Greenspan
22	De Botton	17	Janet De Botton
	Marupe	17	Jevgenijs Antonovs
23	Ferguson	16	Bruce Ferguson
24	Fredin	15	Peter Fredin
25	Harris	14	Jonathan Harris
	Rippey	14	Mark Rippey
27	Tilly	13	Kevin Kastner
28	Amateurs	12	Ai- Tai L
	The Juniors	12	J Freeman
29	Wilson	11	Alison Wilson
30	Turkish Delight	10	Ekinci O

** Points were awarded for QF and SF for the team doing best in the Swiss. So for the OCBL January Cup Black was considered as 3rd as winning the Swiss.*

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Let Battle Commence

by **Mark Horton**

As the OCBL Mixed League swings into action my cunning plan is to feature every team in the opening rounds. Do send your photographs to the Editor!

We start with Sugi and Pace *e* Salute.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sutton	*Rohinun*	*Franceschetti*	*Sugiharto*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♢	1♡	Pass
2♢*	3♣	4♡	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

2♢ Heart raise

East led the ♣Q and declarer won, cashed the ♣K, played a diamond to the ace, a spade to the ace and a diamond, East winning with the nine and declarer claiming 11 tricks, +550.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Bessis*	*Liu*	*Baroni*
—	—	—	Pass
2♡*	3♠*	4♡	4♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

2♡ Both majors, preemptive

3♠ Both minors

West led the ♡2 and declarer ruffed in dummy, drew trumps, played a spade to the ace and a diamond to the queen and king. When the ♢J did not fall under the ace she was one down, -100 and 12 IMPs were lost.

Thomas Bessis

Nur Afifatur Rohinun

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

	♠ 7 ♡ J 6 ♢ A K Q J 6 ♣ J 10 9 4 2	
♠ A Q 9 5 ♡ 9 3 2 ♢ 10 4 ♣ A Q 6 3		♠ 3 ♡ A K Q 7 4 ♢ 9 7 5 3 2 ♣ 7 5
	♠ K J 10 8 6 4 2 ♡ 10 8 5 ♢ 8 ♣ K 8	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sutton	*Rohinun*	*Franceschetti*	*Sugiharto*
—	—	2♡*	2♠
Pass	3♢	Pass	3♠
Dble	All Pass		

2♡ Hearts and a minor

West led the ♡2 and East took the queen and king and switched to the ♠3 for the ten and queen. A heart to the ace saw East continue with the ♡7 (a club is best) and that was ruffed by the jack (declarer should ruff with the eight of spades) and overruffed with the ace (West should pitch a diamond). West then played two rounds of clubs and declarer won with the king and cashed the ♠K, for three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Bessis*	*Liu*	*Baroni*
—	—	—	2♠
All Pass			

West led the ♢10 and declarer played dummy's ace and king pitching a heart and then ran the ♣J, West winning with the king, cashing the ace and playing a third club, ruffed and overruffed by declarer who exited with a heart. East won and continued hearts, declarer ruffing the third round with the six and overtaking it with dummy's seven in order to ruff a club with the ♠8 before exiting with the ♠K. West took the ace and returned the five, taking the last two tricks with the ♠Q9 for -100 - a loss of 9 IMPs.

Declarer could have more or less ensured seven tricks by playing a third round of diamonds to get rid of another heart, but as the play went East's third heart was not best as declarer could have saved a trick by ruffing the fourth club with the ♠2 rather than the eight. East can stop that by exiting with a diamond rather than a heart.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sutton	*Rohinun*	*Franceschetti*	*Sugiharto*
1♠	Dble	2♠	4♡
All Pass			

West led the ♠Q and declarer won with dummy's ace, eliminated the spades and played the ♡A followed by the jack, winning with dummy's king when West covered. A diamond to jack saw West ruff, cash the ♣A and exit with a club and declarer won with dummy's king and played a diamond towards the king for +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Bessis*	*Liu*	*Baroni*
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♡
3♠	3NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

North started with three rounds of spades, declarer winning with dummy's eight as South pitched the ♡4. When declarer ran the ♣Q North won and switched to the ♡2, South taking the ace and returning the jack for the queen and king. North's next card was a surprise, the ♢7, so a heart went away on the ace, -300 and a 3 IMP loss.

There was an amusing exchange between the players, but the bottom line was that South had given count in the heart suit and North had seen the relevant hearts so he should have got it right.

Irene Baroni

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ A K 10 6 5 ♡ 8 6 3 ♢ A K 2 ♣ A J	
♠ Q 9 8 7 3 ♡ 7 5 ♢ Q 9 7 ♣ 9 8 7		♠ 2 ♡ 10 9 4 ♢ 10 5 4 3 ♣ Q 6 5 3 2
	♠ J 4 ♡ A K Q J 2 ♢ J 8 6 ♣ K 10 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sutton	*Rohinun*	*Franceschetti*	*Sugiharto*
—	—	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♢*	Pass	3NT
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

2♢ Forcing

West led the ♣9 and when dummy's jack held declarer took two rounds of trumps, unblocked the ♣A and tried to cash the ♠AK. East ruffed, but the ♣K took care of dummy's small diamond, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Bessis*	*Liu*	*Baroni*
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♡*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♡
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♢
Pass	5♡*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

2♡ Transfer
3♡ No fit, SP values
5♡ ♠Q?
5♠ No
5NT Grand slam interest

This confusing auction (well, it confuses me!) saw West lead the ♣9, solving one problem for declarer and when she came to hand with a heart and tabled the ♠J she could claim when West covered, +2220 and 13 not unfortunate IMPs which saw Pace e Salute take the lead for the first time, 22-18.

Unsurprisingly, everyone else stopped at the six-level.

Kevin Ng

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sutton	*Rohinun*	*Franceschetti*	*Sugiharto*
—	—	—	Pass
2♢*	Pass	2♡*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♢ Multi
2♡ Pass or correct

North led the ♣J and declarer won with dummy's queen, South pitching a spade and ran the ♡J. She came to hand with the ♡9, North pitching the ♣5 and played a diamond for the ten and queen. She cashed the ♡K and ducked a club ensuring eleven tricks, +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Bessis*	*Liu*	*Baroni*
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♢*	2♠
3♣	3♠	Dble*	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Dble Some points, no spade stopper

West led the ♣A and declarer ruffed and played the ♡7, East winning with the ten and returning a spade. West won and tried a low diamond and when declarer put in dummy's jack, East won and exited with a spade. Declarer won with the king and played a diamond, West taking the ace and forcing dummy with the ♡A. Declarer cashed two diamonds and claimed eight tricks, -300 and a gain of 4 IMPs.

If declarer plays a diamond to the ten at trick two she might well emerge with nine tricks as the cards lie.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sutton	*Rohinun*	*Franceschetti*	*Sugiharto*
1♡	2♢	4♡	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♡A and declarer ruffed, played a club to the ace and a spade to the ten and ace. She ruffed the club return, drew trumps and played the ♢9, putting in dummy's queen, so only one overtrick, +990.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Bessis*	*Liu*	*Baroni*
1♡	2♢	4♡	4♠
5♡	Dble	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

West led the ♡K and declarer ruffed, crossed to dummy with a club and played a spade to the ten and ace. Then the play matched that at the other table, so +650, but a loss of 8 IMPs making the score 26-26.

A double dummy diamond lead gives the defenders at least three tricks, but suppose West switches to a diamond after taking the ♠A? Now declarer must play low from dummy to score eleven tricks.

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

	♠ A J 9 7 3 ♡ K 10 ♢ Q 10 7 ♣ J 4 2	
♠ 5 2 ♡ A Q 6 5 4 ♢ A K 9 5 ♣ 7 5		♠ Q 4 ♡ J 7 3 2 ♢ J 8 2 ♣ A 9 8 6
	♠ K 10 8 6 ♡ 9 8 ♢ 6 4 3 ♣ K Q 10 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sutton	*Rohinun*	*Franceschetti*	*Sugiharto*
—	—	—	Pass
1♡	1♠	2♡	3♡*
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

3♡ Spade support

East led the ♡3 and West won with the ace, cashed the ♢A and king and then went back to hearts. Declarer won, crossed to the ♠K and then ran the ten, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Bessis*	*Liu*	*Baroni*
—	—	—	Pass
1♡	1♠	2♡	2♠
3♡	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

After a heart lead West won with the ace and played three rounds of diamonds and declarer won and played a club to the king, a spade to the ace, cashed the ♡K and advanced the ♠J, +140 and 5 IMPs that were enough to secure a narrow win, 33-31.

Pierre Franceschetti

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE - RESULTS

ROUND 1

Weekend Warriors	**19.79** VPs 74 IMPs	**0.21** VPs 10 IMPs	**Fan**	
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	
N: Zur Campanile M. S: Rosenthal A.	E: Rimstedt S. W: Donner G.	E: Hor-yung Koo W: Kwok-fai Mak	N: Kang-Wei Fan S: Po-Ya Tsai	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=96871-1610206831&u=migry				
Alpert	**13.61** VPs 43 IMPs	**6.39** VPs 28 IMPs	**Munich**	
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	
N: Versace A. S: Pramotton E.	E: Seamon-Molson W: Hoyos C.	E: Gotard T. W: Baldysz Z.	N: Grünke P. S: Eggeling M.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=96875-1610206897&u=nevaio				
Potter	**17.06** VPs 60 IMPs	**2.94** VPs 24 IMPs	**Medium Rare**	
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	
N: Cullin P.O. S: Michielsen M.	E: Rimstedt C. W: Dwyer K.	E: Salhon R. W: Baskan B.	N: Fehrenbach S. S: Tuncok C.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=96888-1610206953&u=limini				
Harris	**3.07** VPs 34 IMPs	**16.93** VPs 69 IMPs	**Cole**	
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	
N: Root S. S: Gross S.	E: Gold M. W: Harris J.	E: Dobrescu R. W: Greenberg T.	N: Koeppel L. S: Tokay M.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=96891-1610207004&u=sgross				
Sugi	**9.45** VPs 31 IMPs	**10.55** VPs 33 IMPs	**Pace e Salute**	
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	
N: Nurkunyil A. S: Sugiharto	E: Peihua L. W: Kelvin N.	E: Franceschetti P. W: Setton H.	N: Bessis T. S: Baroni I.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=97005-1610207733&u=gewd				
Sleepless in Seattle	**18.63** VPs 70 IMPs	**1.37** VPs 20 IMPs	**Puzzles**	
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	
N: Ekinci O. S: Bauer T.	E: Sieg E. W: Eng K.	E: Niederman D. W: Malaspina P.	N: Hawkes J. S: Rahtjen A.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=97123-1610208036&u=ekinci				
Robinson	**14.76** VPs 45 IMPs	**5.24** VPs 24 IMPs	**Carmichael**	
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	
N: Grossack A. S: Parker C.	E: Grossack Z. W: Robinson L.	E: Ivatury U. W: Henner C.	N: Lee R. S: Moss S.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=97121-1610208033&u=uday				

RANKING AFTER ROUND 1

1	Weekend Warriors	19.79
2	Sleepless in Seattle	18.63
3	Potter	17.06
4	Cole	16.93
5	Robinson	14.76
6	Alpert	13.61
7	Pace e Salute	10.55
8	Sugi	9.45
9	Munich	6.39
10	Carmichael	5.24
11	Harris	3.07
12	Medium Rare	2.94
13	Puzzles	1.37
14	Fan	0.21

BUTLER RANKING

	Name	Team	Result	Boards
1	Donner G. (GDonnerSC1)	Weekend Warriors	2.39	20
	Rimstedt S. (sandria)	Weekend Warriors	2.39	20
3	Bauer T. (Marintlc)	Sleepless in Seattle	1.35	20
	Ekinci O. (ekinci)	Sleepless in Seattle	1.35	20
5	Zur Campanile M. (migry)	Weekend Warriors	1.33	20
	Rosenthal A. (andrewr)	Weekend Warriors	1.33	20
7	Cullin P.O. (pocken)	Potter	1.33	20
	Michielsen M. (lady007)	Potter	1.33	20
9	Eng K. (keng777)	Sleepless in Seattle	1.17	20
	Sieg E. (Vilgan)	Sleepless in Seattle	1.17	20
11	Robinson L. (saba)	Robinson	1.11	20
	Grossack Z. (germs345)	Robinson	1.11	20
13	Koeppel L. (lgkoeppel)	Cole	1.1	20
	Tokay M. (tokay1975)	Cole	1.1	20
15	Versace A. (nevaio)	Alpert	0.91	20
	Pramotton E. (Manu76)	Alpert	0.91	20
17	Dobrescu R. (ralooka)	Cole	0.85	20
	Greenberg T. (ted greenb)	Cole	0.85	20
19	Dwyer K. (kdwyer)	Potter	0.43	20
	Rimstedt C. (CillaR)	Potter	0.43	20
21	Setton H. (Ldase)	Pace e Salute	0.18	20
	Franceschetti P. (gewd)	Pace e Salute	0.18	20
23	Parker C. (CMP56)	Robinson	0.12	20
	Grossack A. (nevereast)	Robinson	0.12	20
25	Eggeling M. (marabelle)	Munich	0.08	20
	Grünke P. (thetaker)	Munich	0.08	20
27	Kelvin N. (smoz)	Sugi	0.08	20
	Peihua L. (peihua)	Sugi	0.08	20
29	Bessis T. (malpaluche)	Pace e Salute	-0.08	20
	Baroni I. (princi)	Pace e Salute	-0.08	20
31	Molson J. (janicem)	Alpert	-0.08	20
	Hoyos C. (charlie111)	Alpert	-0.08	20
33	Ivatury U. (uday)	Carmichael	-0.12	20
	Henner C. (christal)	Carmichael	-0.12	20
35	Sugiharto (sugi)	Sugi	-0.18	20
	Nurkunyil A. (nurkunyil)	Sugi	-0.18	20
37	Tuncok C. (ctuncok)	Medium Rare	-0.43	20
	Fehrenbach S. (bignana1)	Medium Rare	-0.43	20
39	Root S. (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.85	20
	Gross S. (sgross)	Harris	-0.85	20
41	Baldysz Z. (zofiumb)	Munich	-0.91	20
	Gotard T. (Tomi2)	Munich	-0.91	20
43	Harris J. (Jdache)	Harris	-1.1	20
	Gold M. (marusab)	Harris	-1.1	20
45	Lee R. (rogerclee)	Carmichael	-1.11	20
	Moss S. (sylvie)	Carmichael	-1.11	20
47	Hawkes J. (locushawk)	Puzzles	-1.17	20
	Rahtjen A. (sweetsouth)	Puzzles	-1.17	20
49	Salhon R. (limini)	Medium Rare	-1.33	20
	Baskan B. (baskanb)	Medium Rare	-1.33	20
51	Hor-yung Koo (Charmian)	Fan	-1.33	20
	Kwok-fai Mak (Kfmak)	Fan	-1.33	20
53	Niederman D. (MrKnight)	Puzzles	-1.35	20
	Malaspina P. (greeleygrl)	Puzzles	-1.35	20
55	Kang-Wei Fan (firebolt)	Fan	-2.39	20
	Po-Ya Tsai (Mummy43)	Fan	-2.39	20

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