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Monday Morning

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE
RANKING AFTER ROUND 2

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After two rounds, **Potter** (Cookie Potter, Per-Ola Cullin, Kevin Dwyer, Marion Michielsen, Cecilia Rimstedt, Huang Shan) are leading the OCBL Mixed League ranking (31.45 VPs).

They are followed by the four-handed team **Sleepless in Seattle** (Tracey Bauer, Omer Ekinci, Kim Eng, Eric Sieg) (30.7 VPs) and by **Weekend Warriors** (Gary Donner, Jodi Edmonds, Joe Grue, Gillian Miniter, Sandra Rimstedt, Andrew Rosenthal, Joel Wooldridge, Migry Zur-Campanile) (27.72 VPs).

The OCBL Mixed League will be waiting for them (along with all the other teams) next Saturday, for the start of the second of seven weekends of this marathon-like event.

There is no OCBL play today: just a short break before the start of the OCBL Open League.

Kevin Dwyer and Huang Shan won the OCBL January CUP on Saturday (with Joyce Hill and the Rimstedt twins) and are now leading the OCBL Mixed League ranking with their team (see text)

OCBL Open League

The OCBL Open League is starting tomorrow.
Many teams have registered for this event.
The OCBL Open League will last seven weeks and will be played on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
The format details along with the teams' rosters will be published tomorrow.

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Send us your up-to-date pic, please!

It has been a long time since many of us last met and we are doing our best to make your online Bridge experience as valuable as we can.

Obviously when producing Bridge articles it is necessary to use photos from the archives, as the last international face-to-face Bridge event was held several months ago (the 2020 Winter Games in Monaco).

Since online play is at the moment our new 'present', we would like to represent it as it is!

So if you can please send us a picture (can be a selfie)
of yourself playing online Bridge.
Let your Bridge friends see you in the present!

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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

The Next Contenders Please

by **Mark Horton**

In Round 2 of the Mixed League we follow Harris v Medium Rare - the action starting right from the get go.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Salhon	*Root*	*Baskan*	*Gross*
—	1♣	Dble	1♡
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♢*
Pass	3♠*	Dble	3NT
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣
3♢ Splinter
3♠ Values

West led the ♠5 and East took dummy's nine with the queen and returned the three to the ace. Declarer advanced the ♣J, putting up her ace when East followed with the two and ducked a club to East's queen. After cashing the ♠K East switched to the ♢A and followed it with the six, one down, -50.

It's worth noting that on a less revealing auction West might lead a diamond. After two rounds of that suit a spade switch from West means declarer must guess the clubs. (Double dummy playing hearts works very well as East gets caught in a squeeze and can eventually be thrown in with a spade to surrender three club tricks.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Fehrenbach*	*Gold*	*Tuncok*
—	1♣	Pass	1♡
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♢	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Cenk Tunçok

East led the ♠K and declarer won with the ace, played a heart to the ace, pitched a spade on the ♡K and played a diamond for the jack and ace. When East tried to cash the ♠Q, declarer ruffed, cashed the top trumps ending in dummy and could pitch diamonds on dummy's jacks, ruffing one in dummy, losing only one more trick to the ♣Q, +400 and 10 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ K J 4 2 ♡ 10 ♢ 9 3 ♣ J 10 6 4 3 2	
♠ A 6 ♡ K J 8 6 4 3 ♢ A K 107 4 ♣ —		♠ Q 10 5 ♡ A 9 2 ♢ Q 8 6 5 2 ♣ K 8
	♠ 9 8 7 3 ♡ Q 7 5 ♢ J ♣ A Q 9 7 5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Salhon	*Root*	*Baskan*	*Gross*
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣*	Pass	6♢	All Pass

6♣ Short

North led the ♡10, +1390.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Fehrenbach*	*Gold*	*Tuncok*
1♡	Pass	1NT*	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

1NT Forcing

North led the ♣J and declarer lost a heart and a spade, +650, 12 IMPs that took the score to 25-0.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Salhon	*Root*	*Baskan*	*Gross*
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♡10 and declarer won with the queen (South playing the ♡J) and played a spade to the nine which held. The ♢A was followed by a diamond to the seven and North won with the jack and played a second heart, declarer winning with dummy's king and playing a diamond. South won and switched to a club, so +430.

If South wins the first spade and switches to a club, declarer will need to get the diamonds right to get up to nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Fehrenbach*	*Gold*	*Tuncok*
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♡10 and declarer won with dummy's king, cashed the ♢A and then ran the eight, North winning with the jack and playing a second heart. Declarer won with the queen and cleared the diamonds, North discarding the ♣6. South switched to the ♣4, North taking the king and returning the ♠Q. Declarer ducked, won the next with dummy's ace and cashed winners, but the last trick went to North's ♡9, -50 and a further 10 IMP loss.

Declarer should have taken the ♠Q with dummy's ace and then cashed the ♣A and two diamonds. This will be the position:

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

Declarer exits with a spade and dummy is resurrected.

After winning the ♢J North needs to find an immediate switch to the ♠Q! That upsets declarer's timing - as long as South cashes the ♠K when in with the ♢K and only then exits with a club. (If South fails to do that, switching to a club at once, declarer can win with the ace, cash the ♡A and then exit with a club. North wins and exits with a heart, but now South can be endplayed as before.

On Board 9 EW held
♠- ♡AJ87 ♢Q8 ♣AKQ9742 facing
♠Q852 ♡KQ106 ♢AK95 ♣10
but both pairs could get no higher than 6♣, +1390.

Jonathan Harris

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Salhon	*Root*	*Baskan*	*Gross*
1♡	1♠	2♡	4♠
5♡	All Pass		

North led the ♠J and declarer won with the ace and played the ♣J, South taking the ace and returning the ♣9. Declarer won, cashed two hearts ending in hand, ruffed a spade and pitched a diamond on the ♣K, one down when North was able to ruff, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Fehrenbach*	*Gold*	*Tuncok*
4♡	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♡	5♠
All Pass			

West led the ♡K and declarer ruffed and played a spade, losing only a spade and a club,+650 and 12 more IMPs, taking the score to 51-7.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Salhon	*Root*	*Baskan*	*Gross*
Pass	1NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♢*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

1NT 14-16
3♣ Puppet
3♢ No five-card major
3♠ Hearts

I am reasonably confident that by now everyone knows my view about starting this type of hand with 1NT - 4-2-2-5 is not a notrump distribution. When South invited with 4NT North passed - you can understand why, but the Kaplan Rubens Hand Evaluator rates his hand at 15.45. That suggests trying 6♣, which might see East double. If North then retreats to 6NT East would have a tough lead to find - but might well get it right. East led the ♢6 holding declarer to ten tricks, +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	Fehrenbach	Gold	Tuncok
Pass	1♣	1♡	2♡*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Three pairs reached 6♣ after North opened 1♣, but East did not overcall.

West led the ♡10, so +690 and a couple of IMPs changed hands, making the final score 54-12.

Online Bridge NEWS

JANUARY MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS

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MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS

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Let's Come Together - Online

Welcome the second Monthly Mixed Teams.

We are happy and surprised to welcome so many new members to our mixed family. We have teams from Nordic countries covered in snow to the sunny summers in South America, all coming together on BBO this week.

To the right you see a picture from beautiful Norway taken by Jessica Larsson. We would love to receive pictures from wherever in the world you all play.

We have evaluated our debut event in December and constantly consider future possibilities, both in terms of platform and events.

Thus we always welcome feedback from you. No event is anything without its participants.

All players should enter BBO 10 minutes before the beginning of a match. TD Denis Dobrin will instruct you where to sit. All players must have their name in their BBO-profile. Private isn't allowed for the sake of opponents and kibitzers.

Today's Schedule

Monday January 11

10:30 EST / 16:30 CET – Round 1 (14 boards)

12:50 EST / 18:50 CET – Round 2 (14 boards)

15:10 EST / 21:10 CET – Round 3 (14 boards)

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The January Monthly Mixed Teams tournament organised by Christina Lund Madsen and Denis Dobrin is starting today.
It will be played till Friday, 15 January.

18 World Class teams registered.

Format:
Ten rounds of Swiss (14 boards/match).
The top 8 teams qualify for the quarterfinals on Thursday.

The pre-bulletin of the event is available here:
https://bridgeresults.org/o/2021_mmt_mixed_1/bulletin0.pdf

ACE OF HEARTS

John Storey found another gem that you may enjoy!
Ace of Hearts is a UK documentary on Zia Mahmood from around 1989.
You can have a delightful journey in the Bridge of the past by clicking here:

https://youtu.be/fVUzYnQJf3g

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OCBL MIXED LEAGUE - RESULTS

ROUND 2

Weekend Warriors	7.93 VPs / 35 IMPs	12.07 VPs / 43 IMPs	Sleepless in Seattle

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Rosenthal A. S: Zur Campanile M.	E: Wooldridge J. W: Edmonds J.	E: Sieg E. W: Eng K.	N: Ekinci O. S: Bauer T.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=6412-1610292976

Potter	14.39 VPs / 59 IMPs	5.61 VPs / 40 IMPs	Cole

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Huang S. S: Rimstedt C.	E: Dwyer K. W: Potter C.	E: Dobrescu R. W: Greenberg T.	N: Koeppel L. S: Tokay M.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=6416-1610293014

Robinson	7.47 VPs / 38 IMPs	12.53 VPs / 48 IMPs	Alpert

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Tebha A. S: Rubenstein S.	E: Grossack Z. W: Robinson L.	E: Seamon-Molson J. W: Hoyos C.	N: Versace A. S: Pramotton E.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=6425-1610293061

Pace e Salute	10 VPs / 47 IMPs	10 VPs / 47 IMPs	Munich

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Bessis T. S: Baroni I.	E: Franceschetti P. W: Setton H.	E: Schneider M. W: Smykalla G.	N: Eggeling M. S: Gotard T.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=6430-1610293106

Sugi	4.07 VPs / 36 IMPs	15.93 VPs / 64 IMPs	Carmichael

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Elwindra S: Nurkunyil A.	E: Peihua L. W: Kelvin N.	E: Carmichael J. W: Carmichael T.	N: Donn J. S: Winestock S.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=6724-1610294334

Harris	2.21 VPs / 12 IMPs	17.79 VPs / 54 IMPs	Medium Rare

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Root S. S: Gross S.	E: Gold M. W: Harris J.	E: Baskan B. W: Salhon R.	N: Fehrenbach S: S. Tuncok C.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=6581-1610293980

Puzzles	1.18 VPs / 13 IMPs	18.82 VPs / 65 IMPs	Fan

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Hawkes J. S: Rahtjen A.	E: Niederman D. W: Malaspina P.	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=6719-1610294327

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BUTLER RANKING

	Name	Team	Result	Boards
1	Donner G. (GDonnerSC1)	Weekend Warriors	2.39	20
	Rimstedt S. (sandria)	Weekend Warriors	2.39	20
3	Cullin P.O. (pocken)	Potter	1.33	20
	Michielsen M. (lady007)	Potter	1.33	20
5	Carmichael J. (moonbeam42)	Carmichael	1.29	20
	Carmichael T. (TomC)	Carmichael	1.29	20
7	Bauer T. (Marintlc)	Sleepless in Seattle	1.24	40
	Ekinci O. (ekinci)	Sleepless in Seattle	1.24	40
9	Potter C. (ohceep)	Potter	1.12	20
10	Zur Campanile M. (migry)	Weekend Warriors	1.03	40
	Rosenthal A. (andrewr)	Weekend Warriors	1.03	40
12	Dobrescu R. (ralooka)	Cole	0.85	20
	Greenberg T. (ted greenb)	Cole	0.85	20
14	Dwyer K. (kdwyer)	Potter	0.78	40
15	Versace A. (nevaio)	Alpert	0.54	40
	Pramotton E. (Manu76)	Alpert	0.54	40
17	Robinson L. (saba)	Robinson	0.47	40
	Grossack Z. (germs345)	Robinson	0.47	40
19	Eggeling M. (marabelle)	Munich	0.4	40
20	Tuncok C. (ctuncok)	Medium Rare	0.29	40
	Fehrenbach S. (bignana1)	Medium Rare	0.29	40
22	Rimstedt C. (CillaR)	Potter	0.29	40
23	Eng K. (keng777)	Sleepless in Seattle	0.22	40
	Sieg E. (Vilgan)	Sleepless in Seattle	0.22	40
25	Donn J. (jdonn)	Carmichael	0.21	20
	Winestock S. (sheri)	Carmichael	0.21	20
27	Molson J. (janicem)	Alpert	0.15	40
	Hoyos C. (charlie111)	Alpert	0.15	40
29	Huang S. (precisebri)	Potter	0.15	20
30	Parker C. (CMP56)	Robinson	0.12	20
	Grossack A. (nevereast)	Robinson	0.12	20
32	Hor-yung Koo (Charmian)	Fan	0.1	40
	Kwok-fai Mak (Kfmak)	Fan	0.1	40
34	Grünke P. (thetaker)	Munich	0.08	20
35	Bessis T. (malpaluche)	Pace e Salute	0.05	40
	Baroni I. (princi)	Pace e Salute	0.05	40
37	Koeppel L. (lgkoeppel)	Cole	-0.01	40
	Tokay M. (tokay1975)	Cole	-0.01	40
39	Kelvin N. (smoz)	Sugi	-0.07	40
	Peihua L. (peihua)	Sugi	-0.07	40
41	Salhon R. (limini)	Medium Rare	-0.08	40
	Baskan B. (baskanb)	Medium Rare	-0.08	40
43	Gotard T. (Tomi2)	Munich	-0.1	40
44	Ivatury U. (uday)	Carmichael	-0.12	20
	Henner C. (christal)	Carmichael	-0.12	20
46	Cole M. (mtc146)	Cole	-0.15	20
	Bianchedi A. (alecuque)	Cole	-0.15	20
48	Sugiharto (sugi)	Sugi	-0.18	20
	Schneider M. (docms)	Munich	-0.18	20
	Smykalla G. (karo72003)	Munich	-0.18	20
51	Setton H. (Ldase)	Pace e Salute	-0.26	40
	Franceschetti P. (gewd)	Pace e Salute	-0.26	40
53	Rubenstein S. (StewR)	Robinson	-0.38	20
	Tebha A. (AnamTebha)	Robinson	-0.38	20
55	Kang-Wei Fan (firebolt)	Fan	-0.6	40
	Po-Ya Tsai (Mummy43)	Fan	-0.6	40
57	Nurkunyil A. (nurkunyil)	Sugi	-0.74	40
58	Baldysz Z. (zofiumb)	Munich	-0.91	20
59	Root S. (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-1.01	40
	Gross S. (sgross)	Harris	-1.01	40
61	Harris J. (Jdache)	Harris	-1.06	40
	Gold M. (marusab)	Harris	-1.06	40
63	Lee R. (rogerclee)	Carmichael	-1.11	20
	Moss S. (sylvie)	Carmichael	-1.11	20
65	Edmonds J. (jodi e)	Weekend Warriors	-1.12	20
	Wooldridge J. (firechief)	Weekend Warriors	-1.12	20
67	Niederman D. (MrKnight)	Puzzles	-1.27	40
	Malaspina P. (greeleygrl)	Puzzles	-1.27	40
69	Elwindra (gabrialsew)	Sugi	-1.29	20
70	Hawkes J. (locushawk)	Puzzles	-1.35	40
	Rahtjen A. (sweetsouth)	Puzzles	-1.35	40

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