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Schedule Today

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE

ROUND 3. 17.00 CET / 11.00 EST

GROUP A

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

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE

ROUND 3. 21.30 CET / 15.30 EST

GROUP A

English Juniors	VS	Skeidar	
Aus 1	VS	Turkish Delight	
Skalman	VS	Ireland	
Bridge42	VS	Mikadinho	
Moss	VS	Goded	VUGRAPH
Goodman	VS	Black	

GROUP B

Sugi	VS	Salvo	
Harris	VS	Fasting	
France Sud	VS	Orca	
Lupoveloce	VS	Bishel	
Lebowitz	VS	Denmark	
Ferguson	VS	Fredin	

GROUP C

Palma	VS	BridgeScanner	
Alexander	VS	Amalgamated	
De Michelis	VS	Seligman	
Leslie	VS	Amateurs	
De Botton	VS	Koeppel	
McIceberg	VS	Norwegian Amazones	

LINE-UPs

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 of both the OCBL Mixed League and the OCBL Open League is 2 hours 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.

Round 3

The third Round of both the OCBL Mixed League and the OCBL Open League will be played today.

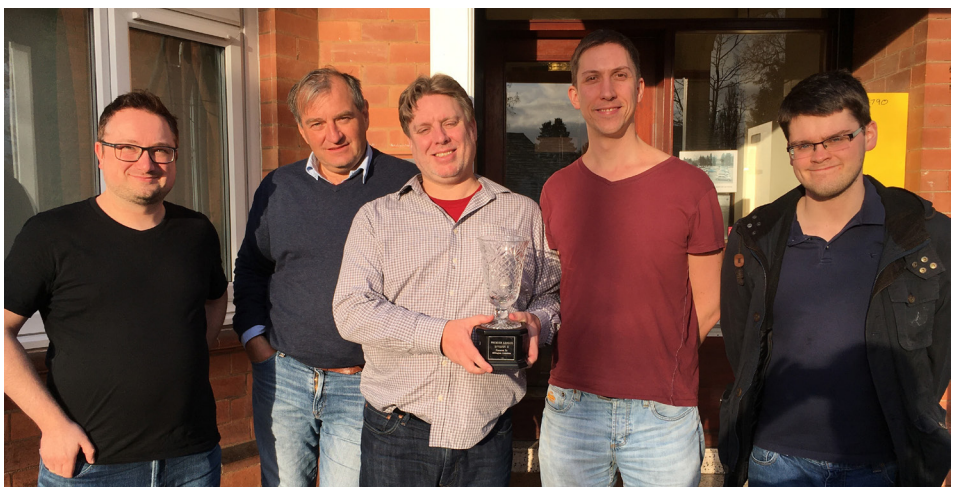
The OCBL Mixed League will be played earlier (17.00 CET / 11 EST). The OCBL Open League match is starting at 21.30 CET / 15.30 EST.

Giovanni Donati

Ola Rimstedt

Giovanni Donati, from Italy, and Ola Rimstedt, from Sweden, will entertain the spectators of the OCBL Open League on Twitch.

Enjoy the show at:
https://www.twitch.tv/worldbridgetour



Team Leslie was so kind to send us their pic!
If you can, please send your pic's team to info@ocbl.org

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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Labours of Hercules: The Ceryneian Hind

by **Mark Horton**

Hercules third task was to capture the Ceryneian Hind, which sounds easy enough, but given that it could run faster than the flight of an arrow it was not quite so simple. Many bridge hands appear to offer simple solutions, but it may be the case that a different approach is required.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J 2
♡ A 6
♢ 8 6 5 4 2
♣ A J 4 3

♠ A 4
♡ K Q J 9 8 5
♢ A K J
♣ K 6

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	2♣*
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♠*	Dble	3NT
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♢
Pass	5NT*	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

2♣ Strong
2♢ Any positive
2NT 21-24
3♠ Relay to 3NT
4♠ 4♣, longer diamonds
5NT Grand slam interest

West leads the ♠10 and the jack is covered by the queen and ace.

How do you continue?

It looks like your best chance for 13 tricks is to hope East has the ♢Q. You can afford to cash one top diamond and then play two rounds of hearts ending in dummy.

West follows to the diamond with the three, and his hearts are the ten and seven. East plays the ♢7, the ♡2 and three.

At this point declarer thought it likely that East had the missing heart and very likely five or six spades. When he played a diamond from dummy and East followed with the nine 10 of East's cards were accounted for and declarer decided to reject the diamond finesse, winning with the king and settling down to the hearts.

This was the position when the last one was played:

♠ J
♡ —
♢ —
♣ A J 4 3

♠ — ♡ — ♢ Q ♣ Q 9 7 5

♠ K 8 ♡ — ♢ — ♣ 10 8 2

♠ 4
♡ 8
♢ J
♣ K 6

West was caught in a minor suit squeeze.

When he parted with a club declarer discarded dummy's spade, cashed the ♣K and played a club to the jack, dummy's ♣J4 taking the last two tricks.

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

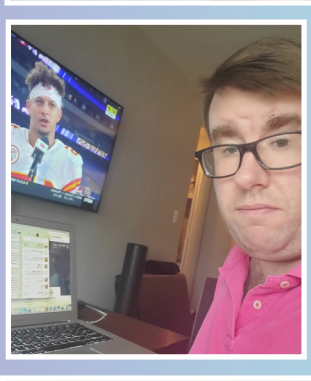
It has been a long time since many of us last met and we are doing our best to make your online Bridge experience as valuable as we can.

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!

You can send the pic to:
info@ocbl.org



Italian bronze sculpture: the third labor of Hercules, hercules capturing the ceryneian hind

Online Bridge NEWS

Team Alpert won the Monthly Mixed Teams

Claire Alpert

Janice Seamon-Molson

Emanuela Pramotton

Charlie Hoyos

Leonardo Fruscoloni

Alfredo Versace

Claire Alpert, Leonardo Fruscoloni, Charlie Hoyos, Janice Seamon-Molson, Alfredo Versace and Emanuela Pramotton won the January Monthly Mixed Teams.
In the Final they faced team Robinson, with Giorgia Botta, Zachary Grossack, John Kranyak, Linda Robinson, Eric Schwartz, Jenny Wolpert and Meike Wortel.
The match finished 88 - 74.1 for Alpert.
The Monthly Mixed Teams was held on 11-15 January.

Tell us about your country!

We are looking for contributors to the column 'Your Report about the Pandemic'

Please let us know how the pandemic is going on in your area:

- **How has CoViD-19 affected Bridge your country;**
- **Whether Bridge clubs are open or not;**
- **How your Bridge Federation is reacting;**
- **When you feel F2F Bridge will be played again, both at National and International level.**

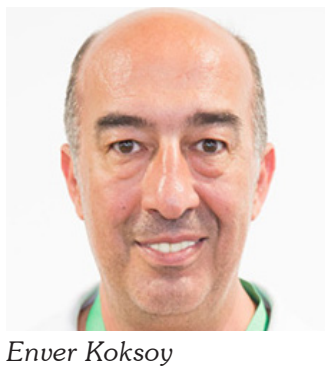
You can send your report to: info@ocbl.org

Coronavirus pic: courtesy of Telegram - Telegram.org

Team Salvo won the ALT Board-a-Match Invitational

Sedat Aluf

Bulent Aslan


Enver Koksoy

Nezih Kubac

Ali Ucar

Omer Umur

Nafiz Zorlu

Sedat Aluf, Bulent Aslan, Enver Koksoy, Nezih Kubac, Ali Ucar, Omer Umur, Nafiz Zorlu won the ALT Board-a- Match Invitational.
In the Final, they faced team Gupta, with David Gold, Naren Gupta, Zia Mahmood, Bauke Muller and Simon de Wijs.
The match finished 12.5 - 11.6 for Salvo.
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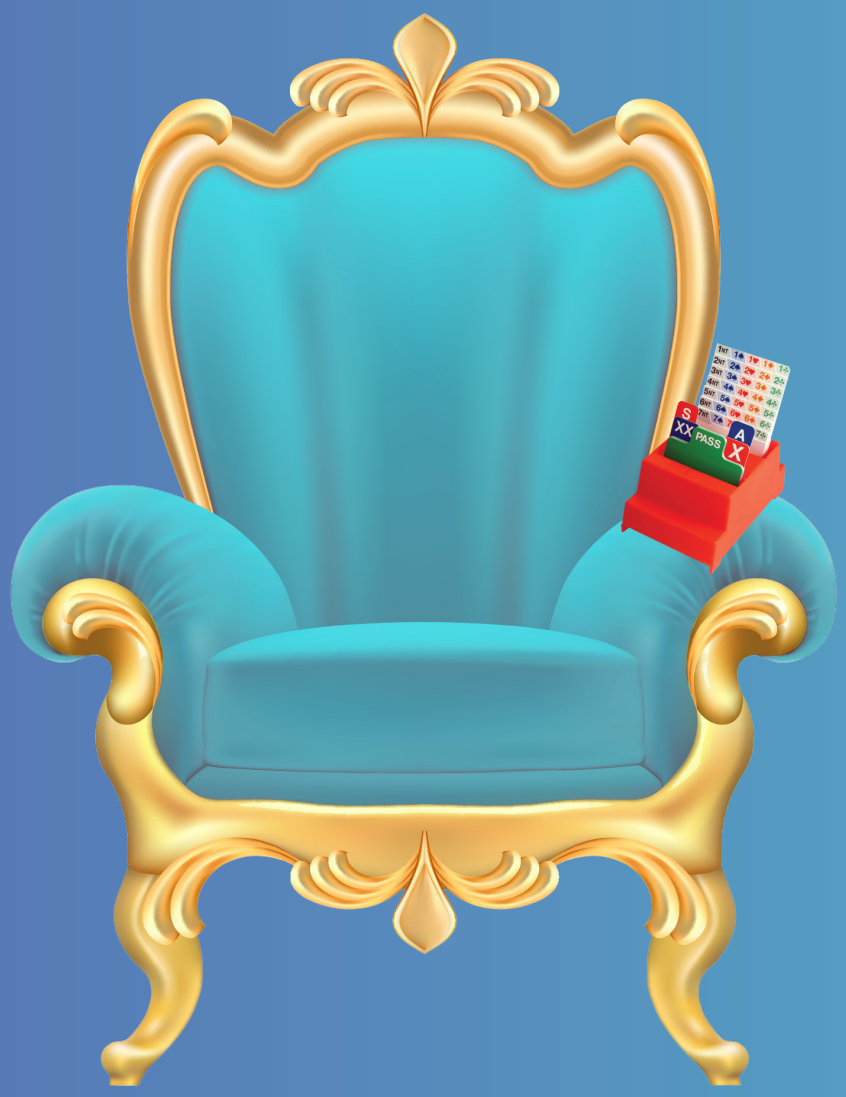

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