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Schedule Today

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE

ROUND 9. 17.00 CET / 11.00 EST

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

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE

Swiss R1. 21.30 CET / 15.30 EST

SWISS A

VUGRAPH	Moss	VS	Lebowitz
	Palma	VS	Black
	De Botton	VS	De Michelis
	Alexander	VS	Denmark
	Fredin	VS	Ireland
	Goded	VS	Lupoveloce

SWISS B

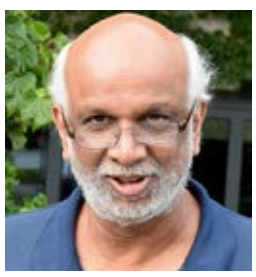
	Salvo	VS	France Sud
	Aus 1	VS	Mikadinho
	BridgeScanner	VS	Norw. Amazones
	Amalgamated	VS	Amateurs
	Orca	VS	Sugi
	Goodman	VS	Bishel
	Skalman	VS	Koeppel
	EFC Holding	VS	Seligman
	Ferguson	VS	Turkish Delight
	McIceberg	VS	English Juniors
	Bridge42	VS	Leslie
	Harris	VS	Skeidar

APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS WON THE FEBRUARY CUP!

Sabine Auken

Wojciech Gawel

Rafal Jagniewski


Hemant Lall

Reese Milner

Roy Welland

Sabine Auken, Wojciech Gawel, Rafal Jagniewski, Hemant Lall, Reese Milner and Roy Welland won the OCBL February Cup!

In the Final they faced team Schwartz (E. Schwartz, D. Bilde, B. Bussink, A. Grossack, Z. Grossack, A. Madala, M. Rimstedt, O. Rimstedt).

The match ended 66.1 - 38 IMPs.

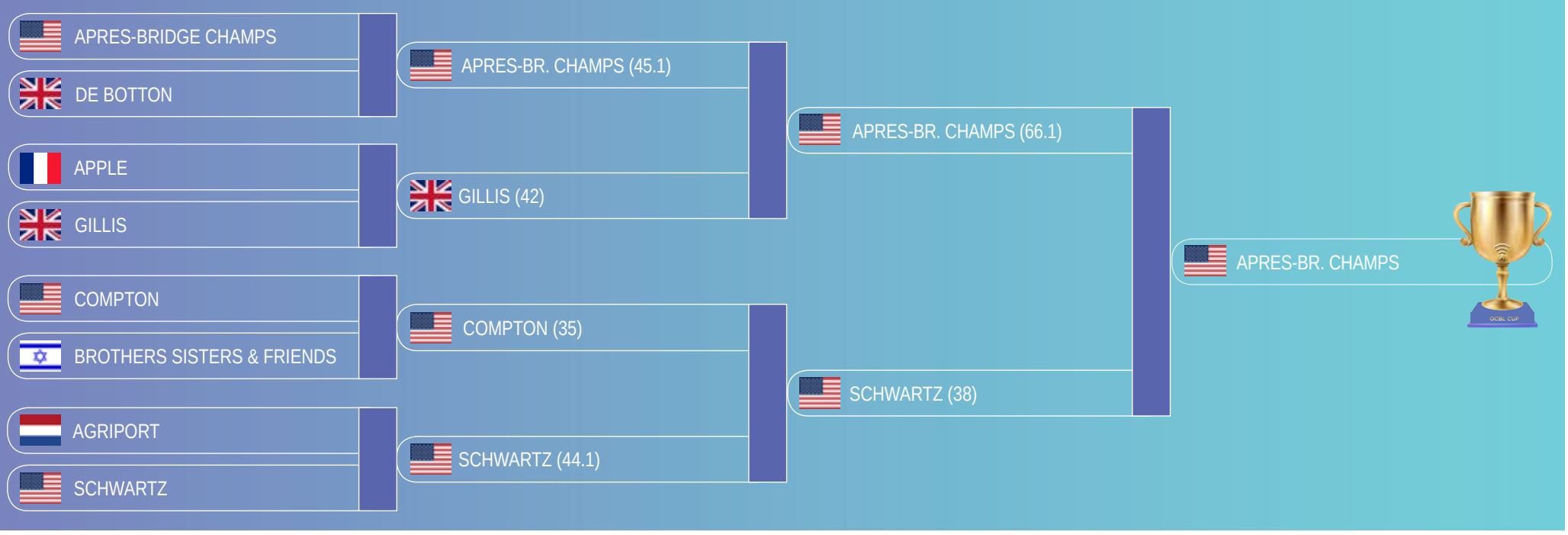
The third place is shared between teams Compton (C. Compton, K. Dwyer, A. Goodman, S. Huang, T. Moses, R. Smith) and Gillis (S. Gillis, C. Bakke, B. Brogeland, E. Lindqvist, E. Saelensminde, O. Svendsen).

SATURDAY on TWITCH

Marion Michielsen and Marshall Lewis will be commenting the OCBL Open League today!

You can watch the show at 21.30 CET / 15.30 EST on the WBT Twitch channel:
https://www.twitch.tv/worldbridgetour

OCBL FEBRUARY CUP - THE BRACKET



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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

SUPER CUP

2 March - 9 March, 2021

		CET	EST
Qualification:	Tuesday 2 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 3 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Thursday 4 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Friday 5 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
KO:	Monday 8 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Tuesday 9 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

OPEN LEAGUE

29 March - 25 April, 2021

Play every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday at 21.30 CEST - 15.30 EDT

APRIL CUP

5 - 9 April, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 5 April	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Tuesday 6 April	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 7 April	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 8 April	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
KO:	Friday 9 April	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

MAY CUP

3 - 7 May, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 3 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Tuesday 4 May	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 5 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 6 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
KO:	Friday 7 May	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

OPEN LEAGUE

10 May - 6 June, 2021

Play every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday at 21.30 CEST - 15.30 EDT

JUNE CUP

31 May - 4 June, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 31 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Tuesday 1 June	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 2 June	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 3 June	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
KO:	Friday 4 June	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

	Team	WBT Ranking Points	Captain
1	Black	221	Andrew Black
2	Apres- Bridge Champs	185	Sabine Auken
3	Salvo	148	Nafiz Zorlu
4	Hill	120	Joyce Hill
5	De Botton	114	Janet de Botton
6	Wilson	111	Alison Wilson
7	Gillis	105	Simon Gillis
8	Skeidar	104	Martin Andresen
9	Apple	100	Hilda Setton
10	Schwartz	96	Eric Schwartz
10	Gupta	96	Naren Gupta
12	Tilly	78	Kevin Castner
13	Compton	77	Chris Compton
14	Fredin	73	Peter Fredin
14	Hunisr	73	Gabor Winkler
16	Israel Emerald	66	Ilan Bareket
17	Israel Seniors	61	Doron Limor
17	Scorway	61	Steve Levinson
19	Leslie	55	Tim Leslie
20	Edmonds	49	Jodi Edmonds
20	Agriport	49	Anton Hiemstra
22	Rippey	48	Mark Rippey
22	Harris	48	Jonathan Harris
24	Big Ten	46	Ken Kranyak
25	Zhao	44	Chen Zhao
26	Zaleski	40	Romain Zaleski
27	Ferguson	36	Bruce Ferguson
28	Coppens	34	Pim Coppens
29	Champey	32	Bart Bussink
29	Moss	32	Sylvia Moss
31	Keeva's Monsters	31	Anam Tebha
31	Amateurs	31	Ai-Tai Lo
33	Lewis	29	Linda Lewis
33	Red Devils	29	Zvi Engel
35	Ireland	26	John Carroll
35	Khalidon	26	Paul Lewis
35	Olczyk	26	Jerzy Olczyk
35	Albania	26	Konstandin Kapo
39	Slovakia	21	Eduard Velecky
40	Alexander	20	Emma Övelius
41	Sugi	19	Sugiharto Sugiharto
41	Hedge Your Bets	19	Alex Kolesnik
43	The Optimist	18	Bernie Greenspan
44	Amalgamated	17	Margie Cole
44	Hotagrosstein	17	Stewart Rubenstein
44	Marupe	17	Jevgenijs Antonovs
44	JJMaxRodl	17	Jim Fox
48	The Juniors	12	Jacob Freeman
49	Turkish Delight	10	Omer Ekinci

Final Countdown

by **Mark Horton**

Going into the eleventh round of the OCBL Open League, each group contained a match that where the team occupying fourth place was opposed by a team hoping to overtake them. Ireland v Mikadinho in Group A, Salvo v Lupoveloce in Group B and de Botton v Amalgamated in Group C. The excitement came in Group B.

The first half of the match was unproductive, Salvo leading 4-3.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aluf	*Fritsche*	*Kubac*	*Reps*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1NT Forcing, 6-11

West led the ♣2 for the eight, nine and king and declarer unblocked the ♠A and claimed nine tricks, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kasimir	*Koksoy*	*Jokisch*	*Ucar*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♡K and declarer won with the ace and returned the seven, East taking the queen and switching to the ♣J. West took dummy's king with the ace, cashed the ♣Q and the ◇A, one down,-50 and 10 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aluf	*Fritsche*	*Kubac*	*Reps*
1◇	Pass	2♣	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♡	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠J and declarer took the ace and played the ♣J, covered by the queen and ace. He cashed dummy's ♣K, South pitching the ♡8 and ducked a diamond. Having won with the queen, South cashed the ♠Q, took the ♡A and exited with the ◇K. Declarer took the ace and continued with the ◇10 and North won with the jack, cashed the ♣10 and exited with the ♡3, eventually securing the last trick with the ♡10, two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kasimir	*Koksoy*	*Jokisch*	*Ucar*
Pass	Pass	1♣*	1♠
2◇	Pass	Pass	Dble
Rdbl	2♡	Dble	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣, forcing

East led the ♣A and switched to the ♠10, West taking the ace and returning the ♠7, ruffed by declarer's two and overruffed by East, who continued with the ◇7 for the king and ace, West returning the ♠5. East ruffed with the ♡9 as declarer pitched the ♣8 and exited with the ♣4. Declarer ruffed with dummy's ♡J and played two rounds of hearts, claiming seven tricks, one down, -200 and another 7 IMPs were lost.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aluf	*Fritsche*	*Kubac*	*Reps*
—	—	1◇	2♡*
Dble*	3♠*	4♣	4♡
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♡
Dble	All Pass		

2♡ Weak
3♠ 'Fit showing?'

West led the ◇4 and East won with the queen, cashed the ace and switched to the ♣K, one down, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kasimir	*Koksoy*	*Jokisch*	*Ucar*
—	—	1◇	1♡
Dble*	Rdbl	2◇	2♡
3◇	4♡	All Pass	

An identical defence saw declarer claim ten tricks and 11 IMPs.

That left Salvo trailing 15-23 and they needed a swing.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aluf	*Fritsche*	*Kubac*	*Reps*
—	—	—	1♡
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♡*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3◇*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♠*
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

2♣	3+♡, invitational+
2♡	13-15
2NT	Asks distribution
3♣	10+ cards in two suits
3◇	Asks
4♣	6+♡, 4♣
4NT	RKCB
5♠	2 key cards +♡Q
5NT	All keycards onboard
6♠	♠K, no ♣/◇K

East led the ♡7 and declarer claimed, +2220.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kasimir	*Koksoy*	*Jokisch*	*Ucar*
—	—	—	1♡
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4◇*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣*
Pass	7♡	All Pass	

2♣	2+♣,game forcing
4♣	Cue bid
4◇	Cue bid
4NT	RKCB
5♠	2 key cards +♡Q
5NT	Kings
6♣	1 king

+2210 and an essential push for Salvo.

Lest you think it was easy to reach a grand slam, 8 pairs failed to do so.

Salvo need one small swing, but the remaining five deals offered no scope and the final score was 25-17, leaving Lupoveloce on 112.73 against Salvo's 112.48. They had snatched the coveted spot in Swiss A.

Change of Direction

A glance at the scoreboards reveled that the match between Apple and Gillis was the closest of the quarter-finals, the latter ahead 35-11, so with a few clicks of the mouse I moved into position:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saelensminde	*Bessis*	*Svendsen*	*Volcker*
—	Pass	1♡	2♢
Dble*	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♣	Dble	All Pass	

North led the ♢6 and South won with the king, cashed the ace and switched to the ♣6. North won with the ace, switched to the ♠K and continued with the three, South winning with the ace and playing a diamond. Declarer threw a spade and North ruffed and cashed the ♠Q, 7-0 in tricks and -1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Lindqvist*	*Franceschetti*	*Brogeland*
—	Pass	1♡	2♢
3♣	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South led the ♢K and switched to the ♣6,North winning with the ace and returning the nine. When declarer pitched a spade South ruffed, cashed the ♢A and continued with the nine, North ruffing and playing a third club. South ruffed as declarer pitched another spade and another diamond ruff meant the defenders had also taken the first seven tricks here, -1100 and what some might describe as a dull push.

Espen Lindqvist

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saelensminde	*Bessis*	*Svendsen*	*Volcker*
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Not an auction you see very often these days.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Lindqvist*	*Franceschetti*	*Brogeland*
2♠*	Dble	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

2♠ 5♠ + ♢/♣

North led the ♢J so declarer could play three rounds of the suit to dispose of a heart, but there were still four top losers, -200 and another 5 IMPs to Gillis.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saelensminde	*Bessis*	*Svendsen*	*Volcker*
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♢*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

3♣ 4♠, 5+♣
3♢ Asking
3♠ Short ♡

East led the ♢10 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♡2, West winning with the ace and returning the ♢Q. Declarer took dummy's king, played two rounds of clubs ending in dummy, ruffed a heart and drew the outstanding trump. When a spade to the king lost to the ace declarer claimed nine tricks, -200.

Frederic Volcker

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Lindqvist*	*Franceschetti*	*Brogeland*
—	—	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♢*
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1NT '15-17, we don't upgrade often'
3♣ 4♠, one minor 5+
3♢ Ask
3♡ Clubs

West led the ♠J and declarer won with the king and took six clubs followed by two diamonds. West was done to ♠A10 ♡AK so there was still a spade to come, +630 and 13 IMPs, 57-11 and it was clear who was going to advance.

Apple did make a significant gain on Board 21, but that deal is going to be discussed in another article.

Thomas Bessis

Board 21

Let's see what happened at the QF tables

Board 21. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Gillis vs Apple

West	North	East	South
Saelensminde	*Bessis*	*Svendsen*	*Volcker*
—	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All pass	

Lead: ♡A
Result: 3♠X-3

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Lindqvist*	*Franceschetti*	*Brogeland*
—	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT*	Pass	5♣
All pass			

3NT minors

Lead: ♠5
Result: 5♣-1

De Botton vs Apres-Bridge Champs

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	*Jagniewski*	*Padon*	*Gawel*
—	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT*	All pass	

3NT minors

Lead: ♡8
Result: 3NT-2

Rafal Jagniewski

Chris Compton

West	North	East	South
Welland	*Hoftaniska*	*Auken*	*Charlsen*
—	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT*	All pass	

3NT minors

Lead: ♡8
Result: 3NT-2

Broth., Sist. and Friends vs Compton

West	North	East	South
Herbst I	*Compton*	*Herbst O*	*Goodman*
—	Pass	3♠	All pass

Lead: ♡K
Result: 3♠-4

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Tal D*	*Huang*	*Tal N*
—	Pass	3♠	All pass

Lead: ♡K
Result: 3♠-3

Agriport vs Schwartz

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt O	*Smit*	*Rimstedt M*	*Hiemstra*
—	Pass	2♠*	Dble
3♢*	4NT	Pass	5♣
All pass			

2♠ Weak
3♢ Hearts

Lead: ♠5
Result: 5♣-1

West	North	East	South
v den Paverd	*Bilde*	*Nijssen*	*Madala*
—	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT*	All pass	

3NT Minors

Lead: ♡8
Result: 3NT-2

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

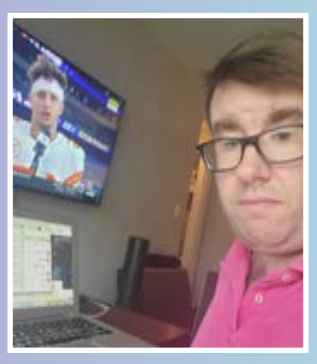
It has been a long time since many of us last met and we are doing our best to make your online Bridge experience as valuable as we can.

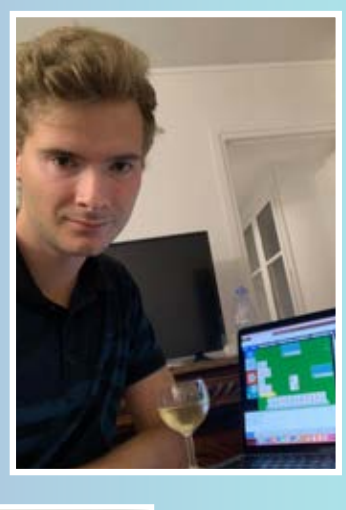
Obviously when producing Bridge articles it is necessary
to use photos from the archives, as the last international face-to-face Bridge event was held several months ago (the 2020 Winter Games in Monaco).

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





Fantastic Four

by **Mark Horton**

We are down to the four surviving teams in the February Cup. In case you haven't noticed they contain a lot of players with one or more World Championship titles to their name.

The match between Apres-Bridge Champs and Gillis started with four pushes.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saelensminde	*Lall*	*Svendsen*	*Milner*
—	—	2♠*	Pass
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2♠ 8-11, 6♠

East led the ♠4 and West took the ace and cashed the ♡A. He cashed the ◇A and then went back to hearts, declarer claiming nine tricks, two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	*Lindqvist*	*Jagniewski*	*Brogeland*
—	—	2◇*	Pass
3◇*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2◇ Multi
3◇ Invitational, support for both majors

The idea of using 3◇ to show support for both majors is new to me - Jan van Cleeff and I will have to include it the next edition of The Mysterious Multi.

Hemant Lall

Boye Brogeland

South led the ◇K and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the top spades, South pitching the ♡3. Declarer played the ◇Q and then a spade, claiming eleven tricks, +650 and 8 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saelensminde	*Lall*	*Svendsen*	*Milner*
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♡	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ 3+♣
2NT Ask

North led the ♠6 and dummy's jack was covered by South's queen, declarer winning with the ace and playing a heart to the queen and ace. The defenders cashed three spades and the ♣A for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	*Lindqvist*	*Jagniewski*	*Brogeland*
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2◇	2♠
3♡	3♠	4♡	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣
2♣ 5+◇, game forcing

North led the ♠9 for the jack, king and ace and declarer played a heart for the queen and ace. South cashed the ♠Q and switched to the ♣4, the ♣A being the last trick for the defence, +620 and 12 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ J 9 8 4 ♡ 9 8 ◇ Q 10 2 ♣ 10 9 8 3	
♠ 3 ♡ 10 6 5 2 ◇ A J 7 5 4 ♣ K 7 4		♠ 7 ♡ A K7 4 3 ◇ 9 8 3 ♣ Q J 6 5
	♠ A K Q 10 6 5 2 ♡ Q J ◇ K 6 ♣ A 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saelensminde	*Lall*	*Svendsen*	*Milner*
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2◇*	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2◇ Almost forced
4♠ Denies outside control

West led the ♡5 and East won with the king and cashed the ace, West following with the two. When East switched to the ♠7 declarer won with dummy's eight, played a diamond for the king and ace, and when West returned the ◇5 he put in dummy's ten, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	*Lindqvist*	*Jagniewski*	*Brogeland*
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2◇*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♣ 'Strong, could be tricks, 8.5 tricks'
2◇ Waiting

West led the ♡6 and after cashing the king and ace East switched to the ♣Q ensuring the demise of the contract, -100 and another 12 IMPs.

In the space of 7deals Gillis had lost 41 IMPs, only an overtrick on the last deal putting them on the scoreboard as they trailed 1-42.10.

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The other semifinal was a closer affair:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Bilde*	*Huang*	*Madala*
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Dble	3♣	3♠
3NT	Dble	4♣	4♡
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ 6+♣, 10-15

West led the ♢7 for the queen and king and East switched to the ♣6, West winning with the ten, cashing the king and exiting with the ♡6. Declarer won with dummy's ace, played a spade for the king and ace, took the heart return with the king and played a spade to the queen, claiming seven tricks, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bussink	*Compton*	*M Rimstedt*	*Goodman*
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♢	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♠	All Pass	

West led the ♣A and switched to the ♢7 for the queen and king. east switched to the ♠3 for the king and ace and West continued with the ♠J, declarer winning with the queen and playing a diamond to the ace as West discarded the ♣7. Declarer cashed dummy's ♡K, ruffed a diamond and played the ♡J, covered by the queen and ace. A heart to the ten was followed by a heart, ruffed and overruffed by East, who returned a club, declarer claiming eight tricks, +110 and 9 IMPs, the biggest swing of the set.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Bilde*	*Huang*	*Madala*
1♢*	1♡	2NT	All Pass

1♢ 2+♢, 10-15

South led the ♡5 and declarer won with the ten, cashed the king and played the ♣6 for the two, jack and king.

Next came the ♠Q followed by the king, declarer ducking twice, and North exited with the ♡6.

Having won with dummy's queen declarer played a club, took North's ten with the queen and exited with the ♣4, North cashing two tricks in the suit at which point declarer claimed, +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bussink	*Compton*	*M Rimstedt*	*Goodman*
1♣	1♡	2♡	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Declarer won the heart lead with the ten, unblocked the king and played the ♣8 to the jack and king. North's heart exit went to dummy's queen and the ♢2 was completed by the jack, ace and six.

Declarer exited with the ♣4 and North won with the nine and played another heart.

Having taken the ace declarer played a club and North won with the ace and cashed the ♡J, but the diamond position meant declarer had the rest, +400 and 7 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Bilde*	*Huang*	*Madala*
1NT*	Dble	4♡*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1NT 13+-16
Dble Penalties
4♡ Spades

North led the ♠Q and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart for the eight, queen and ace. North exited with the ♢3 and South won with the ace and returned the eight, North cashing two tricks in the suit as South pitched the ♣6. Ace of clubs and a club saw South ruff for three down, -150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bussink	*Compton*	*M Rimstedt*	*Goodman*
1♢	2♣	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Dble	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South led the ♣10 and when it held he continued with the six, North winning with the queen and continuing with the ace. Declarer saved a trick by discarding his heart and North exited with the ♠Q, declarer winning with the king and playing the ♡K covered by the ace and ruffed, declarer drawing trumps and playing the ♢9. South went up with the ace and returned the eight ensuring three down, -500 and an 8 IMP swing that gave Compton a slender 19-15.10 lead.

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OCBL FEBRUARY CUP RESULTS

SEMIFINALS 2/2

Apres-Br. Champs	3 IMPs TOTAL: 45.1	41 IMPs TOTAL: 42	Gillis
OPEN ROOM N: Gawel W. S: Jagniewski R.	CLOSED ROOM E: Auken S. W: Welland R.	OPEN ROOM E: Gillis S. W: Saelensminde E.	CLOSED ROOM N: Lindqvist E. S: Brogeland B.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=84471-1612537233

Schwartz	29 IMPs TOTAL: 44.1	16 IMPs TOTAL: 35	Compton
OPEN ROOM N: Rimstedt O. S: Rimstedt M.	CLOSED ROOM E: Grossack A. W: Schwartz E.	OPEN ROOM E: Huang S. W: Dwyer K.	CLOSED ROOM N: Smith R. S: Moses T.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=84468-1612537230

FINAL

Apres-Br. Champs	66 IMPs TOTAL: 66.1	38 IMPs TOTAL: 38	Schwartz
OPEN ROOM N: Lall H. S: Milner R.	CLOSED ROOM E: Jagniewski R. W: Gawel W.	OPEN ROOM E: Grossack A. W: Bussink B.	CLOSED ROOM N: Bilde D. S: Grossack Z.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=85765-1612543968

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