World Bridge Tour
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Online Contract Bridge League

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HEARTS ARE RED, SPADES ARE BLUE...

Hearts are red,
spades are blue
scoring is sweet
and so are you.
Diamonds are orange
clubs are green
please come to the tournament
and be my queen.
(a Bridge player's invitation to a Valentine's tournament)

Happy Valentine's Day!
Yesterday the Quarterfinals of the OCBL Mixed League have been played.

Potter and Fan had exacty registered the same amount of IMPs during their match, which ended 47-47 according to the score, but an 8.1 IMPs carryover granted Fan a pass to the Semifinals.

The match between Carmichael and Sugi finished 103.1-60 IMPs (including a Carmichael's 4.1 IMPs carryover).

The match between Alpert and Munich started with Alpert leading by 24 IMPs after the first half (plus a 4.1 IMPs carryover); Munich did their best to recover, but could not fill the distance; the match finished 66.1-52 IMPs for Alpert.

In the match between Weekend Warriors and Pace e Salute, the Warriors were leading after the first half (+4 IMPs, plus an 8.1 IMPs carryover = +12.1 IMPs), but then the French-Swiss-Italian four handed team scored 52 IMPs in the second segment. The warriors scored 34 IMPs. The total was in Pace e Salute's favour: 81-75.1 IMPs.

DISCOVER THE SUPER CUP

The new OCBL event
will be played from 2 to 9 March, 2021.

A*M*A*Z*I*N*G teams have already registered!

Check the details on pages 5-6.

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE - THE BRACKET

- FAN (55.1)
- POTTER (47)
- CARMICHAEL (103.1)
- SUGI (60)
- ALPERT (66.1)
- MUNICH (52)
- WEEKEND WARRIORS (75.1)
- PACE E SALUTE (81)
- FAN (+0.10)
- CARMICHAEL
- ALPERT
- PACE E SALUTE (+0.10)

Schedule Today

Today the Semifinals of the OCBL Mixed League will be played at:

16:00 (CET) - 10:00 (EST): QF1
18:30 (CET) - 12:30 (EST): QF2

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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
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	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

Red Cards Galore

by **Mark Horton**

The quarterfinal of the Mixed League between Carmichael and Sugi was played in advance, which in some ways was good news for the remaining teams as it meant they would face a different set of deals as opposed to the tremendously testing one that our early birds encountered. Hold on to your seats as we review the action.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Lee*	*Liu*	*Moss*
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢*	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♡	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

2♢ New minor forcing

South led the ♡J and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♣7. North went up with the ♣A and played the ♡5, South's ruff representing the setting trick, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Henner	*Nurkunyil*	*Ivatury*	*Sugiharto*
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢*	Pass	2♡	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣, could have up to 4♢ if balanced
2♢ Forcing

Christal Henner

North led the ♡5 and declarer won in hand with, the ace, played a club to the king and continued with dummy's ♣2, +690 and 13 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Lee*	*Liu*	*Moss*
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♡*	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

2♣ Strong, 22+ balanced or 17+, 4- loser
4NT RKCB
5♡ 2 key cards

North led the ♠5 and South won with the ace and returned the two and having won with dummy's jack declarer drew trumps, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Henner	*Nurkunyil*	*Ivatury*	*Sugiharto*
—	—	—	Pass
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♣*	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♡	All Pass

4♣ Cuebid

North led the ♣8 and declarer took dummy's ace and played three rounds of diamonds. North ruffed in front of dummy with the ♡9 and exited with the ♣9.

Declarer tired dummy's ten, ruffing South's queen, cashed the ♡A and played the ♢10. North ruffed with the ♡10 and switched to the ♠4, two down, -100 and a 14 IMP swing.

Uday Ivatury

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Lee*	*Liu*	*Moss*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢*
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♡*
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	7NT	Dble	All Pass

2♣ Strong, artificial
2♢ Game forcing
2NT About 22-23
4♡ Transfer
4NT RKCB
5♣ 0/3 key cards

East led the ♣A, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Henner	*Nurkunyil*	*Ivatury*	*Sugiharto*
Pass	2♣*	2♡	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♢*	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

2♣ Strong, 20+
4NT RKCB
5♢ 0/3 key cards

West led the ♡9 and with trumps 2-2 declarer was able to ruff a heart in dummy, the losing club going on the fourth round of diamonds, +1860.

On Board 13 East held:
♠ A Q 9 7 5 4 3 ♡ Q 9 6 ♢ 2 ♣ K 8
and saw North open 1NT. Liu overcalled 3♠ and played there. Ivatury overcalled 2♠, was raised to 3♠ and went on to game. Partner held
♠ 10 6 ♡ K J 8 5 ♢ A Q J 10 ♣ J 7 3
and with North having
♠ K J ♡ A 7 ♢ K 6 5 4 3 ♣ A Q 10 4 2
that was worth 10 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Lee*	*Liu*	*Moss*
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	3♣*	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

3♣ Mixed raise

North led the ♡2 and declarer won with the ace and ran the ♠Q South taking the king and returning the ♡4 to dummy's ace. A diamond to the ace was followed by the ♠J and the ♢K and a third diamond. South won and switched to the ♣5 North winning and playing the ♡7. Declarer had to ruff in dummy, and when South ruffed the ♢J he had to lose a heart at the end, one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Henner	*Nurkunyil*	*Ivatury*	*Sugiharto*
—	—	—	1♣
Dble	3♣*	3♢	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

3♣ '5+♣, minimum hand, block bid'

North led the ♡6 and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a heart to the king, ruffed a heart, came to hand with a diamond, ruffed a heart (North pitching a diamond) cashed the ♠A and exited with a club. South played the jack, but North had to win with the ace and when he returned a club declarer ruffed and played the ♠10. She could ruff the next club, cash the ♠Q and claim, +420 and 10 IMPs that left Carmichael ahead 53.1-45 after 16 deals.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Carmichael*	*Liu*	*TCarmichael*
—	Pass	Dble	2♣
4♠	5♢	Dble	All Pass

2♣ Diamonds

East led the ♣Q and declarer took dummy's ace and played a diamond for the queen and ace. East cashed the ♡A and switched to the ♠6,declarer putting up dummy's king and ruffing West's ace. He overtook the ♢J with dummy's king, drew the outstanding trump and ran the ♡10, +550.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Winestock	*Nurkunyil*	*Donn*	*Elwindra*
—	1♡	Dble	2♢
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	5♢	Dble	All Pass

West led the ♣10 and declarer won with the ace and played a diamond for the queen and ace.

Back came the ♣Q and declarer won with dummy's king, played a diamond to the ten and ran the ♡10. East won with the ace and cashed the ♣J, -100 and a 12 IMP swing.

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Carmichael*	*Liu*	*TCarmichael*
—	1♢*	Pass	4♡
Dble	Pass	4♠	5♡
5♠	6♡	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

1♢ 10-15, 0+♢

West led the ♠A and when East followed with the two he cashed the ♢A and then went back to spades. Declarer ruffed with the ♡K, drew trumps and played a club for the king and ace, two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Winestock	*Nurkunyil*	*Donn*	*Elwindra*
—	1♣	Pass	1♡
2NT*	Pass	4♠	5♡
Pass	Pass	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

2NT ♠+♢

South led the ♣3 and declarer took North's queen with the ace, crossed to the ♠A, ran the ♠9, drew the last trump and played a club to dummy's nine, claiming, +850 and 11 IMPs.

Carmichael had dominated the set, taking it 50-15 to cruise to victory, 103.1-60.

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE - RESULTS

QUARTERFINALS 1/2

Fan (+8.1) — 25 IMPs, TOTAL: 33.1 — 12 IMPs, TOTAL: 12 — **Potter**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Kwok-fai Mak	E: Ho-Yee So	E: Dwyer K.	N: Michielsen M.
S: Hor-yung Koo	W: Li-Jen Chen	W: Potter C.	S: Cullin P.O.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=67296-1613228425

Carmichael (+4.1) — 49 IMPs, TOTAL: 53.1 — 45 IMPs, TOTAL: 45 — **Sugi**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Lee R.	E: Ivatury U.	E: Peihua L.	N: Nurkunyil A.
S: Moss S.	W: Henner C.	W: Kelvin N.	S: Sugiharto

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=44796-1613050228

Alpert (+4.1) — 39 IMPs, TOTAL: 43.1 — 15 IMPs, TOTAL: 15 — **Munich**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Hoyos C.	E: Versace A.	E: Schneider M.	N: Baldysz Z.
S: Seamon-Molson J.	W: Alpert C.	W: Smykalla G.	S: Gotard T.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=67298-1613228430

Weekend W. (+8.1) — 33 IMPs, TOTAL: 41.1 — 29 IMPs, TOTAL: 29 — **Pace e Salute**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Rosenthal A.	E: Donner G.	E: Franceschetti P.	N: Bessis T.
S: Zur Campanile M.	W: Rimstedt S.	W: Setton H.	S: Baroni I.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=67304-1613228446

QUARTERFINALS 2/2

Fan — 22 IMPs, TOTAL: 55.1 — 35 IMPs, TOTAL: 57 — **Potter**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Kang-Wei Fan	E: Ho-Yee So	E: Cullin P.O.	N: Rimstedt C.
S: Po-Ya Tsai	W: Li-Jen Chen	W: Michielsen M.	S: Rimstedt O.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=68979-1613237351

Carmichael — 50 IMPs, TOTAL: 103.1 — 15 IMPs, TOTAL: 60 — **Sugi**

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

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=46110-1613057504

Alpert — 23 IMPs, TOTAL: 66.1 — 37 IMPs, TOTAL: 52 — **Munich**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Hoyos C.	E: Versace A.	E: Eggeling M.	N: Baldysz Z.
S: Seamon-Molson J.	W: Alpert C.	W: Grünke P.	S: Gotard T.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=68981-1613237355

Weekend Warriors — 34 IMPs, TOTAL: 75.1 — 52 IMPs, TOTAL: 81 — **Pace e Salute**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Jansma A.	E: Donner G.	E: Franceschetti P.	N: Bessis T.
S: Jansma J.	W: Rimstedt S.	W: Setton H.	S: Baroni I.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=68983-1613237364

SUPER CUP

2-9 March, 2021

Registered Teams

14 Teams already registered to the **new OCBL event**!
The Super Cup will take place from 2 to 9 March, 2021.

GUPTA
Gupta N. (nareng)
Zia Mahmood (zia)
Muller B. (beukertje)
de Wijs S. (sm1)
Madala A. (septiembre)
Bilde D. (ballebo-jr)

BLACK
Black A. (boggis)
Gold D. (dagold)
McIntosh A. (mcintosh)
Paske T. (thomas1000)
Hult S. (hultahult)
Hallberg G. (rerack)

CLASH
Hinze G. (ghinze)
Enfield K. (cx107)
Kranyak J. (jkrans)
Demuy V. (okvince)

SKEIDAR
Andresen M. (Mime477)
Bogø K. (osvaill83)
Farstad A. (kha66)
Aaseng L. (lasseaa)
Johansen T. (Brulle)
Kristoffersen C. (stoffers)

ISRAEL SENIORS
Engel Y. (engel j)
Frydrich J. (yulek f)
Yadlin D. (Netfar)
Orenstein E. (Eitano)
Mintz Y. (ymintz)
Limor D. (doron)

GILLIS
Gillis S. (rayas78)
Saelensminde E. (skaal1)
Brogeland B. (boye)
Lindqvist E. (stevieg)
Bakke C. (Chrien)
Svendsen O. (Pirrum)

ORCA
Plackett R. (Hoofie)
Crouch P. (Pitiful)
Forrester T. (Anthonyf)
Erichsen E. (Espene)
Cope S. (CopeyJ)

SCORWAY
Levinson.S (sc0tsteve)
Shenkin B. (Barnets)
Kvangraven N. (Nils123)
Lie T. (Terjel)
Silverstone V. (Odysseus 69)
Diamond D. (Derekd)
Saur O. (saurdino)
Brekka G. (kaninen)
Ovesen J. (jo-arne)

SKALMAN
Ahlesved K. (kruska)
Warne N. (nikwar2)
Selberg J. (janselb)
Petersson J. (motvillige)
Kvick H. (kvicken)
Karlsson PA (st1energy)
Säfsten J. (johansaf)
Malmström P. (pekk_swe)

DE BOTTON
De Botton J. (Capt Lulu)

COMPTON
Compton C. (Compton)
Goodman A. (Agoodman1)
Dwyer K. (Kdweyer)
Huang S. (precisebri)
Moses T. (Hottodstl)
Smith R. (RonsmithSF)

HARRIS
Root S. (AsNuttyAs)
Harris J. (Jdache)
Igoe N. (ibraves)
Malhasyan E. (master dj)
Gold M. (Marusab)
Isporski V. (smileyv)
Trendafilov R. (rumen)

FERGUSON
Ferguson B. (bruceferg)
Nadel J. (juliejoy)
Van den Bos B. (berendbs)
Van Lankveld J. (ennaji)
Snellers A. (asnellers)
De Boer B. (bukkum)

Book your seat at:
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Qualification + Knockout

2 - 9 March 2021

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Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG