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MOSS WON THE OPEN LEAGUE

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Roger Lee

Bauke Muller

Team Moss, with Sylvia Moss, Simon de Wijs, Jacek Kalita, Michal Klukowski, Roger Lee and Bauke Muller, won the OCBL Open League!

In the Final, they faced the Swedish team Skalman (K. Ahlesved, B. Fallenius, P.A. Karlsson, H. Kvick, M. Nilsland, J. Selberg, O. Wademark, N. Warne). The match ended 150-100 for the American-based team.

The third place is shared between the opponents of Moss and Skalman in the Semifinals: Goded (G. Fractman, R. Gomez, P. Goncalves, F. Goded, G. Goded, I. Jimenez, J. Sabaté) and Salvo (S. Aluf, B. Aslan, E. Koksoy, N. Kubac, G. Yilmaz, A. Ucar, O. Umur, E. Suicmez, N. Zorlu).

The next OCBL Open League is scheduled! It will be starting on May 10 and end on June 6.
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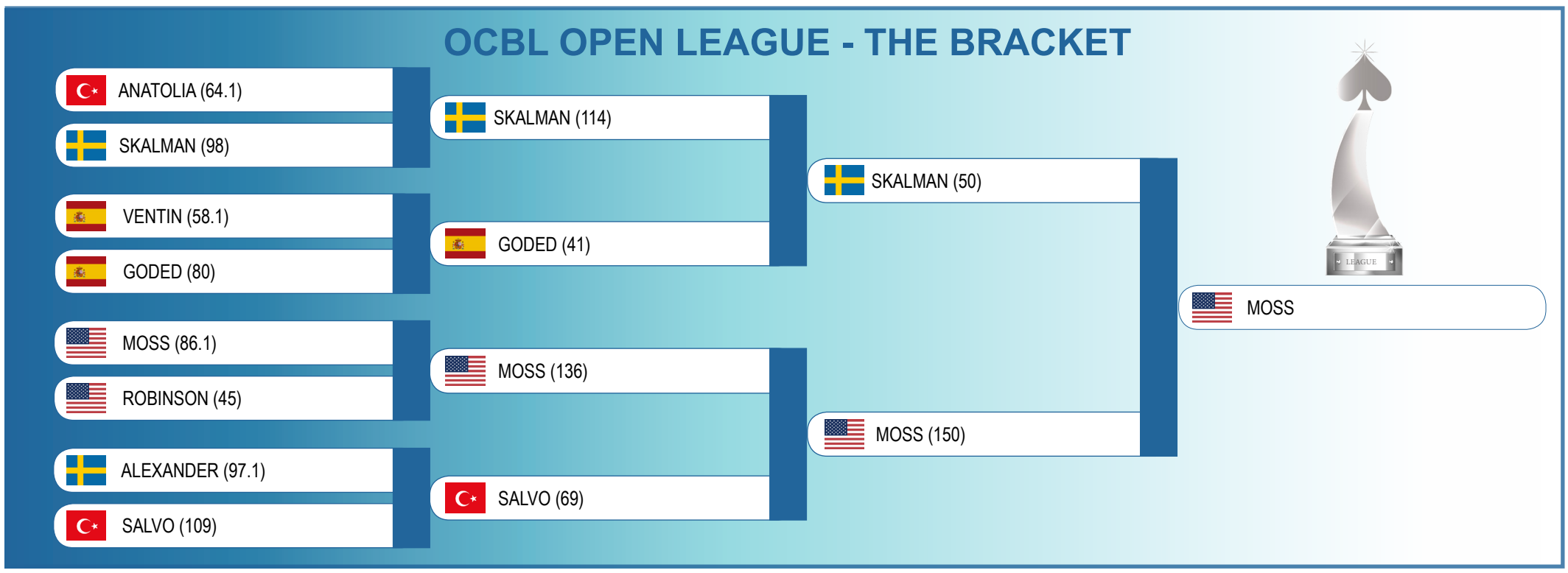

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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN LEAGUE

10 May - 6 June, 2021

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

MAY CUP

17 - 21 May, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 17 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Tuesday 18 May	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 19 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 20 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
KO:	Friday 21 May	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

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

SUPER CUP

28 June - 3 July, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 28 June	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Tuesday 29 June	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 30 June	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Thursday 1 July	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
KO:	Friday 2 July	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Saturday 3 July	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

JULY CUP

12 - 16 July, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 12 July	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Tuesday 13 July	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 14 July	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 15 July	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
KO:	Friday 16 July	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

It's all about the bids

by Martin Cantor

Facing a 53 IMP deficit from the first half, Skalman were hoping for some decent sized swings. In one sense they were not to be disappointed, since there were swings aplenty, but, unfortunately for them, most of the swings went in the opposite direction. The standard of play, both declarer and defence, is so consistently good at this level, that swings are more likely to be generated by playing in different contracts than by different results in the same contract. And so it was today; of the nine big swings of eight or more IMPs, all but one were the result of the two tables playing different contracts. The state of the match might have been a contributory factor in that, since some of the Skalman team may have taken off-centre actions to try to generate swings, and equally, some of the Moss team may have done the same in an attempt to counteract such tactics. Bear that in mind as you read, and make your own mind up if that applied to any of these deals. It started fast:

Board 261. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Selberg	*Kalita*	*Wademark*	*Klukowski*
—	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♠*	Dbl	3♠	4♡
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

2♠ weak raise usually no honour

Roger Lee

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Fallenius*	*Lee*	*Nilsland*
—	2♣*	3♠	All Pass

2♣ 18-21 balanced or GF unbalanced

I was a little surprised to see Fallenius pass 3♠ with a doubleton spade, four of the other major, and all the aces, but he was right, since 4♡ wasn't making. At love all maybe Lee's 4♠ was a push too hard. Correct defence held them both to seven tricks and that was 9 IMPs to Moss to get them of to a flying start. Their flying continued.

Board 162. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Selberg	*Kalita*	*Wademark*	*Klukowski*
—	—	3♣	Pass
5♣	Dbl	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Fallenius*	*Lee*	*Nilsland*
—	—	3♣	Pass
5♣	5♠	All Pass	

In theory 5♣X is a winning move, since NS can make a small slam in spades, hearts or diamonds. In practice it lost Skalman a further 9 IMPs when the Moss defenders took their allotted 1100 and teammates failed to bid slam - admittedly it's difficult to do so in the face of the barrage. There was no let-up in the scoring, but at last one went the other way:

Board 163. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Selberg	*Kalita*	*Wademark*	*Klukowski*
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

2♣ GF 2+

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Fallenius*	*Lee*	*Nilsland*
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♡*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♢	Dbl	5♡*
Pass	6♡	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2NT 3+ fit invitational +
3NT extras and ♡ suit
4♡ natural NF
5♡ asks ♡Q if 3 aces

NS have slam in three strains again, this time the grand slam, but since that needs the heart suit to play for no losers the small slam is rather more sensible. Do you think Klukowski should have made a move over 4♡? Given the state of the match I rather think so, but then he's the world champion, not me. Anyway, that was 11 much needed IMPs back for Skalman, who got another double digit swing two boards later, and this was the one time it was the play, not the bidding, that won the points.

Board 165. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Selberg	*Kalita*	*Wademark*	*Klukowski*
—	—	1NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♢*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1NT 14-16
3♣ asks for 5 card major
3♢ no 5 major
3♠ 4 ♡s

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Fallenius*	*Lee*	*Nilsland*
—	—	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Both Souths led the ♣10. Wademark took the first trick in hand and played a diamond to the jack. When everyone followed to the ace he cashed that suit and ducked a heart to score an overtrick. Lee also won trick 1 with the king, but played a diamond to the ace to run the jack, and now the defence were a step ahead, able to clear clubs before declarer had nine. Other than for those who believe the myth of 'the queen always lies over the jack' I can't see any reason to choose one line over the other, but Skalman added 10 to lead this set by 3. But not for long as the Poles again found a profitable save in 5♣.

Board 166. dealer East. Ew Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Selberg	*Kalita*	*Wademark*	*Klukowski*
—	—	1♡	2♣
4♡	5♣	Dbl	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Fallenius*	*Lee*	*Nilsland*
—	—	1♡	2♣
4♡	All Pass		

680-300 was worth 9 IMPs, and yes it would have been 15 had they bid slam in the other room, but that needs some luck with the ♠Q. Two boards later there was another possible slam:

Board 168. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Selberg	*Kalita*	*Wademark*	*Klukowski*
Pass	1♢	1♡	1♠*
Dbl*	3NT	Pass	4♢
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♢	All Pass	

1♠ transfer to NT or ♣
Dbl ♠
5♣ ♡ control

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Fallenius*	*Lee*	*Nilsland*
Pass	1♢	1♡	3NT
Pass	4♢	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

Wademark led a spade, and with the heart position marked by the overcall the club losers disappeared. 920-520 was another 9 IMPs, and Moss added a further 6 when Kalita - Klukowski stopped in 4♣ and went 1 off while Fallenius - Nilsland went on to 5♣, got doubled, and lost 300. On the last board before the break Moss added their biggest score of the day.

Board 170. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Selberg	*Kalita*	*Wademark*	*Klukowski*
—	—	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Fallenius*	*Lee*	*Nilsland*
—	—	2♣	Pass
2♢*	4♡	4♠	5♡
6♡	Pass	6♠	All Pass

2♢ GF

Simon de Wijs

East has a difficult opening bid. 1♠ is an underbid, but unless you are playing old-fashioned ACOL strong twos nothing else fits the bill very well. I wouldn't quibble with either of the choices made in the match, but only Lee's worked well. Nothing to the play and 13 more IMPs to Moss, now 55-21 ahead on the day, 87 on the match. At this point de Wijs - Muller arrived to replace Moss - Lee, but the boards calmed down somewhat. Moss gained 8 on board 176 when they stopped in 3♢ making +1, while 3NT in the other room was two tricks short. The final nail in the coffin came on the final board of the tournament:

Board 180. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Selberg	*Kalita*	*Wademark*	*Klukowski*
Pass	1♣*	Dbl*	1♢*
1♡*	Dbl	2♡	Dbl*
4♡		All Pass	

1♣ Polish
Dbl ♣s or 12-14 balanced
1♢ ♡s
1♡ ♠s
Dbl 3♠s

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	*Fallenius*	*Muller*	*Nilsland*
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♢*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In 4♡ declarer lost the obvious three tricks. Against 3NT Nilsland led the ♢J and when the queen held Muller quickly cashed his tricks for one down and 11 IMPs. A heart lead would have been more effective, but still only brings in 300 against the 620 at the other table. The final scoreboard showed Team Moss winning by a round 100, a very convincing victory. To be fair team Skalman didn't play badly, but they met a team sweeping all before them.

FINAL - Segment 1

Moss	71 IMPs	18 IMPs	Skalman
OPEN ROOM N: de Wijs S. S: Muller B.	CLOSED ROOM E: Lee R. W: Moss S.	OPEN ROOM E: Warne N. W: Ahlesved K.	CLOSED ROOM N: Kvick H. S: Karlsson P. A.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=39291-1619119792

FINAL - Segment 2

Moss	79 IMPs	32 IMPs	Skalman
OPEN ROOM N: Kalita J. S: Klukowski M.	CLOSED ROOM E: Moss S. W: Lee R.	OPEN ROOM E: Selberg J. W: Wademark O.	CLOSED ROOM N: Fallenius B. S: Nitsland M.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=65680-1619378974

Online Bridge NEWS

WBT Challengers Cup
Apr 19th - 23rd 2021

Team Skeidar won the WBT Challengers Cup!

Lasse Aaseng

Michael Askgaard

Arve Farstad

Jon Egil Furunes

Jonny Hansen

Sverre Johansen

Kasper Konow

Jan Mikkelsen

Atle Saeterdal

Aasmund Stokkeland

The 11 Norwegian and Danish players (not pictured: Tom Johansen from Norway) won the Final match versus team DAUGAVA (U. Jansons, I. Rubenis, A. Germanis, A. Smilgajs, J. Neimanis) by 22 IMPs (64-42).

The third place is shared between the opponents of Daugava and Skeidar in the Semifinals:

Abisco (A. B. Fossum, K. O. Bogø, F. Helness, T. E. Grude, K. Hegge, S. Evenstad, G. Harr, C. Bakke, S. Fredrik) and

Kinds (A. Thorfinnsson, A. Kindsbekken, R. Voll, S. Vestveit, O. M. Myrvold, R. Paulsen, J. R. Strømsvåg, K. G. Fyrun)

WBT Mixed League
April 10th - May 1st 2021

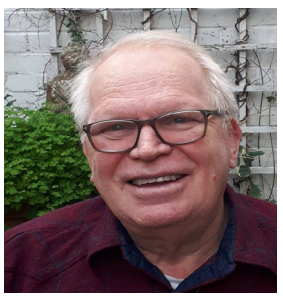
This is a Swiss tournament, with a total of 8 Rounds to be played.
This is the ranking after Round 6:

1	Potter	87.24
2	Abisco	74.2
3	Mixed Emotions	71.13
4	Weekend Warriors	70.5
5	Sofie's world	69.4
6	Warner	64.94
7	Poland	64.11
8	Poland II	61.28
9	Chan	60.04
10	Frequently Offshape	54.66
11	Kolton	54.61
12	No Pasaran	54.02
13	One bourbon, one scotch, 2 beers	51.27
14	La La Land	48.61
15	Tricontinental	41.03
16	Marbella Aces	32.96

MONTHLY INVITATIONAL TEAM

The Monthly April invitational team ended on Saturday.
The winners are team Bertheau:

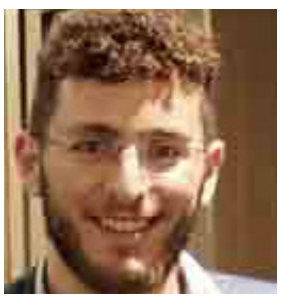
Peter Bertheau


Gunnar Hallberg

Simon Hult

Oren Toledano

Daniel Zagorin


Ami Zamir

In the Final they faced team Levine (Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Mike Levine, Jeff Meckstroth, Bob Morris, Eric Rodwell, Eddie Wold). The match ended 107.1 - 76 IMPs.

The third place is shared between the opponents of the two teams in the Semifinals: Nickell (I. Baqai, M. Dunitz, E. Greco, G. Hampson, R. Katz, B. Levin, N. Nickell, S. Weinstein) and Gupta (S. de Wijs, D. Gold, N. Gupta, D. Korbel, Z. Mahmood, B. Muller).

ALT NEW COMPETITION EVENT 4

The NEW ALT COMPETITION (NewCo) 4 is starting today.
10 Rounds will be played. The event will end on April 29.
34 teams are registered to the tournament.

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UPCOMING SUPER CUP
28 June - 3 July 2021

UPCOMING SUPER CUP
2 - 7 August 2021

UPCOMING SUPER CUP
13 - 18 September 2021

Qualification + Knockout

QUALIFICATION
12 Rounds x 16 boards

	CEST	EDT
Monday	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
Tuesday	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
Wednesday	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
Thursday	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

KOs
QuarterFinals, SemiFinals, Final: 32 boards each

	CEST	EDT
Friday	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
Saturday	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG