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CONVENTION CARDS: PLEASE UPLOAD THEM!

It is highly recommended for all participants to prepare and load your convention card.

If you need help, here is a quick video tutorial, provided by Andrew Robson:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrL2FnyFaJc

Yesterday the first half of the Quarterfinals of the OCBL Open League was played.

In the match
Austromany vs **Avixa**
Austromany are leading by 55.1 IMPs.

In the match
Black vs **Fredin**
Black are leading by 12.1 IMPs.

In the match
Donner vs **Parker**
Donner are leading by 33.1 IMPs.

In the match
De Michelis vs **Ireland**
De Michelis are leading by 23.1 IMPs.

The second half will be played on Sunday.

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OCBL OPEN LEAGUE - THE BRACKET

- AUSTROMANY (81.1)
- AVIXA (26)
- BLACK (46.1)
- FREDIN (34)
- DONNER (71.1)
- PARKER (38)
- DE MICHELIS (58.1)
- IRELAND (35)

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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

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

AUGUST CUP
2 - 6 August, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 2 August	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Tuesday 3 August	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 4 August	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 5 August	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
KO:	Friday 6 August	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

SEPTEMBER CUP
31 August - 4 September, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Tuesday 31 August	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Wednesday 1 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 2 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 3 September	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00

OPEN LEAGUE
6 - 30 September, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at:		21.15	15.15
Qualification:	9 Rounds		
KO:	3 Rounds		

Online Bridge NEWS

WBT Challengers Cup
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May 24th - 28th 2021

The WBT Challengers Cup started on Monday, May 24th and will end on Friday, May 28th.
The 8 registered teams played 8 Rounds (Swiss format).
This is the ranking after Round 8:

1	ECF Holding	124.31
2	Texan Aces	97.32
3	Skeidar	87.33
4	Les Berrichons	80.16
5	Marupe	75.27
6	Kinds	68.36
7	Munlein	54.2
8	Bishel	53.05

The Semifinal matches will be:

ECF HOLDING vs LES BERRICHONS
TEXAN ACES vs SKEIDAR

BOB HAMMAN ON ALT TV

In the newest episode of ALT Bridge TV, Bob Hamman shares his views on Online bridge and cheats.
Bob also proudly nominates his partner Hemant Lall for the ALT BeBridge Best Played Hand Award on a board where the 'Hamman Rule' pays off.
You can play the video at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgByfhmZQMQ

ANY INTERESTING PLAY? LET US KNOW!

If you see an interesting bid or play please let us know by e-mail at:

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Thank you!

OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

OCBL June Cup
31 May - 4 June, 2021

OCBL Super Cup
28 June - 3 July, 2021

OCBL July Cup
12 - 16 July, 2021

OCBL August Cup
2 - 6 August, 2021

OCBL September Cup
31 August - 4 September, 2021

OCBL Open League
6 - 30 September, 2021

Life Begins at Eight-Thirty!

by Mark Horton

Looking for a way to introduce this report on the first session of the quarter finals of the OCBL League I was thinking about including the word 'eight' in the title. My collection of baseball movies includes 'Eight Men Out' but that didn't seem right for a number of reasons.

'Visions of Eight' was a possibility and I also considered my parrot's suggestion of 'Pieces of Eight' (I include that in for Treasure Island fans). There must be many other possibilities, but then I recalled an old movie starring one of my favourite comic actors, Monty Woolley, which fits the bill. The reason why? In my time zone play begins at 20.30!

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

NS can take a lot of tricks in diamonds, but how easy would it be to locate the fit?

Austromany v Avixa

Open Room

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Uslupehlivan	*Fritsche*	*Kapusuz*	*Reps*
—	—	—	1♠
2♣	2♡*	3♣	Dble*
Pass	4♢	Pass	5♢
All Pass			

2♡ Non-forcing
Dble Takeout

East led the ♣J for the king and ace and declarer ruffed the next club, played a spade to the ace and a spade, West ruffing with the ♢Q and exiting with a diamond, at which point declarer claimed, +400.

Closed Room

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Kasimir	*Ayaz*	*Jokisch*	*Tatlicioglu*
—	—	—	1♠
2♣	Dble	3♣	Dble*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Dble 'Points'

West led the ♣A and switched to the ♠9. Declarer won with the queen and cashed the ace, getting the bad news. He took a top diamond and conceded one down, -50 and a 10 IMP swing.

Parker v Donner

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*S Rimstedt*	*Bilde*	*Donner*
—	—	—	1♣*
2♣	2♢*	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♢	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♢	Pass	5♢
All Pass			

1♣ 'Artificial, 16+'
2♢ 5+♡, game forcing

East led the ♣J for the king and ace and declarer ruffed the next club, drew trumps and played a heart to the queen. When that held she played a spade to the queen and claimed the rest, +420.

Closed Room

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
C Rimstedt	*A Grossack*	*Dwyer*	*Parker*
—	—	—	1♠
Dble	2♣*	Pass	3♢
Pass	4♡*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	6♢	All Pass	

2♣ Diamonds
4♡ 'Should be Blackwood'
4NT 0/3 key cards

West led the ♣A and switched to the ♡6. Declarer won with dummy's ace and only needing a 4-2 spade break, he drew trumps. Alas, that meant he was a trick short, -50 and 10 IMPs changed hands.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

NS have the values for game - but with 3NT the likely resting place how many would score nine tricks?

Austromany v Avixa

Open Room

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Uslupehlivan	*Fritsche*	*Kapusuz*	*Reps*
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1NT 15-17

East led the ♣6 and West won with the king and returned the ten, declarer's queen being allowed to hold the trick. A heart to the ace followed by the ♡KQ saw East pitch the ♠5 and declarer continued with a spade to the ace and a spade to the ten, East winning and cashing his clubs for -100.

Closed Room

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Kasimir	*Ayaz*	*Jokisch*	*Tatlicioglu*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♣2 and declarer was allowed to win the second round of the suit with the ♣J. Declarer played three rounds of hearts, East discarding the ♢3, cashed dummy's ♠A and the ♢K, played a diamond to the ace and exited with the ♣Q. East could win and cash his clubs but then had to lead into the spade tenace, +600 and 12 IMPs.

In the match between Fredin and Black, Peter Fredin found the same endplay which proved to be worth 12 IMPs.

Adam Grossack adopted a different strategy, exiting with a club at trick three. East won and had to cash his winners and West pitched a spade and a diamond. When East exited with the ♢10 declarer won in dummy, cashed three rounds of hearts ending in hand and then ran the ♠10 to land the contract and haul in 12 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

EW can make 7♢, but it is a 'perfect fit' deal and they can be difficult to negotiate.

Fredin v Black

Open Room

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Sylvan	*Hallberg*	*Sundelin*	*Hult*
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♢*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♢ 'Ask'
2NT 'Natural, invitational'

Looking at an old convention card I think 2♣ promised 11-16, East always having a major if he only has five clubs. I also found a note that indicates that one of West's options was to rebid 3♡ to show 'values/suit with 5+♢'.

North led the ♢6 and declarer took 12 tricks, +690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Fredin*	*McIntosh*	*Clementsson*
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡*	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♡	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♢*	Pass
7♢	All Pass		

2♡ Fourth suit
4NT RKCB
5♢ 0/3 key cards

That was worth 16 IMPs, declarer winning the trump lead and playing to ruff a heart in dummy.

Ireland v De Michelis

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Amoils	*Failla*	*Hanlon*	*Sementa*
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡*	Pass	3♢	Pass
4♢	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♣	Pass	7♢	All Pass

4NT RKCB
5♠ 2 key cards +♢Q
5NT Kings?
6♣ ♣K

An excellent auction to the top spot, +2140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	*Carroll*	*Di Franco*	*Moran*
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♠*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡*	Pass	3♢*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣
1♠ Transfer to 1NT
2♡ 'Ask, game forcing,(normally ♢)'
3♢ 5♣-4M (14-15)

Once again we had a 16 IMP swing.

Parker v Donner

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*S Rimstedt*	*Bilde*	*Donner*
—	—	1♣*	1♡
2♢	2♡	Dble	Pass
3♡*	Pass	4♢	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♢	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣
5♣ 'I guess cue bid'

North led the ♠K and declarer settled for 12 tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	*A Grossack*	*Dwyer*	*Parker*
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♠*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♢*	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣
1♠ 'No major unless game forcing with longer ♢'
2♢ 'Artificial game force'
4♢ 'Intended as KC, undiscussed'

That was +1370 and 13 IMPs.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

NS have enough to reach game, but 3NT is a much safer bet than 5♣.

Austromany v Avixa

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Uslupehlivan	*Fritsche*	*Kapusuz*	*Reps*
—	1♣*	1♠	Dble*
2♠	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1♣ '2+♣,could be 11-14 with 5♢ 5332'

East led the ♠3 for the eight, nine and king and declarer cashed his winners, scoring +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kasimir	*Ayaz*	*Jokisch*	*Tatlicioglu*
—	1♣	1♠	Dble*
2♠	3♢	Pass	3♠*
Dble	Pass	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

3♠ 'Cue'

East led the ♠A and switched to the ♡5, declarer taking dummy's ace and pitching a heart on the ♠K. A club to the ace was followed by the ♢5, East winning with the king and exiting with the ♡2. Declarer ruffed, played a club to the queen and the ♢Q. East's ruff meant he was one down, - 50 and 10 IMPs were exchanged.

Fredin v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	*Hallberg*	*Sundelin*	*Hult*
—	1♣	1♠	Dble*
2♠*	3♠*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♡*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

2♠ 'Weak raise'
3♠ 'Dunno'
4♡ 'Cue'

East led the ♡5 and West won with the king and switched to the ♢9. Declarer went up with the ace and was in clover when the king appeared. He could unblock the ♡Q, take two rounds of trumps ending in dummy, pitch a diamond on the ♡A, ruff a heart, draw the last trump and play a spade, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Fredin*	*McIntosh*	*Clementsson*
—	1♣	1♠	Dble
2♡*	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♡ 'Good raise to 2♠'

West led the ♠3 and declarer recorded +430 to pick up an IMP.

Strangely enough, I finished writing at exactly 08.30 in the morning!

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE - RESULTS

Quarterfinals

Austromany (+8.1) 73 IMPs TOTAL: 81.1 — 26 IMPs TOTAL: 26 **Avixa**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Fritsche J.	E: Jokisch P.	E: Kapusuz Y.	N: Ayaz I.
S: Reps K.	W: Kasimir U.	W: Uslupehlivan U.	S: Tatlicioglu S.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=47573-1622143854

Black (+1.1) 45 IMPs TOTAL: 46.1 — 34 IMPs TOTAL: 34 **Fredin**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Hallberg G.	E: Mcintosh A.	E: Sundelin P.O.	N: Fredin P.
S: Hult S.	W: Paske T.	W: Sylvan J.	S: Clemmensson J.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=47560-1622143809

Donner (+3.1) 68 IMPs TOTAL: 71.1 — 38 IMPs TOTAL: 38 **Parker**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Rimstedt S.	E: Dwyer K.	E: Bilde D.	N: Grossack A.
S: Donner G.	W: Rimstedt C.	W: Madala A.	S: Parker C.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=47598-1622143940

De Michelis (+6.1) 52 IMPs TOTAL: 58.1 — 35 IMPs TOTAL: 35 **Ireland**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Failla G.	E: Di Franco M.	E: Hanlon T.	N: Carroll J.
S: Sementa A.	W: Manno A.	W: Amoils L.	S: Moran M.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=47565-1622143814

JUNE CUP

31 May - 4 June, 2021

Registered Teams

The OCBL June Cup will take place from 31 May to 4 June, 2021.

SKEIDAR
Andresen M. (Mime477)
Helgemo G. (micelle45)
Aaseng L. (Lasseaa)
Johansen T. (Brulle)
Kristoffersen C. (Stoffers)
Bogø K. (osvaill83)
Berg E. (eberg)
Farstad A. (Kha66)

APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS
Auken S. (jcmax)
Welland R. (roy)
Milner R. (reesem)
Lall H. (hemantlall)
Jagniewski R. (mlodybog)
Gawel W. (redds)

CALCIO & FOOTBALL
Bussink B. (bart3)
Grossack A. (nevereast)
Di Franco M. (M_DiFranco)
Manno A. (maqeda)

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

COMPTON
Goodman A. (agoodman1)
Dwyer K. (kdwyer)
Huang S. (precisebri)
Moses T. (hottodstl)
Smith R. (ronsmithsf)
Compton C. (compton)

ZHAO
Zhao C. (zhaochen)
Liu J. (Liujing)
Loo C. (bridgeboy)
De Wijs S. (sm1)
Muller B. (beukertje)
Verhees L. (loukie)
Van Prooijen R. (riccovp)

DONNER
Donner G. (GDonnersc1)
Rimstedt C. (CillaR)
Rimstedt S. (sandria)
Grue J. (joegrue)
Moss B. (brad)
Michielsen M. (lady007)
Cullin Per Ola (poken)

FERGUSON
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Van Den Bos B. (Berendbs)
Van Lankveld J. (ennaji)
De Boer W. (bukkum)
Snellers A. (asnellers)
Ferguson B. (bruceferg)

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Erichsen E. (espene)
Crouch P. (pitiful)
Zorlu N. (begse)

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Kranyak K. (kranko2013)
Becker P. (badger49)

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Harris J. (Jdache)
Igoe N. (ibraves)
Malhasyan E. (master DJ)
Gold M. (marusab)
Trendafilov R. (rumen)
Isporski V. (smileyv)

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Shenkin B. (Barnets)
Diamond D. (Derekd)
Kvangraven N. (Nils123)
Saur O. (Saurdino)
Silverstone V. (Odysseus69)
Stornes H. (helsto)
Brekka G. (kaninen)

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Burgess O. (mrspen)
Bell M. (MickyB)
Norton B. (Bechno)
Byrne M. (Mgb81)
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Dumbovich M. (dumbovich)
Kemény G. (kemeny)
Szegedi B. (korszurku)
Szabo C. (csaboka13)

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Shenkin B. (Barnets)
Diamond D. (Derekd)
Kvangraven N. (Nils123)
Saur O. (Saurdino)
Silverstone V. (Odysseus69)
Stornes H. (helsto)
Brekka G. (kaninen)

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OCBL CUP

Qualification + Knockout

JUNE CUP	JULY CUP	AUGUST CUP
31 May - 4 June	12 - 16 July	2 - 6 August

Qualification:

9 Rounds x 16 Boards	CEST	EDT
Monday	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
Tuesday	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
Wednesday	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
Thursday	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00

KOs:

Quarterfinals - Semifinals - Finals: 16 Boards each

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

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG