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RHAPSODY IN AUGUST

Welcome back, Bridge heroes!
Today the OCBL August Cup begins.

Bridge lovers are looking forward to follow your epic plays and learn from your bid and play. For this event, all the tables will be open for kibitzers to admire their favourite champions.

In the middle of the Summer, ten teams have registered. Among the Bridge stars who are going to show up, we must mention the great Zia Mahmood.

When wondering if online Bridge can indeed replace face-to-face Bridge in the long term (and after 18 months 'long term' has certainly come), think about not being able to meet Zia in person at the table. No chatting, no friendly jokes... no rhapsody.

Luckily some of us have recently been able to meet again and play in person in some events, like the 2021 Biarritz Festival at the beginning of July. In the last weeks, anyway, the Delta variant has posed a new risk, convincing the ACBL to cancel all August face-to-face tournaments (read about this on page 3).

As they say, we can't choose the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand.
So, let's go on taking the best we can from our online experience while crossing our fingers that we can meet again soon.

Let the online Rhapsody begin!

Some pics from Biarritz 2021

Schedule Today

Round 1. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT		
Rippey	VS	Apres-Br. Champs
Ferguson	VS	Black
Compton	VS	Flyfalcon
Gillis	VS	Gupta
Ventin	VS	Leslie

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OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER CUP

31 August - 3 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, 16 boards each		
KO:	3 Rounds, 20 boards each		

OCTOBER CUP

18 - 21 October, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 18 October	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Tuesday 19 October	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Wednesday 20 October	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Thursday 21 October	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00

OPEN LEAGUE

25 October - 18 November, 2021

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

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

https://www.ocbl.org/registration/

Online Bridge NEWS

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE ACBL

The ACBL has sent the following e-mail to all its members:

Dear Member,

Today the ACBL informed units and districts that all August face-to-face tournaments have been canceled due to the risk posed by the coronavirus Delta variant.

If you were planning on attending a face-to-face tournament in August, please click here [below, ed.] to read the entire announcement.

We do not make these decisions lightly. We apologize for the late notice and any inconvenience it caused.

Sincerely,
Joseph Jones
ACBL Executive Director
July 30, 2021

The entire announcement:

Dear District Presidents, Unit Presidents and Tournament Chairs,

In February, the ACBL announced that the sanctions for all regionals and sectionals scheduled through July 2021 were canceled and outlined a plan for the return to face-to-face play. Click here to see the original communication.

Consistent with that announcement and the requirements for staffing tournaments that begin after July, due to the risk posed by the coronavirus Delta variant, the ACBL will not staff any open regional or sectional tournaments that begin between August 1-31, 2021, and the sanctions for those tournaments are therefore canceled.

If you are sponsoring an I/N tournament in August using a local director (not an ACBL Tournament Director), while ACBL management encourages you to cancel the event, you may make the decision in your own discretion.

If you are sponsoring an open sectional tournament in August where you expect fewer than twenty tables per session, you may downgrade it by staffing it with a local director (not an ACBL Tournament Director). While ACBL management encourages you to cancel the event, you may make the decision to downgrade an open sectional in your own discretion.

ACBL management continues to closely monitor the situation and will communicate a decision regarding September tournaments by August 16, 2021.

This was not an easily made decision, but it is a necessary one. We are disappointed with this turn of events, particularly because we were optimistic just a few short weeks ago. We remain hopeful that we can all meet at the table again soon.

Thank you for your continued support of our great game.

Sincerely,
Joseph Jones
ACBL Executive Director
July 30, 2021

STARTING TODAY!

OCBL AUGUST CUP

FORMAT

Qualification Phase

The qualifying stage will be played in the form of a Round Robin.
This stage will consist of 144 boards played in 9 matches of 16 boards each.

Knockout Phase

The top-4 teams from the qualifying stage will advance to the Final stage

#1 vs #4 #2 vs #3

Semifinal and Final will be played over two segment of 12 boards each (24 boards each match)
There will be the following carry over: In the Semifinal no. 1 – 2 get a carry-over of 8.1 – 4.1 IMP.
In the Final no. 1 get a carry-over of 0.1 IMP as a tiebreaker

USEFUL LINKS

Line-Up
http://lineup.ocbl.org/event/9

Results
https://www.ocbl.org/2021-ocbl-august-cup/#results

BBO Links & Handrecords
https://www.ocbl.org/2021-ocbl-august-cup-records/

Journal
https://www.ocbl.org/ocbl-journal

ROSTERS AND SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

FLYFALCON
Wilson A. (flyfalcon)
Van Prooijen R. (riccovp)
Verhees L. (loukie)
Gronkvist I. (Halko)
Gronkvist M. (Mike_G)
Sprinkhuizen T. (thibos)
Mendes De Leon G. (guymdl)
Kiljan V. (Vkill)
Tijssen L. (luctijs)

GILLIS
Gillis S. (Rayas78)
Svendsen O. (Pirrum)
Saelensminde E. (skaal1)
Rimstedt M. (Mikaelrim)
Rimstedt O. (olarim)
Eriksson M. (Magnus_E)

GUPTA
Gupta N. (nareng)
Mahmood Zia (Zia)
Korbel D. (dank)
Gupta A. (axp1011)
Garner S. (garner)
Stamatov J. (jerry72)

LESLIE
Leslie T. (Culross66)
Burgess O. (mrspen)
Bell M. (MickyB)
Norton B. (Bechno)
Byrne M. (Mgb81)
Dyke K. (Woozle)

RIPPEY
Rippey M. (radiators)
Bedout P. (pi420)
Nowak K. (kamiln)
Wiankowski P. (vifon_e)
Vallet E. (rasko179)
Cima L. (100dog)
Percario G. (giacomopr)
Nawrocki P. (nawrot)

VENTIN
Ventin J.C. (phave)
Fernandez C. (carlitosf)
Palma A. (apalma)
Pacareu J. (paca1987)
Wrang F. (fly21)
Nystrom F. (F_Nystrom)
Chrueheras J. (pepeti)

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Tuesday 3 August

Round 4. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT

Rippey	VS	Gillis
Leslie	VS	Flyfalcon
Ferguson	VS	Ventin
Gupta	VS	Apres-Br. Champs
Black	VS	Compton

Round 5 18.00 CEST / 12.00 p.m. EDT

Rippey	VS	Leslie
Ventin	VS	Gillis
Flyfalcon	VS	Gupta
Compton	VS	Ferguson
Apres Br. Champs	VS	Black

Round 6 20.00 CEST / 2.00 p.m. EDT

Rippey	VS	Ventin
Gupta	VS	Leslie
Gillis	VS	Compton
Black	VS	Flyfalcon
Ferguson	VS	Apres-Br. Champs

Wednesday 4 August

Round 7. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT

Rippey	VS	Gupta
Compton	VS	Ventin
Leslie	VS	Black
Apres-Br. Champs	VS	Gillis
Flyfalcon	VS	Ferguson

Round 8 18.00 CEST / 12.00 p.m. EDT

Rippey	VS	Compton
Black	VS	Gupta
Ventin	VS	Apres-Br. Champs
Ferguson	VS	Leslie
Gillis	VS	Flyfalcon

Round 9 20.00 CEST / 2.00 p.m. EDT

Rippey	VS	Black
Apres-Br. Champs	VS	Compton
Gupta	VS	Ferguson
Flyfalcon	VS	Ventin
Leslie	VS	Gillis

SEPTEMBER CUP

31 August - 3 September, 2021

Registered Teams

The OCBL September Cup will take place from 31 August to 3 September, 2021

GILLIS
Gillis S. (Rayas78)
Brogeland B. (boye)
Svendsen O. (Pirrum)
Saelensminde E. (skaal1)
Lindqvist E. (stevieg)

ORCA
Plackett R. (hoofie)
Erichsen E. (espene)
Crouch P. (pitiful)
Cope S. (Copeyj)

LEVINE
Levine M. (mikerl)
Wold E. (womoco)
Meckstroth J. (jjmeck)
Garner S. (garner)
Helgemo G. (micelle45)
Helness T. (Helstokk)
Morris B. (bobat3333)

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

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Qualification + Knockout

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Thursday 2	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00

KOs:

Quarterfinals - Semifinals - Finals: 16 Boards each

	CEST	EDT
Friday 3	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG