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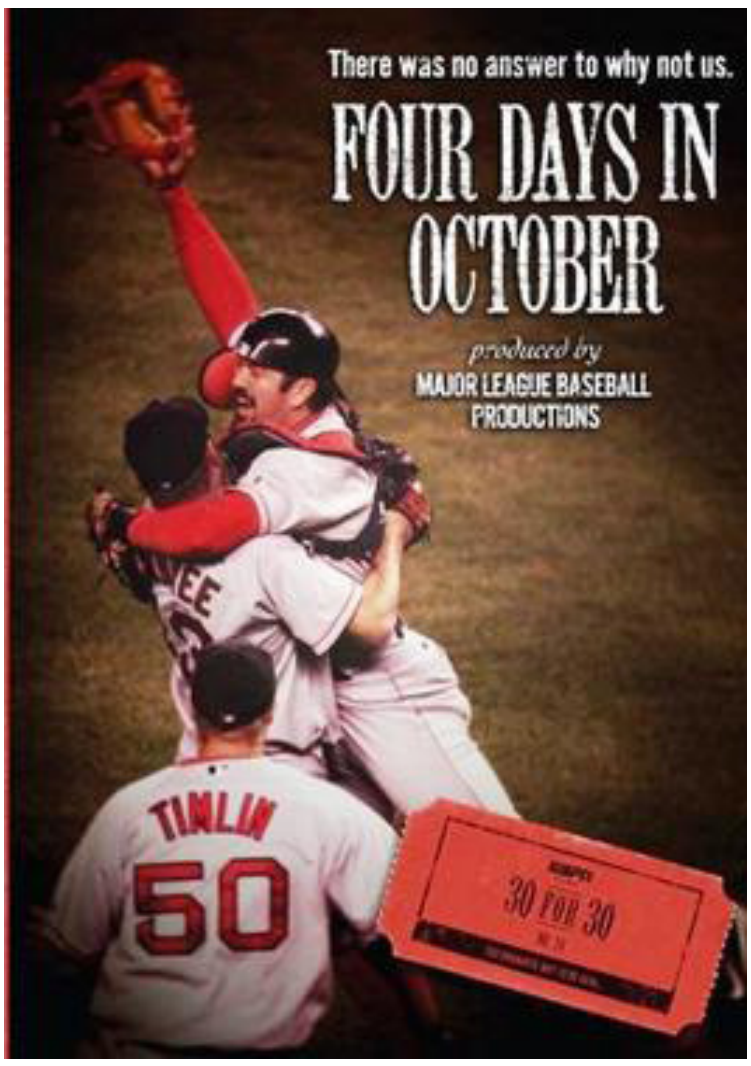
FOUR DAYS IN OCTOBER

The OCBL October Cup is starting today!

14 top class teams have registered. Among them, are the winners of the latest OCBL Open League: team Black.

The 14 teams will play a qualification stage (9 Rounds x 12 boards) followd by Quarterfinals, Semifinals and the Final.

Mayor decisions are expected these days regarding face-to-face Bridge: we will keep you posted in the Bridge News section of our Journal.



LINE-UPs
GENERAL RULE

The teams are expected to submit their line-up as soon as practical but, in any case, not later than 30 minutes before thestart of the round.
Teams who infringe this regulation will be subject to VP penalties according to this scale:

- 1st occasion: warning.
- 2nd and any subsequent occasion: 0.5 VP penalty

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

journal@ocbl.org

Thank you!

OCTOBER CUP
SCHEDULE TODAY

Round 1
16:00 CEST / 10:00 am EDT

Netbridge	VS	Tilly
Seligman	VS	New Amateurs
Sam	VS	Harris
Orca	VS	Moran
Black	VS	Gillis
Flyfalcon	VS	Fredin
Rippey	VS	Scorway

Round 2
18:00 CEST / 12:00 pm EDT

Round 3
20:00 CEST / 2:00 pm EDT

All the tables will be open to kibitzers

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OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER CUP
1 - 4 November, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 1 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	11.00 - 13.00 - 15.00
	Tuesday 2 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	11.00 - 13.00 - 15.00
	Wednesday 3 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	11.00 - 13.00 - 15.00
KO:	Thursday 4 November	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	11.00 - 13.30 - 16.00

OPEN SUPER CUP
22 - 27 November, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 22 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Tuesday 23 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Wednesday 24 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 25 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 26 November	16.00 - 17.45 - 19.30 - 21.15	10.00 - 11.45 - 13.30 - 15.15
	Saturday 27 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00

DECEMBER CUP
20 - 23 December, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 20 December	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Tuesday 21 December	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Wednesday 22 December	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Thursday 23 December	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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

Bridge NEWS

USA TEAMS FOR THE BERMUDA BOWL

From Bridgewinners.com:

The NICKELL team (Nick Nickell-Ralph Katz; Steve Weinstein-Bobby Levin; Geoff Hampson-Eric Greco) is USA1 for the 2021 Bermuda Bowl, scheduled to be played in March-April 2022 in Salsomaggiore, Italy. They defeated the SPECTOR team (Warren Spector, Gavin Wolpert, John Kranyak, Kevin Bathurst, John Hurd) 220-199 in the USA1 final. SPECTOR defeated BRAMLEY (Bart Bramley-Kit Woolsey; Mike Becker-Michael Kamil; Hemant Lall-Peter Weichsel) 255-215 to claim the USA2 spot.

In the Women's event, WITTES (Pam Wittes, Shawn Quinn, Cheri Bjerkan, Rozanne Pollack, Emma Kolesnik, Amber Lin) defeated BAKER (Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Kerri Sanborn, Jill Meyers, Janice Molson, Disa Eythorsdottir) 262-223 in the USA1 final.

The USBC will continue with the Women's USA2 final and then the Mixed and Senior events.

THE SETTING TRICK PODCASTS

From ACBL Bridgefeed:

Susan Bricken
We are informally designating Susan Bricken as the Chief Enthusiasm Officer for the ACBL Educational Foundation's new program, BridgeWhiz. We hope she'll be an inspiration to all who want young people to learn the game. After finishing this episode, make sure to tell three people about BridgeWhiz, and feel free to copy me at john@thesettingtrick.com! To date 1,250+ students have signed up.

Podcast: https://thesettingtrick.libsyn.com/43-susan-bricken
Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxAmqb_pKWw&t=3s

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.

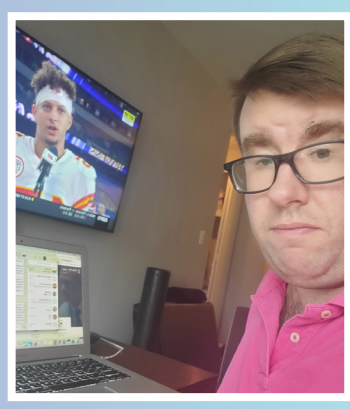
Obviously when producing Bridge articles it is necessary to use photos from the archives.

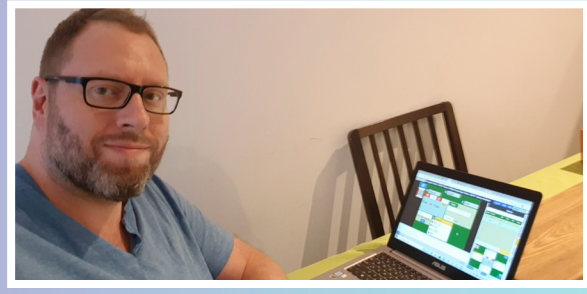
Since online play is at the moment a big part of our present, we would like to represent it as it is!

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





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OCBL OCTOBER CUP

FORMAT

Qualification Phase

The qualifying stage will be played in the form of a Swiss.
This stage will consist of 108 boards played in 9 matches of 12 boards each.

Knockout Phase

The top-8 teams from the qualifying stage will advance to the Quarterfinals stage

#1 vs #8	#2 vs #7
#3 vs #6	#4 vs #5

Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final will be played over one segment of 16 boards each.
There will be the following carry over:
In the quarterfinal no. 1 – 4 get a carry-over of 8.1 – 6.1 – 3.1 – 1.1 IMP.
In the semifinals and the Final no. 1 – 2 get a carry-over of 0.1 IMP as a tiebreaker.

USEFUL LINKS

Line-Up
http://lineup.ocbl.org/event/12

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

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

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

ROSTERS

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

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)

FREDIN
Fredin P. (P_Fredin)
Apteker A. (alonap)
Apteker N. (Noahapteke)
Sylvan J. (JoppeSyl)
Morath A. (andersm)
Becklen J. (Janb)
Fallenius B. (Bf88)

GILLIS
Gillis S. (Rayas78)
Saelensminde E. (skaal1)
Brogeland B. (boye)
Lindqvist E. (stevieg)
Lindqvist P. (plindq46)

HARRIS
Root S. (AsNuttyAs)
Harris J. (Jdache)
Igoe N. (ibraves)
Malhasyan E. (master DJ)
Gold M. (marusab)
Trendafilov R. (rumen)
Isporski V. (smileyv)
Tiholov T. (polborta)
Gross S. (sgross)

MORAN
Hanlon T. (kinder1)
Moran M. (markpm)
Carroll J. (coppers)
Garvey T. (tgarv)
Mesbur A. (AMesbur)
Fitzgibbon N. (nickfg1)
Amoils L. (amoils)
Barton G. (Barton)

NETBRIDGE
Van Den Hoek J. (janonline)
Bremer A. (arisbreem)
Bouwen K. (kebosporto)
Zomer M. (mczo)
Verhoeve N. (slin55)
la Haye M. (martenha)
Drijver Bob (bobdrijver)
Verhaegen M. (Marcel_ve)
Todd K. (Kmtnyc)
Lahrmann C. (christianL)

NEW AMATEURS
Lo A. (aitail)
Jiang Gu (Jiang_Gu)
Yang D. (hyang)
Falk A. (Allan Falk)
Lusky J. (pachyderms)
Chechelashvili D. (Dato)
Baseggio F. (baseggio)
Stark A. (astark)

ORCA
Plackett R. (hoofie)
Erichsen E. (espene)
Robson A. (arobson)
Allfrey A. (allfrey)
Crouch P. (pitiful)
Cope S. (Copeyj)
Helness F. (Fredrik101)
Helness T. (Helstokk)

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)

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

SCORWAY
Levinson S. (sc0tsteve)
Shenkin B. (Barnets)
Diamond D. (Derekd)
Kvangraven N. (Nils123)
Saur O. (Saurdino)
Silverstone V. (Odysseus69)
Stornes H. (helsto)
Brekka G. (kaninen)

SELIGMAN
Seligman M. (mseligman)
Lesniewski M. (lesniak)
Kwiecien M. (michal1)
Starkowski W. (wstarkowski)
Kalita J. (paulinka18)
Nowosadzki M. (kot_korba)

TILLY
Tommasini S. (Stefanot)
Green B. (benjy)
King P. (philking)
Castner K. (Jafra)
Barel M. (mich-b)
Katz P. (paz_k)
Liran I. (inonli)

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Qualification + Knockout

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KOs:

Quarterfinals - Semifinals - Finals: 16 Boards each

	CEST	EDT
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Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG