Online Contract Bridge League

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MARCH TUE-THU SWISS

Happy March!

12 Teams are registered to the OCBL March event:
the TUE-THU Swiss.

They are going to play a complete Round Robin (11 Rounds), plus a last Round (Danish movement).

The complete schedule is published at page 6.

**All the tables will be broadcast on BBO Vugraph;
the play will be shown after a 20 minutes delay.**

ANY INTERESTING PLAY? LET US KNOW!

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

journal@ocbl.org

Thank you!

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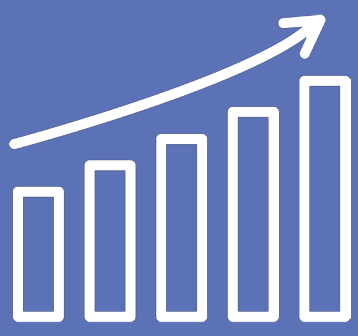

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World Bridge Tour
THIS IS HOW WE PLAY

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OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

TUE - WED SWISS
26 - 27 April, 2022

10 Rounds x 8 boards

	CET	EST
Tuesday, 26 April	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00
Wednesday, 27 April	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00

MAY CUP
10 - 13 May, 2022

		CET	EST
Qualification:	Tuesday 10 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
3 Rounds x 14 boards	Wednesday 11 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 12 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 13 May	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00
3 Rounds x 16 boards			

JUNE CUP
7 - 9 June, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards

	CET	EST
Tuesday, 7 June R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 8 June R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 9 June R9 - R12 & SF/F	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

MON - TUE SWISS
11 - 12 July, 2022

10 Rounds x 8 boards

	CET	EST
Monday, 11 July	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00
Tuesday, 12 July	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00

SEPTEMBER CUP
13 - 16 September, 2022

		CET	EST
Qualification:	Tuesday 13 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
3 Rounds x 14 boards	Wednesday 14 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 15 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 16 September	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00
3 Rounds x 16 boards			

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
https://www.ocbl.org/registration/

Interview with Ante Mijić

Ante is developing Bridge statistics for our events.
Here is a short interview the young statistician!

Can you introduce yourself?
My name is Ante Mijic and I am a 28 year old Croatian bridge player.

When did you start playing bridge?
I started playing bridge at 14 - Dubrovnik bridge club organised a 3 day speed course in my school (about 100 km north of Dubrovnik).

Have you always been interested in statistics?
I would say so, yes. For as long as I can remember, I found numbers to be fascinating in its descriptive power. Having said that, one can easily conclude that I was extremely popular in high school.

What are the most difficult aspects in developing bridge statistics?
I think that the most difficult aspect is to determine the "what if not" effect. For example, I can tell that a pair scored poorely when opening a 15-17 NT with 14. The real question though is how would they have scored if the opening was 1 of a minor? In our game there are numerous situations simillar to this, and that's what makes it extremely difficult to analyse, but at the same time it gets to the core of the reason why we love it.

One of the most important bridge players dealing with statistics is of course Nicholas Hammond. What do you think about his work? Do you relate to him somehow?
I have major respect for what Nicholas is doing. It is something that the game needed, and I am glad that it's out there. Having said all of that, the approaches we have are not comparabale, nor are the results, and siince our approaches are so fundamentaly different, I never really related to him.
I truely believe that there are many things going on in a single board that can not be broken down into numbers.
Therefore, the analysis I provide are more of a easy-access filters that break down the boards into different dimensions. From that point on, it is up to the end-user to pinpoint/flag boards he/she finds interesting and then analyze it in detail.
However, surely there are things at bridge table that can be translated to numbers, and once again, major props to Nicholas doing it.

As a statistician and a bridge player, how much do you think that following the statistics can help one's performance versus table presence?
I think that we are quite far from the point where empirical analysis or statistics will influence ones in-game decisions or performance. Think of it - before Covid, how many pairs had any sort of statistics of the boards played?
When it comes to table presence, I think it is a pivotal part of the game that may even trump some other components, let alone the statistics. Of course I have often found myself on a receiving end of this ancient dark art, but that is a different story.

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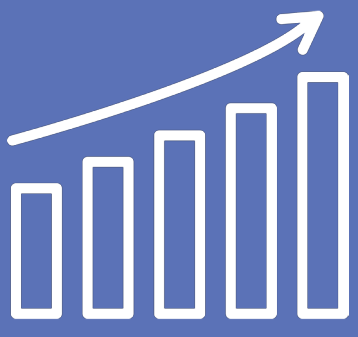

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OCBL EVENTS STATISTICS*

*** Parameters set:**
at least 100 boards overall, 30 declared, 50 defended

TOP OVERALL	TOP DECLARERS	TOP DEFENDERS
1. Chen - Hsieh	1. Gustaffson K.	1. Van den Bos - Van Lankveld
2. Brink - Drijver	2. Abragi A.	2. Gannes - Rojko
3. Ganness - Rojko	3. Starkowski W.	3. Apteker - Fredin
4. Van Den Bos - Van Lankveld	4. Svendsen O.	4. Brink - Drijver B.
5 Bern - Gustafsson	5 Robson A.	5 Chen - Hsieh
6. Apteker - Fredin	6. Franceschetti P.	6. Bouwen - Drijver T.
7. Isporski - Trendafilov	7. Brink S.	7. Hallberg - Hult
8. Lucassen - Walker	8. Lucassen T.	8. Huber - Van der Starre
9. Verhoeve - La Haye	9. Grossack Z.	9. Lucassen - Walker
10. Saelensminde - Svendsen	10. Trendafilov R.	10. Gustawsson - Sylvan

Bridge NEWS

LATEST ALT EVENTS

ALT COMPETITION 2022 - EVENT 1

The ALT ALT COMPETITION 2022 - EVENT 1 was held from February 21 to February 24, 2022
on Bridge Base Online.

The winners are team MOSS (Sylvia Moss, Jacek Kalita, Roger Lee, Bauke Muller, Michal Nowosadzki, Simon de Wijs). They are followed by teams BLACK (Andrew Black, Peter Bertheau, David Gold, Gunnar Hallberg, Simon Hult, Andrew McIntosh, Thomas Paske) and LEBOWITZ (Larry Lebowitz, Alejandro Bianchedi, Dennis Bilde, Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Geir Helgemo, Agustin Madala, Fredrik Nystrom, Michael Rosenberg).

THE WBF ON THE UKRAINE CRISIS

FROM THE WBF WEBSITE:

The WBF notes that the IOC has passed a resolution urging all International Federations to relocate or cancel their sports events currently planned in Russia or Belarus.

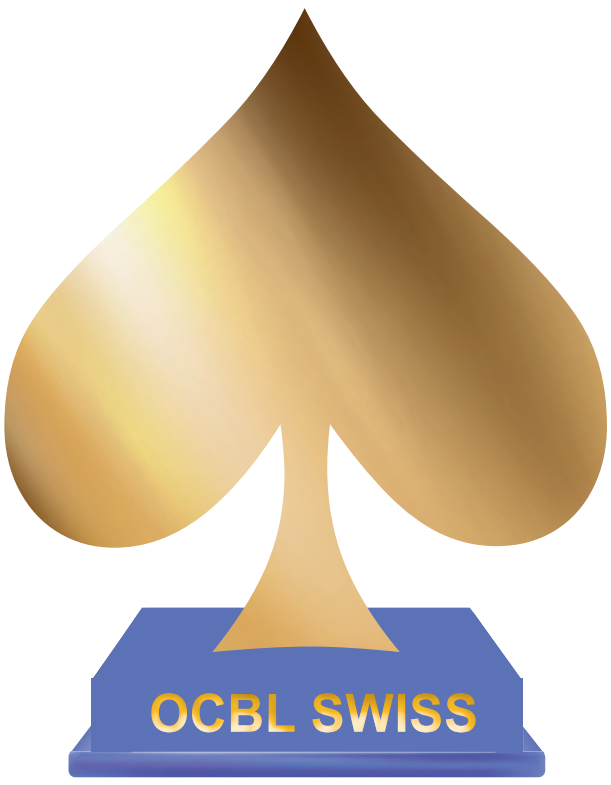
The WBF has no plans to stage any events in either country, but urges the Zonal Conferences to relocate or cancel the events, if any, currently planned in either Russia or Belarus.

In addition, from now on, no Russian or Belarussian national flag will be displayed and no Russian or Belarussian anthem be played in the events organised by the WBF. The players from Russia and Belarus, participating in WBF events, will participate under the WBF flag. The Zonal Conferences and affiliated NBOs are urged to adopt the same rule.

This statement is being sent to all the Zonal Conferences and affiliated NBOs, confirming the WBF's strong condemnation of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia with the support of Belarus and expressing even more strongly its solidarity with our Ukrainian Friends.

STARTING TODAY!

OCBL TUE - THU SWISS



FORMAT

12 Rounds, 10 boards each

Round Robin

This stage will consist of 11 Rounds.

Last Round

The last Round will be played according to the Danish movement.

USEFUL LINKS

Line-Up

http://lineup.ocbl.org/event/17

Results

https://ocbl.org/2022-ocbl-tue-thu-swiss-03-records/

BBO Links & Handrecords

https://ocbl.org/2022-ocbl-tue-thu-swiss-03-records/

Journal

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

OCBL TUE - THU SWISS

Schedule

Tuesday, 1 March 2022

ROUND 1. 16:00 CET / 10:00 am EST

Scorway	VS	Ferguson
Zhao	VS	Seligman
Mikadinho	VS	Fredin
Black	VS	Netbridge
New Amateurs	VS	Harris
Denmark	VS	Levine

ROUND 2. 17:30 CET / 11:30 am EST

Scorway	VS	Zhao
Fredin	VS	Ferguson
Seligman	VS	Black
Harris	VS	Mikadinho
Netbridge	VS	Denmark
Levine	VS	New Amateurs

ROUND 3. 19:00 CET / 13:00 pm EST

Scorway	VS	Fredin
Black	VS	Zhao
Ferguson	VS	Harris
Denmark	VS	Seligman
Mikadinho	VS	Levine
New Amateurs	VS	Netbridge

ROUND 4. 20:30 CET / 14:30 pm EST

Scorway	VS	Black
Harris	VS	Fredin
Zhao	VS	Denmark
Levine	VS	Ferguson
Seligman	VS	New Amateurs
Netbridge	VS	Mikadinho

Wednesday, 2 March 2022

ROUND 5. 16:00 CET / 10:00 am EST

Scorway	VS	Harris
Denmark	VS	Black
Fredin	VS	Levine
New Amateurs	VS	Zhao
Ferguson	VS	Netbridge
Mikadinho	VS	Seligman

ROUND 6. 17:30 CET / 11:30 am EST

Scorway	VS	Denmark
Levine	VS	Harris
Black	VS	New Amateurs
Netbridge	VS	Fredin
Zhao	VS	Mikadinho
Seligman	VS	Ferguson

ROUND 7. 19:00 CET / 13:00 pm EST

Scorway	VS	Levine
New Amateurs	VS	Denmark
Harris	VS	Netbridge
Mikadinho	VS	Black
Fredin	VS	Seligman
Ferguson	VS	Zhao

ROUND 8. 20:30 CET / 14:30 pm EST

Scorway	VS	New Amateurs
Netbridge	VS	Levine
Denmark	VS	Mikadinho
Seligman	VS	Harris
Black	VS	Ferguson
Zhao	VS	Fredin

Thursday, 3 March 2022

ROUND 9. 16:00 CET / 10:00 am EST

Scorway	VS	Netbridge
Mikadinho	VS	New Amateurs
Levine	VS	Seligman
Ferguson	VS	Denmark
Harris	VS	Zhao
Fredin	VS	Black

ROUND 10. 17:30 CET / 11:30 am EST

Scorway	VS	Mikadinho
Seligman	VS	Netbridge
New Amateurs	VS	Ferguson
Zhao	VS	Levine
Denmark	VS	Fredin
Black	VS	Harris

ROUND 11. 19:00 CET / 13:00 pm EST

Scorway	VS	Seligman
Ferguson	VS	Mikadinho
Netbridge	VS	Zhao
Fredin	VS	New Amateurs
Levine	VS	Black
Harris	VS	Denmark

ROUND 12. 20:30 CET / 14:30 pm EST

To be announced

ROSTERS

BLACK
Black A. (boggis)
Hallberg G. (rerack)
McIntosh A. (mcintosh)
Hult S. (hultahult)
Crouch P. (pitiful)
Cope S. (Copeyj)

DENMARK
Graversen H. (HCDK)
Caspersen H. (hcasp)
Askgaard M. (askgaard)
Konow K. (konow)
Bilde D. (ballebo-jr)
Jepsen E. (emilos)
Jepsen P. (P_Jepsen)
Buus-Thomsen A. (babydollDK)
C. Bilde D. (docibi)

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

FREDIN
Fredin P. (P_Fredin)
Apteker A. (alonap)
Hick H. (Hcbfick)
Eber N. (eebs)
Clemmensson J. (jannec69)

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)

LEVINE
Levine M. (mikerl)
Wold E. (womoco)
Meckstroth J. (jjmeck)
Berkowitz D. (mikeyb)
Helgemo G. (micelle45)
Nystrom F. (F_Nystrom)
Morris B. (bobat3333)

MIKADINHO
Zanasi G. (Zanna9)
Verhaegen M. (Marcel_ve)
Schuster W. (Schustmozz)
Primavera F. (Fulldire)
Sementa A. (ilaria75)
Olivieri G. (ollina)

NETBRIDGE
Van Den Hoek J. (janonline)
Bremer A. (arisbreem)
Bouwen K. (kebosporto)
Zomer M. (mczo)
Drijver Tom (tdrijverrr)
van Roosmalen B. (basvanr)
Gast H. (hester02)
Van der Starre M. (martin001)
Huber M. (marijnhu)
Been M. (bendezz)

NEW AMATEURS
Lo A. (aitail)
Jiang Gu (Jiang_Gu)
Yang D. (hyang)
Chechelashvili D. (Dato)
Wang W. (rosewwf)
Kwok-fai Mak (Kfmak)
Weinstein J. (jlw77)
Wei H. (weihongji)

SCORWAY
Levinson S. (sc0tsteve)
Shenkin B. (Barnets)
Kvangraven N. (Nils123)
Brekka G. (kaninen)
Diamond D. (Derekd)
Spears B. (Spears)
Saur O. (Saurdino)
Olsen J. (Janaolsen)

SELIGMAN
Seligman M. (mseligman)
Kwiecien M. (michal1)
Pszczola J. (pikolo)
Starkowski W. (wstarkowsk)

ZHAO
Zhao C. (zhaochen)
De Wijs S. (sm1)
Muller B. (beukertje)
Verhees L. (loukie)
Van Prooijen R. (riccovp)
Drijver Bob (bobdrijver)
Nab B. (bnab)
Verbeek T. (timve)
Molenaar D. (dannymo)
Loo C. (Bridgeboy)
Tan G. (Serapuff)

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OCBL
TUE - WED SWISS

26 - 27 April, 2022

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TUESDAY

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Round 4:	19.45	CET /	13.45	EDT
Round 5:	21.00	CET /	15.00	EDT

WEDNESDAY

Round 6:	16.00	CET /	10.00	EDT
Round 7:	17.15	CET /	11.15	EDT
Round 8:	18.30	CET /	12.30	EDT
Round 9:	19.45	CET /	13.45	EDT
Round 10:	21.00	CET /	15.00	EDT

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG