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HEY JUNE...

The June Cup has started!

After four rounds, the Danes have a 12 VPs lead over the runners-up, team Fredin.

Today four more rounds will be played, then only four teams will keep fighting for the Cup! Details on the format are published below here.

FORMAT

QualifyingStage
The qualifying stage will be played in the form of a "Swiss": 8 rounds of 10 boards (4 rounds per day). The last round will be "Danish" (1st vs 2nd, 3rd vs 4th, 5th vs 6th etc. with playbacks allowed).

FinalStage
The top-4 teams from the qualifying stage will advance to the Semifinal: #1 vs #4 #2 vs #3 Semifinal and Final(1/2 place and 3/4 place) will be played over two segments of 10 boards each.
There will be the following carry over: In the semifinals no. 1-2 get a carry-over of 8.1-4.1 IMP. In the Finals no. 1 get a carry-over of 0.1 IMP as a tiebreaker.
The non-qualified teams will continue playing the other 4 rounds of 10 boards each in the form of "Swiss"

SCHEDULE TODAY

All the tables will be closed to kibitzers, but the matches will be broacast on Vugraph. The show will be delayed by 15 minutes.

Round 5. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT

Danes	VS	Fredin
New Amateurs	VS	Swiss Arabian
Seligman	VS	Flyfalcon
Harris	VS	Scorway
Texan Aces	VS	Lorin
Netbridge	VS	Friends

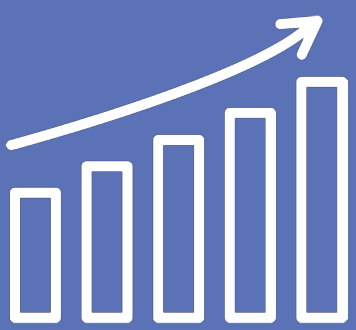
JUNE CUP
Ranking after Round 4

1	Danes	62.43
2	Fredin	50.94
3	New Amateurs	49.74
4	Swiss Arabian	45.36
5	Seligman	42.63
6	Flyfalcon	41.67
7	Harris	39.53
8	Scorway	35.97
9	Texan Aces	31.58
10	Lorin	30.45
11	Netbridge	27.64
12	Friends	22.06

STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE!

Who are the strongest defenders?

Who are the overall leaders?



Who should I be more afraid of?

Who is the top declarer?

The answers to your questions are here:

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OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

MON - TUE SWISS
11 - 12 July, 2022

10 Rounds x 8 boards	CEST	EDT
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 - 15 September, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards	CEST	EDT
Tuesday, 13 September R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 14 September R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 15 September R9 - R12 & SF/F	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

OCTOBER CUP
4 - 6 October, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards	CEST	EDT
Tuesday, 4 October R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 5 October R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 6 October R9 - R12 & SF/F	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

HALLOWEEN CUP
25 - 27 October, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards	CEST	EDT
Tuesday, 25 October R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 26 October R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 27 October R9 - R12 & SF/F	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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

Round 1

by Brian Senior

I've missed the last couple of OCBLs due to having face to face bridge commitments but am back at the keyboard for this week. Great though the OCBL has been and will no doubt continue to be, it feels really good to be back to playing face to face again after the best part of two years with almost exclusively online play.

A lively set of boards provided plenty of big swings in the Round One matches, starting with:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Scorway v Swiss Arabian

West	North	East	South
Primavera	*Shenkin*	*Margiotta*	*Levinson*
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♡
Pass	4♡	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Adam Ali*	*Saur*	*Camerini*
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Adam Ali and Camerini had a misunderstanding when Camerini jumped to 3♡ at his second turn then went on with a spade cuebid when his partner was able to raise hearts. Alas, Adam Ali seems to have read this combination as showing only a notional heart suit to force, with a big spade suit. He passed 4♠ and Camerini made 12 tricks, losing only to the queen of spades; +680.

The Scottish N/S pair did rather better. Levinson made a simple rebid of 2♡ and was raised to game. Thinking that it would be too difficult to get to Seven with any confidence, Levinson made a practical jump to 6♡. He won the diamond lead in dummy, pitching a club from hand, drew three rounds of trumps then took a second club discard, before playing ace of spades and a spade to the ten; making all 13 for +1460 and 13 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Seligman v Friends

West	North	East	South
Fang	*Starkowski*	*Yang*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♡	Pass	2♢
Pass	2NT	Pass	5♢
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Wang*	*Pszczola*	*Ng*
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♡	Pass	5♢
Pass	5♡	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

Ng rebid 2♡ and Wang's simple raise to 3♡ left room for a jump to 5♢ to show the void. Like the Scots, they played the small slam; making all 13 for +1460.

The Poles bid confidently to the grand slam. Kwiecien opened a Polish Club then rebid 2♢, strong relay, over the natural response. Two No Trump showed 12+ but only four hearts, and 5♢ was Exclusion Key-card. When Starkowski showed one key-card outside diamonds, Starkowski bid the grand. The fall of the ♡J on the first round of trumps meant that the spades could be ruffed out without any danger of an over-ruff; +2210 and 13 IMPs to SELIGMAN

Flyfalcon v Lorin

West	North	East	South
Nahmiyas	*V Prooijen*	*Yilmaz*	*Verhees*
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	7♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuiz.	*Kutuk*	*M de Leon*	*Ekinci*
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♢
Pass	4♡	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♢	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

Ekinci rebid 2♡ then cuebid diamonds over the heart raise. Kutuk signed off for now but, when Ekinci went on with another cuebid, showed his own diamond control. That was a kind of good news/bad news, as Kutuk had been willing to co-operate with a return cuebid, but a diamond card was not the best thing he could have. Ekinci settled for the small slam and soon chalked up +1460.

Verhees opened a strong club and Van Prooijen showed a balanced positive. Two Clubs was an asking bid and 2NT showed 2-4-3-4. Verhees bid hearts and, on getting a spade cuebid from his partner, simply jumped to Seven. That was an easy +2210 and 13 IMPs to FLYFALCON.

Three pairs bid to the grand slam, the third being Fredin and Apteker of team FREDIN. Six pairs played 6♡, one stopped in 4♡, and we have seen one who played 4♠. The twelfth result was +500 from 3♢ doubled by West down three.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Flyfalcon v Lorin

West	North	East	South
Nahmiyas	*V Prooijen*	*Yilmaz*	*Verhees*
3♠	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuiz.	*Kutuk*	*M de Leon*	*Ekinci*
3♠	All Pass		

Both Wests opened 3♠ but the two Norths showed different judgements of the value of their hand, Kutuk passing while Van Prooijen made a very aggressive 3NT overcall and played there.

Kutuk cashed two top diamonds against 3♠, then switched to the two of clubs, Sprinkhuizen winning dummy's ace and ruffing a club. He continued with the ace then jack of spades, the latter losing to the queen, and Kutuk returned the two of hearts, solving declarer's problem in that suit; 10 tricks for +170.

Yilmaz led a spade against 3NT, Nahmiyas winning the king with the ace and continuing with the jack and, when Van Prooijen ducked, the ten. Van Prooijen won the third spade and cashed all five diamonds then led a club up, but Yilmaz won the ace and put his partner in with the ace of hearts to cash spades, and there were no more tricks for declarer; down three for –300 and 4 IMPs to LORIN.

Scorway v Swiss Arabian

West	North	East	South
Primavera	*Shenkin*	*Margiotta*	*Levinson*
3NT	Pass	4♣	Dble
4♡	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Adam Ali*	*Saur*	*Camerini*
1♠	2♢	Dble	3♢
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Primavera opened the West hand with 3NT, showing some strength of four-of-a-major opening, and Margiotta asked him to transfer into his suit, which he duly did, enabling Margiotta to become declarer in the spade game. Levinson led a diamond, so Shenkin won the queen and ace then led a club through. Margiotta rose with the ace and led a spade to the king and ace followed by the jack of spades to the queen. Shenkin got out passively with jis third spades and Margiotta won and rattled off three more spades. At the end of all this, neither defender had pitched a heart. Margiotta led a

heart to his king then led the jack of hearts and ran it, losing to the doubleton queen for down one and –100.

Brekka opened the West hand at the one level. When Saur made a negative double of the 2♢ overcall and Camerini raised diamonds, Brekka bid 3♠ freely and Saur raised him to game. The play started off a little oddly. Adam Ali cashed the ace of diamonds – seven, six, eight, and continued with the two of diamonds to South's jack. Camerini decided that, however unlikely it might appear, the only explanation for this defence was that his partner wanted a club ruff, so he led the seven of clubs round to dummy's queen. Brekka played on spades and, when they played for one loser, had his contract without needing to find the queen of hearts as he had a discard on the ace of clubs for his tenth trick; +620 and 12 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Seligman v Friends

West	North	East	South
Fang	*Starkowski*	*Yang*	*Kwiecien*
1♠	2♢	2♡	3♢
3♡	Pass	Pass	4♣
4♡	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Wang*	*Pszczola*	*Ng*
1♠	2♢	2♡	4♣
All Pass			

Fang opened at the one level then supported his partner's hearts rather than rebid the spades. Yang was happy to play partscore but, when Kwiecien showed his side-suit on the way to 4♢, Fang took the push to 4♡, which ended the auction. Starkowski won his partner's diamond lead and cashed a second diamond before switching to a club. Yang rose with the ace and led a spade to the king and ace followed by a second spade to the queen. Starkowski returned a club to shorten dummy and kill the long spades. Yang took the ruff and ran the nine of hearts, cashed the ace, then played a winning spade for a club discard. Kwiecien ruffed that and had the king of clubs to cash for down two and –200.

Seligman was another 1♠ man. Wang overcalled 2♢, Pszczola bid his hearts, and Ng made a fit jump of 4♣. Wang passed that so Ng was left to play in his side's second best fit. Seligman cashed the ace of spades and, upon seeing the king appear on his right, switched to ace and another heart. Pszczola won the second heart and played a third round, forcing Ng to ruff in dummy. He ran the eight of clubs then played a second round. Pszczola took his ace and played a heart, but declarer could ruff that so Pszczola just made the queen of clubs at the end; down two for –200 and 9 IMPs to SELIGMAN.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Flyfalcon v Lorin

West	North	East	South
Nahmiyas	*V Prooijen*	*Yilmaz*	*Verhees*
–	Pass	1♡	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuiz.	*Kutuk*	*M de Leon*	*Ekinci*
–	Pass	1♡	Pass
3♡	All Pass		

Mendes de Leon opened 1♡ with the East hand then made a disciplined pass of Sprinkhuizen's pre-emptive raise. Ekinci led the three of hearts, de Leon winning dummy's queen and taking a successful spade finesse. When the ♠Q scored, he continued with the ten of diamonds from hand, losing to Kutuk's jack. Kutuk returned a diamond to the queen and ace and Ekinci played a third round to the king and ruff. DE Leon played ace of spades then ruffed a spade, a heart to the ace, then ruffed the last spade. Finally, he had to lead a club to his king and, when that lost to the ace, had the ♡K and a second club to lose, so was down one for –50.

Nahmiyas responded 1NT rather than raise hearts directly and encourage partner to get too optimistic. The 2♣ rebid did not promise clubs and now Nahmiyas admitted to some heart tolerance. When Yilmaz went on with a third bid, Nahmiyas decoded that his fourth trump was sufficient to justify a jump to the heart game. Verhees led the five of spades to the king and ace, a good start for declarer, who cashed the queen and ten of spades, pitching a diamond from dummy. The jack of spades was ruffed low by Verhees and over-ruffed, and Yilmaz led the queen of hearts to his ace then exited with a heart to the king. Van Prooijen discarded the six of clubs on the second heart trick and that, coupled with the fact that Van Prooijen had played his spade spot cards downwards, convinced Verhees to switch to ace and another diamond. Van Prooijen won the second diamond and switched to a low club, but Yilmaz got that right, playing low and so making his king. He was down one for –50 and no swing.

Jacek "Pepsi" Pszczola

Scorway v Swiss Arabian

West	North	East	South
Primavera	*Shenkin*	*Margiotta*	*Levinson*
–	Pass	1♡	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Adam Ali*	*Saur*	*Camerini*
–	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

Brekka made a simple raise, Primavera a pre-emptive raise, and both Easts raised themselves to game.

Camerini led the five of spades to the king and ace and Saur continued with the queen, ten and jack of spades, the last being ruffed and over-ruffed. Saur took the heart finesse, losing to the king, and back came Camerini's last trump. Saur won that on table and led a club to the king, losing to the ace. Camerini returned a club to his partner's ten, and there were two diamonds to come; down two for –100.

Levinson led ace and another club to declarer's king. Margiotta played ace then nine of hearts, and Levinson won the king as Shenkin discarded a discouraging eight of clubs. Levinson returned the nine of spades to the king and ace, and Margiotta was home. He could draw the missing trump then take two diamond discards on the spades, concede a diamond and ruff one, just making 10 tricks for +420 and 11 IMPs to SWISS ARABIAN.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Scorway v Swiss Arabian

West	North	East	South
Primavera	*Shenkin*	*Margiotta*	*Levinson*
–	–	3♠	4♣
Dble	4♡	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Adam Ali*	*Saur*	*Camerini*
–	–	3♠	All Pass

What to do with the South hand when East opens 3♠?

Camerini answered the question with a cautious pass. Whether or not the meek will inherit the Earth, this was certainly a good time to go meekly, as N/S can get into big trouble if South bids. Three Spades drifted one off, losing three trump tricks and two aces, for –100.

At the other table, Levinson used non-leaping Michaels, his 4♣ overcall showing clubs and hearts. Primavera doubled 4♣ for penalty and doubled again when Shenkin gave preference to hearts. Margiotta led the king of diamonds and, when that held the trick, continued with the queen, overtaken by Primavera, who switcthed to his spade. Shenkin won the bare ace and cashed the ace of clubs, noting the fall of the jack on his left. He led a heart next, putting up the ace when Primavera played low. A club to the king was followed by the ten of clubs to the king, and a club ruff with the jack. Shenkin tried the king of spades next, but Primavera was ruffing that, and could then cash the king and queen of hearts followed by the queen of clubs. The contract was down three for –500 and 12 IMPs to SWISS ARABIAN.

Seligman v Friends

West	North	East	South
Fang	*Starkowski*	*Yang*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	3♠	Dble
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	4♣
Dble	4♢	Dble	4♡
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Wang*	*Pszczola*	*Ng*
–	–	4♠	All Pass

Pszczola opened a level higher – an eight-card suit, so that's a four opener – and everyone went quietly. There were the obvious five tricks to be lost, so he was down two for –200.

Yang opened 3♠ and Kwiecien's poison of choice was a take-out double. Starkowski tried 3NT but that got doubled by Fang, and now Kwiecien ran to 4♣, only to see that and two more suggestions of contracts doubled as well. Eventually, the music stopped in 4♡ doubled by South, and Fang led his spade to the bare ace. Kwiecien cashed the ace of clubs then led a low heart and Fang split his honours, the queen losing to the ace. Kwiecien tried to cash the king of spades for a diamond discard, but that allowed Fang to ruff and play king and another heart. With no club ruffs available to him, Kwiecien won the third round of hearts in dummy and passed the ten of clubs to the queen. Fang played ace and another diamond, Kwiecien ruffed, and led the five of clubs. Fang won the six and played a diamond, and Kwiecien could ruff but then had to play king of clubs followed by the eight, losing to Fang's nine. Kwiecien was down three for –500 and 12 IMPs to FRIENDS.

Flyfalcon v Lorin

West	North	East	South
Nahmiyas	*V Prooijen*	*Yilmaz*	*Verhees*
–	–	4♠	4NT
Pass	5♢	Pass	5♡
All Pass			

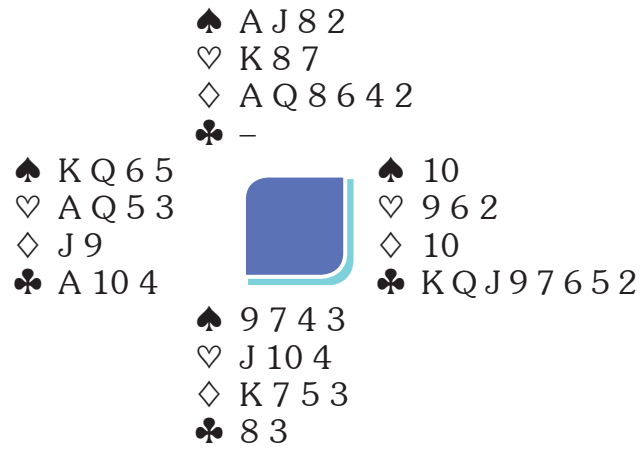
West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuiz.	*Kutuk*	*M de Leon*	*Ekinci*
–	–	3♠	4♣
Pass	4♡	Pass	Pass
Dble	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Mendes de Leon opened at the three level and Ekinci went for the non-leaping Michaels overcall. Sprinkhuizen didn't double that, but he did double when Kutuk's 4♡ came round to him, and again when Kutuk tried running to 5♣. Sprinkuizen led his spade. Ekinci won the ace and cashed the ace and king of clubs, getting the bad news. He led a heart to the queen and ace then took a diamond discard on the king of spades. Sprinkhuizen ruffed that and cashed the queen and nine of clubs, then the king of hearts – the last being an error as it established declarer's side-suit. Ekinci could unblock the ♡J and just lose one diamond from here, so got out for down three and –500.

If Sprinkhuizen plays two rounds of diamonds instead of the ♡K, declarer only makes his fifth trump but then East takes over with winning spades and the contract is down six.

Yilmaz opened at the four level and Verhees, typically, refused to be shut out. His 4NT showed an unspecified two-suiter and Van Prooijen showed preference for diamonds then accepted the correction to 5♡. Nahmiyas forgot to double, so the contract drifted four down but that cost only –200 and FLYFALCON picked up 7 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Flyfalcon v Lorin

West	North	East	South
Nahmiyas	*V Prooijen*	*Yilmaz*	*Verhees*
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Dble	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuiz.	*Kutuk*	*M de Leon*	*Ekinci*
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	Dble	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

The West hand was everyone's 1NT opening.

Kutuk doubled to show four cards in a major with a longer minor, and de Leon just blasted 5♣. When that came back to Kutuk he doubled again, for take-out, but Ekinci, with no long suit, of course left it in. Ekinci led the jack of hearts to the queen and king, and Kutuk switched to ace and another diamond. De Leon ruffed high and drew trumps then gave up a spade to establish a discard for his third heart, and was down one for –200.

Van Prooijen did not have that particular double of 1NT in his bag so passed at his first turn. Yilmaz transferred to clubs and now Van Prooijen could double the completion for take-out. Yilmaz jumped to 5♣ and Van Prooijen doubled again. Verhees left it in and led the seven of diamonds. Van Prooijen won the ace and played ace and another spade, so both of declarer's heart losers went away on the king and queen of spades and the contract was just made for +750 and 14 IMPs to LORIN.

Scorway v Swiss Arabian

West	North	East	South
Primavera	*Shenkin*	*Margiotta*	*Levinson*
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	Dble	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♢
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Adam Ali*	*Saur*	*Camerini*
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	2♣	5♣	All Pass

Adam Ali made an artificial 2♣ overcall and Saur leaped to 5♣, where he played undoubled. Camerini found the killing lead of the jack of hearts to the queen and king, and Adam Ali continued with the ♡8 to dummy's ace. Saur could draw trumps now before playing a spade to the queen and ace, but the defence had two red tricks to cash so the contract was down two for –200.

Shenkin doubled 1NT – a major with a longer minor – and Margiotta jumped to 5♣. Shenkin doubled again and Levinson, knowing of at least a nine-card diamond fir, took it out into 5♢, which Primavera doubled. Primavera led a trump. Levinson won the ace, played a second diamond to his king, and led a spade up. Primavera split his honours, so that went to the queen, ace and duck. Levinson ruffed the club return, came to hand with a trump, and led the jack of hearts. Primavera rose with the ace and exited with a club. Levinson ruffed, came to hand with another diamond, and led the nine of spades to the king and ace. After cashing the spades, he laid down the king of hearts but the queen did not fall so the contract was down one for another –200 and 9 IMPs to SWISS ARABIAN.

Seligman v Friends

West	North	East	South
Fang	*Starkowski*	*Yang*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	Dble	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♢
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Wang*	*Pszczola*	*Ng*
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	3♢	5♣	All Pass

Wang passed over 1NT so Pszczola transferred to clubs and now Wang bid his long diamonds over Seligman's 3♣ completion. Pszczola jumped to the club game and that was that. Not wanting to lead from either of his ace-high holdings, Wang opted for the seven of hearts – disaster! That went to the ten and queen, and it was a simple matter for Seligman to draw trumps then give up a spade, after which he had a discard for his third heart and 11 tricks in all for +600.

Starkowski doubled 1NT to show a major with a longer minor, and Yang blasted 5♣ to shut out his opponents. Starkowski doubled again when that came round to him, and Kwiecien took it out into 5♢, which ended the auction. Fang led a trump. Kwiecien won in dummy, played a second diamond to hand, then led the seven of spades and, when Fang did not put in an honour, ran it, losing to the bare ten. Seeing a possible endplay if spades were three-two, Kwiecien ruffed the club return, crossed to hand with a trump, and ruffed his remaining club. Now he played ace and another spade and there was indeed an endplay. Unfortunately, he had to lose two more spade tricks to achieve it. Fang won the king and queen of spades then switched to the queen of hearts, so Kwiecien won dummy's king and had held his heart losers to one but was down two for –200. That was still good for 9 IMPs to SELIGMAN.

Saverio Margiotta

Bridge NEWS

THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE 2027
AN OPEN INVITATION

From the WBF website:

The WBF Laws Committee is now giving some preliminary thought to the next review of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Its first decision is to issue a worldwide invitation to tournament officials, directors, players, administrators, zones and NBOs; requesting that they send any thoughts they may have as to desirable changes in the laws.

The Committee is primarily interested in suggestions which either:
- propose a change in the effect of the law; or
- retain the current effect of the law but focus on improvements to the wording and/or layout of a law.

The broad inclination of the Committee, as it commences the task, is to concentrate mainly on proposals in category b). However, all suggestions will receive consideration.

Contributions should be sent to: **2027laws@laikel.com**

For ease of identification and sorting, we request:
- That the subject line of every email contains the words "2027 Duplicate Bridge Law", which may then be followed by a law number.

Given the likely number of suggestions that will be sent, please do not anticipate an immediate acknowledgement of receipt. Do not assume that everything received since 2017 will be on record — send it afresh if you wish to have it included.

- The deadline for submissions is 30th June 2023.

Laurie Kelso
(Secretary – WBF Laws Committee)

SPECTOR IS USA1 for the 2023 BERMUDA BOWL

From the USBF website:

After a hard-fought Final match in the 2022 Open USBC, SPECTOR (Warren Spector-Gavin Wolpert, Kevin Bathurst-John Hurd, Vince Demuy-John Kranyak) had a blazing finish to defeat NICKELL (Nick Nickell-Ralph Katz, Eric Greco-Geoff Hampson, Bobby Levin-Steve Weinstein) 224-192. SPECTOR will be USA1 for the 2023 Bermuda Bowl and Nickell will have another chance in the 2023 Open USBC, which will select USA2.

ALT AND OCBL POINTS

This tournament awards ALT and OCBL Points!

After each tournament of 2022 ALT and OCBL will assign ALT-OCBL points to the teams to form a common ranking between the two organizations.

The highest-ranked teams based on ALT-OCBL points will earn the right to play in the Grand Final, details about this event will be revealed soon.

ALT UPCOMING EVENTS:

https://alt.bridgeresults.org/

OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS:

https://ocbl.org/upcoming-events/

OCBL JUNE CUP

ROUND 1

Seligman	15.97 VPs 34 IMPs	4.03 VPs 14 IMPs	Friends
Flyfalcon	12.51 VPs 26 IMPs	7.49 VPs 19 IMPs	Lorin
Fredin	9.23 VPs 30 IMPs	10.77 VPs 32 IMPs	Netbridge
Texan Aces	13.72 VPs 20 IMPs	6.28 VPs 9 IMPs	Harris
New Amateurs	9.23 VPs 28 IMPs	10.77 VPs 30 IMPs	Danes
Scorway	8.15 VPs 27 IMPs	11.85 VPs 32 IMPs	Swiss Arabian

ROUND 2

Seligman	7.82 VPs 15 IMPs	12.18 VPs 21 IMPs	Texan Aces
Flyfalcon	8.15 VPs 10 IMPs	11.85 VPs 15 IMPs	Swiss Arabian
Netbridge	2.84 VPs 0 IMPs	17.16 VPs 26 IMPs	Danes
New Amateurs	6.57 VPs 13 IMPs	13.43 VPs 23 IMPs	Fredin
Scorway	5.2 VPs 12 IMPs	14.8 VPs 27 IMPs	Lorin
Harris	10.39 VPs 17 IMPs	9.61 VPs 16 IMPs	Friends

ROUND 3

Danes	17.16 VPs 39 IMPs	2.84 VPs 13 IMPs	Texan Aces
Seligman	16.18 VPs 28 IMPs	3.82 VPs 7 IMPs	Swiss Arabian
Fredin	14 VPs 25 IMPs	6 VPs 13 IMPs	Lorin
Flyfalcon	15.29 VPs 25 IMPs	4.71 VPs 8 IMPs	Harris
New Amateurs	16.78 VPs 27 IMPs	3.22 VPs 3 IMPs	Friends
Netbridge	12.18 VPs 14 IMPs	7.82 VPs 8 IMPs	Scorway

ROUND 4

Danes	17.34 VPs 31 IMPs	2.66 VPs 4 IMPs	Seligman
Fredin	14.28 VPs 20 IMPs	5.72 VPs 7 IMPs	Flyfalcon
New Amateurs	17.16 VPs 35 IMPs	2.84 VPs 9 IMPs	Texan Aces
Lorin	2.16 VPs 8 IMPs	17.84 VPs 38 IMPs	Swiss Arabian
Netbridge	1.85 VPs 12 IMPs	18.15 VPs 44 IMPs	Harris
Scorway	14.8 VPs 31 IMPs	5.2 VPs 16 IMPs	Friends

OCBL JUNE CUP

BUTLER RANKING

1	T. Aagaard, (thorvald)	Danes	2.03	40
	S. Werdelin, (stigw)	Danes	2.03	40
3	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	1.37	30
	A. Falk, (Allan Falk)	New Amateurs	1.37	30
5	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	1	40
	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	1	40
7	F. Primavera, (Fulldire)	Swiss Arabian	0.9	20
	S. Margiotta, (saverio)	Swiss Arabian	0.9	20
9	G. Yilmaz, (yilmaz_g)	Lorin	0.77	30
	R. Nahmiyas, (carlitta)	Lorin	0.77	30
11	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	Flyfalcon	0.65	20
	M. Verhaegen, (Marcel_ve)	Swiss Arabian	0.65	20
	Bob Drijver, (bobdrijver)	Swiss Arabian	0.65	20
	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	Flyfalcon	0.65	20
15	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowsk)	Seligman	0.63	40
	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	0.63	40
17	F. Dahl, (Fdahl)	Danes	0.6	20
	H. Kruse Petersen, (Longrow)	Danes	0.6	20
19	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	0.53	30
	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	0.53	30
21	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	0.5	20
	J. Olsen, (Janaolsen)	Scorway	0.5	20
23	M. Huber, (marijnhu)	Netbridge	0.37	30
	M. Van der Starre, (martin001)	Netbridge	0.37	30
25	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	0.3	30
	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	0.3	30
	W. Wang, (rosewwf)	New Amateurs	0.3	10
	M. Kwok-Fei, (Kfmak)	New Amateurs	0.3	10
29	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	Flyfalcon	0.25	20
	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	Flyfalcon	0.25	20
31	P. King, (philking)	Texan Aces	0.1	20
	C. Loo, (bridgeboy)	New Amateurs	0.1	10
	G. Tan, (serapuff)	New Amateurs	0.1	10
	B. NG Chi-Cheung, (baron_ng)	Friends	0.1	10
	J. Norris, (pumpumpum)	Danes	0.1	20
	M. Norris, (meretev)	Danes	0.1	20
37	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	0.08	40
38	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.03	30
39	H. Fick, (Hcbfick)	Fredin	-0.05	40
	N. Eber, (eebs)	Fredin	-0.05	40
41	Y. Han, (ynh)	Friends	-0.1	20
	W. Mou, (wmou)	Friends	-0.1	20
43	G. Zanasi, (Zanna9)	Swiss Arabian	-0.2	20
	P. Marill, (cortex)	Swiss Arabian	-0.2	20
	L. Chen, (lc chen)	Texan Aces	-0.2	40
	D. Hsieh, (hsiehdh)	Texan Aces	-0.2	40
47	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-0.25	20
48	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	-0.3	20
	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	-0.3	20
50	J. Fang, (lakers1)	Friends	-0.35	20
	T. Yang, (tcyang)	Friends	-0.35	20
52	L. Camerini, (kiddd)	Swiss Arabian	-0.4	20
	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	Flyfalcon	-0.4	10
	H. Adam Ali, (Adamali_h)	Swiss Arabian	-0.4	20
	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	Flyfalcon	-0.4	30
	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	Flyfalcon	-0.4	30
	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Flyfalcon	-0.4	10
58	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	-0.48	40
	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	-0.48	40
60	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	-0.6	10
	M. Zomer, (mczo)	Netbridge	-0.6	10
62	J. Pszczola, (pikolo)	Seligman	-0.78	40
	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	-0.78	40
64	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-0.9	10
65	O. Ekinci, (Ekinci)	Lorin	-0.95	40
	B. Kutuk, (basak)	Lorin	-0.95	40
67	K. Castner, (Jafra)	Texan Aces	-1	40
68	A. Acar, (aslicann)	Lorin	-1.2	10
	I. Ayaz, (kanaryaz)	Lorin	-1.2	10
	W. Huang, (hweiming13)	Friends	-1.2	10
71	G. Wang, (kaisadadi)	Friends	-1.38	40
72	M. la Haye, (martenha)	Netbridge	-1.5	20
	N. Verhoeve, (slin55)	Netbridge	-1.5	20
74	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	-1.65	20
	N. Verhoef , (nicotest)	Netbridge	-1.65	20
76	P. Grünke, (thetaker)	Texan Aces	-2.1	20
77	K. Zhou, (kaiz)	Friends	-2.2	20

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10 Rounds x 8 Boards

MONDAY

Round 1:	16.00	CEST	/ 10.00	EDT
Round 2:	17.15	CEST	/ 11.15	EDT
Round 3:	18.30	CEST	/ 12.30	EDT
Round 4:	19.45	CEST	/ 13.45	EDT
Round 5:	21.00	CEST	/ 15.00	EDT

TUESDAY

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

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