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THE QUEEN

September CUP
Ranking after Round 4

1	Fredin	64.66
2	Scorway	52.99
3	Seligman	52.97
4	New Amateurs	47.01
5	Harris	45.32
6	Black	44.19
7	Nadel	43.64
8	Greenspan	42.2
9	Yellow Cap	41.61
10	Gillis	37.52
11	Crocodile	37.39
12	Pigot	35.37
13	Peanuts	32.59
14	Sugi	30.41
15	Netbridge	19.39
16	Rubenstein	12.74

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

Fredin	VS	Scorway
Seligman	VS	New Amateurs
Harris	VS	Black
Nadel	VS	Greenspan
Yellow Cap	VS	Gillis
Crocodile	VS	Peanuts
Pigot	VS	Sugi
Netbridge	VS	Rubenstein

Round 6. 17.30 CEST / 11.30 a.m. EDT

Round 7. 19.00 CEST / 1.00 p.m. EDT

Round 8. 20.30 CEST / 2.30 p.m. EDT

Welcome to the OCBL September CUP!
We hope you had a great summer.

We are playing 8 Rounds, then first 4 teams will qualify for the Semifinals.

16 Teams are being part of this event.
Please find below the useful links:

Line-Up
http://lineup.ocbl.org/event/22

Results
https://ocbl.org/2022-ocbl-september-cup/#results

BBO Links & Handrecords
https://ocbl.org/2022-ocbl-september-cup-records/

Journal
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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER CUP
3 - 5 October, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards	CEST	EDT
Monday, 3 October R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Tuesday, 4 October R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 5 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

MON - TUE SWISS
21 - 22 November, 2022

10 Rounds x 8 boards	CEST	EDT
Monday, 21 November	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00
Tuesday, 22 November	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00

DECEMBER CUP
13 - 16 December, 2022

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

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Bridge NEWS

The Winners of the WORLD BRIDGE SERIES

Rosenblum Bowl

Gold: NICKELL: Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Ralph Katz, Bobby Levin, Nick Nickell, Steve Weinstein (USA), Jill Levin (NPC)

Silver: VENTIN: Joaquín Pacareu (CHI), Guy Mendes de Leon, Thibo Sprinkhuizen (NED), Antonio Palma (POR), Juan Carlos Ventín (ESP), Frederic Wrang (SWE)

Bronze: ROBINSON: David Gold (ENG), David Berkowitz, Daniel Korbel, Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Robinson (USA)
and TEAM BLACK: Andrew Black, Gunnar Hallberg, Andrew McIntosh, Thomas Paske (ENG), Peter Bertheau, Simon Hult (SWE)

Gunnar Hallberg is a real veteran: he won two World Senior Teams titles in 2009 and ’10, long before his team-mate Simon Hult won the World Junior Teams in 2018. Guy Mendes de Leon and Thibo Sprinkhuizen won bronze at those same championships.
Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson previously won the Rosenblum in 2014.
Several of the American players have won seven medals in their careers. Nick Nickell has nine already. Zia Mahmood is up to 13, Jeff Meckstroth already 14.
These are the first world medals in history for players from Chili and Portugal. Juan Carlos Ventín remains the only player registered in Spain to have medalled, having won bronze in the 2014 Rosenblum.
Daniel Korbel is a Canadian but he is now registered for the USA.

Open Pairs

Gold: Krzysztof Buras – Piotr Lutostański (POL)
Silver: Nabil Edgtton (AUS) – Michael Whibley (NZL)
Bronze: Geir Helgemo (NOR) – Fredrik Nyström (SWE)

The Final B was won by Victor Melman (USA) and Mirosław Miłaszewski (POL)
The first Side Event was won by Marek Kozłowski and Zbigniew Sosna (POL)

McConnell Cup

Gold: BRODY: Fischer Brigitta (HUN), Marion Michielsen, Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt (SWE), Joan Brody (USA)

Silver: TRI POLAR: Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith (ENG), Kathrine Bertheau, Jessica Larsson (SWE), Disa Eythorsdottir, Janice Seamon-Molson (USA)

Bronze: BAKER: Sally Brock, Fiona Brown (ENG), Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Jill Meyers, Kerri Sanborn (USA)
and EDMONDS: Katarzyna Dufrat, Danuta Kazmucha, Anna Sarniak, Justyna Żmuda (POL), Jodi Edmonds, Irina Levitina (USA)

This is a veritable Who’s Who of Women’s Bridge. Together, these women have won 22 McConnell Cups, 21 Venice Cups and 8 Olympiads/Series. They have won a total of 168 World Championship medals. Nicola Smith is the most voracious of them with now 21 medals, Sally Brock has 17, Kerri Sanborn 16 and Jill Meyers 14. Karen McCallum joins the prestigious list of players with 10 medals or more, Irina Levitina and Janice Seamon-Molson (both 11) are already on that list.

Women Pairs

Gold: Jill Meyers – Kerri Sanborn (USA)
Silver: Sarah Bell (ENG) – Marie Eggeling (GER)
Bronze: Hjordis Eythorsdottir – Janice Seamon-Molson (USA)

Kerri Sanborn previously won the World Women Pairs in 1990 and 2002. This is her 17th world medal in all. Jill Meyers has also already won the World Women Pairs, in 1998. She has a total of 15 world medals. Janice Seamon-Molson has 12 medals. All four American women win a second medal at these championships.
Marie Eggeling won a bronze medal earlier this year in the Wuhan Cup.

There was no B-final, but non-qualified women were allowed to enter the “side event”. Özlem Kandolu and Tuna Elmas (TUR) was the highest placed women’s pair in that event.

Rand Cup

Gold: VYTAS: Wojciech Olański, Vytautas Vainikonis (LTU) Apolinary Kowalski, Michał Kwiecień, Jacek Romański, Włodzimierz Starkowski (POL)

Silver: GOODMAN: David Berkowitz, Andy Goodman, Mark Lair, Jeff Meckstroth, Mike Passell (USA)

Bronze: PENFOLD: Paul Hackett, John Holland, Alan Mould, Kay Preddy, Norman Selway, Brian Senior (ENG)
and ZIMMERMANN: Marc Bompis, Philippe Soulet (FRA), Krzysztof Martens (MON), Piotr Gawryś, Piotr Tuszyński (POL), Pierre Zimmermann (SUI), Fernando Piedra (NPC)

Włodzimierz Starkowski wins the Rand Cup in the same year as the D’Orsi Trophy (both for Senior teams).
Apolinary Kowalski and Krzysztof Martens both score their tenth medal in world championships. but they have never appeared on the same team. Kowalski’s regular partner Jacek Romański has a medal less, because Kowalski has a gold medal in Mixed pairs. Jeff Meckstroth is already up to a tally of 15 world medals, Pierre Zimmermann to 11.

Senior Pairs

Gold: Piotr Bizoń – Marek Blat (POL)
Silver: Krzysztof Martens (MON) – Pierre Zimmermann (SUI)
Bronze: Jeff Meckstroth – David Berkowitz (USA)

Meckstroth, Zimmermann and Martens add yet another medal to their tally that already exceeds 10.
There was no Final B, eliminated pairs were allowed to play in the Side Event. The highest placed Senior pair in that event was Lech Ekert (POL) and Maciej Raczkiewicz (USA)

Mixed Teams

Gold: FERM: Christina Lund Madsen (DEN), Daniela von Arnim (GER), Simon de Wijs (NED), Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver (SUI), Barbara Ferm (USA)

Silver: MINITER: Geir Helgemo (NOR), Sanna Clementsson, Jessica Larsson, Fredrik Nyström (SWE), Joe Grue, Gillian Miniter (USA)

Bronze: DONNER: Leslie Amoils (CAN), Per-Ola Cullin, Marion Michielsen, Cecilia Rimstedt (SWE), Kevin Dwyer, Sandra Rimstedt (USA), Gary Donner (NPC)
and CORIANDRE: Isabelle Bello, Aurélie Lorenzini, Cédric Lorenzini, Pierre Schmidt, Joanna Zochowska (FRA)

Geir Helgemo wins the 20th world medal of his career, becoming only the fifth player in history to achieve that total (after Belladonna, Hamman, Wolff and Smith). Daniela von Arnim now has 11 medals, Bas Drijver 10.

Mixed Pairs

Gold: Justyna Żmuda (POL) – Michał Klukowski (SUI)
Silver: Kārlis Rubins – Jelena Alfejeva (LAT)
Bronze: Sally Brock (ENG) – Chris Willenken (USA)

Klukowski and Żmuda are the second married couple to win the World Mixed Pairs, after Pam and Jon Wittes in 1986.
This is Latvia’s second medal in world championships, after the U21 teams in 2006.
Sally Brock already has 18 medals, Michał Klukowski 10.

The Final B was won by Zhao Jinlong and Shimazaki Ayako (JPN)
The second Side Event was won by Sophia Bałdysz (POL) and Jacob Freeman (CAN)

Record Breakers?

by Mark Horton

Looking at the team list for the OCBL September Cup I couldn't help but notice that team Yellow Cap comprised no less than 18 players! Surely that must be a record for any online event? (I wonder how they decide who plays!) Where better to start than their first-round encounter with Rubenstein.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ZGrossack	*Mann*	*Robinson*	*Hansson*
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♡	Pass	4♡	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♢*	Dble
5♡	All Pass		

4♠ Cue
5♢ Cue

EW got close, but it was difficult for West to envisage a slam opposite a passed hand, and he signed off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nilsland	*A Grossack*	*Gustafsson*	*Parker*
—	—	Pass	2♢*
Dble	3♢	3♠	Pass
4♡	Pass	5♢*	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

Despite holding a four card major and a void South was happy to start with a weak 2♢. When West indicated a strong hand East made an excellent decision by showing his second-round diamond control. Bidding the slam was worth 11 IMPs.

Fred Schenker and Bernie Greenspan were the only other pair to bid 6♡.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ZGrossack	*Mann*	*Robinson*	*Hansson*
—	—	—	1♢*
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♢*
Pass	2♡*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♢*
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♡	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♡*	Pass	7♡
All Pass			

1♢ 4+♢, unbalanced
1NT Game forcing relay
2♢ 4♢441/5440
2♡ Relay
2NT 4♢441, 14+
3♣ Relay
3♢ 4-4-4-1
3♠ Non-serious, nothing about spades
4♠ RKCB
5♡ 2 key cards +♡Q

North asked the early questions before South took over.

East led the ♡5 and declarer won with the eight, cashed the queen, drew the outstanding trump and claimed, +1510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nilsland	*A Grossack*	*Gustafsson*	*Parker*
—	—	—	2♣*
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♠
Pass	6NT	Pass	7♡
All Pass			

2♣ Strong
2♢ Game forcing
2NT 22-24, balanced
3♣ Stayman
3♠ 4♠, could have hearts
5NT Pick a slam

When North retreated to 6NT South realized that his partner must have hearts and bravely converted to 7♡ to flatten the deal.

Three pairs stopped short to lose 10 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ZGrossack	*Mann*	*Robinson*	*Hansson*
—	1♡	Pass	2NT*
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

2NT Hearts

North led the ♡4 and South took the ace and switched to the ♠3, North cashing the top spades and exiting with the ♢9. In due course he scored the ♣A for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nilsland	*A Grossack*	*Gustafsson*	*Parker*
—	1♡	Pass	3♡*
3♠	4♡	4♠	5♡
5♠	Dble	All Pass	

3♡ Mixed raise

North led the ♠K and switched to the ♢9, declarer winning with dummy's ace and playing a spade to North's ace. A heart saw South take the ace and the ♣A meant two down, -300 and 5 IMPs.

As an academic exercise, do you think NS can make 4♡?

On a spade lead suppose declarer wins, discards a club on a second spade and then takes two rounds of trumps ending in dummy. Now a low diamond to the nine sets a nasty trap. If East wins with the queen and exits with a heart declarer wins in hand and can now play a low club! East wins, but after cashing the ♢A, has no good move. If he exits with a spade declarer pitches a club from dummy, ruffs in hand, cashes the ♣A and then takes the ruffing finesse.

To avoid this fate East must win the first diamond with the ace! He exits with a heart, wins a low club and now plays the ♢Q. West must rise to the occasion, overtake it and exit with a diamond, East scoring a club at the end.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ZGrossack	*Mann*	*Robinson*	*Hansson*
—	Pass	2♢	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♢*	Pass
5♢	All Pass		

3♢ Minimum

South led the ♡A, switched to the ♠6 and scored a second heart when North won with the ace and played the ♡5, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nilsland	*A Grossack*	*Gustafsson*	*Parker*
—	Pass	Pass	1♡
2♣	Dble*	2♢	Pass
2♡*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	All Pass		

Stopping safely was worth 6 IMPs.

They were enough to give Yellow Cap a 17-8 win and 13.14 VP.

In Round 2 I followed the fortunes of two OCBL regulars, New Amateurs and Black.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*Gu*	*McIntosh*	*Lo*
—	1♣*	Pass	1♡*
1♠*	Dble*	2♡	4♠
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣
1♡ 4+♠
1♠ Takeout
Dble 3♠

West led the ♢8 and declarer took dummy's ace pitching the ♣8. He continued with the ♡Q and East covered with the king and switched to the ♠5. Declarer won with dummy's queen and played a second heart for the jack and ace and West returned the ♡3. Declarer ruffed with dummy's ♠J, drew trumps and cashed his winning hearts, losing a club at the end, +420.

To defeat 4♠ East must withhold the ♡K, allowing West to win and continue with the ♢Q. Declarer ruffs but even if he then guesses to continue with a low heart East wins and plays the ♢K forcing declarer for a second time. Now the 4-1 trump break will ensure that declarer scores only nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Falk	*Hallberg*	*Lusky*	*Hult*
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	2♢	3♡
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♢6 and declarer put in dummy's nine, ruffed East's king and played a heart for the queen and king. East switched to the ♣10 and West took the trick with the king and returned the ♣7. Declarer won with the jack, went to dummy with the ♠Q, pitched the ♣A on the ♢A and continued with a heart for the jack and ace. West exited with the ♢Q and declarer ruffed, ruffed a heart with dummy's ♠J and attempted to draw trumps. When the 4-1 split was revealed he was two down, -100 and 11 IMPs poorer.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*Gu*	*McIntosh*	*Lo*
—	1♠*	Pass	Pass
1♡*	Pass	2♢*	Pass
2♢*	Pass	2♡*	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣
1♡ Spades
1♠ 2/3♠
2♢ Any game force
2♡ 4♡

North led the ♢J and declarer won with the queen and ducked a spade, North winning with the nine and switching to the ♣4. Declarer took the king and ducked another spade, South winning with the queen and playing a club. Declarer won with dummy's ace pitching a spade and played the ♡8 for the queen and king. He ruffed the club return, ruffed a spade high and played a heart to the seven to emerge with ten tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Falk	*Hallberg*	*Lusky*	*Hult*
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♡*	Pass	1NT*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1♣ 2♣ if 4-4-3-2
1♡ 4+♠
1NT 1 or 2♠, minimum range

South led the ♣J and declarer won with dummy's king, crossed to the ♢K and ran the ♡10, covered in turn by the jack, queen and king. North returned a club and declarer ducked, won the next club, and claimed eight tricks, -100 and 12 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*Gu*	*McIntosh*	*Lo*
—	2♠*	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	2NT*	4♠
All Pass			

2♠ 10-13, 6+♠
2NT Lebensohl

East led the ♡8 and declarer took dummy's ace pitching the ♢7 and played the ♣2 to the queen and king, East exiting with the ♠2. Decalrer won with the ♠7 and played a second club, but East won with the ten and continued with the ♠8. Declarer could score one club ruff, but that left him a trick short, -50.

Suppose declarer holds on to dummy's ♡A and having ruffed the lead ducks a club. He wins the spade return and ducks another club, East winning and returning a trump. Declarer wins, ruffs a club, ruffs a heart and draws the outstanding trump in this position:

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

When declarer discards a diamond on the ♠K West is squeezed in three suits!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Falk	Hallberg	Lusky	Hult
—	1♠	Pass	2♠
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♢K and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♣2 for the queen and king, East returning the ♢5. West won with the queen and returned the eight, East ruffing with the ♠8 and switching to the ♣10 for one down and a flat board.

A trump lead is equally effective.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*Gu*	*McIntosh*	*Lo*
—	—	1NT	2♡*
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	All Pass

2♡ Hearts +♣/♢
2NT Clubs
3♣ Forced

South led the ♡K and switched to the ♢J, declarer winning in dummy, cashing two top clubs and then playing the ♠4. When dummy's jack held he played a a third club followed by the ♠AQ and claimed nine tricks, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Falk	*Hallberg*	*Lusky*	*Hult*
—	—	1NT*	2♡*
All Pass			

1NT 14+-17
2♡ Hearts +♣/♢

West led the ♡4 and when dummy's jack held declarer drew trumps and then played on diamonds, eventually scoring two tricks in that suit and one with the ♠K for +110 and 6 IMPs that gave New Amateurs a 25-18 win, worth 12.51 VP.

In Round 3 the deals were relatively calm. Here are two from Pigot v Fredin...

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
P Schaltz	*Goodman*	*D Schaltz*	*O'Gorman*
—	2♠*	Pass	Pass
3◇	All Pass		

2♠ Weak, 5+♠

North led the ♠K and switched to the ♣8, South taking the ace and returning the ♡K. Declarer won and played a diamond to the jack and ace and in due course the defenders scored a heart, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Coyne	*Becklen*	*Walsh*	*Bennet*
—	Pass	2♠*	3♡
4◇	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
5◇	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

This deal is instructive in so far as it is clear that East expected West to have some sort of spade fit for the 4◇ bid. The concept of the fit-non-jump is an important area of modern bidding theory.

North led the ♠A and switched to the ♡2, the defenders quickly collecting the four tricks they were entitled to, -300 and 9 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

	♠ 8 2 ♡ K 9 5 ◇ Q 8 5 ♣ Q10 8 5 3	
♠ J 10 7 6 5 4 ♡ Q ◇ K 10 9 4 2 ♣ 4		♠ Q 3 ♡ 8 6 4 3 2 ◇ 7 ♣ A K 9 7 2
	♠ A K 9 ♡ A J 10 7 ◇ A J 6 3 ♣ J 6	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
P Schaltz	*Goodman*	*D Schaltz*	*O'Gorman*
—	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dble
3♠	4♣	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣

West led the ♡Q and declarer won with dummy's king and played a club to the jack and a second club to dummy's ten, West discarding the ♠7 as East won with the king and exited with the ♡4. Declarer won with the ace, cashed the jack and ten discarding a spade, took the ♠A, ruffed a spade, played a diamond to the ace and played the ♠K discarding a diamond. He was sure to score one more trick, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Coyne	*Becklen*	*Walsh*	*Bennet*
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♠	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ◇4 and declarer won with the jack and played the ♣6 for the ten and king, East switching to the ♠Q. Declarer took the ace and played the ♣J, East winning and playing a second spade. Declarer won and played the ♡10, the appearance of the queen meaning he was already sure of nine tricks. He cashed the ♣Q followed by the winning hearts and West was squeezed, choosing to blank the ◇K rather tna be thrown in with a spade to lead into the split tenace, +430 and 10 IMPs.

It was a convincing win for Fredin, 33-5 giving them 17.51 VP.

In the last round the deals were what might be described as 'entertaining'.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Black v Netbridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Huber	*Hallberg*	*van de Starre*	*Hult*
—	—	Pass	1♡
Pass	2◇	Pass	2♠
Pass	3◇	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♣K and continued with the ace and seven, East cashing two more tricks in the suit and exiting with the ♡4, West's ace ensuring +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*van den Hoek*	*Gold*	*Gaillard*
—	—	Pass	1♡
Pass	2◇*	Pass	2♡*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

2◇ Game forcing with diamonds or 3♡, 5-7
2♡ Minimum
2NT Game forcing

East led the ♡4 and West put up his ace. When he continued with the ♡9 declarer could win, cross to the ◇A, cash the play a spade to the king and cash the diamonds. That gave him ten tricks, +950 and 14 IMPs.

5 pairs made 3NT.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Seligman v Peanuts

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Lair*	*Bessis*	*Seligman*
Pass	2♡	2♠	4♠*
5♠	6♣	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

4♠ RKCB

Whatever the meaning of North's 6♣, it resulted in the almost laydown slam being reached. East led the ♠A so that was +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*Franceschetti*	*Kwiecien*	*Robert*
2♠*	Pass	4♠	Dble
Pass	5♡	5♠	6♡
Pass	Pass	6♠	Dble
All Pass			

2♠ Spades + ♣/◇

North led the ◇5 and South won with the ace and returned the nine, North ruffing and switching to the ♡2. South won with the jack and continued with the ◇10, North ruffing. When he then tried to cash the ♡A, declarer could ruff, draw the outstanding trump and dispose of a club on a diamond, -800 but a 5 IMP gain.

Nine pairs bid 6♡, with 2 EW's 'saving' in 6♠ - they both escaped with -800.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Rubenstein v Gillis

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	*Berset*	*Robinson*	*Saelensminde*
—	1♡	2♠	3♡
4♡	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

It says West bid 4♡, but 4♣ looks more likely!

South led the ♣J and when declarer discarded a heart from dummy North won with the ace and exited with the ♡6. Declarer ruffed, pitched a heart on the ♣K and ran the ♠J, North winning and playing another heart. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a club, played a spade to the queen and a diamond for the ten and jack. North played a third heart and declarer ruffed and played the

♢9. South covered with the queen and when dummy followed with the two, North, no doubt expecting it to be the king, played the ace, which meant declarer was one down, -200.

Closed Room

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Hanlon	*Rubenstein*	*Svendsen*	*Kolesnik*
—	1♡	1♠	2♡
4♣*	Dble	4♠	Pass
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
5♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	All Pass		

4♣ 'Short for me anyway'

South led the ♡A and declarer ruffed and played a diamond for the ten and jack, North returning the ♠K. Declarer took dummy's ace and played a diamond for the nine and queen. South exited with the ♠10 and declarer won and played a third diamond, North winning and exiting with the ♡K. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a club, pitched a club on the long diamond and advanced the ♡J. When North followed with the nine, declarer elected to ruff, which meant the contract was two down, -1000 and a 13 IMP swing.

David Gold was another declarer who found himself in 5♠ (undoubled!). South led the ♡A and declarer ruffed, played a spade to the ace, the ♡J, covered by the queen and ruffed, drew the remaining trump and ran the ♢9 to North's jack. At this point the only winning defence is for North to cash the ♢A and exit with a diamond. When he naturally exited with a low club declarer put up the king, pitching a heart from dummy, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart and played a diamond to the ten. With diamonds 3-3 there were now eleven tricks (and 11 IMPs).

SEPTEMBER CUP RESULTS

Round 1

Black	5.2 VPs / 5 IMPs	14.8 VPs / 20 IMPs	Sugi
Seligman	6.86 VPs / 13 IMPs	13.14 VPs / 22 IMPs	Netbridge
Peanuts	8.86 VPs / 23 IMPs	11.14 VPs / 26 IMPs	Greenspan
Fredin	13.43 VPs / 23 IMPs	6.57 VPs / 13 IMPs	New Amateurs
Crocodile	3.61 VPs / 10 IMPs	16.39 VPs / 32 IMPs	Pigot
Nadel	7.82 VPs / 24 IMPs	12.18 VPs / 30 IMPs	Harris
Yellow Cap	13.14 VPs / 17 IMPs	6.86 VPs / 8 IMPs	Rubenstein
Gillis	4.48 VPs / 20 IMPs	15.52 VPs / 38 IMPs	Scorway

Round 2

Pigot	10.77 VPs / 29 IMPs	9.23 VPs / 27 IMPs	Scorway
Sugi	6.28 VPs / 24 IMPs	13.72 VPs / 35 IMPs	Fredin
Yellow Cap	18 VPs / 54 IMPs	2 VPs / 23 IMPs	Netbridge
Harris	20 VPs / 52 IMPs	0 VPs / 2 IMPs	Greenspan
Peanuts	6.28 VPs / 23 IMPs	13.72 VPs / 34 IMPs	Nadel
Seligman	19.66 VPs / 60 IMPs	0.34 VPs / 16 IMPs	Rubenstein
New Amateurs	12.51 VPs / 25 IMPs	7.49 VPs / 18 IMPs	Black
Gillis	6.86 VPs / 23 IMPs	13.14 VPs / 32 IMPs	Crocodile

Round 3

Harris	13.14 VPs / 18 IMPs	6.86 VPs / 9 IMPs	Yellow Cap
Pigot	2.49 VPs / 5 IMPs	17.51 VPs / 33 IMPs	Fredin
Seligman	8.15 VPs / 11 IMPs	11.85 VPs / 16 IMPs	Scorway
Nadel	14.28 VPs / 16 IMPs	5.72 VPs / 3 IMPs	Sugi
New Amateurs	15.75 VPs / 29 IMPs	4.25 VPs / 10 IMPs	Crocodile
Netbridge	4.25 VPs / 12 IMPs	15.75 VPs / 31 IMPs	Peanuts
Black	11.5 VPs / 10 IMPs	8.5 VPs / 6 IMPs	Gillis
Greenspan	16.78 VPs / 41 IMPs	3.22 VPs / 17 IMPs	Rubenstein

Round 4

Harris	0 VPs / 0 IMPs	20 VPs / 48 IMPs	Fredin
Yellow Cap	3.61 VPs / 11 IMPs	16.39 VPs / 33 IMPs	Scorway
Nadel	7.82 VPs / 14 IMPs	12.18 VPs / 20 IMPs	New Amateurs
Seligman	18.3 VPs / 46 IMPs	1.7 VPs / 13 IMPs	Peanuts
Pigot	5.72 VPs / 22 IMPs	14.28 VPs / 35 IMPs	Greenspan
Sugi	3.61 VPs / 15 IMPs	16.39 VPs / 37 IMPs	Crocodile
Black	20 VPs / 69 IMPs	0 VPs / 14 IMPs	Netbridge
Gillis	17.68 VPs / 42 IMPs	2.32 VPs / 13 IMPs	Rubenstein

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BUTLER RANKING

1	R. Milne, (ranald)	Pigot	3	10
2	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	2.5	20
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	2.5	20
4	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Nadel	2.25	20
	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Nadel	2.25	20
6	D. Schaltz, (DS_DK)	Fredin	2.2	20
	P. Schaltz, (PS_DK)	Fredin	2.2	20
8	B. Fudor, (bf06)	Greenspan	2.1	20
9	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	1.95	20
10	J. Becklen, (Janb)	Fredin	1.85	20
	J. Bennet , (jbennet)	Fredin	1.85	20
12	B. O'Brien, (bjoboru)	Pigot	1.75	20
13	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	1.7	10
	K. Lucky, (leonhart)	Sugi	1.7	20
	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	1.7	10
	H. Sugiharto, (sugi)	Sugi	1.7	20
17	L. Hallqvist, (louiseha)	Yellow Cap	1.65	20
	Y. Johansson, (yljo)	Yellow Cap	1.65	20
19	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	1.55	20
	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	1.55	20
21	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowsk)	Seligman	1.43	40
	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	1.43	40
23	S. Gross, (sgross)	Harris	1.2	10
24	R. Gómez, (comissure)	Crocodile	1.1	10
	P. Gonçalves, (pgonsalvs)	Crocodile	1.1	10
26	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	1	40
27	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	0.97	30
28	H. Setton, (Ldase)	Peanuts	0.77	30
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	0.77	30
	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	0.77	30
31	O. Svendsen, (Pirrum)	Gillis	0.7	40
	O. Berset, (oleab)	Gillis	0.7	10
33	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	0.6	20
	B. Spears, (Spears)	Scorway	0.6	20
	B. Greenspan, (BernieG)	Greenspan	0.6	40
	D. Diamond, (Derekd)	Scorway	0.6	20
37	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	0.53	40
38	I. Bareket, (bareket)	Crocodile	0.5	30
	E. Hansson, (HansEri1)	Yellow Cap	0.5	10
	N. Saada, (natsa)	Crocodile	0.5	30
	C. Mann, (castor01)	Yellow Cap	0.5	10
42	T. Hanlon, (kinder1)	Gillis	0.45	40
43	J. Lusky, (pachyderms)	New Amateurs	0.43	30
	A. Falk, (Allan Falk)	New Amateurs	0.43	30
45	K. Gustafsson, (Klaragust)	Yellow Cap	0.4	10
46	J. Essink, (jornes2)	Nadel	0.35	20
	G. Friesen, (gaborf)	Nadel	0.35	20
48	P. Franceschetti, (gewd)	Peanuts	0.18	40
	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	0.18	40
	M. Lair, (mslair)	Seligman	0.18	40
51	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	0.1	20
	M. Zomer, (mczo)	Netbridge	0.1	20
53	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	0.07	30
	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	0.07	30
55	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	0.05	40
	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	0.05	40
57	E. Saelensminde, (skaal1)	Gillis	-0.08	40
58	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	-0.2	10
	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.2	30
60	A. Braunstein, (rel49)	Crocodile	-0.25	20
	S. Zack, (shaharz)	Crocodile	-0.25	20
62	T. Bessis, (malpaluche)	Peanuts	-0.43	40
	C. Lorenzini, (pierced)	Peanuts	-0.43	40
64	M. Grönkvist, (mgronkvist)	Yellow Cap	-0.45	20
	C. Ahlesved, (Cafor1)	Yellow Cap	-0.45	20
66	M. Kwok-Fei, (Kfmak)	New Amateurs	-0.5	10
	B. NG Chi-Cheung, (baron_ng)	New Amateurs	-0.5	10
	D. O'Gorman, (derekog6)	Pigot	-0.5	30
69	L. Robinson, (saba)	Rubenstein	-0.6	20
70	M. Nilsland, (Nilsland)	Yellow Cap	-0.65	20
	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Rubenstein	-0.65	20
72	S. Gillis, (Rayas78)	Gillis	-0.67	30
73	H. Fick, (Hcbfick)	Fredin	-0.7	20
	N. Eber, (eebs)	Fredin	-0.7	20
75	M. Fernando Christian, (elang)	Sugi	-0.8	20
	F. Nando, (tj3n)	Sugi	-0.8	20
77	F. Schenker, (jbcoyle)	Greenspan	-0.9	20
78	P. Pigot, (ppiglett)	Pigot	-0.93	30
79	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Nadel	-0.98	40
	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Nadel	-0.98	40
81	A. Nurkunyil, (nurkunyil)	Sugi	-1	20
	Ji. Beni, (beni ji)	Sugi	-1	20
83	T. Bishel, (tobias31)	Greenspan	-1.02	40
	J. Bishel, (rxguy2)	Greenspan	-1.02	40
85	C. Coyne, (ciaran)	Pigot	-1.1	20
86	K. De Raeymaeker, (ewion)	Pigot	-1.25	20
87	D. Walsh, (dodge31)	Pigot	-1.3	20
	P. Goodman, (petepunt)	Pigot	-1.3	10
	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	-1.3	20
	G. Elwindra, (gabrialsew)	Sugi	-1.3	20
	M. Reza, (jakskal)	Sugi	-1.3	20
92	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Rubenstein	-1.33	40
93	C. Parker, (cmp56)	Rubenstein	-1.33	30
94	H. Hjort Warlenius, (Hwarlenius)	Yellow Cap	-1.4	10
	I. Lichtenstein, (Ivarlicht)	Yellow Cap	-1.4	10
96	M. Barel, (mich-b)	Crocodile	-1.55	20
	P. Katz, (paz_k)	Crocodile	-1.55	20
98	Q. Robert, (ptit)	Peanuts	-1.6	10
99	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	-1.63	40
100	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-1.65	20
	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-1.65	20
	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	-1.65	20
103	S. Sivelind, (sara s)	Yellow Cap	-1.7	10
104	V. Gaillard, (VincentG)	Netbridge	-1.95	20
105	M. Van der Starre, (martin001)	Netbridge	-2.25	20
	M. Huber, (marijnhu)	Netbridge	-2.25	20
107	S. Rubenstein, (stewr)	Rubenstein	-2.4	30
108	E. Kolesnik, (ekolesnik)	Rubenstein	-2.9	20

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