



# The minor ALT INVITATIONAL IV & TampAlt Qualification

**NOVEMBER 16-20 2020**

**WORLD CLASS ONLINE BRIDGE EVENTS**

## A Participant Gone

This week was supposed to be a mini online festival with two simultaneous events; the classic Minor Invitational and the qualification for the major TampAlt December 14-18.

Until a tragedy occurred last week. Søren Bune, a 19-year old Danish world junior champion, left this world. His family and fellow juniors share shock and sorrow with bridge players all over the world.

He was still unknown to most bridge players outside junior circles, but with his talent he would not have remained so for long, had he chosen to stay with us longer.

He was supposed to play on Vinita Gupta's team in the TampAlt Qualification. It has never been so hard to remove a name from the roster. May his soul find peace.



### Today's Schedule TampAlt Q

Monday November 16

10:15 EST / 16:15 CET – Round 1 (14 boards)

12:45 EST / 18:45 CET – Round 2 (14 boards)

15:15 EST / 21:15 CET – Round 3 (14 boards)

### Today's Schedule Minor Alt

Monday November 16

10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 1 (24 boards)



14:00 EST / 20:00 CET – RR 2 (24 boards)

## Draw

### Minor Alt R1

### Results

In the qualifying stage the teams are divided into 2 groups of 8 teams and play 7 matches of 24 boards versus the teams of their own group. The top 4 teams from each group will advance to the knockout stage.

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 <u>GUPTA</u>	 <u>VENTIN</u>
2	 <u>DE BOTTON</u>	 <u>FREDIN</u>
3	 <u>HARRIS</u>	 <u>DONNER</u>
4	 <u>RED DEVILS</u>	 <u>EASTWEST</u>
5	 <u>MOSS</u>	 <u>DE MICHELIS</u>
6	 <u>GILLIS</u>	 <u>BLACK</u>
7	 <u>POTTER</u>	 <u>WILSON</u>
8	 <u>FRIENDLY ISRAELIS</u>	 <u>BRIDGESCANNER</u>

### TampAlt Q R1

### Results

The event will be played as a single stage competition in the form of a "Swiss" with 12 rounds of 14 boards.

The top 2 teams win a free entry to the TampAlt December 14-18.

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 <u>VINITA</u>	 <u>REMEMBERING ROLAND</u>
2	 <u>FLEMISH FEAST</u>	 <u>HONEY BADGERS</u>
3	 <u>PELKA</u>	 <u>NEW ENGLANDERS</u>
4	 <u>HERRES!</u>	 <u>DE ZEEROB</u>
5	 <u>THE MUGS</u>	 <u>NORFOLK AND CHANCE</u>
6	 <u>IMP</u>	 <u>SWEETWOOD VILLAGE</u>
7	 <u>JEDI KNIGHTS</u>	 <u>TRANSNATIONALS</u>
8	 <u>BELGIUM 2</u>	 <u>COPPENS</u>

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& bulletins

[Alt.bridgeresults.org](http://Alt.bridgeresults.org)



# Harris begins, Black wins

## From the Minor Alt III

By Toine van Hoof



The finalists of the third Alt Minor were the teams of Jonathan Harris and Andrew Black. Harris began by scoring 22 unanswered IMPs in the first nine boards. Then Black stroke back:

### Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

	♠ 10 7 5		
	♥ A J 8 6 5		
	♦ A 3		
	♣ 8 5 2		
♠ J		♠ 9 8 4 2	
♥ K 4 3 2		♥ 10 7	
♦ 7 6 5 2		♦ K J 10 8 4	
♣ A 10 7 4		♣ K 6	
	♠ A K Q 6 3		
	♥ Q 9		
	♦ Q 9		
	♣ Q J 9 3		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	D. Gold	Isporski	Black
–	–	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

### 2♦ Hearts

With nine out of his 16 points in quacks Black decided to open 1NT so he landed in 3NT. West led a diamond to his partner's king and a diamond back cleared the suit. Declarer played a spade to the ace, bringing down the ♠J, and advanced the ♥Q. When West ducked, he played a spade to the 10, cashed his spade tricks, played a heart to the jack and cashed the ♥A for his ninth trick.

Covering the ♥Q had given declarer the option to play West for ♥K10x (if he comes back to hand with a spade, leaving the ♠10 as an entry in dummy, and runs the ♥9, he goes three off).

At the other table the auction was 1♠-2♠ (constructive)-4♠. Gunnar Hallberg led a diamond, ducked to the king. Simon Hult swiftly put the contract one off by shifting to the ♣K followed by a club to the ace and a club ruff: 12 IMPs to Black.

Two boards later both NS pairs overstepped:

### Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

	♠ A 4 3		
	♥ 5		
	♦ J 9 6 4		
	♣ A J 10 8 4		
♠ K Q 10 7 5		♠ 6	
♥ A J 10 6		♥ K Q 7	
♦ 7		♦ K Q 10 5 3	
♣ 7 3 2		♣ K Q 6 5	
	♠ J 9 8 2		
	♥ 9 8 4 3 2		
	♦ A 8 2		
	♣ 9		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	D. Gold	Isporski	Black
–	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

David Gold went for 800. He must have been delighted to learn the result from the other table:



Gunnar Hallberg

**Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.**

♠ A K J 10 9 4  
♥ —  
♦ A K J 8 3  
♣ 5 4

♠ 8 5 3  
♥ A 10 8 3  
♦ Q 2  
♣ Q J 6 3

♠ Q 6  
♥ 7 6 5 2  
♦ 10 9 4  
♣ 10 9 7 2

♠ 7 2  
♥ K Q J 9 4  
♦ 7 6 5  
♣ A K 8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	M. Gold	Hult	Tiholov
—	1♦*	2♦*	Dble
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥*
Dble*	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble*			

- 1♦ 0+♦, 10-15
- 2♦ Natural
- 3♥ Both majors, NF
- Dbl Penalty

Hult unerringly led a spade and Marusa Gold went for 1400: 12 IMPs to Black.

On Board 15 Hallberg was allowed to make 4♠ that was defeated in the open room. Another 10 IMPs to Black.

Harris missed the opportunity to regain the lead on the last board of the first set:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendaflov	D. Gold	Isporski	Black
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

- 2♣ Big
- 2♦ Art
- 4♥ short
- 5♦ 0/3
- 5♥ Not alerted; probably Q ask
- 5♠ Not alerted; probably no ♠Q

Black preferred 6NT over 6♠ and got away with it. West led the ♣J to the ace. Declarer played a spade to the jack and the queen. Though Ruben Trendaflov had followed suit with the ♠8, Vladi Isporski returned a club.

Relieved Black won with the ♣K, finessed in diamonds, cashed both dummy's aces and claimed.

This was the auction in the closed room:



Todor Tiholov

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	M. Gold	Hult	Tiholov
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

3♥ Pre-empt in ♠ or FG 5+♠ & 5+m  
 5NT Not alerted; probably pick-a-slam

In 6♠ Todor Tiholov received the lead of the ♣Q to his ace. For some reason he started by taking the diamond finesse. Then he cashed the ♦A and ♠A-K for an overtrick and a gain of 1 IMP.

The score at halftime was 40.1 to Black, 30 to Harris.

In the final bulletin of the Minor Alt III Martin Cantor already dealt with the most important boards of the second set. This was an interesting push:

**Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.**

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Trendafilov	Hult	Isporski
–	–	1♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Against 4♠ East led the ♥K. Declarer put up the ace and West ruffed. He returned ♣5 to declarer's ace. Trendafilov drew the ace and king of trumps, Hallberg contributing the ♠10 and the ♦Q.

On the ♦10 Hult rose with the ace. He cashed the ♥Q and exited with ♦9. Declarer discarded ♣8 on the ♦K and, judging that East had opened on a tencount with 7 hearts, finessed in clubs: Down one.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Root	Paske	Igoe	McIntosh
–	–	1♥	Pass
1NT*	Dbl	4♥	Dbl
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1NT 3-12 HCP



In the open room the defense also kicked off with the ♥K, covered with the ace and ruffed by West, who returned the ♣7. Thomas Paske took the ♣A, cashed ♠A-K and played ♥8 to the East's queen. The ♦A was cashed and East got out with ♦9. Declarer pitched a club on the ♦K, ruffed a heart and crossed to the ♠J. In this trick West threw the ♦J. From declarer's point of view East could still have had doubleton, KQJ-seventh, AQ-third and a singleton. So he finessed in clubs and was also one off.

Mark Horton's au pair would have asked why declarer in the open room (and perhaps also in the closed room) did not duck ♥A twice. With the ♦A marked in the East hand, this is almost a hundred percent play.

This was the last board of the match:

**Board 16. W / EW**

<p>♠ 9 8 ♥ A K 9 6 ♦ A Q T 6 ♣ 6 3 2</p>	<p>♠ A Q J 2 ♥ 7 5 2 ♦ 7 3 ♣ K 9 8 5</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; text-align: center; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ K T 7 4 ♥ J T 8 ♦ J 9 8 2 ♣ A Q</p>
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	S											
	<p>♠ 6 5 3 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ J T 7 4</p>											

In the open room Niall Igoe and Steve Root as EW ended in 1NT, making eleven tricks. The closed room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Trendafilov	Hult	Isporski
1♦	Dbl	Rdbl	Pass*
Pass	1♠	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

I was watching them on BBO and expected Hult to jump to 2NT or even 3NT at his second turn.

When he sufficed with 1NT I thought the hand would be a push unless Hullberg could find a raise to 2NT. To my surprise he jumped to 3NT.

In his article Martin Cantor wondered whether Trendafilov's featherlight double impeded or impelled East-West.

I asked Gunnar Hallberg and he happily replied the following.

*“Our redouble shows 10+ and Simon's 1NT shows a STRONG interest to play in 3NT opposite a sound opening bid. We were red vs. green and he could have passed to get my opinion. His ♠10 was a deciding factor. He would not have bid 1NT without it. This is about partnership understanding, or call it judgement if you like. It's a well-known fact among the elite, that 3NT often makes on a combined 23-24 count when the opponents have produced a road map. I had an easy raise to 3NT. I'm now giving free lessons, that will cost a few IMPs in the future. ☺”*

Hult took the same eleven tricks. Plus 660 yielded Black 10 imps and the victory with 1.1 IMP to spare.

# Søren Christian Bune

2001-2020

by Christina Lund Madsen



The biggest stars live the shortest lives. A megastar shines brighter than all other stars until it burns out, ending its days as a supernova.

On November 5th World Junior Champion Søren Bune from Denmark passed away, 19 years old, leaving his family and friends a black hole and the Danish and junior bridge world in deep shock.

Søren has been a rising star within Danish bridge since he went to his first junior camp 8 years old. With parents who were eager players, he and his older sister learned the game from an early age.

Only 12 years old, he represented Denmark on the U20 team and in the years to come he was always on a national junior team, usually in an age category above the one he was eligible for.

The rest of the bridge world became aware of Søren in 2015 when he won the U16 World Pairs Championship with Christian Lahrman and cemented his status as the best of his generation and the hope for Danish bridge.

Morten Bilde picked the junior talent to mentor and with Morten as his partner, Søren made his debut in the Danish first division one and a half year ago. Søren immediately repaid Morten's trust by a strong performance, landing the two among the top pairs in the butler in the Round Robin and winning the semifinals convincingly until they lost the finals.



Søren looked like a teenage idol, graduated as a top student and was a world champion at the age of 14.

Yet he lived the life of a normal teenager and played football and PlayStation with his friends. He was proud to play on Vinita Gupta's team - as he was supposed to this week.

He was quiet, thoughtful and had such an unimpressed air at the bridge table that his fellow juniors named him Iceman.

But happiness comes from the inside, and behind his façade was a lonely boy struggling and haunted by too many thoughts he kept to himself. Being partly isolated due to corona, he decided to give up the fight.





**Christian Lahrman and Søren Bune after winning the U16 World Pairs Championship in 2015.**

He left a letter each for his mother Pia, his father Morten, his older sister Sophie and younger sister Amalie and left the house not to come back.

In his letters he thanks both his parents for an amazing childhood filled with support and inspiration. He knew they were always there for him and supported him in bridge as well as football. He thanks his older sister Sophie for all the care she has shown him, and he expresses his enormous pride for his baby sister. He ends his letter to the family by saying that he loves them all and that his inner battle was his alone.

Despite his careful planning and clear determination, his closest are left with a grief so overwhelming all life has stopped for a time. Because they cannot help wondering how a beloved young man with so many talents and friends saw death as his only escape. Yet it was his choice. It is impossible to find any comfort in a loss as tragic as this besides that fact.

Søren's younger sister Amalie shared her grief with these words:

*“But I am not mad at you, you really have to know that. Because I know how it feels. I still turn my head and always will every time someone walks in the door. And the only person I want to see is you. I promise you I will make myself, our family and the rest of the world, full of admiration for you, continue life. I will forever be shattered by your passing, but I comfort myself that you are at peace now.”*

The passing of Søren Bune is like losing a star only recently discovered, burning so brightly it ran out of energy too quickly, robbing the rest of the universe of its light.

We grieve with his parents and sisters, who have suffered a loss no human being should. We mourn with all who knew him, and while we will never truly understand, in time we hope to remember him with pride and joy and not only insurmountable sorrow. ♥



## Teams / Players / Nicknames Minor Alt

### BLACK

Andrew Black	Boggis
David Gold	Dagold
Gunnar Hallberg	Rerack
Simon Hult	Hultahult
Andrew Mcintosh	Mcintosh
Tom Paske	Thomas1000

### BRIDGESCANNER

Konrad Araszkiwicz	konrad80
Andrei Arlovich	goblin2000
Kamil Nowak	Kamiln
Wojciech Olanski	Olanski
Erikas Vainikonis	bookie_lt
Vytautas Vainikonis	vainikonis
Piotr Zatorski	dzeronimo

### DE BOTTON

David Bakhshi	Bakhshi
Thomas Charlsen	tcharlsen
Janet de Botton	Capt Lulu
Thor Erik Hoftaniska	kasper20
Artur Malinowski	malisuper
Tom Townsend	mug

### DE MICHELIS

Luca De Michelis	Lucadm
Giuseppe Failla	gioffi
Massimiliano Di Franco	m_difranco
Andrea Manno	maqeda
Mikael Rimstedt	MikaelRim
Ola Rimstedt	OlaRim

### DONNER

Brad Moss	Brad
Joe Grue	Joegrue
Sandra Rimstedt	Sandria
Cecilia Rimstedt	Cillar
Marion Michielsen	Lady007
Per-Ola Cullin	pocken
Gary Donner	Gdonnersc1

### EASTWEST

Jan Willem Boiten	Janwilb
Ruben Buijs	Rubensolo
Simon ter Elst	stelst
Oscar Nijssen	Oscar2000
Tim van de Pavverd	Tim_p
Ruurd Riewald	Ruurd
Yael Topiol	top_33
Hans Vergoed	MrVeryGood
Roefi Vilier	Roefi
Kevin Vreeswijk	Kevinvrees

### FREDIN

Allan Livgard	Livgard
Peter Fredin	P_Fredin
Terje Aa	Aate
Alon Apteker	Alonap

### FRIENDLY ISRAELIS

Sam Amer	samer026
Kevin Castner	jafra
Erez Hendelman	E11
Dan Israeli	dan_ehh
Phil King	philking
Peter Trenka	trp42
Aran Warszawski	aran
Asaf Yekutieli	tol23

### GILLIS

Christian Bakke	chrien
Boye Brogeland	boye
Espen Lindqvist	stevieg
Simon Gillis	rayas78
Oyvind Saur	saurdino
Erik Saelensminde	skaal1

### GUPTA

Thomas Bessis	malpaluche
Simon de Wijs	sm1
Naren Gupta	nareng
Zia Mahmood	zia
Bauke Muller	beukertje
Frederic Volcker	fred92130

## Teams / Players / Nicknames Minor Alt

### HARRIS

Marusa Gold  
Jonathan Harris  
Niall Igoe  
Vladi Isporski  
Eddie Malhasyan  
Steve Root  
Todor Tiholov  
Rumen Trendafilov

marusab  
Jdache  
ibraves  
smileyv  
Master DJ  
AsNuttyAs  
polborta  
rumen

### MOSS

Sjoert Brink  
Bas Drijver  
Jacek Kalita  
Michal Klukowski  
Roger Lee  
Sylvia Moss

SjoertBr  
BasDr  
paulinka18  
Skrzat96  
rogerclee  
sylvie

### POTTER

Kevin Bathurst  
Vince Demuy  
Kevin Dwyer  
Shan Huang  
John Hurd  
Cookie Potter

kmb24  
okvince  
kdwyer  
precisebri  
johnhurd  
ohceep

### RED DEVILS

Geert Arts  
Sam Bahbout  
Philippe Caputo  
Steven de Donder  
Zvi Engel  
Steve de Roos  
Mike van der Vorst

stratreeg1  
sambah  
caputo  
pikarek  
hros  
stevedr  
ratabar

### VENTIN

Diego Brenner  
Carlos Fernandez  
Joaquin Pacareu  
Antonio Palma  
Juan Carlos Ventin  
Miguel Villas-Boas  
Frederic Wrang

Dbrenner  
Carlitosf  
Paca1987  
Apalma  
Phave  
Mvboas  
Fly21

### WILSON

Veri Kiljan  
Guy Mendes de Leon  
Ricco van Prooijen  
Thibo Sprinkhuizen  
Luc Tijssen  
Louk Verhees  
Alison Wilson

Vkill  
Guymdl  
Riccovp  
Thibos  
Luctijs  
Loukie  
Flyfalcon

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# MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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## Teams / Players / Nicknames TampAlt Q

### BELGIUM 2

Famarz Bigdeli	famarz
Valerie Carcassonne-Labaere	etpuzsut
Philippe Coenraets	philippeiv
Bernard Dehaye	alienor2
Clovis Dehaye	aqwis17
Isabelle Dewasmes	totilas001
Alain Labaere	kortrijk
Jean-Pierre Lafourcade	foxyguy52
Alain Moulart	amoulart

### COPPENS

Kees Bakker	keesbak
Ton Bakkeren	tbak
Rob van de Berg	ric4
Pim Coppens	PimCop
Bob Drijver	bobdrijver
John Lesmeister	jlesme
Danny Molenaar	dannymo
Bart Nab	bnab
Gert-Jan Ros	rosgjw
Tim Verbeek	timve
Ricardo Westerbeek	rvdb
Dennis Stuurman	uni_dennis

### DE ZEEROB

Ivar Beijl	Ivar69
Rienk Boswijk	rorib1
Henk van Doren	henkvdoren
Harm Everts	harm49
Niels de Groot	Nielsdegr
Engbert Krist	Umpert63
Rieks Mulder	rieks
Bert Paping	Bert Utom
Rens Paternotte	Rens53
Jaap Stomphorst	jaapst
Rinus Spit	spitman

### HERRES!

Karen Arens	Karenar
Marijn Huber	Marijnhu
Martin van der Starre	Martin001
Erwin Witteveen	erwinw

### FLEMISH FEAST

Tim van den Bos	timvdb
Dennis Dewit	Hyperon
Xavier Friesen	XavierF
Noa Kant	NoaKant
Adriaan Lucassen	adriaantje
Emiel Vandewiele	blink128
Reinder van der Weide	Flinthos
Tobias Westerveld	tsbw

### HONEY BADGERS

John Bishel	rxguy2
Tom Bishel	tobias31
Sue Lan Ma	suelanma
Peter Petruzzellis	peterp551

### IMP

Cathy Baldysz	Cathmark
Sophie Baldysz	Zofumb
Onno Eskes	Onno
Steve Green	Bashgrove
Rob Helle	Rhelle
Ed Hoogenkamp	Altocampo
Gerard Sprinkhuizen	Sprinksoet

### JEDI KNIGHTS

Richard Chamberlain	rmchamb
David Jones	uncle mort
Pat Shields	patr1cks
Marc Smith	MarcSmith
Gary Watson	watsongj

### NEW ENGLANDERS

Parul Jain	paruljain6
Carrie Liu	qiqi
James Rasmussen	jrr
Maxim Silin	bigmax

### NORFOLK AND CHANCE

Mike Bell	mickyb
Charlie Bucknell	shisai
Christopher Kemp	otemplar
Tim Leslie	culross66
Ben Norton	bechno



## Teams / Players / Nicknames TampAlt Q

### PELKA

Viktor Anikovich	calcho
Randy Howard	Howardrl1
Lance Kerr	lkerr
Dave Pelka	quantized
Tom Reynolds	tomreynold
Joe Viola	Javiola3

### REMEMBERING ROLAND

Inocência Araujo	iaraujo
David Burn	dburn
Martin Cantor	Cantorm
Jonathan Davis	davisbiz
João Faria	jfaria
Mike Graham	mdgraham
Peter Lund	pelu
Stephen Peterkin	spil
Sam Punch	puncher
Nick Smith	rogerhunt

### SWEETWOOD VILLAGE

Wim van Egmond	wjve
Wisse Huvers	Wisse Hu
Peter Jansen	Peterj007
Sibrand van Oosten	Sibrand
Sven Overvelde	SvenOver
Jamilla Spangenberg	Jamilla
Stefan Thorpe	Steffff
Sjoerd Wartena	Oktopus
Chris Westerbeek	ChrisWes
John van der Wiel	delarueda

### THE MUGS

Jon Cooke	mugsmate
Kay Preddy	kay preddy
Norman Selway	Jespersens
Cameron Small	Cameron_1
Jeremy Willans	wellieboy

### TRANSNATIONALS

Martins Balodis	MartinsLAT
Kevin Gotink	Kefman23
Ilze Mikelsone	Mikjelsone
Maria Mylläri	lucky 7
Selena Pepic	Selena96
Louise Selway	joloiyse
Florian Weiss	Floon
Jovana Zoranovic	jovana_jjz

### VINITA

Dennis Bilde	Ballebo-jr
Morten Bilde	ballebo
Søren Bilde	sbilde
Alon Birman	hatol
Vinita Gupta	vinita
Bob Hamman	tgbh3
Hemant Lall	hemantlall

### How to kibitz the Alt Events on BBO

As in the previous editions of the Alt Invitational, we expect thousands of spectators on BBO. Even though the Alt is not broadcasted via the BBO Vugraph, you can still watch any of your favourites. You simply search for your favorite player's nickname and join his or her table.

If you wish to watch the players whenever they are online, you search for your chosen one (fx Cecilia Rimstedt "Cillar", click on the name and choose 'follow' instead of neutral. Any time you see her online, you can click on her and take a seat at her table. See you on BBO!

## Conditions of Contest • Minor Alt IV

1. The Minor Alt Invitational IV will be hosted in Bridge Base Online from 16st to 20th of November, 2020.

2. All participants are bound by the regulations contained within this document. The Alt Organization emphasizes that all their events are on invitation.

Teams who are interested in getting such an invitation and have the idea they meet the standard of Alt's various events, can apply for that.

Invitations for this event will be issued to teams of 4 – 10 players.

Alt reserves the right not to invite any team/player without giving a reason.

At the moment teams and/or players (also who have played in the Alt before) are applying, they agree on the reserved rights as mentioned.

Should a team be disqualified and/or withdrawn by themselves (before or during the event), no refund of the entry fees will be made.

### 3. Schedule of play:

Monday, 16 November 2020  
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 1 (24 boards)  
14:00 EST / 20:00 CET – RR 2 (24 boards)

Tuesday, 17 November 2020  
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 3 (24 boards)  
14:00 EST / 20:00 CET – RR 4 (24 boards)

Wednesday, 18 November 2020  
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 5 (24 boards)  
14:00 EST / 20:00 CET – RR 6 (24 boards)

Thursday, 19 November 2020  
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 7 (24 boards)  
14:00 EST / 20:00 CET – Q-final (24 boards)

Friday, 20 November 2020  
10:00 EST/16:00 CET – Semifinal (28 brds)  
14:30 EST / 20:30 CET – Final (32 boards)

### 4. Qualifying Stage

In the qualifying stage all teams will be divided into 2 groups of 8 teams and play 7 matches of 24 boards versus the teams of the same group (168 boards in total). The results of each match shall be converted into Victory Points in accordance with the appropriate WBF IMP/VP scales (see p. 10 below).

A team will receive 12 VP for any match that is a BYE.

In order to determine the grouping for the knockout stage, a tie between two teams will be broken by the result of the match between those two teams. If there should still be a tie, then the IMP quotient of all matches will be taken into consideration to break the tie.

The top 4 teams from each group at the end of the qualifying stage will advance to the knockout stage.

### 5. Knockout Stage

The knockout stage will consist of Quarterfinal (24 boards), Semifinal (28 boards) and Final (32 boards).

There will be the following composition of the KO matches:

### Quarterfinal 1:

1st place of Group A versus 4th place of Group B – carry over 10.1 IMP in favor of the highest ranked team (in the qualifying stage)

### Quarterfinal 2:

1st place of Group B versus 4th place of Group A – carry over 10.1 IMP in favor of the highest ranked team (in the qualifying stage)

### Quarterfinal 3:

2nd place of Group A versus 3rd place of Group B – carry over 6.1 IMP in favor of the highest ranked team (in the qualifying stage)

### Quarterfinal 4:

2nd place of Group B versus 3rd place of Group A – carry over 6.1 IMP in favor of the highest ranked team (in the qualifying stage)

### Semifinal 1:

Winner of Quarterfinal 1 versus winner of Quarterfinal 4 – carry over 0.1 IMP in favor of the highest ranked team (in the qualifying stage)

### Semifinal 2:

Winner of Quarterfinal 2 versus winner of Quarterfinal 3 – carry over 0.1 IMP in favor of the highest ranked team (in the qualifying stage)

In the final, the highest ranked team in the qualifying stage will get a carry-over of 0.1 IMP; if both teams have the same ranking the c/o will be given to the team with bigger sum of the Victory Points.

## 6. Line-Up

All matches of the Round Robin qualifying stage will be played without change of the line-up; unless there is a serious reason for that, to be decided by the TD.

Semifinal and Final will consist of 2 separate segments, so there are no restrictions on the line-up.

The teams are expected to submit their line-up as soon as practical but in any case not later than 30 minutes before the start 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.

The line-up must be submitted through the line-up web utility. All captains will be provided with the respective link and the password.

It is possible to change the submitted line-up but not later than 30 minutes before the start of the round.

The line-up is completely blind and will not be published before the start of the round.

## 7. Running the matches

All players involved must be online and logged in to Bridge Base Online 10 minutes before the start of the round at the latest.



Players should have their official name on their BBO-profile. Private isn't allowed. Teams who infringe this regulation will be subject to the following VP penalties:  
1st occasion – warning;  
2nd and any subsequent occasion – 0.5 VP penalty for each match for each player without official name on BBO profile.

The TD will start the tables and send invitations to the players in accordance with the submitted line-ups. Players are requested to accept the invitation immediately upon receipt.

All tables will play duplicated boards (same boards for every team). The table settings will allow kibitzers but forbid communication between players and kibitzers.

Barometer scoring will be OFF. The scores are only visible (for the players) after the last board has been played. Kibitzers can see the scores during the match.

Undo and claim:  
Alt encourages the players to accept the opponent's undo in the obvious misclick situations during the bidding as well as play. In case such undo is refused a player gets one "challenge" whereby the TD can be summoned to the table. Play at the moment of the refusal must be shut down till the TD arrives. The TD is the one who can assess the situation, and if he believes the undo is justified by an obvious misclick that no reasonable player should refuse, the undo has to be accepted by the opponents.

Players alert their own bids. If players explain bids via chat they should set the recipients to Opponents, not Table, so that only opponents see the explanation not partner. The best way is to explain the bids via the BBO alert mechanism. Players may not consult their own system card or use any aids to their memory, calculation or technique between the commencement of the auction period and the end of play.

The gravest possible offence is for a partnership to exchange information through prearranged methods of communication other than those sanctioned by the Laws of Bridge or self-kibitzing.

Players are expected to finish 24 boards within 3 hours 15 minutes. The Tournament Director may remove unplayed boards if in his opinion a delay in finishing the match in the allotted time would interfere with the smooth running of the competition.

### **8. Request of a TD ruling**

The Alt team strongly encourages participants to play in the most respectful way. Any player can summon the director to the table in case of irregularities. The time for a request for a TD ruling expires 30 minutes after the end of the match. All requests will be decided by a qualified director (if appropriate - in consultation with another directors and/or world class players); no further appeal will be possible after his/her decision.

To submit protests, captains should send an email to: [info@netbridge.online](mailto:info@netbridge.online).

## Conditions of Contest • Minor Alt IV

9. These Regulations may be amended and augmented at the discretion of the organizers if circumstances so warrant so as to ensure a smooth, efficient and enjoyable running of the tournament.

Although this tournament isn't aligned with any bridge federation we will cooperate with and provide all information necessary to detect and prevent cheating.

### 10. The WBF VP scale for 24 boards:

IMP	VP	
0	10.00	10.00
1	10.25	9.75
2	10.50	9.50
3	10.75	9.25
4	10.99	9.01
5	11.23	8.77
6	11.46	8.54
7	11.68	8.32
8	11.90	8.10
9	12.12	7.88
10	12.33	7.67
11	12.54	7.46
12	12.75	7.25
13	12.95	7.05
14	13.15	6.85
15	13.34	6.66
16	13.53	6.47
17	13.72	6.28
18	13.90	6.10
19	14.08	5.92
20	14.26	5.74
21	14.43	5.57
22	14.60	5.40
23	14.76	5.24
24	14.92	5.08
25	15.08	4.92
26	15.24	4.76
27	15.39	4.61
28	15.54	4.46
29	15.69	4.31
30	15.83	4.17
31	15.97	4.03
32	16.11	3.89
33	16.25	3.75
34	16.38	3.62
35	16.51	3.49
36	16.64	3.36
37	16.77	3.23

IMP	VP	
38	16.89	3.11
39	17.01	2.99
40	17.13	2.87
41	17.25	2.75
42	17.36	2.64
43	17.47	2.53
44	17.58	2.42
45	17.69	2.31
46	17.79	2.21
47	17.89	2.11
48	17.99	2.01
49	18.09	1.91
50	18.19	1.81
51	18.29	1.71
52	18.38	1.62
53	18.47	1.53
54	18.56	1.44
55	18.65	1.35
56	18.74	1.26
57	18.82	1.18
58	18.90	1.10
59	18.98	1.02
60	19.06	0.94
61	19.14	0.86
62	19.22	0.78
63	19.30	0.70
64	19.37	0.63
65	19.44	0.56
66	19.51	0.49
67	19.58	0.42
68	19.65	0.35
69	19.72	0.28
70	19.79	0.21
71	19.85	0.15
72	19.91	0.09
73	19.97	0.03
74	20.00	0.00

# Conditions of Contest • TampAlt Qualification

1. The TampAltQ will be hosted in Bridge Base Online from 16st to 19th of November, 2020.

2. All participants are bound by the regulations contained within this document.

The Alt Organization emphasizes that all their events are on invitation.

Teams who are interested in getting such an invitation and have the idea they meet the standard of Alt's various events, can apply for that.

Invitations for this event will be issued to teams of 4 – 10 players.

Alt reserves the right not to invite any team/player without giving a reason.

At the moment teams and/or players (also who have played in the Alt before) are applying, they agree on the reserved rights as mentioned.

Should a team be disqualified and/or withdrawn by themselves (before or during the event), no refund of the entry fees will be made.

### 3. Schedule of play:

Monday, 16 November 2020

10:15 EST/16:15 CET – Round 1 (14 boards)

12:45 EST/18:45 CET – Round 2 (14 boards)

15:15 EST/21:15 CET – Round 3 (14 boards)

Tuesday, 17 November 2020

10:15 EST/16:15 CET – Round 4 (14 boards)

12:45 EST/18:45 CET – Round 5 (14 boards)

15:15 EST/21:15 CET – Round 6 (14 boards)

Wednesday, 18 November 2020

10:15 EST/16:15 CET – Round 7 (14 boards)

12:45 EST/18:45 CET – Round 8 (14 boards)

15:15 EST/21:15 CET – Round 9 (14 boards)

Thursday, 19 November 2020

10:15 EST/16:15 CET – Round 10 (14 boards)

12:45 EST/18:45 CET – Round 11 (14 boards)

15:15 EST/21:15 CET – Round 12 (14 boards)

### 4. Format

The event will be played as a single stage competition in the form of a "Swiss" with 12 rounds of 14 boards.

The results of each match shall be converted into Victory Points in accordance with the appropriate WBF IMP/VP scales.

Any errors in assigning opponents shall not invalidate the result of that, or any other, match.

In case of an odd number of teams the bye team will receive 12 VPs.

### 5. Line-Up

All matches will be played without change of the line-up; unless there is a serious reason for that, to be decided by the TD.

The teams are expected to submit their line-up as soon as practical but in any case not later than 30 minutes before the start 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.

The line-up must be submitted through the line-up web utility. All captains will be provided with the respective link and the password.

It is possible to change the submitted line-up but not later than 30 minutes before the start of the round.

The line-up is completely blind and will not be published before the start of the round.

### **6. Running the matches**

All players involved must be online and logged in to Bridge Base Online 10 minutes before the start of the round at the latest.

Players should have their official name on BBO profile. Private isn't allowed. 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 for each match for each player without official name on BBO profile.

The Tournament Director will create the tables and send invitations to the players in accordance with the submitted line-ups. Players are requested to accept the invitation immediately upon receipt.

All tables will play duplicated boards (same boards for every team).

The table settings will allow kibitzers but forbid communication between players and kibitzers.

Barometer scoring will be OFF. The scores are only visible (for the players) after the last board has been played. Kibitzers can see the scores during the match.

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If players explain bids via chat they should set the recipients to Opponents, not Table, so that only opponents see the explanation not partner. But the best way is to explain the bids via the BBO alert mechanism.

Players alert their own bids.

Players may not consult their own system card and use any aids to their memory, calculation or technique between the commencement of the auction period and the end of play.

The gravest possible offence is for a

partnership to exchange information through prearranged methods of communication other than those sanctioned by the Laws of Bridge or self-kibitzing.

The time limit will be announced when the exact format of the event is defined. The Tournament Director may remove unplayed boards if in his opinion a delay in finishing the match in the allotted time would interfere with the smooth running of the competition.

## 7. Request of the TD ruling

This tournament will of course be played in the most respectful way possible. Fun and good bridge are paramount. Netbridge relies on reluctance and restraint to call the Director.

Should a team find a serious cause for demanding a ruling, then this will only be dealt with if the captain of the team announces this via email within 45 minutes after the last board played (with an explanation and a request for a specific adjustment of the score).

Netbridge will inform the other team and give that team the opportunity (through its captain) to respond via an email within 45 minutes after being informed. The protest will be decided by a qualified director; or world class player; no further appeal will be possible after his/her decision.

To submit protests, you should send email to: [info@netbridge.online](mailto:info@netbridge.online)

8. These Regulations may be amended and augmented at the discretion of the organizing committee if circumstances so warrant so as to ensure the smooth, efficient and enjoyable running of the tournament.

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## 8. The WBF VP scale for 14 boards:

IMP	VP		IMP	VP	
0	10.00	10.00	29	16.88	3.12
1	10.33	9.67	30	17.04	2.96
2	10.66	9.34	31	17.19	2.81
3	10.97	9.03	32	17.34	2.66
4	11.28	8.72	33	17.49	2.51
5	11.58	8.42	34	17.63	2.37
6	11.87	8.13	35	17.77	2.23
7	12.16	7.84	36	17.91	2.09
8	12.44	7.56	37	18.04	1.96
9	12.71	7.29	38	18.17	1.83
10	12.97	7.03	39	18.29	1.71
11	13.23	6.77	40	18.41	1.59
12	13.48	6.52	41	18.53	1.47
13	13.72	6.28	42	18.65	1.35
14	13.96	6.04	43	18.76	1.24
15	14.19	5.81	44	18.87	1.13
16	14.42	5.58	45	18.98	1.02
17	14.64	5.36	46	19.08	0.92
18	14.85	5.15	47	19.18	0.82
19	15.06	4.94	48	19.28	0.72
20	15.26	4.74	49	19.38	0.62
21	15.46	4.54	50	19.47	0.53
22	15.66	4.34	51	19.56	0.44
23	15.85	4.15	52	19.65	0.35
24	16.03	3.97	53	19.74	0.26
25	16.21	3.79	54	19.83	0.17
26	16.38	3.62	55	19.91	0.09
27	16.55	3.45	56	19.99	0.01
28	16.72	3.28	57	20.00	0.00



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dealer South vulnerability None

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ Q 10	♠ A K 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ 3	♥ Q 10
♦ A Q 9 6 2	♦ -
♣ J 9 6 4 2	♣ A K Q

10 6♣	7 6♣	5 5♠ 5♣ 4♣	3 7♠ 7♣
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<b>West</b> Tobias	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b> Marina72	<b>South</b>
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	4♥	5♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

5♠ = asking for heart control  
 6♣ = got it

dealer South vulnerability East-West

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ J 9 6	♠ Q 10 5 3
♥ K Q J 10	♥ A 6
♦ A 2	♦ K 9
♣ A 6 5 2	♣ Q J 10 4 3

10 4NT 3NT	6 5NT 4♠ 4♥	5 4♣ 3♠ 3♥
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<b>West</b> Tobias	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b> Marina72	<b>South</b>
—	—	—	2♦
X	3♦	4♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

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