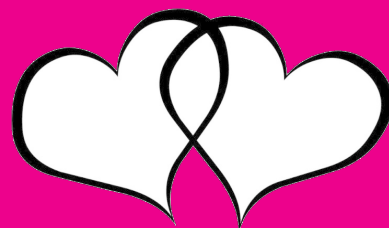


# MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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## The Field Thickens

With four of ten rounds to go in the Swiss, the field is tightly knitted. One match can reshuffle the leaderboard, still led by Grant Thornton Iceland, but with Santa-Tomte Alliance closely following after defeating the leaders in the last match yesterday. By tomorrow we predict the leaderboard to be thoroughly shuffled.

In today's bulletin we meet Peg Kaplan. She might not be known to everyone outside the United States, but you might recognise her name from the many pictures in these bulletins. Through many years she has captured bridge players in their best moments, and we benefit from her art now pictures as memories of live bridge is what we are left with.

Sadly Peg herself is not thriving these days. She is up against an opponent she has very little chances of defeating. So no better time than now to honor and thank her for all the portraits she has captured throughout the years.



**All players should enter BBO 10 minutes before the beginning of a match. TD Denis Dobrin will instruct you where to sit. All players must have their name in their BBO-profile. Private isn't allowed for the sake of opponents and kibitzers.**

### Today's Schedule





















Wednesday December 9

**10:30 EST / 16:30 CET – Round 7 (14 boards)**

**12:50 EST / 18:50 CET – Round 8 (14 boards)**

**15:10 EST / 21:10 CET – Round 9 (14 boards)**

## Draw Round 7

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 <u>GRANT THORNTON ICELAND</u>	 <u>ISRASWE</u>
2	 <u>SANTA-TOMTE ALLIANCE</u>	 <u>KOEPEL</u>
3	 <u>KODA</u>	 <u>FLYING BURROS</u>
4	 <u>ULI</u>	 <u>MINITER</u>
5	 <u>EPSILON</u>	 <u>SWEDEN MIXED</u>
6	 <u>ISRAEL</u>	 <u>PARKER</u>
7	 <u>ALPERT</u>	 <u>MAUBERQUEZ</u>
8	 <u>KLEOPATRA</u>	 <u>ABISCO</u>
9	 <u>PENFOLD</u>	 <u>AUSTERLITZ</u>
10	 <u>BULLDOGS</u>	 <u>MEDIUM RARE</u>

### Format

Ten rounds of swiss (14 boards/match). The top 8 teams qualify for the quarter-finals on Thursday.

Besides round 1, all draws will be based on the result of the previous match.

See the CoC in this bulletin or on [mmt.bridgeresults.org/](http://mmt.bridgeresults.org/) for more info.

**Results**

**Future events**  
**[mmt.bridgeresults.org](http://mmt.bridgeresults.org)**

## Results after Round 6

### Use of Zoom

Using Zoom with one of your opponents is not mandatory in this event. Yet we encourage it for social reasons. It is much more like live bridge and makes it easier to ask questions to your screenmate about system and carding.

At the start of a round, North can send a zoom link to East and West a zoom link to South or the other way around. As with screens, it is always North-East and South-West interacting.

Email addresses aren't needed - you can simply send a private message via BBO to your screenmate with a link. It's very easy and enjoyable.

Nothing can replace live bridge, but let's strive for the best bridge we can until we are back at the tables.

### [Link to Zoom](#)

Ranking after round 6		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <a href="#">GRANT THORNTON ICELAND</a>	81.89
2	 <a href="#">SANTA-TOMTE ALLIANCE</a>	79.10
3	 <a href="#">KODA</a>	73.05
4	 <a href="#">ISRASWE</a>	72.80
5	 <a href="#">KOEPEL</a>	71.30
6	 <a href="#">FLYING BURROS</a>	67.90
7	 <a href="#">ULI</a>	65.50
8	 <a href="#">MINITER</a>	64.16
9	 <a href="#">EPSILON</a>	61.81
10	 <a href="#">SWEDEN MIXED</a>	60.83
11	 <a href="#">ISRAEL</a>	56.52
12	 <a href="#">ALPERT</a>	55.07
13	 <a href="#">KLEOPATRA</a>	55.05
14	 <a href="#">MAUBERQUEZ</a>	54.96
15	 <a href="#">ABISCO</a>	53.27
16	 <a href="#">PENFOLD</a>	51.97
17	 <a href="#">PARKER</a>	51.26
18	 <a href="#">AUSTERLITZ</a>	50.67
19	 <a href="#">BULLDOGS</a>	41.29
20	 <a href="#">MEDIUM RARE</a>	31.60

# Victim of the Day

## Peg Kaplan

by Christina Lund Madsen



*Where are you from, where do you live, what is your age (if we may ask)?*

- I come from Minnetonka, MN and I am 69!

*Tell us the highlights of your bridge life; how did you begin to play, what has been your highs and what impact did bridge have on your life?*

- I came down with mononucleosis in college and a professor I was dating taught me honeymoon bridge. I started playing a bit through college, then moved to MN for grad school and would play local duplicate a few times a month. My aunt Rosalie, a top notch player, invited me to attend a sectional in Tulsa, OK. She fixed me up with her friends and we placed in every event – then won the Swiss on Sunday! I was in 7th heaven and tripled my master-point holding! From then on, I was hooked and played with wonderful people from literally all over the world – plus had simply fabulous mentors who taught me a great deal.

My highs? Oh, gee. I thought I would NEVER win a regional event – but then in San Fran Nationals many moons ago, my partner and I won in an enormous field. I was in 7th heaven! Then some years later, my long time partner of 25 years and I won the Mixed Pairs with a pretty big lead.

Bridge allowed me to meet an amazing array of people from around the world!

The people I have met over the years truly have been as fascinating and wonderful as the game itself.

*What are the highlights of your professional and personal life?*

- I started out in grad school, expecting to be a professor of philosophy and logic. But when I fell in love with bridge, I instead became a Realtor, due to the freedom it would give me and that I enjoyed my wonderful clients.

The biggest highlight of my personal life has been having an array of amazing friends. I am quite convinced others would be hard pressed to have as fine a collection of people in their lives as I do!

*2020 has been a terrible year for all of us, but even more so for you. Will you share your situation with us?*

- Sigh. I'm afraid I went from having a very bad vestibular disease (dizziness, instability and some memory loss) in 2019 – then in July, 2020, was felled by a brain tumor that is attached to my brain stem. Unfortunately, it is not good at all, and although I've been fighting and fighting, do not know what the ultimate outcome will be.

I try not to lose my sense of humor. I tell everyone that I am going to get a frequent flyer pass to Urgent Care ... some weeks it sure seems like that!

I have half decent days and horrible days... probably the toughest part is having memory, thought and emotion compromised by radiation and chemo.

*How do you pass time these days and how do you keep your spirit intact?*



- I manage my 95 year old Mom's life from 2000 miles away, stay in touch with tons of friends and continue to try to help lots of people – and read tons and watch bridge when I am able!  
Some days my spirit is in the sewer.... But as I ultimately consider myself someone who does not give up, I pick myself up and try somehow to persevere.  
When you get to be an old lady like me though, you learn to be grateful for the good stuff and try to somehow accept the awful.

*What worries you the most?*

- Well, to be frank, what is going to happen to me ultimately in the near future. And then I worry a fair amount about our world today. Saddened by all the hate and attacks; I hope somehow more of us can work together and support one another – and accept each of our unique characteristics.

*Tell us about your parents and your childhood.*

- I had an incredibly fabulous dad! Everyone loved him and we did SO much together! Smart, funny, honorable, sometimes a little crazy. When I left home to go to college, friends who remained in our area would come by the house to visit him!  
My mom was a different story. She was drop dead gorgeous, but I almost never heard anything positive from Mom - indeed, usually the opposite. When I was about 4, she said to me one morning: "You just get worse and worse as you get older." I remember thinking "I'm only four! What will I be like when I am six or 7?"  
But I forgave my mom for being so icky to me because I found out her childhood was



**Peg Kaplan a few years ago**

horrific. But it was a strange upbringing for me and one that left wounds inside my psyche.

*Tell us about the happiest times of your life.*

- Hanging out with Dad when I was a kid. Being with my many stupendous friends – being at a bridge tournament!

*We benefit from so many of your amazing pictures. Tell us how you became interested in photography.*

- I started out with my little plastic camera taking photos of everyone when I was about 5. One day I told my dad that my photos didn't look like "life magazine" - so we went to the downtown camera store and I got a very lovely used Leica camera. From then on I "shot away" and always loved doing it!  
I did everything on my own, with the exception of one class in grad school - and I fashioned a "dark room" in my home as a teenager, printing all my own photos into the wee hours of the night - loved it!



We all know that Bill Gates and Warren Buffett are enthusiastic bridge players and some of us have been lucky to see them at tournaments. Peg - she hangs out with them.

*What do you think is the most important thing in life?*

- Two things: having one's health and having great friends. I am truly blessed with tons of wonderful friends who have been super. Can't even put into words how they have helped me and kept me going.

*What is your biggest life regret?*

- That I was never able to have children. When I was 22 I almost died because a medical company that made IUD's put one on the market that they knew was dangerous. I almost died from it and hoped I would for 2 days... but then I realized I had to soldier on as best as I could. That is the reason that I do not have children. And I so love children, Christina... I am so grateful when my friends let me play with theirs and watch them grow up. It is my greatest joy.

*What legacy would you like to leave behind?*

Doing good and being kind to others. I've done volunteer work, photography and raising finances for schools in my area who help children from poor and under-privileged families, mostly black, to get an education and knowledge about future jobs, what they would like to do as adults, and how to comport themselves as good people.

A good education is something that every single child should have.

*Which life advice would you give to the younger generations?*

- Follow your passion in life, and don't allow the negatives in life to get you too terribly down. Accept what you cannot change and try to do your best!

*Who would you partner, kiss, kill between Bob Hamman, Bill Gates and Nick Nickell?*

- I've partnered all three, made zero attempts to kill any of them – and I am NOT the “kiss and tell” type, Christina!



# The Night my Numbers Came up

By Mark Horton



If you are from the USA or well read, you will know that my title very loosely refers to form of gambling that was popular in the United States. If you picked the right numbers you won and with Tuesday nights Euromillions jackpot standing at €175,000,000 I suspect a lot of people will be hoping for a slice of luck.

Numbers have a significant role to play in bridge, especially the larger ones.

## Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Primavera	Sawires	Schuster	Rennels
—	1♥	Dble	Rdbl
2♦	2♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Declarer lost a spade, a heart, a diamond and a club (!) for +140.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Saad	W Schuster	El Selehdar	Olivieri
—	1♥	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	1NT
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

I was taught that after the redouble you could bid if you had a sensible place to play, so why West failed to bid 2♦ is unclear. Having escaped West then thought it was safe to bid 2♠.



South led the ♠3 and declarer ducked, North switching to the ♥J for the king and ace and South returned the ♥9 to the queen. A club to the king lost to the ace and the ♥10 was ruffed and overruffed, South exiting with the ♠9 for the queen and ace. Declarer tried a club but South won with the ten, cashed the ♠K and played the ♣2 which gave North four more tricks for five down, -1100.

### Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Primavera	Sawires	Schuster	Rennels
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

4NT RKCB

5♥ 2 key cards

Declarer won the trump lead in dummy and played three rounds of clubs, claiming all the tricks, +1440.



Ali El-Selehdar

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Saad	W Schuster	El Selehdar	Olivieri
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Dble	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

There are no notes to this auction. I wonder if there was some confusion as to the meaning of 2♦? After a double one suggestion I have seen is that responder can redouble with good clubs, or make a conventional response. Once South had bid 4♦ North might have resorted to Blackwood. It meant the loss of 11 IMPs.

Five pairs stopped short - one of them managing to get only as high as 3NT when South opened 3♦ and North had no ambitions beyond game.

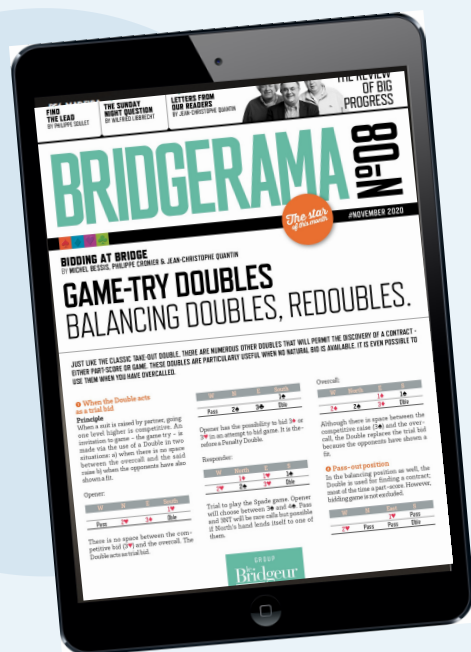


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