

# MONTHLY INVITATIONAL TEAMS



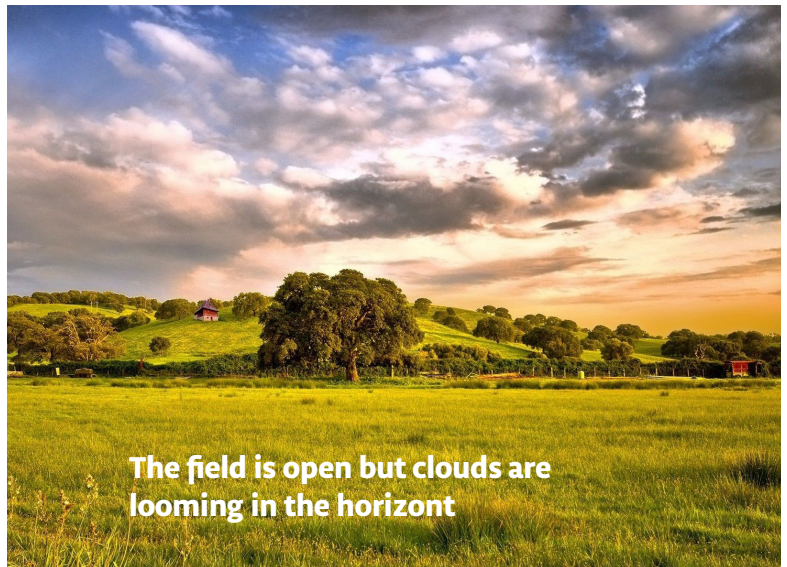
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## Open Field

With one match to go, Bertheau is safe in his chateau with 20.20 VPs down to Ireland in 5th, who for the first time this event are below the cut after a big loss to Bertheau.

Meanwhile the rest of the field is wide open; Levine in 4th play Ireland in 5th, but even if one team scores a solid win, Wolfson (our Victim of the Day) in 6th is ready to overtake both teams. Even Edmonds in 7th can enter the top-4 with a big victory over Nickell in third place.

Gupta in second play Bertheau 15 VPs ahead of them and with only a 6 VPs gap to Wolfson in 6th, Gupta also needs a solid win.



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### Today's Schedule

Friday April 23









**11:00 EST / 17:00 CET – Round 7 (20 boards)**

**14:00 EST / 20:00 CET – Semifinal. Segment 1 of 2 (16 boards)**

**16:10 EST / 22:10 CET – Semifinal 2/2 (16 bds)**

# Today's Schedule

## Round 7

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <b>WOLFSON</b>	 <b>SETTON</b>
<u>2</u>	 <b>BERTHEAU</b>	 <b>GUPTA</b>
<u>3</u>	 <b>EDMONDS</b>	 <b>NICKELL</b>
<u>4</u>	 <b>IRELAND</b>	 <b>LEVINE</b>

## Knock-Outs and Seating Rights


The team placed 1st in the Round Robin (RR) can choose its semifinal-opponent between the teams placed 3th – 4th in the RR.

In the semifinal no. 1 & 2 get a carry over of 10.1 and 6.1 IMP respectively;

In the final the higher ranked team in the RR get a carry over of 0.1 IMP as a tiebreaker.

In the semifinal the higher ranked teams in the RR can choose one of the two segments in which to have seating rights and the opponents then have seating rights in the other segment.

In the final the higher ranked team in the RR can choose seating rights in any of the three segments and the opponents then have seating rights in the other two segments OR they can pass this right over and let the opponents have first choice of one segment, leaving them seating rights in the remaining two segments.

rank	team	#	5	7	1	3	2	8	4	6	VP tot
1	 <b>BERTHEAU</b>	5			<u>6.80</u>	<u>15.11</u>	<u>18.23</u>	<u>6.39</u>	<u>17.06</u>	<u>15.61</u>	79.20
2	 <b>GUPTA</b>	7			<u>14.58</u>	<u>12.07</u>	<u>3.92</u>	<u>11.34</u>	<u>11.08</u>	<u>11.83</u>	64.82
3	 <b>NICKELL</b>	1	<u>13.20</u>	<u>5.42</u>		<u>7.02</u>	<u>15.28</u>	<u>6.59</u>		<u>12.98</u>	60.49
4	 <b>LEVINE</b>	3	<u>4.89</u>	<u>7.93</u>	<u>12.98</u>			<u>10.82</u>	<u>9.45</u>	<u>14.39</u>	60.46
5	 <b>IRELAND</b>	2	<u>1.77</u>	<u>16.08</u>	<u>4.72</u>			<u>17.44</u>	<u>8.17</u>	<u>10.82</u>	59.00
6	 <b>WOLFSON</b>	8	<u>13.61</u>	<u>8.66</u>	<u>13.41</u>	<u>9.18</u>	<u>2.56</u>		<u>11.34</u>		58.76
7	 <b>EDMONDS</b>	4	<u>2.94</u>	<u>8.92</u>		<u>10.55</u>	<u>11.83</u>	<u>8.66</u>		<u>6.80</u>	49.70
8	 <b>SETTON</b>	6	<u>4.39</u>	<u>8.17</u>	<u>7.02</u>	<u>5.61</u>	<u>9.18</u>		<u>13.20</u>		47.57

## Results

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# The Generation Gap

By Mark Horton



One of the many wonderful facets of bridge is that age is no bar to brilliance. Juniors and Seniors alike are capable of outstanding achievements.

This deal from Round 5 presented quite a challenge in both bidding and play.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Where would you like to play with the NS cards? A slam in spades or diamonds looks reasonable, but a club lead will remove an entry to dummy and the spades and the diamonds break badly. 6♠ or 6♦ will need careful play.

## Wolfson v Gupta

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Berkowitz	Gold	Cohler
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Dble	6♦	All Pass	

4♥ RKCB  
4NT 0/3 key cards  
5♥ King ask

East led the ♥6 and when West put in the ten declarer won with the jack, crossed to the ♦Q and then ran the ♦9. That meant he took all the tricks, +940.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wolfson	Gupta	Garner	Korbel
—	—	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	2♥	Dble
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Gary Cohler  
Photo: Peg Kaplan





Hilda Setton

West led the ♣K and although declarer took all the tricks when West blanked the ♥K it was a loss of 9 IMPs.

### Setton v Nickell

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hampson	Bessis	Greco	Volcker
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣*
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♠ 2+♠  
3♣ 'I think 5-4-2-2'

Declarer won the club lead in dummy and drew trumps. West let go of his hearts, so that was +510.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Setton	Nickell	Franceschetti	Katz
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Here West blanked her ♥K, pitching a diamond, but declarer took the finesse at the end and lost a heart and a club, and 2 IMPs.

### Bertheau v Ireland

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amoils	Zagorin	Hanlon	Bertheau
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♦ 5+♦  
4♥ 'Hope for spades, not sure'

Declarer won the club lead in dummy and ran the ♥J, so he took only ten tricks, +420.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	FitzGibbon	Hult	Mesbur
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	



- 1♣ 17+
- 2♦ 5+♦, game forcing
- 4♥ 'For specific kings'
- 5♦ '2 + ♦Q

East led the ♥6 but here West took the king and when declarer did not divine the diamond position the contract was one down, -50 and a 10 IMP swing.

### Levine v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Meckstroth	Gawrys	Rodwell
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- 1♣ Artificial, 16+
- 2♣ 5+♦, game forcing
- 2♥ 5+♠
- 2NT Waiting

Declarer ducked the club lead, won the second round and cashed two top diamonds, finishing with ten tricks, +430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Helness	Edmonds	Helgemo	Z Grossack
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♦*	Pass	7♠
All Pass			



Zach Grossack with his cousin  
(Zach to the left)

- 3♣ Fourth suit
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♥ 2 key cards
- 5NT Kings?
- 6♦ ♦K

Once North showed some late support for spades South took control. I suggested that 6♠ might be awkward, but here Zach Grossack, the youngest player in the field, propelled himself to the grand slam.

West led the ♣K and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♠J, came to hand with a diamond and drew trumps, West parting with three clubs and the ♥10. Although it was still possible that the diamonds were 3-3 declarer decided that West's discards suggested that he was in trouble and his next move was a diamond to the ten, landing his contract in spectacular style and collecting 14 IMPs for the invincibility of youth.

# A Flat Board

By Toine van Hoof



A board that sees every declarer take the same number of tricks in the same contract is normally no bulletin material. This hand from Round 5 proves to be an exception:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K Q 9 7 4  
♥ 10 3  
♦ J 10 5 3  
♣ Q 7

♠ J 10 2  
♥ A K J 4 2  
♦ A K 7 4  
♣ 6

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

♠ 8 3  
♥ 9 8 6  
♦ Q 8 6  
♣ A J 8 3 2



Geoff Hampson

All eight EW pairs duly reached 4♥ to be played by West.

Five times North led the ♠K, upon which declarer had an easy route to ten tricks: ♠A, ♦A-K, diamond ruff, three rounds of trumps and ♠J.

In Setton vs. Nickell Thomas Bessis avoided the spade lead and so did both Jodi Edmonds and Jeff Meckstroth in Edmonds vs. Levine.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hampson	Bessis	Greco	Volcker
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	1♠	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

1♣ strong  
2♣ natural GF

Thomas Bessis found the challenging lead of the ♥10.

Geoff Hampson won in hand and played a club to the king, which fell prey to the ace. Frédéric Volcker continued with the ♥8. Declarer won in dummy with the ♥Q and ruffed a club, noting the fall of the queen.

Next he cashed the ♦A and ♦K, ruffed a diamond and advanced the ♣10, discarding his last diamond when South did not cover. With the ♠A and two high trumps to come Hampson had ten tricks.





**Jodi Edmonds**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Helness	Edmonds	Helgemo	Z Grossack
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Jodi Edmonds led the ♦J and after winning with the ace Tor Helness also tried a club to the king at trick 2.

Zach Grossack won and shifted to a trump. Helness took with the ace, cashed the ♦K, ruffed a diamond with ♥7, ruffed a club and ruffed another diamond with the ♥Q, South shedding a spade.

Now came the ♣10. South covered with the jack and Helness discarded a spade. Grossack played the ♠8 to the 10, the queen and the ace. On the established ♣9 Helness pitched his last spade and when North ruffed, he could claim the balance.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Meckstroth	Gawrys	Rodwell
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Jeff Meckstroth also led the ♦J. Michal Klukowski won with the ace and played a club to the king and the ace. Here, Eric Rodwell returned the ♠8.

Klukowski inserted the jack and ducked North's queen.

Meckstroth shifted to the ♥10. Declarer won in hand, cashed the ♦K, ruffed a diamond with the 7, cashed the ♥Q, ruffed a club high and drew the last trump.

North had come down to ♠K-9-7 and ♦10. Klukowski exited with the ♦7 and North was endplayed for an elegant push.



**Michal Klukowski**



# Victim of the Day

## Jeff Wolfson

by Christina Lund Madsen



*Where are you from, where do you live, what is your age and do you have a life companion or children?*

- According to my children I am from another planet. I was born and raised in New Jersey. Moved to Italy for 6 years after college.

I currently spend half the year in Chicago and the other half in Boca Raton, Florida.

*How has your life been the past year?*

- I have been quarantined with my wife for the past year. Enough said.

*Give us the highlight of your life outside of bridge.*

- Is there really a life outside of bridge?

*How did you begin to play bridge?*

- I was looking for something to do when I was in college. I went to the library and found a book on bridge. Next day I went to the student center and I was hooked.

*What has the past year with online bridge meant for your love and ambitions for the game?*

-I realized how much I miss seeing everyone in person. Online bridge has helped me keep my sanity. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the not so distant future.



*What has been the highlight of your bridge life so far?*

- Other than buying you a soda, winning the Senior World Championships in Lyon in 2017 and then following up with a very unexpected win in the 2019 Vanderbilt.

*What interests do you have outside of bridge?*

- Securities trading, golf, babysitting my granddaughter.

*What were you like as a teenager?*



*- I don't remember that long ago.*

*Tell us something you are very good at and very bad at.*

*- I'm good at pissing my wife off.  
I'm bad at anything clerical.*

*How would your wife describe you in 3 words?*

*- Generous, Good Guy.*

*Tell us something you secretly dream of.*

*- Winning another world championship.*

*What has been your greatest sorrow in life?*

*- I am extremely fortunate - no regrets.*

*If you could change something in your past, what would it be?*

*- I wouldn't change anything.*

*Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Dan Zagorin, Zia Mahmood and Lorenzo Lauria?*

*- Kill: None of them. They are all friends.  
Partner: Lorenzo Lauria - we go back 40 years.  
Kiss: Zia. See wat all the girls are talking about.*

*(So clearly (and understandably) Dan Zagorin gets the knife though Jeff doesn't want to confess to the murder/CLM.)*

# The Old Adage

By Mark Horton



There is no shortage of sayings associated with bridge - 'eight ever, nine never' 'second hand low, third hand high' and so on. I was reminded of another one on this deal from the fifth round:

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

NS are certain to reach 3NT, but it looks a tall order on a spade lead, especially as West has a sure entry in the form of the ♦K and dummy has only one entry. Still, there look to be eight tricks and as they say, 'where there's eight there's nine.' However, locating them is sometimes just too difficult.

## Wolfson v Gupta

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Berkowitz	Gold	Cohler
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2NT 22-24

West led the ♠3 for the ten and queen and when declarer continued with the ♣Q East won with the ace as West followed with the nine and returned the ♠8, declarer winning with dummy's king. His next move was a diamond to the queen and West won and cashed his spades, -50.

## Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wolfson	Gupta	Garner	Korbel
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The early play was identical, but here West took the second spade and exited with the seven, making it clear he had the ♦K. Nevertheless, declarer took the finesse and that meant a flat board.

## Setton v Nickell

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hampson	Bessis	Greco	Volcker
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

With minor variations it was the same story here, declarer taking a diamond finesse, -50.





We got a different auction and at trick two East withheld the ♣A, West following with the eight. From declarer's point of view West might have started with ♣J8 so he continued with the ♣K. That lost to the ace, the spades were cleared and West got in with the ♦K, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	FitzGibbon	Hult	Mesbur
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3NT*
All Pass			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Setton	Nickell	Franceschetti	Katz
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1♣ 17+  
 1♦ 'Less than 8'  
 2♥ 'Asks him to bid 2♠'  
 3NT 24/25

2♦ 'Less than 2 controls'  
 2NT 22-24

No change to the play, no change to the result, no swing.

## Bertheau v Ireland

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amoils	Zagorin	Hanlon	Bertheau
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♦ Game forcing  
 3♣ Puppet  
 3♦ 1 or 2 four-card majors





Here East won the club at trick two and switching to the ♦7. West won with the king and cleared the spades. Declarer won in dummy, cashed his red suit winners and then took the ♣Q, -50.

### Levine v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Meckstroth	Gawrys	Rodwell
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1♣ Artificial, 16+

1♦ 0-7

2♥ Artificial, game forcing, forces 2♠  
2NT 24-26 or 29+ balanced

Here too East switched to a diamond at trick three, West winning and clearing the spades. As before declarer cashed his winners and was one down, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Helness	Edmonds	Helgemo	Z Grossack
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The play followed an identical pattern to that in the other room, so no swing.

When West follows to the first round of clubs with the eight or nine and East wins, declarer will be inclined to hope he started with ♣J8 or ♣J9. Because he had ♣98, declarer could have confirmed the adage by playing dummy's ♣10 when in dummy with the ♠K.

In the cases where the defenders had cleared the spades rather than switching to a diamond declarer runs the ♣10 and then plays a club to the queen.

What would you like West, down to ♠97 ♥J1083 ♦K6 to play on this trick?





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