

# MONTHLY INVITATIONAL TEAMS



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## Welcome Back

As we are slowly and hopefully approaching the end of this pandemic, debates are raging about the future of (online) bridge. Steve Weinstein, a successful online poker player and even more successful live bridge player, believes many top players do not play as well online as live and vice versa.

As online organizers we hope that you will still want to participate in our events when we return to live bridge as preparation for major live events, yet we have no ambitions of replacing live bridge and long for face to face-action. We are mainly here to provide a convenient platform for high level practice and entertainment.

We would like to know how you as participants feel about live/online and cards/tablet bridge. You can write us as [mmt@bridgeresults.org](mailto:mmt@bridgeresults.org) and we will make an article with your feedback.

Meanwhile we welcome four new teams to this month's event. Our goal is to recycle top teams to have varying fields, and the only team guaranteed to be invited next time is the winner - so go for it!

**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







Sunday June 6

**10:00 Eastern Time / 16:00 CET – Round 1  
(20 boards)**

**13:00 Eastern Time / 19:00 CET – Round 2  
(20 boards)**

## Today's Schedule

### Round 1

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>DONNER</u>	 <u>PALMA</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>MOSS</u>	 <u>GUPTA</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>WOLFSON</u>	 <u>LEBOWITZ</u>
<u>4</u>	 <u>BERTHEAU</u>	 <u>IRELAND</u>

### Round 2

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>DONNER</u>	 <u>LEBOWITZ</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>GUPTA</u>	 <u>BERTHEAU</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>PALMA</u>	 <u>IRELAND</u>
<u>4</u>	 <u>WOLFSON</u>	 <u>MOSS</u>

### Format

Full Round Robin followed by semifinals for the top-4 teams. Read more in the Conditions of Contest in this bulletin or on the event website.

# Results

Event website  
[mit.bridgeresults.org](http://mit.bridgeresults.org)

## Teams / Players / Nicknames

### BERTHEAU

Peter Bertheau (pbertheau)  
Gunnar Hallberg (gunnarhall)  
Simon Hult (hultahult)  
Oren Toledano (orentol)  
Daniel Zagorin (pez007)  
Ami Zamir (zamir1)

### DONNER

Per-Ola Cullin (pocken)  
Gary Donner (gdonnersc1)  
Kevin Dwyer (kdwyer)  
Joe Grue (joegrue)  
Marion Michielsen (lady007)  
Brad Moss (brad)  
Cecilia Rimstedt (cillar)  
Sandra Rimstedt (sandria)

### GUPTA

Simon De Wijs (sm1)  
David Gold (dagold)  
Naren Gupta (nareng)  
Daniel Korbel (dank)  
Zia Mahmood (zia)  
Bauke Muller (beukertje)

### IRELAND

Leslie Amoils (amoils)  
Grainne Barton (bartong)  
John Carroll (coppers)  
Nick FitzGibbon (nickfg1)  
Tom Hanlon (kinder1)  
Hugh McGann (hmg2)  
Adam Mesbur (amesbur)  
Mark Moran (markpm)

### LEBOWITZ

Dennis Bilde (ballebo-jr)  
Adam Grossack (nevereast)  
Zachary Grossack (germs345)  
Larry Lebowitz (pinoy12)  
Agustin Madala (septiembre)  
Michael Rosenberg (scotty)

### MOSS

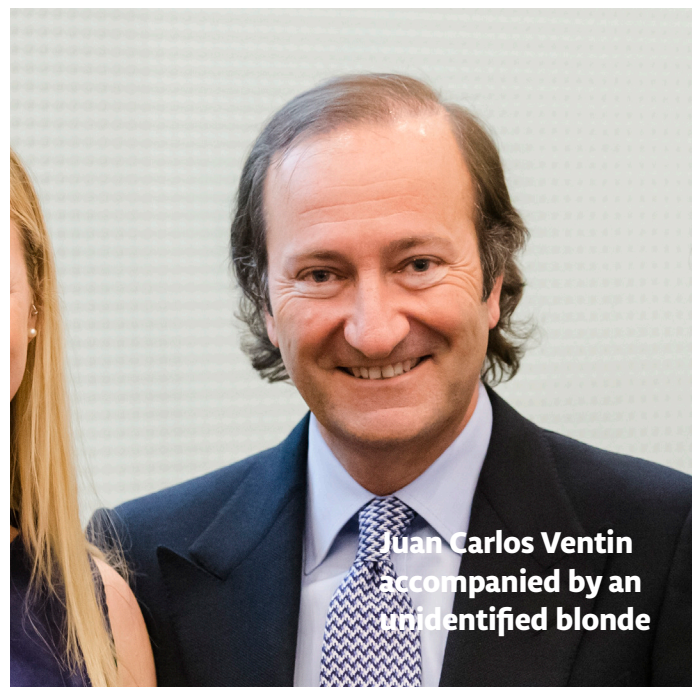
Vincent Demuy (okvince)  
Geoff Hampson (ghampson)  
Jacek Kalita (paulinka18)  
Roger Lee (rogerclee)  
Bobby Levin (levin)  
Sylvia Moss (sylvie)  
Michal Nowosadzki (kot\_korba)

### PALMA

Joao Barbosa (joaobarb)  
Carlos Fernandez (Carlitosf)  
Joaquin Pacareu (paca1987)  
Antonio Palma (apalma)  
Paulo Sarmento (sarma)  
Juan Carlos Ventin (phave)  
Frederic Wrang (fly21)

### WOLFSON

David Berkowitz (Mikeyb)  
Billy Cohen (billycohen)  
Gary Cohler (gcohler)  
Steve Garner (garner)  
Eldad Ginossar (eldad)  
Dror Padon (drorp)  
Jeff Wolfson (jwolfson)



**Juan Carlos Ventin  
accompanied by an  
unidentified blonde**

# Meet your Opponents

by Christina Lund Madsen



After an in the eyes of the organizers highly successful first event we are back with the Monthly Invitational Teams.

After last event we decided to kick out Nickell to avoid having Bobby Levin and Geoff Hampson among our participants - and their photos in our bulletin.

We invited Sylvia Moss instead (Vincent Demuy, Geoff Hampson, Jacek Kalita, Roger Lee, Bobby Levin, Sylvia Moss, Michal Nowosadzki) and somehow Bobby and Geoff mysteriously replaced Brink and Drijver, who are reportedly recovering from repercussions from an injection in Geneva (for the non-Europeans: Geneva is a city in Switzerland and does not have anything to do with genitals).



Michal Nowosadzki

Also on team Moss we are happy to see Michal Nowosadzki, our all time favourite self-kibitzer; a man who in one year has gone from villain to hero and set the bar for confessions at a level that sadly none of his colleagues have been able (or willing) to follow. We are still waiting and hoping...

Another debutant team is Gary Donner (Per-Ola Cullin, Gary Donner, Kevin Dwyer, Joe Grue, Marion Michielsen, Brad Moss, Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt) and at the bulletin office we are thrilled to finally have some pretty faces to put in the bulletin, which means you will be seeing a lot of Brad Moss.

Courtesy requires us to mention the winners from April, Team Bertheau. They dominated the event from day two, and we are absolutely certain that will not happen again, since the junior pair Hult-Hallberg will never repeat that butler.

Ireland (Leslie Amoils, Grainne Barton, John Carroll, Nick FitzGibbon, Tom Hanlon, Hugh McGann, Adam Mesbur, Mark Moran, Tommy Garvey) is also back; they had a very good start in our last event, but were edged out by American matchfixing and early Irish celebrating in the last match.

Gupta was among the matchfixers making the semifinals last event and Naren is back with his team of womanizers (Korbel, Gold, Zia, de Wijs and Muller) and we all long to get some action.



Wolfson (David Berkowitz, Alon Birman, Gary Cohler, Steve Garner, Dror Padon, Jeff Wolfson) is back with a slight change of roster, adding Alon Birman. You might think he is added for his pretty face, but Wolfson confessed he really likes to kibitz his teammates when he is done playing and wanted to make sure there were at least six boards left of the match.

We return to our debutants. Among them we find Palma (Joao Barbosa, Carlos Fernandez, Joaquin Pacareu, Antonio Palma, Paulo Sarmiento, Juan Carlos Ventin, Frederic Wrang) with the best of Portugal and let's just admit we mainly invited them for their looks.

Apart from their captain the same cannot be said about Team Lebowitz (Dennis Bilde, Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Larry Lebowitz, Agustin Madala, Michael Rosenberg).



We received this from a participant:

*"Yesterday I got a prize for winning some online tournament. No wonder so many people cheated."*



I have many personal favorites on this team, yet if I am forced to choose it must be the partnership of Bilde-Madala, who remind me of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito in "Twins" - because of their constant bickering at the table.

If they are not worth watching for the bridge, they are for the conversation.

We are excited and ready to be entertained by all of you.

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HAS JUST BEEN  
RELEASED!



## In this issue

The May 2021 issue of BeBRIDGE has arrived! The **World's Federations report on how they are surviving** - and thriving - during the pandemic. **Teachers** reveal how they are continuing to **educate the next generation**. Technicians will delight in the in-depth examination of **Major suit raises after a take-out double** and the truth about the subject of **third suit forcing** while **Alain Lévy** also examines some tough leads from an International event on Real Bridge. La Doyenne returns along with **David Bird's Abbot** and all the regular features. Finally there is an in-depth report on the delights of a trip to **Scotland**.

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## Conditions of Contest • June Invitational Teams

1. The 2021 April Invitational Teams will be hosted in Bridge Base Online from 6th to 10th of June, 2021.

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

Participation is by personal invitation to the team captain and all players must be accepted by the tournament organiser.

Teams can consist of 4 – 10 players. If necessary, more players can be added. There are no minimum play requirements.

At the moment teams and/or players are registered, they automatically agree to play according to the conditions in this document.

### 3. Schedule of play:

Sunday, 6 June 2021

10:00 Eastern Time / 16:00 CET – Round 1 (20 boards)

13:00 Eastern Time / 19:00 CET – Round 2 (20 boards)

Monday, 7 June 2021

10:30 Eastern Time / 16:30 CET – Round 3 (20 boards)

13:30 Eastern Time / 19:30 CET – Round 4 (20 boards)

Tuesday, 8 June 2021

10:30 Eastern Time / 16:30 CET – Round 5 (20 boards)

13:30 Eastern Time / 19:30 CET – Round 6 (20 boards)

Wednesday, 9 June 2021

10:00 Eastern Time / 16:00 CET – Round 7 (20 boards)

13:00 Eastern Time / 19:00 CET – Semifinal. Segment 1 (16 boards)

15:10 Eastern Time / 21:10 CET – Semifinal. Segment 2 (16 boards)

Thursday, 10 June 2021

10:00 Eastern Time / 16:00 CET – Final.

Segment 1 (14 boards)

After 10 minutes break – Final Segment 2 (14 boards)

After 10 minutes break – Final Segment 3 (14 boards)

### 4. Qualifying Stage

The qualifying stage will be played in the form of a “Round Robin” and will consist of 140 boards played in 7 matches of 20 boards each.

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

A team will receive 12 VP in case of 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 is still a tie, the IMP quotient of all matches will be used to break the tie.

The top 4 teams from the qualifying stage will advance to the knockout stage.

### 5. Knockout Stage

The team placed 1st in the Round Robin gets to choose the opponent for the semi-final from the teams placed 3th – 4th in the Round Robin.

Semifinal will be played over 32 boards, 2 separate segments of 16 boards each.

Final will be played over 42 boards, 3 separate segments of 14 boards each.

There will be the following carry over:  
In the semifinal no. 1 – 2 get a carry over of 10.1 – 6.1 IMP respectively.  
In the final the higher ranked teams in the Round Robin get a carry over of 0.1 IMP as a tiebreaker.

### 6. Line-Up

In the Round Robin qualifying stage the lineup change is possible after 10 boards provided that no player would change the compass direction for the second half of the match. In other words it is possible to enter new players as a substitution of the existing players but not possible for the existing players to switch the table.

In the semifinal, change of the line-up is possible after 16 boards with no restriction (separate segments).

In the final, change of the line-up is possible after 14 boards with no restriction (separate segments).

In the Round Robin qualifying stage the captains submit their line up without knowing the line-up of their opponents (“blind line-up”).

In the semifinal the higher ranked teams in the Round Robin may select any 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 teams in the Round Robin may select any of the three segments in which to have seating rights and the opponents then have seating rights in the other two segments OR they may pass this right over; in other words, let the opponents take first choice of one segment leaving them with the remaining two segments.

In the Round Robin qualifying stage 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.



### 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 must have their official name on their 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. This decision can at any time be revoked by the tournament organiser.

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 claiming:**  
The tournament organiser encourages players to accept the opponent's undo in obvious misclick situations during the bidding as well as play.

In case a request for undo is refused, a player gets a "challenge" whereby the TD can be summoned to the table. Play must be shut down till the TD arrives. The TD will assess the situation, and if he believes the undo is justified by an obvious misclick the undo has to be accepted by the opponents.

Players alert their own bids. Bids must be alerted before entering the bids. If you don't alert before making your bid, your opponent may think that your bid is natural, make his/her bid, then see the Alert and legitimately ask for an undo in case the information changes his/her perspectives.

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 and use any aids to their memory or calculation or technique between the commencement of the auction and the end of play.

If players experience highly suspicious plays, we encourage you to send a report to the organizers at [mmt@bridgeresults.org](mailto:mmt@bridgeresults.org). We will not reveal your name as source.

Players are expected to finish 20 boards within 2 hours 30 minutes; 16 boards within 2 hours; 14 boards within 1 hour 45 minutes.

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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 tournament organiser 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 other directors and/or world class players); no further appeal will be possible after the TD's decision.

To submit protests, you should send email to: [mmt@bridgere-sults.org](mailto:mmt@bridgere-sults.org)

9. 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 execution of the events.

Although the Monthly Invitational Teams are not aligned with any bridge organization, we take ethical violations seriously and report to Eric Laurant from the WBF Investigation committee if our experts and statisticians find ground to suspect a pair/player is violating the rules of bridge through self-kibitzing or illegal communication with partner or teammates.

### 10. The WBF Victory Points scale for 20 boards:

IMP	VP	
0	10.00	10.00
1	10.28	9.72
2	10.55	9.45
3	10.82	9.18
4	11.08	8.92
5	11.34	8.66
6	11.59	8.41
7	11.83	8.17
8	12.07	7.93
9	12.30	7.70
10	12.53	7.47
11	12.76	7.24
12	12.98	7.02
13	13.20	6.80
14	13.41	6.59
15	13.61	6.39
16	13.81	6.19
17	14.01	5.99
18	14.20	5.80
19	14.39	5.61
20	14.58	5.42
21	14.76	5.24
22	14.94	5.06
23	15.11	4.89
24	15.28	4.72
25	15.45	4.55
26	15.61	4.39
27	15.77	4.23
28	15.93	4.07
29	16.08	3.92
30	16.23	3.77
31	16.38	3.62
32	16.52	3.48
33	16.66	3.34
34	16.80	3.20

IMP	VP	
35	16.93	3.07
36	17.06	2.94
37	17.19	2.81
38	17.32	2.68
39	17.44	2.56
40	17.56	2.44
41	17.68	2.32
42	17.79	2.21
43	17.90	2.10
44	18.01	1.99
45	18.12	1.88
46	18.23	1.77
47	18.33	1.67
48	18.43	1.57
49	18.53	1.47
50	18.63	1.37
51	18.73	1.27
52	18.82	1.18
53	18.91	1.09
54	19.00	1.00
55	19.09	0.91
56	19.17	0.83
57	19.25	0.75
58	19.33	0.67
59	19.41	0.59
60	19.49	0.51
61	19.57	0.43
62	19.65	0.35
63	19.72	0.28
64	19.79	0.21
65	19.86	0.14
66	19.93	0.07
67	19.99	0.01
68	20.00	0.00



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