

# MONTHLY INVITATIONAL TEAMS



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## Bertheau Back in his Chateau

With one match to go Bertheau has reconquered the castle. The winners from last event are sure to make the semifinals accompanied by Gupta in second. Wolfson and Moss in 3rd and 4th both have fair chances but have to be careful Donner, Lebowitz or Ireland do not slip past them if they suffer a big loss.

We remind the winners of the Round Robin to inform us of their choice of opponent immediately after the results of the last match, so we can begin the semifinals on time.

The best part about online bridge is the players' chats. For entertainment in the chat-department some of my favourites are pairs like Bilde-Madala and Grue-Moss.

Here is an example from yesterday:

JoeGrue→Table: im 10-13

brad→Table: but u are mature for your age

JoeGrue→Table: thats what she said

**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

**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)**

# Today's Schedule

## Round 7

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

rank	team	5	3	7	1	8	4	6	2	VP tot
1	<u>BERTHEAU</u>	♠	<u>10.82</u>		<u>11.59</u>	<u>12.98</u>	<u>3.20</u>	<u>19.09</u>	<u>19.57</u>	77.25
2	<u>GUPTA</u>	<u>9.18</u>	♥	<u>5.80</u>	<u>18.33</u>	<u>15.77</u>	<u>16.23</u>	<u>11.59</u>		76.90
3	<u>WOLFSON</u>		<u>14.20</u>	♦	<u>12.30</u>	<u>8.92</u>	<u>18.33</u>	<u>6.59</u>	<u>7.47</u>	67.81
4	<u>MOSS</u>	<u>8.41</u>	<u>1.67</u>	<u>7.70</u>	♣	<u>14.58</u>		<u>10.55</u>	<u>17.90</u>	60.81
5	<u>DONNER</u>	<u>7.02</u>	<u>4.23</u>	<u>11.08</u>	<u>5.42</u>	♠	<u>10.55</u>		<u>14.76</u>	53.06
6	<u>LEBOWITZ</u>	<u>16.80</u>	<u>3.77</u>	<u>1.67</u>		<u>9.45</u>	♥	<u>14.20</u>	<u>5.24</u>	51.13
7	<u>IRELAND</u>	<u>0.91</u>	<u>8.41</u>	<u>13.41</u>	<u>9.45</u>		<u>5.80</u>	♦	<u>12.76</u>	50.74
8	<u>PALMA</u>	<u>0.43</u>		<u>12.53</u>	<u>2.10</u>	<u>5.24</u>	<u>14.76</u>	<u>7.24</u>	♣	42.30

## Knockout Stage

The team placed 1st in the Round Robin gets to choose the opponent for the semifinal from the teams placed 3th – 4th in the Round Robin. We ask the winners to inform us of their choice immediately after the results of the last round.

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

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 semifinal no. 1 – 2 get a carry over of 10.1 – 6.1 IMP respectively.

## Results

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# Victim of the Day

## Vincent Demuy

by Christina Lund Madsen



*How old are you, where are you from, where do you live and how many children and girlfriends will you admit to?*

- I'm 37 years old and im from Earth. I live in Laval, Quebec in Canada.  
I have two daughters and I guess I won't admit nothing.

*How long have you been speaking English?*

- I think another 10 years and I will speak it.

*How did you begin to play bridge and how did bridge become your living?*

- Got bored, got a lesson, got hooked, got a partner, got paid.

*What education or jobs did you have outside of bridge?*

- Straight Outta Compton.  
(A biographical drama from 2015 about a gangsta rap group including Dr. Dre and Ice Cube/ed.)

*Tell us your best memory from a bridge tournament? (it doesn't have to be bridge related)*

- Impossible to pick one just like that and the best ones are never gonna be told!



Great memories from discovering new cultures, nothing like getting lost in China riding a rental bike having to play soon but maybe soon be someone else's meal. Playing bridge with Prince Henrik (*the late husband of Queen Margrethe of Denmark*) at his castle for his 81st birthday and then riding with him to his restaurant waiving to the crowd like I was somebody lol.

*How do you spend your days at the moment and how has this past year and a half been for you?*

- Wake up at 4:20, walk the dog, wake the kids up, get them ready for school, a little clash time, a little notes, a little of this and



that and boom, kids are back , thank Bob its almost 4:20 again... Do the thing and I'm usually out to lunch by 9 pm. (*Out to lunch meaning falling asleep in Vincish/ed.*) Actually been really healthy, dropped a bunch of weight (a good size bet was definitely a good motivation), started learning to play the piano, still can't juggle four balls, my garden is doing great. I haven't been playing much good bridge, which seems to have the effect on losing interest in the game, but I miss my bridge and its people a lot! The social card game I mean.

*What are you really good at and really bad at (besides bridge)?*

- I'm really good at making crepes and I'm really bad at answering questions.

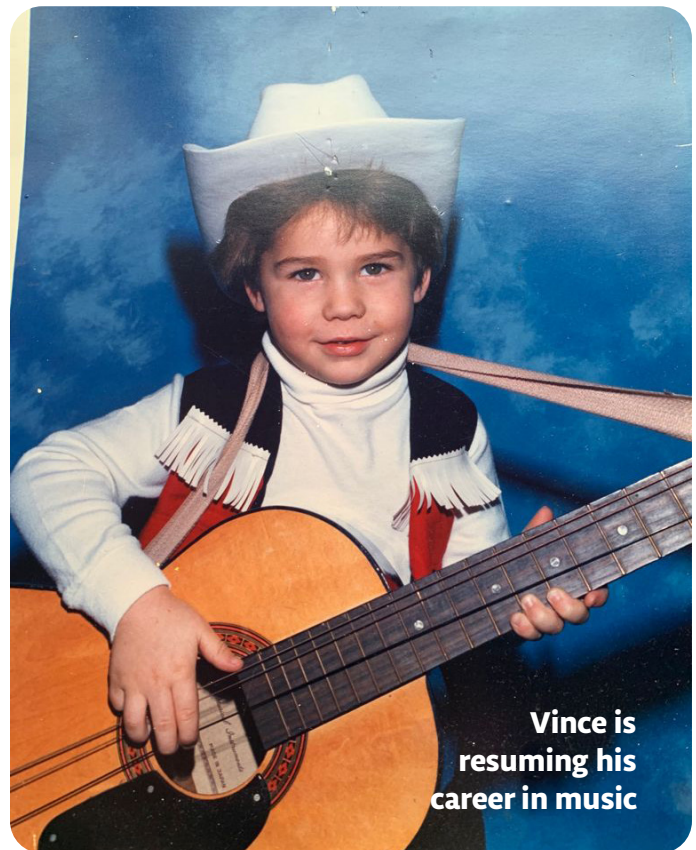
*Geoff Hampson's question for you: When did you last have a driver's license?*

- Good one Geoff. ☺ Not quite sure when the last valid one was, turned in an expired Quebec ID to the DMV (*Department of Motor Vehicles/ed.*) in Florida. They asked me to pass the visual test, I said ok. "Off you go then." Canadians tried to take it back but Americans keep sending me a new one. ☺ IF you do get pulled over in a foreign country passport and a smile does the job or a Florida license in Canada is a golden ticket.

*Blondes, brunettes or redheads?*

- Depending on which part of the world we are in, I suppose, and there are more options I believe!

*What is the best thing about being a father?*



Still searching! All the McLoving that comes out of a child is just the most wonderful thing I could possibly feel ...

*What do you secretly dream of?*

- Starting a new schooling system for kids.

*You were starring in a documentary almost 20 years ago. (If you haven't watched [In the Cards](#), it is a must-see for all bridge players. A film crew follow Gavin Wolpert and Vince through their rollercoaster partnership 15 years ago.)*

*How are you today compared to the guy in the film?*

- My English has gotten better , no more chop shop, life is good.  
(*From Wikipedia: A chop shop is a business, usually a body shop, that illicitly disassembles stolen motor vehicles and sells their parts/ed.*)



**Tom Hanlon and Vince with Prins Henrik of Denmark after winning the Copenhagen Bridge Invitational in 2017. The Prince is in the middle.**

*When in your life did you struggle the most?*

- Chop shop era fo sho.  
(fo sho= for sure in English/ed.).

*How would your life have looked without bridge?*

- Straight outta Compton.  
(Just watch the movie/ed.)

*If you could change one thing about your past, what would it be?*

- Quit school sooner! Learn more languages thru real experience.

*How would your partner John Kranyak describe you in three (English) words?*

- I asked him. Strong crazy genius.

*If you had one more chance to talk to Justin Lall, what would you say to him?*

- Control the wrist... I could never comprehend that it would be the last time I spoke with him, I don't think I could even say a word, tbh we would just hug and cry, love you brotha.

*Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Gavin Wolpert, Sjoert Brink and Anam Tebha?*

- Kiss Anam fo sho. ☺  
I have partnered Gavin already but I'd still give him a shot by racing Sjoert on the ice rink before he dies.

*Who do you think should be a future victim in this bulletin? Tell us something you would like to know about this person.*

- Tom Hanlon. My suit is clean again, when are we playing next?



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# Cliché Corner

By Mark Horton



Sporting contests are riddled with clichés and the advent of the European Football Championships will surely see the appearance of many of those that are associated with the game. 'Schoolboy defending', 'We're taking it one match at a time' and 'Parking the bus' are well known, as is the classic 'Sick as a Parrot'. However, my favourite is 'It's a game of two halves'. That's a cliché that could be used in bridge, but in matches in both bridge and football some halves are more important than others. That was certainly the case in the Round 5 encounter between Palma and Lebowitz, where the score after 10 of the 20 deals was 13-4 in favour of Palma.

## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rosenberg	Palma	Z Grossack	Wrang
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

2♦ Game forcing  
 4NT RKCB  
 5♠ 2 key cards + ♦Q

North led the ♣6 for the eight, ten and king and declarer cashed the ♦KJ, South discarding the ♥9. Declarer took a third round of trumps, South discarding the ♠5, played a heart to the ace and drew the



Zack Grossack

outstanding trump, South parting with the ♣2. The ♥J was covered by the queen and king as North discarded the ♣7. When declarer cashed two clubs South had to part with a second spade and declarer pitched dummy's ♥3, played a heart to the ten, the ♠J to the king and the ♠10 collecting South's queen along with +1440.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sarmiento	Bilde	Barbosa	Madala
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	6NT	All Pass

2♣ 18-19 balanced

2NT 'Sign off in diamonds or balanced slam try.

3♣ No five-card minor

Declarer took an early heart finesse but lost a trick to the ♠Q, so +990 and a loss of 10 IMPs which gave Lebowitz the lead.

Sylvia Moss and Roger Lee also bid and made 7♦.

**Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.**

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

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

♠ K 4 3  
♥ A 9 7  
♦ A 8 4  
♣ J 9 7 6

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



Joao Barbosa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rosenberg	Palma	Z Grossack	Wrang
1♥	4♥	Dble	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣	All Pass

North led the ♥K and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a club to the ace, a diamond to the ace and the ♣J. When the queen appeared declarer won, cashed the ♦K and then played the ♠J, claiming when North pitched a heart, +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sarmiento	Bilde	Barbosa	Madala
1♣	4♥	Dble	All Pass



East led the ♦A and continued with the eight, West winning with the queen, cashing the king then ace of clubs and then playing two more rounds of diamonds.

Although there was no trump promotion the contract was three down, -800 and 9 IMPs changed hands.

### Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rosenberg	Palma	Z Grossack	Wrang
—	Pass	Pass	3♦
3♥	4♣	4♥	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♥K and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a diamond to the ace and the ♣K and a club. West won and switched to the ♠A followed by the eight, the defenders scoring four tricks, -500.

Make a note of North's fit showing 4♣ bid, which enabled his side to find the save - the only pair to do so.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sarmiento	Bilde	Barbosa	Madala
—	Pass	Pass	3♦
Dble	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led the ♣Q and declarer won and played the ♥Q. The defenders could score three tricks, but a spade went on the ♦K for +620 and 3 IMPs.

Seven players elected to open 3♦, which says something about the modern approach to bidding. West doubled three times and overcalled 3♥ three times.

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rosenberg	Palma	Z Grossack	Wrang
Pass	1♣*	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

- 1♣ 'May have longer diamonds'  
 2♦ Hearts  
 2♠ 'Invitational, I think 5-5'

EW were caught speeding.

South led the ♦7 for the queen, king and ace and when South ducked the first round of hearts, playing the ten, dummy was out of the game. At trick three declarer tried a spade to the nine and South won with the king, cashed the ♥A and played a second diamond for the ten and jack. Declarer played three rounds of clubs and North won and cashed the ♠A followed by two more spades for two down, -500.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sarmiento	Bilde	Barbosa	Madala
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

2♣ Transfer to 2♦

East started with three rounds of clubs, the ace, king and eight and West ruffed and returned the ♠6 for the jack, queen and king. A diamond to the king revealed the trump position and declarer had to lose three trump tricks and the ♥A which meant two down, -200, and a 12 IMP loss.

The swings on 12, 13 & 16 were enough to see Palma home 41-20, 14.76-5.24 VP.



**Dennis Bilde**  
 Photo: Peg Kaplan

# Always Believe

By Toine van Hoof



Agustin Madala was the only declarer who believed he could make make this thin 4♥ contract from Round 3:

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Madala	de Wijs	Bilde	Muller
1♥	Pass	2♥	Dbl
4♥	All Pass		

When Simon de Wijs led the ♣8, Madala put up the 10 from dummy. Bauke Muller took the ♣A, cashed both his other aces and exited with a club. Madala overtook the ♣J with the king, played the ♥4 to the queen, cashed the ♥A and claimed when the ♥K dropped.

In the other room Zia Mahmood probably expected the ♣8 lead to be a singleton and anticipated to go two or even three off.

So he played a small club from dummy in the first trick. Now South, Michael Rosenberg, withheld his ace and 4♥ could no longer be made.

Two other declarers also fatalistically played low in the first trick but they both saw South go up with the ♣A, once after the second or fourth best ♣3 lead. Leslie Amoils still went off when he won the heart return by Michal Nowosadzki with the ace. Gunnar Hallberg managed to make an overtrick after Paulo Sarmento had returned a club.

The other four tables were not in game.







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