

MONTHLY INVITATIONAL TEAMS



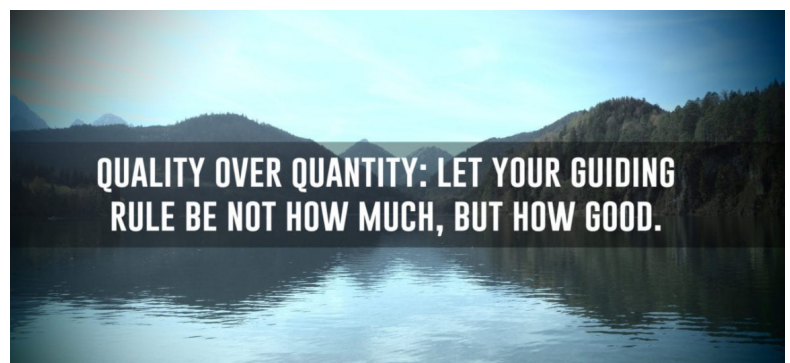
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Quality over Quantity

"Something new, something old, something borrowed, something blue."

This summons up the August Invitational Teams well in the wedding season with a field with old, new and "borrowed" players because many regular teams are attending weddings or swimming in the big, blue sea.

As both participants and followers of the Monthly Invitational Teams are aware, we go for small, high-level events. When it became clear teams like Nickell, Gupta etc. were not able to participate this time, we asked some of you whether you prefer quality over quantity. The answer was yes, and so we decided to only



have six teams in this event and play a double Round Robin. We go back to 8 teams during our fall events. We wish participants as well as kibitzers an entertaining week.

All players should enter BBO 5 minutes before the beginning of a match. The TD will direct you to your seat. All players must have their name in their BBO-profile. Private isn't allowed for the sake of opponents and kibitzers.

Today's Schedule

Monday August 16

10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 1 (20 boards)







13:00 EST / 19:00 CET – RR 2 (20 boards)

Today's Schedule

Round 1

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>HILL</u>	 <u>LEBOWITZ</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>HARRIS</u>	 <u>SELIGMAN</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>EDMONDS</u>	 <u>BERTHEAU</u>

Round 2

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>HILL</u>	 <u>EDMONDS</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>BERTHEAU</u>	 <u>HARRIS</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>SELIGMAN</u>	 <u>LEBOWITZ</u>

Format

Double Round Robin, two matches/day, 10 x 20 boards for all teams.
Read more in the Conditions of Contest in this bulletin or on the event website.

Tournament Director

Your main TD this week is Jacob Duschek, an acclaimed EBL-director from Denmark who is fluent in most languages.

[Results](#)

Event website
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)

EDMONDS

Kevin Bathurst (kmb24)
Jodi Edmonds (jodi e)
Piotr Gawrys (badaud4)
John Hurd (johnhurd)
Michal Klukowski (skrzat96)
Joel Wooldridge (firechief)

HARRIS

Marusa Gold (marusab)
Susanna Gross (sgross)
Jonathan Harris (jdache)
Niall Igoe (ibraves)
Eddie Malhasyan (master dj)
Steve Root (asnuttyas)
Todor Tiholov (polborta)
Rumen Trendafilov (rumen)

HILL

Kevin Dwyer (kdwyer)
Joyce Hill (joycesc)
Shan Huang (precisebri)
Cecilia Rimstedt (cillar)
Mikael Rimstedt (mikaelrim)
Ola Rimstedt (olarim)

LEBOWITZ

Adam Grossack (nevereast)
Zachary Grossack (germs345)
Larry Lebowitz (pinoy12)
Zia Mahmood (zia)
Jeff Meckstroth (jjmeck)
Kevin Rosenberg (kevsters)
Michael Rosenberg (scotty)

SELIGMAN

Jacek Kalita (paulinka18)
Michal Kwiecien (michal1)
Marcin Lesniewski (lesniak)
Michal Nowosadzki (kot_korba)
Martin Seligman (mseligman)
Wlodek Starkowski (wstarkowsk)



Meet your Opponents

by Christina Lund Madsen



We strive to have different teams in the MIT from event to event. Invitations are extended based on previous results in the event, behaviour, how many times a team has participated and how intimidating the team roster looks. We would never dare rejecting Zia but would happily reject Sjoert Brink.

Many of our "regulars" are still on holiday this month, which means half the teams are debutants (though as we all know bridge players are illoyal, so several players simply jumped on another team).

We begin with our defending champions (Peter Bertheau, Gunnar Hallberg, Simon Hult, Oren Toledano, Dan Zagorin, Ami Zamir).



Jeff Meckstroth

Despite my prediction that they used up all their good luck in our first event, Bertheau went on to win the second as well. So now we changed the format in a desperate attempt to get rid of them.

Jodi Edmonds (Kevin Bathurst, Jodi Edmonds, Piotr Gawrys, John Hurd, Michal Klukowski, Joel Wooldridge) is back with a team on which half the players are born 1978-79, and if you believe 42 is the answer to bridge, life, the Universe and everything, combine that with the young Helgemo Michal Klukowski and they might be able to carry old Gawrys throughout the event.

Lebowitz (Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Larry Lebowitz, Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth, Kevin Rosenberg, Michael Rosenberg) is back with a slightly different team.

Bilde-Madala were not available, so they had to settle for Zia and Meckstroth. Luckily they also have Zach Grossack on the team, so it will not be boring to kibitz.

Among our debutants we find Seligman (Jacek Kalita, Michal Kwiecien, Marcin Lesniewski, Michal Nowosadzki, Martin Seligman, Wlodek Starkowski). The famous psychologist only surrounds himself with players with at least one W in their name, but Kalita offered to pay the entry fee to be the exception on the team.



**Kevin Dwyer, Joyce Hill
and Shan Huang**

Hill is also a debutant in the MIT, but her teammates (Kevin Dwyer, Joyce Hill, Shan Huang, Cecilia Rimstedt, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt) are not. The team has the lowest average age in our event, the biggest talent mass and the highest amount of blondes. What's not to like?

Our last team is Harris (Marusa Gold, Susanna Gross, Jonathan Harris, Niall Igoe, Eddie Malhasyan, Steve Root, Todor Tiholov, Rumen Trendafilov) who jumped in last minute when Ireland chickened out after having seen the other teams. There are many good things to say about this team, foremost that it is our only team without any Americans on it and secondly it brings our total of women in

this event up to five and thirdly that they won the award for most diverse names. It is tempting to make some story about how the Gross Susanna found Gold among the Roots from the family tree in the house of Todor with her friend Niall, who then said "Now Igoe to Malhasyan on holiday" but we save that for another occasion... (You may wonder why I don't include the remaining Bulgarian but he is only on the team for his good looks).

Welcome to all of you and thank you for joining us this week. We hope for plenty of entertainment for the kibitzers, and remember to tip us if you come across an amazing play or an amazingly funny play.

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Conditions of Contest • August Invitational Teams

1. The 2021 August Invitational Teams will be hosted in Bridge Base Online from 16th to 20th of August, 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:

Monday, 16 August 2021

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

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

Tuesday, 17 August 2021

10:00 Eastern Time / 16:00 CET – Round 3
(20 boards)

13:00 Eastern Time / 19:00 CET – Round 4
(20 boards)

Wednesday, 18 August 2021

10:00 Eastern Time / 16:00 CET – Round 5
(20 boards)

13:00 Eastern Time / 19:00 CET – Round 6
(20 boards)

Thursday, 19 August 2021

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

13:00 Eastern Time / 19:00 CET – Round 8
(20 boards)

Friday, 20 August 2021

10:00 Eastern Time / 16:00 CET – Round 9
(20 boards)

13:00 Eastern Time / 19:00 CET – Round 10
(20 boards)

4. Format

The event will be played as a single stage event in the form of a “Double Round Robin” and will consist of 200 boards played in 10 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 (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.

5. Line-Up

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.

The captains submit their line up without knowing the line-up of their opponents (“blind 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.

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 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. 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.

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 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@bridgeresults.org

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 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.



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