

# MONTHLY INVITATIONAL TEAMS



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## UpHill Start

Yesterday we experienced our first ever delayed start for some matches, partly because BBO was toying with our technical TD, partly because an anonymous player whose name rhymes with Chateau had registered not one, but two wrong BBO-nicks. This combined resulted in all matches playing different boards in the first round. All results from all matches are still available [on our results page](#).

By the second match we were back to normal with all tables playing the same boards. We expect the rest of the matches to run smoothly.

We are also proud to present a new feature -Running Scores. Since we already rely on you not to (self)kibitz, we will also trust you not to check scores during a match. The hand records for a board will not appear till results from all tables are in. It is a great feature for kibitzers and teammates sitting out, especially towards the end. However we are still undecided whether we will have running scores during the last match and appreciate your input.

Meanwhile Joyce Hill is leading our event ahead of Bertheau after two solid victories.

**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







Tuesday August 17

**10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 3 (20 boards)**

**13:00 EST / 19:00 CET – RR 4 (20 boards)**

# Ranking & Schedule

## Round 3

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

## Round 4

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

rank	team	#	6	3	2	1	4	5	Adj	VP tot
1	 <u>HILL</u>	6				<u>16.66</u>	<u>15.61</u>			32.27
2	 <u>BERTHEAU</u>	3					<u>12.76</u>	<u>17.56</u>		30.32
3	 <u>SELIGMAN</u>	2				<u>7.93</u>		<u>14.76</u>		22.69
4	 <u>LEBOWITZ</u>	1	<u>3.34</u>		<u>12.07</u>					15.41
5	 <u>EDMONDS</u>	4	<u>4.39</u>	<u>7.24</u>						11.63
6	 <u>HARRIS</u>	5		<u>2.44</u>	<u>5.24</u>					7.68

# Results

Event website  
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# The Magnificent Six

## Round 1

By Mark Horton



The field for the August Invitational Teams is not short on talent, with five of the squads having world championship winners in their ranks. What is more, some of the players are taking the opportunity to put in some time at the table prior to next week's EBL Qualifier. It transpired that the teams were facing different deals in each match.

### Board 4. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Starkowski	Root	Kwiecien	Igoe
2NT*	Pass	4♥*	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2NT 20-21 4♥ Texas  
Rdbl Retransfer

North started with two rounds of hearts and South won and cashed the ♦A, declarer taking the rest, +620.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendaflov	Seligman	Tiholov	Lesniewski
1♣*	1♦	Pass*	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

1♣ 16+  
Pass 0-5 or ♦

You don't see natural defences to a strong club very often, but it worked well here, NS being able to compete to 5♦. When West went on to 5♠ the swing was 12 IMPs.

### Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	O Rimstedt	Z Grossack	M Rimstedt
—	1NT*	Dble	4♥
All Pass			

1NT 10-12



Mikael Rimstedt

As Ola and Mikael Rimstedt sat down against Zia and Zach Grossack, Ola began the characteristic banter by asking Zia:

"So you lost to Mikael in golf?"

Zia: "It was an easy thing"

Sadly for Zia golf wasn't the only discipline he lost to Mikael in.

West led the  $\diamond$  and East won with the jack as declarer followed with the ten, and switched to the  $\heartsuit$ J, declarer winning in hand and exiting with the  $\spadesuit$ 6 for the eight ten and jack. East cashed the  $\diamond$ K before exiting with a heart, and declarer won in dummy, played the  $\spadesuit$ Q, ruffing and playing his trumps. West pitched the  $\diamond$ 4, but then fatally threw the  $\diamond$ 8 which meant that East was squeezed in the minors. He pitched his diamonds, so declarer could have scored the last trick with the 'beer-card'. In any event, it was +420.

If declarer had held on to the  $\diamond$ 10, the defenders would have been in trouble. East's holdings in the minors mean that although a diamond ruff can be prevented, there is no defense to the potential squeeze without the count.

This will be the ending:

	$\spadesuit$ Q $\heartsuit$ — $\diamond$ Q $\clubsuit$ K 9 8	
$\spadesuit$ K $\heartsuit$ — $\diamond$ 8 5 $\clubsuit$ 7 6	$\spadesuit$ — $\heartsuit$ — $\diamond$ A 9 $\clubsuit$ Q J 10	
	$\spadesuit$ — $\heartsuit$ 6 $\diamond$ 10 7 $\clubsuit$ A 4	

When declarer cashed the last heart discarding a diamond or spade from dummy East has to throw a diamond and declarer can exit with a diamond and score the last three tricks.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dwyer	A Grossack	Huang	Lebowitz
—	Pass	1 $\clubsuit^*$	4 $\heartsuit$
All Pass			

### 1 $\clubsuit$ Strong

West's pass over 4 $\heartsuit$  indicated a modest hand.

West led the  $\heartsuit$ 9 and declarer won with the ten and played the  $\spadesuit$ 6, West going up with the king and playing a second heart. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed the  $\spadesuit$ 10 and cashed all his remaining trumps. East, down to  $\spadesuit$ A  $\diamond$ AK  $\clubsuit$ QJ10 was squeezed in three suits and pitched the  $\diamond$ K. Meanwhile, West had parted with three clubs, and proved to be enough to deflect declarer from the winning line of exiting with a diamond. He played two rounds of clubs and was one down, -50 and 10 IMPs worse off.

It does not help if West allows East to win the spade at trick two – in order to hold on to three diamonds East will be forced to pitch the ♠A, but will then be squeezed in the minors by the last heart. He will have to release a diamond but then declarer ducks a diamond, wins the club return in dummy and ducks another diamond.

**Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.**

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



**Jodi Edmonds**

He chose the latter, returning the ♣3. Declarer could cash dummy’s clubs and then play the ♦Q for the king and ace. The ♥A mean that he could return to dummy to play a diamond to the ten, +600.

**Edmonds v Bertheau**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hult	Wooldridge	Hallberg	Edmonds
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Dble	Rdbl*
3NT	All Pass		

**RdblSupport**

North led the ♠5 and South won with the ace and when the nine took the next trick he continued with a third spade, declarer winning with the king and playing the ♣A followed by the queen. South now had a choice; to duck, hoping to get a useful signal from partner on the third round of the suit, or to win and exit with something.

If South ducks the ♣Q and wins the next round North can pitch a diamond to suggest there is no future in that suit and now South has to find a switch to the ♥K, removing a vital entry to dummy.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hurd	Toledano	Bathurst	Zamir
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
	All Pass		

- 1NT 13+-16
- 2♣ Stayman
- 2♦ No major
- 2♥ Non-forcing, both majors

West led the ♥3 for the nine, ten and king and declarer returned the four for the queen and ace. The ♣10 was covered by the king and ace and West continued with the queen followed by the eight. Declarer ruffed in dummy and ruffed a heart with the ♠9, but West overruffed and exited with a spade. Declarer could not avoid the loss of another trump and two diamonds, -100 but an 11 IMP gain.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hurd	Toledano	Bathurst	Zamir
—	—	2♥	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	4NT*
Dble	5♦	Dble	All Pass

East led the ♣A, West following with the ten. When East continued with the ♣8, declarer had 11 tricks, +750 and 16 IMPs.

### Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

### Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hult	Wooldridge	Hallberg	Edmonds
—	—	2♥*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

### Hill v Lebowitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	O Rimstedt	Z Grossack	M Rimstedt
—	—	—	1♠
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	4♣	Dble
All Pass			

2♥ 'Weak, 8-11, could be a chunky five'

South led the ♦4 for the king and ace and North switched to the ♣4, South winning with the jack. He continued with the ♣2 and declarer won with the ace, cashed the ♥J, ruffed a diamond high, ruffed a club high, cashed the ♥A and then ran the ♠9. North could win, but was endplayed, +620. Not easy to see, but South must switch to a spade after winning the first club.

South started with the ace, king and ten of spades and North ruffed, cashed the ♥A and continued with the ♥7, South ruffing. He tried to cash the ♦A, but declarer could ruff, cross to the ♣K, ruff a diamond and cash the ♣A, two down, -300.

If South exits with a fourth spade declarer can ruff in dummy, but then the ♣Q gives the defenders a third undertrick.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dwyer	A Grossack	Huang	Lebowitz
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT*	2♣	2♦
2♥	3♦	3♥	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

### 1NT Forcing for one round

West led the ♣K and switched to the ♥9, taking the setting tricks in trumps, -200 and 11 IMPs.

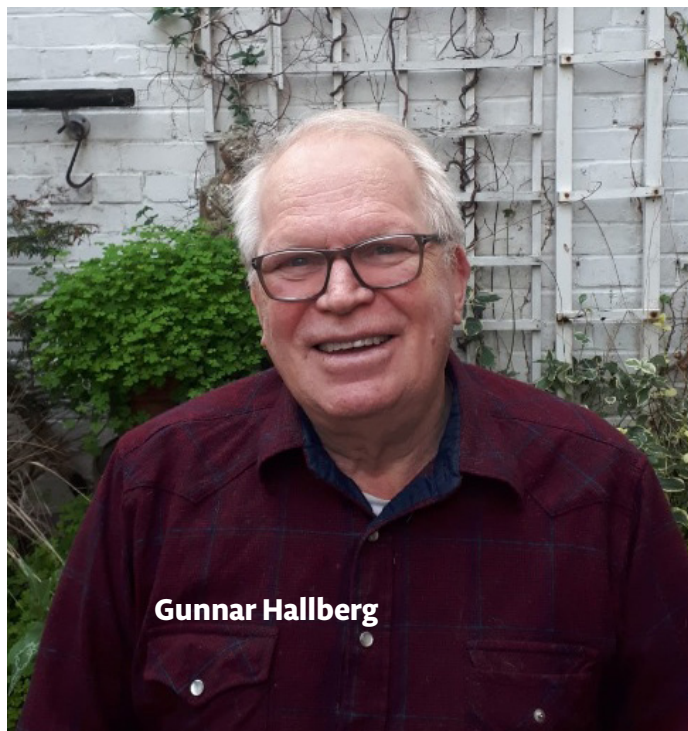
### Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

### Harris v Seligman

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Starkowski	Root	Kwiecien	Igoe
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣*	3♦	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

- 2♣ 'Forcing to game, natural or relay'
- 4♦ 'No agreements, but 4♣ natural'



Gunnar Hallberg

South led the ♦J and declarer ruffed and drew trumps before ducking a spade. He finished with eleven tricks, +450.

Were EW to reach 6♥ South would have to find a trump lead or a low club to be sure of defeating it.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	Seligman	Tiholov	Lesniewski
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣*	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

### 2♣ Clubs/balanced

There is nothing on the convention card to explain why West preferred to support spades. Two trump tricks had to be lost, -50 and 11 IMPs.

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