

MONTHLY INVITATIONAL TEAMS



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Seligman Passed the Hill

Scoring two solid victories yesterday while Hill suffered her first significant loss to Lebowitz, Seligman has taken the lead with a score of 81.51 after 6/10 matches. Seligman is also our Victim of the Day in today's bulletin.

For the ones who are into numbers, we can inform you Hill has 77, Lebowitz 66 and Bertheau 55 VPs. Bertheau ran into his first bad day ever in the MIT with two big losses. Edmonds is right after Bertheau at 54.90 VPs, while Harris is struggling to keep up.

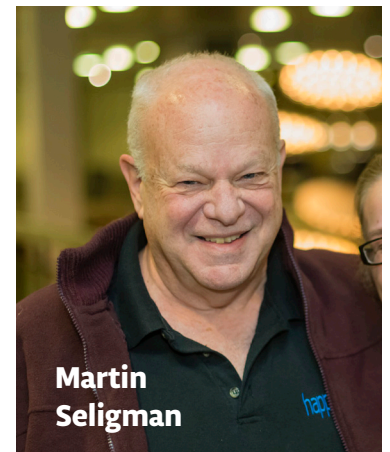
Since we like to be on good terms with Jeff and teased him yesterday, we owe to mention to you that Big Meck is leading the butler (which is always off unless you are on top of it).

Meanwhile Zia had another rendez-vous with the Rimstedts.

zia→table: I hate the rimstedts!!!

zia→table: 1100 and I never play golf again!!!

olarim→table: ☺



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



Thursday August 19

10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 7 (20 boards)







13:00 EST / 19:00 CET – RR 8 (20 boards)

Ranking & Schedule



















Round 7

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>

Round 8

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>

Ranking after round 6

rank	team	#	 SELIGMAN	 HILL	 LEBOWITZ	 BERTHEAU	 EDMONDS	 HARRIS	VP tot
1	 <u>SELIGMAN</u>	2		<u>10.82</u>	<u>7.93</u>	<u>14.58</u>	<u>16.23</u>	<u>14.76</u> <u>17.19</u>	81.51
2	 <u>HILL</u>	6	<u>9.18</u>		<u>16.66</u> <u>6.39</u>	<u>18.73</u>	<u>15.61</u>	<u>11.08</u>	77.65
3	 <u>LEBOWITZ</u>	1	<u>12.07</u>	<u>3.34</u> <u>13.61</u>		<u>5.42</u>	<u>12.30</u>	<u>20.00</u>	66.74
4	 <u>BERTHEAU</u>	3	<u>5.42</u>	<u>1.27</u>	<u>14.58</u>		<u>12.76</u> <u>3.48</u>	<u>17.56</u>	55.07
5	 <u>EDMONDS</u>	4	<u>3.77</u>	<u>4.39</u>	<u>7.70</u>	<u>7.24</u> <u>16.52</u>		<u>15.28</u>	54.90
6	 <u>HARRIS</u>	5	<u>5.24</u> <u>2.81</u>	<u>8.92</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2.44</u>	<u>4.72</u>		24.13

Results

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Collision Courses

Round 5

By Mark Horton



Round 5 saw the leaders face off. It also matched the teams occupying the remaining four positions. They were treated to an exciting set of deals:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Hill v Bertheau

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Toledano	O Rimstedt	Zamir	M Rimstedt
—	—	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Opposite a passed partner two aces and a singleton were no bar to preempting. When South felt obliged to double NS were overboard.

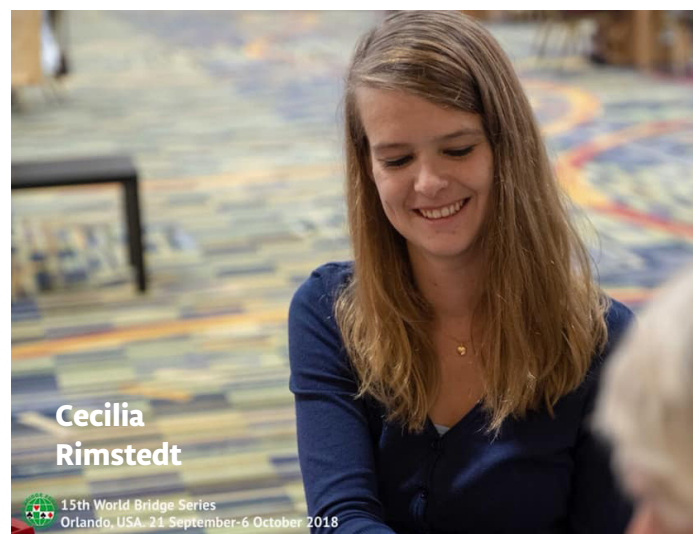
East led the ♦10 and West won and switched to the ♠8, East taking the ace and returning the two. West ruffed and played a second diamond, declarer winning, cashing the top trumps and claiming eight tricks, -200.

If West exits with a low heart, declarer can win, but must then allow East to get in with the ♣Q when a second heart means three down.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Zagorin	Huang	Bertheau
—	—	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

How to describe 3NT? Adventurous? Optimistic? Send your suggestions to the Editor.

East led the ♦10 and declarer was allowed to win with the queen. A heart to the king held and declarer ran the ♣J. Six rounds of diamonds forced dummy down to ♠KJ ♥Q4 and West played two rounds of hearts, East taking the last two tricks. Nine tricks – but for the defence, -600 and a 9 IMP swing.



Seligman v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hurd	Seligman	Bathurst	Lesniewski
—	—	Pass	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

Four Diamonds was a trick too far, declarer losing two clubs, a diamond and a heart, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Starkowski	Wooldridge	Kwiecien	Edmonds
—	—	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Having won the diamond lead with the queen declarer played a heart and West won and cashed the ♦A. That resulted in four down, -400 and the loss of 10 IMPs.

Lebowitz v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Z Grossack	Trendafilov	Zia
—	—	Pass	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦*	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3♣ ♦ preempt or game forcing 5-5+ ♦+♥

Here West took the diamond lead with the ace and continued with the seven, declarer winning and playing the ♠10. East took the ace and switched to the ♥6, West cashing out for -400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Meckstroth	Root	A Grossack	Gross
—	—	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Here West ducked the diamond lead and he also ducked the ♥Q. When declarer took the club finesse he was down six, -600 and 5 IMPs changed hands.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

South is sure to open the bidding – how should West react?

Hill v Bertheau

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Toledano	O Rimstedt	Zamir	M Rimstedt
—	—	—	2♠
3♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♥	All Pass

The defenders could take a spade and a club, but declarer had the rest, +650.



Kevin Bathurst

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Starkowski	Wooldridge	Kwiecien	Edmonds
—	—	—	2♠
3♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♥	All Pass

4NT Takeout

5♦ Diamonds & hearts

Having overcalled West did bid 4NT and the best five-level contract was reached, +650 and 10 IMPs.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Zagorin	Huang	Bertheau
—	—	—	2♠
3♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Lebowitz v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Z Grossack	Trendafilov	Zia
—	—	—	2♠
3♦	4♠	All Pass	

Although Five Diamonds made it is clearly inferior to 5♥. An IMP was exchanged.

The defenders scored the first three tricks, but declarer could win the club exit and run the ♠J for +620.

Seligman v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hurd	Seligman	Bathurst	Lesniewski
—	—	—	2♠
Dble	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	5♠	Dble	All Pass

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Meckstroth	Root	A Grossack	Gross
—	—	—	2♦*
3♦	All Pass		

Having doubled I wonder if West considered continuing with 4NT? If East bids 5♣ you bid 5♦ and it is clear you have the red suits.

2♦ Weak only multi

West led the ♦K, cashed the ace and then played the ♥K. Declarer ruffed the next heart in dummy and ran the ♠J, -200.

The Multi scored a goal, but it proved to be a hollow triumph. North started with two top clubs which meant -170 and a 13 IMP loss.



A club to the jack was followed by the $\heartsuit Q$. When that held declarer could establish the diamonds for 12 tricks, +420.

Suppose West continues with the $\spadesuit A$ after taking the $\clubsuit A$? Declarer ruffs in dummy, but must then forget about the diamond finesse, cashing the $\clubsuit J$ and then playing a diamond to the ace and a diamond. That would be important were the contract to be $6\clubsuit$.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Zagorin	Huang	Bertheau
$1\spadesuit$	$2NT^*$	Dble	Pass
Pass	$3\diamond$	Pass	$5\clubsuit$
Dble	All Pass		

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

\spadesuit —	
\heartsuit 10 7	
\diamond Q J 9 6 5 4	
\clubsuit Q J 9 8 7	
\spadesuit A K 10 7 4 2	\spadesuit 9 5
\heartsuit Q 6 5 3	\heartsuit K J 9 4 2
\diamond 10	\diamond K 8 7 2
\clubsuit A 6	\clubsuit 10 5
	\spadesuit Q J 8 6 3
	\heartsuit A 8
	\diamond A 3
	\clubsuit K 4 3 2

West led the $\diamond 10$ for the queen, two and three and declarer continued with the $\clubsuit J$, West winning and switching to the $\heartsuit 5$. Declarer won, cashed the $\clubsuit K$ and claimed the rest when the remaining trumps appeared, +650 and 6 IMPs.

Hill v Bertheau

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Toledano	O Rimstedt	Zamir	M Rimstedt
$1\spadesuit$	$3\clubsuit^*$	Pass	$5\clubsuit$
All Pass			

$3\clubsuit$ 55 minors, non-forcing

East led the $\spadesuit 9$ for the queen, king and a ruff and declarer played the $\clubsuit Q$ West taking the ace and switching to the $\heartsuit 3$ for the ten, jack and ace.

Seligman v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hurd	Seligman	Bathurst	Lesniewski
$1\spadesuit$	$2NT$	Pass	$5\clubsuit$
All Pass			

West led the $\spadesuit K$ and declarer ruffed in dummy and played the $\clubsuit Q$, West winning and switching to the $\heartsuit 5$. Declarer won, played the $\spadesuit J$, covered and ruffed, came to hand with the $\clubsuit K$, discarded a heart on the $\spadesuit Q$ and played two rounds of diamonds, +400.



Marusa Gold

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Starkowski	Wooldridge	Kwiecien	Edmonds
1♠	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West led the ♠A, ruffed in dummy and declarer played a club for the king and ace. West switched to the ♦10 for the queen, two and three and declarer cashed the ♣Q and claimed the rest shortly thereafter, +420 and an IMP.

Lebowitz v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Z Grossack	Trendafilov	Zia
1♠	2NT*	Pass	3♠
Pass*	4♦	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

2NT Minors
Pass 'Double wants a different lead, pretty sure'

When West led the ♠K Zia followed the line adopted by Lesniewski for +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Meckstroth	Root	A Grossack	Gross
1♠	4♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♥A and followed it with the eight, declarer winning and playing the ♠9 for the queen and ace. It was easy enough to record ten tricks, +420 and 13 IMPs.

I'll leave you to work out the double-dummy line for an overtrick.

Having bid 4♦ suppose North follows up with a double of 4♥? South leads a spade and North ruffs and can then switch to either minor to defeat the contract. It reminds me of an old Russian proverb – 'Having said A you have to say B'.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

You would like to reach 6♥. If the defenders lead a pointed suit you win, cash the top trumps and then play on clubs. On this layout only a spade lead will see the defenders prevail.



Michal Kwicien

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Zagorin	Huang	Bertheau
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♦*	Dble	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♣ Nat. or any 16+ unbal.
2♦ 8+

North led the ♦6, no swing.

Seligman v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Nowosadzki	Gawrys	Kalita
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

1♣ Polish Club

North led the ♣10, +480.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Starkowski	Wooldridge	Kwiecien	Edmonds
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Same lead, same score.

Hill v Bertheau

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Toledano	O Rimstedt	Zamir	M Rimstedt
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

- 1♥ 8-11 or 16+, no 5♠
- 2♥ 'Strong hearts, any'
- 3♣ 'Just hearts'

South led the ♦Q and declarer played in the approved fashion for +480.



Adam Grossack

North led the $\diamond 6$ and declarer won with the ace, cashed the $\heartsuit AK$ and then took three rounds of clubs pitching a diamond. North ruffed, but there was still an entry to dummy so the losing spade could be discarded on the $\clubsuit A$, +980 and 11 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

\spadesuit 9 8	
\heartsuit Q 9 8	
\diamond K J	
\clubsuit A 10 9 7 6 5	
\spadesuit K Q J 7 6 5 4 2	\spadesuit A
\heartsuit J 7 2	\heartsuit A K 6 5 4
\diamond 5 2	\diamond A Q 10
\clubsuit —	\clubsuit K Q 8 4
	\spadesuit 10 3
	\heartsuit 10 3
	\diamond 9 8 7 6 4 3
	\clubsuit J 3 2

Lebowitz v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Z Grossack	Trendafilov	Zia
—	—	—	Pass
$1\clubsuit^*$	Pass	$1\heartsuit^*$	$2\diamond$
$2\heartsuit$	$3\diamond$	Dble	Pass
$4\heartsuit$	All Pass		

- $1\clubsuit$ Strong
- $1\heartsuit$ Spades or 8-11 balanced
- Dble Takeout

South led the $\diamond Q$, +480.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Meckstroth	Root	A Grossack	Gross
—	—	—	Pass
$1\heartsuit$	Pass	$1\spadesuit$	Pass
$4\heartsuit$	Pass	$4NT^*$	Pass
$5\clubsuit^*$	Pass	$5\diamond^*$	Dble
$5\heartsuit^*$	Pass	$6\heartsuit$	All Pass

- $4NT$ RKCB
- $5\clubsuit$ 0-3 key cards
- $5\diamond$ $\heartsuit Q$ ask
- $5\heartsuit$ 'No queen, diamond control'

Hill v Bertheau

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Toledano	O Rimstedt	Zamir	M Rimstedt
—	—	$1\clubsuit^*$	$1\diamond$
$1\spadesuit^*$	$2\diamond$	$2\heartsuit$	Pass
$3\spadesuit$	Pass	$4\clubsuit^*$	Pass
$4\spadesuit$	Pass	$5NT^*$	Pass
$6\heartsuit$	Pass	$6NT$	All Pass

- $1\clubsuit$ Strong
- $1\spadesuit$ Game forcing
- $5NT$ Pick

South led the $\diamond 9$, but with no entry to dummy all declarer could do was win and cash the top hearts. When her majesty failed to appear there was no way to avoid three down, -150.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Zagorin	Huang	Bertheau
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

2♣ 'Strong, can be 20-21 balanced'

2♥ 5+♠

4NT RKCB

5♦ 0-3 key cards

North led the ♣A and declarer soon claimed, +1010 and 15 IMPs.



Shan Huang

Seligman v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Nowosadzki	Gawrys	Kalita
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♠	2♣	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

1♣ Polish Club

4NT RKCB

5♣ 1 key card

5♠ ♠Q, no side king

North led the ♦J but declarer played dummy's queen and claimed all the tricks when it held, +1010.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Starkowski	Wooldridge	Kwiecien	Edmonds
—	—	1♣*	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♠*	All Pass		

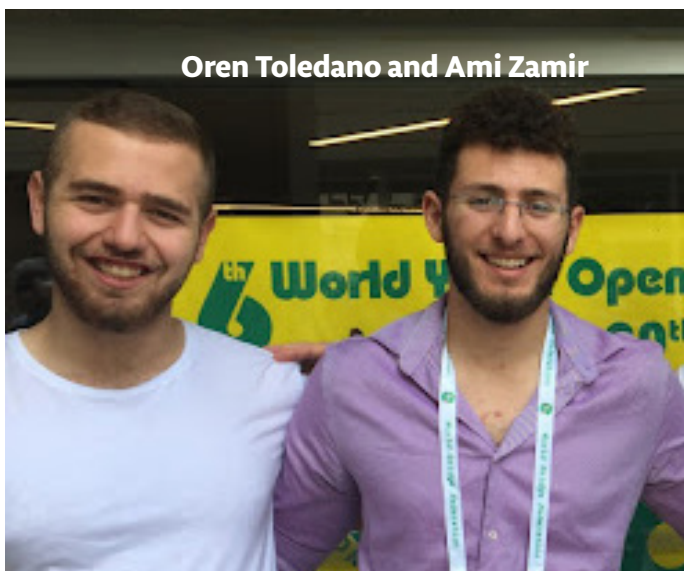
1♣ Polish Club

4NT RKCB

5♣ 1 key card

6♠ 'undiscussed'

North led the ♥9 and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a club, drew trumps, played a heart to the king and ran the ♣K discarding the ♥J, claiming the rest when North won, +980 to lose an IMP.



Oren Toledano and Ami Zamir

North led the ♣6, so declarer pitched a heart on dummy's king and later established the hearts for a flat board.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

♠ A 10 8 7
 ♥ Q J 10 9 7 6
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 6 2

♠ K Q
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ K Q 6 2
 ♣ Q 10 8 4 3

♠ J 9 6 4
 ♥ K 5 4 3
 ♦ 10 9 8
 ♣ 9 7

Hill v Bertheau

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Toledano	O Rimstedt	Zamir	M Rimstedt
1♣*	3♥	Dble*	5♥
Pass*	Pass	Dble*	All Pass

Dble Game forcing
 Pass 'Double is offence'

East led the ♥8, usually a sound approach when your side holds the balance of power, but here it cost a trick, as there was no longer a way for the defenders to organise a spade ruff. The contract was three down, -500.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Zagorin	Huang	Bertheau
1♦*	3♥	Dble	4♥
Dble	Pass	5♦	All Pass

1♦ 4+♦, not balanced

Lebowitz v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Z Grossack	Trendafilov	Zia
—	—	1♣	1♦
1♠	2♦	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

- 1♣ Strong
- 1♠ Natural, game forcing

West led the ♦K and declarer won, unblocked the spades, ruffed a club, cashed six spades, took dummy's top hearts, ruffed a club and played a diamond, +1010.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Meckstroth	Root	A Grossack	Gross
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

4NT RKCB 5♣ 0-3 key cards

North led the ♥Q and declarer claimed 12 tricks, +620 and 3 IMPs.

Seligman v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Nowosadzki	Gawrys	Kalita
1♦	3♥	Dble	4♥
Dble*	Pass	5♦	All Pass

North led the ♥J and declarer claimed +620.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Starkowski	Wooldridge	Kwiecien	Edmonds
1♦	1♥	2♥	3♥
4♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	6♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♦K and switched to the ♠K, declarer winning with the ace and playing the ♥J. West won and cashed the ♣K. If he then goes back to spades the defenders should score their ruff, but he cashed the ♣A first, only then playing a spade. That meant four down, -800, still worth 5 IMPs.

Lebowitz v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Z Grossack	Trendafilov	Zia
1♣*	3♥	Dble	4♥
Dble*	Pass	5♣	All Pass

1♣ Strong
Dble Takeout



You might like to consider the difference between doubling and bidding 4NT with West's hand. North led the ♥Q and declarer soon claimed, +620.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Meckstroth	Root	A Grossack	Gross
1♦	1♥	2♥*	3♥
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

4NT 1-4 key card

North led the ♠A and switched to the ♥Q, +1370 and 13 IMPs.

Lebowitz finished the job with a blitz, leaving Harris at the bottom of the leaderboard, while in the top battle Bertheau was sent down Hill after a loss of 1.27-18.73. Seligman scored a solid victory over Edmonds, climbing to second place before the second Round Robin and halfway through the event.

Victim of the Day

Martin Seligman

by Christina Lund Madsen



Where do you live, where are you from, what is your age and who belongs to your closest family?

- I live in Wynnewood, PA (outside of Philadelphia). I was born in Albany, NY and I am 79.
I am married to Mandy (my wife of 32 years) and father of seven children and four grandchildren and two more on the way.

Give us the highlights of your background in terms of education and career.

- I am the Zellerbach Family Professor of Psychology and Director of the Positive Psychology Center at the University of Pennsylvania, where I focus on positive psychology, learned helplessness, prospection, optimism, and positive education. I am an author of 30 books and 350 journal articles. My most recent book is *The Hope Circuit*, my autobiography. I have received multiple awards, among them three Lifetime Distinguished Scientist awards from the American Psychological Association. In 1996, I was elected President of the American Psychological Association by the largest vote in modern history. In 2021, I was named the most influential psychologist in the world by Academic Influence. My mission is the attempt to transform social science to work on the best things in life – strengths, positive emotion, good relationships, meaning, and human flourishing.

How has your life been during Covid and how did you spend time?

- Great! Taught psychology on Zoom, played lots and lots of bridge, and found my Polish teammates. Zoom has closed captions, so my hearing loss is ameliorated.

What made you study psychology?

- In the way that Meckstroth, Soloway, Zia, and Lair are naturals at bridge (the cards just fly off their hands), I have always been a natural at psychology... not at bridge, however, I am just a plodding client.

What has been the best part about your occupation?

- Creating new paths in science, like Positive Psychology.
(From Wikipedia: "The scientific study of positive human functioning and flourishing on multiple levels that include the biological, personal, relational, institutional, cultural, and global dimensions of life." A number of factors may contribute to happiness and subjective well-being. For example, social ties with a spouse, family, friends, colleagues, and wider networks; membership in clubs or social organizations; (like bridge/Ed.) Seligman is the founder of Positive Psychology/Ed.)

As a psychologist, have you noticed any special trait that characterizes all top players?

- Nothing, a very diverse group.

How did you begin to play bridge?

- Family bridge in Lake Luzerne, NY. Then my first duplicate game at age 12 with Winnie (“Don’t you even want to make the contract?!”) Slutsky. I didn’t really learn bridge, however, until playing with Paul Soloway at age 45.

What has been your bridge highlight so far?

- The WBT events (I think we have even won a few). So much better than ACBL nationals.

How come you have surrounded yourself with Polish bridge players?

- I watched Marcin Lesniewski treat his wonderful client, Josef Blass, so lovingly, that when Josef died, I hoped I could take his place.

What were you like as a child?

- Smart but depressive.

During your long life, which event has made the most profound impression on you?

- That the human life span doubled in the twentieth century: worldwide!

How would your best friend describe you in three words?

- Creative, deaf, unsatisfied.

Which achievement in your life are you most proud of?

- Founding Positive Psychology.

What do you wish you had done that you probably never will?



- Run for high political office.

What would you like to be remembered for?

- A scientist who made the world a measurably happier planet.

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Jacek Kalita, Michal Nowosadzki and Michal Kwicien?

- Kwicien and Lesniewski are great partners. Kiss the others.

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

- Hemant Lall and how he is coping with tragedy.

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