MONTHLY INVITATIONAL TEAMS



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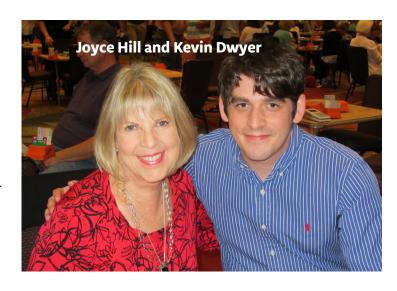
Back on the Hill Top

Leading makes you vulnerable, something the leaders from Seligman felt yesterday with two losses, allowing Hill to get back on top as she prefers.

Yet with two matches to go the excitement is intact, especially since the two leaders

will play each other in the first match today. However they need to watch their backs with Bertheau and Lebowitz on their tail, and even Edmonds can still crash the party.

Our kibitzers are enjoying the show and though we are not here to entertain we do appreciate both your efforts in the play and the friendly banter. Keep it up in our last two matches today.



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

Friday August 20

10:00 EST / 16:00 CET - RR 9 (20 boards)

13:00 EST / 19:00 CET - RR 10 (20 boards)

Ranking & Schedule

Round 9

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

Round 10

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

Ranking after round 8

rank	team	#	HILL	SELIGMAN	## BERTHEAU	EBOWITZ	EDMONDS	+ HARRIS	VP tot
1	HILL	6	•	9.18	18.73	<u>16.66</u> <u>6.39</u>	<u>15.61</u> <u>15.77</u>	<u>11.08</u> <u>12.30</u>	105.72
2	SELIGMAN	2	10.82	٧	<u>14.58</u> <u>3.34</u>	<u>7.93</u> <u>7.02</u>	16.23	<u>14.76</u> <u>17.19</u>	91.87
3	BERTHEAU	3	1.27	<u>5.42</u> <u>16.66</u>	•	14.58	<u>12.76</u> <u>3.48</u>	<u>17.56</u> <u>17.56</u>	89.29
4	<u>LEBOWITZ</u>	1	3.34 <u>13.61</u>	12.07 12.98	5.42		<u>12.30</u> <u>4.72</u>	20.00	84.44
5	EDMONDS	4	4.39 4.23	3.77	7.24 16.52	<u>7.70</u> <u>15.28</u>	•	15.28	74.41
6	+ HARRIS	5	8.92 <u>7.70</u>	<u>5.24</u> <u>2.81</u>	<u>2.44</u> <u>2.44</u>	0.00	4.72		34.27



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Diamond cut Diamond

Round 7 & 8

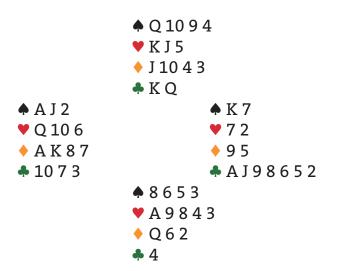




A situation in which two sharp-witted people interact.

In Round 7 the spectators flocked to the table where Zia and Meckstroth were in tandem –we will keep an eye on them as well as the other 11 pairs.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.



Despite the poor 2-2-2-7 pattern you could bet your house that East would open 3. It is then a question of whether West should try 3NT. I have no idea what the answer should be, but I recall an observation by the late John Armstrong – 'Imagine partner's suit is ace to seven. If you have a doubleton it might be worth six tricks.'

Hill v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hurd	Dwyer	Bathurst	Huang
_	_	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠9 and declarer won with the jack and played two rounds of clubs. North won and switched to the ♥5, South winning and returning the four. When declarer followed with the ten North won with the king, so declarer had an overtrick, +430.

If you consider the situation to be analogous to that where a player has opened a gambling 3NT you might consider leading the ♥K followed by the jack. As long as South ducks the second round the defenders are in charge.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
O Rimstedt	Wooldridge	C Rimstedt	Edmonds
_	_	3♣	All Pass

South led the \$5 and when dummy's jack was covered by the queen declarer lost a club and two hearts, ten tricks but a 7 IMP loss.

Bertheau v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harris	Zamir	Malhasyan	Toledano
_	_	3♣	All Pass

South led the ♠6 and declarer won with the king, cashed the ♣A and then played a spade to the jack, +110.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Tiholov	Hult	Trendafilov
_	_	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠9 and declarer put up dummy's king and played the ♣5 for the four, seven and queen. North switched to a diamond and declarer took South's queen, cashed a second diamond and then ran the clubs. North discarded two spades, so declarer finished with +460 and 8 IMPs.

Seligman v Lebowitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Seligman	Meckstroth	Lesniewski
_	_	3♣	All Pass

South led the ♠5 for the jack, queen and king, +110.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	A Grossack	Nowosadzki	Lebowitz
_	_	3♣	All Pass

South led the \checkmark 3, +110.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

♣ J 9 6
♥ Q 10 8 2
♦ 9 2
♣ Q 4 3 2

♠ A 8 4♥ A J 9 4♠ A O 6 5

A Q 6 5A K

★ K Q 10 3♥ K 7 6◆ J 8 7 3◆ 9 5

↑ 7 5 2 ▼ 5 3 ↑ K 10 4

♣J10876

Hill v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hurd	Dwyer	Bathurst	Huang
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

2 Waiting

3. Modified puppet

3♥ 4♥

4♠ '4♠, quantitative NT raise'

North led the ♣2 and declarer won with the king, played a spade to the king and a diamond to the queen followed by the ♠A, +660.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
O Rimstedt	Wooldridge	C Rimstedt	Edmonds
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT*	All Pass

2♣ Strong 2♦ Waiting 2NT 22-24 4NT Quantitative

After the same lead declarer cashed the ◆A and then played a diamond for the nine, jack and king, +660.

Bertheau v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harris	Zamir	Malhasyan	Toledano
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2NT 20-22 3♣ Stayman

North led the ♥2 and when dummy's six held declarer played a diamond to the queen followed by the ♥9 for the ten and king. His next move was a third heart, so he was back to 11 tricks, +660.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Tiholov	Hult	Trendafilov
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

2NT '22-24 balanced or semi'

3♣ 'Ask slam try'

3♦ '4+♦'

4♥ Cue

4♠ Cue

4NT* RKCB

5♦ 0-3 key cards

With a horrible hand to lead from North went with the ♦9 and that greatly simplified declarer's task.



Dummy's jack was covered by the king and ace and declarer cashed the ♣AK, crossed to dummy with the ♠K and ran the ♠7. After drawing the last trump he played on hearts, claiming when the finesse lost, +1370 and 12 IMPs.

If North avoids leading a red suit declarer has a much harder task. After a club lead declarer wins, crosses to dummy with a spade and plays a diamond to the queen, followed by the ace.

Having eliminated the clubs declarer takes two rounds of spades, but must then cash the top hearts and exit with a diamond which endplays South. It might appear to be a guess, but if North has led a fourthbest ♣2 then declarer can count South for a 3-2-3-5 shape.

My money would be on Gunnar.

Seligman v Lebowitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Seligman	Meckstroth	Lesniewski
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT*	All Pass

4NT Quantitative

North led the ♦9 which picked up the suit for declarer who ran dummy's seven on the second round of the suit, +690.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	A Grossack	Nowosadzki	Lebowitz
2♣*	Pass	2 ♦ *	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	All Pass

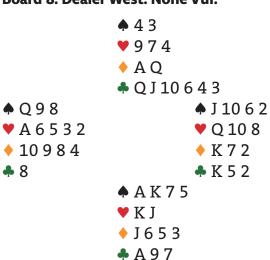
2NT 22-24

3 ◆ 1 or 2 4 card majors

3♥ 4♠

North led the ♣2 and +660 meant the loss of an IMP.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.





Hill v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hurd	Dwyer	Bathurst	Huang
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1NT 15-17 2NT Puppet Stayman 3♣ No five-card major

West led the ♥3 for the four, queen and king and declarer cashed the ♣A and played a second round, East winning with the third club with the king, and having seen West pitch two hearts, switched to the ♠10, declarer finishing with ten tricks after the defenders found discarding on dummy's club awkward, +430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
O Rimstedt	Wooldridge	C Rimstedt	Edmonds
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥3 and declarer took East's queen with the king and played a diamond to the queen. East won and returned the ♥8, West taking the ace and exiting with the six. East won and should now have played a diamond, removing dummy's entry. However, she played the ♠2 and declarer won with the ace and crossed to dummy with a diamond to run the ♣Q. That meant she finished one down, -50 and the loss of 10 IMPs.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harris	Zamir	Malhasyan	Toledano
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT

West found the devastating lead of the ◆10, East winning with the king and returning the two to dummy's ace.

Declarer continued with the ♣Q followed by the jack and then played a heart to the jack and ace, West exiting with the ♦9. That left declarer a trick short of his target, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Tiholov	Hult	Trendafilov
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	



West led the ♥2 for the queen and king and declarer played the ♣A followed by the sevn, finishing with nine tricks, +400 and 10 IMPs.

Seligman v Lebowitz

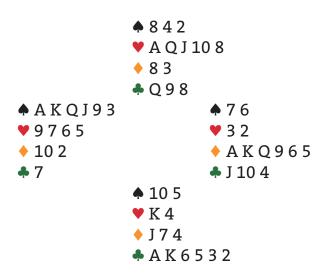
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Seligman	Meckstroth	Lesniewski
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥3 for the queen and king and declarer cashed the ♣A, scoring +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	A Grossack	Nowosadzki	Lebowitz
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Declarer won the heart lead and played a diamond to the queen. East won and returned the ♥8 and then found himself back on lead via the ♥10. When he exited with a spade declarer won and cashed the ♣A, +400 and a narrow escape for a flat board.

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.



Hill v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hurd	Dwyer	Bathurst	Huang
_	_	_	2♣*
2♠	Dble*	3♦	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

2♣ 6+♣, 10-15 Dbletakeout

North led the ♣8 and South won with the king and switched to the ♥K. North overtook it, cashed the queen and then played the ten, South overruffing dummy's ♠6, +140.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
O Rimstedt	Wooldridge	C Rimstedt	Edmonds
_	_	_	1♣
14	Dble*	2♣*	Dble
2♠	3♥	3♠	Pass
4.	All Pass		

2. Diamonds

North led the \$8 and South won with the king and continued with the ace, declarer taking all the remaining tricks for +680 and 11 IMPs.

Bertheau v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harris	Zamir	Malhasyan	Toledano
_	_	_	2♣*
2♠	Dble*	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	All Pass

2**4** 10-15, 6+**4**

North led the 4, +680.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Tiholov	Hult	Trendafilov
_	_	_	2♣*
2♠	3♦*	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2 6+

3♦ Hearts, invitational+

North led the ♣8 and South won and played the ♥K, North winning and continuing with the ♥Q followed by the ten, +100 and 8 IMPs.



Seligman v Lebowitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
K Rosenberg	Seligman	Z Grossack	Lesniewski
_	_	_	1.
1♠	Dble*	2♣*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

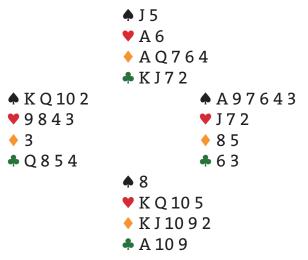
2. Diamonds

North led the ♣8 and South won and switched to the ♥K. North took the ace, cashed the queen but then tried to cash the ♣Q, +620.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	A Grossack	Nowosadzki	Lebowitz
_	_	_	14
3♠	All Pass		

North led the ♣8 and South won and tried to cash the ♣A, +230 but a 9 IMP loss.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.



Hill v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hurd	Dwyer	Bathurst	Huang
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4.
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

1NT 14-16

East led the ♠A and continued with the three, declarer ruffing in dummy and playing three rounds of hearts before playing on hearts. When the jack fell he could claim, +1370.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
O Rimstedt	Wooldridge	C Rimstedt	Edmonds
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1NT 14+-17

East led the ♠6 and the contract was two down, -200 and a 17 IMP swing.

Bertheau v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harris	Zamir	Malhasyan	Toledano
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♦
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5 ♦ *	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

1NT 14+-17

4♥ 'Aces'

5♦ 2 key cards +♦Q

East led the ♠4 and West won and switched to the ♥4 which saw declarer claim, +1370.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Tiholov	Hult	Trendafilov
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

3♣ Diamonds

3♥ 'Max with good diamonds + ♥ values'

4♠ 'Short'

East led the ♦5 and declarer won in dummy, drew trumps and played on hearts which meant he had a shot at an overtrick. He guessed wrong, +1370.



Seligman v Lebowitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
K Rosenberg	Seligman	Z Grossack	Lesniewski
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

4♠ Splinter

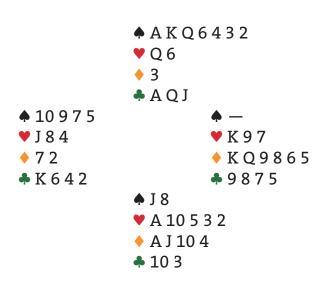
East led the $\triangle A$, +620.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	A Grossack	Nowosadzki	Lebowitz
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

East led the \triangle A, +1370 and 13 IMPs.

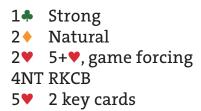
We move to Round 8:

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.



Hill v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harris	Dwyer	Malhasyan	Huang
Pass	1♣*	2♦*	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
All Pass			



East led the ♦K and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a club to the jack, a spade to the jack and repeated the club finesse. He cashed all his trumps and then the ♣A squeezed East in the red suits, +1460.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Rimstedt	Igoe	C Rimstedt	Gross
Pass	1♠	3♦	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Declarer took all the tricks via an identical line of play, but +710 meant 13 IMPs went away.

Edmonds v Lebowitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Bathurst	M Rosenberg	Hurd
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

3♣ Natural, game forcing

East led the ♦K and declarer followed the normal line for +710.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	A Grossack	Gawrys	Lebowitz
Pass	2♣*	2♦	Pass*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2♣ Strong Pass Game forcing 4NT RKCB

5♦ 3 key cards

5♥ ♠Q?

East led the ♦K and you can guess the rest, +1460 and 13 IMPs.

Bertheau v Seligman

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Starkowski	Zagorin	Kwiecien	Bertheau
Pass	2♣*	2 •	Dble*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5 ♦*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Dble'Cards'

3♠ 'Good suit'

4NT RKCB

5♣ 0/3 key cards

5 **♦** Q?

The ♦K led to the standard number of tricks, +1460.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zamir	Seligman	Tolendano	Lesniewski
Pass	1♠	2♦	Dble*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Here East led the ♦Q, +1460.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

4 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ AJ8754

♣ K J 7

♠ K 10 8 6

♥ K 7 3

9632

\$ 9 4

♠ AJ954

♥ QJ1042

♦ Q 10 ♣ 3

♠ Q 7 3

986

K

♣ A Q 10 8 6 5 2

Hill v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harris	Dwyer	Malhasyan	Huang
_	_	1♠	2♣
3♠	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♠6 and the defendersw cashed the first five tricks, +50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Rimstedt	lgoe	C Rimstedt	Gross
_	_	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1.	2♣*	3♣
4♠	6♣	All Pass	

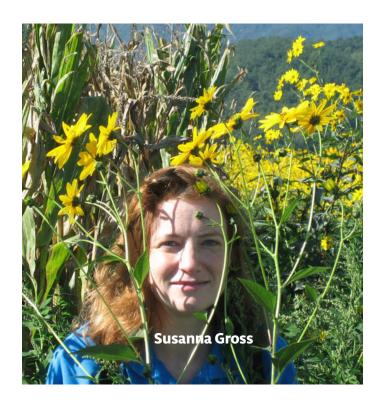
1♣ 2+♣ 2♣ Majors

West led the ♥3 and declarer took dummy's ace, unblocked the ♠K, crossed to dummy with a club and ruffed a diamond. A claim would have been sound at this point, but declarer went back to dummy with a club and ruffed another diamond so that was +920 and 14 IMPs.

Edmonds v Lebowitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Bathurst	M Rosenberg	Hurd
_	_	Pass	1.
Pass	1.	2♦*	3♣
3♠	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

2♦ 'Michaels, better than 2♣'



West led the ♠K and switched to the ♠2 but declarer was not hard pressed to take the rest, +920.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	A Grossack	Gawrys	Lebowitz
_	_	Pass	3♣
Pass	4 ♣	Dble	5♣

West led the \spadesuit 6 so +420 to lose 11 IMPs.

Bertheau v Seligman

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Starkowski	Zagorin	Kwiecien	Bertheau
_	_	2♥*	3♣
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

2♥ Hearts and another

How would you play a bid of 4♠ by South over 4♠? Last Train?

West led the ♥7 and declarer was content to take 11 tricks, +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zamir	Seligman	Tolendano	Lesniewski
_	_	1♠	2♣
3♠*	4♠	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

3♠ '0-8'

West led the ♥3 and declarer won in dummy and established the diamonds for +440 and an 1MP.

On Board 18 EW held:

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

All six pairs bid 6 and South led a top spade. Declarer won in dummy, played a club to the ace, ruffed a spade and played a second club. South had started with KJ7 so they were all one down.

Monthly Mixed Teams Fall 2021

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