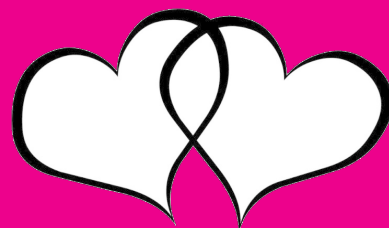


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Let's Come Together - Online

Welcome the second Monthly Mixed Teams.

We are happy and surprised to welcome so many new members to our mixed family. We have teams from Nordic countries covered in snow to the sunny summers in South America, all coming together on BBO this week.

To the right you see a picture from beautiful Norway taken by Jessica Larsson. We would love to receive pictures from wherever in the world you all play.

We have evaluated our debut event in December and constantly consider future possibilities, both in terms of platform and events.

Thus we always welcome feedback from you. No event is anything without its participants.



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













Monday January 11

10:30 EST / 16:30 CET – Round 1 (14 boards)

12:50 EST / 18:50 CET – Round 2 (14 boards)

15:10 EST / 21:10 CET – Round 3 (14 boards)

Draw Round 1

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>WILSON</u>	 <u>PARKER</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>ISRADEN</u>	 <u>AUSTERLITZ</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>ROBINSON</u>	 <u>SWEDEN MIXED</u>
<u>4</u>	 <u>BEETLECATS</u>	 <u>JUST SIPPIN</u>
<u>5</u>	 <u>KLEOPATRA</u>	 <u>LEFT COAST</u>
<u>6</u>	 <u>BAMSA</u>	 <u>IMPEACHER SQUAD</u>
<u>7</u>	 <u>TESS</u>	 <u>MEDIUM RARE</u>
<u>8</u>	 <u>TURKEY MIXED</u>	 <u>NEW ENGLANDERS</u>
<u>9</u>	 <u>ALPERT</u>	 <u>DREAMLAND</u>

Format

Ten rounds of swiss (14 boards/match). The top 8 teams qualify for the quarterfinals on Thursday.

Besides round 1, all draws will be based on the result of the previous match.

See the CoC in this bulletin or on mmt.bridgeresults.org for more info.

Results

Future events
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Meet your Opponents

by Christina Lund Madsen



After our debut event in December we predicted most of the teams to be the same in January. As usual our predictions were as successful as guessing who to finesse for a queen.

Among our few reccurents we find the French team Austerlitz. The name might not sound very French, but in fact it is the name of one of the most famous battles of the Napoleonic Wars - successful for the French, we might add.

Another unchanged team is Sweden Mixed, mainly consisting of married couples trying to add some excitement to their relationship during corona by playing together.

Medium Rare made the wise decision to change their lineup by kicking out a man and adding an extra woman.

Parker made the top-8 last event and their line-up remains unchanged. Here we find Adam Grossack, and as so often with brothers, where the older one goes, the younger will follow. We welcome team Robinson, a team consisting mainly of heroines and Adam's younger brother Zach, and rumour has it the Grossacks have a bet on the final ranking.

Speaking of newcomers, Wilson is a new name in this event, yet one we are certain to hear repeated. Wilson has a weakness is Dutch and Swedish teammates (don't we all?) and the team has the lowest average age; yet what they lack in age and life, they make up for in (bridge) experience.



Israden is another strong contender; second in last event, a team consisting of Israelis with a touch of Viking blood.

Tess is our precision team consisting of two precision pairs and one very unprecise pair thanks to Uday Ivatury's ever unpredictable actions.

We were happy to see a for us unknown team, Dreamland (they are Canadian...), who along with New Englanders and Just Sippin are our only 4-handed teams and deserve to be rewarded for their endurance and bravery.

BAMSA is our academic input; Samantha Punch is a professor in Sociology and determined to keep bridge alive - more on that in a bulletin later this week.

Kleopatra is our regal representative with team members bearing the names of kings such as Harald, Erik and Fredrik, though they might have mixed up their ancestry both in terms of time (1000 years off) and geography (4000 kilometers to the North).

Speaking of geography, we are thrilled to welcome Left Coast, whose biggest challenge was to find enough team members willing to get up to play at 7:30. On the Left Coast team we find Nicolas Hammond, feared and famed for his player statistics and Bridgewinners-posts. We are eager to see how well Nicolas himself leads.

Honourable mention goes to IMPeacher Squad for their creative name and to Alpert for always supporting our events. Claire Alpert and Francisco Bernal supported the Monthly Mixed Teams when we started the project, and we love to see Claire play in our events even though it also means we are stuck with Alfredo Versace.



The Beetlecats is another team we have been looking forward to welcome. We tried in vain to guess the origin of the name, so the only guess we are left with is that the women are the cats and the men the beetles.

Turkey's National Mixed Team entered last minute, same time as they plan to exit.



Teams / Players / Nicknames

ALPERT

Claire Alpert	clairee2
Leonardo Fruscolini	Frusco
Carlos Hoyos	Charlie111
Alfredo Versace	nevaio
Janice Seamon-Molson	Janicem
Emanuela Pramotton	manu76

AUSTERLITZ

Brigitte Aubonnet	hochette
Patrick Bogacki	reims2012
Blandine Delestre	bb75
Daniel Delestre	tkcpdd
François Joligeon	fjoligeon
Georges Romanowski	jrom
Martine Rossard	biglum
Valérie Sauvage	vals51

BAMSA

Marie Eggeling	marabelle
Paul Grunke	thetaker
Stephen Peterkin	spil
Kay Preddy	k preddy
Samantha Punch	puncher
Norman Selway	jespersens
Danny Sprung	3for3
JoAnn Sprung	truffle

BEETLECATS

Alejandro Bianchedi	alecuque
Margie Cole	mtc146
Jodi Edmonds	jodi e
John Hurd	johnhurd
Sandra Rimstedt	sandria
Joel Wooldridge	frechief

DREAMLAND

Richard Chan	honestgolf
Lisa Chen	lisafromQD
Cindy He	pinky2219
Jeff Luo	Mossby3

IMPEACHER SQUAD

Peter Boyd-Bowman	pjbb
Ron Nelken	abbydani
Jo Arne Ovesen	jo-arne
Yoko Sobel	yokosobel
Alix Taylor	alixtay
Ingunn Uran	ingunn
Gerald Sokol	enikou
Christina Lund Madsen	christinas

ISRADEN

Nathalie Saada	natsa
Yaniv Zack	yanivz
Ilan Bareket	bareket
Michael Barel	mich-b
Paz Katz	paz_k
Dana Tal	danat85
Noga Tal	nogatal

JUST SIPPIN

Allie Cappelletti	sinica23
Mike Cappelletti	cappjr
Kay Enfield	cx107
Greg Hinze	ghinze

KLEOPATRA

Lise Blaagestad	mslise
Ann Karin Fuglestad	annkafu
Harald Eide	hareide
Fredrik Helness	fredrik101
Gunn Helness	gunn1961
Erik Saelensminde	skaal1

LEFT COAST

Tracey Bauer	marintl
Debbie Benner	dlbfsa
Arti Bhargava	arti_b
Amy Casanova	cricket75
Ish Delmonte	ishd
Omer Ekinci	ekinci
Nicolas Hammond	nhammond
Bjorgvin Kristinsson	bosi2
Hal Montgomery	phlpdx

Teams / Players / Nicknames

MEDIUM RARE

Stephannie Culbertson	stephannie
Shelley Fehrenbach	bignana1
Jan Jansma	jan_jansma
Betty Levin	levin123
Cenk Tuncok	ctuncok

NEW ENGLANDERS

Parul Jain	paruljain6
Bob McCaw	bob mcc
James Rasmussen	jrr
Sarah Sykes	salpal

PARKER

Giovanni Donati	giova007
Adam Grossack	nevereast
Chris Parker	cmp56
Stewart Rubenstein	stewr
Anam Tebha	anamtebha
Irene Baroni	princi

ROBINSON

Giorgia Botta	gio 89
Zachary Grossack	germs345
John Kranyak	jkran
Linda Robinson	saba
Eric Schwartz	waldorf1
Jenny Wolpert	jennyryman
Meike Wortel	meikever

SWEDEN MIXED

Nils Åhlén	ahlni10
Gunnar Andersson	guand
Lars Goldberg	mrgold
Ulla-Britt Goldberg	ullan
Eva Gunnarsson	spaderdam1
Fredrik Jarlvik	freddy6
Michael Lemborn	fusen1
Suzanne Lemborn	karlstad
Gudrun Strandberg	norsken28
Tatyana Trendafilova	tuti

TESS

Roger Lee	rogerclee
Sylvia Moss	sylvie
Joshua Donn	jdonn
Christal Henner	christal
Uday Ivatury	uday
Sheri Winestock	sheri

TURKEY NATIONAL MIXED TEAM

Sedat Aluf	monk99
Tuna Aluf	tuna2
Omer Kizilok	gravity
Namik Kokten	naumoski
Basak Kutuk	basak
Sirma Sanus	lila_s
Nafiz Zorlu	begse

WILSON

Ida Grönkvist	halko
Mikael Grönkvist	mike_g
Veri Kiljan	vkill
Jessica Larsson	jela79
Guy Mendes de Leon	guymdl
Ricco van Prooijen	riccovp
Magdalena Ritmeijer Ticha	magie14
Louk Verhees	loukie
Alison Wilson	flyfalcon



Meike Wortel

Kibitzers & the Future

by Christina Lund Madsen



A week ago we asked the recipients who signed up for our mailing list to voice their opinion on which platform the MMT should use and whether we should welcome kibitzers.

Based on the replies we received, most players still prefer to play on BBO, but seem open to other possibilities.

We are running tests using Realbridge, which means you have a screenmate as in live bridge during play. Some like it for social reasons, others are unhappy they cannot play in their pajamas. As one player said:

"If I have a bad hairday I prefer BBO. ☺"

That being said, it is possible to turn off both microphone and camera on Realbridge.

As for kibitzers, all who replied said they prefer to allow kibitzers. One team said: *"Watching our teammates playing when we are sitting out is part of the fun. And many friends and relatives and the general bridge playing public around us like to watch and discuss."*

So we have decided to continue to allow kibitzers. Yet if we feel the integrity of the event is at danger, we can close for kibitzers without notice. We keep a sharp eye on continuous unusual results and have statistics and top players ready as analysts.

We have confidence that the field in this event has a high ethical standard and that we can entertain happy kibitzers without the risk of ruining the event.

Monthly Mixed Teams in 2021

8 - 12 February	February Mixed Teams	Registration
8 - 12 March	St. Louis Mixed Teams	Registration
22 - 26 March	March Mixed Teams	Registration
12 - 16 April	April Mixed Teams	
17 - 21 May	May Mixed Teams	
7 - 11 June	June Mixed Teams	

See the full calendar for 2021 at mmt.bridgeresults.org

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THE NOVEMBER ISSUE HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED!



In this issue

The latest, **festive edition of BeBRIDGE** is full of tremendous articles. **Alain Levy** shows you how to handle strong two-suited hands, emphasising the use of reverses and jump shifts. He also highlights **the use of Splinter bids by the opener**. **Wilfred Libbrecht** shows you how to be innovative in the 'sandwich' seat and **the Editor** reports on the **Online ALT events**. Our Experts offer their opinions on **some tricky bidding problems** and **Cinema Club** looks at **the work of the master of Suspense, Alfred Hitchcock**.

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Conditions of Contest • January Mixed Teams

1. The 2021 January Mixed Teams will be hosted in Bridge Base Online from 11th to 15th of January, 2020.

2. All participants are bound by the regulations within this document.

All players are welcome to register, yet some can be refused at the discretion of the organizer.

Teams can consist of 4 – 10 players. If necessary, more players can be added during the event.

At the moment teams and/or players are registered, they automatically agree to play according to the conditions in this document.

Should a team be disqualified and/or withdraw by their own choice (before or during the event), there will be no refund of entry fees.

3. Schedule of play:

Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 January
10:30 EST / 16:30 CET – Round 1 (14 boards)
12:50 EST / 18:50 CET – Round 2 (14 boards)
15:10 EST / 21:10 CET – Round 3 (14 boards)

Thursday January 14
10:30 EST/16:30 CET – Round 10 (14 boards)
13:20 EST / 19:20 CET – Quarterfinal (28 boards)

Friday January 15
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – Semifinal (28 boards)
14:30 EST / 20:30 CET – Final (28 boards)

4. Qualifying Stage

The qualifying stage will be played as a Swiss and will consist of 140 boards played in 10 matches of 14 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).

In the Swiss stage, any possible errors in assigning opponents shall not invalidate the result of that, or any other, match.

In case of an odd number of teams the bye team will receive 12 VPs.

In the event of two or more teams having the same number of Victory Points, their rankings will be determined as follows:

The total VPs of each team's opponents ("Swiss Points") is calculated and the team with the largest number of "Swiss Points" is ranked first, and so on. If two or more teams have the same number of "Swiss Points", their rankings will be determined by their relative IMP quotients.

The top 8 teams from the Swiss qualifying stage will advance to the knockout stage.

5. Knockout Stage

Before the start of the knockout stage a fixed (standard) bracket will be created and the teams placed 1st – 4th in the Swiss will be seeded no. 1 – 4.

The teams placed 1st – 3rd in the Swiss, in that order, get to choose their opponents from the teams placed 5th – 8th.

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Those teams are assigned seed no. 8 – 6 respectively. The team placed 4th in the Swiss will play the quarterfinal against the remaining team which is seeded as no. 5.

Quarterfinal and semifinal will be played over 1 segment of 28 boards with possible change of the line-up after 14 boards (see p. 6 below).

Final will be played over 28 boards, 2 separate segments of 14 boards each.

There will be the following carry over:
In the quarterfinal no. 1-4 get a carry over of 10.1 – 6.1 – 3.1 – 1.1 IMP respectively.
In the semifinal and the final the higher ranked teams in the Swiss get a carry over of 0.1 IMP as a tiebreaker.

6. Line-Up

All matches of the Swiss qualifying stage will be played without change of the line-up; unless there is a valid reason for a change, to be decided by the TD.

In the quarterfinals and semifinals change of the line-up is possible after 14 boards as long as no player can change the compass direction (so East will stay East and so on).

The final will consist of 2 separate segments, so there are no restrictions on the line-up.

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 link and password.

It is possible to change the submitted line-up but not later than 30 minutes before the start of the round.

The line-up is completely blind and will not be published before the start of the round.

7. 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.

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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: MMT encourages the players to accept the opponent's undo in the obvious misclick situations during the bidding as well as play. In case such undo is refused a player gets one "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 that no reasonable player should refuse, 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.

The gravest possible offence is for a partnership to exchange information through non-public communication or (individual) players self-kibitzing.

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 14 boards within 1 hour 50 minutes, 28 boards within 3 hours 40 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.

8. Request of the TD ruling

The Mixed Team 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

9. 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 MMT are not aligned with any bridge organization, we will cooperate with all authorities and provide all information necessary to detect and prevent cheating.



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If you wish to watch the players whenever they are online, you search for your chosen one (fx Cecilia Rimstedt "Cillar", click on the name and choose 'follow' instead of neutral. Any time you see her online, you can click on her and take a seat at her table. See you on BBO!