MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



ONLINE BRIDGE EVENTS • MMT.BRIDGERESULTS.ORG

Netteale took the Title

Netteale (David Gold, Diana Nettleton, Thomas Paske, Catherine Seale with a minor guest star appearance by Marusa Gold) won their first MMT-title despite a severe loss to Cocktails & Bridge in the last RR-match, leaving Turnips on top to battle BAMSA and Netteale a chance for revenge against Cocktails & Bridge.

Turnips defeated BAMSA, but it was not enough: Netteale finished the Cocktails and left the bar without reeling.

Catherine Seale after her team's win: "Just wonderful event- we love playing and sometimes meeting up with old friends and foes".

We hope to see said friends & foes back in the Halloween Mixed Teams in less than a month.

Ranking after round 8				
rk	team	VPs		
1	→ NETTEALE	102.04		
2	TURNIPS	100.92		
3	BAMSA	90.46		
4	COCKTAILS & BRIDGE	75.75		
5	PULA REUNION	75.07		
6	PATIENTS	68.31		
7	MEDIUM RARE	68.06		
8	MIXING IT UP	59.39		

November & December MMT

We have changed the dates for the November MMT to November 8-11.

The Christmas Mixed Teams Trophy is five days long from December 13-17

mmt.bridgeresults.org

Next event

Halloween Mixed Teams October 26-29

Registration:

mmt.bridgeresults.org



Results

Results Round 8 (Danish)

Thi	Tbl Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
IDI				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	TURNIPS	BAMSA	16	<u>25</u>	<u>12</u>			13.52	6.48
2	→ NETTEALE	COCKTAILS & BRIDGE	16	<u>46</u>	2			18.55	1.45
3	PULA REUNION	MEDIUM RARE	16	23	<u>19</u>			11.20	8.80
4	MIXING IT UP	PATIENTS	16	<u>30</u>	<u>54</u>			4.26	15.74

Cross table by Rank

rank	team	#	+ NETTEALE	TURNIPS	BAMSA	COCKTAILS & BRIDGE	PULA REUNION	PATIENTS	MEDIUM RARE	MIXING IT UP	VP tot
1	+ NETTEALE	7	•	16.58	7.20	4.44 18.55	11.20	17.59	<u>15.00</u>	11.48	102.04
2	TURNIPS	2	3.42		3.42 13.52	12.29	18.33	11.76	19.52	18.66	100.92
3	BAMSA	1	12.80	<u>16.58</u> <u>6.48</u>	•	15.19	6.03	12.03	6.96	14.39	90.46
4	COCKTAILS & BRIDGE	8	<u>15.56</u> <u>1.45</u>	7.71	4.81		4.44	3.12	20.00	18.66	75.75
5	PULA REUNION	4	8.80	1.67	13.97	15.56	•	13.97	<u>5.82</u> <u>11.20</u>	4.08	75.07
6	PATIENTS	6	2.41	8.24	7.97	16.88	6.03		6.96	4.08 15.74	68.31
7	MEDIUM RARE	5	5.00	0.48	13.04	0.00	14.18 8.80	13.04	•	13.52	68.06
8	MIXING IT UP	3	8.52	1.34	<u>5.61</u>	1.34	15.92	15.92 <u>4.26</u>	6.48	<u>&</u>	59.39

Future events

Results

May the Force be with You

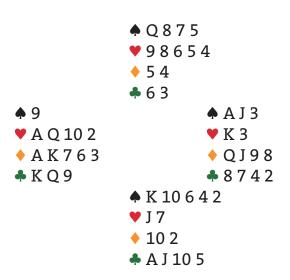
Round 7

By Mark Horton



Round 7 of the October Mixed Teams was not the most exciting, but there were some curious results, especially when the players were unsure as to the forcing nature of a bid:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.



Cocktails & Bridge v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Barel	Paske	Katz
_	_	Pass	Pass
1.	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2NT Natural, invitational

3♥ Natural

In the current era one might describe East's initial pass a cautious, but there was a time when it would have been considered automatic unless you were playing Precision.

South led the ♠4 for the queen and ace and declarer took her red winners, +460.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bergdahl	Gold	Övelius	Seale
_	_	1 **	1♠
Dble*	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♣	Pass
4.	Pass	5♦	Pass
6 ♦	All Pass		

1♣ 1+♣, clubs/balanced/4441
Dble4+♥

North led the ♠Q and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♣2. When South produced the ace declarer had no further problems, +920 and 10 IMPs.

Patients v BAMSA

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Myers	Lahrmann	Brock	Todd
_	_	1NT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1NT 12-14

3♠ Feature in spades

South led the ♠4 and declarer cashed 11 tricks, +460.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sokol	Jarlvik	L. Madsen	Trendafilova
_	_	1.	1♠
Dble	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♥J and declarer won in hand, played a club to the queen, a diamond to the queen and another club, +490 and an IMP.

Medium Rare v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Salhon	Tartarin	Tunçok
_	_	Pass	Pass
1.	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5 ♦ *	Pass	6♦	All Pass

3♥ Natural, 3+♥ 4NT RKCB 5♦ 3 key cards North led the ♦4 and declarer won with dummy's eight, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a spade high, went to dummy with a diamond and played a club to the king. When that held declarer played a heart to the king, ruffed a spade and cashed the ♥A, claiming when the jack fell, +920.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	Franceschetti	Benzaquen	Setton
_	_	Pass	2♠*
Dble	3♠	Dble	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

2♠ 5♠ + a minor 5NT Pick a slam

The next time I see Diego (probably in Madeira at the Festival in November) I'll ask him why he didn't bid 6♦ over 6♣.

Breaking Burn's Law was fatal, the contract failing by three tricks, -150 and a 15 IMP loss.

Mixing it Up v Paula Reunion

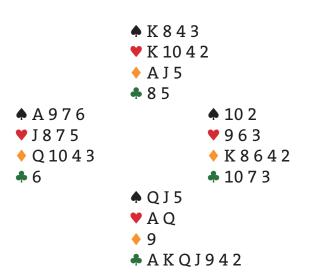
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Taylor	Bussink	Boyd- Bowman
_	_	1♦	1♠
Dble*	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Dble	2NT	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

Clearly West considered 4♦ to be forcing but she had to be content with +150.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Benner	A Grossack	Del'Monte	Combescure
_	_	1.	1♠
Dble*	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♣J so declarer collected 12 tricks and 8 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Cocktails & Bridge v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Barel	Paske	Katz
Pass	Pass	Pass	1.
Pass	1♥	Pass	3NT*

3NT 6♣, 18+

West led the ◆3 and when declarer played dummy's five East won with the king and switched to the ♠10, West taking the ace, +660.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bergdahl	Gold	Övelius	Seale
Pass	Pass	Pass	1.
Pass	1♦*	Pass	3NT*

1♦ Hearts3NT Solid Clubs

Against the same lead declarer put up dummy's ace and played seven rounds of clubs. West pitched three heart so that was +690 and an IMP.

Patients v BAMSA

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Myers	Lahrmann	Brock	Todd
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

East led the ♥6 and declarer won in dummy, cashed the ♣K and then claimed, +1440.



There is a school of thought that advocates leading a diamond in this type of situation, hoping to find partner with either the queen and an outside winner or sometimes even the ♦A. All one can say is that it would have worked this time.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sokol	Jarlvik	L. Madsen	Trendafilova
Pass	1♦*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4 ♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

1 ◆ 11-13 balanced or 10-15 with 4+ ◆

2♣ GF, minors or balanced, no 4♥/♠

3♣ '5+♣, longer now after 4♣'

4♣ 'Natural ST'

4♦ Cue with clubs

4♥ 4♠ Cue

4NT RKCB

5♣ 1/4 key cards

West led the ♣6 and declarer claimed at trick two, +1370 but a loss of 2 IMPs.

Medium Rare v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Salhon	Tartarin	Tunçok
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

4NT RKCB

5♦ 3 key cards

West led the ♦7 and declarer claimed, +1370.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	Franceschetti	Benzaquen	Setton
Pass	Pass	Pass	1.
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♦4 and declarer claimed 10 tricks, +630 but it cost 12 IMPs.

Mixing it Up v Paula Reunion

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Taylor	Bussink	Boyd- Bowman
Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

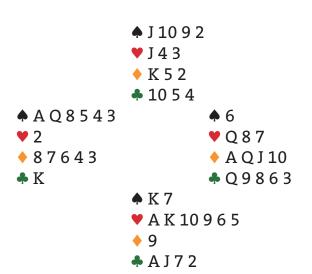
South was a little unlucky to find North with perfect cards, but after a diamond lead to the king East switched to the ♣7 and West was inexorably squeezed for 12 tricks, +690.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Benner	A Grossack	Del'Monte	Combescure
Pass	1.	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

2. Game forcing

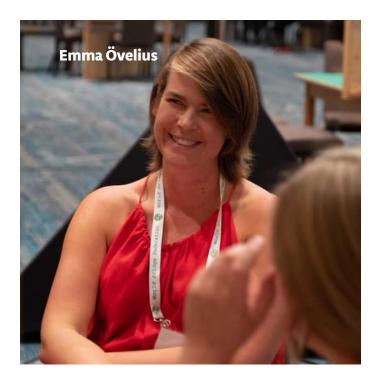
That unfortunate accident meant the loss of 11 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



Cocktails & Bridge v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Barel	Paske	Katz
_	_	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♣
Pass	2♥	All Pass	



West led the ◆7 and East won with the ten and switched to the ◆6, West winning with the queen and returning the ◆4. Declarer ruffed and exited with the ♠K and West won and played back the ♠8, ruffed by East with the ♥8 and overruffed by declarer who cashed the top trumps and then played the ♣2 finishing with eight tricks, +110.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bergdahl	Gold	Övelius	Seale
_	_	1 **	1♥
Dble*	Pass	2♣	2♥
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

1 + 1+ +, clubs/balanced/4441

West led the ♣K and declarer won with the ace and cashed the ♥AK, West throwing the ♠3. Declarer continued with the ♣2 for the ten and queen and East cashed the ♥Q and then played the ♣9.
That sealed declarer's fate, two down, -200 and 7 IMPs went away.

Patients v BAMSA

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Myers	Lahrmann	Brock	Todd
_	_	Pass	1♥
2♠*	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

2♠ Weak

West led the ◆7 and East won with the ten and returned the ♠6 for the king and ace. West went back to diamonds and declarer ruffed and cashed the top hearts before exiting with a spade. When West failed to play the queen East ruffed with the ♥Q and played a diamond but declarer ruffed and could have got home by playing either the ♣A or a low club. However, she went to dummy with a heart and ran the ♠J pitching a club. West won and exited with a diamond and when declarer refused to ruff she was two down, -200.

To be sure of making 3♥ declarer must assume that trumps are 3-1 Having cashed one heart she can exit with a spade, ruff the diamond return and then get home by playing a club – as the cards lie both the ace and a low club are winning moves.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sokol	Jarlvik	L. Madsen	Trendafilova
_	_	1.	1♥
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♥
2♠	All Pass		

North led the ♥3 and South won with the king and switched to the ♣A. When the king appeared she tried the ♥A but

declarer ruffed, played a diamond to the queen and a spade to the queen. When that worked she cashed the ♠A and then played two rounds of diamonds, cashed the ♣Q and played the ♣J, taking nine tricks, +140 but a 2 IMP loss.

Medium Rare v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Salhon	Tartarin	Tunçok
_	_	Pass	1♥
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ◆3 and East won with the ten and switched to the ♠6 for the king and ace. West cashed the ♠Q and exited with the eight, East ruffing with the seven. That solved the problem of the trump suit, but short of entries to dummy, after three rounds of trumps declarer used the ♥J to take a club finesse and was two down, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	Franceschetti	Benzaquen	Setton
_	_	14	1♥
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♥
3♠	All Pass		

North led the ♥3 and South won with the king and continued with the, declarer ruffing, and attempting to take advantage of the apparent 'Greek gift' playing a diamond to dummy's ace, pitching the ♣K on the ♥Q and taking the spade finesse. When that worked he played a diamond and North took the king and played back the ♦5, South ruffing with the ♠K.

There were still two trumps to lose, -100 and a 7 IMP swing.

'Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes'

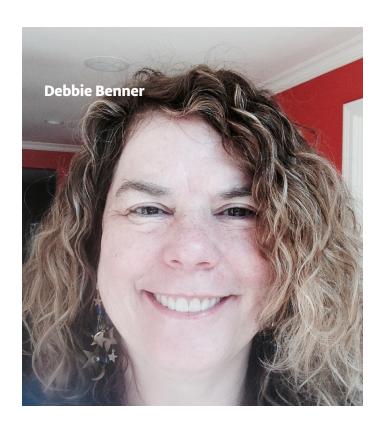
Mixing it Up v Paula Reunion

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Taylor	Bussink	Boyd- Bowman
_	_	1.	1♥
2♠*	Pass	Pass	3♥
4♦	4♥	5♦	Dble
All Pass			



South led the $\forall K$, switched to the $\triangle A$, North following with the ten and then played the ♠7. Declarer took dummy's ace, played a diamond to the ten, ruffed a heart and played a diamond to the jack, South discarding the ♥5. Declarer cashed the ♦A and the ♣Q and then played the ♣9. When South followed with the seven declarer ruffed with dummy's ♦8 and when North followed with the \$5, a possible one down had changed to three down, -800. That is not quite the end of the story; after North's ♣10 declarer might have ruffed a spade and run the 49. When that hold declarer ruffs a club, cashes the ♠Q pitching the ♥Q and then takes another diamond finesse. Not easy but not impossible.

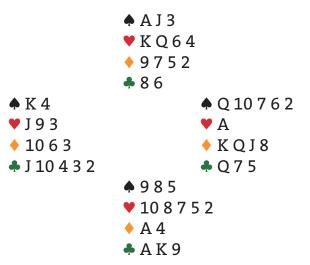
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Benner	A Grossack	Del'Monte	Combescure
_	_	Pass	1♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			



West led the ♣K and declarer won and cashed the top hearts. When West discarded she played a club to dummy's ten and East won, cashed the ♥Q and exited with the ♣8. That ensured the contract was two down, -200 and 14 IMPs worse off.

If declarer makes the assumption that the hearts are likely to be 2-2, the advantages of playing a club to the ten at trick three become clear.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.



Cocktails & Bridge v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Barel	Paske	Katz
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

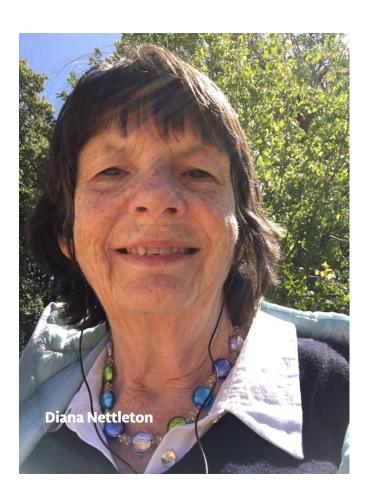
2 'Diamonds but less than 16'

South led the ♠5, an excellent idea in theory, but on this occasion a bad one in practice as it solved the trump suit for declarer who took North's jack with the queen and played back a spade for the king and ace. North switched to the ♣8 and ruffed the third round of the suit but declarer could claim eight tricks, +110.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bergdahl	Gold	Övelius	Seale
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2 •	All Pass

The September issue of the ACBL's Bridge Bulletin includes an article about this type of auction, suggesting that it is best to give a preference to 2♠.

South led the ♣A and when North followed with the six she switched to the ♥5 for the nine, king and ace. Declarer played a spade to the king and ace and North returned the ♠2, South taking declarer's jack with the ace and playing back the four. If declarer win that with dummy's ten and takes a spade finesse there are enough tricks, but declarer won in hand with the eight and played the ♣Q.



South won and could now have played a middling heart for two down or a club for one down. However, she exited with a spade and that gave declarer nine tricks, +110 and a flat board.

Patients v BAMSA

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Myers	Lahrmann	Brock	Todd
Pass	Pass	14	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♠K and declarer won with dummy's ace, played three rounds of clubs, ruffing and exited with the ♥K. East won, cashed the ♠Q and gave West a ruff. Declarer could not avoid a diamond loser, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sokol	Jarlvik	L. Madsen	Trendafilova
Pass	Pass	1♠	All Pass

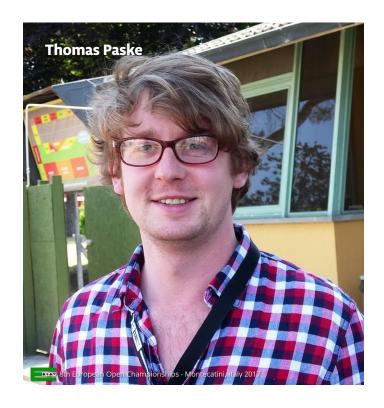
South led the ♥2 for the nine, queen and ace and declarer played a spade for the king and ace, North switching to the ♦5. South won and exited with the four and declarer won with dummy's ten and played a spade to the queen and a third spade, finishing with eight tricks, +110 – another no swing deal.

Mixing it Up v Pula Reunion

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Taylor	Bussink	Boyd- Bowman
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

South started with three rounds of clubs and North ruffed and switched to the ♥K, delarer winning with the ace and playing a spade for the king and ace. A diamond went to the king and ace and declarer took the diamond return with dummy's ten and played a spade collecting North's jack and +110.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Benner	A Grossack	Del'Monte	Combescure
Pass	Pass	14	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		



Three rounds of clubs saw North ruff and switch to the ◆7, South taking the ace and returning the four. Declarer won and played a spade for the king and ace and South ruffed diamond return and exited with a heart. That was one down, -50 and 4 IMPs.

Bridge is an easy game!





Bebrio Bridgeur

THE JULY ISSUE HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED!



In this issue

There are reports on the Juan les Pins Festival and the Schapiro Spring Foursomes. We examine the relationship between Bridge and Science. Alain Lévy tells you all you need to know about the Mechanism of Controls, Lead Directing Doubles and Double Stayman. Want to know which books to acquire - read Marion Lécuyer's fascinating article and you must her account of one of the great unsolved bridge murder mysteries surrounding the death of Joseph Elwell. Ready to travel and play bridge? Check Nassera Zaïd's revelations about the Gulf of Morbihan. Dame Janet de Botton is the subject of Frankly Speaking. La Doyenne is here, along with David Bird's Abbot and all the regular features.

Why digital?

Always have your magazine at your fingertips.
You can read BeBRIDGE wherever you are.
No need to worry about the size of the font as
you can zoom in on every page.

Want to join the club?

It couldn't be simpler to subscribe:

- through the website: bridge-eshop.com/en/
 - **by phone** at: +33 (0)1 42 96 25 50
 - **by email** at: abonnement@lebridgeur.com



Free, unlimited bridge on BBO



Your online bridge club

Social play. ACBL Games. Tournaments. Solitaire.



Computer, tablet or mobile phone: Play on your favorite device!