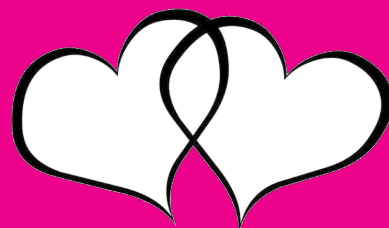


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Just Spinnin and Winnin

Just Spinnin and Turkish National Mix continue taking turns possessing the first two spots. Just Spinnin is our only undefeated team and hold a lead of 8 VPs to Turkish National Mix with Strawberries not far away.

However this is a Round Robin and from the Cross Table by Rank (see page 3) we observe that Just Spinnin have 3 of the top 4 teams to play in the last three matches, so they cannot afford too much swingin to the opponents' advantage.

Victim of the Day is Nick Sandqvist - a man the editor knew nothing about until this interview.



Kay Enfield from Just Sippin
Photo: Peg Kaplan

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

Wednesday February 9

10:30 EST / 16:30 CET – RR 7 (16 boards)

12:50 EST / 18:50 CET – RR 8 (16 boards)

15:10 EST / 21:10 CET – RR 9 (16 boards)

Today's Schedule

Round 7

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>WEST COAST VIKINGS</u>	 <u>AUSTERLITZ</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>NESHEALE</u>	 <u>TULIPS PLUS</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>JJCarRodAA</u>	 <u>TURKISH NATIONAL MIX</u>
<u>4</u>	 <u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	 <u>ALPERT</u>
<u>5</u>	 <u>JUST SPINNIN</u>	 <u>SWEDEN MIXED</u>

Round 8

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>WEST COAST VIKINGS</u>	 <u>TULIPS PLUS</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>AUSTERLITZ</u>	 <u>JJCarRodAA</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>ALPERT</u>	 <u>NESHEALE</u>
<u>4</u>	 <u>TURKISH NATIONAL MIX</u>	 <u>JUST SPINNIN</u>
<u>5</u>	 <u>SWEDEN MIXED</u>	 <u>STRAWBERRIES</u>

Round 9

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>WEST COAST VIKINGS</u>	 <u>JJCarRodAA</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>TULIPS PLUS</u>	 <u>ALPERT</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>JUST SPINNIN</u>	 <u>AUSTERLITZ</u>
<u>4</u>	 <u>NESHEALE</u>	 <u>SWEDEN MIXED</u>
<u>5</u>	 <u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	 <u>TURKISH NATIONAL MIX</u>

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Seating Rights

As an experiment we try giving the higher ranked team from the RR seating rights in the knock-outs. Read more in the CoC either in the pre-bulletin or on our [results page](#)

Cross Table by Ranking

Ranking after round 6		
rk	team	VPs
1	 JUST SPINNIN	87.53
2	 TURKISH NATIONAL MIX	79.26
3	 STRAWBERRIES	75.95
4	 SWEDEN MIXED	69.64
5	 AUSTERLITZ	68.65
6	 TULIPS PLUS	56.81
7	 ALPERT	54.34
8	 WEST COAST VIKINGS	44.56
9	 NESHEALE	34.32
10	 JJCarRodAA	28.94

rank	team	#	2	5	4	3	6	9	1	10	7	8	VP tot
1	 JUST SPINNIN	2			10.61			14.60	18.87	11.20	14.80	17.45	87.53
2	 TURKISH NATIONAL MIX	5				10.31	16.42	19.16	6.48	10.31	16.58		79.26
3	 STRAWBERRIES	4	9.39				4.08	8.80		17.17	18.66	17.85	75.95
4	 SWEDEN MIXED	3		9.69			7.45	9.69	7.45	17.03		18.33	69.64
5	 AUSTERLITZ	6		3.58	15.92	12.55		7.20	14.80		14.60		68.65
6	 TULIPS PLUS	9	5.40	0.84	11.20	10.31	12.80					16.26	56.81
7	 ALPERT	1	1.13	13.52		12.55	5.20			7.97		13.97	54.34
8	 WEST COAST VIKINGS	10	8.80	9.69	2.83	2.97			12.03		8.24		44.56
9	 NESHEALE	7	5.20	3.42	1.34		5.40			11.76		7.20	34.32
10	 JJCarRodAA	8	2.55		2.15	1.67		3.74	6.03		12.80		28.94

The Wild Wild West



By Mark Horton

In Round 4 I spotted a several deals where the bidding had some significance.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
?			

I can think of two possibilities for West. They both start with the letter P. However, there is a school of thought that advocates making a takeout double with this type of hand.

When that was exactly what happened at the table I happened to be watching I thought it would be a worthwhile exercise to see if anyone else thought it was a good idea.

In fact, the opening bid of 1♦ was doubled three times (and 1♣ was doubled once). The only demonstrably poor result came after North redoubled and East bid spades and then hearts over South's 2♣, which encouraged West to double 3♣ resulting in -470.

One day someone may convince me that doubling with a balanced hand with around 25% of your values in the opener's suit is a good idea, but it will be a long time coming.

This was the full deal:

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

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 6
♥ A 4 2
♦ A K Q J 10 8 5 3
♣ 2

The first question is what is the West hand worth?

The Kaplan-Rubens Hand Evaluator rates it 21.60, while the Danny Kleinman HCP evaluation is 15. It contains nine cast-iron winners so it certainly has potential. What's the best way to proceed?

Three players started with 2♣, six with one diamond and one with a strong 1♣.



Namik Kokten and Tuna Aluf

This was a controlled auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rocca	Vergoed	Pellegrini	Yael
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

There were 12 tricks when North led the ♥J. They lost 13 IMPs as one of the pairs to make 6♦ were playing against their teammates.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

♠ K 10 8 7 5
♥ —
♦ A K Q 6 5 3
♣ A K

The layout:

♠ 9 7 5 3
♥ J 3
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A Q 10 5

♠ 6
♥ A 4 2
♦ A K Q J 10 8 5 3
♣ 2

♠ A J 10 8 4
♥ Q 10
♦ —
♣ K J 8 7 6 4

♠ K Q 2
♥ K 9 8 7 6 5
♦ 7 2
♣ 9 3

7 pairs advanced as far as 6♦ and three of them of them made it - twice North led the ♣A and then the play diverged, one trying a second club, the other switching to the ♥3. When East was declarer South led the ♠K.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Åhlen	Kokten	Gunnarsson	Aluf
—	—	—	1♠
2♥	3♠*	4♥	?

3♠ Good preempt

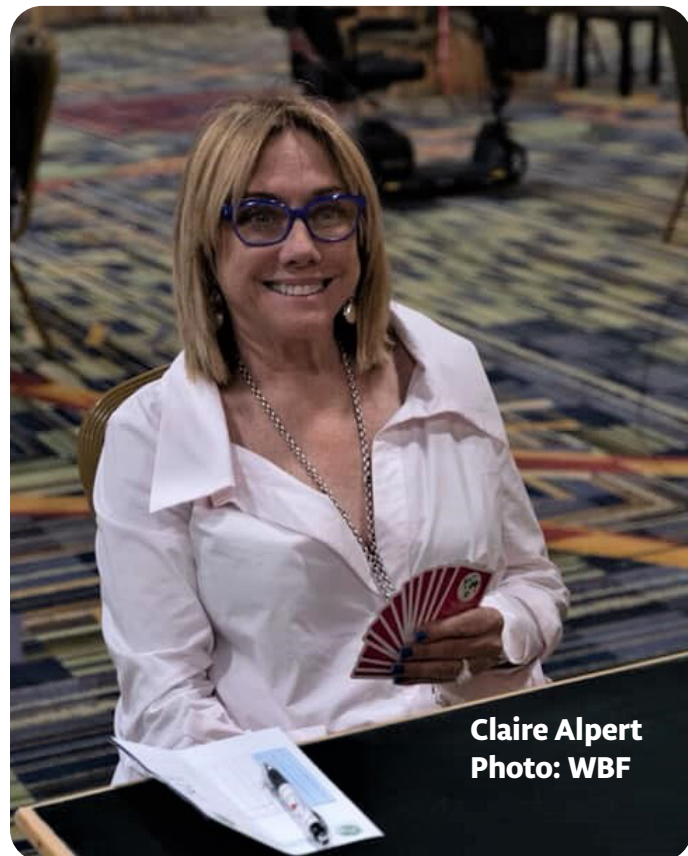
1♠ was not a universal choice - everyone else started with 1♦. What would you bid now with South's hand?

If partner's good preempt could be based on ♠AQxx then you need a way to investigate for a grand slam. When I was a lad jumping to 5NT was the Grand Slam Force, asking about the three top trumps. When I played with Sandra Landy we used step responses, 6♣ none, 6♦ one, 6♥ two, 6♠ three.

Nowadays everyone seems to prefer to use 5NT as 'pick a slam' but there is no sense in that in this situation. South was content with 6♠ and East judged to go on to 7♥.

This is how the cards were distributed:

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



Claire Alpert
Photo: WBF

7♥X cost 800, worth 12 IMPs against the 1430 recorded at the other table.

Versace-Alpert and Pellegrini-Rocca also saved in 7♥ - one of them discovering that their teammates had sold out to 6♥X.

One South bid 5NT after the bidding started 1♦-(1♥)-Dble promising 4 or 5♠. North responded 6♠ and played there for a flat board.

Monthly Mixed Teams in 2021

22-24 February

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Table Gossip

by Christina Lund Madsen



I am considering getting a daily bridge column titled Claire & Alfredo. Yesterday they had the following auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Claire	Rocca	Alfredo	Pelligrini
—	—	—	1♣
1♥	Dble	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	All Pass

After a good effort Claire made 9 tricks.
Claire → Partner please remember I am not Lorenzo

Alfredo → ☺ I know... with Lorenzo I would have passed 2♥!!!

After next board:

Claire → 6♦ hard for me :-(

Alfredo → too nice, we make 6♦

Alfredo → I need exactly these cards hard for me too. Not easy

Alfredo → Unless you open 1NT ☺

Claire → 14 hcp no 5 card suit I leave that for you

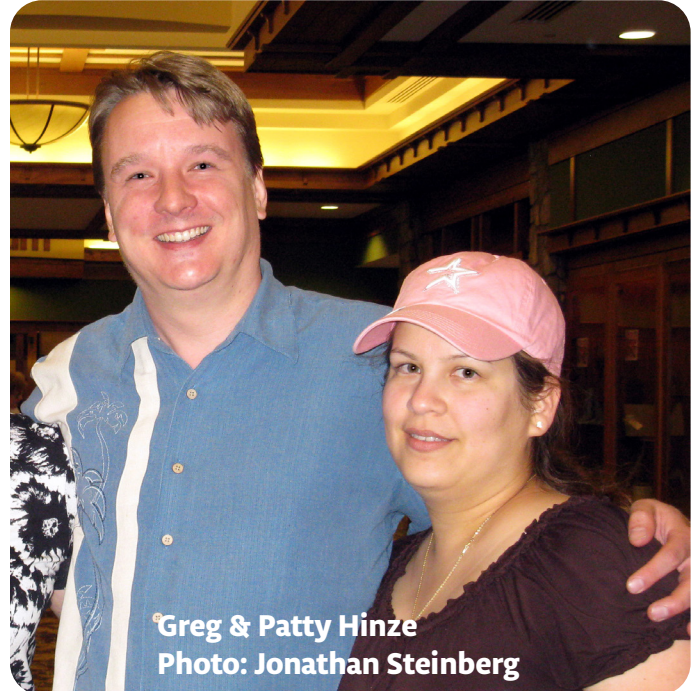
Alfredo → yes yes

The mysterious Vincent Lauria

Claire and Alfredo are far from the only ones who have a nice chat at the table. Yesterday we received a text from a player who shall remain anonymous, but whose last name rhymes with sold.

Sold: "Both our opps have male names. Vincent Lauria and Greg Hinze"

CLM: "Haha. Vincent is Greg's wife Patty."



Though as we all know, when chatting a new message is often written before a reply is received, so the next text followed:

Sold: "Didn't know women cld be called vincent. Always seems cruel when parents give their kids the wrong gender name."

Vincent Lauria is in fact Patty Hinze from the leaders Just Spinnin. Now can you guess which two reknowned bridge players she is named after?

After the match we received a new text from our anonymous player:
"Had some nice banter with Mrs. Hinze. In private chat also."

Sadly there is no report of said banter. We strongly encourage all participants to send us a screen shot if you have a chat with with partner or opponent worth sharing.

Master Class

By Mark Horton



Join me for an exceptional piece of declarer play from the fourth round of the February Mixed Teams:

Dealer North. All Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Setton	Rasmussen	Franceschetti	Pedersen
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2♥ Transfer

South led the ♥A and when North followed with the seven he cashed the king and exited with the ♦5. Declarer won with the ten, North following with the nine, and cashed the ♠A. When South produced the queen, declarer cashed the ♦AK pitching a club from dummy, ruffed the ♥Q and played three rounds of clubs, ruffing, to reach this position:

♠ J 10 7 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ —	♠ 5 ♥ — ♦ Q 8 ♣ —
♠ K 9 8 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ —	♠ — ♥ 8 6 ♦ — ♣ 9

Declarer played the ♠5 and when South produced the ♥6 he claimed, +620 and a 12 IMP swing.



Pierre
Franceschetti

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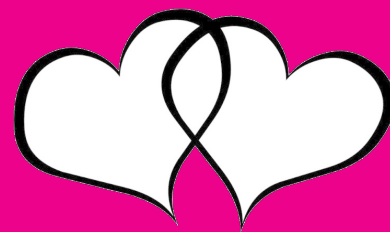
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MONTHLY MIXED PAIRS



FEBRUARY 22-24 ON REALBRIDGE

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Introducing the Monthly Mixed Pairs on RealBridge

Due to popular demand the Monthly Mixed Teams will host our first Monthly Mixed Pairs.

- Dates: February 22-24
- Time: 11:00 Eastern time/17:00 CET - 3:00/21:00
- Format: Matchpoints. Two days of qualification followed by A- and B-finals.
1/3 of the field will qualify for the A-final.
- Entry fee: 100 euro/120 dollars for three days of play (juniors half price)
- Boards 30-32 boards/day depending on number of participants. Either with a small break halfway through the event or enough time to go get a snack or coffee.
- Platform: RealBridge (realbridge.online)
- Registration: mmt.bridgeresults.org

Beginners as well as world class players are equally welcome.
We will have bulletins as you know them from the Monthly Mixed Teams, the same result software and a top EBL tournament director.

We have tested running events on RealBridge and would like to try this platform for the Monthly Mixed Pairs. We believe that though many like playing without shaving or doing their hair, meeting and chatting to so many opponents will add a social element. It is also possible to mute the audio and turn off the camera while getting coffee (or using the restroom as dummy) to limit the invasion of your privacy. We realize that many may not have not tried RealBridge before, but it is very easy and intuitive, and a profile is not even required. You simply log on via a link provided by us and play. The event will not be open to kibitzers.

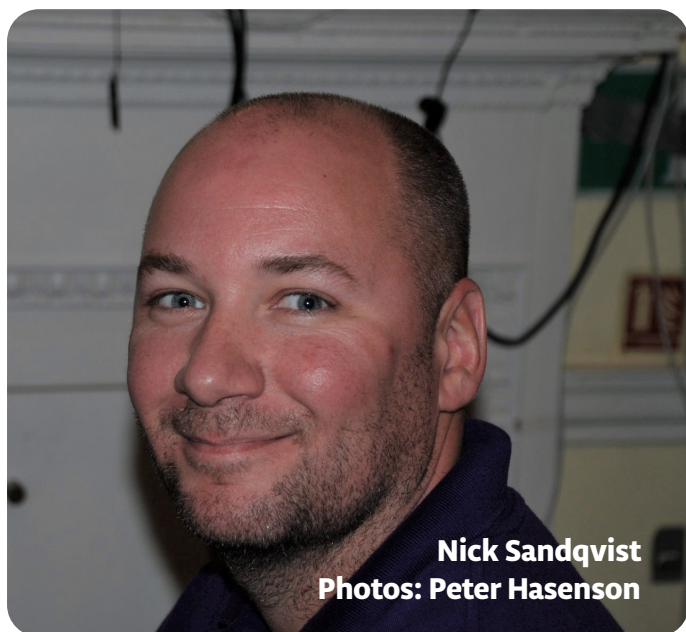
If the tournament is a success, we plan to repeat the Monthly Mixed Pairs April 26-28 and perhaps a weekend, depending on your feedback in terms of format, times and wishes.

We are always happy to receive feedback, ideas and answer any questions you might have. You can write to mmt@bridgeresults.org.

Victim of the Day

Nick Sandqvist

by Christina Lund Madsen



Nick Sandqvist
Photos: Peter Hasenson

What is your age, where do you come from, where do you currently live and are you single?

- I'm 50 I think. No, maybe 51. I think I've lost count. I was born in Sweden and live in London, alone obviously since no one would be able to stand my sense of humor.

What is your background in terms of education, jobs outside of bridge, current occupations and other admirable abilities?

- I was going to be a musician and I play the piano. Went to a school of arts in Stockholm but it was all over when I discovered Bridge at 14.

How did you begin to play bridge?

- My mum played and it looked fascinating. She taught me, so I spent the next 3 years shouting at her.

When and what brought you from Sweden to England?

- The money game at TGR's in 1995; I couldn't think of a better way to try to make a living than playing Bridge all day for money. I can now.

In which country and to which women does your heart belong?

- The UK is my home now and I have never wanted to move back, but I think we can all agree that Sweden has the most beautiful girls in the world? And Denmark of course. And Norway, and...

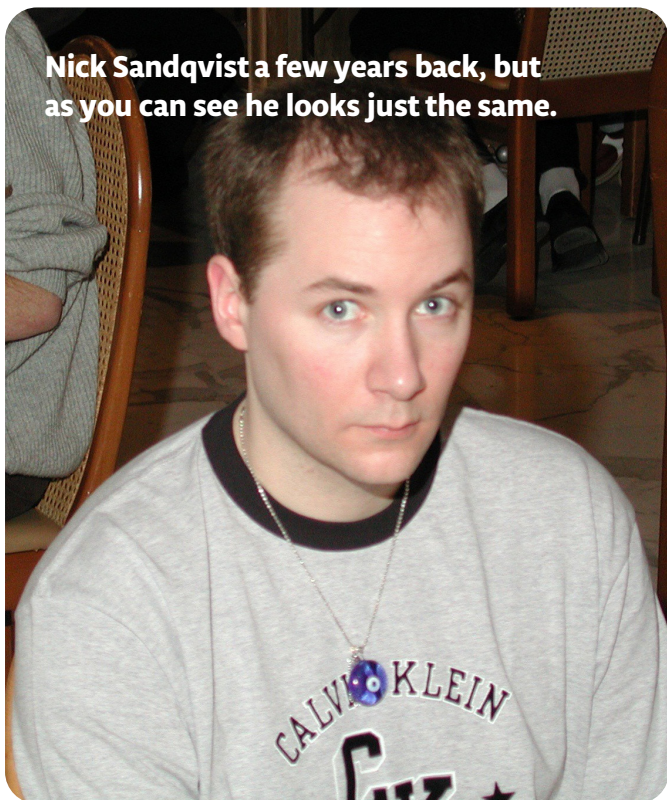
What has been the highlight of your bridge life?

- I suppose I should say the World- or European silvers in 2007, but actually I was never more excited than when I won the first Gold Cup in England, as I had had one of those magic tournaments when everything just went right.

What adventures did you have in your life not related to bridge?

- I like walking a lot and have seen some stunningly beautiful places, most memorably in Ireland and Greece.

Nick Sandqvist a few years back, but as you can see he looks just the same.



Tell us about a childhood memory that made a profound impression on you.

- Nah, not a happy time – my parents went through a bad divorce.

How would your best friend describe you in three words?

- If I had one, she'd probably say "kind and generous but annoying".

Tell us something that very few people know about you.

- I'm a pretty good backgammon player.

What is your biggest life regret?

- I never called Bob Hamman back.

What do you yet dream of achieving in your life?

- I would like to do well in a major mixed championship with Nathalie; she deserves it for all the hard work she's put in.

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Cecilia Rimstedt, Janet de Botton and Thomas Paske – and why?

- Partner Cecilia, kiss (and make up with) Janet and definitely kill Thomas – he's taking far too many tricks these days.

Which player from this event do you think should be a future victim in the bulletin? Tell us something you would like to know about that person.

- Why don't you tell us about yourself? You seem to be great at promoting the sport, which we need. Is that something you used to do for a living?

I have already been a victim to myself. Curious readers can find the self-interview on page 13 [in this bulletin](#). To answer Nick's question, I am a journalist by education and heart. For most of my adult life I have been able to combine my passion for bridge and journalism, resulting in interviews such as this, and for that I am grateful.

Nick picked another victim:

- Being Swedish I'd be interested in some of the Swedes; the Rims are a fascinating family who could put up a superb team with just family members. I'd ask Sandra who's the best player in the family, and how do they differ from each other in style and temperament.

Sandra Rimstedt will be the Victim in the bulletin, when she participates in the MMTs in March.



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