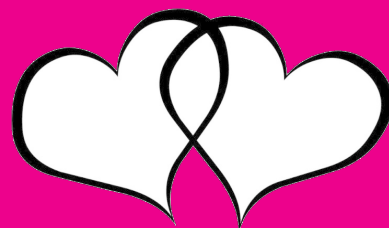


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Spring Bridge & Hope

Spring has already arrived in America and next weekend Europe follows. This means the Americans can sleep one hour longer this week.

More importantly Spring brings hope. Hope that the sunlight will bring us outside and heal our lonely souls and hope that vaccines will will reopen the World by summer and we can soon see each other again.

We love these weeks of mixed bridge. Makes us feel closer and connected and a week passes so quickly we don't have time to complain about Covid and how our hair looks.

We wish you some days of fun and encourage you to send us spring photos from wherever in the world you are.



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 March 22

11:30 DST / 16:30 CET – Round 1 (16 boards)

14:00 DST / 19:00 CET – Round 2 (16 boards)

16:20 DST / 21:20 CET – Round 3 (16 boards)

Draw Round 1

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>ISRAMIX</u>	 <u>BOSTON MARATHON</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>SWUSA</u>	 <u>SUSHI</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>TURKISH MIXED</u>	 <u>HARRIS</u>
<u>4</u>	 <u>HENNER</u>	 <u>AUSTERLITZ</u>
<u>5</u>	 <u>JONSMA</u>	 <u>GONDWANALAND</u>
<u>6</u>	 <u>PENFOLD</u>	 <u>JUNIORS UNITED</u>
<u>7</u>	 <u>KOLTODD</u>	 <u>LAST MINUTE MIX</u>

Format

14 teams play a Swiss consisting of nine matches of 16 boards Monday through Wednesday.

The top 8 will qualify for the quarterfinals Thursday (2x16 boards) followed by semifinal (segment 1 Thursday, segment 2 Friday) and final Friday.

Results

Future events
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Meet the Juniors

by Christina Lund Madsen



An anonymous sponsor graciously offered a junior team a place in the March Mixed Teams. We are happy to present a team consisting of a combination of youngsters and world champions.

The Juniors United are:

Sanna Clementsson - Alexander Sandin (SE)

Lia Petelko - Koren Retter (ISR)

Gergana Teneva - Nikolay Yaninski (BUL)

Andreas Rolf-Larsen - Ella Rosthøj (DEN)

We also had half a junior pair (Louise Selway (25) and Florian Weiss) but since Florian is not a junior anymore (28) we found a place for them on another team.

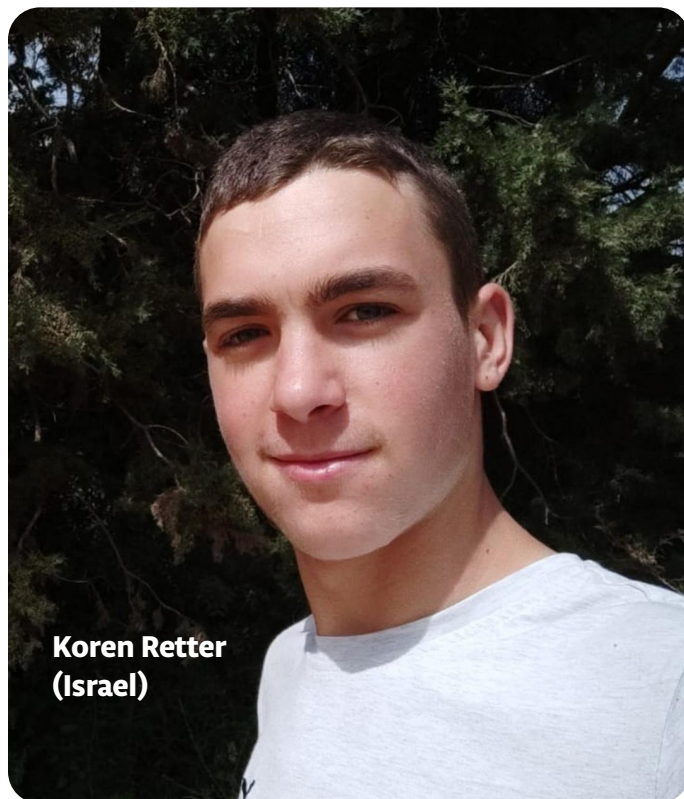
We asked the juniors to present themselves, so today you are introduced to our Israeli youngster pair:

How old are you, where are you from and what do you do (school/work/education)?

- My name is Koren Retter, I live in a village in the north of Israel. I have recently begun my BA in mathematics, aged 16, as I'm proceeding with school as a homeschooler.

How long have you been playing bridge and how did you begin?

- I was introduced to bridge by my grandfather at the age of 12. I took my first steps playing at the local club and later on was guided by an expert player. Bridge was love from first sight. I was glad to finally discover a thrilling game that never stops supplying fascinating riddles to solve.



**Koren Retter
(Israel)**

Meeting my current partner Lia, was nearly a miracle. In three months we based a partnership good enough to win the U16 Israeli Championships. As members of the Israeli U16 team, we were sad to discover that the junior world championship was postponed due to Covid-19 matters.

Tell us something about yourself very few people know.

- Other than bridge, I find traveling and hiking an exciting hobby. I have so far been climbing to an Everest base camp in Nepal and traversing a 1000 km hike throughout Israel.

What is your biggest dream (doesn't have to be bridge related)?

- I strive to increase my bridge skills and even one day become a world champion.

How old are you, where are you from and what do you do (school/work/education)?

- I'm Lia Petelko, 14 years old and from the great Petah Tiqwa (center) of Israel. I'm currently learning in a gifted class in junior high.

How long have you been playing bridge and how did you begin?

- As a 10-year-old girl, I chose to learn bridge in a school program (between science and some other subject). I always loved the game and was passionate about it. I've done and been doing a lot of bridge-related stuff the whole day long and I'm just happy when doing so.

Tell us something about yourself very few people know.

- It may be surprising but in my childhood (dinosaurs era ☺) I used to do a lot of sports but now I can barely lift myself up - a sad story.

Which player would you like to play a tournament with if you can choose anyone?

- If I could pick anyone to play with that would be hard because there are so many great players that it is just a joy to watch them (which I find myself doing a lot) and I can assume how fun it is to play with them.



Lia Petelko (Israel)

What is your biggest dream (doesn't have to be bridge related)?

- Bridge means everything to me. I hope that I'll get myself to the highest and the most professional levels in bridge, to reach podiums and medals and to always keep enjoying this awesome game.

Welcome to our juniors. We will be back with more junior presentations in future bulletins.

Teams / Players / Nicknames

AUSTERLITZ

Brigitte Aubonnet	hochette
Patrick Bogacki	reims2012
Blandine Delestre	bb75
Daniel Delestre	tkcpdd
Georges Romanowski	jrom
Martine Rossard	biglum
Valérie Sauvage	vals51
Christophe Carde	ccarde

BOSTON MARATHON

Kim Gilman	kim4930
Marina Polestra	marinap
James Rasmussen	jrr
Linda Robinson	saba
Eric Schwartz	waldorf1

GONDWANALAND

Barbara Cunliffe	i2wi2
Barbara Greenspan	ethanscott
Bernie Greenspan	bernieg
Ken Kranyak	kranko2013

HARRIS

Marusa Gold	marusab
Susanna Gross	sgross
Jonathan Harris	jdache
Steve Root	asnuttayas
Todor Tiholov	polborta

HENNER

Jenni Carmichael	moonbeam42
Tom Carmichael	tomc
Ishmael Del'Monte	ishd
Josh Donn	jdonn
Christal Henner	christal
Uday Ivatury	uday
Roger Lee	rogerclee
Sylvia Moss	sylvie
Sheri Winestock	sheri

ISRAMIX

Ilan Bareket	bareket
Ronnie Barr	ronniebarr
Ilan Cohen	ilan13
Ilan Herbst	ilanh
Michal Nosatzki	poema
Nathalie Saada	natsa
Dana Tal	danat85
Noga Tal	nogatal
Yaniv Zack	yanivz

JONSMA

Peter Both	peterboth
Jodi Edmonds	jodewagon
Hester Gast	hester02
Aida Jansma	aida_mk_nl
Jan Jansma	jan_jansma
Bas van Roosmalen	basvanr
Mark Thiele	mrxxx
Renee Verdegaa	mrs_m

JUNIORS UNITED

Sanna Clementsson	237425
Lia Petelko	lia1212
Koren Retter	koren12345
Alexander Sandin	stridsvagn
Gergana Teneva	gerry1010
Nikolay Yaninski	nik98
Andreas Rolf-Larsen	ARolfDK
Ella Rosthøj	Ellarost



KOLTODD

Adam Grossack	nevereast
Myra Kolton	ladyko
Christian Lahrmann	christianl
Christina Lund Madsen	christinas
Neil Silverman	nsilverman
Katherine Todd	kmtnyc

LAST MINUTE MIX

Bo Bilde	lionberg
Lone Bilde	bilde
Jan Pedersen	gobochamp
Helle Rasmussen	helle_r
Louise Selway	joloiyse
Florian Weiss	floon

PENFOLD

Sandra Penfold	mrsp22
Kay Preddy	k preddy
Norman Selway	jespersens
Brian Senior	malmo1
Jeremy Willans	wellieboy



Dana & Noga Tal



SUSHI

David Douglas	davdougl
Nathalie Hoff	hoffnat
Giles Ridger	acol2184
Debbie Sandford	redpen
Kath Stynes	tremelo
Nick Sandqvist	nicksan
Nathalie Shashoua	tigger5

SWUSA

Per-Ola Cullin	pocken
Gary Donner	gdonnersc1
Kevin Dwyer	kdwyer
Marion Michielsen	lady007
Cecilia Rimstedt	cillar
Sandra Rimstedt	sandria

TURKISH MIXED

Sedat Aluf	monk99
Tuna Aluf	tuna1
Omer Kizilok	gravity
Namik Kokten	naumoski
Başak Kutuk	basak
Sirma Sanus	lila_s
Nafiz Zorlu	begse

Conditions of Contest • March Mixed Teams

1. The 2021 March Mixed Teams will be hosted in Bridge Base Online from 22nd to 26th of March, 2021.

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 22 March - Wednesday 24 March:
9 rounds of Swiss.

11:30 DST/16:30 CET – Round 1 (16 boards)
14:00 DST/19:00 CET – Round 2 (16 boards)
16:20 DST/21:20 CET – Round 3 (16 boards)

Thursday, 25 March 2021

11:30 DST/16:30 CET – QF Seg. 1 (16 boards)
14:00 DST/19:00 CET – QF Seg. 2 (16 boards)
16:20 DST/21:20 CET – SF Seg. 1 (16 boards)

Friday, 26 March 2021

11:30 DST/16:30 CET – SF Seg. 2 (16 boards)
14:00 DST/19:00 CET – Final 1/2 (16 boards)
After 10 minutes break – Final Segment
2/2 (16 boards)

4. Qualifying Stage

The qualifying stage will be played in the form of a “Swiss” and will consist of 144 boards played in 9 matches of 16 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 Victory Points 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 in the Swiss. Those chosen teams are assigned seed no. 8 – 6 respectively. The teams placed 4th in the Swiss will play the quarterfinal against the remaining team which gets no. 5.

Quarterfinal, semifinal and final will be played over 32 boards, 2 separate segments of 16 boards each.

There will be the following carry over:

- In the quarterfinal no. 1 - 4 get a c/o 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 and Seating Rights

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.

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

In the Round Robin qualifying stage the teams are expected to submit their line-up as soon as practical and no 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 respective link and the password.

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

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.

The table settings will allow kibitzers but forbid communication between players and kibitzers.

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Undo and claiming: MMT encourages players to accept an opponent's request for undo in 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 or 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; 16 boards within 2 hours. 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 a 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 take ethical violations seriously and report to Eric Laurant from the WBF Investigation committee if our experts and statisticians find ground to suspect a pair/player is violating the rules of bridge through self-kibitzing or illegal communication with partner or teammates.



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