# MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS

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# Here Comes the Sun

This winter has felt like one long climb from the deepest of chasms to the top of the hill with the shining sun in view. Thanks to the vaccines many have exited the chasm and begun their hike up the hill.

The approaching summer means we had to consider the future for the MMT. Will enough be interested in our events to continue once/month? We made a survey and based on that we will continue organising monthly mixed events, because you have expressed your wish to continue to participate in our events. Thank you for your help.

We hope that even though many of you cannot play every time, we will have enough loyal participants to be able to organize a meaningful event each month. We have adjusted the dates for our summer events (including May) which you can find in this bulletin and of course on our home page. We wish you all lots of fun this week!

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.

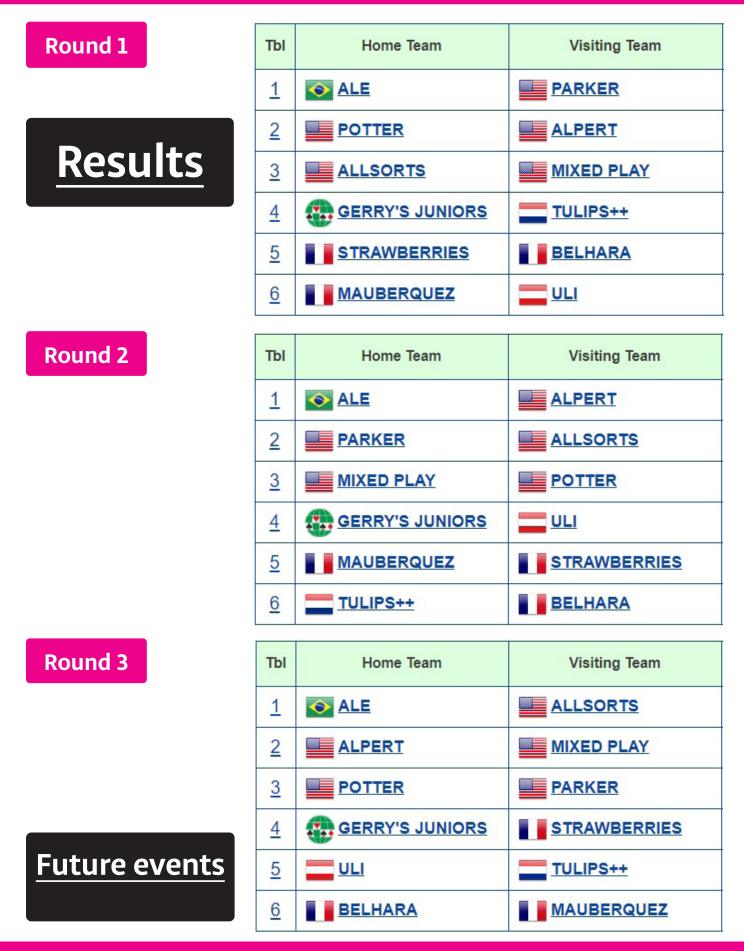
## Today's Schedule

Monday April 12

10:30 EST / 16:30 CET - Round 1 (14 boards) 12:40 EST / 18:40 CET - Round 2 (14 boards)

14:50 EST / 20:50 CET - Round 3 (14 boards)

### **Today's Schedule**



### Teams / Players / Nicknames

#### ALE

Roberto Barbosa Paula David Sandra Garafulic Graca Ponzoni Alejandro Quiroga Pablo Ravenna Marco Thoma

#### ALLSORTS

Louis Beauchet Arti Bhargava Fredrik Helness Bjorgvin Kristinsson Jo Arne Ovesen Yoko Sobel Ingunn Uran

#### ALPERT

Claire Alpert Leo Fruscoloni Charlie Hoyos Janice Seamon Alfredo Versace

#### BELHARA

Micheline Appertet Thierry De Luna Philippe Kasler Jerzy Romanowski Martine Rossard Catherine Sarian Anne-Laure Tartarin Jean-Jacques Tartarin

#### **GERRY'S JUNIORS**

Lia Petelko Koren Retter Andreas Rolf-Larsen Ella Rosthøj Jasmine Bakhshi Christina Lund Madsen Henry Rose Gerald Sokol beto paulinha sandrixg gracildiz alequiroga madryn hawai

kinglouis1 arti\_b fredrik101 bosi2 jo-arne yokosobel ingunn

clairee2 frusco charlie111 janicem nevaio

figaro92 tdl41 philvet jrom Biglum flamby loudy nougat

lia1212 koren12345 ARolfDK Ellarost jasminesb christinas onriquez enikou

#### MAUBERQUEZ

Danièle Avon Pascal Gombert Donatella Halfon David Harari Babeth Hugon Erick Mauberquez Dominique Maurin Emmanuelle Monod Jean-Michel Voldoire Sylvie Willard

#### MIXED PLAY

Joan Brody Brian Dicker Jodi Edmonds Gonzalo Herrera Patricia Herrera Miriam Rosenberg Misha Tomic Joel Wooldridge ladyda pasgom atella sarroumane solea mauber domdomone mafraise1 jmvold whywhy

jbrody1 brian1137 jodi e gonzalo h bulock miriamrose amish2 firechief



#### PARKER

Irene Baroni Giovanni Donati Adam Grossack Chris Parker Stewart Rubenstein Anam Tebha

## POTTER

Per-Ola Cullin Cookie Potter Shan Huang Kevin Dwyer Marion Michielsen Cecilia Rimstedt Ida Gronkvist Mikael Gronkvist

#### ULI

Gianna Arrigoni Caterina Burgio Francesco Mazzadi Gabriella Olivieri Federico Primavera Ulrike Schuster Walter Schuster princi giova007 nevereast cmp56 stewr anamtebha

pocken ohceep precisebri kdwyer lady007 cillar halko mike\_G

gorilla3 dariolp uppino ollina fulldire chrispe1 schustmozz



#### STRAWBERRIES

Thomas Bessis Veronique Bessis Pierre Franceschetti Hilda Setton

#### TULIPS ++

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# Monthly Mixed Teams in 2021

After your responses to our survey we have made the following date changes for our events :

- June 14 18 June Mixed Teams
- July 5 -9 July Mixed Teams
- August 9 13 August Mixed Teams

Registration via mmt.bridgeresults.org



# **Meet your Opponents**



by Christina Lund Madsen

This time our field is a combination of players whose sole purpose in life is to play the Monthly Mixed Teams and newcomers or rare attendees eager to conquer the Mixed Throne.

We are particularly excited to welcome team ALE (Roberto Barbosa, Paula David, Sandra Garafulic, Graca Ponzoni, Alejandro Quiroga, Pablo Ravenna, Marco Thoma) who have come all the way from Brazil just to play our event.

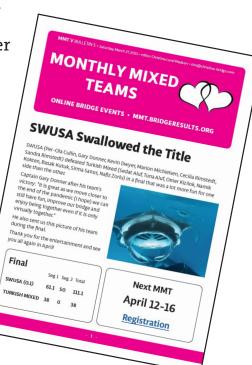
We are not only tournament organizers, but also matchmakers. People from all over the world can write us if they need help finding a partner (in bridge, we are less successful in the love department) or teammates. It has resulted in the teams Allsorts (Louis Beauchet, Arti Bhargava, Fredrik Helness, Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Jo Arne Ovesen, Yoko Sobel, Ingunn Uran) and Mixed Play (Joan Brody, Brian Dicker, Jodi Edmonds, Gonzalo Herrera, Patricia Herrera, Miriam Rosenberg, Misha Tomic, Joel Wooldridge).

Our French Teams (Belhara and Mauberquez) tried smuggle in a few world champions among the many familiar names; on Belhara we find Anne-Laure Tartarin, who won the world womens pairs in Orlando 2018 with -Veronique Bessis, who we find among the Strawberries.

Yet as we know, there is always a bigger fish... Sylvie Willard hardly needs an introduction. If someone is unfamiliar with her name, I suggest looking her up on worldbridge.org - in her playing record of World and European championships the number 1 appears 16 times.

Speaking of number one, four winners from last month's MMT are back on team Potter (Per-Ola Cullin, Kevin Dwyer, Shan Huang, Marion Michielsen, Cookie Potter, Cecilia Rimstedt).

You might wonder what happened to Gary Donner. The front page of the final bulletin from last event might be a hint. He always loved Manta rays.



We saved the best for last, because our juniors are back!

Gerald Sokol, a retired pediatrician, had so much fun watching his mentor being slaughtered by a 14 and 16-year-old, so he made sure the juniors could play again. Gerry's Juniors are Jasmine Bakhshi, Lia Petelko, Koren Retter, Andreas Rolf-Larsen, Henry Rose, Ella Rosthøj, and they are all between 14 and 18 years old!

#### **Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice Conference**

Monday 28 June – Thursday 1 July 2021 (Ten 2-hour sessions online)



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Join *Bridge: A MindSport for All* (BAMSA) global network and share best practice Free international conference for academics, bridge players, teachers & NBO administrators

| <ul> <li>28 June: Benefits of bridge as a sport<br/>Opening: World Bridge Federation President</li> <li>[1A] Bridge as a Mindsport</li> <li>13:00 (BST UK) / 08:00 (EDT)</li> <li>[1B] Wellbeing &amp; Bridge</li> <li>16:30 (BST UK) / 11:30 (EDT)</li> <li>Keynote: Prof Martin Seligman (USA)</li> <li>Bridge at the Top (Jill Levin &amp; Chip Martel)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>30 June: How can bridge be more inclusive?</li> <li>[3A] Ageing, Intergenerationality &amp; Bridge<br/>10:00 (BST UK) / 05:00 (EDT)</li> <li>[3B] Gender, Sexism &amp; Bridge<br/>15:00 (BST UK) / 10:00 (EDT)</li> <li>Panel 1 Women's Bridge: Pros &amp; Cons</li> <li>Panel 2 Sexism within the Game: Solutions?</li> </ul> |
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| <ul> <li>29 June: The future hybrid of F2F &amp; online</li> <li>[2A] Covid Impacts on Bridge</li> <li>11:30 (BST UK) / 06:30 (EDT)</li> <li>[2B] Digital Bridge &amp; Cheating</li> <li>19:30 (BST UK) / 14:30 (EDT)</li> <li>Panel: Jan Kamras (EBL), Eric Laurant (WBF)</li> <li>Boye Brogeland &amp; Steve Weinstein</li> </ul>                                   | <ul> <li>1 July: How to transform the image of bridge?</li> <li>[4A] New Approaches to Recruitment</li> <li>13:00 (BST UK) / 08:00 (EDT)</li> <li>Panel 1 Teaching &amp; Retaining Learners</li> <li>Panel 2 How to get more Bridge into Schools</li> <li>[4B] Marketing Bridge</li> <li>16:30 (BST UK)/11:30 (EDT)</li> </ul>          |

29 June Conference Pairs + Q&A with RealBridge 15:00 (BST UK) / 10:00 (EDT) 30 June Bridge Taster for First-timers 18:30 (BST UK) / 13:30 (EDT)

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1. The 2021 April Mixed Teams will be hosted in Bridge Base Online from 12th to 16th of April, 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 April 12 - Wednesday April 14:

10:30 EST / 16:30 CET – RR 1 (14 boards) 12:40 EST / 18:40 CET – RR 2 (14 boards) 14:50 EST / 20:50 CET – RR 3 (14 boards) boards)

Thursday, 15 April 2021

10:30 EST / 16:30 CET – RR 10 (14 boards) 12:40 EST / 18:40 CET – RR 11 (14 boards) 15:15 EST / 21:15 CET – Semifinal segment 1/2 (16 boards) Friday, 16 April 2021 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – Semifinal. Segment 2/2 (16 boards) 12:30 EST / 18:30 CET – Final. Segment 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 Round Robin and will consist of 154 boards played in 11 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).

A team will receive 12 VP for any match that is a BYE.

In order to determine the grouping for the knockout stage, a tie between two teams will be broken by the result of the match between those two teams. If there should still be a tie, then the IMP quotient of all matches will be taken into consideration to break the tie.

The top 4 teams from the qualifying stage will advance to the knockout stage.

#### 5. Knockout Stage

The team placed 1st in the Round Robin gets to choose the opponent for the semifinal from the teams placed 3th – 4th in the Round Robin. Both 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 semifinal no. 1 – 2 get a carry over of 10.1 – 6.1 IMP respectively.
In the final the higher ranked teams in the Round Robin get a carry over of 0.1 IMP as a tiebreaker.

#### 6. Line-Up and Seating Rights

All matches of the Round Robin 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 semifinal and final change of the line-up is possible after each 16 boards with no restriction (separate segments).

Captains submit their line up without knowing the line-up of their opponents ("blind 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.

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.

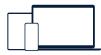
Although the MMT are not aligned with any bridge organization, we take ethical violations seriously and report to Eric Laurant from the WBF Investigation committee if our experts and statisticians find ground to suspect a pair/player is violating the rules of bridge through self-kibitzing or illegal communication with partner or teammates.



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