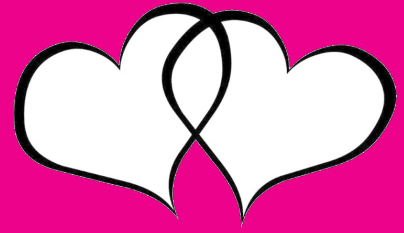


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Bloody Monday

On the first day we witnessed saw some big victories and accordingly big losses for other teams. Some teams may feel demotivated by looking at the leaderboard, so it is important to remember we are playing a Round Robin and only played 3 matches out of 11.

Emerging victorious from the slaughters are Alpert and Mauberquez who occupy the first two spots with 50.18 and 47.05 VPs.

Allsorts and Tulips ++ are 10 VPs after with the Strawberries in 5th. To the right you see one of the Strawberries, Thomas Bessis, who is enjoying the spring sun on his birthday today. We are happy to receive spring pictures from wherever in the world you may be.



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

Tuesday April 13












10:30 EST / 16:30 CET – Round 4 (14 boards)

12:40 EST / 18:40 CET – Round 5 (14 boards)




14:50 EST / 20:50 CET – Round 6 (14 boards)

Today's Schedule













Round 4

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>ALE</u>	 <u>MIXED PLAY</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>ALLSORTS</u>	 <u>POTTER</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>PARKER</u>	 <u>ALPERT</u>
<u>4</u>	 <u>GERRY'S JUNIORS</u>	 <u>BELHARA</u>
<u>5</u>	 <u>TULIPS++</u>	 <u>MAUBERQUEZ</u>
<u>6</u>	 <u>ULI</u>	 <u>STRAWBERRIES</u>

Round 5

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>ALE</u>	 <u>POTTER</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>MIXED PLAY</u>	 <u>PARKER</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>ALPERT</u>	 <u>ALLSORTS</u>
<u>4</u>	 <u>GERRY'S JUNIORS</u>	 <u>MAUBERQUEZ</u>
<u>5</u>	 <u>BELHARA</u>	 <u>ULI</u>
<u>6</u>	 <u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	 <u>TULIPS++</u>

Round 6

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>PARKER</u>	 <u>STRAWBERRIES</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>TULIPS++</u>	 <u>POTTER</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>ALPERT</u>	 <u>BELHARA</u>
<u>4</u>	 <u>ULI</u>	 <u>ALLSORTS</u>
<u>5</u>	 <u>MIXED PLAY</u>	 <u>MAUBERQUEZ</u>
<u>6</u>	 <u>GERRY'S JUNIORS</u>	 <u>ALE</u>

Cross Table by Ranking

Ranking after round 3

rank	team	#	5	9	10	6	7	2	1	11	4	3	8	12	VP tot
1	ALPERT	5	♠					18.29				17.04		14.85	50.18
2	MAUBERQUEZ	9		♥			14.19			19.38			13.48		47.05
3	ALLSORTS	10			♦				15.46			3.12		19.47	38.05
4	TULIPS++	6				♣				12.16	5.81		19.28		37.25
5	STRAWBERRIES	7		5.81			♠				16.03		13.96		35.80
6	POTTER	2	1.71					♥	15.66					18.41	35.78
7	PARKER	1			4.54			4.34	♦			17.34			26.22
8	ULI	11		0.62		7.84				♣	15.26				23.72
9	GERRY'S JUNIORS	4				14.19	3.97			4.74	♠				22.90
10	ALE	3	2.96		16.88				2.66			♥			22.50
11	BELHARA	8		6.52		0.72	6.04						♦		13.28
12	MIXED PLAY	12	5.15		0.53			1.59						♣	7.27

Results

Future events

Monthly Mixed Teams in 2021

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

May 10 - 14

May Mixed Teams

June 14 - 18

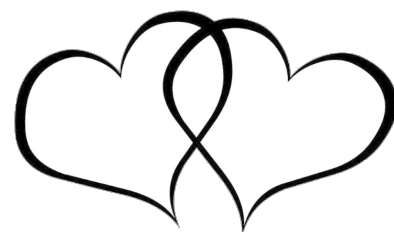
June Mixed Teams

July 5 - 9

July Mixed Teams

August 9 - 13

August Mixed Teams



Registration via mmt.bridgeresults.org

New in Bridge



By Mark Horton

Bridge has been around for so long that one could be forgiven for imagining that all its secrets have been uncovered.

The continued invention of new systems and conventions is convincing proof that this is not the case and looking out for a deal from the opening round I spotted one which offered food for thought:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ J 7 6
♥ K 10 9 8 6
♦ 10
♣ J 7 5 4

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

♠ —
♥ Q J 7 5 3
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ A 10 3 2

Deals where both sides have a big fit are often exciting.

If EW play in spades then only an inspired lead of the ♦A followed by a low diamond will give the defenders four tricks.

That's not really possible, is it?

Ale v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Correa	Donati	Thoma
—	—	—	1♥
Dble	4♥	4♠	5♥
Dble	Pass	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

South led the ♥Q and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♠Q, ruffed a heart and played a club. When dummy's queen held declarer drew trumps ending in dummy, and played a diamond, soon claiming, +650.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Garafulic	Tebha	Ravenna	Rubenstein
—	—	—	1♥
Dble	4♥	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass

The play followed a more or less identical course, so +450 but a 5 IMP loss.

Potter v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Michielsen	Versace	Cullin
—	—	—	1♥
1NT	4♥	4♠	5♥
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

South led the ♥Q and declarer won, ruffed a heart and played a club. South took the ace, exited with the ♣2 and waited for two diamonds, -100.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Potter	Hoyos	Dwyer	S. Molson
—	—	—	1♥
1NT	4♥	4♠	5♣
5♠	6♥	6♠	Dble
All Pass			

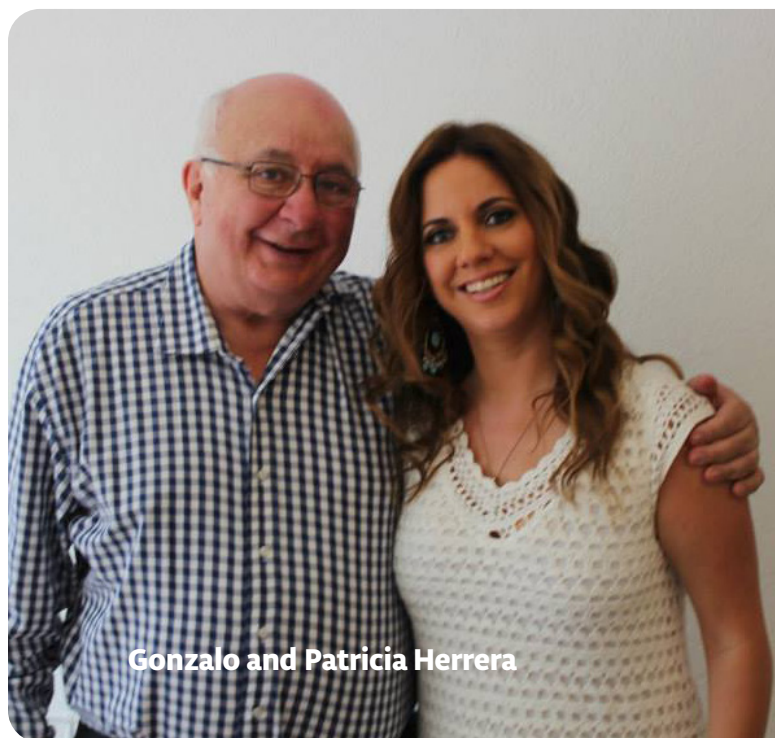
South led the ♥Q and declarer took dummy's ace, ruffed a heart and played a club, South taking the ace and cashing the ♦A for -100 and a flat board.

With such a good holding in clubs you might imagine that West would be better off doubling 5♣ and then doubling 5♥.

The answer to that is 'perhaps'. Suppose West leads the ♠A? Declarer ruff and plays a heart and the best West can do is take the ace and exit with a heart. Declarer wins in dummy, plays a diamond to the queen, pitches a club on the ♦A and cross ruffs diamonds and spades, ending in hand. In the four card ending declarer plays a low club and West is helpless.

The winning defence is for West to start with two rounds of trumps - frequently a good idea when you think you have the balance of power.

One last thought before we move on to the next match; what would a bid of 4NT by South mean on the second round?



Gonzalo and Patricia Herrera

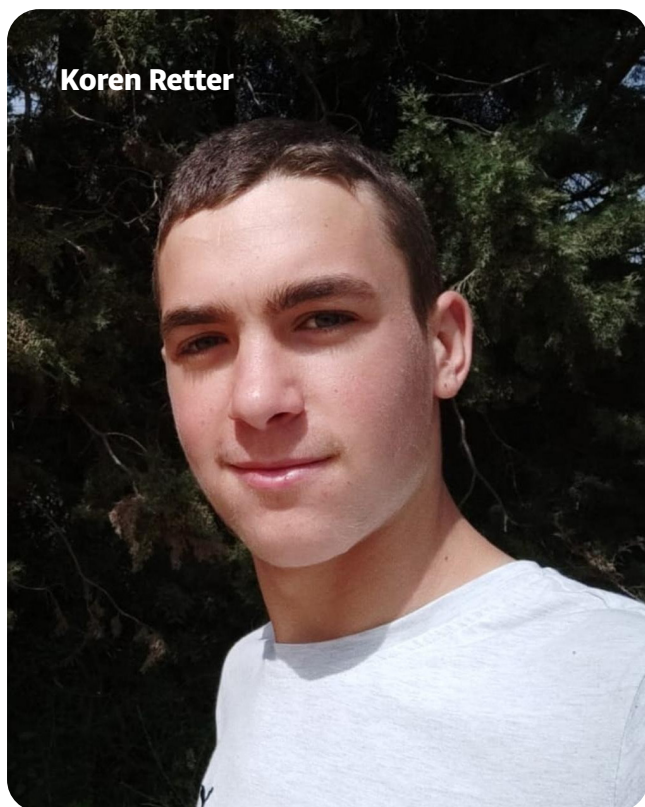
Allsorts v Mixed Play

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Herrera	F Helness	Tomic	Uran
—	—	—	1♥
1NT	4♥	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Declarer won the heart lead in dummy, ruffed a heart and played a club. When South withheld the ace the contract was set to come home, but declarer continued with the ♦2 and South took the jack with the queen, cashed the ♦A and gave her partner a ruff, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Beauchet	Herrera	Sobel	Rosenberg
—	—	—	1♥
1NT	2♥	4♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

4♥ Transfer



Koren Retter

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sokol	Both	L. Madsen	A Jansma
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	4♥	4♠	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

The standard heart lead to dummy's ace, North playing the king, was followed by a top spade, a heart ruff, a club to the queen, two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and the ♦2, +450 and 15 IMPs.

Strawberries v Belhara

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
AL Tartarin	T Bessis	JJ Tartarin	V Bessis
—	—	—	1♥
Dble	4♥	4♠	5♥
Dble	Pass	5♠	All Pass

As before the heart lead saw declarer win in dummy, ruff a heart and play a club. When that got past the ace, drawing trumps and playing a diamond meant +450.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Setton	Romanowski	Franceschetti	Rossard
—	—	—	1♥
1NT	3♥	4♠	All Pass

North led the ♦10 and the defenders took the first five tricks, -100 and 2 IMPs.

Gerry's Juniors v Tulips++

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Jansma	Petelko	Levin	Retter
—	—	—	1♥
Dble	4♥	4♠	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♣K and declarer won with the ace and played the ♥3. West took the ace, cashed the ♣Q and played a hopeful ♣9, but declarer claimed, +650.

Declarer won the heart lead, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a heart, played a club to the king and diamond, so the defenders took three tricks, +420 and the loss of an IMP.

Mauberquez v Uli

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Primavera	Hugon	Olivieri	Maurin
—	—	—	1♥
1NT	3♥	4♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

4♥ Transfer

East's well intentioned transfer rebounded when North led the ♦10 for the jack and queen. South cashed the ace and continued with the three, North ruffing and returning the ♣5 which gave the defenders the first five tricks, +100.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harari	Schuster	Halfon	Schuster
—	—	—	1♥
Dble	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	5♠	All Pass

South led the ♥Q and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a heart and played a club. When dummy's king held declarer ruffed a club, drew trumps ending in dummy and played a diamond for the ten, king and ace.

South could cash the ♦Q, but declarer had the rest, +450 and 11 IMPs.



Easy to see from the comfort of my office that if South takes the ♣A and exits passively then declarer must lose two diamonds, but full marks to that man Cullin, who got it right at the table.

Let's return to my preliminary analysis. The au pair happened to spot the deal while delivering my afternoon tea. She wanted to know why North had not bid 3♦ on the first round of the auction - a mini splinter. How's that for an idea?

North can't have much in the way of high cards, so letting partner know about your shortage and fit looks sound enough.

She also thought that if North had missed this possibility it might be possible to bid 5♦ at some point - as for example in the final auction of this report.

Meet the Juniors

by Christina Lund Madsen



In March we introduced some of our brave juniors, who fearless and unimpressed take on the titans of bridge in the Monthly Mixed Teams.

Making their debut on Gerry's Juniors this month are Henry Rose and Jasmine Bakhshi, both 16 years old and from England. We asked the youngsters a few questions about their lives and dreams.

Henry Rose, England.

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

- I am 16 years old, I'm from Oxford and I'm currently at school in Year 12.

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

- I've been playing bridge for 7 years, and I learnt at school.

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

- Zia, as he has the biggest personality in bridge.

What is the best and worst part about your partner?

- Best part: We always have a lot to talk about.

Worst part: We always end up laughing too much when we play together.



Henry Rose

Tell us something about yourself very few know.

- I play the piano and the trumpet.

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

- To be a published author.

Jasmine Bakhshi, England.

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

- I am 16 years old and I live and attend secondary school in London.



Jasmine Bakhshi

What is the best and worst part about your partner?

- Henry is hilarious and easy to chat to. If I had to think of a worse trait, maybe his habit of singing part of a song, over and over and over again.

Tell us something about yourself very few know.

- I have a bet with my brother. If I do not drink any alcohol before I turn 18, he will owe me £200. If I lose, I owe him £50.

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

- To live a happy life.

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

- I was about nine years old when I started playing bridge. The rest of my family already played (*David Bakhshi is Jasmine's father and a well-known English bridge player/CLM*) and I was initially the 4th for minibridge. We would play four hands and then switch to UNO.

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

- Sadly it's not possible but I wish that I could have a game with Michael Seamon. He was always very kind and encouraging to me when I was just starting to learn bridge.



Jasmine and Henry in the middle (Imogen La Chapelle to the left and Theo Gillis to the right, English U26 juniors).

The Importance of Shape



By Mark Horton

I was attracted by this deal from Round 3, as it illustrates that when you have a powerful hand it is usually a good idea to paint a picture of your distribution.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

♠ 3 2
♥ Q 10 5
♦ Q 9 7 5 2
♣ 10 8 6

♠ A K Q 10
♥ A 9 7 6 2
♦ 4
♣ A K 9

♠ 9 7 6
♥ —
♦ A K 10 6 3
♣ Q J 5 4 3

♠ J 8 5 4
♥ K J 8 4 3
♦ J 8
♣ 7 2

EW can make 6♣ in some comfort (and 7♣ would not be ridiculous). 6♠ looks sound and 6NT is also a possibility, although not quite so good.

Before we look at the various auctions, the Kaplan Rubens Hand Evaluator rates West at 23.25 and East at 13.75, not surprising when the high cards are not in short suits.

Would West do more than open 1♥, or would East risk a game forcing response of 2♣? (When I was a lad East would have had an easy 2♣ bid - try telling the youngsters of today that and they wouldn't believe you).

Ale v Allsorts

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bhargava	David	Kristinsson	Barbosa
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♥3 and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the top spades and took 11 tricks, +460.

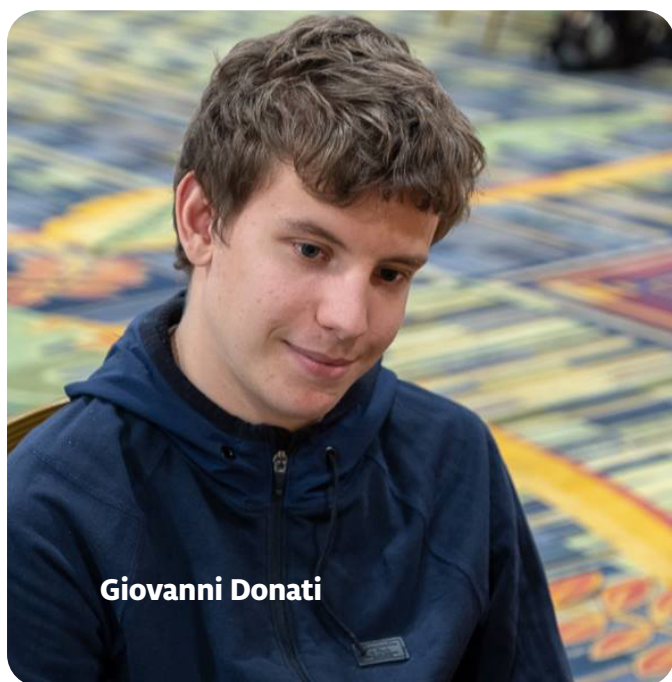
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Quiroga	Beauchet	Poncioni	Sobel
1♥	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1♠ 0-4♠, 6-11
2♠ 16+, 5♥ 4♠

Here West might have considered bidding 3♣ rather than 3NT. South led the ♣7 and declarer took five rounds of the suit followed by the ♠AKQ, no swing.

Alpert v Mixed Play

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Herrera	Hoyos	Tomic	Molson
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		



Giovanni Donati

South led the ♥4 and North won with the queen and returned the ten, declarer winning with dummy's ace, cashing the ♣A, the ♠AK and then playing four rounds of clubs followed by the ♦AK. The last of these saw South, down to ♠J8 ♥J, squeezed in front of dummy. She parted with the ♥J and declarer took the last two tricks with the ♠A and ♥9, +990.

North's return of the ♥10 had left South in control of the heart suit, but declarer would have been unlikely to go wrong.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Brody	Fruscoloni	Dicker
1♥	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1NT 'Forcing, may have 4♠'

South led the ♦J and declarer cashed winners, +460, a loss of 11 IMPs.

Potter v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Michielsen	Donati	Cullin
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

2♣ Gazzilli 2♦ 8+
 2♠ 18+ various hands
 3♥ 5♣5♦
 4♦♥5♦ Cue bid

North led the ♣6 and declarer won with the nine, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed a diamond, cashed the ♣A, ruffed a heart and drew the last trump. 12 tricks were assured, +920.

If you reached 7♣ then one line is to win the trump lead, ruff a heart, cash a diamond, ruff a diamond, cash the ♣A, cash the ♥A, ruff a heart and draw the outstanding trump. Then the ♦K squeezes South in the majors.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Grönkvist	Tebha	I Grönkvist	Rubenstein
1♥	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1NT 'Can have 3♥, 0-7
 2♣ 14-16, 6♥/16+ 'any'
 2♦ Artificial ask

South led the ♣7 and declarer won in dummy and played a diamond for the ten and jack. The club return was taken in dummy and after cashing the ♠AK declarer cashed three more clubs and the top diamonds and then played a spade to the ten, +490, but 10 IMPs away.

Gerry's Juniors v Strawberries

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Setton	Rose	Franceschetti	Bakhshi
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♠4 and declarer took the ace and king and cashed five rounds of clubs before playing a spade to the ten, +490.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Petelko	T Bessis	Retter	V Bessis
1♥	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1NT Semi-forcing
3♦ Natural

South led the ♣7 and declarer won in dummy, cashed another top club and the ♠AK. Three more clubs saw North pitch two diamonds and when declarer played a spade to the queen North discarded another diamond, so declarer's diamonds were good, +520 and an 1MP.



In case you don't know, it's North's birthday today - all presents of IMPs will be gratefully accepted.

Uli v Tulips++

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Jansma	Burgio	Levin	Francesco
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♦2 and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a spade to the ace, ruffed heart, played a spade to the ten and claimed all the tricks, +510.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Primavera	Both	Olivieri	A Jansma
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Donatella Halfon

2♣ Clubs or 16+ any except 5/5 or 6/4
 2♦ 7+ relay
 2♠ 3-4 ♠
 2NT Relay
 3♠ '5♥ 4♠ and a good max strong hand'

I can't tell you what a bid of 3♣ rather than 3♠ would have meant, but locating the club fit is important.

South led the ♠5 and declarer won in dummy, cashed five club and then played a spade to the ten. North had already pitched two diamonds and he partner with another on the third round of spades so +520.

Belhara v Mauberquez

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hugon	A L Tartarin	Maurin	J J Tartarin
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

That's a sequence we have seen before.

South led the ♥4 and declarer ducked, won the second heart (yes, North played the ♥10) and cashed two spades and five clubs, but then played a spade to the queen, +460.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Appertet	Halfon	de Luna	Harari
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♥4 and declarer won in dummy and cashed five clubs followed by the top spades. South had pitched two diamonds, but declarer played a diamond to the ace, +460.

I'll leave you with this thought: if East had responded 2♣ how high do you think EW would have got?



Anne-Laure Tartarin



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