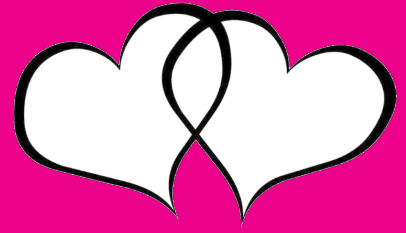


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The Time for Turnips

The Turnips (Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini, Hilda Setton, Anne-Laure Tartarin) won the Round Robin convincingly ahead of Medium Rare, Parker and Just Sippin less than 2 VPs apart.

The most interesting matches in the last round were between the front runners Turnips and multiple champions Alpert, who lingered just outside the top-4 and the Tulips ++ and Just Sippin placed 4th and 5th.

Turnips sent Alpert's champions home early and Just Sippin did the same to the Tulips ++, landing the coveted 4th place.

Turnips picked Just Sippin in the semifinal, and Medium Rare face Parker.

To the right you can see the Turnip's team picture.



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

Thursday May 13

10:30 EST / 16:30 CET – Semifinal 1 (16 boards)



12:50 EST / 18:50 CET – Semifinal 2 (16 boards)



15:10 EST / 21:10 CET – Semifinal 3 (16 boards)

Final Ranking Round Robin

rk	team
1	 TURNIPS Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini, Hilda Setton, Anne-Laure Tartarin
2	 MEDIUM RARE Ebru Balci, Burak Baskan, Shelley Fehrenbach, Riva Salhon, Sinan Tatlicioglu, Cenk Tuncok, Irfan Dogan, Stephannie Culbertson
3	 PARKER Irene Baroni, Giovanni Donati, Adam Grossack, Chris Parker, Stewart Rubenstein, Anam Tebha
4	 JUST SIPPIN Allie Cappelletti, Mike Cappelletti, Kay Enfield, Greg Hinze, Patty Hinze
5	 PATIENTS Christina Lund Madsen, Lia Petelko, Koren Retter, Gerald Sokol, Gergana Teneva, Nikolay Yaninski, Andreas Plejdrup, Julie Sigsgaard, Ella Rosthoj, Andreas Rolf-larsen, Henning Ostergaard, Dessy Malakova
6	 TULIPS ++ Peter Both, Aida Jansma, Jan Jansma, Betty Levin, Mark Thiele, Renee Verdegaal
7	 ALPERT Claire Alpert, Leo Fruscoloni, Charlie Hoyos, Janice Seamon, Alfredo Versace, Juan Carlos Castillo
8	 YOUNG ADULTS Marie Eggeling, Paul Grunke, Louise Selway, Florian Weiss, Erleta Plana, Sjur Nedrebo
9	 PANAMERICANA Nina Benzaquen, Peter Boyd-Bowman, Diego Brenner, Patricia Herrera, Alix Taylor, Alex Hudson, Ruben Dario Cabrera, Gonzalo Herrera
10	 NEW YORKERS Giorgia Botta, Mustafa Cem Tokay, Raluca Dobrescu, Jodi Edmonds, Ted Greenberg, Zach Grossack, Lynne Koeppel, Dave Marker

SEMIFINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 SWUSA	0.1	<u>51</u>	51.1	<u>51</u>	102.1
 ISRAMIX		<u>36</u>	36	<u>38</u>	74

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 TURKISH MIXED	0.1	<u>34</u>	34.1	<u>35</u>	69.1
 LAST MINUTE MIX		<u>41</u>	41	<u>19</u>	60

Results

Future events

Good Technique

By Toine van Hoof



Giovanni Donati made a fine play on Board 13 of Round 4. He was doubled in 4♥ and fetched a useful dummy:

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

It is easy to spot that a club ruff will see declarer home. The defence needs to play ♥A and a heart to prevent this. And the only opponent who can have ♥A2 is North. So declarer needs to hold him off the lead. Donati showed his good technique by discarding the ♠3 in the first trick, a scissors coup. This was the lay-out:

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	M Cappelletti	Donati	A Cappelletti
—	Pass	4♥	Dbl
All Pass			

South led the ♦A. How should East play?

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

South continued with a spade. Donati ruffed, drove out the ♣A, won the club return, ruffed a diamond to his hand, ruffed the ♣9 with the ♥10 and claimed: plus 790.

The auction and the result were duplicated at four other tables. However, here all declarers ruffed the opening lead of a high diamond. In with the ♣A none of the South players found the spade return (in spite of some 9s and 8s of diamonds in the first trick and one ♣10 in the second). They all exited with a club and 4♥ was made in comfort.

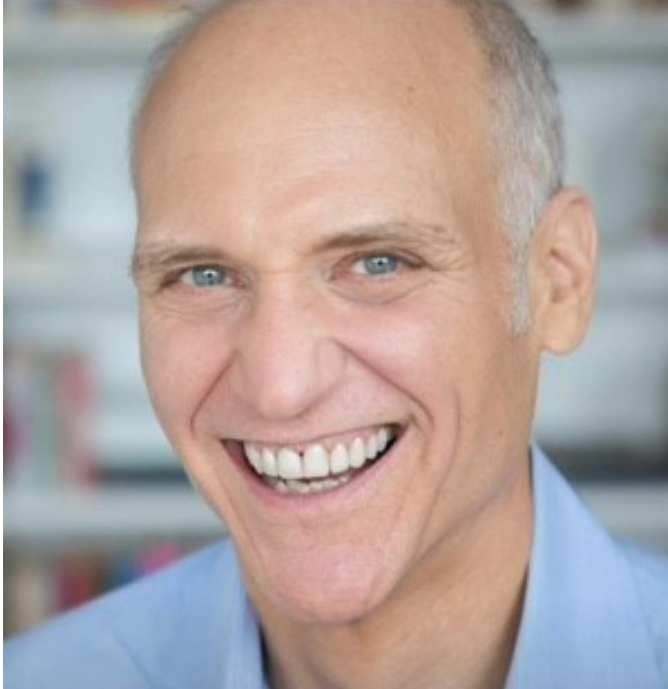


Giovanni Donati
Photo: Peg Kaplan

Meet your Opponent

Ted Greenberg

by Christina Lund Madsen



I received an anonymous tip that we have a star in our midst. Ted Greenberg, who plays for the New Yorkers, is a famous American Comedian and avid bridge player. His sister is Lynne Koepfel and he plays with Raluca Dobrescu in the MMT. We asked Ted some questions about his career and bridge life.

- I am 61 years old and live in New York City.

I was one of early writers for David Letterman's Late Night show for which I won an Emmy.

I've performed a long running stand up show in New York City called "Ted Greenberg's The Complete Performer." At the show's end, a winning group of audience members get driven home in a yellow cab by me. I hope to resume the show in the late summer.

BRIDGE BEGINNINGS.

Our parents taught us bridge as kids. Dad was big on applying bridge concepts to the real world. At the wheel of our car before accelerating on a steep incline, he'd shift to a higher gear and bark "Greenberg safety play!"

When I was a kid, Oswald Jacoby stayed at our house from time to time. He had no idea what day of the week it was, completely lost in games and game theory.

My bridge highlight has been advancing in events on my sister's team. We hope to compete at a high level.

How would your sister describe you in three words?

- My sister would describe me as "her favorite brother."

We are happy welcome Ted to our mixed family and hope to see him in future events.



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What Dreams may Come

By Mark Horton



Do you dream? I do, these days mostly about bridge deals. Last night I dreamt about this deal from yesterday:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Playing in 6NT West leads the ♥J. If declarer wins in hand, crosses to the ♦K and then plays a diamond to the jack, West can switch to a club, setting up a text-book situation.

Do you take the 50% chance that the ♣K is onside, or rely on a 3-3 diamond break? There are a number of factors to take into account (not as many as there would be if declarer cashes the ♠AK before touching diamonds) but you might decide to take the finesse. Tricky game this bridge.

Anyhow, after yesterday's exciting deals it would not have surprised me in the least if the Great Shuffler had taken a 'time-out' and delivered something a little less hard on the nerves. I was late getting to the tables - and when I finally arrived I discovered that slams continued to be the order of the day.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

EW have no immediate losers, but only nine top tricks. 6♠ looks reasonable - with decent breaks it should come home.

Patients v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	L. Madsen	Rubenstein	Sokol
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣, maybe 4♦
 1♥ Spades
 4♦ Cue
 4NT RKCB
 5♥ 2 key cards
 5NT King ask

Spades 2-2 and diamonds 3-3 - happy days for declarer, who played on cross-ruff lines after drawing trumps, making sure she took the last trick with the ♦7, which in some circles is regarded with reverence.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Retter	A Grossack	Petelko	Parker
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♥*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

2♥ Transfer
 3♠ Maximum, 4♠+
 5♣ Exclusion Blackwood
 5NT 2 key cards +♠Q
 6♥ Grand slam try

That strikes me as a very sound auction - but it resulted in the loss of 11 IMPs.

Lynne Koeppel and Zach Grossack also bid the grand slam via 1♣-1♠-4♠-5♣-5NT-7♠ - and collected the same 11 IMPs for the New Yorkers against Young Adults.



Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

6♥ is playable, but would anyone bid it, or if they did, make it?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	L. Madsen	Rubenstein	Sokol
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Declarer won the spade lead with dummy's ace, crossed to the ♦K and played to ruff two diamonds, finishing with 11 tricks, +450.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Retter	A Grossack	Petelko	Parker
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

4♣ Splinter
 4♠ RKCB
 5♣ 0/3 key cards



Adam Grossack

East led the ♥4 and declarer won with dummy's seven, played a diamond to the king, a spade to the king, ruffed a diamond, went back to dummy with the ♠J and ruffed the ♦J with the ♥A. He overtook the ♥Q and drew trumps. When he cashed the ♦A West was down to ♠109 ♣AK and discarded the ♣K. Declarer played a spade to the queen and exited with the ♣9, forcing West to surrender the all-important twelfth trick to dummy. A stepping-stone squeeze!

In total, 6 pairs bid 6♥, two of them making the contract easily when East led a trump declarer winning in dummy and playing a club. West won and tried forcing dummy with the remaining top club.

However, make the opening lead a spade (or a trump, West winning a club at trick two and exiting with a spade) and declarer can easily go down - three players did. Suppose declarer wins the spade switch in hand, ruffs a club and comes back to hand with a diamond.

Now ruffing a second club will fail as the cards lie. The double-dummy line of crossing to dummy with a spade, cashing the ♦A, ruffing a diamond and then ruffing a club works, as declarer can then cash the ♦J thanks to the 4-1 trump split.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

By now everyone will know the joke about London buses appearing two at a time - but here was a third slam in a row.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	L. Madsen	Rubenstein	Sokol
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

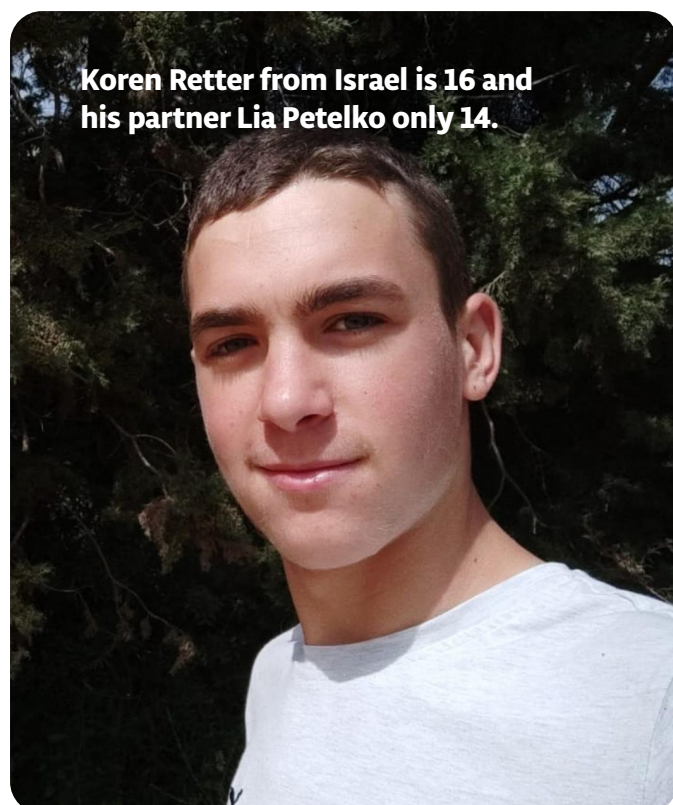
2♣ Game forcing
 2NT 5+♥ and 8+
 4NT RKCB
 5♣ 1/4 key cards
 5NT Kings?
 6♥ ♥K

That was +1430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Retter	A Grossack	Petelko	Parker
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2♦ Waiting
2NT 21-23
3♣ Semi-puppet
3NT 5♠
4♦ 'Transfer to hearts'
4♥ 'Maybe Blackwood in diamonds, I'm not sure'
4NT 'Not KC, either control or quantitative'
5♦ 'Sign off if 4NT is 0 key for ♦'
5NT Pick a slam

A complex auction that delivered a push.



Koren Retter from Israel is 16 and his partner Lia Petelko only 14.

The match between Turnips and Medium Rare featured a classic scenario - one side stopped in 4♠ while the other went all the way to 7♠.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

♠ K
♥ A 10 7 6
♦ A K 10 8 4
♣ A K Q

♠ A J 10 8 5 4
♥ Q
♦ 3
♣ J 8 7 5 2

♠ Q 9 3
♥ J 9 8 4 2
♦ 7
♣ 10 6 4 3

♠ 7 6 2
♥ K 5 3
♦ Q J 9 6 5 2
♣ 9

6♦ looks easy enough (especially if South happens to open 2♦) and 6 pairs managed it, some of them having to cope with an opening bid of 2♠/1♠ from West.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	L. Madsen	Rubenstein	Sokol
—	—	—	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

The preempt made life much tougher. Who knows what North would have done had South bid 5♦. (I'm sure the Editor will tell us - and my guess is she would raise to 6♦.)

Horton's analysis is correct, something he takes modest pride in. ☺

The South bidding problem strikes me as the most interesting; yet we cannot compare to the other tables as only in this match West opened 4♠ - most other tables opened 2♠, one passed and one opted for 1♠. Six of our 10 tables reached 6♦. /ed.

North cashed the top clubs, South discarding the two and five of diamonds. With no entry to dummy declarer would have been forced to drop the ♠K, but when North cashed the ♦A and continued with the ♦10 declarer could shed a heart from hand while ruffing in dummy. Naturally she then took the spade finesse, so two down, -300.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Retter	A Grossack	Petelko	Parker
—	—	—	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

There was no ruff and discard this time, so declarer was forced to fells the ♠K, no swing.

You may recall that yesterday I left you with a problem after a sequence (4♠)-4NT-6♣. What should you bid with
♠A ♥9754 ♦AKQJ4 ♣863?

I opted for 7♣. The rationale is that you assume partner has a singleton spade (he is not bidding 6♣ with ♠xx and with a void he might have responded 5♠). His hand was ♠5 ♥AJ63 ♦8 ♣AKQ10972.

As it happens the method of using 4NT to show two places to play might also have worked well on Board 15 - South responds 5♦ which shows no interest in playing in clubs, so must indicate that any values South has are in the red suits, making a raise to 6♦ more attractive.

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