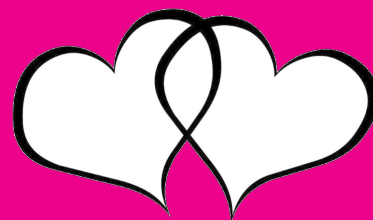


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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The Rabbit Hunts

After day 1 Smart Rabbit (the Israeli national mixed team) was in a surprising last position. 2 x 20 VPs in a slammy set of boards yesterday fixed that and now the Rabbits are chasing the Dragons, Juniors and Turnips ahead.

Our American delegates are happy the ranking can change so rapidly since for the first time in MMT-history all our US teams inhabit the lower part of the ranking table.

We predict this scoreboard will not last long so we take this opportunity to subtly point it out by posting the current standings on the front page of the bulletin...

Best of luck to all our teams today, European as American. We are all united during these times.

Ranking after round 4		
rk	team	VPs
1	TURNIPS	56.07
2	GERMAN JUNIORS +	51.30
3	SNAPDRAGON	49.37
4	SMART RABBIT	47.16
5	MIXSTERS	45.44
6	CREDS	45.08
7	BENTLEY	41.91
8	ALPERT	41.58
9	NOR'EASTER	30.19
10	MARCH HARES	29.45
11	COAST 2 COAST	27.10
12	BLIZZARD	15.35

All players should enter BBO 5 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

March 2nd

10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – R5 (16 boards)

12:15 EST / 18:15 CET – R6 (16 boards)

Same schedule throughout the week

Results & Draw

Draw Round 3

Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 TURNIPS	 SNAPDRAGON
2	 GERMAN JUNIORS +	 SMART RABBIT
3	 MIXSTERS	 CREDS
4	 BENTLEY	 NOR'EASTER
5	 ALPERT	 BLIZZARD
6	 MARCH HARES	 COAST 2 COAST

Ranking after round 4

rk	team	VPs	Adj	IMPs
1	 TURNIPS Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini, Hilda Setton, Anne laure Tartarin	56.07		72
2	 GERMAN JUNIORS + Victoria Di Bacco, Sven Fariwg, Thomas Gotard, Oliver Hevemeier, Mareille Holewa, Philipp Pabst, Mona Rieger, Michael Scheider, Stefan Weber, Andreas Bauer	51.30		50
3	 SNAPDRAGON David Gold, Maggie Knottenbelt, Diana Nettleton, Thomas Paske, Marusa Gold	49.37		46
4	 SMART RABBIT Ilan Bareket, Ronnie Barr, Ilan Cohen, Ron Pachtman, Nathalie Saada, Dana Tal, Noga Tal, Yaniv Zack	47.16		65
5	 MIXSTERS Nina Benzaquen, Diego Brenner, Johan Hammelev, Camilla Krefeld, Gergana Teneva, Nikolay Yaninski, Ann Karin Fuglestad, Ole Fuglestad, Anders Brogeland, Tonje Brogeland	45.44		33
6	 CREDS Alejandro Bianchedi, Margie Cole, Gary Donner, Jodi Edmonds, Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt, Debbie Rosenberg, Andrew Rosenthal, Joel Wooldridge	45.08		20
7	 BENTLEY Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Lynne Koeppel, Myra Kolton, Anam Tebha, Steve Zolotow	41.91		6
8	 ALPERT Claire Alpert, Charlie Hoyos, Janice Seamon-Molson, Alfredo Versace	41.58		11
9	 NOR'EASTER Carolyn Bitetti, Juan Felipe Cuervo, Stan Piltch, Phil Stashenko, Mine Usluel, Rita Vachani, Christopher Donelly	30.19		-64
10	 MARCH HARES Parul Jain, Lia Petelko, Jim Rasmussen, Koren Retter, Linda Robinson, Eric Schwartz, Stew Rubenstein	29.45		-45
11	 COAST 2 COAST Peter Boyd-Bowman, Kim Gilman, Robin Hillyard, Jane McLaughlin, Alix Taylor, Ethan Wood	27.10		-68
12	 BLIZZARD Paul Bay, Tracy Burlock, Sam Gallo, Kate Sears, Dori Senerchia, Fred Wardwell, Jory Agate, Carolyn Bitetti	15.35		-126

Next Event: May Mixed Teams May 2-5

Registration: mmt.bridgeresults.org

This Sporting Life

Round 3 & 4

By Mark Horton



In order to protect the integrity of global sports competitions and for the safety of all the participants, the IOC EB recommends that International Sports Federations and sports event organisers not invite or allow the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials in international competitions.

IOC EB 28 February 2022

The two Russian teams competing in the upcoming World Championships will play under the title Russian Bridge League and carry the WBF flag (assuming they can find a way to get to Salsomaggiore). No doubt this will be debated at length, but lest we forget the WBF's motto is Bridge for Peace.

There was nothing peaceful about the deals the players encountered on the second day of the World Warm up Mixed Teams. We start with Round 3:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

An exciting deal where EW have most of the ammunition. With favourable breaks there are 13 tricks on top, but with diamonds 5-0 you might not fancy your chances in 7NT.

In the top three matches a small slam was bid and made at every table.

Bentley v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	A Grossack	Versace	Kolton
1NT	3♥	Dble*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥*	Pass
5♦	Pass	7NT	All Pass

North led the ♣10 and declarer won with the king and played a diamond to the king, North discarding the ♣2. Declarer cashed her minor suit winners ending in hand, played a heart to the jack, cashed the ace and came to hand with a spade. When she cashed the ♥K South, down to ♠ Q 9 ♦ J had no answer, +2220.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Koeppel	Hoyos	Z Grossack	S. Molson
1♦*	2♥	Dble*	Pass
2NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Declarer won the club lead in hand and immediately played a heart to the jack. She unblocked the ♥A and then played three rounds of diamonds.

Claire Alpert made
7N



North had cunningly discarded the ♥7 on the first round and South was careful not to play the ♦7. Forgetting that North had shown out on the first round and miscounting her tricks declarer played a fourth diamond and that gave South two tricks in the suit and 20 IMPs.

Snapdragon v Coast 2 Coast

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
McLaughlin	Gold	Wood	Knottenbelt
1♦	2♥*	Dble*	Pass
2NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

North's ♣10 was taken by the king and declarer cashed three diamonds and then took three clubs ending in dummy. At this point declarer's only winning option is to cash the ♥A and then run the jack. North wins, but the ♥K will squeeze

South in the pointed suits. When declarer came to hand with the ♠A the contract could no longer be made.

She played a spade to the king and cashed the ♥A before exiting with a spade which allowed South to score the last three tricks for two down, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Boyd-Bowman	Paske	Taylor
1♦	2♥	Dble*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♣	Pass	7NT	All Pass

3♥ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♥ 2 key cards
5NT Kings?

North led the ♣10 and declarer won in hand, played a diamond to dummy, a spade to the ace and took the heart finesse. She then cashed her winners, eventually replicating the squeeze on South I have already described by taking the ♥K, +2220 and another 20 IMP swing.

Blizzard v Smart Rabbit

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zack	Senerchia	Barr	Bay
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Dble	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

North's delayed entry into the auction saw EW elect to defend. West led the ♠A and continued with the seven, East winning and cashing the ♥A. That allowed declarer to score five tricks, -800.

In the fulness of time South was squeezed by the ♥K for +1440 and 12 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wardwell	N Tal	Burlock	Pachtmann
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6NT	All Pass

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

There were no alerts, but it is safe to assume that 2♣ was game forcing and that West admitted to the possession of 2 key cards.

Declarer won the club lead, cashed dummy's ♦KQ and then took the ♥A and ran the jack, losing to North's queen.

You would expect everyone to reach 4♠, but three pairs stopped short and another tried 3NT (which they made when North led the ♦2). Clearly there is work to do to make 4♠.

World Championship Book Salsomaggiore 2022

The official book of the World Championships in Italy will be released on or before the start of the World Bridge Series in Wroclaw later this year.

The principal contributors will be *Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, Mark Horton, Marek Wojcicki, Daniel Gulyas & Ron Tacchi*.

The book will include 300 pages of all results, photographs and extensive coverage of the four championship events.



The book will be available from bridge suppliers around the world at the official retail price of £25, US\$35 and €30.

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Turnips v March Hares

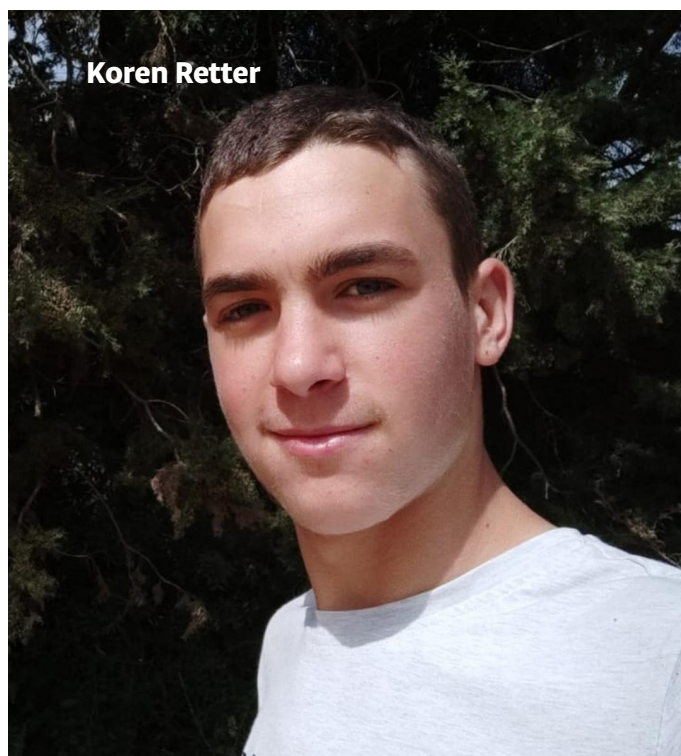
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Retter	Franceschetti	Petelko	Setton
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

- 2♣ Relay to 2♦
- 2♦ Relay
- 2♠ Invitational

North led the ♠4 and declarer won with the ace and played the ♥6 for the ten and queen followed by a heart to the jack and ace. North exited with a heart and declarer ruffed and drew trumps. Now the winning move is to cash the ♥K which is awkward for South. Discarding a club allows declarer to do the same and then play three rounds of clubs, ruffing before playing a low diamond from dummy and putting up the queen (by no means easy!). Pitching a diamond allows declarer to play a low diamond to the queen and then duck the next round.

In practice declarer tried a Reese style manoeuvre by playing the ♦J. When South failed to cover declarer was soon claiming, +620.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Rubenstein	Tartarin	Robinson
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		



Koren Retter

North led the ♠4 and declarer won with dummy's queen and played a heart to the jack and ace. When North switched to ace and another diamond declarer's problem was solved, +620 and no swing.

Bentley v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	A Grossack	Versace	Kolton
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♠8 for the ten, jack and ace and declarer played the ♥J, North winning and exiting with a spade. Declarer won in dummy, cashed the ♥KQ and then took the top clubs and ruffed a club. She ruffed a heart but North could overruff and there were two diamonds to lose, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Koeppel	Hoyos	Z Grossack	S. Molson
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣
 2NT Asking
 3♥ 4♠, minimum

A spade lead for the ten, jack and ace saw declarer play the ♥J and North won and exited with a spade. Declarer won in dummy, cashed the top clubs and ruffed a club and then drew the outstanding trump on which South pitched the ♦6. Cashing the top hearts was fine but declarer then needed to play a low diamond. Alas she tried a heart which meant there was no longer any play for the contract, -100 and a flat board.



Yaniv Zack

parted with a club so declarer could play to ruff a club and finished with 11 tricks and +650.

Blizzard v Smart Rabbit

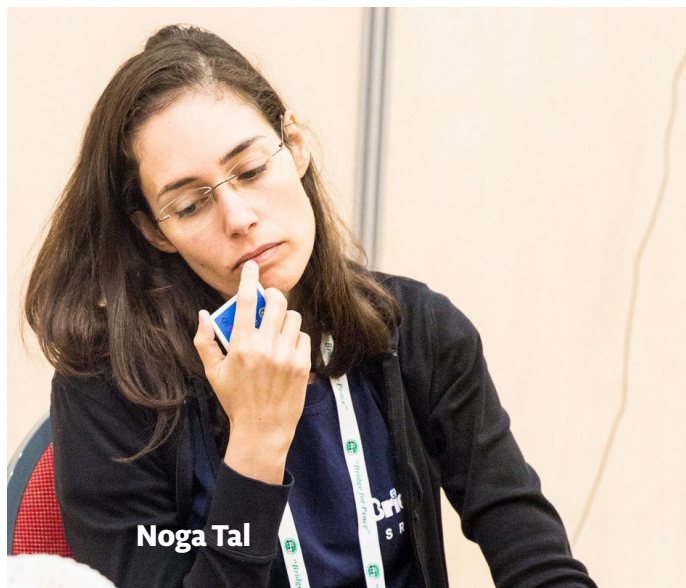
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zack	Senerchia	Barr	Bay
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♣J and declarer won with the king, played a spade to the king and a heart to the jack and ace. When North returned a spade declarer drew trumps and South pitched heart.

That got declarer up to ten tricks and when he cashed dummy's hearts South

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wardwell	N Tal	Burlock	Pachtmann
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♣J and declarer won and drew trumps South pitching the ♦6. When declarer continued with the ♥J North won and returned the ♣10, declarer winning with the ace and cashing dummy's top hearts. On the second of them declarer pitched a diamond rather than a club and now had no winning move, -100 and a 13 IMP swing.



Noga Tal

To my disappointment no-one opened the North hand 2♥ to show a limited three suiter with at least four hearts.

In Round 4 the deals offered plenty of scope and many IMPs changed hands.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A K 7 6 5
♥ 8 3
♦ A Q 6 4
♣ A 7

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

♠ 9
♥ A K Q J 9 7 6
♦ K 5 3
♣ 5 4

A grand slam where the tricks are on top saw three pairs stop in game and on each occasion they were punished to the fullest extent when their counterparts bid all the way to seven for 14 IMP pick-ups.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ A Q 3 2
♥ Q 9 4 3
♦ 2
♣ A Q 10 2

♠ 9 8 6 4
♥ 10
♦ 10 8 7 5
♣ K 8 5 4

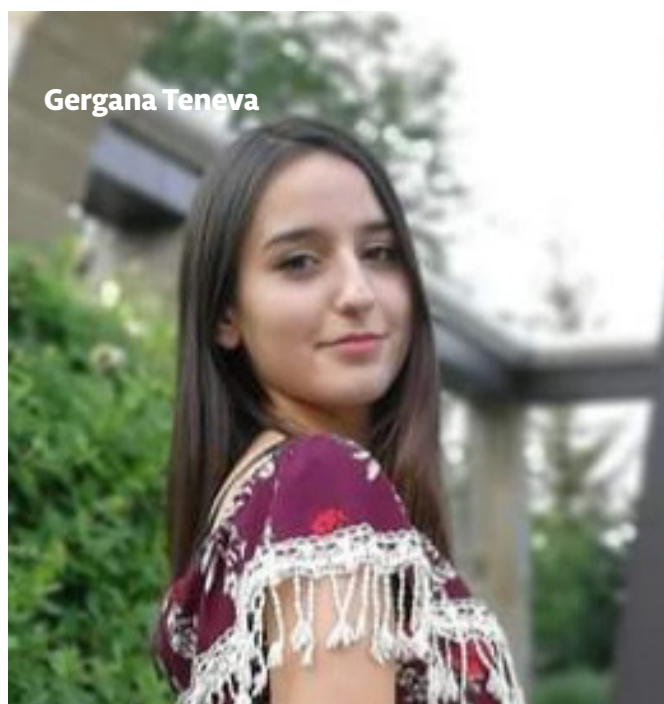
♠ 7 5
♥ A K 7
♦ K Q J 6 4 3
♣ J 7

♠ K J 10
♥ J 8 6 5 2
♦ A 9
♣ 9 6 3

Obviously you want to be in 4♥ with these cards, but three pairs stopped short, two of them after the sequence:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
—	1♣	1♦	1♥
3♦	3♥	All Pass	Pass

I have beaten this drum before, but when North supports hearts South's fifth trump becomes an important card, roughly the equivalent of an additional king which makes it clear to advance to game.



Gergana Teneva

No West opened 3♣ which goes to show that there are at least 12 players who are not as mad as me.

Mixters v Bentley

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zolotow	Yaninski	Tebha	Teneva
Pass	1♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♠	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

1♣ 16+ any
 2♥ 12+, 5+♥
 4♣ Cue
 4NT RKCB
 5♦ 0/3 key cards
 5NT Kings?
 6♠ ♠K

West led the ♣K and declarer claimed at trick two, +1510.

Were South to be unable to restrain herself opposite a Strong Club and immediately jump to 4NT North can simply show the number of 'real' aces he holds as no suit has been agreed.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
T Brogeland	A Grossack	A Brogeland	Kolton
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

North might have bid 5♣ over 4♥, and he can then bid 5♠ over South's 5♦ but would that be enough for South to go on to seven? Probably. +1010 meant the loss of 11 IMPs.

March Hares v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Rubenstein	Versace	Robinson
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Here North got a cue bid in at the four level, but perhaps fearing that 4♠ might be passed he settled for the small slam, +1010. He might have tried 4NT which would reveal that South's suit was headed by the ♥AKQ. Then 5NT would locate the ♦K which should be enough for North to press the button (possibly not the best expression to use at the moment!).

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Retter	Hoyos	Petelko	S. Molson
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♦*	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

4♣ Cue 4NT RKCB
 5♦ 0/3 key cards

North's reply to 5NT was accompanied by the note 'No explanation available'. +1520 was worth 14 IMPs.



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