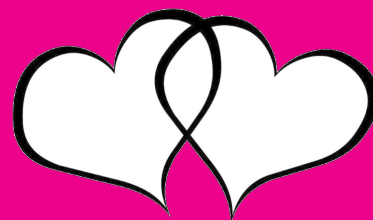


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Victorious Turnips

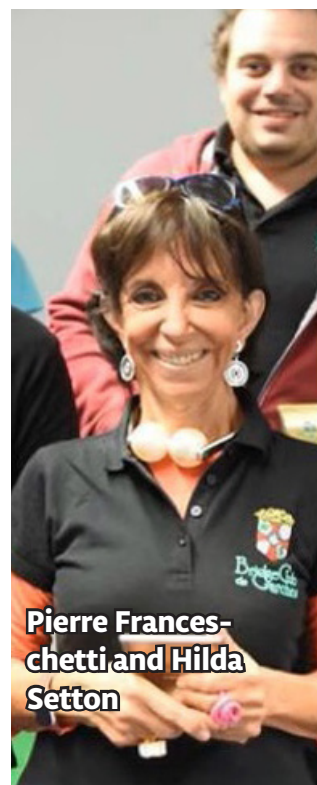
The excitement for the top spot was not as hoped for before the last match. Turnips (Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini, Hilda Setton, Anne Laure Tartarin) were leading by almost a full match and despite the Snapdragons' attempts at starting a fire, Turnips won solidly with 119.32 VPs, knocking the Snapdragons (David Gold, Maggie Knottenbelt, Diana Nettleton, Thomas Paske, Marusa Gold) down to 4th.

Alpert (Claire Alpert, Charlie Hoyos, Janice Seamon-Molson, Alfredo Versace, Luisana Madueno) took the silver with 95.69 VPs after beating Bentley in the last match and Smart Rabbit (Ilan Bareket, Ronnie Barr, Ilan Cohen, Ron Pachtman, Nathalie Saada, Dana Tal, Noga Tal, Yaniv Zack) seized the bronze with 91.77 VPs. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all participants for the entertainment and nice atmosphere.

Best of luck to the players competing in the upcoming Spring Nationals and World Championships.

We hope to see most of you back in early May.

Denis & Christina



Pierre Franceschetti and Hilda Setton

"As always thank you my incredible partner Pierre and superb team of Anne Laure and Cedric who were rock solid during all the matches. Really could not wish for a better team."

- Hilda Setton

Next Event

May 2-5

Registration:

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Final Ranking

Round 8

All Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	TURNIPS	SNAPDRAGON	16	39	10			16.58	3.42
2	BENTLEY	ALPERT	16	32	55			4.44	15.56
3	CREDS	SMART RABBIT	16	28	54			3.91	16.09
4	MIXSTERS	GERMAN JUNIORS +	16	28	31			9.09	10.91
5	COAST 2 COAST	NOR'EASTER	16	38	32			11.76	8.24
6	BLIZZARD	MARCH HARES	16	16	47			3.12	16.88

Ranking after round 8

rk	team	VPs	Adj	IMPs
1	TURNIPS Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini, Hilda Setton, Anne laure Tartarin	119.32		180
2	ALPERT Claire Alpert, Charlie Hoyos, Janice Seamon-Molson, Alfredo Versace, Luisana Madueno	95.69		78
3	SMART RABBIT Ilan Bareket, Ronnie Barr, Ilan Cohen, Ron Pachtman, Nathalie Saada, Dana Tal, Noga Tal, Yaniv Zack	91.77		86
4	SNAPDRAGON David Gold, Maggie Knottenbelt, Diana Nettleton, Thomas Paske, Marusa Gold	90.64		55
5	BENTLEY Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Lynne Koeppel, Myra Kolton, Anam Tebha, Steve Zolotow	87.38		54
6	MIXSTERS Nina Benzaquen, Diego Brenner, Johan Hammelev, Camilla Krefeld, Gergana Teneva, Nikolay Yaninski, Ann Karin Fuglestad, Ole Fuglestad, Anders Brogeland, Tonje Brogeland, Catharina Ahlesved, Krister Ahlesved, Christina Lund Madsen, Tom Hunt	84.53		46
7	CREDS Alejandro Bianchedi, Margie Cole, Gary Donner, Jodi Edmonds, Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt, Debbie Rosenberg, Andrew Rosenthal, Joel Wooldridge	83.02		21
8	GERMAN JUNIORS + Victoria Di Bacco, Sven Fariwg, Thomas Gotard, Oliver Hevemeier, Mareille Holewa, Philipp Pabst, Mona Rieger, Michael Scheider, Stefan Weber, Andreas Bauer	80.02		-19
9	COAST 2 COAST Peter Boyd-Bowman, Kim Gilman, Robin Hillyard, Jane McLaughlin, Alix Taylor, Ethan Wood, Cicilla Borrás, Bart Buffington	64.98		-113
10	NOR'EASTER Carolyn Bitetti, Juan Felipe Cuervo, Stan Pilch, Phil Stashenko, Mine Usluel, Rita Vachani, Christopher Donelly	61.45		-102
11	MARCH HARES Parul Jain, Lia Petelko, Jim Rasmussen, Koren Retter, Linda Robinson, Eric Schwartz, Stew Rubenstein, Andreas Abragi	55.02		-112
12	BLIZZARD Paul Bay, Tracy Burlock, Sam Gallo, Kate Sears, Dori Senerchia, Fred Wardwell, Jory Agate, Carolyn Bitetti	46.18		-174

Next Event: May Mixed Teams May 2-5

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Then there were None

Round 7 & 8

By Mark Horton



On 2nd March the World Bridge Federation's Management Committee met to discuss the impact of the war in the Ukraine. In accordance with the resolution of the IOC, the committee unanimously decided to not allow the Russian National Teams to participate in the World 2021 World Bridge Teams Championship to be held in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy. from 27 March to 9 April 2022.

Moving swiftly on, with two rounds remaining the podium places appeared to lie between the four teams occupying the top two tables in Round 7.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Turnips v Bentley

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Z Grossack	Franceschetti	Koeppel	Setton
—	1♦	Dble	1♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
6♠	All Pass		

North led the ♦K so declarer escaped for one down, -50.

I was going to write about the bidding but then I remembered something my mother told me, 'If you can't think of anything nice to say, better say nothing at all'.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	A Grossack	Tartarin	Kolton
—	1♦	Dble	1♥
2♦*	Pass	2♥	3♦
4♦	Pass	4♥	Dble
4♠	All Pass		

2♦ Cue

North led the ♥K and continued the suit, so +420 and 10 IMPs.

Snapdragon v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	D Gold	Versace	Knottenbelt
—	1♦	Dble	1♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
5♠	All Pass		

North led the ♥K and continued with the four and in due course declarer had to lose a club, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Hoyos	Paske	S. Molson
—	1♦	Dble	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♦K so a heart went away and declarer was +450 and 11 IMPs richer.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Turnips v Bentley

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Z Grossack	Franceschetti	Koeppel	Setton
—	1NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠6 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♥3. When West took the queen declarer cold claim, +1440.

Not easy for East to lead the ♣J!



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	A Grossack	Tartarin	Kolton
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

East led the ♣J and declarer ducked, won the spade switch, drew trumps, cashed three more spades and having squeezed West down to two hearts and two clubs then tried running the ♥J.

Had West been dealt the ♥1072 it would have been the hand of the tournament. Here it simply resulted in the loss of 17 IMPs.

Snapdragon v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	D Gold	Versace	Knottenbelt
—	1NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠5 and declarer won in dummy and played the ♥3, +1440.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Hoyos	Paske	S. Molson
—	1NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

An identical auction and an identical lead, +1440 so no swing.

If the Editor indulges me, I will mention the time I was playing with the mercurial Roman Smolski in a club duplicate in Nottingham and the bidding started 2NT-Pass-6NT at which point Roman over-called 7♣ which I alerted.



Myra Kolton

When my right-hand opponent enquired I explained that we played Asptro over notrumps. My retreat to 7♦ (denying three hearts!) was doubled but I managed to make enough tricks to lose only 1400 – a complete top against the array of +1440s that adorned the traveller.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Turnips v Bentley

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Z Grossack	Franceschetti	Koeppel	Setton
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣

North led the ♥3 and declarer took dummy's ace and ran the ♣9, North winning with the queen and continuing with the ♥8. South won with the king and returned the jack and North overtook it with the queen and cashed the ♥10 before switching to a spade, still good enough for two down, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	A Grossack	Tartarin	Kolton
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ Relay

South led the ♥7 and declarer took North's queen with the ace and ran the ♣9, North winning with the queen as South followed with the six. Back came the ♥10 and the defenders were happy enough with one down, -100.

Snapdragon v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	D Gold	Versace	Knottenbelt
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

2♦ One round force

South led the ♦5 for the ten and ace and declarer ran the ♣9, North winning with the queen and returning the ♥3. South won with the seven and returned the nine and declarer won, played a diamond to the king and exited with a diamond, North winning and returning a heart. Declarer ruffed and played a club to the ten which meant he was six down, -600.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Hoyos	Paske	S. Molson
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣

When South led the ♠2 declarer won with the jack and played a club to the ten and jack. There was nothing the defenders could do to prevent nine tricks, +600 and 15 IMPs.

One could describe South's choice as unlucky – as it happens either red suit would have been a killer, especially a heart.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K 3 2
♥ A K 10
♦ 8 6 4
♣ Q J 2

♠ Q 7
♥ Q 7 3
♦ Q 10 9
♣ 10 8 7 6 4

♠ 8 6 5
♥ J 9 6 5 4
♦ J 7 5 2
♣ 9

♠ J 10 9 4
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 3
♣ A K 5 3

Turnips v Bentley

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Z Grossack	Franceschetti	Koeppel	Setton
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

3♥ Slam try in spades

West led the ♣4 and declarer won with dummy's queen, came to hand with a diamond and ran the ♠9 for a disappointing +710.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	A Grossack	Tartarin	Kolton
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

West led the ♣8 and with the ♠Q onside that was +1440 and 12 IMPs.



Snapdragon v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	D Gold	Versace	Knottenbelt
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3♥ Slam try in spades

Declarer collected 12 tricks, +690.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Hoyos	Paske	S. Molson
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

3♥ Fit in spades

4NT RKCB

5♦ 0/3 key cards

5♥ ♠Q?

That meant +1460 and 13 IMPs.



Janice Seamon
Molson

East led the ♠J and West won and returned the queen to declarer's king. As declarer cashed his red winners East parted with a couple of clubs, which pointed declarer in the right direction, +490.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	A Grossack	Tartarin	Kolton
Pass	1NT	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

The bidding and play were more or less identical, so no swing.

Snapdragon v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	D Gold	Versace	Knottenbelt
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠J and West took the ace and returned the queen, declarer ducking, cashing and claiming the rest when West switched to the ♣3, +460 but a loss of 11 IMPs.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Hoyos	Paske	S. Molson
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

2NT ♦ or weak 5♦+5♣
5♦ 3 key cards

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Turnips v Bentley

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Z Grossack	Franceschetti	Koeppel	Setton
Pass	1NT	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠J and West took the ace and returned the queen to declarer's king. Declarer unblocked the ♦K10, played a heart to the king and cashed three diamonds discarding two spades and a club. Two rounds of hearts ending in hand left declarer with the club guess. When he opted to cash the king he had chosen wisely, +990.

Turnips defeated Bentley 58-30, 16.42-3.58 VP which left them on 102.74. Snapdragon had edged past Alpert 57-52, 11.48-8.52 VP which left then in second place, with 87.22. The opera singer was not quite in full voice, but she was certainly warming up.

Round 8

Brief Moments in Time

At the start of the last round Turnips were all but home. However, if Snapdragon could get off to a good start....

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Turnips v Snapdragon

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Knottenbelt	Franceschetti	D Gold	Setton
—	1♦	1♠	Dble*
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	Dble
All Pass			



David Gold

In theory 3♠ has no real chance, and South cashed the top clubs and then switched to a heart, North taking the king and ace and then returning the ♠2. Declarer won with the ace, ruffed a club, played a spade to the king, cashed the ♦K and then took two rounds of spades forcing North to lead into the diamond tenace for -100.

Suppose declarer plays low on the spade switch? He wins in dummy, plays a diamond to the ten and can take all the remaining tricks for a useful start.

North could have avoided this potential disaster by switching to the ♠J or the ♣Q.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Paske	Tartarin	Nettleton
—	1♦	1♠	Dble*
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

East led the ♠A and switched to a club but declarer could win and play a trump, soon claiming nine tricks, +110 and a flat board.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Knottenbelt	Franceschetti	D Gold	Setton
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♣	2♦	2♠	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

With a single diamond stopper and no help in clubs East took the brave decision to let matters rest in 3♣.

Declarer took North's lead of the ♠Q with dummy's ace, drew trumps, played a heart to the king and a spade towards the jack, finishing with ten tricks, +130.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Paske	Tartarin	Nettleton
—	—	—	Pass
3NT*	All Pass		

3NT Solid minor

North led the ♥A and switched to the ♦10 but when declarer played low from dummy South contributed the jack and declarer claimed 10 tricks and 11 IMPs.

This, along with swings either side of it left Turnips ahead 24-0. As the match drew to a close there was one more big swing:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Knottenbelt	Franceschetti	D Gold	Setton
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♥5 for the king and ace and declarer played a diamond to dummy's ace and a second diamond, West discarding

spades as East won the third round with the queen. No wiser than on the lead East continued hearts declarer soon had ten tricks, +430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Paske	Tartarin	Nettleton
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

When NS followed a sequence that suggested they were not over-endowed with points West produced a Flint like ‘Tiger Double’. In many partnerships it asks partner to lead their shortest major, in others it relates to a specific suit, usually spades.

Playing in the Sunday Times event Omar Sharif saw the bidding go 2NT-3NT and was looking at [AKQJx and he doubled for a spade lead. However, his partner proved to be void in the suit!

Here East was in no doubt as to the meaning and led the ♠K followed by the seven which gave the defenders the first five tricks and still left declarer with some work to do. West exited with the ♥J and declarer took the ace and cashed the ♦K.

When West’s ten appeared he crossed to the ♣A and then played two more rounds of clubs. His mind made up, he ran the ♦J to restrict the penalty to -100, still an 11 IMP loss.

Lorenzini was not alone; for the Mixsters Tom Hunt found the same double and was rewarded the same +100.

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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.

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



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