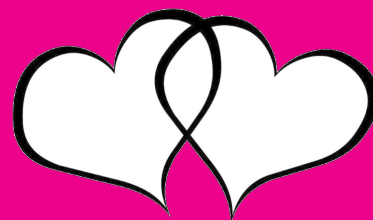


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Long Missed

It has been six months since our last event. Luckily because of competition from live tournaments like the recent World Championships in Wroclaw, Poland. Here many MMT-regulars played each other in person and many of you encouraged us to host more events. So we planned one spontaneously upon our return and are happy to be back.

Apart from seeing so many of you live, we also have a lot of fresh pictures thanks to the World Bridge Federation. We have recycled many picture during the long pandemic and we guarantee you all look just like before Covid...

Yet we cannot only be happy to see long missed friends again, we also have to mourn some who have passed during the last six months. We have lost two of our most loyal participants, Eric Schwatz and Gary Donner, and we will remember them in this and tomorrow's bulletin.

If we look at the standings after two matches, The Americans have taken the lead with Parker ahead of Meadow and Mixing it up.



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

September 20th

10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – R3 (16 boards)

12:15 EST / 18:15 CET – R4 (16 boards)









Same schedule throughout the week

Results & Draw

Draw Round 3

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 <u>MIXING IT UP</u>	 <u>PARKER</u>
2	 <u>CROCODILE</u>	 <u>SNAPDRAGON</u>
3	 <u>PATALIX</u>	 <u>JUNIORS & OLD BOYS</u>
4	 <u>MEADOW</u>	 <u>TURNIPS</u>

Draw Round 4

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 <u>PARKER</u>	 <u>CROCODILE</u>
2	 <u>JUNIORS & OLD BOYS</u>	 <u>MIXING IT UP</u>
3	 <u>SNAPDRAGON</u>	 <u>MEADOW</u>
4	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	 <u>PATALIX</u>

Results

Ranking after round 2		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <u>PARKER</u>	34.76
2	 <u>MEADOW</u>	27.48
3	 <u>MIXING IT UP</u>	25.02
4	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	22.91
5	 <u>JUNIORS & OLD BOYS</u>	18.99
6	 <u>SNAPDRAGON</u>	13.44
7	 <u>CROCODILE</u>	12.30
8	 <u>PATALIX</u>	5.10

Under Orders

Round 1

By Mark Horton



The Editor dropped me a line yesterday - Are you busy or do you feel like writing about a board from 8 different perspectives?

Well, apart from having two books to edit, a new issue of Bridgerama US to work on and the small matter of the Wrocław World Championship book, I'm at a loose end so naturally I said yes (never turn down a request from a World Champion). This was from the first match of the day:

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

This looked like it had potential points of interest.

Would South open 1♣ or 1♠?

How high would EW compete in diamonds (given the vulnerability)?

Would NS bid a slam?

If NS reached 6♥ would East find the essential spade lead?

Patalix v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Boyd-Bowman	Tebha	Taylor
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♦	3♣
3♦	4♣	4♦	5♣
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Note that NS did not locate their nine-card heart fit. Is that an argument for starting with 1♣?

South led the ♥K setting up the third defensive trick, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Stone	A Grossack	Herrera	Parker
—	—	—	1♠
2♦	Dble*	2♠*	3♣
3♦	4♣	5♦	6♣
All Pass			

2♠ Diamond support

West led the ♥9 and East took the ace and tried to cash the ♦A. Declarer ruffed but had to lose a spade, -50 and a 6 IMP loss.



Patricia Herrera

West led the ♥9 so that was +400 to lose a couple of IMPs.

Meadow v Mixing it Up

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Burns	Tokay	Raywood	Meadow
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♦	3♣
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led her club, +480.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Basak	Bauer	Ekinci	Güven
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♦	Dble
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The same thing happened here, no swing.

Crocodile v Juniors & Old Boys

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	Barel	Krefeld	Katz
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT*	2♦	3♣*
3♦	4♣	Pass	Pass
4♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

1NT 'Up to 11'
3♣ 'Good'

Snapdragon v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Paske	Tartarin	Nettleton
—	—	—	1♣*
1♦	1♥	4♣*	4♦*
5♦	5♥	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
4♣ Splinter
4♦ Splinter

East led her club so that was an easy +480.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Knottenbelt	Franceschetti	D Gold	Setton
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♦	3♣
4♦	5♣	All Pass	

From the comfort of my office it seems clear that South's double must be for takeout (why am I always tempted to write 'takeaway'?) but North did not see it that way!

There was no way to threaten 4♦ doubled so that was +710.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Jansma	L. Madsen	J Jansma	McNay
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♦	3♣
3♦	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

That translated to +400 and 15 IMPs. For what its worth, no West raised partner's 2♦ to 4♦, which some players might consider to be the 'law-abiding' move.

Reverse the vulnerability and my bet is they would all have bid 5♦.

I'm hoping for something a little more exciting in Round 2!



**Nikolaj Hammelev and
Camilla Krefeld - son
and mother.**

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.

- distributed by Master Point Press



Eric Schwartz 1943-2022

We have sadly lost some regular MMT-participants during the last half year. One of them was Eric Schwartz.

By Linda Robinson

I am sad to report that my dear husband Eric passed away on May 26th, peacefully. His son Greg and I were at his bedside. He was very recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma and with his overall poor health did not respond to treatment.

Eric enjoyed bridge for more than 60 years. At Queens College in the early 1960s he played with some of the future greats of the game, and later was a fixture at the Boston Chess Club. He told many stories from those days. He was a contributor and early lifetime subscriber to The Bridge World. He also competed in Scrabble and Crossword tournaments. With Adam Grossack as partner and teacher in late life, his always solid bridge game achieved a new level.

Eric was also an accomplished pianist, with several degrees in music. During his army service in Vietnam, he was chosen to accompany the legendary tenor Richard Tucker on his tour to entertain the troops. That led to his inclusion in an a touring singing and comedy quintet of enlisted men who were dropped off for the evening by helicopter into remote outposts where no stars and dancing girls could go. He retired many years ago from his day job at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, where he was a computer programmer.

I am, of course, heartbroken. He was My Funny Valentine.

By Adam Grossack

I was privileged to get the opportunity to play with Eric many times in the last 5+ years. Eric loved bridge and the camaraderie around it. He was always up for a barbu game or to go the bar after the session. Eric was a focused and excellent card player and he really enjoyed playing imp events more than match point events. Eric also loved playing bridge online and had some very nice results online during Covid. Eric was a great partner and very nice to play with.

I have fond memories of playing with Eric in Hawaii and barbu games at the late Victor King's house in between sessions at the Cromwell Regional in Connecticut.

And Eric loved and appreciated Linda so much. He would often talk about how lucky he was to have her in his life and he was— Linda was an absolute saint with Eric. Linda, you made Eric's later part of his life full of memories and positive experiences many times even at the loss of your own experiences and enjoyment. Thank you for everything you did for Eric - he was a great man.



Change of Plan

Round 2

By Mark Horton



I wasn't planning to write anything about Round 2, but the Editor has a cold (she has passed it on to me via email) so the Rosenblum will have to wait.

It's no secret that I have an affinity with Board 13 – it invariably offers up an interesting deal.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

On this layout EW have a playable slam in diamonds. Unless South finds a club lead declarer will have time to play trumps in the optimum fashion, cashing the ace, returning to hand and then taking the diamond finesse, which will secure the five tricks that are required 84.78% of the time.

Good six-card suits are very powerful opposite a strong balanced hand, so I was expecting West to follow some sort of invitational sequence. Although East's diamond support is as poor as it could be the hand is rich in controls, which might see EW reach 6♦.

4 pairs were content to bid 1NT-3NT. Keep in mind if you don't have a way to show your diamonds in a forcing sequence there is not much else you can do.

Parker v Snapdragon

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Tebha	Paske	Rubenstein
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5NT	All Pass

3♣ Diamonds



Diana Nettleton
Photo: WBF

West's 4NT looks spot on – an invitational raise based on a good diamond suit. I suspect that East's 5NT was asking West to pick a slam, but not read that way by West. South led the ♠9 and declarer won with the king, crossed to the ♦K, came to hand with a heart and played a second diamond, +720.

Before we move to the other room, I think South should lead a club. You know your ♦Q is in a dreadful place and the opponents were looking for a slam. If partner just happens to have the ♣A you might be able to defeat 5NT, but otherwise your chances must be even more remote.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Z Grossack	D Gold	Robinson	Knottenbelt
—	Pass	1NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT*	All Pass		

1NT 14-17

3♣ Diamonds

3NT Mild slam try

Here South led the ♠3 and declarer won and played a diamond to the jack, no swing.

Lorenzini and Tartarin repeated this sequence in their match, both sides collecting the regulation +720.



David Gold and Maggie Knottenbelt
Photo: WBF

Yaninski and Teneva bid 1NT*-2NT*-3♣*-3NT – 1NT was 13 good to 16 bad (it rates 17.5 on the Kaplan-Rubens Hand Evaluator) 2NT Puppet, 3♣ no five-card major.

Once West has shown a hand with slam interest, if South is on lead, then the risky club will be the most testing lead against 6♦. Declarer will win, cross to the ♦A, come to hand and play a second diamond. If South follows with a low card, the odds play is to go up with dummy's king and then play on hearts, aiming to discard dummy's second club.

Teams / Players / Nicknames

CROCODILE

Ilan Bareket (bareket)
Michael Barel (mich-b)
Bo Lonberg Bilde (lionberg)
Lone Bilde (bilde)
Aida Jansma (aida_mk_nl)
Jan Jansma (jan_jansma)
Paz Katz (paz_k)
Asaf Lengy (lengy)
Inon Liran (inonli)
Michal Nosatzky (poema)
Stephen Peterkin (spil)
Matilda Poplilov (tida)
Samantha Punch (puncher)
Nathalie Saada (natsa)

JUNIORS & OLD BOYS

Andreas Abragi (aabragi)
Camilla Krefeld (camse2)
Nikolaj Krefeld Hammelev (kingpepe)
Christina Lund Madsen (christinas)
Ewan McNay (ewan)
Andreas Plejdrup (andreasw)
Ella Rosthøj ()
Julie Sigsgaard (juliems)
Gerald Sokol (enikou)
Gergana Teneva (gergy1010)
Nikolay Yaninski (nik98)

MEADOW

Ömer Ekinci (ekinci)
Basak Kutuk (basak)
Roberta Meadow (rosie77)
Mustafa Cem Tokay (tokay1975)

MIXING IT UP

Mark Aquino (shark621)
Tracey Bauer (marintlc)
Shelley Burns (shell burns)
Andrew Gumperz (agumperz)
Metin Guven (meto)
Selen Hotamisligil (selenh)
Kelvin Raywood (kjay)
Ron Smith (ronsmithsf)

PARKER

Adam Grossack (nevereast)
Zach Grossack (germs345)
Chris Parker (cmp56)
Linda Robinson (saba)
Stewart Rubenstein (stewr)
Anam Tebha (anamtebha)

PATALIX

Peter Boyd-Bowman (pjbb)
Patricia Herrera (bulock)
Isaac Stone (light19)
Alix Taylor (alixtay)

SNAPDRAGON

David Gold (dagold)
Maggie Knottenbelt (mjdt_1)
Diana Nettleton (etttleton)
Thomas Paske (thomas1000)

TURNIPS

Pierre Franceschetti (gewd)
Cedric Lorenzini (pierced)
Hilda Setton (ldase)
Anne Laure Tartarin (loudy)



Paz Katz
Photo: WBF

Conditions of Contest • Fall Mixed Teams

1. The 2022 Fall Mixed Teams will be hosted in Bridge Base Online from 19th to 22nd of September, 2022.

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, 19 September 2022
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 1 (16 boards)
12:15 EST / 18:15 CET – RR 2 (16 boards)

Tuesday 20 September 2022
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 3 (16 boards)
12:15 EST / 18:15 CET – RR 4 (16 boards)

Wednesday 21 September 2022
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 5 (16 boards)
12:15 EST / 18:15 CET – RR 6 (16 boards)

Thursday 22 September 2022
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 7 (16 boards)
12:15 EST / 18:15 CET – Danish (16 boards)

4. Format

There will be a single stage event which will be played in the form of a Round Robin (7 rounds) + 1 round of Danish (1st vs 2nd, 3rd vs 4th, 5th vs 6th, 7th vs 8th); 128 boards in total.

The results of each match shall be converted into Victory Points in accordance with the appropriate WBF IMP/VP scales (see p. 10 below).

In order to determine the grouping for a tie between two teams will be broken by the result of the match(es) 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.

5. Line-Up and Seating Rights

All 16-board sessions are expected to be played without change of line-up. If a team needs to change its lineup after the first half of the 16-board session it needs to contact the Mixed Team or TD.

Captains submit their line up without knowing the line-up of their opponents (“blind line-up”).

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.

6. Running the matches

All players involved must be online and logged in to Bridge Base Online 5 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 only opponents see the explanation and 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 16 boards within 2 hours. The TD may remove unplayed boards if in his opinion a delay in the match would interfere with the smooth running of the competition.

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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.

10. 16-board VP-Scale

IMP	VP	
0	10.00	10.00
1	10.31	9.69
2	10.61	9.39
3	10.91	9.09
4	11.20	8.80
5	11.48	8.52
6	11.76	8.24
7	12.03	7.97
8	12.29	7.71
9	12.55	7.45
10	12.80	7.20
11	13.04	6.96
12	13.28	6.72
13	13.52	6.48
14	13.75	6.25
15	13.97	6.03
16	14.18	5.82
17	14.39	5.61
18	14.60	5.40
19	14.80	5.20
20	15.00	5.00
21	15.19	4.81
22	15.38	4.62
23	15.56	4.44
24	15.74	4.26
25	15.92	4.08
26	16.09	3.91
27	16.26	3.74
28	16.42	3.58
29	16.58	3.42
30	16.73	3.27
31	16.88	3.12
32	17.03	2.97

IMP	VP	
29	16.58	3.42
30	16.73	3.27
31	16.88	3.12
32	17.03	2.97
33	17.17	2.83
34	17.31	2.69
35	17.45	2.55
36	17.59	2.41
37	17.72	2.28
38	17.85	2.15
39	17.97	2.03
40	18.09	1.91
41	18.21	1.79
42	18.33	1.67
43	18.44	1.56
44	18.55	1.45
45	18.66	1.34
46	18.77	1.23
47	18.87	1.13
48	18.97	1.03
49	19.07	0.93
50	19.16	0.84
51	19.25	0.75
52	19.34	0.66
53	19.43	0.57
54	19.52	0.48
55	19.61	0.39
56	19.69	0.31
57	19.77	0.23
58	19.85	0.15
59	19.93	0.07
60	20.00	0.00



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