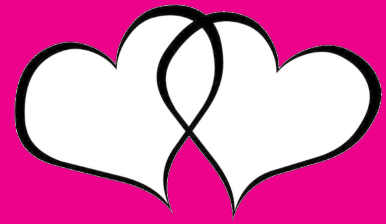


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



ONLINE BRIDGE EVENTS • MMT.BRIDGERESULTS.ORG

Netteale Sealed the Deal

They entered the top spot after Round 2 and never left. Solid performance by David Gold, Simon Cope, Diana Nettleton, Thomas Paske, Catherine Seale and Adele Gogoman).

Apart from Netteale, the scoreboard was completely shuffled after round 7. Only 5 VPs separated the teams placed 2-7. Bauer's Reindeers climbed to second to face Netteale in the Danish round, while the Christmas Stars faced Harris. Alpert, Bamsa and Denmark Mixed occupied the places 5-7 and only Netteale looked comfortable in their spot; a few imps one way or the other could propel any other team from 2nd to 8th.

At the end the Christmas Stars (Christina Lund Madsen, Giorgia Botta, Johan Hammelev, Camilla Krefeld, Nikolaj Krefeld Hammelev, David Marker, Ewan McNay) claimed the silver, while Alpert (Claire Alpert, Leonardo Fruscoloni, Carlos Hoyos, Emanuela Pramotton, Janice Seamon-Molson, Alfredo Versace) took the bronze from the Turnips.

Happy New Year!



Next Event

**Is more or less up to you. Let us know when you miss playing the MMTs.
We plan to organise three events in 2023.**

One in May as practice for the European Transnational Mixed Teams in June, one before the World Mixed Teams in Marrakech in August and of course our Christmas Mixed Teams! Check mmt.bridgeresults.org for upcoming events.

Final Ranking

Ranking after round 8		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <u>NETTEALE</u>	109.53
2	 <u>CHRISTMAS STARS</u>	98.45
3	 <u>ALPERT</u>	93.46
4	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	90.43
5	 <u>BAUERS REINDEERS</u>	86.33
6	 <u>BAMSA</u>	85.17
7	 <u>HARRIS</u>	83.82
8	 <u>DENMARK MIXED</u>	79.78
9	 <u>P&P</u>	67.56
10	 <u>PARKER</u>	67.21
11	 <u>MESSI ADMIRERS</u>	51.25
12	 <u>MEADOW</u>	47.01

[All Results](#)

Secret Santa

Round 7



By Mark Horton

In our family the idea of the 'Secret Santa' has been embraced. Its main advantage (depending on your point of view) is that you only have to give one present, and no-one knows who the buyer was.

In the penultimate round of the Christmas Mixed, would anyone be donating the odd present? (Spoiler alert – yes, in all shapes and sizes!)

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Netteale v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	D. Gold	Versace	Seale
—	Pass	Pass	3♣
Dble	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣*	Dble	Pass*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

4♣ Good hand

5♣ Cue

Pass Denies first round club control

5♠ Denies first round club control

South led the ♣A and switched to the ♦7 so declarer could soon claim, +980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Hoyos	Cope	Seamon Molson
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣*	Dble*
4♥	All Pass		

2♣ Drury, 3+♥, good raise
Dble 'Clubs I hope'

North led the ♣4 and declarer took 11 tricks, +450 but lost 11 IMPs.

Harris v Christmas Stars

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	Harris	Krefeld	M. Gold
—	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♠*	All Pass



Johan Hammelev and
Camilla Krefeld

I have a feeling that using these methods West should be able to jump to 4♣ over 2♠ as a splinter, but that might not be standard.

Missing the slam cost 11 IMPs. Five pairs bid a slam – one of them playing in hearts (they survived tanks to some faulty discarding!).

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

- 1NT 11-14
- 2♣ Stayman
- 4♣ Splinter
- 4♦ Cue
- 4♥ Cue
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1/4 key cards
- 5♦ Asking
- 6♠ ♠Q, no extras

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

South led a trump and declarer won in dummy, played a trump the queen and only then played a club. South went up with the ace, so declarer was able to ruff two clubs after all, +980.

Harris v Christmas Stars

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gross	Lund Madsen	Root	McNay
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Dble	2♠*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠*	All Pass

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	Harris	Krefeld	Gold
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

- 1♣ 2+♣
- 2♦ Game forcing checkback
- 2♠ May still have 3♥
- 4♠ Minimum

- 2♣ Natural or 15+ asking
- 2♦ 8-9
- 2♥ Natural and 15+

South led the ♦4 and declarer played three rounds of the suit pitching a club followed

by a heart to the king and ace. North ruffed the diamond return with the ♥10 and played the ♣A, but declarer ruffed, played the ♥9 to the queen and then played spades from the top, soon claiming ten tricks, +420.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gross	Lund Madsen	Root	McNay
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The first seven tricks were identical, but then declarer played the ♠10 to his jack and South won, cashed the ♥J and then played clubs putting the contract three down for another 11 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Harris v Christmas Stars

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	Harris	Krefeld	M. Gold
—	—	1NT*	All Pass

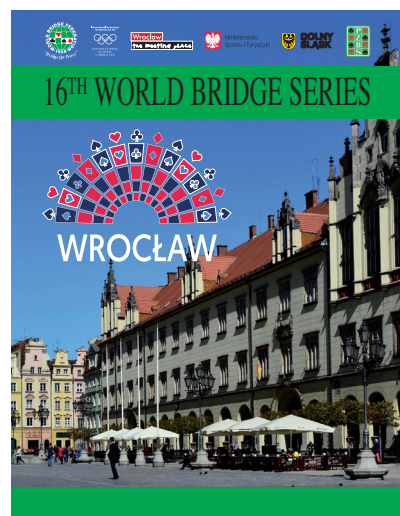
1NT 15-17

World Championship Book Wroclaw 2022

The official book of the World Bridge Series in Wroclaw will be released in 2023. The principal contributors will be *Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, Mark Horton, Ron Tacchi, David Bird & Maurizio di Sacco*.

The book is in full colour and includes many photographs from the championships, a full list of results and extensive coverage of the major championship events.

The book will be available from bridge suppliers around the world at the official retail price of £30, US\$35 and €35. It will also be available as an ebook from the Master Point Press web site at US\$30.



South led the $\diamond Q$ and declarer won with the king, cashed the $\clubsuit A$ and ran the nine, North taking the jack and returning a diamond for the nine and ten. When South continued with a low diamond declarer won with the seven and had time to play a heart. When dummy's ten held she was assured of nine tricks but did not risk the spade finesse so +150.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gross	Lund Madsen	Root	McNay
Pass	Pass	1 \clubsuit^*	1 \diamond
1 \spadesuit	Pass	2 \diamond^*	Pass
2 \spadesuit	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1 \clubsuit 2+ \clubsuit

2 \diamond 'Random force, nothing specific'

South led the $\diamond Q$ and declarer won with the king and ran the $\clubsuit 9$ North taking the queen and returning a diamond for the nine and ten. South switched to the $\heartsuit 4$ but declarer could win with dummy's ten, and with the $\spadesuit K$ onside there were nine tricks, +600 and 10 IMPs were recovered.

Six pairs bid 3NT, one declarer going down when South continued diamonds, playing for North to hold one of the top hearts.

Do take a look at Board 5, at three tables there was a double game swing, EW making 4 \spadesuit , while NS were in 5 \heartsuit .

Steve Root found an imaginative defence that persuaded the editor to go down in 5 \heartsuit .

This was the layout:

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

\spadesuit Q		\spadesuit A 9 7 6 4 3
\heartsuit A K 10 6 2		\heartsuit J 3
\diamond A K 10 6 5 3		\diamond Q
\clubsuit K		\clubsuit A J 10 4
\spadesuit K J 8		\spadesuit 10 5 2
\heartsuit 8 5		\heartsuit Q 9 7 4
\diamond J 8 7 4		\diamond 9 2
\clubsuit Q 9 5 2		\clubsuit 8 7 6 3

Having cashed the black aces East exited with a club and declarer ruffed and cashed the $\heartsuit A$ on which East deposited the jack! When the queen fell under the diamond ace declarer continued with the king and East ruffed.



Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Harris v Christmas Stars

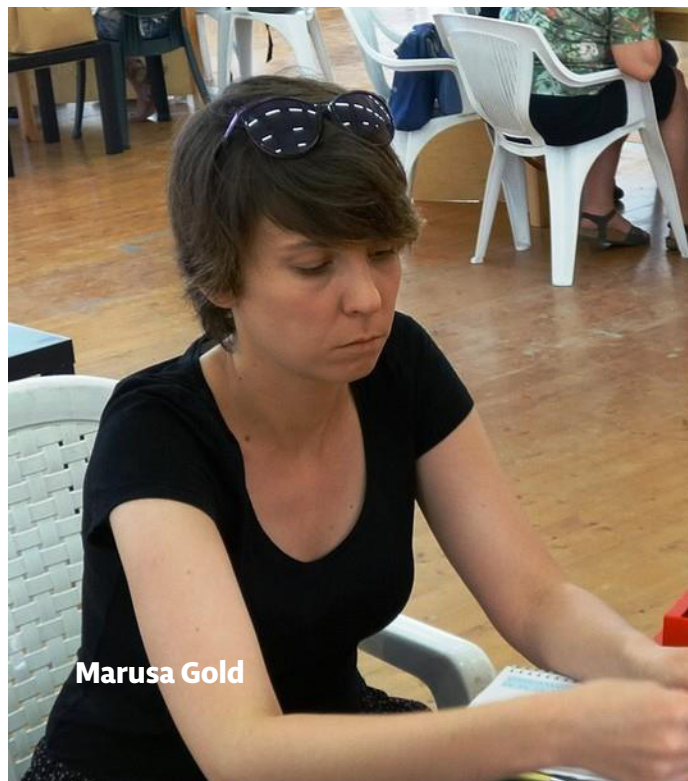
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	Harris	Krefeld	M. Gold
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Declarer lost a club and a spade, +650.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gross	Lund Madsen	Root	McNay
		1♥	Pass
2♣*	3♦	Pass	5♦
Dble	Pass	6♥	All Pass

2♣ Game forcing, natural or balanced

South led the ♦5 and declarer took dummy's ace, came to hand with a heart and played a club. South took the ace, cashed the ♦K but then exited with a heart which meant he was squeezed in the black suits so only one down, -100, still worth 13 IMPs.



Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Harris v Christmas Stars

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	Harris	Krefeld	M. Gold
			1♣
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♦	3♠	All Pass	

East led her diamond and West took two tricks in the suit and then, seeing East discard the ♣3, switched to a club. Declarer won in dummy and played the ♠Q, putting up the ace for +170.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gross	Lund Madsen	Root	McNay
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♦	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♦7 and West won with the jack and cashed the ace, East discarding the ♥J. When West switched to the ♥7 East won with the ace and exited with a club. Declarer took dummy's ace and advanced the ♠Q. When West followed with the six, declarer decided to run it and lost 7 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Harris v Christmas Stars

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	Harris	Krefeld	M. Gold
1NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1NT 12-14

North led a club - but it was the queen and declarer won and cashed the top spades for +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gross	Lund Madsen	Root	McNay
1♦	3♣	3♠	5♣
5♥	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♠	All Pass

A club to the ace and a heart switch saw the defenders score two tricks, -100 and 11 IMPs. Not an unlucky board for the Christmas Stars.

Everyone else was in 4♠.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Netteale v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	D. Gold	Versace	Seale
—	1♣*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



1♣ 2+♣, 2♣/4♦ possible
1NT Game forcing, clubs

West led the ♥K and continued with the six for the ten and jack, declarer pitching the ♦5. When East switched to the ♦2 declarer put in the ten and West won and played the ♥Q to dummy's ace. Alpert won the next trick with the ♣K and cashed her hearts for three down, -300.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Hoyos	Cope	Seamon Molson
—	1♦	1♠	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♠5 and declarer won with dummy's eight and played a club for the nine and jack, East returning the ♠Q. Declarer won, took a losing club finesse, won the heart switch, and played a diamond to the queen for nine tricks, +600 and 14 IMPs.

Harris v Christmas Stars

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	Harris	Krefeld	M. Gold
—	1♣*	Pass	2♣*
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble*
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣
2♣ Game forcing
Dbletakeout

North led the ♣9 and South took the ace and switched to the ♥2, declarer winning with dummy's jack and playing back a heart to the king and ace. A second club saw declarer win with the king and play a spade, but North won and played a diamond and South took the queen and cashed two clubs, three down, -800.

There is more than one way for declarer to take six tricks – simplest is to play a club from dummy at trick three.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gross	Lund Madsen	Root	McNay
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	Dble*	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

East started with two rounds of hearts and declarer won with the ace, ran the ♣9 successfully and played a club for the jack, queen and king, finishing with nine tricks, +150 but a 12 IMP loss.

The Christmas Stars won 18.44-1.56, which meant Harris dropped to 4th and would have the chance for revenge against the Christmas Stars in the Danish, while Netteale would face Bauer's Reindeers who sprinted to second in round 7.

Bad Santa

Round 8



By Mark Horton

There are an awful lot of lists about the best Christmas films (I have already alluded to a few). Another personal favourite is Bad Santa, an irreverent look at some of the traditions that surround the festive season. It may not be to everyone's taste, but it has a certain charm. I recently spotted a second film (Bad Santa 2) was produced in 2016 – it's now recorded ready for viewing!

The last round was not the most exciting, but as ever, there were a few moments of interest, first from our top match:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Netteale v Bauers Reindeers

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sloofman	D. Gold	Marshall	Seale
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♠6 for the jack and ace and declarer pitched a club on the ♦A, ruffed a diamond and ran the ♣Q, West winning and exiting with the ♠9. Declarer won in dummy discarding a club and played the ♥J for the queen and ace, ruffed a diamond and played a heart, +620.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Bauer	Cope	Valta
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♦	4♦*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

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

West led the ♠6 for the jack and ace and declarer played two rounds of hearts. East won, cashed a second heart and exited with a club. When declarer played low that was two down, -200 and 13 IMPs.

Three pairs reached the doomed 6.

As an academic exercise, do you think you might make 6NT?

On a spade lead you win with the ace. If you guess to play a low heart to the ten and king and East returns a club. You are hoping the hearts will divide, but when you go up with the ♣A and the king appears you cash the ♥A and see West

Katrine Martensen-Larsen



discard. Now you take the $\diamond A$, cross to the $\clubsuit Q$ and run the spades. On the last of them, East, down to $\heartsuit Q \clubsuit 109$ is squeezed.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

\spadesuit A K Q 8 7
 \heartsuit K 9 4 2
 \diamond A 6 3 2
 \clubsuit —

\spadesuit 9
 \heartsuit A Q 5
 \diamond Q 10 9 5
 \clubsuit A Q 10 7 4

\spadesuit J 6 4 3 2
 \heartsuit 7
 \diamond K 8
 \clubsuit J 8 6 3 2

\spadesuit 10 5
 \heartsuit J 10 8 6 3
 \diamond J 7 4
 \clubsuit K 9 5

Denmark Mixed v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Poulsen	Tartarin	Martensen-Larsen
1 \clubsuit	1 \spadesuit	2 \clubsuit	Pass
3 \clubsuit	Dble*	Pass	3 \heartsuit
4 \clubsuit	4 \heartsuit	5 \clubsuit	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

North started with two top spades and declarer ruffed and played a diamond, North going up with the ace and switching to the $\heartsuit 2$. Declarer won with the queen, played a diamond to the king and the $\clubsuit J$ for the king and ace. Declarer could draw trumps and claim, +550.

I should mention that the Editor found herself defending 5 \clubsuit doubled and she too started with a top spade, but then switched to the $\diamond 2$, declarer winning with the queen, cashing the $\heartsuit A$, ruffing the queen, ruffing a spade and ruffing another heart.

So far, so good, but when declarer made the mistake of playing a low club to the queen (as opposed to the jack) followed by a diamond, North won with the ace and played a top spade allowing South to discard his remaining diamond. With no way to get to dummy declarer had to lose a trick to the $\clubsuit K$, -100 and 4 IMPs when 4 \heartsuit was one down at the other table.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Henriksen	Franceschetti	Rasmussen	Setton
1 \clubsuit	Dble	1 \heartsuit^*	Dble*
Pass	4 \heartsuit	All Pass	

1 \heartsuit Spades
 DbleHearts

East led the $\clubsuit 3$ for the five, queen and a ruff and declarer played two rounds of spades, West ruffing and switching to the $\diamond 9$. Declarer took the ace and pitched a diamond on the $\spadesuit Q$. West ruffed and played the $\diamond Q$ and the defenders took two more tricks, -50 but an 11 IMP pick-up.



Simon Cope

South led the ♥7 and North took the king with the ace and switched to the ♣J which resulted in four down, -400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Bauer	Cope	Valta
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

3♦ Mixed raise

North led the ♣5 and South took the ace and switched to the ♥7 for the ten, queen and three. When North continued with the ♥A declarer could not be denied ten tricks, +620 and 14 IMPs that confirmed Netteale as the Christmas Champions.

Merry Xmas!



Diana Nettleton

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Netteale v Bauers Reindeers

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sloofman	D. Gold	Marshall	Seale
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Bridge Base
O N L I N E

Free, unlimited bridge on BBO



Your online bridge club

Social play. ACBL Games. Tournaments. Solitaire.



Computer, tablet or mobile phone:
Play on your favorite device!