



ALT-OCBL GRAND FINAL BULLETIN

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TIME FOR THE GRAND FINAL!



Happy 2025!

On behalf of the ALT and OCBL teams, we extend a warm welcome to all players participating in the Grand Final! We are thrilled to have you join us for this prestigious event, where the world's finest bridge players will compete over the next three days.

The atmosphere is sure to be electric as we witness incredible displays of skill, strategy, and sportsmanship.

We wish all players the very best of luck and encourage you to enjoy this unique and unforgettable experience.

Let the games begin!

Registered Teams



AVOCADO

Robert Q. (ptit), Lorenzini C. (pierced), Setton H. (Ldase), Bessis T. (malpaluche), Franceschetti P. (gewd)



BC CRASH

Helle R. (rhelle), Hoogenkamp E. (altocampo), Muller B. (beukertje), De Wijs S. (sm1), Drijver Bob (bobdrijver), Van Prooijen R. (riccovp), Berkers B. (bertje), Van Oosten S. (sibrand), Thiele M. (mrxxx), Westerbeek C. (ChrisWes), Eskes O. (Onno), Sprinkhuizen G. (sprinksoet), de Koster R. (Robbiedk), Poppe E. (Eef_)



COCONUT

Wang D. (difanwang), Huang Ni. (ninahuang), Deng X. (eve8392), Wang J.J. (JJWang), Shi J. (Jun_Shi), Gan L. (agcl), Lee J. (leenokyin)



EPSTEIN

Epstein L. (cheetahlee), Zanasi Ga. (Mikadinho), Silverman N. (nsilverman), Primavera F. (Fulldire)



GREENBERG

Greenberg T. (Ted Greenb), Tokay M. (tokay1975), Lucassen T. (Lucassen), Walker R. (Rob)



HARRIS

Root S. (AsNuttyAs), Harris J. (Jdache), Igoe N. (ibraves), Malhasyan E. (master DJ), Gold M. (marusab), Trendafilov R. (rumen), Isporski V. (smileyv), Tiholov T. (polborta), Gross S. (sgross), Ivanov P. (Lav1naa), Rusinov G. (the kote), Bucknell C. (shisai), Kennedy S. (GamerTabby)



MAGICIANS

Akyüz M. (magic_82), Golbasi E. (my soul), Orman S. (berrak_x), Sert E. (esatsert3), Küçükinciyan S. (inciyan34), Orman B. (0 birol), Gorun G. (troyyy), Kayabas S. (focas), Erbil M. (metin15), Onem O. (f2g), Ozdemir O. (oktayo), Yucel O. (orhan15), Güler U. (mjouranda), Çobanlı M. (melych), Gonul V. (vedatgonul), Al Kordov M. (msenay2)



NETBRIDGE

Van Den Hoek J. (janonline), Bouwen K. (kebosporto), Stell J. (johnworf1), Bremer A. (arisbreem), Rojko S. (cmrlj), Parezanin D. (letans), Mladenovic M. (Felix75), Reynolds T. (tomreynold), van Roosmalen B. (basvanr), Donk M. (Icarium), Vlam F. (frankvlam)



NEW AMATEURS

Lo A. (aitail), King F. (fredkingkc), Ganzer C. (ganz), LeBlanc G. (Gnlblnc151), Schwartz A. (alansc), Baseggio F. (baseggio), Davidson R. (stickpin), Aker J. (Jaker), Shaw M. (davescott), Cole B. (April2), Sigurjonsson J. (donjulio1), Falgout B. (bfgout), Weinstein J. (jlw77), Roman J. (jeffroman), Buchalter R. (ralphb), Sher Jo. (jshe)



PIONEERS

Han Y. (ynh), Yang T. (tcyang), Mou W. (wmou), Fang J. (lakers1), Yang H. (planoyang), Song Y. (yan3505), Sheng M. (Kainsheng), Chen S. (bucky), Chen Sa. (Sarah_Chen), Li S. (sheng319)



RIPPEY

Rippey M. (radiators), Marcinowski P. (Dyplomata), Nowak K. (kamiln), Baroni I. (princi), Gandoglia A. (gandalf15)



SCOTCH LOVERS

McLatchie C. (mclatchie), Shenkin D. (dshenkin), Shenkin B. (Barnets), Spears B. (Spears), Diamond D. (Derekd), Diamond M. (diamondm44), Cuthbertson M. (Malcut), Shenkin M. (magshen1)



SCOTTISH IMPS

Campbell B. (lark20), Forsyth Jo. (downiejohn), Dick J. (john dick), Strathearn K. (darwinfish), Hamilton J. (1009), Rae K. (shelti), Hay J. (ahh), Robertson T. (fishcop27), Maiolani P. (piffim), Piper Y. (ypiper)



SCOTTISH SELECT

Smith H. (harsmith), Bennett R. (drroy48), Freimanis G. (soljaboy), McGowan L. (cuttysark), Gordon I. (sbu1), Punch S. (puncher), Peterkin S. (spil), McKinnon B. (bobmfc), Ferguson C. (cathyf)



SELIGMAN

Seligman M. (mseligman), Kwiecien M. (michal1), Pszczola J. (pikolo), Starkowski W. (wstarkowsk)



SPRING

Shourie R. (rshourie), Wolpert J. (Rymanjenny), Thorpe S. (steffff), Sprinkhuizen T. (thibos), Mendes De Leon G. (guymdl), Van De Paverd T. (tim_p), Nijssen O. (oscar2000), Whibley M. (jafa), Brown M. (matthewb), Wolpert G. (Gavin)

Format

TEAMS

1. SELIGMAN
2. (NEW) AMATEURS
3. AVOCADO
4. HARRIS
5. NETBRIDGE
6. GREENBERG
7. COCONUT
8. SCOTTISH SELECT
9. SCOTTISH IMPS
10. RIPPEY
11. SPRING
12. MAGICIANS
13. EPSTEIN
14. SCOTCH LOVERS
15. PIONEERS
16. BC CRASH

ALT GROUP

1. SELIGMAN
4. HARRIS
5. NETBRIDGE
8. SCOTTISH SELECT
9. SCOTTISH IMPS
12. MAGICIANS
13. EPSTEIN
16. BC CRASH

OCBL GROUP

2. (NEW) AMATEURS
3. AVOCADO
6. GREENBERG
7. COCONUT
10. RIPPEY
11. SPRING
14. SCOTCH LOVERS
15. PIONEERS

The 8 teams invited will have the following **carry over**:

#1 - 4,0 VP	#2 - 3,5 VP	#3 - 3,0 VP	#4 - 2,5 VP
#5 - 2,0 VP	#6 - 1,5 VP	#7 - 1,0 VP	#8 - 0,5 VP

The two groups will play a complete Round Robin + last round Danish
(total 8 rounds by 10 boards each, 4 round per day)

SCHEDULE

7 January 2025

CET	EST	
16:00 / 10:00 am		Round 1
17:30 / 11:30 am		Round 2
19:00 / 1:00 pm		Round 3
20:30 / 2:30 pm		Round 4

8 January 2025

CET	EST	
16:00 / 10:00 am		Round 5
17:30 / 11:30 am		Round 6
19:00 / 1:00 pm		Round 7
20:30 / 2:30 pm		Round 8

9 January 2025

CET	EST	
16:00 / 10:00 am		Round 9, SF1
17:30 / 11:30 am		Round 10, SF2
19:00 / 1:00 pm		Round 11, F1
20:30 / 2:30 pm		Round 12, F2

RESULTS, LINE-UPS, BULLETINS:
WWW.OCBL.ORG



Bridge NEWS

2nd WBF Online Women's Teams

WBF Online Women's Teams
 3 to 5 January 2025 - RealBridge

World Bridge Federation
ONLINE WOMEN'S TEAMS
3 to 5 January 2025

Teams can have up to 8 players, and they will play at times that are convenient for them.

This is a transnational event.

www.worldbridge.org




The 2nd edition of the WBF Online Women's Teams was played over the weekend of 3 – 5 January 2025.
 74 teams registered to the event.
 The winning teams:

1st PARIS ET BORDEAUX 193.63

Daniele AVON
 Catherine DUMESNIL
 Donatella HALFON
 Margaux KUREK BEAULIEU
 Severine PAULISSEN
 Geraldine POUSSOU PC
 Gert-Jan PAULISSEN) NPC
 David HARARI (Coach)

2nd ISTANBUL 186.62

Asli ACAR
 Ebru ATES
 Berrak ERKAN
 Irem OZBAY
 Dilek YAVAS
 Ebru ATES PC

3rd ALPERT 185.23

Claire ALPERT
 Irene BARONI
 Katarzyna DUFRAT
 Danuta KAZMUCHA
 Justyna ZMUDA
 Alfredo VERSACE NPC

Link to Results:
<https://realbridge.online/wbf-women-2025-ranking-list.html>

Final Bulletin:
http://championships.worldbridge.org/owt25-files/Bul_04.pdf

All Bulletins:
<http://db.worldbridge.org/Repository/tourn/womenonline.25/microSite/Bulletins.htm>

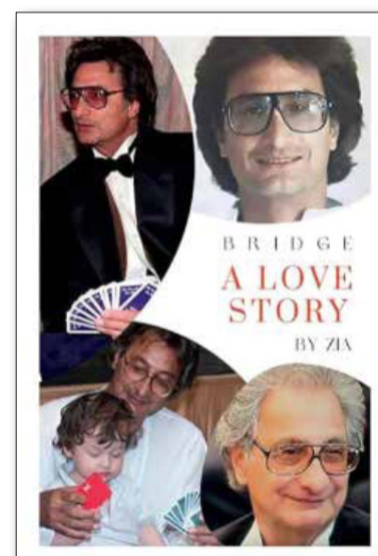


The winners: team Paris et Bordeaux. From left to right: Catherine DUMESNIL, Daniele AVON, Donatella HALFON, Geraldine POUSSOU, Margaux KUREK BEAULIEU, Severine PAULISSEN

The IBPA Awards Announced

The IBPA Annual Awards have been announced:

Ray Lee Master Point Press IBPA Book of the Year
 Bridge: A Love Story
 by Zia Mahmood



IBPA Personalities of the Year

- RealBridge:
- Andy Bowles (Operations Director)
 - Graham Hazel (CEO and CTO)
 - Shireen Mohandes (Commercial Director)

Justin Lall Play Award
Sponsored by the Lall Family and Bob Hamman

Winner: Justin Mill (Australia)
 Journalist: Nick Jacob (Australia)
 Article: One in a million play

The Juan-Carlos Ventin Bidding Award (honouring Pablo Lambardi)

Winners: Linlin Hu and Yinghao (Dunga) Liu (China)
 Journalist: Jian-Jian Wang (USA)
 Article: The one and only

Gidwani Award For Best Defence

Winner: Yinghao (Dunga) Liu (China)
 Journalist: Jian-Jian Wang (USA)
 Article: One-two punch

Nick Nickell Award
Junior Hand Of The Year

Winners: Tomas Popowsky & Francisco Guerra (Argentina)
 Journalist: Carlos Pellegrini (Argentina)
 Article: Nice switch, but...

Full information available at:
https://australianbridge.com/2024_IBPA_Awards.pdf



Triumphant Return

by Mark Horton

I don't know how players prepare for a big event, but for Bulletin reporters and Editors there is no better way than to report on another event. Last Sunday saw the conclusion of the World Bridge Federation's 2nd Online Women's Teams, which attracted no less than 74 teams (many more who wanted to play applied after registration had closed). It was a real feast of bridge, an absolute triumph for everyone involved.

The title went to Paris et Bordeaux, Daniele Avon, Catherine Dumesnil, Donatella Halfon, Margaux Kurek Beaulieu, Severine Paulissen & Geraldine Poussou, with Gert-Jan Paulissen (non-playing Captain) & David Harari (Coach).

Here are three deals that feature slams – to some extent they are the lifeblood of the game and are guaranteed to set the pulses racing (there is no truth in the rumour that I have asked David Bird to write up three fascinating 1NT contracts).

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Valkyrie v I AM AM

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Makarewicz	Brown	Jaworska	Erichsen
—	3♠	Dble	4♠
5♥	All Pass		

North led the ♠A, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Senior	Wojcik	Smith	Zareba
—	3♠	Dble	4♠
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

One advantage of bidding 6♥ is that, apart from that it might be making, is that sometimes the opponents save when it is not. (Here 6♠ might cost -1100.)

The same lead and the same number of tricks, but a different score, +980 and 11 IMPs.

Only four pairs bid the slam.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Bermuda Ladies v Miso Cod

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zhang	Baille	Shi	Shanahan
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Why North preferred 1NT to 2♥ is unclear.

2♣ 5♠, forcing

With nothing at stake declarer won West's lead of the ♣Q, ruffed a club, unblocked the ♠AQ, came to hand with a heart and cashed the ♠K, finishing with eleven tricks, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gosling	Meyers	Barker	Sanborn
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

4♣ Splinter
4NT RKCB
5♠ 2 keycards +♠Q

West led the ♠4, and declarer demonstrated that a winning view in diamonds was not required. She won with dummy's ♠A, played a club to the ace, ruffed a club, played a heart to the ten, ruffed a club, came to hand with the ♥Q, cashed the ♠K and played two rounds of hearts pitching a diamond, +980 and 11 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Leading Ladies v Kookaburras

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Covarrubias	Tutty	Riedel	Neumann
—	—	—	1♦
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♣Q to dummy's ♣A and declarer cashed the ♠KQ and the ♦A, ruffed a diamond, ruffed the ♣10, ruffed a diamond and played a heart, putting up dummy's ♥K when South withheld the ♥A, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rankin	Di Lorenzo	Humphries	Pramotton
—	—	—	1♦
Dble	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	1 keycard		

I wonder what a bidding panel would respond to partner's double?

South led the ♦Q and having taken dummy's ♦A declarer ruffed a diamond and played the ♥6, South taking the ♥A and exiting with the ♦K. Declarer ruffed, played a club to the ace, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, cashed the ♥K and claimed, +1430 and 13 IMPs.



OCBL JANUARY CUP

13 - 15 January, 2025



12 Rounds x 10 Boards

Monday, 13 January

R1 - R4

CET 16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30

EST 10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

Tuesday, 14 January

R5 - R8

CET 16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30

EST 10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

Wednesday, 15 January

R9 - R12, SF/F

CET 16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30

EST 10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

To follow:



OCBL FEBRUARY CUP

10 - 12 February, 2025

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG

ALT INVITATIONAL



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UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2025

20 - 23 January 2025

24 - 27 February 2025

(24)25 - 27(28) March 2025

21 - 24 April 2025

12 - 15 May 2025

16 - 19 June 2025

7 - 10 July 2025

11 - 14 August 2025

8 - 11 September 2025

6 - 9 October 2025

3 - 6 November 2025

(8)9 - 11(12) Dec 2025