



2nd TRANSATLANTIC SENIORS CUP

Julian Klukowski Memorial Trophy

Jan 24th - Feb. 11th 2022, BBO



PREBULLETIN

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Dear Friends

We wish everybody all the best in New Year 2022

The COVID-19 pandemic is not giving up, so it looks like, at least for some time, we will have to play mostly on the Internet. Once again we would like to invite everybody to the 2nd Transatlantic Seniors Cup.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Those, who have already registered, are asked to complete all data, and send convention cards. It should be sent to TD Aleksander Krych, e-mail aleksander.krych@pzbs.pl

We still remind that number of players at the team is limited to 12 and we do not play any Saturday nor Sunday, so most live games can be played during TSC.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Here is the information about entry fee payment:

Address of the PBU:

Polski Związek Brydża Sportowego
00-019 Warszawa, ul. Złota 7/3.

Account for EURO payments (250 €):

SWIFT/BIC: PKOPPLPW

IBAN: PL23 1240 1040 1978 0011 0130 8604

Payment of:

Entry fee to the Transatlantic Seniors Cup.

Account for USD payments (300 \$):

SWIFT/BIC: PKOPPLPW

IBAN: PL 31 1240 1040 1787 0010 9967 8419 31 1240
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Payment of:

Entry fee to the Transatlantic Seniors Cup.

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS JAN. 19th, 2022.

Please be advised that the above accounts are in euro and US dollars respectively, NOT IN THE POLISH CURRENCY!

Wire transfers in any other currency will result in double currency conversion costs to be deducted from the amount transferred, which can make your exact fee insufficient.

IMPORTANT: Our bank only accepts conventional wire transfers. No credit card payments or on-line payments are supported.

The wire transfer should be sent by the sender's bank directly to our bank with the OUR cost option. Only this option is a guarantee that the recipient will receive the entire amount sent by the sender.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by:

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Website of the tournament:

<https://r.pzbs.pl/2022/tsc/web/>

SENIOR SERVICE

Mark Horton

Over the last 20 years England has always been a force to reckon with in Senior events. That's hardly a surprise given that they can call on the services of stalwarts such as Paul Hackett, Gunnar Hallberg, John Holland, David Kendrick and Tony Sowter. We all enjoy brilliant deals, but bridge matches are frequently decided by more mundane happenings. I have selected a few involving some of England's stars.

In 2016 the European Senior Championships were held in Budapest. These deals are from the first stage of England's trials.

Board 23 South/All	♠ AQJ1083 ♥ Q1062 ♦ A ♣ A8										
♠ K64 ♥ 8 ♦ 632 ♣ KQ7532	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 97 ♥ J7543 ♦ J754 ♣ 64
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 52 ♥ AK9 ♦ KQ1098 ♣ J109										

Open Room

W Penfold	N Capal	E Selway	S Harris
pass	1♠	pass	1♦
pass	2♦*	pass	2NT
pass	4♠	all pass	

2♦ – Hearts.

How would you describe North's jump to 4♠?

„Agricultural” was the choice of the BBO commentator.

East led the six of clubs and declarer won with the ace, unblocked the ace of diamonds, crossed to the ace of hearts, pitched a club on a diamond and took a spade finesse. When it held declarer tried to cross to dummy with a heart, but West ruffed, so declarer had to lose a heart at the end, +650.

Closed Room

W Burn	N Collins	E Callaghan	S Kendrick
pass	1♠	pass	1♦
pass	2♣*	pass	3♦*
pass	6♠	all pass	

2♣ – Crowhurst

3♦ – denies three spades.

The early play was identical, but having disposed of his losing club declarer played a spade to the ace and the queen of spades and was soon claiming, +1430 and 13 IMPs.

Board 18 East/NS	♠ Q1083 ♥ 86 ♦ Q3 ♣ QJ854										
♠ 962 ♥ A1093 ♦ 1052 ♣ A63	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ AKJ75 ♥ KJ75 ♦ AK74 ♣ –
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 4 ♥ Q42 ♦ J986 ♣ K10972										

Open Room

W Collins	N Robinson	E Kendrick	S Solomon
pass	pass	1♠	pass
1NT	pass	3♦	pass
3♠	pass	4♣*	pass
4♥*	pass	6♠	all pass

Once East had bid Three Diamonds it was not easy to get to hearts (with careful play you can make 6] even if you get the trumps wrong). Perhaps East could have jumped to 6♥ offering West a choice between the majors?

Closed Room

W Lawy	N Selway	E Ward	S Penfold
pass	pass	1♣*	pass
1♦*	pass	1♠	pass
4♠	all pass		

An uninspiring auction was more than matched in the play.

South led the six of diamonds and declarer took North's queen with the ace and cashed the top spades. When South discarded the two of clubs declarer played a heart to the ace and a spade. North went up with the queen and returned a diamond and declarer's goose was cooked. He played low, but South won with the jack and returned the suit for North to score the ten of spades. There was still a heart to come, +50 and a push.

Last year I spent part of the Easter holidays watching the Schapiro Spring Fours, which as always attracted a tremendous field with a wealth of World, European and National Champions. It is a feature of the event that in order to be eliminated, a team must be defeated twice.

The final featured two teams with significant Scandinavian connections, the number three seeds led by Simon Gillis and the original 21 seed, Robinson (Gunnar Hallberg, Simon Hult, Rob Lawy, Stefan Lindors, Dave Robinson & Tony Sowter).

Board 24 West/None	♠ AKQ87										
	♥ AQ84										
	♦ AQ8										
	♣ A										
♠ 64	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 532
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ 976	♥ K2										
♦ 1096	♦ K7542										
♣ J7652	♣ K43										
	♠ J109										
	♥ J1053										
	♦ J3										
	♣ Q1098										

Open room

W	N	E	S
Hallberg	Lindqvist	Hult	Brogeland
pass	2♣	pass	2♦
pass	2♠	pass	4♠
all pass			

If you use the principle of fast arrival, then jumping to 4♠ looks a good bet, although it gives up on the possibility of finding a fit in clubs or hearts. On this layout, with both red kings offside it was a very good bet, +450.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Gillis	Lindfors	Saelensminde	Lawy
pass	2♣	pass	2♦
pass	2♠	pass	3♠
pass	4♣*	pass	4♠
pass	6♠	all pass	

- 2♣ – Game forcing or 22-23 balanced;
- 2♦ – Relay;
- 4♣ – Cue-bid.

Here South preferred 3♠, but it appears that there was no machinery to locate a second fit (not that 6♥ would have made). Going down cost 11 IMPs, the biggest swing of the final, which Gillis won 45-24. Now change the location of one of those red kings...

THE INVISIBLE KING

Sometimes it takes nothing more than the application of some basic principles to point you in the right direction. In Round 3 of the recent ALT 10 event the players were confronted by this deal:

Board 15 South/NS	♠ KJ1097										
	♥ 75										
	♦ 7632										
	♣ 52										
♠ Q6	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 43
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ 9863	♥ QJ4										
♦ KQJ	♦ A1095										
♣ QJ93	♣ K1076										
	♠ A852										
	♥ AK102										
	♦ 84										
	♣ A84										

Despite having less than half the pack NS can make 4♠ in some comfort – and fortuitously 3NT.

Edmonds vs Black

Open room

W	N	E	S
McIntosh	Wooldridge	Paske	Edmonds
pass	2♥	pass	1NT
all pass			1♠

West led the ♦ K and continued with the jack, East overtaking it and switching to the ♠ 3. After a second

round of trumps declarer cross-ruffed his way to 11 tricks, +200.

Closed Room

W Klukowski	N Hult	E Zatorski	S Hallberg
			1NT
pass	2♥	pass	3♠*
pass	4♠	all pass	

3♠ – Good minimum.

Although nine other players broke the transfer Simon Hult was the only North who advanced to game. Why do you suppose he did that? Firstly, all his points

were in his long suit. Secondly, as soon as partner supported spades the fifth card became significant – the best way to evaluate it is to think of it as an extra king, adding three points to your hand. The combined effect is to make the North hand worth around 9 points, making it clear to advance to game.

I was introduced to this concept by Tony Sowter – and as you will have observed he has been known to play in teams with Gunnar.

West led the ♦K and switched to the ♣Q, declarer taking the ace, playing three rounds of hearts ruffing with dummy's ♠J and then cashing the top spades for +650 and 10 IMPs.

TOM FENWICK ON OPENING LEADS

The national team of Switzerland for a long time has been regarded as a tough competitor and serious contender of all major championships. It was ranked in top ten at some bridge olympiads (1960, 1968, 1972, 1976), world (1978) and European championships. Players like Jean Besse, Pietro Bernasconi, Tony Trad, Tom Fenwick, Jaime Ortiz-Patino were the adornment of many major tournaments.

One of them – Tom Fenwick – is a member of the Swiss team at the 2nd TSC. Thanks to the captain of Swiss team we are able to share one of the memorable and brilliant defense plays of Tom, provided by his friend, Serge Fradkoff.

Tom Fenwick did much to his reputation with an opening lead, as deceptive as barely seen, by creating a sort of optical illusion.

Holding KQ1098x in spades, Tom opened 1 spade. Tom had the opportunity to rebid Spades and subsequently East, Jean Besse, contributed mild delayed support.

The lead against a NT contract, with dummy holding the spade stopper, seemed as evident as possible. Who would lead any other card than the Spade King in this position?. Yet the NT contract sounded intimidating: a double stopper was likely.

Tom found a different solution, he led the spade10! Dummy held AJxx in spades.

Put yourself in declarer's place. From his point of view, the lead could only come from K10987x or Q10987x, leaving East with king or queen.

The fastest and surest way to eliminate the Spade threat is by playing the spade ace at trick 1. Upon regaining the lead, West persevered with his plan, playing the spade 9.

Lulled into a false sense of security, the declarer failed to put up the dummy's spade J. In the next round, West was in command with KQ.

Put yourself in the place of the declarer. From his point of view, the lead could only come from K10987x or Q10987x. Q1098xx, leaving East with K or Q. Hence ducking the jack would block the suit.

In this way, West managed to transform two stoppers into one, using deception where sheer technique would not prevail. As they say in French, *Le reste n'est que banalité.*

Website of the tournament:

<https://r.pzbs.pl/2022/tsc/web/>

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

QUALIFICATION SWISS

24th-28th Jan., 8 p.m. CET
5 rounds of Swiss, 20-board matches
31st Jan. -4th Feb., 8 pm CET
5 rounds of Swiss, 20-board matches
Vue graph matches start at 8.30 pm CET

PLAY-OFF

7th Feb 7.00 & 9.30 pm CET
Round of 16, 2x16 boards
8th Feb 7.00 & 9.30 pm CET
Quarterfinals, 2x16 boards

9th Feb 7.00 & 9.30 pm CET
Semifinals, 2x16 boards
10th Feb 7.00 & 9.30 pm CET, seg. 1&2
11th Feb 7.00 & 9.30 pm CET, seg. 3&4
Final, 2x12 boards each day
Vue graph matches start at 7.30 pm CET

SWISS FOR THE 3RD PLACE

7-11th Feb, 7.30 & 9.00 pm CET
2 rounds (10 boards each) each day

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SBU Winter Fours – Scotland’s Premier Event Online for 2022 and back to usual end of January slot!

Weekend 1 – Saturday January 22nd & Sunday January 23rd 2022

Double Elimination Matches of 24 boards in 2 stanzas

Weekend 2 – Saturday January 29th – Quarter & Semi-finals

Sunday January 30th – Final & Consolation Final

The event will be held on RealBridge.

**Entries from Teams of 4 - 8 players by January 16th – sign up on the
SBU website – www.sbu.org.uk – under ‘Events’ and ‘Enter Online’**

**Cost = £140 per team for both weekends including Swiss event.
Payment details on registration form.**

Prizes for Winners, losing finalists and Consolation Final 1st & 2nd

Teams who fail to qualify for either of the Finals will be given the option to play in a Swiss Teams event on January 30th on BBO at no extra cost.

Where an NBO has an ‘official’ team entered, a Junior team from the same NBO will be given free entry



OCBL WED - THU SWISS

12 - 13 January, 2022



SWISS

10 Rounds x 8 Boards

WEDNESDAY

Round 1: 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST
Round 2: 17.15 CET / 11.15 EST
Round 3: 18.30 CET / 12.30 EST
Round 4: 19.45 CET / 13.45 EST
Round 5: 21.00 CET / 15.00 EST

THURSDAY

Round 6: 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST
Round 7: 17.15 CET / 11.15 EST
Round 8: 18.30 CET / 12.30 EST
Round 9: 19.45 CET / 13.45 EST
Round 10: 21.00 CET / 15.00 EST

Entry Fee: 150 €

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG