

“Trials” and Tribulations

USA2 USA1

USA1

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8
1	Nickell	220	11	9	33	41	8	64	19	35
2	Spector	199	14	39	39	33	16	11	19	28

USA2

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4
3	Bramley - wins tie	173	34	64	50	25
4	Hill	126	46	7	49	24

Beth Palmer Results at the half

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	Baker	262	25	26	30	53	21	78	7	22	
4	Cole	255	56	16	60	7	35	7	45	29	
2	Howard	184	20	20	17	17	13	37	22	38	
3	Wittes	285	46	28	18	47	28	22	46	50	

Until the end of the Women’s event, the Daily Bulletin will feature highlights from both the Open and Women’s!

LoveBridge computes some interesting statistics on each player each day. Today you can see yesterday’s statistics and tomorrow you can see the stats from today. To view, you must go to https://stats.lovebridge.com/statistics/usbc_2285 and enter your username. Each player has an individual username and password. Anyone can view a complete set of stats by clicking the tournament link and selecting USBC Open All. Your personal stats are only available when you’re logged in.

In the Daily Bulletin from the Senior Online Championships on October 3, you may have seen the **In Memoriam** for Jeff Goldsmith. Jeff lost his battle with cancer last week. Jeff’s family has designated the **USBF Junior Fund**, a 501C(3) charity, for donations in his memory. Donations may be made through the USBF website (USBF.org) and will be properly acknowledged. This was a very kind gesture by Jeff and his family who recognized how important bridge was to Jeff.

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QuarterFinalists in Alphabetical Order

Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Mike Becker Hemant Lall	Kit Woolsey Peter Weichsel Michael Kamil
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Radu Nistor Ish DelMonte	Sandra Rimstedt Iulian Rotaru Finn Kolesnik
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Roger Lee	Chip Martel Brad Moss Daniel Korbel
Gu	Jiang Gu, Capt Ming Sheng Jian-Jian Wang	Hailong Ao Hongji Wei
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Joel Wooldridge	Joyce Hill David Grainger
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Steve Garner Mark Lair
Nickell	Frank Nickell Geoff Hampson Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Eric Greco Steve Weinstein
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Kevin Bathurst



Face to Face Open USBC Tournament Schedule

VACCINATION REQUIRED:

All players in the 2021 Open USBC MUST be vaccinated against CoVid19.

Players must submit proof of vaccination to the USBF Secretary (Jan Martel) before play commences in the event.

This includes the online stages - players are not eligible to enter the event if they do not submit proof of vaccination.

There are no exceptions to this rule.

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting and the Covid ban on kibitzing, it is especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

Suzi



No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.

This applies to players AND kibitzers.

Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.

Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.

The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do.

Potter Stewart

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
QUARTER-FINAL			
MONDAY	OCT. 4	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
TUESDAY	OCT. 5	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 6	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
THURSDAY	OCT. 7	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
FRIDAY	OCT. 8	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL			
SATURDAY	OCT. 9	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SUNDAY	OCT. 10	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
USA2 FINAL			
MONDAY	OCT. 11	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
TUESDAY	OCT. 12	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

I don't think anyone should write their autobiography until after they're dead.

Samuel Goldwyn

I saw a woman wearing a sweatshirt with Guess on it. I said, Thyroid problem?

Arnold Schwarzenegger

Beth Palmer

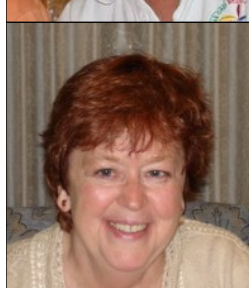
WUSBC Teams Entered...

Alphabetical Order



Baker	Lynn Baker Kerri Sanborn Janice Molson Sam Dinkin, NPC	Karen McCallum Jill Meyers Disa Eythorsdottir
Cole	Margie Cole, Capt Jenny Wolpert Shannon Cappelletti	Sandra Rimstedt Irina Levitina
Howard	Allison Howard, Capt Gigi Simpson Anam Tebha	Kay Enfield Gen Geiger Rose Meltzer
Wittes	Pam Wittes, Capt Cheri Bjerkan Emma Kolesnik	Shawn Quinn Rozanne Pollack Amber Lin

"A woman with a voice is, by definition, a strong woman."
Melinda Gates



FORMAT OPEN USBC

The face-to-face USA1 stages will be 2-day, 120-board KO matches.

The face-to-face USA2 stages will be a 2-day, 120-board KO R16 in which the 4 losing USA1 Quarterfinalists will play, followed by a 1-day, 60-board KO Quarterfinal, in which the 2 USA1 Quarterfinal losers will play the 2 USA2 Round of 16 winners; a 1-day 60-board KO Semifinal in which the USA2 Quarterfinal winners will play, and a 2-day 120-board Final between the USA1 Final loser and the USA2 Semifinal winner.

Play Requirements: Each player must play 10 matches in RR 1 and at least one segment against each other team in RR 2 to qualify for the KO stages (a player who does not meet the play requirements can be added back to the team as long as the requirements for roster changes are met. Each player must play 50% of the boards in every KO match to be eligible to continue on the team. See General Conditions of Contest Section XII (at USBF.org) about how to count boards and potential waiver of this requirement.

Closed Notes: Players may not consult their notes at any time during play unless they are dummy.

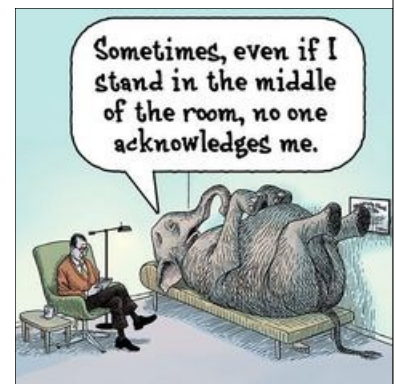
Withdrawal: A player or team may withdraw at any time.

Play in the KO stages will be on LoveBridge tablets, with either 2 or 4 players in a room.

SETTING THE KO BRACKET: THE KO BRACKET WILL BE BASED ON ACBL SEEDING POINTS, EXCLUDING POINTS AWARDED FOR ONLINE PLAY, PLUS ADDED SEEDING POINTS FOR PERFORMANCE IN EACH STAGE OF THE ROUND ROBIN.

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USA1 SEMIFINAL			
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USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMIFINAL			
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USA2 FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 13	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
THURSDAY	OCT. 14	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60

Beth Palmer Women's USBC Schedule



"It's always Sit, Stay, Heel - never Think, Innovate, Be yourself."

KO KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. The stream is delayed; go to the schedule below for starting times for each segment.

Popcorn time! Do you want to listen to commentary? Search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentary. If inactive, no one is commenting.

Nail biting!

Do you want to be deeply involved? Choose the “Match view” at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into four small screens – two of them showing the two tables of the match you choose, the other two having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can personalize the content in your windows. (Not active on mobiles.)

Think together!

When watching a table, click on a name and choose “Kibitz”. Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees. You can decide what you would do and see whether your chosen player agrees.

More Information:

Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you the scoresheet, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

Navigation icons:

While surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the “house” or to the standings with the “scores”. If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue.

Replay:

After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way “next board” button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board then the same buttons move you through the list. Push every button and enjoy!

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Segment 1: 12:00 noon

Segment 2: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 6:00 pm

Segment 4: 8:00 pm

NEXT DAY

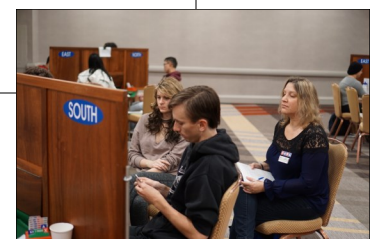
Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 8:00 pm

Segment 8: 10:15 pm



Mask Rules

Attendees are required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth in all public areas in the hotel. That means the hotel lobby, corridors, and elevators, as well as the **Hospitality Suite** and the **Office/Players' Break Room, where masks must be worn at all times. Therefore, there is no eating or drinking in those rooms.**

Our attorney has told us that the Cook County Mask Mandate forces us to require masks in the playing rooms. Therefore, we have adopted the following policy about that:

*Masks are required in playing rooms. If you are observed not wearing a mask in a playing room, there will be a 2 IMP penalty for the first offense in a segment, a 4 IMP penalty for the second offense, an 8 IMP penalty for the third offense, and a 16 IMP penalty for the fourth and subsequent offenses; however, if you and your opponent agree to something other than both wearing masks, any IMP penalties for not wearing a mask will apply to both of you equally and there will be no other penalties. You may remove your mask briefly to eat or drink. **However, if you call for a director (for any reason), and you are not wearing a mask properly when the director enters the room, the penalty will apply to your team for your next match in the event.** There is no eating or drinking in the playing room when the Director present.*

In addition, anyone who is penalized more than twice (over the course of the entire event) in situations where his/her opponent was wearing a mask while s/he wasn't, or where the director was called, may be subject to additional conduct penalties.

You should bring masks to the tournament with you; we will not be supplying masks.

Covid Waiver

We are going to ask each player in these events to sign a COVID-19 Waiver of Claims. It is being sent to you by email and you may sign it electronically and return it to Jan (marteljan@gmail.com) or you can sign a printed waiver at the site. Waivers will be available to sign in room 1321 starting Oct. 5th at 9:00 am. **Everyone is required to sign the form before the start of play!**

A frog is at the bottom of a 30 meter well. Each day he summons enough energy for one 3 meter leap up the well. Exhausted, he then hangs there for the rest of the day. At night, while he is asleep, he slips 2 meters backwards. How many days does it take him to escape from the well?

Note: Assume after the first leap that his hind legs are exactly three meters up the well. His hind legs must clear the well for him to escape.

Logic Puzzle

Solution

Each day he makes it up another meter, and then on the twenty seventh day he can leap three meters and climb out.

Hospitality Information ... the Suite and more ...

Because of Covid, we won't be able to provide the full, wonderful hospitality we have in the past, but we will do what we can.

Hosts Evvie Gilbert and Maya Alela for the Open and Women's and Julie Arbit and Christian Jolly for the Mixed and Seniors will be in our usual hospitality suite (Room 2321). They will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch each day, starting on Tuesday, Oct. 5th.

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and some hot options. Also individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. They will be making coffee and will have individual packages of sugar, sweetener, and dairy & non-dairy creamers. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. We are limiting access to 6 players at any one time, so we ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that to take with you as quickly as you can, and then go someplace else to eat. **Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be always worn in the Hospitality Suite.** There will be a hand sanitizer station near the door and we encourage you to sanitize your hands before choosing what to take.

Lunch: From 2-4 pm (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early). There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as individually packaged tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, and berries. Also all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

Let us know what you want: If there is a menu for a future day's lunch hanging on the wall outside the Hospitality Suite, please mark what you want, so we have a better idea of what to order.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room, we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit.

Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be always worn in the Player's Break Room, so you may not eat and drink in the room.



Julie Arbit



Christian
Jolly



Covid has thrown us
A difficult curve.
Hope you're enjoying
The food we can serve!

Bottled water and Soda in the Break Room!

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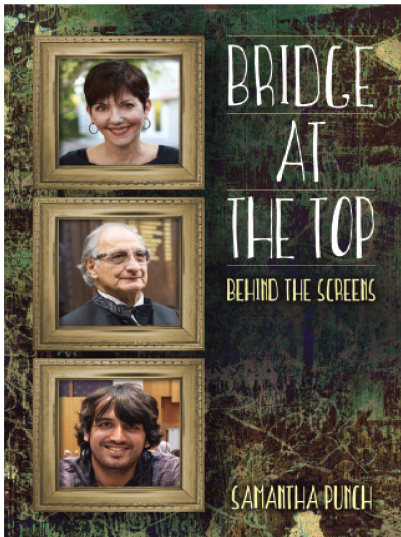
Jan VanCleaf provided this so our readers could use it to improve their bidding and better build partnerships. Bid72 allows users to participate in bidding contests, bid random boards and get a rating based on their bidding, learn about "topic board" hands dedicated to conventions and special agreements, and to create, upload and bid your own boards.

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Bridge at the Top *Behind the Screens* Samantha Punch



The interviews make the names we see on VuGraph come to life. The tips are tricks of the trade that will be useful to players of all levels. It is a fun and informative read.

— Jill Levin

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— Chip Martel

In the course of her research project, *Bridge: A MindSport for All*, sociologist Dr. Samantha Punch has been able to speak with many of the world's top bridge personalities. The best interviews are collected in this book, and they offer fascinating insight into what it takes to be a top player, coach or even sponsor. As a bonus, each subject offers their favorite bridge tip.

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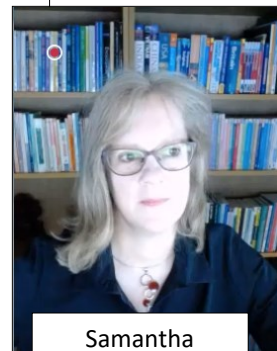
 Master Point Press

Samantha Punch's book is recently published and ready for your reading pleasure.

Sam is an amazing advocate of the game and while I have not yet read the book, based on her work with "Keep Bridge Alive" and more, I am certain you will want to have this volume in your collection!

Learn about the experts... how they think... what they think... and why they are so driven by a card game.

Editor



Samantha

		3	2	9	4	7		
						6	8	
		2						
		4	3				9	
			9	1	6	2		
8								
	5							9
1					7			
			6			8		

Sudoku 1



“There appears to be a whistle-blower in our midst!”

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

1								
	9	3						5
	7		8		5	6		
	5	9		7	1	2		
			2		3			8
	4							9
				1		4		
				8	7	1		2

Answer to Puzzle on page 11

endue	1	Heart	Tara
egregious	2	Mincer	Rhonda
arcannum	4	French	Mindy
pervade	5	Willow	Barbara
fructuous	3	Summer	Alice
Guessed Word	Words Missed	Last Name	First Name

Sudoku Solutions on Page 17

	French	Heart	Mincer	Summer	Willow	1	2	3	4	5	arcanum	egregious	endue	fructuous	pervade	
Alice																
Barbara																
Mindy																
Rhonda																
Tara																
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Puzzle Mania

answers on page 10

First Name	Last Name	Words Missed	Guessed Word

Thursday morning the students of Redwood High School walked into their English class to be greeted by a pop quiz. The quiz was on this week's twenty vocabulary words. Alice and her friends did all right on the quiz. They each made a complete guess on one of the definitions and were quite surprised to find out that their guess was right. Determine the full name of Alice and her friends, how many words each missed, and what word each guessed correctly.

1. Rhonda Mincer didn't guess correctly on the word pervade. The girl who correctly guessed the definition of arcanum was Mindy.
2. The girl whose last name was Heart, which wasn't Alice, guessed correctly on the word endue.
3. The one whose last name was Summer missed one word fewer than Mindy, who didn't miss five words.

4. Tara's last name wasn't French but she only missed one word.
5. The girl who missed three words did guess correctly on the word fructuous. Barbara's last name wasn't Heart and she missed more words than the girl whose last name was Summer.
6. Alice missed one more word than the girl who guessed the correct definition for egregious. Mindy's last name wasn't Will

I asked the IT guy, "How do you make a Motherboard?"
He said, "I tell her about my job."

What do you call a funny jar of mayonnaise? LMAYO.

Autumn

Find and circle all of the Autumn words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - an Albert Camus quotation.

L O N G E R N I G H T S N A A U C N
T O R U E S T U N Y R O K C I H R I
M S O A Y Q E N I S I A O T R W O K
R C Y H N E U V S T E R F H E O P P
C E A A C G K I A S N O A A B R S M
K N D N D S E R N E D S R N M C O U
S C Y L N R G L U O L P M K E E C P
Q R A K E I E R E T X G I S V R T S
U Y D T M A N T S A E F N G O A O E
A D Y D S I V G R T V S G I N C B P
S N R N G Y W E H O E E N V W S E T
H I E L P P A E S P H A S I V O R E
B W T Y L L I H C T E S P N R F L M
F T S E V R A H Y E L O I G C R E B
A A U H A L L O W E E N E F I O S E
A F L S E V A E L W O L L E Y S L R
L O B L W E C H E S T N U T S T R D

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| ACORN | EQUINOX | NOVEMBER | SEPTEMBER |
| APPLE | FALL | OCTOBER | SHORTER DAYS |
| BIRD MIGRATION | FARMING | ORANGE LEAVES | SQUASH |
| BLOWING LEAVES | FEAST | PIE | SWEET POTATOES |
| BLUSTERY DAY | FROST | PUMPKIN | THANKSGIVING |
| CANNING | HALLOWEEN | RAKE | TURKEY |
| CHESTNUTS | HARVEST | RED LEAVES | WINDY |
| CHILLY | HAYSTACK | SCARECROW | YELLOW LEAVES |
| COLD | HICKORY NUTS | SCHOOL | |
| CROPS | LONGER NIGHTS | SEASON | |

Meet the Players...



A seven-time world champion, **Karen McCallum's** most recent win is the McConnell Cup in Orlando, FL, Karen is perhaps best known for her aggressive and complex "light initial action" bidding system. Although the five-card (non-vul) "McCallum weak 2-bids" (with no restrictions on suit quality or side holdings) are no longer an oddity among experts, Karen saw their promise in the 1970s.

Respected around the world as a bidding theorist as well as a player, Karen has served as a coach of several Turkish national bridge teams (open, women, and junior), and of the Australian open national bridge team. She was the NPC for the Turkish juniors in the 2000 Junior World Championships in Antalya. Karen has been an invited participant in bidding panels in numerous bridge publications in England, Australia, Turkey, New Zealand, France and the US. She has also edited several bridge books, including the best-selling bridge book of all time, Larry Cohen's "To Bid or Not to Bid."

In addition to her great success in women's bridge, Karen has had some memorable experiences in open bridge. She was invited (with her partner, Kerri Sanborn) to play in the 1990 Rosenblum Teams with Peter Pender, Ralph Cohen, Bob Jones, and Mike Smolen, and the team faced a formidable opponent in the round of 16: Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Jimmy Cayne, and Chuck Burger. At the half, Pender's team was down 15 IMPs, and one team member suggested that perhaps "the four guys" should play the rest of the way. But Pender sent in McCallum and Sanborn for the second half and won the match. Pender's team eventually lost in the round of 8 to the German open team that won the event.

A woman of many talents and interests, Karen's primary work outside bridge is creating hand-crafted glass and beaded jewelry. You can see examples of Karen's stunning work at www.eclectica3.com. She is an insatiable reader of all genres, with a home library of more than 50,000 volumes. She also enjoys gourmet cooking and playing the piano. She lives in a 215-year-old farmhouse in Exeter, New Hampshire.

Wins

World Mixed Pairs Championship 2006
North American Bridge Championships
Smith Life Master Women's Pairs 2007
Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 1989, 1990, 1993, 1998, 2001, 2007, 2015
Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 2003, 2008, 2010
Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 1999, 2006, 2008
Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 1999
Wagar Women's Pairs 2015

Runners-up

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Whitehead Women's Pairs 2002
Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 1984, 1994, 1999, 2008
Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 1987, 2014
Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 2002

BIDDING	TRICKS	INFO	DDS
W	N	E	S
PASS	1♠	PASS	2♣
PASS	3♥	PASS	4♥
PASS	4NT	PASS	5♣
PASS	6♣	PASS	6♥
PASS	7♣	PASS	7♠
DBL	PASS	PASS	PASS

Hand 8 (Dealer North):

- North (Karen McCallum): ♠ A K Q 3 2, ♣ K 7 6 5 2, ♦ A 6 4, ♥
- South (Lynn Baker): ♠ 9 8 4, ♥ A 9 7 6, ♣ Q 8, ♦ K Q 3 2, ♥
- West (Jenny Wolpert): ♠ 10 7 6, ♥ J 8 5 4, ♣ A J 9, ♦ 8 7 5, ♥
- East (Irina Levitina): ♠ J 5, ♥ K Q 10 3 2, ♣ 10 4 3, ♦ J 10 9, ♥

Score: N 7♠^x, NS 0, EW 0. IMPs: N-S: Baker 143, E-W: Cole 145. Other room: N 5♠ +1 480.

Even the most experienced partnerships have misunderstandings. Baker and McCallum, a clearly experienced partnership, had a serious misunderstanding on Board 8 from the first segment of yesterday's Beth Palmer USBC. McCallum opened 1S. Baker responded 2C showing either a natural 2/1 in clubs or one of a variety of semi-balanced hands which could contain as few as 2 clubs. 3H was a splinter in support of clubs.

Put yourself in McCallum's position: When Baker bid 4H, it sounded like a cuebid confirming clubs. With great clubs and a great hand, McCallum keycarded, Baker's 5C response showing one. McCallum placed the contract in 6C expecting to play it there. When Baker bid 6H, everything became unclear. Could it be a try for a club grand allowing for 6NT if McCallum wanted to turn it down?

Likely feeling endplayed, McCallum bid 7C and Baker corrected to 7S.

All would have been fine had the HA been the CA.

Looking at the auction through Baker's eyes, it might well have appeared that 3H was a natural jump shift... especially when 4H was followed by an ace-ask. Baker never thought she had confirmed clubs and assumed she had shown heart support. In clubs, hearts, or spades, she held one keycard and her response would be the same.

When McCallum bid 7C, it was Baker's turn to be endplayed in the auction. Baker retreated to 7S hoping they had the right cards.

When Wolpert doubled, it became painfully clear to everyone at the table that something had gone awry... but it was too late. 11 IMPs to Cole when, at the other table, Rimstedt/Cole stopped in 5S making six.

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A helicopter loses power over a remote Scottish island and makes an emergency landing. Luckily, there's a cottage nearby, so the pilot knocks on the door. "Is there a mechanic in the area?" he asks the woman who answers. She thinks for a minute. "No, but we do have a McArde and a McKay."

A dull-witted king is losing a territorial dispute with a neighboring monarch. As the fight wears on, he gets more and more frustrated until finally he roars, "Where are my two court jesters?"

In seconds, two jesters appear at his side.

"Okay, let's continue," he says, "now that I have my wits about me."

"You need to be careful when writing comments," our principal told the faculty. He held a report card for a Susan Crabbe. A colleague had written, "Susan is beginning to come out of her shell."

After I took a job at a small publishing house, the first books I was assigned to edit were all on the topic of dieting. "Isn't the market flooded with these types of books?" I asked another editor. "How do we expect to turn a profit?" "Don't worry," he assured me. "These books appeal to a wider audience than most."

We disbar lawyers and we defrock clergy, so why don't we:

Delight electricians?

Derange cowboys?

Depose models?

Debark tree surgeons?

Depress dry cleaners?



Anna Gudge posted:

There is to be a free BBO Tournament in memory of Miguel Reygadas on 16 October. So do save the date and look for registration details on BBO

Grand life master Miguel Reygadas died Sept 25. He was 75. Born April 18 1946, Miguel was a loving father and great friend.

He began playing bridge at 15 and demonstrated a great facility for the game. Together with Gonzalo Herrera they represented Mexico in the first World Championships in 1968. Soon after this, Dr Rosenkrans invited him to play on his team internationally. From 1978 until his death he represented Mexico in 8 Olympics and the Bermuda Bowl.. He also played in many international games as a member of different teams.

Always a gentleman at the table, he was kind, considerate and respectful of his opponents. He will be greatly missed by the Mexican bridge community. He is survived by his daughter, Inéz.

More information as it is available.

Frequently a 4-4 fit plays better than a 5-4 fit because the five card suit provides an extra discard.

On this hand it makes no difference which minor suit becomes trump. N/S only has ten winners in clubs, diamonds, or no-trump.

If South is declarer and E/W start by cashing two high spades, they will promote a spade winner for a heart discard and declarer's eleventh trick.

At the table above, Spector opened a weak 2H and Wolpert raised to game. Katz, not a shy bidder, had a good hand with support for all three of the unbid suits. He also had good defense, and chose to make a takeout double. Nickell could have passed!! In hindsight, the winning action. Nick bid 4NT, showing both minors. Katz picked 5C.

While a completely neutral lead would defeat 5C, who could blame Spector for leading the suit his side had bid and raised? Spector led the H7 and Katz ducked to his HQ. Katz crossed to the HA and finessed clubs to take eleven tricks and score up the vulnerable game.

At the other table Levin opened 2H and Weinstein raised to 3H. Bathurst passed the North hand and the auction ended.

Hurd led the CT (Rusinow, showing the jack).

Levin covered with the CK and Bathurst won the CA.

Clubs were continued.

Levin ruffed the second club, crossed to dummy with the SA and finessed for the HQ.

Eventually Bobby had to concede two diamonds and a spade for down one. 11 IMPs to Nickell

In the USA2 event, all four N/S pairs played in 3NT when the opponents did not take away their bidding space by jumping to 4H. Two players did not open 2H on the East cards and two players raised only to 3H. In the Palmer, both Baker/Cole teams were allowed to play 3NT successfully. However, in Howard/Wittes both tables played in four of a major doubled for -300. Matchups matter! Had each match had one 3NT contract and one four hearts or spades, both tables would have had swings instead of practical pushes!

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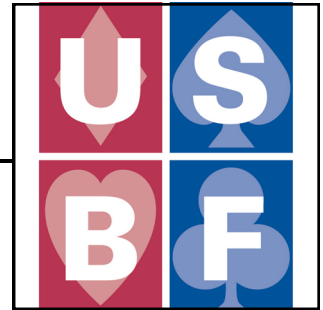
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3	2	4	3	1	7	6	5	9	8
9	6	1	9	8	3	5	4	2	7
5	7	2	6	1	9	3	1	2	4
9	4	1	7	5	3	6	8	2	5
6	8	3	2	9	4	7	1	5	8

Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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If you stop and think before trick one,
The game will be a lot more fun!



Board 16 produced a big swing for Baker. Doubling part scores into game is far more dangerous in IMPs than in match-points. In IMPs, an entire match can hang on one board. AND, even when a contract is destined to fail, any doubled defensive slip could result in disaster.

On Board 16, the defenders should defeat 3HX by scoring two heart tricks, one diamond trick, one club trick and one spade trick. Wolpert got off to the best lead when she led her partner's spade suit. The S5 drew the 3, 8, and K. Baker led a diamond toward

dummy. Wolpert rose with her ace. At this point, she was well positioned to defeat the contract. Leading a second spade would insure down one, setting up the defenders' fifth trick while East still had possession of the trump ace. Jenny shifted to the CJ, a harmless play when it went 2,3,4 and she was still on lead. (Note that had Wolpert played the ace instead of the jack, she'd have had a wish trick!!)

But NOW Wolpert NEEDED to lead the spade! Unfortunately she had a blind spot and continued clubs. Baker ruffed, played the DJ and finessed against the DQ. She followed that play with D4 to the Q, K, 6.

A small heart from dummy drew Levitina's singleton HA, but alas, Levitina had no spade trick to cash. Irina played the SQ to dummy's ace. Baker played the DT, pitching her spade loser while Wolpert ruffed to reach this position:

Baker was down to all trumps and whatever Wolpert led, Baker could win it in hand and pull the last trump. Contract making. 13 IMPs to Baker when, at the other table in this match, Molson and Disa doubled 4H and collected 300!

In the other Palmer match, Howard/Enfield bid to 3H and made it. The opening spade lead was won with the ace and a heart was played off dummy. East won her singleton ace and continued spades. South won in hand and played the HK followed by the DJ to the Q,K,3. A heart was played off dummy to West's queen. West, at the crossroads, needed to lead any card but the CA. Unfortunately that was the card she played, squelching her last entry to partner's hand. Contract making.

7 IMPs to Howard.

BIDDING	TRICKS	INFO	DDS
W	N	E	S
PASS	PASS	1♥	PASS
1NT	PASS	2NT	PASS
3NT	PASS	PASS	PASS

Q J 10 8 6 3 10 5 Q 10 6 5 2
 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠

N Ralph Katz

NORTH
DEALER 20 EAST
SOUTH

7 5
♠ ♠
J 4
♥ ♥
K 9 7 4
♣ ♣ ♣ ♣
Q J 7 4 3
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Gavin Wolpert

A 2
K Q 7 6 3 2
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥
J 8
♣ ♣
A K 8
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Warren Spector

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

Nick Nickell

W 3NT NS EW
0 0

N-S: Nickell 116 IMPs
E-W: Spector 141 IMPs
Other room: E 4♥ = -620

Board 20 looks like a pancake board... flat around the field... values for game E/W with a 6-2 heart fit.

In the USA1 Final, Spector took an anti-field position. He opened 1H. Wolpert responded 1NT, and instead of rebidding his hearts at the three of four level, he bid 2NT. Wolpert, with only two hearts, bid the notrump game.

Katz led the SQ. Gavin won the ace in dummy and led the H2. Nickell rose with the ace, cashed the SK and the CA and played a spade to Katz. Contract failing three tricks. 14 IMPs to Nickell when Levin/Weinstein played in the cold 4H game at the other table, declarer losing the obvious heart, spade and club tricks. (Levin rebid 3H over 1NT and Weinstein raised to game.)

In USA2, Bramley/Hill, Wooldridge/Grainger, East/West respectively, bid to 3NT after Wooldridge opened 1H; Grainger bid 1NT; Wooldridge bid 2C, artificial 16+ HCP, Grainger bid 2H showing 0-7 with 2 or 3 hearts and Wooldridge bid 3NT, explained as a choice of games. Weischel led the SQ, won with the ace in dummy. Grainger led a small heart off dummy and Lall ducked. Grainger ran five rounds of diamonds. On the last diamond, Weichsel shed a small spade. Grainger led the S7 and the defense cashed out for down two.

At the other table in this match, Dwyer opened the North hand 2S. Bramley overcalled 3H. Huang bid 3S and was left to play it there. He went down one, the defense collecting one spade, one heart, two diamonds and one club. 7 IMPs to Bramley.

In the Palmer in Baker/Cole, McCallum opened 2S. Levitina overcalled 3H. Baker bid 3S and bought the contract. The defense took one trick in spades, one trick in hearts, one trick in clubs and two tricks in diamonds for down one.

At the other table in this match, Disa/Molson bid to 4H. North passed with the six spades. Molson opened 1H; Disa bid 1NT; Molson rebid 3H and Disa bid game. Cappelletti led a diamond won with Molson's ace. Molson led a heart to the jack and a heart to the king and ace. Cappelletti did her best, underleading the CA, but Molson was up to it. She rose with the CK and took 12 tricks. 11 IMPs to Baker

In Howard/Wittes, Bjerkan/Pollack played in 4H making five while their counterparts in the other room, Simpson and Meltzer played in 5D.

Lin, North, passed and Simpson opened 1H. Kolesnik passed and Meltzer bid 1NT. Simpson made up a jump shift to 3D and Meltzer, who liked that bid, called 5D. As is apparent, Simpson should lose one club, one heart and one spade... however, Kolesnik led the CA and a club, losing to the king in dummy. Simpson played a diamond to the ace and a heart to the jack, a diamond to the king and the HQ to the HA. Kolesnik found the spade shift but it was too late. Simpson won the SA, played the HK, tossing dummy's S7, and took eleven tricks. 2 IMPs for Wittes

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Congrats Team Nickell USA1



Limey Jack...

Cheerio Mates,

Getting down to the wire. Three jousts remain:

I'm chuffed to bits to choose Spector over Bramley. The cheeky lads hold their own bringing down their elders.

In the dames, I pick Baker. I grew up near Baker Street in London and by now I am bloody missing my homeland.

No doubt Howie Dung went for Cole. Cole? I am knackered from all this picking. If Dung took Cole, I'm taking Howard.

A month away...

I fancy a cuppa...

Ta Ta...

Howie Doing...



Team Hill ... knocked out today but played really well throughout the event!

Photo from Schaumburg!

Limey is fickle,
But I stick with Nickell.

Note my foresight
Was totally right!

On the street, twas the word
That I should pick Hurd.

But right from the start
With two Mikes, I pick Bart.

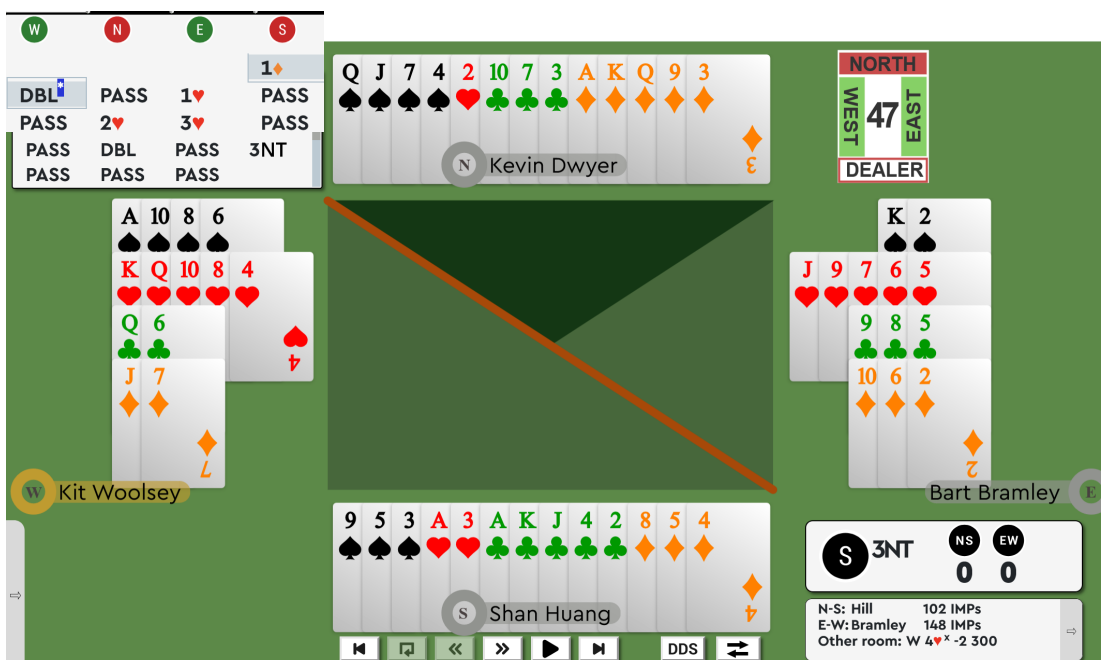
I'm betting on Baker,
The title to take 'er.

When it comes to a win,
I'm picking team Lynn!

In Howard v Cole,
Who's on a roll?

Howard is weaker.
Cole in a squeaker.

When picking the dames,
I hate to name names.



Board 47 in the USA2 Bramley/Hill match was interesting.

South opened 1 nebulous diamond. West doubled showing at least 4-4 in the majors. North passed with his opening hand and East bid 1 only heart with five to the jack and a severe lack of values.

South passed. West passed. North bid 2H, good takout. East muddled the water with 3H

and it went pass, pass, double. East passed and South pulled the double to the vulnerable 3NT holding Ax of hearts as a stopper.

Woolsey led the HK and Bramley unblocked the jack. Huang won the ace.

Huang could count a probable five diamonds, two clubs and the heart ace. He needed one more trick and it would most likely need to come from the club suit.

What does he know at this point?

He knows LHO has at least 8 major suit cards. LHO is at favorable so 4-4 MIGHT be enough to drag out the one level double. He knows that LHO started with the KQ of hearts and RHO started with the HJ. He's fairly sure the spade honors are split because Woolsey might have led one of them to buy a look at dummy if he held them both. He knows that the only high card outstanding in diamonds is the jack and the only high card outstanding in clubs is the queen. That leaves LHO with at most 12 points for his takeout double.

Huang played the king and ace of diamonds and a club to king. He cashed out the diamonds. Everyone discarded spades... Bramley stiffed his king of spades and Woolsey stiffed his ace coming down to this position:

Huang played the CT from dummy; Bramley did his best, playing the C9, Huang considered the situation and decided that Kit had to have the 12 missing points. Even though he could pretty safely infer that Bramley held more clubs than Woolsey, he rose with the ace and dropped the doubleton queen offside.

Contract making. 8 IMPs for Hill when Wooldridge and Grainger took an advance save in 4HX going light two tricks for -300 on the auction below:

