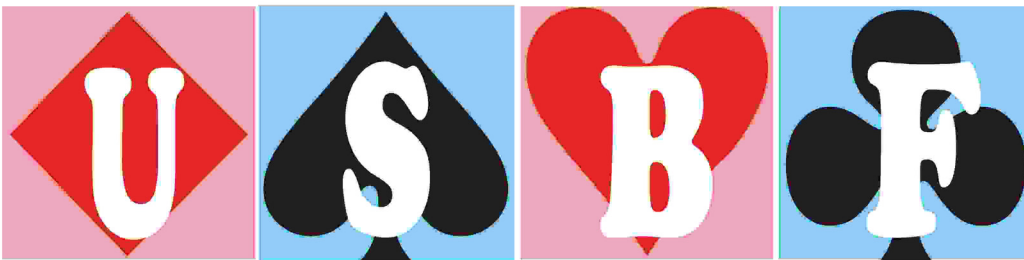


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The Prez Says ...

Welcome to the 2020 USBF Invitational 2 Online Tournament. Our first Online Tournament in May delighted both the participants and the spectators. We were encouraged by many to sponsor another competition and here we are. We hope you will follow the action August 8-10 and 14-16 on BBO. 16 top

United States teams are set to compete.

The first weekend will be a complete Round Robin. Each match will be 11 boards.

The second weekend will feature the Quarterfinal, Semifinal & Final KO stages, with seeding based on Round Robin performance. The Quarterfinal and Semifinal matches will be 56 boards, played in four 14-board segments; the Final match will be 60 boards, played in four 15-board segments. Each player must play at least two segments of every match.

The matches will be played on BBO and broadcast on VuGraph with a 30 minute delay. There will be no real-time kibitzing allowed for any match.

This event will be "open notes" - players may consult their bidding notes during the auction. Other aids to memory (for example, lists of percentages, calculators, notes about carding) are not allowed. If a table is over the time allowed and one player has spent time consulting notes, that player's team will be deemed at fault for the tardiness.

Undos for Misclicks will be Allowed. Any player who accidentally clicks on the wrong bid or card ("misclick") may ask for an undo and the opponents must allow it. The request for an undo must be made before the partner of the person requesting the undo has acted.

Online play presents challenges. The USBF extends its gratitude to BBO for providing a venue where bridge can thrive during this difficult time. While the USBF Board and the tournament organizers do their best to make our events the fairest Competitions year after year, maintaining this standard will always be the responsibility of the players. We count on you to uphold the high ideals of ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which United States bridge is known worldwide.

I know I will do my part to uphold these standards. Please keep this in mind as you participate in this event.

Good luck everyone!

Let the games begin!

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Teams Entered...

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Brenner	Anne Brenner, Capt Chris Compton Steve Beatty	David Caprera Andy Goodman Fred Stewart
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Harris	Martin Harris, Capt Howard Liu Louis Glasthal	Miriam Harris-Botzum Eugene Hung Michael Massimilla
Levine	Michael Levine Mike Passell Jeff Meckstroth Robert Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Mark Lair Eric Rodwell
Lusky	John Lusky, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Franklin Merblum	Allan Falk Franco Baseggio Walter Lee
McAllister	John McAllister, Capt Oren Kriegel	Kevin Rosenberg Ronald Smith
Meyers	Jill Meyers, Capt Janice Seamon-Molson Allan Graves	Kerri Sanborn Tobi Sokolow Mitch Dunitz
Moss	Joe Grue, Capt Sylvia Moss David Grainger	Brad Moss Roger Lee Joel Wooldridge
Nickell	Frank Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt John Jones Leo Bell	Lance Kerr William Hall Cris Barrere
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Bart Bramley Martin Fleisher	Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey Chip Martel
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Zur Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Gary Cohler
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Geeske Joel Cadir Lee	Debbie Rosenberg Michael Rosenberg Yehudit Hasin
Seligman	Martin Seligman Robert Hamman Petra Hamman, NPC	Hemant Lall Jacob Morgan
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Vincent Demuy Kevin Bathurst



Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN (BOARD NUMBERS HAVE TO BE 1-11 FOR ALL MATCHES)					
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS		
SATURDAY	AUGUST 8	12:45 PM	PLAYERS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)		
SATURDAY	AUGUST 8	1:00 - 2:20	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-11		
		2:30 - 3:50	MATCH 2 - BOARDS 1-11		
		BREAK			
		4:30 - 5:50	MATCH 3 - BOARDS 1-11		
		6:00 - 7:20	MATCH 4 - BOARDS 1-11		
SUNDAY	AUGUST 9	7:30 - 8:50	MATCH 5 - BOARDS 1-11		
		1:00 - 2:20	MATCH 6 - BOARDS 1-11		
		2:30 - 3:50	MATCH 7 - BOARDS 1-11		
		BREAK			
		4:30 - 5:50	MATCH 8 - BOARDS 1-11		
MONDAY	AUGUST 10	6:00 - 7:20	MATCH 9 - BOARDS 1-11		
		7:30 - 8:50	MATCH 10 - BOARDS 1-11		
		1:00 - 2:20	MATCH 11 - BOARDS 1-11		
		2:30 - 3:50	MATCH 12 - BOARDS 1-11		
		BREAK			
		4:30 - 5:50	MATCH 11 - BOARDS 1-11		
		6:00 - 7:20	MATCH 14 - BOARDS 1-11		
		7:30 - 8:50	MATCH 15 - BOARDS 1-11		
		QUARTERFINAL - SEGMENTS ON BBO HAVE TO START WITH BOARD 1			
		FRIDAY	AUGUST 14	12:45 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING (ZOOM)
FRIDAY	AUGUST 14	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14		
		2:50 - 4:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 1-14		
		BREAK			
		5:05 - 6:50	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-14		
		6:55 - 8:40	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 1-14		
		SEMIFINAL - SEGMENTS ON BBO HAVE TO START WITH BOARD 1			
		SATURDAY	AUGUST 15	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
				2:50 - 4:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 1-14
BREAK					
5:05 - 6:50	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-14				
6:55 - 8:40	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 1-14				
FINAL - SEGMENTS ON BBO HAVE TO START WITH BOARD 1					
SUNDAY	AUGUST 16	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14		
		2:50 - 4:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 1-14		
		BREAK			
		5:05 - 6:50	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-14		
		6:55 - 8:40	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 1-14		

USBF 11 Board victory Point Scale

11 Boards (Blitz is 50 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	18	15.33	4.67	36	18.49	1.51
1	10.37	9.63	19	15.55	4.45	37	18.62	1.38
2	10.74	9.26	20	15.76	4.24	38	18.75	1.25
3	11.09	8.91	21	15.97	4.03	39	18.87	1.13
4	11.43	8.57	22	16.18	3.82	40	18.99	1.01
5	11.77	8.23	23	16.38	3.62	41	19.11	0.89
6	12.09	7.91	24	16.57	3.43	42	19.22	0.78
7	12.41	7.59	25	16.75	3.25	43	19.33	0.67
8	12.71	7.29	26	16.93	3.07	44	19.44	0.56
9	13.01	6.99	27	17.11	2.89	45	19.54	0.46
10	13.30	6.70	28	17.28	2.72	46	19.64	0.36
11	13.58	6.42	29	17.45	2.55	47	19.74	0.26
12	13.85	6.15	30	17.61	2.39	48	19.84	0.16
13	14.11	5.89	31	17.77	2.23	49	19.93	0.07
14	14.37	5.63	32	17.92	2.08	50	20.00	0.00
15	14.62	5.38	33	18.07	1.93			
16	14.86	5.14	34	18.21	1.79			
17	15.10	4.90	35	18.35	1.65			

Ethics Statement

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System Regulations & Conditions of Contest

- Normal USBF System regulations apply to this event.
- This event is governed by the USBF General Conditions of Contest and Special Conditions of Contest for this event.
- The ACBL Open+ Convention Chart applies to this event.

Excerpted from the USBF Invitational 2 advance email to players... Or Everything You Wanted to Know About This Event But Were Afraid to Ask!

Information about the event can be found on the USBF website (USBF.org). Click on USBF Invitational 2 under the tournament menu - that will take you to the main page where there is general information and will also open the sub-menus, which include:

Results - links to the cross-table for the Round Robin and to the brackets for the KO matches. We will have our usual “web vugraphs” linked to the scores, so you can access a scorecard with links to the hands, bidding & play by clicking on a score.

Teams entered has the list of teams with links to players’ System Summary Forms (SSFs). Reviewing the SSFs for players on teams other than yours will better prepare you to play the competition. The SSFs for those pairs with unusual methods are in red on the Teams Entered list. It is strongly recommended that you review those SSFs even if you do not review all the others. When you play against a pair, you can get their SSFs and convention cards from this page.

Event schedule has the time each segment starts. Remember to be logged into the “competitive” area of BBO at least 5 minutes before you are due to play.

Daily Bulletin - links to the Daily Bulletins - if a link gets you a 404 error (“we can’t find that page”) that means that the daily bulletin has not yet been posted.

Zoom - You will all receive an invitation to a Zoom meeting called INV2 Round Robin each day. On Saturday, 8/8, the meeting will start at 12:40 for the 12:45 Captains’ Meeting. On Sunday and Monday, the meeting will start at 12:45. You should be able to join the meeting by clicking on the link in the invitation. Please join by 12:55 so you can be assigned to a chat room with your screenmate. We may have to admit you to the meeting in which case we will do so.

If you have never attended a Zoom meeting, when you click on the link in the invitation, you’ll be asked to download the Zoom app - it’s very quick. Zoom has improved their security so the early concerns are no longer relevant.

Before the first match starts, you will be assigned to a Zoom “breakout room” with your screenmate, so you can chat and provide more complete explanations of bids and plays. For this event, unlike the INV1 event, screenmate chat is compulsory, but you do not have to use Zoom if you and your screenmate prefer something else (FaceTime, Google Hangouts, Skype, phone, whatever). As soon as the first match starts, you should be automatically taken to the right breakout room. If you are not taken to the correct room, please contact Jan.

As each match is completed, you may move all of the players on your team to your home table (it will be called Team-Name NE because it will also be where your N and the opponents’ E have been during the match), just ask and Jan will do this. This is not required, it is for your convenience so you can talk to your teammates after a match.

Captains & Players Meeting

Our DIC, Will Watson, will meet with all of the team captains and any players who want to participate on Zoom at 12:45 EDT on Saturday, Aug. 8th. Subjects for the meeting include BBO procedures, Zoom procedures, scoring, and answers to any questions you may have. We hope that this will be a short meeting.

BBO Procedures

Where to go: The event will be played in the Competitive section of BBO, which is where you will be when you log in to BBO. If you go to the Casual section to play or kibitz at a table there, you will need to return to the Competitive section,

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which sometimes requires logging off and back on. Please be logged into the Competitive section at least 5 minutes before you are scheduled to play.

Lineups: For the Round Robin we are using “blind” lineups as we do for USBCs with a single Round Robin. You submit your lineup before you know which team you’re playing. Because of the time needed to set up matches online, we are asking that lineups be submitted a match in advance. **You need to submit your lineup for the first 2 matchups each day no later than noon EDT.** Before each match starts, you need to submit your lineup for the following match. Instructions on how to submit lineups will come later - we’re still working on the procedure, but it will be about the same as what some of you had for the NAOBC. If you have not submitted a new lineup for a match, it means your lineup remains the same as for the current match.

Starting: If all of the players are on BBO in a timely manner, you should be automatically taken to the appropriate table and seat when the matches start. But since nothing ever works the way it’s supposed to, you may have to accept an invitation to play at the appropriate table, which will be identified as USBF INV1 RR match X, Table Y (X & Y will be numbers). The first board will be dealt after everyone is in their seats and in the appropriate screenmate breakout rooms.

Timing: We expect to be able to start each Round Robin match at the scheduled time, but there may be problems that mean we’ll be late - please bear with us!

Kibitzers: We will not be allowing kibitzers for any part of this event. For the Round Robin, we will also not have any Delayed Vugraph. After each round, we will link the bidding & play records to the Cross-Table as quickly as we can, so people who want to see what happened can do so.

Alerting: You should self-alert your bids, and as with screens, should alert if you have any question about whether or not to alert. You can also provide additional information about bids orally to your screenmate in the Zoom session.

Undo’s: Undo’s for misclicks are allowed and must be accepted. You need to ask for an undo before your partner acts.

BBO profile: Please make sure that your profile includes your real name.

System Information: Some of you created BBO convention cards with links to your SSF and ACBL convention card for the USBF INV1. We are not asking those of you who did not do so to create BBO convention cards for this event, because we found there was a problem with the convention cards loading, and it is probably easier to get your opponents SSF and ACBL convention card from the Teams Entered list on the USBF website.

Asking questions of opponents: You may ask questions of one or both opponents by directing chat to them. You may ask your screenmate questions orally on Zoom. PLEASE do not ask questions of the entire table, as that might give your partner UI. You may ask only the person who made a bid the meaning of his or her bid.

Help during play: Jan will be on BBO as USBF, Al Hollander will be on as USBF2, as well as some ahollan# accounts, and Will Watson will be on as willwats. If you have any problems, please message one of us and we’ll try to solve them.

Scores: Jan will be entering the scores into the USBF scoring program based on the BBO results. She will try not to have to ask you for scores, but she may sometimes miss the end of a match and have to do so.

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Any questions, please ask!

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions! Pandemic Pleasures...

Butter-Roasted Lamb Loin with Cipollini Onions and Red Currant Sauce

Recipe courtesy of chef Dustin Valette and tested by Wine Spectator's Julie Harans.



Ingredients

- 12–15 cipollini onions, unpeeled, rinsed and dried
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- Sea salt
- Freshly cracked black pepper
- 1/2 bunch (about 15 sprigs) fresh thyme
- 2 pounds boneless lamb loin, sinew removed, fat scored 1/4-inch deep, rolled and tied with kitchen string, if needed for even cooking
- Leaves of 3 sprigs fresh rosemary, chopped
- 2 whole cloves garlic, peeled
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2/3 cup fresh red currants, stems removed (may substitute frozen, unthawed or thawed)
- 1 bottle red wine (3/4 cup is for cooking; the rest is for you to drink!)
- 8 pieces lamb's lettuce (or purslane, mâche or butter lettuce)
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Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. In a small bowl, drizzle the onions with olive oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper, drizzle with 4 tablespoons water and add the thyme. Toss to combine. Place in a medium-size casserole dish or Dutch oven, cover tightly with aluminum foil and roast until tender, about 40 to 45 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool slightly. Remove the skin. Cut in half horizontally and set aside.
2. Drizzle both sides of the lamb with olive oil, and season with salt, pepper and rosemary.
3. Heat a large, heavy stainless-steel pan over high. When the pan is hot, add the lamb, fat side down. This will get smoky; be sure to have your vent fan on. Cook until golden-brown, about 3 minutes. Flip and sear the other side until golden-brown, about 3 minutes more. Add the garlic cloves and half the butter to the pan. Cook for about 10 minutes, flipping the meat halfway through and using a large spoon to baste the lamb frequently with the butter as the butter turns golden-brown. When the lamb is cooked through (an instant-read thermometer should register 130° F), remove from the heat and transfer to a platter. Reserve in a warm spot.
4. Drain the excess fat and the garlic from the pan and set over medium-high heat. Add the cooked onions, sautéing until golden-brown, about 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to the warm platter with the lamb.
5. With the pan still over medium-high heat, add the currants and sauté until the berries start to pop. Add 3/4 cup wine and reduce with the currants until 80 percent of the liquid has evaporated, about 5 to 7 minutes. Slowly whisk in the remaining butter over the heat until fully incorporated. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
6. Slice the lamb into medallions. On each dinner plate, place some onions in the center. Put a couple pieces of lettuce on one side. Place a few lamb slices on top of the onions. Spoon the currant sauce on the lamb and around the plate. *Serves 4.*

Classic St. Louis BBQ Ribs

Ingredients

- 2 full racks St. Louis pork ribs
- 1/2 cup French's yellow mustard
- 1/4 cup pimenton dulce (sweet smoked paprika from Spain), or standard sweet smoked paprika
- 1/4 cup barbecue dry rub of your choosing
- 1 cup barbecue sauce of your choosing

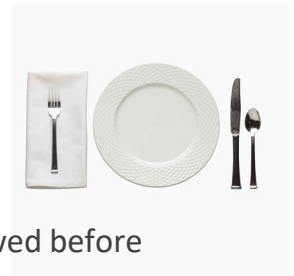
Preparation

1. Heat a charcoal grill and grill the ribs until nicely charred, about 10 minutes on each side. Remove from heat and brush both sides of the ribs with yellow mustard.
2. Combine pimenton and barbecue dry rub, and dust both sides of the ribs liberally.
3. Wrap ribs tightly in restaurant-grade, oven-safe plastic wrap then again in heavy-duty foil. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight.
4. Preheat the oven to 300° F, place the foil packs of ribs on a baking tray and roast for 2 hours (using two trays if necessary). After 2 hours remove from the oven, carefully unwrap and assess tenderness. The ribs should be tender but not falling apart. If they need more time, rewrap and continue cooking until tender.
5. When ribs are tender, remove from oven. At this point you can cool them down in the foil or unwrap and proceed with glazing to serve immediately.
6. Preheat the oven to broil. Brush the barbecue sauce onto both sides of the ribs and transfer to the oven to broil until glazed, about 2 to 5 minutes.
7. To serve, cut the racks into individual ribs. *Serves 6.*

Jalapeño Creamed Corn

Ingredients

- 1 jalapeño, chopped
- 2 ounces unsalted butter
- 26 ounces corn kernels (preferably fresh, cut off the cob; frozen corn, thawed before preparation, may be substituted)
- 8 ounces heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon salt, or to your liking
- 1/2 teaspoon cornstarch



Preparation

1. Add jalapeño and the same amount of water to a blender and blend on high until smooth. Strain through a fine-mesh sieve and reserve 2 teaspoons.
2. In a large pot, melt butter over low to medium heat.
3. While the butter is melting, take 50 percent of the corn and blend with an immersion hand blender to make mashed corn. Aim for the texture of a coarse puree.
4. Once the butter is completely melted, add the remaining corn kernels, mashed corn, heavy cream, salt and 1 teaspoon (or amount to your taste) jalapeño water. Bring to a gentle simmer (do not allow to boil).
5. Combine cornstarch and 1/2 teaspoon water to form a slurry, stir into the pot and let mixture come back to a gentle simmer.
6. The creamed corn will thicken in about 2 to 3 minutes. Once this happens, turn off the heat and season with salt to taste, if necessary. *Serves 6.*

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Ingredients

For the pasta frolla dough:

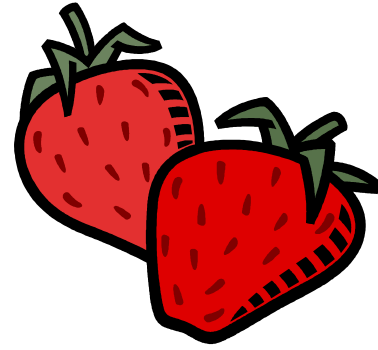
- 1 cup all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup cold unsalted butter, cubed
- 1 egg plus 1 egg yolk, beaten

For the semolina pastry cream:

- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 5 egg yolks
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon semolina flour
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon orange blossom water (this can be ordered online from high-end grocers, baking supply stores and other sources)
- Finely grated zest of 1 orange

For the macerated strawberries:

- 4 cups vertically sliced strawberries
- 1/2 cup sugar



Preparation

1. **To make the dough:** In the bowl of a food processor fitted with the dough blade, combine the flour, sugar, salt and butter, and pulse until well-blended, four to five pulses, or blend the ingredients together in a large bowl with a fork or pastry blender, until the butter is the size of small peas.
2. Add the beaten egg to the food processor (or to the bowl if you are making this by hand) and process, five to seven pulses, or blend until a rough-looking dough starts to form. Gather the dough into a disk, wrap in plastic, and refrigerate it for at least 1 hour or up to overnight (take the dough out 15 minutes before rolling to soften slightly).
3. **To make the pastry cream:** Meanwhile, fill a large bowl with ice cubes and cold water to form an ice bath and then set a medium bowl on top. In a small saucepan over medium heat, bring the milk to scalding (just under a boil). In a medium bowl, whisk the egg yolks, sugar and semolina flour until very well-combined, about 2 minutes.
4. Pour 1/4 cup of the hot milk into the yolk mixture and whisk well. Return the tempered mixture to the saucepan, turn heat to medium-low, and cook, stirring continuously, until it registers 180° F to 182° F on a thermometer. Transfer the mixture to the bowl set over the ice bath; add the butter, orange blossom water and orange zest; and then whisk until well-combined. Place plastic wrap on the surface of the mixture and set aside in the refrigerator. Preheat the oven to 350° F. Lightly butter a 10-inch tart pan.
5. Flatten the dough with a rolling pin, then roll between two sheets of parchment paper into a 12- to 13-inch circle. Remove the top piece of paper. Dust the top of the dough lightly with flour, then fold it in fourths. Lift the dough and place it with the point of the fold in the center of the prepared tart pan. Gently unfold the dough and fit it into the pan, allowing any excess to drape over the sides. Trim the edges with scissors and press the dough manually to make it even with the top of the pan. Poke the dough all over with a fork.
6. Place a sheet of aluminum foil over the top of the dough and weigh it down with dried beans, rice, or ceramic pie weights; this will help prevent the tart shell from puffing up as it bakes. Set the tart mold on a baking sheet. Bake the tart shell for 10 minutes, then remove the foil and beans and bake until it is golden around the edges and cooked through (the base should look dry), about 10 minutes longer. Transfer the tart shell to a wire rack to cool.
7. **To prepare the strawberries:** In a medium bowl, gently combine the strawberries and sugar. Set aside to macerate, allowing the strawberries to release their juices, 30 minutes or so, and then drain.
8. Spoon the pastry cream into the tart shell and use an offset spatula to spread the cream and smooth the surface. Arrange the strawberries in an overlapping spiral, starting on the outside and working your way into the center. Serve immediately. *Makes one 10-inch tart; 8 servings.*

I ate a clock yesterday, it was very time-consuming.

Have you played the updated kids' game? I Spy With My Little Eye . . . Phone.

A perfectionist walked into a bar...apparently, the bar wasn't set high enough.
You know it is going to be a bad day when the letters in your alphabet soup spell D-I-S-A-S-T-E-R.

A fire hydrant has H-2-O on the inside and K-9-P on the outside.

Did you hear about the crook who stole a calendar? He got twelve months.

Q. What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?

A. I don't know and I don't care.

Did you hear about the semi-colon that broke the law? He was given two consecutive sentences.

The world tongue-twister champion just got arrested. I hear they're gonna give him a really tough sentence.

So what if I don't know what "Armageddon" means? It's not the end of the world.

I woke up this morning and forgot which side the sun rises from, then it dawned on me.

I've just written a song about tortillas; actually, it's more of a rap.

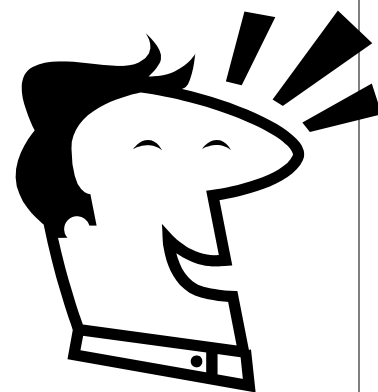
Velcro—what a rip-off!

I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner as all it was doing was gathering dust.

If we shouldn't eat at night, why do they put a light in the fridge?

If I got 50 cents for every failed math exam, I'd have \$ 6.30 now.

Moses had the first tablet that could connect to the cloud.



Kibitzer Activities:

Normally we would feature baseball happenings, golf courses, and shopping centers here. For this event, we are suggesting you consult your local restaurants and shopping venues for curb-side pick-up and delivery! If you choose outdoor dining where available or beaches where open, please remember to socially distance and bring your mobile device and wi-fi to be able to watch the matches while enjoying the beautiful outdoors!



And as Sadie Shopper will tell you, online shopping is available in your area (wherever that is) 24 hours a day for your enjoyment.

We recommend you stock up on popcorn and snacks, put your feet on your desk and enjoy the matches.

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Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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Answers to Puzzle on Page 15:

Seen in the Recent ACBL Online KO:

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 ♥9843
 ♦97
 ♣Q654

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 ♠Q4
 ♥Q1062
 ♦K642
 ♣A97

E fnickell
 ♠9762
 ♥AK
 ♦AQJ85
 ♣K2

S agoodman1 8+
 ♠J853
 ♥J75
 ♦103
 ♣J1083

1♦ Pass
 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
 3♦ PassPass

(NS) PASSELL: 26 IMPs
 (EW) NICKELL +4: 39 IMPs

fnickell: May I have an undo please?

While "full disclosure" is where it is at...
 Reading the comments here in this "chat,"
 There's proof that our players are never too shy...
 But for some of the kibs, it might be TMI??

Gadzooks Yanks, but you are a busy lot.

Another USBC, another oppo to rake in some bob at the punter, and yet again Howie Dung to play the fool on the hill.

In a full roundabout 8 stay connected and 8 go back to their flats.

Howie Dung will be full-throated as he writes that Bishel will wish he'll play better.

Brenner, while a decent amount of lumber, has too many barristers to avoid conflict.

Harris used all of their racing luck in a previous tilt.

Lusky has 3 lovely pairs, but needs a fourth.

McAllister has come to a gunfight with a dull knife.

Reynolds is overmatched but came to play.

Schireson, in conjunction with McAllister, removes all my Scottish brethren from further consideration.

Seligman, alas, is the undoing of our all time favourite player, Mr. Hamman.

Of the survivors, Moss travels a slippery slope, Meyers has a quartet of Fillies who comport themselves quite well, and Donner has scoured three continents to arrange this team.

When next we meet, Howie Dung will have hat in hand and Limey Jack will be unwelcome at the punters.

Jack

Limey Jack

While I love Jack a Bishel and a peck,
Bishel has no chance 'gainst teams the likes of Meck!

Brenner is outclassed, suffering an ouch!
She will sleep in bed while David's on the couch!

The Grossack boys will stay through the KO start.
But after just one match, team Donner will depart.

The Harris team is Hung by their own petard,
For playing too much stuff for one Convention Card!

Levine's got the wood; with Meckwell playing fine.
Even Jack can't think they will finish number nine!

McAlister will dive. Lusky stays alive.
Moss's expert guys are certain to survive.

Meyers will remain if they take their saves.
Mitch should do quite well partnering with Graves!

With Eric and with Geoff, Nickell will do well.
Reynolds will take leave with Kerr, Hall, Bell!

Rosenthal hangs firm. Robinson does too.
Adding Chip and Marty was really quite a coup!

The Rosenbergs are doomed as far as I can see.
Who is Ms. Hasin and who is Cadir Lee?

Seligman is iffy. He suffers from a scare.
He's worried 'cause he's playing as a brand new pair!

Spector plans to stay. At least that's what I've Hurd!
Count on Howie's picks... Jack's are all absurd!

Till next week,
I remain...
Howie Doing! Fine thanks!!

Howie Doing...

Fun and Games Page

★ Kitchen Utensils

All the words are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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

- FORK
- GLASS
- GRATER
- GRILL
- ICE CREAM SPOON
- JUICER
- KETTLE
- MEASURING CUP
- MIXER
- OPENER
- PEELER
- PIE TIN
- PLATE
- ROLLING PIN
- SCALES
- SPATULA
- STRAINER
- TIN FOIL
- WAFFLE IRON
- WHISK

- | | | |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| APPLE CORER | BRUSH | COFFEE FILTER |
| BAKING TIN | CASSEROLE | CUTLERY |
| BREAD KNIFE | CHOPPING BOARD | FISH PAN |



A "heart"felt message
 We will share...
 Keep the
 Playing Field FAIR!!



A puzzle themed
 for the
 "Stay-At-Home
 world"

Tonight's dinner promises to be a fun and exciting tour through the dinners we've enjoyed over the past couple of days!



QUARANTINE HUMOR signifying...
 Leftovers!!

Word Find Puzzle



Logic Game - In the restaurant



A family went to a restaurant to celebrate granny's birthday. Each of them chose different dishes and drinks. Your task is to find out what they ate and drank. To solve this game you have to look at the clues, fill in the tables. Finally write full sentences using the solution.

To solve this logic game put an 'X' where there is a relation and '-' where there isn't.

		SECOND DISH					FIRST DISH					DRINK				
		Noodles with quark cheese	Quesadilla	Roasted turkey with pommes frites	Spaghetti carbonara	Tuna in breadcrumbs with rice	Chicken soup	Fish soup	Goulash soup	Mexican soup	Strawberry soup	cola	mineral water	orange juice	red wine	white wine
NAME	Maggie (mum)															
	Mark (son)															
	Martin (dad)															
	Mavis (granny)															
	Molly (daughter)															
DRINK	cola															
	mineral water															
	orange juice															
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FIRST DISH	Chicken soup															
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	Mexican soup															
	Strawberry soup															

Clue 1: The children didn't drink any alcohol because they are young.

Clue 2: Dad likes spicy food. He's fond of the Middle American cuisine.

Clue 3: Tuna was a good choice after the fish soup and the Mexican dishes were also delicious together.

Clue 4: Maggie usually drinks a glass of red wine if they are in a restaurant. She doesn't like goulash because it's too spicy for her

Clue 5: The child who drank cola chose something Italian.

Clue 6: Mavis drank some water. She didn't order fish or poultry but she likes Hungarian cuisine.

Clue 7: Molly prefers poultry to fish and likes fruits, too.

Now summarize your answers.

NAME	FIRST DISH	SECOND DISH	DRINK
Maggie			
Mark			
Martin			
Mavis			
Molly			

Now write sentences. Look at the example.

e.g.: Moses, the grandpa, ordered carrot soup and chicken in breadcrumbs with vegetables and drank some lemonade.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____



What's a Restaurant?



Meet the Players

David Caprera and his wife, **Annie Brenner**, are a great couple. They live in Colorado where David has recently retired from a successful law practice. Dave serves on the USBF Board of Directors. He has accompanied several of the USBF Junior Teams to their international competition, acting as their Coach.

David and Annie, being a married couple playing bridge as partners (*Editor's Note: I know this isn't always easy...*), have kept their senses of humor. David has written a "good read" called *Sleeping on the Couch*. It is a compilation of bridge stories that are humorous and entertaining while still imparting a "lesson learned" on each hand. The title, *Sleeping on the Couch*, says it all!

Here are some of the comments that some of David's bridge-playing friends contributed to the back cover:

"When they travel to tournaments, Dave chooses their hotel by the comfort of the sofas." Chris Compton

"If Dave had just bid 3NT and made it, he could have avoided the couch." Bob Hamman

"If he slept on the couch that often playing Precision, I don't want to imagine where he would have slept playing 2/1." Jeff Meckstroth

"The guy plays like he didn't get a good night's sleep." Eddie Wold

"Annie deserves a bed of her own." Kate McCallum

"I have played against Annie and Dave quite a bit. My advice to Dave is to keep your enemies close and your couch closer." Bobby Levin

"Dave has a great teaching style for the juniors. But you can only carry 'do as I say, not as I do' so far." Michael Rosenberg

"For forty years I've been telling you to be more practical and you do this to me?" Jack Oest

"Even bridge bums occasionally sleep in a bed." Alan Sontag

"Perhaps Dave should play backgammon instead." Kit Woolsey

"Dave, it is time to come to bed now." Anne Brenner

The royalties from David's book are generously being contributed to the USBF Junior Fund.

Puzzle Answers:

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

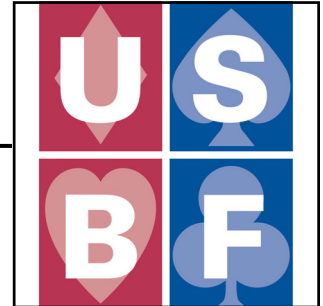
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

USBF Supporting Membership



If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. Your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators. The USBF is an all-volunteer organization. Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.

Who Says Bridge Players Aren't Swingers??

Last week, the ACBL ran a high level online two event NABC. The two events included a KO Teams and a Pairs Game. The KO was modeled after the Spingold and the Vanderbilt. The Pairs event was modeled after the Platinum Pairs.

On BridgeWinners, Kit Woolsey observed, "I just finished our final match in the NAOBC KO. It was one of the most enjoyable events I have ever played in. The competition was great -- we were challenged every match from the round of 32 on. But most important, it was fun! While everybody was playing hard, we were all enjoying the event. There was nothing but good will in every match we played, and I'm sure the same was true for other matches. The players were playing for the purpose of enjoying the tough competition, the way it should be."

As in this USBF INV2 event, the VuGraph ran delayed broadcasts for the kibitzers and the players competed while on Zoom with their screenmates.

70+ teams entered the event and one round of 4-way matches brought the field to 64.

In the third segment of the Round of 16, where the Nickell team faced the Passell team, Hampson/Greco had an excellent strong-club auction to reach 7C. The 1H bid showed 8-11 HCP. 4D was RKC in for clubs and 4S showed one keycard. 5D asked for kings and Greco showed the heart king. Since Greco's 2NT bid had shown a balanced hand with fewer than three spades, Hampson was confident that all of his losers were covered. He knew that, at worst, 7C might depend on reasonable black-suit splits, and that was a risk he was willing to take.

It paid off handsomely. There was nothing to the play. Dummy's small diamond could be discarded on a high heart and there were 13 cold tricks!

At the other table Goodman/Compton bid to a 6C, making seven.

13 IMPs to Nickell

Nickell vs. Passell

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	S blanchard	
	♠ 75 ♥ AK ♦ Q842 ♣ J10942	

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Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Board 5

W sam lev	N jerry72	E fchang
♠ Q93 ♥ J873 ♦ KJ1095 ♣	♠ AK10864 ♥ 6 ♦ A6 ♣ AKQ6	♠ J2 ♥ Q10952 ♦ 73 ♣ 8753
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	S aronov	
	♠ 75 ♥ AK ♦ Q842 ♣ J10942	

West	North	East	South
	1♣	2♥	3♣
3♦	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4♥ South | NS 0 EW 0

Lev vs. Korbelt

(Continued from page 16)

In the Lev/Korbelt match, on the same board, Bill Pollack and Bob Blanchard won what was probably the largest swing of the tournament when they bid 7C while Stamanov/Aranov had a "major" accident ending in 4H by South... a 2-1 fit!

The auction was interesting:

Pollack had to cuebid 4H rather than 4D because 4D would have been kickback. 4NT was RKC for clubs. 5D showed four keycards. 5H asked for the club queen and 5S showed the club queen and the spade king.

At the other table Stamanov/Aranov had an accident and played in 4H (apparently intended as a cuebid). Aronov must have played the hand well to go down only three!

20 IMPs to Lev

In high level Knockout competition, the big swings are often generated by a pair's ability to bid and make grand slams.

Congratulations to the Kolesnik (Finn) team and the Levine team for tying for first/second in the event! It was especially gratifying to see several of the players who have come through or are still participating in the USBF Junior Training enter the competition. Finn and his partner were just two of those players.

The Fountain of Youth... from the USBF Junior Training Program

Monday Night Mentoring Session

Board 7
D

Kai Eckert

W marksmanma

♠ J109874
♥ 9876
♦ 86
♣ 2

N aclarkie Allie Clark

♠ 3
♥ KJ543
♦ 10953
♣ Q53

E danielluke

♠ Q5
♥ AQ
♦ AKQ4
♣ AKJ109

S lhuang325 Lucy Huang

♠ AK62
♥ 102
♦ J72
♣ 8764

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2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		Pass

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Kai Eckert

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♠ 4
♠ 5
♠ 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		Pass

3NT East NS 0 EW 1

East wins trick 1.

The Michael Shuster training group and the Stan Subeck training group held an online team game last Monday night during their regular mentoring time.

“aclarkie” and “lhuang325” bid to 3NT, producing a rarely seen first trick!!

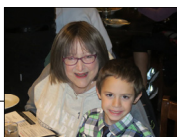
This is especially important to some players who enjoy aspects of the game besides just squeezes and coups... players who relish the time to play online with friends just for practice and fun and look for number combinations of interest.

One player is especially good at spotting simple “wish tricks” (A-2-3-4), BIG wish tricks (A-K-Q-J), multi suit wish tricks which contain the usual A-2-3-4 but all in different suits, and so on.

Nick, is this a micro wish trick?

Ed. Note: With the delayed broadcasting and the use of the Round Robin, it will be 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



SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 13

NAME	FIRST DISH	SECOND DISH	DRINK
Maggie	Fish soup	Tuna in breadcrumbs with rice	Red wine
Mark	Chicken soup	Spaghetti carbonara	Cola
Martin	Mexican soup	Quesadilla	White wine
Mavis	Goulash soup	Noodles with quark cheese	Mineral water
Molly	Strawberry soup	Roasted turkey with pommes frites	Orange juice