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We Remember:



Welcome to the **2020 Justin Lall Online Teams 1**. The USBF has run two Online Knockout Events since the start of the Pandemic and both were highly successful. This event, our third, marks the first of many to be named in memory of Justin Lall. Justin was an amazingly talented young player and great friend of the game. While we mourn his loss, with this event, we celebrate his life.

Major change from USBF INV1 & INV2: The move from BBO to RealBridge: You can read about RealBridge at <https://realbridge.online>. On RealBridge, the video is integrated with the play which eliminates the need to set up chat rooms for screenmate chat.

Event Schedule and Format

- JLall1 will be held from November 6-9 and 13-16
- Play each day will start at 1:00 pm EDT and end around 10:00 pm EDT.
- Will Watson is the DIC. Jan Martel is the Tournament Organizer.

Round Robin Stage 1, Nov. 6th to 8th:

Everyone plays 3 days of a "split field" Round Robin with 10 board matches; there are two Round Robin groups, the **Indians**, named for Justin's heritage, and the **Cowboys**, named for his favorite football team. Teams will be assigned to the two groups based on a "draft" by the top two teams (chosen by a vote of all teams). The top 5 teams in each group qualify for the KO Round of 16. The bottom 6 teams in each group are eliminated. The 5 teams in the middle of each group ("bubble teams") will play in Stage 2 of the Round Robin.

Round Robin Stage 2, Nov. 9th:

Each bubble team plays a 10 board match against each bubble team from the other group, scored at VPs with carryover from the first 3 days. The top 6 teams qualify for the Round of 16. The bottom 4 teams are eliminated.

Knockouts, Nov. 13th-16th: one 56 board match per day. *If both of the finalists want a longer match (60 or 64 boards), we will have that.*

There will be a Captains' meeting on Nov. 11th to set the KO bracket.

- During the bidding and play, each player will be able to see & hear their screenmate - (N&E, S&W).
- There will be no real-time kibitzing allowed for any match. RealBridge has a way for kibitzers to watch a match after a delay. For the Round Robin, viewing will be delayed until each match is complete so kibitzing does not provide "state of the match" information. For the KO, each board will be shown once all tables have completed it.
- This event will be "open notes" - players may consult their bidding notes, SSF, and convention card during the bidding. Other aids to memory (for example, lists of percentages, calculators, notes about carding) are not allowed. If a table runs over the time allowed and one player has spent time consulting notes, that player's team will be initially deemed at fault for the slow play.

Online play presents challenges. While the USBF Board and the tournament organizers do their best to make our events the fairest Competitions, 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... and which would make Justin proud!

I will do my part to uphold these standards. Please keep this in mind throughout the event. Good luck everyone! Let the games begin!

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The Prez Says ...

Teams Entered...

Teams in Alphabetical Order within RR Groups:

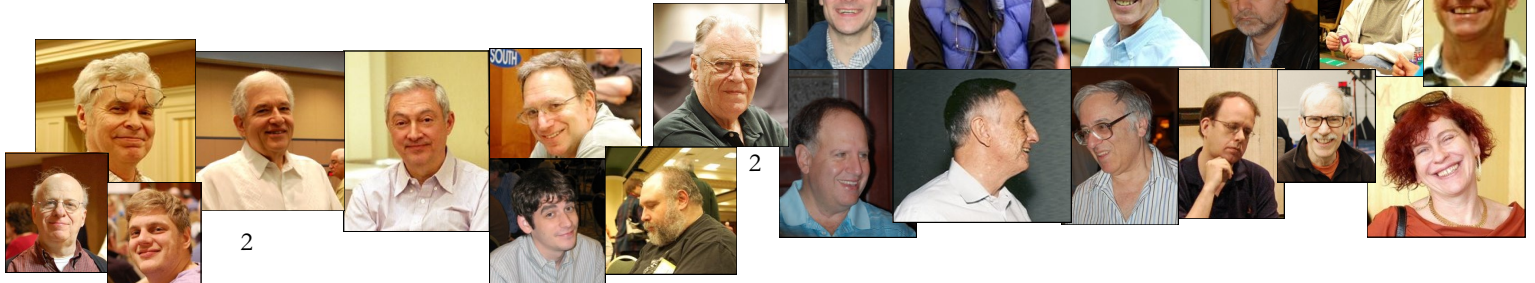
Indians

Cowboys



Bjerkan	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt Pam Wittes Janice Seamon-Molson	Rozanne Pollack Ljudmila Kamenova Tobi Sokolow
Caprera	David Caprera, Capt JoAnn Sprung Steve Beatty	Anne Brenner Danny Sprung Fred Stewart
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Lynn Baker Jacob Freeman	Michael Shuster Karen McCallum Finn Kolesnik
Harris	Marty Harris, Capt Mike Massimilla Emma Kolesnik	Miriam Harris-Botzum Lou Glasthal Amber Lin
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Meyers	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Allan Graves Mike Becker	Jill Meyers Steve Sanborn Michael Kamil
Nadel	Julie Nadel, Capt Leo Bell Daniel Korbel	Billy Miller Bruce Ferguson
Nickell	Nick Nickell Geoff Hampson Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Eric Greco Steve Weinstein
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Rick Roeder	Lance Kerr John Jones Joe Viola
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Marty Fleisher	Peter Boyd Bart Bramley Chip Martel
Silin	Maxim Silin, Capt Jim Rasmussen Mark Aquino	Carrie Liu Parul Jain Selen Hotamisligil
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Glenn Milgrim Sid Brownstein	Jeff Aker Barry Rigal Ed Davis
Stoltz	Eric Stoltz, Capt Jim Johnsen Mike Day	Roger McNay Paul Darin Dorn Bishop

Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt Charley Seelbach Chris Compton	John Bishel Blaine Mullins Andy Goodman
Bitterman	Bob Bitterman, Capt Gloria Bart	Bob Cappelli Les Bart
Donn	Sheri Winestock, Capt Josh Donn Steve Garner	Uday Ivatury Christal Henner Jeff Wolfson
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Reese Koppel	Marley Cedrone Olivia Schireson
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Joe Grue Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Brad Moss Iulian Rotaru
Feldman	Jason Feldman, Capt Mark Feldman Walter Lee	Jerry Stamatov Adam Wildavsky Frank Merblum
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt John Stiefel John Rengstorff	Glenn Eisenstein Geof Brod Greg Woods
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Ash Gupta Mark Moss	Vinita Gupta Zia Mahmood Bob Thomson
Hung	Eugene Hung, Capt Ari Greenberg Adam Kaplan	Howard Liu Tom Carmichael Ron Smith
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Drew Becker Dick Bruno	Claude Vogel Larry Robbins Bob Gardner
Levine	Michael Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mark Lair	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mike Passell
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Andrew Stark Alex Kolesnik	Harrison Luba Franco Baseggio Jiang Gu
Moss	Roger Lee, Capt Ish Delmonte Gary Cohler	Sylvia Moss Eldad Ginossar Billy Cohen
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Jacob Morgan
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Randal Burns Sarah Youngquist	Cadir Lee Geeske Joel Debbie Rosenberg
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt Kevin Bathurst Vince Demuy	Gavin Wolpert John Hurd John Kranyak



Tournament Schedule

<i>ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 1</i>			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EST	BOARDS
FRIDAY	NOV 6	12:45 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	NOV 6	1:00 - 2:15 2:30 - 3:45 4:45 - 6:00 6:15 - 7:30 7:45 - 9:00	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20 BREAK ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
SATURDAY	NOV 7	1:00 - 2:15 2:30 - 3:45 4:45 - 6:00 6:15 - 7:30 7:45 - 9:00	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 51-60 ROUND 7 - BOARDS 61-70 BREAK ROUND 8 - BOARDS 71-80 ROUND 9 - BOARDS 81-90 ROUND 10 - BOARDS 91-100
SUNDAY	NOV 8	1:00 - 2:15 2:30 - 3:45 4:45 - 6:00 6:15 - 7:30 7:45 - 9:00	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 101-110 ROUND 12 - BOARDS 111-120 BREAK ROUND 13 - BOARDS 121-130 ROUND 14 - BOARDS 131-140 ROUND 15 - BOARDS 141-150
<i>ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2</i>			
MONDAY	NOV 9	1:00 - 2:15 2:30 - 3:45 4:45 - 6:00 6:15 - 7:30 7:45 - 9:00	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20 BREAK ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
<i>ROUND OF 16</i>			
FRIDAY	NOV 13	1:00 - 2:45 2:55 - 4:40 5:30 - 7:15 7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
<i>QUARTERFINAL</i>			
SATURDAY	NOV 14	1:00 - 2:45 2:55 - 4:40 5:30 - 7:15 7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
<i>SEMIFINAL</i>			
SUNDAY	NOV 15	1:00 - 2:45 2:55 - 4:40 5:30 - 7:15 7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
<i>FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)</i>			
MONDAY	NOV 16	1:00 - 2:45 2:55 - 4:40 5:30 - 7:15 7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

USBF 10 Board victory Point Scale

10 Boards (Blitz is 48 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	17	15.29	4.71	34	18.44	1.56
1	10.39	9.61	18	15.52	4.48	35	18.58	1.42
2	10.77	9.23	19	15.75	4.25	36	18.71	1.29
3	11.14	8.86	20	15.97	4.03	37	18.84	1.16
4	11.50	8.50	21	16.18	3.82	38	18.97	1.03
5	11.85	8.15	22	16.39	3.61	39	19.10	0.90
6	12.18	7.82	23	16.59	3.41	40	19.22	0.78
7	12.51	7.49	24	16.78	3.22	41	19.33	0.67
8	12.83	7.17	25	16.97	3.03	42	19.44	0.56
9	13.14	6.86	26	17.16	2.84	43	19.55	0.45
10	13.43	6.57	27	17.34	2.66	44	19.66	0.34
11	13.72	6.28	28	17.51	2.49	45	19.76	0.24
12	14.00	6.00	29	17.68	2.32	46	19.86	0.14
13	14.28	5.72	30	17.84	2.16	47	19.96	0.04
14	14.54	5.46	31	18.00	2.00	48	20.00	0.00
15	14.80	5.20	32	18.15	1.85			
16	15.05	4.95	33	18.30	1.70			

Ethics Statement

We're not trying to provide security for this event, as we do when we sometimes have "real" events online. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties still apply to this event. The USBF has appointed an Ethics Investigation Committee that will review any complaints about ethics violations. If the EIC concludes that a player or pair was acting unethically, they will report to the USBF COO, who may refer it to the USBF Recorder. Either the COO or Recorder may bring a Charge against the player to the Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

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.

Kibitzing on VuGraph...

There will be delayed kibitzing for all of the JLall1 event.

To kibitz, go to <https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>, enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz (*we do not know whether there will be events with delayed kibitzing other than the JLall1 running concurrently*).

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #1, you will be taken to a lobby where you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table, as well as the board and trick that table is on (that's in the middle of the table, immediately under the table number). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happens. You will not hear or see the players.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen (if your browser window isn't large enough to show it, you can click on the "chat" icon immediately above the UNDO button to open the chat window. For now, anyone can type chat into the chat window. We may have designated commentators for late stages of the event.

Some things you can do to get more information:

If there is an asterisk next to a bid, that means it was Alerted or Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation if there was one.

-- "Rewind" the play using the slider underneath the "table" with hand diagram. just move the vertical handle on the slider to the left to go to earlier tricks.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name, you will get a scorecard for the match so far. You can use this to get lots of information:

----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all of the tables.

----You can also click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.

----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.

--In the upper left corner:

----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and will not include scores from previous rounds).

----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right, in case you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.



Watching online,
Even delayed,
Is the best way to see
How a hand's bid and played!

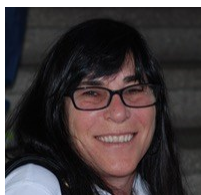
USBF NEWS...

Sheri Winestock and Aaron Silverstein have been nominated to fill open 3-year terms on the USBF Board of Directors, commencing on January 1, 2021, and ending on December 31, 2023. Additional candidates may be nominated until November 13, 2020 by petition as forth in the USBF Election Procedures. If no candidates are nominated by petition, the two candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee will be officially elected to the USBF Board of Directors.

Thanks to Danny Sprung, Chair of this year's USBF Nominating Committee, and committee members, Marty Fleisher, Kate Aker, Lisa Berkowitz, and Geoff Hampson, for their excellent service.



Aaron Silverstein



Sheri Winestock

BOD Nominations

USBF Appoints Ethics Investigation Committee

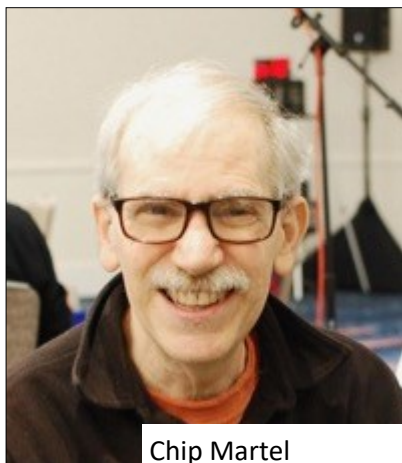
The USBF Board of Directors has formed an Ethics Investigation Committee to serve as an ongoing committee to review allegations of ethical breaches by USBF members and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as to disciplinary action, if deemed appropriate.

The Board appointed the following initial members to the EIC:

- Dana Berkowitz
- Marty Harris
- Roger Lee
- Chip Martel
- Steve Weinstein
- Eugene Hung



Steve Weinstein



Chip Martel



Dana Berkowitz



Marty Harris



Eugene Hung



Roger Lee



"All year long it's 'Don't take candy from strangers', and now this!"

REMEMBER THAT ONE GIRL FROM HIGH SCHOOL THAT SAID SHE'D ONLY GO OUT WITH YOU IF THE WORLD WAS ENDING? WELL, THIS MAY BE THE YEAR TO GIVE HER A CALL.

Do not let them take your temperature going into the store! It's a scam! They're erasing your memory. I went for bread and eggs and came home with Blue Bell Ice Cream and Snickers.



"Why, yes, my dear—it is organic."

I wish corona could've started in Las Vegas because what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas



When they left Aunt Clara in charge of 2020

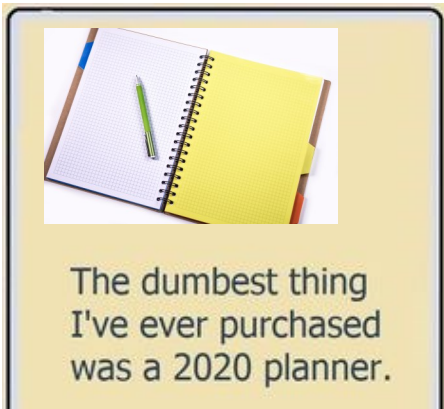
Humor In these Unusual Times!

If 2020 is perfect vision, how come no one envisioned this?

At the store was an X on the floor by the register for me to stand.

I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that crap

When Alice Cooper said "school's out forever" I didn't take him for a prophet.....



The dumbest thing I've ever purchased was a 2020 planner.

ANYONE ELSE'S CAR GETTING THREE WEEKS TO THE GALLON NOW?

Somewhere out there there's a kid that brought home the class Hamster for the weekend. Their parents are not happy!!!

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



CHOCOLATE
HAZELNUT
PANNA COTTA



INGREDIENTS

- 2 sheets leaf gelatin
- 2 oz (57 g) bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped
- $\frac{3}{4}$ C (135 g) chocolate hazelnut spread, like Nutella
- 2 C (473 ml) heavy cream
- 1 tsp (5 g) Amaretto liqueur

Garnish:

- 1 C (118 g) sweetened whipped cream
- $\frac{1}{4}$ C (25 g) chocolate shavings

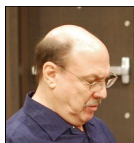
DIRECTIONS

Submerge gelatin leaves in ice water and let soak until softened, about 10 minutes. Place chocolate and chocolate hazelnut spread in a large bowl, stir to combine; set aside. Place cream in a medium saucepan and let just barely come to a boil; remove from heat. Pull softened gelatin sheets from water; squeeze out excess liquid. Add gelatin to cream, swirling to melt and combine. Immediately pour cream mixture over chocolate mixture. Allow cream and chocolate mixture to stand a few minutes, then whisk until smooth and blend in Amaretto. Transfer to 6 individual serving glasses. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving; cover with plastic wrap if refrigerating overnight. Garnish with whipped cream and chocolate shavings.

Prep time: 15 minutes.

Chill time: 2 hours.

Makes 6 servings.





CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES



INGREDIENTS

16 oz (454 g) Valrhona or Scharffen Berger semisweet or dark chocolate

1 C (237 ml) heavy cream

½ tsp (2.5 g) black currant extract

½ C (56 g) Valrhona or Scharffen Berger unsweetened cocoa powder*



DIRECTIONS

Line a baking sheet with waxed paper; set aside. In a food processor, pulse chocolate into small pieces. Heat cream in a small heavy saucepan over medium low until bubbles begin to appear around pan edges and cream begins to steam. Pour cream over chocolate in food processor. Let stand 10 minutes, then blend until smooth. Add extract; pulse to blend. Pour into a shallow bowl, cover and refrigerate until firm, about 3 hours. Using a spoon, scoop out mixture and quickly roll into rough balls. Place on baking sheet; if very soft, refrigerate another 30 minutes. Place cocoa powder in a shallow bowl; roll balls in cocoa to coat. Refrigerate in an airtight container up to 2 weeks. Serve at room temperature.

*You can also replace the cocoa powder with hazelnut or walnut meal.

Prep time: 20 minutes.

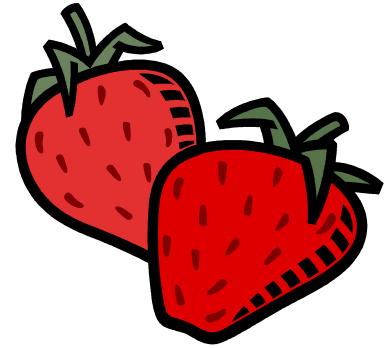
Chilling time: 3 hours.

Makes 2 dozen.





CHOCOLATE LAVA CAKE



INGREDIENTS

3 T (43 g) butter, melted

Cocoa powder

1 C (180 g) good quality dark chocolate, chopped into small pieces

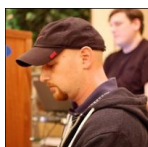
¾ C (172 g) plus 2 T (29 g) butter, in small pieces

4 lg eggs

4 lg egg yolks

1 C (192 g) fine granulated sugar

1½ C (187 g) flour



DIRECTIONS

Brush melted butter on the inside of eight 1-C (225-ml) capacity molds; place in refrigerator or freezer to chill, then brush more melted butter over cold butter. Sprinkle a little cocoa powder in molds; shake to completely coat molds and tap to remove any excess. Slowly melt chocolate and butter together in a saucepan over a pan of barely simmering water. Remove from heat; stir until cool; let stand 10 minutes. In a large bowl, beat together eggs, yolks and sugar until so thick that a spoon dragged through mixture leaves a trail. Sift flour into egg mixture; beat to incorporate. Pour melted chocolate into egg mixture one third at a time, beating well between additions, until completely combined. Evenly divide mixture among molds. Chill molds at least 20 minutes or up to overnight before baking. Heat oven to 375°F (200°C). Place molds on a baking sheet and cook for 10-12 minutes (add 5 minutes if baking from frozen). Remove when tops are crusty and start to pull away from sides; loosen gently until you can easily unmold them on serving plates, garnish and serve. The “lava” centers will remain soft.

Prep time: 35 minutes.

Cook time: 10-12 minutes.

Makes 8 servings.



With so many sporting events cancelled, they're going to televise the World Origami Championship.

It's on Paperview.



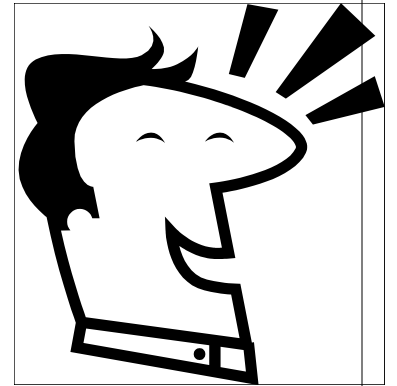
Two men walk into a bar. One man orders H₂O. The other says, "I'll have H₂O, too."

The second man dies.



I didn't think wearing orthopedic shoes would help, but I stand corrected.

A pun has not completely matured until it is full groan



Kibitzer Activities:

Normally we would feature local sports happenings, golf courses, and shopping centers in this space. For this event, since all online, we suggest you consult your local restaurants and shopping venues for curbside 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.

Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

A LUMBERJACK WENT IN TO A MAGIC FOREST TO CUT A TREE. UPON ARRIVAL HE STARTED TO SWING AT THE TREE WHEN IT SHOUTED, "WAIT! I'M A TALKING TREE!" THE LUMBERJACK GRINNED AND SAID: "AND YOU WILL DIALOGUE."

Sudoku 2

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

Answers on Page 16

No Wine-ing!

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes.

It's all about raisin awareness.



Cheerio Yanks:

Looks like the Colonies are taking this J Lall event seriously. With 32 teams entered and two more waiting off stage, Limey Jack will make some Quid for you. Listening to your Agony Aunt will give it all back to the punters plus your flat rent.

Two divisions with 16 squads in each. Full round robin with carryover within the division. Top 5 bash on, next quintet play a 2nd round robin. Alas, the bottom six will be deemed cream crackers (Ed note: tired) and sent packing with no cheque.

No matter what comes out of Howie Dung's cakehole, stick with Limey Jack. The premise is to cash tickets.

Indians: This division is much stronger than t'other. It appears the seeding committee across the pond is barmy.

Limey Jack abhors shorthanded squads as nature abhors a vacuum.

Nadel has five and while some wise old codgers are on the team, they must go.

Silin has the right numbers but the wrong players.

Stoltz is overmatched early on.

Harris previously made a nice run, but they make an about-turn from then.

Reynolds makes a bloody go of it, but cannot cling to the middle.

The final sextet eliminated is tough betwixt Dinkin and Simson. Limey Jack decides it by having one current and one future world champion on the Dinkin Team. They get the nod over Simson.

Cowboys:

This bracket leaves Limey Jack's heart broken on the floor. For the first time in memory's sake, Limey Jack is eliminating Zia. Limey Jack's honour dictates that he assist you in making some bob, in spite of pulling for his dear friend and idol. Howie Dung will bargepole and never dream to eliminate Gupta; but as is well documented, he is a wally.

Donnelly dares to enter this event 4 handed and is shown the door.

Bitterman also plays with the minimum, taking a major event lightly.

Bishel appears to have the Client-Pro ratio transverse which is not optimal.

Should the theatre re-open timely, Schireson has tickets for day 4.

Winestock has difficulty out of the gate and has a hard time recovering.

In three days hence, Limey Jack will share his wisdom with you and help you make even more, all the while taking the mickey of Howie Dung. Ta.

Limey Jack

The Cowboys and Indians list on page 2,
Who will depart and who will play through?

Five top continue; Mid-five drop down.

Last six go home (so they just stay in town?)

Koppel will topple. Gu will be through.

Cheri can't carry her team to phase two!

Dinkin is sinkin'. Caprera is sprung!

Chris is a miss and it's DOING, NOT DUNG!

Bishel's a goner, mid five at best;

Bart won't depart; Les "drops" with the rest.

Feldman and Feldman, Wildavsky and Lee?

The over and under on time penalty?

Steifel will reach a fork in the Brod,

To exit the Woods is theirs to implode!

Harris will scare us to get to the "mid"...

But then it will end with a terrible skid.

Hung hangs around. Jacobs will stay.

Hurd Spector intends to play every day! →

Howie Doing...

Katz has nine lives so Nickell's a force,
Rosenthal's squad remains right on course.

Silin, a fill-in; They'll miss the Mark.

Kerr is a blur and fades into the dark.

Robinson's found an excellent mix,

They stay around if they take all their tricks.

Gupta has Zia... and that makes it plain,

Meyers expires; Moss will remain.

Schireson's sure to play it quite cool,

One round and Juniors return to their school .

Winestock's not Donn; they're sure to remain.

Stoltz is outclassed and will feel some pain.

Levine has a chance with Rodwell and Wold.

But given this field, they may be too old!

Lall will be sidelined. Simson plays through.

Dwyer has fire and plays through round two!

Ifty and Mitch join the group at VuGraph,

Watching delayed with the kibs and the staff.

Dallas Cowboys

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I'm a card carrying member of the USBF!



I always think
Before I play
But still mistakes,
They come my way!

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|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Linebacker | Punt | Extra Point | End Zone |
| Center | Halfback | Fullback | Interception |
| Kickoff | Wide Receiver | Tight End | Tackle |
| Quarterback | Roger Staubach | Score | Field Goal |
| Rowdy | Cheerleaders | MVP | Super Bowl |
| Tony Romo | Troy Aikman | Jerry Jones | Jason Witten |
| Ezekiel Elliott | Dak Prescott | ATT Stadium | Touchdown |
| Football | Dallas | | |

Dallas Cowboys Word Find Puzzle

	blueberry	cheddar	onion	sesame	wheat	butter	cream cheese	egg & bacon	peanut butter	plain	Amaretto	Columbian	French vanilla	hazelnut	regular	large	medium	medium	small	small
Brad																				
Carlos																				
Joe																				
Rick																				
Walt																				
large																				
medium																				
medium																				
small																				
small																				
Amaretto																				
Columbian																				
French vanilla																				
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butter																				
cream cheese																				
egg & bacon																				
peanut butter																				
plain																				

Logic Puzzle

Bagel Alley, the local bagel shop, was always a location of furious activity during the morning commute as people stopped by to get their coffee and bagel on the way to work. Fresh made on site each morning, the bagels were highly popular and the fact that the shop also had great coffee was like icing on the cake! The people who worked at Bagel Alley were cheerful and friendly, as well as competent, so despite the large volume of customers, the wait was never long or unpleasant. Joe and four of his coworkers stopped by this morning to see what everyone was raving about and were pleasantly surprised to find that the shop lived up to its reputation. Determine the name of each coworker, what kind of bagel with its topping, and what flavor and size of coffee (small, medium, or large) each ordered.

- Brad got his bagel, which wasn't wheat, with nothing on it. Walt ordered a small coffee.
- The two coworkers who got medium sized coffees were the one who got the hazelnut flavor and the one who got his bagel with peanut butter.
- The one who got the onion bagel, but not with butter, also got a French vanilla coffee, but not the small size.
- The five coworkers were Joe, the one who got a large coffee, the one who got Amaretto flavored coffee, the one who got a wheat bagel, and the one who got egg & bacon on his bagel.
- Rick didn't order the blueberry bagel but he did get Columbian coffee. The Amaretto coffee was ordered with the cheddar bagel but not by Walt.
- The cream cheese did not come with the blueberry bagel but it did come with a large coffee. The sesame bagel came with butter but Carlos didn't order it.

Name	Type of Bagel	Bagel Topping	Coffee Flavor	Coffee Size
Brad				
Carlos				
Joe				
Rick				
Walt				

-----	blueberry	butter	Amaretto	large
-----	cheddar	cream cheese	Columbian	medium
-----	onion	egg & bacon	French vanilla	medium
-----	sesame	peanut butter	hazelnut	small
-----	wheat	plain	regular	small



Meet the Players

Chris Compton lives in Dallas, Texas.

According to his BridgeWinners profile, he and wife, Donna Compton, practicing attorneys at Compton & Compton PLLC, have represented more ACBL members before Ethical Oversight and Disciplinary Committees than any other lawyers. He tabulates this at about 20-25 cases, lifetime. Two times, they have formally represented the ACBL, including as advocate for the charging party in the 2004 case of Buratti and Lanzarotti.

In their spare time, Chris and Donna own and operate the Bridge Academy of North Dallas which was the 13th largest ACBL club in 2017. They also teach bridge and play professionally.

Chris has been successful at bridge play for many years. Some of his accomplishments include:

Awards:

Fishbein Trophy 2016

Wins

North American Bridge Championships

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 2008

Reisinger 1989

Von Zedwitz LM Pairs 2016

Roth Swiss 2016



Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships

Keohane North American Swiss Teams 1998

Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1994

Roth Open Swiss Teams 2014

Vanderbilt 1986, 2005

Wernher Open Pairs 1987

Chris and Donna share two beautiful daughters who also play bridge. One of their daughters is on the front lines of this Pandemic, serving as a cardiac ICU nurse.



Kings may rule
In some places,
But in bridge
It's always aces!

Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku

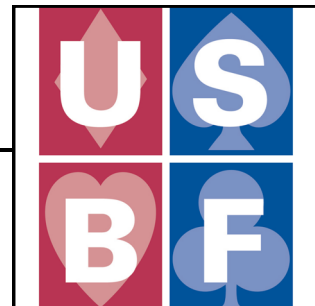
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

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.

Board 2

migry
 ♠ A5
 ♥ AK
 ♦ AJ753
 ♣ Q763

Chongo
 ♠ Q10986432
 ♥ 9
 ♦ Q1094
 ♣

Lesinge
 ♠ KJ
 ♥ 1087643
 ♦ K6
 ♣ J109

mikeyb
 ♠ 7
 ♥ QJ52
 ♦ 82
 ♣ AK8542

NS: 0
EW: 0

Chongo	migry	Lesinge	mikeyb
		2♥	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

On October 19th, Board 2 from the Alt Mixed V RR1 was interesting. In Hinze v Unicorns, Migry and David Berkowitz (mikeyb), found 3NT North/South when Ellen Hessel (Chongo) declined to bid her 8-card spade suit opposite her partner's weak two heart opening.

Ira led the H6 and Migry quickly collected six clubs, four hearts and two pointed aces for +690. She probably did not expect to win 11 IMPs on the board since the slam was cold without a finesse.

Surprise! In the other room, the auction went differently. B Myers (bazzam) opened the same weak two in hearts as Ira Hessel, but Sally Brock (saralindaj) responded 2S with her 8-card suit. Greg Hinze doubled and Kay Enfield (cx107) bid 3C. Hinze cued 3H; Myers bid 3S; Enfield bid 3NT and Brock bid 4S. Hinze resignedly doubled and the auction ended.

Greg led the best lead for his side, the SA. He continued with the S5, Brock winning dummy's king. Brock played a diamond to the ten, losing to the jack. Hinze cashed his HA and Brock conceded one down for -100.

In the Donner/Edmonds match, Gary Donner and Cecilia Rimstedt reached 3NT where Zach Grossack (germs34) like the other Easts, opened a weak 2H. Donner passed and Botta, like Ellen Hessel, took no call with the 8-card spade suit. Rimstedt collected 13 tricks for +720.

In the other room, Joe Grue, East, again opened 2H. Sandra Rimstedt responded 2S and Judi Radin, like Hinze, doubled. Grue raised spades and Joel Woodridge (firechief) jumped to the club game.

Grue took all 13 tricks for +620 and a loss of 3 IMPs.

Donner and Enfield had clumsy hands after partner's take-out double. 3C is an underbid. An alternative would be to bid 3H if partner works out it's a cuebid in the suit with values as a try for 3NT. Perhaps Wooldridge took the "simple yet safe" route by bidding 5C. Unfortunately that left no room to explore for the slam.

There is no questions that bidding a slam on these cards is much tougher once both hearts and spades have been bid.

saralind:	ghinze	bazzam	cx107
		2♥	Pass
2♠	Dbl	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	3♠	3NT
4♠	Dbl	Pass	Pass

sandria	judi r	joegrue	firechief
		2♥	Pass
2♠	Dbl	3♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

gio 89	CillaR	germs34	gdonner
		2♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Donner/Edmonds

A Socially-Distanced Squeeze! Junior Bridge at its Best!

D 9	N marksmanma ♠ 842 ♥ K65 ♦ 1054 ♣ 10642	W N E S P P 2♣ P 2NT P P P X 3NT
W heelen ♠ KQJ763 ♥ J94 ♦ Q98 ♣ 3	E nboi ♠ 95 ♥ A103 ♦ 7632 ♣ 9875	
	S danielluke ♠ A10 ♥ Q872 ♦ AKJ ♣ AKQJ	
		3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0

On Monday, October 19th, in a practice session of the USBF Junior (Under 21) program, Kai Eckert (North) and Daniel Balof (South) had a slightly tangled auction to reach 3NT with the weaker hand (North) emerging as declarer.

Daniel opened 2C and Helen Chow (West) threw a monkey wrench into the auction by overcalling 2S. North passed showing some values, and Nathan Chow (East) had nothing to add.

South faced a quandary: how to reopen. 2NT works best if the auction ends in a notrump contract. The S:AT can produce a double stopper if North holds as little as Jxx. On the other hand, a reopening double makes it easier for North to introduce a four-card heart suit with the added option to penalize 2S. (*Note that in this case, with the favorable major suit position, 2S might actually succeed.*) North had notrump distribution and did not have great defense. Kai bid 2NT, leaving room for his partner to bid a new suit. Daniel, with a spade stopper and no long suit of his own, bid 3NT. Lucky for North/South, as the cards lie, it does not matter which hand becomes declarer.

Kai may have held a “weak” hand, but he demonstrated that he is a “strong” declarer. The opening lead was the S9, ducked in dummy and won by West with the jack. A second spade was played to dummy’s ace. Declarer has seven top tricks and can establish a heart trick by driving out the ace. The ninth trick will have to come from either diamonds or hearts.

If West has the HA, she will always be able to hold at least three spades and there would be no play for the hand. Therefore, North properly played for the HA with East.

If West doesn’t hold the HA, there is a good chance that she has the DQ to go along with her six-card spade suit. In that case, cashing four rounds of clubs will put a lot of pressure on West. Declarer began cashing clubs and he found the perfect layout for a three-suit squeeze on West.

If West discards three spades on the clubs, declarer can play for the heart split and drive out two high hearts, losing only two spades and two hearts. If West discards a heart, declarer will be able to drive out two hearts without giving up the lead to West.

West discarded a heart on the second club and a spade on the third round of clubs. On the fourth club, she decided to part with a second heart. Declarer read the position perfectly. He played a heart to the king and East’s ace. Nathan returned the H3. Kai rose with the HQ and played a third round of hearts to set up his ninth trick.

This hand was played sixteen times on BBO and only two pairs found the play to make 3NT.

Well played, Kai. These kids are going to be a force to reckon with in the future!

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Board 13 provided the chance for a swing but only by bidding slam on a wing and a prayer.

In Donner/Edmonds, Grue and Sandra Rimstedt of the Donner team bid 6H and got lucky when trumps were 2-2 and the SQ came down in two rounds.

With all that, it still might have been defeated had Radin led a low diamond from her ace, but she made the "normal" lead of the DA and Rimstedt took 12 tricks.

At the other table, Botta and Zach Grossack stopped in 4S from East, protecting the DK from the low diamond lead from North.

Donner led a low diamond from South but nothing could stop 12 tricks and 13 IMPs to Donner.

13

judi r
 ♠ Q7
 ♥ J6
 ♦ A10872
 ♣ AQJ3

sandria
 ♠ 962
 ♥ 10987
 ♦ J9
 ♣ K542

joegrue
 ♠ AKJ1084
 ♥ AK432
 ♦ K5
 ♣

firechief
 ♠ 53
 ♥ Q5
 ♦ Q643
 ♣ 109876

NS: 0
EW: 0

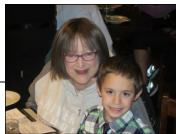
sandria	judi r	joegrue	firechief
	1♦	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

gio 89	CillaR	germs34	gdonner
	1NT	2♣	Pass
2♦	Dbf	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

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.

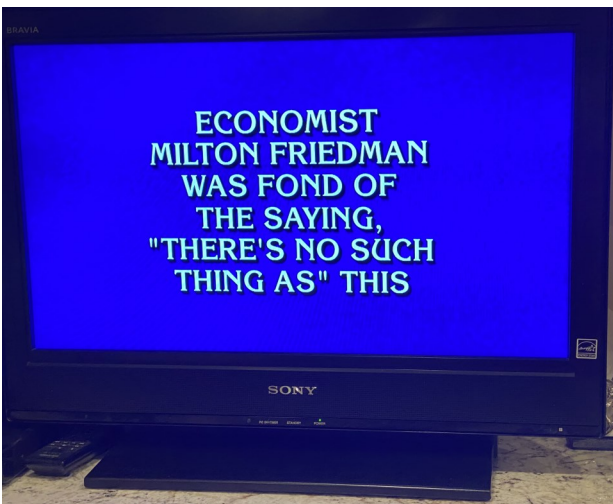


SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14

Wait	blueberry	egg & bacon	regular	small
Rick	wheat	peanut butter	Columbian	medium
Joe	sesame	butter	hazelnut	medium
Carlos	onion	cream cheese	French vanilla	large
Brad	cheddar	plain	Amaretto	small
Name	Type of Bagel	Bagel Topping	Coffee Flavor	Coffee Size



Congrats to Team Nickell:
Nick Nickell
Ralph Katz
Bobby Levin
Steve Weinstein
Geoff Hampson
Eric Greco
for winning the
latest OCBL
Team Event
on Saturday afternoon!



From Jeopardy's middle of the night version on Friday night! Milton Friedman (for those who don't know) was Jan Martel's father! He obviously never attended a USBF Team Trials!

Help during play: If you have a problem, click on the **DIRECTOR** tab and someone will appear at your table. That someone may be Director Will Watson, or it may be Jan Martel or Al Hollander.

Jan or Al will respond to calls when Will is occupied with another table. If Jan or Al are unable to help you, they will instruct you to wait for Will.

Alerts & Explanations

When it is your turn to bid, your bidding box appears above your hand. It looks like this:

For the Contestants



RealBridge

To Alert the bid you want to make click on the "ALERT" flag before you bid. To explain the bid you are about to make, type the explanation into the box that says "Explain bid here." The line below the explanation box has suit symbols - click on one of them to include it in the explanation or type ! and the initial letter of the suit. If the explanation you are about to make is one you made previously (for practice "previously" means during this session of play; we hope that for the real event it will include all previous sessions), you do not have to re-type it. Click on that square to the right of the club symbol to get to a library of previous explanations. Click on one to put it in the explanation box. Once you have explained and/or alerted, click on a bidding card to make your bid. You only need to alert if you are not explaining - an explanation without an alert will look the same to your opponents and in the bidding record as an explanation with an alert.