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**We Remember:**



# Round of 16 Results

1	Lebowitz (wins tie)	148	54	22	43	29			
16	Stoltz	80	9	17	34	20			
2	Levine (wins tie)	122	21	11	58	32			
15	Jacobs	69	34	7	15	13			
3	Nickell (wins tie)	128	36	6	32	54			
14	Caprera	67	26	15	24	2			
4	Feldman (wins tie)	95	13	26	25	31			
13	Lo	90	21	17	45	7			
5	Nadel	103	18	16	29	40			
12	Hung	130	38	14	50	28			
6	Moss	63	24	30	8	1			
11	Lall	66	32	0	17	17			
7	Robinson	93	14	23	22	34			
10	Rosenthal	97	28	19	23	27			
8	Spector	139	28	17	46	48			
9	Donner (wins tie)	80	36	18	19	7			

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**This Just In...  
Justin Lall Online Teams**



Card Shark!



Card—ding!



# Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN



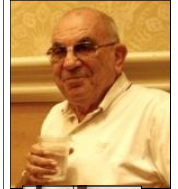
Teams in Alphabetical Order within RR Groups:

## Indians

## Cowboys

Bjerkan	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt Pam Wittes Janice Seamon-Molson	Rozanne Pollack Ljudmila Kamenova Tobi Sokolow
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Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Reese Milner John Diamond	Bob Hamman Peter Weichsel Brian Platnick
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Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Ifti Baqai	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Mitch Dunitz
Meyers	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Allan Graves Mike Becker	Jill Meyers Steve Sanborn Michael Kamil
Nadel	Julie Nadel, Capt Leo Bell Daniel Korbelt	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 Kevin Rosenberg*
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt Kevin Bathurst Vince Demuy	Gavin Wolpert John Hurd John Kranyak



## Remaining Tournament Schedule

ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	NOV 13	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:55 - 4:40	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	NOV 14	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:55 - 4:40	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	NOV 15	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:55 - 4:40	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	NOV 16	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:55 - 4:40	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

## 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.

The guy who invented auto-correct for smart phones passed away today. Restaurant in peace.

Q: What do you call an iPhone that isn't kidding around? A: Dead Siri-ous

Q: Why was the cell phone wearing glasses? A: It lost its contacts.

Texting acronyms can stump even the best parents:

Mom: Your great-aunt just passed away. LOL.

Son: Why is that funny?

Mom: It's not funny, David! What do you mean?

Son: Mom, LOL means Laughing Out Loud.

Mom: I thought it meant Lots of Love. I have to call everyone back. ~

Daughter: I got an A in Chemistry.

Mom: WTF!

Daughter: Mom, what do you think WTF means? Mom: Well That's Fantastic. ~

Mom: What do IDK, LY & TTYL mean?

Son: I don't know, love you, talk to you later.

Mom: OK, I will ask your sister.

Autocorrect has become my worst enema.

Thanks to autocorrect, 1 in 5 children will be getting a visit from Satan this Christmas.

**More  
Humor  
for the  
PUNdemic**

# 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!





Monday, Nov. 9  
Monday, Nov. 23 – Midnight (EST)  
Wednesday, Nov. 25 – Noon (EST)  
Wednesday, Nov. 25 – Midnight (EST)  
Saturday, Dec. 5 – 11:00 AM (EST)  
Saturday, Dec 5. 11:10 AM (EST)  
Saturday, Dec. 5, 11:20 AM (EST)

Premier KO Team Entries open on BW for all Flights  
Entries close for Premier KO Team Entries for Open Flight  
Deadline for convention cards for Premier KO Open Flight  
Entries close for Team Entries for Premier KO Limited Flights  
Entries open for Premier Pairs 0-1500 Flight  
Entries open for Premier Pairs 0-5000 Flight  
Entries open for Premier Pairs Open Flight

**OPEN KNOCKOUT SCHEDULE (FRIDAY, NOV. 27-SUNDAY, DEC. 6)**

**0-5000 & 0-1500 KNOCKOUT SCHEDULES (SATURDAY, NOV. 28-SUNDAY, DEC. 6)**

**PREMIER PAIR EVENT, 0-5000 & 0-1500 PAIR EVENT SCHEDULE (SATURDAY, DEC. 5-SUNDAY, DEC. 6)**

**Open Knockout:** \$300 / team for the entire event. NABC Junior discounts apply\*

**0-5000 Knockout and 0-1500 Knockout:** \$240 / team for the entire event. A team may consist of four, five, or six players. NABC Junior Discounts apply.\*

**Open Pairs:** \$100 / pair / event. Players who qualify for the final play free. NABC Junior discounts apply.\*\*

**0-5000 and 0-1500 Pairs:** \$80 / pair / event. Players who qualify for the final play free. NABC Junior discounts apply.\*\*

\*Discount = \$45 per Junior, maximum four discounts per team

\*\*Discount = \$30 per Junior player

**Open Knockout:** 1st place 200MP, 100% Gold.

**0-5000 Knockout:** 1st place 64MP, 100% Gold.

**0-1500 Knockout:** 1st place 36MP, 100% Gold.

**Open Pairs:** 80% of NABC rating per formula. If there are 50 tables, 1st place = 61.70 MP. 100% Gold

**0-5000 Pairs:** 80% of NABC rating per formula. If there are 50 tables, 1st place = 49.36 MP. 100% Gold

**0-1500 Pairs:** 80% of NABC rating per formula. If there are 50 tables, 1st place = 37.02 MP. 100% Gold

**The NAOBC Knockouts** are open to all ACBL members in good standing. The matches will be held according to the [schedule](#). Each full match in the Open Knockout will be 56 boards. Each full match in the 0-5000 and 0-1500 Knockouts will be 48 boards. All matches will be played on Bridge Base Online.

**Convention cards:** Each partnership on every team in the Open flight of the Premier KO **MUST** submit a complete convention card to the tournament by Wednesday, November 25th, at noon EST. Instructions for submitting convention cards will be posted soon. Failure to submit Convention Cards in a timely manner may result in loss of seating rights. Convention cards will be made publicly available for inspection.

**NAOBC Premier Flighted Pairs**

The NAOBC Premier Flighted Pairs (Open, 5000, 1500) is open to all ACBL members in good standing (and are not playing in the concurrent semifinal / final KO matches). This is a four-session pair event on Dec 5 2020 and Dec 6 2020, with 24 boards played per session. The top 50% of the Saturday field qualifies to play in the Sunday final.

**Registration**

Pre-registration for the NAOBC Premier Knockouts is mandatory and is limited to the first 256 teams in each knockout (Open, 0-5000, 0-1500). Entries will be sold on [BridgeWinners.com](http://BridgeWinners.com) starting Monday, Nov. 9. For the Open Flight, entry sales close at midnight Eastern time, Monday Nov 23, 2020. For the other flights, entry sales close at midnight Eastern time, Wednesday Nov 25, 2020.

Entries for the NAOBC Premier Flighted Pairs will be sold on [Bridge Base Online](http://Bridge Base Online). Pre-registration is not needed. Entries go on sale Dec 5 2020 two hours before game time for each flight.

We will endeavor to start every session of every event on time. All players in every pair/team who are scheduled to play in a given session **MUST** be online in BBO and ready to play at the scheduled start time of each session. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the event. Be warned that if you are inactive in BBO for an extended period of time, BBO will automatically consider you to be off-line. It is recommended that you do something active in BBO a few minutes before game time.

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

## Spicy Crab Salad Tapas

### Ingredients

- 1 can (16 ounces) lump crabmeat, drained
- 1/4 cup finely chopped sweet red pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped sweet yellow pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped green onions
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 package (17.3 ounces) frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 large egg
- 1 tablespoon water
- Optional: Minced fresh parsley and seafood seasoning



### Directions

- Preheat oven to 375°. Combine the first 12 ingredients. Refrigerate, covered, at least 1 hour.
- Meanwhile, on a lightly floured surface, unfold puff pastry. Roll each pastry into a 10-in. square; cut each into twenty-five 2-in. squares. Using a round 1-1/2-in. cookie cutter, cut out the centers of half the puff pastry squares. Whisk egg and water; brush over pastry. Place cutout squares on top of solid squares; transfer to parchment-lined baking sheets.
- Bake until golden brown, about 18 minutes. Cool to room temperature. Once cool, spoon 1 heaping tablespoon of crab salad into center of each cooked pastry. If desired, top with minced parsley and seasoning. Serve immediately.

### Tips

If you want to boost the heat, sprinkle each one with a little cayenne pepper.

The puff pastry shells can be made a few hours ahead of time and filled as your guests are walking up to the door.

To keep your pastry from bending over while baking, make sure you cut them straight up and down without twisting the knife.

### Nutrition Facts

1 appetizer: 145 calories, 9g fat (2g saturated fat), 25mg cholesterol, 240mg sodium, 11g carbohydrate (0 sugars, 2g fiber), 5g protein.

## Ingredients

- 4 large baking potatoes, baked
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 8 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 1-1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 4 green onions, sliced

# Stuffed Potato Skins

## Directions

- Preheat oven to 475°. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise; scoop out pulp, leaving a 1/4-in. shell (save pulp for another use). Place potato skins on a greased baking sheet.
- Combine oil with next 5 ingredients; brush over both sides of skins.
- Bake until crisp, about 7 minutes on each side. Sprinkle bacon and cheddar cheese inside skins. Bake until cheese is melted, about 2 minutes longer. Top with sour cream and onions. Serve immediately.

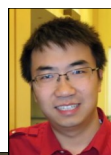
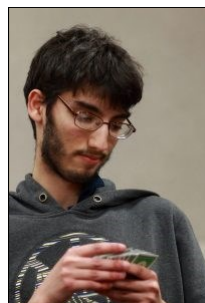
## Test Kitchen Tips

In Europe, Parmigiano-Reggiano and Parmesan are considered the same cheese. But in the U.S., Parmesan is a generic term that may not come from Italy's Parmigiano-Reggiano region. Using the authentic Italian cheese (in a lesser amount than the original's 1/2 cup) ensures a cheesy richness in the makeover with less fat and calories.

Canola oil is high in monounsaturated fat, a type that helps to decrease blood cholesterol levels, and low in saturated fat, which can increase blood cholesterol. Olive oil would also taste great in this recipe and has the same healthy-fat properties.

## Nutrition Facts

1 potato skin: 350 calories, 19g fat (7g saturated fat), 33mg cholesterol, 460mg sodium, 34g carbohydrate (2g sugars, 4g fiber), 12g protein.



# Eggplant Parmesan Sliders

## Ingredients

- 4 large eggs, beaten
- 1-1/2 cups seasoned bread crumbs
- 2 medium eggplant, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 container (15 ounces) whole-milk ricotta cheese
- 1/3 cup plus 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes, divided
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 packages (18 ounces each) Hawaiian sweet rolls
- 1-1/2 cups marinara sauce
- 24 slices fresh mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup butter, melted



## Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°. Place eggs and bread crumbs in separate shallow bowls. Dip eggplant slices in eggs; coat with crumbs. In a large skillet, cook eggplant in oil in batches until golden brown on both sides; drain on paper towels.
- In a small bowl, mix ricotta, 1/3 cup Parmesan, lemon juice, 1 teaspoon parsley flakes, lemon zest and kosher salt. Spread over roll bottoms. Place in 2 greased 13x9-in. baking dishes. Top with eggplant, marinara and mozzarella. Replace roll tops. Brush with melted butter; sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese and 1 teaspoon parsley.
- Bake, uncovered, until golden brown and cheese is melted, 15-20 minutes. Serve with additional warmed marinara.

## Nutrition Facts

1 slider: 347 calories, 19g fat (9g saturated fat), 68mg cholesterol, 420mg sodium, 33g carbohydrate (13g sugars, 3g fiber), 13g protein.

I went to a seafood disco last week...and pulled a mussel.

Did you hear about the boy who tried to catch fog? He mist.

What did the beach say as the tide came in? Long time, no sea.

“How is your long distance relationship going?” – “So far, so good.”

Q: Why did the apricot ask a prune to dinner? A: Because he couldn't find a date.

So what if I can't spell Armageddon? It's not the end of the world

## Pun-ny



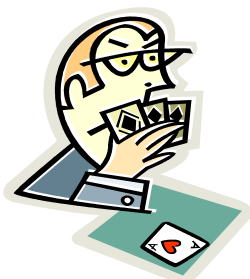


# Sudoku

## Answers on Page 12

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

Sudoku 1



Thinking I'm gonna  
Take the finesse...  
It's 50-50  
More or less!

Sudoku 2

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

Therapist: I've concluded that you are incapable of describing your feelings.

Patient: I can't say that I am surprised!

A lawyer is driving a car down the street and instead of stopping at the stop sign, the lawyer slows down.

A policeman sees this and pulls the car over and asks the man why he didn't stop at the stop sign.

"It's the same thing," the lawyer stated, "I don't believe there is a difference between stop and slow down."

"Allow me to prove it to you," the policeman said. He asks the lawyer to step out of his car and suddenly starts hitting him with his baton.

After a lot of pain that the lawyer endured, the policeman asked him, "Now do you want me to stop, or slow down?"

## UK Football Teams

M	L	A	S	T	O	N	V	I	L	L	A	ARSENAL
A	I	N	N	L	C	N	W	O	M	I	W	ASTON VILLA
N	V	N	O	U	T	E	O	Y	A	L	E	BLACKBURN
C	E	Q	P	R	S	U	E	A	N	P	V	BOLTON
I	R	R	U	T	T	L	C	H	U	H	E	BURNLEY
T	P	A	B	O	N	E	H	C	N	U	R	CHELSEA
Y	O	R	R	R	W	O	E	I	I	L	T	EVERTON
V	O	E	U	S	V	N	L	W	T	L	O	FULHAM
M	L	B	C	B	E	E	S	R	E	C	N	HULL CITY
L	T	N	H	E	F	N	E	O	D	I	L	LIVERPOOL
B	O	L	T	O	N	M	A	N	H	T	L	MAN CITY
T	N	E	W	C	A	S	T	L	E	Y	N	MAN UNITED
E	O	H	N	R	U	B	K	C	A	L	B	NEWCASTLE
W	E	S	T	H	A	M	A	H	L	U	F	NORWICH
												QPR
												WEST BROM
												WEST HAM



To the guy who stole my antidepressants: I hope you're happy now.

I'm sick of following my dreams. I'm just going to ask where they're going and hook up with 'em later.

Q: What do you get when you combine an insomniac, an agnostic, and a dyslexic? A: Someone who lays awake at night wondering the true meaning of Dog.

Our manager kept reminding us waitresses to encourage customers to order dessert. At the end of an especially exhausting day, I walked over to a couple who had just sat down, gave them each a menu and a glass of water, and asked, "Would you care for anything else?"

Did you hear about the two psychiatrists who passed each other on a walk? One said to the other, "You're fine, How am I?"

	Flowering Almond	Mimosa	Sweetbay Magnolia	Weeping Cherry	White Dogwood	azalea	hydrangea	lilac	rhododendron	wisteria	daffodils	hyacinths	muscari	pansies	tulips	amaryllis	crocus	dahlia	gladiolus	geraniums
fountain																				
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goldfish pond																				
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pansies																				
tulips																				
azalea																				
hydrangea																				
lilac																				
rhododendron																				
wisteria																				

# Logic Puzzle

Water Feature	Type of Tree	Type of Bush	Type of 1st Flower	Type of 2nd Flower
fountain				
fountain				
goldfish pond				
waterfall				
waterfall				
-----	Flowering Almond	azalea	daffodils	amaryllis
-----	Mimosa	hydrangea	hyacinths	crocus
-----	Sweetbay Magnolia	lilac	muscari	dahlia
-----	Weeping Cherry	rhododendron	pansies	gladiolus
-----	White Dogwood	wisteria	tulips	geraniums

Gene owned a landscaping business and loved his work. For his summer project this year, he decided to divide the yard around his house into five different sections and landscape each area to a different style. He also decided that each section should focus around a water feature, just to give himself a challenge. Around each water feature, he introduced a different type of flowering tree, one type of bush, and two types of flowers. Beyond that, he kept the landscaping simple to allow the beauty of the setting to speak for itself. It took him almost all of the summer but the end results were well-worth the effort. Determine the type of water feature each section had, and the types of trees, bushes, and flowers he planted in each area.

- The two sections with waterfalls were the section with a dogwood tree and the section with crocus flowers. The lilacs were planted by the goldfish pond but not with the weeping cherry tree.
- The mimosa tree was planted with the daffodils but not with the gladiolus. The weeping cherry tree was not in the same section as the rhododendron.
- The muscari wasn't planted around a fountain. The pansies were planted with the amaryllis but not with the rhododendron.
- One section had tulips and dahlias but not with the flowering almond tree. One of the fountains was planted with azalea but not with the pansies.
- The hydrangeas were not planted with the geraniums. The sections with the fountains were the section with the gladiolus and the section with the flowering almond tree.
- The wisteria was planted with the sweetbay magnolia tree but not by a fountain. The weeping cherry tree was planted with hyacinths.

# Puzzle Answers:

4	1	2	3	8	5	6	9	7
3	9	8	7	6	1	4	2	5
5	7	6	9	4	2	8	3	1
9	2	4	8	1	3	5	7	6
8	5	3	6	7	9	2	1	4
7	6	1	5	2	4	9	8	3
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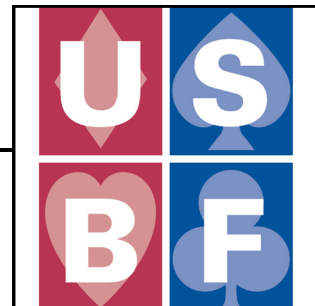
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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## 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.

# Limey Jack

Cheerio Colonials:

Limey Jack not only picks the winners but tells you which matches are epic. Howie Dung does what he does best; blather. Limey Jack accurately projected the Lall-Moss match to be a dilly and who could say other? All other matches were near or over 200imps scored but the midfielders took well over in this one. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> chucker Lall had naught, while in the final stanza, Moss had but one imp. Lebowitz and Spector scored more than both combined. But as noted the Filly is no more

Lebowitz-Spector: This will burn barns. Lebowitz is in dead punch, but still has middling experience compared to the Spector lads. Experience rules Britannia.

Levine-Rosenthal: Rosenthal would not be the favourite on a scratch pad, but they are peaking like a tenor at the London Opera House.

Nickell-Lall: This is the toughest match of all. Nickell is a powerhouse, but in a short match with Monsieur Hamman, the upset becomes the norm.

Feldman-Hung: Strange this that in the round of eight, two subpar teams joust to move into the Parson's front room. The punters like Feldman and who's to say wherein the blame.

On the morrow Limey Jack will have you collecting on your betting slips, while the Dung one will have you foaming.

Ta.

## Howie Doing...

The Lebowitz team  
Is having a blast.  
Spector's been lucky.  
How long can it last?

I'm picking Grossacks,  
Rosenberg, Grainger...  
Whoever they play  
Is in real danger!

Even with Meckwell,  
Levine's going down.  
Andrew and teammates  
Take over the town!

Nickell and squad  
Always will score...  
'Specially if it's  
Ace-Two-Three-Four!

Hung will hang firm.  
Feldman will fall.  
Wishing good luck...  
And good night One and All!

Howie Doing... Great!!

### SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 11

dahlia	tulips	rhododendron	White Dogwood	waterfall
crocus	muscar	wistaria	Sweetbay Magnolia	waterfall
geraniums	darfodils	lilac	Mimosa	goldfish pond
amaryllis	panisies	hydrangea	Flowering Almond	fountain
gladiolus	hyacinths	azalea	Weeping Cherry	fountain
Flower	Type of 1st	Type of Bush	Type of Tree	Water Feature





# Meet the Person Who Makes This Tournament and All USBF Events Possible!

**IN HER WORDS ... JAN MARTEL says:**

I've been playing bridge for over 60 years, seriously for the last 50 or so. Bridge has brought me two wonderful husbands, as well as many wonderful friends.

I'm the COO of the USBF, which means I manage the USBF's selection trials each year and also maintain the USBF website and membership records.

I've been a strong proponent of BBO Vugraph for as long as I can remember (in fact, before it even existed) and have put my money where my mouth is by volunteering to organize Vugraph broadcasts at NABCs as well as USBCs for the last decade or so. That has brought me more friends, whose faces I wouldn't recognize, but whom I happily chat with on BBO.

If you can't find me at my computer or a bridge tournament, I'm at the barn, riding one of my two adult horses, or playing with my new filly.

I confess I had to go to the ACBL website to find out how many masterpoints I have and what "rank" that equates to. Masterpoints have never been a big motivator for me. Playing against good players and playing well are more my goals.

### ***Favorite Bridge Memory***

Too many to choose just one, but if I had to it would probably be the one and only one session when I really felt I was "in the zone" - there was one hand where I knew declarer was cold for their contract but if I had some card it might be tougher and thought "what would I play if I had it" - if only one could create that kind of focus at will.

### ***Bridge Accomplishments***

NAP, GNT, Women's KO, Swiss, BAM and Pairs wins.

*BBO Username*  
JanM

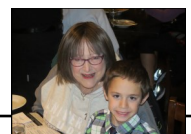


Ed. Note:

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](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net). I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

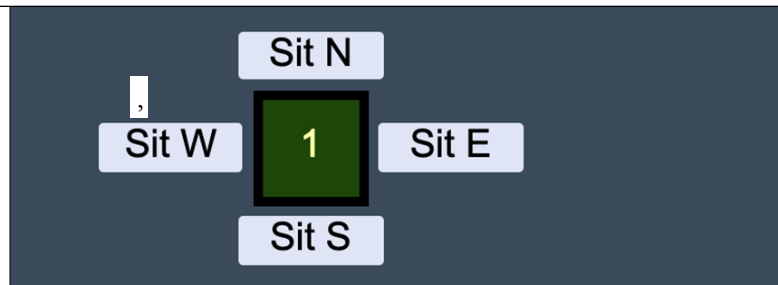
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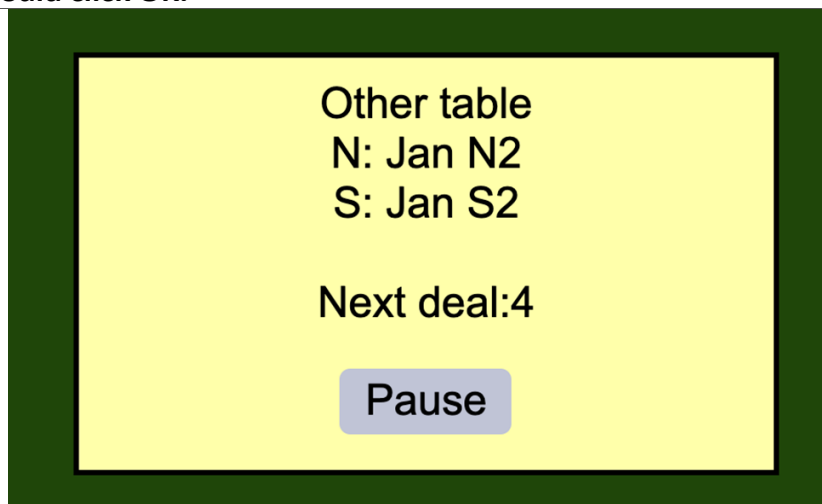


# RealBridge: Things We Discovered During the RR With Fixes from Jan

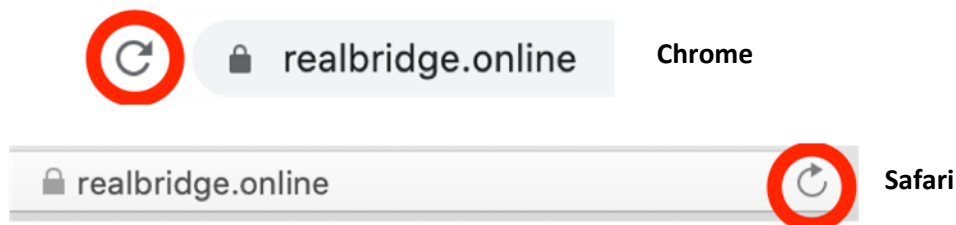
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2. If you want time to discuss systems or carding before starting to play and would prefer not to have the screen close before you have finished, you can click on "Pause" here to keep the screen from closing when the first board is loaded. When you're ready for the first board, whoever clicked on Pause should click OK.

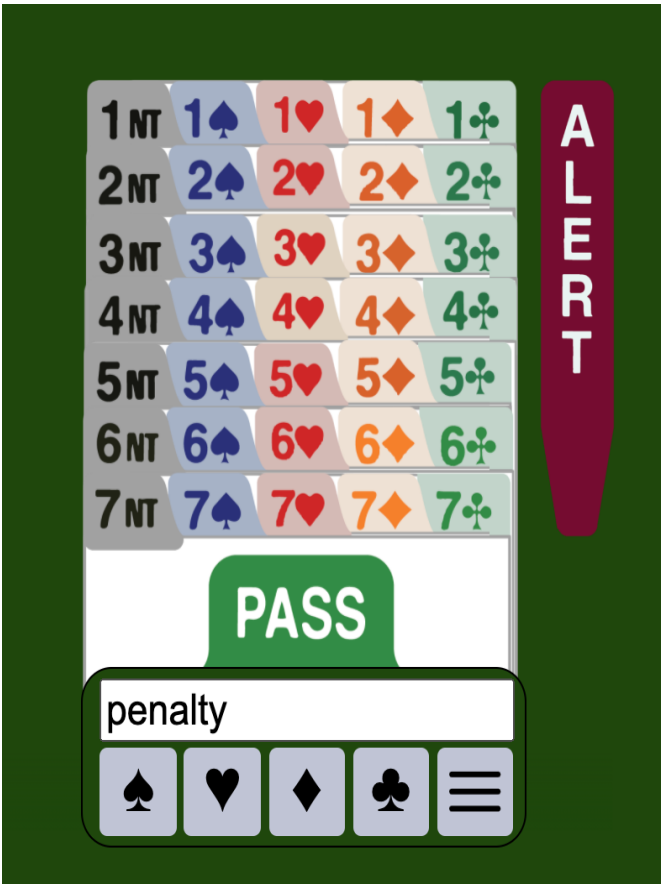


3. If things have been going fine but all at once you are not able to play a card, something may have gone wrong with your connection to RealBridge. You can almost certainly fix it by reloading the browser window, which will take you back to the Log In page and the clicking Log In. To reload the browser window, click on the circled button in the URL bar:



4. if you can't see someone, try clicking on the refresh button next to your name - it's a good idea to do that about every half hour. It refreshes your video feed and often fixes issues related to the cache:

5. Before you bid, look at the “explain bid here” box and make sure it has what you want. For instance here I “accidentally” went to my library and clicked on “penalty” before I passed. So before passing, I need to select that “penalty” and delete it to get back to an empty “explain bid here” box:



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**From the Days of F2F Games!**





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On Board 6 of yesterday's first segment, N/S declared at all sixteen tables, usually in some unmakeable contract. Two pairs, DelMonte/Ginossar and Sandra Rimstedt/Donner were successful declaring 2NT from North when they took a quick eight tricks after the defenders started with two rounds of hearts.

Jacobs/Vogel achieved the top N/S score of 140 playing in 3S. Wold led a heart to Levine's ace. Vogel dropped the HK. Levine shifted to the C6 which was won in dummy. Claude took the losing spade finesse but East did not work out that declarer held a six-card club suit and led a second heart. That was all Vogel needed. He cashed the SA and played clubs. A diamond was discarded from dummy while East ruffed in on the fourth round of clubs.

At the other table, Rodwell declared 3S from South. Bruno led his singleton club and when Gardner won his SK, he gave Bruno his club ruff. East/West took their three red tricks and the contract finished down two. 6 IMPs to Jacobs

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Six of the N/S pairs played in 3NT. A heart was led at all six tables. Four of these matches resulted in small single digit losses.

The other two N/S pairs were defeated 5 tricks. Kranyak/Demuy lost 9 IMPs when their counterparts Donner/Rimstedt stopped in 2NT.

Brenner/Caprera (seen here) got the worst of it when Levin doubled 3NT. Brenner had no way of knowing that cashing out for down one would win 2 IMPs since Nickell/Katz played 4S down three at the other table. Brenner took the spade hook, hoping to score +550. When this lost, N/S were -1100 for a loss of 14 IMPs.

As a rule of thumb, it is best to try to make game contracts at IMPs. But maybe this isn't so true when the losing finesse scores -1100 and the winning finesse scores 550. If the finesse wins and the other table is in 3NT undoubled, you will gain 4 IMPs by finessing and lose 10 IMPs by conceding down one. If the finesse loses, conceding down one will gain 4 IMPs (assuming the other table took the same losing finesse) while taking the losing finesse will cost 13 IMPs.

A final point of interest on this board: Even though N/S declared at all sixteen tables, E/W can make 4H by taking the anti-percentage guess in the heart suit.

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Bd 15, Dlr S  
4♠X-2 W

W Chris Willenken

♠ K5  
♥ QJ965  
♦ 1062  
♣ Q97

N Bart Bramley

♠ AQ986  
♥ A  
♦ 9874  
♣ K53

Quarter 2

♠ J1043  
♥ 42  
♦ Q53  
♣ J1064

E Jacob Morgan

♠ 72  
♥ K10873  
♦ AKJ  
♣ A82

W N E S  
2♠\* 3♦\* 4♠ P 1NT\*  
P X P P  
P

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Kit Woolsey S

On Board 15, North/South can succeed in 4H.

In Robinson/Rosenthal, Morgan/Willenken took the "early save" in 4S. Woolsey opened a 14-16 NT. Willenken showed spades and a minor. Bramley invited with hearts and when Woolsey took no action over 4S, Bramley happily doubled.

With the well-placed D: AKJ and the offside SK plus the the position of the C:A and Q, it was going to be brutal.

Bramley led the HQ. Willenken ran the D9 to Woolsey's jack. Woolsey cashed his high diamonds and exited with a heart, ruffed by declarer.

Willenken cashed his SA and played a spade toward dummy. Bramley won the king and played a club. Woolsey won the CA and played the HK!! This gave declarer the ruff and sluff to hold the hand to down two! Good bidding N/S but less good defense!

☒

Bd 15, Dlr S  
5♥X-1 S

W Marty Fleisher

♠ K5  
♥ QJ965  
♦ 1062  
♣ Q97

N Aaron Silverstein

♠ AQ986  
♥ A  
♦ 9874  
♣ K53

Quarter 2

♠ J1043  
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♠ 72  
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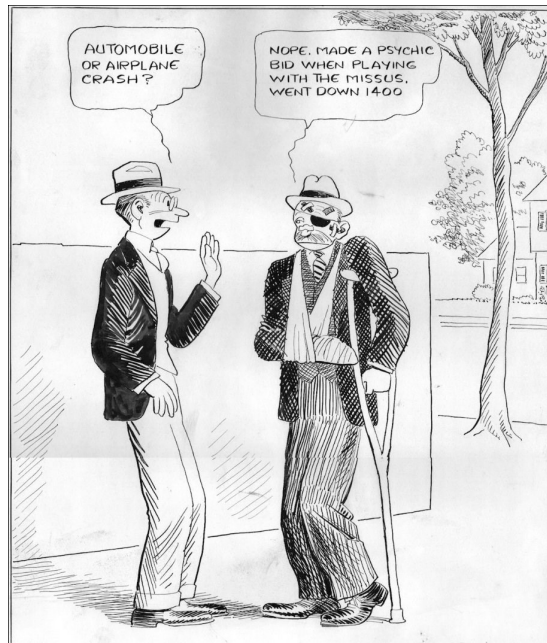
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Andrew Rosenthal S

At the other table, Rosenthal opened a 15-17 NT. Fleisher showed 5+ spades and 4+ minor. Silverstein invited with hearts. Martel bid 4S. Rosenthal, unlike Woolsey, took the vulnerable push. He is, after all, looking at five card heart support for partner with three quick tricks outside.

Fleisher doubled and led his HA. He continued with the SA and a spade to North's king. Rosenthal pulled the last trump. He played the diamond deuce to the 3, A, and 4 (wish trick), and tried a small club toward the queen. Fleisher won his king.

Two rounds of clubs followed; a heart to the dummy; a successful diamond finesse and Rosenthal cashed out for down one ... -200 for an 11 IMP swing to Robinson.



From  
1931  
NY  
Tribune



# More Helpful Advice on How to Use RealBridge

To watch a table, click on it. Jan Martel

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table 14 is stuck Perry Van Hook

maybe they all are Perry Van Hook

No board is shown until the last table has played it, so fast tables will appear to be stuck Jan Martel

thanks - hadn't seen that before Perry Van Hook

To watch a table, click on it. Jan Martel

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Bd 50, Dir E 7♣ = S		♠ 42 ♥ AK9642 ♦ A ♣ QJ102	N Kevin Bathurst																				
W Radu Nistor ♠ KQJ108 ♥ J73 ♦ J973 ♣ 3	<b>Quarter</b> <b>4</b>	♠ 75 ♥ Q1085 ♦ Q642 ♣ 954	E Lulian Rotaru																				
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Only Bathurst/Hurd bid the cold 7C on Board 50 in the third quarter. Hurd opened 1C and Nistor threw in a random 2S preempt. Bathurst bid 3H. With his heart void and good spade stopper, Hurd bid 3N. Bathurst bid 4C, setting trump. Hurd cued the SA. Bathurst asked for keycards and Hurd, with a normal 6C response to show an odd number of keycards and a void was likely concerned that Bathurst could pass this. He wisely reasoned that if Bathurst could Keycard, he had to hold first or second round control of diamonds.

Because Hurd held the DK, his only concern was Bathurst holding a small singleton diamond. Of course, he was envisioning six spades with West so Bathurst held a known shortage there. It was far more likely he held Ax of diamonds than a small singleton.

Backing up his thinking and not wanting to get passed in 6C, Hurd jumped to the grand slam and hoped he was right.

Nistor led the SK. Hurd won the ace. The D5 went to the ace and a heart was ruffed. Hurd cashed the DK, pitching the S4 from Dummy. The C6 was led to the queen and another heart was ruffed with the trump ace. The C8 went to the jack and another heart was ruffed with the CK. Hurd must have been holding his breath when he led the S3 and ruffed with the C2. (Question: What he didn't trump a diamond that rated to live instead of a spade in a suit which rated to be 6-1? Just asking...) Had Nistor held the six-card suit he implied in the auction, Rotaru would have overruffed and crushed the slam. When Rotaru followed, Hurd pulled the last trump and took the last three tricks with the hearts from the top.

If Hurd is not going to ruff the diamond instead of the spade, it appears that he should cash the HA before trumping a heart in his hand. He can then cash the DK, discarding Dummy's spade and lead a club to Dummy to ruff a heart high in his hand. If hearts are 4-3 (as they are on this hand), he simply draws trumps ending in dummy and claims. If hearts are 5-2, Hurd can trump a diamond in Dummy and trump another heart high, then draw trumps. Had he taken this line, it would have been the second Grand this tournament made on a dummy reversal!

Board 43, Dir S  
3NT-2 E

W Drew Becker

♠ AKQ863  
♥ KQ9  
♦ K4  
♣ K7

♠ J52  
♥ AJ7  
♦ AQ7  
♣ J853

Quarter 4

♠ 94  
♥ 1052  
♦ 1096  
♣ AQ1062

N Jeff Meckstroth

E Larry Robbins

Eric Rodwell S

♠ 107  
♥ 8643  
♦ J8532  
♣ 94

W	N	E	S
1♠	P	1NT	P
3NT	P	P	P

Board 43 from Quarter 4 presented some interesting bidding problems.

Eight out of 16 tables played in 3NT from West and were defeated two tricks when South led a diamond through the Kx. The most common auction was 1S-1NT-3NT (see top diagram to the left) or a Gazzilli variant.

Three pairs (Ginossar/DelMonte), (Berkowitz/Campanile), and (Korbel/Ferguson) played 3NT from the West hand after opening 2C and rebidding 2NT over partner's 2D response.

Board 43, Dir S  
4♠ = W

W Mike Passell

♠ AKQ863  
♥ KQ9  
♦ K4  
♣ K7

♠ J52  
♥ AJ7  
♦ AQ7  
♣ J853

Quarter 4

♠ 94  
♥ 1052  
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♣ AQ1062

N Claude Vogel

E Mark Lair

George Jacobs S

♠ 107  
♥ 8643  
♦ J8532  
♣ 94

W	N	E	S
1♠	P	1NT	P
3NT	P	4♠	P
P	P		

Five pairs played the hand in 4S by West.

Three of these pairs (Lair/Passell), (Weinstein/Levin) and (Hamman/Weichsel) used good common sense bidding judgement to reach their contract.

West opened 1S, East responded 1NT. West jumped to 3NT. East knew that if West held an 18-19 point balanced hand, he could rebid 2NT. Therefore, the 3NT bid was most likely based on a hand that had six good spades and too many outside playing tricks to risk getting passed below game in a rebid of 3S.

Lair, Hamman and Weinstein all read the situation correctly and placed the contract in the unbeatable 4S.

**Good Luck!**

**TODAY'S MATCHUPS...**

- Lebowitz – Spector**
- Levine (wins tie) – Rosenthal**
- Nickel (wins tie) – Lall**
- Feldman (wins tie) - Hung**