



A Hand from the Junior Program

D 12	N	W	N	E	S
	♠ J2 ♥ K732 ♦ KJ5 ♣ J1084	1♥ P 1♠ P 3♥ P 3NT P 4♥ P P P			
W	E				
♠ A5 ♥ AQJ954 ♦ A1082 ♣ 2	♠ 108764 ♥ ♦ Q93 ♣ AQ765				
S					
♠ KQ93 ♥ 1086 ♦ 764 ♣ K93					
		4♥ W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

This ugly misfit hand came up at a Monday night USBF Junior Practice session. The junior players found their way to the poor Moysian 5D contract. It almost looks like it can make... Unfortunately, there were communication problems and 5D was defeated.

USBF Junior co-mentors, Glenn Milgrim and Stan Subeck, were discussing the hand online and noticed the incredibly lucky lie of the heart suit. The combination of the heart lie and the diamond lie results in a lucky make for 4H... a 6-0 fit!

As we know, many unusual results occur in BBO IMP Pairs games. Checking the burner, Stan and Glenn discovered that one pair actually bid the 4H game. North lead the CJ and declarer won the CA in dummy. Declarer had to cross to hand with a club ruff and drive out the HK. If a club is returned, declarer plays low from dummy and trumps in hand, setting up the CQ. He draws the last trump and leads a diamond toward the queen. Ten tricks are there for the taking.

Alas, this declarer decided to play for the DK in the South hand. He led the DQ from dummy and was only able to take nine tricks... suffering the same result as the kids in 5D!

Breaking News: After co-ordinating the USBF Junior Program since its inception, Michael Rosenberg has resigned his role as Program Organizer. The USBF wishes to offer heartfelt thanks to both Michael and Debbie for the time and energy they have devoted to the USBF Junior and Youth players. We wish Michael the best in the future.

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We Remember:



**Happy
Birthday
Jan!!**

Teams Entered...

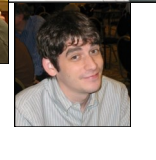
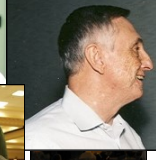
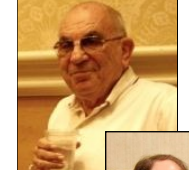
"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

Teams in Alphabetical Order within RR Groups:

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Sam Dinkin Tobi Sokolow	Karen McCallum Michael Shuster David Sokolow
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt Bill Harker Bob Thomson	Cris Barrere Mark Ralph Bob Etter
Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt Blaine Mullins	John Bishel Charley Seelbach
Bitterman	Bob Bitterman, Capt Phil Becker Jerry Helms	Bob Cappelli Ken Kranyak Ed Schulte
Blanchard	Bob Blanchard, Capt Fred Chang Gary Cohler	Sam Lev Dan Lev
Compton	Andy Goodman Kay Enfield Ish DelMonte	Chris Compton Greg Hinze Brian Glubok
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Leon Lowe	Charlie Wilkins Ifti Baqai
Donn	Josh Donn, Capt Uday Ivatury Jenni Carmichael	Sheri Winestock Christal Henner Greg Humphreys
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Harrison Luba	Cornelius Duffie Olivia Schireson
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Radu Nistor Jacob Freeman	Sandra Rimstedt Iulian Rotaru Finn Kolesnik
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Bart Bramley	Chip Martel Brad Moss Kit Woolsey
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt Geof Brod John Rengstorff	Glenn Eisenstein John Stiefel Bob Feller
Hill	Joyce Hill Shan Huang Anam Tebha	Kevin Dwyer Roger Lee
Joel	Geeske Joel, Capt Sarah Youngquist Fred Stewart	Kevin Rosenberg William Watson Steve Beatty
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Naren Gupta Bob Hamman	Reese Milner Zia Mahmood Peter Weichsel
Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Adam Grossack Michael Rosenberg Joel Wooldridge
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mark Lair
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Ron Smith Mitch Dunitz	Marc Jacobus Billy Cohen Paul Lewis
Lin	Amber Lin, Capt Cynthia Huang Brent Xiao	Emma Kolesnik Ilan Wolff

Liu	Howard Liu, Capt Ari Greenberg Adam Kaplan	Eugene Hung Tom Carmichael Christian Jolly
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Jiang Gu Andrew Stark	Alex Kolesnik Alex Perlin Franco Baseggio
Merblum	Frank Merblum, Capt Doug Doub Venkatrao Koneru	Adam Wildavsky Walter Lee John Schermer
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein
Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Carrie Liu	Maxim Silin Anton Tsyarkin
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Joe Viola	Lance Kerr Randy Howard John Jones
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken David Berkowitz	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Migry Campanile
Sanborn	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Jill Meyers Steve Garner	Steve Sanborn Allan Graves Jeff Wolfson
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Randal Burns John Miller	Cadir Lee Lynn Shannon
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Allan Falk Drew Casen	Jeff Aker John Lusky Jim Krekorian
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt John Hurd Vince Demuy	Gavin Wolpert Kevin Bathurst John Kranyak
Sprung	Danny Sprung Anne Brenner Brian Platnick JoAnn Sprung, NPC	Gerry Seixas Dave Caprera John Diamond
Wu	Weishu Wu, Capt Brian Zhang Jiang Chen	Qiang Zhang Peter Sun Jane Wang

RED SOX	YANKEES
Baker	Bell
Bishel	Bitterman
Compton	Blanchard
Dawson	Donnelly
Donn	Fleisher
Donner	Hill
Greenspan	Joel
Levine	Lall
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Rosenthal	Simson
Sanborn	Spector
Sprung	Wu



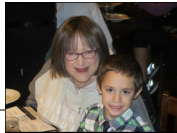
Bear With Me...

Can You Find the Teddy Without the Bow Tie! →

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.



Tournament Schedule

ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	FEB 26	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	FEB 27	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	FEB 28	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	MAR 1	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

Ethics Statement

Ethics - We're not trying to provide the same security for this event as we have for online events to select USBF International teams. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties 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 Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

2021 Committee is: **Dana Berkowitz, Eugene Hung, Roger Lee, Chip Martel, Steve Weinstein, Jenny Wolpert**

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 JLALL2 EVENT.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EST)

The schedule will be the same each day:

Round 1: 2:30 pm

Round 2: 4:05 pm

Round 3: 6:15 pm

Round 4: 7:50 pm

Round 5: 9:25 pm

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EST)

Quarter 1: 1:15 pm

Quarter 2: 3:15 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 7:15

Quarter 4: 9:15



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

To kibitz, go to [the RealBridge kibitzing website](#), enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz.

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #2, 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 happened.

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.

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 the tables.

----You can 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 (for this match only).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right.

TIMING OF DELAY

The Round Robin matches will be delayed until after each round is completed.

The first half KO matches will be delayed until each board has been played at all tables, so there may sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown. **The second half of the KO matches will be delayed until the quarter has been completed. 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:15 EST.**

Looking Ahead to Team Trials...

2021 USBC Formats and Schedules

IN THE EVENT THE WBF CANCELS OR POSTPONES THE 2021 WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE USBCs, ALL USBF SELECTION TRIALS WILL BE CANCELED OR POSTPONED.

OVERVIEW OF FORMATS AND SCHEDULES

For all of the events, the Round Robin and Round of 16 stages will be played online; The Women's (if more than 4 teams enter) will start on May 5th; the Open will start on May 7th; The Mixed will start on May 15th; the Seniors will start on May 23rd. Each event will be played on consecutive days. The full schedule is on the USBF website. (note there are two possibilities, depending on the number of teams entered in each event; the schedules might change if there is a surprisingly large or small entry in any event, but the starting dates will remain the same).

Any team that does not qualify for the Quarterfinal stage will be eliminated.

The face-to-face format of USA1 and USA2 events will be: (Full calendar on USBF site) (And on page 15)

Day/date	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
USA1 Stage		Quarterfinal (8 teams) Losers to USA2 R16	Semifinal (4 teams) Losers to USA2 QF		Final (2 teams) Winner is USA1, Loser to USA2 F			
USA2 Stage		NONE	Round of 16 (4 teams)	Quarterfinal (4 teams)	Semifinal (2 teams)	Final (2 teams) Winner is USA2		

Entry fee will be \$500 per team for the online stage of each event. Online play will be on RealBridge, using virtual screens and self-alerts. For online play **only**, players will be allowed to consult their notes during the bidding.

The **Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, IL** is host to all the face to face stages, where the entry fee will be \$400 per team per day. Playing will be on individual tablets assigned to each player using the LoveBridge software.

There will be 2 players (normal screenmates) in each playing room.

When available, playing rooms will have outdoor access.

The USBF will take precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19 which may include taking temperatures, wearing masks and sanitizing surfaces.

We will be unable to offer our usual hospitality due to CoVid restrictions.

Teams that play only 3 days online will receive a credit of \$200 for future 2021 JLall entry fees; teams that play only 4 days online will receive a credit of \$100 for future 2021 JLall entry fees.

AT THE MOMENT OUR WEBSITE SOFTWARE IS ACTING UP AND ENTRIES DON'T WORK - AS SOON AS WE'VE FIGURED OUT WHAT THE PROBLEM IS, WE'LL REMOVE THIS MESSAGE AND YOU CAN ENTER

Entries are now open for all events and will close as follows:

- Women's - March 31, 2021
- Open - April 2, 2021
- Mixed - April 10, 2021
- Seniors - April 18, 2021

USBF News

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

CRÊPES SUZETTE

Servings: 4

Crepes:

2 large eggs
3/4 cup milk 177 ml
1/2 cup water 118 ml
1 cup flour 120 grams
2 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 tablespoons melted butter
Butter, for coating the pan

Sauce:

3 tablespoon Cognac, plus 1 extra tablespoon (divided).
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 6 pieces 85 g
1/4 cup sugar, plus a little for sprinkling on crepes 50 g
1 cup fresh orange juice 237 ml
1 tablespoon grated orange zest
2 tablespoon Grand Marnier



Directions:

In a blender, combine all of the crêpe ingredients and pulse for 10-20 seconds to mix batter. Place the crêpe batter in a bowl, cover with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator for 1 hour.

Remove batter and heat a non-stick pan.

Brush a little butter to coat bottom of pan. Pour 1/3 cup of batter into the center of the pan, and swirl to spread evenly. Cook for 30-60 seconds and flip. Cook for another 10 seconds and remove to cutting board. Lay crepes out flat so they can cool. Continue until all batter is gone. Cover with plastic wrap.

Add 3 tablespoons of Cognac to non-stick pan. Heat pan to medium high and ignite Cognac and shake pan until flames subside. Now, add butter, sugar, orange zest and orange juice to Cognac; simmer briskly over high heat, whisking occasionally, until many large bubbles appear and mixture reduces to a thick looking syrup, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in zest, Grand Marnier, and remaining cognac into sauce. Cover to keep warm.

Fold each crêpe in half, then in half again to form wedge shape. Arrange folded crêpes on oven tray. Sprinkle crêpes evenly with a little extra sugar. Place tray in oven and broil until sugar caramelizes and crêpes turn spotty brown, about 3-5 minutes. (Please keep an eye on crepes, as they can scorch; turn pan as necessary.) Remove pan from oven and transfer crêpes to individual serving dishes and drizzle with sauce. Serve immediately.

Note: These crêpes taste great with vanilla whipped cream or ice cream.

CRISPY PORTUGUESE CHICKEN Servings: 6-8

6 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs, trimmed
5 tablespoons (75 ml) freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 cup (240 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon (15 ml), plus 1 teaspoon (5 ml) smoked paprika
2 tablespoons (30 ml) dried oregano
3 tablespoons (45 ml) brown sugar
2 garlic cloves, finely minced
1 teaspoon (5 ml) kosher salt
1 teaspoon (5 ml) freshly ground black pepper
2 lemons, cut into wedges for serving

Directions:

In a large mixing bowl combine all the marinade ingredients. Remove 1/4 cup marinade, plastic wrap and place in fridge. Submerge 1 piece of chicken in bowl at a time and gently smear the marinade into both the skin and the flesh. Plastic wrap bowl and let marinade set for at least 1 hour (or overnight).

For Grill: Turn all burners to high, cover, and heat grill until hot, about 15 minutes. Leave primary burner on high and turn off other burner(s). Adjust primary burner (or, if using 3-burner grill, primary burner and second burner) as needed to maintain grill temperature around 350 degrees. This is called indirect cooking.

Clean and oil cooking grate with swath of paper towel dipped in oil. Place chicken, skin side down, on cooler side of grill (not over flame). Place grill lid down and cook for 20 minutes. Alternate chicken pieces keeping skin side down, so that pieces that are closest to edge are now closer to heat source and vice versa. Cover and continue to cook until chicken registers 185 degrees F to 190 degrees F (approximately 15 to 20 minutes).

Move all chicken, skin side down, to hotter side of grill and cook until skin is nicely charred (about 5 minutes).

Flip chicken and cook until flesh side is lightly browned (1 to 2 minutes). Transfer to a clean platter, tent with aluminum foil, and let the chicken rest for 10 minutes.

For Oven: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place chicken, skin side down, on a cooling rack sprayed with cooking spray. Cook until chicken registers 185 to 190 degrees F. (20-30 minutes)

For Grill Pan: Heat a heavy-duty grill pan to high heat for about 2-3 minutes on top of stove. Lower the heat to medium-high and add the oil to the pan and make sure the entire pan is coated with oil. Add chicken and brown both sides. Transfer to a clean platter, tent with aluminum foil, and let the chicken rest for 10 minutes.

GRILLED POTATO SALAD WITH BACON Servings: 4-6

1 1/2 pounds (680 grams or .7 kg) baby red potatoes, cut in half
1 tablespoons (15 ml) olive oil
1/2 teaspoon (2 ml) salt
1 teaspoon (5 ml) ground pepper
1/2 cup (120 ml) mayonnaise
2 tablespoons (30 ml) chopped basil
2 teaspoons (10 ml) Champagne vinegar
2 teaspoons (10 ml) honey
1 teaspoon (5 ml) Dijon mustard
1/4 cup (36 grams) finely diced red onion
2 ounces (57 grams) parmesan cheese, finely grated
3 bacon slices, cooked and crumbled

Directions:

Preheat grill to 350 degrees F. Place potatoes in a single layer in center of a large piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Drizzle with olive oil; season with salt and pepper. Bring up foil sides over potatoes; double fold top and side edges to seal, making 1 large packet.

Grill potatoes, in foil packet, covered with grill lid, 15 minutes on each side. Remove packet from grill. Let sit for 5 minutes. Carefully open packet, using tongs, and let potatoes cool 5 minutes.

While potatoes are cooling, whisk together mayonnaise and next 4 ingredients in a large bowl. Add potatoes, tossing gently to coat. Stir in onion, parmesan cheese and bacon.

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SLOWLY ROASTED PORK WITH GINGER SCALLION KETCHUP

Pork Butt:

1 bone-in pork butt, 6 to 8 pounds (2.7 kg to 3.6 kg)

Dry Brine:

15 tablespoons kosher salt (290 grams)

14 tablespoons white sugar (215 grams)

6 tablespoons packed brown sugar (100 grams)

Ginger Scallion Ketchup:

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for storing (120 ml)

2/3 cup minced peeled ginger (40 grams)

1 bunch scallions, thinly sliced

1 teaspoon kosher salt (5 ml)

1 teaspoon sugar (5 ml)

1 teaspoon fish sauce (optional) (5 ml)

1/2 cup tomato ketchup (120 ml)

1/4 cup hoisin sauce or plum sauce (60 ml)

Directions:

For the Pork:

Using a sharp knife, cut slits (1 inch apart) in crosshatch/diamond pattern into the outer layer of fat on pork butt trying not to cut into meat. Combine salt and sugars in medium bowl. Rub brine mixture over entire pork shoulder and into slits. Wrap seasoned pork tightly in double layer of plastic wrap. Place on rimmed baking sheet and refrigerate for at least 12 to 24 hours.

Adjust oven rack to lowest position and heat oven to 300 degrees F. Remove pork from refrigerator, unwrap and brush any excess brine mixture off the fat cap and discard any juices.

Transfer roast to V-rack coated with cooking spray or cooling rack with nonstick cooking spray set in large roasting pan. Add 1-quart water to roasting pan.

Place in oven and cook until an instant-read thermometer inserted into roast (near but not touching) bone registers 190 degrees F, 5 to 6 hours.

I like to baste the meat twice during cooking with pan juices, usually on hour 2 and hour 4.

Once meat is cooked to temperature, remove from the oven and allow it to rest 30-45 minutes to allow the juices to settle.

Slice with a knife or pull apart meat with tongs or two forks.

Serve with Ginger Scallion Ketchup.

Ginger Scallion Ketchup:

In a small pan heat oil to medium high. Add the ginger, scallions and turn off heat. Stir for a couple of minutes. Add salt, sugar, fish sauce, ketchup and hoisin sauce and stir until everything is emulsified.

Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on
page 11

Patrols	Antigua	Carmen	Eighth
Jets	Jamaica	Eliana	Seventh
Bears	Grenada	Holly	Third
Cowboys	Saint Martin	Sergio	First

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku 1

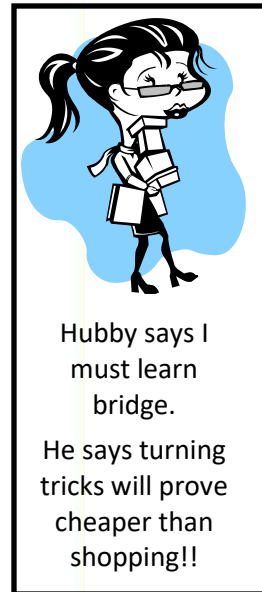
Answers on Page 13



Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak
 I was wondering why the ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me
 I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work
 "I have a split personality," said Tom, being frank.
 How do you make holy water? You boil the hell out of it
 I Renamed my iPod The Titanic, so when I plug it in, it says "The Titanic is syncing."
 When life gives you melons, you're dyslexic
 Last night, I dreamed I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda. But it was just a Fanta sea
 What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter
 I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday but couldn't find any

Spring Word Search

C H I C K E J U N E G R W O W
H P U D D L E M A P R I L H S
I B L O H B U N N Y E B O M E
B A S E B A L L T T E U M A E
S U M A M A T C H A N T F R D
H O T S P R I C I N G T L C S
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APRIL
BASEBALL
BLOOM
BUNNY
BUTTERFLY
CHICK
EASTER
EGGS

FLOWERS
GREEN
GROW
HATCH
JUNE
MARCH
MAY
NEST

PASSOVER
PUDDLE
RAINBOW
RAINCOAT
SEEDS
SHOWERS
SPRING
UMBRELLA





		First Names				Islands				Football Teams			
		Carmen	Eliana	Holly	Sergio	Antigua	Grenada	Jamaica	Saint Martin	Bears	Cowboys	Jets	Patriots
Orders	first												
	third												
	seventh												
	eighth												
Football Teams	Bears												
	Cowboys												
	Jets												
	Patriots												
Islands	Antigua												
	Grenada												
	Jamaica												
	Saint Martin												

Orders	First Names	Islands	Football Teams
first			
third			
seventh			
eighth			

- The person with the vacation home on the island of Antigua is not Eliana or Sergio.
- The Cowboys fan is not Eliana or Carmen.
- The one who is eighth in line owns vacation property on the island of Antigua.
- The one who is third in line is Holly.
- The person with the vacation home on the island of Saint Martin is not Holly or Carmen.
- The Jets fan is farther down the line than Holly.
- Either the Cowboys fan or the Jets fan is Sergio.
- The Bears fan is not Carmen and doesn't own property on the island of Saint Martin.
- The person with the vacation home on the island of Saint Martin is closer to the front of the line than the person with the vacation home on the island of Jamaica.
- Of the Jets fan and Carmen, one is seventh is line and the other owns vacation property on the island of Antigua.
- The person with the vacation home on the island of Grenada is not Eliana.
- The Patriots fan is not Holly.

Logic Puzzle
Answer on Page 9

Meet the Players

Practical advice: Don't overthink things. Go with your first instinct, and don't forget to consider what your partner is capable of.



Dennis Dawson is a National Champion, a Bronze Medalist in the Senior World Championship, and an ACBL Grand Life Master. He has won more than 250 regionals. He has taught people throughout the country to play better and enjoy the game more. He currently resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu - you get what you deserve
What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe
England doesn't have a kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool
I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case
A police officer just knocked on my door and told me my dogs are chasing people on bikes. That's ridiculous. My dogs don't even own bikes
Jill broke her finger today, but on the other hand she was completely fine
A cross-eyed teacher couldn't control his pupils
She had a photographic memory but never developed it
When the past, present, and future go camping they always argue. It's intense tense in tents
What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet? SUPPLIES!
Let me tell you about my grandfather. He was a good man, a brave man. He had the heart of a lion, and a lifetime ban from the zoo
Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know and don't really care
My dad, unfortunately, passed away when we couldn't remember his blood type... His last words to us were, "Be positive!"
A mean crook going down stairs = A condescending con, descending
I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind
There was a kidnapping at school yesterday. Don't worry, though - he woke up
What are the strongest days of the week? Saturday and Sunday, the rest are weekdays
I was going to make a chemistry joke, but since I'm kinda late to the thread, the good ones argon
I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it
I used to be indecisive; now I'm not so sure



Puzzle Answers:

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Sudoku

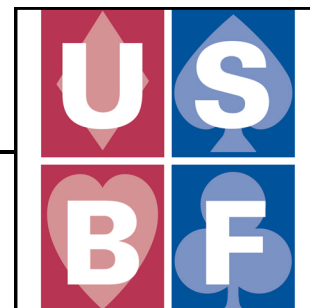
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Puzzle 2 on right

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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.
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We hope you will join us.

Limey Jack...

Ah Colonials:

Taking a week off, are you? You'll never see Limey Jack off. The work ethic is strong with Brits. Once again after yonks The Jall 2 resumes. In the round of 16 Howie Dung will waffle, but if you want to make some quid, you will follow Limey Jack. Give us a bell should you want extra details before exploiting your favourite punter, but do not be done about by the codswallop that emanates from the mush of the daft Dung.

Fleisher-Dawson: While none can adequately explain the 15 year disappearance of Dawson, he is back and chuffed to be in the round of 16. Alas, 5 handed teams are to Limey Jack as Starlings are to the Parson's wife as she sets the hot bilberry pie in the window to cool. Fleisher runs away with the spoon.

Rosenthal-Hill: While Hill has comported themselves well, Lady Joyce will be cheesed off that she also did not splurge on another bloke. Rosenthal has been firing on all cylinders for the while.

Sanborn-Donner: This one is among the toughest to call. Both teams are playing well whilst each has obvious flaws. Donner keeps rotating his squad which seems jammy (Ed Note: lucky) for the other team, and two of the greatest Dis-taff players in history populate Sanborn. Even the barmy one may get this one right. Sanborn moves on.

Lebowitz-Compton: Strange pairings for the Compton squad and while they are hard (Ed note: ready to fight), Lebowitz has too much firepower for them.

Spector-Blanchard: Spector has the tools, but seems to lack the killer instinct needed to be raising the colours at journey's end. Blanchard violates Limey Jack's first rule by being 5 handed, but one of Limey Jack's favourites is on this team; Friar Tuck. In a huge upset, Blanchard prevails.

Sprung-Levine: Limey Jack thinks it a bit dodgy that Sprung is ranked 6th, while Levine is called 11th. Sprung has one world class pair, while Levine has 5 who populate the Yank Hall of Fame. Limey Jack has to go with what is in front of his nose; Levine.

Simson-Nickell: Have the frigid temps made the seeding committee gone barmy? One would need to be a mug to believe that Simson is the true 7 seed over Nickell at 10. Nickell is flawed at 5 handed while Greco, who is newly acquired, attends a bodybuilding competition, but Nickell with five is superior to Simson with 6. Although Simson deserves to be here, it is short lived.

Greenspan-Lall: Jolly good show by Greenspan, but Lall has Zia.

Stay informed with Limey Jack, while the blusters and horrendous attempts at verse by M. Dung will leave you in blinders. Cheers!

Howie Doing...

I read on page 12 that Dawson is grand,
But Fleisher will drill him hand after hand.

Ifty is nifty but still not enough,
Chip, Bart and Kit just have the right stuff!

Rosenthal's squad won't slide down the Hill.
No matter how icy, stand up they will.

Sanborn will claim whatever the honor,
Defeating the team that is captained by Donner.

Lebowitz reigns; Compton is done.
Spector beats Blanchard all in good fun!

Levine is a team I can't not choose.
Passell's shown the world that he cannot lose.

Simson and Nickell... all really great guys...
Nickell, five-handed, stays and survives.

Greenspan has players who last time were surly
And had several angles but then they left early!

Milner is hoping they'll do that once more,
But this time, I think John will even the score!

Howie Doing? Just fine thanks!!

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Open RR1	Open RR2	Open R16	Open R16			
16	17	18	19 Mixed RR (if a 4th day is needed)	20	21	22
Mixed RR	Mixed RR	Mixed RR				
23	24	25	26 Senior RR (if a 4th day is needed)	27	28	29
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Online Trials Schedules

May, 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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OPTION 2 - Assumes 30-34 teams in the Open, 19-34 teams in Mixed & Seniors						
2	3	4	5 Women's RR (if needed)	6 Women's RR (if needed)	7 Open RR1	8 Open RR1
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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Face to Face Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Open USA1 Quarterfinal		Open USA1 Semifinal		Open USA1 Final	
			Open USA2 R16 (4 teams)		Open USA2 QF (4 teams)	Open USA2 SF (2 teams)
						Women's USA1 Semifinal
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Open USA2 Final					Mixed USA1 Quarterfinal	
Women's USA1 Semifinal	Women's USA1 Final & USA2 Semifinal		Women's USA2 Final			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mixed USA1 Semifinal		Mixed USA1 Final				Seniors QF
Mixed USA2 R16 (4 teams) Women's USA1 Final & USA2 Semifinal		Mixed USA2 QF (4 teams)	Mixed USA2 SF (2 teams)	Mixed USA2 Final		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Seniors QF	Seniors USA1 Semifinal		Seniors USA1 Final			
	Seniors USA2 R16 (4 teams)		Seniors USA2 QF (4 teams)	Seniors USA2 SF (2 teams)	Seniors USA2 Final	

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	S fergani ♠ 42 ♥ KJ1096 ♦ KJ96 ♣ K8	3NT E NS: 0 EW: 0																

On Tuesday afternoon, a team of players from the Bitterman team and the Sprung team competed against a mostly Canadian squad in the Redwings vs. Habs (Montreal Canadiens for the hockey illiterate).

EW have a 4-4 heart fit, doomed by the 5-0 split. Dendac1 and Brennera (Dave Caprera and Anne Brenner respectively) found their way to 3NT. Brenner opened a strong artificial 1C. Kamel Fergani overcalled 1H and Caprera bid 2H showing a positive response with no five-card suit and no heart stopper. Louise Berthiaume passed the North hand. Brenner rebid 2NT and Caprera raised to 3NT.

The HJ was lead and declarer won the queen. Anne led a club to the ten, losing to North's jack. A spade was returned. Declarer won the ace and led a club to the ace felling South's king. On the run of the clubs Fergani discarded one heart, one diamond and one spade. Dummy discarded a heart and a diamond. Declarer cashed a high spade and South was in trouble. Fergani discarded a heart and declarer ducked a heart to South, won the diamond return with the ace and claimed eleven tricks.

If South discarded a diamond on the second spade, declarer could cash one more spade and force South to either stiff his DK or discard another heart which allows declarer to duck a heart and take the same eleven tricks. E/W +660

Sometimes an overcall, instead of getting in the opponents' way, keeps them out of their 4-4 heart fit and gets them to the winning 9-trick game!

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The "Habs" also avoided the 4-4 heart fit, but "a funny thing happened on the way to the forum".

Again East opened 1C... this time natural, and Bob Cappelli overcalled 1H. Paul Street gambled that four to the eight would be a heart stopper when he bid 1NT with the West hand. Mark Aquino passed and East made up a reverse to 2S. Street rebid 2NT and East cuebid 3H. West showed his spade preference with a 3S bid and East tried 3NT. Not holding the promised heart stopper, Street chose to pull 3NT. He judged well that 5C was a stretch and bid 4S.

If you remember, in the preliminary rounds of the J Lall 2, Jenni Carmichael successfully played in her 3-3 major suit game, taking ten tricks when the defense did not attack trumps in time.

Not everyone is so lucky! Cappelli led the HK. North discarded a club and declarer won the HA. A club was led to dummy's ten and North's jack. Aquino found the trump return! Declarer won and played a second club felling South's king. At this point had declarer drawn a second trump before playing on clubs, he could have escaped for down one. However, he led a club and Aquino discarded while Cappelli scored a trick with his remaining trump. Eventually declarer settled for eight tricks. N/S +200

The 3-3 fit with the 5-2 break played as well as the 4-4 fit with a 5-0 break would have played! 13 IMPs to the Redwings.

6 D	N saulgross	W N E S	
	♠ 5	4♠ P	4♠ P
	♥ AJ7642	4NT P	5♣ P
	♦ QJ93	6♠ P	P P
♣ K5			
W EthanSam	E MarleyC		
♠ AQ	♠ KJ1097643		
♥ Q108	♥ 5		
♦ AK10	♦ 872		
♣ AQ987	♣ 10		
S seang			
♠ 82			
♥ K93			
♦ 654			
♣ J6432			
	6♠ E	NS: 0 EW: 0	

Three tables out of five reached the good 6S contract on this hand from the Tuesday night Schafer Game. Against 6S, South led a small heart to North's ace and North exited with a heart ruffed by declarer. At two tables, declarer started by trying to ruff out the CK. When the CK dropped on the second round, it was an easy 12 tricks.

When Marley Cedrone (a USBF Junior player) declared, he decided to play for a combination of a squeeze or a club finesse. This makes a lot of sense, since declarer is almost certain that South holds the HK and dummy has the HQ threat behind South. After winning the second trick, Marley began running trumps, delaying his decision on how to tackle the club suit. After trick eight, this was the position:

It was a neat crisscross squeeze position.

To make the hand, declarer must cash dummy's two high diamonds. South discards a club on the second diamond and holds his heart guard. The HQ will be led from dummy and North is out of luck. A diamond discard makes declarer's D8 high and a club discard allows declarer to drop the CK if he reads the position correctly.

Perhaps declarer should go wrong... Declarer has a perfect count on the hand. He knows that South started with five clubs and is therefore more likely than North to hold the CK. When declarer leads a club toward dummy, South should play the CJ to put more doubt in declarer's mind.

6 D	N saulgross	W N E S	
	♠	4♠ P	4♠ P
	♥	4NT P	5♣ P
	♦ QJ9	6♠ P	P P
♣ K5			
W EthanSam	E MarleyC		
♠	♠ 4		
♥ Q	♥		
♦ AK	♦ 872		
♣ AQ	♣ 10		
S seang			
♠			
♥ K			
♦ 5			
♣ J43			
	6♠ E	NS: 1 EW: 7	

Unfortunately, Marley decided to cross to dummy with a diamond. He trumped a heart back to his hand. This was the four-card end position:

6 D	N saulgross	W N E S	
	♠	4♠ P	4♠ P
	♥	4NT P	5♣ P
	♦ QJ	6♠ P	P P
♣ K5			
W EthanSam	E MarleyC		
♠	♠ 6		
♥	♥		
♦ K10	♦ 87		
♣ AQ	♣ 10		
S seang			
♠			
♥			
♦			
♣ J432			
	6♠ E	NS: 1 EW: 8	

North held the diamond and club guards behind dummy. Declarer's last spade squeezed dummy instead of a defender.

Good try, Marley!

The road back to face-to-face bridge has been a long one, but we do see a light at the end of the tunnel.

While more areas across the continent are “reopening” as the COVID-19 vaccine gains traction, there is still quite a way to go to reach security for member and staff health. With that in mind, we want to give you an update on what the rest of 2021 looks like.

First, the Providence North American Bridge Championships (NABC) set for Summer 2021 has been moved to Summer 2022. Staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure that this event will be held in Providence RI next year at the same location.

Additionally, the previously scheduled 2022 Summer NABC in Washington DC has been canceled due to the playing and lodging site’s bankruptcy and subsequent closing.

Thank you to the NABC committees of both Washington DC and Providence for their incredible efforts!

Second, we have developed a phased plan for the safe return to face-to-face play.

Return to playing in person will begin at the local club level. All tournament sanctions have been canceled through the end of July. This is largely due to access to vaccines and the progressing travel needs to play at the local club, in a Sectional, in a Regional and at an NABC.

Already, some clubs are playing face-to-face with safety protocols in place, and we expect this number to grow. Holding this kind of play at the club level is up to each individual club; however, we urge you to act with caution and in accordance with your local safety requirements.

The next phase of “reopening” face-to-face play will be the return of Sectionals. This will run parallel to increased availability of vaccines, and we estimate these tournaments to begin in August 2021 depending on local conditions (this is subject to change).

The following phase will be the return of Regionals. We estimate this period to begin in early October. However, please note that these dates are subject to change as the year progresses.

Finally, we plan to resume the NABC schedule in Fall 2021 with the Austin NABC in November. The dates for the 2021 Fall NABC are set as November 25-December 5.

We are very excited for the return of face-to-face tournament bridge! In the meantime, there are daily opportunities to play online, along with many [special events](#). We are especially excited to announce improvements to the **Summer North American Online Bridge Championships (NAOBC)**. [Click here](#) to see the new schedule of NAOBC events.

Thank you so much for your support this past year. Your loyalty ensures there is a future for bridge. We hope you will continue to bear with us as the plan to return to face-to-face play unfolds in 2021. Please note it is subject to change; however, we will notify you as soon as possible with any potential adjustments.

Sincerely,
Joseph Jones, Executive Director

Looking Forward ACBL News!

