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**We
Remember:**



Results...

1	Beatty	120	37	31	46	15	-9		
16	Rasmussen	86	4	3	35	44			
2	Lebowitz - wins tie	81	30	25	3	23			
15	Bell	74	4	22	24	24			
3	Lall	131	22	38	36	35			
14	Bitterman	96	20	27	10	39			
4	Dawson	69	17	24	22	6			
13	Clayton	89	26	19	27	17			
5	Nickell	77	14	11	35	17			
12	Compton	106	19	46	7	34			
6	Onstott	37	7	12	18	wd			
11	Gupta	128	45	39	44				
7	Joel	106	42	22	26	16			
10	Rosenthal	85	18	28	29	10			
8	Levine	95	31	19	20	25			
9	Sanborn	92	13	36	5	38			

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Recap:
Compton/Nickell was the big upset of the day...
Compton winning by 29!

Levine was a squeaker, defeating Sanborn by 3!

Clayton upset Dawson by 20!

Gupta crushes Onstott!

Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

There are 32 teams entered and listed in alphabetic order.



Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jim Foster Jenni Carmichael	Fred Stewart Bryan Howard Tom Carmichael	Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt David Chechelashvili Howard Liu	Bill Pettis Ahmed Soliman Eugene Hung
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt Mark Moss Mark Ralph	Cris Barrere Bob Thomson Bill Harker	Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
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Clayton	Phil Clayton, Capt Franco Baseggio Jeff Roman	Andrew Gumperz Alex Kolesnik Ralph Buchalter	Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Bill Hall John Jones
Compton	Chris Compton, Capt Ron Smith Billy Miller	Andy Goodman Tod Moses	Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Steve Garner
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Ross Grabel	Charlie Wilkins Ifti Baqai Mitch Dunitz	Sanborn	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Alex Ornstein Disa Eythorsdottir	Jill Meyers Bruce Rogoff Janice Molson
Delmonte	Ish DelMonte, Capt Jeff Ferro	Finn Kolesnik Leni Holtz	Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Stephen Tu Robbie Hopkins	John Miller Lynn Shannon Joan Lewis
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Kim Gilman Alex Hudson	Ethan Wood Dan Jablonski Cynthia Huang	Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Walter Lee Allan Falk	Jeff Aker Frank Merblum John Lusky
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Harrison Luba Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Joe Grue Iulian Rotaru	Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Farid Assemi Jessica Lai	Greg Vance Jim Slinger Drew Hoskins
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Zia Mahmood Kevin Bathurst	Daniel Korbel Jerry Stamatov John Hurd	Wu	Weishu Wu, Capt Ming Sheng Jane Wang	Peter Sun Winston Huang Jiang Chen
Harris	Marty Harris, Capt Louis Glasthal	Miriam Harris-Botzum Mike Massimilla	Xu	Yang Xu, Capt Avery Silverstein Jack Boge	William Scott Hengrui Xing Kai Eckert
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Roger Lee	Joyce Hill Vince Demuy	Zhang	Qiang Zhang, Capt Serena Guo Eric Xiao	Brian Zhang Victor Xiao Steve Chen
Joel	Geeske Joel, Capt Will Watson Debbie Rosenberg	Kevin Rosenberg Owen Lien Michael Rosenberg			
Juniors #1	Samuel Pahk, Capt Andrew Chen Jeff Xiao	Michael Haas Charlie Chen Olivia Schireson			
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt John Diamond Bob Hamman	Reese Milner Brian Platnick Peter Weichsel			
Lebowitz	Adam Grossack, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Larry Lebowitz Joel Wooldridge Gavin Wolpert			
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mark Lair			
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Josh Donn Bart Bramley	Linda Lewis Greg Hinze Kit Woolsey			

"Pun"ch lines!

Why shouldn't you make a "dad joke" if you're not a dad? Because it's a faux pa.

A man died after drinking varnish. It was a terrible end, but a beautiful finish.

What's the difference between Prince William and a tennis ball? One is heir to the throne and one is thrown in the air.

What's the derivative of Amazon? Amazon Prime.

Why couldn't the pirate sit down? His booty got stolen!

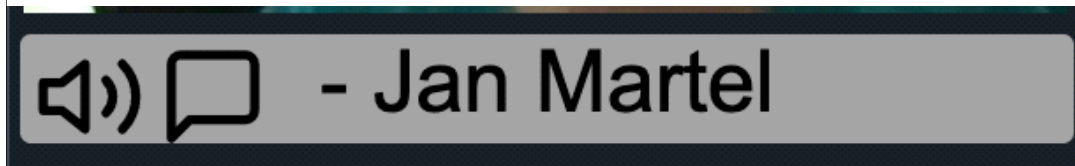
Why was the broom late for a meeting? It overswept.

How did the hipster burn his mouth? He sipped his coffee before it was cool.

How To Type Chat to Your Screenmate...

Jan and Al Hollander have received this question multiple times so here is the answer:

If there is a problem with someone's microphone or speaker and you need to communicate with your screenmate by typing, you can type just to them, instead of to the whole table. You do that by clicking on this symbol, which you can see to the left of your screenmate's name:



That will open a second chat window and the chat you type in that window will go only to that one person.

Tournament Schedule			
<i>ROUND OF 16</i>			
FRIDAY	JUNE 18	12:30 - 2:15 2:40 - 4:25 5:10 - 6:55 7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 45 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
<i>QUARTERFINAL</i>			
SATURDAY	JUNE 19	12:30 - 2:15 2:40 - 4:25 5:10 - 6:55 7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 45 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
<i>SEMIFINAL</i>			
SUNDAY	JUNE 20	12:30 - 2:15 2:40 - 4:25 5:10 - 6:55 7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 45 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
<i>FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)</i>			
MONDAY	JUNE 21	12:30 - 2:15 2:40 - 4:25 5:10 - 6:55 7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 45 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 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.



Compton team: Miller, Smith, Moses, Compton... missing Goodman

Kibitzing on VuGraph...

THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE JLALL4 EVENT.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EDT)

The schedule will be the same each day:

Round 1: 2:00 pm

Round 2: 3:40 pm

Round 3: 5:20 pm

Round 4: 7:30 pm

Round 5: 9:10 pm

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

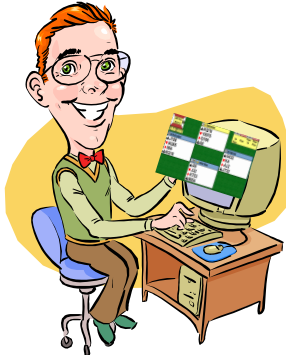
Quarter 1: 1:00 pm

Quarter 2: 3:10 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 7:10

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 <https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>, enter your name and click on Log In. You will be taken to a screen where you select to kibitz the JLall4 event.

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #4, 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. In the middle of the table, immediately under the table number, you will see the board # and trick # in play. There will be information about the number of kibitzers at a table and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happened. You do not get to hear or see the players yet (that's coming).

There is a chat window on the right of the screen. Anyone can type chat into the chat window.

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.

-- "Rewind" the play by moving the vertical handle on the slider underneath the table to the left.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name to 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.

----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 for the Round Robin will not include scores from previous rounds).

----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for for this match).

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

TIMING OF DEFERRAL

The Round Robin matches will be deferred until each round is complete.

The first half KO matches will be deferred for half an hour or until each board has been played at all tables, so there may be a period when nothing new is being shown because one table is very slow to play the board. **For the second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter is complete.**

This prevents players from accessing useful state of match information. It also means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:10 EDT.



Bridge: A MindSport For All
Connects People, Challenges Minds

Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice Monday 28 June – Thursday 1 July 2021 (online)

Welcome to the BAMSA Conference 2021

At the end of June 2021, BAMSA is hosting **Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice**, an online international bridge conference that brings together more than 60 presenters and panelists from 20 countries. We are grateful to the University of Stirling, the American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation, the Scottish Bridge Union and the Leisure Studies Association for their support.

The conference is designed for academics, practitioners and policymakers. The sessions will provide a forum for presenters and participants to exchange ideas, review case studies and share good practice.

The event is open to anyone that cares about bridge and the sustainability of the game. Academics, bridge players, teachers and organisers are all welcome.

The conference will highlight the latest findings from BAMSA's research network. It will showcase the ways in which academic research can inform policy and influence the grass-roots development of bridge as a mindsport.

The programme is varied in terms of format and participant engagement, balancing academic rigour with practical examples. The overall aim of the conference is to push the boundaries of current academic thinking and shape a future research agenda.

Broadly speaking, the sessions on the first and third day are theoretical in focus, and those on the second and fourth day are practical. Having said that, there will be academics and non-academics at every session, and presentations will be tailored to a mixed audience.

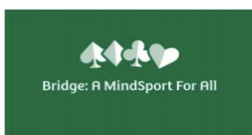
In addition to the live sessions, speakers and panelists have prepared recorded presentations in advance. The recordings are available to view on the BAMSA website from May 2021. We strongly recommend participants watch the videos beforehand.

We very much hope you will join us for the BAMSA 2021 Conference. The success of the event will depend on the engagement of a wide range of people from the world of academia and the world of bridge.

Professor Samantha Punch & the BAMSA team

For More Info...

<https://bridgemindsport.org/bridging-academia-policy-practice-conference/>



Board 1
Dealer N
None Vul

♠ KQJ85
♥ A9762
♦ 4
♣ 52

♠ A62
♥ 104
♦ J9652
♣ 964

♠ 7
♥ K5
♦ Q10873
♣ KQJ83

♠ 10943
♥ QJ83
♦ AK
♣ A107

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	8	11	11	4
S	8	11	11	4
E	4	2	2	9
W	4	2	2	9

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	5♠ = N	♣K	450
Anton Tsyarkin & Jim Rasmussen	Jim Foster & Bryan Howard	4♠ +1 N	♣K	450
Franco Baseggio & Alex Kolesnik	Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	4♠ +1 N	♣K	450
Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	Chris Compton & Andy Goodman	5♠ = N	♦7	450
Jerry Stamatov & Zia Mahmood	Gary Cohler & Billy Cohen	5♠ = N	♦7	450
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Steve Garner & Chris Willenken	5♠ = N	♣K	450
Bob Cappelli & Bob Bitterman	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	5♦ X-2 W	♠K	300
Mitch Dunitz & Ross Grabel	Ralph Buchalter & Jeff Roman	5♦ X-2 W	♠K	300
Billy Miller & Ron Smith	Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	5♦ X-2 W	♠K	300
Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	Kevin Rosenberg & Owen Lien	5♦ X-2 W	♠K	300
Mike Levine & Eddie Wold	Janice Molson & Disa Eythorsdottir	5♦ X-2 W	♠K	300
Kerri Sanborn & Jill Meyers	Eric Rodwell & Jeff Meckstroth	5♦ X-2 E	♦K	300
Gavin Wolpert & Larry Lebowitz	Mark Moss & Bob Thomson	6♠ -1 N	♣Q	50
Mark Ralph & Bill Harker	David Grainger & Joel Wooldridge	6♠ -1 N	♣K	50
John Diamond & Brian Platnick	Dave Caprera & Anne Brenner	6♠ -1 N	♣Q	50
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Daniel Korbel & Naren Gupta	6♥ -1 N	♣K	50

Nick Nickell was the only North to pass in first seat. He "came alive" later and was able to be successful avoiding the slam that four others bid, and not succumbing to the save that six others did.

At Nick's table, Compton led a small diamond. Nickell won in dummy, forced out the SA in two rounds. Goodman switched to clubs. Nickell won dummy's ace, cashed a high diamond, discarding his club loser and pulled the last trump. He took a heart finesse and claimed 11 tricks.

At the other table (see auction below diagram on right), where Levin was West, Miller was North, Weinstein was East, and Smith was South, Miller opened the North hand 1S. East showed an unusual NT. Smith bid 3D showing limit in spades and Levin jumped to 5D. Miller and Weinstein passed and Smith doubled. Levin lost the obvious DAK, HA, CA for down two.

4 IMPs to Nickell

Table 1: Nick Nickell (N) vs Chris Compton (E). Contract: 5♠ = N. Lead: ♦7.

Table 2: Ralph Katz (S) vs Andy Goodman (W). Contract: 6♥ -1 N. Lead: ♣K.

W	N	E	S
P	1♦	X	
2NT	3♦	4♠	P
4♦	4♠	5♠	X
5♦	5♥	P	5♠
P	P	P	

World Bridge News...

The WBF is officially planning to hold the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy, and Wuhan Mixed Cup in Salsomaggiore, Italy beginning either March 27th or March 29th of 2022 (The tournament length to be decided by the WBF Management Committee), and ending on April 9th. Suzi Subeck and Al Levy sit on the WBF Management Committee if there are any questions.

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions!

Friture (Whitebait)

Ingredients

- 1 pound whitebait
- 3 cups peanut oil
- 1/3 cup milk
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- Salt

Preparation

1. **To clean:** Hold the fish just below the head between your thumb and index finger and firmly push the guts out of the little hole in the lower part of the belly. Wash the fish well and pat dry with paper towels.
2. In a large saucepan, heat the oil to 375° F.
3. Pour the milk into a shallow bowl. In a separate bowl, combine the flour and baking powder. Dip the fish in the milk, then transfer to the flour and toss well to coat evenly. Shake off any excess flour. Gently drop the fish into the hot oil. Cook, moving the fish around with a skimmer, until golden and crisp, 4 to 5 minutes.
4. Sprinkle with salt and enjoy. *Serves 4 to 6.*

Spaghetti with Pesto

Ingredients

- Salt
- 8 ounces spaghetti
- 4 to 5 cups loosely packed basil leaves
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided, plus more for serving
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1/2 jalapeño, chopped
- 1/3 cup toasted pumpkin seeds, pine nuts, walnuts or hazelnuts
- 3 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese, plus more for serving
- Freshly ground black pepper



Preparation

1. In a large pot, bring 3 quarts of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook according to the package instructions or to your liking.
2. While the pasta is cooking, place the basil in a sieve and immerse in the boiling pasta water, pushing the leaves down with a spatula until they are wilted, about 15 to 20 seconds. Immediately cool under cold water or in an ice bath. Drain the cooked pasta, reserving 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons of the pasta water.
3. Place blanched basil in a blender with a pinch of salt, 2 tablespoons of the oil and 2 tablespoons of hot pasta water. Blend to a puree. (You can remove 2 tablespoons of the pureed basil to freeze separately). Add the jalapeño, pumpkin seeds, parmesan and remaining olive oil and puree until smooth. Taste and adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper, adding more oil if necessary.
4. Pour the pesto into a large bowl; add 1/2 cup of the hot pasta water and mix well. Add pasta to the pesto and toss well. To serve, drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with additional cheese. *Serves 4 to 6.*

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Great Father's Day Selections

Lamb Chops with Scallion-Mint Salsa

Ingredients

For the lamb:

- 8 lamb rib chops (total weight 2 pounds)
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon amchur
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon red chile powder
- 1 teaspoon fennel seeds, coarsely cracked
- 2 teaspoons kala namak, or more as desired

For the salsa (makes 1 1/2 cups):

- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 bunch fresh mint (2 ounces) chopped
- 4 scallions, both white and green parts, thinly sliced
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 fresh green chile (such as serrano, jalapeño or Thai green chile), minced
- Fine sea salt



Preparation

1. To prepare the lamb, pat the chops dry with clean paper towels and place them in a large resealable bag. In a small bowl, mix the lemon juice, 2 tablespoons of the olive oil, amchur, black pepper, chile powder, fennel and kala namak and pour it over the lamb chops in the bag. Seal the bag and shake to coat the chops well. Leave the chops to marinate in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours, preferably 6 hours.
2. An hour before you're ready to cook, prepare the salsa. In a lidded bowl, mix the olive oil, lemon juice, mint, scallions, garlic, black pepper and chile. Taste and season with salt. Cover and let stand until ready to serve.
3. When you're ready to cook the chops, leave them in the plastic bag out on the kitchen counter for at least 15 minutes to warm to room temperature.
4. Cook the marinated chops in batches. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large stainless-steel or cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. When the pan is hot, lift 4 chops out of the bag with a pair of kitchen tongs and place them on the hot pan for 3 to 4 minutes per side for rare and 5 to 6 minutes per side for medium-rare (on an instant-read thermometer, 145° F for rare and 160° F for medium-rare). Repeat with the remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil and the remaining chops. Transfer the chops to a plate, tent loosely with foil, and let rest for 5 minutes before serving.
5. Before serving, garnish the lamb with the scallion-mint salsa. Serve warm. *Serves 4.*

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That baseball player was such a bad sport. He stole third base and then just went home!

Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink!

What washes up on tiny beaches? Microwaves.

I hate how funerals are always at 9 a.m. I'm not really a mourning person.

I lost my mood ring and I don't know how to feel about it!

Yesterday, I accidentally swallowed some food coloring. The doctor says I'm okay, but I feel like I've dyed a little inside.

My friend drove his expensive car into a tree and found out how his Mercedes bends.

Why was Dumbo sad? He felt irrelephant

**Very
Punny!**



Roasted Carrot-Curry Soup

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cooking time: 1 hour, 10 minutes

Total time: 1 hour, 25 minutes

Approximate food costs: \$25

Ingredients

- 2 pounds whole carrots, peeled and halved lengthwise
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt
- Pepper
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 white or yellow onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 3 cups unsalted vegetable stock
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 to 2 thyme sprigs
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges



1. Preheat oven to 425° F. On a large sheet pan, toss carrots with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Arrange cut-side down, cover with foil and transfer to the oven to roast for 20 minutes. Discard the foil and roast for about 15 minutes more until the carrots are tender and charred in spots.

2. Meanwhile, melt butter in a large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onion, a thyme sprig or two and curry powder. Stir to combine and then let cook for about 15 minutes, stirring every 2 to 3 minutes until the onions are softened and lightly browned. (Reduce heat to medium-low if onions start to burn.) Remove pot from the heat while the carrots finish.

3. Once the carrots are roasted, roughly chop them and add them to the pot with stock, 1 to 2 cups of water (depending on how thick you like your soup) and ginger. Bring to a boil, stir and then reduce to a simmer. Partially cover the pot and let simmer on low for 15 minutes. Remove thyme sprig. Carefully transfer to a blender (or use an immersion blender) and puree until smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper. (To adjust to desired consistency, add in 1/4 cup of water at a time.) Transfer to bowls and serve with lemon wedges. *Serves 4 to 6.*

What kind of sports car
does a cat drive?



A Ferrari.

Humor

Why is "Dark" spelled with a K, and not a C?

Because you can't C in the dark.

19 and 20 got into a fight.

21

Why should you never fight a dinosaur?

You'll get jurasskicked.

Doctor: Your DNA is backwards.

Me: And?

Cop pulled me over and said:

PAPERS!

I yelled "SCISSORS" and drove off.

Stephen King has a son named Joe.

I'm not joking but he is!

Meet the Players

Drew Ara Casen (born July 6, 1950) is a top 50 ranked professional bridge player.

He is a native of Forest Hills and was raised in the Lenox Hills neighborhood of Farmingdale which abuts Bethpage State Park golf course, site of the 2002 and 2009 U.S. Open and the 2019 PGA Championship. Casen took full advantage of this and became a winning Long Island golf star in high school until a sports-related injury sidelined him. His paternal grandmother had taught him card games in his early childhood, so he decided to develop his skills in this area to remain in competitive pursuits.

He is an accountant by formal training, his former careers being the budget director at NYU Medical School and options trading at the NY Stock Exchange. He is an all-around expert games player and has excelled in such games as bridge, poker, backgammon, golf, and bowling.

Casen is an American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) Grand Life Master and a World Bridge Federation (WBF) World International Master.

Herman Trophy 2006

- North American Bridge Championships
 - Baze Senior Knockout Teams 2010, 2018
 - Roth Open Swiss Teams 2016, 2018
 - North American Swiss Teams 2001
 - Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1992
 - Master Mixed Teams 1983
- Other notable wins:
 - Cavendish Invitational Teams 2007
 - Cavendish Invitational Pairs 1987
 - Goldman Pairs 1984

Runners-up

Rosenblum Cup 1990

- North American Bridge Championships
 - Baze Senior Knockout Teams 2011, 2016
 - Vanderbilt 1987, 2000, 2005
 - Open Board-a-Match Teams 2006
 - Men's Board-a-Match Teams 1982, 1988
 - North American Swiss Teams 2003
 - Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1990
 - North American Men's Swiss Teams 1986
 - Mixed Board-a-Match Teams 2006
 - Blue Ribbon Pairs 1982, 2006
 - Open Pairs 1993
 - IMP Pairs 1990
- United States Bridge Championships
 - Open Team Trials 2000
 - Senior Team Trials 2008
- Other notable 2nd places:
 - Reisinger Knockout Teams 1988
 - Cavendish Invitational Pairs 2007

Casen awaiting the opening of the Stratosphere!



Pic from the Las Vegas Review Journal



Two handy cards:
The ace of spades and the proof of Vaccination!



Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on
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Monday	white & black	Spot	Bright	Wendy
Thursday	orange & white tiger	Patches	Wood	Sally
Wednesday	black	Spooky	Dnscoil	Mary
Friday	grey tiger	Whiskers	Small	Laura
Tuesday	grey & white	Mittens	Hart	Danny
Day picked up	Kitten color	Kitten name	Last name	First name

Sudoku 2

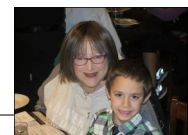
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5		2				9	
9	4			1			3
	8				4		
		5			7	3	
	2	1		8	7		
		4	1			9	
		9					
2			3		6	8	

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting and the use of the Round Robin, it will be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

Suzi



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

Sudoku 1

Answers on Page 16

I'm reading a horror story in Braille. Something bad is about to happen... I can feel it.

I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with, but I've been tripping all day.

Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.

Did you hear about the two silk worms in a race? It ended in a tie!

Thanks for explaining the word "many" to me, it means a lot.

A man just assaulted me with milk, cream and butter. How dairy.

Limey Jack...

Crikes, Yanks:

Some of these blokes and missies have no quit in them. Limey Jack as always, virtually swept the board whilst the Dung fellow was left to cry in his dark ale.

Beatty-Levine: Beatty has had an easy go so far but Levine will be their sternest test. Hard to go against five Hall of Famers yet Limey Jack stirs the porridge here. Beatty wins a thriller.

Lebovitz-Joel: Joel is the Cinderella squad to date, but glass slippers break, mice go on strike, and you run into heavy favourites.

Lall-Gupta: Zia has played for both teams here and had his option. He chose Gupta and so we must.

Clayton-Compton: Compton is five handed which Limey Jack abhors. They come off an upset win and that may have knocked some pollen off the flowers in the Parsonage Gardens. Clayton prevails.

Trust ye not in Dung. Limey Jack always gets his punters in an uproar.

Beatty defeated Rasmussen
By a fairly hefty score...
Steve and crew came steaming through,
They won by 34.

Will success continue?
Will they beat Levine?
I say they stay another day...
They're playing oh so fine.

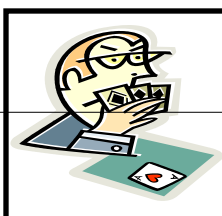
Lebowitz v Joel,
Who will trounce the other?
Mom, dad, son... will stay when done.
Good bye to brother/brother.

Gupta's guys have stamina.
And I don't think they'll fall.
Mama Mia... here's to Zia.
Say good bye team Lall!

Compton versus Clayton.
The match will be a thriller.
A Roman God v Moses, Tod,
Watch out for Smith and Miller!

I am picking Compton.
His team is in the fight.
Kolesnik skids to mind the kids,
Online on Sunday night!

Till we meet again...
I remain...
Howie Doing! Just grand!!



Wish Howie could predict
who has the spade queen!

Howie Doing...

Fun and Games Page

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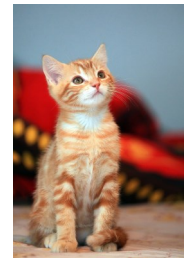
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	Bright	Driscoll	Hart	Small	Wood	Mittens	Patches	Spooky	Spot	Whiskers	black	grey tiger	grey & white	orange & white tiger	white & black	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Danny																				
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Logic Puzzle

First name	Last name	Kitten name	Kitten color	Day picked up

Answer on page 11

One fine Saturday morning Ruffles, Martha's orange tiger cat, announced to the family that spring had arrived, by providing the family with a litter of six kittens. Martha was pleased, her son excited, and her husband uncertain. "What will we do with so many kittens? We can't keep them all!" he muttered to her as Mark leaned into Ruffles' nest for a closer look. Martha decided that once it was safe for them to leave their mother, they'd one for Mark and find homes for the rest. Mark helped her care for the kittens as they grew, named each of them, and even brought them in for show and tell one day at school. The kittens were so cute; they quickly

found homes for the remaining five from Mark's own classmates. Determine from the clues each classmate's full name, the name of the kitten each adopted, the markings of each kitten, and what day of the week each classmate came to pick up their new kitten.

1. Patches, who wasn't the white and black kitten, wasn't adopted by Wendy, whose last name wasn't Hart.
2. Danny picked up his kitten the day after the girl who took Spot, who wasn't the grey tiger, but the day before the boy whose last name is Driscoll. Sally's last name isn't Bright.
3. Laura Small didn't adopt the orange and white tiger. The kitten adopted on Tuesday, but not by Marty, was Mittens.
4. The boy who came on Wednesday took the black kitten. The girl who came on Thursday didn't take the white and black kitten.
5. The order the kittens were picked up, from Monday through Friday, was Wendy, the grey and white kitten, Spooky, the girl whose last name is Wood, and Whiskers.
6. The grey tiger kitten wasn't Patches.

You have twelve coins. You know that one is fake. The only thing that distinguishes the fake coin from the real coins is that its weight is imperceptibly different. You have a perfectly balanced scale. The scale only tells you which side weighs more than the other side.

What is the smallest number of times you must use the scale in order to always find the fake coin?

Use only the twelve coins themselves and no others, no other weights, no cutting coins, no pencil marks on the scale. etc.

These are modern coins, so the fake coin is not necessarily lighter.

Presume the worst case scenario, and don't hope that you will pick the right coin on the first attempt.

If you knew the fake coin was lighter, then the solution would have an easy explanation. But you do not. So....

Number the coins 1 through 12.

1. Weigh coins 1,2,3,4 against coins 5,6,7,8.

1.1. If they balance, then weigh coins 9 and 10 against coins 11 and 8 (we know from the first weighing that 8 is a good coin).

1.1.1. If the second weighing also balances, we know coin 12 (the only one not yet weighed) is the counterfeit. The third weighing indicates whether it is heavy or light.

1.1.2. If (at the second weighing) coins 11 and 8 are heavier than coins 9 and 10, either 11 is heavy or 9 is light or 10 is light. Weigh 9 against 10. If they balance, 11 is heavy. If they don't balance, you know that either 9 or 10 is light, so the top coin is the fake.

1.1.3. If (at the second weighing) coins 11 and 8 are lighter than coins 9 and 10, either 11 is light or 9 is heavy or 10 is heavy. Weigh 9 against 10. If they balance, 11 is light. If they don't balance, you know that either 9 or 10 is heavy, so the bottom coin is the fake.

1.2. Now if (at first weighing) the side with coins 5,6,7,8 are heavier than the side with coins 1,2,3,4. This means that either 1,2,3,4 is light or 5,6,7,8 is heavy. Weigh 1,2, and 5 against 3,6, and 9.

1.2.1. If (when we weigh 1,2, and 5 against 3,6 and 9) they balance, it means that either 7 or 8 is heavy or 4 is light. By weighing 7 and 8 we obtain the answer, because if they balance, then 4 has to be light. If 7 and 8 do not balance, then the heavier coin is the counterfeit.

1.2.2. If (when we weigh 1,2, and 5 against 3,6 and 9) the right side is heavier, then either 6 is heavy or 1 is light or 2 is light. By weighing 1 against 2 the solution is obtained.

1.2.3. If (when we weigh 1,2, and 5 against 3, 6 and 9) the right side is lighter, then either 3 is light or 5 is heavy. By weighing 3 against a good coin the solution is easily arrived at.

1.3. If (at the first weighing) coins 1,2,3,4 are heavier than coins 5,6,7,8 then repeat the previous steps 1.2 through 1.2.3 but switch the numbers of coins 1,2,3,4 with 5,6,7,8.

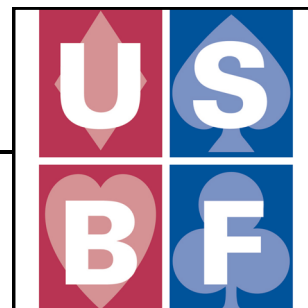
Very Tough Puzzle

Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku
on page 11
Puzzle 1 on left
Puzzle 2 on right

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



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We hope you will join us.

	N Hijunny132	W N E S
	♠ Q53	P 1NT P 2♣
	♥ 987	P 3♥ P 4♥
	♦ AJ532	P P P
♣ K5		
W Karnoir	E KingLouis1	
♠ J74	♠ AK10982	
♥ 102	♥ K64	
♦ Q1086	♦ 97	
♣ AJ109	♣ 73	
S ijwolff		
♠ 6		
♥ AQJ53		
♦ K4		
♣ Q8642		
	4♥ S	NS: 0 EW: 0

Last Sunday during the USBF Junior Training session, Ilan Wolff and Nathan Finkle bid to a slightly aggressive 4H contract in a three-way team match.

The other two N/S pairs stopped in a safer 3H contract.

In the Wolff/Finkle auction, 1NT was semi-forcing and 2C was Gazilli. Gazilli does not guarantee a club suit. It could be a variety of hands. In this case it was natural clubs. Finkle's 3H bid showed a three-card limit raise and Wolff accepted the game try based on his 5-5 distribution.

The opponents defended well and 4H was not an easy contract, but Ilan was up to the task.

West, Shaowu Li, led the S4 and his partner, Louis Beauchet, won the king. Beauchet shifted to the H4 and Ilan won the jack. Wolff led the C2, Li played the C9 and dummy's CK won the trick. Wolff played a second round of clubs from dummy and ducked it to West's ten. West played the HT which was won by declarer's queen. Rather than draw the last trump, Wolff continued with a club, ruffed in dummy and overruffed by East. Beauchet exited with the D9 and Wolff made the **key play** of winning the DK in his hand.

When Wolff played hearts, West was able to discard two spades to come to this four card end position:

	N Hijunny132	W N E S
	♠ Q	P 1NT P 2♣
	♥	P 3♥ P 4♥
	♦ AJ5	P P P
♣		
W Karnoir	E KingLouis1	
♠	♠ A82	
♥	♥	
♦ Q108	♦ 7	
♣ A	♣	
S ijwolff		
♠		
♥ 3		
♦ 4		
♣ Q6		
	4♥ S	NS: 6 EW: 3

Watch Out for the Big Bad Wolff

When Wolff cashed his last trump, West was squeezed in the minors. West chose to discard a diamond, putting Ilan to the test. Ilan continued with a diamond to the jack and took the last three tricks in dummy.

Well played for what can now be termed a "socially distanced squeeze!"

	♠ AJ4 ♥ 92 ♦ KJ63 ♣ Q1063	N Peter Weichsel Jon Green E																
	♠ 8753 ♥ KQ8 ♦ 94 ♣ K842	♠ K62 ♥ 10743 ♦ Q52 ♣ 975																
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Bob Hamman S																		

Dr. John Schwartz, once from Wisconsin, currently residing in Texas, pointed out Peter Weichel's outstanding declarer play to combat the excellent defense by his opponent, Mark Aquino, on Board 20 in the Round of Sixteen.

Weichsel/Hamman arrived in 3NT.

Jon Green led the S2. Weichsel won the SJ in hand and led the C6 to dummy's CJ. In order to block the club suit, Mark Aquino, ducked and played the C4.

Peter led the DA and followed with the DT, losing to East's DQ. Green returned the H4 and Aquino false-carded by winning the HK. Mark returned a spade to Green's king and Jon returned a third spade to clear the suit.

Weichsel won the SA and cashed the DK on which West discarded the C2. This was followed with a club to dummy's ace, producing this four-card position:

	♠ — ♥ 9 ♦ J ♣ Q10	N Peter Weichsel Jon Green E																
	♠ 7 ♥ Q8 ♦ — ♣ K		♠ — ♥ 1073 ♦ — ♣ 9															
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P	1NT	P	3NT															
P	P	P																
Bob Hamman S																		

When, Weichsel led a diamond from dummy, Aquino discarded the H8 and Green discarded the H7. Peter needed two more tricks to make his contract.

If he took a heart finesse, West would win and claim, defeating the contract. Despite, Mark's false-cards in hearts and clubs Weichsel read the position accurately. He led a heart to the ace and claimed the last three tricks when the HK fell under the ace.

Making 4NT to win 1 IMP and definitely newsworthy... both from the points of declarer play and defense.



♠ KJ102		N Adam Grossack	
♥ 107654			
♦ —			
♣ Q1096		Mark Ralph E	
♠ 763			
♥ AQ2			
♦ K864			
♣ 743			
♠ 4		W N E S	
♥ KJ983		2♥* 4♠* X 4NT*	
♦ A5		5♦ P* P 6♥	
♣ AKJ82		7♦ X P P	
Zach Grossack S			

♠ KJ102		N Leo Bell	
♥ 107654			
♦ —			
♣ Q1096		David Grainger E	
♠ 763			
♥ AQ2			
♦ K864			
♣ 743			
♠ 4		W N E S	
♥ KJ983		2♥ 4♥ P 4♠*	
♦ A5		5♦ 6♥ P P	
♣ AKJ82		7♦ P P X	
Cris Barrere S			

On Board 31 of the Round of 16, nine N/S pairs bid 6H off two aces. In most cases E/W pre-empted the auction to the five level and North or South was faced with a guess on whether to bid 6H or stop at the five-level.

Three pairs, Baseggio/Kolesnik, Casen/Krekorian and K. Rosenberg/Lien, stopped in 5H and were allowed to play there, scoring an easy +650.

Two of the N/S pairs, the Carmichaels and Baqai/Dunitz, were left to suffer in 6H for -100.

The other five 6H bidders did well when E/W sacrificed in 7DX or 6SX and N/S scored +500 or +800.

The most unusual action occurred in the Bell/Lebowitz match when the Grossack brothers held the N/S cards.

Zach and Adam play with lots of other partners more often than playing with each other these days. They have no joint convention card posted on the USBF site. Zach alerted his 4NT bid as RKC for hearts. Adam alerted his pass of 5D as showing 0 or 3 keycards. Zach apparently assumed that DOPI applied, in which case, Adam's PASS showed one keycard, so he jumped to the 6H slam. With a 7-5 hand and diamond support from partner, Bill Harker trusted the brothers and saved in 7D. Adam led a heart and Harker discarded his losing club on dummy's HA. The contract was defeated three tricks and N/S scored +500.

At the other table in this match, Cris Barrere bid 4S as RKC for hearts and Joel Wooldridge interfered with a 5D bid. Leo Bell held no keycards, but he did have a diamond void. So, he jumped to 6H. Wooldridge, like Harker, took the bait and sacrificed in 7D. Bell led a club, and the defense took four tricks for N/S +800.

7 IMPs to Bell.

**Thanks to Chip Martel and George Jacobs
for last night's voice commentary...
entertaining as always!**

Nine N/S pairs played Board 47 in a heart game or part-score. All of the heart suit declarers received a minor suit lead and quickly scored ten tricks. Of course, a low spade lead will defeat 4H, since North can score a spade ruff. Needless to say, no one found the underlead of the spade ace.

Since there is no ruff available when spades are trump, E/W can always make 4S, but no one found that contract.

Andrew Gumperz and Phil Clayton found the other cold E/W game when they bid 3NT. 1NT was 14-16 and 3C transferred to diamonds. Gumperz knew that Clayton must have a pretty good heart suit to jump in at the three-level and Gumperz had all three other suits protected.

Mitch Dunitz led the CJ, ducked to Gumperz's king. Andrew ran the hearts, on which Baqai stiffed his DK, keeping the SA and his good clubs. After running the hearts, declarer led a diamond from dummy to take nine tricks for +400 and winning 6 IMPs for Clayton when Grabel/Itabashi played 2H making +170 in the other room. Defeating Dawson was an upset for Clayton.

Last night's voice commentators, Chip Martel and George Jacobs...

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You can chat with them directly during the play and they will respond. It is really engaging!