

LOGO SEAL REVERSED

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**We Remember:**



**This Just In...  
Justin Lall Online Teams 5**

# Results...

2	<u>Rosenberg - wins tie</u>	143	25	38	31	49			
15	<u>Tebha</u>	89	4	33	15	37			
3	<u>Bramley - wins tie</u>	108	45	24	22	22	-5		
14	<u>Dawson</u>	74	10	27	3	34			
4	<u>Rasmussen - wins tie</u>	145	44	27	10	64			
13	<u>Nickell</u>	123	26	52	29	16			
5	<u>Lall - wins tie</u>	116	34	32	11	39			
12	<u>Lewis</u>	77	18	19	15	25			
6	<u>Rosenthal</u>	137	32	27	25	53			
11	<u>Baseggio</u>	84	16	36	13	19			
7	<u>Lo</u>	117	0	42	51	24			
10	<u>Donner</u>	144	63	21	12	48			
8	<u>Levine</u>	132	58	44	13	17			
9	<u>Hill</u>	116	21	41	13	41			

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## Follow-up on yesterday's page 1 story...

There was one upset (?) in yesterday's play... Rasmussen v Nickell... and it wasn't a classic upset since Rasmussen was the higher seed, a tribute to his fine finish in the Round Robin. Rasmussen's squad had an amazing 4th quarter (64-16) to slay the giant! The winners took down Levin and Weinstein and Hampson and Greco. Nickell and Katz were sitting out the fourth quarter.

We're betting that the majority of the bridge world was cheering for Rasmussen yesterday after his team boldly selected to play the arguably top team in the event... Today, when Rasmussen faces Lall, most certainly the bridge world will be still be cheering for Rasmussen. It would be great to see the Cinderella team take the top spot! Good luck Jim and crew!

# Teams Entered...

J LALLS

There are 32 teams entered and listed in alphabetic order.

Bacon	John Bacon, Capt Fred Schenker Stelian Hritcu	Bernie Greenspan Ken Kranyak
Baseggio	Franco Baseggio, Capt Jeff Roman Alex Kolesnik	Andy Stark Ralph Buchalter Steve Price
Bauer	Tracey Bauer, Capt John McAllister	Nicolas Hammond Lilly Justman
Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Doug Doub Bob Blanchard	Fred Stewart Yiji Starr Bill Pollack
Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt John Hinton	John Bishel Jerry Clerkin
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Peter Boyd Chip Martel	Kit Woolsey Steve Robinson Mark Feldman
Brines	Tracy Brines, Capt Ethan Wood Peter Boyd-Bowman	Joyce Goldstein Jane McLaughlin Alix Taylor
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Gloria Bart	Mark Aquino Les Bart
Carmichael	Tom Carmichael, Capt Jenni Carmichael	Nathan Gong Arthur Gong
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Ifti Baqai	Charlie Wilkins Disa Eythorsdottir Mitch Dunitz
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Eric Genheimer Kyle Rockoff	Sarik Goyal Joe Veal Daniel Weiss
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Joe Grue	Sandra Rimstedt Brad Moss Janice Molson
Fox	Jim Fox, Capt Allan Graves Wayne Stuart	Jerry Helms Neil Chambers Jon Rice
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt Glenn Eisenstein Geof Brod	Phil Benner John Rengstorff Pat McDevitt
Hill	Joyce Hill, Capt Shan Huang John Hurd	Kevin Dwyer Kevin Bathurst
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Brian Platnick Jim Krekorian	Reese Milner John Diamond Drew Casen
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold David Berkowitz Mark Lair
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Ron Smith	Linda Lewis Josh Donn
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt David Yang JoAnna Stansby	David Chechelashvili Jonathan Weinstein Li-Chung Chen
Lusky	John Lusky, Capt Frank Merblum Doug Simson	Allan Falk Walter Lee Jeff Aker



Naren Gupta Team	Vinita Gupta Daniel Korbel Michael Rosenberg Ash Gupta, NPC	Zia Mahmood Roger Lee Zach Grossack
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
Parker	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Adam Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Chris Parker David Grainger
Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Melody Bi Maxim Silin	Anton Tsyarkin Alan Watson Carrie Liu
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Joe Viola Hank Youngerman
Rosenberg	Kevin Rosenberg, Capt Finn Kolesnik Brent Xiao	Cynthia Huang Ish DelMonte Cornelius Duffie
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Eldad Ginossar	Debbie Rosenberg Migry Campanile Dana Berkowitz
Stokes	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt Amber Lin Shawn Quinn	Emma Kolesnik Rozanne Pollack Pam Wittes
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Andy Goodman Christal Henner	Steve Zolotow Craig Ganzer Uday Ivatury
Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Farid Assemi Edward Wojewoda	Jessica Lai Jim Slinger Leszek Rabięga
Xiao	Victor Xiao, Capt Jeff Xiao Yaning Zhou	Eric Xiao Dawei Qi Meiyan Duan
Zhang	Qiang Zhang, Capt Jun Shi Serena Guo	Brian Zhang Steve Chen Ethan Liu

I thought about putting an observatory in my house, but the cost was astronomical.

Last week I attended a lecture on Halley's Comet. It went completely over my head.

I'm so disappointed. I keep pressing the space bar on my keyboard, but I'm still on Earth.

Orion's Belt is a huge waist of space.

The scientists' new paper about alien life forms didn't get published. It was too far out.

I want to be an astronaut when I grow up. My mom says I have high hopes.

Astronauts are the only people who keep their jobs after they get fired.



# Tournament Schedule

KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
TUESDAY	JAN 18	12:00 NOON	
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	JAN 21	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		4:40 - 6:25	50 MINUTE BREAK
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	JAN 22	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		4:40 - 6:25	50 MINUTE BREAK
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	JAN 23	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		4:40 - 6:25	50 MINUTE BREAK
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL			
MONDAY	JAN 24	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		4:40 - 6:25	50 MINUTE BREAK
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

## 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.

## 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.

2022 Committee is:

**Dana Berkowitz, Eugene Hung, Roger Lee, Chip Martel, Steve Weinstein, Jenny Wolpert**

A pair of twins decided on adventurous careers. One became an astronaut. The other became a skydiver. He was more down to earth.

Einstein released his theory about space, and it was about time, too!

I'm returning this vehicle to the dealership. I asked the dealer, "Cargo space?" and he said yes, but the car didn't even make it off the launchpad.

Not everyone can pull off wearing a spacesuit, but I'm going to rocket.

I'm addicted to space jokes, but someday I'll over-comet.

My kid is obsessed with the moon. I'm hoping it's just a phase.

The earth's rotation really makes my day.

What do astronauts listen to on the radio? Nep-tunes.

What will they call the first interstellar currency? Starbucks.

Why does the moon need money? It's on its last quarter.

What did the astronaut do after he crashed into the moon? He Apollo-gized.

What do aliens say to cats? Take me to your litter.

Where do aliens park their spaceships? Next to the parking meteor.

What do you give a nervous alien? Lots of space.



# Kibitzing on VuGraph

There will be deferred kibitzing in the KO as there was in the Round Robin:

## KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EST)

Quarter 1: 12:30 pm

Quarter 2: 2:35 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 6:25 pm

Quarter 4: 8:30 pm

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 JLaI Online Teams #5, you will be taken to a lobby with a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table, as well as the board being played. There will be information about the number of kibitzers and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). 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. You can type chat into 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/Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation.

-- "Rewind" using the slider underneath the "table." Move the handle to the left to go to earlier tricks.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name to get a scorecard for the match.

----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 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 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 should you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.

## TIMING OF DEFERRAL

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

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 sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown because one or two tables are very slow to play the board. **For the**

**second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter is scheduled to be completed, so players will not be able to get useful state of match information. That means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 6:25 EST.**

Why did the astronaut get fired? He was spacing out at work.

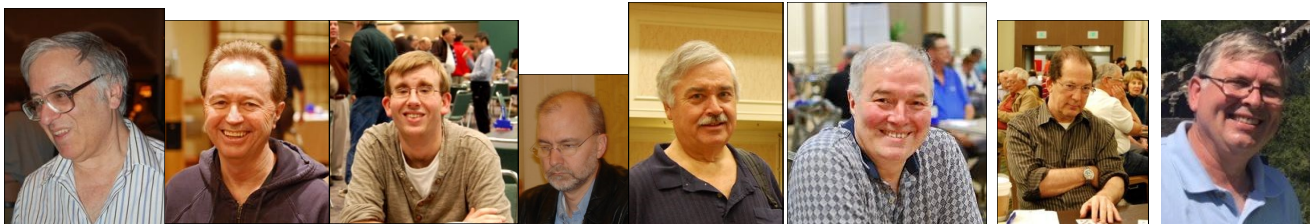
What do the papers do when an astronaut dies? They run an obituary.

Why is life on Earth so expensive? It includes a free trip around the sun every year.

What do astronomers do when they finish calculating the time from sunup to sundown? They call it a day.

Why can't you get cell reception in space? It's 0-G.

What did Jupiter say to Saturn? I like you, give me a ring sometime.



Hand layout for Board 1, Dir N. Contract: 4♠ X= E.

W David Berkowitz	♠ AK85 ♥ K7 ♦ 862 ♣ Q1085	N Kevin Dwyer
♠ 10973 ♥ A9 ♦ AJ107 ♣ A62		Jeff Meckstroth E
	♠ QJ64 ♥ J1052 ♦ K93 ♣ K3	
Score: 0-0	♠ 2 ♥ Q8643 ♦ Q54 ♣ J974	W N E S 1♣ X 1♥ 2♠ P 2♠ 3♠ 3♦ P 3♠ P 4♠ X P P
Joyce Hill S		

With only a 4-4 fit and 23 HCP, with no singletons or voids, most E/W pairs stayed out of the spade game. In the Hill/Levine match, Jeff Meckstroth took full advantage of the auction to bring home his doubled game.

Kevin Dwyer opened 1C in first seat and Meckstroth made an aggressive takeout double with the East hand. Joyce Hill bid 1H and David Berkowitz cuebid 2C, showing invitational or better values in spades. With his minimum hand, Meckstroth bid 2S and Hill showed her club support by competing with 3C. Berkowitz bid diamonds, confirming diamonds and spades and Meckstroth reverted to 3S. Berkowitz carried on to game and Dwyer doubled.

Hill led the C4 (fourth best), North played the queen and declarer won the king. Jeff played a heart to the nine and Dwyer won the king. Kevin returned the C5. Hill inserted the seven and dummy won the CA.

At this point Meckstroth had a pretty good idea of the hand layout. The clubs appeared to be 4-4 and Dwyer probably held the Kx of hearts, since he didn't make a support double. With four diamonds and four clubs, Dwyer might well have opened 1D rather than 1C. It looked like Kevin's distribution was a likely 4-2-3-4.

Hill held the HQ and CJ and she needed either a spade honor or the DQ to justify bidding twice.

After winning the CA, Jeff led the ST which held the trick. Meckstroth led a diamond to the king and finessed the DT. He trumped dummy's last club and led a diamond to the ace. This was the five card end position:

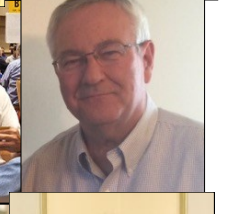
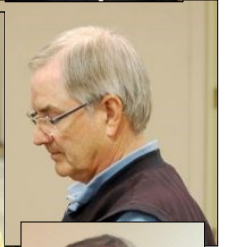
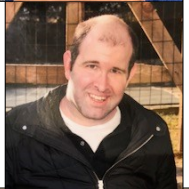
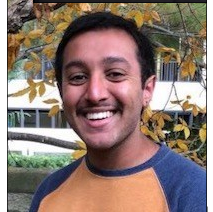
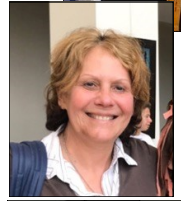
Five card end position for Board 1, Dir N. Contract: 4♠ X= E.

W David Berkowitz	♠ AK8 ♥ 7 ♦ - ♣ 8	N Kevin Dwyer
♠ 973 ♥ A ♦ J ♣ -		Jeff Meckstroth E
	♠ QJ ♥ J105 ♦ - ♣ -	
Score: 1-7	♠ - ♥ Q864 ♦ - ♣ J	W N E S 1♣ X 1♥ 2♠ P 2♠ 3♠ 3♦ P 3♠ P 4♠ X P P
Joyce Hill S		

Meckstroth cashed the HA and led the good DJ. Dwyer could do no better than to take his two high spades. +590

At the other table E/W stopped in two spades and took eight tricks for +110.

10 IMPs to Levine



Hand 1: Daniel Korbel (W) vs Roger Lee (E)

Contract: 6♥+1 W

Declarer: Daniel Korbel

Hand 1 (W): ♠ J9, ♥ Q10976, ♦ 107, ♣ K943

Hand 2 (E): ♠ AQ108, ♥ AKJ8, ♦ AQ963, ♣ —

Hand 3 (S): ♠ 7643, ♥ 532, ♦ K84, ♣ A108

Hand 4 (N): ♠ K52, ♥ 4, ♦ J52, ♣ QJ7652

Score: 0-0

Trick Count:

	W	N	E	S
P	P	P	1♦	P
1♥	P		4♣*	P
4♥	P		4♣*	P
4NT	P		5♣*	X
P	P		XX	P
6♥	P		P	P

In the Bishel/Gupta match, Korbel/Lee had a six round scientific auction to reach the heart small slam. Lee (East) opened 1D and splintered 4C over Korbel's 1H response. Korbel rebid 4H and Lee bid 4S (RKC). Korbel responded 4NT showing no keycards and Lee bid 5C showing a void. Tom Bishel doubled, and Lee redoubled. Korbel jumped to 6H.

John Bishel led the S2, which was ducked to declarer's nine. Korbel played the SJ, covered by the king and won by dummy's ace. The ST was cashed, and declarer discarded a diamond. Next came the DA. When everyone followed declarer claimed thirteen tricks on a high crossruff scoring +1010

At the other table, Jerry Clerkin and John Hinton stopped in 4H and took 11 tricks for +450.

11 IMPs to Gupta.

These hands don't really require complex scientific auctions to reach slam. Joe Grue and Brad Moss's auction in the Donner/Lo match illustrated this perfectly:

Hand 2: Brad Moss (W) vs Joe Grue (E)

Contract: 6♥+1 W

Declarer: Brad Moss

Hand 1 (W): ♠ J9, ♥ Q10976, ♦ 107, ♣ K943

Hand 2 (E): ♠ AQ108, ♥ AKJ8, ♦ AQ963, ♣ —

Hand 3 (S): ♠ 7643, ♥ 532, ♦ K84, ♣ A108

Hand 4 (N): ♠ K52, ♥ 4, ♦ J52, ♣ QJ7652

Score: 0-0

Trick Count:

	W	N	E	S
2♥	P		6♥	P
P			P	

Brad opened 2H and Joe jumped to 6H... no science needed! Brad took the same 13 tricks Korbel did for the same 11 IMP swing when Weinstein/Yang bid scientifically and stopped in 5H, taking 12 tricks at the other table. (see auction below:

Hand 3: David Yang (W) vs Jonathan Weinstein (E)

Contract: 5♥+1 W

Declarer: David Yang

Hand 1 (W): ♠ J9, ♥ Q10976, ♦ 107, ♣ K943

Hand 2 (E): ♠ AQ108, ♥ AKJ8, ♦ AQ963, ♣ —

Hand 3 (S): ♠ 7643, ♥ 532, ♦ K84, ♣ A108

Hand 4 (N): ♠ K52, ♥ 4, ♦ J52, ♣ QJ7652

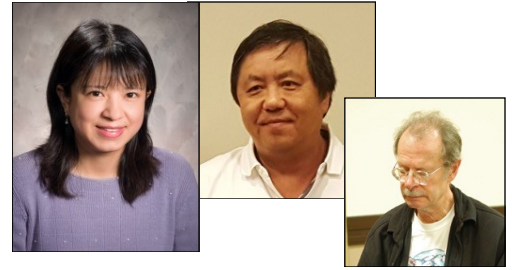
Score: 0-0

Trick Count:

	W	N	E	S
P	P		1♦	P
1♥	P		4♣*	X*
4♥	P		4♣	P
5♥	P		P	P

4C=splinter  
→

# Limey Jack



Oyez Colonials:

Limey Jack will aid you in giving a snog to your punter as he writes a cheque to you. That mug Howie Dung will leg it to escape your wrath.

In the round of eight in JLall5 these participants remain:

Gupta-Levine: Whilst Levine has many fine blokes on the squad, and even more medals than the King's Guardsmen, Zia stands in their way. A posh Englishman from Pakistan, masquerading as a Yank, puts paid to Levine. Limey Jack can for-sake having an ale with Zia until his work is done.

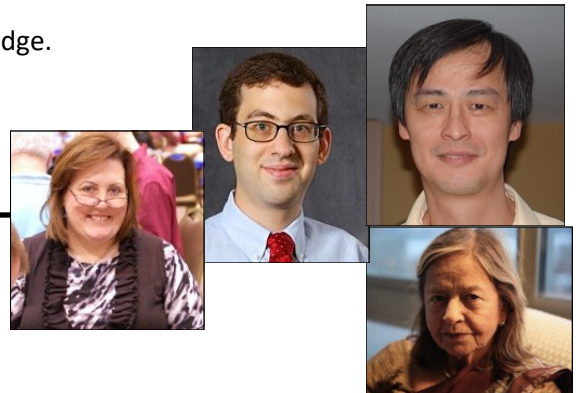
Rosenberg-Donner: Donner gains in statue with each event belted, and sends the first Rosenberg home.

Bramley-Rosenthal: Two squads for whom the arrow is pointing upward. Bramley has plans for knees up at the conclusion of this tiff. The second Rosenberg departs.

Rasmussen-Lall: After doing the unthinkable last eve, Rasmussen cannot be too gutted to lose in the Quarters to a fine sextet.

It is best remembered that Howie Dung is dodgy and Limey Jack is a ledge.

Toodle pip.



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# Howie Doing...

Congrats to Rasmussen... was really a thriller.  
He'll ever be known as the great giant killer!

I'm very tired and it's getting late.  
On to my picks in today's round of eight!

Gupta/Levine are really well matched.  
I'm picking Gupta... Levine be dispatched!

Rosenberg/Donner is Rosenberg's loss.  
Cannot pick truly 'gainst Grue or 'gainst Moss!

Bramley v Rosenthal, both teams have power...  
Consider the playing time hour for hour...

Migry's in Israel, having a ball.  
The difference in time could cause her to fall!

Lall v Rasmussen... Rasmussen is hot!  
Lall better it give all that they've got!

Rasmussen is rolling... they're out there and racin'  
They're on a pace to defeat Krek and Casen.

I'll be back tomorrow with more picks and news.  
Ignore Slimey Limey ... And trust what I choose!

Till the semis...

I remain...

Howie... Doing! Fine thanks!!

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

## Roasted Potatoes

### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons (30 ml) Kosher salt  
1/2 teaspoon (2 ml) baking soda  
4 pounds (1.8 kg) Russet potatoes, peeled and cut into quarters or sixths, depending on size  
7 tablespoons (105 ml) extra-virgin olive oil, divided  
Maldon salt  
Freshly milled black pepper  
1/2 cup herbs (20 grams) Italian parsley, rosemary and thyme, minced

### Directions:

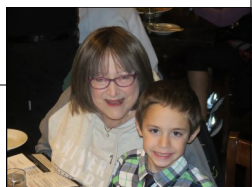
Place rimmed baking sheet on rack and preheat oven to 450°F.  
Heat 2 quarts water (2 liters) in a large pot over high heat until boiling. Add the kosher salt, baking soda, and potatoes and stir. Return to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook until a knife can be gently inserted into a potato, about 10-12 minutes.  
When potatoes are cooked, drain into a colander and let them rest in the colander for about a minute to allow excess moisture to evaporate. Transfer to a bowl with 5 tablespoons (75 ml) olive oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper, and toss to coat, shaking the bowl a little to toss the potatoes. The goal is to form a starchy paste on the outside of each potato. This will help make for a super crunchy exterior.  
Remove baking tray from oven and brush tray with remaining 2 tablespoons (30 ml) oil. Add the potatoes, spreading them out evenly to allow the dry oven air to flow around them.  
Place in oven and roast, without moving, for 20 minutes. Turn over potatoes, using a spatula on any that may have stuck. Continue roasting until the potatoes are gloriously brown and crisp all over, turning and shaking them a few times during cooking, 20-40 minutes longer or until desired doneness.  
Remove from oven and season with salt and pepper, Garnish fresh herbs.  
Serves 6-8.

*(Recipes, Continued on page 9)*

### 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!!

Thanks.





## Coconut Cake with White Chocolate Frosting

### Ingredients:

2 1/4 cups (270 grams) cake flour, sifted  
1 tablespoon (15 ml) baking powder  
3/4 (3 ml) teaspoon table salt  
5 large egg whites  
1 large egg  
3/4 cup (180 ml) Coco Lopez or coconut cream (the cream used for making Piña Coladas)  
4 tablespoons (60 ml) water  
1 teaspoon (5 ml) vanilla extract  
12 tablespoons (170 grams) unsalted butter (1-1/2 sticks), cut into 12 pieces, softened, but still cool  
1 cup (225 grams) granulated sugar

### For Cake Assembly:

1/4 cup (60 ml) Malibu rum  
2 cups (130 grams) coconut flakes

### Directions:

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Grease two 9-inch round cake pans with butter and dust with flour.

Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt in a medium sized bowl and place to one side.

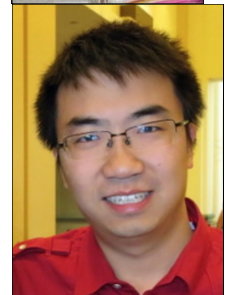
In another bowl, whisk together, egg whites, egg, Coco Lopez, water and vanilla and place to one side.

In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, cream the butter and sugar on medium-high speed for 3 to 5 minutes, until light yellow and fluffy. With the mixer on medium speed, slowly add half of the egg mixture and turn up to high for 30-45 seconds and allow to mix in well. Once mixed, lower to medium speed, and add the other half of the mixture and turn back to high for another 1-2 minutes until mixture looks light and airy. Turn off mixer and add flour mixture and turn mixer back on to low and mix batter.

Pour the batter evenly into the 2 pans (about 1 lb. 2 oz. in each pan) and smooth the top with off-set spatula or knife. Bake in the center of oven for 25 minutes, or until the tops are browned and a cake tester comes out clean. Be sure to check cakes are evenly browning, some ovens require rotating tins mid baking. Remove from oven and place on cooling rack and let cakes set for 10 minutes. Once cooled, loosen cakes from sides of pans with paring knife, invert cakes onto racks and then re-invert; cool to room temperature about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, spread the coconut flakes on a large-rimmed baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees F (6-12 minutes) stirring occasionally, until the coconut is toasted to golden brown. I like to check every three minutes as coconut color changes from blonde to golden quickly. Let cool completely.

*(Recipe, Continued on page 10)*



## White Chocolate Frosting

### Ingredients:

10 ounces (283 grams) white chocolate, coarsely chopped

3 cups (720 ml) heavy cream, divided

1/4 cup (28 grams) confectioners' sugar

1 teaspoon (5 ml) vanilla extract

1/2 teaspoon (2 ml) coconut extract

### Directions:

Melt the white chocolate and 1 cup (240 ml) cream in a medium bowl over a medium saucepan of simmering water, stirring occasionally. Once melted, remove from heat and let cool for an hour.

Add the remaining 2 cups (480 ml) chilled heavy cream, confectioners' sugar, vanilla and coconut extract to stand mixer and whip until soft peaks. Add the cooled white chocolate mixture and whip on low speed for a few seconds just until the mousse is combined and forms soft peaks again— please be sure you do not over-mix. Keep chilled in fridge until ready to use.

Using a long-serrated knife, held so that blade is parallel with work surface, use sawing motion to cut each cake into two even layers. Starting with first cake, carefully lift off top layer and set aside. Brush each layer with 1 tablespoon (15 ml) Malibu rum. Using icing spatula, distribute about 3/4 cup (180 ml) filling evenly on cake, spreading filling to very edge of cake and leveling the surface. Carefully place upper cake layer on top of filling; repeat using remaining filling and cake layer.

Frost top and sides of cake with remaining frosting. Press toasted coconut into sides of cake and sprinkle evenly over top. Refrigerate until filling and frosting are set, about 2 hours. (Cake can be refrigerated for up to 24 hours.)

Serves 10-12.

## Mashed Potatoes

### Ingredients:

5 pounds (2.3 kg) Yukon Gold potatoes, scrubbed, skin left on

Kosher salt and white pepper

1 cup (240 ml) full fat milk (warmed)

1 cup (240 ml) heavy cream (warmed)

1 stick (120 ml, or 115 grams) butter, melted

2 tablespoons (6 grams) chives, finely minced

### Directions:

Place the unpeeled potatoes in a large pot. Add enough water to cover. Season generously with salt and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Simmer until a knife can be gently inserted into a potato; begin checking them after 18-20 minutes.

Drain the potatoes into a colander. Set food mill or ricer over now empty, but still warm pot. Spear potato with dinner fork, then peel back skin with paring knife. Repeat with remaining potatoes. Working in batches, cut peeled potatoes into large chunks and drop into food mill or potato ricer. Process or rice potatoes into saucepan.

Whisk the potato purée with a hand whisk. Gradually whisk in the hot milk, cream, and melted butter, then season with salt and white pepper to taste. Garnish with minced chives.

Serves 6-8.

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# Sudoku

## Answers on Page 16

Sudoku 2

Q: What can run, but never walks? Has a mouth, but never talks? Has a head, but never weeps? Has a bed, but never sleeps? A: A river.

Q: The man who made it doesn't want it. The man who bought it doesn't need it. The man who needs it doesn't know it. What am I talking about? A: A coffin.

Q: This word I know? Six letters it contains. Take away the last .... and only twelve remains. What is the word? A: "Dozens"

Q: I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place. Who am I? A: The letter E.

What does December have that other months don't have? The letter D.

In the rare case where today comes before yesterday, what am I? A Dictionary

What has four fingers and a thumb but is not alive? A glove

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**SOLUTION to  
Logic Puzzle on  
page 14**



Family Relationship	Number of Colors	Name of the Quill Block	Last Name	First Name
Sister	3	Churn Dash	Winter	Donna
Uncle	5	Ohio Star	Jones	Elliott
Aunt	4	Jacob's Ladder	Weatherby	Marcia
Father	6	Dutchman's Puzzle	Maxwell	Ralph
Cousin	2	Bow Tie	Jackson	Sara

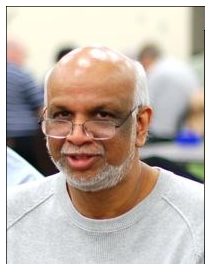
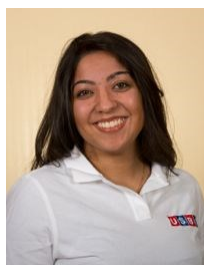
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RealBridge has suggested that there are some problems caused by current Apple systems, and have given us instructions on what to do about them; you can ignore this if you're on a PC or an Android tablet:

If you are using a Macintosh computer with the Monterey OS, or Safari 15, and have had problems, please look at [this link](https://realbridge.online/media-support-macos-monterey.htm).

If you are using an iPad that is running IOS 15, think you're an expert user, and are having problems, please look at [this link](https://realbridge.online/settings-change-ios-15.html).

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# Fun and Games Page

## Geometry

Find and circle all of the Geometry words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

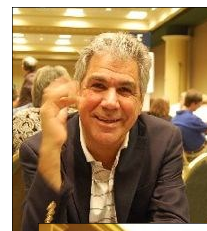
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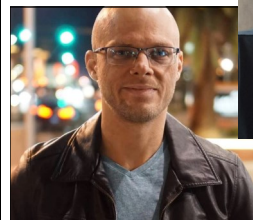
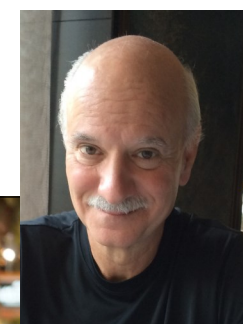
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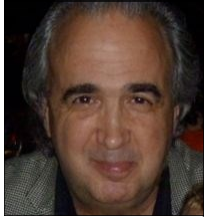
Two handy cards:  
 The ace of spades and the proof of Vaccination!



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# Logic Puzzle



	Jackson	Jones	Maxwell	Weatherby	Winter	Bow Tie	Churn Dash	Dutchman's Puzzle	Jacob's Ladder	Ohio Star	2	3	4	5	6	Aunt	Cousin	Father	Sister	Uncle	
Donna																					
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## Answer on Page 11

First Name	Last Name	Name of the Quilt Block	Number of Colors	Family Relationship

Sherry decided that, for several members of her family, she'd give each of them a different quilt for their birthday present this year. For each one, she picked a different common quilt block for the main design of the quilt. Then she picked the colors and so each quilt used a different number of colors. As each birthday occurred throughout the year, each new quilt was revealed and presented. The gifts were well-received and the audiences always watched with envious appreciation, hoping that their turn and quilt would be coming too. Determine the full name of each relative (their last names are all different from Sherry's due to various marriages and divorces over the years), the name of the quilt block that each quilt used, the number of colors each quilt used (from 2 to 6), and the relationship of each family member to Sherry.

1. Ralph, who wasn't Sherry's uncle, didn't receive a quilt with Ohio Star. Sara Jackson didn't receive the Jacob's Ladder quilt.

- The family member whose last name was Jones received a quilt with five colors but it wasn't a Churn Dash pattern. The Dutchman's Puzzle quilt had six colors but it wasn't given to the relative whose last name was Winter.
- Marcia's quilt had two more colors than Sherry's cousin's quilt but one less than the Ohio Star quilt, which wasn't received by Sherry's aunt.
- The Bow Tie quilt had two colors but it wasn't received by Donna, whose last name wasn't Weatherby. Elliot is her father's sister's brother.
- Sherry's sister received a quilt made with less than four colors. Mr. Maxwell was Sherry's father but he didn't receive the Bow Tie quilt.
- The family member who received the Jacob's Ladder quilt was her grandmother's daughter.

# Nickell/Rasmussen: Saga of the Final Quarter

When you choose your opponents, you need to defeat them. Rasmussen chose Nickell and after three quarters, the Nickell team was leading by 26 IMPs. Rasmussen had their work cut out for them. They were up against two of the world's best pairs.

The first board of this set was a push.

On the second board, Levin/Weinstein passed throughout, and Bi/Watson reached an aggressive 3NT contract, vulnerable. Steve Weinstein led the HT to Levin's king and declarer's ace. Watson played the CQ. Weinstein won the ace and continued hearts to declarer's queen. Declarer tested clubs. When that suit didn't work, Watson fell back on spades. The spades divided evenly, and declarer took nine tricks scoring +600 N/S.

At the other table Maxim Silin opened a weak 2D bid on the West hand and Carrie Liu raised to 3D.

Greco/Hampson were locked out of the auction.

Declarer lost three spades two hearts and a diamond for a score of -100 E/W.

11 IMPs to the Rasmussen team.

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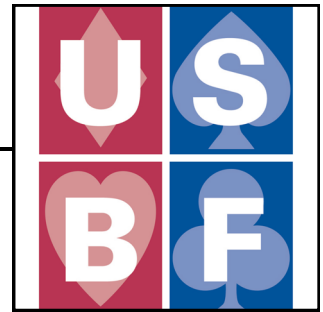
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**Sudoku**  
**on page 11**  
**Puzzle 1 on left**  
**Puzzle 2 on right**

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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.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

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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.





# Meet the Players!



Excerpted from a BBO interview with "Junior" Roger Lee

## **How did you start playing Bridge? And what made you wish to continue?**

I joined the ACBL in July 1998; that would have made me 10 at the time, so I guess I started playing when I was around 9. My local bridge club didn't charge card fees for juniors, and my parents thought it was cheaper than day care, so during the summers I played a lot of bridge.

I stopped playing as much during high school, but I got back into it during college. At Caltech there was a small but dedicated group of bridge players, and we entered some events together like the GNT (flight C) and the Intercollegiate Championship. I thought it was a lot of fun, so I began studying bridge really seriously, which led to a period of rapid improvement for me.

## **How did you get to BBO? What do you think are the differences between real life bridge and online bridge?**

A few years ago I was going to play at the club when for some reason it was closed. My partner mentioned that we could play on the internet instead; I was hooked after that.

I prefer real life bridge of course, nothing comes close to the thrill of playing a serious event like the Spingold or the third day of a national pair game. Online play is more social to me, but it allows me to play a lot of bridge that I wouldn't be able to otherwise. I'm sure I wouldn't be as good as I am without BBO.

## **How would you describe yourself as a player? What's your "style"?**

As a junior bridge player, you are taught to think and play aggressively, and I have found that that works out for me. To me, being aggressive (but not reckless) is the only way to play the game well.

## **Are you a pro? Or would you like to be one?**

I play bridge professionally sometimes, but it is not my main job.

## **Do you have any weakness you plan to work on? A favorite blunder to share, maybe?**

Nothing jumps out at me right away, but the biggest mistakes I've learned from have been away from the table. I used to have a reputation for being very hard on my partners, especially in stressful situations like the junior world championships. I think that I have really improved in this regard, and now I understand that being a good teammate and partner is more important than most people realize.

## **Have you set any bridge goals for the future?**

I would like to improve my performance in national events. I feel like I am getting closer and closer to being a contender, so a top finish in an open national event is what I am really after.

## **What do you feel is your biggest achievement?**

Like I said, I never think anything I do at bridge is very interesting. I have felt very honored to win four USA junior trials events.

## **In your opinion, what could be done to increase bridge popularity?**

Bridge has to be incorporated into schools for it to survive, that to me is definitely the key. It's hard to sell a 16 year old on playing bridge, but if you get them when they are still very young, you give them a chance to discover how great it is.

## **How often do you go online?**

I check into BBO most days that I'm not playing an event, if only to talk to some friends.

## **Any non-bridge hobbies you would like to tell us about? What do you do in your free time?**

I really enjoy cooking, especially experimenting in the kitchen (not always to a high degree of success). I've also started playing a lot of different board games, which are a nice distraction when I want to think strategically about a game but have had a bit too much bridge on my calendar.

## A Deal From the World Mind Games in Beijing from Jan. 7, 2015 NY Times involving both "Meet the Players," Roger Lee and Justin Lall

At the fourth SportAccord World Mind Games in Beijing last month, two Americans won a pair of medals: Justin Lall of Plano, Tex., and Roger Lee of Las Vegas. They were third in both the open teams and the open pairs. They said nothing noteworthy happened to them, so let's look at a deal that occurred during the concluding individual event.

After South opened four hearts in second position, what would you have done with that West hand?

At the other four tables on bridgebase.com, South's opening bid was passed out three times. At the fourth, West passed and East balanced with a takeout double. Eventually West played in five spades doubled. North led the heart ace, under which South signaled with his jack. North then cashed the diamond ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff for down one.

NORTH			
♠ Q			
♥ A 8 2			
♦ A 9 5 3			
♣ K 10 9 8 5			
WEST		EAST(D)	
♠ A K 5 3		♠ J 10 7 6 4	
♥ 7		♥ 5	
♦ K J 10 8 7 2		♦ Q 6 4	
♣ 7 3		♣ A Q 4 2	
SOUTH			
♠ 9 8 2			
♥ K Q J 10 9 6 4 3			
♦ —			
♣ J 6			
Both sides were vulnerable.			
The bidding:			
West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	4♥
??			
West led the spade king.			

Lee (West) overcalled four spades! There is an expression that a four-heart opening bid is a transfer to four spades for the opponents, but this was stretching that idea.

North raised to five hearts, and East bid five spades. Then South fell from grace, bidding six hearts. This turned a probable plus into a minus. West doubled this contract.

Lee led his spade king, asking for a count signal. But when dummy tabled with a singleton spade, East played his four as a suit-preference signal for clubs. West, therefore, shifted to his club seven. This gave the defenders two tricks in that suit for down two. Plus 500 was worth 10 matchpoints out of 10. (In North America, it would have been 5 out of 5.)

What would have happened if West had doubled over four hearts, planning to convert partner's potential five-club advance to five diamonds? (Note that doubling with four spades and six clubs would have been risky, lest partner advance with five diamonds.)

Here, of course, East would have bid spades, at least to the five-level. If North had doubled that contract, what would South have led?

He probably would have selected the heart nine, ten or jack, hoping partner could win the trick with his ace and, reading the lead as a suit-preference signal, shift to diamonds.

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The very next board was another pickup for the Rasmussen team.

Melody Bi opened 1S in third seat and Watson responded 2D, four card Drury.

Steve Weinstein bid 2S (Michaels) and Melody bid 4NT (RKC). Watson showed one keycard and Bi bid 6S. Levin led the DA and continued the suit. Bi inserted the DT from dummy and trumped Weinstein's king. Bi drew trumps, discarded a heart on the DQ, trumped a diamond and collected 12 tricks to score +1430.

At the other table, Hampson opened 1C (strong and artificial).

Silin interfered by bidding 2D.

Greco bid 2NT, positive and natural.

Carrie Liu jumped to 4D.

Hampson passed, which asked partner to reopen with double. Greco doubled and Hampson bid 4S, showing less than if he bid an immediate 4S over 4D.

Greco bid 5S and Hampson passed.

The DA was lead and Silin shifted to a spade.

Hampson trumped two hearts in dummy and collected 12 tricks to score +480.

13 IMPs to Rasmussen

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As I suspected, someone has been adding soil to my garden. The plot thickens.

I have a joke about trickle down economics. But 99% of you will never get it.

Did you hear about the perfume that smells of nothing? I think it's total non-scents.

Bigfoot is sometimes confused with Sasquatch, Yeti never complains.

The inventor of the throat lozenge died last month. There was no coffin at his funeral.

Today I learned that if a canoe turns upside down in the water, you can safely wear it on your head. Because it's cap-sized.



(Story continued from page 19)

Again, team Rasmussen won a swing on the very next board.

Against 4S, Hampson led the C5. Greco won the ace and Carrie Liu played the king from her hand.

The CQ provided the entry to dummy for the spade finesse and Liu took ten tricks for +420 E/W.

At the other table, Liu's teammates bought the contract in 4H.

Levin led a diamond to East's ace and a diamond was returned.

Declarer cashed two high hearts and ducked a club to East. Weinstein cashed the SA and 4H was defeated one trick for +50 E/W.

The 9 IMPs that Rasmussen won gave them the lead and they never looked back, winning the fourth quarter 64-16.

**Congrats Team Rasmussen! You are setting a great example for the world of bridge.**