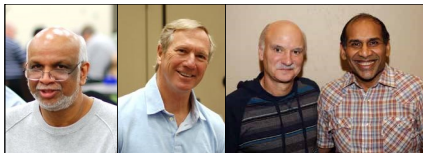


We Remember:



Clayton, Baseggio,
Freeman, Sprung
Bramley, Hessel

Results:



Team Lall: Lall, Milner, Krekorian, Koneru ... not shown, Penick

↑ **Congrats Team Lall! Bracket 1 Winners**
Lall, Milner, Krekorian, Koneru, Penick

← **Congrats Team Sprung! Bracket 2 Winners: Sprung,**
Clayton, Bramley, Hessel, Freeman, Baseggio

| # | TEAM | IMPs Total | SET #1 | SET #2 | Penalty (IMPs) |
|---|------------------------|------------|--------|--------|----------------|
| 2 | Lo | 64 | 21 | 43 | |
| 3 | Sprung | 65 | 43 | 22 | |

Thank You...

Another successful JLall Teams comes to a close. We couldn't have done it without the awesome USBF teamwork that we experience time after time in these events.

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**See Page 15
for final
hand from
Bracket 1
Final**

14 Teams Entered (alphabetical order)

J LALL7

| | | |
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| Beatty | Steve Beatty, Capt Alan Watson Olin Hubert | Fred Stewart Rick Binder Kevin Collins |
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✕ ☐☐ **Board 14**
☰ **Dealer E**
None Vul

♠ 4
 ♥ KQJ9
 ♦ A62
 ♣ K10953

♠ 10973
 ♥ 53
 ♦ K107
 ♣ QJ86

♠ 8
 ♥ A10864
 ♦ J9854
 ♣ A7

♠ AKQJ652
 ♥ 72
 ♦ Q3
 ♣ 42

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| | NT | ♠ | ♥ | ♦ | ♣ |
| N | 8 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| S | 9 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| E | 3 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 6 |
| W | 3 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 6 |

Par +300 4♦X-2 EW

NS: 13+12=25HCP
EW: 9+6=15HCP

| NS | EW | Contract | Lead | Score |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|------|-------|
| Rick Zucker & Ai-Tai Lo | Jacob Freeman & Franco Baseggio | 3NT+2 N | ♥6 | 460 |
| Phil Clayton & Danny Sprung | David Chechelashvili & Alex Kolesnik | 4♠-1 S | ♣Q | 50 |

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| ✕ ☐☐ ♠ 4 Bd 14, Dlr E 3NT+2 N W Franco Baseggio ♠ 10973 ♥ 53 ♦ K107 ♣ QJ86 | Rick Zucker Other table 4♠-1 S Jacob Freeman E ♠ 8 ♥ A10864 ♦ J9854 ♣ A7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ai-Tai Lo S ♠ AKQJ652 ♥ 72 ♦ Q3 ♣ 42 | <table border="1"> <tr><td>W</td><td>N</td><td>E</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td></td><td>P</td><td>1♠</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td>2♣</td><td>X</td><td>2♠</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td>2NT</td><td>P</td><td>3NT</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>P</td><td></td></tr> </table> | W | N | E | S | P | | P | 1♠ | P | 2♣ | X | 2♠ | P | 2NT | P | 3NT | P | P | P | |
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| P | 2NT | P | 3NT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Both teams came out of the gate swinging! There were three large swings in the first half. One of the most interesting occurred on Board 14.

It should be easy to play in NT any time one has a solid seven-bagger, however, when that seven-bagger is in a major, it is always more difficult! Lo did well to cede to partner's suggested strain and bid the NT game... especially once the 2C bid was doubled for takeout. He had nothing in the way of tenaces and forcing East to lead from his red suits seemed like the prudent thing to do.

Freeman led a 4th best heart from his ace and Zucker won his H9. Zucker played back the HK, Freeman winning his ace. Another heart went to the queen and Zucker took 11 tricks.

A diamond lead would defeat 3NT, but with better hearts than diamonds, it just wasn't in the cards!

In the other room where 4S was the final contract, the defense started with the CQ covered by the king and ace.

East found the killing defense: **He switched to a small diamond!!** This set up the 4th defensive trick.

Declarer might have tried ducking the CQ. West may believe that declarer has a singleton club since he's looking at 9 of them. If West believes declarer has a singleton club, he will switch to a diamond. Declarer will win the diamond queen and collect ten tricks.

2C=2+
3S does not show extras
4D=1st round control

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|---------------------------------|-----|---|-----|--|
| Kolesnik Clayton David C Sprung | | | | |
| W | N | E | S | |
| | | P | 1♠ | |
| P | 2♣* | P | 3♠* | |
| P | 4♦* | P | 4♠ | |
| P | P | P | | |

11 IMPs to Lo

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

Smoked Salmon Quesadillas With Mexican Guacamole and Jicama-Grapefruit Salsa

Ingredients

For the quesadillas:

- 8 10-inch flour tortillas
- 8 oz smoked salmon
- 1 cup cream cheese, whipped
- 2 cups Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 2 tbsp chives, finely sliced
- 1 tbs olive oil
- 2 cups mesclun lettuce
- 2 tbs sour cream



For the salsa:

- 2 ruby red grapefruit segments (reserve juice)
- 1 medium root jicama, peeled and diced (or substitute water chestnuts, radish or a crisp white turnip)
- 1 tbs Dijon mustard
- 3 tbs lime juice
- 1 small red onion, minced
- 1 Serrano chile, minced
- 2 tbs fresh cilantro, roughly chopped
- 2 tbs fresh mint, finely sliced
- 1 tbs olive oil
- 1 pinch cumin, ground

Instructions

1. Make the salsa first; combine all ingredients, including grapefruit juice.
2. Let sit for at least 20 minutes, then taste and adjust the seasoning if necessary.
3. To prepare the quesadillas, spread one tortilla with cream cheese; sprinkle with chives and add a layer of smoked salmon.
4. Add shredded Monterey Jack and season with some cracked pepper. Top off with second tortilla round.
5. Repeat three more times to create four quesadillas.
6. Heat a nonstick skillet, large enough to fit a quesadilla, and lightly grease with some olive oil.
7. Place tortilla in pan, and fry slowly until cheese is melted and tortilla is crisp and lightly golden.
8. Repeat for remaining quesadillas.
9. Serve quesadillas with salsa and guacamole on the side.

Strawberry Short Cake

Ingredients

For the cake:

- 10 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- Splash vanilla extract

For the filling:

- 1 1/2 cups of heavy cream (or 3 cups of whipped cream)
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 6 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
- Fresh whipped cream dresses up this dessert and is simple to make; 1 1/2 cups of heavy cream will yield 3 cups of whipped cream.

Instructions

1. Mix eggs with sugar and whip until creamy; add flour and vanilla extract. Spread out onto lightly greased or parchment lined sheet pan and bake at 350 degrees until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
2. If you're making your own whipped cream, whip cream with a hand mixer on high speed until soft peaks form. (For the best results, be sure everything is cold, including your bowl and beaters -- we stick ours in the freezer five minutes beforehand.)
3. Cut cooled sponge cake into thin rounds using a 3-inch round cookie cutter or cake ring. Place layer of sponge cake in cake ring, and top with whipped cream and sliced strawberries. Add a second layer of sponge cake topped with whipped cream and sliced strawberries, followed by a final layer of sponge cake. Remove cake ring.
4. Continue making individual cakes with remaining cake layers.
5. Decorate cakes with remaining whipped cream. Garnish with fresh strawberries and powdered sugar.



(Recipes, Continued on page 6)

Bread and Butter Pudding With Vanilla Sauce

Ingredients

For the pudding:

- 1 quart milk
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 3 egg yolks, beaten
- 6 oz sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 lbs day-old bread
- 3 oz butter, melted
- 4 oz raisins
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For the sauce:

- 1 pint milk
- 1 pint heavy cream
- 1 vanilla bean
- 8 oz sugar
- 9 oz egg yolks
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Instructions

If you don't have custard cups, serve it family style in a large casserole dish. This recipe yields 15 servings of bread pudding and three pints of sauce. To make a rum sauce, add 1/4 cup of rum per every pint of vanilla sauce.

1. To make the custard, combine milk, eggs, egg yolks, sugar and vanilla; mix well.
2. To prepare the bread, cut in cubes, drizzle with butter and toast in the oven.
3. Combine custard, bread and raisins; fill buttered custard cups.
4. Bake in a water bath in a 325-degree oven for 45 minutes or until custard is set.
5. To make the sauce, heat milk, heavy cream, vanilla bean (cut in half lengthwise) and half of the sugar until it boils. Remove the vanilla.
6. Combine egg yolks and the rest of the sugar, then temper with part of the boiling milk while stirring constantly.
7. Pour tempered mixture into the remaining milk and return to the heat.
8. Stirring constantly, cook to 180 degrees. Remove immediately from stove and strain into a bowl.
9. Cool using an ice bath -- simply place the bowl in a larger bowl filled with icy water, being careful not to let the sauce get wet.



Q: What do you get when you cross a cocker spaniel, a poodle, and a rooster? A: A cockerpoodledoo!

Q: What do you do when a dog eats your English homework? A: Take the words right out of its mouth!

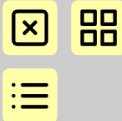
Q: Which dog breed chases anything that's red? A: A bull dog

Q: Did you hear about the dog that gave birth on the side of the road? She was ticketed for littering.

Q: Why did the tree think the dog was talking to him? A: He kept saying "bark, bark, bark!"

Q: What's the difference between a dog and a marine biologist? A: One wags a tail and the other tags a whale.

Q: What kind of dog does Dracula have? A: A bloodhound!



Board 22
Dealer E
EW Vul

♠ K1042
 ♥ J108
 ♦ J1082
 ♣ 63



♠ Q53
 ♥ A965
 ♦ 54
 ♣ KQ84

♠ J9
 ♥ KQ3
 ♦ KQ963
 ♣ AJ2

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|----|---|---|----|---|
| NT | ♠ | ♥ | ♦ | ♣ |
| N | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| S | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| E | 9 | 7 | 10 | 9 |
| W | 9 | 7 | 10 | 9 |

♠ A876
 ♥ 742
 ♦ A7
 ♣ 10975

Par -620 4♥= EW

NS: 5 + 8 = 13HCP
 EW: 16 + 11 = 27HCP

| NS | EW | Contract | Lead | Score | IMP |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|------|-------|---------------|
| Phil Clayton & Danny Sprung | Ai-Tai Lo & Rick Zucker | 3NT-2 E | ♣9 | 200 | +13.00 -13.00 |
| Alex Kolesnik & David Chechelashvili | Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel | 3NT+1 E | ♥7 | 630 | -13.00 +13.00 |

♠ K1042
♥ J108
♦ J1082
♣ 63

W Rick Zucker

N Phil Clayton

Other table
3NT+1 E

Ai-Tai Lo E

♠ Q53
♥ A965
♦ 54
♣ KQ84

♠ J9
♥ KQ3
♦ KQ963
♣ AJ2

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Danny Sprung S

♠ A876
♥ 742
♦ A7
♣ 10975

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| W | N | E | S |
| | | 1NT* | P |
| 3♠* | P | 3♦* | P |
| 3♠ | P | 3NT | P |
| P | P | | |

On Board 22, Danny Sprung found a fine defense to defeat 3NT.

Danny led the C9 to dummy's king. Lo, declarer, led a low diamond to his king in hand. **Danny ducked!!** This gave declarer the impression that DA was onside and he could collect an easy nine tricks.

Lo cashed the CA and led the CJ to dummy's queen. He led a small diamond from dummy to the queen in his hand and Danny won his ace! Surprise!!

Danny cashed his good CT and continued with the ace and a spade to his partner's hand. Clayton had two good diamonds to cash and 3NT went light two tricks.

1NT=14+-17
 3C=Puppet
 3D=No 5-card major

At the other table, Bramley declared 3NT on a "standard" Stayman auction.

David C. led the H7 from his three small hearts!! Bart won in hand and played the C2 to dummy's queen and a diamond back toward his queen. David won the ace. David switched to the S6 which was ducked to declarer's jack. Bart cashed his club ace and jack, coming to four heart tricks, four club tricks, one spade and one diamond. Contract making with an overtrick!

13 IMPs to Sprung

♠ K1042
♥ J108
♦ J1082
♣ 63

W Ira Hessel

N Alex Kolesnik

Other table
3NT-2 E

Bart Bramley E

♠ Q53
♥ A965
♦ 54
♣ KQ84

♠ J9
♥ KQ3
♦ KQ963
♣ AJ2

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David Chechelashvili S

♠ A876
♥ 742
♦ A7
♣ 10975

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| W | N | E | S |
| | | 1NT* | P |
| 2♣ | P | 2♦ | P |
| 3NT | P | P | P |

Sudoku

Answers

on Page 11

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 10

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|------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| Eighteenth | Jayce | Michigan | Tsunamis |
| Tenth | Klara | Virginia | Volcanos |
| Fourth | Colten | Illinois | Wildfires |
| Second | Frank | California | Earthquakes |

To be or not to be a horse rider, that is equestrian.

Q: What do you call an animal you keep in your car? A: A Carpet

Q: Why did the crab never share? A: Because he's shellfish

Q: Where do shellfish go to borrow money? A: The prawn broker.

Q: What does a dolphin say when he's confused? A: Can you please be more Pacific?

Q: What did the bird watcher say when she mistook a hawk for an eagle? A: Well, this is hawkward

Q: What did the dolphin say after he accidentally swam into another sea creature? A: I didn't do it on porpoise

Q: What did the flamingo post on her dating profile? A: Single and ready to flamingle

Hippo 1: You're fat. Hippo 2: That's very hippo-critical.



Fun and Games Page

New York City

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

T S H G U O R O B H S R E P A R C S Y K S E
S G R O B R A H S T A T E N I S L A N D T X
T T R O P R I A A I D R A U G A L A T N N E
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C A R I N G R O H U A T S E E G I D N A E U
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S S L T E S Y N E M U S I C A L S Y S Q I X

BASEBALL
BASKETBALL
BOROUGH
BROADWAY
BROOKLYN
CHINATOWN
CONEY ISLAND
CULTURAL
EMPIRE STATE BUILDING
ENTERTAINMENT
FASHION

FERRIES
FIFTH AVENUE
FINANCE
FOOTBALL
GRAND CENTRAL
TERMINAL
GREENWICH VILLAGE
GROUND ZERO
HARBOR
HIGHRISES
HOCKEY
HUDSON RIVER

IMMIGRANTS
LAGUARDIA AIRPORT
MANHATTAN
MEDIA
MUSICALS
NASDAQ
NEW YORK TIMES
NYSE
PLAYS
POPULOUS
QUEENS

SKYSCRAPERS
SOCCER
SPORTS
STATEN ISLAND
ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL
SUBWAY
THE BIG APPLE
THE BRONX
TIMES SQUARE
UNITED NATIONS
WALL STREET

Logic Puzzle

| | | First Names | | | | States | | | | Disasters | | | |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | Colten | Frank | Jayce | Kiara | California | Illinois | Michigan | Virginia | earthquakes | tsunamis | volcanos | wildfires |
| Places | second | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | fourth | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | tenth | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | eighteenth | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Disasters | earthquakes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | tsunamis | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | volcanos | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | wildfires | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| States | California | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Illinois | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Michigan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Virginia | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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

Answers on
page 8

| Places | First Names | States | Disasters |
|------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| second | | | |
| fourth | | | |
| tenth | | | |
| eighteenth | | | |

1. Frank doesn't study wildfires or tsunamis.
2. The scientist who studies volcanos finished after the person who lives in Illinois.
3. The scientist who studies volcanos does not live in Michigan.
4. The person who lives in Virginia finished before the scientist who studies tsunamis.
5. The scientist who studies earthquakes is not Jayce.
6. The person who lives in Virginia is Kiara.
7. Either the scientist who studies tsunamis or the scientist who studies volcanos lives in Michigan.
8. Colten does not live in Michigan and did not come in tenth place.
9. The person who lives in California is not Colten.
10. The scientist who studies earthquakes does not live in Virginia and is not Kiara.
11. The person in eighteenth place specializes in tsunamis.
12. Of Kiara and Colten, one specializes in volcanos and the other came in fourth place.

Logic Puzzle

Humor...



Q: What do you get if you cross an angry sheep and a moody cow? A: An animal that's in a baaaaaaaad mooooooooooooood.

Q: Why did the cowboy buy a dachshund? A: Someone told him to get a long little doggie.

Q: What did the baby elephant ask his mom before they left for vacation? A: "Can I borrow a suitcase? I only have a little trunk."

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

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| 6 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 5 |
| 3 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 8 |
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 2 |
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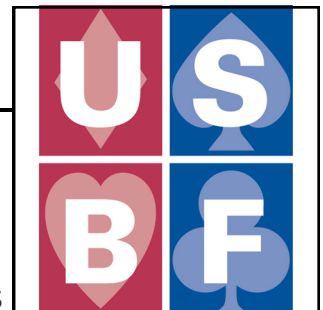
Q: What do you call a sad pup? A: mellon collie

Q: What was the dog's favorite type of homework to do? A: A lab report

My buddy said he threw a stick five miles and his dog managed to find it and brought it back. Seems a little far fetched.

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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Bart Bramley (born 1948) is an American bridge player. Bramley is from Connecticut. He lived in Chicago for years, working as a trader on the Exchange. Bramley has lived in Dallas, Texas since 2003. Bramley's wife Judy passed away recently. She was an excellent Bridge player in her own right.

Bridge accomplishments



Bart Bramley, Michael Rosenberg, Eric Rodwell (left to right) Par contest winners at World Championships 1998, Lille, France

- ACBL Player of the Year 1997
- Herman Trophy 1997
- Mott-Smith Trophy 1997
- North American Bridge Championships
 - von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 2006
 - Silodor Open Pairs 1984
 - Blue Ribbon Pairs 2002, 2009
 - Nail Life Master Open Pairs 1987, 1995
 - Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1984, 1990, 1997
 - Roth Open Swiss Teams 2013
 - Vanderbilt 1989
 - Senior Knockout Teams 2013
 - Keohane North American Swiss Teams 2008
 - Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1980
 - Reisinger 1997

Meet the Players

Bart Bramley is playing in this event as a member of the Sprung team.

Bart has been a wonderful volunteer working for years on ethics committees for the ACBL.

He is a frequent contributor to [The Bridge World](#).

Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships

- Rockwell Mixed Pairs 1981
- Wernher Open Pairs 1997
- Grand National Teams 1988, 2004
- Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1991, 1994
- Vanderbilt 1986
- Senior Knockout Teams 2012
- Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1976, 1987
- Reisinger 2012
- Spingold 1981, 1988

Board 31
Dealer S
NS Vul

♠ AQ102
♥ 862
♦ A1062
♣ 92

♠ 63
♥ Q975
♦ Q987
♣ KJ6

♠ 985
♥ —
♦ KJ5
♣ AQ108754

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 6 10 10 7 3
S 6 10 10 7 3
E 6 2 3 6 10
W 6 2 3 6 10

♠ KJ74
♥ AKJ1043
♦ 43
♣ 3

Par +100 5♣X-1 EW
NS: 10+12=22HCP
EW: 10+ 8 =18HCP

| NS | EW | Contract | Lead | Score | IMP |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|------|-------|---------------|
| Alex Kolesnik & David Chechelashvili | Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel | 5♣X-1 E | ♥K | 100 | +14.00 -14.00 |
| Phil Clayton & Danny Sprung | Ai-Tai Lo & Rick Zucker | 7♥X-3 S | ♣K | 800 | -14.00 +14.00 |

With two boards left in the match, Sprung was leading Lo by 15 IMPs.

♠ AQ102
♥ 862
♦ A1062
♣ 92

W Ira Hessel

♠ 63
♥ Q975
♦ Q987
♣ KJ6

♠ KJ74
♥ AKJ1043
♦ 43
♣ 3

S David Chechelashvili

Other table
7♥X-3 S

Bart Bramley E

W N E S
P 1♠ 4♣ 4♠
5♣ X P P
P

On Board 31, North/South has two major suit fits and can score ten tricks in either suit.

Bramley/Hessel found the club save and Kolesnik and David C did the best they could by doubling and taking three tricks, achieving the par result of +100.

There was a lot of excitement at the other table.

Apparently, there was confusion over the RKC bid when Lo interfered with 5C. Sprung/Clayton play DOPI, therefore, Sprung's pass should show one keycard in which case, 5D was probably a king ask, 5S showing the SK. 5NT might have been pick a slam, but it was irrelevant since they were already too high.

7H was doubled and failed three tricks when declarer lost a club, a diamond and a trump!

14 IMPs to Lo putting the match within 1IMP with one board to go.

♠ AQ102
♥ 862
♦ A1062
♣ 92

W Rick Zucker

♠ 63
♥ Q975
♦ Q987
♣ KJ6

♠ KJ74
♥ AKJ1043
♦ 43
♣ 3

S Danny Sprung

Other table
5♣X-1 E

Ai-Tai Lo E

W N E S
P 1♠* 2♣ 4♣
X 4♦ X 4♥
P 4♠* 5♣ P
P 5♦ P 5♠
P 5NT P 6♠
X 7♥ P P
X P P P

1S=forcing NT

4S=RKC

Board 32
Dealer W
EW Vul

♠ 107
♥ Q53
♦ AJ96
♣ AQ43

♠ Q65
♥ K982
♦ 72
♣ 10862

♠ K943
♥ 1076
♦ 103
♣ KJ97

♠ AJ82
♥ AJ4
♦ KQ854
♣ 5

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|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| NT | ♠ | ♥ | ♦ | ♣ | |
| N | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| S | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| E | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 6 |
| W | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 6 |

Par -110 2♠= EW
NS: 13+7=20HCP
EW: 15+5=20HCP

| NS | EW | Contract | Lead | Score | IMP |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|------|-------|-----------|
| Phil Clayton & Danny Sprung | Ai-Tai Lo & Rick Zucker | 3♥-1 E | ♦ 10 | 100 | 0.00 0.00 |
| Alex Kolesnik & David Chechelashvili | Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel | 1NT= N | ♦ 4 | 90 | 0.00 0.00 |

The result of the event was determined on the final bid of the final board!! At the first table, North/South had a simple auction with no interference.

The opening lead was as shown and the hand was cold.

At the other table, it was all about the auction.

If Clayton passes out 2C and it makes, the board would be a push and Sprung would win by one as happened...

If Clayton passes out 2C and it is defeated, the Lo team would gain 4 IMPs on a 140 swing... and win the match by 3!

Clayton did not pass 2C! He bid 2D which had no play... in fact, it can be defeated three tricks! (see double dummy) In this case, Lo would gain 6 IMPs and win the match by 5!



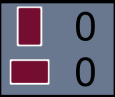
Lo did not pass 2D! He jumped to 3H. This was defeated one trick for a push board... and the state of the match remained as it was coming into this board... Sprung by ONE!

Had Lo bid taken the "lo" road and bid only 2H, he would emerge +110 for a 5-IMP gain to win the match by 4!

It doesn't get more exciting than that... even on a part score!!

1C=1+ NF
1H=spades

Final Hand from Bracket 1 Final to Determine the Event Winners...




| | | | |
|---|--|----------|------------------------|
|   | | ♠ QJ1074 | N Jeff Meckstroth |
| Bd 60, Dlr W 7♥ = W | | ♥ 9 | Other table 6♥ +1 W |
| W Venkatrao Koneru | | ♦ 10943 | Jim Krekorian E |
| ♣ J87 | | ♠ A96 | ♠ K52 |
| ♥ KQ10754 | | ♥ — | ♥ AJ3 |
| ♦ — | | ♣ A643 | ♦ AKQJ |
| ♣ KQ2 | | ♣ 1095 | |
|  0 0 | | ♠ 83 | W N E S |
| < > | | ♥ 862 | 1♥ 1♠ 2♠ P |
| David Berkowitz S | | ♦ 87652 | 3♣ P 3♦ P |
| | | ♣ KQ2 | 3♠ P 4NT P |
| | | | 5♦ P 5♠ P |
| | | | 5NT P 6NT P |
| | | | 7♥ P P P |

Board 60 in the Lall vs. Levine Final of Bracket I was challenging.

At one table, Koneru opened 1H and Meckstroth, in the very aggressive-style for which he is known, overcalled 1S on QJTxx and an outside jack vulnerable against not!

Krekorian describes the mood as "tense" as he and his teammates were not aware that they basically had the match won.

While at other tables, it was easy for East to diagnose six hearts in his partner's hand and count 13 tricks for the taking, Meck's overcall afforded Jim and his partner less room. Jim inquired about keycards, and asked about the heart queen looking for the grand. When Koneru showed no side kings, Jim was at a loss to find 13 tricks. He bid 6NT instead of 6H to imply interest in a grand but he had no guarantee that his partner would work out what he was doing.

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|---|--|----------|-----------------------|
|   | | ♠ QJ1074 | N Reese Milner |
| Bd 60, Dlr W 6♥ +1 W | | ♥ 9 | Other table 7♥ = W |
| W Bob Morris | | ♦ 10943 | Eddie Wold E |
| ♣ J87 | | ♠ A96 | ♠ K52 |
| ♥ KQ10754 | | ♥ — | ♥ AJ3 |
| ♦ — | | ♣ A643 | ♦ AKQJ |
| ♣ KQ2 | | ♣ 1095 | |
|  0 0 | | ♠ 83 | W N E S |
| < > | | ♥ 862 | 1♥ P 2♠* P |
| Hemant Lall S | | ♦ 87652 | 2♥ P 3♥ P |
| | | ♣ KQ2 | 3♠ P 4♦ P |
| | | | 5♣ P 5♦ P |
| | | | 6♥ P P P |

Koneru drew the right inference that his 6th heart would be trick 13!!

Dutifully, he bid 7H to win 11 IMPs and put the match completely out of reach whatever the status was at that point!

Morris and Wold bid to 6H at the second table.

Krekorian and Koneru were the only pair in the event to play in 7H.

Three pairs successfully reached 7NT: Bramley/Hessel; Yanong Han/Wanfeng Mou; Rotaru/Nistor.