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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations—MUSBC Pre-Bulletin



The Prez Says ...

Welcome to the 2021 Mixed United States Bridge Championships. This event is being run online and in Schaumburg, Illinois, to select USA1 and USA2 to represent the United States in the World 2021 Bridge Teams Championship in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy from March 27th-April 9th, 2022.

Twelve teams will compete two days in the round robin. Eight will remain to play in the F2F Knockout event next month.

The Format: There will be 5 matches on Saturday, Sept. 25 and 6 matches on Sunday, Sept. 26. Each match will be 9 boards long.

The F2F USA1 stages will be 2-day, 120-board KO matches.

The F2F USA2 stages will be: a 2-day, 120-board KO R16 in which the 4 losing USA1 Quarterfinalists will play, followed by a 1-day, 60-board KO Quarterfinal, in which the 2 USA1 Quarterfinal losers will play the 2 USA2 Round of 16 winners; a 1-day 60-board KO Semifinal in which the USA2 Quarterfinal winners will play, and a 2-day 120-board Final between the USA1 Final loser and the USA2 Semifinal winner.

Play in the KO stages will be on LoveBridge tablets.

The KO bracket will be based on ACBL seeding points and additional team seeding points assigned for Round Robin finish (7 for first, 5 for second, 3 for third, 2 for fourth, 1 for fifth).

While the USBF Board and tournament organizers do their best to make this event the fairest Competition year after year, only YOU, the players, can uphold the ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which US bridge is known worldwide. I will do my part to uphold these standards and I ask that each of you do the same throughout the events (Open, Women’s, Mixed, and Seniors).

Good luck! Let the games begin!

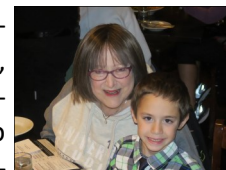
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Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting in the Round Robin, it is especially challenging to review and write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please alert me by email at stansubeck@prodigy.net. Human interest stories, news or gossip are also welcome!! Thanks. Also, you might want to keep this issue handy. It contains some all-purpose information on tournament format and kibitzing for both the online and F2F events.

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MUSBC Teams Entered

Alphabetical Order

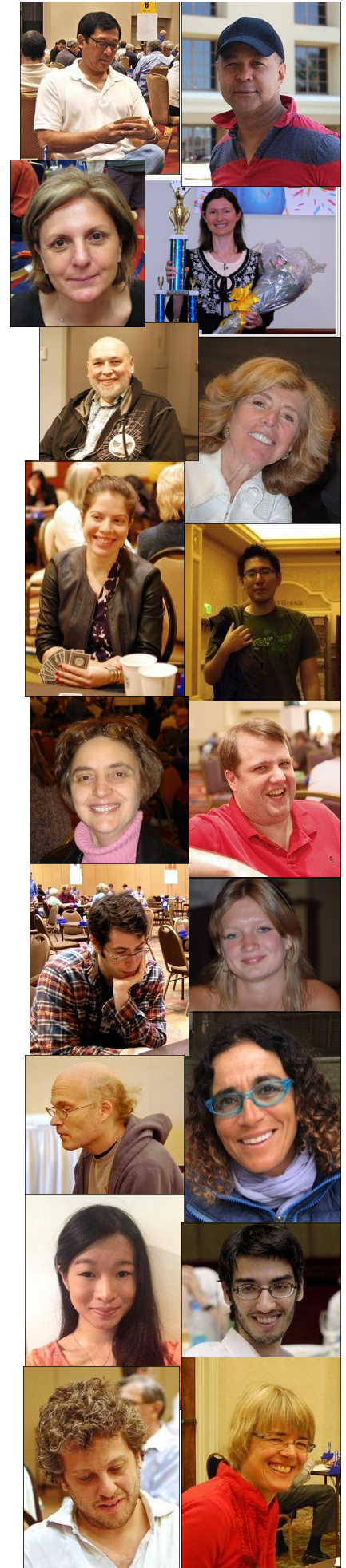
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Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Zachary Grossack Joe Grue	Sandra Rimstedt Georgia Botta Anam Tebha
Hammond	Nicolas Hammond, Capt Jacqueline Chang	Kristen Onsgard Eric Gettleman
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Hinze	Greg Hinze, Capt Allison Howard	Kay Enfield Mike Cappelletti
Kolesnik	Alex Kolesnik, Capt Cheryl Mandala Sally Woolsey	Lynne Feldman Yul Inn Kit Woolsey
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Ljudmila Kamenova	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Ron Smith
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt Brad Moss John Hurd	Roger Lee Bronia Jenkins Jenny Wolpert
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Eldad Ginossar	Debbie Rosenberg Migry Campanile Dana Berkowitz
Rubenstein	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Adam Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Chris Parker Irina Levitina Janice Molson
Watson	Will Watson, Capt Mark Aquino	Geeske Joel Selen Hotamisligil
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Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS
SATURDAY	SEPT. 25	11:30 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
SATURDAY	SEPT. 25	12:00 - 1:05	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-9
		1:25 - 2:30	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 10-18
		2:50 - 3:55	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 19-27 60 MINUTE BREAK
		4:55 - 6:00	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 28-36
		6:20 - 7:25	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 37-45
SUNDAY	SEPT. 26	12:00 - 1:05	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 46-54
		1:25 - 2:30	ROUND 7 - BOARDS 55-63
		2:50 - 3:55	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 64-72 60 MINUTE BREAK
		4:55 - 6:00	ROUND 9 - BOARDS 73-81
		6:20 - 7:25	ROUND 10 - BOARDS 82-90
		7:30 - 8:35	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 91-99

Online



Face-to-Face Schaumburg

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
<i>QUARTER-FINAL</i>			
THURSDAY	OCT. 14	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	OCT. 15	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SATURDAY	OCT. 16	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1</i>			
SUNDAY	OCT. 17	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
MONDAY	OCT. 18	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL</i>			
TUESDAY	OCT. 19	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 20	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			
THURSDAY	OCT. 21	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
FRIDAY	OCT. 22	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

News on the Italian Team Trials from Neapolitan Club...

On the 22nd of September, **Francesco Saverio Vinci** (captain) and **Lorenzo Lauria** (acting captain) filed an appeal to **FIGB Federal Tribunal**, asking the the annulment of the FIGB Decision to exclude Vinci's team from the second phase of the Italian Open Trials.

On the 16th of September, the Italian Federation posted the followings " Due to Zaleski and Vinci withdrawal, the remaining Teams (Bortoletti, Burgay, De Michelis) move to the second phase of Open Trials".

On the 21st September 2021, the **Public Prosecutor Sergio Bianchi** sent an appeal to the **National Sports Judge** requesting the following:

- 1) to scrap the results of the first phase of the Open Trials for the Bermuda Bowl 2022, which took place from the 16th to the 19th September 202;
- 2) to re-play the first phase of the Open Trials, to determine the finalists for the same competition.

Following this appeal, on the 22nd September, the **National Sports Judge** has scheduled a hearing for the 29th September in order to hear the captains (Carlo Bortoletti, Leandro Burgay, Luca De Michelis, Francesco Saverio Vinci, Romain Zaleski), the FIGB Secretary (Gianluca Frola) and the Chief Director (Antonio Riccardi).

On the **3rd of August 2021**, the Italian Bridge Federation (FIGB – Federazione Italiana Gioco Bridge) announced the Trials for the selection of the team that will participate in the 45th World 2021 Bridge Team Championships – Open Teams, Bermuda Bowl (Salsomaggiore Terme, 27 March – 9 April 2022).

On the **1st of September, 2021** the Italian Federation posted the list of participating teams. The Italian Federation announced that participation in the Italian Trials will in be subject to the approval of the FIGB Credentials Committee. Mr Bortoletti (captain) sent a letter to Italian Federation.

The **FIGB (Italian Federation) Credential Committee** met on 2nd and 5th September to assess the teams' registrations for the World Championships selection. The Credential Committee did not find any eligibility issues. However, the Committee has not allowed team BORTOLETTI to play because in case of victory there would have been unsurmountable issues for the open team. The Decision of Credential Committee was released on the 6th of September.

On the **6th of September, 2021** Carlo Bortoletti (captain) filed a letter to Italian Federation: "If the Committee does not immediately review its arbitrary decision to exclude my team, I will for sure get the lawyers on the case".

On the **9th of September, 2021** the six players fielded in Bortoletti's team filed an appeal to the Federal Tribunal.

The first hearing of Federal Tribunal was held on the **15th of September** : The Tribunal ordered that Bortoletti's team be readmitted as a precautionary measure.

The first phase of the Italian Trials started on the **16th of September 2021**.

On the **21st September 2021**, the Public Prosecutor Sergio Bianchi sent an appeal to the National Sports Judge.

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On the **22nd of September**, Vinci's Team filed an appeal to FIGB Federal Tribunal.

The first hearing of the National Sports Judge will be held on the **29th of September, 2021**.

The second hearing of Federal Tribunal will be held on the **5th of October 2021**.

The second phase of the Italian Trials will be held on **October (14-17)**.

USBF 9 Board VP Scale

9 Boards (Blitz is 45 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	16	15.26	4.74	31	18.25	1.75
1	10.41	9.59	17	15.50	4.50	32	18.40	1.60
2	10.81	9.19	18	15.74	4.26	33	18.55	1.45
3	11.20	8.80	19	15.97	4.03	34	18.69	1.31
4	11.58	8.42	20	16.20	3.80	35	18.83	1.17
5	11.94	8.06	21	16.42	3.58	36	18.97	1.03
6	12.29	7.71	22	16.63	3.37	37	19.10	0.90
7	12.63	7.37	23	16.83	3.17	38	19.22	0.78
8	12.96	7.04	24	17.03	2.97	39	19.34	0.66
9	13.28	6.72	25	17.22	2.78	40	19.46	0.54
10	13.59	6.41	26	17.41	2.59	41	19.58	0.42
11	13.89	6.11	27	17.59	2.41	42	19.69	0.31
12	14.18	5.82	28	17.76	2.24	43	19.80	0.20
13	14.46	5.54	29	17.93	2.07	44	19.90	0.10
14	14.74	5.26	30	18.09	1.91	45	20.00	0.00
15	15.00	5.00						

General Face-to-Face Tournament Information to Players

The USBF Board of Directors met earlier this week and confirmed:

1. Face-to-face play in Schaumburg will be with 2 players per room.
2. Players will not be required to get Covid tests, but will be provided with information about where they can be tested (in Woodfield Mall) if they want to be. Staff will be tested approximately once a week.
3. We will comply with the Illinois mask requirements, which currently require masks in public areas indoors. Our default will be for both players in the playing rooms to wear masks, but if the 2 players in a room agree on a different rule we will allow whatever they agree on, assuming that is in compliance with the Illinois requirements.
4. We will ask each player to sign a Covid-related waiver of liability form before they start play. Jan will be sending the text of the waiver to all of you in the next day or so, and will have printed forms in her office (room 1321) at the Hyatt for participants to sign.
5. Hospitality will be limited - "grab & go" breakfast and lunch will be distributed in our usual hospitality suite (room 2321), but everyone will have to go someplace else to eat. We will allow only 6 players in the suite at any one time. The suite will not be open for socializing at other times. We will have water, soft drinks, coffee and snacks in the Players' Break Room (1321), and there also, we will limit the number of people in the room at any one time. Eating in the Break Room is not allowed. Masks will be required in the hospitality suite and in the Players' Break Room.
6. There will be air purifiers in each playing room and in 1321 and 2321.

THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2021 MIXED USBC.

ROUND ROBIN KIBITZING ON REALBRIDGE KIBITZ SITE

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 2021 Mixed USBC, you will be taken to a lobby with a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing reflects the team & players at the table + the board number and trick at that point. There is also information about the # of kibitzers and whether audio/video commentary is active (a picture of a TV means there is). Click table to kibitz.

You will see a hand diagram with the bidding and play as it happened.

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

Above the chat window are two dropdowns for video commentary. If you want to hear someone who is commenting, select their name from one of the dropdowns. If two people are commenting **one from each dropdown**. The option "BROADCAST MY VIDEO" is for commentators - if you select this, your commentary will be available to anyone who wants to listen to you.

For more information, go to the RealBridge **help page for spectators**:

KIBITZ TIMES RR STAGE- ALL TIMES ARE EDT

SATURDAY, 9/25

Round 1: 1:00 pm

Round 2: 2:30 pm

Round 3: 4:00 pm

break

Round 4: 6:00 pm

Round 5: 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, 9/26

Round 1: 1:00 pm

Round 2: 2:30 pm

Round 3: 4:00 pm

break

Round 4: 6:00 pm

Round 5: 7:30 pm

Round 6: 8:30 pm

KO KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE-F2F PLAY IN SCHAUMBURG

More information on page 7 of this Bulletin...

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Segment 1: 12:00 noon

Segment 2: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 6:00 pm

Segment 4: 8:00 pm

NEXT DAY

Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 8:00 pm

Segment 8: 10:15 pm

**For Health Reasons:
There will be
NO LIVE Kibitzing
during any stage
of the event!**



Some players think
So long at their turn,
I've time to get snacks,
To consider and learn!

I figure out
What their chances are...
And someday I'll make
Plays that are par!

KO KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. The stream is delayed; go to the schedule (Page 6) for starting times for each segment.

Popcorn time! Do you want to listen to commentary? Search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentary. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

Nail biting! Do you want to be deeply involved? Choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into four small screens – two of them showing the two tables of match you choose, the other two having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can also personalize the content in all your windows. (The 2x2 view is not available on mobiles.)

Think together! When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do and see whether your chosen player agrees.

More Information: Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you the scoresheet, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

Navigation icons: while surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue where you were.

Replay: After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board then the same buttons move you through list. Push every button and enjoy!

For All Events (Open, Mixed, Seniors, Womens) F2F from Schaumburg, IL



You do realize that vampires aren't real. Unless you Count Dracula.

What do you call a bundle of hay in a church? Christian Bale.

I always knock on the fridge door before opening it, just in case there's a salad dressing.

My wife gave me an ultimatum: Her or my addiction to sweets. The decision was a piece of cake.

If prisoners could take their own mugshots... they'd be called cellfies.

VuGraph Munching Ideas!

Yummy Cold Fried Chicken

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 1 quart buttermilk
- Kosher salt
- Pepper
- Two 3-pound whole chickens, cut into 8 pieces each
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon hot paprika
- 1 1/2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 48 ounces all-vegetable shortening or canola oil, for frying
- Hot sauce and assorted pickles, for serving



Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
In a large bowl, whisk the buttermilk with 1 1/2 tablespoons of salt and 2 teaspoons of pepper. Add the chicken. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.
- **Step 2**
In another large bowl, whisk the flour, paprika, onion powder and garlic powder with 1 tablespoon of salt and 2 teaspoons of pepper. Spoon 1/4 cup of the buttermilk marinade into the dry ingredients and mix until the dry ingredients look slightly shaggy.
- **Step 3**
Remove 1 piece of chicken from the buttermilk, letting the excess drip back into the bowl. Dredge in the flour mixture, pressing to help it adhere. Transfer to a baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining chicken pieces. Let stand for 30 minutes.
- **Step 4**
Line a large baking sheet with paper towels and set a rack on top. In a large saucepan, heat the shortening to 325°. Fry the chicken in batches at around 320°, turning occasionally, until golden and an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest piece registers 160°, about 15 minutes. Transfer to the rack to drain. Let cool, then refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight. Serve with hot sauce and assorted pickles.

Congratulations to Jonathan Steinberg, Margot Hennings, Paul Cuneo, Tim White, and Mark Aquino on winning their contested elections for ACBL Regional Reps!

Region 5 faces a runoff between Dennis Carmen and Suzi Subeck which will be decided at the end of October.

(more recipes on page 9)

Ingredients

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh garlic
- 3 tablespoons (1 1/2 ounces) dry white wine, divided
- 5 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch, divided
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided, plus more to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon grapeseed or safflower oil, divided
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 (12-ounce) bunch asparagus, cut into 2-inch pieces (about 2 cups)
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrots
- 4 thyme sprigs
- 3 medium scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- **Step 1**
Combine chicken, garlic, 1 tablespoon wine, 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and pepper in a medium bowl; toss to coat. Add 1 teaspoon oil, and toss until chicken is lightly coated; set aside. Whisk together broth, cream, remaining 2 tablespoons wine, and remaining 4 teaspoons cornstarch in a small bowl until cornstarch is completely dissolved; set aside.
- **Step 2**
Heat a 14-inch flat-bottomed wok or a 12-inch skillet over high until a drop of water evaporates within 1 to 2 seconds of contact. Swirl in 1 tablespoon oil. Add chicken; spread in a single layer. Cook, undisturbed, 1 minute, until chicken begins to sear. Continue cooking, making quick scooping motions with a metal spatula, constantly tossing and tumbling (stir-frying) the chicken until it is no longer pink but not cooked through, about 1 minute.
- **Step 3**
Swirl remaining oil into wok. Add asparagus, carrots, thyme sprigs, and remaining salt; cook, stir-frying constantly, until asparagus turns bright green, 1 minute to 1 minute and 30 seconds. Whisk broth mixture, and pour into wok; cook, stir-frying constantly, until well combined, about 30 seconds. Cover wok with a baking sheet, and cook until sauce comes to a full boil and starts to thicken, about 1 minute. Uncover; add scallions and parsley. Cook, stir-frying constantly, until chicken is cooked through and sauce is thickened, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Discard thyme sprigs. Season with salt to taste.



Chicken Fricassee

(more recipes on page 10)

Grilled Chicken with Banana Pepper Dip & Fattoush

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 medium banana peppers or other mild, tangy peppers (such as Hungarian wax), seeded and thinly sliced, divided
- 4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled (about 2/3 cup)
- 3 teaspoons fresh lemon juice, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, plus more to taste
- 1 ounce pita bread
- 1 (6-ounce) boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 4 grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 small Persian cucumber, halved lengthwise and cut crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped red onion, rinsed
- 5 pitted kalamata olives, halved
- 2 teaspoons torn fresh mint or parsley

Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a small skillet over medium. Add 2/3 cup sliced banana peppers, and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened and lightly browned, 5 to 6 minutes. Transfer to bowl of a mini food processor, and let cool completely, about 10 minutes. Add feta and 2 teaspoons lemon juice. Process until thick and creamy, 1 to 2 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl as needed. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Set aside.
- **Step 2**
Heat a grill pan over medium. Brush pita with 1/2 tablespoon oil; season to taste with salt and black pepper. Rub chicken breast with 1/2 tablespoon oil, and sprinkle with salt and black pepper. Grill chicken, uncovered, until a meat thermometer inserted in thickest portion registers 155°F, 6 to 8 minutes per side. Remove from pan; let rest 10 minutes. (Internal temperature will continue to rise to 165°F.) Grill pita, uncovered, turning often, until crisp and lightly charred, 4 to 6 minutes. Break pita into 1-inch pieces.
- **Step 3**
Toss together tomatoes, cucumber, onion, olives, mint, pita pieces, remaining banana peppers, remaining 1 tablespoon oil, and remaining 1 teaspoon lemon juice in a medium bowl. Season to taste with salt and black pepper.
- **Step 4**
Slice chicken. Spread 1/4 cup banana pepper dip on a serving plate, and top with sliced chicken. Serve with fattoush. Reserve remaining dip for another use.

Board 75, Dir S
4♠-1 W

W Shan Huang

♠ QJ6432
♥ 7
♦ A9543
♣ Q

Steve Weinstein S

♠ 985
♥ QJ
♦ J
♣ AKJ10965

N Bobby Levin

Kevin Dwyer E

♠ AK
♥ A543
♦ Q72
♣ 8732

♠ 107
♥ K109862
♦ K1086
♣ 4

W N E S
2♠ 3♣ 3♥ P 2♥
4♠ P P P

In the 21st match of the Open Round Robin 2, seven declarers played in 4S after a heart pre-empt by South. Every 4S declarer received the lead of a high club. Five defenders either continued clubs or played the DJ, picking up the diamond suit for declarer. If clubs are continued, declarer trumps the club and draws two rounds of trumps before returning to his hand with the DA, noting the fall of the DJ. Declarer draws the last trump before leading a diamond to the queen and South's king. Declarer wins the forced heart return with the HA and leads a diamond through South's ten, making six spade tricks, one heart trick and three diamond tricks to score +420.

Presuming that South has made a standard heart preempt, at the end of trick one, North has a near-perfect count on declarer's hand. North can see that declarer will need to take nine tricks in spades and diamonds to make his contract. If South has the DA, leading a diamond for a ruff will likely be helpful to declarer. Continuing clubs is not sufficiently attacking.

Only Bobby Levin found the killing defense. At trick two Bobby "led his partner's suit". The shift to the HQ took away dummy's entry before declarer could determine the lie of the diamond suit.

Declarer, Shan Huang won the HA, cashed the SA and SK before crossing to his hand with the DA and drawing the last trump. Huang played to the DQ and lost to South's king. Weinstein exited with a heart and declarer, with no entries to dummy, was forced to lead from his D9x into South's DT8. Contract failing by a trick. At the other table David Grainger started with two high clubs and Eric Greco took ten tricks. 10 IMPs to Nickell .

Board 75
Dealer S
None Vul

♠ 985
♥ QJ
♦ J
♣ AKJ10965

♠ QJ6432
♥ 7
♦ A9543
♣ Q

♠ AK
♥ A543
♦ Q72
♣ 8732

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W 5 9 4 10 4

Par -100 4♥X-1 NS

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Finn Kolesnik & Ish DelMonte	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	6♦-6 W	♣K	300
Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury	Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	4♠-1 W	♣A	50
Bobby Levin & Steve Weinstein	Kevin Dwyer & Shan Huang	4♠-1 W	♣A	50
John Schermer & Venkatrao Koneru	Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	4♣-3 N	♠K	150
Jeff Meckstroth & Steve Garner	Adam Grossack & Larry Lebowitz	5♣X-2 N	♠A	300
John Hinton & Jerry Clerkin	Radu Nistor & Iulian Rotaru	4♠= W	♣K	420
Chip Martel & Marty Fleisher	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	4♠= W	♣K	420
Jiang Gu & Hailong Ao	Gavin Wolpert & John Kranyak	4♠= W	♣A	420
Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	Hongji Wei & Ming Sheng	4♠= W	♣K	420
David Grainger & Joel Wooldridge	Geoff Hampson & Eric Greco	4♠= W	♣A	420
Peter Weichsel & Hemant Lall	Roger Lee & Daniel Korbel	5♣X-4 N	♠A	800
Zach Grossack & Kevin Rosenberg	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	5♣X-4 N	♠A	800

Board 64
Dealer W
EW Vul

♠ K73
♥ K92
♦ Q1073
♣ K54

♠ Q52
♥ 108
♦ KJ652
♣ J106

♠ J109864
♥ 7543
♦ 4
♣ 73

♠ A
♥ AQJ6
♦ A98
♣ AQ982

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 12 8 12 11 12
S 12 9 12 11 12
E 1 4 1 2 1
W 1 4 1 2 1

Par +990 6NT= NS

Holding 32HCP and a good eight-card club fit, most N/S pairs had no trouble reaching the small slam in clubs.

In the Levine/Nickell match, Garner/Meckstroth reached 6NT. For practical purposes, 6NT and 6C are equal contracts, both needing clubs to behave. Garner opened 2C and rebid 2NT. Meckstroth jumped to 6NT and won 2 IMPs when Greco/Hampson declared 6C at the other table.

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	Hongji Wei & Ming Sheng	2♦XX+3 S	♣J	1160
Jeff Meckstroth & Steve Garner	Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	6NT= S	♣10	990
Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	6♥= S	♣J	980
Joe Grue & Brad Moss	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	6♣= N	♦4	920
Peter Weichsel & Hemant Lall	Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	6♣= S	♠2	920
Jiang Gu & Hailong Ao	Finn Kolesnik & Ish DellMonte	6♣= N	♦4	920
David Grainger & Joel Wooldridge	Gavin Wolpert & John Kranyak	6♣= S	♠2	920
Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	Kevin Dwyer & Shan Huang	6♣= S	♠2	920
Adam Grossack & Larry Lebowitz	Jim Krekorian & Drew Casen	6♣= S	♣6	920
Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	Kevin Rosenberg & Zach Grossack	6♣= S	♣10	920
Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	6♣= N	♦4	920
John Hinton & Jerry Clerkin	Chip Martel & Marty Fleisher	6♦-2 N	♠10	100

Henner/Ivatury played the Moysian 6H slam after Christal opened the North hand 1C. This, too, was a 2 IMP gain when Lall/Weichsel played 6C at the other table of this match.

N/S is cold for slam in clubs, hearts or no trump, but, because of the adverse trump position, there are only eleven tricks in diamonds. (see Hinton/Clerkin on the traveler above)

Bd 64, Dlr W
2♦XX+3 S

W Ming Sheng

♠ K73
♥ K92
♦ Q1073
♣ K54

♠ Q52
♥ 108
♦ KJ652
♣ J106

♠ J109864
♥ 7543
♦ 4
♣ 73

♠ A
♥ AQJ6
♦ A98
♣ AQ982

N Iulian Rotaru

Hongji Wei E

Radu Nistor S

W N E S
P 1♠ P 1♦
P 1♥ P 2♦
X* XX P P
P

In the Donner/Gu match Nistor/Rotaru played in diamonds but did better than make slam.

North opened 1C (could be 2) and South responded 1D (showing hearts). North's 1H rebid showed three hearts and 2D was an artificial game force.

That was all the bait that Ming Sheng needed. He made a lead-directing double.

Holding four good diamonds, Rotaru redoubled and Nistor played it there.

A club was led and Nistor conceded two trump tricks to score +1160. At the other table Ao/Gu played 6C. 6 IMPs to Donner

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

Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 16:

gray	fedora	White	Susan
white	cowboy	Green	Stacy
green	baseball cap	Brown	Sherry
brown	beret	Black	Shella
black	derby	Gray	Sharon
Hat Color	Hat Type	Last Name	First Name

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Puzzle Page ...

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

ALIEN
AVATAR
BLADE RUNNER
BRAZIL
COCOON
CONTACT
CUBE
DARK CITY

DUNE
GATTACA
INCEPTION
METROPOLIS
MOON
ROBOCOP
SERENITY
SOLARIS

STAR WARS
STARGATE
SUPERMAN
PREDATOR
THE MATRIX
TRANSFORMERS
TRON

Hallo Colonials:

Limey Jack is almost fully rested from his travails with Howie Dung, and his mighty efforts to win a few quid for you. Stick with Limey Jack and fortune awaits.

In this latest iteration of the United States Bridge Federation's Trials, the Mixed Teams gets under steam. Twelve squads entered and 8 will survive the round robin. Some of these teams are dog's bollocks (Ed note. That means good), while others are easy peasy. Let's take a gander.

Some teams are at full strength and are going all out to win, and to stimulate the economy at the same time. Those include Donner, Lewis, Moss, Rosenthal and Rubenstein. All six handed and all a lock to qualify.

At the other end of the spectrum are Hammond, Watson, and Bauer. The fourth non qualifier will come from Hinze or Xu. This event promises to be chock-a-block from start to finish with some gutted along the way.

Give us a bell and Limey Jack will do you no wrong. Stay far away from the daft Howie Dung.

Toodle pip.

Limey Jack

Howie Doing...

Always I am between and betwixt
When trying to pick the teams in the Mixed!

Online Round Robin; Eight will deploy,
To the city of Schaumburg inside Illinois.

Good luck to the group. Stay safe and stay calm.
Too often the "couples" explode like a bomb!

"You shoulda bid this. You shoulda bid that.
You know I hate keycard; You're looking quite fat!"

Don't be a whiner. Don't be a grouch.
Or you could be David who sleeps on the couch!

Bauer's a goner. Hammond is too.
Henner remains with a really good crew.

Hinze and Xu will play just two days.
They'll be close to a "Q" but close never stays.

Rosenthal's group could bring home great fame.
With Dana defending her family name.

Watson will play one round or two.
Then he'll depart with Rubenstein's crew.

Two other teams who rate to be boss
Are captained by Lewis and captained by Moss!

Good luck to the group. The Mixed is such fun!
Go for USA2 and USA1!

Looking forward to kibitzing online!
Howie Doing ...

	Black	Brown	Gray	Green	White	baseball cap	beret	cowboy	derby	fedora	black	brown	gray	green	white
Sharon															
Sheila															
Sherry															
Stacy															
Susan															
black															
brown															
gray															
green															
white															
baseball cap															
beret															
cowboy															
derby															
fedora															

Answers on page 13

Puzzle Mania...

First Name	Last Name	Hat Type	Hat Color

Five women visited the Hats Abound hat shop this afternoon. Each woman was seeking a hat for her husband, to give as either a birthday or an anniversary present. As it happens, each woman's last name was also a color, though not the color of the hat she bought. Determine the full name of each woman, the type of hat each bought, and the color of each hat.

- Susan didn't buy the cowboy hat but she did buy the gray hat. Sherry bought a green hat. Ms. Gray didn't buy a baseball cap.
- The woman who bought the white cowboy hat didn't have a last name of Black. Stacy didn't buy a black hat.
- Sheila, whose last name wasn't Brown, didn't buy the derby. The woman who bought the fedora had a last name of White.
- Sharon didn't buy the white hat. Stacy didn't buy the beret. Ms. Black didn't buy the baseball cap.
- The hat that Susan bought wasn't black. The hat that Ms. Black bought wasn't gray.
- The five women were Sherry, the woman who bought the fedora, the woman who bought the brown hat, the woman who bought the derby, and Ms. Green.

Meet the Players...



Migry Zur Campanile was born in Bucharest, Romania, in a year that is a closely guarded secret. She is now a bridge professional and teacher living in New York with her husband, bridge professional and writer, Pietro Campanile. They met playing bridge online. "He was an Italian living in London," says Migry, "but he was desperate to find the right excuse to learn Hebrew, so how could I refuse his invitation to get married?"

"An unruly childhood and adolescence were only partially mitigated by an early induction to the family evening bridge marathons, which caused me many late nights and zombie-like mornings," she reveals.

Migry is one of the top-ranked players in the world and she is the only Israeli player to have won three world championships: World Generali Masters (Corsica – 1998), Olympiad Mixed Teams (Maastricht – 2000), and Venice Cup (2013). Migry moved to the USA in 2006 and began competing as a US resident shortly thereafter.

Migry has several international top three finishes, beginning with both a gold and silver medal in Athens in 1991 at the European Common Market Championships.

Away from bridge, Migry enjoys opera, gourmet cooking (her fabled meatballs enjoy a growing popularity), and jet-setting around the world. "Particularly Seattle, Venice, Yokohama, Albuquerque, Vilamoura, Montecatini, Rhodes, Lille, Salsomaggiore, Maastricht."

Migry is a delightful opponent with a ready smile and a great sense of humor.



Pietro and Migry returning to life after Pandemic! On Broadway!!

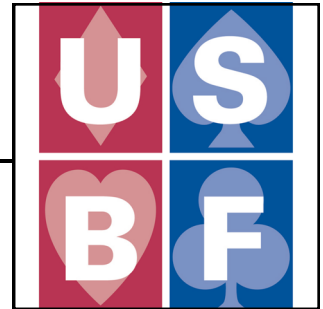


9	5	4	8	7	3	2	6	1
1	6	8	2	4	5	7	3	9
7	3	2	9	6	1	5	8	4
5	9	6	7	3	4	8	1	2
2	8	3	6	1	9	4	5	7
4	7	1	5	8	2	6	9	3
8	2	9	1	5	7	3	4	6
6	4	7	3	9	8	1	2	5
3	1	5	4	2	6	9	7	8

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

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Answer to Sudoku 1 Answer to Sudoku 2



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Arguing with your partner is like trying to read the "Terms of Use" on the internet. Eventually, you just give up and say, "I Agree."

I tried to remarry my ex.
She figured out I was only after my money.

I asked my girlfriend which she liked better, my face or my body?
She said, "Your sense of humor."

**"Mixed"
Metaphors!**