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“Trials” and Tribulations—Oldies but Goodies and Final Mixed Bulletin

Mixed Final Results USA2

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Adjustment (IMPs)
2	Moss	212	41	9	26	11	52	29	31	13	
3	Lewis	287	31	27	25	22	25	53	39	67	-2

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Smith, Kamenova, Disa, Itabashi, Linda and Paul Lewis
USA2 Mixed

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Face-to-Face Schaumburg

Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
QUARTER-FINAL			
FRIDAY	OCT. 22	8:30 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
SATURDAY	OCT. 23	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SUNDAY	OCT. 24	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
MONDAY	OCT. 25	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
TUESDAY	OCT. 26	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 27	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY	OCT. 28	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA2 FINAL			
FRIDAY	OCT. 29	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY	OCT. 30	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



An elephant and a tiger were carrying full sacks on their backs. The elephant started complaining that his load was too heavy. The tiger said to him "Why are you complaining? If you gave me one of your sacks I'd have double what you have and if I give you one of my sacks we'd have an even amount." How many sacks were each of them carrying? Give the minimal possible answer.

**Logic Puzzles
answer on page 4**

Hospitality Suite

Because of Covid, we won't be able to provide the full, wonderful hospitality we have in the past, but we will do what we can.

Hosts Evvie Gilbert and Maya Alela for the Open and Women's and Julie Arbit and Christian Jolly for the Mixed and Seniors will be in our usual hospitality suite (Room 2321). They will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch each day'

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and surprise treats. Also individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. They will be making coffee and will have individual packages of sugar, sweetener, and dairy & non-dairy creamers. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. We are limiting access to 6 players at any one time, so we ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that to take with you as quickly as you can, and then go someplace else to eat. **Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Hospitality Suite at all times.** There will be a hand sanitizer station near the door and we encourage you to sanitize your hands before choosing what to take.

Lunch: From 2-4 pm (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early). There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as individually packaged tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, and berries. Also all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

Let us know what you want: If there is a menu for a future day's lunch hanging on the wall outside the Hospitality Suite, please mark what you want, so we have a better idea of what to order.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit.

Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Player's Break Room at all times, so you may not eat and drink in the room.

Lunches for the Seniors will come from:

Sat, Oct 23: Corner Bakery

Sun, Oct 24: Blaze Pizza

Mon, Oct 25: Falafill

Tues, Oct 26: Honey Baked Ham Co

Weds, Oct 27: Noodles and Company

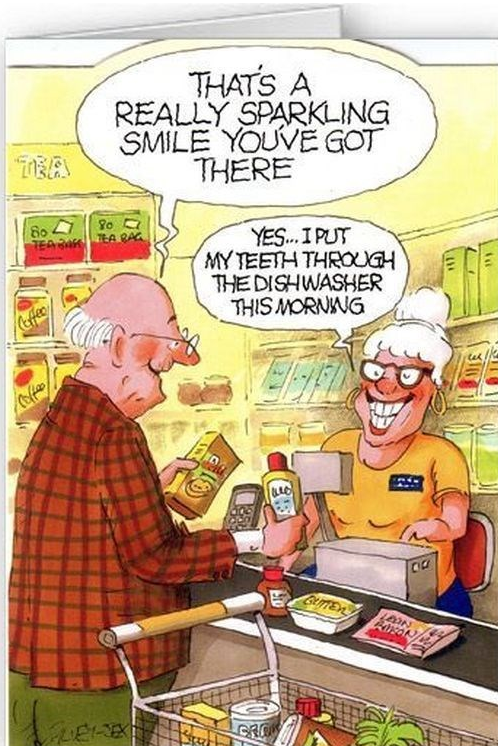
Answer to Puzzle on page 3

Let's assume that the elephant was carrying E sacks and the tiger was carrying T sacks. As the tiger told the elephant, "If you gave me one of your sacks I'd have double what you have."
 $T + 1 = 2 * (E - 1)$
 $T + 1 = 2E - 2$
 $T = 2E - 3$
The tiger also said, "If I give you one of my sacks we'd have an even amount."
 $T - 1 = E + 1$
 $T = E + 2$
Comparing both the equations,
 $2E - 3 = E + 2$
 $E = 5$
Substituting $E=5$ in any of above equation, we get $T=7$
Hence, the elephant was carrying 5 sacks and the tiger was carrying 7 sacks.

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.



Q.6. After a long way, a truck driver ends up in front of a tunnel. He can not get through without severely damaging his truck, because the tunnel has a height of 4.00 meters, while his truck has a height of 4.01 meters. The driver would like to pass the tunnel because the other way will take him at least 5 hours. Suddenly he gets a great idea, he immediately starts doing something and after 10 minutes he is back on track on the other side of the tunnel. What was the great idea of the truck driver?



Logic Puzzle

Solution: The driver removed some air from the tires.

KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. The stream is delayed; go to the schedule below 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 the 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!

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Segment 1: 12:00 noon

Segment 2: 2:25 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:45 pm

Segment 4: 8:00 pm

NEXT DAY

Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:25 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 7:00 pm

Segment 8: 9:30 pm



Ed. Note: See page 7 for the link to Tracey Bauer's video interview with Peter Talyigas at Love-Bridge explaining "How to Get the Most from Kibitzing on the site"

The Austin NABC will be held as scheduled.

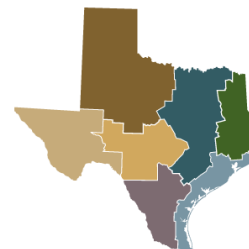
After much consideration, the decision has been made to move forward for the [2021 Fall North American Bridge Championships](#) scheduled for Nov. 25-Dec. 5 in Austin.



While we are excited to bring players back to the bridge table, we will still approach the tournament with an abundance of caution. We will hold the event as carefully as possible to protect the health and safety of players, volunteers and staff. Because of this, meetings and other large social gatherings outside of gameplay will be very limited (details are available on the [Austin NABC website](#)). We hope to hold these events during NABCs in 2022.

All NABC attendees, staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated to attend the Austin NABC and have face masks properly worn when present in the tournament areas. We have procured VOW Digital Health to manage the verification process for vaccinations. Further details on all health and safety requirements are available on the Austin NABC page of our website

Please do not attend the Fall NABC if you are not prepared to follow the safety protocols. They are in place to protect all attendees, and no exceptions will be made.



In the Daily Bulletin from the Senior Online Championships on October 3, you may have seen the **In Memoriam** for Jeff Goldsmith. Jeff lost his battle with cancer last week.

Jeff's family has designated the **USBF Junior Fund**, a 501C(3) charity, for donations in his memory. Donations may be made through the USBF website (USBF.org) and will be properly acknowledged. This was a very kind gesture by Jeff and his family who recognized how important bridge was to Jeff.

ALERT!! PLAYERS WHO PLAYED IN SCHAUMBURG SO FAR...

Please return any styluses you may have in your possession. We need them for the Mixed and the Seniors! Thank you. No questions asked!!

LoveBridge computes some interesting statistics on each player each day. Today you can see yesterday's statistics and tomorrow you can see the stats from today. To view, you must go to https://stats.lovebridge.com/statistics/usbc_2285 and enter your username. Each player has an individual username and password. Anyone can view a complete set of stats by clicking the tournament link and selecting USBC Open All.

Your personal stats are only available when you're logged in.

Tracy Bauer put together a U-Tube video interview with Peter Talyigas at LoveBridge and if you are having trouble figuring out how to kibitz, please access the link below... it may help:

<https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1176199382>

One side note: The format is not supported on Google Chrome. It does work on Edge!!

Mask Rules

Attendees are required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth in all public areas in the hotel. That means the hotel lobby, corridors, and elevators, as well as the **Hospitality Suite** and the **Office/Players' Break Room**, where masks must be worn at all times. Therefore, there is no eating or drinking in those rooms.

Our attorney has told us that the Cook County Mask Mandate forces us to require masks in the playing rooms. Therefore, we have adopted the following policy about that:

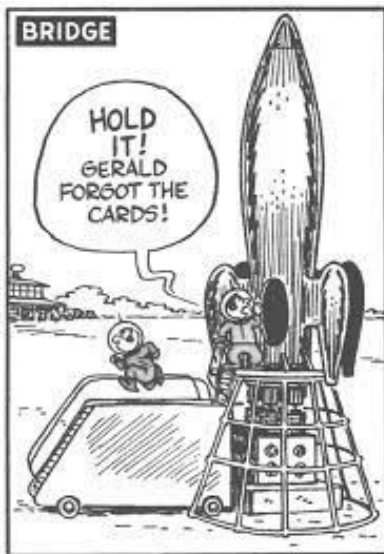
*Masks are required in playing rooms. If you are observed not wearing a mask in a playing room, there will be a 2 IMP penalty for the first offense in a segment, a 4 IMP penalty for the second offense, an 8 IMP penalty for the third offense, and a 16 IMP penalty for the fourth and subsequent offenses; however, if you and your opponent agree to something other than both wearing masks, any IMP penalties for not wearing a mask will apply to both of you equally and there will be no other penalties. You may remove your mask briefly to eat or drink. **However, if you call for a director (for any reason), and you are not wearing a mask properly when the director enters the room, the penalty will apply to your team for your next match in the event.** There is no eating or drinking in the playing room when the Director present.*

In addition, anyone who is penalized more than twice (over the course of the entire event) in situations where his/her opponent was wearing a mask while s/he wasn't, or where the director was called, may be subject to additional conduct penalties.

You should bring masks to the tournament with you; we will not be supplying masks.

Covid Waiver

We are going to ask each player in these events to sign a COVID-19 Waiver of Claims. It is being sent to you by email and you may sign it electronically and return it to Jan (marteljan@gmail.com) or you can sign a printed waiver at the site. Waivers will be available to sign in room 1321 starting Oct. 5th at 9:00 am. **Everyone is required to sign the form before the start of play!**





Meet the Players

John Steifel is an excellent player from the New England area. His wife, Joyce, also plays, though usually they do not play in partnership. John plays frequently with Rich DeMartino while Joyce plays frequently with Rich's wife, Sandy.

John is a four time national champion. He has two wins in the Senior Swiss. He won the Leventritt with DeMartino. He is playing this event as part of the Lewis team, playing with Doug Doub.

From the New York Times, March, 2011... The winners of the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs at the Spring Nationals in Louisville, Ky., this month were Richard DeMartino of Riverside, Conn., the president of the American Contract Bridge League in 2010, and **John Steifel** of Wethersfield, Conn.

NORTH
 ♠ 432
 ♥ 109875
 ♦ J54
 ♣ K3

WEST
 ♠ 10986
 ♥ AKQ2
 ♦ A3
 ♣ A75

EAST
 ♠ 75
 ♥ 63
 ♦ Q1062
 ♣ Q9642

SOUTH(D)
 ♠ AKQJ
 ♥ J4
 ♦ K987
 ♣ J108

North and South were vulnerable. The bidding:
 West North East South
 — — — 1 N.T.
 Pass 2♦ Pass 2♥
 Pass Pass Pass

West led the spade nine.

To do well in a big pair event you must play well and cash in — as DeMartino and Stiefel did in the diagramed deal — when an opponent errs.

After a transfer bid put South into two hearts, Stiefel (West) started with the spade nine, which, if from a long suit, guaranteed the ten as well (a Rusinow lead). DeMartino (East) encouraged with his seven.

Declarer won with his ace, and the next four tricks went heart to West, spade to South, heart to West, spade to South.

To get out for down one, declarer had to cash his fourth spade, then play a club to dummy's king.

However, he immediately ran the club jack, losing to East's queen.

East returned a club, West winning with his ace, cashing the heart ace and playing another heart to dummy's nine to give this position:

NORTH
 ♠ —
 ♥ 10
 ♦ J54
 ♣ —

WEST
 ♠ 10
 ♥ —
 ♦ A3
 ♣ 7

EAST
 ♠ —
 ♥ —
 ♦ Q106
 ♣ 9

SOUTH
 ♠ J
 ♥ —
 ♦ K9
 ♣ 10

Since West had passed in tempo over one no-trump and had already shown up with 13 high-card points, South placed East with the diamond ace. Declarer called for dummy's diamond jack, which was covered by the queen, king and ace. Then, after a diamond to his ten, East cashed the diamond six for down three.

Plus 300 was worth 77 match points out of 77 on the board.

It Doesn't Get More Exciting Than This!

The scores went back and forth all afternoon in what was a very close match, ending with a 13 IMP lead for Lewis after segment 6!

On Board 1 of Segment 5, Moss came out swinging... literally!

In the Open Room, N/S freely bid to 6S with a combined 17 HCP in an auction where the only alert was 3C by West showing a mixed raise in hearts. Perhaps the overcall combined with the mixed raise should have made N/S more cautious.

As long as Linda Lewis led either a heart or a club, the hand could be defeated. Linda led the C9 to Paul's queen. Paul continued with the CK, ruffed with declarer's S2. Wolpert played the S3 to the ace... felling Paul's singleton king. She cashed the DA, ruffed a heart, cashed the DK and crossruffed diamonds and hearts, conceding the last trick to Linda Lewis's ST. Contract failing one trick.

In the Closed Room, Ron Smith opened 1C showing 2+. East made an interesting double holding five hearts and six clubs. South bid 1S. From there, the auction was highly spirited and very competitive until West, Sylvia Moss, bid 5H which Smith doubled.

Kamenova could have lead any one of eleven cards to defeat the hand. The only pariahs were the DK and C8. Of course, after partner opened 1C, the C8 did not feel wrong. Kamenova led the C8 to the C9, CT, CA. Lee won the CA and, showing off, played back the C7 which Kamenova couldn't ruff without trump so she discarded a diamond and the 7 held. Lee continued with the CK and CQ, discarding spades from dummy.

Roger ruffed the SK, ran the HQ and claimed 11 tricks and 11 IMPs.

2
EAST
N-S

♠ A J 7
♥ A J 8 6
♦ K T 8 2
♣ T 4

♠ Q 4
♥ Q 5 3 2
♦ 9 5
♣ J 8 7 5 2

♠ T 9 5 2
♥ K 9 7
♦ A Q 7
♣ Q 9 6

♠ K 8 6 3
♥ T 4
♦ J 6 4 3
♣ A K 3

Par: -400

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	5	2	3	3	2
S	:	:	4	:	3
EW	8	11	9	9	9

Home team Visiting team Room C By 1 = ★ P

				NS	EW	Home	Visiti
3	Moss	Lewis	Open	2N	W	♣5	+1 150
			Closed	3N	E	♠2	= 400

On Board 2, in the Closed Room, Roger Lee and Sylvia Moss bid the NT game. Roger opened 1D with the East hand in first seat. Sylvia responded 1H and when Roger rebid 1NT, Sylvia raised to game. Kamenova led a small spade; Lee won in hand and finessed the DT. He played a heart off dummy to the ten, losing to the king, and won the spade return with the jack. He played a club to hand and a diamond toward the king, South rising with the ace. The CQ went to the king followed by a diamond to the king. The SA was cashed. A diamond put Lee back in his hand. He led a heart to the ace and conceded the last two tricks. Contract making.

In the Open Room, Paul Lewis passed in first seat with the East hand. Linda Lewis opened an 11-14 NT. Paul bid Stayman. Linda showed four hearts. Paul bid 2NT inviting with four spades and the auction came to a halt. Dwyer led a small heart and Linda collected the obvious nine tricks.

6 more IMPs to Moss

Things were copasetic until Board 8 (see page 12).

- Why don't you buy things with Velcro?** It's a rip-off.
- Why did the robber jump in the shower?** He wanted to make a clean getaway.
- What do you call a snobby criminal going down the stairs?** A con descending.
- What do you call a row of rabbits hopping away?** A receding hare line.
- How did the hipster burn his tongue?** He drank his coffee before it was cool.
- Why did the kid stock up on yeast?** He wanted to make some dough.



BIDDING	TRICKS	INFO	DDS
W	N	E	S
1♥	PASS	1♠	PASS
2♣	PASS	2♥	2♠
3♣	DBL	PASS	PASS

Hand 1 (North): A Q 10 J 10 7 2 8 2 8 6 5 4

Hand 2 (West): K J 9 8 4, A K Q 8 5, Q J 10

Hand 3 (South): 6 3 6 3 K Q J 9 6 3 K 3 2

Hand 4 (East): 7 5 2, 9 4, A 10 7 5 4, A 9 7

Dealer: North (8), East (8)

Score: W 3♣^x, NS 0, EW 0

IMP: N-S: Moss 119, E-W: Lewis 108, Other room: W 4♥ -2 100

In the Open Room on Board 8, West opened 1H and when East responded 1S, the auction became difficult for South, holding six of the best spades at the table. Modern practice is to treat a direct 2S bid over 1S as natural but Jenny's hand is a little light for this bid. South passed. West bid 2C; East bid 2H; South bid 2S and when West bid 3C, North doubled! Sometimes, when the opponents are not vulnerable, the better part of valor is to take the 50 a trick set rather than risk creating a game swing with an aggressive double.

Dwyer could lead any card in his hand and the contract was still cold. He led the D5 to his partner's king, dummy ducking. The C3 went to the ten and a spade was won with dummy's ace, declarer tossing a heart. The HA and HK were cashed and a heart was carefully ruffed in dummy with the C7!

BIDDING	TRICKS	INFO	DDS
W	N	E	S
1♥	PASS	1♠	PASS
3♣	PASS	3♥	PASS
4♥	PASS	PASS	PASS

Hand 1 (North): J 10 7 2 8 2 8 6 5 4 A Q 10

Hand 2 (West): A K Q 8 5, Q J 10, K J 9 8 4

Hand 3 (South): 6 3 K Q J 9 6 3 K 3 2 6 3

Hand 4 (East): 9 4, A 10 7 5 4, A 9 7, 7 5 2

Dealer: North (8), East (8)

Score: W 4♥, NS 0, EW 0

IMP: N-S: Lewis 108, E-W: Moss 119, Other room: W 3♣^x = -470

A club to the eight drew the queen from North. Declarer ruffed the spade return and claimed nine tricks for +470!

In the Closed Room, Moss and Lee bid to a doomed 4H, South staying out of the auction after Lee responded 1S.

Smith led the D5 to partner's king. Kamenova played the C6 to declarer's jack and Smith's queen. Smith exited with a spade to the ace, Moss discarding a club.

Three rounds of hearts followed. Moss played the DJ to the ace to play a club toward the nine, losing to Smith's ten.

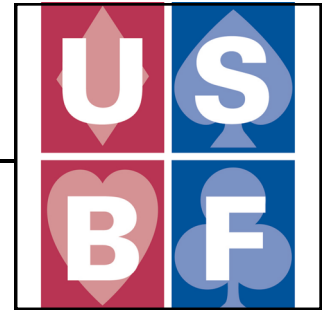
Smith cashed the HJ and led the S2, declarer ruffing in hand. The CK went to the ace and the D6 put declarer in hand to collect the DQ and C8 for down two.

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

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

Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1 Answer to Sudoku 2



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.

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The USBF is an **all-volunteer** organization.

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.



I think my opponents
Are really in trouble...
I back up my thoughts
By bidding a "double!"



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

Hard Sudoku

From the Editor:
Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. While team lists and schedules will be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions, other information may not.
Thank you!!
Suzi
If you have a great hand or bridge news or gossip you think would be of interest to our readers, you can email me at stansubeck@prodigy.net



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

Answer to Puzzle on Page 15

Type of Fruit	# of Fruit	Original Price	Sale Price
pears	4	60 cents	49 cents
peaches	8	63 cents	53 cents
oranges	10	66 cents	58 cents
bananas	12	57 cents	50 cents
apples	6	69 cents	60 cents

Sudoku Answers on page 13

		4	6	8	10	12	Original					Sale				
							57 cents	60 cents	63 cents	66 cents	69 cents	49 cents	50 cents	53 cents	58 cents	60 cents
	apples															
	bananas															
	oranges															
	peaches															
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Type of Fruit	# of Fruit	Original Price	Sale Price

Answer on Page 14

Cindy went grocery shopping yesterday and was delighted to find an excellent selection of fruit available. All of it was fresh, and even better all of it was on sale! She ended up buying a bit more than she expected to, but was quite pleased with her purchases. Determine what fruits she bought, how many of each fruit (from four to twelve), the original price of each fruit (priced by item, NOT weight), and yesterday's sale price.

- Cindy bought two more apples than the fruit that cost 49 cents on sale. The peaches were on sale for 53 cents, but their original price was three cents less than the original price of oranges.
- Cindy bought twice as many bananas as the fruit that was originally 69 cents.
- The pears originally cost 60 cents, but Cindy didn't buy ten of them.
- The oranges were on sale for 58 cents but their original price was more than 63 cents.
- Cindy bought eight peaches. Cindy got ten of the fruit that was originally priced at 66 cents.
- The fruit, which wasn't the apples, with an original price of 57 cents was on sale for 50 cents

Restaurant

Find and circle all of the Restaurant words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional word.

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

APERITIF	CUPS	MANAGER	SPOON
APPETIZER	CUSTOMER	MEAL	TABLECLOTH
BILL	DESSERT	MENU	TABLES
BUSBOY	DISHWASHERS	NAPKINS	TEA
CASHIER	DRINKS	ORDER	TIP
CHAIRS	ENTREE	PLATES	WAITER
CHEF	FORK	SALAD	WAITRESS
COFFEE	GLASSES	SAUCERS	WATER
COOKS	KNIFE	SERVERS	WINE

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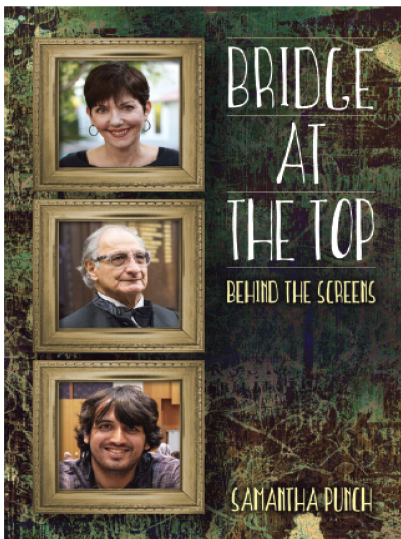
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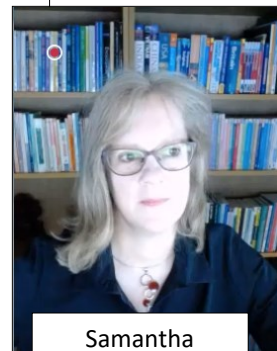
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Editor



Samantha

Questions asked by Players in the Open and the Mixed... FAQ's from Jan Martel

Chat

- **My physical keyboard isn't working!** Make sure to click/put focus into the chat box before attempting to type in the box. (The blinking cursor makes it seem as though focus is there, but it may not be.) This seems to only occur with an external keyboard, not the virtual keyboard.
- **What does that number on the left side mean?** You have unread chat message(s). Click on left gray arrow to open chat and right gray arrow to close the chat. (If you actually type and send a message, the chat will close automatically. Reopen with left gray arrow.)
- **Why can't I chat to my partner?** For security reasons, chat to partner is not available while cards for a new hand are on display. Since there is no "between round down time," there is no real partner chat.

Bidding


- **The system won't let me pass!** If you have the level (1 through 7) highlighted, you will be unable to pass/double/redouble. Click on the highlighted numeral to remove the highlight, then make the desired call.
- **My explanation keeps disappearing!** If you alert your bid as you make it but go back later to explain, there is a bug in the system where subsequent table actions will erase any text that you have typed into the explanation box. If you include your explanation with your call or when it is your turn to act, then this will not occur. (We have reported this issue to LoveBridge.)
- **Where is the undo button?** While there is no undo button, every call made is followed by a brief cancellation time period. A cancel button will appear immediately below the call selected in the top center portion of the screen. If you cancel within the time period, your bidding panel will reappear for you to select the intended call. If you do not cancel within the time period, summon a director (hit red TD whistle) to request an undo.

Play

1. **Why can't I click on a card?** The default setting for LoveBridge is neither a tap/click nor a double tap/click. The default setting is a drag-and-drop motion where the player pulls a card to the gray box in the center of the screen and releases to play the card. If the "pulled" card is not the intended one, the player can drag it back to the hand and select another card. **We recommend this setting while players are getting accustomed to the system.** Players may change this setting to double tap/click if desired, but we strongly discourage single tap/click settings.
2. **Whose turn is it?** In the bidding or play of the hand, the player's direction letter (N S E W) will be white inside of the circle when it is the player's turn. This is a very subtle change from the normal pale blue letter.
3. **How do I claim?** During the play, you may click the larger red box below the TD whistle to claim. If the claim button is grayed out (not available), you either already contributed a card to the current trick or you are dummy.

How do I see the bidding once play has started? A player is not entitled to the entire auction once they have played to trick 1. If you have not yet played to trick one, the auction will be in the lower left corner. Click on it to enlarge to the center area. Click the double gray arrows in the bottom right of the center area to send it back to the corner. Similarly, this is how a player may see the cards from the previous trick (prior to playing to current trick).

The new and improved 60 Board USBF Convention Card is now available on the table in Jan's office (Break Room??)

We hope it "suits" you! 



They boss said, "You are the marketing team, dummy!" I think he expects us to actually work. He knows we need one more for a team game!! I hope he meant "dummy" in a "bridge" context!



14
EAST
NONE

♠ A 4 2
♥ A Q 8 3
♦ A 9
♣ A Q T 5

♠ Q 9 3
♥ J T
♦ J T 7 5
♣ 9 8 4 2

♠ K J 8 7 6 5
♥ 9 5 2
♦ 6 2
♣ J 6

♠ T
♥ K 7 6 4
♦ K Q 8 4 3
♣ K 7 3

Par: 1510

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	13	12	13	8	12
EW	0	1	0	5	1

Home team Visiting team Room C By 1 = ★ P

3 Moss Lewis

Open 7♥ N ♥2 = 1510
Closed 3N N ♠7 +3 490

BIDDING	TRICKS	INFO	DDS
W	N	E	S
PASS	1♥	PASS	1♦
PASS	2♠	PASS	2♥
PASS	4NT	PASS	4♥
PASS	5NT	PASS	5♦
PASS	PASS	PASS	7♥

It is always frustrating when you bid a grand slam and they stop in game at the other table!

Hand 14: Dealer North

North: ♠ A 4 2, ♥ A Q 8 3, ♦ A 9, ♣ A Q 10 5

West: ♠ K J 8 7 6 5, ♥ 9 5 2, ♦ 6 2, ♣ J 6

South: ♠ K 7 6 4, ♥ 10, ♦ K Q 8 4 3, ♣ K 7 3

East: ♠ J 10, ♥ 9 8 4 2, ♦ J 10 7 5, ♣ 9

NS: Moss 125 IMPs
EW: Lewis 128 IMPs
Other room: N 3N +3 490

Of course, winning the 14 IMPs always feels good!

Wolpert/Dwyer had a good auction to reach the heart grand on Board 14. Once hearts was determined to be the right strain, Jenny asked for keycards and she carefully bid 5NT telling Kevin that they had them all. Kevin jumped to the grand slam.

Paul Lewis led the proverbial trump. Kevin won

and played a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade. He played a heart to the ace and ruffed another spade. A diamond was played to the ace and Kevin claimed 13 tricks.

At the other table, East opened 2S. South passed and West furthered the preempt with 3S. North, having the "real" hand bid 3NT and played it there taking 12 tricks.
14 IMPs to Moss

TRICKS AND TREATS

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Award Gold & Red Points - Must Play Both Sessions - \$30 per player



Midday Two-Session Event Schedule

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1:15 pm & 4:45 pm ET | Golden Ghoul Gold Rush Pairs (750/400/200)
No player may have more than 750 masterpoints |
| 1:15 pm & 4:45 pm ET | Candy Corn Mid-Flight Pairs (3000/1250)
No player may have more than 3000 masterpoints |
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Awards red points

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Events - \$15 per player, per session

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|--|---|
| 10:15 am, 1:30 pm,
5:00 pm & 8:00 pm ET | Great Pumpkin 499er Pairs (500/300/100)
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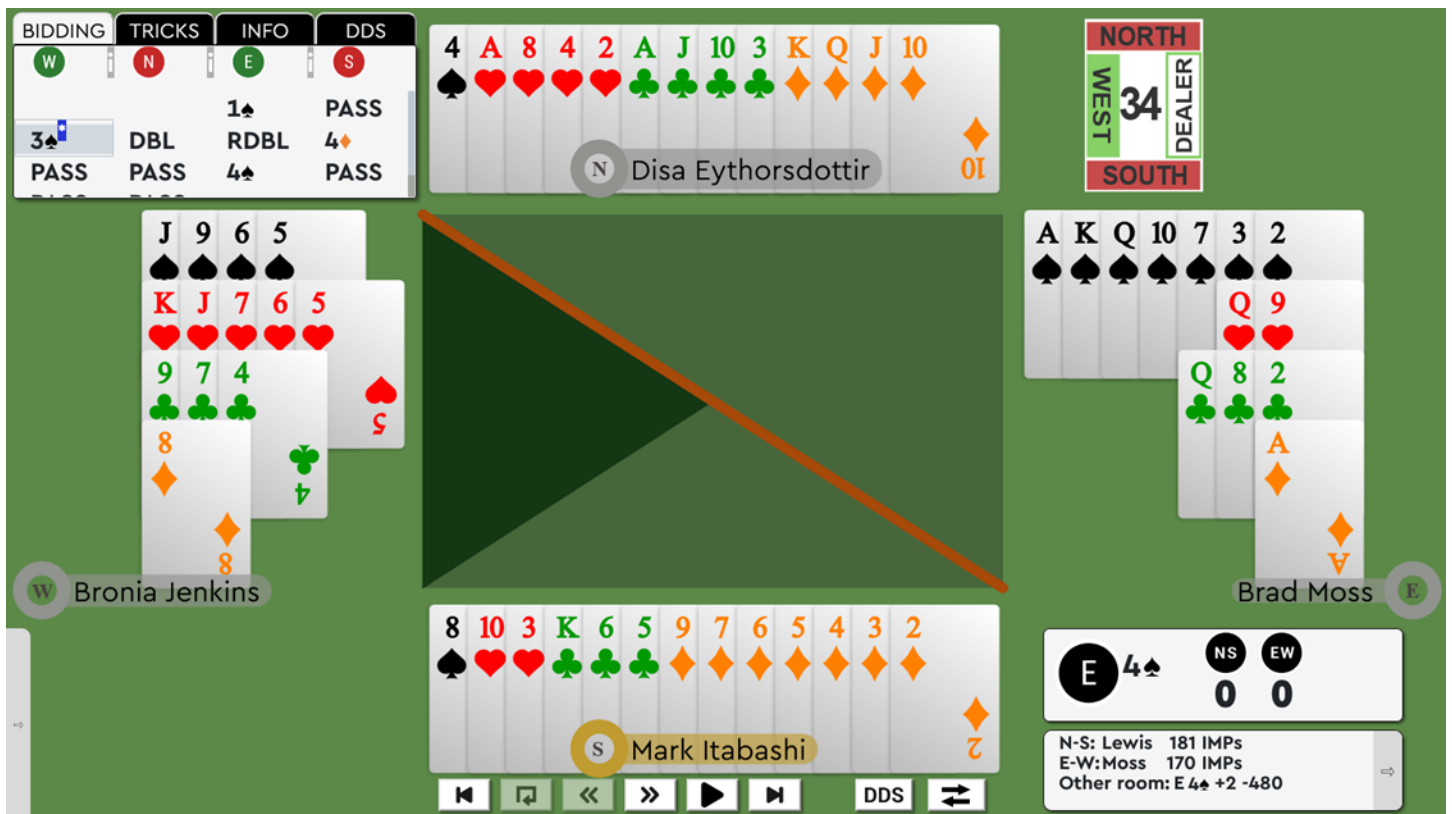
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|--------------------|---|
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| 1:30 pm ET | Rattling Chains Side Game Series
(unlimited/1500/500) |
| 5:00 pm ET | Flickering Lights Side Game Series
(unlimited/1500/500) |
| 8:00 pm ET | Howling Wind Side Game Series
(unlimited/1500/500)(No Sunday) |



Stratification for all events is by the average masterpoint holding of the pair. In any event with an upper masterpoint limit, neither player may exceed the limit for the event. Masterpoint awards for all single-session events are red points



It's often important not to rush the defense.

Mark Itabashi led the HT against Brad Moss's 4S contract. This is a logical lead indeed. When Disa had made a takeout double of 3S, she was likely to hold something in the heart suit.

Moss played low from dummy.

Disa thought there was no risk in ducking since Itabashi's HT was probably a doubleton. The only risk there could be if Itabashi had started with a singleton heart. With a three card heart holding, Itabashi would have led a low heart. Moss won the HQ and played a spade to dummy's jack. Brad continued with the H6 from dummy and Disa rose with the ace. Looking at dummy, Disa could see that the defense was going to need at least two club tricks. Disa played the CA followed by the CJ. Moss covered with the queen, Itabashi winning the king. Itabashi continued the suit to defeat 4H.

At the other table, Kevin Dwyer also made a takeout double of 3S. Jenny Wolpert led the HT. Dwyer rose with the HA and continued hearts. Declarer, Ron Smith, won the HQ and claimed 12 tricks.

Dwyer probably should have reasoned out what was happening in the same way Disa did and switched to clubs. Ducking the opening lead would give him an extra chance to see a spade play as they did at the other table. Not knowing the spade situation made it harder to find the right switch.

11 IMPs to Lewis

Dwyer



Kamenova



Wolpert



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