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## Mixed QuarterFinal Results at the Half!

1	<a href="#">Rosenthal - wins tie</a>	118	13	27	33	45						
8	<a href="#">Xu</a>	86	29	20	29	8						
2	<a href="#">Moss</a>	136	19	68	21	28						
7	<a href="#">Kolesnik - wins tie</a>	92	4	16	38	34						
3	<a href="#">Rubenstein</a>	104	21	31	37	15						
6	<a href="#">Henner - wins tie</a>	111	14	24	30	43						
4	<a href="#">Lewis - wins tie</a>	101	26	9	37	29						
5	<a href="#">Donner</a>	172	36	45	49	42						

The Kibitzing Times on page 6 have been updated to reflect the actual playing times. Please disregard earlier times. These are correct! Thank you!!

An optimist sees the best in the world, while a pessimist sees only the worst. An optimist finds the positive in the negative, and a pessimist can only find the negative in the positive.

For example, an avid duck hunter was in the market for a new bird dog. His search ended when he found a dog that could actually walk on water to retrieve a duck. Shocked by his find, he was sure none of his friends would ever believe him. He decided to try to break the news to a friend of his, a pessimist by nature, and invited him to hunt with him and his new dog.

As they waited by the shore, a flock of ducks flew by. they fired, and a duck fell. The dog responded and jumped into the water. The dog, however, did not sink but instead walked across the water to retrieve the bird, never getting more than his paws wet. This continued all day long; each time a duck fell, the dog walked across the surface of the water to retrieve it.

The pessimist watched carefully, saw everything, but did not say a single word. On the drive home the hunter asked his friend, "Did you notice anything unusual about my new dog?" "I sure did," responded the pessimist. "Your dog can't swim!"

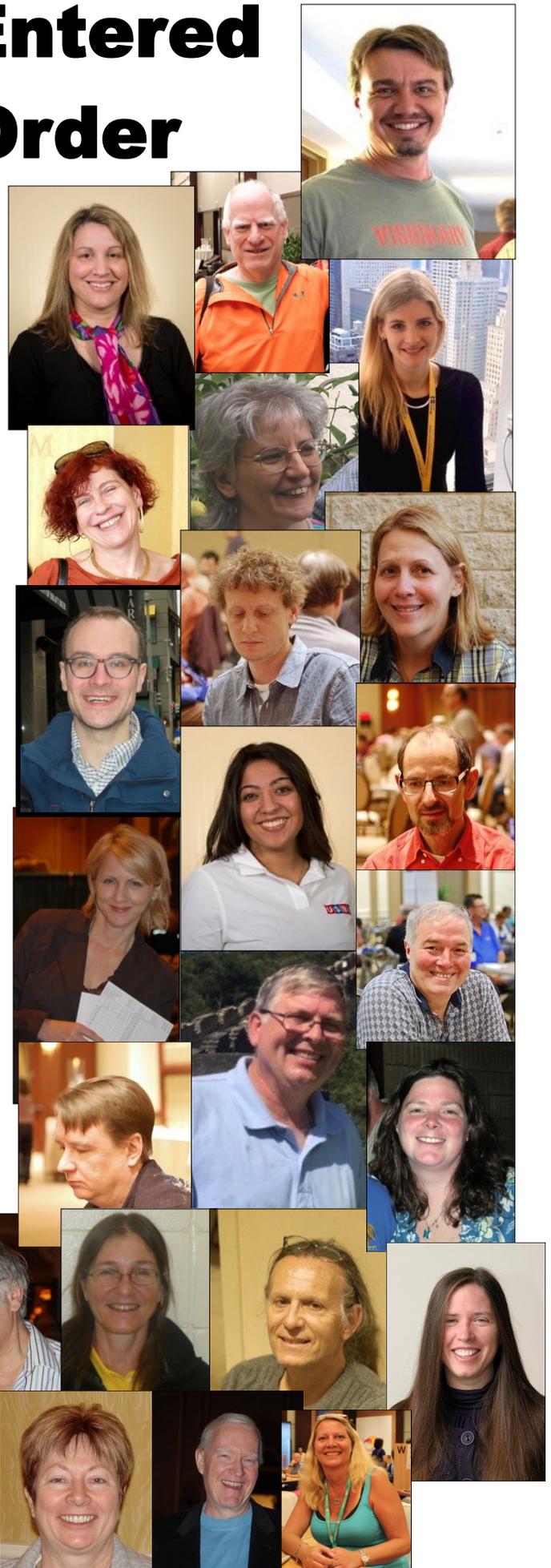
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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
"Trials" and Tribulations—Mixed USBC

# MUSBC Teams Entered

## Alphabetical Order

<b>Bauer</b>	Tracey Bauer, Capt John McAllister George Jacobs	Howard Parker Lilly Justman
<b>Donner</b>	Gary Donner, Capt Zachary Grossack Joe Grue	Sandra Rimstedt Giorgia Botta Anam Tebha
<b>Hammond</b>	Nicolas Hammond, Capt Jacqueline Chang	Kristen Onsgard Eric Gettleman
<b>Henner</b>	Christal Henner, Capt Adam Wildavsky Doug Doub	Sheila Gabay Yiji Starr Uday Ivatury
<b>Hinze</b>	Greg Hinze, Capt Allison Howard [KO] Owen Lien	Kay Enfield Mike Cappelletti [KO] May Sakr
<b>Kolesnik</b>	Alex Kolesnik, Capt Cheryl Mandala Sally Woolsey	Lynne Feldman Yul Inn Kit Woolsey
<b>Lewis</b>	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Ljudmila Kamenova	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Ron Smith
<b>Moss</b>	Sylvia Moss, Capt Brad Moss [KO] Kevin Dwyer	Roger Lee Bronia Jenkins Jenny Wolpert [RR] John Hurd
<b>Rosenthal</b>	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Eldad Ginossar	Debbie Rosenberg Migry Campanile Dana Berkowitz
<b>Rubenstein</b>	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Adam Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Chris Parker Irina Levitina Janice Molson
<b>Watson</b>	Will Watson, Capt Mark Aquino	Geeske Joel Selen Hotamisliligil
<b>Xu</b>	Finn Kolesnik Cynthia Huang (KO) Anne Brenner [KO] Karen McCallum Michael Xu, NPC	Kevin Rosenberg Dave Caprera [RR] JoAnna Stansby



# Face-to-Face Schaumburg I

## Tournament Schedule

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 &amp; 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 &amp; USA2 QUARTERFINAL &amp; 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



Imagine if you walked into a bar and there was a long line of people waiting to take a swing at you. That's the punch line.

How does a man on the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it.

Not to brag, but I defeated our local chess champion in less than five moves. Finally, my high school karate lessons paid off.

Air used to be free at the gas station, now it's \$1.50. You know why? Inflation.

Why is it a bad idea to iron your four-leaf clover? Cause you shouldn't press your luck.

I can't take my dog to the pond anymore because the ducks keep attacking him. That's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.

I didn't want to believe that my dad was stealing from his job as a traffic cop, but when I got home, all the signs were there.

## Puns...

## Hospitality Suite

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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.**



Julie Arbit



Christian  
Jolly

We try for snacks for everyone.  
We only want that you have  
fun!

# 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.



**Debbie Rosenberg** is an American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and World Bridge Federation (WBF) Grandmaster, with victories in three world championship events and numerous national events. Debbie and her partner won the International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) award for best bid hand of the year twice, in both 2006 and 2010, and Debbie won the IBPA Sportsmanship Award in 2012.

In addition to playing competitively, Debbie loves teaching the game, especially the play of the cards. The challenges a simple deck of cards can present offer a lifetime of fascination.

While Debbie has always enjoyed seeing new players learn bridge, recently Youth Bridge has become her passion. In 2013 Debbie started volunteering as a mentor in the United States Bridge Federation's Junior training program, working to train young players for international youth competitions. Also that year Debbie founded Silicon Valley Youth Bridge (SiVY Bridge), with its mission to inspire the next generation of bridge enthusiasts. In 2015 the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) recognized Debbie as the ACBL Volunteer of the Year.

## Meet the Players

What rock group has four men that don't sing? Mount Rushmore.

When I was a kid, my mother told me I could be anyone I wanted to be. Turns out, identity theft is a crime.

A guy goes to his doctor because he can see into the future. The doctor asks him, "How long have you suffered from that condition?" The guy tells him, "Since next Monday."

## 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"*

What do you call a mac 'n' cheese that gets all up in your face? Too close for comfort food!

What happens when you go to the bathroom in France? *European*.

How many apples grow on a tree? All of them!

Did you hear the rumor about butter? Well, I'm not going to spread it!

Did you hear about the guy who invented Lifesavers? They say he made a mint!

Last night I had a dream that I weighed less than a thousandth of a gram. I was like, Omg.

Why did the invisible man turn down the job offer? He couldn't see himself doing it!

Want to hear a joke about construction? I'm still working on it!

I was really angry at my friend Mark for stealing my dictionary. I told him, "Mark, my words!"

I'm starting a new dating service in Prague. It's called Czech-Mate.

I was just reminiscing about the beautiful herb garden I had when I was growing up.  
Good thymes.

What concert costs just 45 cents? 50 Cent featuring Nickelback!



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](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](mailto: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!**

Why couldn't the astronaut land on the moon?

Because it was full.

Why do dogs float in water?

Because they are good buoys.

What kind of music did the pilgrims listen to?

Plymouth rock.

What is the tallest building in the world?

The library—it's got the most stories.

What do you call a beehive without an exit?

Unbelievable.

What do you call a fish with two knees?

A two-knee fish!



**If you aren't playing in the Mixed Championship ...**

**Patricia Herrera Garciadiego reports...**

**Free BBO tournament to celebrate the life of Miguel Reygadas today at 12:00 central time.**

**Registration will be open two hours prior to game time!**

**BIDDING** TRICKS INFO DDS

W	N	E	S
PASS	2NT	PASS	PASS
PASS	3♠	PASS	5♠
PASS	6♣	PASS	PASS

DEALER WEST 5 EAST SOUTH

Chris Willenken, Annie Brenner, Dave Caprera

Chances are that David Caprera will be sleeping in bed tonight! Annie opened 2S, drawing David a clear picture of half her hand. David bid 2NT asking for more. Annie bid 3D showing six spades and four hearts. That was all David needed to hear. He jumped to 5S insuring the necessary controls and asked, "How good are your trumps, partner?" Annie thought KQJxxx was pretty good and chose to play slam.

You can't blame Willenken for doubling. He holds the HA and SA, as well as the likely offside DK.

There was little more to the play than knocking out the SA. Migry led a heart (it wouldn't help to lead her singleton club since she held only one trump). Annie ruffed in dummy, played a round of spades and claimed! +1660

Both Annie's opening preempt and David's jump to the five level took up all the bidding room and made it hard for East/West to evaluate their excellent save especially at favorable vulnerability.

At the other table, Rosenberg passed in first seat. Her RHO, Finn Kolesnik, opened 3H. Rosenthal doubled; Huang passed; Debbie came alive with 4S. Rosenthal, loving spades, cuebid 5H, again asking, "How good are your spades?"

It is surprising that Rosenberg did not bid the slam holding KQJxxx after disdaining a weak two. Rosenthal/Rosenberg settled in 5S, making six for +680. 14 IMPs to Xu

*(Before you ask... Cynthia Huang is replacing Amber Lin on the Xu team. Amber will be in Italy on the winning Wittes USA1 Venice Cup team playing with Finn's sister, Emma.)*

**BIDDING** TRICKS INFO DDS

W	N	E	S
PASS	3♥	DBL	PASS
PASS	4♣	PASS	5♥
PASS	5♠	PASS	PASS

DEALER WEST 5 EAST SOUTH

Cynthia Huang, Debbie Rosenberg, Andrew Rosenthal

Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	T	=	*	P		
									NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Rosenthal	Xu	Board 5	Open	5♠	N	♣6	+1	680			1
				Closed	6♠x	N	♥2	=	1660			
2	Moss	Kolesnik	Board 5	Open	6♠	N	♦T	=	1430		2	
				Closed	6♣	S	♥A	=	1370			
3	Rubenstein	Henner	Board 5	Open	6♠x	N	♥6	=	1660			6
				Closed	6♠	N	♣6	=	1430			
4	Lewis	Donner	Board 5	Open	5♣	S	♥A	+1	620			1
				Closed	6♠	N	♣6	=	1430			

# One in Every Crowd!

Par: 90

NS 6 8 6 6 6 EW 7 5 7 7 7	♠ AK32 ♥ T642 ♦ JT ♣ K72	♠ Q4 ♥ QJ75 ♦ A8652 ♣ 98	♠ T76 ♥ K98 ♦ K97 ♣ AT65
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♠ J985 ♥ A3 ♦ Q43 ♣ QJ43
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Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	1	=	*	P
							NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Rosenthal	Xu		Open	Passed out					
				Closed	Passed out					
2	Moss	Kolesnik		Open	Passed out					
				Closed	Passed out					
3	Rubenstein	Henner		Open	Passed out					
				Closed	Passed out					
4	Lewis	Donner		Open	1N	E	♠5	=	90	3
				Closed	Passed out					

Yes, the swing on Board 7 is only 3 IMPs... but 1 IMP is enough to win in a KO! You can “guess” how the auction went at seven of the tables! At the 8th, Garry Donner opened the West hand 1D (could be 2); Sandra Rimstedt responded 1NT on the East hand and played it there.

Kamenova led the S5. Rimstedt won the ace in dummy and played a small heart. When Smith didn't split, Rimstedt inserted the H9 and Kamenova won her ace. Kamenova continued spades, Rimstedt winning Dummy's king.

Another heart followed, Smith splitting and Rimstedt winning her king. The H8 put Smith on play. Ronnie played a low diamond away from his ace to the 7, Q, T. Kamenova cashed two spades and led a low diamond. Smith won the ace and declarer claimed seven tricks.

*(I am including this hand because it is personal between me and USBF Recorder, Jack Oest. Jack HATES 10-12 NTs which Stan and I play NV. We would have opened the West hand 1NT had we not been vulnerable. I hope this hand helps Jack see their value!)*

Par: 140

N 10 5 7 9 8 S 9 : : : : EW 3 8 6 4 4	♠ 9632 ♥ J4 ♦ AKT86 ♣ A4	♠ AQT ♥ AK3 ♦ Q943 ♣ Q85	♠ KJ ♥ T9652 ♦ J75 ♣ 732
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♠ 8754 ♥ Q87 ♦ 2 ♣ KJT96
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Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	1	=	*	P
							NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Rosenthal	Xu		Open	1N	N	♥5	=	90	1
				Closed	1N	N	♥5	+1	120	
2	Moss	Kolesnik		Open	1N	N	♦5	+1	120	1
				Closed	1N	N	♥5	=	90	
3	Rubenstein	Henner		Open	1N	N	♥5	+2	150	1
				Closed	1N	N	♦5	+1	120	
4	Lewis	Donner		Open	1N	N	♥T	+1	120	5
				Closed	2♦	E	♦2	=	90	

Later in this same first segment, in the same match, we again see these teams as an outlier... again they are the “one in every crowd!”

Seven of the eight tables on this board played in 1NT by North, collecting between 7-9 tricks.

Not Lewis/Donner! In the Closed Room where Linda Lewis, West, opened a weak NT (12-14), Grue, North, doubled, and Paul Lewis bid 2D showing hearts.

Linda disdained the “transfer” and passed with AKT86 of diamonds and only a doubleton heart. Paul took eight tricks and they were the only East/West pair to achieve a plus score!

5 IMPs to Lewis

		4	♠ 7 6 3			
		WEST	♥ 3			
		ALL	♦ A Q 7 3			
			♣ Q 9 7 6 3			
		♠ K 8 4			♠ J T 9	
		♥ A 5 4			♥ T 6	
		♦ K J 6 2			♦ T 9 8 5	
		♣ T 8 5			♣ A J 4 2	
			♠ A Q 5 2			
			♥ K Q J 9 8 7 2			
			♦ 4			
			♣ K			
Par: 620						
	♣	♦	♥	♠	N	
NS	6	5	10	8	6	
EW	6	7	3	4	4	

	Home team	Visiting team		Room	C	By	1	=	*	P
			NS	EW	Home	Visiting				
1	Rosenthal	Xu					♣5	=	620	
							♦6	=	620	
2	Moss	Kolesnik					♣5	+1	650	1
							♣5	=	620	
3	Rubenstein	Henner					♠4	=	620	
							♣5	=	620	
4	Lewis	Donner					♣5	+3	200	9
							♣5	=	620	

One might think that 4H by South would be the universal contract on Board 4.

It almost was. 7 of the 8 tables started with 3 passes.

South either opened 4H or, in the alternative, opened 1H and rebid 4H after a 1NT response by North.

In Donner/Lewis, Donner made it harder for N/S to bid the game.

Donner opened 1D showing 2+ diamonds and 11-15 HCP. Smith passed and Rimstedt responded 1NT. Since both opponents had bid, Kamenova decided to bid only 2H and await developments. Everyone passed and Kamenova played the hand there.

Donner led the C5. Rimstedt inserted the CJ and Kamenova won her singleton king. Kamenova played the HQ, which was ducked around. She continued with the HJ. Donner won the HA and led the S4. Kamenova won the SQ and ran three rounds of trump before playing the SA and a spade. When spades split Kamenova claimed ten tricks for +170.

The screenshot shows a bridge bidding and play interface. The bidding sequence is: 1D (Donner), 1NT (Rimstedt), 2H (Kamenova), and all others passing. The hand is dealt with South (Sandra Rimstedt) as dealer. The play sequence shows C5 leading to CJ, HQ, HJ, HA, S4, SQ, and three rounds of trumps (SA, spade). The interface includes a bidding window, a hand display for each player, and a score window.

Kamenova has a four loser hand. Bidding 2H seems very conservative. If partner has as little as the SK, game is going to have a good play. Since Rimstedt bid 1NT over the 1D opener, it would not be surprising for Smith to hold a reasonable spade suit. Doubling, rather than just bidding 2H would give N/S a chance to find a spade fit and would also allow Kamenova to show her strong playing hand on the next round of bidding.

10 IMPs to Donner

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20  
WEST  
ALL

♠ A 9 5  
♥ Q 9 6 2  
♦ 6  
♣ AKQ 6 5

♠ T 7  
♥ 7 5 3  
♦ K Q T 7  
♣ T 9 7 4

♠ K 8 6 2  
♥ K J T 8 4  
♦ 5 4  
♣ J 8

♠ Q J 4 3  
♥ A  
♦ A J 9 8 3 2  
♣ 3 2

Par: 620

N	9	9	8	10	8
S	:	:	7	:	:
EW	4	4	5	3	4

It's no surprise that every N/S pair played Board 20 in 3NT.

N/S holds a combined 27 HCP and no fit longer than seven cards. With perfect play and defense there are only eight tricks available. But things are never perfect and four pairs were able to bid and make the game.

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	1	=	*	P
						NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Rosenthal	Xu	Open	3N	N	♠2	= 600		12
2	Moss	Kolesnik	Open	3N	N	♠2	= 600		16
3	Rubenstein	Henner	Open	3N	N	♥J	-1	100	12
4	Lewis	Donner	Open	3N	N	♥J	-1	100	12

Three East players, who had overcalled hearts, decided to surprise declarer by leading the S2. Declarer had a variety of lines to take nine tricks, the simplest being to concede a club trick before the HA is

cleared from dummy. Doug Doub took ten tricks even after the defense started with the killing lead of the HT. Doub played on spades. When East won the SK, she continued hearts, rather than exiting with a neutral spade or diamond.

The fireworks came in the Kolesnik/Moss match. In the Open Room Wolpert made 3NT after the lead of the S2. +600 for Moss

In the Closed Room, Sylvia Moss, doubled 3NT based on her strong holding in dummy's first bid suit. Lee led a diamond, ducked to Moss's ten. Moss returned the H3. Mandala played the H2 and Lee played the H4. Dummy won the wish trick with the HA. Mandala played three high clubs and conceded a club to Moss, who returned the H7, covered by the H9. Lee won the HT and led the D4 to dummy's ace. Mandala discarded a heart to produce this position:

Mandala took the spade finesse. When this lost, Lee cashed three heart tricks, defeating the contract three tricks.

The Moss team scored +800, winning 16 IMPs on this board.

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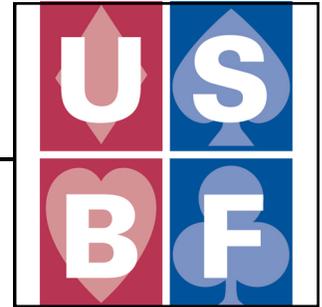
9	7	8	3	4	5	6	2	1
2	3	6	1	8	9	5	4	7
1	4	5	2	7	6	3	8	9
7	2	3	9	1	8	4	5	6
6	5	9	4	2	7	8	1	3
4	8	1	5	6	3	9	7	2
5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4
3	9	4	7	5	2	1	6	8
8	1	2	6	3	4	7	9	5

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

# Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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I hope my opponents  
Are friendly and kind.  
It helps with my play  
When I can unwind!



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

# 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](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net)



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

## Answer to Puzzle on Page 15

Sara	Lighting	On the Noon Tide	Historical	2:00 PM	Thursday
Harvey	North	Bound for Glory	Science Fiction	1:00 PM	Wednesday
George	Bench	Tomorrow	Romance	11:00 AM	Friday
Elliot	Smith	Falling for Amy	Young Adult	3:00 PM	Monday
Barbara	White	Don't Sneeze Yet	Mystery	10:00 AM	Tuesday
First Name	Last Name	Book Title	Genre	Time	Day

## Sudoku Answers on page 13

	Bench	Lighting	North	Smith	White	Bound for Glory	Don't Sneeze Yet	Falling for Amy	On the Noon Tide	Tomorrow	Historical	Mystery	Romance	Science Fiction	Young Adult	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Barbara																									
Elliot																									
George																									
Harvey																									
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Falling for Amy																									
On the Noon Tide																									
Tomorrow																									

# Answer on Page 14

First Name	Last Name	Book Title	Genre	Time	Day

The Millersville Bookshop is hosting local authors for book signings next week. They've chosen five authors with new releases and invited them to come in during the week. They posted a schedule on the door yesterday. Each author will visit on a different day at a different time. In an effort to have something for everybody, all of the invited authors wrote in different genres. Determine the full name of each author, the book title of each new release, the genre of each book, and the time and day of each author visit.

- The five authors are represented by George, the author of "On the Noon Tide" which isn't a mystery, the author who came on Wednesday, the author who came at 10:00am, and the author whose last name was Smith.
- "Tomorrow" wasn't the name of the young adult novel but it was the novel talked about at 11:00am. Mr. Bench wrote the romance novel. The author who visited on Monday came at 3:00pm.
- Sara, whose last name wasn't Smith, wrote the historical

- novel but she didn't visit the bookshop on Tuesday. At 1:00pm, the author who wrote the science fiction novel visited the bookshop but not on Friday and his last name wasn't White.
- Elliot didn't write "Bound for Glory" but he did visit the bookshop two days before the author of the science fiction novel. Barbara, whose last name wasn't Smith, wrote the novel titled "Don't Sneeze Yet" but it wasn't a young adult novel. The novel "Falling for Amy" wasn't talked about at 2:00pm.
- Harvey North was at the bookshop the afternoon of the day before Ms. Lighting. The three authors who visited the shop in the afternoon were the author of "Bound for Glory", the author who visited the shop on Thursday, and the author who wrote the young adult novel.
- The author whose last name was White didn't write "Falling for Amy" but did visit the bookshop on Tuesday morning. Barbara didn't visit the bookshop on Thursday but she did come in the morning.



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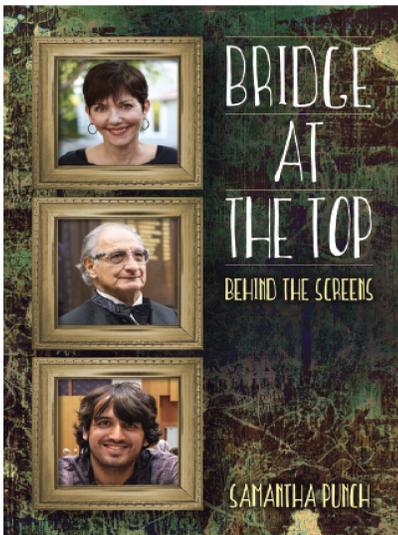
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## Questions asked by Players in the Open and the Mixed... FAQ's from Jan Martel

### 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).



## Playing in the Mixed!

Though this cartoon's really kidding,  
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You could go to first from last...  
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