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Results...

USA1

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8
1	Nickell - wins tie	237	43	50	47	25	50	22		
4	Hill	112	5	23	25	22	21	16	wd	
2	Fleisher	169	21	29	52	7	15	18	5	22
3	Spector - wins tie	224	31	35	23	19	26	55	32	3

USA2

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Adjustment (IMPs)
5	Bramley	268	20	38	64	12	29	10	77	21	-3
8	Donner - wins tie	217	24	12	21	29	29	33	11	58	
6	Levine	221	22	51	21	28	32	26	12	29	
7	Gu - wins tie	247	36	24	19	25	27	31	47	44	-6

Until the end of the Women's event, the Daily Bulletin will feature highlights from both the Open and Women's!

Welcome Beth Palmer Women's USBC Players!

LoveBridge computes some interesting statistics on each player each day. Today you can see the yesterday's statistics and tomorrow you can see the stats from today. To view, you must go to <https://stats.lovebridge.com/> 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.

Certain stats are only available if you are a logged in player!

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.

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QuarterFinalists in Alphabetical Order

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Mike Becker Hemant Lall	Kit Woolsey Peter Weichsel Michael Kamil
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Radu Nistor Ish DelMonte	Sandra Rimstedt Iulian Rotaru Finn Kolesnik
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Roger Lee	Chip Martel Brad Moss Daniel Korbel
Gu	Jiang Gu, Capt Ming Sheng Jian-Jian Wang	Hailong Ao Hongji Wei
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Joel Wooldridge	Joyce Hill David Grainger
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Steve Garner Mark Lair
Nickell	Frank Nickell Geoff Hampson Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Eric Greco Steve Weinstein
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Kevin Bathurst



Face to Face Tournament Schedule

VACCINATION REQUIRED:

All players in the 2021 Open USBC MUST be vaccinated against CoVid19.

Players must submit proof of vaccination to the USBF Secretary (Jan Martel) before play commences in the event.

This includes the online stages - players are not eligible to enter the event if they do not submit proof of vaccination.

There are no exceptions to this rule.

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting and the Covid ban on kibitzing, it is especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

Suzi



No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.

This applies to players AND kibitzers.

Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.

Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.

The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



I saw a woman wearing a sweatshirt with Guess on it.
I said, Thyroid problem?

Arnold Schwarzenegger

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
<i>QUARTER-FINAL</i>			
MONDAY	OCT. 4	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
TUESDAY	OCT. 5	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
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 6	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
THURSDAY	OCT. 7	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
FRIDAY	OCT. 8	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SATURDAY	OCT. 9	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
SUNDAY	OCT. 10	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
<i>FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL</i>			
MONDAY	OCT. 11	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
TUESDAY	OCT. 12	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			

There are lots of people who mistake their imagination for their memory.

Josh Billings

If you live to be one hundred, you've got it made. Very few people die past that age.

George Burns

FORMAT

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

The face-to-face 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.

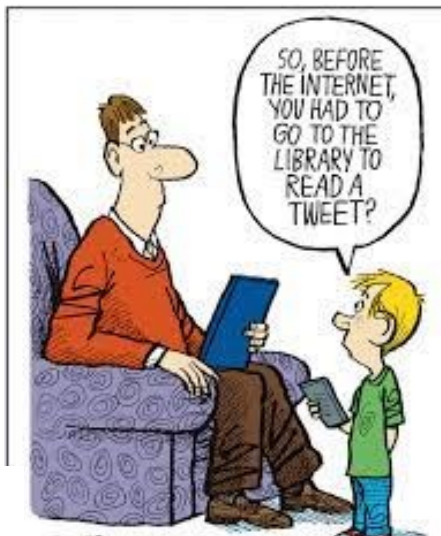
Play Requirements: Each player must play 10 matches in RR 1 and at least one segment against each other team in RR 2 to qualify for the KO stages (a player who does not meet the play requirements can be added back to the team as long as the requirements for roster changes are met. Each player must play 50% of the boards in every KO match to be eligible to continue on the team. See General Conditions of Contest Section XII (at USBF.org) about how to count boards and potential waiver of this requirement.

Closed Notes: Players may not consult their notes at any time during play unless they are dummy.

Withdrawal: A player or team may withdraw at any time.

Play in the KO stages will be on LoveBridge tablets, with either 2 or 4 players in a room.

SETTING THE KO BRACKET: THE KO BRACKET WILL BE BASED ON ACBL SEEDING POINTS, EXCLUDING POINTS AWARDED FOR ONLINE PLAY, PLUS ADDED SEEDING POINTS FOR PERFORMANCE IN EACH STAGE OF THE ROUND ROBIN.



KO 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 inactive, 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 personalize the content in your windows. (Not active 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. 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.

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 the list. Push every button and enjoy!

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

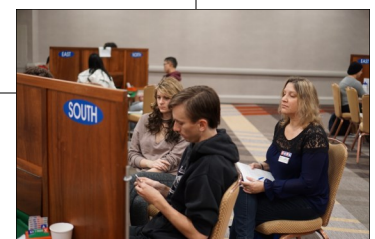
Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 8:00 pm

Segment 8: 10:15 pm



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!**

You are shown a set of four cards placed on a table, each of which has a number on one side and a colored patch on the other side. The visible faces of the cards show 3, 8, red and brown.

Which card(s) must you turn over in order to test the truth of the proposition that if a card shows an even number on one face, then its opposite face is red?



**Logic
Puzzle**

Solution

Solution: The correct response is to turn over the 8 card and the brown card. The rule was "If the card shows an even number on one face, then its opposite face is red." Only a card with both an even number on one face and something other than red on the other face can invalidate this rule: If the 3 card is red (or brown), that doesn't violate the rule. The rule makes no claims about odd numbers. If the 8 card is not red, it violates the rule.

Hospitality Information ... the Suite and more ...

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, starting on Tuesday, Oct. 5th.

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and some hot options. 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 always worn in the Hospitality Suite.** 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 always worn in the Player's Break Room, so you may not eat and drink in the room.



Julie Arbit



Christian
Jolly



We hope you
Really like the suite.
We think that it
Should be a treat!

Bottled water and Soda in the Break Room!

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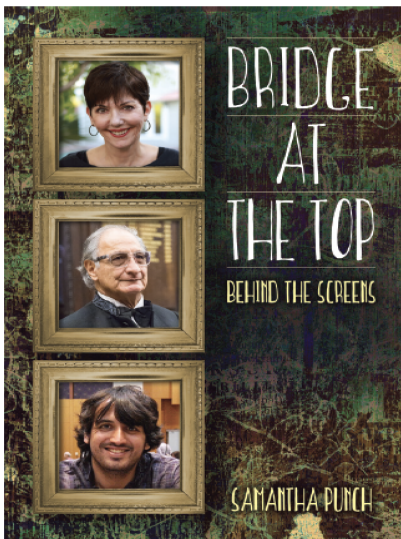
Jan VanCleaf provided this so our readers could use it to improve their bidding and better build partnerships. Bid72 allows users to participate in bidding contests, bid random boards and get a rating based on their bidding, learn about “topic board” hands dedicated to conventions and special agreements, and to create, upload and bid your own boards.

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The interviews make the names we see on VuGraph come to life. The tips are tricks of the trade that will be useful to players of all levels. It is a fun and informative read.

— Jill Levin

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— Chip Martel

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Learn about the experts... how they think... what they think... and why they are so driven by a card game.

Editor



Samantha

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

Sudoku 1

How did the picture end up in jail? It was framed!
 My friend drove his expensive car into a tree and found out how his Mercedes bends.
 What did the ranch say when somebody opened the fridge? "Hey, close the door! I'm dressing!"
 My new girlfriend works at the zoo. I think she's a keeper.
 What was the one thing the cross-eyed teacher couldn't control? His pupils.
 Coffee has a rough time in our household. It gets mugged every single morning!
 What did one blade of grass say to another about the lack of rain? I guess we'll just have to make dew.

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answer to Puzzle on page 10

5th	Romeo & Juliette	Parker	Betsy	Peter
2nd	Beauty & the Beast	Common	Cindy	Jack
3rd	Tarzan & Jane	Shadow	Wendy	Greg
4th	Maid Marion	Miller	Louise	Frank
1st	Peter Pan & Wendy	Green	Michelle	Allen
Place	Costumes	Last Name	First Name	First Name

Sudoku Solutions on Page 17

	Betsy	Cindy	Louise	Michelle	Wendy	Common	Green	Miller	Parker	Shadow	Beauty & the Beast	Peter Pan & Wendy	Robin Hood & Maid Marion	Romeo & Juliette	Tarzan & Jane	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
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Puzzle Mania

answers on page 9

First Name	First Name	Last Name	Costumes	Place

Last Saturday night, the After Midnight club held their annual Halloween Costume party from 7pm 'til midnight. A very popular club, the party was well attended and some of the costumes were fabulous. The club held a costume contest with previously-selected judges who strolled through the guests during much of the evening judging costumes. At 11pm, the winners were announced. For the first time ever, the five winning contestants were husband and wife couples who'd dressed up as a well-known fictional couple. Determine the full name of each couple, what their costumes were, and what place each couple was awarded (1st to 5th place). Note: Remember that a higher place means a lower number!

- Jack and his wife placed one higher than the couple who went as Tarzan & Jane but they placed one lower than Michelle and her husband.
- The couple dressed as Robin Hood & Maid Marion had a last name of Miller. Wendy wasn't married to Frank. Allen's last name was Green.
- Peter and his wife, Betsy, didn't attend as Peter Pan & Wendy. The couple who came as Beauty & the Beast placed one higher than Greg and his wife.
- Mr. and Mrs. Shadow won third place. Frank and his wife didn't come as Romeo & Juliette.
- Louise and her husband, who wasn't Greg, came as Robin Hood & Maid Marion but they didn't win second place.
- The Parkers were two places lower than the couple who came as Tarzan & Jane. Cindy Common and her husband didn't come as Peter Pan & Wendy.

Baseball

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

A H B A T T E R O U T F I E L D E R O T
 Y R O T I R R E T L U O F R E N N U R D
 O G H E A E B D R A O B E R O C S T T G
 L F C E S C V A N E L L A B E V I L H R
 E A T M O N R I S U D E L L A B Y L F O
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 U T L E R E O R E H E H L H N F R P A D
 E E L I S F U B I D O N G O E E R F K B
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| APPEAL | FAIR TERRITORY | INTERFERENCE | RETOUCH |
| BALK | FLY BALL | LEAGUE | RUN DOWN |
| BASE | FORCE PLAY | LINE DRIVE | RUNNER |
| BATTER | FORFEITED GAME | LIVE BALL | SCOREBOARD |
| BUNT | FOUL BALL | MOUND | SHORTSTOP |
| CATCH | FOUL TERRITORY | OBSTRUCTION | STRIKE |
| COACH | FOUL TIP | OFFENSE | TAG |
| DEAD BALL | GROUND BALL | OUTFIELDER | THROW |
| DEFENSE | IN FLIGHT | OVERSLIDE | TIE GAME |
| DOUBLE HEADER | INFIELD FLY | PENALTY | TRIPLE PLAY |
| DUGOUT | INFIELDER | PITCHER | UMPIRE |
| FAIR BALL | INNING | PIVOT FOOT | WILD PITCH |

Meet the Players...

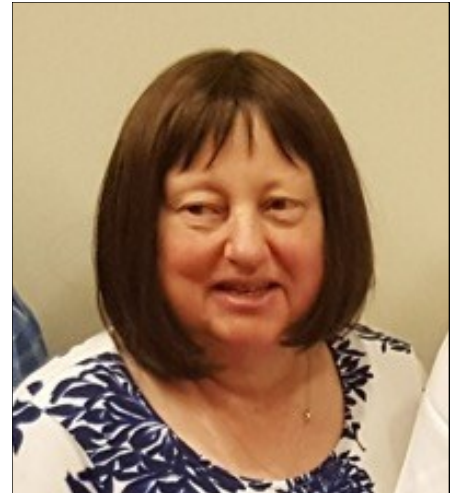
Beth Palmer was an Administrative Judge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for 24 years, hearing complaints of employment discrimination. Prior to becoming a judge, she was a lawyer in private practice. Admired in the bridge world for her judicial temperament, Beth generously gave of her time throughout the years to serve in numerous administrative positions with the USBF, ACBL, and the Washington Bridge League.

Beth began playing bridge in law school in 1977 and her first serious partner was Bill Cole. Two years later, she played with Bill at the Norfolk, Virginia, nationals and her team made it to the round of 16 in the Vanderbilt. Lynn Deas reported at the time that “Beth was the talk of the tournament, won more than 100 masterpoints, and made Life Master.”

Away from the bridge table, Beth enjoyed reading and sports, but her primary interest was her family... daughter, Julie Pettis and husband, Bill Pettis. Beth served as Julie’s Girl Scout troop leader for six years and was coach of her basketball team for five. Beth and Bill (Buffalo) lived in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Beth was serving a member of the United States Bridge Federation Board of Directors when she lost her battle with cancer in 2019.

She is greatly missed. This event is named in her memory to honor the many hours she devoted to making this game the best it could be.



Update on Bob Hamman...

Stephanie Doran Scott, Petra Hamman’s daughter, reported yesterday that Bob is improving every day.

Bob had a severe case of breakthrough Covid and has been hospitalized for over seven weeks. He has been on a ventilator and had several heroic life-saving procedures since entering the hospital.

Yesterday Stephanie posted that:

Bob is doing much better! Chest tube, trach, and catheter removed! Most likely on Monday, he will be moving to inpatient physical therapy! He is still very weak and he needs to get stronger. Please keep all your positive thoughts and prayers coming.



In both USA1 Semifinal matches, there was a double game swing on Board 5 of the fifth segment.

In Hill/Nickell, the Nickell team bid and made 4H East/West and 4S North/South to win 14 IMPs. Both Souths opened 1C, East overcalled 1D, North passed and East bid 1H. South rebid 2C. Joyce Hill raised to 2H with the West hand. This gave Bobby Levin a chance to bid 2S, on his bad hand with a six card suit. Kevin Dwyer jumped to 4H and Weinstein bought the contract in 4S.

The C9 was led. Levin won the CA and played the D8. Hill won the DK and returned the H3. Levin won the HA and trumped a heart. He trumped another heart and trumped a second diamond before exiting dummy with the SK. Hill won the SA and returned the HJ. Levin ruffed, played a trump and eventually finessed the CQ for his tenth trick. *Note that if Hill returned a diamond, Dwyer would have been able to overruff declarer and give Hill a club ruff.*

At the other table Hampson jumped to 4H over South's 2C rebid and the spade suit was never mentioned. Grainger led the CA and switched to the H2. This produced the mini-wish-trick: H2-H3-H4-H5. Greco played a trump to Grainger's HA and Grainger returned his last trump. Greco cashed dummy's high diamonds, gave up the DQ and claimed ten tricks.

In the Fleisher/Spector match, the Spector team bid and made game at both tables, winning 15 IMPs. At one table, John Kryanak opened 1H on the East hand. Grue overcalled 2C and Wolpert splintered 4C. Kryanak bought the contract in 4H. Since South could never get off lead to attack spades, declarer took ten tricks for +420.

At the other table, South, John Hurd, opened 1C and Korbel overcalled 1D with the East hand. Bathurst bid 1S with the North cards. Lee showed his heart suit and Hurd made a support double for spades. Korbel splintered 4C and Lee Bid 4H. Hurd doubled and Bathurst pulled to 4S. Lee doubled. Lee led the CT, Bathurst won the CA, cashed the HA, and trumped a heart. Bathurst led the S8 to dummy's SK and Korbel's ace. Korbel cashed the DK and exited with a trump. Playing a third round of hearts would have been better than the trump exit. Lee won the SQ and played the C9. Bathurst could not go wrong because Korbel had splintered clubs. He inserted the CJ and claimed ten tricks to score +790.

15 IMPs to Spector

5	♠ J T 9 8 4 3	
NORTH	♥ 4	
N-S	♦ Q 6 3	
	♣ 8 5 3	
♠ A 5		♠ Q 7
♥ J 9 8 3		♥ K Q T 6 5
♦ A K T 9 4 2		♦ J 7 5
♣ 6		♣ Q T 9
	♠ K 6 2	
	♥ A 7 2	
	♦ 8	
	♣ A K J 7 4 2	

In the USA2 matches, none of the N/S pairs found the spade suit.

In Gu/Levine both E/W pairs bid and made 4H for a push board.

In Bramley/Donner, Bramley opened 1NT (10-12) with the East hand. DelMonte made a penalty double with the South hand and Woolsey jumped to 3D, which bought the contract.

Finn Kolesnik led his singleton heart. DelMonte won the HA and cashed the CA. Kolesnik could no longer score two ruffs. Woolsey took ten tricks for +130.

At the other table, Rimstedt opened 1H with the East hand, Kamil overcalled 2C and Donner splintered 4C. Rimstedt retreated to 4 H to end the auction.

Kamil led the D8. Rimstedt won and played the H9, which held the trick. Rimstedt led a second heart and Kamil won the HA while Becker discarded the discouraging C8. Kamil cashed the CK. Realizing that he needed to get spades going, Kamil played the S2. Rimstedt didn't know that diamonds weren't breaking, although the fact that Kamil led a diamond before playing a high club should have been a hint. Rimstedt rose with the SA. When diamonds didn't break, Rimstedt had two more losers to go down one for -50.

5 IMPs to Bramley

Anna Gudge posted:

There is to be a free BBO Tournament in memory of Miguel Reygadas on 16 October. So do save the date and look for registration details on BBO

Grand life master Miguel Reygadas died Sept 25. He was 75. Born April 18 1946, Miguel was a loving father and great friend.

He began playing bridge at 15 and demonstrated a great facility for the game. Together with Gonzalo Herrera they represented Mexico in the first World Championships in 1968. Soon after this, Dr Rosenkrans invited him to play on his team internationally. From 1978 until his death he represented Mexico in 8 Olympics and the Bermuda Bowl.. He also played in many international games as a member of different teams.

Always a gentleman at the table, he was kind, considerate and respectful of his opponents. He will be greatly missed by the Mexican bridge community. He is survived by his daughter, Inéz.

More information as it is available.

10
EAST
ALL

♠ J 6 3
♥ 5 4 3 2
♦ Q 8 7 4 2
♣ 2

♠ T 8 7
♥ 9 7 6
♦ J
♣ A J 9 6 4 3

♠ A 5 4 2
♥ A K Q J
♦ A 9 5
♣ K 5

♠ K Q 9
♥ T 8
♦ K T 6 3
♣ Q T 8 7

Par: -650

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	2	7	2	3	4
EW	11	6	11	10	9

		Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	1	=	★
							NS	EW	
1	Nickell	Hill		Open	3N	E	♦3	=	600
				Closed	3N	E	♥T	=	600
2	Spector	Fleisher		Open	3N	E	♣7	=	600
				Closed	3N	E	♠Q	=	600

How often do you see a 3NT board where four expert declarers face four different suit leads from four world class defenders... where the result was the same in all cases!?!

On Board 10 from the fifth segment of the USA1 Semifinals, East showed a 2NT opener at all four tables and West raised to 3NT.

In Nickell/Hill: Steve Weinstein led the D3 and David Grainger led the HT.

In Fleisher/Spector: John Hurd led the C7 and Joe Grue led the SQ.

All declarers either established the thirteenth spade or finessed the CJ.

Waking up this morning was an eye-opening experience.

Why was the baby ant confused? Because all his uncles were ants!

Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.

I'm not a cheetah, you're lion!

We dressed up as almonds for Halloween. Everyone thought we were nuts.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

There was a kidnapping at school yesterday. Don't worry though — he woke up!

I was hoping to steal some leftovers from the party but my plans were foiled.

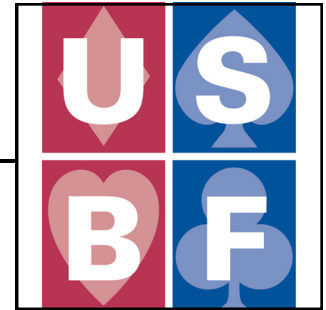


2	8	1	5	3	6	4	9	7
5	9	7	1	4	8	6	2	3
4	6	3	2	9	7	8	5	1
7	3	2	9	1	4	5	6	8
6	5	9	8	7	2	3	1	4
1	4	8	3	6	5	2	7	9
3	2	5	7	8	9	1	4	6
9	1	4	6	2	3	7	8	5
8	7	6	4	5	1	9	3	2

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

Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1 Answer to Sudoku 2



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The kings and queens
Are in cahoots.
They're wearing very
Different suits!



A Good Play by Amber Lin from the Mixed Online USBC

In the third round of the Mixed Round-Robin, Amber Lin, one of the Junior players entered in both the Women's starting today and the Mixed that started last month, demonstrated her expert skill as a defender.

Howard Parker and Tracey Bauer landed in 4H.

Lin led the D9. Declarer won the DA, played a heart to the ace and a heart to the jack, followed by the H9, which held the trick.

The CK was played from dummy. Finn Kolesnik (also a junior player) won the CA and exited with his last trump. Declarer played the DT. Kolesnik ducked. Declarer played a club and Lin won the CQ to produce the position shown below:

Lin could have cashed her SA and exited with a spade to dummy's king. This would have resulted in setting the contract one trick.

Declarer would win the spade, cash the DK and exit with a diamond to Kolesnik's queen. Kolesnik would be forced to concede a club trick to declarer. Lin thought ahead and found a way to provide Kolesnik with an exit card. She did not cash the SA, but instead exited with the SQ.

Dummy won the SK and the DK was cashed. When declarer exited with a diamond to Kolesnik, he returned a spade and Lin took the last two tricks, setting 4H two tricks for a gain of 3 IMPs. Lin's team won this match by a score of 21-17.

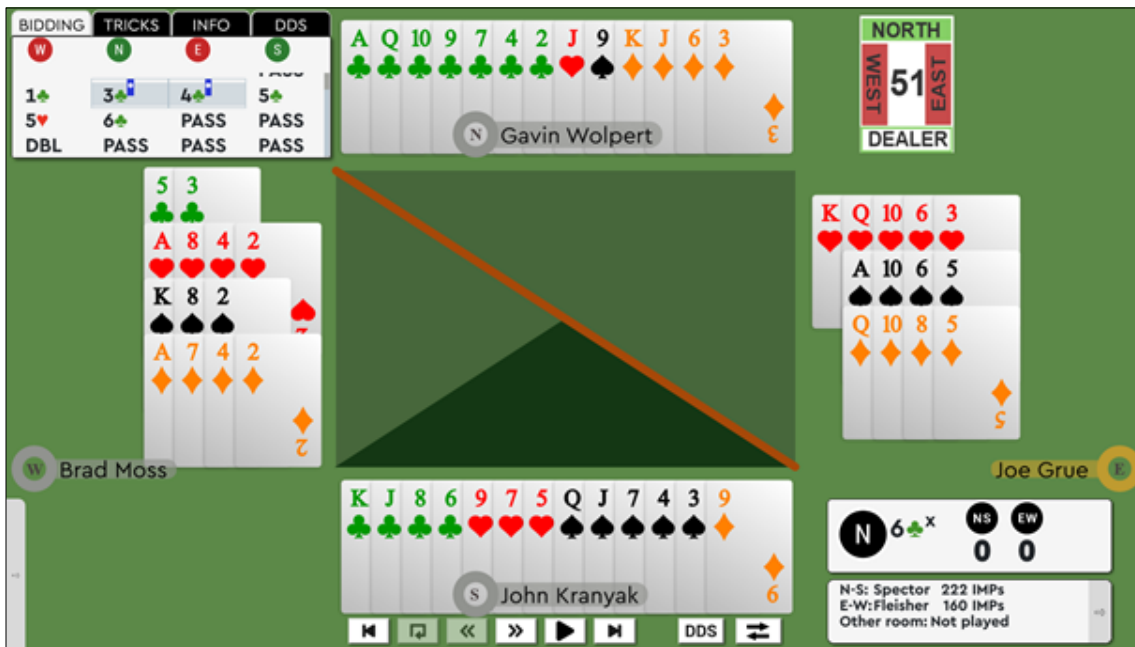
What kind of cats love bowling? Alley cats.

Is your iPad making you sleepy? There's a nap for that.

My leaf blower doesn't work. It just sucks!

If you see an Apple Store get robbed, does that make you an iWitness?





On Board 51 in the final segment of the Fleisher/Spector match, Grue/Moss bid to 5H, a vulnerable game that was almost certainly going to make. Kranyak/Wolpert wisely sacrificed in 6CX.

Moss's 1C opening showed 2+ clubs. Wolpert's 3C bid was natural and Grue's 4C bid showed the majors. Kranyak furthered the preempt with his 5C bid and Moss stuck out his neck to bid 5H on a

four card suit and a minimum balanced opening hand. Wolpert, with great distribution, bid 6C, which Moss doubled.

Grue led the HQ, Moss won the HA and played a club. Kranyak won in dummy and led a diamond. Moss won the DA, and the defense took their three aces. The contract was set two tricks for a N/S score of -300. This appears to be a plus position for the Spector team. After all, six level sacrifices are not easy to discern, especially when one is sacrificing in the opponents' first bid suit.

At the other table in first seat, Fleisher opened a multi 2D bid showing any weak two bid in hearts or a bad weak two in spades. Hurd passed and Martel bid 2S (pass or correct). FYI: The 2S bid did not guarantee anything in hearts. Everyone passed and Martel declared 2S.



Bathurst led the HQ and shifted to a small spade. Martel played the SQ from dummy and Hurd won the SA.

Hurd reverted to hearts. Bathurst won the HT and continued the suit. Hurd shifted to the C3 and Bathurst ruffed. Bathurst played the HK. Martel ruffed in dummy and played the D9. Hurd won the DA and gave Bathurst another club ruff. Bathurst played his last heart. Martel ruffed with the S7 and Hurd overruffed with the S8. Hurd led the D2, Martel played the DJ, Bathurst played the DQ, and dummy ruffed. Martel played a club from dummy. Hurd trumped with the S2 and later Bathurst scored the SA. The defense took ten tricks, and the contract was set five tricks for a N/S score of minus 250.

2 IMPs to Fleisher!

Limey Jack...

Cheerio Yanks:

Limey Jack doesn't like to raise his own Union Jack, but the punters may shut their windows early. As promised, Spector took the measure of Fleisher and meets Nickell for USA 1.

Nickell-Spector: Awfully hard to take a flutter against Nickell on a normal morn, but when they are playing well, things would have to go pear shaped for them to get derailed. Spector is playing quite well themselves. Should Nickell fall into a typical early bog, Spector will punish them. Should Nickell stay the course for quarters un and deus, they will prevail.

In USA 2, it is hard to blame a bloke who did not participate, but even Howie Dung, who knows nowt, has cast his eye askance at M. Rodwell, as Levine has fallen victim to Sod's law and is sent for a pint sooner than anticipated. The Meckstroth-Garner experiment ends poorly.

Fleisher-Gu: Fleisher will be looking aft at the results and ahead to the rematch with Spector, but forgets to look under their nose as Gu takes advantage of their cheesed off mood.

Bramley-Hill: Both squads are terribly flawed but Bramley is more narked about their poor results and while it will take faff (Ed note: a long time), Bramley saves some face for now. Another failed partnership is in the offing here.

Limey Jack is here for you.

Ta

Howie Doing...

Who woulda thought Fleisher'd be done
Playing day two in USA1?

Hopeful for them that Moss and Joe Grue
Play well today in USA2!

I'm picking Fleisher to stay in the mix.
Gu's got to be tired not playing with six!

Spector and Nickell is tougher to call.
But I would expect team Spector to fall.

Nickell's the best. And Katz has nine lives.
And none of the pros will take any dives!

And when truth be told, it's entirely true,
That Spector has five and is playing like Gu.

Bramley v Hill ... a question of skill?
The kids have been lucky but they can't sit still!

See you today when Jan starts the games
Watching the Opens and watching the dames!

With new arrivals, will start be on time?
I'm taking the over... concluding my rhyme!

Howie Doing... great, thanks!



Upper left: Joe Grue

Upper right: John Hurd

Immediate Left: Mike Becker

Below Left: Mike Kamil and David Grainger

Below Right: Mike Passell



USA1 today:
Nickell v Spector

USA2:
Fleisher v Gu
Bramley v Hill

