

**RR2 FIRST HALF RESULTS**

**Open USBC 2021 Round Robin 2A**

This is the first half of Round Robin 2; the second half is called Round Robin 2B and will include the Victory Point results from this first half as carryover.

**Why IMPs don't always match what's on RealBridge:**

We can't adjust the IMPs shown on RealBridge when a board has to be removed from play at one table and we assign a result based on the X-IMPs of the other table result. The IMPs shown here are the "real" result.

**Why the VP scores in some matches do not add up to 20:**

When a team is penalized for something, their VP score is adjusted but their opponent's is not. That happened in rounds 5 & 6 on Friday, 9/17:

In round 5, a player on the Lebowitz table arrived between 1 and 5 minutes late, so the team was penalized 1 VP in accordance with the General Conditions of Contest.

In round 6, the Gu vs Levine match finished very late. The Gu pair had taken 1958 seconds for the segment, the Levine pair had taken 1011 seconds. The Gu team was penalized 1.5 VPs for slow play.

[PDF Hand records matches 01-03](#) [matches 04-07](#)

Team Name	Total	12	4	2	7	10	1	3	5	6	11	8	9
12. Spector	115.89		16.04	18.69		19.56	16.77			17.62	10.92	16.29	
4. Fleisher	76.26	3.96			14.32	10.00		14.63	5.37			13.99	13.99
2. Bramley	76.04	1.31			14.63	9.08		4.22	11.77		17.82		17.21
7. Hill	74.19		5.68	5.37			8.65		18.01	11.77	11.77		12.94
10. Nickell	73.45	0.44	10.00	10.92			12.94	13.65		6.35			19.15
1. Bishel	71.18	3.23			11.35	7.06				8.23	11.77	15.22	14.32
3. Donner	68.22		5.37	15.78		6.35				9.08	8.23	10.47	12.94
5. Gu	65.16		14.63	8.23	1.99					9.08	16.29	5.07	9.87
6. Henner	62.65	2.38			8.23	13.65	11.77	10.92	10.92				4.78
11. Simson	58.98	9.08		2.18	8.23		8.23	11.77	3.71				15.78
8. Lebowitz	54.03	3.71	6.01			0.85	3.78	9.53	14.93	15.22			
9. Levine	41.90		6.01	2.79	7.06		5.68	7.06	9.08		4.22		

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**“Trials” and Tribulations**

Which is faster? Hot or cold? Hot, you can easily catch cold.

Forwards I am heavy, backwards I am not. What am I? TON

To what question can you never answer YES? Are you sleeping?

What has teeth but cannot eat? A comb

What kind of dog never bites? A hot dog

What wears a cap but has no head? A bottle

What country is popular on Thanksgiving Day? Turkey

It is black and you say it is clean. It is white and you say it is dirty?? Blackboard

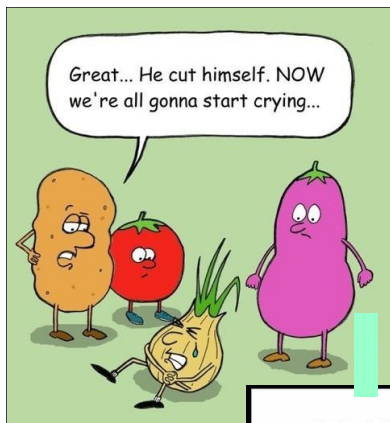
What is never used until it's broken? Egg

# 21 Teams Entered... in Alphabetical Order

<b>Bishel</b>	Tom Bishel, Capt John Hinton Bob Lyon	John Bishel Jerry Clerkin
<b>Bramley</b>	Bart Bramley, Capt Bob Hamman Hemant Lall	Kit Woolsey Peter Weichsel
<b>Castellino</b>	Stephen Castellino, Capt Bruce Blakely Bob Thomson	Mukund Thapa Weishu Wu Shail Gupta
<b>Dinkin</b>	Sam Dinkin, Capt Kyle Rockoff Jeff Goldsmith	Michael Shuster Daniel Weiss Paul Markarian
<b>Donner</b>	Gary Donner, Capt Radu Nistor Ish DelMonte	Sandra Rimstedt Iulian Rotaru Finn Kolesnik
<b>Fleisher</b>	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Roger Lee	Chip Martel Brad Moss Daniel Korbel
<b>Gu</b>	Jiang Gu, Capt Ming Sheng	Hailong Ao Hongji Wei
<b>Henner</b>	Christal Henner, Capt Anam Tebha Steve Zolotow	Uday Ivatury Craig Ganzer Andy Goodman
<b>Hill</b>	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Joel Wooldridge	Joyce Hill David Grainger
<b>Kolesnik</b>	Alex Kolesnik Phil Clayton Franco Baseggio, Capt	Jason Chiu Andrew Gumperz Andy Stark
<b>Lebowitz</b>	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zachary Grossack Kevin Rosenberg	Adam Grossack Zia Mahmood Michael Rosenberg
<b>Levine</b>	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Steve Garner Mark Lair
<b>Lo</b>	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Allan Falk Bill Cole	David Chechelashvili David Yang Alan Schwartz
<b>Nickell</b>	Frank Nickell Geoff Hampson Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Eric Greco Steve Weinstein
<b>Onstott</b>	John Onstott, Capt Josh Donn Greg Hinze	Jacob Morgan Chris Compton Howard Parker
<b>Reynolds</b>	Tom Reynolds, Capt William Hall Nicolas Hammond	Lance Kerr Joe Viola Rita Shugart
<b>Rosenthal</b>	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Migry Campanile	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar David Berkowitz
<b>Schireson</b>	Max Schireson, Capt Geeske Joel Sarah Youngquist	Debbie Rosenberg Will Watson Li-Chung Chen
<b>Simson</b>	Doug Simson, Capt Drew Casen John Schermer	Jeff Aker Jim Krekorian Venkatrao Koneru
<b>Spector</b>	Warren Spector, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Kevin Bathurst
<b>Wildavsky</b>	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Eric Robinson Bill Pollack	Doug Doub Gary Cohler Rozanne Pollack



## Face to Face Tournament



Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.

## RR2 Online Tournament

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2 -			
FRIDAY	SEPT. 17	12:00 - 12:50 1:10 - 2:00 2:20 - 3:10  4:10 - 5:00 5:20 - 6:10 6:30 - 7:20 7:40 - 8:30	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-7 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 8-14 ROUND 3 - BOARDS 15-21 60 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 4 - BOARDS 22-28 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 29-35 ROUND 6 - BOARDS 36-42 ROUND 7 - BOARDS 43-49
SATURDAY	SEPT. 18	12:00 - 12:50 1:05 - 1:55 2:10 - 3:00 3:15 - 4:05  5:00 - 5:50 6:05 - 6:55 7:10 - 8:00 8:15 - 9:05	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 50-56 ROUND 9 - BOARDS 57-63 ROUND 10 - BOARDS 64-70 ROUND 11 - BOARDS 71-77 55 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 12 - BOARDS 8-14 ROUND 13 - BOARDS 15-21 ROUND 14 - BOARDS 22-28 ROUND 15 - BOARDS 29-35
SUNDAY	SEPT. 19	12:00 - 12:50 1:10 - 2:00 2:20 - 3:10  4:10 - 5:00 5:20 - 6:10 6:30 - 7:20 7:40 - 8:30	ROUND 16 - BOARDS 36-42 ROUND 17 - BOARDS 43-49 ROUND 18 - BOARDS 50-56 60 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 19 - BOARDS 57-63 ROUND 20 - BOARDS 64-70 ROUND 21 - BOARDS 71-77 ROUND 22 - BOARDS 78-84

It takes only one drink to get me drunk. The trouble is, I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or the fourteenth.

-  
George Burns

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

A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

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Bob Hope

Think of how stupid the average person is, and realize half of them are stupider than that.

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George Carlin

USBF 7 Board Victory Point Scale								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.50	4.50	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19.00	1.00
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.77	3.23	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.31	6.69	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.80	0.20
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

# Round Robin Information

## 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.

## FORMAT

The online format with 21 teams will be 2 complete Round Robins.

**Round Robin 1** will have 21 scheduled matches of 7 boards each to qualify 12 teams for Round Robin 2. Each team will have one sit-out during Round Robin 1.

**Round Robin 2** will have 11 matches, each played as two 7 board halves, to qualify 8 teams for the face to face USA1 Quarterfinal. The IMP scores in each half of each match will be converted to Victory Points and the VPs added together to obtain the team's score for Round Robin 2. The matches will be played in the same order for the first half and the second half, so one half of each match is played in the first half of the day and one half of each match is played in the second half of the day.

**Carryover:** There will be no carryover from Round Robin 1 to Round Robin 2, except that if 2 teams are tied for 8th place, the result of the Round Robin 1 match between the 2 teams will be used to break the tie. If the teams are still tied, the team that earned more Victory Points in Round Robin 1 will qualify.

**Roster Change between Round Robin and KO:** Teams that qualify for the KO stages may change their rosters so long as at least 4 players who met the Round Robin play requirements are still on the team, any additional players added are intended to improve the team's performance at the table, and no added player may have competed on a different team in the online stages of the event.

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.**

## Kibitzing THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2021 OPEN USBC.

### ROUND ROBIN KIBITZING ON REALBRIDGE KIBITZ SITE

To kibitz, go to **the RealBridge kibitzing website**, enter your name and click on Log In, select the event to kibitz. After you select **Kibitz 2021 Open USBC**, you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table. You will see the number of kibitzers at a table and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table to kibitz it.

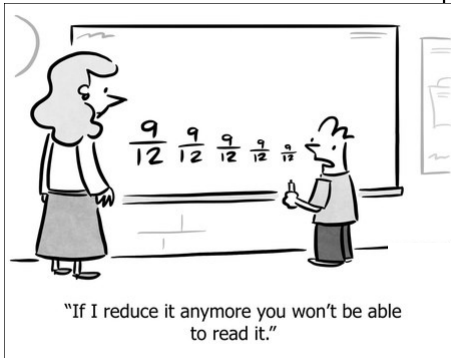
At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happened.

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

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

When browsing scores and results, if you want to share a deal with somebody, you can copy the URL from the top of the browser's window and paste it into an email or a Bridge Winners post.

For more information, go to the **RealBridge help page for spectators!** **KIBITZ TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT EACH DAY - ALL TIMES ARE EDT**



ROUND ROBIN 2  
FRIDAY, 9/17  
Round 1: 1:00 pm  
Round 2: 2:00 pm  
Round 3: 3:00 pm  
break  
Round 4: 5:15 pm  
Round 5: 6:15 pm  
Round 6: 7:15 pm  
Round 7: 8:15 pm  
SATURDAY, 9/18  
Round 9: 1:00 pm  
Round 10: 2:00 pm  
Round 11: 3:00 pm  
Round 12: 4:00 pm  
break  
Round 13: 6:00 pm  
Round 14: 7:00 pm  
Round 15: 8:00 pm  
Round 16: 9:00 pm

SUNDAY, 9/19  
Round 17: 1:00 pm  
Round 18: 2:00 pm  
Round 19: 3:00 pm  
break  
Round 20: 5:15 pm  
Round 21: 6:15 pm  
Round 22: 7:15 pm  
Round 23: 8:15 pm  
break  
Round 20: 5:15 pm  
Round 21: 6:15 pm  
Round 22: 7:15 pm  
Round 23: 8:15 pm



# VuGraph Snacks

## Turkey Meatloaf

### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley, plus more for garnish
- 2 tablespoons chopped basil
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 pound sweet Italian turkey sausage, casings removed
- 12 Ritz crackers, crushed (1/2 cup)
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 3/4 cup jarred marinara sauce



### Directions

- **Step 1**  
In a medium skillet, heat the olive oil until shimmering. Add the onion, garlic and a generous pinch each of salt and pepper and cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until the onion is softened, about 7 minutes. Scrape the onion mixture into a large bowl. Using a rubber spatula, fold in the 1/4 cup of parsley and the basil. Let cool to room temperature, about 20 minutes.
- **Step 2**  
Preheat the oven to 375°. Add the ground turkey, turkey sausage, crushed crackers, cheese, mayonnaise, eggs, oregano, crushed red pepper flakes, 2 teaspoons of salt and 1/2 teaspoon of black pepper to the cooled onion mixture. Using your hands, mix gently until combined.
- **Step 3**  
Transfer the meat mixture to a parchment paper-lined baking sheet and pat it into a 5-by-11-inch loaf. Bake for about 40 minutes, until the meat loaf is browned and an instant-read thermometer inserted in the center registers 165°. Remove the meat loaf from the oven and spoon the marinara sauce on top.
- **Step 4**  
Turn on the broiler and broil the meat loaf until the marinara sauce is browned in spots, 3 to 4 minutes. Let the meat loaf stand for 15 minutes, garnish with chopped parsley and serve.

# Hungarian Beef and Potato Soup

## Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 pound boiling potatoes (about 3), peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1 1/4 teaspoons caraway seeds
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 3 cups canned low-sodium beef broth or homemade stock
- 3 cups water

## Directions

- **Step 1**  
Set a large pot over moderate heat. Add the ground beef and cook, stirring to break it up, until the meat is no longer pink, about 2 minutes.
- **Step 2**  
Reduce the heat to moderately low. Add the onion and bell pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables start to soften, about 10 minutes. Stir in the flour. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute.
- **Step 3**  
Add the potatoes, paprika, cayenne, marjoram, caraway seeds, salt, tomato paste, broth, and water. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes.

## Notes

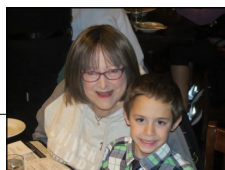
Variation: Use one cup of wide egg noodles instead of the potatoes. You'll only need to simmer the soup for about five minutes, since the noodles don't take quite as long to cook.

### Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting and the use of the Round Robin, it will be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stan-subeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

Suzi



*(recipe continued on page 8)*

# Tomato Pie Bars

## Ingredients

### Ingredient Checklist

- 1 ½ sleeves saltine crackers, coarsely crushed
- ¾ cup unsalted butter (6 ounces), melted
- 4 ounces Parmesan cheese, grated (about 1 cup), divided
- 2 large egg yolks, beaten
- 10 ounces aged sharp cheddar cheese, grated (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon minced chipotle chile in adobo sauce
- 1 teaspoon curry powder, divided
- ½ teaspoon black pepper, divided
- 1 pint mixed cherry tomatoes (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- Fresh basil leaves, for garnish



## Directions

### Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**  
Preheat oven to 350°F. Pulse crackers in a food processor until crumbly with some pea-size pieces remaining, 6 to 7 pulses, to yield about 3 cups crumbs. Stir together cracker crumbs, butter, 3/4 cup Parmesan, and egg yolks in a bowl until combined. Firmly press into bottom of a 9-inch square pan lined with parchment paper. Bake in preheated oven until lightly browned, 15 to 18 minutes. Let cool 1 hour.
- **Step 2**  
Stir together cheddar, mayonnaise, chipotle, 1/2 teaspoon curry powder, and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper in a bowl.
- **Step 3**  
Cut tomatoes into 1/4-inch slices; place on a baking sheet lined with paper towels. Sprinkle both sides with salt, remaining 1/2 teaspoon curry powder, and remaining 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Let stand 15 minutes.
- **Step 4**  
Spread cheese mixture in an even layer on crust; top with tomatoes. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan. Bake at 350°F until golden brown, about 20 minutes. Let cool 40 minutes. Garnish with basil.

67 million pounds of pesticides and about 3 million tons of fertilizer are used annually on lawns in the US.

A single share of Coca-Cola stock, purchased in 1919, when the company went public, would have been worth \$92,500 in 1997.

Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger bought the first Hummer manufactured for civilian use in 1992. The vehicle weighed in at 6,300 lbs and was 7 feet wide.

Americans consume 29 billion, or 58 percent, of the 50 billion aspirin tablets which are taken worldwide each year.

Americans spend more than \$5 billion a year on cosmetics, toiletries, beauty parlors and barber shops.

Americans spent over \$360 million in 1982 to avoid having bad breath.

**Fun "Facts" must be true.  
I read them on the Internet!**



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5				3		4		
						7		3

Sudoku 1

Who is the penguin's favorite Aunt? Aunt-Artica!

What should a lawyer always wear to a court? A good lawsuit!

The quickest way to make antifreeze? Just steal her blanket!

How do you make a good egg-roll? You push it down a hill!

Apple is designing a new automatic car. But they're having trouble installing Windows!

I've started sleeping in our fireplace. Now I sleep like a log!

That baseball player was such a bad sport. He stole third base and then just went home!

You really shouldn't be intimidated by advanced math... it's easy as pi!

What did the hamburger name it's baby?  
Patty of course!



# Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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			5			7	8	4
	5						9	
	6					1		
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							5	

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 15

Grocery List - Word Search

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

APPLES  
BANANAS  
BEEF ROAST  
BREAD  
BROCCOLI  
CANNED SOUP  
CARROTS  
CEREAL

CHEESE  
CHICKEN  
COFFEE  
COOKIES  
CORN  
EGGS  
ICE CREAM  
MILK

ORANGES  
PEAS  
PORK CHOPS  
POTATOES  
RICE  
TOILET PAPER  
TOMATOES  
YOGURT

**Information  
from the  
Captain's Meeting last  
Monday**

From McKenzie Myers to Everyone

**B. Use of Electronic Devices**

Except when a player is dummy, or to consult the opponent's system filings, or for health related devices that have been approved by the DIC in advance, no player may use an electronic device for any purpose other than playing on RealBridge.

	Brady	Collins	Forest	Grant	Love	Wood	Adam	Burton	Mike	Owen	Sam	Stewart	Brenda	Marge	Natalie	Rose	Sally	Susan	Artful Dodger	Bill Sikes	Fagin	Mrs. Corney	Nancy	Oliver Twist
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Owen																								
Sam																								
Stewart																								

# Answer on Page 12

First Name	Last Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Character Name

This past Friday night is the opening night for the high school's annual school play. This year, the students chose to perform the play, Oliver Twist. Parents of the students performing were given free tickets to attend. Tickets for the opening night sold out and the event was considered a grand success. Determine the full name of the students playing six of the main characters, the first names of their parents, and the name of the character each student played.

1. Fred didn't play Fagin. Stewart's son didn't have a last name of Forest. Owen's wife wasn't Natalie.
2. Marge Brady's son wasn't Will. Sam's last name was Wood but his wife was not Rose. Toby's mother was not Sally. The boy whose last name was Collins wasn't Nathan.
3. Fred's father was Mike. Susan wasn't Amanda's mother. Mrs. Corney was played by Burton's daughter.
4. The six students are represented by the following: Will, the girl whose last name was Wood, the student whose mother's name was Brenda, the student whose father's name was Stewart, the student whose last name was Love, and the boy playing Bill Sikes.
5. The boy whose last name was Forest had Susan for a mother. Oliver Twist was played by Toby. Martha wasn't the girl who played Nancy.
6. The Artful Dodger was played by the boy whose last name was Grant. Adam and Sally's son wasn't Nathan. Bill Sikes wasn't played by Mike's son

# Meet the Players



## Bobby Levin

Bobby has won too many bridge events to list. He is the youngest player ever to win the Bermuda Bowl, in 1981 when he was 23. He and partner Steve Weinstein are particularly known for their concurring victories in the Cavendish. In Verona in 2006 they came second in the World Open Pairs in and won the event 4 years later in Philadelphia.

With an ego, attitude and appearance worthy of a rock star, Bobby Levin has a reputation for being a tough opponent at the table. However controversial he may appear, those intimate with him love and admire his charismatic personality.

Bobby has recently become an avid skier and has always been an avid tennis player. He also enjoys biking and has spent a lot of time traveling the country with his wife and fellow US bridge star Jill Levin and their dog, skiing and biking around towns with lots of time on the beaches when not playing bridge at tournaments. His son Andrew is in college at Northwestern, and Jill’s sons Shane (who is the captain of USA1 in Bali) and Justin Blanchard are upcoming bridge players who live in New York City. (Source: usbf.org)

## Steve Weinstein

Steve Weinstein is the youngest player ever to win an NABC event (the Life Master Pairs in 1981 when he was 17). He has since won many other NABC events, as well 7 wins in the Cavendish pairs & 1st and 2nd in the World Open Pairs.

Steve has been married to Elizabeth Galadriel Davis since 1993 (they have been together since 1986). He lives in Andes NY “the middle of nowhere” with their dog, Luther, and Archie the cat. (Source: usbf.org)



*From the World Bridge Data site...*

Character Name	Nancy	Sam	Wood	Amanda
Mother's Name	Natalie	Sam	Wood	Amanda
Father's Name	Artful Dodger	Mike	Grant	Fred
Last Name	Brenda	Mike	Grant	Fred
First Name	Mrs. Corney	Burton	Love	Martha
Character Name	Bill Sikes	Owen	Forest	Nathan
Mother's Name	Susan	Owen	Forest	Nathan
Father's Name	Oliver Twist	Stewart	Brady	Toby
Last Name	Sally	Adam	Collins	Will
First Name	Fagin	Adam	Collins	Will

**Answer to Puzzle  
on Page 11**

# From Round 18 of RR1...

Warren Spector brought this hand to our attention. His opponent, Jason Chiu, was in 6D.

In the auction, 4D showed diamonds and a major, at least 5-5.

Spector led the CA and a club, ruffed in hand by declarer.

Chiu cashed the DK and the SK, and fearing bad breaks everywhere from the auction, played the D6 and finessed the 9!

A spade was ruffed with the DQ. Chiu pulled the last trump and claimed.

Board 22  
Dealer E  
EW Vul

♠ AQ7542  
♥ 8  
♦ A97  
♣ 1073

♠ J863  
♥ KJ6  
♦ J54  
♣ A82

♠ 109  
♥ 10753  
♦ 3  
♣ KQJ965

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣  
N 7 10 8 12 5  
S 7 10 8 12 5  
E 3 3 5 0 7  
W 3 3 5 0 7

♠ K  
♥ AQ942  
♦ KQ10862  
♣ 4

Par +920 6♦= NS

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Peter Weichsel & Hemant Lall	Hongji Wei & Ming Sheng	6♦= S	♣A	920
Daniel Weiss & Kyle Rockoff	Radu Nistor & Iulian Rotaru	6♦= S	♣A	920
Alex Kolesnik & Jason Chiu	Gavin Wolpert & Warren Spector	6♦= S	♣A	920
Jiang Gu & Hailong Ao	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	4♠= N	♦3	420
Stephen Castellino & Mukund Thapa	Roger Lee & Daniel Korbel	4♠= N	♦3	420
Chip Martel & Marty Fleisher	Bob Thomson & Bruce Blakely	5♦+1 S	♣A	420
Finn Kolesnik & Ish DelMonte	Jeff Goldsmith & Paul Markarian	5♦+1 S	♣A	420
Kevin Dwyer & Joyce Hill	Adam Wildavsky & Doug Doub	4♠= N	♣Q	420
Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	Phil Clayton & Andrew Gumperz	5♦+1 S	♣A	420
Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	Zach Grossack & Kevin Rosenberg	5♦+1 S	♣A	420
Chris Willenken & Eldad Ginossar	Ai-Tai Lo & David Chechelashvili	4♠= N	♦3	420
Nicolas Hammond & Rita Shugart	Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	5♦+1 S	♣A	420
Eddie Wold & Mike Levine	Debbie Rosenberg & Max Schireson	5♦= S	♣A	400
Michael Rosenberg & Zia Mahmood	John Schermer & Venkatrao Koneru	4♦+2 S	♣A	170
Li-Chung Chen & Sarah Youngquist	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	2♠+2 N	♦3	170
Alan Schwartz & Bill Cole	Aaron Silverstein & Andrew Rosenthal	2♠+2 N	♦3	170
Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	2♠+2 N	♣K	170
Bill Pollack & Rozanne Pollack	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	2♦+2 S	♦4	130
bye5 & bye6	phantom3 & phantom4	= / =		
phantom1 & phantom2	bye7 & bye8	= / =		
Howard Parker & John Onstott	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	5♦-1 S	♣A	
John Hinton & Jerry Clerkin	Jacob Morgan & Chris Compton	4♠-3 N	♦3	

At the table where Lall was declarer in 6D, there was no opening preempt.

Bd 22, Dlr E  
6♦= S

W Ming Sheng

♠ AQ7542  
♥ 8  
♦ A97  
♣ 1073

Hongji Wei E

♠ J863  
♥ KJ6  
♦ J54  
♣ A82

♠ 109  
♥ 10753  
♦ 3  
♣ KQJ965

♠ K  
♥ AQ942  
♦ KQ10862  
♣ 4

Hemant Lall S

Sheng led the CA and shifted to the D4. Lall inserted the D9 and the rest was easy.

Bd 22, Dlr E  
6♦= S

W Warren Spector

♠ AQ7542  
♥ 8  
♦ A97  
♣ 1073

Gavin Wolpert E

♠ J863  
♥ KJ6  
♦ J54  
♣ A82

♠ 109  
♥ 10753  
♦ 3  
♣ KQJ965

♠ K  
♥ AQ942  
♦ KQ10862  
♣ 4

Jason Chiu S

	W	N	E	S
			3♣	4♦*
P	5♣	P		5♥
P	6♦	P		P
P				

Where Rockoff was declarer, there was no opponent bidding. Rotaru led the CA and a club. Rockoff cashed the SK and the HA. He ruffed a heart in dummy and pitched a heart on the SA. He played the SQ. Nistor ruffed and Rockoff overruffed. A heart was ruffed; the DA was cashed; a spade was ruffed. Rockoff pulled the last of the trump and scored the good HQ.

Well bid and played at all three tables!

<b>Board 5</b> <b>Dealer N</b> <b>NS Vul</b>		♠ KJ865 ♥ — ♦ KJ42 ♣ Q542	♠ Q10 ♥ AKJ87 ♦ Q96 ♣ 963	NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ N 5 10 4 8 10 S 5 10 4 8 10 E 8 3 9 5 3 W 8 3 9 5 3
♠ A4 ♥ Q109542 ♦ A85 ♣ 108		♠ 9732 ♥ 63 ♦ 1073 ♣ AKJ7		
Par +300 5♥X-2 EW				
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Peter Weichsel & Hemant Lall	Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	4♠ = N	♥K	620
Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	5♥X-2 E	♣K	300
Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	3♠ = N	♥A	140
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	5♥X-1 W	♠5	100
Zach Grossack & Kevin Rosenberg	Hongji Wei & Ming Sheng	4♥X-1 E	♣A	100
John Hinton & Jerry Clerkin	Gavin Wolpert & John Kranyak	4♥-1 E	♣K	50
Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	4♥-1 E	♣K	50
Brad Moss & Joe Grue	Mike Levine & Eddie Wold	4♥-1 E	♣K	50
Jeff Meckstroth & Steve Garner	Roger Lee & Daniel Korbel	4♥-1 E	♣K	50
Jiang Gu & Hailong Ao	Michael Rosenberg & Zia Mahmood	4♥-1 E	♣A	50
Kevin Dwyer & Joyce Hill	Andy Goodman & Craig Ganzer	4♥-1 E	♣A	50
Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	4♠-1 N	♥A	100

Two pairs declared 4S on Board 5 from the first segment of Round Robin 2.

**North: Peter Weichsel**  
 ♠ KJ865  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ KJ42  
 ♣ Q542

**South: Jeff Aker**  
 ♠ Q10  
 ♥ AKJ87  
 ♦ Q96  
 ♣ 963

**Contract:** 4♠ = N  
**Lead:** ♥K

**Tricks:** 10 (1♠, 2♥, 3♦, 4♣)

**Score:** 620

**North: Sandra Rimstedt**  
 ♠ KJ865  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ KJ42  
 ♣ Q542

**South: Nick Nickell**  
 ♠ Q10  
 ♥ AKJ87  
 ♦ Q96  
 ♣ 963

**Contract:** 4♠-1 N  
**Lead:** ♥A

**Tricks:** 9 (1♠, 2♥, 3♦, 3♣)

**Score:** 100

Success or failure depends on holding the spade losers to one. Aker led the HK against Weichsel. Peter ruffed in hand and led a club to the ace. He played a spade to the king, and realizing that he now needed spades placed favorably, he played the S6 and held his breath. When it went Q, 3, A, Simson returned a low diamond through the KJ2, Weichsel inserted the jack losing to the queen but held his losers to one spade and two diamonds. Contract making!

Nickell led the HA against Rimstedt. Rimstedt ruffed, played a club to the ace and a spade to the king as did her Weichsel. But here, the play diverged. Sandra played a club to the jack, ruffed a heart and attempted to cash the CQ. Katz ruffed with his SA, separating the defense's high trumps, led a low diamond, Rimstedt inserting the jack, losing to the queen and conceding four tricks to the defense: TWO spades and two diamonds! Contract failing!

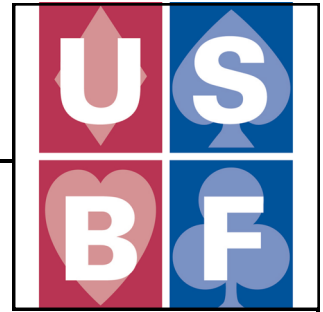
It is interesting that both declarers guessed correctly to play the SK at trick three. The missing spades are AQTx. If the spades are divided 2-2, playing low to the ace or low to the queen are equal plays. If Lefty started with ATx, low to the K is the winning play. If Lefty started with AQx, low to the J is the winning play. Because many players would rise with the ace holding AQx, the king is a slightly better play.

9	4	2	6	8	1	7	5	3
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8	3	4	9	1	2	5	6	7
7	1	6	4	5	8	3	2	9
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# Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1    Answer to Sudoku 2



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Play your best.  
Never dump!  
Crossruff first,  
Then pull the trump!



Board 18, Dir E  
1NTXX-2 W

W Roger Lee

Hailong Ao S

N Jiang Gu

Daniel Korbel E

♠ 54  
♥ A10942  
♦ AK93  
♣ A10

♠ A  
♥ J75  
♦ J872  
♣ J8753

♠ Q9863  
♥ KQ3  
♦ Q4  
♣ Q92

♠ KJ1072  
♥ 86  
♦ 1065  
♣ K64

W	N	E	S
1NT*	X	1♠	P
XX*	P	P	P

Sometimes you have no place to hide when a light opening bid faces a minimum non-fitting hand. Korbel opened 1S on a flat 11 count. Lee's 1NT response was semi-forcing.

With the best hand at the table and short spades, Gu doubled 1NT. Holding a spade stack behind the opening bidder and a seven count, Ao passed the double for penalties.

Roger Lee had a tough problem. Where should he run? He tried redoubling, hoping for Korbel to make the decision for him. Korbel didn't want to bid a three card suit so he passed, leaving Lee to suffer.

The H9 was led and declarer won the jack. The C7 was led to ten, queen and king. South played a heart to North's ace and a third heart cleared the suit. The C9 drove out North's ace. Before cashing hearts, Gu played the DK to clarify the situation for his partner. Gu cashed two rounds of hearts and exited with a spade to declarer's ace. Lee cashed two clubs and conceded the last two tricks to the DA and SK.

At the other table Marty Fleisher chose to bid 2H rather than doubling with the North hand and played it there for +140. 10 IMPs to Gu

Board 26, Dir E  
6NT=N

W Eddie Wold

Bob Lyon S

N John Hinton

Mike Levine E

♠ AK8  
♥ KJ1092  
♦ Q7  
♣ AJ4

♠ QJ104  
♥ 86  
♦ K985  
♣ 765

♠ 75  
♥ Q754  
♦ 32  
♣ K10932

♠ 9632  
♥ A3  
♦ AJ1064  
♣ Q8

W	N	E	S
		P	1♦*
P	1♥	P	1♠
P	2♦*	P	3♦
P	4NT*	P	5♥*
P	6NT	P	P

Board 26, Dir E  
6NT-2 N

W Ralph Katz

Kevin Rosenberg S

N Zach Grossack

Nick Nickell E

♠ AK8  
♥ KJ1092  
♦ Q7  
♣ AJ4

♠ QJ104  
♥ 86  
♦ K985  
♣ 765

♠ 75  
♥ Q754  
♦ 32  
♣ K10932



♠ 9632  
♥ A3  
♦ AJ1064  
♣ Q8

W	N	E	S
		P	1♦
P	1♥	P	1♠*
P	2♣*	P	2♥*
P	2NT	P	3NT
P	6NT	P	P

Only two pairs reached 6NT on Board 26. John Hinton took 12 tricks while Zach Grossack took 10. Levine led a club giving declarer a trick with the jack. Hinton ran the DQ and Wold ducked his king. Hinton continued with a diamond to the ten and Wold won the king. Wold shifted to the SQ which Hinton won in hand. Hinton played the HJ and Levine covered with the queen. This turned all Hinton's hearts good and he was able to collect 12 tricks. 13 IMPs to Bishel

Zach was not so lucky. Nickell led a spade, giving nothing to declarer. Zach led the DQ and Katz won the king. Katz played a club back and Grossack had no chance. Grossack tried a heart to the ace and a heart to the jack, losing to Nickell's king. Nick cashed his CK and the contract failed by two tricks! 13 IMPs to Nickell



  <b>Board 38</b> <b>Dealer E</b> <b>EW Vul</b>		♠ KJ105 ♥ K53 ♦ J10 ♣ Q1086	♠ — ♥ Q1087642 ♦ A954 ♣ 32	♠ 743 ♥ — ♦ KQ8763 ♣ AKJ9	♠ AQ9862 ♥ AJ9 ♦ 2 ♣ 754	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>NT</td> <td>♠</td> <td>♥</td> <td>♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>5</td> <td>8</td> <td>3</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>5</td> <td>9</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> </tr> </table>		NT	♠	♥	♦	N	5	8	3	0	S	5	9	3	1	E	4	3	10	11	W	4	3	10	11
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Zach Grossack & Kevin Rosenberg	Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	4♠XX= S	♣A	880																											
Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	4♠X= S	♠3	590																											
Finn Kolesnik & Ish DelMonte	Jim Krekorian & Drew Casen	4♠X= S	♣A	590																											
John Hinton & Jerry Clerkin	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	4♠= S	♣A	420																											
Roger Lee & Daniel Korbel	Bobby Levin & Steve Weinstein	4♠= S	♣A	420																											
Jiang Gu & Hailong Ao	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	4♠= S	♣K	420																											
Geoff Hampson & Eric Greco	Joe Grue & Brad Moss	4♠-1 S	♣K		50																										
Andy Goodman & Craig Ganzer	Adam Grossack & Larry Lebowitz	4♠-1 S	♣A		50																										
John Schermer & Venkatrao Koneru	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	4♠X-1 S	♣A		100																										
Peter Weichsel & Hemant Lall	Gavin Wolpert & John Kranyak	6♠X-3 S	♣K		500																										
Kevin Dwyer & Shan Huang	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	5♦X= W	♦J		750																										
Jeff Meckstroth & Steve Garner	Hongji Wei & Ming Sheng	5♦X+1 W	♠10		950																										

Bridge is nothing if not exciting and there was a great deal of excitement on Board 38.

4S should go down one trick. Most Wests on lead against the game started with a high club. Since East has no trumps, it is probably best for them to miscard partner so as not to suggest wanting a ruff.

Those who defeated the game led two rounds of high clubs followed by the DQ to partner's ace to get a heart ruff.

Six of the nine pairs did not find best defense and six declarers brought home the game.

Bathurst/Hurd and Kolesnik/DelMonte made game doubled. Grossack/Rosenberg made game doubled and redoubled.

Two pairs: Bishel/Bishel and Wei/Sheng bid and made 5DX E/W (Wei/Sheng actually made six!). Because of this, Bishel gained 15 IMPs and Levine gained 16 IMPs. Interestingly, Levine and Gu tied their match 16-16.

Two lessons to be learned from this deal:

First, Grossack/Rosenberg's redouble is really risky. What if the opponents had run to 5D?

Second: Distribution is really powerful! One can hold both major suit aces and not score a trick in either suit!

# Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice Conference

from Samantha Punch

More than 500 delegates from 62 countries attended the 4<sup>th</sup> international bridge conference.

The University of Stirling and Bridge: A MindSport for All (BAMSA) hosted the online event over four days at the end of June. The success of the conference was due to a concerted effort on the part of many people. The programme involved 70 presenters and panelists from 20 countries. Collaboration among members of the global BAMSA network was the driving force behind the event.

The conference aimed to create a dialogue between academics and bridge players. Representatives of local, regional, national and international bridge organisations were all present. Practitioners included policymakers, bridge teachers, organisers and players. The academics came from a variety of disciplines. Sociology, psychology, sports studies, health sciences, global studies, social work and leisure studies were all represented.

The conference sessions inspired wide-ranging discussions. In his insightful keynote address, Professor Martin Seligman applied his wellbeing theory to the game of bridge. Other sessions focused on the role of bridge in society, and the ways in which bridge benefits people of different generations.

A session on education and digital learning provoked discussion on how best to teach bridge in schools. The conference also demonstrated the importance of addressing inequalities and creating a safe and welcoming environment. Training in equality and unconscious bias for tournament directors, selectors and youth trainers, was proposed at a session on gender.

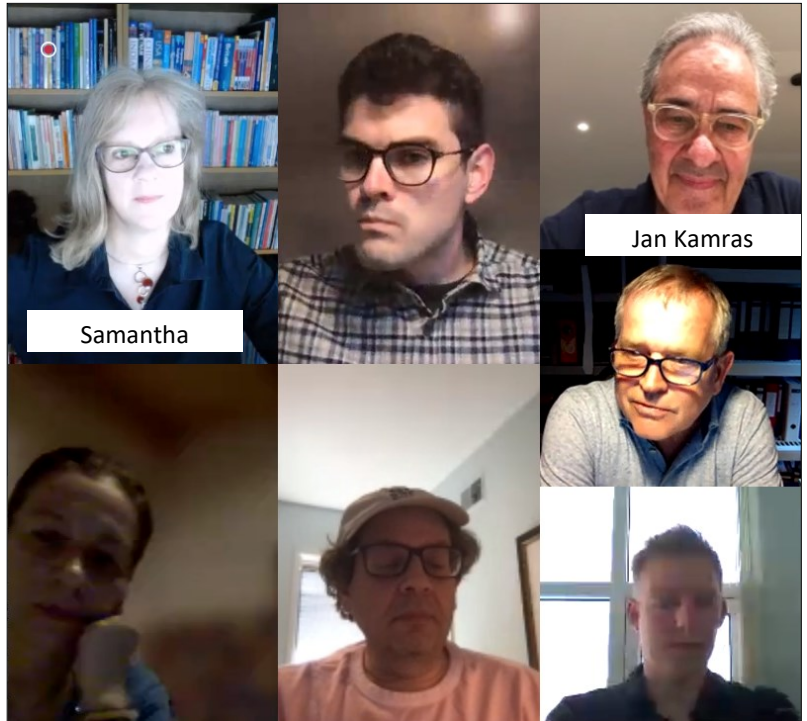
Covid 19 has changed the way bridge clubs operate. A discussion about opportunities and challenges post-Covid was relevant to bridge clubs planning a return to face-to-face play. Online bridge has been a lifeline for many players but not for all. Some half of all club players stopped playing during the pandemic and bridge clubs cannot be complacent.

To raise awareness of the positive role of bridge in society, the conference showcased the multiple benefits of playing bridge and the social role of bridge clubs. Positive case studies from around the world are particularly relevant to governing parties committed to improving mental health and reducing social isolation.

The Scottish Bridge Union, the American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation, the Leisure Studies Association and the University of Stirling all provided funding. Thanks to their support, the conference created a valuable online resource for the international bridge community. Recordings of all the sessions are now available and full reports will appear on the BAMSA website later in the year.

The conference was free to attend. To support Bridge: A MindSport for All, please donate to the Keep Bridge Alive crowdfunder <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/u5c0e5e7810869>.

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**Board 43**

**Dealer S**

**None Vul**

<p>♠ AKQ74</p> <p>♥ 875</p> <p>♦ 743</p> <p>♣ Q7</p>	<p>♠ 6</p> <p>♥ QJ93</p> <p>♦ KQ1062</p> <p>♣ K42</p>	<p>♠ J983</p> <p>♥ —</p> <p>♦ AJ5</p> <p>♣ AJ9653</p>																														
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Par -1510 7♠= EW

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	6♠-1 W	♦K	50
John Hinton & Bob Lyon	Andy Goodman & Craig Ganzer	4♠+3 W	♥Q	510
Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	5♠+2 W	♦Q	510
Jeff Meckstroth & Steve Garner	Ish DelMonte & Finn Kolesnik	4♠+3 W	♥Q	510
Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	Gavin Wolpert & John Kranyak	5♠+2 W	♦K	510
Brad Moss & Joe Grue	Kevin Rosenberg & Zach Grossack	6♠= W	♥Q	980
Jiang Gu & Hailong Ao	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	6♠= W	♥Q	980
Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	6♠+1 W	♦K	1010
Peter Weichsel & Hemant Lall	Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	6♠+1 W	♦K	1010
Adam Grossack & Larry Lebowitz	Marty Fleisher & Chip Martel	6♠+1 W	♦K	1010
Kevin Dwyer & Shan Huang	Hongji Wei & Ming Sheng	6♠+1 W	♦Q	1010
Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	John Schermer & Venkatrao Koneru	6♠+1 W	♦Q	1010

On Board 43, all but one pair made 12 or 13 tricks in spades. Eight pairs bid the slam. Four stopped in four or five.

At first glance, one wonders, "How did a good declarer like Kit Woolsey go down on this hand?"

The opening lead was the DK. Kit won in dummy and South followed with the eight (UDCA). Woolsey played a spade to the king, cashed the SA. When

North showed out on the second spade, Woolsey was relatively certain that South started with six hearts and three spades. He led the CQ to the king and ace and crossed back to his hand with a spade. Since South had played the D8 at trick one, if South was carding honestly, he held either 98 or T8 doubleton or he held 863 or T8x. The only other possibility was singleton D8. Accordingly, Kit decided to play South for a three card diamond holding and a singleton club. Dutifully, he finessed against the CT.

Poor Kit! Hampson held C:T8 ... Geoff won his CT and returned a diamond to Greco's queen for down one.

14 IMPs to Nickell

<b>Board 48</b> <b>Dealer W</b> <b>EW Vul</b>		♠ J82 ♥ J10 ♦ A2 ♣ AQ10976	♠ KQ765 ♥ 7 ♦ J98765 ♣ 4	NT   ♠   ♥   ♦   ♣ N 6 2 3 2 9 S 6 2 3 2 9 E 5 11 10 11 4 W 5 11 10 11 4
♠ A94 ♥ AQ98642 ♦ Q43 ♣ —		♠ 103 ♥ K53 ♦ K10 ♣ KJ8532		
Par -500 6♣X-3 NS				
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	John Schermer & Venkatrao Koneru	3NT= S	♥8	400
Peter Weichsel & Hemant Lall	Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	5♥-1 W	♣A	100
Brad Moss & Joe Grue	Kevin Rosenberg & Zach Grossack	5♥-1 W	♦A	100
Adam Grossack & Larry Lebowitz	Marty Fleisher & Chip Martel	4NT-2 S	♦3	100
Kevin Dwyer & Shan Huang	Hongji Wei & Ming Sheng	5♣-2 N	♥7	100
Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	5♣X-2 N	♥7	300
Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	5♣X-2 N	♥7	300
Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	Gavin Wolpert & John Kranyak	5♣X-2 N	♥7	300
John Hinton & Bob Lyon	Andy Goodman & Craig Ganzer	5♥= W	♣A	650
Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	5♠= E	♦K	650
Jeff Meckstroth & Steve Garner	Ish DelMonte & Finn Kolesnik	5♠= E	♣8	650
Jiang Gu & Hailong Ao	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	5♠= E	♣8	650

On Board 48, the winning bid was 5S by E/W and the par result was 6CX N/S. No pairs found the 6C, however, several North/South pairs did not bid 5S over the opponents' 5H.

In the Bramley/Nickell match, Weinstein, East, negative doubled on this auction:

When Lall jumped to 5C over the double, it became impossible for E/W to find the right strain. They played in 5H light one trick.

W	N	E	S
1♥	2♣	X	5♣
5♥	P	P	P

At the other table in this match, Bramley, East, was able to make a negative free bid of 2S over 2C and he and Woolsey successfully found 5S.

W	N	E	S
1♥	2♣	2♠*	5♣
5♠	P	P	P

13 IMPs to Bramley

**In tomorrow's bulletin, there will be information on how to kibitz the on site play (F2F) from Schaumburg on LoveBridge. The play will be on tablets and there will be no live kibitz-ing allowed.**