

“Trials” and Tribulations—F2F Pre-Bulletin

Entering the last round of the Senior round-robin, the Levine team was in first place by a margin of .31 VPs. The Beatty team had a chance to catch them.

Levine’s faced Bramley in the last round. With two boards to remaining, Levine trailed Bramley by 10 IMPs. Team Beatty was leading their match by 4. Levine needed a swing to win the round-robin.

Bd 89, Dlr N 4♠+1 S	♠ QJ94 ♥ K ♦ AQ108 ♣ Q953	N Dan Morse E
W Mike Passell	♠ 75 ♥ J107642 ♦ 62 ♣ J82	♠ 862 ♥ A853 ♦ 5 ♣ AK764
	♠ AK103 ♥ Q9 ♦ KJ9743 ♣ 10	W N E S 1♦ X 1♠ 3♥ 3♠ P 4♠ P P P
Pratap Rajadhyaksha S	♠ QJ94 ♥ K ♦ AQ108 ♣ Q953	N Jeff Meckstroth E
Bd 89, Dlr N 2♣X= W	♠ 75 ♥ J107642 ♦ 62 ♣ J82	♠ 862 ♥ A853 ♦ 5 ♣ AK764
W Kit Woolsey	♠ AK103 ♥ Q9 ♦ KJ9743 ♣ 10	W N E S 1NT X XX 2♠ X P P P
Eddie Wold S		Bart Bramley E

Morse/Pratap had a very standard auction to reach 4S. The HJ was led. Lair took the HA and cashed a high club. Pratap took the rest of the tricks for +450.

At the other table, Meckstroth opened 1NT:14-16 including his singleton HK. Bramley’s double showed a four-card major and a longer minor. Wold redoubled to show a good hand and Woolsey bid 2C (pass or correct). Holding four cards in both minors, Meckstroth doubled, and Wold chose to defend.

Meckstroth led the SQ and shifted to the HK. Woolsey won the HA and drove out the HQ. Wold cashed the SK and shifted to the D7. Meckstroth won the DT and returned S9. Woolsey trumped the spade and played the CJ.

Meckstroth covered and Woolsey won the CA. Woolsey cashed the CK and conceded one club trick, taking eight tricks for +180 12 IMPs to Bramley, who eventually won the 30-6, scoring 16.78 VPs and dropping Levine to second place in the round-robin.

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QuarterFinalists in Alphabetical Order

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
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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.



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 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
<i>SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1</i>			
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
<i>FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL</i>			
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
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			
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

Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired.

Jules Renard

I would never die for my beliefs because I might be wrong.

Bertrand Russell

I don't deserve this award, but I have arthritis and I don't deserve that either.

Jack Benny

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.

Hallo Colonials:

Limey Jack has been on flame, as opposed to that hopeless twit, Howie Dung. He couldn't find his way from the Parsonage to Miller's Bog without an escort from the local constabulary.

Four tilts today. Limey Jack is chuffed to give you the righteous path to fortune.

Nickell-Donner: Nickell would be cheesed off to lose this match. Even with the dishy Swedish lass, Donner will be put paid.

Fleisher-Gu: Hard lines for Fleisher as they are gutted by Gu.

Spector-Levine: Levine is wounded and playing 5 handed, but Spector has gone a dog's age without cashing a ticket. On the sheet, two fine teams but neither kettle comes to a complete boil. Limey Jack will take Spector as they are full strength. Run this one to the Punter.

Bramley-Hill: Another pair of teams in a vacuum. Bramley is hardly fielding a full company and has one tenuous partnership, while Hill is the dreaded 5 handed variety. Nowt can prepare one to play against cyphers, but Bramley does the better job of it.

Cheers

Limey Jack

We're back in Schaumburg! Always a joy!
Love the Midwest! Love Illinois!

Love to see friends I've missed now for years...
Even missed Slimey's signature, "Cheers!"

On to the Knockouts... gonna be fun.
Fleisher or Nickell? USA1?

And when it is over... when it is through...
Fleisher or Nickell? USA2?

Donner's a goner... He's in a pickle.
Unluck of the draw, first round to play Nickell!

That Gu's in the quarters alone is a shock.
He's playing team Fleisher and they aren't shlock!

The youth may have stamina ... that is quite fine.
But years of competing will well serve Levine!

Playing the Knockout is surely a thrill.
Look to USA2 to kibitz team Hill.

Bramley is better with Mike and with Mike.
If there was a button, I'd push on the "like!"

I remain... Howie Doing!

Howie Doing...

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!**

Sit Out?

Schaumburg Golf Club—401 North Roselle Road, 847-885-9000

Built in 1928, the course was purchased by the Schaumburg Park District in 1989 and renovated by renowned golf architect Bob Lohmann. The 27-hole course has hosted U.S Open Qualifying, Illinois State Amateur Qualifying, Illinois Open Qualifying, Chicago District Golf Association Mid-Am Championship, IPGA Pro-Junior Championship, Links Technology Cup, The Daily Herald Shootout and King of the Hill Twosome Championship. The course features manicured bent grass tees, fairways and greens; undulating terrain and generous playing conditions that allow for the course to be played from 6,097 to 6,700 yards.

Along with a well-manicured course, SGC offers a full-service practice facility. The full-swing practice facility is available with a grass tee and mats. Two putting greens are available to improve your short game.



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



Come get breakfast.
Come get lunch.
Come get something
Good to much!

How do you keep a bagel from getting away? Put lox on it.

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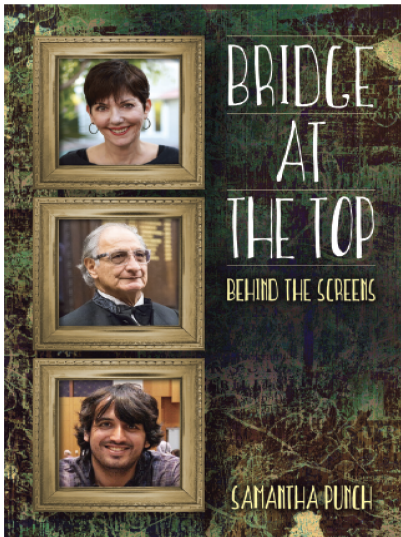
Jan VanCleaf provided this so our readers could use it to improve their bidding and better build partnerships. Bid72 allows users to participate in bidding contests, bid random boards and get a rating based on their bidding, learn about "topic board" hands dedicated to conventions and special agreements,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

In the course of her research project, *Bridge: A MindSport for All*, sociologist Dr. Samantha Punch has been able to speak with many of the world's top bridge personalities. The best interviews are collected in this book, and they offer fascinating insight into what it takes to be a top player, coach or even sponsor. As a bonus, each subject offers their favorite bridge tip.

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 Master Point Press

Samantha Punch's book is recently published and ready for your reading pleasure.

Sam is an amazing advocate of the game and while I have not yet read the book, based on her work with "Keep Bridge Alive" and more, I am certain you will want to have this volume in your collection!

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

Editor



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Sudoku 1



Answer to Puzzle on page 17

Rice Road	relative	Viking	Wells	Wayne
River Road	friend	elf	Whittaker	Sara
Redstone Road	friend	skeleton	Wright	Ross
Rabbit Road	friend	mummy	Wentworth	Martha
Rutland Road	relative	pirate	White	Aaron
Street Name	Friend/Relative	Costume	Last Name	First Name

CHECKOUT



"The last person who tried to pay with his phone, accidentally paid \$2125558080."

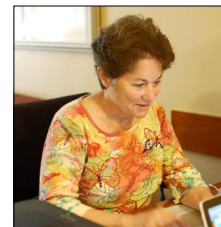
Sudoku 2

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**Hard
Sudoku**

**Sudoku
Solutions
on Page 23**

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Using the LoveBridge Tablets But Were Afraid to Ask! From Jan Martel



Signing in

The tablets at each seat will have a list of players on the team that is supposed to be playing at that seat. When you get to your chosen seat, select your name which will sign you in to that tablet. Please do so accurately so we don't give credit to someone else for your brilliant plays.

System Summary Forms and Convention Cards

Each pair's System Summary form and convention card has been loaded into the Lovebridge software and you can access your opponent's SSF and convention card on your tablet by tapping on the blue convention card button in the upper left corner of the control buttons on the top right of your screen. The SSF and convention card are both there as are the two ACBL defenses to multi 2D for each pair that plays it (you will have to scroll down to access all of the pages that are included). You can look at the opponents' SSF & convention card any time during the bidding and play by tapping the convention card button. You do not have to bring your SSF, convention card or ACBL multi defense to the table with you.

Practice on tablets

As I've said before, we will have tablets set up in the lobby on Monday, Oct. 4th for you to use to become familiar with the interface. We will also have tablets in the playing rooms on Tuesday morning from 9:00 am on, and we will have at least one person who can help you if you need help. Once play starts, you can call the director if you need help with the tablets as well as for normal director calls (the director button is in red in the upper right corner set of controls)

Undo's

When you make a bid, you will have 3 seconds before it is shown to any other player to be sure it's what you intended and cancel it if it isn't (the bid has a "cancel" button under it). If you want to take back a bid after 3 seconds, you can call the director and ask for an undo, which will be allowed only in very unusual situations.

As on RealBridge, you can choose to play cards either by dragging them onto the center of the screen or by using 2 taps on them, so you should be able to avoid misclicks. During play, the only way you can undo a play is to call the director; again it will be allowed only in unusual situations when you can convince the director that the card you placed on the table was the result of an accident and should not be considered a played card.

Input devices

Each of you will get a stylus which you can use instead of your finger to touch the tablet's screen. The stylus should allow more accurate entries than your finger. If you prefer to use a mouse & remote keyboard for entry, that is possible, but we need to know **in advance** so we have enough bluetooth keyboard + mouse combinations available. There are also bluetooth keyboards with trackpads if you prefer that to a separate mouse. Please let Jan know if you want either of these options. If a lot of people want to use them, I may have to charge you something for them. If you have a bluetooth keyboard + mouse or trackpad that you like, you can bring it to the tournament, and we will almost certainly be able to connect it to your tablet.

Chat

You will be able to use the chat button to chat to one or both of your opponents or the entire table. If you want to discuss something with your partner after a hand is over, you will do so in the same way you would at a normal screen table - by chatting to the table; the only difference is that your chat must be typed, it cannot be verbal.

Take two "tablets" and call me in the morning...

Here's what the tablet screen looks like right after you get your hand and before you have bid:

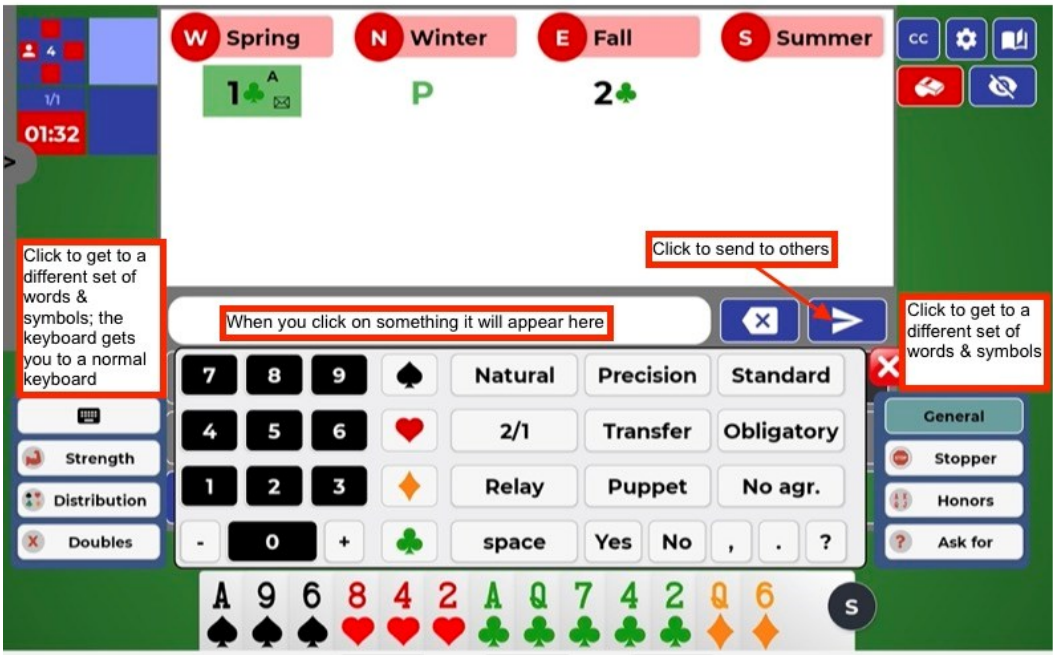


The USBF wants to make the transition to the tablets in Schaumburg as easy as possible. To that end, we are providing you with the screenshots you see here.

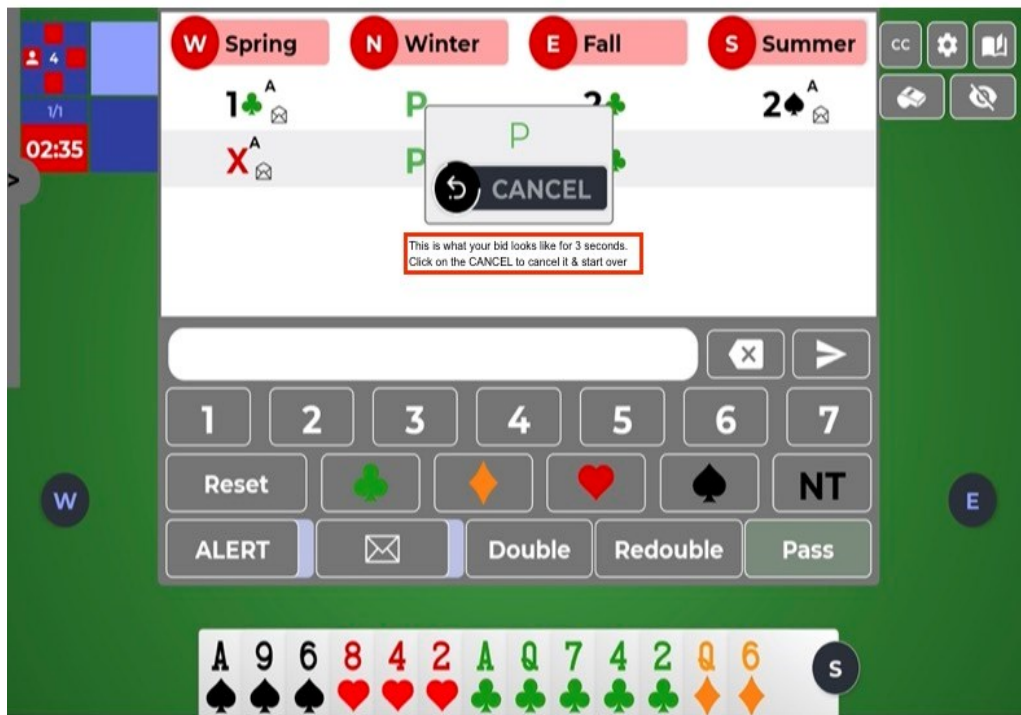
The mechanics are simple. It is a matter of familiarizing yourself with the "look" of the screen.

There wasn't room on the screenshot to point to it, but if you look closely to the left of the timer, you'll see a little >. If you click on that it opens a chat window, where you can chat to either of your opponents or to both of your opponents or to the table. You can't send private chat to your partner during bidding and play, but if you're quick you might be able to between hands.

Here's what the "Bridge Keyboard" looks like when "General" has been selected:



Here's what your bid looks like for 3 seconds after you make it, during which time you can cancel it for any reason:



<p>Legally drunk Exact estimate Act naturally Found missing Resident alien Genuine imitation Good grief Sanitary landfill Alone together Small crowd Business ethics Soft rock Butt Head Sweet sorrow "Now, then ..." Passive aggressive Clearly misunderstood Peace force Extinct Life Plastic glasses</p>	<p>Terribly pleased Political science Tight slacks Definite maybe Pretty ugly Rap music Working vacation</p>
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Oxymorons

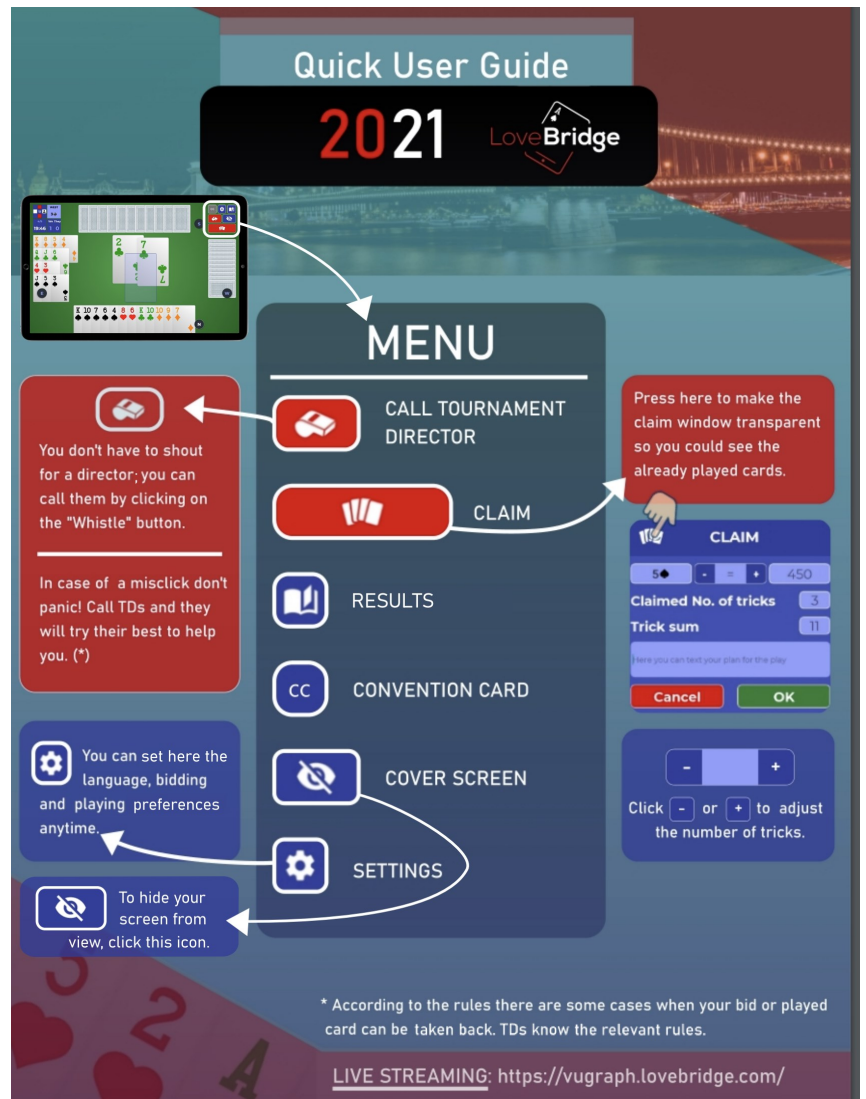
LoveBridge prepared some online guides for us.



They can be accessed at:

<https://lovebridge.com/tabletguide.pdf>

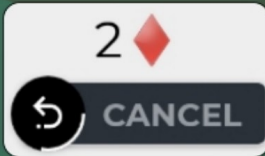
They are very helpful.



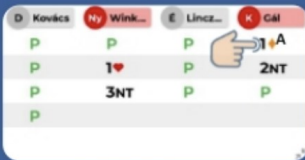
Actual Sign...

According to the rules there are some cases when your bid or played card can be taken back. TDs know the relevant rules.

LIVE STREAMING: <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/>



Don't worry if you misclick during the bidding; you have a few seconds to cancel the bid. You can change this timeframe at Settings/Bid Menu.



You can tap on the bidding panel to alert your calls. You can even give written explanations. Find more details in the explanation guide.

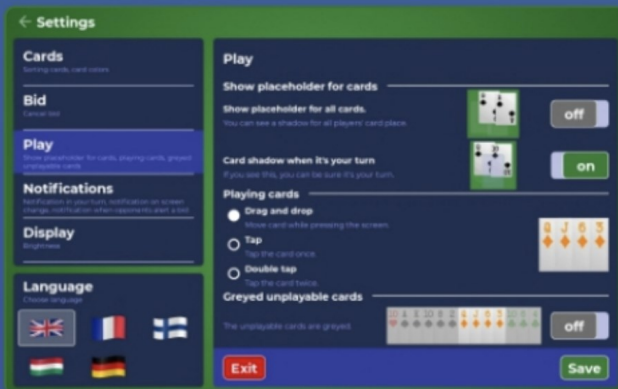


Whenever it's your turn, you can play a card, even if the bidding panel or the cards from the last trick are still in the middle of the screen.

At the top left corner you will always see the vulnerability and the dealer from your perspective (you are at the bottom).



You can change how to play your cards in the Settings Menu.



The system will remember your settings when you play next time.



You can review the previous boards any time.

Study these screenshots ... note the position of icons on the screen...

You will be ready to play F2F!



Explanation

User guide - self alert

The logic of alerts and explanations in the LoveBridge system can work multiple ways. You will use it **with self alert and screened tables**. You only alert your own calls. Both opponents can ask for more information, and they will always know the same details about bids.

Alerting

When you want to make an alertable call, you have multiple options:

You can **tap in the input field** and type your explanation here.

You can **tap on the alert button** so that your opponent knows it's alertable.



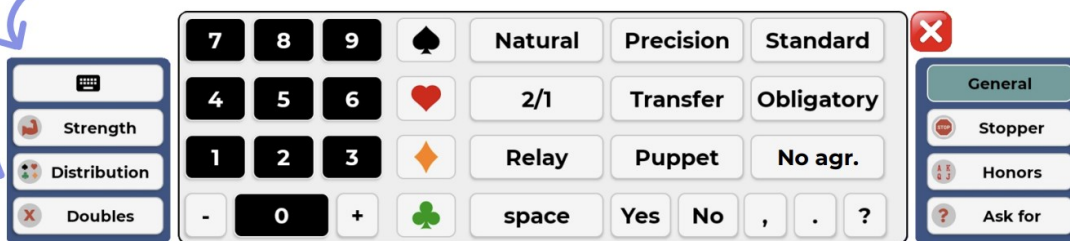
You can **tap the envelope button** and, after placing your call, the bridge keyboard will pop up. Here you can type your explanation.

Note: Your call will be alerted as well.

Bridge keyboard

Common bridge expressions are organized in seven categories to help you type bridge related messages with only a few taps.

You can type any other message using a traditional keyboard.



Multiple words in every category

Bidding Panel

The closed envelope shows that you have an **unread message**.

The bidding panel shows four players: Sleepy (S), Dopey (W), Sneezzy (N), and Happy (E). Below their names are their bids:

- Sleepy: P
- Dopey: 1♥
- Sneezzy: 1♣^A (with a closed envelope icon)
- Happy: X

Below these are two rows of additional bids:

- Row 1: P, 1♥, P, 1♠^A (with a closed envelope icon)
- Row 2: P, 2♣, P, 4♠

You can always give additional information by tapping on your bid. Make sure that your explanation contains complete information about a specific call.

You can ask for additional information by sending a question mark. You can ask specific questions using the chat. (More about the chat on the next page.)

When you send an explanation, both of your opponents will receive it. Both opponents can ask for more information.

Received Explanations

When you read the explanation, you can **close the window** with the X button.

You can ask for further information by simply tapping the send button.

Make sure you only press the send button when you would like to ask a question.

The screenshot shows a window for a received explanation. At the top, it displays 'N 1♣' followed by a question mark in a search bar. Below this is a blue button with '2+' and a person icon, and the word 'standard'. On the right side of the window, there is a blue send button with a white arrow and a red close button with a white 'X'.



Frequently Asked Questions

How can I unalert my bid?

You can press on your bid, turn off the alert switch and tap on the send button.



Can my partner see when I ask for further information?

No, your partner will only know that your opponent has changed the explanation.

Can I take cards back?

There is no undo button, you can use double tap or drag and drop to make sure you play the card you want to play. You can call the director to take your card back, and they will inform you about applicable rules.

Can I take bids back?

There is a cancel time (can be set to 0-5 seconds) for the bid, when you can review your call, and take it back if it was a misclick. No other player can see it during these seconds. Directors can take back bids as well.

Why can't I see the bidding during playing?

According to the rules, you are not allowed to see the bidding once the playing has begun. You can only see the bidding before you play your first card.

Why can't I see my partner's cards when I'm the dummy?

Just as playing with cards, you can not see the declarer's cards when you are the dummy.

	Wells	Wentworth	White	Whittaker	Wright	elf	mummy	pirate	skeleton	Viking	friend	friend	friend	relative	relative	Rabbit Road	Redstone Road	Rice Road	River Road	Rutland Road
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Martha																				
Ross																				
Sara																				
Wayne																				
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Viking																				



Answer on Page 9

First Name	Last Name	Costume	Friend/Relative	Street Name

Last Friday was October 31st, Halloween night! To celebrate the holiday, five neighbors traveled across town to attend different costume parties with friends or family. Each neighbor wore a different costume to the party and each party was held on a different street. Determine the full name of each neighbor, what costume each wore, if the party each attended was held by a friend or a relative, and the street name of where each party was held.

- Ms. Whittaker didn't wear the pirate costume. The two people who went to a relative's party were the pirate and the person whose last name was Wells
- Aaron didn't go to his relative's party dressed as a Viking. The person whose last name was Wright went to the party on Redstone Road.

- Martha didn't go to the party on Rice Road. Sara's last name wasn't Wentworth.
- A relative held the party on Rutland Road. Sara dressed as an elf. Wayne didn't have a skeleton costume.
- Aaron White didn't go to the party on River Road. The neighbor who went to a friend's party on Rabbit Road was dressed in a mummy costume.
- Mr. Wells went to the party on Rice Road. Ross, whose last name wasn't Wentworth, went to a friend's party

Puzzle Page ...

Pizza

Find and circle all of the pizza ingredients and toppings that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell four additional pizza toppings.

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

ARTICHOKE HEARTS
ASIAGO
ASPARAGUS
BACON
BANANA PEPPERS
BASIL
BELL PEPPERS
BLACK OLIVES
BROCCOLI

CRUST
EGGPLANT
FETA
GARLIC
GOAT CHEESE
GOUDA
GREEN OLIVES
GROUND BEEF
HAM

JALAPENOS
MONTEREY JACK
MOZZARELLA
MUSHROOMS
OLIVE OIL
ONIONS
OYSTERS
PARMESAN
PEPPERONI

PROVOLONE
RICOTTA
SALAMI
SAUSAGE
SHRIMP
SPINACH
TOMATO SAUCE
TOMATOES
ZUCCHINI

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Bd 76, Dlr W

6♠ = E

W Kit Woolsey

♠ AKJ73

♥ AKQ5

♦ QJ96

♣ —

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Gloria Bart S

♠ Q82

♥ 102

♦ 7543

♣ 10752

N Les Bart

E Bart Bramley

♠ 965

♥ 83

♦ A2

♣ AKJ863

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

On Board 76, Bramley/Woolsey had a Strong Club relay sequence where Bramley became declarer in 6S from the short hand. As luck would have it, this protected the tenaces in the minors.

1C bid was strong and artificial. 1NT showed a game forcing hand with five+ clubs and no four-card major. All West's subsequent bids were artificial asks. This kept West's hand concealed throughout the auction.

East's responses were explained as follows:

3C = 3-2-2-6 or 2-2-2-7 distribution

4D showed 3-2-2-6 with 5 controls

4S showed none or both CAK

5C showed none or both SAK

5H showed none or both HAK

5NT denied the CQ

South led the S4. Bramley won the SA and cashed the SK. He cashed the HA and HK and trumped dummy's H5. Bramley cashed the CA and CK, pitching diamonds from dummy. He trumped a club in dummy. When the CQ appeared, Bramley exited with a trump and claimed twelve tricks for +980

In the other room Bitterman/Cappelli played 6S from the West hand. A club was led and Cappelli relied on either diamonds or spades working. He won the club and crossed to the HA to lead the DQ. If the diamond finesse succeeded, Cappelli would be able to cash the SA followed by the HAK and a heart ruff before leading a second spade toward his hand, making the hand as long as North didn't have two spade winners. When the diamond finesse lost, Cappelli won the heart return, cashed the SA and led a diamond to dummy. He pitched his last heart on the CK and took the losing spade finesse.

14 IMPs to Bramley

Bridge is a huge part of **Kevin Bathurst**'s life.

Excerpted from the Palm Beach Post 2015

The Palm Beach Gardens man plays competitively for a living, and it's through the card game that he met his wife. He's good at what he does. He's won four, first-place North American Bridge Championships, most recently an event at a summer competition in Chicago in mid-August 2015.

Bathurst learned the game from his parents, Cathy and Marc Nathan, when he was 12. They were teaching his older brother to play, and Bathurst wanted in. Bridge was a hobby for most of his life. He studied computer science in college and tutored high school math and science for a company he and some of his friends founded.

"After awhile, I was making a lot more money playing bridge than doing that," he said.

At 37, Bathurst is young for a bridge hobbyist, but not necessarily the upper echelons of the competitive bridge world, he said.

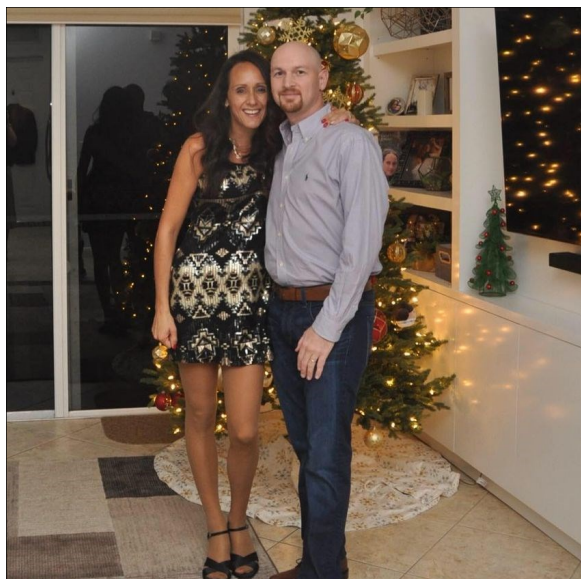
People hire him to play local small club games or to compete in large tournaments, he said when interviewed from a tournament in Atlanta. He's made friends from throughout the world and met his now-wife's brother and father at a World Junior Bridge Championship in Paris.

He and Catalina Robles made each other's acquaintance through an online bridge playing site. They now have two young sons. Catalina said she plays bridge socially, but not with Bathurst — she doesn't want to take him to do what he does for a living in his free time.

Robles used to ask him for advice when she played more often.

"It's very nice to have an expert nearby when you're learning," Robles said.

Bathurst isn't alone in his success. Fellow Palm Beach Gardens resident and professional bridge player Vince Demuy won first place with his team in a different event at the same competition, billed as the world's largest bridge tournament.



Demuy, 32, started playing bridge when he was 13 and professionally since he was 18. He makes about \$100,000 a year doing it. Experience is the key, he said, noting he's devoted his life to the card game that has captivated him.

"I love playing cards and finally found a card game that has pretty much no luck involved," Demuy said. "It doesn't get boring. It's always a new problem every time, and I love solving problems."

Meet the Players

Where to Find Food Near the Playing Site

Chicago Prime Italian Restaurant

\$\$\$ · Italian

700 N Meacham Rd

Elegant, locally owned venue offering a menu of Italian dishes, plus a seasonal patio.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Morton's The Steakhouse

\$\$\$\$ · Restaurant

1470 McConnor Pkwy · In Windy Point

4:30PM

Upscale chain for aged prime beef, seafood & other traditional steakhouse fare in a clubby space.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Seasons 52

\$\$ · New American

1770 E Higgins Rd

Rotating menu of seasonal American dishes alongside international wines in an upscale setting.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Weber Grill Restaurant & Academy

\$\$\$ · Restaurant

1010 N Meacham Rd

Boisterous, rustic American hideaway serving up kettle-cooked steaks, burgers & ribs.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Shaw's Crab House

\$\$\$ · Seafood

1900 E Higgins Rd · In the Streets of Woodfield

Suburban version of the upscale city seafood restaurant with traditional decor & an oyster bar.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Wildfire

\$\$\$ · Steak

1250 E Higgins Rd

"**Best dining** experience in Schaumburg!"

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

City Works - Schaumburg

\$\$ · Restaurant

1850 E Golf Rd

"Outdoor dining was great different options of seating."

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Stonewood Alehouse

\$\$ · American

601 Mall Dr

Spacious contemporary alehouse serves up draft microbrews & wood-fired meals in a lodgelike venue.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Bahama Breeze

\$\$ · Caribbean

406 E Golf Rd · In Woodfield Plaza

Laid-back chain eatery featuring Caribbean entrees & tropical cocktails amid beachy decor.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Westwood Tavern

\$\$ · Grill

1385 N Meacham Rd · In Woodfield Village Green

"Patio **dining** available."

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Granite City Food & Brewery

\$\$ · American

801 Plaza Dr

Casual chain eatery with an American comfort-food menu plus craft beers brewed on-site.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Chicago Prime Steakhouse

\$\$\$ · Steak

1444 E Algonquin Rd · In The Shoppes at Prime Village

"Unbelievable **dining** experience!!"

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

The Capital Grille

\$\$\$\$ · Fine Dining

2000 E Golf Rd

Opens 5PM

Outpost of the upscale steakhouse chain offers classic American fare & a clubby, refined setting.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Kuma's Corner Schaumburg

\$\$ · American

1570 E Golf Rd · In Woodfield Village Green

American eatery with a wraparound bar & patio for burgers piled with toppings, plus craft beer.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

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Maggiano's Little Italy

\$\$ · Restaurant

1901 Woodfield Rd · In the Streets of Woodfield

Semi-upscale chain for classic Italian fare served family-style in a relaxed, polished space.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup

LongHorn Steakhouse

\$\$ · Steak

1901 E Golf Rd

"Very nice dine , always it's a pleasure to **eat** at Long-horn"

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Meze Mediterraneo

Mediterranean

680 Mall Dr

Rustic Mediterranean fare in an elevated dining room with bar seating & contemporary interiors.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Benihana

\$\$\$ · Japanese

1200 E Higgins Rd

Hibachi chain serving Japanese dishes grilled tableside by theatrical chefs.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Texas de Brazil

\$\$\$ · Steak

5 Woodfield Mall Ste D312 · In Woodfield Mall

"I dine in this great **restaurant** often!"

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Bonefish Grill

\$\$ · Seafood

180 S Roselle Rd

Contemporary grill chain offering a seafood-centric menu, plus steaks & cocktails.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

This list is pretty recent and indicates pickup or delivery. Some of your old haunts from past Championships may have closed since the start of the Pandemic.

Several of these listings are across the street in Woodfield Shopping Mall. These listings do not include phone numbers but with the information here, you should be able to research that on your cell if you are concerned about outdoor dining or delivery to the hotel.

Shopping Nearby

Woodfield Mall

5 Woodfield Mall · (847) 330-1537

Open ☑ Closes 6PM

In-store shopping·In-store pickup

Style Encore - Schaumburg

Consignment shop

1402 N Roselle Rd · In Remington Plaza · (847) 874-7184

Open ☑ Closes 6PM

In-store shopping·Curbside pickup

Streets of Woodfield

601 N Martingale Rd · (630) 954-7300

Open ☑ Closes 10PM

In-store shopping

Kibitzer Activities

Heritage Farm

201 S. Plum Grove Road, Schaumburg · 847-985-2102

Step back into the 1880s for a look at when Schaumburg was a rural German farm community. On a visit to Volkening Heritage Farm, you can help with seasonal farm chores, participate in family activities and games of the 1880s or simply visit the livestock and soak in the quiet.

Authentically dressed interpreters welcome and guide visitors through the site.

Hours of Operation

Current hours are effective July 1 - Oct. 31.

- **Visitor Center/Museum Store/Farmhouse** - Wed.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

- **Farm Grounds & Trails** - Daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Admission to Heritage Farm is FREE; however, during scheduled special events it may require an entrance fee.

DISCOVER THE ART!

The **Chicago Athenaeum's International Sculpture Park** is situated on 20 acres of meadow, forest, and natural prairie on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg,

PARKING AT

Prairie Center For the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct

HOURS

The International Sculpture Park is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

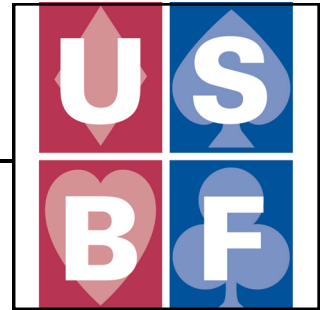
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Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



USBF Supporting Membership

If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

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

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.



I went to a psychic. I needed a pard.
My play at trick one? I thought very hard.

I envisioned an ace.
I envisioned a spade.
So why was the deuce
What my psychic friend played?

She said that was all she had in her meld
And she's only as good as the cards that
she's held!



Cartoonist found
dead in home.

Details are sketchy.

If a judge loves the
sound of his own voice,
expect a long sentence.

He didn't tell his mother
that he ate some glue.

His lips were sealed.

Weight loss pills stolen
this morning...

...police say suspects
are still at large.

I used to date a girl
with a lazy eye.

It turns out she was
seeing someone else
the whole time!

"Pun"tificating...