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Results: USA2 Final

2	Lall	165	36	31	15	24	23	36
3	Wolfson	186	11	28	43	62	35	7

Congrats Team Wolfson... Senior USA2!

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oldies but Goodies—SUSBC

Final Day...

Segment 5

Segment 1 started out all Lall. There were no big swings in the first four boards but Lall picked up 12, a little at a time. Board 5 was a 9 IMP pickup to Wolfson.

Board 5

Wolfson
 ♠ Q832
 ♥ 106
 ♦ KJ82
 ♣ KQ6

Cheek
 ♠ K97
 ♥ A54
 ♦ A96
 ♣ A753

Zia
 ♠ 65
 ♥ KJ3
 ♦ 107
 ♣ J109842

Garner
 ♠ AJ104
 ♥ Q9872
 ♦ Q543
 ♣

NS: 0
EW: 0

Cheek	Wolfson	Zia	Garner
3NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

MRosen	D Clerkin	Lair	J Clerkin
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In the Open room, Zia opened an aggressive 3C on a six card suit headed by the jack. The vulnerability was favorable and it would likely get the "Woolsey" stamp of approval! Cheek, having cards in all suits, and an opening strong NT, bid 3NT.

Wolfson started the D2 to the 7, Q, A. Cheek hoped for any reasonable club break. He led a small club from hand toward the dummy guarding against a 3-0 split onside. The offside 3-0 doomed the contract. Wolfson won, cashed the DJ, switched to a spade to Garner's ace and Garner continued spades. Cheek ducked the first spade and won the second. He knocked out Wolfson's remaining club. Wolfson cashed his SQ and his high diamonds. 3NT down 4!

In the other room, the Clerkin brothers bid an 4S after Denny opened in 1st seat on his flat 11 count. Lair led the CJ. There was no way to avoid losing two hearts, one diamond and the offside SK. Denny lost another trick in the wash and went light two tricks.

A push board and a 3 and 4 IMP swing to Wolfson ensued.

Board 11

D Clerkin
 ♠ QJ42
 ♥ 862
 ♦ KQ65
 ♣ J2

MRosenberg
 ♠ A87
 ♥ Q10974
 ♦ AJ94
 ♣ 10

Lair
 ♠ 109653
 ♥ 3
 ♦ 73
 ♣ A9853

J Clerkin
 ♠ K
 ♥ AKJ5
 ♦ 1082
 ♣ KQ764

NS: 0
EW: 0

MRosen	D Clerkin	Lair	J Clerkin
2♥	Dbl	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT

Cheek	Wolfson	Zia	Garner
2♦	Dbl	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♥
Pass			Pass

On Board 11, both tables reached 3NT. Rosenberg led the HT to Jerry's HJ. Jerry tried a club to the J won by Lair's ace. Lair played the D7 to the 8,9,Q. Jerry played a spade and Rosenberg ducked the K. Rosenberg won the diamond switch and continued diamonds. Jerry won and played the C7 to the DJ, C2, and C8. The S6 went to the A. The HQ came back and declarer conceded down one.

In the other room, Cheek led the D4. Garner won his D8. The CJ lost to the CA and the H3 was won with the king. Garner played the SK, ducked, then the DT to the J, K, 3. He played the C2 to the 3 and 6 and a diamond to Cheek's ace. Cheek continued diamonds; Garner won in dummy; played the SQ to Cheek's ace and claimed 10 tricks.

10 IMPs to Wolfson

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14

D Clerkin
 ♠ 874
 ♥ Q7643
 ♦ 86
 ♣ J65

M Rosenberg
 ♠ QJ1093
 ♥ 9
 ♦ QJ103
 ♣ Q108

Lair
 ♠ AK
 ♥ A82
 ♦ AK
 ♣ K97432

J Clerkin
 ♠ 652
 ♥ KJ105
 ♦ 97542
 ♣ A

NS: 0
EW: 0

M Rosen	D Clerk	Lair	J Clerk
		2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass

Cheek	Wolfson	Zia	Garner
		2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	Pass

Board 14 was another 10 IMP pickup ... this time for Lall.

In the Closed Room, Rosenberg and Lair bid to 4S on a strong 2C auction where Lair showed a balanced 22-24 and Rosenberg transferred to spades and showed diamonds.

Jerry led a small diamond won by the ace. Lair cashed the ace and king of spades and played a small club. Jerry won his ace and continued diamonds. Lair won, cashed his HA and claimed 12 tricks.

In the other room, Zia also opened 2C, but after Cheek's 2D response, Zia showed where he lived. Instead of 2NT, he bid 3C confirming a strong two in clubs. Cheek raised; Zia asked for keycard and signed off in the club slam.

Garner's HJ went to the ace. The C2 drew the stiff ace. Garner did his best to cut off dummy. He returned a small heart. Zia ruffed. Played the DQ to the ace; cashed the high spades; cashed the DK; and played a club to the queen. He cashed the SQ, and when Wolfson followed, he threw his heart loser. He ruffed back to hand and pulled the last trump. Contract making 10 IMPs to Lall.

Board 15 was a push and we're off to the final segment. The score is 179 Wolfson; 129 Lall...

17

Sontag
 ♠ Q106
 ♥ J96
 ♦ Q97
 ♣ 10984

Cheek
 ♠ K7542
 ♥ A103
 ♦ AKJ65
 ♣

Zia
 ♠ 3
 ♥ Q8542
 ♦ 32
 ♣ AQ653

Berkowitz
 ♠ AJ98
 ♥ K7
 ♦ 1084
 ♣ KJ72

NS: 0
EW: 0

Cheek	Sontag	Zia	Berkowit
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

M Rosen	D Clerk	Lair	J Clerk
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Board 16 was a push.

On Board 17, both South's opened 1D in 3rd seat. Both Wests overcalled 1S and both Norths passed. In the Open Room, Zia bid 2H on his 5-5 in hearts and clubs and Cheek jumped to the heart game. Lair bid 2C on that hand and when Rosenberg bid 2NT, he passed.

2NT made three when Denny underled his D:Qxx. Rosenberg cashed the diamonds, played the HA and a heart to the J, Q, K. Clerkin returned a spade and Rosenberg collected one spade, five diamonds, two hearts and one club.

Against 4H, Berk led the C7. Zia won the queen and played a spade. Berk won his ace and played the CK. Zia won the ace, ruffed a club, cashed the SK, and ruffed a spade. He cashed two high diamonds and ruffed a diamond. When the suit split 3-3, he had his ten tricks. Contract making.

7 IMPs to Lall

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Board 19

D Clerkin
 ♠ 842
 ♥ J105
 ♦ QJ
 ♣ A7652

MRosenberg
 ♠ AQ109
 ♥ Q43
 ♦ 872
 ♣ KJ8

Lair
 ♠ 653
 ♥ AK976
 ♦ A953
 ♣ 4

J Clerkin
 ♠ KJ7
 ♥ 82
 ♦ K1064
 ♣ Q1093

NS: 0
EW: 0

MRosen	D Clerki	Lair	J Clerkin
Pass	1NT	Pass	1♦
Pass			

Board 18 was a push but board 19 was not. Lall was making his run. The Clerkins were opening anything that wiggled at favorable.

Barnet Shenken made the observation on VuGraph that Lall had the seating rights and might have put Zia against Berkowitz and Sontag because Zia is the "swing maker." He should have been in the other room. He might not have felt that way!

Jerry opened his 3-2-4-4 nine count in first seat!! Denny responded 1NT and they played it there going down 5 for -250.

Lair led the HA and shifted to a spade through the KJ7. Rosenberg won the SJ with the queen, cashed the HQ and played another heart. Lair cashed the hearts, played another spade through dummy and Rosenberg cashed the spades. A diamond to Lair's ace followed and it was over.

In the other room, unimpeded, Cheek and Zia bid to the 4H game. With the favorable lie of the spades and the hearts splitting 3-2, this succeeded easily.

9 IMPs to Lall

Cheek	Sontag	Zia	Berkowit
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Boards 20 and 21 were pushes. Wolfson scored two minor swings on 22 and 23 totally 6 IMPs.

Board 24

D Clerkin
 ♠ AK5
 ♥ J1075
 ♦ 854
 ♣ 1098

MRosenberg
 ♠ 108
 ♥ A842
 ♦ 72
 ♣ KJ543

Lair
 ♠ Q42
 ♥ K
 ♦ AQ10963
 ♣ A72

J Clerkin
 ♠ J9763
 ♥ Q963
 ♦ KJ
 ♣ Q6

NS: 0
EW: 0

MRosen	D Clerki	Lair	J Clerkin
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

On 24, Rosenberg/Lair stopped in a diamond partial. They have only 23 points between them, not vul, and up in the match... They made three.

At the other table, still fighting to get back, Zia and Cheek bid 3NT. Zia opened 1NT on the East hand with a broken 6-card diamond suit and a singleton HK.

Berkowitz led a spade. Sontag won his king, cashed his ace and continued spades. Zia won. He played his club ace and club and when the queen popped, he had five clubs, two hearts, one diamond and one spade for nine.

7 IMPs to Lall.

Maybe Barnet was right!

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Cheek	Sontag	Zia	Berkowit
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 2

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

Hard Sudoku

Paints were a very precious quantity in the good old days, and British merchants could make a young fortune supplying paints to the colonies.

One company sent a clipper ship full of red paint across the ocean. It had the very bad luck to collide with another ship full of blue paint.

As a result of this disaster, both crews were... marooned.

There was this snail who wanted to be a Formula One racing driver. He went along to the track and asked if he could drive. The racing team manager said, 'Yes, but you can't have a number on your car, you can only have an 'S' because you are a snail.'

The Snail was OK about this is so he entered the race. The race started and the snail's car was at the back...but suddenly he sped to the front, over-taking all the cars and won!!

As the spectators saw the Snail speed past them, they yelled 'WOW! LOOK AT THAT S-CAR GO!!'

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

**Sudoku
Solutions
No Peeking!**

Puzzle Page ...

	Atkins	Ford	Foster	McQueen	Slater	back injuries	cancer	DNA mapping	heart disease	mental diseases	Charlotte	Chicago	Dallas	Miami	Seattle
Amy															
Chet															
Harry															
Michelle															
Patricia															
Charlotte															
Chicago															
Dallas															
Miami															
Seattle															
back injuries															
cancer															
DNA mapping															
heart disease															
mental diseases															

Answer on page 7

First Name	Last Name	Area of Research	City
Amy			
Chet			
Harry			
Michelle			
Patricia			
-----	Atkins	back injuries	Charlotte
-----	Ford	cancer	Chicago
-----	Foster	DNA mapping	Dallas
-----	McQueen	heart disease	Miami
-----	Slater	mental diseases	Seattle

The National Foundation of Medical Research held a highly-attended conference each year in Washington, DC. The Foundation had a series of awards that could be presented during the conference to doctors and medical professionals who had made a significant contribution to furthering medical knowledge in a main area of study. However, the awards were not generally awarded every year as the candidates must have made an outstanding and recognizable contribution to the science of medicine, which probably helped explain why the Foundation's awards were considered some of the most prestigious in the medical industry. This year, several of the awards were given out to candidates scattered across the nation. Determine the full name of each recipient (one had a last name of Foster), the area of medical research each recipient contributed to (one area was back injuries), and the city where each recipient lived.

1. The doctor who came from Chicago was given an award for his research into cancer.
2. Patricia was researching heart disease but she didn't live in Miami.
3. Harry's last name wasn't Atkins. Amy didn't live in Charlotte.
4. Ms. Ford's award was for her work in DNA mapping.
5. Michelle Slater wasn't researching mental diseases.
6. Chet lived in Dallas. The doctor whose last name was McQueen worked in Seattle.

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.



Weight loss pills stolen this morning - police say suspects are still at large.

Did you hear about the crime that happened in a parking garage? It was wrong on so many levels.

When an escaped prisoner was caught camping out in the woods it was a clear case of criminal in tent.

How did Mister Nucleus escape from prison? Through the cell wall.

Lifelong counterfeiters never make any real money.

Murder with knives is very messy, and I suggest not taking a stab at it.

The nudist was acquitted of indecent exposure because nobody could pin the wrap on her.

I knew I had to pay the mobster the money I owed him. It was a matter of life or debt.

The defendant in a coffee theft trial refused to testify on the grounds that could incriminate him.

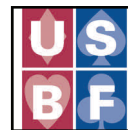
What kind of crime is committed when a bird is attacked? A featheral offense.

The new jail tunnel was a runaway success.

My wife found a twenty in my pants pocket after she washed and dried them. I had to turn her in to the authorities for money laundering.

A man who cannot read the sign that warns people from throwing garbage on the ground is illiterate.

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. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

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We hope you will join us.

Before the 1998 Chicago NABC, the ACBL commissioned an artist named Jim Harrington from Waukegan, IL, to do a painting called "Our Game." The lithos were sold at the '98 NABC and the original was auctioned off as a fund raiser for the tournament. Leo and Pat Perez from Garden Grove, CA, won the drawing and the winners were named at the Orlando NABC that year and awarded their painting. The picture was prominently displayed during both the Chicago and Orlando NABCs. The lithos are numbered editions. Mr. Harrington's widow, Sue, donated the remaining lithos to the USBF when she moved from her Waukegan home last year. We have several here at the tournament. If you would like one, please see either Jan Martel or Suzi Subeck. From the July 26, 1998, Daily Bulletin at the Chicago NABC:



Our Game

The ACBL Educational Foundation is happy to welcome artist Jim Harrington who is here in Chicago this morning to personalize limited edition prints of his painting "Our Game". This is the only day he will be here. Harrington will be at the Educational Foundation's booth which is located near the NorthEast Exhibit Hall on the lower level.

Harrington is a well-known artist listed in *Who's Who of Living American Artists* and is well represented in the collections of many corporate and private collections. Proceeds from the project will be split evenly between the Educational Foundation and Art Etc. Inc.

FYI:

These are not for sale. We are giving them to those who want them.

I never said half the things I said.

Yogi Berra

I always thought that record would stand until it was broken.

Yogi Berra

Several Committees of the USBF meet online as Forums on BridgeWinners. These groups impact future United States Bridge Championships. Among these committees are the **USBF Tournament Policy Committee**, the **USBF Technical Committee**, and the **USBF Systems Committee**. These committees formerly known as the ITT committees make decisions that impact you as participants in our Competitions.

All of these committees and more are active as Forums on BridgeWinners. If you, as a member of the USBF, would like to be involved in our future decision making process, you are welcome to visit there, participate, and read up on the current outlook.

For access to the BW Forums, email Jan to request your access at marteljan@gmail.com.

We encourage your involvement. Your input and your interest is important to us.

USBF Committees

Our pens, though not feather,
Perhaps need a tether?
To keep them from flying away?
We always reuse them
So please don't abuse them,
And leave on the table today!

We clearly assert
Your need to alert
So use when explaining a call!

But leave at the site
So others can write.
Should they need to explain Lebensoh!!!

Alert!



25

Sontag
 ♠ Q83
 ♥ J65
 ♦ 1095
 ♣ K1082

Cheek
 ♠ 10762
 ♥ AK1087432
 ♦
 ♣ J

Zia
 ♠ KJ9
 ♥ Q
 ♦ AQ72
 ♣ AQ754

Berkowitz
 ♠ A54
 ♥ 9
 ♦ KJ8643
 ♣ 963

NS: 0
EW: 0

Cheek	Sontag	Zia	Berkowit
	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

MRosenl	D Clerki	Lair	J Clerkin
	Pass	1♣	3♦
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

13 IMPs to Lall

The last big swing occurred on board 25.

Both Easts opened 1C.

Berkowitz made a standard 1D overcall. Cheek bid 1H. Zia bid a forcing 2NT, and pushing for positive swings, Curtis bid 6H.

Zia had a good hand for him... and the opponents' cards were placed perfectly. Cheek brought home the slam for +1430

At the other table, looking for chances to swing and hoping those swings would work, Jerry Clerkin tried 3D.

Rosenberg bid 3H and Lair, with great diamond stoppers, bid 3NT. Rosenberg corrected to 4H on his wild distribution but there was no convenient way to bid a slam and be certain it was right.

Rosenberg collected the same 12 tricks as Cheek but scored only 680.

There was a 1 IMP swing to Wolfson on Board 26 and the last four boards were all pushes.

Great match!

Thanks to BBO for allowing us a month of coverage. It has been really fun... in Schaumburg and online.

Wishing everyone a safe trip home!

Hope to see you all in Las Vegas at the Summer NABC!

One cute story...

Last night, Debbie Rosenberg, who flew back to California earlier this week after a victory in the Mixed Teams USA2, posted on FB that her son, Kevin, was going to be on VG from Australia playing in an event there. Of course, that was VERY VERY late at night in the "States".

Poor Debbie ... Being a great mom and loyal wife, stayed up half the night watching Kevin and then got up really earlier this morning to watch Michael! At least Michael made it worth it by winning!

