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## The Prez Says ...

Welcome to the 2021 Senior United States Bridge Championships. This event is being run online and in Schaumburg, Illinois, to select USA1 and USA2 to represent the United States in the World 2021 Bridge Teams Championship in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy from March 27th-April 9th, 2022.

Ten teams will compete two days in the round robin. Eight will remain to play in the F2F Knockout event in Schaumburg.

**The Format:** There will be 4 matches on Friday, October 1, and 5 matches on Saturday, October 2. Each match will be 10 boards long.

The F2F USA1 stages will be 2-day, 120-board KO matches.

The F2F 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 in the KO stages will be on LoveBridge tablets.**

The KO bracket will be based on ACBL seeding points and additional team seeding points assigned for Round Robin finish (7 for first, 5 for second, 3 for third, 2 for fourth, 1 for fifth).

While the USBF Board and tournament organizers do their best to make this event the fairest Competition year after year, only YOU, the players, can uphold the ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which US bridge is known worldwide. When old enough for this event, I will do my part to uphold these standards. I ask that each of you do the same. Good luck! Let the games begin!

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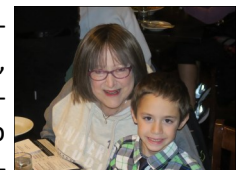
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### Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting in the Round Robin, it is especially challenging to review and write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please alert me by email at [stansubeck@prodigy.net](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net). Human interest stories, news or gossip are also welcome!! Thanks. Also, you might want to keep this issue handy. It contains some all-purpose information on tournament format and kibitzing for both the online and F2F events.

Suzi



# Teams Entered

<b>Beatty</b>	<b>Steve Beatty, Capt</b> <b>Jim Foster</b> <b>Jeff Roman</b>	<b>Fred Stewart</b> <b>Bryan Howard</b> <b>Ralph Buchalter</b>
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<b>Levine</b>	<b>Mike Levine</b> <b>Jeff Meckstroth</b> <b>Mark Lair</b> <b>Bob Morris, NPC</b>	<b>Eddie Wold</b> <b>Mike Passell</b>
<b>Lewis</b>	<b>Linda Lewis, Capt</b> <b>Ron Smith</b> <b>Doug Doub</b>	<b>Paul Lewis</b> <b>Billy Cohen</b> <b>John Stiefel</b>
<b>Reynolds</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds, Capt</b> <b>William Hall</b> <b>Randy Howard</b>	<b>Lance Kerr</b> <b>Joe Viola</b> <b>John Jones</b>
<b>Simson</b>	<b>Doug Simson, Capt</b> <b>Drew Casen</b> <b>John Schermer</b>	<b>Jeff Aker</b> <b>Jim Krekorian</b> <b>Venkatrao Koneru</b>



# Online Schedule

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS
FRIDAY	OCT. 1	11:30 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	OCT. 1	12:00 - 1:20	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		1:40 - 3:00	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20 60 MINUTE BREAK
		4:00 - 5:20	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30
		5:40 - 7:00	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
SATURDAY	OCT. 2	12:00 - 1:20	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
		1:40 - 3:00	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 51-60 60 MINUTE BREAK
		4:00 - 5:20	ROUND 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		5:40 - 7:00	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 71-80
		7:20 - 8:40	ROUND 9 - BOARDS 81-90

# F2F Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
QUARTER-FINAL			
FRIDAY	OCT. 22	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
SATURDAY	OCT. 23	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SUNDAY	OCT. 24	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
MONDAY	OCT. 25	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
TUESDAY	OCT. 26	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 27	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
THURSDAY	OCT. 28	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA2 FINAL			
FRIDAY	OCT. 29	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SATURDAY	OCT. 30	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60

10 Boards (Blitz is 48 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Lose
0	10.00	10.00	17	15.29	4.71	34	18.44	1.56
1	10.39	9.61	18	15.52	4.48	35	18.58	1.42
2	10.77	9.23	19	15.75	4.25	36	18.71	1.29
3	11.14	8.86	20	15.97	4.03	37	18.84	1.16
4	11.50	8.50	21	16.18	3.82	38	18.97	1.03
5	11.85	8.15	22	16.39	3.61	39	19.10	0.90
6	12.18	7.82	23	16.59	3.41	40	19.22	0.78
7	12.51	7.49	24	16.78	3.22	41	19.33	0.67
8	12.83	7.17	25	16.97	3.03	42	19.44	0.56
9	13.14	6.86	26	17.16	2.84	43	19.55	0.45
10	13.43	6.57	27	17.34	2.66	44	19.66	0.34
11	13.72	6.28	28	17.51	2.49	45	19.76	0.24
12	14.00	6.00	29	17.68	2.32	46	19.86	0.14
13	14.28	5.72	30	17.84	2.16	47	19.96	0.04
14	14.54	5.46	31	18.00	2.00	48	20.00	0.00
15	14.80	5.20	32	18.15	1.85			
16	15.05	4.95	33	18.30	1.70			

## USBF 10 Board VP Scale ↑



# Kibitzing the Seniors

THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2021 SENIOR 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 **Kibitz 2021 Senior USBC**. You will be taken to a lobby where 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, as well as the board number and trick being played. There will be information about 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 there.

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 both of them, **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.

For more information, go to the **RealBridge help page for spectators**:

## KIBITZ TIMES - ALL TIMES ARE EDT

### FRIDAY, 10/1

Round 1: 1:30 pm

Round 2: 3:00 pm

break

Round 3: 5:30 pm

Round 4: 7:00 pm

### SATURDAY, 10/2

Round 1: 1:30 pm

Round 2: 3:00 pm

break

Round 3: 5:30 pm

Round 4: 7:00 pm

Round 5: 8:30 pm

The game has its ups and downs, but you can never lose focus of your individual goals and you can't let yourself be beat because of lack of effort.

Michael Jordan



## KO KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE (MORE ON LOVEBRIDGE KIBITZING ON PAGE 5)

### 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

Even when I'm old and grey, I won't be able to play it, but I'll still love the game.

Michael Jordan

.Get your glasses.  
Get a snack!  
Watch the action  
Stay on track

See who's quick.  
See who's slow.  
See how much  
The experts know!!

## 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 it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

**Nail biting!** Do you want to be deeply involved? Choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into four small screens – two of them showing the two tables of match you choose, the other two having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can also personalize the content in all your windows. (The 2x2 view is not available on mobiles.)

**Think together!** When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do and see whether your chosen player agrees.

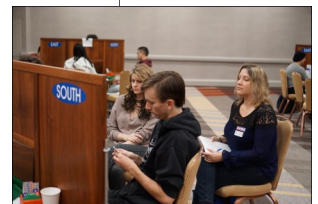
**More Information:** Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you the scoresheet, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

**Navigation icons:** while surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue where you were.

**Replay:** After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board then the same buttons move you through list. Push every button and enjoy!

**For All Events  
(Open, Mixed, Seniors, Womens) ↑↑↑  
F2F from Schaumburg, IL**

**Preparing  
to Watch  
the KO's**



**in Schaumburg**



# Meet the Players...

**Dan Morse** (born 1938) is an American bridge player from Houston, Texas.

Dan is a past president of the ACBL and a past long term member of the ACBL BOD. Dan served on the World Bridge Federation Executive Committee.

Dan is married to Barbara, a lovely non-bridge player and accomplished knitter!! He has a daughter and grandchildren nearby.

Playing for years in partnership with John Sutherlin and others, Dan was very successful in Senior and Open events.

## Bridge accomplishments

### Awards

- Herman Trophy 2002

### Wins

- North American Bridge Championships
  - von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 1993
  - Rockwell Mixed Pairs 1964
  - Grand National Teams 1977
  - Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 2011
  - Truscott Senior Swiss Teams 2013
  - Vanderbilt 1990, 1993
  - Senior Knockout Teams 1994, 2002, 2003
  - Reisinger 2002
  - Spingold 1977

### Runners-up

- North American Bridge Championships
  - von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 1979
  - Blue Ribbon Pairs 1980
  - North American Pairs 1989
  - Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1991
  - Vanderbilt 1985
  - Senior Knockout Teams 2007, 2010
  - Keohane North American Swiss Teams 1996, 2005
  - Spingold 1967



Morse, a second-generation native Houstonian, picked up bridge while he was a pharmacy student at University of Houston in the 1950s.

"They always had a game going on there," said Morse, who spent the last 25 years of his career as the owner of Beechnut Professional Pharmacy before selling it in 2005.

His retirement freed him to devote even more time to his favorite pastime.

"Bridge is a stimulating game," he said. "No two hands are alike. It keeps your mind alert."

Bert Onstott, a past president of ACBL Unit 174, which serves the greater Houston area said years ago, "Dan's a fine gentleman and a wonderful bridge player. He's a big supporter of the game in Houston and nationally."

# VuGraph Munchies

## Chicken and Dumplings

### Ingredients

- Select All
  - 1 1/2 pounds chicken breast tenders
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1 turn of the pan
  - 2 tablespoons butter
  - 1 russet potato, peeled and diced
  - 2 medium carrots, peeled and diced or thinly sliced
  - 1 medium onion, chopped
  - 1 rib celery, diced
  - 1 bay leaf, fresh or dried
  - Salt and freshly ground black pepper
  - 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning, 1/3 palm full
  - 2 tablespoons flour, a handful
  - 1 quart chicken broth or stock, canned or paper container, preferred brand Kitchen Basics
  - 1 small box biscuit mix (preferred brand Jiffy Mix)
  - 1/2 cup warm water
  - 1 cup frozen green peas
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- Handful flat-leaf parsley, chopped



### Directions

1. Dice tenders into bite size pieces and set aside. Wash hands.
  2. Place a large pot on stove over medium high heat. Add oil, butter, vegetables and bay leaf and cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Season mixture with salt, pepper and poultry seasoning. Add flour to the pan and cook 2 minutes. Stir broth or stock to the pot and bring to a boil. Add chicken to the broth and stir.
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3. Place biscuit mix in a bowl. Combine with 1/2 cup warm water and parsley. Drop tablespoonfuls of prepared mix into the pot, spacing dumplings evenly. Cover pot tightly and reduce heat to medium low. Steam dumplings 8 to 10 minutes. Remove cover and stir chicken and dumplings to thicken sauce a bit. Stir peas into the pan, remove chicken and dumplings from heat and serve in shallow bowls.

# Mexican Chicken

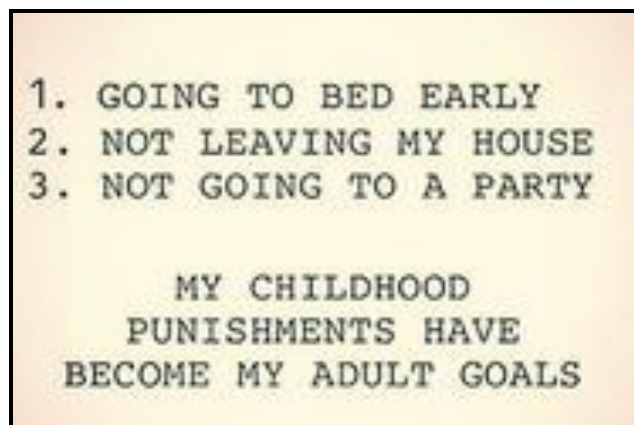
## Ingredients

- Deselect All
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breast, rinsed and patted dry
- Salt and pepper
- 2 (16-ounce) cans pinto beans, undrained
- 2 (10-ounce) cans Mexican diced tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon low-sodium fajita seasoning



Forget the health food! I need all the preservatives I can get!

1. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat.
  2. Season chicken breasts with salt and pepper. Place in the skillet and sear about 2 minutes per side.
  3. Place pinto beans in the bottom of a 5-quart slow cooker.
  4. Remove chicken from skillet and place the in the slow cooker on top of the beans. Pour the tomatoes over the chicken and beans and sprinkle with fajita seasoning. Cover and cook on LOW setting for 3 to 4 hours.
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5. Stovetop instructions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Season chicken breasts with salt and pepper. Place in the skillet and sear about 2 minutes per side. Place pinto beans in the bottom of a 9 by 13-inch baking dish. In a medium bowl, stir together diced tomatoes and fajita seasoning. Remove chicken from skillet and place in the baking dish on top of beans. Pour the tomato mixture over the chicken and beans. Cover with foil and bake for 25 minutes or until the chicken is tender.



(Recipes continued on page 9)



# Chicken Pot Pie



## Ingredients

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- 3 whole (6 split) chicken breasts, bone-in, skin-on
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 5 cups chicken stock, preferably homemade
- 2 chicken bouillon cubes
- 12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 2 cups yellow onions, chopped (2 onions)
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 2 cups medium-diced carrots, blanched for 2 minutes
- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen peas (2 cups)
- 1 1/2 cups frozen small whole onions
- 1/2 cup minced fresh parsley leaves

## For the pastry:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup vegetable shortening
- 1/4 pound cold unsalted butter, diced
- 1/2 to 2/3 cup ice water
- 1 egg beaten with 1 tablespoon water, for egg wash
- Flaked sea salt and cracked black pepper

## Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Place the chicken breasts on a baking sheet and rub them with olive oil. Sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Roast for 35 to 40 minutes, or until cooked through. Set aside until cool enough to handle, then remove the meat from the bones and discard the skin. Cut the chicken into large dice. You will have 4 to 6 cups of cubed chicken.
3. In a small saucepan, heat the chicken stock and dissolve the bouillon cubes in the stock. In a large pot or Dutch oven, melt the butter and saute the onions over medium-low heat for 10 to 15 minutes, until translucent. Add the flour and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes. Add the hot chicken stock to the sauce. Simmer over low heat for 1 more minute, stirring, until thick. Add 2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, and heavy cream. Add the cubed chicken, carrots, peas, onions and parsley. Mix well.
4. For the pastry, mix the flour, salt, and baking powder in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Add the shortening and butter and mix quickly with your fingers until each piece is coated with flour. Pulse 10 times, or until the fat is the size of peas. With the motor running, add the ice water; process only enough to moisten the dough and have it just come together. Dump the dough out onto a floured board and knead quickly into a ball. Wrap the dough in plastic and allow it to rest in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
5. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
6. Divide the filling equally among 4 ovenproof bowls. Divide the dough into quarters and roll each piece into an 8-inch circle. Brush the outside edges of each bowl with the egg wash, then place the dough on top. Trim the circle to 1/2-inch larger than the top of the bowl. Crimp the dough to fold over the side, pressing it to make it stick. Brush the dough with egg wash and make 3 slits in the top. Sprinkle with sea salt and cracked pepper. Place on a baking sheet and bake for 1 hour, or until the top is golden brown and the filling is bubbling hot.

## Hospitality Information for Face-toFace in Schaumburg, IL

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. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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



Pard made a bid  
I thought was funny  
Turned out my pard  
Was right on the money!

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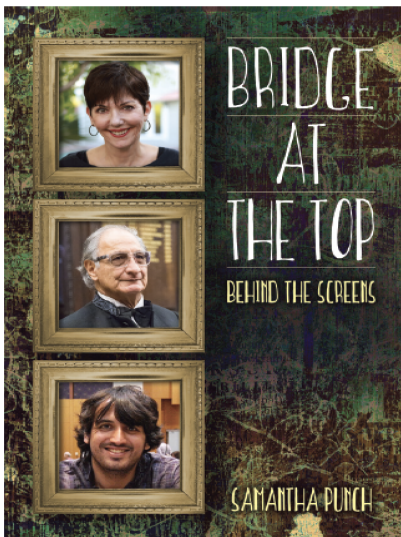
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— Jill Levin

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— Chip Martel

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Editor



Samantha

Board 50, Dlr E  
4♥ = N

W Chris Parker

♠ A1096  
♥ 87  
♦ A43  
♣ Q762

♠ 7  
♥ K10962  
♦ QJ10985  
♣ 10

N Paul Lewis

Adam Grossack E

♠ J854  
♥ QJ4  
♦ 62  
♣ A985

Linda Lewis S

♠ KQ32  
♥ A53  
♦ K7  
♣ KJ43

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

On Board 50 from the first day of the Mixed USBC, there were some inferences from the auction that should have helped the defenders.

In Rubenstein/Lewis, 4H was bid at both tables. Paul Lewis played it from North and Molson played it from South.

At the table where Lewis was declarer, there were several alerts during the auction:

1C could be a doubleton if 4-4-3-2.

1NT is 15-17 and could have 4S.

2NT was a relay to 3C.

3C was forced.

3D showed a 5/5 inv in the red suits.

Clearly the defenders have been drawn a pretty good picture of the lie of the cards...

Grossack led the S5. His partner won her SA. The defense is at the crossroads! Parker MUST lead a club at trick two or declarer's singleton CT will be discarded on the SQ and declarer will collect the obvious ten tricks! Even though the

singleton club was concealed in declarer's hand, the auction should have warned Parker of the need to shift.

Parker continued spades. Lewis discarded his club, pulled two high trumps, knocked out the DA, ruffed the spade return and claimed ten tricks.

Since Parker was aware that North held at most three black cards, continuing spades would be either futile or fatal. If North held jack/small of spades and one club, declarer would be able to discard his club on the third round of spades, bringing home the game. If declarer had only two black cards, as was the actual case, the only possible winner was the CA and this would go away on the spade continuation.

Board 50, Dlr E  
4♥ -1 S

W Mark Itabashi

♠ A1096  
♥ 87  
♦ A43  
♣ Q762

♠ 7  
♥ K10962  
♦ QJ10985  
♣ 10

N Joel Wooldridge

Disa Eythorsdottir E

♠ J854  
♥ QJ4  
♦ 62  
♣ A985

Janice Molson S

♠ KQ32  
♥ A53  
♦ K7  
♣ KJ43

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

At Molson/Wooldridge's table, the only alert was the transfer to hearts, resulting in South becoming declarer.

Itabashi led a small club to Disa's ace. Disa shifted to spades, Itabashi winning his ace.

Itabashi cashed his DA and E/W waited patiently for their trump trick. Contract failing by one.

12 IMPs to Lewis

6						8	2	5
7		4	5					
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Sudoku 1



Answers to  
Puzzle on Page 14:

Name	Color	Make	Model	Year
Wanda	black	Saab	Celeste	2002
Mark	royal blue	Pontiac	Jet	2000
Jeffrey	cherry red	Ford	Raven	2001
Debbie	white	Chrysler	Trapper	2004
Cindy	silver	Honda	Premiere	2003

# Difficult Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 17

# Puzzle Page ...

	black	cherry red	royal blue	silver	white	Chrysler	Ford	Honda	Pontiac	Saab	Celeste	Jet	Premiere	Raven	Trapper	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
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**Answer  
on  
page 13**

Name	Color	Make	Model	Year

Larry, a salesman at the OK Used Cars company, had a busy morning. He brought five different people out to the lot to show five different cars. To his great surprise and pleasure, each customer bought the car that Larry showed them in the lot. Now he just had to process all that paperwork. Determine the name of each customer, and the color, make, model, and year of the used car that each bought.

- The 2004 car, which was the newest car purchased, was white. Cindy didn't buy a Jet.
- Mark didn't buy the silver car, but the car he bought

was older than the Raven.

- The Ford car was not royal blue. The Saab Celeste was not a 2000 car, which was the oldest car purchased. The Pontiac car was not a Trapper.
- Cindy didn't buy the cherry red Raven, which was not a Chrysler car.
- The Honda was older than the Trapper but newer than the car that Wanda bought.
- From the oldest to the newest made, the cars purchased were the Pontiac, the car that Jeffrey bought, the black car, the Premiere, and the car that Debbie bought.

Blimey, but you Yanks have something afoot every week.

Limey Jack is on the spot to tell you whom he favours and how to pop a quid or two from the punters.

Heed not the ramblings of the demented mind that resides within Howie Dung. His mutterings are that of barmy bloke. He would be chuffed to get 40% right, similar to his fourth forms.

With 10 starting the Seniors and eight forging on, only 2 fail at this juncture.

The obvious to not qualify lest something goes pear-shaped, are Reynolds and Kahn. However, Fox playing 4 handed could give them a tussle.

Limey Jack notes three odd occurrences. Bramley has lost both Hamman and Weichsel and has gone into the Parson's cloakroom and dusted off Morse and Rajadhyaksha. Limey Jack thinks that neither has turned a card in 2 years, and never together. Rodwell continues to be AWOL from his team, abandoning his partner in the twilight of his career. And, to great fanfare and trumpets from the Queen's personal Guards, two old flames have been re-united in Sontag and Berkowitz.

Ta, LJ

# Limey Jack

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## Howie Doing...

I spoke to another who thought much as I...  
Ten teams in the Seniors... Did so many die?

Then someone else said, "Morbidity, don't be!  
There's a simple solution that seems right to me.

We're all getting older and here's what that brings...  
We try to keep busy with so many things...

Sometimes we simply forget our dreams,  
And then don't remember to sign up our teams!

So ten start on Friday and Saturday too,  
But eight will remain when two days are through.

Reynolds is finished; the Kahn team is done.  
Bramley emerges as Team #1!

Some of the players have me betwixt...  
Like why did the Barts not play in the Mixed?

Fox is four-handed and that will be rough.  
Levine is five-handed ... for oldies that's tough.

Gupta is eager and ready to play,  
He'll be one of eight and likely will stay.

Will Beatty hang on? Will he persevere?  
Simson's more likely but nothing is clear!

Good luck to the group... It's ready, set, go!  
Is there more time per board 'cause Seniors are slow?

Till Schaumburg... I remain...  
Howie Doing!

# Old TV Shows

Find and circle all of the old TV shows that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell the name of an additional old TV show.

S I L L I G E I B O D E E R A N N O D  
W A L T O N S P E Y T O N P L A C E T  
A F N G I X A T V H O D D C O U P L E  
L L E A R M E R E H W E S L E T S O Y  
A I R A M E M U R P H Y B R O W N V D  
L P M E R E E Y L M I A M I V I C E O  
J P A E T G L N Y S Y M N K S T Y B O  
E E D V F N S F H L E C O O O P E O D  
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|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| ALICE               | FLYING NUN   | L.A. LAW       | ODD COUPLE      |
| BEN CASEY           | FUGITIVE     | LASSIE         | PEYTON PLACE    |
| BEVERLY HILLBILLIES | GOMER PYLE   | LOVE BOAT      | RAWHIDE         |
| CHIPS               | GOOD TIMES   | MAD ABOUT YOU  | RIFLEMAN        |
| CANNON              | GREEN ACRES  | MAUDE          | RIN TIN TIN     |
| CAPTAIN KANGAROO    | GREEN HORNET | MEDICAL CENTER | SOAP            |
| DOBIE GILLIS        | HOWDY DOODY  | MIAMI VICE     | ST. ELSEWHERE   |
| DONNA REED          | I SPY        | MOD SQUAD      | TAXI            |
| DR. KILDARE         | IRONSIDE     | MOONLIGHTING   | THREE'S COMPANY |
| EMERGENCY           | JETSONS      | MURPHY BROWN   | WALTONS         |
| FLIPPER             | KOJAK        |                |                 |



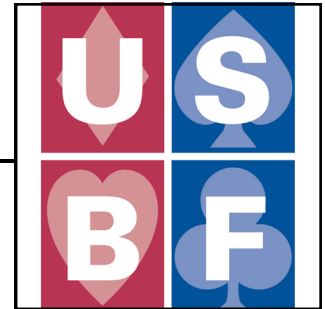
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## Answer to Sudoku 1

## Answer to Sudoku 2



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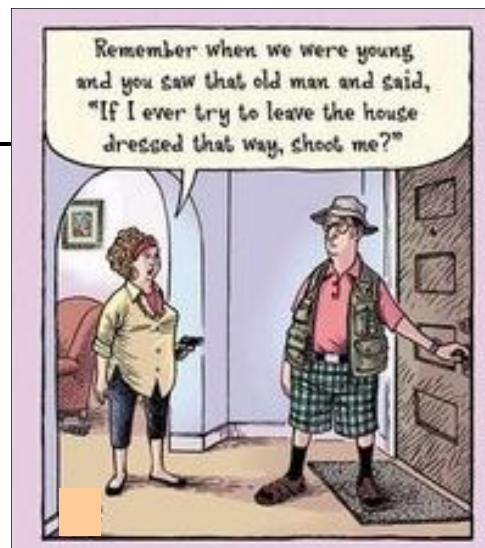
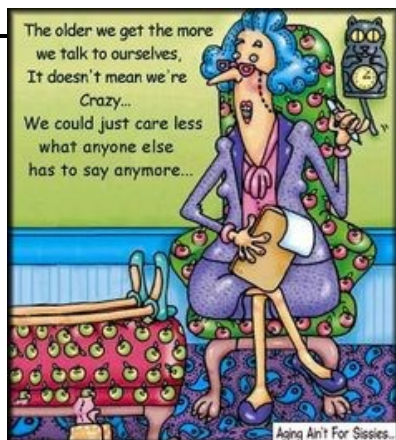
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<b>Board 97</b> <b>Dealer N</b> <b>None Vul</b>		♠ KJ96 ♥ 105 ♦ AJ93 ♣ J87	♠ 7 ♥ AK7642 ♦ K864 ♣ A10	♠ AQ1083 ♥ Q83 ♦ Q7 ♣ K54	♠ 542 ♥ J9 ♦ 1052 ♣ Q9632	<table border="1"> <tr><td>NT</td><td>♠</td><td>♥</td><td>♦</td><td>♣</td></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>1</td><td>3</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>1</td><td>3</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>11</td><td>8</td><td>12</td><td>9</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>10</td><td>10</td><td>12</td><td>9</td><td>8</td></tr> </table>	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	N	2	3	1	3	5	S	2	3	1	3	5	E	11	8	12	9	8	W	10	10	12	9	8
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Kevin Rosenberg & JoAnna Stansby	Disa Eythorsdottir & Mark Itabashi	4♥+1 E	♣2		450																														
Eldad Ginossar & Dana Berkowitz	Irina Levitina & Stewart Rubenstein	4♥+1 E	♣2		450																														
Joel Wooldridge & Janice Molson	Debbie Rosenberg & Andrew Rosenthal	4♥+1 E	♣2		450																														
Jacqueline Chang & Eric Gettleman	Mike Cappelletti & Allison Howard	4♥+2 E	♣2		480																														
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Will Watson & Geeske Joel	John Hurd & Jenny Wolpert	4♥+2 E	♣2		480																														
Tracey Bauer & George Jacobs	Doug Doub & Yiji Starr	6♥= E	♣2		980																														
Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury	Lilly Justman & John McAllister	6♥= E	♠2		980																														
Lynne Feldman & Alex Kolesnik	Zach Grossack & Giorgia Botta	6♥= E	♣2		980																														

On Board 97 from the last round of the Mixed Round-Robin, three pairs reached 6H and scored 980. The Board was a push in the Bauer/Henner match.

At one table, Lilly Justman, East, received the S2 lead. She won in dummy, played a diamond to the king and a diamond to the queen. Justman won the heart return in hand, trumped a diamond, and trumped a spade. She led a club to the king and trumped a spade. When the SK did not fall, Justman trumped a diamond with dummy's HQ. When trumps broke 2-2, the contract was successful.

At the other table, Doug Doub received the C2 lead. Doub won in hand and played a diamond to the queen. North won and continued clubs. Doub won the CK in dummy, played a diamond to the king, trumped a diamond, played the SA and trumped a spade. Doub played his last diamond which South ruffed with the H9. Doub over-ruffed and drew trumps.

In the Donner/Kolesnik match, Zach Grossack received the same starting defense as Doub, but after ruffing one diamond, Zack decided to play for a squeeze position rather than banking on a favorable diamond or trump position. If either opponent held four diamonds and the SK they would be squeezed in the pointed suits. The club threat could also serve to set-up some double squeeze positions. At trick five the position was

(Hand continued from page 18)

Grossack ran his trumps. Both North and South discarded spades on the third round of hearts. On the fourth round of hearts, South discarded a club while dummy and North discarded spades. On the fifth round of hearts, both North and South discarded clubs, while dummy discarded a spade.

The cat was out of the bag. The opening lead had been the “low from odd” C2. Since South had shown up with four clubs, he must also hold a fifth club if the opening lead was honest. Zach cashed his last heart on which North and South discarded spades, while dummy discarded its club to produce this position →

When Grossack led the S7 and South followed low, Zach rose with the SA and dropped North’s king. +980 was worth 11 IMPs for Donner when the other table played in 4H taking only eleven tricks.

In the Lewis/Xu match, David Caprera, who brought this hand to our attention, declared 4H.

Caprera received the D2 lead (third from even, low from odd). David ducked the lead to his king and returned a diamond. North won the DA and played the H5. Caprera won the HA in his hand and trumped a diamond. The spade ace was cashed, and a spade was ruffed. Caprera led a heart to dummy’s queen and trumped another spade. Caprera cashed HK and the H7 playing for double squeeze with South protecting spades and clubs and North protecting diamonds and clubs. When this didn’t work, he took eleven tricks.

At the other table in Caprera’s match, Disa also played in 4H, taking a similar line and collecting 11 tricks for a push.

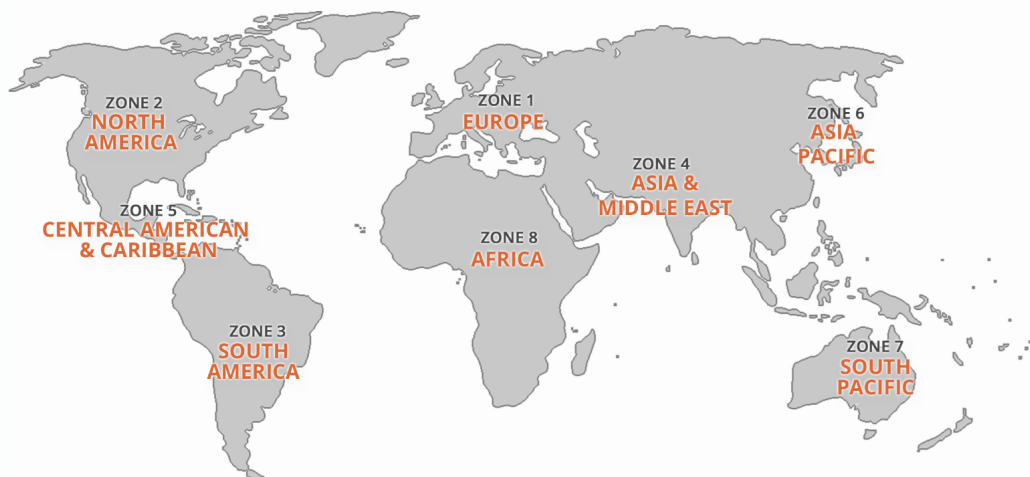
David posed the question of comparing the odds among the various lines taken by the various declarers. He suggests that ruffing two diamonds requires 2-2 hearts (a 44% position after one round is played), while ruffing one diamond and two spades bringing down the king is 43%, plus a double squeeze when South has the SK will bring his line of play to 71%. Are other lines mathematically better?

One note is that since the opponents lead a third best diamond, declarer is fairly certain that a diamond overruff won’t occur. It is probably best to play the DQ at trick one, hoping that North wins the DA and does not diagnose the position. It would be disappointing for North to return a trump against the slam when their partner holds the cashing DK. The auction at David’s table is shown below. The 3H rebid showed 14-15HCP with six hearts and 0-2 spades.








Having stopped in 4H, this is all for an overtrick... Zach gets the kudos for bidding and making the slam on a clever line of play.

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The areas covered by the Zones and some basic figures are given below.

Zone	Organization	Area	Member Countries
1	 EBL European Bridge League	Europe	46
2	NABF North American Bridge Federation	North America	3
3	 CSB Confederacion Sudamericana de Bridge	South America	10
4	 BFAME Bridge Federation of Asia & the Middle East	Asia	10
5	 CAC Central American & Caribbean Bridge Federation	Central America	13
6	 APBF Asia Pacific Bridge Federation	Pacific Asia	12
7	 SPBF South Pacific Bridge Federation	South Pacific	2
8	 ABF African Bridge Federation	Africa	8
2021 information, unless noted with *			<b>Total:</b> 104

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