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Senior Results

Senior USBC USA2 - 2021

SemiFinal (60 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.					
28-Oct-2021		The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.					
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Adjustment (IMPs)
3	Simson	69	2	30	12	25	
4	Bramley - wins tie	156	37	34	46	39	

Senior USBC USA1 - 2021

Final (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
27-Oct-2021		The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.									
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	Gupta	200	11	25	16	35	36	33	22	25	-3
2	Levine	231	33	9	60	33	29	14	20	33	



Congrats Team Levine... USA1 Seniors!

Rest in Peace Jacqui Mitchell
(See write up on page 22)

Why is England known for being such a wet country? The queen has been reigning there for generations.

What did the time traveler do when he was still hungry after finishing his dinner? He got up and went back four seconds.

What part of a band plays bridge? The trump-it section...



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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations—Oldies but Goodies

SUSBC Teams

Alphabetical



Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jim Foster Jeff Roman	Fred Stewart Bryan Howard Ralph Buchalter
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Dan Morse	Kit Woolsey Pratap Rajadhyaksha
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Dave Caprera Gloria Bart	Bob Bitterman Anne Brenner Les Bart
Fox	Jim Fox, Capt Neil Chambers	Jerry Helms Allan Graves
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Hemant Lall David Berkowitz	Zia Mahmood Steve Garner Alan Sontag
Kahn	Allen Kahn, Capt [KO] Mark Aquino Rick Binder	Jeffrey Rothstein [KO] Eric Robinson Alan Watson
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mark Lair Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Mike Passell
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Ron Smith Doug Doub	Paul Lewis Billy Cohen John Stiefel
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt William Hall Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Joe Viola John Jones
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Drew Casen John Schermer	Jeff Aker Jim Krekorian Venkatrao Koneru

Face-to-Face Schaumburg

Tournament Schedule

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



"I have a split personality," said Tom, being **frank**.
 "We have no oranges," Tom said **fruitlessly**.
 "That young insect is female," said Tom **gallantly**.
 "I was absolutely vitrified," said Tom with a **glazed look**.
 "Someone bumped into me while I was brushing my teeth," said Tom with a **gleam in his eye**.
 "This food tastes of plutonium," said Tom **glowingly**.
 "For what we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful," said Tom **gracefully**.
 "Would anyone like some Parmesan?" asked Tom **gratingly**.

Tom Swifties...

Hospitality Suite

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'

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

How do you know
you are old?
People call at 9pm
and ask if they woke you
up!



Tom Swifties



"Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess," Tom began **grimly**.
"I've got sand in my dinner," said Tom **grittily**.
"It's become much bigger," said Tom with a **groan**.
"I can eat one hundred and forty-four," Tom boasted **grossly**.
"This game is foul," Tom **grouched**.
"I'm a lot taller than I was yesterday," said Tom **gruesomely**.
"You must be my host," Tom **guessed**.
"It's just gold leaf," said Tom **guiltily**.
"I like Germany," was Tom's **gut reaction**.
"The doctor had to remove my left ventricle," said Tom **half-heartedly**.
"I can't march any more!" the soldier called **haltingly**.
"I've still got two fingers left," said Tom **handsomely**.
"I only have diamonds, clubs and spades," said Tom **heartlessly**.
"I've gained thirty pounds," said Tom **heavily**.
"It's my maid's night off," said Tom **helplessly**.
"I was the first to climb Mount Everest," said Tom **hilariously**.
"Nay!" said Tom **hoarsely**.
"I have to keep these eggs warm," Tom said **honestly**.
"The doctor had to remove a bone from my arm," said Tom **humorlessly**.
"I cut off the bottoms of my Levis so they won't drag on the ground," said Tom **hygienically**.
"Boy, that's an ugly hippopotamus!" said Tom **hypocritically**.
"Doctor, why do you have to remove my womb?" asked Mary **hysterically**.



General Face-to-Face Tournament Information to Players

The USBF Board of Directors met earlier this week and confirmed:

1. Face-to-face play in Schaumburg will be with 2 players per room.
2. Players will not be required to get Covid tests, but will be provided with information about where they can be tested (in Woodfield Mall) if they want to be. Staff will be tested approximately once a week.
3. We will comply with the Illinois mask requirements, which currently require masks in public areas indoors. Our default will be for both players in the playing rooms to wear masks, but if the 2 players in a room agree on a different rule we will allow whatever they agree on, assuming that is in compliance with the Illinois requirements.
4. We will ask each player to sign a Covid-related waiver of liability form before they start play. Jan will be sending the text of the waiver to all of you in the next day or so, and will have printed forms in her office (room 1321) at the Hyatt for participants to sign.
5. Hospitality will be limited - "grab & go" breakfast and lunch will be distributed in our usual hospitality suite (room 2321), but everyone will have to go someplace else to eat. We will allow only 6 players in the suite at any one time. The suite will not be open for socializing at other times. We will have water, soft drinks, coffee and snacks in the Players' Break Room (1321), and there also, we will limit the number of people in the room at any one time. Eating in the Break Room is not allowed. Masks will be required in the hospitality suite and in the Players' Break Room.
6. There will be air purifiers in each playing room and in 1321 and 2321.

**We do not stop playing because we grow old!
We grow old because we stop playing!!**



I finally figured out what I want to be when I get older...
YOUNGER!!



I FOUND THIS HUMERUS



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 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 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!

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Segment 1: 12:00 noon

Segment 2: 2:25 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:45 pm

Segment 4: 8:00 pm

NEXT DAY

Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:25 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 7:00 pm

Segment 8: 9:30 pm



Ed. Note: See page 7 for the link to Tracey Bauer's video interview with Peter Talyigas at Love-Bridge explaining "How to Get the Most from Kibitzing on the site"

The Austin NABC will be held as scheduled.

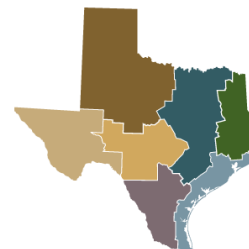
After much consideration, the decision has been made to move forward for the [2021 Fall North American Bridge Championships](#) scheduled for Nov. 25-Dec. 5 in Austin.



While we are excited to bring players back to the bridge table, we will still approach the tournament with an abundance of caution. We will hold the event as carefully as possible to protect the health and safety of players, volunteers and staff. Because of this, meetings and other large social gatherings outside of gameplay will be very limited (details are available on the [Austin NABC website](#)). We hope to hold these events during NABCs in 2022.

All NABC attendees, staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated to attend the Austin NABC and have face masks properly worn when present in the tournament areas. We have procured VOW Digital Health to manage the verification process for vaccinations. Further details on all health and safety requirements are available on the Austin NABC page of our website

Please do not attend the Fall NABC if you are not prepared to follow the safety protocols. They are in place to protect all attendees, and no exceptions will be made.



In the Daily Bulletin from the Senior Online Championships on October 3, you may have seen the **In Memoriam** for Jeff Goldsmith. Jeff lost his battle with cancer last week.

Jeff's family has designated the **USBF Junior Fund**, a 501C(3) charity, for donations in his memory. Donations may be made through the USBF website (USBF.org) and will be properly acknowledged. This was a very kind gesture by Jeff and his family who recognized how important bridge was to Jeff.

ALERT!! PLAYERS WHO PLAYED IN SCHAUMBURG SO FAR...

Please return any styluses you may have in your possession. We need them for the Mixed and the Seniors! Thank you. No questions asked!!

LoveBridge computes some interesting statistics on each player each day. Today you can see yesterday's statistics and tomorrow you can see the stats from today. To view, you must go to https://stats.lovebridge.com/statistics/usbc_2285 and enter your username. Each player has an individual username and password. Anyone can view a complete set of stats by clicking the tournament link and selecting USBC Open All.

Your personal stats are only available when you're logged in.

Tracy Bauer put together a U-Tube video interview with Peter Talyigas at LoveBridge and if you are having trouble figuring out how to kibitz, please access the link below... it may help:

<https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1176199382>

One side note: The format is not supported on Google Chrome. It does work on Edge!!

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!**

"I see," said Tom **icily**.

"Pass the playing cards," said Tom **ideally**.

"That is a sick bird," said Tom **illegally**.

"There's nothing wrong with demons," Tom said **implicitly**.

"This bird hasn't got a beak," said Tom **impeccably**.

"I brush my teeth several times a day," said Tom **implacably**.

"That little devil didn't tell the truth," Tom **implied**.

"I'm burning aromatic substances," said Tom, **incensed**.

"He's a boring chap," said Tom **indulgently**.

"Can I become a chorister?" Tom **inquired**.

"I'm swimming in the middle of Paris!" shouted Tom **insanely**.

"I'm not leaving the chapel until I finish this painting," said Michelangelo **insistently**.

"I've borrowed my sister's camping gear," said Tom **insistently**.

"I like camping," said Tom **intently**.

"It's my personal magnetism," said Tom **ironically**.



Meet the Players

Bridge | Alan Truscott

Parlaying a small monetary victory into a jackpot of glory at the table.

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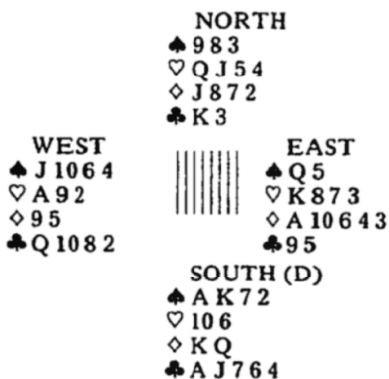
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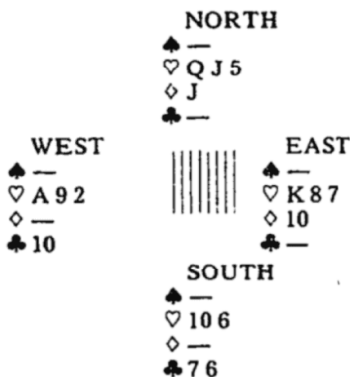
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After winning the spade lead with the nine, South led a diamond from dummy and won with the king when East played low. The declarer cashed his club ace and his winning spade before continuing with the diamond queen. East won in this position:



Both sides were vulnerable. The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass
West led the spade four.			



East led a heart to his partner's ace, and the lead of the club ten defeated the contract by squeezing the dummy. East-West had a small profit en route to a big victory.



Ralph Buchalter

Bridge Accomplishments

1st 1991 NABC IMP Pairs

1st 1996 GNT

1st 2005 NABC Fast Pairs, 2nd 2008 NABC Open Pairs

ACBL Ranking Gold Life Master

From August, 1991...

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2
EAST
N-S

♠ J 9 7 5 3
♥ T 7 6
♦
♣ J T 9 8 7

♠ Q 2
♥
♦ A J T 9 8 7 5 4 2
♣ 6 4

♠ AKT 8 4
♥ K 4 2
♦ 3
♣ AK 3 2

♠ 6
♥ A Q J 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q 6
♣ Q 5

Par: -450

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	2	10	8	2	3
E	10	0	5	11	3
W	11	:	:	:	:

Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	1	=	☆	F
2	Levine	Gupta		Open	6♠x	E	♦K	-1	100	11
				Closed	4♠	E	♦K	+1	450	
3	Simson	Bramley		Open	4♠	E	♥A	+1	450	2
				Closed	6♦x	N	♣K	-2	500	

Nine card suits are rare and it is always frustrating to be sitting in 4th position when holding one! In the Open Room of USA1, Lall opened 1S; Levine overcalled 2H, perhaps a bit of an underbid, but maybe not at unfavorable. Gupta jumped to 4S and Passell, not to be denied, bid 5D. Lall bid 5S; Levine saw the value of his KQ6 of diamonds and bid 6D; Gupta thought he had a much better offensive than defensive hand... five trumps, a ruffing value, and only two jacks! He bid 5S. Passell passed; Lall passed and Levine doubled.

BIDDING

W	N	E	S
	1♠	2♥	
4♠	5♦	5♠	6♦
6♠	PASS	PASS	DBL

TRICKS

W	N	E	S

INFO

DDS

WEST Mike Passell (9)

NORTH Hemant Lall (8)

SOUTH Naren Gupta (7)

EAST Mike Levine (9)

DEALER WEST

NS 0, **EW** 0

N-S: Levine 135 IMPs
E-W: Gupta 94 IMPs
Other room: E 4♠ +1 -450

Levine led the DK ruffed in dummy. Lall pulled two rounds of trump. He cashed the CA, led a spade to dummy's jack, led the C8 and sailed it to the queen. Levine cashed the HA and defeated the slam one trick.

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BIDDING TRICKS INFO DDS
 W: 4♣ PASS PASS PASS
 N: PASS
 E: 1♠ PASS
 S: 4♥ PASS

Steve Garner (N) hand: ♠ Q 2 6 4, ♥ A J 10 9 8 7 5 4 2, ♦ 2

Jeff Meckstroth (W) hand: ♠ J 9 7 5 3, ♥ 10 7 6, ♦ J 10 9 8 7, ♣ L

Mark Laird (E) hand: ♠ A K 10 8 4, ♥ K 4 2, ♦ A K 3 2, ♣ 3

Zia Mahmood (S) hand: ♠ 6, ♥ A Q J 9 8 5 3, ♦ Q 5 K Q 6, ♣ 9

Score: E 4♣, NS 0, EW 0

Other room: N-S: Gupta 94 IMPs, E-W: Levine 135 IMPs, Other room: E 6♣^x-1100

At the other table in USA1, East opened 1S; Zia bid 4H; Meckstroth bid 4S and diamonds were never mentioned!!

The play was identical to what was described in the other room.

Contract making five.
11 IMPs to Levine

BIDDING TRICKS INFO DDS
 W: 4♣ PASS PASS PASS
 N: 1♠ PASS 3♥ PASS
 E: 3♣ PASS
 S: 3♥ PASS

Drew Casen (N) hand: ♠ Q 2 6 4, ♥ A J 10 9 8 7 5 4 2, ♦ 2

Kit Woolsey (W) hand: ♠ J 9 7 5 3, ♥ 10 7 6, ♦ J 10 9 8 7, ♣ L

Bart Bramley (E) hand: ♠ A K 10 8 4, ♥ K 4 2, ♦ A K 3 2, ♣ 3

Jim Krekorian (S) hand: ♠ 6, ♥ A Q J 9 8 5 3, ♦ Q 5 K Q 6, ♣ 9

Score: E 4♣, NS 0, EW 0

Other room: N-S: Simson 0 IMPs, E-W: Bramley 4 IMPs, Other room: N 6♣^x-2-500

In USA2, Casen and Krekorian also never bid diamonds.

The auction started with a strong club by Bramley.

Krekorian jumped to 3H. After two passes, it came back to East who bid 3S. Krekorian passed and Woolsey bid the spade game.

In the other room of USA2, the auction was identical to the auction at Passell/Levine's table almost to the end. Where Gupta bid 6S over 6D, Koneru passed over 6D and let his partner make the decision to bid on or double. Schermer doubled and defeated 6D by the obvious two tricks.

2 IMPs to Simson

BIDDING TRICKS INFO DDS
 W: 4♣ PASS PASS PASS
 N: 5♦ PASS DBL PASS
 E: 1♠ 2♥
 S: 5♣ 6♠

Dan Morse (N) hand: ♠ A J 10 9 8 7 5 4 2, ♥ Q 2 6 4, ♦ 2, ♣ 4

Venkatrao Koneru (W) hand: ♠ J 9 7 5 3, ♥ 10 7 6, ♦ J 10 9 8 7, ♣ L

John Schermer (E) hand: ♠ A K 10 8 4, ♥ K 4 2, ♦ 3, ♣ 7

Pratap Rajadhyaksha (S) hand: ♠ K Q 6, ♥ 6 A Q J 9 8 5 3, ♦ Q 5, ♣ 5

Score: N 6♦^x, NS 0, EW 0

Other room: N-S: Bramley 4 IMPs, E-W: Simson 0 IMPs, Other room: E 4♣ +1-450

3 SOUTH E-W

♠ A
♥ K Q T 9 7 3
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ A 9

♠ K 6 5 4 2
♥ 2
♦
♣ J T 8 7 4 3 2

♠ Q T 9 8
♥ A J 8 5 4
♦ J 5 4 2
♣

♠ J 7 3
♥ 6
♦ A K Q T 7
♣ K Q 6 5

Par: 920

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	5	12	9	3	9
S	:	11	8	4	:
EW	8	1	3	8	3

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	1	=	★	P
				NS	EW	Home	Visiting		
2	Levine	Gupta	Open	4♥x	N	♠T	-1	100	1
			Closed	6♦	S	♣T	=	920	
3	Simson	Bramley	Open	4♥	N	♠9	-1	50	1
			Closed	5♦x	S	♣J	=	550	

Another fiendish distribution!

In USA1, Passell/Levine bid to 4H in their 6-1 fit.

The auction has some anomalies. Levine showed diamonds and clubs, and one would think that Passell might have shown his diamond fit. He did not. Then when Gupta gave Passell a second chance by reopening with double, he stayed silent and played the hand in 4HX going down one. 5D would have been successful.

Did it matter what Passell did? Probably not. In any case, he was unlikely to win IMPs on the board since Zia and Garner bid to 6D in the other room and when Meckstroth led the CT, Zia played small from dummy and Lair failed to ruff! Without the ruff, 6D made and whatever would have happened to 5D had Mike bid it would not have produced a positive result for Levine.

14 IMPs to Gupta

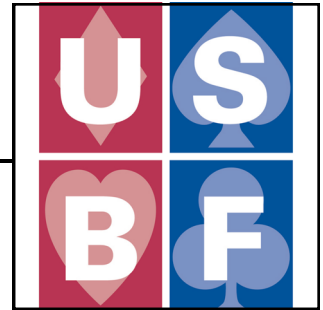
8	1	9	5	3	2	4	7	6
7	6	2	8	1	4	5	3	9
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2	4	5	6	8	1	7	9	3
1	9	6	3	2	7	8	5	4
6	8	1	9	7	3	2	4	5
5	3	7	2	4	8	9	6	1
9	2	4	1	6	5	3	8	7

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

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.



Count your cards
Before you play.
You won't come up
Short that way!



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

Hard Sudoku

From the Editor:

Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. While team lists and schedules will be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions, other information may not.

Thank you!!

Suzi

If you have a great hand or bridge news or gossip you think would be of interest to our readers, you can email me at stansubeck@prodigy.net



Answer to Puzzle on Page 15

\$60	Jamie	Countershot	1990
\$35	Clinton	AWOL Alert	1989
\$65	William	Victorforce	1988
\$55	Gene	Troop Seven	1987
\$45	Oscar	Blaster Boy	1986
\$50	Ivan	Magic Marbles	1985
\$95	Zachary	Gator Attack	1984

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

Sudoku Answers on page 13



		Video Games							Buyers							Prices						
		AWOL Alert	Blaster Boy	Countershot	Gator Attack	Magic Marbles	Troop Seven	Victorforce	Clinton	Gene	Ivan	Jamie	Oscar	William	Zachary	\$35	\$45	\$50	\$55	\$60	\$65	\$95
Years	1984																					
	1985																					
	1986																					
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	1988																					
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Prices	\$35																					
	\$45																					
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Buyers	Clinton																					
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	Jamie																					
	Oscar																					
	William																					
	Zachary																					

Answer on Page 14

Years	Video Games	Buyers	Prices
1984			
1985			
1986			
1987			
1988			
1989			
1990			

- The game that sold for \$65 came out 4 years after the video game bought by Zachary.
- The game that sold for \$65 is either the game that came out in 1987 or the video game bought by William.
- Countershot wasn't bought by William.
- Of the game that came out in 1986 and Magic Marbles, one sold for \$45 and the other was purchased by Ivan.
- Gator Attack came out 2 years before the game bought by Oscar.
- Of the video game that came out in 1989 and the video game that came out in 1985, one sold for \$50 and the other is AWOL Alert.
- Blaster Boy came out sometime before the one bought by Gene.
- The game bought by Clinton came out sometime after Troop Seven.
- The one that came out in 1990 sold for \$60.
- The one that sold for \$95 wasn't bought by Gene.
- Troop Seven came out 2 years after the game that sold for \$50.
- The game that sold for \$60 was purchased by Jamie.
- The one that came out in 1989 is either the game that sold for \$35 or the one bought by Gene

Movies: Science Fiction

Find and circle all of the Science Fiction movies that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the title of an additional Science Fiction movie.

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

ALIEN
 BLADE RUNNER
 BODY SNATCHERS
 BRAZIL
 COCOON
 CONTACT
 CUBE
 DARK CITY
 DEEP IMPACT
 DUNE
 EQUILIBRIUM

FANTASTIC VOYAGE
 FLASH GORDON
 FLATLINERS
 FORBIDDEN PLANET
 FRANKENSTEIN
 GATTACA
 INDEPENDENCE DAY
 JURASSIC PARK
 LOGAN'S RUN
 MAD MAX
 METROPOLIS

ROBOCOP
 SCANNERS
 SHIVERS
 SILENT RUNNING
 SOLARIS
 SOYLENT GREEN
 SPIDER-MAN
 STAR WARS
 STARGATE
 STARMAN
 STARSHIP TROOPERS

TERMINATOR
 THE ABYSS
 THE FLY
 THE MATRIX
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 TRON
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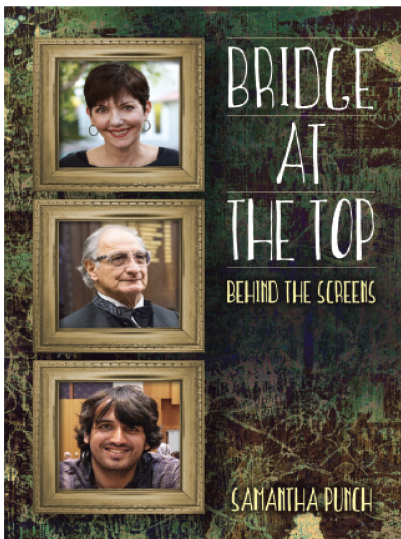
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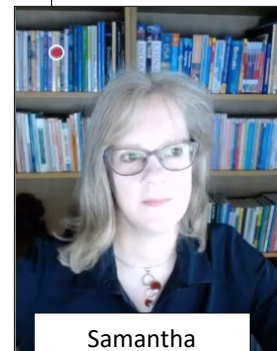
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Learn about the experts... how they think... what they think... and why they are so driven by a card game.

Editor



Samantha

Questions asked by Players in the Open and the Mixed... FAQ's from Jan Martel

Chat

- **My physical keyboard isn't working!** Make sure to click/put focus into the chat box before attempting to type in the box. (The blinking cursor makes it seem as though focus is there, but it may not be.) This seems to only occur with an external keyboard, not the virtual keyboard.
- **What does that number on the left side mean?** You have unread chat message(s). Click on left gray arrow to open chat and right gray arrow to close the chat. (If you actually type and send a message, the chat will close automatically. Reopen with left gray arrow.)
- **Why can't I chat to my partner?** For security reasons, chat to partner is not available while cards for a new hand are on display. Since there is no "between round down time," there is no real partner chat.

Bidding


- **The system won't let me pass!** If you have the level (1 through 7) highlighted, you will be unable to pass/double/redouble. Click on the highlighted numeral to remove the highlight, then make the desired call.
- **My explanation keeps disappearing!** If you alert your bid as you make it but go back later to explain, there is a bug in the system where subsequent table actions will erase any text that you have typed into the explanation box. If you include your explanation with your call or when it is your turn to act, then this will not occur. (We have reported this issue to LoveBridge.)
- **Where is the undo button?** While there is no undo button, every call made is followed by a brief cancellation time period. A cancel button will appear immediately below the call selected in the top center portion of the screen. If you cancel within the time period, your bidding panel will reappear for you to select the intended call. If you do not cancel within the time period, summon a director (hit red TD whistle) to request an undo.

Play

1. **Why can't I click on a card?** The default setting for LoveBridge is neither a tap/click nor a double tap/click. The default setting is a drag-and-drop motion where the player pulls a card to the gray box in the center of the screen and releases to play the card. If the "pulled" card is not the intended one, the player can drag it back to the hand and select another card. **We recommend this setting while players are getting accustomed to the system.** Players may change this setting to double tap/click if desired, but we strongly discourage single tap/click settings.
2. **Whose turn is it?** In the bidding or play of the hand, the player's direction letter (N S E W) will be white inside of the circle when it is the player's turn. This is a very subtle change from the normal pale blue letter.
3. **How do I claim?** During the play, you may click the larger red box below the TD whistle to claim. If the claim button is grayed out (not available), you either already contributed a card to the current trick or you are dummy.

How do I see the bidding once play has started? A player is not entitled to the entire auction once they have played to trick 1. If you have not yet played to trick one, the auction will be in the lower left corner. Click on it to enlarge to the center area. Click the double gray arrows in the bottom right of the center area to send it back to the corner. Similarly, this is how a player may see the cards from the previous trick (prior to playing to current trick).

The new and improved 60 Board USBF Convention Card is now available on the table in Jan's office (Break Room??)

We hope it "suits" you! 

If you commit a first degree murder in Canada, is it a 34 degree murder in the US?

What do you call a noodle that doesn't drink? Soba.

A century ago, two brothers decided it was possible to fly. And as you can see, they were Wright.

I had an appointment to see my psychic next week, but she just called to cancel. She said I won't be able to make it.

You do realize that vampires aren't real. Unless you Count Dracula.

If prisoners could take their own mugshots... they'd be called cellfies.



TRICKS AND TREATS

Thurs.-Sun., October 28-31, 2021

ACBL Tournament

Regionally Rated - All Times Eastern



Daily Two-Session Events

Award Gold & Red Points - Must Play Both Sessions - \$30 per player



Midday Two-Session Event Schedule

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1:15 pm & 4:45 pm ET | Golden Ghoul Gold Rush Pairs (750/400/200)
No player may have more than 750 masterpoints |
| 1:15 pm & 4:45 pm ET | Candy Corn Mid-Flight Pairs (3000/1250)
No player may have more than 3000 masterpoints |
| 1:15 pm & 4:45 pm ET | Jack O' Lantern Top-Flight Pairs (unlimited/4000) |



Daily Single-Session Events

Awards red points

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Events - \$15 per player, per session

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1:15 am, 1:30 pm,
5:00 pm & 8:00 pm ET | Great Pumpkin 499er Pairs (500/300/100)
No player may have more than 500 masterpoints |
|---|---|

Daily Side Games

Play in two sessions of the same series for a chance to win gold!

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Sessions - \$15 per player, per session



- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 10:15 am ET | Creaking Staircase Side Game Series
(unlimited/1500/500) |
| 1:30 pm ET | Rattling Chains Side Game Series
(unlimited/1500/500) |
| 5:00 pm ET | Flickering Lights Side Game Series
(unlimited/1500/500) |
| 8:00 pm ET | Howling Wind Side Game Series
(unlimited/1500/500)(No Sunday) |



Stratification for all events is by the average masterpoint holding of the pair. In any event with an upper masterpoint limit, neither player may exceed the limit for the event. Masterpoint awards for all single-session events are red points

BIDDING	TRICKS	INFO	DDS
W: PASS	N: 1♠	E: PASS	S: 1NT
DBL: PASS	4♠	PASS	4♠
PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS

NORTH: ♠ K Q 10 9 8 4 J A 10 9 8 6 5
 SOUTH: ♠ A J 3
 DEALER: NORTH 40 EAST
 NORTH: ♠ A J 3
 SOUTH: ♠ Q 10 8 7 3
 ♣ 8 7 6 5
 ♦ K J 7 2
 ♥ K J 9 4 2
 ♣ Q 10 4
 ♠ 7
 ♥ 2

NORTH: ♠ 6 5 2 A 6 5 A K 9 3 2 4 3
 SOUTH: ♠ 6 5 2 A 6 5 A K 9 3 2 4 3
 DEALER: NORTH 40 EAST
 NORTH: ♠ 6 5 2 A 6 5 A K 9 3 2 4 3
 SOUTH: ♠ 6 5 2 A 6 5 A K 9 3 2 4 3
 NS: 0 EW: 0
 N-S: Levine 188 IMPs
 E-W: Gupta 157 IMPs
 Other room: N4♠ -1-50

On Board 40, both tables in USA1 reached 4S. The opening lead was a heart. Both declarers won the heart. Rather than playing on trumps immediately, Wold tackled diamonds.

He needed to hold his losers to either two spades and one diamond or two diamonds and one spade. Playing diamonds first gave him the best chance to lose only one diamond and the spade position would be immaterial. Berkowitz won the diamond and switched to the S7.

BIDDING	TRICKS	INFO	DDS
W: PASS	N: 1♠	E: PASS	S: 2♣
PASS	2♦	PASS	2♠
PASS	3♦	PASS	3♠

NORTH: ♠ K Q 10 9 8 4 J A 10 9 8 6 5
 SOUTH: ♠ A J 3
 DEALER: NORTH 40 EAST
 NORTH: ♠ A J 3
 SOUTH: ♠ Q 10 8 7 3
 ♣ 8 7 6 5
 ♦ K J 7 2
 ♥ K J 9 4 2
 ♣ Q 10 4
 ♠ 7
 ♥ 2

NORTH: ♠ 6 5 2 A 6 5 A K 9 3 2 4 3
 SOUTH: ♠ 6 5 2 A 6 5 A K 9 3 2 4 3
 DEALER: NORTH 40 EAST
 NORTH: ♠ 6 5 2 A 6 5 A K 9 3 2 4 3
 SOUTH: ♠ 6 5 2 A 6 5 A K 9 3 2 4 3
 NS: 0 EW: 0
 N-S: Gupta 154 IMPs
 E-W: Levine 188 IMPs
 Other room: N4♠ = 420

Wold played the king and was able to claim ten tricks regardless of what Sontag did in trump. When the S7 popped, Wold had high enough trumps in dummy to be able to ruff 2 diamonds.

At the other table, Garner won the HA and played a small spade to his king. Lair ducked!! Garner thought he had only one spade loser and could afford two diamond losers. He crossed to the CA and led a second spade... oops!

Lair was able to win his SA and continue with his SJ, pulling dummy's trumps. He exited with a heart and Garner found himself with two spades and two diamonds to lose.

10 IMPs to Levine

Senior Players:

We wanted to make you aware of the fact that the electronic environment provides the directors with full information about the time used by each pair for each bid or play. **You do not have to summon the director when you think your opponent has taken an unreasonable amount of time for one action or for the entire segment of play.** After a segment, you can ask the director to review the time taken by your opponents. At the completion of a hand, you can summon the director if you think the time taken provided Unauthorized Information to your opponent(s) and that might have influenced the opponent(s)' actions.

We want to discourage you from calling the director for general time issues during a segment, because that will only take more time, and will not provide the director with any additional information. Please call the director only if you think that a time issue has provided UI, and then only after the hand is over.

Time Sensitive!

Limey Jack...

Gadzooks Yanks! Is it a double fortnight already? Limey Jack is always chuffed to share his vast prognostication skills with mortals, but he needs a week in the flat and a kip. Some bangers and mash and to watch endless reruns of Fawltly Towers. And most of all to be clear of that buffoon, Howie Dung and his twaddle.

In the final stanza of the USBF Senior Trials, which concludes the longest bridge tournament in recorded history, USA2 will be decided in a 120 board match betwixt the beloved Zia and the dastardly 4 handed Bramley team.

While Limey Jack is looking forward to being regaled with many stories of Zia's brilliance and sipping a nice Claret while doing so, Limey Jack is narked to report that Gupta cannot hold off the hard charging, insufferably lucky team Bramley. Limey Jack recommends holding fast to your winnings and letting this one pass. His heart cries Zia, but his wits say Bramley. It would be sacrilegious to bet against Zia, so stay on the sidelines.

Limey Jack will see you on your side of the pond when he and Zia play in Reno.

'til then

Howie Doing...

A team of four,
A team of six...
Who will take
Sufficient tricks?

Bramley, Gupta,
Pratap, Morse...
In the Seniors,
They're a force!

Can their play
And bidding fly?
Or do they need
A winning tie?

Gupta's pumped,
He's come this far.
And Zia will remain
A star!

Garner is a
Senior youth!
More stamina
Is quite the truth!

What really makes
Team Gupta work
Is Alan S and
David Berk.

I have to make
A pick for you...
And I am picking
Bart and crew!

Till next time, I remain...
Howie Doing... so good so far!

Jacquelyn M. "Jacqui" Mitchell (1936-2021) was an American bridge player from New York City. She was the wife of the late Victor Mitchell, who, like her, played in many international events. According to Alan Truscott, writing in the *New York Times* in early 1987, in September 1986 she became the World Bridge Federation (WBF) highest-ranked woman player. She has won five world titles, four of them with Gail Moss.

Mitchell was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2003. At the time she was a busy professional teacher as well as player.

In 1981–1983, she took part in *Grand Slam*, two televised matches between teams representing the US and Britain, arranged by the BBC. The 1983 match was featured in a book that described her thus:

Jackie [sic] Mitchell... is as utterly self disciplined at the table as she is away from it... She passes much of her time at the table doing embroidery as though determined to remain detached, but those who trifle with her do so at their peril. If her bidding sometimes appears orthodox, or a little too conservative, her card play and defense are of the very highest quality.

Wins

World Championships

Venice Cup 1976, 1978
World Olympiad Women's Teams 1980, 1984
World Women Pairs Championship 1986

North American Bridge Championships
Whitehead Women's Pairs 1971, 1975, 1977, 1984, 2004
Machlin Women's Swiss Teams) 1983, 1991
Wagar Women's Knockout Teams) 1965, 1970, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1983, 1987
Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 1990



Runners-up

World Mixed Pairs Championship 1974
North American Bridge Championships
Whitehead Women's Pairs 1970, 1974
Women's Pairs (1958-62) 1962
Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 1985, 2001
Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 1973, 1982, 1991
Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 1986, 1995
Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 1989, 1996



Rest In Peace Jacqui Mitchell