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# Round Robin Results:

Team Name	Total	16	6	13	5	8	9	10	7	11	1	14	15	2	3	12	4
16. Wolfson	103.81				7.06	11.77		10.00		2.18		18.01	15.50	19.29		20.00	
6. Kranyak	102.82			15.50	12.18	14.32	10.47			9.53			4.78	16.04		20.00	
13. Robinson	100.11		4.50		7.82	9.53	18.85	8.65				12.94	20.00				17.82
5. Hill	99.05	12.94	7.82	12.18				2.58	20.00		12.18			20.00	11.35		
8. Lo	95.38	8.23	5.68	10.47				10.92	6.69	18.36			17.21		17.82		
9. Mahaffey	90.81		9.53	1.15				12.18			14.63	12.57		14.93	9.53		16.29
10. Morris	90.33	10.00		11.35	17.42	9.08	7.82					3.71	12.94				18.01
7. Kriegel	79.83				0.00	13.31				3.96			10.92	8.23	19.92	12.57	10.92
11. Pratap	79.41	17.82	10.47			1.64			16.04		7.06			8.65		9.08	8.65
1. Dinkin	78.02				7.82		5.37			12.94		9.08		4.78	14.32	9.08	14.63
14. Warner	77.87	1.99		7.06			7.43	16.29			10.92				10.92	5.07	18.19
15. Watson	63.31	4.50	15.22	0.00		2.79		7.06	9.08						11.35	13.31	
2. Donn	62.07	.71	3.96		0.00		5.07		11.77	11.35	15.22					13.99	
3. Donner	59.72				8.65	2.18	10.47		.8	5.68	9.08	8.65					14.93
12. Reynolds	56.90	0.00	0.00					7.43	10.92	10.92	14.93	6.69	6.01				
4. Grossack	40.56			2.18			3.71	1.99	9.08	11.35	5.37	1.81			5.07		

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

**Good Luck  
to All on Day 2!**

**Story on the  
Arrest in the Crane Murder  
on Page 6**



# Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

There are 18 teams entered. Teams are listed in seeding point order, except for teams with byes, which are listed first in PP order.

Rosenthal  Bye to Rnd of 8	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken David Berkowitz	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Migry Zur Campanile
Fleisher  Bye to Rnd of 16	Martin Fleisher, Capt Eric Greco Joe Grue	Chip Martel Geoff Hampson Brad Moss
Wolfson	Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt Zia Mahmood John Hurd	Steve Garner Michael Rosenberg Joel Wooldridge
Kranyak	John Kranyak, Capt Greg Hinze	Vincent Demuy David Grainger
Kriegel	Oren Kriegel, Capt John Diamond	Ron Smith Brian Platnick
Rajadhyaksha	Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Capt John Schermer	Venkatrao Koneru Billy Miller
Hill	Kevin Dwyer Kevin Bathurst Joyce Hill, NPC	Shan Huang Justin Lall
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Billy Cohen Daniel Lev	Sam Lev Gary Cohler Jacek Pszczola
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Robert Hamman	Peter Boyd Bart Bramley
Donn	Joshua Donn, Capt Curtis Cheek Roger Lee	Huub Bertens Daniel Korbel Sheri Winestock
Morris	Michael Levine Mike Passell Dennis Clerkin Robert Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Marc Jacobus Jerry Clerkin
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Adam Wildavsky Jiang Gu	Larry Robbins Doug Doub
Watson	William Watson, Capt Vinita Gupta	Geeske Joel Debbie Rosenberg
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Rose Meltzer	Yoko Sobel Nikolay Demirev
Grossack	Adam Grossack, Capt Bart Bussink Alex Hudson	Arjun Dhir John McAllister Peter Boyd-Bowman
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Alex Kolesnik	Bob Etter Michael Shuster
Reynolds	W. Thomas Reynolds, Capt David Pelka Ellen Kent	Lance Kerr William Hall Robert Kent
Warner	Marc Warner, Capt Stephen Zolotow	Anam Tebha Glenn Eisenstein

*Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose.*

*Bill Gates*

# Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
FRIDAY	MAY 10	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
FRIDAY	MAY 10	10:00 - 11:03 11:10 - 12:13 12:25 - 1:28 1:35 - 2:38  4:00 - 5:03 5:10 - 6:13 6:25 - 7:28 7:35 - 8:38	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-7 MATCH 2 - BOARDS 8-14 MATCH 3 - BOARDS 15-21 MATCH 4 - BOARDS 22-28 82 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 5 - BOARDS 1-7 MATCH 6 - BOARDS 8-14 MATCH 7 - BOARDS 15-21 MATCH 8 - BOARDS 22-28
SATURDAY	MAY 11	10:00 - 11:03 11:15 - 12:18 12:30 - 1:33 1:45-2:48  4:15 - 5:18* 5:25 - 6:28* 6:35 - 7:38*	MATCH 9 - BOARDS 1-7 MATCH 10 - BOARDS 8-14 MATCH 11 - BOARDS 15-21 MATCH 12 - BOARDS 22-28 88 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK *MATCH 13 - BOARDS 1-7 *MATCH 14 - BOARDS 8-14 *MATCH 15 - BOARDS 15-21
* THE FINAL 3 MATCHES ARE SEQUESTERED - ONE PAIR ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY ALL 3 MATCHES & REMAIN AT THE TEAM'S HOME TABLE FOR ALL 3 MATCHES. NO SCORE COMPARISON ALLOWED.			
ROUND OF 16			
SUNDAY	MAY 12	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
SUNDAY	MAY 12	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY	MAY 13	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
QUARTER-FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 14	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
WEDNESDAY	MAY 15	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30

If you can't  
make it good, at  
least make it  
look good.

Bill Gates

# Round Robin Information

SEMI-FINAL			
THURSDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
FRIDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
FINAL			
SATURDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30

USBF 7 Board Victory Point Scale

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

## Round Robin

The 2019 USBC Round Robin will be a 2-day complete Round Robin, with 7 board matches, scored using the **USBF 7 board Victory Point scale** (see above). The Round Robin schedule is on page 3.

### TABLE ASSIGNMENTS

Each team will have a "home" table for the entire Round Robin. You will be NS at your home table. Your NS pair must remain at your home table for all of matches 13-15 and cannot wander. Your EW pair will play at your opponent's home table each round.

### SCORE SUBMISSION

After each match, you must turn in a form showing your score (in IMPs) for the match; please enter the IMPs for each team, not the net IMPs. If you have time to confirm the score with your opponent before submitting it, please do so, but if you do not have time, turn the score in anyway. The score submission form also has a box to use to enter your lineup. If you do not put anything in that box, you have submitted the identical lineup you had for the previous match - the same players are playing in the same seats..

### SEQUESTERED MATCHES

The final 3 matches on Saturday will be sequestered. One pair on your team must play all 3 matches NS at your home table. No score comparison is allowed during the 3-match clump. You may change your EW pair during those matches.

For the first two sequestered matches, the NS pair at each table will be asked to complete a score sheet & have the EW pair verify that it is correct. We will pick up those score sheets and enter the scores into the computer in order to have your scores for those matches completed by the time you finish the third match. Those scores will be posted on a wall in the Players' Break Room. You will be asked to confirm that those scores are correct when you turn in your score for the final match. We hope that this procedure will speed up the determination of which teams have qualified.

## Vugraph

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The 2019 Open USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16 on Sunday, May 12th. Some, but not all, of the tables will be featured.

From the Quarterfinals on, all of the tables in play will be covered.

To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or use the download version of the BBO software to run BBO on your computer (only available if you already have it, not to new users). If you choose the latter approach, from the Lobby, click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the matches you want to watch.

To watch on your smartphone or tablet, install the BBO app and watch using that.

There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:00-12:10

12:25-2:35

3:45-5:55

6:10-8:20

All of the teams will play the same boards throughout the event.



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### Hints for BBO viewers

Useful information is available to browser BBO users [and perhaps mobile BBO users] if you click on the name of the table/event you will get a pop-up that:

- \* displays the BBO Schedule for the specific vugraph event – calculated for the time zone of the viewer's electronic device

- \* has a link to the home page for the event

if you click on a player name you will usually get a pop-up that

- \* displays a picture of the player

- \* shows links to System Summary Forms (SSFs), Convention Cards (CCs), and biographical information

VIDEO: Live video streaming is not available for this event.

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Video from the event tables will be uploaded to YouTube as soon as can be managed.

If you are going to be in the Chicago area during the USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please email Jan Martel at [marteljan@gmail.com](mailto:marteljan@gmail.com).



# Man arrested in Burke County for murder of Hollywood producer 34 years ago

Burke County man arrested in cold case murder of CA director

By **WBTV Web Staff** | May 9, 2019 at 4:57 PM EDT - Updated May 9 at 6:15 PM

BURKE COUNTY, NC (WBTV) - Officials arrested a man in Burke County Thursday for the murder of a Hollywood producer 34 years ago.

According to the Burke County Clerk of Court, Edwin Jerry Hiatt II was arrested in connection to the murder of producer-director Barry Crane.

Officials say Crane's murder happened in California 34 years ago

According to the Associated Press, the body of the then 57-year-old producer-director, who was also a world-class bridge player, was found in 1985 in the underground garage of his Studio City townhouse by Crane's maid.

Crane was the producer of such television series as "Mission: Impossible" and "Police Story."

Hiatt has a first appearance Friday in Burke County Court.

The FBI assisted forensically with the investigation and with the apprehension.

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**WOK'D WEDNESDAYS**  
1/2 Off Fried Rice Entrée (chicken or veg)  
\$5 Classic Mojito

# Hospitality Suite...



The Hospitality Suite for the 2019 Open USBC will be located in room **2321**. Our wonderful hostesses, Lisa Berkowitz and Martha Katz, will welcome you at the site. They will be assisted by lots of helpful volunteers. **One of those volunteers is Ellen Kent... Thanks Ellen for the delicious baked goods. The blueberry muffins are great... can't wait for the strawberry cupcakes!**

**Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch each day starting on Sunday from 1:00-4:00. On the first Friday & Saturday, we will be serving lunch in the hotel restaurant from about 2:00-4:00**

The hospitality suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the playing hours and for a short time after the final session.

**Players, kibitzers, friends, spouses and children are welcome to join us in the suite.**

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan & McKenzie's office) will be in room **1321**. It will be available for the entire tournament. Coffee, soft drinks and snacks will get you through the wait while your slow teammates finish playing.

## Someone You Should Know: Julie Arbit

If you can't find Jan Martel and you need something, **Julie Arbit** should be your "Go-To" person. Julie is busy learning how to be Jan's alter ego and she's doing a great job of it!



**Julie** learned to play bridge in 2011 as an undergraduate student at the University of Michigan. She qualified on teams to represent the United States in World Youth championships in 2014 and 2016. Recently, Julie moved back to Michigan, where she splits her working time between a research lab in Ann Arbor and teaching bridge in metro Detroit. She will begin a two-year master's program in Environmental Policy at UM in the Fall.

Aside from work, school, and bridge, Julie finds time for rock climbing, vegan cooking/baking, and building up her dream 2-acre homestead. She appreciates to the USBF for the opportunity to follow in Jan Martel's impressive footsteps. Feel free to get in touch with Julie at [ilarbit@umich.edu](mailto:ilarbit@umich.edu) or (301) 512-5679.



**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.**



# "Pun"tificating

The first computer dates back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with limited memory, just one byte. And then everything crashed.

My dad died when we couldn't remember his blood type. As he died, he kept insisting for us to "be positive," but it's hard without him.

I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

"Doctor, there's a patient on line 1 that says he's invisible" "Well, tell him I can't see him right now."

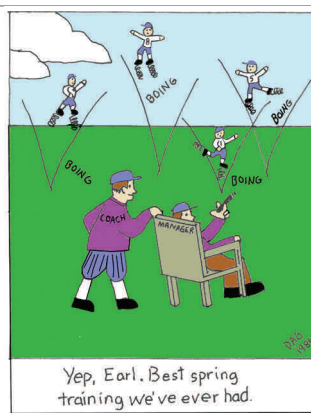
Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

The future, the present and the past walked into a bar. Things got a little tense.

My girlfriend told me she was leaving me because I keep pretending to be a Transformer. I said, "No, wait! I can change."

Thanks for explaining the word "many" to me, it means a lot.

eBay is so useless. I tried to look up lighters and all they had was 13,749 matches.



## Answers to Sudoku Puzzles on page 9

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

**Puzzle 1**

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

**Puzzle 2**



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

Sudoku 1

# Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers to Puzzle on Page 10:

Problem	Name of Board	Last Name	First Name
bad connector	Processor	Flume	Don
solder short	Daughter	Hart	Lewis
bent pin	Controller	Nichols	Ryan
broken wire	Power	Garnet	Steve
bad part	Mother	Collins	Wayne

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 8

# Puzzle Page ...

	Collins	Flume	Garnet	Hart	Nichols	Controller	Daughter	Mother	Power	Processor	bad part	bad connection	bent pin	broken wire	solder short
Don															
Lewis															
Ryan															
Steve															
Wayne															
bad part															
bad connection															
bent pin															
broken wire															
solder short															
Controller															
Daughter															
Mother															
Power															
Processor															

## Answer to Puzzle on Page 9!

First Name	Last Name	Name of Board	Problem
Don			
Lewis			
Ryan			
Steve			
Wayne			

-----	Collins	Controller	bad part
-----	Flume	Daughter	bad connection
-----	Garnet	Mother	bent pin
-----	Hart	Power	broken wire
-----	Nichols	Processor	solder short

The Gadget Company's Quality department has been very busy this week with a customer request. Their failure analysis group has been asked to process a large batch of parts that failed at the customer's site and to provide failure analysis reports to determine why the parts failed. So far, the parts that the failure analysis engineers have processed failed from a variety of reasons – anything from a simple bent pin to a bad solder connection on the printed circuit board. Determine the full name of each failure analysis engineer, the name of the printed circuit board that the problem was found on, and the specific problem found for each part.

1. Don, whose last name wasn't Nichols, didn't find the broken wire problem. Lewis found the problem on the daughter board but it wasn't a bent pin.
2. Wayne Collins didn't find a problem on the processor board. The problem on the mother board was a bad part.
3. The engineer whose last name was Garnet found the problem on the power board. Wayne didn't find the problem on the controller board.
4. Ryan's last name wasn't Hart. The bad connection problem was found by the engineer whose last name was Flume but it wasn't on the mother board.
5. The five engineers were Steve, the engineer whose last name was Hart, the one who found the problem on the mother board, the one who found the bent pin problem, and the engineer who found the problem on the processor board.
6. The bent pin problem was found by the engineer whose last name was Nichols. The solder short problem wasn't found by Steve.

**Adam Wildavsky** (born March 24, 1960) is an American bridge player from Jackson Heights, New York.

Wildavsky is a graduate of MIT.

### Bridge accomplishments

#### Wins

North American Bridge Championships

- Lebhar IMP Pairs 2008
- Fast Open Pairs 2008
- Blue Ribbon Pairs 1992, 1997
- Reisinger 2002

#### Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships

- Lebhar IMP Pairs 1996
- Fast Open Pairs 2004, 2006
- Nail Life Master Open Pairs 2011
- Roth Open Swiss Teams 2010
- Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 2009, 2011

Adam is joining the WBF Executive Council this year for his first term as a WBF Representative for Zone 2. He has some excellent ideas on improving world bridge.



**Douglas D. "Doug" Doub** (born May 28, 1955) is an American bridge player from the Northeast.

Doub and Frank Merblum have two firsts and two seconds in the annual grass-roots North American Pairs championship (Flight A), spanning from 2001 to 2014. They have won the New England (District 25) stage eight times.

Doub won a World Bridge Federation (WBF) bronze medal in the 2003 Bermuda Bowl playing with Adam Wildavsky on a team that was surprise runner-up in the United States Bridge Championships Open Teams. (Beginning 1991 the biennial world teams championships fields include two U.S. teams called "USA1" and "USA2".) From the 22-team round-robin they advanced to the 8-team knockout by a one-point margin.

They defeated Poland in the quarterfinal and lost to USA1 in the semifinal. They defeated Norway in the bronze medal playoff. As one of three pairs on the 2009 Open Team lead by Steve Robinson, Doub-Wildavsky won the US Open teams championship and participated in the Bermuda Bowl as USA1.

#### Wins

North American Bridge Championships

- Lebhar IMP Pairs 2008
- Fast Open Pairs 2008
- North American Pairs 2001, 2010
- Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1997
- Reisinger 2002

#### Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships

- Fast Open Pairs 2004, 2006
- Nail Life Master Open Pairs 2011
- North American Pairs 2003, 2014
- Grand National Teams 2008
- Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 2009



Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, is available again this year. She has agreed to come to the Hyatt after 1:00 pm on the following days. People who want a massage should sign up with Jan.

Monday, 5/12

Wednesday, 5/15

Thursday, 5/16

Monday, 5/20

Thursday, 5/23 (that's Mixed of course)

Monday, 5/27

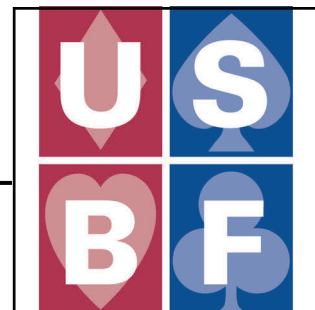
Thursday, 5/30 (between Mixed & Seniors)

Monday, 6/3

Thursday, 6/6



## Relaxation Therapy!



### 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:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

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# From the First Day Round Robin...

Board 1 ♠ 952  
 None Vul. ♥ KJ53  
 Dealer: N ♦ A9752  
 Round 5 ♣ 8

♠ AKQJ74      ♠ T863  
 ♥ 4              ♥ QT87  
 ♦ JT63          ♦ Q4  
 ♣ J6             ♣ 753

♠  
 ♥ A962  
 ♦ K8  
 ♣ AKQT942



West	North	East	South
D Clerkin	Dhir	J Clerkin	Bussink
	Pass	Pass	1C
1S	Double	3S	4S
Pass	5D	Pass	6C
All Pass			

In Levine vs. Grossack, Arjun Dhir and Bart Bussink had an excellent auction to reach the very solid club slam on their 24 combined high card points. They played in their 7-1 club fit, avoiding their 4-4 heart fit. The ugly lie of the heart suit defeats 6H.

In 6C, declarer has several chances for success. This declarer chose to rely on the heart finesse and was sadly defeated when he lost two heart tricks.

Wildavsky	Grainger	Doub	Hinze
	Pass	Pass	1C (strong)
4S	Double	Pass	5C
All Pass			

In the Kranyak vs. Lo match, Hinze started with a strong, artificial 1C.

Wildavsky applied maximum pressure with his jump to 4S.

After Grainger's double, Hinze settled in the club game. He demonstrated proper declarer technique. After the lead of the SK, he tested clubs. When clubs broke 3-2, he tested diamonds. If the diamonds broke 3-3, he could claim thirteen tricks.

When diamonds did not break, he safety played the hearts by leading a heart to the king and a heart to his nine. When this held, he had twelve tricks.

How good is this slam?

If clubs are 3-2, Hinze's line of play guarantees making six.

If clubs don't break, declarer plays three rounds of diamonds... If diamonds break, he exits with a club and claims twelve tricks: 6 clubs, 4 diamonds, and 2 hearts.

If diamonds don't break, declarer is forced to rely on the heart finesse.

This is an extremely high percentage slam.

Credit to Dhir/Bussink for bidding it!

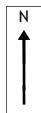
Credit to Hinze for making it!

Credit to Wildavsky for making his opponents guess at a high level!



Board 4 ♠ Q76  
 All Vul. ♥ 963  
 Dealer: W ♦ KQJ97  
 Round 1 ♣ T2

♠ J43 ♠ 98  
 ♥ ♥ AJ752  
 ♦ T8543 ♦ 6  
 ♣ AKQ54 ♣ J9763



♠ AKT52  
 ♥ KQT84  
 ♦ A2  
 ♣ 8

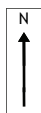
West	North	East	South
Cheek	Rosenberg, M	Bertens	Zia
Pass	Pass	2H (weak 5/5 H + minor)	Pass
2NT (minor)	Pass	3C	3S
5C	All Pass		

In the Wolfson vs. Donn match, after the gimmicky 2H opening, Zia decided to bid his time. He was pretty sure the opponents would not play there and if they did, he was perfectly happy to defend. Once Bertens showed his minor, Zia overcalled his spades and Cheek bid the obvious 5C. No one doubled and N/S collected 200.

The interesting part about this hand is that in other auctions where N/S might choose to bid 5S, West must underlead his AKQ of clubs to stop 11 tricks.

Board 8 ♠ J  
 None Vul ♥ AKQ3  
 Dealer: W ♦ KT9  
 Match 6 ♣ KQ976

♠ Q982 ♠ AK753  
 ♥ T ♥ 75  
 ♦ Q73 ♦ 64  
 ♣ AT843 ♣ J52



♠ T6  
 ♥ J98642  
 ♦ AJ852  
 ♣

Koneru	Gu	Pratap	Lo
Pass	1C	1S	Double
3C (mixed raise)	3S	4S	Double
All Pass			

In Lo vs. Pratap, Lo was faced with a tough choice when the opponents bid 4S. Perhaps he should have applied Grant Baze's rule: 6-5 Come Alive! Instead, he chose to compete by doubling.

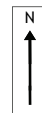
Fortunately for him, his partner's club holding was strong enough to defeat the spade game two tricks. Unfortunately for him, the rest of partner's hand was a perfect fit on offense. Six hearts depends on the diamond guess but five hearts is always making.

Koneru	Gu	Pratap	Lo
	1S	Pass	2NT (FR)
Pass	3C (min)	Pass	3D (asking)
Pass	3S (short D)	Pass	4C
Pass	4D	Pass	4NT
Pass	5D	Pass	6S
All Pass			

6S is an easy make, but Gu did it with style! He finessed both ways for the HK. He ruffed the opening diamond lead, played a spade to dummy and finessed the HT. Now he trumped a diamond to his hand and played the HQ, discarding a club from dummy. West won the HK and declarer claimed the rest of the tricks!

Board 9 ♠ QJ9874  
 Dealer: N ♥ AQJ3  
 E/W Vul. ♦ 654  
 Round 6 ♣

♠ 5 ♠ T  
 ♥ K842 ♥ 9765  
 ♦ JT863 ♦ AK954  
 ♣ J32 ♣ KT8



♠ AK632  
 ♥ T  
 ♦ Q72  
 ♣ AQ97