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Results:

2023 Mixed USBC USA1 Round Robin

Team Name	Total	9	5	10	6	1	8	7	2	4	3
9. Rosenthal	129.25		18.84	13.43	13.72	13.14	13.43	14.28	17.84	11.14	13.43
5. Lewis	117.10	1.16		15.75	14.80	14.28	20.00	15.05	15.05	8.50	12.51
10. Wildavsky	113.23	6.57	4.25		9.23	16.39	15.97	13.72	14.54	15.05	17.51
6. Millens	101.93	6.28	5.20	10.77		12.51	10.00	13.43	12.51	13.72	17.51
1. Cappelletti	79.91	6.86	5.72	3.61	7.49		5.46	18.15	10.00	14.80	7.82
8. Pollack	79.32	6.57	0.00	4.03	10.00	14.54		12.18	15.97	7.17	8.86
7. Parker	79.00	5.72	4.95	6.28	6.57	1.85	7.82		10.00	18.84	16.97
2. Dinkin	69.37	2.16	4.95	5.46	7.49	10.00	4.03	10.00		11.85	13.43
4. Kaplan	68.93	8.86	11.50	4.95	6.28	5.20	12.83	1.16	8.15		10.00
3. Henner	61.96	6.57	7.49	2.49	2.49	12.18	11.14	3.03	6.57	10.00	

Cross IMPs...

1.	Jacek Pszczola - May Sakr	Wildavsky	1.15	69.11	60
2.	Michael Rosenberg - Debbie Rosenberg	Rosenthal	1.07	64.11	60
3.	Andrew Rosenthal - Migry Campanile	Rosenthal	0.87	52.33	60
4.	Stewart Rubenstein - Anam Tebha	Parker	0.83	33.11	40
5.	Joan Millens - Shan Huang	Millens	0.74	29.67	40
6.	Janice Molson - Daniel Korbel	Lewis	0.55	38.33	70
7.	Chris Willenken - Amber Lin	Rosenthal	0.50	30.22	60
8.	Disa Eythorsdottir - Mark Itabashi	Lewis	0.49	29.33	60
9.	Doug Doub - Yiji Brennan	Wildavsky	0.49	29.11	60
10.	Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis	Lewis	0.48	24.00	50
11.	Jenny Wolpert - Shan Huang	Millens	0.31	15.33	50
12.	Cheri Bjerkan - Larry Robbins	Pollack	0.31	15.56	50
13.	Zach Grossack - Giorgia Botta	Parker	0.17	13.22	80
14.	Ron Smith - Yoko Sobel	Dinkin	0.15	10.67	70
15.	Radu Nistor - Raluca Dobrescu	Cappelletti	0.12	7.33	60
16.	Sandra Rimstedt - Kevin Dwyer	Millens	-0.02	-1.89	90
17.	Irina Kislitsyna - Lapt Chan	Henner	-0.10	-6.00	60
18.	Adam Kaplan - Dana Berkowitz	Kaplan	-0.10	-9.11	90
19.	Allison Cappelletti - Mike Cappelletti	Cappelletti	-0.12	-8.67	70
20.	Adam Wildavsky - Kitty Cooper	Wildavsky	-0.23	-13.67	60
21.	Dave Caprera - Anne Brenner	Pollack	-0.27	-16.11	60
22.	Gary Cohler - Joanne Weingold	Cappelletti	-0.49	-24.56	50
23.	Billy Cohen - Tracey Bauer	Dinkin	-0.52	-31.33	60
24.	Adam Grossack - Chris Parker	Parker	-0.64	-25.78	40
25.	Emma Kolesnik - Finn Kolesnik	Kaplan	-0.70	-63.22	90
26.	Christal Henner - Uday Ivatury	Henner	-0.75	-44.78	60
27.	Bill Pollack - Rozanne Pollack	Pollack	-0.86	-60.11	70
28.	Olivia Schireson - Sam Dinkin	Dinkin	-0.93	-46.44	50
29.	Sheila Gabay - Allan Graves	Henner	-1.01	-60.89	60
30.	Adam Grossack - Anam Tebha	Parker	-2.44	-48.89	20

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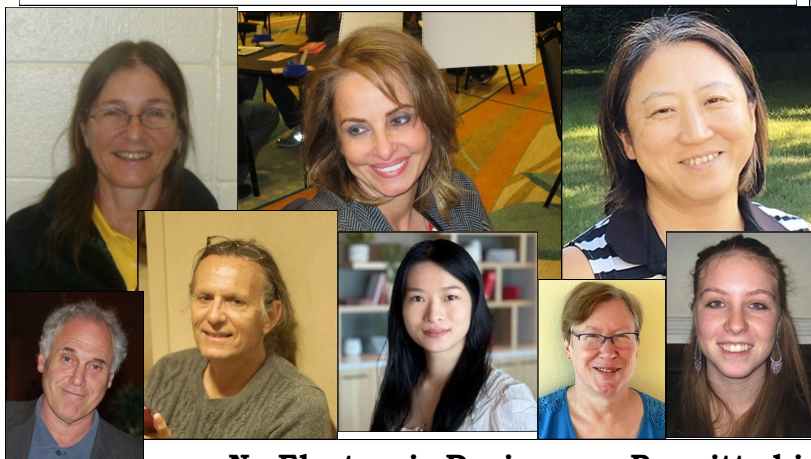
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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

Mixed Teams Entered

Cappelletti	Allison Cappelletti, Capt Joanne Weingold Raluca Dobrescu	Mike Cappelletti Gary Cohler Radu Nistor
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Ron Smith Tracey Bauer	Olivia Schireson Yoko Sobel Billy Cohen
Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Sheila Gabay Irina Kislitsyna	Uday Ivatury Allan Graves Lapt Chan
Kaplan	Adam Kaplan, Capt Finn Kolesnik	Dana Berkowitz Emma Kolesnik
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Linda Lewis	Janice Molson Disa Eythorsdottir Daniel Korbel
Millens	Shan Huang, Capt Kevin Dwyer Jenny Wolpert	Joan Millens Sandra Rimstedt
Parker	Chris Parker, Capt Anam Tebha Giorgia Botta	Stewart Rubenstein Adam Grossack Zach Grossack
Pollack	Bill Pollack, Capt Cheri Bjerkan Dave Caprera	Rozanne Pollack Larry Robbins Anne Brenner
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Michael Rosenberg	Migry Campanile Amber Lin Debbie Rosenberg
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Yiji Brennan May Sakr	Kitty Cooper Doug Doub Jacek Pszczola



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.



Senior Teams Entered

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jeff Aker Dennis Clerkin	Fred Stewart Doug Simson Jerry Clerkin
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Ken Kranyak Mark Aquino	Bob Bitterman Phil Becker Pat McDevitt
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Drew Casen Venkatrao Koneru	Mike Passell Jim Krekorian Pratap Rajadhyaksha
Hamman	Bob Hamman Neil Chambers Mitch Dunitz, Capt	Peter Weichsel John Schermer Ross Grabel
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Bart Bramley Eddie Wold	Reese Milner Kit Woolsey Marc Jacobus
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Doug Doub	Linda Lewis Neil Silverman Adam Wildavsky
Lusky	John Lusky, Capt Jim Foster Jeff Roman	Allan Falk Mark Jones Robbie Hopkins
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall George Jacobs	Lance Kerr Joe Viola Craig Gardner
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Larry Cohen	Steve Garner Michael Rosenberg Bobby Levin



Women's Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Kerri Sanborn Janice Molson [alternate] Sandra Rimstedt	Karen McCallum Jill Meyers Disa Eythorsdottir
Cappelletti	Allison Cappelletti, Capt Gigi Simpson	Joanne Weingold Kristen Onsgard
Cole	Margie Cole, Capt	Giorgia Botta
Wittes	Pam Wittes, Capt Cheri Bjerkan Lisa Berkowitz	Ljudmila Kamenova Rozanne Pollack Connie Goldberg



Headline: Scientists have grown Human Vocal Cords in a petri dish...

The results speak for themselves!

What do you call a fat psychic?

A four-chin teller!

I can cut a piece of wood in half just by looking at it!!

You might not believe it, but I saw it with my own eyes!

The Spanish king has been quarantined on his private aircraft!

That means the reign I Spain stays mainly on the plane!

What kind of milk comes from a forgetful cow?

Milk of amnesia!

How do poets say hello?

"Haven't we metaphor?"

What do you call a number that can't keep still?

A roamin' numeral.

How did the farmer meet his wife?

He tractor down!

I'm indecisive about rowing...

I can't choose either oar!

The Patron Saint of copying people on email is:

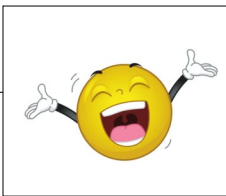
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Was the inventor of denim clothing a Jeanius?

What do a dog and a cell phone have in common?

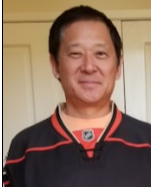
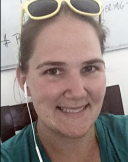
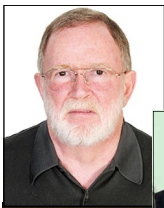
They both have a collar ID!

500 hares have escaped the San Diego Zoo. The police are combing the area!



Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
WEDNESDAY	MAY 10	11:00 - 12:30	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		12:50 - 2:20	MATCH 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		3:40 - 4:50	75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		5:10 - 6:25	MATCH 3 - BOARDS 21-30 MATCH 4 - BOARDS 31-40
THURSDAY	MAY 11	10:00 - 11:15	MATCH 5 - BOARDS 41-50
		11:35 - 12:50	MATCH 6 - BOARDS 51-60
		1:05 - 2:20	MATCH 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		3:40 - 4:55	75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		5:15 - 6:30	MATCH 8 - BOARDS 71-80 MATCH 9 - BOARDS 81-90
USA1 SEMIFINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
FRIDAY	MAY 12	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY	MAY 13	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA1 FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 14	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
MONDAY	MAY 15	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
			75 MINUTE BREAK
USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMIFINAL			
MONDAY	MAY 15	3:30 - 5:30	USA1 SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	USA2 SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 USA1 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60 USA2 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 SEMI FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
USA2 FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



Senior Team Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN (EACH TEAM SITS OUT ONE MATCH)			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
FRIDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 11:30	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		11:45 - 1:15	MATCH 2 - BOARDS 11-20 75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		2:30 - 3:45	MATCH 3 - BOARDS 21-30
		4:00 - 5:15	MATCH 4 - BOARDS 31-40
SATURDAY	MAY 20	10:00 - 11:15	MATCH 5 - BOARDS 41-50
		11:30 - 12:45	MATCH 6 - BOARDS 51-60 75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		2:00 - 3:15	MATCH 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		3:30 - 4:45	MATCH 8 - BOARDS 71-80
		5:00 - 6:15	MATCH 9 - BOARDS 81-90
USA1 SEMIFINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
SUNDAY	MAY 21	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
MONDAY	MAY 22	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA1 FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 23	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMIFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	3:30 - 5:30	USA1 SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
			USA2 SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		5:45 - 7:45	USA1 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60 USA2 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 SEMI FINAL			
THURSDAY	MAY 25	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
USA2 FINAL			
FRIDAY	MAY 26	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY	MAY 27	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



Beth Palmer Women's Schedule

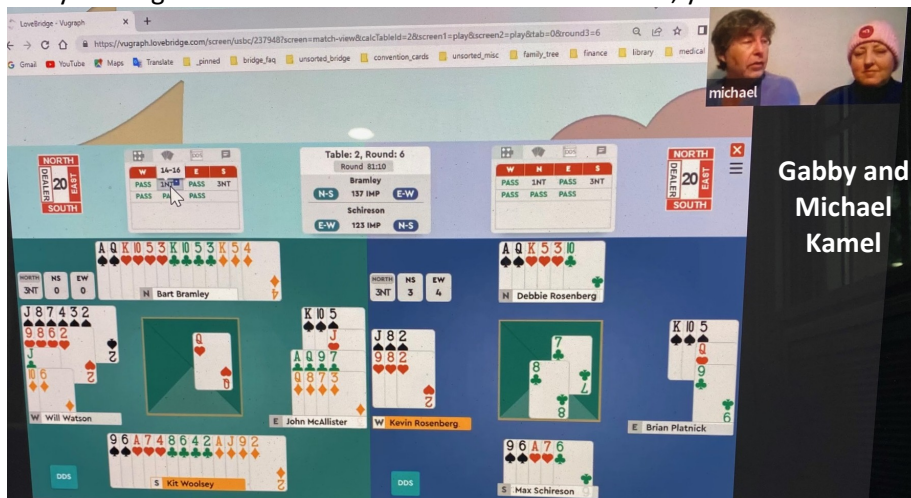
USA1 SEMIFINAL			
SATURDAY	MAY 20	TIME	BOARDS
		10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SUNDAY	MAY 21	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMIFINAL			
MONDAY	MAY 22	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
TUESDAY	MAY 23	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA2 FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY	MAY 25	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



Kibitzing: THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2023 USBCs ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. When available, voice commentary may be accessed by clicking on the TV screen icon. If there is no sound, you must unmute.

What you see
Is what you get!
And with the “voice”
It’s better yet!
Thanks Kamels!!



Segment 1: 11:30 am
Segment 2: 1:45 pm
BREAK
Segment 3: 5:00 pm
Segment 4: 7:15 pm

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 to the scoresheet, 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 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, the same buttons move you through the list. Push every button and enjoy!



Kibitzing...



VACCINATION REQUIRED:

All players in the 2023 USBC's MUST be vaccinated against CoVid19.

Players must submit proof of vaccination to the USBF Secretary (Jan Martel) before play commences in the event.

2023 USBCs Hospitality

Although the Covid situation has improved, it is still out there. To keep our players and staff safe, we want to keep the number of people in the suite to a minimum at any one time. Our wonderful hostesses, Maya Alela and Marie-France Benoit will host you in our usual suite (Room 2321). Grab and go breakfast and lunch each day, except that on the first Monday and Tuesday, when lunch will be available in the Copper, Sage, and Maize meeting rooms off the corridor running from the hotel's front door to the back door.

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, with some hot options. There will be individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. Maya & Marie-France 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. We ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that container to take with you. Then, as quickly as you can, 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 selecting your food.

Lunch will be available in the hospitality suite from 3-4 (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, salads, pizza) as well as 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



Marie-France



More on Hospitality and Regulations...

Let us know what you want: If you have specific needs or prohibitions (allergies?), please let Maya or Marie-France know and they will do their very best to provide food that meets your needs.

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. We are working in that room and would appreciate it if you try to keep voices low.

Masks will be required in playing rooms only if your screenmate asks you to wear one. You do not have to put on a mask when you summon a director or ask someone to bring you coffee or water or escort you outside to smoke.

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Sudoku 1



Hard Sudoku

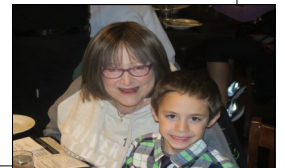
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Sudoku 2

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						5		
8			5				9	6

Ed. Note: With delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to watch every hand for write ups. If anyone has a hand of particular interest, please send me the board number & match and I will review it. Email to stansubeck@prodigy.net.

Thank you.
Suzi



Puzzle Page ...

New York City 1

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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

The **Bermuda Bowl**, **Venice Cup**, **d'Orsi Senior Bowl** and the **Wuhan Cup** are for national teams, respectively Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed, representing their countries, qualified from the 8 WBF Zonal Conferences.

The **World Transnational Open Teams** is open, without any qualification, to all teams, national or transnational, which want to participate, accordingly to the conditions of contest.

The **World Bridge Teams Championships**, the oldest WBF Championship, grew out of private initiatives principally by the late Norman Bach. The first world championship for the Bermuda Bowl was held in 1950, in Bermuda, 8 years before the World Bridge Federation itself was formed. After the first event of the series, the Bermuda Bowl developed into a regular challenge match between the USA and the winners of the European Championship, but in 1957 the contest widened to included teams representing other zones of the WBF.

In 1974, in Venice, Italy, a new event was launched, the Venice Cup. It started as a challenge match between women's teams from the USA and Italy (Europe 's representative) and today it is the equivalent of Bermuda Bowl for women, organized under the same laws and format.

A third series, the Senior Bowl, for senior players was added in 2001. Ernesto d'Orsi, Past President of the WBF and a member of the WBF Committee of Honor and the WBF Executive Council, presented the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy for the winners of this Championship at the World Teams Championships held in Brazil in 2009.

In March 2018 in Philadelphia the Executive Council added a fourth series for Mixed Teams starting from 2019 in Wuhan, China. This new event was named after the City of Wuhan which presented the prestigious trophy and provided, and will provide for the future editions, replicas for the winners.

Pun-ishment!

I have a friend
who writes music
about sewing
machines. He's a
singer
songwriter.

Or sew it seams.

Yesterday, I met a girl who
runs a battery kiosk at our
local park. Yes, that's
right.

She sells C cells down by
the seesaw!



A sweater I bought
was picking up static
electricity, so I
returned it to the store


They gave me
another one

free of charge

While at the hospital
I asked the nurse if
I could do my own
stitches

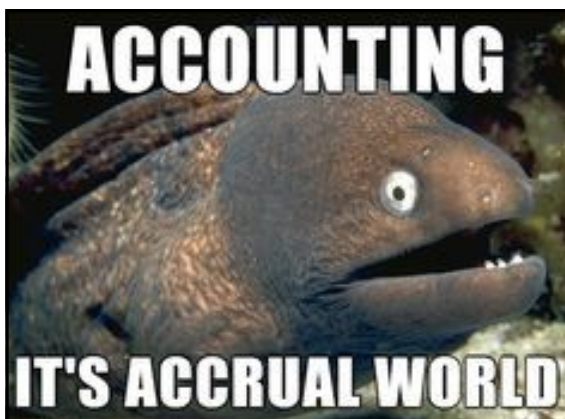
She said suture self

Why shouldn't you let advanced
math intimidate you?


It's really as easy as pi!

I'm writing a book
about hurricanes and
tornadoes...

It's only a draft at the
moment



What do a tick and the Eiffel Tower have in common?

They are both Paris sites!

Logic Puzzle...

	Jones	Smith	Stokes	Tawny	Weather	cats	covered bridge	panther	roses	winter scene	500 pcs	800 pcs	1000 pcs	1200 pcs	1500 pcs	
Barbara																
Cynthia																
Melinda																
Sherryl																
Terri																
500 pcs																
800 pcs																
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1200 pcs																
1500 pcs																
cats																
covered bridge																
panther																
roses																
winter scene																

**Answer on Page 14
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First name	Last Name	Design	# of pieces

Mary had five friends who were avid jigsaw puzzlers. So for Christmas, she got each one a new jigsaw puzzle. The puzzles were all different in size and each one had a different design that she carefully selected to match the interests of each person. Each friend was delighted with her gift and declared that Mary's present was their favorite of all. Determine the full name of each friend (one last name was Tawny), the design of each jigsaw puzzle (one design was a winter scene), and the number of pieces each puzzle contained.

- The woman who got a jigsaw puzzle with cats had a last name of Stokes, but it wasn't Cynthia. Melinda's last name wasn't Smith.
- Barbara Jones got a puzzle with more pieces than the puzzle with the panther had. Terri didn't get a puzzle with 1200 pieces.
- The two puzzles with less than 1000 pieces were the puzzle that Mrs. Smith received and the puzzle with the roses.
- The puzzle that the woman whose last name was Weather received had more pieces than the puzzle with the covered bridge but fewer pieces than the puzzle that Sherryl got.
- Ms. Weather received a puzzle with 1000 pieces. The puzzle with the panther had 200 pieces more than Melinda's puzzle.
- The puzzle with the covered bridge had 500 pieces less than the puzzle that Cynthia received. The puzzle with 1500 pieces wasn't given to Sherry.

Meet the Players



Raluca Dobrescu is a professional player currently residing in Aventura, Florida. She is originally from Romania.

Raluca won the title of Greater NY Team Player of the Year in 2018. In the newsletter article announcing her win, it stated that she is startlingly nice, "even by civilian standards."

Year	Event	Rank	Team
2007	21st EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS Jesolo 2007 - Junior Teams	20	ROMANIA Junior team
2009	22nd EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS Brasov 2009 - Junior Teams	11	ROMANIA Junior team
2009	1st WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS Istanbul 2009 - Junior Swiss Teams	20	KARACASU Junior team
2009	1st WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS Istanbul 2009 - Junior Board-A-Match Teams	26	KARACASU Junior team
Year	Event	Rank	Partner
2008	9th EUROPEAN YOUTH PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS Wroclaw 2008 - Junior Pairs	17	Radu NISTOR
2009	1st WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS Istanbul 2009 - Junior Pairs	38	Radu NISTOR
2018	15th World Bridge Series Orlando 2018 - Women Pairs - SemiFinal B	44 (10)	Marilyn FEDAK
Year	Event	Rank	Team
2013	24th EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS Wroclaw 2013 - Junior Teams	15	npc of ROMANIA Junior team

Raluca is married to Radu Nistor. She and Radu are playing in this event as members of the Cappelletti team.

Raluca went to High School at Colegiul National Mihai Viteazul, then studied at the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest, class of 2007.



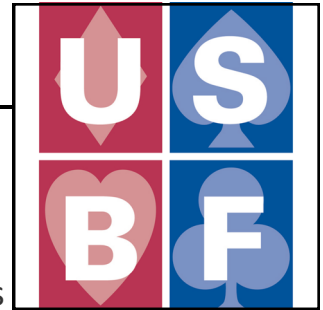
6	1	3	9	8	2	5	7	4
7	2	4	1	5	3	9	8	6
5	8	9	7	6	4	2	3	1
8	4	5	3	2	1	6	9	7
3	6	7	8	9	5	4	1	2
2	9	1	6	4	7	3	5	8
1	7	2	5	3	6	8	4	9
9	3	6	4	1	8	7	2	5
4	5	8	2	7	9	1	6	3

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

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 8

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.

If you mixed vodka with orange juice and milk of magnesia, would you get a Phillips screwdriver?

The new body shop came highly wreck amended.

I lived in a life boat and dated the girl next door. It didn't work out... we drifted apart!

500 pcs	covered bridge	Smith	Terr
1200 pcs	cats	Stokes	Sheryl
800 pcs	roses	Tawny	Melinda
1000 pcs	panther	Weather	Cynthia
1500 pcs	winter scene	Jones	Barbara
# of pieces	Design	Last Name	First Name



Did you hear about the carpenter who varnished without a trace??

Answer to Puzzle on page 12



Bridge: A MindSport For All

Connects People, Challenges Minds

Sam Punch is an amazingly hard worker and a wonderful promoter of our game! She has worked wonders in the last several years organizing and heading BAMSA. We support her wonderful work and hope you support it too!

Bridge, Youth and Schools



Who am I? My name is Samantha Punch, Professor of Sociology at the University of Stirling, UK. I lead the international work of BAMSA.

What is BAMSA? *Bridge: A MindSport for All* (BAMSA) is a research project working collaboratively with bridge organisations to increase the number of players and transform the image of the mindsport.

BAMSA believes that bridge can be promoted as a potential solution to tackle big societal issues of social isolation, loneliness, mental health problems, inclusivity and healthy ageing.

BAMSA's new study

The new project aims to develop academic evidence that demonstrates the skills and wide-ranging benefits that bridge, as a mindsport, can offer young people. The study will investigate the benefits and challenges of teaching bridge in schools. The goal is to encourage schools to take bridge as seriously as chess, and mindsport education as seriously as physical education.

How can donating help?

By donating, you enable BAMSA to conduct this work in the USA as well as Europe. The funding pays for the researchers to interview school teachers, bridge teachers, pupils and parents to explore what helps and hinders learning bridge. The funds are used to develop practical resources from the findings to enable growth of youth bridge communities in USA and Europe.

How can I donate? ***All donations will be doubled* (matched by Levine Foundation)**

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Thank You! Need more information?

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BAMSA: BRIDGE: A Mindsport for All

**Please pick up a Chicago NABC flyer before you leave Schaumburg.
We want to see you there!!
Rooms are filling.**

We have engaged the Intercontinental as our overflow hotel!

Also, grab a Chicago NABC Convention Card Sticker from the table in the Break Room where the newsletters are.

From Jan Martel...

Once again this year, we've been able to persuade Ela, the wonderful massage therapist we've had in the past, to come to the Hyatt to help us unwind. Ela is flexible, but since she has a fairly long commute, she would prefer that we try to have 3 or 4 people in a row, which is why I am asking you to let me know in advance if you think you will want a massage on a specific day and in a specific time frame. If we all cooperate on this, I can set things up in advance.

Of course if you don't know now when you'll be sitting out or how much you will want a massage, you can talk to me in room 1321 when you're ready and I'll try to accommodate you. People who let me know in advance will get priority!

I will consult Ela as to what her fees are. I'll have her set up a table in my room (5117) and will give her a key to the room so she can access it.



**Changed all my
passwords to Kenny.
Now all I have are
Kenny Loggins.**

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Extra: Bidding Box hands will be included in ABC two weeks before the Bridge Bulletin is published.

Board 7 Revisited...

In Thursday's Bulletin, Board 7 is featured in the Lewis/Pollack match on page 19. Kevin Rosenberg called attention to the fact that Amber Lin took a particularly good line of play to insure her contract on the same board in the Kaplan/Rosenthal match. He notes that three declarers played this hand from West and received a spade lead... and Amber was the only one of the three to find this line of play.

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface with the following elements:

- Bidding Table:**

W	N	E	S
PASS	1♦	DBL	PASS
1♥	PASS	3♥	PASS
4♥	PASS	PASS	PASS
- Table Score:**

Table: OP 3, Round: 1
 N-S: Kaplan 8 IMP
 E-W: Rosenthal 8 IMP
- Card Holdings:**
 - North (Adam Kaplan):** ♠ 972, ♥ Q4, ♦ AQ754, ♣ KJ6
 - West (Amber Lin):** ♠ T4, ♥ J9865, ♦ K6, ♣ Q432
 - East (Chris Willenke):** ♠ AKJ, ♥ AK732, ♦ 32, ♣ A97
 - South (Dana Berkowitz):** ♠ Q8653, ♥ T, ♦ JT98, ♣ T85
- Game Information:**
 - Table: OP 3, Round: 1
 - Score card, Frequency, Standings options.
 - DDS button.

Let's see what Amber did...

The auction was straightforward with no alerts.



Kaplan led the S2 and Amber won the wish trick in dummy with the ace.

She cashed the HA, followed by the SK, and ruffed the last spade in hand.

A heart to the queen and king followed.

Amber played a small diamond off dummy. She had knowledge from the bidding that North was likely to hold the DA. When Berkowitz covered the deuce with the ten, **Amber ducked!** Rosenberg pointed out how ducking the DT was a really well-thought out play:

He writes, "By ducking the first round of diamonds entirely, Amber guaranteed endplaying North with the 2nd round of diamonds. No other line is as safe."

Excellent forward thinking and analysis by Amber at the table...

Both of the other declarers played the CA and another club after eliminating spades. This would have failed had South held the CJTx or CTx or CJx. The actual lie of the cards protected the other declarers but Amber didn't need this lie to succeed. In IMPs, taking the safest line to a plus score is always key! Well done Amber!!

Ed. Note: This could not have been an easy round for Dana and Chris. From one who knows, playing with one's spouse is tense... but playing against one's spouse is tenser!

Thanks Kevin for suggesting this write-up.

Great play, Amber! You deserved for the cards to lie in a way to reward your thinking!!

Board 21 is a complex declarer/defender problem. All ten E/W pairs reached 3NT from West, either by way of a 3C preempt by East, or by way of a 1NT opening by West.

BOARD: 21
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ K7654
 ♥ AJ3
 ♦ T5
 ♣ Q94

♠ AQT
 ♥ K87
 ♦ QJ98
 ♣ A85

♠ 83
 ♥ T64
 ♦ A7
 ♣ KJT732

Par: -430

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	3	6	6	6	3
E	9	7	6	6	9
W	10	:	7	:	10

♠ J92
 ♥ Q952
 ♦ K6432
 ♣ 6

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	IMP
						NS	EW Home Visiting
1	Cappelletti	Wildavsky		Open	3N W ♠5 =	400	- -
				Closed	3N W ♠5 =	400	- -
2	Dinkin	Rosenthal		Open	3N W ♠5 =	400	11
				Closed	3N W ♠5 -2 100		
3	Henner	Pollack		Open	3N W ♠4 -1 50		10
				Closed	3N W ♠5 = 400		
4	Kaplan	Parker		Open	3N W ♠5 = 400		10
				Closed	3N W ♠4 -1 50		
5	Lewis	Millens		Open	3N W ♠5 = 400		- -
				Closed	3N W ♠5 = 400		

Eight defenders led their 4th best spade.

Sheila Gabay, playing 4th best leads, chose the deceptive S4.

Playing attitude leads, Giorgia Botta, also led the S4. Dummy played low, South played the S4 and declarer won the SQ.

Every declarer played three rounds of clubs losing to North's CQ.

Most South defenders indicated an interest in diamonds by discarding the D6 followed by the D2 (or the reverse for UD signalers).

The typical position at trick five:

♠ K764		
♥ AJ3		
♦ T5		
♣		
♠ AT	↑ N	♠ 3
♥ K87		♥ T64
♦ QU98		♦ A7
♣		♣ JT7
♠ 92		
♥ Q952		
♦ K43		
♣		

Based on the play to trick one, North knew that declarer held the ace and ten of spades. Declarer started with 8 tricks (2 spades, 5 clubs and the DA). Playing a second round of spades will hand declarer their ninth trick. In the Cappelletti/Wildavsky match, Cohler continued the spade attack and declarer claimed nine.

For a heart switch to be successful, South would need to hold H:KQxx or the HK and the DK. In the latter case, a low heart or a low diamond will work equally well. In the first case, leading the HA will produce four defensive tricks and defeat 3NT.

In Lewis/Millens, Disa discarded the encouraging D2 followed by the D3 (upside down). Itabashi cashed the HA. Disa followed with the H2, and Itabashi continued with the HJ. Again, declarer had their ninth trick.

The other eight North players found the killing switch to the DT. In Dinkin/Rosenthal, Rosenthal played the DT and declarer, Yoko Sobel ducked. Migry won the DK, returned the S9 and declarer played the ten. Rosenthal won the SK

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and cleared the spade suit. Sobel played a diamond to dummy and cashed two clubs. For declarer to succeed, South must hold the HA. Yoko gave it her best try. She led a heart from dummy at trick ten. North won the HA and claimed to defeat the contract two tricks.

In order to avoid Sobel's fate, declarer must rise with the DA at trick five and hope for the best. On the run of the clubs, the N/S defenders and declarer are subjected to pitching problems. Declarer is squeezed in three suits if the defenders discard perfectly. If South has previously discarded two diamonds, South must discard a heart or a spade on the fourth round of clubs. If South discards a small diamond, there will be no threat against declarer's DQJ and declarer will not be squeezed.

If the defenders discard correctly, this will be the six-card end position as it was in the Lewis/Millens match where Korbel declared and Huang/Wolpert discarded expertly to this point.

The Six-Card End Position Lewis/Millens

♠ K7654 ♥ AJ3 ♦ T5 ♣ Q94 N Jenny Wolpert	♠ 83 ♥ T64 ♦ A7 ♣ KJT732 E Janice Molson
♠ AQT ♥ K87 ♦ QJ98 ♣ A85 W Daniel Korbel	♠ J92 ♥ Q952 ♦ K6432 ♣ 6 S Shan Huang

On the last club, Huang discarded the S2 and Korbel discarded the ST. Wolpert needed to discard a spade or a diamond. Jenny discarded a heart. Korbel led a diamond from dummy. Huang rose with the ace and played a heart to North's AJ. Declarer took the last two tricks with SA and DQ to make the unmakeable game.

When Debbie Rosenberg declared for the Rosenthal team, South discarded a small diamond on the fourth club and declarer discarded a small heart. On the fifth club, South discarded a heart. Rosenberg could afford to discard a diamond, but this wasn't at all clear. Debbie discarded the ST. Realizing that her hand was in trouble if she played dummy's last club, she exited dummy with a diamond. Tracey Bauer won the DK. At this point, a heart through declarer's Kx will allow the defenders to take three heart tricks and set the hand. Bauer did not visualize the position and she returned partner's spade suit. Rosenberg won the SA and cashed two diamonds to fulfill her contract.

In the Kaplan/Parker match, Zach G and Botta found the defense to defeat 3NT, without a declarer mistake or mis-guess. Finn Kolesnik won the DA and began cashing clubs. Zach discarded the H5 and S2 on the first two clubs. Finn discarded the ST and the H7. Botta discarded two low spades. The six-card position was →

On the last club, North and South discarded spades, while declarer discarded a diamond. Finn led a diamond from dummy. Zach won the DK and accurately played a heart through declarer's Kx, taking three more tricks to defeat 3NT.

The Six-Card End Position Kaplan/Parker

♠ K7654 ♥ AJ3 ♦ T5 ♣ Q94 N Giorgia Botta	♠ 83 ♥ T64 ♦ A7 ♣ KJT732 E Emma Kolesnik
♠ AQT ♥ K87 ♦ QJ98 ♣ A85 W Finn Kolesnik	♠ J92 ♥ Q952 ♦ K6432 ♣ 6 S Zach Grossack

BOARD: 44
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ K86
♥ T43
♦ 8753
♣ QT5

♠ AKJ98652
♥ A
♦ K964
♣

♠ AQJT943
♥ Q7
♦ KJ
♣ J3

♠ 752
♥ QT9642
♦ A872
♣

Par: -980

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	3	8	1	3	1
S	:	:	:	4	2
EW	8	5	12	9	11

Nine tables played Board 44 in the cold 6H. Uday and Christal had what appears to be a keycard misunderstanding where she asked and he showed 0/3. She carried on with 5NT telling partner they had them all... but they were off the CA. Uday jumped to 7H and went light 2 after a non-club lead that made him try to make the hand with a ruffing finesse in spades. North found the club return and they defeated the grand two tricks.

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	IMP
							NS EW Home Visiting
1	Cappelletti	Rosenthal	Open	6♥	W	♣5 =	980
			Closed	6♥	W	♦5 -1	50
2	Dinkin	Parker	Open	6♥	W	♣5 =	980
			Closed	6♥	W	♥3 =	980
3	Henner	Millens	Open	6♥	W	♥3 =	980
			Closed	7♥	W	♦3 -2	100
4	Kaplan	Lewis	Open	6♥	W	♦5 =	980
			Closed	6♥	W	♦5 =	980
5	Pollack	Wildavsky	Open	6♥	W	♣5 =	980
			Closed	6♥	W	♦8 =	980

Eight of the nine other declarers were successful collecting 12 tricks.

In the Open Room of Rosenthal/Cappelletti, Debbie Rosenberg declared 6H. Cohler led a club. Weingold won the

CA and continued clubs. Rosenberg won the king, cashed the DA, ruffed a club in dummy, pitched a club on the DK, pulled trump and claimed. Anam Tebha took a similar line in Dinkin/Parker. At the other table in that match, Adam Grossack led the H3. Ron Smith won dummy's seven-spot, played a diamond to his ace and crossed to dummy with a trump. He pitched a club on a diamond and a club on a spade. He played the C3 to his king and conceded a club. Contract making. There was a variation on the theme in the Open room of Henner/Millens where again the H3 was led, but it was sufficiently similar to succeed. The other four successful tables played along these lines collecting 12 tricks... no swing in three of the matches.

Only in the Closed Room of Rosenthal/Cappelletti did 6H fail. Raluca Dobrescu, West, was declarer. Andrew Rosenthal led the D5 and Raluca won her ace. She created an extra entry to dummy by finessing against the HT. She cashed the DK and tossed a losing club. She cashed the SA and tossed a second club. At this point, she had several winning plays. She could lead a club toward her king. Or she could lead the SQ as she did, and ruff in hand, return to dummy with the HQ and since the SK did not fall, again lead a club toward her king. Instead, she led the SQ off dummy and took the ruffing finesse against the king with South! North won the king and shifted to a club. Contract down one!

Two 14 IMP swings three pushes ...

14 IMPs to Rosenthal

14 IMPs to Millens

BOARD: 45
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ AK62
♥ KQT742
♦ Q
♣ 74

♠ T
♥ AJ9863
♦ AK862
♣ J

♠ 7543
♥ 5
♦ JT953
♣ 532

♠ QJ98
♥ 74
♦ AKQT986
♣ AKQT986

Par: 1100

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	12	4	7	12	7
EW	1	9	6	1	2

Every match generated a double digit swing! Rearrange the match-ups and you might not have any swings at all.

This hand is all about the bidding. The play was easy.

Nobody in this field is shy, yet six of ten North/South pairs disdained the cold slam in either black suit.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
Cappelletti	Rosenthal	Open 4♠	S ♦A	+2	680
		Closed 6♠	N ♦J	=	1430
Dinkin	Parker	Open 3N	N ♦T	-2	200
		Closed 4♠	S ♦A	+1	650
Henner	Millens	Open 4♠	N ♦J	+2	680
		Closed 6♠	S ♦K	=	1430
Kaplan	Lewis	Open 6♠	N ♦J	=	1430
		Closed 5♣	S ♠T	=	600
Pollack	Wildavsky	Open 4♠	N ♦J	+2	680
		Closed 6♠x	N ♣2	=	1660

After 1H by N & 2C by S, most West players over-called 2D at their first opportunity and East jumped in diamonds.

This helped South determine that North likely held only one diamond, making slam a good proposition.

Perhaps the best, simplest auction was the one that siblings, Emma and Finn Kolesnik used:

Emma opened 1H; Finn bid 2C (could be two); West overcalled 2D; Emma bid 2S; East preempted 4D; Finn jumped to 5S implying "do you have second round diamond control, sis? And if you do, would you please bid the slam?" Emma had the 2nd round diamond control and dutifully bid 6S.

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

W	N	E	S
	1♥	PASS	2♣
2♦	2♥	4♦	5♣
PASS	PASS	PASS	

At the other table in Kaplan/Lewis, the spade suit was never bid!! Paul Lewis opened 1H. Linda bid 2 natural clubs. West overcalled diamonds. Paul rebid 2H. East jumped to 4D. Linda bid 5C and the auction ended!

The biggest disaster occurred in Dinkin/Parker where North/South had too much science on their side. Olivia, North, opened 1C, artificial 10-14 HCP; Dinkin responded 1D, artificial GF; Tebha, West, unaware of the strange heart position, innocently bid 1H; Schireson called 1NT, 4+ controls and 4+ hearts; Dinkin had heard enough... he jumped to 3NT. Rubenstein, East, tabled the DJ and the defense rapidly collected five diamonds and the HA!

W	N	E	S
	1♣	PASS	1♦
1♥	1NT	PASS	3NT
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Caprera/Brenner suffered a small disaster in Wildavsky/Pollack when Brenner, West, holding both red aces and the DK doubled the cold 6S. Even with all that power, there was no way to defeat the slam. 14 IMPs to Wildavsky was the largest swing in the field... but not likely large enough to send Dave to the couch!!

Limey Jack...

Cheerio Colonials:

Today, Limey Jack will help you navigate the bloody Mixed Teams. Howie Dung will struggle mightily as one goes to expect. There can be much randomness and he is the expert in that area. So budge up M. Dung. Watch Limey Jack bring in the dosh.

USA1:

Rosenthal-Wildavsky: Mayhaps the two best squads in the event. Rosenthal will get a second chance.

Millen's-Lewis: A new name to Limey Jack. Perhaps another time for the Millens Team.

USA2:

Parker-Cappelletti: while Parker is by no means a household name, if she doesn't get knackered and take a kip, she has the superior firepower.

Pollack-Dinkin: Pollock tries and fails year in and out, but they should be able to take the measure of Dinkin.

Ta, LJ

In USA1,
It's Andrew v Adam...
Every partnership
Mister and Madam.

Both teams play well,
Sometimes play super...
I like Wildavsky,
Playing with Cooper!

In Millens v Lewis,
Lewis succeeds.
All of team Lewis
Make really good leads.

In USA2,
Kaplan gets weary.
Playing 4-handed,
It's hard to stay cheery.

Howie Doing...

I'm thinking Parker
Will launch an attack.
Confuse and amuse...
Watch out for Sir Zach!

Pollack will frolic,
Whilst Dinkin is sinkin',
Cheri and Larry are scary
When thinkin'.

Good luck to you all.
Try not to fight.
Mixed Pairs can
Argue well into the night!

Just play your best.
Play solid and tough.
Hand after hand,
It will be enough!
Howie Doing...