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Results:

Mixed USBC USA2 - 2023											
Stage1 (120 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.								
12-May-2023			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>								
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
5	Parker	75	16	22	10	27					
8	Cappelletti - wins tie	186	21	40	75	50					
6	Pollack - wins tie	133	26	26	30	51					
7	Dinkin	134	33	45	32	24					

Mixed USBC USA1 - 2023											
SemiFinal (120 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.								
12-May-2023			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>								
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Rosenthal - wins tie	145	25	38	24	58					
4	Wildavsky	105	17	31	32	25					
2	Millens	135	42	38	16	39					
3	Lewis - wins tie	149	44	45	49	11					

Cross IMPs...

1.	Jenny Wolpert - Shan Huang	Millens	1.36	20.33	15
2.	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg	Rosenthal	0.78	35.00	45
3.	Amber Lin - Chris Willenken	Rosenthal	0.31	14.00	45
4.	Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis	Lewis	0.28	8.33	30
5.	Janice Molson - Daniel Korbelt	Lewis	0.24	10.67	45
6.	Andrew Rosenthal - Migry Campanile	Rosenthal	0.04	1.33	30
7.	Doug Doub - Yiji Brennan	Wildavsky	-0.04	-1.33	30
8.	Disa Eythorsdottir - Mark Itabashi	Lewis	-0.07	-3.33	45
9.	Joan Millens - Shan Huang	Millens	-0.24	-11.00	45
10.	Adam Wildavsky - Kitty Cooper	Wildavsky	-0.35	-15.67	45
11.	Sandra Rimstedt - Kevin Dwyer	Millens	-0.42	-25.00	60
12.	Jacek Pszczola - May Sakr	Wildavsky	-0.74	-33.33	45

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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



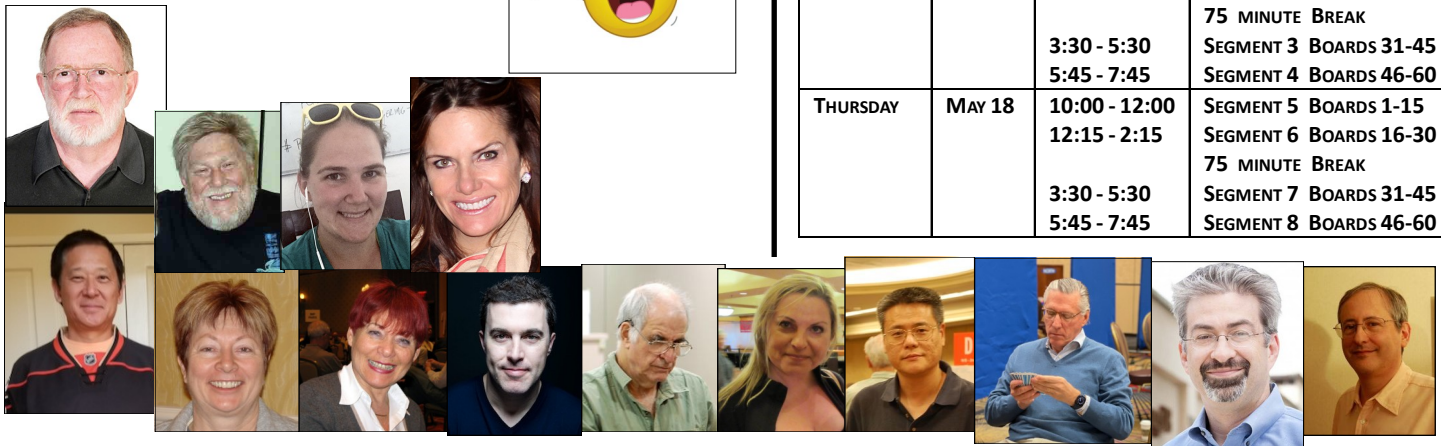
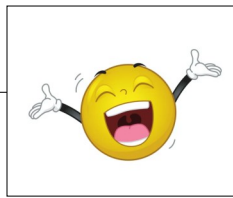
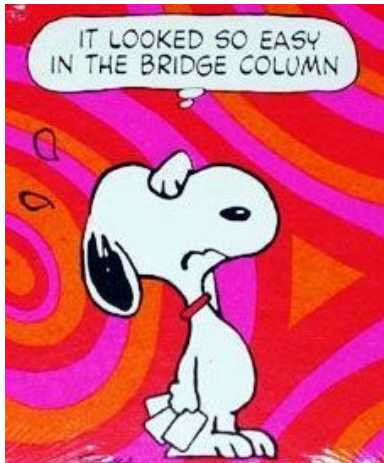
HOW SHOULD YOU HAVE PLAYED THAT HAND?



UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME

The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but escaping once he's in.

-Alfred Sheinwold



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 75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:40 - 4:50	MATCH 3 - BOARDS 21-30
		5:10 - 6:25	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 75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:40 - 4:55	MATCH 8 - BOARDS 71-80
		5:15 - 6:30	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 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	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 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			
SUNDAY	MAY 14	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 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 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		5:45 - 7:45	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 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	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 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60

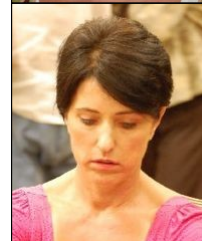
Senior Team Tournament Schedule

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
		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			
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	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
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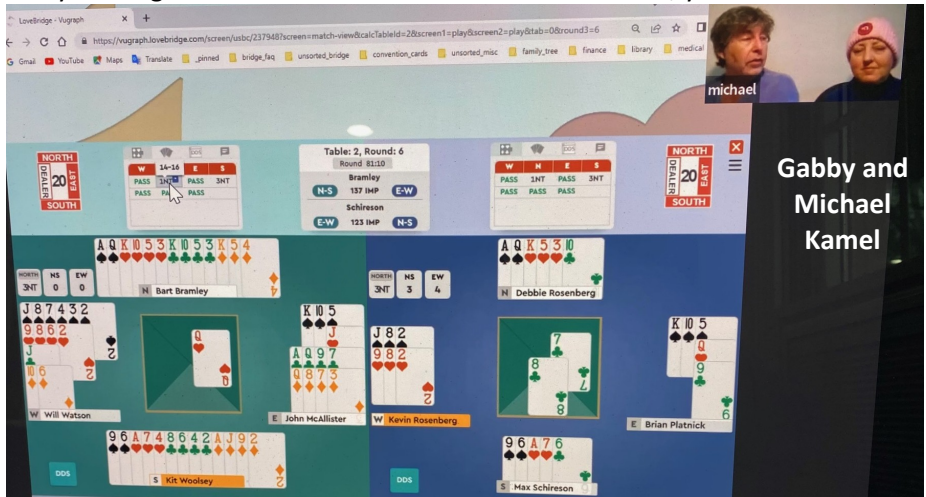


Kibitzing: THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2023 USBCs ON LOVEBRIDGE

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!



I watch the experts
Till they're through.
I try to guess
What they will do!



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

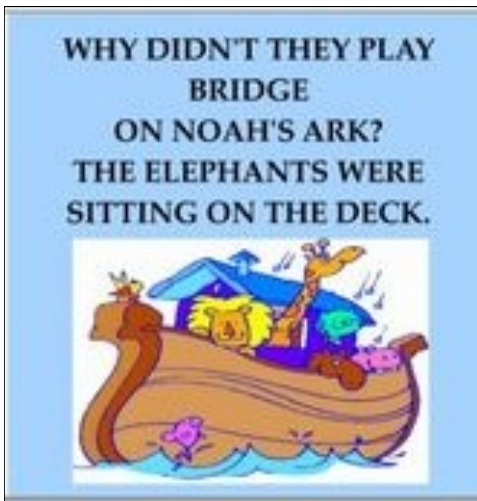
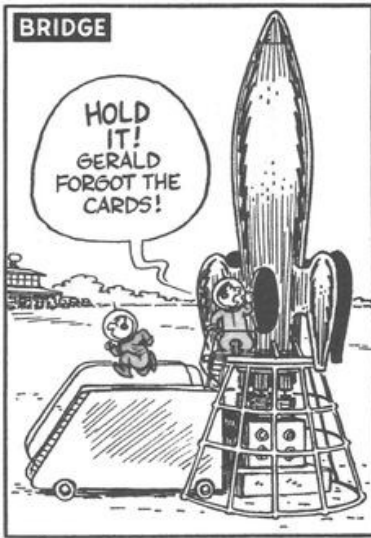
We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

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.

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

Sudoku 1



Hard Sudoku

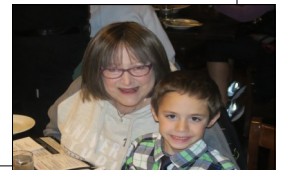
Sudoku Solutions on Page 14

Sudoku 2

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

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 ...

Computer Jargon

Find and circle all of the computer words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional word.

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

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BLUETOOTH	DOS	INTERNET	PASTE	SOFTWARE
BOOT	DRAG	JAVASCRIPT	PDF	SPAM
BYTE	EMAIL	KERNAL	PIXEL	TASKBAR
CHAT	ENCRYPTION	LCD	POWER SUPPLY	THUMBNAIL
CLICK	FILE	LOGIN	PROGRAMMER	UNIX
COOKIE	FIREWALL	MEMORY	ROUTER	WALLPAPER
CURSOR	FOLDER	MONITOR	SAVE AS	WIRELESS
DATA	GIF	MOUSE		

WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN SWISS AND KNOCKOUT TEAMS

August 28 – September 2

MARRAKECH GRAND PRIX TRANSNATIONAL BOARD-A-MATCH (BAM) TEAMS

August 30 – September 1



PLAY FOR WBF TITLES, MEDALS AND MASTERPOINTS AGAINST PLAYERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

PLAY PRESTIGIOUS CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS AGAINST THE WORLD'S BEST PLAYERS

ENJOY WORLD CLASS PLAYING CONDITIONS IN A UNIQUE LOCATION

5 OR 6 DAYS OF PLAY ACROSS BOTH EVENTS FOR ONE ENTRY FEE

BOTH EVENTS PART OF THE WORLD BRIDGE TOUR



Marrakech, Morocco



Check details on the back →

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WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN SWISS KO TEAMS

August 28 – September 2

- ♣ WBF titles, medals and Masterpoints
- ♣ 2 Days of Swiss Qualifying followed by 3 (4 if reaching the Final) days of KO
- ♣ A "stand-alone" championship, including non-qualifiers from the Bermuda Bowl (BB), Venice Cup (VC), D'Orsi Trophy (DOT) and Wuhan Cup (WC)
- ♣ Players eliminated on day 2 or 3 can enter the Marrakech GP Transnational BAM Teams free of charge

MARRAKECH GRAND PRIX TRANSNATIONAL BAM TEAMS

August 30 – September 1

- ♣ WBF titles, medals and Masterpoints
- ♣ 2 Days of Qualifying followed by Finals A and B (everyone plays for 3 days)
- ♣ A "stand-alone" championship, including players eliminated in the Quarterfinals of the Bermuda Bowl (BB), Venice Cup (VC), D'Orsi Trophy (DOT) and Wuhan Cup (WC)

ENTRY FEES - BOTH EVENTS TOGETHER

♣ Players from the BB, VC, DOT and WC	Free
♣ New players (per player)	350 €
♣ Moroccan BF members (per player)	250 €
♣ Youth players - U26 (per player)	175 €

ENTRY FEES - BAM ONLY

♣ Players from the BB, VC, DOT and WC	Free
♣ New players (per player)	250 €
♣ Moroccan BF members (per player)	150 €
♣ Youth players - U26 (per player)	100 €

The total Entry Fee for a Team is the sum of the 4 highest paying players, i.e. a maximum of € 1,400 respectively € 1,000.



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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 asked my friend to spell “won ton” backwards. He said “not now!”

Someone just threw sodium chloride at me. That a salt!

Once upon a time there was a king who was only 12 inches tall. He made a terrible king but at least he was a good ruler.

What do you call a waffle on a southern California beach? A sandy Eggo.

Why did the art thief’s van die on its way out of the museum? Because he had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh!

The numbers 19 and 20 got into a fight. 21

I got thrown out of the park after arranging the squirrels by height. They didn’t like me critter sizing.

Don’t spell part backwards. It’s a trap.

Lettuce learn from the fall of the Romaine Empire!

There was a big paddle sail at my local boat store. It was quite an oar deal.

What do you call 12 examples of that which has mass and occupies space? Dozen matter!

If your dentist filled your cavities with mixed colors, would you be ok with that? Or would you have mixed fillings?

Why does Sherlock Holmes eat Mexican food? Because he welcomes case ideas!

If prisoners could take their own mug shots, they’d be called cellfies.

What do you call a retired miner? Doug!

Which doctor brings the cards to the bridge game? The cardiologist!!

A toothless termite walks into a bar and asks, “Is the bar tender here?”

Today I saw a dwarf climbing down a prison wall. I thought, “That’s a little condescending!”

I once broke up with a girl because she was addicted to counting!! I wonder what she’s up to now!

I went to the store the other day to get 6 cans of Sprite. Only when I got home did I realize I picked 7 up!

Today I learned that if you are in a canoe and it flips over, you can safely wear it on your head because it is capsized.

No matter how far you push the envelope, it will still be stationary!

Why should you knock before you open the refrigerator door? Because there may be salad dressing!

It snowed. I told my wife it was her turn to shovel and salt the front steps. All I got was icy stares!



Logic Puzzle...

	Amy	Linda	Nancy	Ruth	Sara	Chicken	Chicken	Steak	Vegetarian	Vegetarian	Chicken	Chicken	Steak	Steak	Vegetarian	Coffee	Lemonade	Soda	Tea	Water	Coffee	Lemonade	Soda	Tea	Water	
Bill																										
Elliot																										
Michael																										
Peter																										
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First Name	First Name	His Entrée	Her Entrée	His Drink	Her Drink

Senior Prom Night was last night and the event was an enjoyable evening for all who participated. The meal was deemed delicious and the disc jockey played an excellent selection of music, keeping the dance floor packed throughout the evening. For dinner, there were three different choices for the main entrée and multiple options for drinks. As it happened, none of the couples ordered the same entrée or the same drink. Determine the first names of each couple and the main entrée and drink selections for each person.

1. Peter, who didn't order the vegetarian entrée, ordered coffee to drink. Amy ordered tea.
2. The two people who ordered lemonade were the girl

3. Walter's date, who wasn't Ruth, ordered steak. Peter's date ordered water to drink.
4. Bill ordered the steak entrée and his date, who wasn't Nancy, ordered soda.
5. Sara, who didn't order lemonade, went to the prom with Elliot, who didn't order water.
6. The four people who ordered the chicken entrée were Linda's date, the girl who ordered coffee, Walter, and Michael's date.

Meet the Players

Tracey Bauer ... from her Bridge Winner Profile...

Tracey says: I'm a BBO baby. I came from a game playing family but not bridge. I found bridge in my early 30s and self taught myself on BBO with lots and lots of reading. I juggle career and family and selectively fit in good bridge when I can, who am I kidding....I'm on BBO daily that means you can find me almost every night in the Schafer match (thanks Walt!). I have really been enjoying my personal bridge journey and I have some wonderful partners and friends who are as passionate about learning and living life to its fullest. I live in Marin County, California with my husband and the last of our four kids...almost empty nesters now and then even more bridge travel in our future? You may also see me helping commentate on BBO or USBF.

I have been devoting a lot of my extra time to the bridge community, using my skills in sales and marketing. I am getting more and more encouraged as people and organizations are being more open to trying new 21st ways of marketing our game. My hope is our game is still robust for when my kids retire.

Favorite Bridge Memory

Early on playing with my dear husband :Being accidentally passed out in 5H during a slam going auction making with only 6 trump while all those in 6s go down!

Bridge Accomplishments

Leading the Keohane Swiss in SD2017 after day one with Riki Tulin, Matthew and Pamela Granovetter, and Jason Chiu as my partner (I was unknown at the time).

WBF womens online festival winner in 2020 and 2022, nominated for best defense.

Favorite Tournaments

Worlds, USBF, NABCs

Favorite Conventions

Anything my partner plays and can remember

BBO Username

Marintl

ACBL Ranking

Diamond Life Master

Tracey is playing in this event as a member of the Dinkin team. She helps with the voice commentary during these USBC's, doing some of the commentary herself and promoting the commentary behind the scenes.

She likes good wine, good friends, and good times... and apparently she isn't bad at badminton either! The team plays in the morning to get into shape!



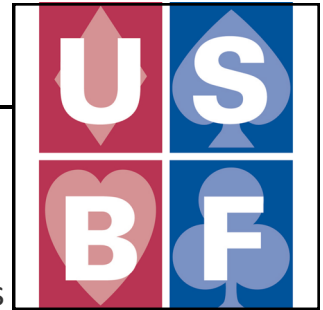
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1	4	3	9	2	6	7	8	5
9	8	1	4	7	2	5	3	6
6	2	7	3	5	1	9	4	8
3	5	4	6	8	9	1	7	2
7	1	2	5	6	8	3	9	4
8	9	5	1	4	3	2	6	7
4	3	6	2	9	7	8	5	1

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

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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.



What do you say to an electrician who isn't on time?

Wire you insulate?

Walter	Nancy	Chicken	Steak	Soda	Lemonade
Peter	Linda	Chicken	Steak	Coffee	Water
Michael	Amy	Vegetarian	Chicken	Lemonade	Tea
Elliot	Sara	Vegetarian	Chicken	Tea	Coffee
Bill	Ruth	Steak	Vegetarian	Water	Soda
First Name	First Name	His Entree	Her Entree	His Drink	Her Drink

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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)**

Online via the University website: www.stir.ac.uk/carddonate Scroll to the bottom of the page and choose single gift, this will direct you to our donation form where you can select "Bridge Research Project" as your designated cause.

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Via the Keep Bridge Alive Crowdfunder: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/u5c0e5e7810869>

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!

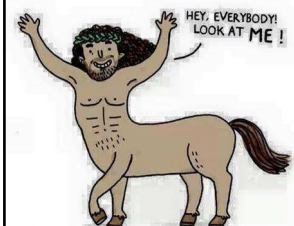
I will consult Ela as to what her fees are. I'll have her set up a table in my room (5117) and will give her a key to the room so she can access it.



How much money
does a skunk have?



One scent.



THE CENTAUR OF ATTENTION

Join **ABC**
ACBL BIDDING CONTEST

Bid these Bidding Box hands on your phone or tablet!

ABC is a *free*, ongoing weekly bidding contest organized by the ACBL using the app **bid72**. Enter the contest with your partner and automatically receive 5 hands on your phone/tablet every week. Compare your results with hundreds of other pairs. Monthly promotion/relegation ensures an exciting challenge for everyone. Please visit www.bid72.com/abc for more details and registration.

Register
here →



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

More from the RR...

Entering the final match of the competition on Thursday, the Lewis team, which led throughout the event, held a 6 Victory Point lead over Rosenthal. Rosenthal needed a double-digit win to overtake Lewis.

Rosenthal had several early pick-ups and was leading by 24 IMPs with three boards to go. Board 88 provided the potential for Lewis to gain 11 IMPs and put the event within reach.

3NT was the contract of choice at nine tables. This contract can be defeated with perfect defense. Seven declarers scored +400 because the defense is not easy to find.

W N E S
 1♣ 2♣ DBL RDBL
 2♥ 3♥ DBL PASS
 PASS RDBL PASS 3NT
 DBL PASS PASS PASS

Redbl=2 clubs, values to compete
 3H=something in H

NORTH DEALER 88 EAST SOUTH

Score card >
 Frequency >
 Standings >

DDS

10 6 2 A A Q J 9 6 5 3 J 3
 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣

N Debbie Rosenberg

A K Q 8 5
 J 9 7 6
 7 4
 K 6
 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠

W Daniel Korbel

Q 8 5 3 2
 K 2
 10 9 8 7 2
 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠

E Janice Molson

J 7 4 3 K 10 4 10 8 A Q 5 4
 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠

S Michael Rosenberg

SOUTH NS EW
 3NT^x 0 0

In the Closed Room of Lewis/Rosenthal, Dan Korbel doubled the 3NT contract. To defeat 3NT, the defense must establish a diamond trick before declarer can untangle their winners. Typically, West can cash two spade winners and then shift to a club before the HA is cleared. When East wins the CK, a diamond back will establish the fifth defensive trick. Declarer has lots of winners but can only take eight of them before the defense takes five tricks.

Korbel led the H9. Michael Rosenberg won in dummy and led the CQ. Molson won the CK and played the DT, but it was too late. Rosenberg won the DA, cashed the HK and six club winners for nine tricks, scoring +550 N/S.

In the Open Room, Chris Willenken cashed the SQ followed by the SK.

A club switch would be the killing defense. Alas, Chris did not find the club switch. He switched to the H9.

Disa won the HA and crossed to her hand with the DA to take the club finesse.

Amber Lin won the CK and played a diamond to Willenken, who cashed the setting spade trick, scoring +100 E/W for a 12 IMP gain.

W N E S
 1♣ 2♣ PASS 2NT
 PASS 3NT PASS PASS
 PASS

Table: OP 4, Round: 9
 N-S: Lewis 2 IMP
 E-W: Rosenthal 24 IMP

OTHER ROOM
 S 3N^x = 550 Other table >

NORTH DEALER 88 EAST SOUTH

Score card >
 Frequency >
 Standings >

DDS

10 6 2 A A Q J 9 6 5 3 J 3
 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣

N Mark Itabashi

A K Q 8 5
 J 9 7 6
 7 4
 K 6
 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠

W Chris Willenken

Q 8 5 3 2
 K 2
 10 9 8 7 2
 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠

E Amber Lin

J 7 4 3 K 10 4 10 8 A Q 5 4
 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠

S Disa Eythorsdottir

SOUTH NS EW
 3NT 0 0

Barring disaster on the last two boards, Rosenthal would and did win the Round-Robin.

Five out of eight tables arrived in 4H from East. Three of those tables were in the USA1 SemiFinal.

At one table in USA1, South played 1NT and made it!

Huang clearly stole!

He was a point or maybe a point and a half, given the plus sign, light for his bid.

Poor Korbel and Molson. They both hold 12 counts with no logical bid at unfavorable.

At the other table in this match, Rimstedt declared 4H. The opening lead was a club. Rimstedt won in her hand and took the winning spade finesse. She played a heart to the ace and repeated the spade finesse. She cashed the two black aces and led the H4. She covered the 8 with the 9 and Linda Lewis won her king. Linda, down to all diamonds, was endplayed. She cashed the DA and Rimstedt claimed her game. 12 IMPs to Millens

Both tables in Rosenthal/Wildavsky played on similar lines and succeeded in taking 10 tricks in 4H.

In USA2, two pairs, Dobrescu/Nistor and Cohen/Bauer played in 4H going down one. Nistor faced a club lead while Bauer faced a spade lead. Both won their respective opening leads.

Bauer won spade in dummy, finessing, and played a heart to the SEVEN! Oops... To succeed, she needed to play a heart to the ace, strip out the spades, cash two rounds of clubs and endplay South. Rozanne won the H7 with the ten. Since the black suits hadn't been stripped, Rozanne exited a spade. Bauer was still fine. She just needed to cash the high spade and two high clubs, however, she got several tricks ahead of herself and played another heart to the 9. Pollack happily won her king and played her SK. Bauer won in dummy, played a heart to the ace, cashed her clubs and had to concede two diamonds. Down one! 12 IMPs to Pollack when 3NT made at the other table.

In Parker/Cappelletti, Nistor won the club in his hand and took the spade finesse. He won dummy's jack and, like Bauer, he played a heart to the SEVEN! Parker won and played a club. Nistor won the club and cashed the HA. He finessed the spade, cashed the SA, ran the clubs till Adam Grossack ruffed with the HQ. Grossack put a diamond through the king to his partner's AQ. Again, contract failing one trick! 7 IMPs to Parker when 3H made 4 at the other table.

From the Recent Open USBC: The Definition of a Truly FLAT Board!



Table	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	Result
1	Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	1N N ♠5	= 90
			Closed	1N N ♠5	= 90
2	Lebowitz	Fleisher	Open	1N N ♠5	= 90
			Closed	1N N ♠5	= 90

BOARD: 4
 DEALER: WEST
 VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ Q9432
 ♥ 83
 ♦ J63
 ♣ K98

♠ KJ
 ♥ AQT9642
 ♦ 2
 ♣ 764

♠ A7
 ♥ KJ
 ♦ KT9875
 ♣ Q52

Par: -140

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	5	4	8	4
EW	4	7	9	4	7

♠ T865
 ♥ 75
 ♦ AQ4
 ♣ AJT3

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
NS	EW	Home	Visiting			

Rosenthal	Wildavsky	Open	4♥	W	♠2	-1	100	USA1
		Closed	4♥	W	♠2	-1	100	
Millens	Lewis	Open	4♥	W	♠3	-1	100	13
		Closed	4♥	W	♠2	+2	680	

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
NS	EW	Home	Visiting			

3 Parker	Cappelletti	Open	5♥	W	♣8	-2	200	USA2
		Closed	4♥	W	♣8	-1	100	
4 Pollack	Dinkin	Open	4♥	W	♣8	-1	100	1
		Closed	3♠	N	♥K	=	140	

No matter the lead, 4H is easily defeated if when South wins their DA, they play a low club to North's king and North plays a club back through dummy's queen to South's ace/jack.

Three tables in USA1 got this right and the three tables where four or five hearts was the final contract in USA2 also got this right.

What happened at the one table in Millens/Lewis where 4H was successful? Paul Lewis, N, led the S2. Dwyer won in hand and immediately played a diamond to dummy's king and Linda Lewis's ace. Linda should probably realize that the one card her partner could hold to defeat the game was the CK, but at trick two that isn't as clear as it would be later in the hand. Linda put back a spade. Dwyer won dummy's ace. He ruffed a diamond; played a heart to the jack; ruffed another diamond; played a heart to the king and claimed 12 tricks! 13 IMPs to Millens

BOARD: 11
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ K
♥ 9873
♦ A7
♣ AJ9654

♠ T8
♥ QT54
♦ K942
♣ T32

♠ AJ42
♥ J2
♦ QJ653
♣ Q8

Par: 400

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	10	6	9	9	9
EW	2	7	3	3	3

♠ Q97653
♥ AK6
♦ T8
♣ K7

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	IMP	
		NS	EW	Home	Visiting		
1	Rosenthal	Wildavsky	Open	6♣	N	♦3 -2	100
			Closed	3♠	S	♣2 +1	170
2	Millens	Lewis	Open	3N	N	♦J -4	200
			Closed	4♠	S	♥5 +1	450
3	Parker	Cappelletti	Open	3N	N	♦5 -3	150
			Closed	3N	N	♦3 -3	150
4	Pollack	Dinkin	Open	4♠	S	♥5 -2	100
			Closed	2♠	S	♥5 =	110

Board 11 was troublesome. Look at the range of contracts! At half the tables, North declared 3NT. Unless declarer takes the odds-off play of dropping the off-side C:Qx, 3NT has no play. Two declarers played 4S, which also had no play. However, Linda Lewis was successful. Kevin Dwyer led the H5, won by declarer's ace. Lewis led a spade to dummy's singleton

USA1

USA2

king and Rimstedt DUCKED!! This might be correct in some situations, but not here. Lewis played a club to the king and a club to the ace. The CJ was led from dummy, East ruffed and declarer overruffed. Linda played the SQ. Rimstedt won the SA and was helpless. If she exited with a diamond, declarer would win in dummy and play a club, discarding a losing red card while East trumped. At the table Rimstedt cashed the SJ and exited with a heart. Lewis claimed eleven tricks.

Willenken Wildavsky Lin Cooper

W	N	E	S
			1♠
PASS	1NT	PASS	2♠
PASS	3♠	PASS	PASS
PASS			

1NT=semi forcing

In Wildavsky/Rosenthal, Adam Wildavsky proceeded cautiously in the bidding. Recognizing a possible misfit, Adam responded 1NT (semi-forcing) over his partner's 1S. Kitty Cooper rebid 2S and Wildavsky raised to three ending the auction. Willenken led the C2, Cooper played dummy's nine and Lin ducked. The SK went to the ace, and Amber exited with a diamond to dummy's ace. Cooper led a heart to her hand and played the SQ followed by a spade to ast's jack. Amber cashed the DQ and exited with the HJ. Declarer won the heart and drew the last trump. The four-card end position was:



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Declarer played the S7 and Willenken discarded the HQ. Declarer had the rest of the tricks.

Note: Willenken could have discarded the D9. If he had done so, he would simply be delaying the pain. On the last trump, he could discard a club, but then declarer's could overtake the CK with the ace and the CJ would be the ninth trick.



Dinkin/Schireson found a simple way to land on their feet on this Board by declaring the 100% certain contract of 2S.

Sam's 2S opener, described above, showed 10-14 HCP with either 5S+4m or 6S + 0-3H.

Olivia Schireson read the situation correctly. She passed and Dinkin took an easy eight tricks even after he mis-guessed spades. Dinkin gained 5 IMPs when the Pollacks played 4S down two in the other room.

The system Dinkin/Schireson are playing is Dinkin/Schuster's "home-brew special."

As with all systems, sometimes it works great and sometimes it fails miserably. On this hand, it was absolutely perfect.



Cohler, Cohen, Smith

Photo credit to Tracey Bauer.



Jan Martel, Chris Parker, Stewart Rubinstein, Migry

BOARD: 15
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ J65
♥ K763
♦ KT4
♣ K93

♠ KQ4
♥ QJT
♦ 75
♣ T8652

♠ A9873
♥ 94
♦ AJ9862
♣

♠ T2
♥ A852
♦ Q3
♣ AQJ74

Par: -420

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	8	3	7	3	7
EW	5	10	3	10	6

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
Rosenthal	Wildavsky	Open	4♠x	W ♥6 -1	100
		Closed	4♠x	W ♣3 =	590
Millens	Lewis	Open	4♠	W ♥3 =	420
		Closed	4♠	W ♠5 =	420
Parker	Cappelletti	Open	5♣x	S ♠K -3	800
		Closed	4♠xx	W ♥6 =	880
Pollack	Dinkin	Open	2♠	E ♠2 +2	170
		Closed	2♠	E ♠T +2	170

Any Board where a redoubled contract makes 880 for a 2 IMP swing is worth noting.

In USA1, both tables in Lewis/Millens played in a pedestrian 4S making, while both tables in Rosenthal/Wildavsky played in 4SX, one successful, one not!

4S can always be made if declarer takes the right view of the position or if the defendants fall from grace.

At most tables the defenders cashed two hearts and tapped declarer with a club. To make the hand, declarer needs spades 3-2 while guessing diamonds correctly. The simplest play is for declarer to lead a spade to dummy and lead a diamond toward the

AJ9. If North plays low, declarer inserts the 9, losing to South's queen. Declarer wins the return, draws trump ending in dummy and plays a diamond, finessing for the king and taking the rest. When the first diamond is led off dummy, North has a fighting chance by playing the DK!! This gives declarer a losing option. He can win the diamond and later lead toward his jack, or he can duck the diamond and play North for the K/Q. Both of these plays will fail!!

Willenken got lucky. He misguessed the diamond position. Like most of the declarers, he led a low diamond from dummy and ended in a cross/ruff mode leaving this position:

♠ J65
♥ K763
♦ KT4
♣ K93

N Adam Wildavsky

3-card
End
Position

♠ A9873
♥ 94
♦ AJ9862
♣

E Amber Lin

♠ KQ4
♥ QJT
♦ 75
♣ T8652

W Chris Willenken

♠ T2
♥ A852
♦ Q3
♣ AQJ74

S Kitty Cooper

DDS

Willenken led a club from hand and Wildavsky needed to trump with the SJ to promote his partner's ST. Wildavsky ruffed low and declarer took the rest of the tricks!

In USA2, Cappelletti/Parker, Zach Grossack declared 4SXX. The opponents led 2 high hearts followed by a club. Zach did not guess the diamond position. Instead, he played the DA and a diamond, embarking on the cross ruff line. After winning the DQ, Weingold exited with a club. Zach trumped and trumped a diamond in dummy. He cashed the high heart and played a club ruffing in hand. He led a diamond and Weingold trumped with the ST!! This allowed Zach to pick up Gary's trump jack, forcing Gary to underruff on each of the last three tricks.

+880 was a 2 IMP pickup when Zach's teammates played a vulnerable 5CX for -800!