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“Trials” and Tribulations

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	254	25	38	24	58	25	15	30	39	
4	Wildavsky	202	17	31	32	25	38	5	31	23	
2	Millens	278	42	38	16	39	47	63	33		
3	Lewis - wins tie	213	44	45	49	11	31	9	24	WD	

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	144	16	22	10	27	31	31	7	WD	
8	Cappelletti - wins tie	294	21	40	75	50	23	23	62		
6	Pollack - wins tie	239.25	26	26	30	51	26	27	24	38	-8.75
7	Dinkin	253	33	45	32	24	32	9	36	42	

Cross IMPs...

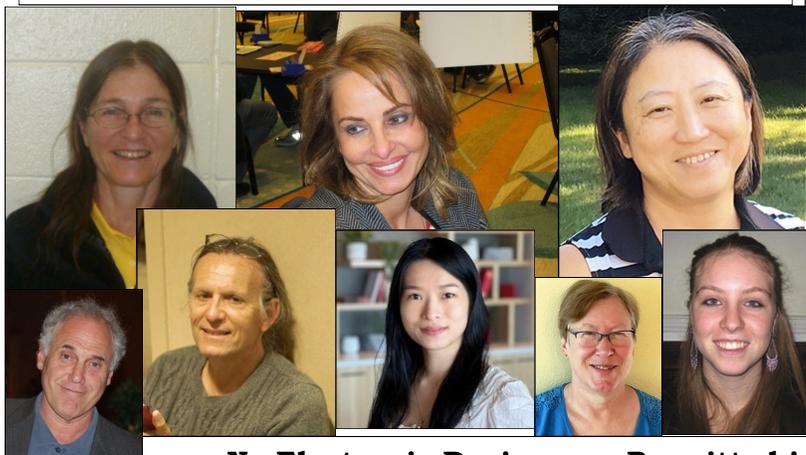
1.	Jenny Wolpert - Shan Huang	Millens	1.46	65.67	45
2.	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg	Rosenthal	0.61	54.67	90
3.	Amber Lin - Chris Willenken	Rosenthal	0.39	35.33	90
4.	Sandra Rimstedt - Kevin Dwyer	Millens	0.26	27.33	105
5.	Doug Doub - Yiji Brennan	Wildavsky	0.12	8.67	75
6.	Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis	Lewis	0.10	6.00	60
7.	Joan Millens - Shan Huang	Millens	-0.12	-7.33	60
8.	Andrew Rosenthal - Migry Campanile	Rosenthal	-0.16	-9.67	60
9.	Jacek Pszczola - May Sakr	Wildavsky	-0.51	-46.33	90
10.	Adam Wildavsky - Kitty Cooper	Wildavsky	-0.57	-42.67	75
11.	Janice Molson - Daniel Korbel	Lewis	-0.57	-43.00	75
12.	Disa Eythorsdottir - Mark Itabashi	Lewis	-0.65	-48.67	75

1.	Mike Cappelletti - Allison Cappelletti	Cappelletti	1.57	117.67	75
2.	Radu Nistor - Raluca Dobrescu	Cappelletti	1.56	117.00	75
3.	Olivia Schireson - Sam Dinkin	Dinkin	0.79	47.33	60
4.	Dave Caprera - Anne Brenner	Pollack	0.55	49.67	90
5.	Anam Tebha - Adam Grossack	Parker	0.31	4.67	15
6.	Bill Pollack - Rozanne Pollack	Pollack	0.24	18.00	75
7.	Zach Grossack - Giorgia Botta	Parker	-0.04	-3.33	75
8.	Tracey Bauer - Billy Cohen	Dinkin	-0.20	-18.33	90
9.	Yoko Sobel - Ron Smith	Dinkin	-0.21	-19.33	90
10.	Gary Cohler - Joanne Weingold	Cappelletti	-0.58	-35.00	60
11.	Cheri Bjerkan - Larry Robbins	Pollack	-1.03	-77.33	75
12.	Adam Grossack - Chris Parker	Parker	-1.54	-92.67	60
13.	Stewart Rubenstein - Anam Tebha	Parker	-1.81	-108.33	60

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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



I'm an expert at picking leaves and heating them in water.

It's my special tea.

"I have a split personality" said Bob, being frank.

My doctor told me to drink two glasses of red wine after a hot bath.

But I can't even finish drinking the hot bath.

I don't own a telescope, but it's something I'm thinking of looking into!

I asked my boss, "Can I get a couple of weeks off for Christmas?"

"It's May," he said.

I said, "Sorry. May I get a couple of weeks off for Christmas?"

My wife left me because of my addiction to touching pasta.

Now I'm feeling cannelloni...

Farmer: I love my job.

Wife: But all you do all day is round up cows.

Farmer: What did you say to me?

Wife: You herd.

I am joining a secret society of electrical engineers. They just asked me to step into a large coil with a battery attached.

This is their current induction process.

When my father died, he wanted his ashes pressed into a record. It was his vinyl request.



Happy Mother's Day!!



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

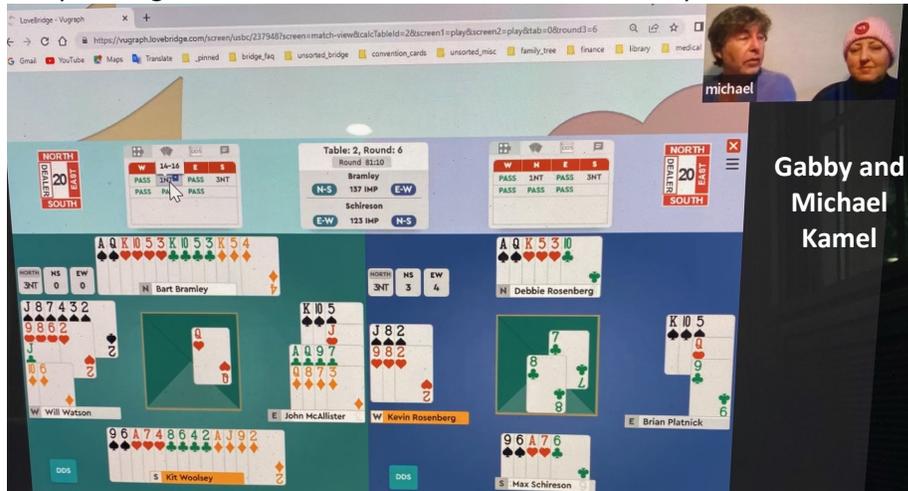
USA1 SEMIFINAL			
SATURDAY	MAY 20	TIME	BOARDS
		10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SUNDAY	MAY 21	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 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
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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 2-4 (the first half of play each day ends at 2:15; 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.

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

Sudoku 1

What's a real estate lawyer's least favourite song? "Lien On Me".

An American lawyer invited a Czech friend to stay with him in his mountain cabin. Early in the morning, the lawyer and his Czech friend went out to pick berries for their morning breakfast. As they were picking blueberries, along came two big Bears - a male and a female. The lawyer, seeing the two bears, climbed a tree. His friend wasn't so lucky and the male bear caught him and swallowed him whole. The lawyer drove his car to town as fast as he could to get a policeman. The policeman took his gun and ran to the berry patch with the lawyer. Sure enough, the two bears were still there. "He's in that one!" said the lawyer, pointing to the male. The policeman looked at the bears, took careful aim with his gun, and shot the FEMALE. "What did you do that for!" shouted the lawyer, "I said he was in the other bear!" "Exactly," answered the policeman. "Would you believe a lawyer who told you that the Czech was in the Male?"



Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 14

Sudoku 2

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

Mother's Day

Find and circle all of the Mother's Day related terms that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a Victor Hugo quotation.

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

ACCEPTING
ADVICE
AMAZING
BEAUTIFUL
BELOVED
BLESSED
CARING
COMFORTING
CONSIDERATE
DEAR
DEVOTED
ENCOURAGING

FAMILY
FLOWERS
GENEROUS
GIVING
HELPFUL
HUGS
INSPIRING
JOY
KIND
LAUGHTER
LISTENER
LOVING

MENTOR
MOTHER
NICE
NURTURING
PRECIOUS
PROTECTIVE
PROUD
RESPECTFUL
SELFLESS
SHARING
SMILES

STRONG
SUPPORTIVE
TEACHING
TENDER
THOUGHTFUL
TOLERANT
TRUSTING
WARM
WATCHFUL
WISE
WONDERFUL

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



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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)
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August 30 – September 1

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♣ 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 €

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♣ Players from the BB, VC, DOT and WC	Free
♣ New players (per player)	250 €
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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!

Q. Why is a moon rock tastier than an earth rock?

A. Because it's a little meteor.

Q: Where do geologists like to relax?

A: In a rocking chair

Q. What do you get when you cross fruit and bowling?

A. A banana split.

Q. What do you call a messy fruit salad?

A. A fig-sty.

Q. Why did the orange stop?

A. It ran out of juice.

First woman: My son came to visit for summer vacation.

Second woman: How nice! Did you meet him at the airport?

First woman: Oh, no. I've known him for years!

Q. What happens when you find yourself reading geology jokes?

A. You know you've hit rock bottom.

Q. Why was the geologist always depressed?

A. She had a hard-rock life. I really hate rock puns. My sediments exactly!

One tectonic plate bumped into another and said, "Excuse me. My fault."

Q: What birds spend all their time on their knees?

A: Birds of prey!

Q: What do you call a bird with a black belt?

A: Steven Seagull.

Q: Why did the crab never share?

A: Because he's shellfish

Q: What is every whale's favorite greeting?

A: Whale hello there!

Q: Are balloon animals smart?

A: No, they're airheads.

Q: What do you call a herd of young sheep tumbling down a hill?

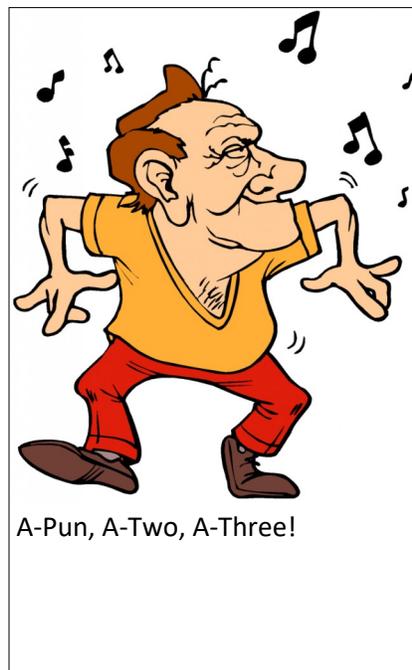
A: A lambslide.

Q: Who tells the best chicken jokes?

A: Comedi-hens.

How does an Eskimo get around?

He rides an i-cycle!



Tom Swifties:

Sorry, Tom can't quit posting these puns based on adverbs yet," Kathie said swiftly.

"I dropped the toothpaste!" said Tom crestfallenly.

"I couldn't believe there were 527,986 bees in the swarm!" Tom recounted.

I only have diamonds, clubs and spades," said Tom heartlessly.

"I hate round, green vegetables," Arty choked.

"Don't add too much water," said Tom with great concentration.

"I wonder if there's a number between seven and nine," said Tom considerately.

"I manufacture tabletops for shops," said Tom counterproductively.

"It's not fair!" said Tom darkly.

"Thanks for shredding the cheese," Tom said gratefully.

Logic Puzzle...

	Allen	Chris	Jeremy	Mark	Rick	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March	May	July	August	October	birthday	dinner	hospital	opera	wedding	
Amy																					
Ellen																					
Kristin																					
Marcia																					
Sally																					
birthday																					
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**Answer on Page 14
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First Name	First Name	Day of the Week	Month	Location
Amy				
Ellen				
Kristin				
Marcia				
Sally				

Five couples got engaged during this past year, each in a different month. Coincidentally, each couple met originally through a dating service and had no prior experience with each other. A year later, all five couples got engaged! Each man asked his girlfriend to marry him (and each was quite relieved when she agreed!) at a special event on a different day of the week. Although technically, Mark didn't plan his proposal ahead of time for a special event. His girlfriend was rushed to the hospital for emergency appendix surgery and he asked her when she came out of recovery (he thought it would help take her mind off the surgery). Determine the first name of each couple, the day of the week (Monday through Friday) and the month that each got engaged, and where each engagement took place.

- One couple got engaged in May at a friend's wedding. Jeremy asked his girlfriend in March. Mark didn't propose to his girlfriend on Wednesday.
- Chris asked Amy to marry him two months before the couple who got engaged at the opera.
- Sally's boyfriend asked her to marry him on a Friday. Ellen wasn't dating Allen. One couple got engaged on a Monday night in July but it wasn't Kristin and her boyfriend.
- One couple got engaged in October at a family birthday party but not on a Tuesday night. Marcia got engaged at the opera but Jeremy wasn't her boyfriend.
- Rick asked his girlfriend, who wasn't Kristin, to marry him two days after Marcia was asked but the day before the couple who were engaged in August.
- The five couples, in no particular order, were the couple who went to dinner, Kristin and her boyfriend, the couple who got engaged on Wednesday, Allen and his girlfriend, and the couple who got engaged in May.

Meet the Players

Chris Willenken's mother was in a generation where everyone in college knew "something" about the game. When he was a bored teenager, she said, "Hey, you know, you like all these other games, you really should check out this bridge game. Why don't you go get a book out of the library?"

Chris went to the library in the Poconos and checked out Charles Goren's big book of bridge, the 1953 edition. In his words, "that's how he learned to play four card majors and new fangled 1953 gadgets like negative doubles..." At the time, Chris believes he was 15 years old.

Chris was well accepted in the Poconos Bridge Club, a welcome young edition to the group. He remembers being very shy at the time and having his mother arrange games for him.

Chris attended Collegiate School, the oldest school in the United States. He started there in 3rd grade and went there through high school. He formed a "kitchen table bridge game" while at Collegiate.

Chris made his way to the Manhattan Bridge Club where players like Blair Seidler, Lapt Chan were also young hot shots. Randy Lazarus was there too.

Some of Chris's best memories were remembering driving half an hour home from club games and sitting in the driveway for another half hour discussing hands from the game.

Chris used to play with Glenn Milgrim, a great player and junior mentor from the New England area. He played with Michael Rosenberg, a teammate of Chris's in this event on the Rosenthal team.

Chris claims that winning the Blue Ribbons is nice but it is "not a major." He contends that a three day pair event requires beating up on lots of little guys, whereas, winning an event like Reisinger requires beating up on truly great players.

Chris played with Eric Greco in the juniors. They didn't play in the Junior Trials "in the day" because ACBL used to run the Junior Trials opposite the major events in which they wished to play.

Today, Chris is a great player in his own right.

He is part of the great Berkowitz family, married to David and Lisa's daughter, Dana.

(This is excerpted from a transcript of an interview between John McAllister and Chris online at the Setting Trick.)



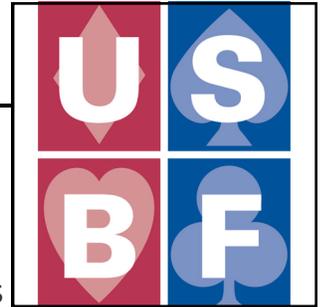
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3	4	8	5	7	2	1	9	6
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6	3	8	2	1	9	5	4	7
7	1	4	5	1	9	2	3	8
3	2	9	4	8	6	5	1	7
9	5	8	3	2	4	7	6	1
1	6	2	7	5	9	4	3	8
4	3	7	6	1	8	2	5	9

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

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.

More Tom Swifties:

"I need a pencil sharpener," said Tom bluntly.

"Oops! There goes my hat!" said Tom off the top of his head.

"I can no longer hear anything," said Tom deftly.

dinner	March	Friday	Jeremy	Sally
opera	July	Monday	Allen	Marcia
hospital	August	Thursday	Mark	Kristin
birthday	October	Wednesday	Rick	Ellen
wedding	May	Tuesday	Chris	Amy
Location	Month	Day of the Week	First Name	First Name



"I have a split personality," said Tom, being frank.

"This must be an aerobics class," Tom worked out.

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.



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

A man walks into a pet store and asks for a dozen bees. The clerk carefully counts 13 bees out onto the counter.

"That's one too many!" says the customer. The clerk replies, "It's a freebie."

A truck loaded with Vicks vapor rub overturned on the highway.

Amazingly, there was no congestion for eight hours.

Knockout Day 2

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
	2♣	PASS	2NT♣
PASS	3NT♣	PASS	4♣
PASS	PASS	DBL	4NT
DBL	PASS	PASS	PASS

2S=weak H or S
2NT=ask
3NT=max with spades

DEALER WEST 13 EAST SOUTH

Score card >
Frequency >
Live scores >

DDS

♠ KQ9752
♥ T8
♦ 54
♣ A94
N Kevin Dwyer

♠ 3
♥ J76432
♦ A
♣ T8532
W Daniel Korbel

♠ AJT84
♥ Q95
♦ JT632
♣
E Janice Molson

♠ 6
♥ AK
♦ KQ987
♣ KQJ76
S Sandra Rimstedt

SOUTH 4NT^x

Board 13 was a clear misfit.

In the Closed Room of USA1 Millens v Lewis, it was an up and down bumpy ride for North/South that had a happy ending.

Rimstedt got the expected answer when she inquired: Her partner's suit was spades. She was surprised though when he showed a max! With her 18 HCP she was pretty sure there was a game in the cards.

Her best decision at this point would have been to pass 3NT. 3NT cannot be defeated. She could envision many different hands that would be consistent with the bidding that would make 4S solid and 3NT was no certainty.

Sandra bid 4S and when Molson doubled, Sandra was startled awake and pulled to 4NT.

Korbel, knowing that partner had the spade suit scrambled, holding the DA and knowing that neither hearts nor clubs were breaking, doubled.

4NT can be easily defeated... but to legitimately do it, Korbel needed to lead HIS suit, not partner's... not easy to do on this auction. A heart lead gives the defense time to knock out the ace and king before they are out of entries... and since East hold three hearts, there is no problem with communication to West's hand.

Unfortunately for Korbel, he tracked the singleton S3 he believed Janice's double suggested. Molson won the SA and tracked the D3. Rimstedt played the king and Korbel won the singleton ace. He played the C3 and Rimstedt inserted the nine which held. She played dummy's last diamond. Molson split her JT and Sandra won the queen. She knocked out the DJ and claimed 10 tricks... +810, a little seen score!

At the other table, Paul Lewis opened 2S. Linda asked for a feature and Paul showed one in clubs. Linda bid 4S and they played it there.

Millens led the DJ. Huang won his singleton ace. He played the C3 back, Millens ruffing. Millens played a small diamond and Shan ruffed with his singleton spade. A second club ruff followed and Millens waited patiently for her two remaining trump tricks. Contract down 3 vulnerable tricks. 15 IMPs to Millens

In the other USA match, both tables reached 4S N/S, one doubled and one not... both failed two tricks... 7 IMPs to Wildavsky.



Gary Cohler outside smoking after a long day of play on Friday!

Screenshot of a bridge game interface. The interface shows a hand with the following cards:

- North (Olivia Schireson): ♠ KJ, ♥ JT98432, ♦ T3, ♣ 32
- West (Anne Brenner): ♠ 9873, ♥ K7, ♦ A82, ♣ KQ94
- South (Sam Dinkin): ♠ QT652, ♥ AQ5, ♦ Q654, ♣ J
- East (Dave Caprera): ♠ A4, ♥ 6, ♦ KJ97, ♣ AT8765

The interface also shows a score card with the following entries:

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

Other information visible in the screenshot includes: "2C=6+C, 10-15", "2D=ask", "OTHER ROOM E 5♣ -1 100", "DEALER WEST 22", "Score card", "Frequency", "Standings", and "DDS".

Both tables in the Dinkin/Pollack match in USA2 played Board 22 in 5C.

Dinkin made it easy on Caprera when he led the HA followed by a low spade. Caprera won the SA and played a club to dummy. He cashed the HK, discarding his losing spade.

He ruffed a spade, played a club to dummy, ruffed another spade, played a club to dummy and ruffed the last spade. He conceded the DQ and took his 11 winners!

At the other table in this match, Robbins led a small spade. She won the SA, pulled trump, and led a heart toward dummy's king. Robbins won his ace and cashed his high spade. Robbins exited his hand with the H5 and Sobel needed to take the Chinese finesse in diamonds to succeed. It is always unfortunate when the best play fails and the lesser play succeeds. Sobel played the DA and took the straight finesse. Contract down one! 12 IMPs to Pollack

Parker/Cappelletti also swung 12 IMPs, however the it bore no resemblance to Pollack/Dinkin. In the Open Room, Adam Grossack and Parker took the 5H save over 5C at favorable. They had the right idea since 5C can be made. They went down three for -500. Mike Cappelletti led the D9 to his wife's ace. Allison cashed the CQ and played a diamond to Mike's king. Mike cashed the SA and played a spade to Grossack's king. Grossack knocked out the HK, ruffed the spade return, and claimed a total of 8 tricks. Contract down 3.

In the other room of this match, Rubenstein/Tebha had a mostly unimpeded auction to 6D.

Rubenstein Weingold Tebha Cohler

W	N	E	S
		1♣	1♠
2♣	PASS	3♥	PASS
4♣	PASS	4♠	PASS
4NT	PASS	6♦	PASS

4NT was not alerted or explained and from the final contract, it is evident that Tebha thought it was looking for a minor suit slam with Rubenstein holding at least 4-4 in clubs and diamonds.

It could have worked... just not on this hand! Like Dinkin, Cohler led the HA and shifted, but 6D was doomed and Cohler could have led a cigar! When the heart held, Gary shifted to this singleton club.

1C=2+

2C=nat, forcing 1 round

3H=splinter

Tebha won the club in dummy and piched her losing spade on the HK. Tebha won the king, cashed the HA discarding a spade, and played the DA.

She hooked the DJ and when that lost, she conceded down one.

12 IMPs to Parker

BOARD: 36
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ QJT4
 ♥ 987
 ♦ AKJT85

♠ AJT97632
 ♥ 97
 ♦ 942
 ♣ 942

♠ Q4
 ♥ K62
 ♦ AKQ643
 ♣ Q3

Par: 650

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	9	4	9	2	2
S	10	8	11	5	10
E	3	4	2	8	3
W	:	5	:	:	:

♠ K85
 ♥ A853
 ♦ JT52
 ♣ 76

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP		
							NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Rosenthal	Wildavsky	▶	Open	5♣x	N ♦K	-2	500		13
			▶	Closed	4♠	W ♣A	-3	300		
2	Millens	Lewis	▶	Open	4♠x	W ♣A	-2	500		14
			▶	Closed	5♣x	N ♦K	-2	500		

In the USA1 SemiFinal matches, this board swung a total of 27 IMPs.

West opened 4S and found a great diamond suit in dummy... too bad he can't enjoy it! An unfriendly South has both the heart ace over the king and the spade king over the queen.

Two Norths took the attitude, "Why should West suffer when I can suffer instead??" They overcalled their 6-card club suit at the 5 level, got doubled and played it there.

No one was successful in any contract.

Of interest, is the Frequency Chart. Note that South is a much better declarer than North. In clubs, South takes one more trick... In Diamonds, South takes four more tricks... In hearts, South takes two more tricks... In spades, South takes three more tricks... And the piece de resistance, in no-trump, South takes eight more tricks!!

Those are really big variances and if nothing else, make for interesting reading!!

**Howie Doing asks:
 "Is it only in the Mixed,
 The Men sit South and take more tricks?"**

Ed. Note: Prognosticator Position Opening Soon?? **Howie** is NOT going to be **Doing** well after that comment!
 He's alienated half the field with a two line rhyme!

BOARD: 37
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ J632
 ♥ Q53
 ♦ AKT
 ♣ T32

♠ AK7
 ♥ KJT87
 ♦ 9
 ♣ AK98

♠ T5
 ♥ 964
 ♦ J765432
 ♣ 4

♠ Q984
 ♥ A2
 ♦ Q8
 ♣ QJ765

Par: -110

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	6	4	4	7	6
E	5	8	8	6	5
W	:	:	:	:	6

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

	NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1 Rosenthal Wildavsky	Open 4♥x W ♣2 =	590		10
	Closed 2♠ S ♦9 -1	100		
2 Millens Lewis	Open 2♠ S ♣K -1	100		4
	Closed 4♥ W ♠3 -1	50		

Again on Board 37, we see one pair in each match stop in 2S N/S while their teammates played in 4H East/West. In Wildavsky/Rosenthal, Willenken doubled Sakr in game.

Clearly, nobody steals from Pepsi! Pepsi had his biiding shoes on when he bid 4H!

Lucky for him, Willenken did not find the trump lead against the doubled game.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
PASS	PASS	1♣	
DBL	RDBL	3♦	PASS
3♥	PASS	4♥	PASS
PASS	DBL	PASS	PASS

Table: OP 1, Round: 7
 N-S: Rosenthal 191 IMP
 E-W: Wildavsky 163 IMP

OTHER ROOM S 2♣ -1-100

DEALER WEST 37 EAST SOUTH

Score card Frequency Final score

♠ J632
 ♥ Q53
 ♦ AKT
 ♣ T32

N Chris Willenken

♠ AK7
 ♥ KJT87
 ♦ 9
 ♣ AK98

W May Sakr

♠ T5
 ♥ 964
 ♦ J765432
 ♣ 4

E Jacek Pszczol

♠ Q984
 ♥ A2
 ♦ Q8
 ♣ QJ765

S Amber Lin

WEST 4♥x

Willenken led the C2. Sakr won the ace. May ruffed a club in dummy, played a spade to her ace and ruffed another club. She played another spade to hand and ruffed a spade.

She lost a diamond to the ten. Willenken played the SJ and Sakr ruffed. She'd lost only one trick to this point and all she could lose from this point on were the ace and queen of trump.

Well done!

At the other table, Doub/Brennan stopped in 2S North/South going down one. Michael Rosenberg led the D9. Declarer won in hand and played a spade toward the J632. Rosenberg rose with his king and cashed the king and ace of clubs. He gave Debbie a club ruff and she gave Michael a diamond ruff. Michael cashed his SA and the hand was down one. 10 IMPs to Wildavsky

Nistor, Allison C, Z Grossack, M Cappelletti sitting outside discussing hands on Friday night



On Board 58 in USA1, Willenken/Lin had a nice auction to get to the slam.

Amber made the key call when she bid 3NT over 1D. She could bid 3C but her hand is really too good.

She showed her strong values and made it easy to get to the slam.

Hand 1:
 N: Chris Willenken
 ♠ 83
 ♥ AJ4
 ♦ AK62
 ♣ T953

Hand 2:
 W: Jacek Pszczola
 ♠ Q76542
 ♥ 762
 ♦ J83
 ♣ 7

Hand 3:
 E: May Sakr
 ♠ KJT9
 ♥ T983
 ♦ Q94
 ♣ J6

Hand 4:
 S: Amber Lin
 ♠ A
 ♥ KQ5
 ♦ T75
 ♣ AKQ842

Bidding Table:

W	N	E	S
		PASS	1♣
PASS	1♦	PASS	3NT
PASS	4♣	PASS	4♥
PASS	4♠	PASS	4NT
PASS	5♥	PASS	5♠
PASS	6♣	PASS	PASS
PASS			

Score Card:
 NORTH WEST 58 DEALER SOUTH
 Score card >
 Frequency >
 Final score >

Other Room:
 OTHER ROOM S 5♣ +1 620 Other table >

DDS

At the other table, Cooper, holding the South cards bid 3C. Wildavsky bid 4C confirming trump and Cooper needed to cue spades so Wildavsky could ask for keycards safely. Instead, Cooper bid 5C and it was over.

There is nothing to the play. Both tables took 12 tricks. 13 IMPs to Rosenthal in USA2, both tables bid and made 6C.

Hand 1:
 N: Adam Wildavsky
 ♠ 83
 ♥ AJ4
 ♦ AK62
 ♣ T953

Hand 2:
 W: Michael Rosenberg
 ♠ Q76542
 ♥ 762
 ♦ J83
 ♣ 7

Hand 3:
 E: Debbie Rosenber
 ♠ KJT9
 ♥ T983
 ♦ Q94
 ♣ J6

Hand 4:
 S: Kitty Cooper
 ♠ A
 ♥ KQ5
 ♦ T75
 ♣ AKQ842

Bidding Table:

W	N	E	S
		PASS	1♣
PASS	1♦	PASS	3♣
PASS	4♣	PASS	5♣
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Score Card:
 NORTH WEST 58 DEALER SOUTH
 Score card >
 Frequency >
 Final score >

Other Room:
 OTHER ROOM S 6♣ = 1370 Other table >

DDS

Table: CL 1, Round: 8
 N-S: Wildavsky 191 IMP
 E-W: Rosenthal 229 IMP

South Score: SOUTH 5♣ NS 0

Limey Jack...

Crickey Mates:

We are not halfway through the second event, but counting the Coronation, Limey Jack is knackered. However, even at half sail, that muffin, Howie Dung, couldn't carry Limey Jack's shield.

USA1:

Millens-Rosenthal: Millens has traversed more country roads than thought possible, but Rosenthal claims what is rightly theirs.

USA2:

Lewis-Dinkin: A bunch of rag tags held together with baling wire, Dinkin has outperformed. It is rumoured that the punter on Brick Lane will not accept further wagers. Lewis has so much experience it seems fraught to go against them. Lewis should prevail.

Wildavsky-Cappelletti: Cappelletti has disappointed the entire event and continues with an early trip to the pub.

More on the Morrow.

Rosenthal? Millens?
Millens concedes.
Rosenthal should be
One of the seeds!

Lewis v Dinkin,
What will they do?
Who will be standing
When it is through?

Lewis is best.
They really can play.
They won't let Dinkin
Stand in their way.

Who picked
Wildavsky to play Cappelletti?
One rhymes with nothing!
The other confetti!

Howie Doing...

Adam and crew
Will take the high fives.
Capp has too many
Husbands and wives.

'Ol married couples
Don't always play bad,
But once there's a problem
They just stay mad.

The hardest of things
Is picking the Mixed...
I shall remain
Between and betwixt!

Howie Doing... fine, thanks!