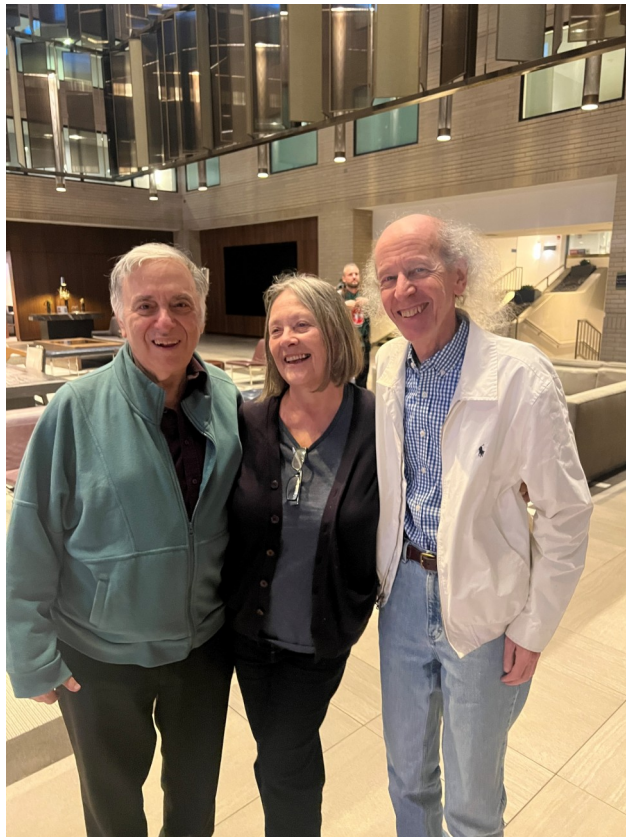


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# Results:

2023 Senior USBC USA1 Round Robin

Team Name	Total	3	9	6	4	5	1	2	7	8	BYE
3. Goodman	52.95		15.97		18.44	10.39			8.15		
9. Wolfson	48.27	4.03							14.80	19.44	10.00
6. Lewis	47.15				9.23		11.14	16.78			10.00
4. Hamman	43.31	1.56		10.77			14.80			16.18	
5. Lall	41.37	9.61					14.54	5.72	11.50		
1. Beatty	36.11			8.86	5.20	5.46				16.59	
2. Cappelli	36.00			3.22		14.28				8.50	10.00
7. Lusky	35.55	11.85	5.20			8.50					10.00
8. Reynolds	19.29		0.56		3.82		3.41	11.50			



Kit Woolsey,  
Kitty Cooper,  
And  
Bart Bramley

*(photo courtesy  
of Tracey  
Bauer)*

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- USBF Vice President**  
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Maya Alela  
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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations ... Oldies but Goodies!

# Welcome Ladies!

# Senior Teams Entered

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



# Women's Teams Entered

<b>Baker</b>	Lynn Baker, Capt Kerri Sanborn Janice Molson	Karen McCallum Jill Meyers Disa Eythorsdottir
<b>Cappelletti</b>	Allison Cappelletti Gigi Simpson Mike Cappelletti, NPC	Joanne Weingold Kristen Onsgard
<b>Cole</b>	Margie Cole, Capt Emma Kolesnik Anam Tebha	Giorgia Botta Irina Levitina
<b>Wittes</b>	Pam Wittes, Capt Cheri Bjerkan Lisa Berkowitz	Ljudmila Kamenova Rozanne Pollack Connie Goldberg





# USBF 10 Board VP Scale

10 Boards (Blitz is 48 IMPs)							
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner
0	10.00	10.00	17	15.29	4.71	34	18.44
1	10.39	9.61	18	15.52	4.48	35	18.58
2	10.77	9.23	19	15.75	4.25	36	18.71
3	11.14	8.86	20	15.97	4.03	37	18.84
4	11.50	8.50	21	16.18	3.82	38	18.97
5	11.85	8.15	22	16.39	3.61	39	19.10
6	12.18	7.82	23	16.59	3.41	40	19.22
7	12.51	7.49	24	16.78	3.22	41	19.33
8	12.83	7.17	25	16.97	3.03	42	19.44
9	13.14	6.86	26	17.16	2.84	43	19.55
10	13.43	6.57	27	17.34	2.66	44	19.66
11	13.72	6.28	28	17.51	2.49	45	19.76
12	14.00	6.00	29	17.68	2.32	46	19.86
13	14.28	5.72	30	17.84	2.16	47	19.96
14	14.54	5.46	31	18.00	2.00	48	20.00
15	14.80	5.20	32	18.15	1.85		



## For Use in Senior RR Day 1 and Day 2

**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.**

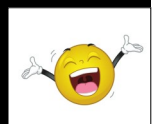
**Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.**

**The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.**



**Do you remember, before the internet, that it was thought that the cause of collective stupidity was the lack of access to information?**

**Well ... it wasn't that**



# 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
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		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
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		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.

### SENIOR KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)

Kibitzing times on Friday will be:

Match 1: 11:30 am EDT

Match 2: 1:15 pm EDT

Match 3: 4:00 pm EDT

Match 4: 5:30 pm EDT

On Saturday times will be:

Match 5: 11:30 am EDT

Match 6: 1:05 pm EDT

Match 7: 2:35 pm EDT

Match 8: 5:10 pm EDT

Match 9: 6:45 pm EDT

After Saturday, the Seniors' times will match the Women's as follows:

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT

Segment 2: 1:45 pm ET

Segment 3: 5:00 pm ET

Segment 4: 7:15 pm ET

Note: The Women's starts Saturday and their times will be as above throughout.



### 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!

The  
Commentators  
Know their  
stuff...  
Like when to  
pitch  
And when to  
ruff.

Soon I'll be  
An expert too.  
My favorite show  
Is called "The  
Vu!"



# 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.

Seniors and Women's: On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, breakfast will be in the hospitality suite, but lunch will be in the Slate Room at the front of the hotel.

The hotel will be doing what they do best, salads and on Sunday house made chips. We will be providing the main courses from local restaurants. On Friday, lunch will be from 1:00-3:30; on Saturday and Sunday, lunch will be from 2:00-4:00. From Monday on, lunch will be in the hospitality suite from a little before 2:00-4:00.

There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish 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 plus water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

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

Your hostesses would appreciate it if you would mask-up when in the hospitality area especially when crowded. Thank you!!



### More on Hospitality and Regulations...



Marie-France

## 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.



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

Sudoku 1

Do You Know What The French Groundhog Saw Today?  
His Chateau 🏰

I ASKED MY GRANDPA, "AFTER 65 YEARS, YOU STILL CALL GRANDMA DARLING, BEAUTIFUL, AND HONEY. WHAT'S THE SECRET?" HE SAID, "I FORGOT HER NAME 5 YEARS AGO AND I'M SCARED TO ASK HER."



**Felt uncomfortable driving into the cemetery. The gps blurted out you have reached your final destination.**

# Hard Sudoku

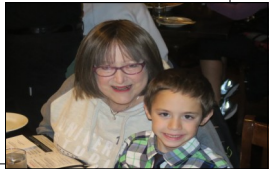
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Sudoku 2

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

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 ...

### Old TV Shows 2

Find and circle all of the old TV shows that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell the name of an additional old TV show.

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

A-TEAM  
ALF  
AIRWOLF  
BARETTA  
BARNABY JONES  
BENSON  
BIG VALLEY  
BONANZA  
CHEERS  
COACH  
DALLAS

DOCTOR WHO  
DYNASTY  
EQUALIZER  
FALCON CREST  
FAME  
FANTASY ISLAND  
FISH  
FLINTSTONES  
FULL HOUSE  
GROWING PAINS  
HAWAII FIVE-O

HEE HAW  
HUNTER  
JEFFERSONS  
KNIGHT RIDER  
MACGYVER  
MAVERICK  
MAYBERRY R.F.D.  
MISTER ED  
MUNSTERS  
NANNY

NEWHART  
NIGHT COURT  
OUTER LIMITS  
PRISONER  
S.W.A.T.  
SILVER SPOONS  
T.J. HOOKER  
TWILIGHT ZONE  
VIRGINIAN  
WEBSTER



## 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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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.

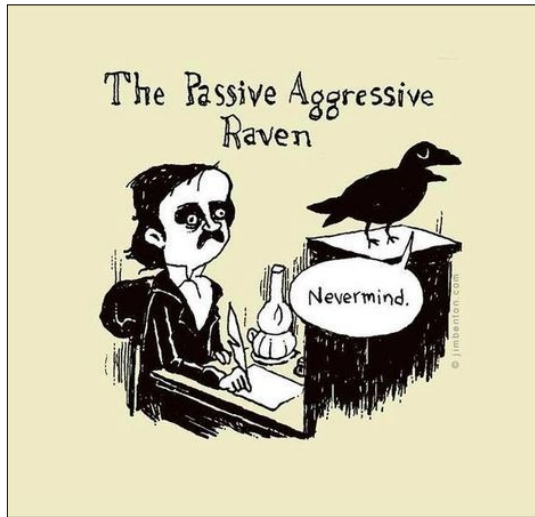
The **World Bridge Teams Championships**, the oldest WBF Championship, grew out of private initiatives principally by the late Norman Bach. The first world championship for the Bermuda Bowl was held in 1950, in Bermuda, 8 years before the World Bridge Federation itself was formed. After the first event 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.

Remember when people had diaries and got mad when someone read them? Now they put everything online and get mad when people don't.



**WHEN I WAS LITTLE MY MOM USED TO FEED ME ALPHABET SOUP CLAIMING I LOVED IT**

—————

**I DIDN'T REALLY, SHE WAS JUST PUTTING WORDS IN MY MOUTH**

**I'M READING A HORROR STORY IN BRAILLE**

—————

**SOMETHING BAD IS GOING TO HAPPEN...I CAN FEEL IT.**

**THE FACT THAT THERE'S A HIGHWAY TO HELL AND ONLY A STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN SAYS A LOT ABOUT ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC NUMBERS.**

**Just spent 15 minutes searching for my phone in my car.**

**While using my phone as a flashlight.**

**I didn't think wearing orthopedic shoes would help, but I stand corrected.**

**IRON MAN**  
**is**  
**actually**  
**Fe Male**

One minute you're young and fun. And the next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.

**Whoever came up with the word dentures really missed the opportunity to call them "substitooths"**



# Logic Puzzle...

		4	6	8	10	12	Original					Sale				
							57 cents	60 cents	63 cents	66 cents	69 cents	49 cents	50 cents	53 cents	58 cents	60 cents
apples																
bananas																
oranges																
peaches																
pears																
Sale	49 cents															
	50 cents															
	53 cents															
	58 cents															
	60 cents															
Original	57 cents															
	60 cents															
	63 cents															
	66 cents															
	69 cents															

**Answer on Page 13  
Bottom of Page**

Type of Fruit	# of Fruit	Original Price	Sale Price

Cindy went grocery shopping yesterday and was delighted to find an excellent selection of fruit available. All of it was fresh, and even better all of it was on sale! She ended up buying a bit more than she expected to, but was quite pleased with her purchases. Determine what fruits she bought, how many of each fruit (from four to twelve), the original price of each fruit (priced by item, NOT weight), and yesterday's sale price.

- Cindy bought two more apples than the fruit that cost 49 cents on sale. The peaches were on sale for 53 cents, but their original price was three cents less than the original price of oranges.
- Cindy bought twice as many bananas as the fruit that was originally 69 cents.
- The pears originally cost 60 cents, but Cindy didn't buy ten of them.
- The oranges were on sale for 58 cents but their original price was more than 63 cents.
- Cindy bought eight peaches. Cindy got ten of the fruit that was originally priced at 66 cents.
- The fruit, which wasn't the apples, with an original price of 57 cents was on sale for 50 cents.

# Meet the Players...

## Bridge | Alan Truscott

Only a year into serious tournament play, Andy Goodman and his team have made upsets a habit.



Andy Goodman lives in northern California.

He is playing in this competition as a member and captain of the Goodman team.

Andy has been playing bridge for many years. The hand on the left is from April 13, 1992!



Andy has long partnered Mike Passell... and he is continuing that tradition here in Schaumburg.

Few players have risen as quickly in the tournament world as Andy Goodman of San Francisco. Like many another, he learned the game's finer skills in New York's Mayfair Club, long presided over by Al Roth. He then moved West to pursue a career as an investment manager, and made his first serious venture into tournament play a year ago.

He recruited four experienced professionals to form a team, and they had some minor successes. And last month at the American Contract Bridge League's Spring Nationals in Pasadena, Calif., they shocked the bridge world by scoring three consecutive upsets of higher-ranked teams to capture the prestigious Vanderbilt title.

On the diagramed deal from the quarterfinal, noted by Danny Kleinman of Los Angeles, Goodman held the South cards and reached three no-trump. West was convinced that South must hold the spade king, and made the passive lead of the heart ten. Kleinman points out that the lead would have given pleasure to South if he had been bluffing without a spade stopper, but the combination of two no-trump and three no-trump bids made that unlikely.

### Praying for a Seven

South won the first trick with the heart jack, crossed to the club queen and led the diamond nine. This was covered with the ten, queen and king, and West led his remaining heart. South won with the ace, led a club to the king, uncovering the bad break, and led the diamond eight. East covered with the jack and South took the ace.

South now prayed that West held the diamond seven, and his prayers were answered. When he led that suit West had to win and open up spades, giving South 10 tricks.

Could the defense have done better by leading spades originally? Not

NORTH (D)			
♠ 5 4			
♥ K 7 4 2			
♦ 9 8			
♣ A K Q 10 6			
WEST		EAST	
♠ A Q J 10 7 6 2		♠ 3	
♥ 10 8		♥ Q 9 6 5	
♦ K 7 4		♦ J 10 2	
♣ 3		♣ J 9 8 5 2	
SOUTH			
♠ K 9 8			
♥ A J 3			
♦ A Q 6 5 3			
♣ 7 4			

Neither side was vulnerable. The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	2 N.T.	3 ♣
Pass	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the heart ten.

necessarily. After the lead of the spade queen, or the ace followed by the queen, South would have been able to win and enter dummy in clubs for a heart finesse. He could then have cashed heart winners and club winners, a strip-squeeze against West. If that player were to keep his diamond guard, a spade lead would endplay him and give South two diamond tricks at the finish.

These are among the winners of titles at the New Jersey Bridge League Tournament in Asbury Park, N.J., during the weekend of April 3-5:

**Flight A** teams, Jay Korobow and Peter Mayewski of Princeton, N.J., Julie Rowe of Meiuchen, N.J. and Abe Pineles of Yardley, Pa.

**Flight B**, Richard Laufer of Hartsdale, N.Y., and Richard Letourneau of Chappaqua, N.Y., Bernard McKenna and Sheppard McHenry of Monmouth Beach, N.J.

**Flight C**, William Golush of Plainsboro, N.J., Henrietta Miller of Trenton, Rose Mintz and Janina Sahl of Princeton, N.J.



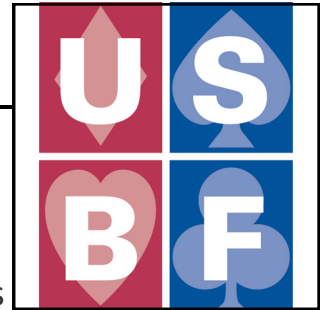
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9	8	5	4	1	6	2	7	3
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2	9	1	6	4	5	8	3	7
4	7	8	2	9	3	5	1	6
5	3	6	8	7	1	9	2	4

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

## Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 7

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



# USBF Supporting Membership

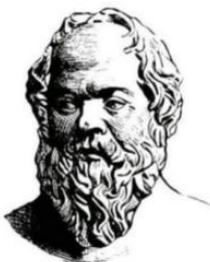
If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

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.

"ehh, good enough"



- Mediocrates



Type of Fruit	# of Fruit	Original Price	Sale Price
pears	4	60 cents	49 cents
peaches	8	63 cents	53 cents
oranges	10	66 cents	58 cents
bananas	12	57 cents	50 cents
apples	6	69 cents	60 cents

## Answer to Puzzle on page 11



## 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](http://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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**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.



Remember when your teacher used to say, "Because you won't have a calculator with you everywhere you go." Well, we showed them!

I took my wife to an orchard for her birthday and we looked at the trees. Apparently it wasn't the apple watch she was asking for!



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*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](http://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.



# Clocks and more...

## Seniors and Womens:

This year we will be using a "pair clock" in addition to the table clock. The pair "clock" is a little different than we had expected. The way it works is that if you have fewer than 4 minutes per board of your pair's time remaining, at the beginning of each hand a message will pop up on your screen telling you the total minutes your pair has remaining.

**Remember that this year you may be penalized for using more than your pair's time, even if the table has not gone over the allotted time. The penalties this year are half what our expert committee thought would eventually be appropriate. We hope this will help everyone finish on time.**

## Womens:

We will set up LoveBridge practice sessions in the Boardroom, up the stairs from the lobby Friday afternoon from 4:00-7:00. You are welcome to come whenever you want and stay as long as you want.

## Seniors and Womens:

We are using Chromebooks this year, instead of tablets. The Chromebooks have a built in keyboard and trackpad and touch screen. Some people find they want a mouse as well. If you want a mouse, send me an email (do not tell me, I will probably forget) and I will put you on our list of people who want one. You are also welcome to bring your own plug and play mouse (not one that has to be connected to the computer's bluetooth).

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Good grief but the Lasses have stormed the Castle:

There are but 4 squadrettes, and one is a standout. Even the dolt, Howie Dung, will pick this one a proper. The punters have closed the window on Baker-Cole but there is an interesting sub-plot. Sanborn and Levitina were partners longer than the Monarchy, but now oppose one t'other. Is revenge sweeter served cold? Note also that the average age of the Baker team is 30+ years that of the Cole team. Further note that Cole is 5 handed, which is abhorrent to Limey Jack, and there you have it. Baker wins handily against Cole with no suspense.

Cappelletti-Wittes: The wily veterans dispose of the newcomers in smart fashion.

Limey Jack will have a proper kip and some fish and chips, and be well rested on the morrow for come what may.

Cheers, LJ

## Limey Jack

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In the Women's event, four teams contend,  
Way less contestants becoming a trend!

The usual suspects are here to compete!  
Who earns the wins? Who suffers defeat?

USA1 is easy to call...  
'Twill be Baker and Wittes; the others will fall!

Dropped like some stones to USA2,  
Won't be surprised if the "C" teams withdrew.

**Howie Doing**

On Top Chef they'd say, "Pack up your knives...  
Don't matter if teams are fours or are fives!

Margie and Allison, you will have fun.  
Competing for 2... No hope to be 1!

Good luck!!  
Howie Doing? Just fine ... thanks!

BOARD: 2  
DEALER: EAST  
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ 74  
♥ AQ9753  
♦ K  
♣ T863

♠ K952  
♥ 42  
♦ QJ43  
♣ 974

♠ JT83  
♥ KJT8  
♦ T95  
♣ J2

Par: 620

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

♠ AQ6  
♥ 6  
♦ A8762  
♣ AKQ5

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
							NS EW Home Visiting
1	Beatty	Reynolds	Open	6♣ S	♠5 =		1370 200 17
			Closed	6♣ S	♦Q -2		
2	Cappelli	Lall	Open	6♣ S	♣4 =		1370 200 17
			Closed	6♣ S	♦3 -2		
3	Goodman	Hamman	Open	6♣ S	♣4 =		1370 13
			Closed	4♥ N	♠J =		620
4	Lusky	Wolfson	Open	6♣ S	♣4 -2		200 13
			Closed	5♣ S	♣7 =		600

On Board 1 there were two one IMP swings... and then came Board 2!!

Six tables bid 6C. Three were successful. A trump lead is certainly attractive since N/S has settled into slam in their "second" suit. Four out of six West players led a small club.

This lead should defeat 6C, however, three of the six declarers were successful when East put up the CJ.

In Wolfson/Lusky, Larry Cohen led the C4. Jones, declarer, played the three from dummy. Berkowitz carefully played the deuce and Jones won his C5,



producing this low, single suited wish trick.

Playing the jack affords declarer an extra entry to dummy with the CT and allows them to set up the heart suit and renders the losing spade finesse unnecessary. After winning his C5, Jones played a diamond to the king and finessed to the SQ losing to Cohen's king. Cohen continued clubs. Declarer fell back on the heart finesse and Berkowitz won his HK. The SJ went to Jones's ace and he ruffed a spade in dummy. He cashed the HA and ruffed a heart and the DA and ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, and conceded the 13th trick to Cohen's C9. Well orchestrated defense! Welcome back Larry! (though David made the key play)

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

Table: OP 1, Round: 1  
N-S: Beatty 0 IMP  
E-W: Reynolds 1 IMP

OTHER ROOM: S 6♣ -2 -200

Score card >  
Frequency >

♠ 74  
♥ AQ9753  
♦ K  
♣ T863

N Jeff Aker

Beatty/Reynolds

♠ K952  
♥ 42  
♦ QJ43  
♣ 974

W George Jacobs

♠ JT83  
♥ KJT8  
♦ T95  
♣ J2

E Craig Gardner

♠ AQ6  
♥ 6  
♦ A8762  
♣ AKQ5

SOUTH 6♣  
S Steve Beatty

In Beatty/Reynolds, Beatty played 6C on the auction shown left.

Jacobs was on lead. He led the only suit to legitimately give declarer the hand from trick one. He led a spade from his king into Righty's AQ AFTER Righty had cued the suit at the four level. Beatty won the SJ with the queen. He played a diamond to the king and a spade to the ace, cashed the DA and ruffed a diamond in dummy. He played the C3 to the ace:



He ruffed a spade in dummy, played a club to the king, cashed the CQ, conceded a

diamond trick to George, ruffed the spade return and claimed his 12 tricks. At the other table in this match, 6C was defeated on a diamond lead after Reynolds disdained a diamond opening in favor of a strong club!

At the other table in Wolfson/Lusky, N/S stopped in game and made 11 tricks on a club lead.

On Board 9, both tables in Reynolds/Beatty played in 3NT from North receiving the lead of the heart deuce from East.

Looking at the heart suit independently, it does not matter whether declarer rises with the jack in dummy or ducks the heart to their hand. Either way, declarer will score two heart tricks.

Lance Kerr saw the advantage of taking quick control of the hand. He rose with the HJ and finessed the spade. Denny Clerkin won the SQ and played a small club, declarer winning in hand. Kerr played the

diamond king, ducked... and continued with a diamond to the ten and ace. Jerry played the HT, ducked around. Kerr won the heart continuation, led a spade to dummy and cashed the DQ. If diamond split, he would have the rest of the tricks. Diamonds did not split so he played a club to establish a ninth trick. This was an excellent line of play.

In the other room...

Aker played small from dummy on the opening heart lead to the ten and ace. He played the H4 and Gardner won his HQ and cashed the HK. He exited with a heart to Aker's nine.

Aker played the CJ and Jacobs won his ace and exited with a spade. Aker won the spade and played the DK. Jacobs won and continued the attack on spades. Aker won the SK and he was helpless!

The defense had scored 4 tricks: 2 hearts, 1 diamond and 1 club with the SQ still out there to take!

Cappelli	Lall	▶	Open	3N	N	♥2	-2	100	5
			Closed	2♦	S	♠9	+1	110	
Goodman	Hamman	▶	Open	3N	N	♥Q	=	400	7
			Closed	2N	N	♥2	=	120	
Lusky	Wolfson	▶	Open	2N	N	♥2	-1	50	5
			Closed	2N	N	♥2	=	120	

In the other three matches, the results were scattered.

The only other declarer to succeed in 3NT was Pratap in Goodman/Hamman. 10 IMPs to Reynolds; 7 IMPs to Goodman



BOARD: 33  
DEALER: NORTH  
VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ K742  
♥ KJT4  
♦ J2  
♣ J32

♠ 9  
♥ A986  
♦ K987  
♣ QT97

♠ AQJ8  
♥ Q3  
♦ AQT43  
♣ A6

♠ T653  
♥ 752  
♦ 65  
♣ K854

Par: -920

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	2	1	3	4	2
E	10	12	10	9	11
W	11	:	:	:	:

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
							NS EW Home Visiting
1	Beatty	Hamman	Open	6♦	E	♥2 =	920
			Closed	3N	E	♥7 +1	430
2	Cappelli	Lewis	Open	6♦	E	♦6 -1	50
			Closed	3N	E	♣4 +2	460
3	Goodman	Lall	Open	6♦	W	♦J -1	50
			Closed	3N	E	♣4 +2	460
4	Reynolds	Wolfson	Open	5♦	E	♦6 =	400
			Closed	3N	W	♣2 +2	460

On Board 33, three pairs bid 6D.

Two pairs were defeated when South led a trump. Both declarers immediately tackled clubs by playing ace and a club toward dummy. At both tables, South played low and declarer inserted the nine, losing to the jack. At both tables, a diamond was returned. Declarer won in dummy and played the C9, discarding a heart and losing to South's king. Contract down 1! In Lewis/Cappelli, Doug Doub was declarer. In Goodman/Lall, Bart Bramley was declarer.

The only declarer to succeed was John Schermer in Beatty/Hamman.

Beatty led the H2. Cham-

bers ducked to Stewart's HK. Fred returned a club. Chambers rose with the ace, cashed the SA and trumped a spade in dummy. He led a heart to his queen and trumped another spade. The HA provided a discard for Chambers's losing club. Chambers trumped a club in hand, trumped a spade in dummy, cashed the DK and claimed 12 tricks!

This hand was makeable even on a trump lead.

Declarer would need to finesse the spade and lead up to the HQ. This play is never going to happen at the table, but it works if anyone stumbles on it.

This play is far less attractive than playing on clubs since it is totally dependent on placement of the major suit kings.

The club play affords declarer an extra chance to go right.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

Table: OP 1, Round: 4  
N-S: Beatty 0 IMP  
E-W: Hamman 12 IMP

OTHER ROOM: E 3N +1 -430

DEALER WEST 33 EAST SOUTH

Score card >  
Frequency >  
Live tables >

DDS

♠ K742  
♥ KJT4  
♦ J2  
♣ J32  
N Fred Stewart

♠ 9  
♥ A986  
♦ K987  
♣ QT97  
W John Schermer

♠ AQJ8  
♥ Q3  
♦ AQT43  
♣ A6  
E Neil Chamber

♠ T653  
♥ 752  
♦ 65  
♣ K854  
S Steve Beatty

EAST 6♦

# Cross IMPs

1.	Pratap Rajadhyaksha - Venkatrao Koneru	Goodman	1.67	48.43	29
2.	David Berkowitz - Larry Cohen	Wolfson	1.48	44.29	30
3.	Marc Jacobus - Eddie Wold	Lall	1.19	35.76	30
4.	Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis	Lewis	0.92	18.33	20
5.	John Lusky - Allan Falk	Lusky	0.65	13.00	20
6.	Drew Casen - Jim Krekorian	Goodman	0.48	14.52	30
7.	Hemant Lall - Reese Milner	Lall	0.37	7.43	20
8.	Dennis Clerkin - Jerry Clerkin	Beatty	0.36	14.52	40
9.	Neil Silverman - Mark Itabashi	Lewis	0.32	6.43	20
10.	Peter Weichsel - Bob Hamman	Hamman	0.30	6.05	20
11.	Ross Grabel - Mitch Dunitz	Hamman	0.16	4.71	30
12.	Jeff Aker - Steve Beatty	Beatty	0.07	1.43	20
13.	Doug Doub - Adam Wildavsky	Lewis	0.01	0.29	20
14.	Mike Becker - Bobby Levin	Wolfson	0.00	0.00	10
15.	John Schermer - Neil Chambers	Hamman	-0.02	-0.55	30
16.	Bob Cappelli - Bob Bitterman	Cappelli	-0.03	-0.57	20
17.	Mark Aquino - Pat McDevitt	Cappelli	-0.23	-4.57	20
18.	Jim Foster - Mark Jones	Lusky	-0.26	-5.14	20
19.	Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner	Wolfson	-0.27	-5.40	20
20.	Ken Kranyak - Phil Becker	Cappelli	-0.35	-6.90	20
21.	Andy Goodman - Mike Passell	Goodman	-0.71	-14.14	20
22.	Lance Kerr - Tom Reynolds	Reynolds	-0.77	-15.43	20
23.	Fred Stewart - Steve Beatty	Beatty	-1.01	-20.17	20
24.	Jeff Roman - Robbie Hopkins	Lusky	-1.06	-21.14	20
25.	Craig Gardner - George Jacobs	Reynolds	-1.13	-45.00	40
26.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Lall	-1.46	-42.29	29
27.	Bill Hall - Joe Viola	Reynolds	-1.69	-33.88	20

**Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants?**

**In case he got a hole in one.**

**At my funeral take the bouquet off my coffin and throw into the crowd to see who is next**

**Studies show that cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them.**

**It's a case of in one ear and out the udder.**

## **Follow Up on Kantar 3NT Revisited in Thursday, May 18, Bulletin Comment to the Editor:**

Looking at the cover of Thursday's Bulletin, you will see a "comment to the editor" that Ron Gerard submitted.

Yesterday Al Hollander submitted a "comment to the comment to the editor..."

**Noticed your Daily Bulletin blurb about Kantar 3NT.**

**The date of ACBL Bulletin intro in 2011 just didn't sit well with me.**

**I was sure I knew about it in the previous millennium.**

**Could not find entry in my non-maintained, manual index of various periodicals, so I contacted a fellow collector/system geek, Dave Beer. He recalled playing the toy in the 20th century and had the brilliant idea to check previous editions of the Bridge Encyclopedia.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, copyright 1976 includes mention of Kantar 3NT!!!**

**Given the timeframe, I did a search on the Bridge World site and found a possible source.**

**Into the dusty archives – BINGO**

**Bridge World, November 1974, pages 13-16, "Three Notrump?" by Edwin B Kantar**

**So Kantar 3NT Opener documentation predates the ACBL Bulletin reference by 37 years.**

**This original version allows one outside King or two outside Queens, but NEVER an outside Ace.**

**I think we saw Zia-Meckstroth trot out the bid during the Open USA2 event.**

**Their SSF and/or CC describe the bid as a 'positional' 4M opener – i.e. wants partner to declare in order to protect possible tenaces.**

**Al Hollander**

*Ed. Note to Al:*

*This information came from BridgeWinners. It was in a string from March 10, 2016. The poster was Ed Judy and the discussion stemmed from a reference to an ACBL Bulletin article about using Kantar 3NT as a Namyats-style preempt, leaving 4C and 4D as natural.*

Thanks Al for sharing this information. As usual, you are the best at explaining conventions!!

Suzi



BOARD: 36  
 DEALER: WEST  
 VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ 72  
 ♥ QT7  
 ♦ A52  
 ♣ A9865

♠ K843  
 ♥ AKJ94  
 ♦ T8  
 ♣ K7

♠ AT6  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ KQJ9743  
 ♣ Q3

Par: -600  
 N S 7 2 4 4 2  
 EW 5 11 8 9 8

♠ QJ95  
 ♥ 8532  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ JT42

Board 36 had to have been frustrating for come of those who defended 3NT. Clearly, 3NT should fail on a club lead, yet, three declarers brought it home!

One example of the defense: Stewart led a club against Schermer. John won in dummy and led the DK. Stewart ducked!! Schermer continued with the DQ. Stewart ducked again and Beatty did not figure out to unblock the club J or T. Schermer played the DJ. Stewart won and was frozen! Cashing the high club with the suit blocked was useless. Contract making!

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	IMP				
						NS	EW				
1	Beatty	Hamman		Open	3N	W	♣6	+1	630	-	-
				Closed	3N	W	♣6	+1	630	-	-
2	Cappelli	Lewis		Open	3N	W	♣6	+1	630	-	12
				Closed	3N	W	♣6	-1	100	-	12
3	Goodman	Lall		Open	5♦	W	♣A	=	600	-	12
				Closed	3N	W	♣6	-1	100	-	-
4	Reynolds	Wolfson		Open	3N	W	♣5	-1	100	-	-
				Closed	3N	W	♣5	-1	100	-	-

The real story on this board is the excellent auction that Bramley and Woolsey had to reach the makeable diamond game.

5D is a perfect contract.

The defense can collect its two minor suit aces and nothing else.

Kudos to Kit and Bart for reaching 5D!

The screenshot shows a bridge bidding interface. On the right, there are four hand cards: North (Pratap Rajadhyaksha) with ♠72, ♥QT7, ♦A52, ♣A9865; West (Kit Woolsey) with ♠K843, ♥AKJ94, ♦T8, ♣K7; South (Venkatrao Koneru) with ♠QJ95, ♥8532, ♦6, ♣JT42; and East (Bart Bramley) with ♠AT6, ♥6, ♦KQJ9743, ♣Q3. On the left, a bidding log shows the following sequence:

	W	N	E	S
1	♥	PASS	2♣	PASS
2	♦	PASS	2♥	PASS
2	♠	PASS	2NT	PASS
3	♥	PASS	3♠	PASS
4	♥	PASS	5♦	PASS

- 2C=GF relay
- 2D=some 4 card suit
- 2H=ask
- 2S=usually 4 spades
- 2NT=ask
- 3H=4-5-2-2
- 3S=how many controls
- 4H=5 controls

(Note to Woolsey/Bramley: If you many more great auctions as long as this one, I am going to run out of ink in the printer!)