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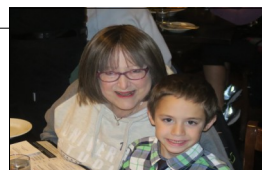
# Results:

## Open USBC - 2024

\* Set 1 Board 2 weighted score after misinformation affected declarer's line. Simson minus 9, Fleisher plus 3.4

SemiFinal (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
05-May-2024		The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.									
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Nickell</a>	152	45	28	51	28					
4	<a href="#">Rosenthal</a>	128	38	17	47	26					
2	<a href="#">Simson</a>	84	29	18	35	2					
3	<a href="#">Fleisher</a>	151.4	58.4	33	11	49					

Ed. Note: With delayed broadcasting, it is challenging to watch every hand for write ups. If anyone has a particularly interesting hand, please send me the board # & match # with any important details. I will do my best to review and include it. Email to [stansubeck@prodigy.net](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net). Thank you!



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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

# Open Teams Entered

<b>Nickell</b>	Nick Nickell Bye to QF Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Eric Greco
<b>Lebowitz</b>	Adam Grossack, Capt Zach Grossack Zia Mahmood	Larry Lebowitz Michael Rosenberg Daniel Korbel
<b>Fleisher</b>	Marty Fleisher, Capt Brad Moss Kevin Bathurst	Chip Martel Joe Grue John Hurd
<b>Bailey</b>	Bill Bailey, Capt Aaron Jones Arti Bhargava	Josh Donn Owen Lien
<b>Balleisen</b>	Aaron Balleisen, Capt Nicole Qian	Zhiyu Cheng Philip Wang
<b>Bramley</b>	Bart Bramley, Capt Brian Platnick	Kit Woolsey Kevin Rosenberg
<b>Gu</b>	Jiang Gu, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Josh Sher	Walter Lee Alex Kolesnik Ron Smith
<b>Hamman</b>	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Doug Doub John Schermer	Bob Hamman Neil Chambers Greg Hinze
<b>Han</b>	Yanong Han, Capt Qiang Zhang	Ming Sheng Brian Zhang
<b>Juster</b>	Jeff Juster, Capt Andy Goodman Shan Huang	Jacob Morgan Mike Passell Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt
<b>Petrov</b>	Dian Petrov, Capt Matthew Haag	Val Kovachev Rumen Dimitrov
<b>Robinson</b>	Eric Robinson, Capt Ish DelMonte David Berkowitz	Michael Kamil Finn Kolesnik Steve Garner
<b>Rosenthal</b>	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken John Kranyak	Aaron Silverstein Gavin Wolpert Vince Demuy
<b>Schireson</b>	Max Schireson, Capt John McAllister Olivia Schireson	Debbie Rosenberg Will Watson
<b>Simson</b>	Doug Simson, Capt Eddie Wold David Grainger	Eric Rodwell Joel Wooldridge Venkatrao Koneru



# Mixed Teams Entered

Carmichael	Tom Carmichael, Capt Christian Jolly	Jenni Carmichael Julie Arbit
Derman	Ethan Derman, Capt George Klemic	Avery Silverstein Maya Jonas-Silver
Ding	Donna Compton, Capt Hong Ding	Chris Compton Adam Wildavsky
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Harrison Luba Jeff Ferro	Yoko Sobel Cynthia Huang Jean Barry
Ivatury	Uday Ivatury, Capt Shawn Quinn Lapt Chan	Allan Graves Irina Kislitsyna Christal Henner
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Cheri Bjerkan	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Larry Robbins
Millens	Shan Huang, Capt Kevin Dwyer Sandra Rimstedt	Joan Millens Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt
Pollack	Rozanne Pollack, Capt Dave Caprera	Bill Pollack Anne Brenner
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Michael Rosenberg	Migry Campanile Jenny Wolpert Debbie Rosenberg
Rubenstein	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Zach Grossack Adam Grossack	Anam Tebha Giorgia Botta Emma Kolesnik
Zhang	Susan Zhang, Capt Eddie Wold Janice Molson	Sylvia Shi Daniel Korbel



**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.**



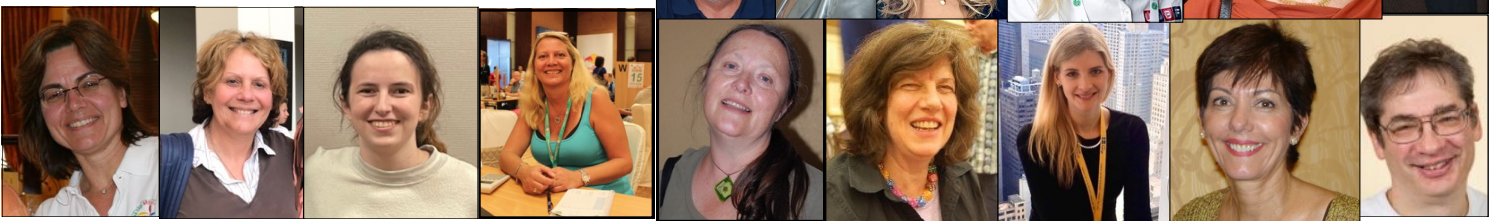
# Senior Teams Entered

Aker	Jeff Aker, Capt John Lusky Barry Rigal	Allan Falk Glenn Milgrim Ron Rubin
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Bob Bitterman	Mark Aquino Mark Bendure
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Pratap Rajadhyaksha Ron Smith	Mike Passell Venkatrao Koneru Billy Cohen
Hamman	Bob Hamman, Capt Doug Doub	Neil Chambers Adam Wildavsky
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Eric Rodwell Zia Mahmood	Reese Milner Eddie Wold Michael Rosenberg
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bernie Greenspan	Lance Kerr Fred Schenker
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Jim Krekorian Steve Beatty	Curtis Cheek Peter Weichsel Fred Stewart
Tulin	Gary Cohler, Capt Alan Sontag Kit Woolsey	Stanley Tulin Ralph Katz Bart Bramley
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz	Steve Garner Jeff Meckstroth



# Women's Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Kerri Sanborn Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt [alternate] Debbie Rosenberg	Olivia Schireson Jill Meyers Sandra Rimstedt [alternate] Migry Campanile
Cooper	Kitty Cooper, Capt Linda Lewis Rozanne Pollack	Lynne Feldman Hjordis Eythorsdottir Cheri Bjerkan
Zhang	Susan Zhang, Capt Janice Molson	Sylvia Shi Irina Levitina



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## Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

Mixed Schedule			
Round Robin or KO - Schedule will depend on number of teams			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Friday	May 10		
Saturday	May 11		
Quarterfinal			
Sunday	May 12	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15  3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Monday	May 13	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15  3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Semifinal			
Tuesday	May 14	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15  3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Wednesday	May 15	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15  3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Final			
Thursday	May 16	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15  3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60 75 minute Break Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90
Friday	May 17	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15  3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60

Semifinal			
Sunday	May 5	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15  3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Monday	May 6	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15  3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Final			
Tuesday	May 7	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15  3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Wednesday	May 8	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15  3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60

**Location: TBD**

Lovebridge practice sessions			
Day	Date	Time (CDT)	
Tuesday	April 30	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Thursday	May 9	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Saturday	May 18	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Wednesday	May 22	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	

PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS			
On Zoom			
Event	Day	Date	Time (CDT)
Open	Tuesday	April 30	9:00 PM
Mixed	Thursday	May 9	9:00 PM
Senior	Saturday	May 18	9:00 PM
Women's	Monday or Wednesday	May 20 or 22	9:00 PM

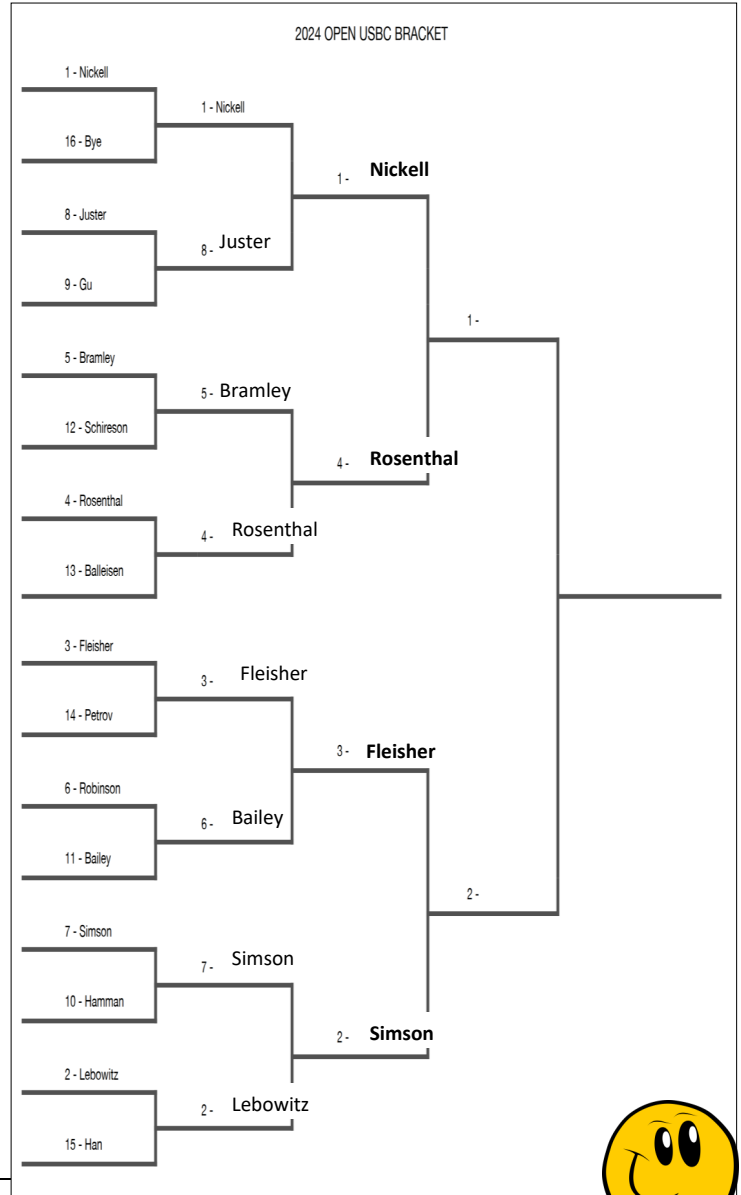
Mrs. Smythe was making final arrangements for an elaborate reception. "Nora," she said to her veteran servant, "for the first half-hour I want you to stand at the drawing-room door and call the guests' names as they arrive."

Nora's face lit up. "Thank you, ma'am," she replied. "I've been wanting to do that to some of your friends for the last 20 years."

"I went to the 30th reunion of my preschool. I didn't want to go, because I've put on, like, a hundred pounds."

# Senior Schedule

SENIOR SCHEDULE			
Round Robin or KO - Schedule will depend on number of teams			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Sunday	May 19		
Monday	May 20		
Quarterfinal			
Tuesday	May 21	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Wednesday	May 22	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Semifinal			
Thursday	May 23	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Friday	May 24	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Final			
Saturday	May 25	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Sunday	May 26	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60



Beth Palmer WOMEN'S SCHEDULE			
Round Robin or Quarterfinal if 5-8 teams enter - schedule will depend on number of teams			
Tuesday	May 21		
Wednesday	May 22		
Semifinal			
Thursday	May 23	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Friday	May 24	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Final			
Saturday	May 25	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Sunday	May 26	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60

## Beth Palmer Women's Schedule

With a pile of 300 resumes on his desk and a need to pick someone quickly, my boss told me to make calls on 50 and toss the rest.

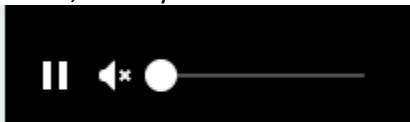
"Throw away 250 resumes?" I asked, shocked.

"What if the best candidates are in there?"

"You have a point," he said. "But then again, I don't need people with bad luck around here."

## 2024 USBCs Kibitzing - There will be delayed kibitzing for all of the 2024 USBCs on LoveBridge

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. If you get to the voice commentary and there is no sound, you need to "unmute." When you first get to the page, there is a small icon of a speaker in the middle of your screen with an x on it. Click there to unmute. If you miss that icon, move your cursor to the bottom left of the screen and you should see a something like this:



Click on the speaker to unmute.

Vugraph is delayed for 30 minutes or until all tables have completed play on a board, whichever is later.

### Kibitzing Schedule (EDT)

For all KO days of the 2024 USBCs, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT; Segment 2: 1:45 pm EDT

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:00 pm EDT; Segment 4: 7:15 pm EDT

For Round Robin days, each kibitzing segment will start 30 minutes after play starts. No voice for RR's.

To listen to commentary, search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentators. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

**Deep Involvement:** Choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into 4 small screens – 2 of them showing the 2 tables of the match you choose, the other 2 having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can 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.

### 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, the 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 always 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 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.



Today there's live  
guys  
Commentating...  
What a stir  
They are creating

One thought clubs  
Were right to play.  
The other said,  
"No way, no way!"

He thought spades  
The only beat.  
His counter said,  
"Go 'way! Go tweet!"

So now he wrote  
An ugly text.  
And posted it  
Right there on X!

When these guys  
Prove they can't jive,  
I think I'm watching  
"Twitter Live!"



# Kibitzing...

## 2024 USBCs Hospitality

We are returning to our pre-pandemic hospitality, with the hospitality suite (room 2321) open most of the day for socializing, Vugraph, and snacks. We will be providing breakfast and lunch each **day of play**. Marie-France Benoit will be our lead hostess, with help from Jacob Morgan and Julie Arbit, who makes the best guacamole. If you're at the tournament and can volunteer to help with hospitality (pick up items at Costco or nearby stores or restaurants, preparing food) please let Jan or Marie-France know.

**Breakfast:** From 8-10 am. There will be the usual breakfast food: cereal, bagels, toast, salmon, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. For those who prefer Keurig coffee, that will be available. So long as the suite doesn't become too crowded, you are welcome to eat there. No masking requirement.

**Lunch:** On the first four days of each event we will be serving a buffet lunch in a hotel banquet room, usually the Slate and Cyan rooms at the front of the hotel; we will have signs in the Player Break Room and Hospitality Suite with daily location. The hotel will be supplying what they do best: salads and chips. We will be bringing in 2 or 3 hot dishes from a local restaurant each day. There should be enough room for you to eat in the hotel banquet room, but you are welcome to take food from there to an outside table or to your hotel room. Lunch will be served from about half an hour before the morning session is supposed to end until about half an hour after the afternoon session starts. After the first 4 days of each event, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite at the break. There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, berries, cookies or other desserts. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators. As with breakfast, you are welcome to eat in the hospitality suite unless it is too crowded.

**Let us know** if you have specific needs. Our hosts will do their very best to accommodate you.

### Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

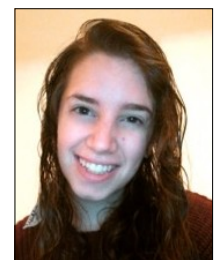
We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. Please keep your voices down in the Break Room where we are working.

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 for coffee, water or an escort outside to smoke.



Marie-France



Julie Arbit

A waffle's evil twin is its alter Eggo.  
Evil nuns have bad habits.  
I'd buy that clock, but it's not the right time.  
The hungry time-traveler went back four seconds.  
Actor with broken legs are often miscast.  
Cross a compass with a shellfish = guided mussel.  
Arguing with a fool only proves there are two.  
My winter fat is gone, but now I have spring rolls.  
Butterflies just aren't what they used to be.  
Bossy men at bars always order everybody a round.  
Two black birds stuck together? Velcrows.  
I met my wife on Tinder. It was awkward.  
The opposite of croissant is a happy uncle.  
Peasants at the beach love to go serfing.  
Fancy cheese in Mexico is the best queso scenario.  
Back pain in Egypt? See a Cairopractor.  
How did the hackers get away? They ransomware.  
Never fight a dinosaur. You'll get jurasskicked.  
She found his proposal very engaging.  
Maize puns are corny. But eye puns are cornea.  
Taco Bell: the only place you can still get gas for \$2.  
Indian restaurants are naan profit institutions.



According to a recent study,  
nine out of ten people  
who are afraid of hurdles  
never get over it.



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		2						
5				7				1
				9		4		

Sudoku 1

# Hard Sudoku

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 16

Sudoku 2

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

“When I was growing up, I always wanted to be someone. Now I realize I should have been more specific.” — Lily Tomlin

“Doing nothing is very hard to do...you never know when you’re finished.” — Leslie Nielsen

“I’m not the smartest fellow in the world, but I can sure pick smart colleagues.” — Franklin D. Roosevelt

“It’s just a job. Grass grows, birds fly, waves pound the sand. I beat people up.” — Muhammad Ali

“Never put off till tomorrow what may be done day after tomorrow just as well.” — Mark Twain

“If you had to identify in one word the reason why the human race has not achieved and never will achieve its full potential, that word would be ‘meetings.’” — Dave Barry



“People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day.” — A.A. Milne, “Winnie-the-Pooh”

“A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof was to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.” — Douglas Adams

Please be “scent” sitive! Many players have allergies and have trouble breathing when perfumed aromas are present! Thank you!!



# Puzzle Page ...

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



I know you think it's idle chatter...  
 But HEARTS are the only suit I think matter!

BALLROOM  
 BATHROOM  
 BEDROOM  
 BOARDROOM  
 BOILER ROOM  
 CHATROOM  
 CLASSROOM  
 COURTROOM

DARKROOM  
 ELBOWROOM  
 HEADROOM  
 LIVING ROOM  
 LUNCHROOM  
 MAILROOM  
 MUSHROOM  
 PLAYROOM

REC ROOM  
 SUNROOM  
 WAITING ROOM  
 WASHROOM  
 WORKROOM



The French eat snails because they don't like fast food!

Swarms of flying insects threaten the town! Police deploy the SWAT team!  
 To all the people who said I'd never amount to anything because of my procrastination... Just you WAIT!

I stopped by a roadside stand that said, "LOBSTER TAILS \$2" I paid my \$2 and he said, "Once upon a time there was this lobster..." 10

During a recent password audit, it was found that a blonde was using the following password: "MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDewey DonaldGoofyParis". When asked why she had such a long password, she said she was told that it had to be at least 8 characters long and include at least one capital.



Pictured above: the **2014 WBF Committee of Honour** – . A Levy, P. Choy, E. D’Orsi, G. Retek, A.M. Torlontano, J. Damiani, J. Wignall, J.C. Beineix, P. Gerontopoulos, M. Jafri, G.A. Rona, M. De Pauw

The **WBF Committee of Honor** was formed in 1972 for the purpose of recognizing the unselfish efforts of individuals in making a significant contribution to the enhancement and growth of bridge throughout the world.

**Nominations** to the Committee must be made by a **minimum of three members of the WBF Executive Council from three separate Zones**. Election to the Committee requires an affirmative vote from **three-quarters of the Executive Council members**, the detailed requirements being set out in article 3.3 of the By-laws. Nomination may only be made in **even numbered years**. After the amendment approved in 2014 the Committee of Honour may not exceed **thirteen living members**.

The **WBF Gold Pin**, the highest award offered by the WBF, is awarded only to members of the Committee of Honour. When the Committee was formed in 1972, only three persons received the required nominations and votes. They were: **Geoffrey L. Butler** (GB), **Waldemar von Zedtwitz** (USA) and **Charles L. Solomon** (USA).

In 1974 the WBF President, **Julius Rosenblum**, was unanimously elected whilst **Albert Morehead** (USA) and **Baron de Nexon** (France) were posthumously elected. In 1976 **Ben O. Johnson** (USA) and **André Lemaitre** (Belgium) were elected to the Committee.

In 1978 there were two more nominations, each receiving the unanimous support of all six Zones at that time represented on the Executive Council, as a result of which General **Alfred M Gruenther** (USA) and **Jaime Ortiz-Patiño** (Switzerland) were elected.

In 1984 three more persons were elected: **Richard L. Goldberg** (USA), **Nils E. Jensen** (Sweden) and **Edgar Kaplan** (USA). In 1986 **Robert Howes** (USA) and **Ernesto d’Orsi** (Brazil) were elected. In 1988, **José Damiani** (France) was elected. In 1994 **Robert S. Wolff** (USA) was elected.

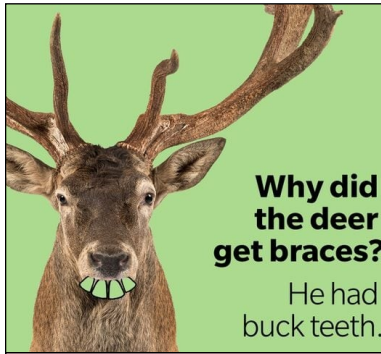
In 1998, in Lille **Jean-Claude Beineix** (France), **Mazhar Jafri** (Pakistan) and **John Wignall** (New Zealand) were elected. In 2002, in Montreal, **Joan Gerard** (USA), **Panos Gerontopoulos** (Greece) and **George Retek** (Canada) were elected. In 2004, Istanbul, **Gianarrigo Rona** (Italy) was elected, receiving the unanimous support of all eight Zones represented on the Executive Council.

In 2014, Sanya, **Patrick Choy** (Singapore), **Marc De Pauw** (Belgium), **Alvin Levy** (USA) and **Anna Maria Torlontano** (Italy) were elected, whilst **Jens Auken** (Denmark) and **Jean-Louis Derivery** (Guadalupe) were posthumously elected.

## History of the Committee of Honor

**What is money called in space?**

Star bucks.



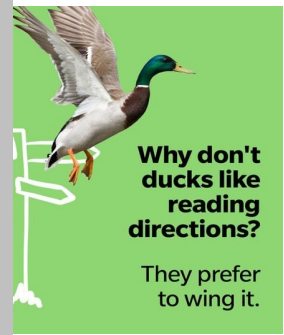
**Why did the deer get braces?**

He had buck teeth.

**One Engineer to Another:**

How many derailments have you had?

I don't know... It's hard to keep track!



**Why don't ducks like reading directions?**

They prefer to wing it.

**What do you call a Frenchman in sandals?**

Phillipe Floppe.

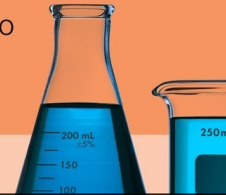
**Why do piglets take home economics in school?**

To learn how to sow.



**Why did the biologist break up with the physicist?**

They had no chemistry.



**Pun-ishment!**

**Why was the artichoke so generous?**

It had a big heart!



**Three golf clubs went into a bar. The putter asked for a margarita. The 7-iron requested a Bud Light. The last one said, "Nothing for me. I'm the driver!!"**



Hand of cards from a game. Top left: ♠ K9432, ♥ AQ7, ♦ 73, ♣ Q74. Top right: N Frickell. Middle left: W Stan Subeck, ♠ A, ♥ 6, ♦ AKQ10842, ♣ AK92. Middle right: Suzi Subeck E, ♠ 10865, ♥ 1042, ♦ J6, ♣ J1053. Bottom left: Ralph Katz S, ♠ QJ7, ♥ KJ9853, ♦ 95, ♣ 86. Bottom right: W N E S, 6♦ 6♥ P P, X P P P.

## A Tribute to Stan

This hand occurred more than a year ago in one of our "regular" weekly evening sessions with Ralph and Nick. It was one of the last hands Stan played and he did really well to put maximum pressure on the opponents by jumping to 6D over 2H. Nick took him seriously and bid 6H hoping for a good save. As it was, only Nick's CQ mattered! Had Ralph held that card, the slam would have been successful and the sac would have worked. 6H went light 4 for +800 E/W

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	3	7	7	2	2
S	3	7	7	2	2
E	7	5	5	11	11
W	7	5	5	11	11
Par -600 5♦= EW					

For those of you who are interested, Ela has agreed to come to the Hyatt to provide massages any day that we have 3 or more people who want her. So if you want a massage, please let me know a day or two in advance, including what your timing is, and I'll try to make things work.

For now, Ela said she could come on April 30th for anyone who wants a post-flight, pre-tournament massage. So if you want one, please let me know and tell me what time(s) would work for you.

I think Ela still charges \$100 for an hour. She'll be setting her table up in my room (5117) and will have a key so she can get in and can let you in when it's your turn. Any questions, let Jan know!



**Massage Therapist message from Jan**

# Logic Puzzle Page

## Answers to Puzzle on Page 16

		Adams	Garret	Lark	Smith	Sparks	35 mm	35 mm	digital	digital	digital	church	covered bridge	lighthouse	maple tree	stream	cardinal	chipmunk	duck	rabbit	squirrel	
		Last Name			Camera type			Still life				Animal										
First Name	Bill																					
	John																					
	Larry																					
	Tom																					
	Will																					
Animal	cardinal																					
	chipmunk																					
	duck																					
	rabbit																					
	squirrel																					
Still life	church																					
	covered bridge																					
	lighthouse																					
	maple tree																					
	stream																					
Camera type	35 mm																					
	35 mm																					
	digital																					
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I played the spots  
Right off the cards.  
Off of my own  
And off of Pard's!

Pard just keeps on  
Overbidding...  
A grand down 5?  
Who am I kidding?

The photography club went on a photo outing last week to take advantage of the fall foliage. The weather was perfect and the countryside was beautiful. On this trip, they were experimenting with both digital and 35 mm cameras. Part of the field trip was to practice nature and still life techniques. Each photographer picked an animal and a still life subject to photograph. Determine the full name of each photographer, the type of camera they used, and what two subjects each used to take their pictures.

1. Tom, whose last name wasn't Sparks, didn't take pictures of man-made structures or rabbits. Will's last name isn't Lark. The chipmunk was photographed by the man who took pictures of the lighthouse.

2. Bill took pictures of a winged animal. Larry didn't take

pictures of a rabbit.

3. The three photographers using digital cameras were the one who took pictures of the church, John, and Mr. Garret. But John, who didn't take pictures of a squirrel, really liked the pictures Mr. Sparks took of the covered bridge.

4. Mr. Adams, who wasn't Bill, used a maple tree for one of his subjects but didn't take pictures of a cardinal.

5. The one who took a picture of the duck and Larry both used 35 mm cameras.

6. Mr. Smith, whose first name wasn't Tom, didn't take pictures of winged animals but he did take pictures of a stream.

# Meet the Players

In September, 2014, **Max Schireson** was the star of an article by Scott Behson at the Wall Street Journal, concerning Max's decision to leave his job running a billion-dollar startup to spend more time with his family. Schireson was happy with his decision then and is happy with it now.

He spends a lot of time working on his bridge game. He plays frequently with daughter, Olivia, an up-and-coming young player who has proven herself to be a strong partner and teammate in major events.

Last September, Max took on the job of USBF CEO and Treasurer, replacing Stan Subeck. He is a welcome addition to the USBF management team and a very hard worker.

According to his BridgeWinners profile, he is anxious to improve his bridge game. He did not take up bridge till his 40's!

His favorite bridge memory includes playing the first 105 boards of the 2018 USBC round of 16 where his team played team Rosenthal to a draw!

Max says he has had 3 close Round of 16 losses to very strong teams... in his words, "An accomplishment... if losses can be accomplishments..." as well as making it successfully to the third day of 3-day finals in several NABC pairs' events.

His regular partners include Debbie Rosenberg, Cadir Lee, Olivia Schireson, and Yehudit Hasin.

Max is playing in this event on the Schireson squad of which he is the Captain and which includes both Debbie Rosenberg and Schireson's daughter, Olivia.

Schireson is married. He and his wife have three children: Jacob, Isabel, and Olivia.



Max with bridge playing daughter, Olivia

# Tom Swifties...

"Would you like some soda?" asked Tom caustically.

"That's price-fixing!" said Tom caustically.

"Have you seen my collection of ancient Chinese artifacts?" asked Tom charmingly.

"It's twelve noon," Tom chimed in.

"I've got to stop this motor," Tom choked.

"Another plate of seafood for me!" Tom clamored.

"We're off to Scotland," said Tom clandestinely.

"Pretend we were in the days before railways," Tom coached.

"Okay, you can switch on the electric chair now," said Tom conceitedly.

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

"The prisoner escaped down a rope," said Tom condescendingly.

"The prisoners set up a company," the warden confirmed.

"All right, I will allow the prisoners to wear perfume," the warden consented.

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

"Now, how can I trick Sidney?" Tom considered.

"I have a delivery of shoes for the prisoners," said Tom consolingly.

"Hey, what's it worth if I help you escape from prison?" asked Tom contemptuously.

"The escaped prisoner is camping out in the woods," said Tom contentedly.

"I'm mentioned in this book," said Tom contentedly.

"Europe needs more self-restraint," said Tom continently.

"I have writer's block," said Tom contritely.

"I find you guilty," said the judge with conviction.

"I'd like to be a Chinese labourer," said Tom coolly.

"Those cobs are amazing!" said Tom cornily.

"My friend and I steal things together," Tom corroborated.

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

"Why is this telephone flex always tangled?" asked Tom cooly.

"How do you start a model-T Ford without a battery?" asked Tom crankily.

"I admire East End gangsters," said Tom crazily.

"I dropped the toothpaste," said Tom, crestfallen.

"I've struck oil!" said Tom crudely.

"The situation is grave," Tom said cryptically.

"Who discovered radium?" asked Tom curiously.

"I wonder where the next character is going to appear," said Tom with a cursory glance.

"I'm the butcher's assistant," said Tom cuttingly.



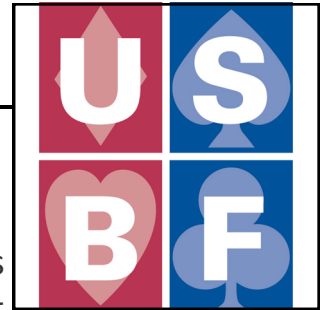
8	5	4	2	9	3	1	7	6
9	2	8	4	7	9	3	5	8
6	1	9	3	7	5	2	4	8
1	9	6	1	8	2	4	5	7
3	9	3	8	2	7	5	4	1
3	8	3	9	2	6	7	1	4
4	5	7	8	2	3	9	6	1
3	1	8	6	5	9	7	2	4
7	8	3	5	4	1	6	9	2
2	6	4	9	8	7	1	3	5
1	9	5	2	3	6	8	4	7

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

# Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 9

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.

We hope you will join us.

### WHY ENGLISH IS HARD TO LEARN

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,  
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.  
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,  
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;  
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.  
The plural of *man* is always *men*,  
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,  
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?  
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,  
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,  
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,  
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.  
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his*, and *him*;  
But imagine the feminine . . . *she*, *shis*, and *shim*!

- ANONYMOUS

### Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 13

Will	Carla	John	Robert	Tom
Tom	Adams	32 mm	maple tree	duck
Larry	Sparks	32 mm	covered bridge	spinel
John	Smith	digital	stream	rabbit
Bill	Lark	digital	church	cardinal
First name	Last name	Camera type	Still life	Animal



**BOARD:** 1  
**DEALER:** NORTH  
**VULNERABLE:** NONE

♠ T98  
 ♥ T5  
 ♦ AJ42  
 ♣ AQT8

♠  
 ♥ AKJ96432  
 ♦ KQ3  
 ♣ K4

♠ J7653  
 ♥ Q7  
 ♦ 986  
 ♣ 963

Par: 300  

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	9	10	4	10	5
S	10	:	:	:	:
E	1	3	9	3	3
W	3	:	:	:	:

♠ AKQ42  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ T75  
 ♣ J752

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP	
						NS	EW
1	Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	4♥	W ♥5	-1	50
			Closed	4♠x	S ♥K	=	590
2	Simson	Fleisher	Open	4♥	W ♠T	-1	50
			Closed	4♥x	W ♠T	-1	100

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
	1♦	PASS	1♣
DBL	RDBL	2♣	3♠
4♥	PASS	PASS	4♣
PASS	PASS	DBL	PASS

XX=3 spades  
3S=somewhat invite

DEALER WEST 1 EAST SOUTH

Score card  
Frequency  
Live scores

LoveBridge

♠ T98  
 ♥ T5  
 ♦ AJ42  
 ♣ AQT8  
**N Vince Demuy**

♠ J7653  
 ♥ Q7  
 ♦ 986  
 ♣ 963  
**E Eric Greco**

♠ AKJ96432  
 ♥ KQ3  
 ♣ K4  
**W Geoff Hampson**

♠ AKQ42  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ T75  
 ♣ J752  
**S John Kranyak**

SC 4

Only John Kranyak found the cold 4S game on Board 1 from the Semi-Finals.

Hampson led the HK and continued with the ace. Greco unblocked his queen on the king. Kranyak ruffed. John cashed his SA, learning of the 5-0 trump split!

He finessed against the CK, cashed the CA, and played a club to his jack.

He played the D5 toward his AJ42, Hampson splitting his honors, and Kranyak winning the ace in dummy.

To make the hand on his own, Kranyak needed to lead a spade off the board now. He erred and led the D2! Greco played the 8 and Kranyak played the ten. At this point, Hampson needed to win the king to defeat the game. Like Kranyak, Hampson erred too. He ducked! Now Kranyak could force Hampson in with the DK and Hampson had only hearts to lead. When Hampson led the heart, Kranyak was back where he was before. He ruffed with the ST and claimed his ten tricks. 11 IMPs to Rosenthal

**BOARD:** 3  
**DEALER:** SOUTH  
**VULNERABLE:** E-W

♠ QJT854  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ A9  
 ♣ AKJ7

♠ AK2  
 ♥ Q754  
 ♦ KQJ  
 ♣ 643

♠ 63  
 ♥ K2  
 ♦ T87542  
 ♣ QT8

Par: 140

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	9	5	8	9	7
EW	4	8	5	4	5

♠ 97  
 ♥ AJT863  
 ♦ 63  
 ♣ 952

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

1	Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	4♠	N	♣8	=	420	7
			Closed	2♠	N	♦7	+1	140	
2	Simson	Fleisher	Open	3♠	N	♠3	-1	50	5
			Closed	2♠	N	♠3	+1	140	

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
			2♥
PASS	3♣	PASS	4♠
PASS	PASS	PASS	

3S=forcing

OTHER ROOM N 2♠ +1 140

NORTH WEST 3 EAST DEALER

Score card, Frequency, Live scores

DDS

LoveBridge

♠ QJT854  
♥ 9  
♦ A9  
♣ AKJ7  
N Bobby Levin

♠ AK2  
♥ Q754  
♦ KQJ  
♣ 643  
W Chris Willenken

♠ 63  
♥ K2  
♦ T87542  
♣ QT8  
E Gavin Wolpert

♠ 97  
♥ AJT863  
♦ 63  
♣ 952  
S Steve Weinstein

NORTH 4♠

On Board 3, all four tables played in spades... anywhere from 2 to 4...

Levin was the only one to bid game. Wolpert, on lead, knew he faced long hearts on his left and there could be quick pitches. Given that, he chose to make what looked like the most logical lead. He led a club! As it was, that was fatal and created exactly the situation Wolpert was hoping to avoid.

Levin won the C9 in dummy. He played a spade. Willenken won

the ace. Willenken continued clubs. Levin won the ace and played the SQ. Willenken won this and started on diamonds. Levin won in hand. He ran his trumps and took his 10 tricks! 7 IMPs to Nickell

In the other room, the auction went differently:

Hampson	Demuy	Greco	Kranyak
W	N	E	S
			2♦
DBL	2♠	PASS	PASS
PASS			

2D=H or strong w/o primary hearts  
 2S="natural as if it went 2HX... I am not sure if it's forcing. I think it is but not 100%"

**BOARD:** 4  
**DEALER:** WEST  
**VULNERABLE:** ALL

♠ 832  
 ♥ A764  
 ♦ AJ  
 ♣ AT95

♠ Q96  
 ♥ QT85  
 ♦ 84  
 ♣ Q632

♠ J74  
 ♥ J3  
 ♦ KQ973  
 ♣ K74

**Par: 600**  

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	8	8	9	9	9
EW	5	4	4	4	4

♠ AKT5  
 ♥ K92  
 ♦ T652  
 ♣ J8

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★		IMP	
							NS	EW	Home	Visiting
<b>1</b>	<b>Nickell</b>	<b>Rosenthal</b>		Open	2N	N	♦7	+1	150	<b>10</b>
				Closed	3N	N	♦Q	=	600	
<b>2</b>	<b>Simson</b>	<b>Fleisher</b>		Open	1N	N	♦7	+2	150	<b>10</b>
				Closed	3N	N	♦3	=	600	

There were swings in both matches on Board 4 where 2 tables bid the vulnerable game and two stopped short. All the East players led diamonds, Greco being the only one to lead an honor. As the cards lie, it is immaterial.

Declarer can win the first diamond, play a spade to the ace, play the CJ ducked to East's king, win the likely heart return with the king and repeat the club finesse. Now in hand with the CT, declarer can play a heart to dummy's nine and West's queen.

West can exit with the HT, declarer winning their ace. Declarer can play the S8 to the ten and queen.

West can cash his high heart and declarer has their game!

10 IIMPs to Rosenthal

10 IMPs to Fleisher

A footnote for the Cross IMPs, the pairs reaching game were both "young guys": Demuy/Kranyak and Hurd/Bathurst. The pairs avoiding the game were the older guys: Simson/Rodwell and Levin/Weinstein.

Hail to the youth!

No matter how much they outbid and/or outscore us, we want and need the younger players!

**BOARD:** 5  
**DEALER:** NORTH  
**VULNERABLE:** N-S

♠ KJT5  
♥ J7  
♦ K9  
♣ KQT85

♠ A5432  
♥ A5432  
♦ Q32  
♣ AJ742

♠ Q642  
♥ Q  
♦ AT8764  
♣ 93

♠ A9873  
♥ KT986  
♦ J5  
♣ 6

**Par: 100**

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	6	3	8	9	6
S	:	:	9	:	:
E	6	9	4	4	3
W	7	:	:	:	:

Moving along...

As on the previous board, equal swings in both matches.

And again, the same "young guys" bid to 4S...

This time they did not fare as well and as a result, they returned 9 of the 10 IMPs they'd gained on Board 4.

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP				
						NS	EW	Home	Visiting	
1	Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	5♦x	E	♣6	-2	300	9	
2	Simson	Fleisher	Open	4♦	E	♣6	=	130	9	

Just sayin'

On Board 6, Wilken/Wolpert were the only pair to stay out of a grand slam.

Given the favorable splits, there are actually three makeable grands: Diamonds, Spades, and NT

Looking at all four hands, the declarers in those strains have 16 tricks off the top... but the software will only permit them to claim 13!!

Sorry...

**BOARD:** 6  
**DEALER:** EAST  
**VULNERABLE:** E-W

♠ 852  
♥ 3  
♦ 83  
♣ KT96432

♠ A63  
♥ T95  
♦ AK6542  
♣ Q

♠ KQT94  
♥ AKQ4  
♦ QT  
♣ A8

♠ J7  
♥ J8762  
♦ J97  
♣ J75

**Par: -2220**

NS	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
EW	7	0	2	0	0
EW	6	13	11	13	13

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP				
						NS	EW	Home	Visiting	
Nickell	Rosenthal		Open	6♦	E	♣5	+1	1390	13	
Simson	Fleisher		Open	7N	E	♣5	=	2220	2	

**BOARD:** 8  
**DEALER:** WEST  
**VULNERABLE:** NONE

♠ KQJT9  
♥ Q9  
♦ KJ6  
♣ 863

♠ A2  
♥ 84  
♦ Q98543  
♣ J74

♠ 6543  
♥ 76532  
♦ T2  
♣ K2

♠ 87  
♥ AKJT  
♦ A7  
♣ AQT95

Par: 990

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

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

1	Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	4N	N	♣K	+2	490	-	-
			Closed	4♠	N	♦T	+2	480		
2	Simson	Fleisher	Open	3N	N	♥3	+3	490		10
			Closed	6♠	N	♣2	=	980		

Only Bathurst/Hurd bid slam on Board 8.

Steve Weinstein tried but Levin turned it down.

Neither Kran-yak/Demuy nor Simson/Rodwell paid it a glance.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
2♦	2♠	3♦	DBL
PASS	3NT	PASS	4♦
PASS	4♠	PASS	5NT
PASS	6♠	PASS	PASS

Table: CL 2, Round: 1  
N-S: Fleisher 24 IMP  
E-W: Simson 18 IMP

OTHER ROOM  
N 3N +3 490

Score card  
Frequency  
Live scores

NORTH DEALER 8 EAST SOUTH

LoveBridge

♠ KQJT9  
♥ Q9  
♦ KJ6  
♣ 863  
N Kevin Bathurst

♠ 6543  
♥ 76532  
♦ T2  
♣ K2  
E Joel Wooldridge

♠ A2  
♥ 84  
♦ Q98543  
♣ J74  
W David Grainger

♠ 87  
♥ AKJT  
♦ A7  
♣ AQT95  
S John Hurd

DDS

NORTH 6♠

Against the slam, Wooldridge made a somewhat unorthodox lead of the C2. Admittedly, it is the classical "closest thing to a trick" in his hand...

Bathurst had no choice but to finesse. He had to knockout the SA and if he rose on the club, the opponents would simply win the SA and cash the CK. He wasn't going to defy the odds to cater to a stiff king on his right so he naturally and wisely played the queen. When that held, he knocked out the SA and took his 12 tricks. Well bid and well played!

10 IMPs to Fleisher

**BOARD: 11**  
**DEALER: SOUTH**  
**VULNERABLE: NONE**

♠ Q642  
 ♥ 942  
 ♦ KQJ9  
 ♣ K8

♠ T9  
 ♥ KQT3  
 ♦ 7432  
 ♣ J62

♠ A83  
 ♥ AJ8765  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ T43

♠ KJ75  
 ♥ AT86  
 ♣ AQ975

Par: 980

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	12	12	5	12	6
EW	1	1	8	1	4

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

On Board 11, only Rodwell/Simson stayed out of slam.

Maybe the recess for Covid tamed Eric but I remember his being a lot more aggressive in the old days...

1	Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	6♠	N	♦5	=	980	-	-
			Closed	6♠	N	♣3	=	980		
2	Simson	Fleisher	Open	4♠	N	♦5	+2	480	11	
			Closed	6♠	N	♥5	=	980		

- Or maybe he recognized my inability to defend??

With spades 3/2, and the singleton diamond in the hand with the SA, there is little to the play.

Grue led the D5. Simson won. He played a spade to the jack, a club to the king and another spade which Grue won with the ace.

Grue exited with his last trump. Simson won in dummy and started cashing the clubs from the top down. When clubs split 3/3, Simson claimed 12 tricks.

11 IMPs to Fleisher

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W N E S

1♦

PASS 1♣ 2♥ 4♥

PASS 4♣ PASS PASS

PASS

1D=2+; 11-15 HCP

OTHER ROOM N 6♠ = 980 Other table

NORTH 11 EAST WEST DEALER

Score card Frequency Live scores

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♠ Q642  
 ♥ 942  
 ♦ KQJ9  
 ♣ K8  
 N Doug Simson

♠ T9  
 ♥ KQT3  
 ♦ 7432  
 ♣ J62  
 W Brad Moss

♠ A83  
 ♥ AJ8765  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ T43  
 E Joe Grue

♠ KJ75  
 ♥ AT86  
 ♣ AQ975  
 S Eric Rodwell

DDS

The topic of conversation was nose jobs. My slightly confused young daughter asked, "Where does the doctor get the new noses to replace the old ones?" "They have a place that manufactures them," I answered. "It's called the 'olfactory.'"

In his late 80s, my father-in-law went to the DMV to renew his driver's license. At one point during the road test, he approached a four-way stop, looked to his left, and cruised straight through the stop sign. "Sir! You didn't look to your right," yelled the frightened inspector. My father-in-law calmly shook his head. "That's Mum's side."

**BOARD:** 14  
**DEALER:** EAST  
**VULNERABLE:** NONE

♠ T653  
♥ J653  
♦ QT52  
♣ 9

♠ A92  
♥ 72  
♦ KJ943  
♣ A76

♠ 4  
♥ KQT8  
♦ A876  
♣ 8542

♠ KQJ87  
♥ A94  
♦  
♣ KQJT3

Par: 300

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	3	6	10	6
EW	5	9	6	3	6

		Home team		Visiting team		Room		By		=		★		IMP	
		NS	EW	Home	Visiting										
1	Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	5♦x	W	♣9	-2	300							9
			Closed	5♠x	S	♠2	-1		100						
2	Simson	Fleisher	Open	4♠	S	♦3	=	420							10
			Closed	4♠	S	♥7	-1		50						

4S is cold on Board 14, however, in Simson/Fleisher, Hurd failed to make it. While cold on any lead, David Grainger found the one lead that gave declarer a chance to go wrong... and he did!

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♠ T653  
♥ J653  
♦ QT52  
♣ 9

N Kevin Bathurst

♠ A92  
♥ 72  
♦ KJ943  
♣ A76

W David Grainger

♠ 4  
♥ KQT8  
♦ A876  
♣ 8542

E Joel Wooldridge

♠ KQJ87  
♥ A94  
♦  
♣ KQJT3

SOUTH SOUTH  
S John Hurd 4♠

David led the H7.

Hurd must duck and win the second heart in order to cut the communication between his opponents. If he rises, Grainger will be able to put a heart through the dummy when he wins his CA and Grainger won't get his discards in time. The defense will collect two hearts, one club and one spade.

Alas, Hurd won trick one!! He played a club toward the nine in dummy.

Grainger was up to rising. He took his ace, tracked his H2 to Wooldridge's ten. Wooldridge cashed the HK and Hurd claimed down one.

10 IMPs to Simson

Observation: Seeing Hurd and Wooldridge at the same table is not usual. But seeing them as opponents is. This tournament appears to be the start of several new partnerships... also several players new to top level competition. That's encouraging and hopefully a good sign of things to come!

# Cross IMPs

1.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	1.82	80.00	44
2.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	0.51	15.33	30
3.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Rosenthal	0.47	21.33	45
4.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	0.20	8.83	45
5.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	0.11	5.00	45
6.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Fleisher	0.03	1.50	45
7.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	-0.02	-0.67	30
8.	Eddie Wold - Venkatrao Koneru	Simson	-0.45	-20.33	45
9.	Chris Willenken - Gavin Wolpert	Rosenthal	-0.48	-21.50	45
10.	David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge	Simson	-0.54	-24.50	45
11.	Aaron Silverstein - Andrew Rosenthal	Rosenthal	-0.97	-29.00	30
12.	Doug Simson - Eric Rodwell	Simson	-1.24	-36.00	29

**MIXED TEAMS:** You will be playing the Mixed USBC on Chromebooks using LoveBridge software. The Chromebooks all have wired mice, which you may use. They have touch screens if you prefer that, and integrated keyboards. You will not be able to go to any websites besides LoveBridge. You may not have ANY electronic devices (except medical devices that the director has expressly approved) in the playing rooms. That includes smart watches, headphones or earbuds, or any other device that can be connected to the internet or to another electronic device.

There will be 2 players in each room, one from each team in a match - N/East or S/W together. For the Round Robin, your N and S players will be stationary - the E and W players will move each round. Your N-S assignments will be posted in room 1321 and on the walls in the hallway, as well as on the website's schedule page.

The way Round Robin seating works is that before each round you must either enter your lineup on your lineup sheet or come to room 1321 and give me a piece of paper with your lineup. After you have done that, I will give you an assignment paper telling you which team you are playing and where your EW players should sit. If no more teams enter, each team will have one sit out during the Round Robin. On 5/5 or 5/6 we will give captains a link to your lineup sheet which will indicate your sit outs.

Under USBF procedures, the last 2 matches will be sequestered. The way that is done is that you are required to turn in your lineup for the last 2 matches before match 10 starts, and the same pair must play NS for both of the last 2 matches. The NS players must remain in their playing rooms for the last 2 matches and the break between matches. After finishing play in the penultimate match, the EW players must remain in their playing rooms until a tournament staff person comes to escort them to their new rooms. Players who are playing only the penultimate match may leave the playing area after they have finished playing and may talk with the pair coming in to replace them. Other than that, there is no comparison or discussion between teammates, and the Chromebooks will be programmed not to show any comparisons at the end of the penultimate match. Players who are coming in for the final match, including those on the team that had the penultimate round sit out, should come to room 1321 and wait there to be escorted to their tables.

Because some of you have said you prefer the opponents' system information on paper in addition to being available on the Chromebooks, we ask each player to bring a copy of their SSF, convention card, and if relevant, the ACBL Multi defense to the table for their opponent. If you need help printing anything, come to room 1321 and we will print it.

After you have finished a match and scored up with your teammates, please check the score on LoveBridge and if you disagree, come to room 1321 and tell us so we can sort it out.

## Procedures for Mixed USBC