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Results:

Open USBC - 2024

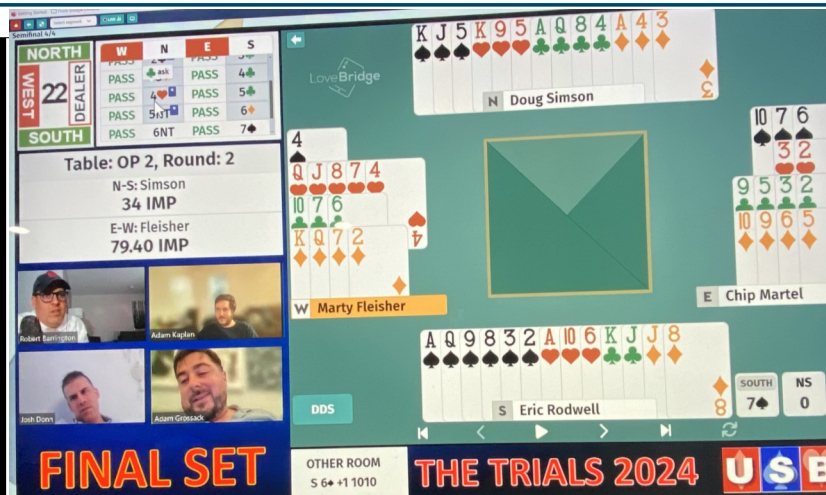
* Set 1 Board 2 weighted score after misinformation affected declarer's Simson minus 9, Fleisher plus 3.4
* Simson slow play penalty of 0.75 imps
* Simson 2nd slow play penalty for total of 1.25 imps

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	Nickell	317	45	28	51	29	56	49	38	21	
4	Rosenthal	263	38	17	47	26	12	27	49	47	
2	Simson	136.75	29	18	35	2	14	37	3	w/d	-1.25
3	Fleisher	247.4	58.4	33	11	49	26	32	38		

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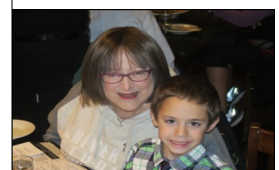
UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations



Last night we had four commentators and the VuGraph went down! It was a bummer! They told bridge stories to entertain us but eventually ran out of steam... Hope it will be better today!

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. Thank you!



Open Teams Entered

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



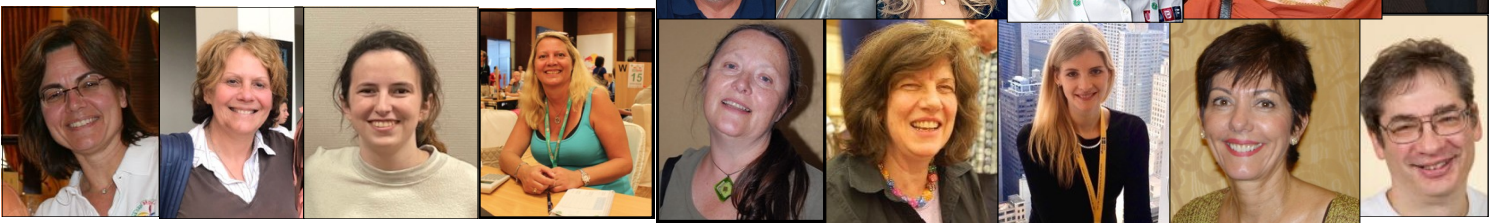
Senior Teams Entered

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



Open Team Tournament Schedule

OPEN SCHEDULE			
Day	Date	Time (CDT)	Boards
Round of 16 (if 14-16 teams enter; fewer than 14 will be rr with different schedule)			
Wednesday	May 1	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 Lunch Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Thursday	May 2	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 Lunch Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Quarterfinal			
Friday	May 3	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 Lunch Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Saturday	May 4	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 Lunch 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

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

A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns, but I soon realized that toucan play at that game.

What do you call a laughing motorcycle?
A Yamahahaha.



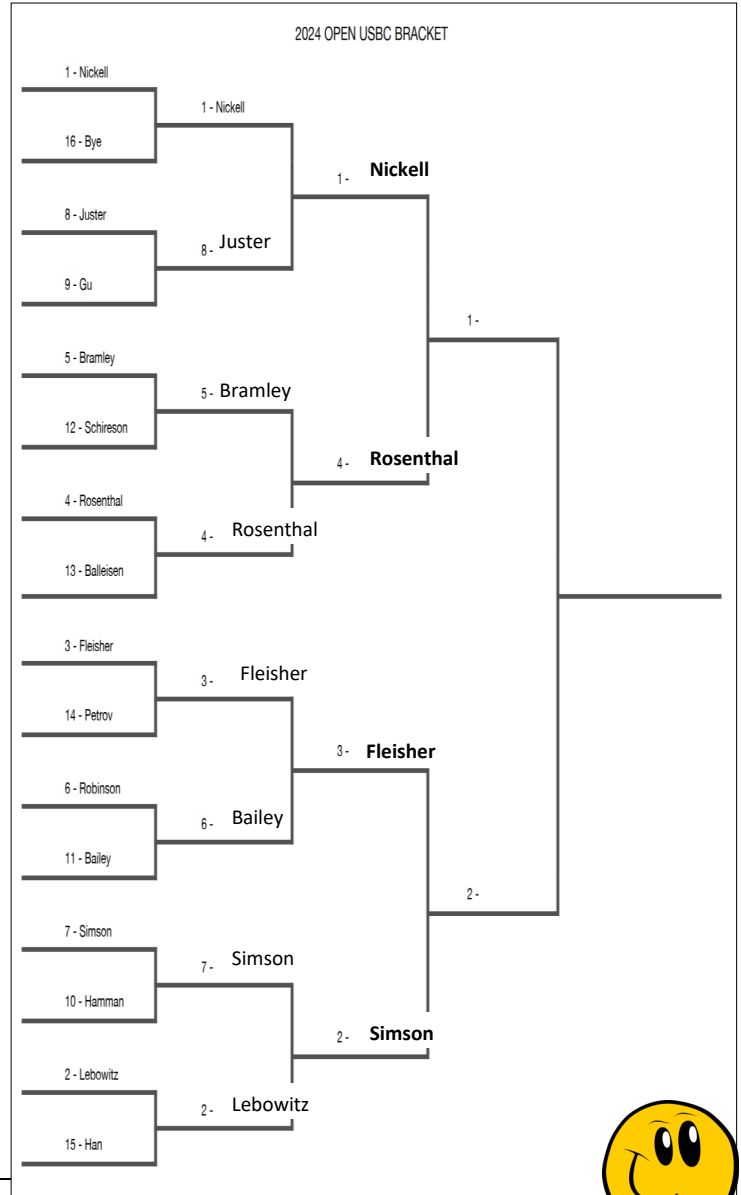
Q: What is the hardest shape to get out of?
A: The trap-azoid.

Q: How do you stay warm in an empty room?
A: Go stand in the corner—it's always 90 degrees

Did you hear about the statistician who drowned crossing a river?
It was three feet deep, on average.

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			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
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

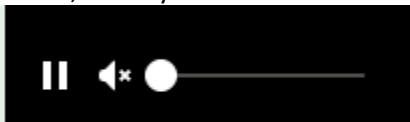
During a job interview at the 99 Cents store, my son was asked, "Where do you see yourself in five years?" My son's reply: "At the Dollar Store." He got the job.

The definition of a perfectionist: someone who wants to go from point A to point A+.

Since the coronavirus outbreak, my 47-year-old son has been washing his hands religiously. In fact, he said, "I've been washing my hands so much, I found the answers to an old eighth-grade math quiz."

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.



Experts play
Hand after hand.
They never miss
An easy grand!

I'm more careful...
Maybe dense...
I give much credit
To defense!



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

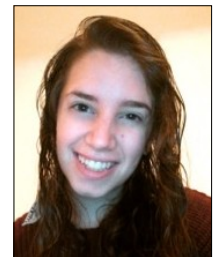
We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

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

It always irked my single mother that her grocery store didn't carry eggs in packages of six—just by the dozen. Then one day, her wish came true. She walked into the grocery and found fresh eggs in cartons of six. "I was so excited," she told us later, "that I bought two!"

Our company gives out Thanksgiving turkeys to retired employees. All they have to do is stop by the plant to pick them up. A few days before the holiday, a retiree called to ask, "What time do the turkeys get in?" The receptionist, without thinking, responded, "Everyone starts at eight."

Therapist: I've concluded that you are incapable of describing your feelings. Patient: I can't say that I am surprised!



Her: I heard that you are a hypochondriac.

Him: Well, my doctor says I'm not, but I spent 3 days reading about it on the internet and I have all the symptoms.

A lawyer is driving a car down the street and instead of stopping at the stop sign, the lawyer slows down. A policeman sees this and pulls the car over and asks the man why he didn't stop at the stop sign. "It's the same thing," the lawyer stated, "I don't believe there is a difference between stop and slow down." "Allow me to prove it to you," the policeman said. He asks the lawyer to step out of his car and suddenly starts hitting him with his baton. After a lot of pain that the lawyer endured, the policeman asked him, "Now do you want me to stop, or slow down?"

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

Sudoku 1

Q: How can you drop a raw egg from a height onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

A: Concrete floors are very hard to crack.

Q: Pronounced as 1 letter, And written with 3, 2 letters there are, and 2 only in me. I'm double, I'm single, I'm black blue, and gray, I'm read from both ends, and the same either way. What am I?

A: Eye

Q: Who has married many women but was never married?

A: The priest

Q: Forward, I am heavy; backward, I am not. What am I?

A: A ton

Q: What can you hold in your right hand, but never in your left hand?

A: Your left hand.

Q: If two snakes marry, what will their towels say?

A: Hiss and hers

Q: What does a man do only once in his lifetime, but women do once a year after they are 29?

A: Turn 30



Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 16

Sudoku 2

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

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



Puzzle Page ...

Photography

Find and circle all of the Photography terms that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of a type of camera.

C L O S E U P E D S F I L T E R X C I
E N G D A U A A M L E F L E F E A R G
E N I S W F R R E A I N R S O H L O N
R L L O N K E V E X R U G D C S L P I
S E L A R E I L I M S F N E A I A P T
S B T O R T L N I O A O I V L N R I H
C N O E I G G O P G I C H E L I A N G
O M E S M B E X T T H R C L E F P G I
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T P O T M R H R E T H R O P G T C R P
R T H L E O U G T N N P T E T O N U A
A N R V O T O U I S T I E R H H A T N
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R E G R A L N E R A N G E F I N D E R
E V I T A G E N O T E P A N O R A M A
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APERTURE	ENLARGEMENT	OVEREXPOSURE	SATURATION
BALANCE	ENLARGER	PANNING	SHUTTER
BELLOWS	FILTER	PANORAMA	SLIDE
BLOWUP	FIXING BATH	PARALLAX	STOP BATH
CAMERA	FLASH	PHOTOFINISHER	TELEPHOTO LENS
CLOSE UP	FOCAL LENGTH	POSITIVE	TINT
COLOR	FRAME	PRINT	STONE
CONTRAST	HOT SHOE	PROCESSING	TRIPOD
CROPPING	LIGHT METER	RANGEFINDER	UNDEREXPOSURE
DARKROOM	LIGHTING	RETOUCHING	VIEWFINDER
DEVELOPER	NEGATIVE	SAFELIGHT	ZOOM LENS



Playing bridge
You will never
get bored!
I am your king
Brandishing
sword!



I just found the best website to buy sausage online... I will send you a link!

So two antennas decided to get married. The ceremony wasn't great but the reception was amazing!

The World Bridge Federation was formed on **18th August 1958 in Oslo**, Norway, by delegates from **Europe, USA and South America**.

Baron Robert de Nexon, from France, an inspiring figure in bridge, was elected as first President. **Charles J. Solomon**, from USA (1964-1968) succeeded him as President, followed by **Count Carl Bonde**, from Sweden (1968-1970). With the election of **Julius Rosenblum** in 1970, the WBF started to assume the mantle of a real **World Organization**. Rosenblum strongly believed that bridge needed to have a visible central organisation with a global reach rather than conducting its affairs on a local or continental basis. When in 1976 Rosenblum decided to retire for health reasons, **Jaime Ortiz-Patiño** from Switzerland, was elected President.

Under his guidance the WBF started a new era and in **August 1977** was incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York as an **"NFP"** organization. The Federation cast off the mantle of a paternalistic organization and was re-structured as an **International Federation** devoted to offering its National Bridge Organizations (NBOs) best service. The stimulation given by Ortiz-Patiño to building the organizational and administrative structure, to developing discipline and its image, to introducing new rules and a rigid code of ethics is still effective today. When he left the WBF in 1986 he was elected President Emeritus by acclamation for his exceptional service to bridge.

Denis Howard, from Australia, succeeded Jamie from 1986 to 1990. Re-elected for a 2nd term, Howard resigned in January 1991 following a crisis within the world of bridge. **Ernesto d'Orsi**, from Brazil, who had distinguished himself as a leading bridge administrator succeeded him in 1991 and 1992 and successfully steered the WBF through this difficult and delicate situation. In August 1992 he left the chair to **Bobby Wolff**, USA, one of the most successful players in the history of bridge, who completed the task started by d'Orsi. In August 1994, **José Damiani**, France, was elected President.

José Damiani changed the way forward, both for the WBF and Bridge itself. Under his leadership, following its initial recognition as an International Organization in 1995 pursuant to Article 29 of the Olympic Charter, the WBF was **recognized by the International Olympic Committee** as an International Sports Federation in 1999. In **October 2000 in Monaco**, the World Bridge Federation was admitted as a **member of the GAISF (General Association of Internationals Sports Federations – Olympic and non-Olympic)**. GAISF later became SportAccord, but has now reverted to its origins as GAISF.

The WBF became a member of **ARISF (Association of Recognized International Sport Federations)** and in **October 2002** moved its headquarters to Lausanne (Switzerland), where it is incorporated under Swiss Law. The WBF is one of the **founder members of IMSA (International Mind Sports Association)** which was formed on April 19, 2005. The WBF is recognized by **FISU (International University Sport Federation)**, which organizes the World University Bridge Championship every two years and **UNESCO** and is Code Signatory of **WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency)**.

José Damiani left the chair in November 2010 after 16 years as President. He achieved tremendous success in the development of bridge. He introduced new concepts of communication and information, which attracted media, sponsors and supporters; improving technological systems to manage and run the Championships, new events in which players of all categories could participate, and developing youth bridge, constantly supporting and improving the teaching of bridge and creating the opportunity for school children to be taught bridge from an early age. When he left, he was elected WBF Chairman Emeritus by acclamation and following the death of Ortiz-Patiño in 2013, elected President Emeritus.

Gianarrigo Rona, from Italy, former First Vice-President and EBL President (1999-2010) was elected WBF President in São Paulo in September 2009 and took the chair in Philadelphia in November 2010. In Nusa Dua, Bali, November 2013, **Rona** was re-elected unopposed and again in Lyon, August 2017 for a third four-year term.

Under the Rona Presidency, the WBF Headquarters was settled in Lausanne, Switzerland, employing personnel and finalizing requirements for incorporation under Swiss Law. The structure and the legal status of the WBF were clearly defined.



To combat hatred, we play cards for peace!



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Jan Kamras assumed the Presidency following **Rona** and is working hard to modernize the update the Competitions format and the governing documents.

The Disciplinary Code, the Eligibility Code, the Code of Ethics, the Dress Code, the Players Commitment Form, the Reviewer, substituting the Appeal Committee, the Antibetting Regulations, the WBF Sentencing Guidelines, the HLPC Express Line were adopted as well as the **Tournament Directors Official Register and Rules & Regulations**. Afterwards the **Sport Integrity Declaration** and the **IOC Code of Prevention** were introduced.

The **Constitution** and the **By-Laws** were updated in conformity with the **Olympic Charter** and the **IOC Principles**, respecting the fundamental principles of democracy, transparency and separation of powers. **Disciplinary Organs** consisting of a **Disciplinary Panel, an Antidoping Hearing Panel** and the **WBF Tribunal** were instituted with autonomous competence and jurisdiction on juridical and disciplinary matters.

The format of the World Bridge Games was modified with the introduction of the **National Pairs Championship**, following the **National Teams Championship**, as well as the format of the **World Bridge Series with Mixed, Open, Women and Seniors** events both for teams and in addition **World National Teams Championship** was expanded with the introduction of the **National Mixed Teams** and an increase in the number of the qualified teams. In the **Youth Championship** new categories of **Girls** (up to 25) and **Kids** (up to 15) were added to the already existing **Juniors** (up to 25) and **Youngsters** (up to 20). In Orlando in 2018 the E.C. decided to rename the youth categories in **Under 26 Open, Under 26 Women, Under 21 and Under 16... and most recently, the Open Under 31**.

The World Youth Online Bridge Teams Championship was launched as well the **WBF Online Robot Tournaments** and periodical **Zonal Seminars for Officers and Zonal Courses for Tournament Directors**. **“Bridge is a Sport and, as such, its place is here like other Sports”** declared the **IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch** on 7 September 1998 at the Opening of the 1st IOC Grand Prix for Bridge at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, on realizing that he was watching a true competition.

In August 2018 Bridge had the great privilege and honor, thanks to the of **Michael Bambang Hartono**, Chairman of the Indonesian Bridge Federation and **Esther Chodchoy Sophonpanich**, APBF President. to be included and compete in the **Asian Olympic Games in Jakarta, Indonesia**.

In Orlando on 27th September 2018 the Congress approved new **WBF Statutes** and endorsed the new **WBF By-Laws**, provided by the Executive Council, not only in conformity with the Olympic Charter and the IOC Principles, but also respecting the fundamental principles of democracy, transparency and separation of the powers.

For purposes of administration and furtherance of its objectives and to comply with the International Olympic Committee’s principles of the five IOC rings, the WBF structure is divided into **five geographical Continental Conferences** identical to the IOC’s five rings. For organizational reasons the WBF established zones within each of the five Continents which shall be entitled to have at least one member on the Executive and berths at the WBF Championships. Each zone has its own Zonal Conference which organizes, manages, and administers its activity and conducts its own zonal competitions and those delegated to it by the WBF. The eight Zonal Conferences are:

Zone 1 – Europe – European Bridge League – EBL

Zone 2 – North America – North American Bridge Federation – NABF

Zone 3 – South America – Confederacion Sudamericana de Bridge – CSB

Zone 4 – Asia and the Middle East – Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East – BFAME

Zone 5 – Central America and Caribbean – Central American & Caribbean Bridge Federation – CACBF

Zone 6 – Asia Pacific – Pacific Asia Bridge Federation – PABF

Zone 7 – Oceania – South Pacific Bridge Federation – SPBF

Zone 8 – Africa – African Bridge Federation – ABF

Logic Puzzle Page

	Black	Cousins	Plank	Ridge	Trust	Honey Bee Farm	Lazy River Farm	Meadowbrook Farm	Shady Valley Farm	Sunshine Farm	chicken	cow	goat	horse	pig	Daisy	Harvey	Peaches	Sapphire	Sunny	1st place	1st place	2nd place	2nd place	3rd place	
Chris																										
Joe																										
John																										
Peter																										
Simon																										
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cow																										
goat																										
horse																										
pig																										
Honey Bee Farm																										
Lazy River Farm																										
Meadowbrook Farm																										
Shady Valley Farm																										
Sunshine Farm																										

**Answer
on Page 16**

I've been cured of my obsession to buy boats: Antibuyyachtics did the trick!

I've got my first Gamblers' Anonymous meeting tomorrow. I just checked the time and it's 10 to 1!

Bugs Bunny won't accept files through Google Drive. He will only accept them through WhatsApp doc!

My wife is making trail mix without raisins or M&M's. I told her, "That's just nuts!"



First Name	Last Name	Farm Name	Animal Type	Animal Name	Place Won

Five prominent farmers from the surrounding area had animals in the fair competition during the Millersville County Fair last weekend. Each farmer had a prized animal in one of the competition classes and each animal won a ribbon. While some of the animals won the same ribbon, each animal was in a different competition. Determine the full name of each farmer, the name of each farm, the type of each animal, each animal's name, and what place each won.

- The pig named Harvey wasn't owned by Simon. Mr. Trust, who owned Lazy River Farm, had an animal that won a second place ribbon.
- The two first place animals were the goat and the animal named Sapphire. The chicken, whose name

wasn't Daisy, was owned by Peter, whose last name wasn't Plank.

- Mr. Cousins didn't have a pig but he did have an animal named Peaches. The third place animal was from Shady Valley Farm, which wasn't owned by Chris.
- The five farmers are represented by Simon, the one from Meadowbrook Farm, Mr. Plank, the one with an animal named Peaches, and the one with a horse.
- John, whose last name wasn't Ridge, owned Sunshine Farm and his animal won a second place ribbon. Joe Black didn't own Honey Bee Farm.
- Sunny was the name of the cow. Mr. Ridge owned a horse but it didn't win second place.

Meet the Players



Neil Chambers is a retired tax accountant from Price Chopper Supermarkets (Golub Corp) who currently plays bridge professionally.

He lives in upstate New York with his wife, Donna. Neil has one son, Adam, from his previous marriage to Juanita. (Juanita was a stellar woman's player who passed away some years ago.)

Neil's partnership with John Schermer goes back to the late 60's.

Golf, bridge and his wife are his passions. He spends as much time as he can with them now that he's retired.

Neil is playing in this USBC as a member of the Hamman squad.

Robert D. Hamman (Uncle Bob to many) was born in Los Angeles County, in 1938. He lived in California for several years early in his bridge career, learning much from the many great West Coast players of that era. He returned to Dallas when he became the sixth member of Ira Corn's Dallas Aces, and has lived there ever since. Most observers consider Bob to be the consummate bridge player, with a remarkable ability to focus only on the deal being played, irrespective of the circumstances. He is particularly noted for his tenacity and his never-give-up attitude.

Unlike many of the top American players, Bob has a job and a business away from bridge - he is the President of SCA Promotions, Inc, a prize promotion company in Dallas, Texas. Everyone around Bob plays bridge.

His ex-wife, Petra, has won North American titles and was a member of the winning USA women's team in Maastricht, while his son, Chris, played years ago and showed real talent for the game. In addition, Bob's step daughter, Stefani, is an excellent bridge teacher and a great promoter of the game. Stefani plays and attends most NABC's. Her son hasn't started playing yet but it wouldn't be surprising if he joins in the legacy.

Remarkably, Bob finds time for a few hobbies outside of bridge and work - all games, sports and playing backgammon.

Bob might be considered the high priest of the four-card major, but he also believes in limited openings and the power of a strong club system. His partnership with Paul Soloway provided an opportunity for Bob to indulge his creative side, and he never stopped tinkering with the system, which currently runs to nearly 200 pages. Soloway, who had more free time than Bob, learned the system well and mastered its more arcane sections even better than The Great One himself, and it is possible that they did well despite the system rather than because of it.

Bob suffered a serious bout of Covid recently and we are glad he's recovered and here to play!



The head sushi chef is always a roll model.
 I avoid clichés like the plague.
 Edgar was a Poe boy from a Poe family.
 I'm so old I like the supermarket's playlist.
 The days of good grammar has went.
 Pilates? I thought you said pie and lattes!
 Cannibals see tourists as their bread and butter.
 I told a bald guy a hair-raising story.
 Uranus is the butt of many astronomy jokes.
 Why are teenagers so odd? Because they can't even.
 If you can't learn to play the guitar, don't fret.
 The Pillsbury Doughboy is my roll model.
 Accountants were born to Excel.
 Petroleum engineers have refined tastes.
 What note does a falling piano make? B Flat.
 Photos of wheat fields always turn out grainy.
 What's a forklift? Food, usually.
 I do crunches twice a day: Captain and Nestle.
 Why do birds sing in the morning? They don't work.
 What do you call a cow with a twitch? Beef jerky.
 Plants are thin because they eat light.
 When cows sleep it's pasture bedtime.
 Moray's favorite game show? Eel of Fortune.
 Annoyed lobster = frustracean.
 Fight between electric companies = power struggle.
 Unknown baker = John Dough.
 You know what's odd? Every other number.
 Algebra was easy for Romans. X was always 10.
 A snake that flies? Boeing constrictor.
 Athens just ouzos with charm.
 Highly productive cows are legendairy.
 Two volcanoes met. It was lava at first sight.
 I failed at cheesemaking. No whey to fix it.
 How to finish a prayer at a noodle shop? Ramen.
 New recruit annoys Chewbacca = Wookie mistake
 Droid takes the long way = R2-Detour.
 Bowling alley closed. Employees went on strike.
 Crowd of long-necked mammals = giraffic jam.
 Oyster's last words? Aww shucks!
 Where'd the shah park his car? The Garage Mahal.
 How do planes bounce? They go Boeing Boeing!
 Killed by wild pig = boared to death.
 Shouldn't the title 'broker' make us nervous?
 The revolutionary new blender got mixed results.
 Why do anti-aging creams have expiration dates?
 What are golfers scared of? The Bogey-man.
 How do you make a hotdog stand? Take its chair.
 Aging gracefully = slowly looking worse.

Pun-ishment!



Sometimes it's wise to go -1700!

♠ 43		N Frickell	
Bd 20, Dlr W	♥ AJ72		
7♠ X-6 W	♦ AK9		
	♣ A1093	Suzi Subeck E	
W Stan Subeck	♠ AK8762	♠ QJ1095	
	♥ 86	♥ Q	
	♦ 874	♦ J10653	
	♣ 72	♣ 65	
	♠ -	W N E S	
	♥ K109543	2♠ X	4♠ 6♥
	♦ Q2	P P	6♠ P P
	♣ KQJ84	P 7♥	P P P
		P 7♠	X P P
		P	P
Ralph Katz S			

Here is a hand where -1700 was par.

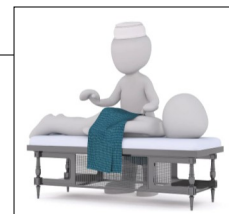
Stan opened a weak 2S in first chair. Nick doubled. I jumped to 4S and Ralph bid 6H.

In retrospect, I could and should have passed since scoring -1460 would have been better than -1700 but the distribution made me bid on even at all vulnerable.

Nick was certain Ralph had no spades on this auction. With his strong controls, he took the push to 7H.

When the auction got back to Stan, he believed Nick. He evaluated the damage and judged really well to bid 7S. Nick doubled and led the S3 on which Ralph pitched the CK! (At least it looked good!)

7S went down six tricks for a good/bad save since it was good we took it but bad that we escalated the opponents to the level where we had to take it!!



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

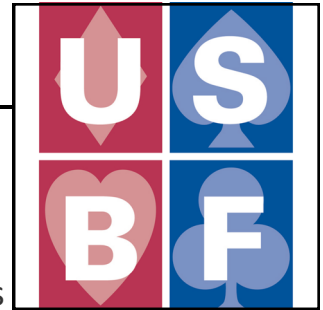
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8	4	7	2	1	6	5	3	9
3	5	1	9	7	8	4	6	2
7	2	8	3	6	9	1	4	5
4	1	6	8	2	5	7	9	3
5	3	9	1	4	7	2	8	6

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

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.

Q: 4 cars stop at a 4-way stop, each coming from a different direction. They can't decide who was first. They all go forward at the same time. None crash. How?

A: They all made right-hand turns.

Q: I have a head like a cat and feet like a cat, but I am not a cat. What am I?

A: A kitten.

Q: What has hands but cannot clap?

A: A clock.

Q: Paul's height is six feet, he's an assistant butcher and wears size 9 shoes. What does he weigh?

A: Meat.

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Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 13

Simon	Trust	Lazy River Farm	cow	Sunny	2nd place
Peter	Cousins	Shady Valley Farm	chicken	Peaches	3rd place
John	Plank	Sunshine Farm	pig	Harvey	2nd place
Joe	Black	Meadowbrook Farm	goat	Daisy	1st place
Chris	Ridge	Honey Bee Farm	horse	Sapphire	1st place
First Name	Last Name	Farm Name	Animal Type	Animal Name	Place Won

BOARD: 7
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ AKQT76
 ♥ 752
 ♦ T96
 ♣ T

♠ 83
 ♥ J43
 ♦ A75
 ♣ A8642

♠ J54
 ♥ AQT98
 ♦ 84
 ♣ J53

Par: 620

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

♠ 92
 ♥ K6
 ♦ KQJ32
 ♣ KQ97

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	IMP	
							NS	EW
1	Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	4♠	N	♠4 =	620	10
			Closed	2♠	N	♣3 +2	170	
2	Simson	Fleisher	Open	4♠	N	♦8 +1	650	1
			Closed	4♠	N	♠4 =	620	

The start of the second day of the Semi-Finals was pretty quiet.

On Board 7, three of the tables reached their spade game. Only Kranyak/Demuy missed the mark. At two tables, the auction went 1D by South; 1S by North; 2C by South... and North jumped to 3S on the strength of their 6-card suit.

At one table, in Fleisher/Simson, South opened 1NT (14-16); North transferred to spades; East doubled the 2H call with his AQT98; South passed showing fewer than three spades; West cued 2S indicating a good hand in support of hearts; North jumped to game!

At the lone table where game was disdained,

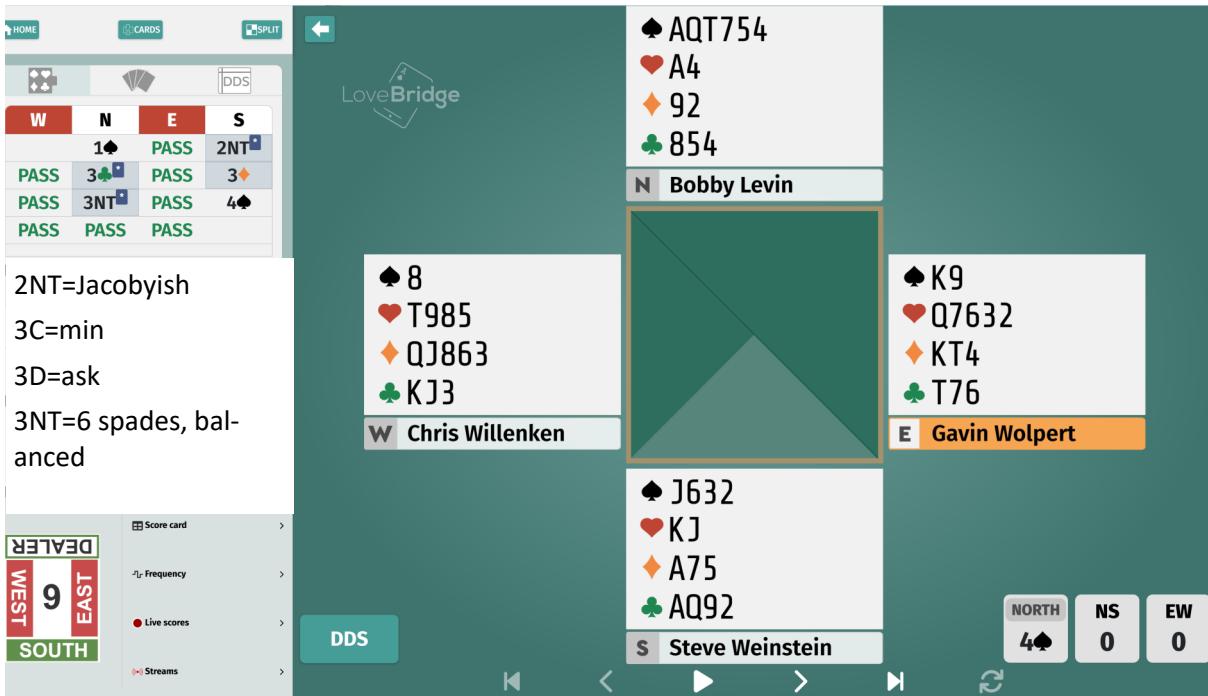


Demuy chose to respond 2S over his partner's 2C, hoping the low road was right.

Kranyak has no aces and only a doubleton spade. He has no reason to bid more.

There was nothing to the play. Declarer loses three aces and it's proof!

Even the tricky lead of the HQ (as we saw a few days ago) would not likely have worked to defeat this hand.



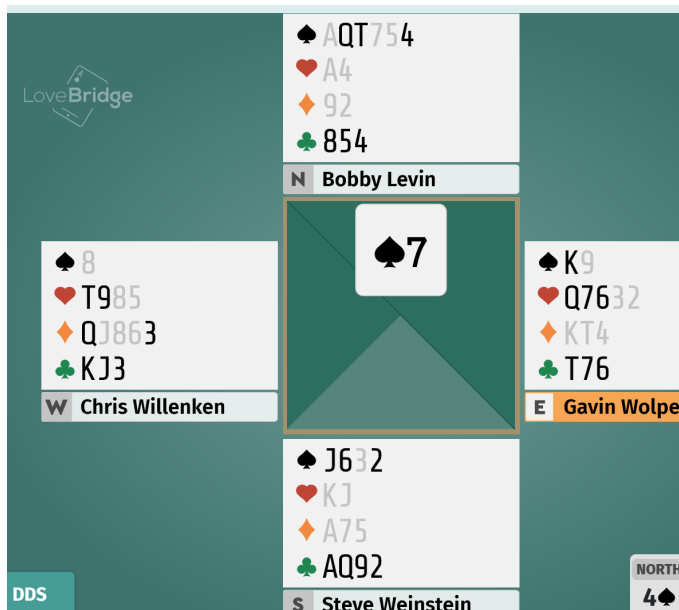
Levin played 4S really well on board 9.

Wolpert led the D4; Levin ducked in dummy to Willenken's jack.

Willenken returned a spade which Levin won in hand with the ace.

Levin led the D2 to the ace and ruffed dummy's

last diamond. He played a heart to the king and a heart to the ace stripping North and South of red cards.



This is the 6-card end position.

Levin led the S7 and Wolpert won the king. Gavin exited a club. Levin put in the 9.

Poor Willenken! Chris can win his CJ but he must leave his hand with either a heart or a diamond, yielding a ruff and sluff to declarer to get rid of one of their club losers, or lead a club from his Kx into dummy's AQ.

At the other table in this match, Greco put declarer's feet to the fire by leading the C6! Hampson won the CJ and led the D6 to dummy's ace. Declarer continued diamonds to Geoff's queen and trumped the diamond return. Declarer cashed the ace and king of hearts and led the SJ to his ace. He continued spades. Greco won his king and continued the attack on clubs. Declarer finessed and the defense had four tricks!

Spot-on defense and thoughtful declarer play! 10 IMPs to Nickell!

In Simson/Fleisher, at both tables, the game was successful with help from the opponenets! When the H2 was led and declarer took the losing spade finesse, East won the king and could play any card in his hand EXCEPT the D4! Both Easts fell from grace and played THAT card! This set up an analogous situation to the one in the Nickell match, allowing declarer to recover and succeed.

Difficult hand for declarer... Difficult hand for the defense...

Push board in Simson/Fleisher

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

- Bidding:**

W	N	E	S
1♥	PASS	1♣	PASS
2♣	PASS	2NT	PASS
4♣	PASS	PASS	PASS
- Contract:** 2NT=forcing
- Hands:**
 - North (Bobby Levin):** ♠ A65, ♥ Q9, ♦ Q8732, ♣ A85
 - West (Chris Willenken):** ♠ KJ93, ♥ KT743, ♦ AJ5, ♣ 4
 - East (Gavin Wolpert):** ♠ Q872, ♥ J8, ♦ KT4, ♣ KQ62
 - South (Steve Weinstein):** ♠ T4, ♥ A652, ♦ 96, ♣ JT973
- Other Room:** E 2♣ +2 -170
- Score Card:** NORTH DEALER 12 EAST SOUTH

The auction in all four rooms was the same up to 2S.

Three Easts passed and played it there.

Only Wolpert valued up his flat hand with his four-card trump support.

He likely figured it didn't matter whether the ruffs came in his hand or partner's and partner could sign off in 3S if he had no interest. Willenken jumped to the game.

Weinstein led the CJ to Levin's ace. Levin continued clubs, ruffed in dummy. The SK lost to the ace and the S6 was continued, dummy winning the jack. Wolpert played dummy's last spade to his queen and pitched hearts on the two high clubs.

Wolpert made a key play at this point: he played the HJ from his hand and when the queen did not appear on his left, he guessed correctly to play dummy's king. Levin won the heart continuation with the queen and declarer claimed 10 tricks.

6 IMPs to Rosenthal

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★ IMP			
						NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	4♣	E	♣J	=	420	6
			Closed	2♣	E	♦9	+2	170	
2	Simson	Fleisher	Open	2♣	S	♠J	-1	100	2
			Closed	2♣	E	♣T	+2	170	

In the Simson/Fleisher match, Rodwell played 2C in the Open Room when the auction went: 1H by W; Double by North; Redouble by East; 2C by South and everyone passed. He held the damage to down one.

In the Closed Room, Grainger played 2S making four.

2 IMPs to Simson

BOARD: 13
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ Q62
 ♥ KJ7
 ♦ A63
 ♣ AKQT

♠ A984
 ♥ Q862
 ♦ J975
 ♣ 8

♠ KJ53
 ♥ 3
 ♦ Q84
 ♣ 65432

♠ T7
 ♥ AT954
 ♦ KT2
 ♣ J97

Par: 650

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	9	7	11	6	9
EW	4	6	2	7	2

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP			
								NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	4♥	S	♠4	=	620			12
			Closed	4♥	N	♣2	-1	100			
2	Simson	Fleisher	Open	4♥	N	♣2	-1	100			-
			Closed	4♥	N	♣2	-1	100			

Board 13 is very tough to play in the heart game on a club lead. At the three tables where the contract was played from North, a club was led and at all three tables fell short a trick.

The play was the same at all three tables: East led the club. North won it. North played the HK and it was over. The defense took two spades, the HQ and a ruff! Had any of the declarers played the heart suit differently at trick two, it would have been different... West would be left ruffing with their good queen of hearts.

In the Open room of Nickell/Rosenthal, where the contract was played from South, Willenken led the tricky S4 and Steve Weinstein brought home the game. Weinstein ducked the spade to Wolpert's jack. Wolpert played a spade to Willenken's ace and Willenken continued spades. Weinstein ruffed. He could have finessed the HQ but it wouldn't have helped him. He didn't need it! He played a heart to the king and ran dummy's HJ to Chris's Q. In total, Weinstein lost two spades and a heart. His diamond loser going away on Dummy's long club.

12 IMPs to Nickell

Table: OP 1, Round: 5
 N-S: Nickell

3S was explained as COG??
 Caught off guard???

WEST 13 EAST
 SOUTH 4♥

♠ Q62
 ♥ KJ7
 ♦ A63
 ♣ AKQT

N Bobby Levin

♠ A984
 ♥ Q862
 ♦ J975
 ♣ 8

W Chris Willenken

♠ KJ53
 ♥ 3
 ♦ Q84
 ♣ 65432

E Gavin Wolper

♠ T7
 ♥ AT954
 ♦ KT2
 ♣ J97

S Steve Weinstein

SOUTH 4♥

BOARD: 22
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ 76
 ♥ AJT8
 ♦ QT9653
 ♣ 5

♠ KQ843
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 87
 ♣ AQ972

♠ A95
 ♥ K9432
 ♦ KJ4
 ♣ J6

♠ JT2
 ♥ Q75
 ♦ A2
 ♣ KT843

Par: -500

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	3	8	5	2	3
E	10	5	8	10	9
W	:	:	7	:	:

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
					NS EW Home Visiting
Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	2♦xx	W ♣5 -3	1600
		Closed	4♠	W ♣5 -1	100
Simson	Fleisher	Open	4♠	W ♣5 =	620
		Closed	4♠	W ♣5 -1	100

Years ago, a wise person told me there were three kinds of redoubles: one that said we're making; one that said we're in trouble and maybe they'll run; and one that said run partner now! Whatever Wolpert meant with his redouble on this hand, Willenken sat it.

With Nick's 6-card diamond holding, Chris was lucky to fall only 3 tricks short of making. It was 17 IMPs to Nickell when Hampson went down one at the other table in 4S, disdaining the diamond finesse at trick 2, playing instead, a diamond to the king and losing to South's ace. South could have given partner a club ruff but instead, he continued diamonds. The contract was again cold... But only IF Hampson overruffs the third diamond. Alas, he pitched his losing heart. South played his ST which Hampson won in dummy. Hampson played the

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

- Hand:** Nick Nickell (North) has ♠ 76, ♥ AJT8, ♦ QT9653, ♣ 5. Chris Willenken (West) has ♠ KQ843, ♥ 6, ♦ 87, ♣ AQ972. Gavin Wolpert (East) has ♠ A95, ♥ K9432, ♦ KJ4, ♣ J6. Ralph Katz (South) has ♠ JT2, ♥ Q75, ♦ A2, ♣ KT843.
- Bidding:** 1♥ PASS, 1♠ PASS, 1NT PASS, 2♦ DBL, RDBL PASS, PASS PASS.
- Table:** OP 1, Round: 6. N-S: Nickell 223 IMP, E-W: Rosenthal 154 IMP.
- Other Room:** W 4♠ -1 100.
- Score Card:** NORTH 22, WEST DEALER, SOUTH.
- Contract:** WEST 2♦xx.

CJ from dummy and North scored the setting trick, ruffing with the S6!

Interestingly, almost as many IMPs swung in Simson/Fleisher when the Open Room made the spade game while the Closed Room fell short. 12 IMPs to Fleisher

Cross IMPs

1.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	1.10	81.67	74
2.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	0.46	27.67	60
3.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	0.42	25.00	60
4.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Fleisher	0.39	29.50	75
5.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Rosenthal	0.35	29.33	83
6.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	0.16	13.33	83
7.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	0.03	2.17	83
8.	Eddie Wold - Venkatrao Koneru	Simson	-0.20	-12.00	60
9.	Aaron Silverstein - Andrew Rosenthal	Rosenthal	-0.48	-28.67	60
10.	Chris Willenken - Gavin Wolpert	Rosenthal	-0.53	-43.83	83
11.	David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge	Simson	-0.70	-52.50	75
12.	Doug Simson - Eric Rodwell	Simson	-0.97	-71.67	74

Limey Jack...

Well, Yanks:

Nickell-Fleisher: In this year's Open USBC, the wheat has truly been separated from the chaff. The two squads remaining would be on anyone's list of favourites, even the dolt, M. Dung. Not much room lies betwixt the two sextets, so it will come down to heart. Not talent, nor luck, nor the Parson's wife reading the leaves. Just heart, and in that category, Nickell rings the bell. Even that lolly gagging fake poet will be hard pressed to pick Fleisher. They will give it a bloody go but in the end will be picking up the cheque.

Limey Jack is committed to bring you all the action for the next couple of fortnights and will fatten your account.

Ta

Howie Doing...

Fleisher's opponents were down and withdrew.
More than 100 was too much they knew.

With Nickell up 80, Kranyak would stay.
And wear down his elders by making them play.

That could give Fleisher an edge here on site.
With day after day and night after night.

But Nick's guys are stoked and feeling quite fit.
They're practiced and perfect and don't plan to quit.

It's better v best with just one survival,
The show should be great with rival on rival.

Nick will emerge South America bound.
Transnationals for Fleisher when he comes to town!

Till the Mixed... Howie Doing!