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Results:

	Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Nickell	194	33	20	36	15	25	46	19	0
Fleisher	213	27	41	27	89	12	7	10	0

Going into the final segment, here is where it stands.
Keep in mind: Nickell was down 80 coming into play yesterday!

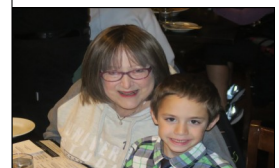
Open USBC - 2024											
Final (120 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.								
07-May-2024			The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.								
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Nickell	215	33	20	36	15	25	46	19	21	
2	Fleisher	240	27	41	27	89	12	7	10	27	

Congrats Team Fleisher! Good Luck in Argentina!

1.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	0.60	36.00	60
2.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Fleisher	0.48	43.00	89
2.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	0.48	43.00	89
4.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	-0.48	-43.00	89
4.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	-0.48	-43.00	89
6.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	-0.60	-36.00	60

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!

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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.



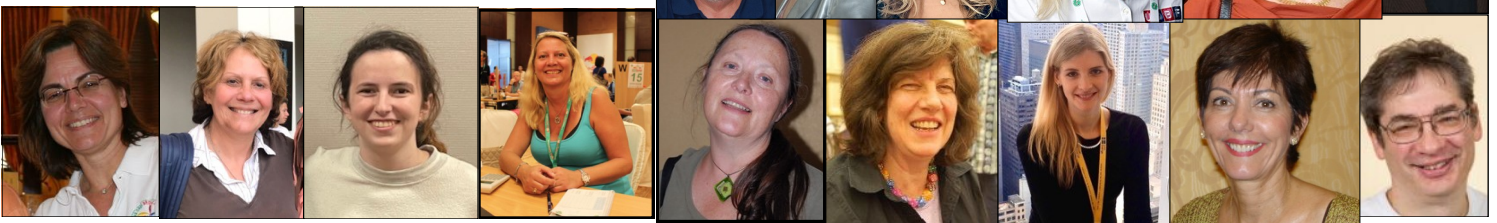
Senior Teams Entered

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

To the guy who stole my antidepressants, I hope you're happy now!

Q: What do you get when you combine an insomniac, an agnostic, and a dyslexic?

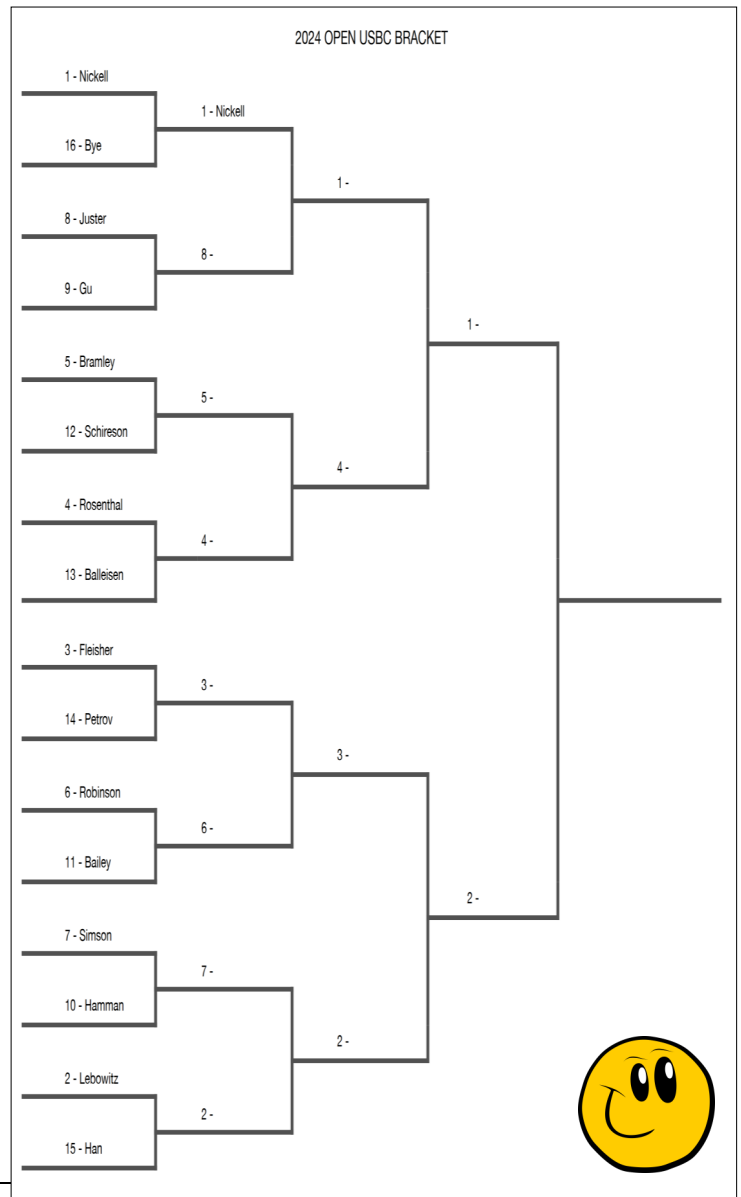


A: Someone who lays awake at night wondering the true meaning of Dog.

A man goes to a job interview and the interviewer begins with the question, "What do you think is your biggest weakness?" The man thinks for a moment, then says, "I think my biggest weakness is my brutal honesty." The interviewer says, "I don't think that's a weakness." The man then says, "I don't give a #%& what you think!"

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

Did you hear about the two psychiatrists who passed each other on a walk? One said to the other, "You're fine, How am I?"

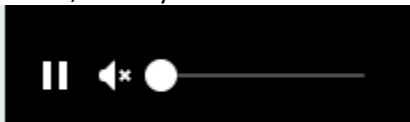
My memory is getting so bad, I asked the pharmacist, "Do you have any Acetylsalicylic acid?" "You mean aspirin?" asked the pharmacist. "That's it! I can never remember that word."

Q: What do you call someone who can't stick with a diet?
A: A deserter.

"I would like vitamins for my son," a mother said. "Vitamin A, B or C?" the pharmacist asked. "It doesn't matter. He can't read yet."

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.



They were bidding so strong.

It was really a shame.

When pard showed but one...

They couldn't make game!



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

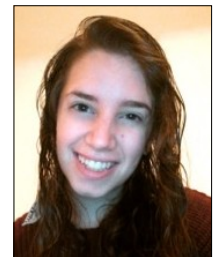
We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

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

I bought one of those tapes to teach you Spanish in your sleep. During the night, the tape skipped. Now I can only stutter in Spanish. *Steven Wright*

My three-year-old daughter stuck out her hand and said, "Look at the fly I killed, Mommy." Since she was eating a juicy pickle at the time, I thrust her contaminated hands under the faucet and washed them with antibacterial soap. After sitting her down to finish her pickle, I asked, with a touch of awe, "How did you kill that fly all by yourself?" Between bites, she said, "I hit it with my pickle."

We were tearing down an old three-seater outhouse when my neighbor asked if she could have the single-plank, three-hole outhouse seat. I said sure. Six months later, she invited me to her home. There she showed off her newly designed family room, complete with a single-plank, three-hole picture frame featuring her three grandchildren.



The photographer was positioning my new husband and me for our wedding photos when he asked, "Have you ever modeled?" My cheeks instantly turned red. "No, I haven't," I said. "But I always thought ..." The photographer interrupted me: "I meant him."

If growing up in the '80s taught me one thing, it's that my friends and I should have found a treasure map by now.

After hearing a sermon on Psalm 52:3-4 (lies and deceit), a man wrote the IRS, "I can't sleep knowing that I have cheated on my income tax. Enclosed is a check for \$150. If still can't sleep, I'll send the rest."

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

Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 16

Sudoku 2

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

**I ASKED MY FRIEND
TO SPELL WONTON
BACKWARDS**

HE SAID NOT NOW

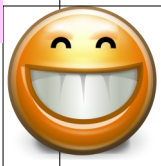
**When your kids
are learning how
to drive,
Don't stand in
their way!!**

**Why is no one
ever the right
amount of
whelmed?**

**I never finish
anything...
I have a black
belt in
Partial arts!**

**How many times
do you need to
click, "I accept
cookies before
they send you
the
cookies?"**

**Never iron a 4-
leaf clover... You
don't want to
press your luck!**



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



Puzzle Page ...

Roller Coasters

Find and circle all of the roller coasters that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 20 letters spell a Ernest Hemingway quotation.

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

AFTERBURN	GHOSTRIDER	MIND BENDER	SHEIKRA
ALPENGEIST	GOLIATH	MONTU	TATSU
BALDER	GRIFFON	NEMESIS	THUNDERBOLT
BIZARRO	HADES	NITRO	TITAN
COLOSSOS	INTIMIDATOR	PHOENIX	TREMORS
COMET	JUPITER	PROWLER	TROY
CYCLONE	KATUN	RAGING BULL	TWISTER
DESPERADO	LEVIATHAN	RAPTOR	VIPER
DIAMONDBACK	MANTA	RENEGADE	XCELERATOR
EL TORO	MAVERICK	ROAR	



You can play
bridge
Or you can
play poker...
I'm still the
king
And the joker's
the joker!



The surface of the earth is approximately 70% water. None of it is carbonated. Therefore, the earth is flat!

Why do old cowboys always die with their boots on? So they won't stub their toes when they kick the bucket.

My friend was late so many times for his job at the orange juice factory that they canned him!

World Bridge News ...

by Alvin Levy

Board 4							
Dlr: W		North				North	
Vul: None		♠ 532				♠ 53	
		♥ AQJ4				♥ AQ4	
		♦ Q3				♦ —	
		♣ A653				♣ —	
West				East		West	
♠ AQ6				♠ JT984		♠ AQ	
♥ K8732				♥ T5		♥ K87	
♦ T				♦ J74		♦ —	
♣ QJ84				♣ KT7		♣ —	
		South				South	
		♠ K7				♠ K7	
		♥ 96				♥ 9	
		♦ AK98652				♦ 2	
		♣ 92				♣ 9	
West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Shark Bridge	Wbridge5	Shark Bridge	Wbridge5	Shark Bridge	Wbridge5	Shark Bridge	Wbridge5
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♦	1♥	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♣	Dbf ¹	Pass	3♥ ²	2♣	4NT	Pass	5♦ ³
Pass	6♦	Pass	5♦ ³	Pass	6♦	All Pass	
Pass		All Pass		Pass			

¹ strength with 4+ clubs ² spade stopper, looking for heart stopper for NT ³ 1 ace

Fig. 2. WBRIDGE5 - SHARK BRIDGE: a) initial hands and bidding, and b) several cards in.

The semi-final matches

In the 64-board semi-finals, WBRIDGE5 narrowly defeated SHARK BRIDGE, 140.6 – 131, and MICRO BRIDGE narrowly defeated BRIDGE BARON 144 – 138.

An expertly played deal by WBRIDGE5 early in the semi-final match, produced the margin of victory, see Figure 2. Opening lead ♣Q: with West long in hearts, without the club king, therefore the spade ace, a heart-spade squeeze without the count, is the marked play. For success diamonds must be 2-2 or 3-1 with a stiff honor with West as declarer needs two entries to hand, one to take one heart finesse and one to run the diamonds. Diamond queen overtaken with the ace caters to both possibilities. The play proceeds: club ace; diamond queen overtaken with the ace; heart finesse, diamond finesse (restricted choice); running diamonds and on the last diamond, West had no safe discard.

From Figure 2b, at the table, West discarded the ♠Q, declarer led a spade to West's stiff ace and West had to return a heart, +1370 and 15 Imps as Shark Bridge was in 3♦ for +150.

In the MICRO BRIDGE versus BRIDGE BARON match, BRIDGE BARON was in 3♦ +130 and WBRIDGE5 was in 5♦ +620, and 10 Imps to MICRO BRIDGE. The opening lead against 5♦ was a low heart, finessed, and on the run of diamonds West was similarly squeezed.

Note that the play must be the same to make 5♦ or 6♦. This deal was played in the quarter-finals of the human team championships (Open, Women's, Senior, Mixed). Of the 32 times the deal was played by humans, the contracts were 3NT by South (16) making; 3NT by North, down (3); 3♦ (7); 3♠ by East (2); 5♦, down (2), making with an overtrick (1); and 6♦ (1) making. The declarers that made 5♦ and 6♦ received the spade ace lead, so their play was not tested. The two other declarers in 5♦ received less friendly leads and did not find the best play. In the 4 times 5♦ and 6♦ were played, the robots defended and declared better than the humans.



(continued on page 12)

Board 63
 Dir: S
 Vul: E-W

North
 ♠ JT43
 ♥ AQT98
 ♦ AKQ
 ♣ A

West
 ♠ AQ872
 ♥ 732
 ♦ J43
 ♣ K5

East
 ♠ 5
 ♥ K5
 ♦ T8765
 ♣ T8632

South
 ♠ K96
 ♥ J64
 ♦ 92
 ♣ QJ974

This event has not taken place for several years. If you are interested in seeing it again, it might be helpful to contact your WBF Reps (Adam Wildavsky or Suzi Subeck or AJ Stephani) to convey your message to the WBF Executive Council!

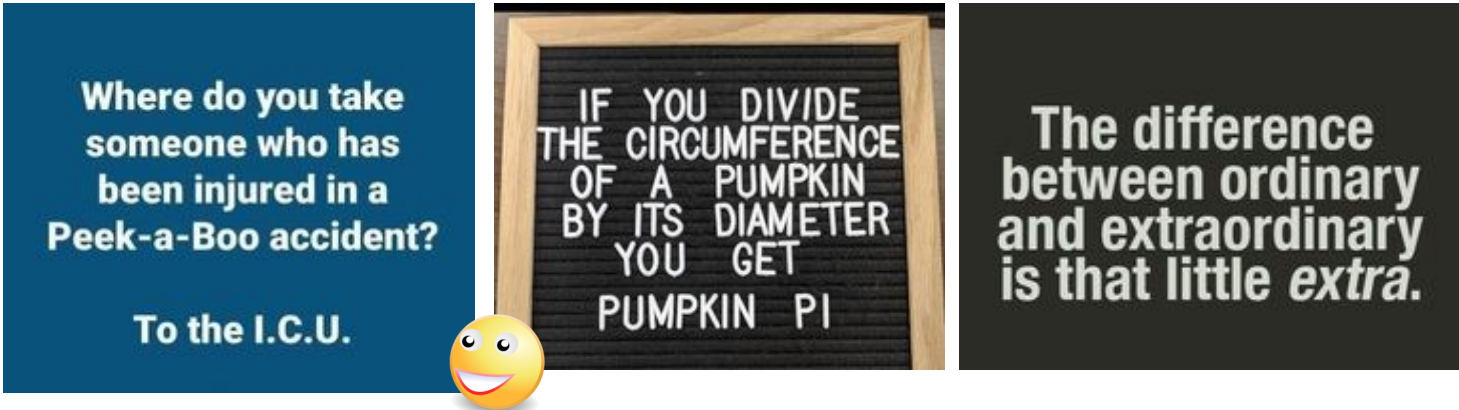
West	North	East	South
Shark Bridge	Wbridge5	Shark Bridge	Wbridge5
Pass	2♣	2NT	Pass
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Fig. 3. The WBRIDGE5 - SHARK BRIDGE semi-final: hands and bidding.

With two boards to play, and both semi-final matches almost even, the drop of a singleton king offside decided both matches.

Opening lead ♠5, see Figure 3. West won the opening lead with the ♠Q, cashed the ♠A and led the ♠7 for East to ruff. East returned a club, West playing the King. With West a passed hand, East was marked for the heart king, and likely 1-2-5-5, so WBRIDGE5 got it right and dropped the stiff ♥K. No blood as 4♥ was also made by SHARK BRIDGE, but a needed play by WBRIDGE5 to win the match.

In the other semifinal match, at one table BRIDGE BARON reached 4♥ with no opposing bidding. The ♠5 was led, and after the ♠Q, ♠A and ruff by East, a diamond was returned. BRIDGE BARON, not locating the ♣K, ruffed the third diamond and took the heart finesse for down one. At the other table, MICRO BRIDGE was in a safer 3NT contract, making 4, picking up 10 Imps and the victory.



I asked my husband to put catsup on the grocery list. Now I can't read what's on the list!

Why couldn't the green pepper practice archery? Because it didn't habanero!

I learned to surf... at Boarding School.

I can only sleep on old magazines! Now I have back issues!

Answer on page16

Logic Puzzle Page

		Casey	Dumont	Michaels	Parker	Romanov	Be Happy	Crazy for You	Downtown	Let it Rain	Sunshine	buffalo wings	coconut chicken	loaded potatoes	pot stickers	shrimp cocktail	10:15pm	10:30pm	10:45pm	11:00pm	11:15pm	
		Last Name					Song Title					Appetizer					Time Left					
Marcy	First Name																					
Belinda																						
Brad																						
Sara																						
Robert																						
10:15pm	Time Left																					
10:30pm																						
10:45pm																						
11:00pm																						
11:15pm																						
buffalo wings	Appetizer																					
coconut chicken																						
loaded potatoes																						
pot stickers																						
shrimp cocktail																						
Be Happy	Song Title																					
Crazy for You																						
Downtown																						
Let it Rain																						
Sunshine																						

Intro Hooray! It's Friday night! Five coworkers from Gadget, Inc eagerly flocked to their next destination – Lucy's Bar & Grill. Lucy's was a popular after-work meeting place on the outskirts of Millersville near the highway. They also featured Karaoke on Friday nights, live bands on Saturday nights, and open mike standup comedy on Sunday nights. Determine the full names of each coworker, the song title each picked for Karaoke, which appetizer each ordered, and what time each left the bar (10:15pm, 10:30pm, 10:45pm, 11:00pm, and 11:15pm).



- The coworker who picked "Let it Rain" left 15 minutes before the one who ordered the **pot stickers**.
- The two people who left at quarter past the hour were Ms. **Casey** and the one who picked "Crazy for You". **Robert**, whose last name wasn't **Romanov**, didn't select "Downtown" although he did order **coconut chicken**.
- Marcy** departed 15 minutes before the coworker whose last name was **Michaels**. **Belinda** chose "Be Happy".
- The two men were the one whose last name was **Dumont** and the one who ordered the **loaded potatoes**.
- The one who selected "Sunshine" left at **11:00pm** but didn't order **buffalo wings**.
- Brad**, whose last name wasn't **Michaels**, left a half hour after Ms. **Parker** but 15 minutes before the one who ordered the **shrimp cocktail**. **Sara**, who didn't select "Sunshine", didn't leave at **11:15pm** but she left a half hour after Mr. **Dumont**.

Meet the Players

Eric Victor Rodwell (born May 1, 1957) is an American professional bridge player. He has won the Bermuda Bowl representing the United States five times and is one of ten players who have won the triple crown of bridge: the Bermuda Bowl, the World Open Pairs and the World Team Olympiad.

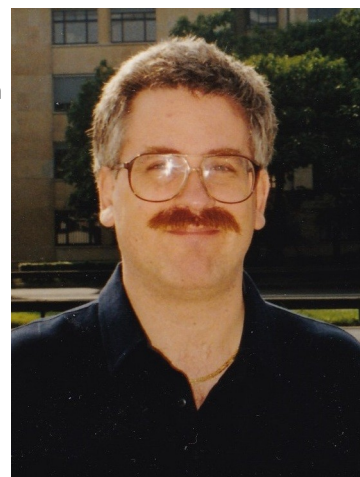
Personal life

Rodwell was born in San Francisco, California and his family moved to West Lafayette, Indiana in 1965 where his father was a professor of biochemistry at Purdue University. He started playing bridge at the age of eleven by reading books and playing with his parents. Rodwell graduated from West Lafayette High School in 1974 and attended Purdue, graduating with a master's degree in finance in 1981. Rodwell is currently a full-time bridge professional and lives in Clearwater Beach, Florida with his wife Donna; each has two children from previous marriages, his being twins Jeffrey and Sara (b. 1984).

Bridge career

For decades Rodwell has been in a regular partnership with Jeff Meckstroth, and "Meckwell", for their surnames, is one of the most successful pairs of all time. They are well known for playing an aggressive and very detailed system called RM Precision (for Rodwell-Meckstroth), of which Rodwell is the principal theorist and author. Although he first learned basic Precision at the age of 14, he didn't get serious about developing his own version until 1982 after he and Meckstroth were already winning. Most of RM Precision was developed subsequently in the early '80s with adaptations following more slowly thereafter. As a bidding theorist, Rodwell has created several conventions and methods including the support double, conventional transfers in many situations, the pass-double inversion and the serious three notrump. Although the Unusual Major Jumps Over One Diamond Opening convention (UMJODOO) is often credited to him, he denies inventing it. Although he has not actively pursued masterpoints as a goal, he is one of the all-time top masterpoint holders in the American Contract Bridge League, and won the *Barry Crane Trophy* for winning the most masterpoints in a year in 2004. Possibly his most remarkable achievement was at the ACBL's 2008 fall championships, where with four major events available to be contested, he won three (Open Board-A-Match Teams, Blue Ribbon Pairs, Reisinger Teams) and finished second in the fourth (Life Master Open Pairs). The three wins were with Jeff Meckstroth, and the second place with John Diamond.

As of 2022, Rodwell was inactive in face-to-face bridge. North American Bridge Championships required all participants to be vaccinated against COVID19 and Rodwell refused. Vaccinations are no longer required and we are happy Eric is back.



Awards

● ACBL Player of the Year 2008

● Barry Crane Top 500 2004

Mott-Smith Trophy 1980

Fishbein Trophy 1991, 1999, 2004, 2007

Herman Trophy 1982, 1985, 1998

Goren Trophy 2008

Wins

Bermuda Bowl (5) 1981, 1995, 2000, 2003, 2009

World Open Team Olympiad (1) 1988

World Open Pairs (1) 1986

North American Bridge Championships (57)

Vanderbilt (7) 1980, 1982, 1985, 2000, 2003, 2014, 2017

Spingold (12) 1984, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2004, 2006, 2007

Reisinger (9) 1979, 1985, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009

Grand National Teams (12) 1990, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Open Board-a-Match Teams (1) 2008

Men's Board-a-Match Teams (1) 1984

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams (5) 1994, 2002, 2006, 2008, 2009

North American Men's Swiss Teams (1) 1989

Blue Ribbon Pairs (3) 1982, 1985, 2008

Life Master Pairs (3) 1980, 1986, 1991

Life Master Men's Pairs (1) 1979

Open Pairs (1) 1979

Open Pairs II (1) 1999

United States Bridge Championships (13)

Open Team Trials (13) 1980, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2017

European Open Bridge Championships (1)

Open Pairs (1) 2003

Other notable wins:

Cavendish Invitational Teams (3) 2000, 2003, 2008

Staten Bank World Top Invitational Pairs (1) 1988

Macallan Invitational Pairs (2) 1995, 1996

Cavendish Invitational Pairs (2) 2000, 2008

Runners-up

Bermuda Bowl (2) 1997, 2005

World Open Team Olympiad (1) 1992

North American Bridge Championships (23)

Vanderbilt (5) 1991, 1996, 2002, 2018, 2019

Spingold (5) 1979, 1985, 1990, 2011, 2012

Reisinger (1) 1980

Grand National Teams (3) 1994, 2003, 2005

Open Board-a-Match Teams (2) 1998, 1999

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams (1) 2005

Master Mixed Teams (1) 1983

Blue Ribbon Pairs (1) 1998

Life Master Pairs (1) 1983

Life Master Open Pairs (2) 1992, 2008

Life Master Men's Pairs (1) 1985

Roth Open Swiss Teams (2) 2015, 2018

United States Bridge Championships (6)

Open Team Trials (6) 1982, 1984, 1985, 1993, 1997, 2009

Other notable 2nd places:

Cavendish Invitational Teams (1) 2009

Cap Volmac World Top Invitational Pairs (1) 1994

Sunday Times-Macallan Invitational Pairs (1) 1993

Cavendish Invitational Pairs (3) 1984, 2006, 2009

Playing Procedures Reviewed For Those Arriving for the Mixed, Seniors, Womens

You will be playing on Chromebooks using LoveBridge software. The Chromebooks all have wired mice, which you may choose to use or not. They also have touch screens if you prefer that, and of course integrated keyboards. You will not be able to go to any websites other than the LoveBridge playing site from the playing room Chromebooks.

There will be 2 players in each room, one from each team in the match - North & East together and South & West together. All of the NE rooms are on the first floor; all of the SW rooms are on the second floor.

Because some of you have said that you prefer the opponents' system information on paper in addition to being available on the Chromebooks, we are asking 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 before you play and one of us will print for you.

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

Jan

Have You Ever Been Insulted And Complimented At The Same Time? It's amazing how a person can compliment and insult you at the same time. Recently, when I greeted my coworker, she said, "You look so gorgeous, I didn't recognize you."

While I was out to lunch, my coworker answered my phone and told the caller that I would be back in 20 minutes. The woman asked, "Is that 20 minutes Central Standard Time?"

At an art gallery, a woman and her ten-year-old son were having a tough time choosing between one of my paintings and another artist's work. They finally went with mine. "I guess you decided you prefer an autumn scene to a floral," I said. "No," said the boy. "Your painting's wider, so it'll cover three holes in our wall."

A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. "Ha--! That's not going to help," she said. "Sure, it does," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."

When asked for his name by the coffee shop clerk, my brother-in-law answered, "Marc, with a C." Minutes later, he was handed his coffee with his name written on the side: *Cark*.

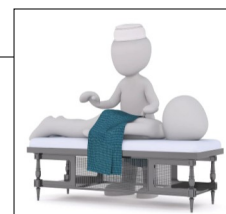
The black lacquer stand holding his prized samurai swords was dusty, so my husband left our cleaning lady a note, reading, "Check out my swords." That evening, he found the stand just as dirty as before but with this appended to his note: "Nice swords."



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

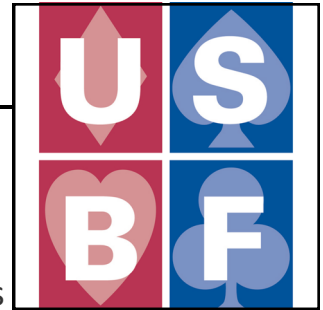
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6	5	8	3	7	1	9	2	4
3	7	2	4	9	6	8	5	1
2	8	3	7	6	9	1	4	5
5	6	9	2	1	4	7	3	8
1	4	7	5	3	8	2	6	9
7	1	4	6	8	3	5	9	2
9	3	6	1	2	5	4	8	7
8	2	5	9	4	7	3	1	6

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



Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 13

Wanda	Belmont	Wild Ride	Mark	Right
Tina	Stone	I Love You	Anette	Turner
Sara	Rondell	Angel	Ricky	Star
Richard	Lambert	Never Again	Sharon	White
Gary	Willow	Solitude	Sammy	Brown
First name	Last name	Song Title	Artist first name	Artist last name

Table: OP 1, Round: 5
N-S: Nickell 116 IMP
E-W: Fleisher 196 IMP

OTHER ROOM W 4♠ = -420

NORTH WEST 14 DEALER SOUTH

Score card >
Frequency >
Live scores >

DDS

♠ T
♥ AKJ942
♦ QT754
♣ 7
N Geoff Hampson

♠ K8653
♥ 65
♦ A2
♣ AK32
W Kevin Bathurst

♠ AQ42
♥ Q8
♦ 983
♣ T986
E John Hurd

♠ J97
♥ T73
♦ KJ6
♣ QJ54
S Eric Greco

Par: -100					
	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	3	10	10	3	3
EW	10	3	3	10	7

Looking at the frequency chart above, it is evident that both 4H for N/S and 4S for E/W are possible results.

Indeed, at the table, Nickell scored up the double game swing, badly needed after Tuesday night's brutal final segment.

Unusually, there were no alerts at either table.

Table: CL 1, Round: 5
N-S: Fleisher 196 IMP
E-W: Nickell 116 IMP

OTHER ROOM N 4♥ = 420

NORTH WEST 14 DEALER SOUTH

Score card >
Frequency >
Live scores >

DDS

♠ T
♥ AKJ942
♦ QT754
♣ 7
N Joe Grue

♠ K8653
♥ 65
♦ A2
♣ AK32
W Steve Weinstein

♠ AQ42
♥ Q8
♦ 983
♣ T986
E Bobby Levir

♠ J97
♥ T73
♦ KJ6
♣ QJ54
S Brad Moss

In the Open Room where Hampson declared 4H, Hurd led the C9 to the jack, and Bathurst's king. Kevin played the S5 to Hurd's queen and Hurd continued with his attack on clubs. Hampson ruffed and pulled trump, felling Hurd's queen on the second round. Geoff claimed his 10 tricks.

In the Closed Room where Weinstein declared 4S, Grue led the HK followed by the HA.

He played the D4 and Weinstein won the king with his ace. He pulled three rounds of trump ending with the

queen in dummy.

He floated the CT. Moss covered the C9 with queen, Weinstein winning his king.

Weinstein claimed 10 tricks. 13 IMPs for Nickell scoring up two non-vulnerable games on the same board!!

Up to this point, there had been lots of flat boards and small swings back and forth. The Nickell team needs to pick up an 80 IMP deficit from the first day's play...

Still lots of boards to play but the pressure is on and it's always harder to play under pressure... and flat boards don't help when you need swings!

My 11-year-old takes his homework seriously. One question required him to write a sentence using the word version. His sentence: "Have you heard of the version Mary?"

One day, my physician father treated himself to a plate of raw oysters and offered to share them with me. Just as I was about to dig in, he picked up an oyster, examined it, and commented, "They remind me of infected tonsils." And that's the story of how he ended up eating the entire plate of oysters himself.

BOARD: 19
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ K84
 ♥ 82
 ♦ AKJT983
 ♣ 7

♠ T
 ♥ QT74
 ♦ Q754
 ♣ Q843

♠ AQJ962
 ♥ 93
 ♦ 2
 ♣ AJ96

Par: 110

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	5	9	7	5	7
S	4	:	:	:	:
E	8	4	6	7	6
W	:	:	5	:	:

♠ 753
 ♥ AKJ65
 ♦ 6
 ♣ KT52

Speaking of flat boards...

Both North/South pairs bid 3NT on a combined 22 HCP... clearly predicated on the strong 7-card diamond suit with North. Both, Ralph Katz and John Hurd led the SA and another high spade.

In the Open Room, Hampson won the second spade with his king, played a heart to the ace and took the diamond finesse. He cashed the DA and DK and finessed the HJ. Bathurst won his queen. He cashed the DQ and led a club to Hurd who took all the rest of the tricks.

Contract down 4!!!

In the Closed Room, Fleisher ducked the second spade and Katz continued spades with the deuce, making certain Nick knew his entry was in clubs. Fleisher led his H2 to the ace producing this wish trick:

Marty took the diamond finesse, cashed his diamond ace and king ... and took the losing heart finesse... just as his counterpart in the other room!

Play continued with no variance between rooms and the result was a push!
Contract down 4!!!

No IMPs exchanged!



Another strong swing for Nickell came on Board 20.

BOARD: 20

DEALER: WEST

VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ T87543

♥ Q

♦ K2

♣ A852

♠ KJ2

♥ 965

♦ QT874

♣ 76

♠ AQ6

♥ AJ7

♦ A96

♣ K943

Par: -600

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	5	4	6	5	4
S	:	:	5	:	:
EW	7	9	7	7	9

♠ 9

♥ KT8432

♦ J53

♣ QJT

Home team Visiting team ▶ Room 🎴 By 🏠 = ★ IMP

NS EW Home Visit

		▶	Open	2N	E	♥4	-1	100	
Nickell	Fleisher	▶	Closed	3N	E	♠9	=	600	12

Hampson picked an opportune moment to open a weak two in spades on an especially anemic suit.

Hurd's 2NT overcall could have been as little as 15. Bathurst had no reason to do anything but pass. Hurd took 9 tricks for +150.

In the other room, Fleisher passed the North hand Katz opened 1C. Martel overcalled 1H; Nickell passed and showed his "better than a 15-17 NT" by bidding 1NT opposite his passed hand partner.

Nick is really good at hand evaluation ... or maybe it's just good table feel... either way he bid the vulnerable game.

Katz collected three spades, one heart, four diamonds and a club for +600 and 12 IMPs.

On the next three boards, Fleisher scored 2, 1, 3 IMPs... "nick"ing away at Nickell's pickups.

On Board 24, Nickell picked up another 10 IMPs when a 3NT game made in the Closed Room and failed in the Open Room.

In the Open Room, Greco led the ST (Rusinow) to the 2, Q, 8. (Ed. Note: Had Hurd not played the S2 from dummy, he would have made a wish trick at trick 2... just sayin...

Hampson continued spades. Hurd won the ace in hand and played the HJ which held. He played the D8 and ducked in dummy!! to Hampson's ten. Hurd needed to win the ace to succeed.

Alas, he ducked. Hampson won the ten and played the DQ. Hurd won his king and played a heart to the king in dummy. A heart to the queen and ace followed. Greco continued spades, Hurd winning the king in dummy. He cashed the DA and left dummy with a small club. Hampson ducked Hurd played the king. He could cash the good heart but now he was endplayed in clubs! Contract down one! The end position:



In the Closed Room, the auction was quite different. West, most reasonably, passed and East opened 1NT. South showed one major and West jumped to 3NT.

Martel led the ST. Fleisher won the queen and continued spades. Katz won the ace and played the H4 to the king in dummy. He played a club to the king and the HJ which Martel won with his ace. Martel played the S9 to the king, Fleisher and Katz both pitching diamonds. Katz played a club and cashed his

two good hearts. He had 7 tricks in the bag. He cashed the ace and king of diamonds for 9 tricks and 10 IMPs.

Board 27 produced another 10 IMP swing for Nickell.

BOARD: 27
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ AK5
 ♥ AJ76
 ♦ AQ9
 ♣ J73

♠ 9832
 ♥ 3
 ♦ JT754
 ♣ QT4

♠ Q76
 ♥ T92
 ♦ K82
 ♣ K862

♠ JT4
 ♥ KQ854
 ♦ 63
 ♣ A95

Par: 430

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	9	7	10	9	10
S	8	:	:	:	:
E	4	5	3	4	3
W	:	6	:	:	:

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

Both tables bid the cold heart game.

In the Open Room, Hampson and Greco had a complicated Precision auction to get there.

In the Closed Room, Fleisher and Martel had a Jacoby auction where Martel showed any minimum with no shortness.

Nickell Fleisher

Open 4♥ S ♦T = 420 10
 Closed 4♥ S ♠3 -1 50

LoveBridge

♠ AK5
 ♥ AJ76
 ♦ AQ9
 ♣ J73

N Geoff Hampson

♠ 9832
 ♥ 3
 ♦ JT754
 ♣ QT4

W Kevin Bathurst

♠ Q76
 ♥ T92
 ♦ K82
 ♣ K862

E John Hur

♠ JT4
 ♥ KQ854
 ♦ 63
 ♣ A95

S Eric Greco

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

2NT=GF Hearts
 3C=any min
 3D=asking
 3H=no shortness
 3S=cue bid
 4C= non serious

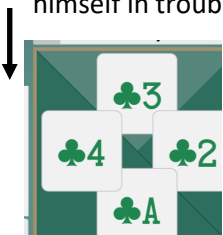
DEALER 27 EAST
 Frequency
 Live scores

DDS

Bathurst led the DT. Greco won dummy's ace. (Ed note: Again, if Kevin had led the D4, there could have been a wish trick!) Greco cashed the three top hearts, tossing dummy's jack under his queen. He played a diamond to the 9 and king. Hurd continued diamonds, Greco tossing a club on the queen. Greco cashed the SA and played the C3 creating this wish trick: → Greco played the SJ to Hurd's queen and claimed ten tricks.



In the other room, Nick led the S3 and Martel won dummy's ace. He played the HA ... Wish trick: → He cashed two more high hearts and played the SJ to Katz's queen... Katz continued spades to dummy's king. Martel slipped! He needed to play the H7 off dummy, putting Katz in trouble but instead he played the C3 creating a wish trick but putting himself in trouble. Martel played the C9 and Nick won his queen. Nick played a diamond through dummy to Katz's queen and the defense had three tricks! Katz cashed the CK for the setting trick! Katz exited with a diamond and declarer claimed down one! 10 more IMPs to Nickell



LoveBridge

♠ AK5
 ♥ AJ76
 ♦ AQ9
 ♣ J73

N Marty Fleisher

♠ 9832
 ♥ 3
 ♦ JT754
 ♣ QT4

W Nick Nickell

♠ Q76
 ♥ T92
 ♦ K82
 ♣ K862

E Ralph Katz

♠ JT4
 ♥ KQ854
 ♦ 63
 ♣ A95

S Chin Martel

DDS

After two segments, Nickell had recovered slightly more than half Tuesday's deficit. Fleisher picked up 7 IMPs on Board 31 when Weinstein took a phantom save in 5H over a doomed 4S while his teammates played the spade game down 1. Nickell came back strong on Board 32:

BOARD: 32
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ T87
 ♥ KT962
 ♦ 854
 ♣ Q4

♠ QJ9
 ♥ 8743
 ♦ AQ7
 ♣ AK7

♠ AK653
 ♥ A5
 ♦ KJ32
 ♣ 53

Par: -1440

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	5	1	4	1	1
EW	8	12	9	12	12

♠ 42
 ♥ QJ
 ♦ T96
 ♣ JT9862

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

Nickell **Fleisher**

Open 4♠ W ♥2 +2 680

Closed 6♠ W ♥2 = 1430

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HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

1NT=15-17
 2H=spades

OTHER ROOM
 W 6♠ = -1430

NORTH 32 EAST
 DEALER

SOUTH

Score card >
 Frequency >
 Live scores >

DDS

♠ T87
 ♥ KT962
 ♦ 854
 ♣ Q4

N Ralph Katz

♠ QJ9
 ♥ 8743
 ♦ AQ7
 ♣ AK7

W Chip Martel

♠ AK653
 ♥ A5
 ♦ KJ32
 ♣ 53

E Marty Fleisher

♠ 42
 ♥ QJ
 ♦ T96
 ♣ JT9862

S Nick Nickell

WEST 4♠

In the Open Room Fleisher/Martel stopped in game in spite of Fleisher's two encouraging prompts toward slam. Martel had nothing extra with which to accept. He had good support for spades and diamonds, but he had to have worried about the heart situation. Martel took 12 tricks for +680.

In the Closed Room, Levin and Weinstein drove to the slam.

Grue led a heart. Weinstein won it and tested trump. When everyone followed, he claimed 12 tricks.

13 IMPs to Nickell

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

2H=spades
 3C=diamonds
 3NT=balanced force
 4NT=rkc in spades
 5S=2 with SQ

♠ T87
 ♥ KT962
 ♦ 854
 ♣ Q4

N Joe Grue

♠ QJ9
 ♥ 8743
 ♦ AQ7
 ♣ AK7

W Steve Weinstein

♠ AK653
 ♥ A5
 ♦ KJ32
 ♣ 53

E Bobby Levin

♠ 42
 ♥ QJ
 ♦ T96
 ♣ JT9862

S Brad Moss

WEST 6♠