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## We Remember:



#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Adjustmer (IMPs)
	<u>Fleisher</u>	130	57	21	42	10	
2	Rosenthal	93	30	3	22	38	

#### **THANKS ALL**

Another successful Justin Lall online teams in the books!

Thanks Jan Martel for your excellent leadership. Thanks Al Hollander for sharing your software prowess with us. Thanks "Z" for keeping everything running

Thanks Appeals Panel for standing by! Your dedication is appreciated!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Justin Lall III.

#### **Congratulations to the Fleisher Team**

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP This Just In...

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# Teams Entered...



Teams in Alphabetical Order within RR Groups:

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Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt	Karen McCallum	Liu	Howard Liu, Capt	Eugene Hun	
	Sam Dinkin Tobi Sokolow	Michael Shuster David Sokolow		Ari Greenberg	Tom Carmic	
Dell		Cris Barrere		Adam Kaplan	Christian Jol Alex Kolesni	·
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt Bill Harker	Mark Ralph	Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Jiang Gu	Alex Perlin	
	Bob Thomson	Bob Etter		Andrew Stark	Franco Base	ggio
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Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt		Merblum	Frank Merblum, Ca		IVSKY
	Blaine Mullins	Charley Seelbach		Doug Doub	Walter Lee	
Bitterman	Bob Bitterman, Capt Phil Becker	Bob Cappelli		Venkatrao Koneru Nick Nickell	John Schern	ner
		Ken Kranyak Ed Schulte	Nickell		Ralph Katz	
	Jerry Helms	Sam Lev		Bobby Levin	Steve Weins	
Blanchard	Bob Blanchard, Capt			Geoff Hampson		
	Fred Chang	Dan Lev		Jill Levin, NPC	pt Maxim Silin	
<u> </u>	Gary Cohler	Chuis Countra	Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Ca		100 miles 1
Compton	Andy Goodman	Chris Compton		Carrie Liu	Anton Tsypk	
	Kay Enfield	Greg Hinze Brian Glubok	Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Cap		and Solar 7
	Ish DelMonte			Bill Hall	Randy Howa	
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt	Charlie Wilkins		Joe Viola	John Jones	
	Mark Itabashi	Ifti Baqai	Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal,	•	
	Leon Lowe	Chard Miles 1	4	Chris Willenken	Eldad Ginos	
Donn	Josh Donn, Capt	Sheri Winestock		David Berkowitz	Migry Camp	
	Uday Ivatury	Christal Henner	Sanborn	Kerri Sanborn, Capt		
	Jenni Carmichael	Greg Humphreys	4	Jill Meyers	Allan Graves	
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt	Cornelius Duffie		Steve Garner	Jeff Wolfsor	
	Harrison Luba	Olivia Schireson	Schireson	Max Schireson, Cap		
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt	Sandra Rimstedt		Randal Burns	Lynn Shanno	on
	Radu Nistor	Iulian Rotaru		John Miller		
	Jacob Freeman	Finn Kolesnik	Simson	Doug Simson, Capt		
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt	Chip Martel		Allan Falk	John Lusky	
	Joe Grue	Brad Moss		Drew Casen	Jim Krekoria	
	Bart Bramley	Kit Woolsey	Spector	Warren Spector, Ca	•	
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt	Glenn Eisenstein		John Hurd	Kevin Bathu	
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	John Rengstorff	Bob Feller	Sprung	Danny Sprung	Gerry Seixas	
Hill	Joyce Hill	Kevin Dwyer		Anne Brenner	Dave Caprei	
	Shan Huang	Roger Lee		Brian Platnick	John Diamo	na
	Anam Tebha			JoAnn Sprung, NPC		
Joel	Geeske Joel, Capt	Kevin Rosenberg	Wu	Weishu Wu, Capt	Qiang Zhang	
	Sarah Youngquist	William Watson		Brian Zhang	Peter Sun	6.0
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	Bob Hamman	Peter Weichsel	Bishel	Bitterman		
Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt	Adam Grossack	Compton	Blanchard		
	Zach Grossack	Michael Rosenberg	Dawson	Donnelly	SOUTH	
	David Grainger	Joel Wooldridge		Fleisher		
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	Jeff Meckstroth	Eric Rodwell	Donner			AN POL
	Mike Passell	Mark Lair	Greenspan			
	Bob Morris, NPC		Levine	Lall		
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	Mitch Dunitz	Paul Lewis	Nickell	Lin		
Lin	Amber Lin, Capt	Emma Kolesnik	Rasmussen			
	Cynthia Huang	Ilan Wolff	Reynolds	Schireson		
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# Looking Ahead to Team Trials...

#### 2021 USBC Formats and Schedules

IN THE EVENT THE WBF CANCELS OR POSTPONES THE 2021 WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE USBCS, ALL USBF SELECTION TRIALS WILL BE CANCELED OR POSTPONED.

#### **OVERVIEW OF FORMATS AND SCHEDULES**

For all of the events, the Round Robin and Round of 16 stages will be played online; The Women's (if more than 4 teams enter) will start on May 5th; the Open will start on May 7th; The Mixed will start on May 15th; the Seniors will start on May 23rd. Each event will be played on consecutive days. The full schedule is on the USBF website. (note there are two possibilities, depending on the number of teams entered in each event; the schedules might change if there is a surprisingly large or small entry in any event, but the starting dates will remain the same).

Any team that does not qualify for the Quarterfinal stage will be eliminated.

The face-to-face format of USA1 and USA2 events will be: (Full calendar on USBF site) (And on page 15)

Day/date	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
USA1 Stage	Quarterfinal (8 teams) Losers to USA2 R16		Semifinal (4 teams) Losers to USA2 QF		Final (2 teams) Winner is USA1, Loser to USA2 F			
USA2 Stage	N	ONE	Round of	f 16 (4 teams)	Quarterfinal (4 teams)	Semifinal (2 teams)		teams) is USA2

Entry fee will be \$500 per team for the online stage of each event. Online play will be on RealBridge, using virtual screens and self-alerts. For online play **only**, players will be allowed to consult their notes during the bidding.

The **Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, IL** is host to all the face to face stages, where the entry fee will be \$400 per team per day. Playing will be on individual tablets assigned to each player using the LoveBridge software.

There will be 2 players (normal screenmates) in each playing room.

When available, playing rooms will have outdoor access.

The USBF will take precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19 which may include taking temperatures, wearing masks and sanitizing surfaces.

We will be unable to offer our usual hospitality due to CoVid restrictions.

Teams that play only 3 days online will receive a credit of \$200 for future 2021 JLall entry fees; teams that play only 4 days online will receive a credit of \$100 for future 2021 JLall entry fees.

## AT THE MOMENT OUR WEBSITE SOFTWARE IS ACTING UP AND ENTRIES DON'T WORK - AS SOON AS WE'VE FIGURED OUT WHAT THE PROBLEM IS, WE'LL REMOVE THIS MESSAGE AND YOU CAN ENTER

Entries are now open for all events and will close as follows:

Women's - March 31, 2021 Open - April 2, 2021 Mixed - April 10, 2021 Seniors - April 18, 2021

## **Pandemic Pleasures**

### Steak with broccoli

## Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium beef broth
- 1/4 cup sherry or additional beef broth
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh gingerroot
- 2 teaspoons canola oil, divided
- 1/2 pound beef top sirloin steak, cut into 1/4-inch-thick strips
- 2 cups fresh small broccoli florets
- 8 green onions, cut into 1-inch piece
- Directions
- Mix the first 7 ingredients. In a large nonstick skillet; <u>heat 1 teaspoon oil</u> <u>over medium-high heat</u>; <u>stir-fry beef until browned</u>, <u>1-3 minutes</u>. <u>Remove from pan</u>.
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- Stir-fry broccoli in remaining oil until crisp-tender, 3-5 minutes. Add green onions; cook just until tender, 1-2 minutes. Stir cornstarch mixture and add to pan. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until sauce is thickened, 2-3 minutes. Add beef and heat through.
- Stir-fry broccoli in remaining oil until crisp-tender, 3-5 minutes.

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One techtonic plate bumped into another... "Sorry... my fault!"

Sudoku 2

Sudoku 1

## Answers on Page 7

I've trained my dog to bring me red wine.

She's a Bordeaux Collie.

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	May, 2021								
Sunday	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday		Saturday						
	OPTION 1 - Assumes 30-34 teams in the Open, 12-18 teams in Mixed & Seniors								
2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
			Women's RR (if needed)	Women's RR (if needed)	Open RR1	Open RR1			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
Open RR1	Open RR2	Open R16	Open R16						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22			
Mixed RR	Mixed RR	Mixed RR	Mixed RR (if a 4th day is needed)						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29			
Senior RR	Senior RR	Senior RR	Senior RR (if a 4th day is needed)						
30	31								

## **Online Trials Schedules**

May, 2021										
Sunday	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday		Friday	Saturday						
				19-34 teams in N						
2	3	4	5 Women's RR (if needed)	6 Women's RR (if needed)	7 Open RR1	Open RR1				
9	10	11	12	13	14	1				
Open RR1	Open RR2	Open R16	Open R16			Mixed RR1				
16	17	18	19	20	21	2				
Mixed RR1	Mixed RR1	Mixed RR2	Mixed R16	Mixed R16						
23	24	25	26	27	28	2				
Senior RR1	Senior RR1	Senior RR1	Senior RR2	Senior R16	Senior R16					
30	31									



## Face to Face

## Schedule



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Open USA1	Quarterfinal	Open USA	1 Semifinal	Open US	A1 Final
			Open USA2 F	R16 (4 teams)	Open USA2 QF (4 teams)	Open USA2 SF (2 teams)
						Women's USA1 Semifinal
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Open US	SA2 Final				Mixed USA1	Quarterfinal
Women's USA1 Semifinal	Women's USA1 Fina	al & USA2 Semifinal	Women's USA2 Final			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mixed USA	1 Semifinal	Mixed US	SA1 Final			Seniors QF
Mixed USA2 R1 Women's USA1 Fina	6 (4 teams) al & USA2 Semifinal	Mixed USA2 QF (4 teams)	Mixed USA2 SF (2 teams)	Mixed US	SA2 Final	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Seniors QF	Seniors USA	A1 Semifinal	Seniors U	SA1 Final		
	Seniors USA2	R16 (4 teams)	Seniors USA2 QF (4 teams)	Seniors USA2 SF (2 teams)	Seniors U	SA2 Final

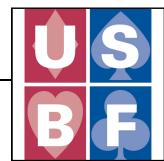
# **Puzzle Answers:**

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

Sudoku on page 5 Puzzle 1 on left Puzzle 2 on right

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

## 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. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.

2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.

3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.

4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. Your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators. The USBF is an all-volunteer organization. Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.

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#### 2021 JLall Online Teams #3

The third USBF JLall Online Teams event (JLall3) will be held from April 9-12 and April 16-19 on RealBridge. It will be very similar to JLall2, with a few minor changes suggested by the players in JLall2. Jlall3 is open to all Active USBF members. An Active member is one who has paid USBF dues. All players must have paid 2021 dues on or before April. 1.

#### **Event Schedule and Format**

- JLall3 will be held from April 9-12 and April 16-19.
- Play each day will start at 1:00 pm EDT and end no later than 9:30 pm EDT.
- There will be no more than 32 teams, each with 4-6 players, all of whom are USBF Active members.
- The entry fee for the event is \$300 per team.
- DIC for the event is McKenzie Myers. Tournament Organizer is Jan Martel. Software guru is Al Hollander.
- The event format will be:

#### Round Robin Stage 1, April 9-11:

Everyone plays 3 days of a "split field" Round Robin with 10 board matches; there are two Round Robin groups, to be named by the winners of JLall2. Teams will be assigned to the two groups based on a "draft" by the top two teams (chosen by a vote of all teams). The top 5 teams in each group will qualify for the KO Round of 16. The bottom 6 teams in each group will be eliminated. The five teams in the middle of each group ("bubble teams") will play in Stage 2 of the Round Robin.

#### Round Robin Stage 2, April. 12th:

Each bubble team plays a 10 board match against each bubble team from the other group, scored at VPs with carryover from the first 3 days. The top 6 teams qualify for the Round of 16. The bottom 4 teams are eliminated.

#### Knockouts, April 16-19:

• One match per day. 56 boards per match. If both of the finalists want a longer match (60 or 64 boards), we will have that.

• There will be a short Captains' meeting on April 20th to set the KO bracket. The precise method of setting the bracket is set forth in the Special Conditions of Contest. Summary: the top 4 teams from Round Robin Stage 1 will select their opponents for the Round of 16 from the bottom 8 qualifiers. The remaining qualifiers will be shuffled in groups to fill the bracket.

• The matches will be played on RealBridge. During the bidding & play, each player will see & hear their screenmate - (N&E, S&W). Before and after each match, teammates will be seated at one table, and RealBridge is working on a way to allow the players who were sitting out to join you (players who sat out can see & hear their teammates and be heard but not seen).

• There will be no real-time online kibitzing allowed for any match. Kibitzers will be able to watch after a delay. For the Round Robin, the delay will be until each match is over so kibitzing does not provide "state of the match" information. For the first half of each KO match, each board will be shown when all tables have completed it. For the second half of each KO match, kibitzing will start at the end of the segment. We will try to have voice commentary, and perhaps may limit chat at the tables late in the event to approved commentators.

• RealBridge will archive bidding, play & score information for the event. We will also post scores on this website.

• Players may consult their bidding notes, SSF, and convention card **during the bidding only**. Other aids to memory (for example, lists of percentages, calculators, notes about carding) are not allowed.

#### How to Enter the JLall 3

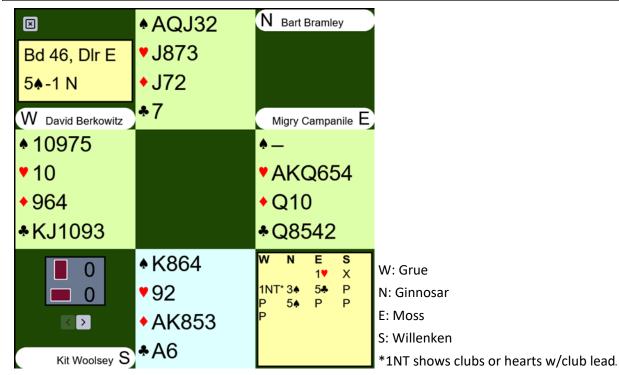
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• Entries are now open. Entries will close on the earlier of March 12th or when 32 teams (and 2 alternates) have entered. You must be logged in to this website to enter. After you have logged in, click on "Enter 2021 JLall3" under the User Menu and complete the entry form.

• Your entry is not complete until you have 4 players. You cannot "save" a place in the event by entering a team with fewer than 4 players.

• Any player who has not paid 2021 USBF dues by April 1 will not be allowed to play.

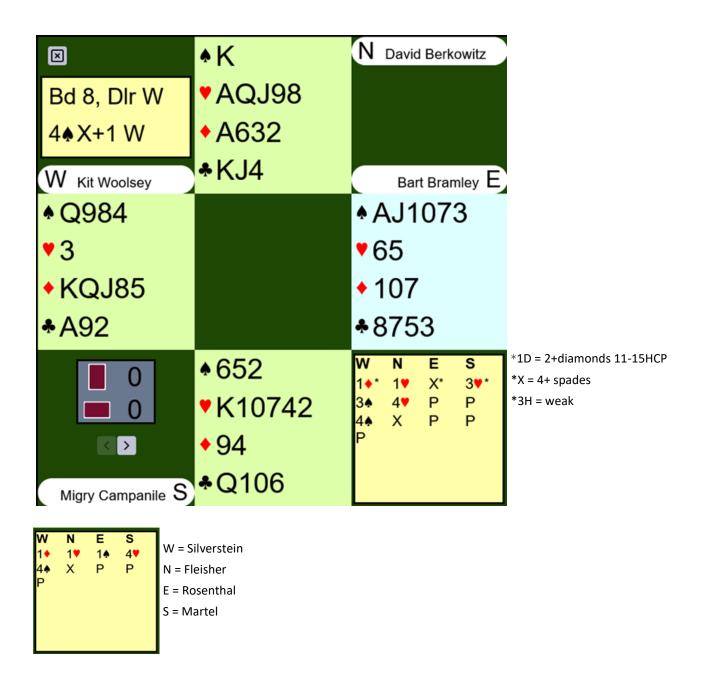
• Teams can freely change their rosters until April 17th, when the division of teams into Round Robin groups will start. After April 17th, a team may change its roster only if the change does not substantially strengthen or weaken the team. Roster changes are made by <u>email to the Tournament Organizer</u> (Jan: marteljan@gmail.com). If an added player or pair is not able to meet the deadlines for system filing, they may not play any unusual method unless it is played by another pair in the event.



Both tables arrived in 5S on identical auctions. Brad Moss led two high hearts and shifted to a club. The lucky lie of the diamond suit allowed Eldad Ginnosar to make his contract. Eldad won the CA, played a spade to the queen and a diamond to the ace. Declarer led a spade to the jack and played a second diamond to the king. Since East had no trumps, Ginnosar could clear the diamond suit and draw trumps ending in dummy and cashing two more diamonds, discarding his losing hearts.

When Bart Bramley declared 5S, Migry found the killing defense. She cashed two rounds of hearts and led a small heart at trick three. Declarer was helpless, this defense promoted a trump trick for West.

11 IMPs to Rosenthal.

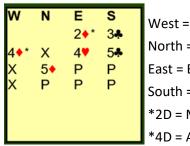


Bramley/Woolsey reached 4SX from the West hand. Bramley's double showing spades effectively transferred the play to Kit Woolsey. Aaron Silverstein led the HA and continued hearts. This gave Kit the timing he needed. At trick three, he led a spade and when the king appeared, he was able to draw trumps and establish his diamond for club discards. Woolsey took eleven tricks for E/W +690.

At the other table, Rosenthal simply bid his five-card spade suit directly over 1H. With five-card trump support, Martel jumped to 4H and Silverstein bid 4S. With 18HCP including the trump king, Fleisher doubled. Chip led the HK to hold the lead so that he would be able to lead through the stronger of the opponents' hands. The club switch was obvious, and the defense was able to take four tricks and defeat the contract. N/S +100

13 IMPs to Fleisher

	<b>•</b> 1087	N Marty Fleisher
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W Aaron Silverstein	*_	Andrew Rosenthal E
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<b>♣</b> J73		<b>*</b> 109
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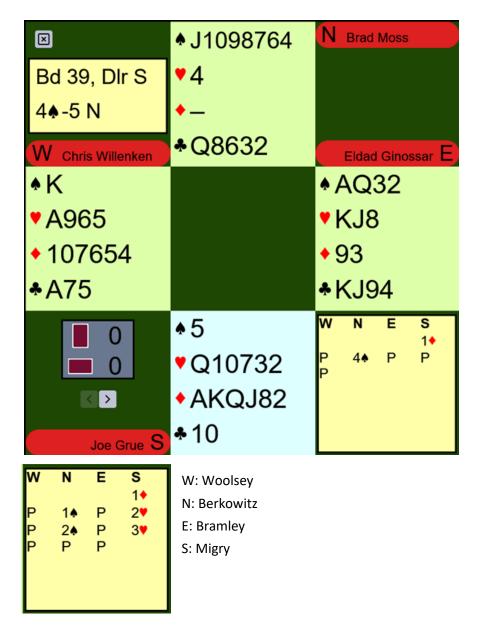


West = Woolsey North = Berkowitz East = Bramley South = Migry \*2D = Major Suit Weak-two \*4D = Asks for East's Major

When Marty Fleisher declared 5DX, Rosenthal led the S3. Silverstein won the SA and cashed the SK. Aaron continued with the HA. Fleisher trumped in dummy, drew trumps, and used the SQ to reenter dummy and run clubs, discarding his remaining hearts. N/S +750

David Berkowitz did not have it so easy. Bart Bramley led the S3 and Woolsey won the SK. Kit found the killing shift. He returned the D3. Berkowitz won the D8 in his hand. Since the opponents had not established the SQ as a dummy entry, David had no real hope. Even if the opponent who held short clubs also held a singleton trump, Berkowitz would likely still have two spade losers. David gave it his best shot. He trumped a heart and played on clubs. When Bramley trumped the third club and exited with a heart, declarer still had two spade losers. N/S -500

15 IMPs to Fleisher



Brad Moss jumped to 4S, despite holding a void in partner's suit. Eldad led the C9 to Willenken's ace. Chris cashed the SK and continued with the C7, which held the trick. The HA was cashed and Willenken shifted back to clubs. Eldad won the CJ cashed the CK and HA. With two more trump tricks to lose Moss was defeated five tricks. E/W +500

When Migry opened 1D, Berkowitz did not jump to 4S. He bid only 1S. Migry bid and rebid her hearts, So David sold out to 3H. Woolsey led the SK and shifted to the H5. Bramley won his HK and played the C4 to Kit's ace. Woolsey returned a club and Migry ruffed in her hand. She played three rounds of high diamonds. Bramley ruffed the third diamond and returned his low spade. Declarer trumped with the H7 and Woolsey overtrumped. Kit returned a diamond for Bramley to ruff. Bart exited with SQ and Migry trumped with the HQ. Kit refused to overruff. Migry led a diamond, Woolsey trumped with the H6, played his HA and led a club to Bart's king. Nice defense. Just another routine down five vulnerable tricks for a PUSH board.