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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 2**

USBF J.Lall Online Teams #2 2021 1st Round Robin - RedSox

Team Name	Total	11	16	7	14	10	13	9	15	6	4	8	5	1	12	3	2
11. Nickell	64.50					16.39			18.00		6.86		16.97	6.28			
16. Sprung	63.26					13.72		8.15			4.95		19.66	16.78			
7. Greenspan	60.94				6.28			14.80	12.18	13.14							14.54
14. Rosenthal	60.87			13.72					6.57	10.00					11.14	19.44	
10. Merblum	59.14	3.61	6.28								17.84			12.83		18.58	
13. Reynolds	59.08							12.83		2.16				15.29	14.80	14.00	
9. Lo	56.81		11.85	5.20			7.17					12.83					19.76
15. Sanborn	56.30	2.00		7.82	13.43							13.72					19.33
6. Donner	51.37			6.86	10.00		17.84				6.28	10.39					
4. Dawson	49.79	13.14	15.05			2.16				13.72				5.72			
8. Levine	46.20							7.17	6.28	9.61					14.28		8.86
5. Donn	38.81	3.03	0.34								14.28				10.39	10.77	
1. Baker	38.43	13.72	3.22			7.17	4.71						9.61				
12. Rasmussen	34.73				8.86		5.20					5.72	9.23				5.72
3. Compton	33.20			5.46	0.56	1.42	6.00										19.76
2. Bishel	26.57							0.24	0.67			11.14			14.28	0.24	

Team Name	Total	25	29	32	23	35	24	34	28	30	33	36	27	26	31	21	22
25. Fleisher	66.65			10.00			14.00					15.29			10.77	16.59	
29. Lebowitz	63.69								10.39		18.44	10.39	8.50				15.97
32. Liu	62.47	10.00						4.71	16.18	14.80							16.78
23. Blanchard	60.07							14.80		8.15	8.15		10.39				18.58
35. Spector	56.14							4.71	14.80				15.97		18.00		2.66
24. Donnelly	54.61	6.00								14.28		12.18		6.86	15.29		
34. Simson	53.92			15.29	5.20	15.29							4.71	13.43			
28. Lall	49.85		9.61	3.82		5.20								18.71			12.51
30. Lewis	47.95				11.85		5.72					13.43			0.56	16.39	
33. Schireson	47.41		1.56	5.20	11.85									14.00		14.80	
36. Wu	44.46	4.71	9.61				7.82			6.57							15.75
27. Joel	43.84		11.50		9.61	4.03		15.29							3.41		
26. Hill	43.59						13.14	6.57	1.29		6.00		16.59				
31. Lin	37.38	9.23				2.00	4.71			19.44							2.00
21. Bell	34.47	3.41								3.61	5.20	4.25			18.00		
22. Bitterman	33.50		4.03	3.22	1.42	17.34			7.49								

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We will be using optional trick 1 delays. This is to how they work: Delayed means that the card you play will not be shown to the other 3 players at the table before a specific amount of time has passed since a previous action. We may change the delay time after a few rounds if the numbers we select don't seem to be working well. For trick 1 only:

- 1 - The opening lead (and dummy) will be shown to the other players at the table no sooner than 5 seconds after the end of the auction. The opening leader may take fewer or more than 5 seconds to select the opening lead, but if s/he takes fewer than 5 seconds, the other players will see the card led 5 seconds after the final Pass.
- 2 - Declarer's play from dummy will be shown to the other 3 players no sooner than 10 seconds after they see the opening lead.
- 3 - Third hand's play will be shown to the other 3 players no sooner than 10 seconds after they see the card played from dummy.

Trick 1 Delays

Teams Entered...

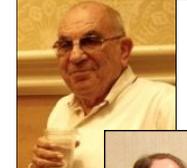
"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

Teams in Alphabetical Order within RR Groups:

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Sam Dinkin Tobi Sokolow	Karen McCallum Michael Shuster David Sokolow
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Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt Geof Brod John Rengstorff	Glenn Eisenstein John Stiefel Bob Feller
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Joel	Geeske Joel, Capt Sarah Youngquist Fred Stewart	Kevin Rosenberg William Watson Steve Beatty
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Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mark Lair
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Ron Smith Mitch Dunitz	Marc Jacobus Billy Cohen Paul Lewis
Lin	Amber Lin, Capt Cynthia Huang Brent Xiao	Emma Kolesnik Ilan Wolff

Liu	Howard Liu, Capt Ari Greenberg Adam Kaplan	Eugene Hung Tom Carmichael Christian Jolly
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Jiang Gu Andrew Stark	Alex Kolesnik Alex Perlin Franco Baseggio
Merblum	Frank Merblum, Capt Doug Doub Venkatrao Koneru	Adam Wildavsky Walter Lee John Schermer
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein
Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Carrie Liu	Maxim Silin Anton Tsyppin
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Joe Viola	Lance Kerr Randy Howard John Jones
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken David Berkowitz	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Migry Campanile
Sanborn	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Jill Meyers Steve Garner	Steve Sanborn Allan Graves Jeff Wolfson
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Wu	Weishu Wu, Capt Brian Zhang Jiang Chen	Qiang Zhang Peter Sun Jane Wang

RED SOX	YANKEES
Baker	Bell
Bishel	Bitterman
Compton	Blanchard
Dawson	Donnelly
Donn	Fleisher
Donner	Hill
Greenspan	Joel
Levine	Lall
Lo	Lebowitz
Merblum	Lewis
Nickell	Lin
Rasmussen	Liu
Reynolds	Schireson
Rosenthal	Simson
Sanborn	Spector
Sprung	Wu



Tournament Schedule

USBF 10 Board victory Point Scale

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 1			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EST	BOARDS
FRIDAY	FEB 12	12:45 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	FEB 12	1:00 - 2:15	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		2:35 - 3:50	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		4:10 - 5:25	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 BREAK
		6:20 - 7:35	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
		7:55 - 9:10	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
SATURDAY	FEB 13	1:00 - 2:15	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 51-60
		2:35 - 3:50	ROUND 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		4:10 - 5:25	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 71-80 BREAK
		6:20 - 7:35	ROUND 9 - BOARDS 1-10
		7:55 - 9:10	ROUND 10 - BOARDS 11-20
SUNDAY	FEB 14	1:00 - 2:15	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 21-30
		2:35 - 3:50	ROUND 12 - BOARDS 31-40
		4:10 - 5:25	ROUND 13 - BOARDS 41-50 BREAK
		6:20 - 7:35	ROUND 14 - BOARDS 51-60
		7:55 - 9:10	ROUND 15 - BOARDS 61-70
ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2			
MONDAY	FEB 15	1:00 - 2:15 2:35 - 3:50 4:10 - 5:25 6:20 - 7:35 7:55 - 9:10	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20 ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 BREAK ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	FEB 26	1:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:30 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	FEB 27	1:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:30 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	FEB 28	1:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:30 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	MAR 1	1:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:30 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

10 Boards (Blitz is 48 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	17	15.29	4.71	34	18.44	1.56
1	10.39	9.61	18	15.52	4.48	35	18.58	1.42
2	10.77	9.23	19	15.75	4.25	36	18.71	1.29
3	11.14	8.86	20	15.97	4.03	37	18.84	1.16
4	11.50	8.50	21	16.18	3.82	38	18.97	1.03
5	11.85	8.15	22	16.39	3.61	39	19.10	0.90
6	12.18	7.82	23	16.59	3.41	40	19.22	0.78
7	12.51	7.49	24	16.78	3.22	41	19.33	0.67
8	12.83	7.17	25	16.97	3.03	42	19.44	0.56
9	13.14	6.86	26	17.16	2.84	43	19.55	0.45
10	13.43	6.57	27	17.34	2.66	44	19.66	0.34
11	13.72	6.28	28	17.51	2.49	45	19.76	0.24
12	14.00	6.00	29	17.68	2.32	46	19.86	0.14
13	14.28	5.72	30	17.84	2.16	47	19.96	0.04
14	14.54	5.46	31	18.00	2.00	48	20.00	0.00
15	14.80	5.20	32	18.15	1.85			
16	15.05	4.95	33	18.30	1.70			

Ethics Statement

Ethics - We're not trying to provide the same security for this event as we have for online events to select USBF International teams. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties apply to this event. The USBF has appointed an Ethics Investigation Committee that will review any complaints about ethics violations. If the EIC concludes that a player or pair was acting unethically, they will report to the USBF Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

2021 Committee is: **Dana Berkowitz, Eugene Hung, Roger Lee, Chip Martel, Steve Weinstein, Jenny Wolpert**

System Regulations & Conditions of Contest

- Normal USBF System regulations apply to this event.
- This event is governed by the USBF General Conditions of Contest and Special Conditions of Contest for this event.
- The ACBL Open+ Convention Chart applies to this event.



Kibitzing on VuGraph...

THERE WILL BE DELAYED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE JLALL2 EVENT.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EST)

The schedule will be the same each day:

Round 1: 2:30 pm

Round 2: 4:05 pm

Round 3: 6:15 pm

Round 4: 7:50 pm

Round 5: 9:25 pm

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EST)

Quarter 1: 1:15 pm

Quarter 2: 3:15 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 7:15

Quarter 4: 9:15



Watching online,
Even delayed,
Is the best way to see
How a hand's bid and played!

To kibitz, go to [the RealBridge kibitzing website](#), enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz.

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #2, you will be taken to a lobby where you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table, as well as the board and trick that table is on (that's in the middle of the table, immediately under the table number). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happened.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen (if your browser window isn't large enough to show it, you can click on the "chat" icon immediately above the UNDO button to open the chat window.

Some things you can do to get more information:

If there is an asterisk next to a bid, that means it was Alerted or Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation if there was one.

-- "Rewind" the play using the slider underneath the "table" with hand diagram. just move the vertical handle on the slider to the left to go to earlier tricks.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name, you will get a scorecard for the match so far. You can use this to get lots of information:

----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all the tables.

----You can click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.

----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.

--In the upper left corner:

----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and will not include scores from previous rounds).

----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (for this match only).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right.

TIMING OF DELAY

The Round Robin matches will be delayed until after each round is completed.

The first half KO matches will be delayed until each board has been played at all tables, so there may sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown. **The second half of the KO matches will be delayed until the quarter has been completed. 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:15 EST.**

♠ A9732		N Steve Garner	
Bd 9, Dlr N		♥ 3	
6♥ = W		♦ Q1096	
W Steve Weinstein		♣ 932	
E Bobby Levin			
♠ 8		♠ KQ654	
♥ AKQ10865		♥ J974	
♦ 87		♦ K52	
♣ AJ10		♣ 4	
♠ J10		W N E S	
♥ 2		P P P 3♣	
♦ AJ43		4♥ 5♣ 5♦* P	
♣ KQ8765		6♥ P P P	
Jill Meyers S			

♠ A9732		N Nick Nickell	
Bd 9, Dlr N		♥ 3	
5♥ = W		♦ Q1096	
W Kerri Sanborn		♣ 932	
E Steve Sanborn			
♠ 8		♠ KQ654	
♥ AKQ10865		♥ J974	
♦ 87		♦ K52	
♣ AJ10		♣ 4	
♠ J10		W N E S	
♥ 2		P P P 3♣	
♦ AJ43		4♥ 5♣ 5♥ P	
♣ KQ8765		P P P	
Ralph Katz S			

Nickell/Sanborn

♠ A9732		N Jon Greenspan	
Bd 9, Dlr N		♥ 3	
6♥ = W		♦ Q1096	
W David Berkowitz		♣ 932	
E Migry Campanile			
♠ 8		♠ KQ654	
♥ AKQ10865		♥ J974	
♦ 87		♦ K52	
♣ AJ10		♣ 4	
♠ J10		W N E S	
♥ 2		P P P 3♣	
♦ AJ43		4♥ 5♣ 6♥ P	
♣ KQ8765		P P P	
Glenn Eisenstein S			

♠ A9732		N Aaron Silverstein	
Bd 9, Dlr N		♥ 3	
4♥ = W		♦ Q1096	
W Bob Feller		♣ 932	
E John Stiefel			
♠ 8		♠ KQ654	
♥ AKQ10865		♥ J974	
♦ 87		♦ K52	
♣ AJ10		♣ 4	
♠ J10		W N E S	
♥ 2		P P P 1♣	
♦ AJ43		1♥ 1♦* 4♥ P	
♣ KQ8765		P P P	
Andrew Rosenthal S			

Greenspan/Rosenthal

Bidding slam off two aces is usually a bad practice. However, when the opponents interfere at the five-level, guessing comes into play. On this hand even 5H is too high, since declarer should lose a spade trick and two diamond tricks.

Fifteen pairs played in 5H. Eight were defeated and seven made their contract. Five declarers received the ace of spades lead and all five were successful. A club lead (partner's suit) generally defeated the 5H contracts. The top result defending 5H went to Sandra Rimstedt and Gary Donner, who doubled the contract and defeated it with a trump lead. This was only a 3 IMP win, since Donner/Rimstedt's teammates played 5H undoubled and were defeated on a club lead.

The real excitement occurred in the Nickell/Sanborn and Greenspan/Rosenthal matches. Levin/Weinstein and Berkowitz/Migry bid 6H. Garner and Greenspan both led the SA. Their partners both followed with the SJ (standard carding). Both Garner and Greenspan continued spades (!) and E/W scored +1430 gaining 13 IMPs for the Nickell and Rosenthal teams.

Should North work out the diamond shift at trick two? Considering that West probably has seven hearts for his 4H bid, continuing spades is playing for South to have played a singleton SJ. In any other case, South's play should be a suit preference signal. There are clearly no more spade tricks available to N/S.

If the SJ is suit preference, a club play should be out of the question. Considering that Weinstein jumped to 6H after Levin's 5D cuebid, with no spade control, Weinstein almost certainly holds the club ace.

If South has a singleton spade and West has seven hearts, South's distribution would 1-1-4-7. No one would open a wimpy 3C on a 7-4 hand at favorable vulnerability.

What card would declarer play if he held ten-eight doubleton? The ultimate conclusion is that a diamond shift is fairly clear.

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions! Pandemic Pleasures...

HALIBUT WITH CRAB & SHRIMP

Servings: 6

1 pound (454 grams) jumbo lump crab meat
1 cup (240 ml) milk
2 tablespoons (30 ml) unsalted butter
2 celery ribs, finely chopped
1/2 cup chopped onion
Salt and pepper
4 ounces (113 grams) shrimp, peeled, de-veined and tails removed
1/4 cup (60 ml) heavy cream
2 teaspoons (10 ml) Dijon mustard
6 (4-6 oz. each) (113-170 grams each) Halibut fillets, skin removed
2 cups (200 grams) Panko breadcrumbs, toasted

Directions:

Place the crab meat and milk in medium sized bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add celery and onion, pinch of salt, and a little pepper; cook, stirring frequently, until vegetables are softened (about 5-7 minutes).

Remove skillet from the heat. Put the celery mixture in a large bowl and let cool to room temperature.

Strain crab meat through a fine-mesh strainer, pressing gently to remove milk. Please be careful not to break up the big lumps of crab meat.

Place the shrimp in food processor and blend until finely ground, using a spatula to scrape down bowl as needed. Add the heavy cream and pulse to combine.

Transfer the shrimp puree to the bowl with the cooled vegetables. Add the mustard and stir until well combined. Add the strained crab meat and fold gently with rubber spatula, being careful not to over mix and break up lumps of crab meat. Divide the mixture into 6 portions and evenly press onto each fillet. Top the crab mixture with Panko and spray each topped fillet with a little cooking spray or brush with melted butter.

Place on a greased, rimmed baking sheet lined with foil and cook for 20 - 25 minutes (please use thermometer, fish should be cooked to 130°F to 135°F).

CHAMPAGNE BUTTER SAUCE

Servings: 1 cup (240 ml)

1/3 cup (80 ml) dry white wine
1/4 cup (60 ml) Champagne or white-wine vinegar
2 tablespoons (18 grams) finely chopped shallots
1/3 cup (80 ml) heavy cream
Salt and White pepper (to taste)
2 sticks (1 cup/230 grams) unsalted butter, cut into tablespoon-size pieces and chilled

Directions:

In a 2 - 3-quart heavy saucepan, cook the wine, vinegar, and shallots over moderate heat until liquid has reduced to 2 to 3 tablespoons, about 5 minutes. Add the cream, and season with salt and white pepper to taste and boil 1 minute.

Reduce heat to moderately low and add a few tablespoons of butter, whisking constantly. Add remaining butter a few pieces at a time, whisking constantly, and adding new pieces before previous ones have completely liquified (the sauce should maintain the consistency of Hollandaise), lifting pan from the heat occasionally to cool the mixture.

Remove from heat, and pour sauce through a medium-mesh sieve into a bowl, discarding the shallots.

Serve immediately.



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CHICKEN MARSALA

Servings: 4

4 boneless, skinless, chicken breast halves (about 1-1/2 lbs. or 680 grams), pounded to 1/4-inch thickness

Salt and pepper

2-1/4 cups (540 ml) Florio Sweet Marsala wine, divided

3 oz. (90 ml) Grand Marnier

2 cups (480 ml) chicken stock

1 sprig fresh thyme

1 cup (120 grams) All Purpose flour

4 tablespoons (60 ml) butter

2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil

1 lb. (453 grams) mushrooms, cleaned, sliced, and sautéed (recipe below)

Juice of 1/2 lemon

2 tablespoons (30 ml) cold butter

White pepper to taste

Directions:

Pre-heat oven 250 F.

Lightly season chicken with salt and pepper. Set aside for 15 minutes.

Place 2 cups (480 ml) Marsala wine and the Grand Marnier in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Ignite and let flame subside. Add the chicken stock, fresh thyme and reduce to about 1 cup (about 12 - 15 minutes). Place to one side.

Spread flour in a shallow dish. Working with one piece of chicken at a time, dredge chicken in flour, shaking gently to remove excess. Place on wire rack set in rimmed baking sheet.

Heat 2 tablespoons (30 ml) of melted butter and 1 tablespoon (15 ml) oil in a 12-inch skillet to medium-high heat. Place 3 cutlets in skillet and lower heat to medium. Cook on first side for 2 minutes. Flip and cook for another 2 minutes. Return the cutlets to a wire rack, and place in oven to keep warm. Repeat last 2 tablespoons (30 ml) butter and remaining oil and cook the rest of the chicken in the same way. Place on baking tray and keep chicken warm.

Add mushrooms, reduced stock, lemon juice and remaining 1/4 cup Marsala wine to the skillet. Bring to a boil and then reduce until the sauce has the consistency of maple syrup. Whisk in cold butter and season with salt and pepper.

Place chicken on a platter and spoon sauce over chicken and serve. I like to serve with creamy mashed potatoes.

SAUTÉED MUSHROOMS

3 tablespoons (30 ml) melted butter

1 lb. (453 grams) cleaned and thinly sliced button, cremini or shitake mushrooms

2 oz. (60 ml) Sweet Sherry wine

Directions:

In a skillet on medium high heat, cook the mushrooms in melted butter. Place a lid on top of the skillet and let steam for a couple of minutes. Remove lid and add 2 oz. (60 ml) Sweet Sherry wine. Place lid back on and cook on medium heat for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.



SWEDISH COOKIES

Servings: 35

1 cup (227 grams) unsalted butter (2 sticks), at room temperature

1 cup (200 grams) sugar

1/2 teaspoon (2 ml) fine sea salt

1 tablespoon (15 ml) baking powder

1 egg

1 bottle (30 ml) Almond extract (1 fl oz.)

3 cups (360 grams) All Purpose flour

1 cup (192 grams) Swedish pearl sugar

Directions:

Working with a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, or in a large bowl with a hand mixer, beat the butter, sugar, salt and baking powder on medium speed for about 3 minutes, scraping the bowl as needed. The mixture should be smooth but not fluffy. Reduce the mixer speed to low and add the egg, followed by the almond extract. Turn off the mixer. Add the flour all at once, and with the machine on low, mix just until the flour disappears into the dough. Give the dough a couple of turns with a spatula. Turn the dough out onto the counter and divide it in half. Shape each half into a log about 1-3/4 inch thick. Wrap with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 3 hours.

Butter or spray a muffin tin.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F and place rack in center of oven. Using a sturdy knife, trim the ends of the logs if they are ragged, then cut the dough into 1/2-inch-thick rounds. Dip cookies into pearl sugar and place in muffin tin.

Bake the cookies for 18-20 minutes, rotating the tray after 9 minutes, or until they feel firm to the touch and are golden brown around the edges. Transfer the tray to a cooling rack and let the cookies rest for about 10 minutes before carefully lifting them out of muffin tray onto the cooling rack.

Repeat process with the remainder of the dough.



Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 11

190	Tina	72	605
180	Arnold	54	599
170	Neil	50	640
160	Yvonne	57	707
150	Cedric	65	809
140	Inez	84	790

Sudoku 2

		5						
			5					9
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9		8	6					5
			4			7		
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6							2	

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

Sudoku 1

Answers on Page 13



- A biologist, a chemist, and a statistician are out hunting. The biologist shoots at a deer and misses five feet to the left. The chemist takes a shot and misses five feet to the right. The statistician yells "We got 'em!"
- A photon is going through airport security. The TSA agent asks if he has any luggage. The photon says, "No, I'm traveling light."
- Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocaine during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.
- A Buddhist monk approaches a hotdog stand and says "Make me one with everything."
- A logician's wife is having a baby. The doctor immediately hands the newborn to the dad. The wife says, "Is it a boy or a girl?" The logician says, "Yes."
- How easy is it to count in binary? It's as easy as 01 10 11.
- There are 10 types of people in this world. Those that know binary, and those that don't.
- Heard about that new band called 1023 MB? They haven't had any gigs yet.



Card Games

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

spades

crazyeights

go-fish

solitaire

uno

canasta

rummy

bridge

hearts

blackjack

poker



		Names					LinkedIn						Twitter						
		Arnold	Cedric	Inez	Neil	Tina	Yvonne	50	54	57	65	72	84	599	605	640	707	790	809
Facebook	140																		
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**Logic
Puzzle**

Answers on page 9

Facebook	Names	LinkedIn	Twitter
140			
150			
160			
170			
180			
190			

- Inez doesn't have exactly 160 Facebook friends.
- Of Arnold and the person with 140 Facebook friends, one has 599 Twitter followers and the other has 84 LinkedIn connections.
- The one with 180 Facebook friends is either the person with 707 Twitter followers or the one with 54 LinkedIn connections.
- The person with 65 LinkedIn connections has fewer Facebook friends than the one with 640 Twitter followers.
- The one with 72 LinkedIn connections has 10 more Facebook friends than the person with 599 Twitter followers.
- The one with 65 LinkedIn connections is either the person with 180 Facebook friends or Cedric.
- The person with 707 Twitter followers has more Facebook friends than the person with 65 LinkedIn connections.
- Neil has 20 more Facebook friends than the one with 65 LinkedIn connections.
- The one with 809 Twitter followers has 20 fewer Facebook friends than the one with 50 LinkedIn connections.
- The person with 599 Twitter followers has more Facebook friends than Inez.
- The person with 605 Twitter followers has 20 more Facebook friends than the one with 50 LinkedIn connections.
- Yvonne doesn't have exactly 190 Facebook friends.
- The one with 707 Twitter followers is either the one with 160 Facebook friends or Cedric.

Heisenberg was speeding down the highway. A cop pulls him over and says "Do you have any idea how fast you were going back there?" Heisenberg says, "No, but I knew where I was."

Jean-Paul Sartre is sitting at a French cafe, revising his draft of Being and Nothingness. He says to the waitress, "I'd like a cup of coffee, please, with no cream." The waitress replies, "I'm sorry, Monsieur, but we're out of cream. How about with no milk?"

First Law of Thermodynamics: You can't win. Second Law of Thermodynamics: You can't break even. Third Law of Thermodynamics: You can't stop playing.



Meet the Players

A seven-time world champion, her most recent win is the McConnell Cup in Orlando, FL, Karen is perhaps best known for her aggressive and complex "light initial action" bidding system. Although the five-card (non-vul) "McCallum weak 2-bids" (with no restrictions on suit quality or side holdings) are no longer an oddity among experts, Karen saw their promise in the 1970s.

Respected around the world as a bidding theorist as well as a player, Karen has served as a coach of several Turkish national bridge teams (open, women, and junior), and of the Australian open national bridge team. She was the NPC for the Turkish juniors in the 2000 Junior World Championships in Antalya. Karen has been an invited participant in bidding panels in numerous bridge publications in England, Australia, Turkey, New Zealand, France and the US. She has also edited several bridge books, including the best-selling bridge book of all time, Larry Cohen's "To Bid or Not to Bid."

In addition to her great success in women's bridge, Karen has had some memorable experiences in open bridge. She was invited (with her partner, Kerri Sanborn) to play in the 1990 Rosenblum Teams with Peter Pender, Ralph Cohen, Bob Jones, and Mike Smolen, and the team faced a formidable opponent in the round of 16: Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Jimmy Cayne, and Chuck Burger. At the half, Pender's team was down 15 IMPs, and one team member suggested that perhaps "the four guys" should play the rest of the way. But Pender sent in McCallum and Sanborn for the second half and won the match. Pender's team eventually lost in the round of 8 to the German open team that won the event.

A woman of many talents and interests, Karen's primary work outside bridge is creating hand-crafted glass and beaded jewelry. You can see examples of Karen's stunning work at www.eclectica3.com. She is an insatiable reader of all genres, with a home library of more than 50,000 volumes. She also enjoys gourmet cooking and playing the piano. She lives in a 215-year-old farmhouse in Exeter, New Hampshire.

Three violin manufactures have all done business for years on the same block in the small town of Cremona, Italy. After years of peaceful co-existence, the Amati family decided to put a sign in their shop window saying: "We make the best violins in Italy." The Guarneri family soon put a sign in their window proclaiming: "We make the best violins in the world." Finally, the Stradivarius family posted this sign outside their shop: "We make the best violins on the block."

If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate.

A linguistics professor says during a lecture that, "In English, a double negative forms a positive. But in some languages, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, in no language in the world can a double positive form a negative." But then a voice from the back of the room piped up, "Yeah, right."

This is the sort of English up with which I will not put.

Puzzle Answers:

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

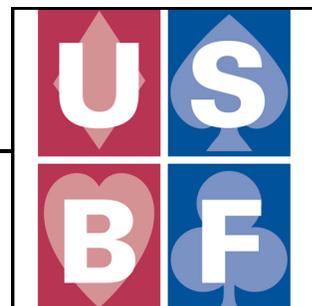
on page 9

Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

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We hope you will join us.

Board 27, Dlr S
6♥+1 E

W Fred Chang

♠ KQ543
♥ AJ1087
♦ K
♣ 103

♠ J
♥ —
♦ QJ10986
♣ AK7642

N Ken Kranyak

Gary Cohler E

♠ A76
♥ K6543
♦ A5432
♣ —

Phil Becker S

W	N	E	S
1♠	4NT	X	5♣
P	P	5♠	6♣
P	P	6♥	P
P	P		

Board 27 from the third round was swingy. In the Bitterman/Blanchard match, Ken Kranyak hoped to have put his opponents under pressure by jumping to 4NT over Righty's 1S opening. After two passes, Cohler took the middle road and bid 5S. Phil Becker felt like his feet were to the fire. He knew his side had a massive club fit. His partner held at most one spade... Would 6C be a good save?

Phil bid 6C, but his RHO, one known to have no fear of heights, bid 6H. He struck gold ... a 5-5 fit! Fred Chang happily passed.

Becker led the D7, won in dummy with the king. The H7 went to the king and a heart to the ten followed. Cohler cashed three high spades, pulled the last trump and claimed 13 tricks.

At the other table, Sam Lev showed the minors with an unusual 2NT bid. Dan Lev, Sam's son, jumped to 4C over Cappelli's double. Sam bid 5C; Cappelli bid 5D; Dan passed and Bob Bitterman bid 5H. Sam thought 6C was insurance and bid it. With all the bidding around the table, no one was sure how to collect a plus score. Cappelli knew that by doubling with two aces, he would go plus.

Bitterman led the SK followed by the DK and the defense scored +100. 14 IMPs to Blanchard.

The top score on this board North/South went to Rosenberg and Z Grossack. After 1S-2NT-3D LR+ in spades-5C... The opponents doubled and they played it there.

Chambers led the SK followed by the DK just as Bitterman above. Zach collected his 11 tricks and scored +550, one of only three plus scores North/South.

Ironically, the second best score N/S was against Zach's brother, Adam. Adam and Larry Lebowitz found 6S. Weichsel led the DQ. Larry won in dummy and ruffed a club. He cashed the SA and led a spade to the queen and cashed the SK. He played the H7 to the

Board 27, Dlr S
6♣X-1 S

W Bob Bitterman

♠ KQ543
♥ AJ1087
♦ K
♣ 103

♠ J
♥ —
♦ QJ10986
♣ AK7642

N Sam Lev

Bob Cappelli E

♠ A76
♥ K6543
♦ A5432
♣ —

Dan Lev S

W	N	E	S
1♠	2NT	X	4♣
P	5♣	5♦	P
5♥	6♣	X	P
P	P		

king... uh oh! Watch what happens... Larry played the DA. Hamman ruffed. Hamman played the CQ; Larry ruffed in dummy and was dummy-locked! Down one for a surprising 10 IMP gain!!

Board 27, Dlr S
6♠X-1 W

W Larry Lebowitz

♠ KQ543
♥ AJ1087
♦ K
♣ 103

♠ J
♥ —
♦ QJ10986
♣ AK7642

N Peter Weichsel

Adam Grossack E

♠ A76
♥ K6543
♦ A5432
♣ —

Bob Hamman S

W	N	E	S
1♠	4NT	5♠	6♣
P	P	6♠	X
P	P	P	

Six pairs found the par result playing 7C down two!

Board 27, Dlr S
5♣X=S

W Neil Chambers

♠ KQ543
♥ AJ1087
♦ K
♣ 103

♠ J
♥ —
♦ QJ10986
♣ AK7642

N Michael Rosenberg

Hemant Lall E

♠ A76
♥ K6543
♦ A5432
♣ —

Zach Grossack S

W	N	E	S
1♠	2NT	3♦*	5♣
P	P	X	P
P	P		

Board 16, Dlr W
3NT = W

W Olivia Schireson

N Jane Wang

Harrison Luba E

♠ J653
♥ KQ984
♦ K10
♣ Q3

♠ A94
♥ A2
♦ J642
♣ K1095

♠ 8
♥ 1053
♦ A87
♣ AJ8764

W N E S
1♦ 1♥ 2♠ 2♦
2NT P 3♠ P
3NT P P P

♠ KQ1072
♥ J76
♦ Q953
♣ 2

Jiang Chen S

Board 16 in the second round produced a wide variety of results. About half the tables played in a part score, either 4C by E/W or three of a major by N/S. Only two pairs Olivia Schireson/Harrison Luba playing on the Donnelly team and Randy Howard/Joe Viola on the Reynolds team found their way to the 21-HCP no trump game. This was an easy make with three aces and a running six-card suit.

In the Donnelly/Wu match, Schireson/Luba's 3NT gained 10 IMPs when their teammates defended 4C in the other room. In the Reynolds/Compton match, Howard/Viola's 3NT gained 12 IMPs when their teammates declared and made 3H in the other room.

On the surface it appears that N/S can be held to seven tricks in hearts if E/W find their two spade ruffs. Spades plays a trick better since E/W can negotiate only one heart ruff. Ten tricks seem to be the limit in clubs but watch how Olivia's dad Max Schireson rolled up his 5C contract in the Blanchard/Schireson match.

Board 16, Dlr W
3NT = W

W Randy Howard

N Greg Hinze

Joe Viola E

♠ J653
♥ KQ984
♦ K10
♣ Q3

♠ A94
♥ A2
♦ J642
♣ K1095

♠ 8
♥ 1053
♦ A87
♣ AJ8764

W N E S
1♦ 1♥ 2♠ 2♥
3♠ P 3♦ P
3NT P P P

♠ KQ1072
♥ J76
♦ Q953
♣ 2

Brian Glubok S

Board 16, Dlr W
5♣ = E

W Cadir Lee

N Sam Lev

Max Schireson E

♠ J653
♥ KQ984
♦ K10
♣ Q3

♠ A94
♥ A2
♦ J642
♣ K1095

♠ 8
♥ 1053
♦ A87
♣ AJ8764

W N E S
1♦ 1♥ 2♠ 2♦
3♠ 3♥ 5♣ P
P P

♠ KQ1072
♥ J76
♦ Q953
♣ 2

Dan Lev S

Dan Lev led a small heart. Max won in dummy and exited with a heart to Sam Lev's queen. Sam exited with a club to dummy's ten. Max played the SA and ruffed a spade. He returned to dummy with a heart ruff and trumped dummy's last spade. Max drew the last trump and played the DA and a diamond to Sam's king. Lev was forced to give up a ruff-and-sluff.

At the other table, Bob Blanchard, also in 5C, received the lead of the SK. He won in dummy and led a small heart. John Miller won the HQ and exited with a heart. Blanchard won the heart and led a diamond to his ace. Bob trumped his last heart and trumped a spade. He cashed the CK and CA. He trumped dummy's last spade and exited with a diamond, endplaying North for the ruff-and-sluff. A well-played push board.

Board 16, Dlr W
5♣ = E

W Fred Chang

N John Miller

Bob Blanchard E

♠ J653
♥ KQ984
♦ K10
♣ Q3

♠ A94
♥ A2
♦ J642
♣ K1095

♠ 8
♥ 1053
♦ A87
♣ AJ8764

W N E S
1♦ X 2♠ 2♠
3♠ P P 3♠
4♠ P 5♠ P
P P

♠ KQ1072
♥ J76
♦ Q953
♣ 2

Lynn Shannon S

Bd 16, Dir W 5♣X= E		♠ J653 ♥ KQ984 ♦ K10 ♣ Q3	N John Kranyak																				
W Bob Bitterman	♠ A94 ♥ A2 ♦ J642 ♣ K1095	♠ 8 ♥ 1053 ♦ A87 ♣ AJ8764	E Bob Cappelli																				
Vince Demuy S	♠ KQ1072 ♥ J76 ♦ Q953 ♣ 2	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> <tr> <td>1♦</td> <td>1♥</td> <td>2♣</td> <td>X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3♣</td> <td>3♣</td> <td>4♣</td> <td>4♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5♣</td> <td>X</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">P</td> </tr> </table>	W	N	E	S	1♦	1♥	2♣	X	3♣	3♣	4♣	4♣	5♣	X	P	P	P				
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It appears that an opening diamond lead will defeat 5C. But look what happened in the Bitterman/Spector match.

Vince Demuy found the brilliant lead of the D5.

Cappelli played low from dummy and John Kranyak apparently surmised that Demuy would only make the unexpected lead of dummy's first bid suit if he was trying to trick declarer by underleading the DA. John played the DK and declarer had an easy eleven tricks. Had John played the DT, he would have collected one more trick and defeated the contract! +750 was worth 12 IMPs to Bitterman.

In the other room Bathurst/Hurd settled in 4C and made eleven tricks on the normal heart lead.

- What do you get when you put root beer in a square glass? Beer.
- People often accuse me of "stealing other's jokes" and being "a plagiarist." Their words — not mine...
- What is a physicist's favorite food? Fission chips.
- There are two types of people in the world: Those who can extrapolate from incomplete data sets...
- Why can't you trust atoms? Because they make up everything!
- I'd tell you a chemistry joke but I probably won't get a reaction.
- Helium walks into a bar and asks for a drink. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve noble gases here." Helium doesn't react.

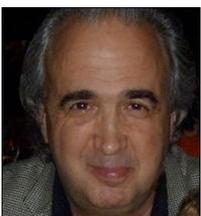


Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting and the use of the Round Robin, it will be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

Suzi



USBF Junior Training News

From Michael Rosenberg:

Mentors:

Sunday Feb 14 Kent (fireitup) will be organizing in my place.

Michael



Trumping their ace
Is really a thrill!
Anyone can,
It doesn't take skill!

Board 34, Dlr E
4♠ = E

W Greg Humphreys

N Karen McCallum

E Jenni Carmichael

S Lynn Baker

♠ 107432	♠ Q98
♥ AK87	♥ 54
♦ 84	♦ J6
♣ Q7	♣ K106532

♠ 65	W	N	E	S
♥ J10962	3♦	P	3♠	P
♦ 109	4♠	P	P	P
♣ J984				

Jenni Carmichael says she is enjoying the chance to play bridge during the Pandemic... and in this event, she is playing with her favorite partner. Jenni and Greg are fun to kibitz and fun in general!

On Board 34, they found themselves in their 3-3 fit!!

Jenni opened 3C; Greg, looking at a great hand, bid 3D. Not wanting to pass up 3NT and not having a clear-cut call, Jenni bid 3S. Greg thought spades sounded fine with his AKJ for support. He bid 4S and they played it there.

A trump lead at trick 1 or a trump shift at trick 2 or 3 would have given them fits, but Lynn Baker made the normal lead of the HJ. McCallum won her king, cashed her HA and led a third heart. Jenni was ready. She ruffed in hand; led a club to the ace; a diamond to the jack; cashed the CK, discarding a diamond from dummy

and played a diamond to the ace. She ruffed a diamond in hand and separated her last four trump while McCallum miserably underruffed three times before collecting trick 13. Contract making!

Yes, some directors CAN play well!!

Board 34, Dlr E
6♦ -1 W

W Michael Shuster

N Josh Donn

E Sam Dinkin

S Sheri Winestock

♠ 107432	♠ Q98
♥ AK87	♥ 54
♦ 84	♦ J6
♣ Q7	♣ K106532

♠ 65	W	N	E	S
♥ J10962	2♦*	P	3♦*	P
♦ 109	3♥*	X	3NT*	P
♣ J984	4♠*	P	4♦*	P
	6♦	P	P	P

At the other table in this match, Dinkin/Shuster had an arduous relay sequence to reach 6D off the cashing ace/king of hearts!

2C showed 4+-9 HCP with 5-6 clubs

2D Art GF, starts relay

3D Club one suiter, 3S, 0-2H, art.

3H continues relay

3NT 3-2-2-6

4C asks controls

4D 0-1 control

At this point, Shuster knows that if his partner has one control, it is either the HK or the CK. If it is the HK, 6D will depend on his partner having the SQ or the spade finesse on sides.

6D is an interesting gamble and was quickly down one!

10 IMPs to Donn



Board 50, Dlr E
6♦+1 N

W Maxim Silin

♠ —
♥ 6
♦ KJ109874
♣ AK1096

Carrie Liu E

♠ AJ10
♥ QJ1094
♦ Q53
♣ Q7

♠ 97642
♥ K53
♦ 6
♣ 8532

W N E S
P 6♦ P P
P

♠ KQ853
♥ A872
♦ A2
♣ J4

John Bishel S

*2S = any 5 or 6 card spade suit with 3-9 HCP

In the Bishel/Rasmussen match, Tom Bishel was faced with an interesting problem on board 50 when Carrie Liu opened what might be described as a systemically random weak-two bid in spades. If the Bishel brothers play Leaping-Michaels, Tom could show his minor two-suiter by bidding 4S. If they don't play Leaping Michaels, 4S would probably show a slam going two-suiter with hearts and a minor. So 4NT would show both minors. After showing both minors, a possible plan would be to correct partner's likely 5C bid to 5D in an effort to reach slam.

Board 50, Dlr E
5♦ = N

W Blaine Mullins

♠ —
♥ 6
♦ KJ109874
♣ AK1096

Charley Seelbach E

♠ AJ10
♥ QJ1094
♦ Q53
♣ Q7

♠ 97642
♥ K53
♦ 6
♣ 8532

W N E S
P 6♦ P P
P

♠ KQ853
♥ A872
♦ A2
♣ J4

Jim Rasmussen S

W N E S
P 1♠
2♥ X P 2NT
P 3♥ X 3♠
P 4♦ P 5♦
P P P

Tom took the bull-by-the-horns. He jumped to 6D and won 13 IMPs when Rasmussen/Tsytkin stopped in 5D at the other table. Bishel won the opening spade lead and played a diamond to the ace. He finessed for the trump queen, drew the last trump and crossed to dummy in hearts. Tom led the CJ which West covered, and Bishel took 13 tricks.

- What does a dyslexic, agnostic, insomniac do at night? He stays up wondering if there really is a dog.
- It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.
- Descartes walks into a bar. The bartender asks if he wants a drink. "I think not," Descartes says. And then he disappears.

Captains:

Mark your calendars for the Captain's Meeting on Tuesday, February 16th to prepare for the second weekend of play!!

Good luck today, Everyone!!

