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**We
Remember:**



RR2 Results

Team Name	Total	Carry Over	34	12	4	5	11	26	35	31	27	7
34. Smith	209.17	143.51		19.96	9.61	18.00	4.95	rr1	rr1	rr1	rr1	13.14
12. Parker	183.83	125.01	0.04		rr1	rr1	rr1	10.39	18.00	14.00	16.39	rr1
4. Dawson	182.73	115.63	10.39	rr1		rr1	rr1	8.15	12.83	16.18	19.55	rr1
5. Kolesnik	177.56	124.54	2.00	rr1	rr1		rr1	15.52	12.51	11.14	11.85	rr1
11. Onstott	167.15	100.58	15.05	rr1	rr1	rr1		17.16	12.51	10.00	11.85	rr1
26. Jacobs	157.18	114.68	rr1	9.61	11.85	4.48	2.84		rr1	rr1	rr1	13.72
35. Zhang	154.90	119.61	rr1	2.00	7.17	7.49	7.49	rr1		rr1	rr1	11.14
31. Robinson	150.31	109.78	rr1	6.00	3.82	8.86	10.00	rr1	rr1		rr1	11.85
27. Joel	149.97	123.61	rr1	3.61	0.45	8.15	8.15	rr1	rr1	rr1		6.00
7. Lo	148.06	103.91	6.86	rr1	rr1	rr1	rr1	6.28	8.86	8.15	14.00	

Congratulations to those Who Survived!

It is interesting to note that the qualifiers are divided 4-2 between the Moderna and Pfizer brackets!

Parker, Onstott, Dawson, and Kolesnik were all in the Moderna bracket.

Jacobs and Smith (the low and high qualifier respectively) were in the Pfizer bracket.

To all the Qualifiers: Remember the Captain's meeting today at 10AM Pacific time.

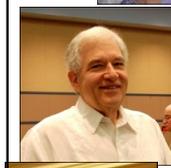
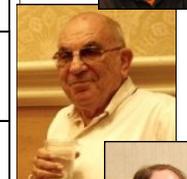
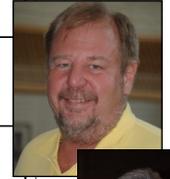
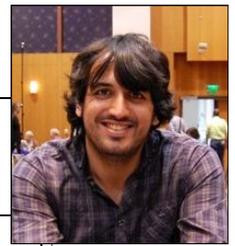
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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 3**

Teams Entered...

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Sam Dinkin Dave Caprera	Karen McCallum Michael Shuster Anne Brenner	Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Eric Greco																																
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"Grandma has a new way to do dishes. She washes them in the sink and dries them off with a towel."



"...There's not one electronic device being used."



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Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2			
MONDAY	APRIL 12	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
KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
TUESDAY	APRIL 13	1:00 PM (TENTATIVE)	
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	APRIL 16	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	APRIL 17	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	APRIL 18	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	APRIL 19	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

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.

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- Normal USBF System regulations apply to this event.
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- The ACBL Open+ Convention Chart applies to this event.



Kibitzing on VuGraph...

THERE WILL BE DELAYED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE JLALL3 EVENT.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EDT)... The schedule will be the same each day:

Round 1: 2:30 pm

Round 2: 4:05 pm

Round 3: 5:30 pm

Round 4: 7:50 pm

Round 5: 9:25 pm

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

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 **kibitzrealbridge.online**, 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 #3, 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 playing (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 happens. You do not get to hear or see the players yet (that's coming).

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. For now, anyone can type chat into 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 also 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 for the Round Robin will not include scores from previous rounds).

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

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right in case you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.

TIMING OF DELAY

The Round Robin matches will be delayed until 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 because one or two tables are slow to play the board. **For the second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter has been completed.**

That means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:15 EDT.

Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice Conference
Monday 28 June – Thursday 1 July 2021 (Ten 2-hour sessions online)



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Around the World of Bridge News...

28 June: Benefits of bridge as a sport
 Welcome: World Bridge Federation President

[1A] Bridge as a MindSport
 13:00 (BST UK) / 08:00 (EDT)

[1B] Wellbeing & Bridge
 16:30 (BST UK) / 11:30 (EDT)

Keynote: Prof Martin Seligman (USA)
Bridge at the Top (Jill Levin & Chip Martel)

30 June: How can bridge be more inclusive?

[3A] Ageing, Intergenerationality & Bridge
 10:00 (BST UK) / 05:00 (EDT)

[3B] Gender, Sexism & Bridge
 15:00 (BST UK) / 10:00 (EDT)

Panel 1 Women's Bridge: Pros & Cons
 Panel 2 Sexism within the Game: Solutions?

29 June: The future hybrid of F2F & online

[2A] Covid Impacts on Bridge
 11:30 (BST UK) / 06:30 (EDT)

[2B] Digital Bridge & Cheating
 19:30 (BST UK) / 14:30 (EDT)

Panel: Jan Kamras (EBL), Eric Laurant (WBF)
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1 July: How to transform the image of bridge?

[4A] New Approaches to Recruitment
 13:00 (BST UK) / 08:00 (EDT)

Panel 1 Teaching & Retaining Learners
 Panel 2 How to get more Bridge into Schools

[4B] Marketing Bridge
 16:30 (BST UK) / 11:30 (EDT)

29 June Conference Pairs + Q&A with RealBridge 15:00 (BST UK) / 10:00 (EDT)

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Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	4♥= S		♣Q	420																												
Peter Sun & Weishu Wu	Ahmed Soliman & David Chechelashvili	4♥-1 S		♣Q	50																												
Claude Vogel & George Jacobs	Chris Compton & Venkatrao Koneru	4♥-1 S		♣Q	50																												
Dennis Dawson & CharlieWilkins	Jill Meyers & Kerri Sanborn	6♥X-1 S		♠10	100																												
Gary Cohler & Eric Robinson	Mark Itabashi & Mitch Dunitz	6♥X-2 S		♣Q	300																												

On Board 1 of RR2 every table played in hearts N/S. The level ranged from game to slam with two tables in between. The contract produced nine to twelve tricks depending on whether it was played from North or South and/or depending on the opening lead and declarer's play at trick one.

Koneru Vogel Compton Jacobs

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

The auction to the left is from Jacobs's table in the Jacobs/Onstott match. Koneru's 2C showed two places to play, suggesting that distribution might create a problem. 2D was a transfer to hearts.

Koneru led the CQ. Jacobs had a choice. His could cover the queen or not. He chose to cover and defeated his own game. Compton won the ace; cashed the SA; and returned a club to Koneru's CJ to score a spade ruff. Contract failing one trick.

Beatty Casen Stewart Krekorian

W	N	E	S
	P	1♦*	1♥
1♠	4♦	P	4♥
P	P	P	

At the other table, East's 1D showed at least 4.

Beatty, like Koneru, led the CQ. Krekorian ducked!!! Stewart was helpless. He could win his CA on the next round and cash his SA, but he had no transportation to Beatty's hand to score his spade ruff. Contract making! 10 IMPs to Onstott

The two pairs in slam were simply caught speeding and nothing could save them.

In the words of Joey Silver... "Next Board!!"

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

STUFFED PEPPERS WITH MINT-YOGURT SAUCE Servings: 6

4 red bell peppers, deseeded. Tops saved
1 cup (190 grams) basmati rice
2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil
1 large yellow onion, finely chopped
8 oz. (225 grams) mushrooms, chopped or ground lamb
1/2 cup (75 grams) golden raisins
3 tablespoons (9 grams) chopped dill
3 tablespoons (22 grams) crumbled feta cheese
Salt and black pepper
1-1/2 cups (360 ml) vegetable or chicken stock

To serve:

2 cups (480 ml) marinara sauce

MINT-YOGURT SAUCE

1 cup (240 ml) Greek yogurt
1/2 teaspoon (2 ml) Aleppo pepper flakes (optional)
Finely grated zest of 1/2 lime, plus 1 1/2 teaspoons (7 ml) lime juice
1 teaspoon (5 ml) dried mint
1 tablespoon (15 ml) honey
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Pre-heat the oven to 390 F.

Remove tops of 6 peppers and remove pith and seeds (reserving the tops for later).

Place rice in a saucepan and cover with lightly salted water. Boil for 5 minutes, drain, rinse, and set aside.

Add the olive oil and onions to a frying pan and cook over medium heat until onions are soft and slightly golden. Add the mushrooms (or lamb) and fry for a couple of minutes. Add the raisins, dill and reserved rice to frying pan. Stir in feta cheese, season with salt and pepper to taste.

Evenly divide rice stuffing inside the peppers and top peppers with their lids. Arrange the peppers in a high-sided oven dish, then pour stock over peppers and cover dish tightly with foil. Bake for 40 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for an additional 30 minutes, until the peppers are cooked through and browned on top. Spoon some of the stock on the bottom of the oven dish over the top of the peppers a few times while they are cooking.

Make the Yogurt Sauce by whisking all ingredients in a small bowl and setting aside.

To serve, place about 1/4 cup of the marinara sauce on a plate, top with a cooked pepper and drizzle a little yogurt sauce around the edges.



PERFECT ITALIAN PASTA SALAD

Servings: 8

1 pound fusilli pasta, cooked via box instructions

Salt and pepper

1/2 cup (115 g) extra-virgin olive oil

5 garlic cloves, minced

3 anchovy fillets, rinsed, patted dry and minced

1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1 cup (128 g) pepperoncini, stemmed plus 2 tablespoons (30 ml) brine from jar

2 tablespoons capers(30 ml), rinsed

2 cups baby arugula

20 fresh basil leaves, chopped

1/2 cup (64 g) oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes sliced thin

1/2 cup (64 g) pitted kalamata olives, quartered

4 ounces (110 g) soppressata, cut into 3/8-inch dice

4 ounces (110 g) mortadella, chopped

8 ounces (225 g) fresh mozzarella cheese, cut into 3/8-inch dice and patted dry

Directions:

Heat a sauté pan to medium high. Add oil, garlic, anchovy and red pepper flakes. Cook over medium heat to dissolve anchovies (takes about two minutes).

Divide pepperoncini in half and slice thin rings and set aside. Transfer one half of pepperoncini to food processor. Add capers and pulse 8 to 10 pulses until finely chopped. Use your spatula to scrape down sides of bowl as needed. Add pepperoncini brine and warm oil mixture and process until combined (about 20 seconds).

Add dressing to pasta and toss to combine. Add arugula, basil, sun-dried tomatoes, olives, soppressata, mortadella, and mozzarella and reserved half of pepperoncini and toss well. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

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



STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING

Servings: 6-8

3 tablespoons (45 ml) cold unsalted butter, diced, plus more for buttering pan
18 pitted dates, chopped preferably Medjool
1 cup (240 ml) water
1 teaspoon (5 ml) baking soda
½ cup (107 grams) packed light brown sugar
2 large eggs, at room temperature
1 teaspoon (5 ml) vanilla extract
Grated zest of 1 small orange
1 cup (120 grams) all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon (5 ml) baking powder
½ teaspoon (2 ml) kosher salt

Caramel Sauce:

1 cup (240 ml) heavy cream (divided), at room temperature
¼ cup (53 grams) sugar
1 tablespoon (15 ml) light corn syrup
1 tablespoon (15 ml) pure maple syrup
1 tablespoon (15 ml) unsalted butter
½ teaspoon (2 ml) kosher salt

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Butter an 8-inch square cake pan.

Combine the dates and water in a small saucepan and cook until the dates are softened, about 10 minutes. Mash dates with a fork or potato masher and stir in baking soda and let cool for 15 minutes.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream the brown sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing well between additions. Add the vanilla and orange zest and mix well. Scrape down the bowl.

Sift the flour and baking powder together and add salt. With the mixer turned off, add the dry ingredients and mix until just combined.

Add the cooled date mixture and mix well until combined. Transfer the batter to the prepared cake pan. Place a piece of paper towel in the center of a larger roasting pan and set the filled pan inside a roasting pan or. Fill the large pan with hot water until it reaches halfway up the sides of the cake pan. Cover the large pan tightly with aluminum foil. This creates a steam method for cooking the cake. Bake the cake for 30 minutes. Remove the pan and let the cake cool for 15 minutes in the water bath, covered.

Whilst cake is baking, make caramel sauce. Place ½ cup of cream, sugar, corn syrup, maple syrup, butter and salt into a medium saucepan and stir well. Bring the mixture to a boil over medium-high heat. Whisk frequently for 15-25 minutes, until the mixture turns a golden chestnut brown color. Add the remaining ½ cup of cream and whisk well to dissolve any lumps. Continue cooking over low heat for about 10 minutes, until deep golden brown. Remove from the heat.

Carefully lift the cake pan from the water bath, use a knife to release the cake from the sides of the pan if necessary. Invert the cake onto a cutting board.

Pour about half of the caramel sauce into the bottom of the pan. Using 2 large spatulas, return the cake to the pan, and pour the remaining sauce over the cake. Let the cake cool completely before serving or refrigerate for up to 3 days.

Cut into slices and serve with any extra caramel sauce.



Board 4
Dealer W
All Vul

♠ K64
♥ 632
♦ AK6
♣ 9864

♠ Q105
♥ J84
♦ J102
♣ A1072

♠ J9732
♥ Q9
♦ Q4
♣ KQJ5

♠ A8
♥ AK1075
♦ 98753
♣ 3

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	
N	8	6	10	10	6
S	8	6	10	10	6
E	5	6	3	3	6
W	5	6	3	3	6

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	Jill Meyers & Kerri Sanborn	4♥ = N	♣K	620
Gary Cohler & Eric Robinson	Mark Itabashi & Mitch Dunitz	4♥ = N	♣K	620
Harrison Luba & Ai-Tai Lo	Qiang Zhang & Eric Xiao	4♥ = S	♦J	620
Peter Sun & Weishu Wu	Ahmed Soliman & David Chechelashvili	4♥ = S	♥4	620
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	4♥ = S	♠5	620
Adam Grossack & Chris Parker	Kevin Rosenberg & Owen Lien	4♥ = S	♥4	620
Bob Etter & Bill Harker	Paul Lewis & Doug Doub	3♥ +1 S	♠5	170
Ron Smith & Billy Cohen	Alex Kolesnik & Michael Xu	3♥ +1 S	♠5	170
Claude Vogel & George Jacobs	Chris Compton & Venkatrao Koneru	3♥ +1 S	♠5	170
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	3♥ +1 S	♠5	170

The question on Board 4 is: As South, would you bid Michaels over East's 1S opener?

Every pair who bid Michaels got to the vulnerable 4H game and scored +620.

All four tables at the bottom of the traveler who played in 3H making four overcalled 2H. Over 2H, West bid 2S and 3H became ambiguous... was it simply competitive or was it suggesting an invitation to bid game?

When Zhang held the East hand, he passed in first seat so Luba and Lo had an unimpeded auction and bid game easily.

David and Soliman found their way to game after East opened 1S; South overcalled 2H; West raised to 2S and North chose 3NT instead of 3H. South bid 4D and North bid 4H.

Parker and Grossack found 4H after K Rosenberg opened 1C (lead directing?) in third seat.

It would seem that bidding Michaels would be preferable to bidding 2H since you can show partner ten of your cards or only five. It will be easier for him to make a sound judgment with more as opposed to less information.



Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku Answers on Page 15



"Wow! I didn't know you can play solitaire without a computer."



"Was the world in color when you were little, Grandma, or was it still just black and white?"



Actually, I'm fine. I just like to have a place where I'm allowed on the couch.



YES, IT IS TRUE THAT YOU SHOULD NEVER GO TO BED ANGRY. BUT 43 YEARS IS A LONG TIME TO GO WITHOUT SLEEP.

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14

Movie Title	Release Date	Day of the Week	Friend's Name
"Victorious"	January 2nd	Tuesday	Lester
"The Affair"	January 16th	Monday	Nathan
"Just Before Dawn"	January 9th	Friday	George
"Heavenly Stars"	January 30th	Wednesday	Brad
"At Midnight"	January 23rd	Thursday	Tim

Board 2
Dealer E
NS Vul

♠ AJ7
♥ 10975
♦ A3
♣ 10853

♠ -
♥ Q832
♦ Q98752
♣ QJ7

♠ 96
♥ KJ64
♦ K1064
♣ K92

♠ KQ1085432
♥ A
♦ J
♣ A64

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

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	Jill Meyers & Kerri Sanborn	4♠-1 E	♦4	50
Ron Smith & Billy Cohen	Alex Kolesnik & Michael Xu	4♠-1 E	♥4	50
Peter Sun & Weishu Wu	Ahmed Soliman & David Chechelashvili	4♠-1 E	♥6	50
Gary Cohler & Eric Robinson	Mark Itabashi & Mitch Dunitz	4♠= E	♠9	420
Bob Etter & Bill Harker	Paul Lewis & Doug Doub	4♠= E	♠9	420
Harrison Luba & Ai-Tai Lo	Qiang Zhang & Eric Xiao	4♠= E	♠6	420
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	4♠= E	♠9	420
Claude Vogel & George Jacobs	Chris Compton & Venkatrao Koneru	4♠= E	♠9	420
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	4♠= E	♠6	420
Adam Grossack & Chris Parker	Kevin Rosenberg & Owen Lien	4♠+1 E	♠6	450

All ten tables played 4S from the East hand. The auction at seven tables was 1S-1N-4S. At two tables, East self-splintered to show a singleton diamond. (1S-1NT-4D-4S)

At every table where 4S was successful, a trump was the opening lead. The trump picked up partner's AJ7. Frequently, when a player opens four of a major or shows such length, dummy will be void and the only way for declarer to avoid losers in the trump suit is for an opponent to play it for him. Such is the case here.

Weishu Wu led the H6 against 4S after a Gazilli auction. He defeated the game.

Jill Meyers self-splintered diamonds and Charlie Wilkins worked out that a diamond lead would be safe. Accordingly, he led a diamond and the contract was doomed.

Billy Cohen led a heart, the suit where he needed the least from partner to be right. Partner didn't have what he wanted, but declarer had singleton ace so he was fine. Again, 4S went down one!

The less than scientific maxim of "When in doubt, lead trumps" is once again proven to be a myth. Every defender who defeated 4S gained 10 IMPs!



Fun and Games Page

Find and circle all of the pizza ingredients and toppings that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell four additional pizza toppings.

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

ARTICHOKE HEARTS
 ASIAGO
 ASPARAGUS
 BACON
 BANANA PEPPERS
 BASIL
 BELL PEPPERS
 BLACK OLIVES
 BROCCOLI

CRUST
 EGGPLANT
 FETA
 GARLIC
 GOAT CHEESE
 GOUDA
 GREEN OLIVES
 GROUND BEEF
 HAM

JALAPENOS
 MONTEREY JACK
 MOZZARELLA
 MUSHROOMS
 OLIVE OIL
 ONIONS
 OYSTERS
 PARMESAN
 PEPPERONI

PROVOLONE
 RICOTTA
 SALAMI
 SAUSAGE
 SHRIMP
 SPINACH
 TOMATO SAUCE
 TOMATOES
 ZUCCHINI

To neigh or not to neigh... that is the equestrian!

My favorite exercise is a cross between a lunge and a crunch... I call it lunch!

Why are French snails faster than others? L'ess Cargot



Elliot was pleased to note that there were a number of new movies releasing this month that he really wanted to see. Since he hated going to the movies alone, he checked with his friends and several expressed an interest in joining him. Although each of his friends wanted to see just one of the movies on his list, they'd conveniently all picked different movies so he had all of his selections covered. They went to see the movies in the evening the week after the movie released. The day of the week varied however depending upon the schedules of the friend joining him. Determine the title and release date of each movie that Elliot went to see (one release date was January 23rd), the day of the week that they went to see each movie, and the name of the friend who went with Elliot each week.

1. "Heavenly Stars" released on January 30th but Elliot didn't see it on a Thursday night. Nathan went with Elliot on a Monday night but they didn't see "Victorious".
2. George didn't join Elliot on a Wednesday night. Elliot saw the movie that released on January 9th on a Friday night but not with Tim.
3. "The Affair" came out a week after the movie that Elliot saw with George but a week before the movie that Elliot saw on a Thursday night.
4. Elliot did not see the movie that released on January 16th on a Tuesday night.
5. Elliot saw "At Midnight" before he went with Brad but two weeks after "Just Before Dawn".
6. Lester went to see the movie that released on January 2nd but not on a Wednesday night.

Movie Title	Release Date	Day of the Week	Friend's Name

**Logic
Puzzle**

Answers on
page 11



Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku

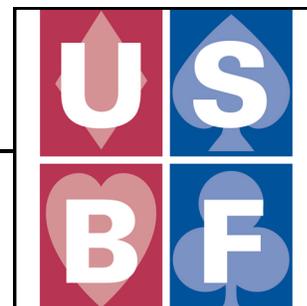
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

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We hope you will join us.

Board 21
Dealer N
NS Vul

♠ J42
♥ K7432
♦ J10874
♣ —

♠ AKQ8
♥ J
♦ KQ53
♣ 10865

♠ 953
♥ 65
♦ A6
♣ AKJ974

♠ 1076
♥ AQ1098
♦ 92
♣ Q32

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	
N	4	2	8	4	2
S	4	2	8	4	2
E	8	10	5	8	11
W	8	10	5	8	11

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	Owen Lien & Kevin Rosenberg	6♣-1 E	♥A	50
Jacob Morgan & John Onstott	Peter Sun & Weishu Wu	6♣-1 E	♥A	50
Claude Vogel & George Jacobs	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	6♣-1 E	♥A	50
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Mark Itabashi & Mitch Dunitz	5♣= E	♥A	400
Bob Etter & Bill Harker	Steve Garner & Jeff Wolfson	5♣= E	♥A	400
Gary Cohler & Eric Robinson	Alex Kolesnik & Michael Xu	5♣= E	♥A	400
Andy Stark & Franco Baseggio	Paul Lewis & Doug Doub	5♣= E	♥A	400
Disa Eythorsdottir & Linda Lewis	Ahmed Soliman & David Chechelashvili	5♣= E	♥A	400
Brian Zhang & Qiang Zhang	Jim Krekorian & Drew Casen	5♣= E	♥A	400
Adam Grossack & Chris Parker	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	4♥X-2 S	♠A	500

It is surprising that only three pairs bid the excellent (89%) club slam. It takes the 3-0 trump break offside to defeat it.

In the Parker/Jacobs match, both North/South pairs tried to take the preemptive save in 4H. Grossack/Parker were allowed to play it there doubled for -500 ... not a good result with the club slam failing.

Jacobs/Vogel took the same road to 4H, but when Wooldridge doubled it, Grainger pulled the double and bid the 6C slam!

Bd 21, Dlr N
4♥X-2 S

W Steve Beatty
E Fred Stewart

♠ J42
♥ K7432
♦ J10874
♣ —

♠ AKQ8
♥ J
♦ KQ53
♣ 10865

♠ 953
♥ 65
♦ A6
♣ AKJ974

♠ 1076
♥ AQ1098
♦ 92
♣ Q32

W	N	E	S
X	4♥	1♠*	1♥
X	P	P	P
X	P	P	P

Chris Parker S

Bd 21, Dlr N
6♣-1 E

W David Grainger
E Joel Wooldridge

♠ J42
♥ K7432
♦ J10874
♣ —

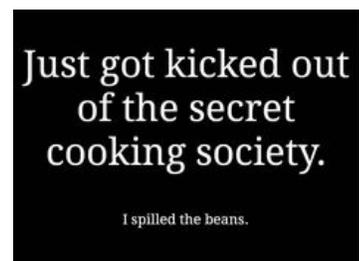
♠ AKQ8
♥ J
♦ KQ53
♣ 10865

♠ 953
♥ 65
♦ A6
♣ AKJ974

♠ 1076
♥ AQ1098
♦ 92
♣ Q32

W	N	E	S
X*	4♥	X	P
6♣	P	P	P

George Jacobs S



11 IMPs to Jacobs

Just got fired from my job as a set designer.

I left without making a scene



Six pairs bid to 6H on Board 37.

Casen and Krekorian had a particularly good auction. Casen opened 1H and Krekorian responded 2S, explained as artificial-like Jacoby. Lien overcalled 3D and Casen bid 3S, promising a diamond control. Krekorian bid Blackwood and Casen showed 1/4 keycards. That was good enough for Jim who jumped to the heart slam.

There was little to the play. K Rosenberg led a small diamond and Casen won the ace. He played a spade to the ace and finessed the HK, pulled trump and claimed his slam.

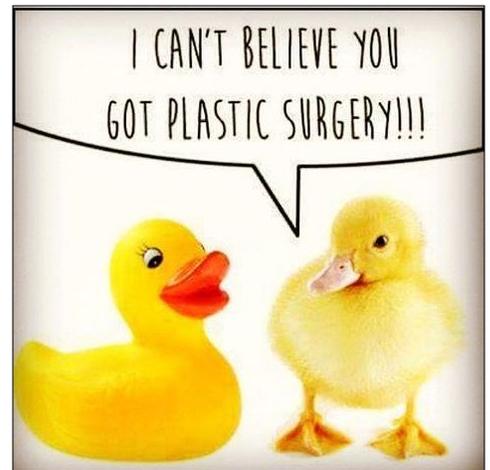
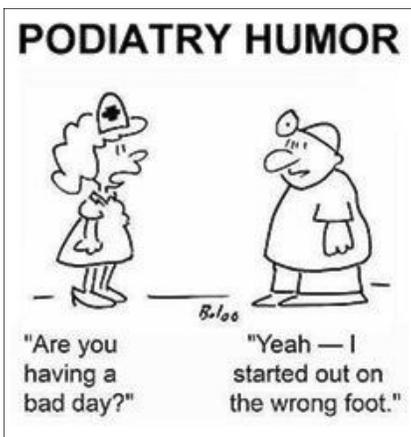
Bd 37, Dlr N 6♥ = N		♠ AK107 ♥ QJ9853 ♦ 5 ♣ Q7	N Drew Casen
W Owen Lien ♠ Q642 ♥ 6 ♦ KQJ76 ♣ K86		Kevin Rosenberg E ♠ J983 ♥ K10 ♦ 432 ♣ 10943	
0 0		♠ 5 ♥ A742 ♦ A1098 ♣ AJ52	W N E S 1♥ P 2♠* 3♦ 3♠* P 4NT P 5♠* P 6♥ P P P
Jim Krekorian S			

In the other room, Watson opened a modern Flannery (4+ spades and 5+ hearts). While he doesn't hold a maximum by any means, perhaps a 4-6 just plays too well to be opened this way??

One pair only went down in the slam. Dick Bruno led the FOUR of clubs against Luba who rose with the ace and played a second club to establish the CJ for a pitch. Bruno followed with the C3! Kerry Smith won his CK and played a third round of clubs.

Luba, in an abundance of caution, fearing perhaps from the high-low that Bruno started with only two clubs, ruffed with the HQ! This, unfortunately for Luba, established a second trick for HKT now sitting over the jack. This resulted in 17 IMPs to Jacobs when Stewart bid and brought home the slam at the other table.

W	N	E	S
	2♦*	P	4♥
P	P	P	



Bd 39, Dlr S 1NT-3 N W Billy Cohen Eric Stoltz S	♠ AJ962 ♥ Q98 ♦ A7 ♣ A74	N Roger McNay Ron Smith E
	♠ 53 ♥ A43 ♦ 8542 ♣ J963	♠ KQ108 ♥ K1062 ♦ K6 ♣ K102
0 0 Eric Stoltz S	♠ 74 ♥ J75 ♦ QJ1093 ♣ Q85	W N E S P 1NT P P P

North declared 1NT at most tables and took six or seven tricks.

In the Dawson/Smith match, accurate defense and a declarer mis-guess resulted in 1NT being set three tricks. Ron Smith led the SQ. When this held the trick, he switched to the HT. This was ducked around to declarer's queen. Since there was no clear entry to dummy's diamond suit, Roger McNay played on spades. He cashed the SA and exited with the S9; Billy Cohen pitched the D2. Smith switched to the C2 and Cohen's CJ held the trick. The C3 was returned, and Smith won the CK and cleared the suit. McNay played a third round of spades. Smith won the spade and played a heart to Cohen's ace. Billy cashed the thirteenth club on which Smith discarded the DK. Cohen led a heart to Smith and Smith cashed the thirteenth heart. Declarer took the DA on the last trick and was defeated by three tricks for -300.

At the other table in the Dawson/Smith match, Smith's teammates, Linda Lewis and Disa found the cold 2D contract and scored +90 producing 9 IMPs for the Smith team.

On the same hand, in the Jacobs/Lo match, Harrison Luba took ten tricks with the same North/South cards.

Dick Bruno led the SK, on which Kerry Smith played the discouraging S5. When this held the trick, Bruno continued with the S8, won by declarer's nine.

Luba cashed the SA and exited with a spade. Dummy discarded the D3 and H5, while Smith discarded the D2 and D4, in that order.

Because they were playing upside down signals, the diamond discards looked encouraging!

Accordingly, Dick played what turned out to be "the not-so-brilliant DK".

Bd 39, Dlr S 1NT+3 N W Kerry Smith Ai-Tai Lo S	♠ AJ962 ♥ Q98 ♦ A7 ♣ A74	N Harrison Luba Dick Bruno E
	♠ 53 ♥ A43 ♦ 8542 ♣ J963	♠ KQ108 ♥ K1062 ♦ K6 ♣ K102
0 0 Ai-Tai Lo S	♠ 74 ♥ J75 ♦ QJ1093 ♣ Q85	W N E S P 1NT P P P

Luba won the DA and cashed his last spade, discarding a heart from dummy. Three rounds of diamonds were cashed, and Luba exited dummy with the HJ. This was ducked to Bruno's king.

Bruno returned the CK. Luba won the CA, and took the rest of the tricks, since Smith had been squeezed down to the HA and the Jx of clubs. Declarer scored +180.

At the other table, Stewart/Beatty took seven tricks in 1NT, producing a 3 IMP gain for the Lo team.