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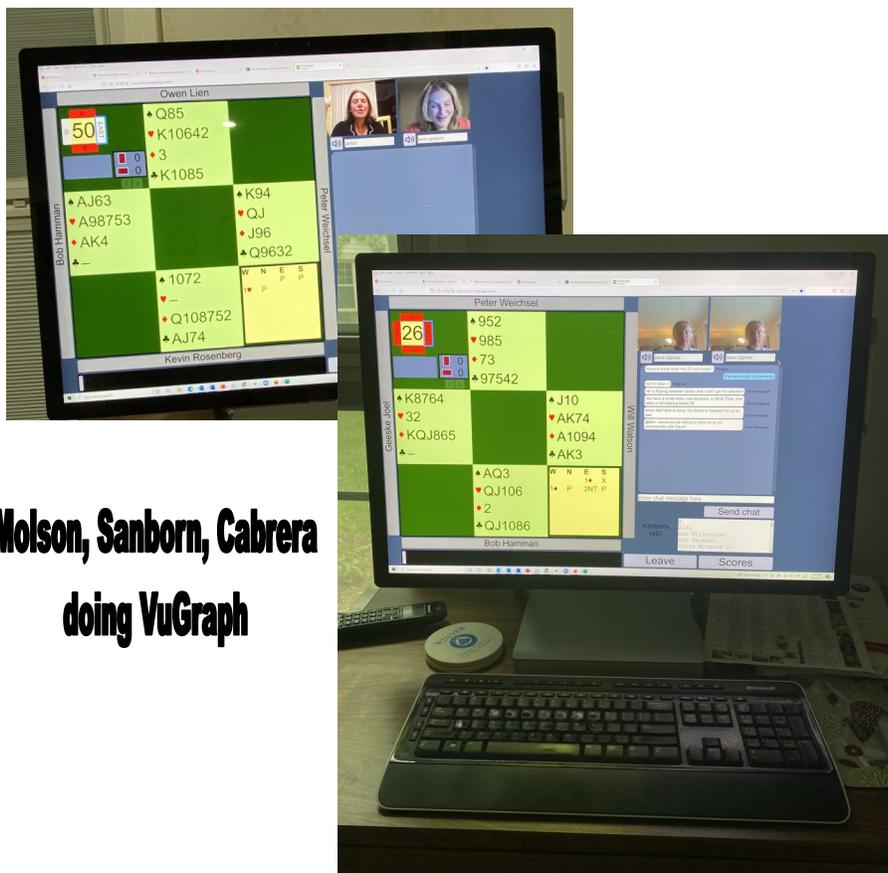
# Results...

<u>USBF JLall Online Teams #4 - 2021</u>							
SemiFinal (56 boards)				Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.			
20-JUN-2021				<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>			
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Beatty - wins tie</a>	134	27	21	48	38	
4	<a href="#">Clayton</a>	139	29	52	28	30	
2	<a href="#">Joel</a>	116	27	20	28	28	+13
3	<a href="#">Lall</a>	140	43	33	17	57	-10

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**This Just In...  
Justin Lall Online Teams 4**



**Molson, Sanborn, Cabrera  
doing VuGraph**

**See Page 12 for Today's  
Schedule Change...  
See Page 4 for today's changed  
Kibitzing Times!**

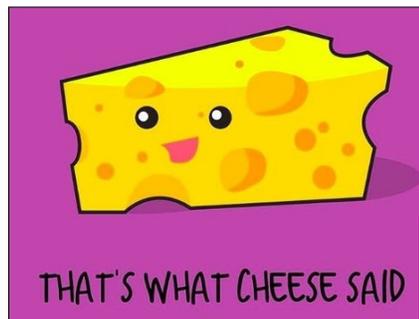
# Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

There are 32 teams entered and listed in alphabetic order.



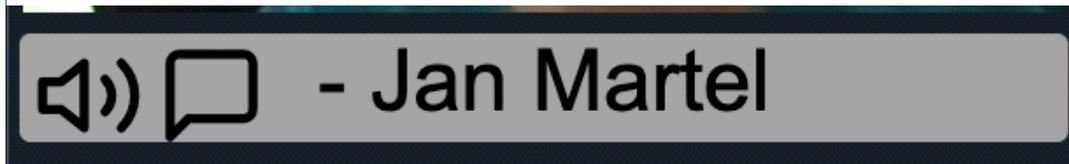
Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jim Foster Jenni Carmichael	Fred Stewart Bryan Howard Tom Carmichael	Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt David Chechelashvili Howard Liu	Bill Pettis Ahmed Soliman Eugene Hung
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt Mark Moss Mark Ralph	Cris Barrere Bob Thomson Bill Harker	Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
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Bitterman	Bob Bitterman, Capt Dave Caprera Mark Aquino	Bob Cappelli Anne Brenner Jon Green	Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Carrie Liu Alan Watson	Anton Tsyppkin Maxim Silin Rick Binder
Clayton	Phil Clayton, Capt Franco Baseggio Jeff Roman	Andrew Gumperz Alex Kolesnik Ralph Buchalter	Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Bill Hall John Jones
Compton	Chris Compton, Capt Ron Smith Billy Miller	Andy Goodman Tod Moses	Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Steve Garner
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Ross Grabel	Charlie Wilkins Ifti Baqai Mitch Dunitz	Sanborn	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Alex Ornstein Disa Eythorsdottir	Jill Meyers Bruce Rogoff Janice Molson
Delmonte	Ish DelMonte, Capt Jeff Ferro	Finn Kolesnik Leni Holtz	Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Stephen Tu Robbie Hopkins	John Miller Lynn Shannon Joan Lewis
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Kim Gilman Alex Hudson	Ethan Wood Dan Jablonski Cynthia Huang	Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Walter Lee Allan Falk	Jeff Aker Frank Merblum John Lusky
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Harrison Luba Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Joe Grue Iulian Rotaru	Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Farid Assemi Jessica Lai	Greg Vance Jim Slinger Drew Hoskins
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Zia Mahmood Kevin Bathurst	Daniel Korbel Jerry Stamatov John Hurd	Wu	Weishu Wu, Capt Ming Sheng Jane Wang	Peter Sun Winston Huang Jiang Chen
Harris	Marty Harris, Capt Louis Glasthal	Miriam Harris-Botzum Mike Massimilla	Xu	Yang Xu, Capt Avery Silverstein Jack Boge	William Scott Hengrui Xing Kai Eckert
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Roger Lee	Joyce Hill Vince Demuy	Zhang	Qiang Zhang, Capt Serena Guo Eric Xiao	Brian Zhang Victor Xiao Steve Chen
Joel	Geeske Joel, Capt Will Watson Debbie Rosenberg	Kevin Rosenberg Owen Lien Michael Rosenberg			
Juniors #1	Samuel Pahk, Capt Andrew Chen Jeff Xiao	Michael Haas Charlie Chen Olivia Schireson			
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt John Diamond Bob Hamman	Reese Milner Brian Platnick Peter Weichsel			
Lebowitz	Adam Grossack, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Larry Lebowitz Joel Wooldridge Gavin Wolpert			
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mark Lair			
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Josh Donn Bart Bramley	Linda Lewis Greg Hinze Kit Woolsey			



## How To Type Chat to Your Screenmate...

Jan and Al Hollander have received this question multiple times so here is the answer:

If there is a problem with someone's microphone or speaker and you need to communicate with your screenmate by typing, you can type just to them, instead of to the whole table. You do that by clicking on this symbol, which you can see to the left of your screenmate's name:



That will open a second chat window and the chat you type in that window will go only to that one person.

Tournament Schedule			
<i>ROUND OF 16</i>			
FRIDAY	JUNE 18	12:30 - 2:15 2:40 - 4:25  5:10 - 6:55 7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 45 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
<i>QUARTERFINAL</i>			
SATURDAY	JUNE 19	12:30 - 2:15 2:40 - 4:25  5:10 - 6:55 7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 45 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
<i>SEMIFINAL</i>			
SUNDAY	JUNE 20	12:30 - 2:15 2:40 - 4:25  5:10 - 6:55 7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 45 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
<i>FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)</i>			
MONDAY	JUNE 21	12:30 - 2:15 2:40 - 4:25  5:10 - 6:55 7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 45 MINUTE 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.

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.



## The Joel Team

# Kibitzing on VuGraph...

THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE JLALL4 EVENT.

>> First quarter - play starts at 1:30 EDT, kibitzing starts at 2:00 EDT

>> Second quarter - play starts at 3:40 EDT, kibitzing starts at 4:10

>> EDT Third quarter - play starts at 6:10 EDT, kibitzing starts at 7:10

>> EDT Fourth quarter - play starts at 8:15 EDT, kibitzing starts at 9:15 EDT



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

To kibitz, go to <https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>, enter your name and click on Log In. You will be taken to a screen where you select to kibitz the JLall4 event.

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #4, 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. In the middle of the table, immediately under the table number, you will see the board # and trick # in play. There will be information about the number of kibitzers at a table and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table. At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happened. 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. Anyone can type chat into the chat window.

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.

-- "Rewind" the play by moving the vertical handle on the slider underneath the table to the left.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name to 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 of the tables.

----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 for this match).

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

## TIMING OF DEFERRAL

The Round Robin matches will be deferred until each round is complete.

The first half KO matches will be deferred for half an hour or until each board has been played at all tables, so there may be a period when nothing new is being shown because one table is very slow to play the board. **For the second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter is complete.**

**This prevents players from accessing useful state of match information. It also means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:10 EDT.**



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## **Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice** Monday 28 June – Thursday 1 July 2021 (online)

### **Welcome to the BAMSA Conference 2021**

At the end of June 2021, BAMSA is hosting **Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice**, an online international bridge conference that brings together more than 60 presenters and panelists from 20 countries. We are grateful to the University of Stirling, the American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation, the Scottish Bridge Union and the Leisure Studies Association for their support.

The conference is designed for academics, practitioners and policymakers. The sessions will provide a forum for presenters and participants to exchange ideas, review case studies and share good practice.

The event is open to anyone that cares about bridge and the sustainability of the game. Academics, bridge players, teachers and organisers are all welcome.

The conference will highlight the latest findings from BAMSA's research network. It will showcase the ways in which academic research can inform policy and influence the grass-roots development of bridge as a mindsport.

The programme is varied in terms of format and participant engagement, balancing academic rigour with practical examples. The overall aim of the conference is to push the boundaries of current academic thinking and shape a future research agenda.

Broadly speaking, the sessions on the first and third day are theoretical in focus, and those on the second and fourth day are practical. Having said that, there will be academics and non-academics at every session, and presentations will be tailored to a mixed audience.

In addition to the live sessions, speakers and panelists have prepared recorded presentations in advance. The recordings are available to view on the BAMSA website from May 2021. We strongly recommend participants watch the videos beforehand.

We very much hope you will join us for the BAMSA 2021 Conference. The success of the event will depend on the engagement of a wide range of people from the world of academia and the world of bridge.

*Professor Samantha Punch & the BAMSA team*

**For More Info...**

<https://bridgemindsport.org/bridging-academia-policy-practice-conference/>



**Board 10**  
**Dealer E**  
**All Vul**

♠ AJ104  
 ♥ AQ75  
 ♦ J10  
 ♣ AQ3

♠ 92  
 ♥ 9632  
 ♦ A7  
 ♣ 98762

♠ Q8763  
 ♥ J108  
 ♦ 985  
 ♣ KJ

♠ K5  
 ♥ K4  
 ♦ KQ6432  
 ♣ 1054

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	12	10	10	12
S	11	9	10	11
E	1	3	2	1
W	1	3	2	1

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	6NT= N	♥J	1440
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Franco Baseggio & Alex Kolesnik	6♦= S	♠9	1370
John Diamond & Brian Platnick	Owen Lien & Kevin Rosenberg	4NT+2 N	♠6	690
Andrew Gumperz & Phil Clayton	Jim Foster & Bryan Howard	6NT-1 N	♥J	100

On Board 10, three tables reached slam. Two of those played in NT.

At both tables, the HJ was led and at both tables, declarer won the heart in hand to preserve the heart entry to dummy's diamonds in case diamonds were splitting badly. Both declarers followed with the DJ won by West. *As you will observe later, it would have been more prudent for West to duck the diamond!* Both West players returned a club which both declarers won with the ace.

Gumperz cashed his DJ and led a heart to the king. He cashed out the diamonds to reach this position:

He cashed the SK and led a spade to his ace. When the queen failed to fall, he was down one!

Will Watson gave himself an extra chance for success. After winning the CA, he led a heart to the king and crossed to his hand with a diamond. He cashed the HA, discarding a small club from dummy and led a spade to dummy's king. After three rounds of diamonds, he reached the position below:

On the play of the last diamond, Hamman discarded a club. Watson discarded a heart. Weichsel discarded a small spade.

Watson led a spade from dummy and rose ace dropping Weichsel's queen to take twelve tricks.

Watson had a spade/heart squeeze on Hamman if Hamman held the spade queen... or he had a spade/club squeeze on Weichsel. Proving... Those who CAN, both play AND direct! 13 IMPs to Joel when the opponents stopped in 4NT at the other table.

In the Beatty/Clayton match, Beatty won 16 IMPs when Stewart/Beatty reached 6D and received a friendly spade lead for an easy 12 tricks and Gumperz/Clayton were defeated in 6NT.

# Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions!

## Papi Steak's Short Ribs with Carolina Gold Barbecue Sauce

### Ingredients

#### For the Papi Steak spice blend:

- 1 1/2 cups kosher salt, preferably Diamond Crystal
- 1 1/2 cups smoked paprika
- 1 1/2 cups onion powder
- 1 cup garlic powder
- 1 cup dried oregano
- 1 cup black pepper, coarse-ground
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup ground cumin seeds

#### For the Papi Steak Carolina gold barbecue sauce:

- 4 cups yellow mustard, preferably Colman's Original English Mustard
- 2 cups apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup molasses
- 1 cup honey
- 1/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper

#### For the short ribs:

- 2 pounds wood chips or chunks, if using a smoker (can soak in water for 5 to 10 minutes to prevent them from burning quickly)
- 2 pieces bone-in short rib, tempered outside of the refrigerator for 30 minutes to 1 hour before cooking
- 1 cup smooth yellow mustard, preferably Colman's Original English Mustard
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar

### Preparation

1. **For the spice blend:** Whisk all ingredients together in a large, dry bowl and set aside.
2. **For the sauce:** Add all ingredients to a blender and blend on high until smooth, about 2 minutes. Turn the blender off, scrape down all sides using a spatula, then blend on high for another 30 seconds. Reserve in a container while you make the short ribs.
3. Preheat the oven to 275° F, or if using a smoker, preheat it to the same temperature and light the wood chips.
4. Remove the short ribs from their packaging and dry with paper towels. This ensures that the mustard and the spices will adhere to the surface of the meat properly. Brush the short ribs with smooth yellow mustard, coating all surfaces. Season liberally on all sides with Papi Steak spice blend. (Note: Recipe yields more spice mix than needed; store extra in an airtight container for future uses.)
5. Place the short ribs on a baking sheet and add to the center rack of the preheated oven. If using a smoker, add the short ribs once the smoker is preheated and full of smoke. Cook until the ribs reach an internal temperature of 165° F in the center. There are many variables like the size of the short ribs and the size and strength of your oven or smoker, but the process should take between 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 hours.
6. Once the short ribs reach an internal temperature of 165° F, remove them from the smoker or oven and lightly spritz with apple cider vinegar from a spray bottle for a light, even coating. Wrap them in aluminum foil and place back in the smoker or oven, and cook until they reach an internal temperature of 206° F, an additional 1 to 2 hours.
7. Let rest for 30 minutes at room temperature before slicing, so that the juices do not leak out of the protein. (If you are cooking this to be served at a later date, cool to room temperature and then reserve in the refrigerator until you're ready to reheat through the following step.)
8. Heat the smoker or oven to 350° F. Place the rested (or chilled) short ribs back in the smoker or oven until the internal temperature reaches at least 140° F.
9. Remove the bones (they should come out easily), slice and drizzle the Papi Steak Carolina gold barbecue sauce over the short ribs, distributing the sauce over the top and sides. Serve with some additional sauce in a container on the side. (Note: Sauce recipe may also yield more than needed; store extra in an airtight container for future use.) *Serves 4-6.*



## Cheesy Broccoli Pasta with Sun-Dried Tomato

**Prep time:** 15 minutes

**Cooking time:** 30 minutes

**Total time:** 45 minutes



### Ingredients

- Salt
- 3 cups (about 7 ounces) broccoli, cut into small florets
- 1/2 pound fusilli pasta
- 1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes in oil, julienned (about 8-10 whole), plus 2 tablespoons of the oil
- 1 small shallot, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- Red pepper flakes or freshly ground black pepper
- 1/8 cup dry white wine
- 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan, plus more for topping

1. Boil well-salted water in a large pot. Add the broccoli and blanch for 30 seconds, then transfer to a bowl filled with ice water using a slotted spoon or tongs.
2. With the water still boiling, add the pasta and cook for 2 minutes less than the package instructions. Reserving 1/2 cup of the pasta water, drain and transfer pasta to a bowl.
3. Set the pot over medium heat and add the sun-dried tomato oil. Add shallots and cook for 3 minutes to soften, stirring occasionally. Add garlic, broccoli, sun-dried tomatoes and black pepper or red pepper flakes. Season with salt and cook for 2 to 3 more minutes until the garlic and broccoli begin to brown.
4. Add white wine and 1/4 cup of pasta water and let the liquid reduce slightly for 2 minutes. Stir in Worcestershire, grated cheese and pasta. If the mixture is too dry, add more pasta water 1 tablespoon at a time. Season to taste with salt (and black pepper, if using) then transfer to bowls and top with more grated cheese. *Serves 4.*

## Artichoke and Tomato Tart

2 ounces extra-virgin olive oil

6 artichokes cleaned and quartered (reserve blanching water)

1 lemon, juiced

1 bunch or 36 medium asparagus blanched (use same water used for artichokes)

6 medium leeks (white part only) cleaned, halved and sliced thin

6 heirloom tomatoes or assortment of currant or pear tomatoes

Salt and pepper

Herbs (chives, chervil, tarragon)

1/4 cup butter

Puff-Pastry Vol-Au-Vents

Blanch asparagus until tender, remove. In same water blanch artichokes rubbed with lemon. Remove.

For sauce: Reduce 2 cups of blanching liquid to 1/4 cup, whisk in 1/4 cup butter.

Roast vegetables and tomatoes seasoned with salt and papper until hot and tender.

Sauté leeks until tender. Season with salt and papper.

Cut top of the Vol-Au-Vent out and fill with leeks and vegetables.

Add sauce. Garnish with herbs.

### Puff-Pastry Vol-Au-Vents

Make six puff pastry disks 6 inches in diameter, with a 1/2 inch strip of puff pastry for border Seal with egg wash. Brush the top with remainder of egg wash. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until golden brown.

## Simply Grilled Spring Asparagus

### Ingredients

- 2 bunches jumbo asparagus
- High-quality extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Chardonnay vinegar, to taste
- Aged Parmigiano-Reggiano, to taste
- Zest of 2 lemons
- Freshly cracked black peppercorns (optional)



### Preparation

1. Preheat your grill to medium-high heat (400° F), or preheat a cast-iron skillet over medium heat.
2. Take 1 asparagus and bend it toward the bottom, snapping off the base. This gives you a guideline for where to trim off the fibrous, dry part of the asparagus. Once you have established this line, cut the rest of your asparagus using this benchmark.
3. Toss the trimmed asparagus in a large bowl with 2 tablespoons of olive oil, rubbing them so they are evenly coated with a thin layer of oil. Season the asparagus liberally and evenly with kosher salt.
4. Place the asparagus on the grill perpendicular to the grates so that they don't have an opportunity to fall through, and cook for 1 minute. If you are using a cast-iron skillet: Working in batches if necessary, add 2 tablespoons of oil to the skillet, allowing the pan to coat evenly, and place the asparagus in a single layer. Turn the heat to medium-high once the asparagus is in the pan and cook for 1 minute.
5. Slowly rotate the asparagus by a third. At this point, the sound of a beautiful sizzle should be audible. Cook for an additional 45 seconds on this side.
6. Repeat the previous step so the asparagus has cooked for a total of 2 1/2 minutes, then transfer it from the grill or skillet to a serving platter.
7. Drizzle the asparagus with a generous amount of high-quality extra-virgin olive oil, and a light drizzle of the Chardonnay vinegar.
8. Immediately microplane Parmigiano-Reggiano over all of the asparagus. Then use the microplane to zest the lemons over the top, being careful to not zest too deep, only using the yellow exterior of your lemons. If desired, crack some black pepper on top and serve. *Serves 4-6 people.*

#### Dad Jokes:

"I used to be addicted to soap, but I'm clean now."  
"A guy walks into a bar...and he was disqualified from the limbo contest."  
"You think swimming with sharks is expensive? Swimming with sharks cost me an arm and a leg."

"When two vegans get in an argument, is it still called a beef?"

"Do you wanna box for your leftovers?" "No, but I'll wrestle you for them."

"That car looks nice but the muffler seems exhausted."  
"Shout out to my fingers. I can count on all of them."

# Meet the Players



When he's not competing in national and international bridge tournaments, **Bob Hamman**—ranked the world's top bridge player in 1983, and from 1985 through 2004—can be found inventing new promotional sweepstakes and gaming contests, and developing the mathematical models used to rate the risks and analyze the odds associated with large money promotions.

Hamman, who founded SCA Promotions in 1986, has built the company into the world's largest provider of prize coverage for promotions, contests and games. He is behind many of the million dollar challenges seen at nationally televised sporting events, as well as the online lotteries and sweepstakes that have transformed the promotional industry in recent years. He has planted a \$500,000 promotional prize in a Hershey's bar, guaranteed the performance bonuses of professional golfers and racecar drivers, and covered prizes in fishing tournaments, fast-food restaurant chain contests, consumer products, scratch-and-win campaigns, casino jackpots, bingo, radio and television contests and even an olive-in-one toss into a martini.

Prior to launching SCA Promotions, Hamman managed his own insurance brokerage firm, Hamman Group Insurance Services Inc. He has also spent the past four decades working as a professional bridge player. Arguably the best known name in bridge, Hamman has won 15 world championships, over 50 national championships and was named American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) player of the year three times. He was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 1999.

A native of Los Angeles, Hamman moved to Dallas in 1969 when Ira Corn hired him to play on his professional bridge team, the Aces, which brought the world championship back to the U.S. in 1970. Hamman's education in figuring odds came from studying mathematics at California State University at Northridge, and from what Hamman terms “the school of hard knocks at the bridge table.” Hamman is author of “At The Table - My Life and Times,” an autobiography and bridge guide written with Brent Manley. It recounts his career as a professional bridge player.

Among Bob's accomplishments:

## Victories

- Bermuda Bowl, 1970, 1971, 1977, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1995, 2000, 2003, 2009
- World Open Team Olympiad, 1988
  - North American Bridge Championships (50)
- Vanderbilt, 1964, 1966, 1971, 1973, 2000, 2003
- Spingold, 1969, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2004, 2006, 2007
- Chicago (now Reisinger), 1962
- Reisinger, 1970, 1978, 1979, 1988, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2004, 2005, 2008
- Grand National Teams, 1975, 1977, 1986, 2006
- Open Board-a-Match Teams, 2008
- Men's Board-a-Match Teams, 1988
- Jacoby Open Swiss Teams, 1990, 2006, 2009
- Master Mixed Teams, 1987
- Blue Ribbon Pairs, 1964, 1986, 1991, 1993
- Life Master Pairs, 1980, 1983, 1992
- Men's Pairs, 1986
- Platinum Pairs, 2012

# Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on  
page 14

Sam	West	white wine	lasagna	New Jersey
Mike	Peterson	Coca-cola	roasted turkey	New York
Karl	Grand	iced water	grilled steak	Maryland
Bran	Cox	Budweiser	barbequed pork	Ohio
Ben	Harland	coffee	lobster	Texas
First Name	Last Name	Drink	Main Dish	Location

Sudoku 2

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

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](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net). I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

Suzi



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

Sudoku 1

## Answers on Page 16



# Limey Jack...

Hallo Yanks:

Limey Jack gives you one final oppo to shanghai your favourite punter. Howie Dung gives you one final oppo to hear poems that affront humanity and sound much like the squeaking rocker in Aunt Hilda's front parlor.

Clayton held off an overachieving Beatty squad in a knuckleduster by a mere fiveimps. Lall seemingly had its way with Joel as expected but two late committees both went to Joel to make the final score only 24 imps. Well done by Joel as they were not favoured to qualify.

In the final Lall has the upper glove over Clayton. Clayton has six very workmanlike players but no stars. Lall is teeming with them and as fitting, the Knight of the round girth plays in his final event and, as per usual, retires a winner. Whilst there is no concession, Lall wins his namesake event.

Ta, LJ

It's down to the Final,  
I'm shocked as you all,  
The last teams left standing  
Are Clayton and Lall!

Clayton and Gumperz  
Have their own style.  
It may prove confusing  
At least for a while.

Lall has experience.  
His guys play tough.  
But dealing with "science"  
Might just be too rough.

**Howie Doing...**

I am expecting  
Before we are through,  
We'll read a million,  
"Could be short as two!"

If Diamond and Platnick  
Can get in the fray,  
Clayton's advantage  
Will just go away!

Till the JLall 5...  
Stay safe and alive!

Howie Doing... just fine, thanks.

**Today's Schedule: First quarter - play starts at 1:30 EDT, kibitzing starts at 2:00 EDT Second quarter - play starts at 3:40 EDT, kibitzing starts at 4:10 EDT Third quarter - play starts at 6:10 EDT, kibitzing starts at 7:10 EDT Fourth quarter - play starts at 8:15 EDT, kibitzing starts at 9:15 EDT=**

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# Logic Puzzle

First Name	Last Name	Drink	Main Dish	Location

Last week was the Association of Engineers' annual conference. Attendance was high as they had an outstanding selection of seminars, lectures, and workshops this year. In addition, it's always an excellent place to network with peers. Thus, it was not surprising to bump into past associates and old friends. Mike was quite pleased with the event and glad he was able to make it. He was especially glad when he bumped into several old friends that he'd lost contact with. The five had agreed to meet for dinner one night at a local restaurant within walking distance of the hotel where the conference was being held. Determine the full name of Mike and his friends, what each had to drink and what main dish each ordered, and where each friend currently lived.

1. Karl, whose last name wasn't Peterson, didn't order lasagna. The man who ordered white wine lived in New Jersey. Mr. Grand, who didn't live in New York, drank iced water with dinner.
2. The man from Texas had lobster for dinner. Mr. West, whose first name wasn't Mike, didn't have grilled steak.
3. Ben Hartland didn't live in Maryland. Brian, whose last name wasn't Grand, didn't drink Coca-cola.
4. Mike, whose last name wasn't Grand, had roasted turkey for dinner.
5. The man who had the barbequed pork also had a Budweiser to drink. Mr. Cox, whose first name wasn't Mike, lived in Ohio.
6. The five friends were the man who lived in New York, Mr. Cox, Sam, the man who lives in Maryland, and the man who drank coffee.

I ask Alex to pick any 5 cards out of a deck with no Jokers.

He can inspect then shuffle the deck before picking any five cards. He picks out 5 cards then hands them to me (Peter can't see any of this). I look at the cards and I pick 1 card out and give it back to Alex. I then arrange the other four cards in a special way, and give those 4 cards all face down, and in a neat pile, to Peter.

Peter looks at the 4 cards i gave him, and says out loud which card Alex is holding (suit and number). How?

The solution uses pure logic, not sleight of hand. All Peter needs to know is the order of the cards and what is on their face, nothing more.

Solution: Pick out two cards of the same suit. Select a card for Alex where adding a number no greater than six will result in the number of the other card of the same suit. Adding one to the Ace would cycle to the beginning again and result in a Two. E.g. if you have a King and a Six of Diamonds, hand the King to Alex. The other three cards will be used to encode a number from 1 through 6. Devise a system with Peter to rank all cards uniquely from 1 to 52 (e.g. the two of hearts is 1, the two of diamonds is fourteen etc...). That will allow you to choose from six combinations, depending on where you put the lowest and highest cards.

The warden meets with 23 new prisoners when they arrive. He tells them, "You may meet today and plan a strategy. But after today, you will be in isolated cells and will have no communication with one another. In the prison is a switch room, which contains two light switches labeled 1 and 2, each of which can be in either up or the down position. I am not telling you their present positions. The switches are not connected to anything.

"After today, from time to time whenever I feel so inclined, I will select one prisoner at random and escort him to the switch room. This prisoner will select one of the two switches and reverse its position. He must flip one switch when he visits the switch room, and may only flip one of the switches. Then he'll be led back to his cell.

"No one else will be allowed to alter the switches until I lead the next prisoner into the switch room. I'm going to choose prisoners at random. I may choose the same guy three times in a row, or I may jump around and come back. I will not touch the switches, if I wanted you dead you would already be dead.

"Given enough time, everyone will eventually visit the switch room the same number of times as everyone else. At any time, anyone may declare to me, 'We have all visited the switch room.'

"If it is true, then you will all be set free. If it is false, and somebody has not yet visited the switch room, you will all die horribly. You will be carefully monitored, and any attempt to break any of these rules will result in instant death to all of you"

What is the strategy they come up with so that they can be free?

The team nominates a leader. The group agrees upon the following rules:  
The leader is the only person who will announce that everyone has visited the switch room. All the prisoners (except for the leader) will flip the first switch up at their very first opportunity, and again on the second opportunity. If the first switch is already up, or they have already flipped the first switch up two times, they will then flip the second switch. Only the leader may flip the first switch down, if the first switch is already down, then the leader will flip the second switch. The leader remembers how many times he has flipped the first switch down. Once the leader has flipped the first switch down 44 times, he announces that all have visited the room.  
It does not matter how many times a prisoner has visited the room, in which order the prisoners were sent or even if the first switch was initially up. Once the leader has flipped the switch down 44 times then the leader knows everyone has visited the room. If the switch was initially down, then all 22 prisoners will flip the switch up twice. If the switch was initially up, then there will be one prisoner who only flips the switch up once and the rest will flip it up twice.  
The prisoners can not be certain that all have visited the room after the leader flips the switch down 23 times, as the first 12 prisoners plus the leader might be taken to the room 24 times before anyone else is allowed into the room. Because the initial state of the switch might be up, the prisoners must flip the first switch up twice. If they decide to flip it up only once, the leader will not know if he should count to 22 or 23.  
In the example of three prisoners, the leader must flip the first switch down three times to be sure all prisoners have visited the room, twice for the two other prisoners and once more in case the switch was initially up.

# Very Tough Puzzles

# Puzzle Answers:

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

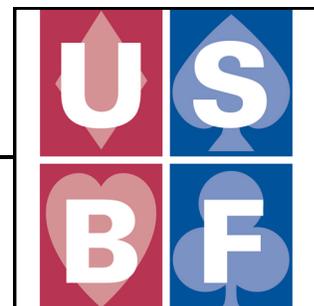
## Sudoku

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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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



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We hope you will join us.

Board 3 Dealer S EW Vul		♠ Q6 ♥ K9832 ♦ A4 ♣ AJ94	♠ KJ10854 ♥ Q ♦ J1082 ♣ K8	NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ N 8 6 10 8 10 S 7 6 9 7 9 E 4 7 3 4 3 W 5 7 3 5 3		
♠ 973 ♥ AJ65 ♦ 953 ♣ Q75	♠ A2 ♥ 1074 ♦ KQ76 ♣ 10632	NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Franco Baseggio & Alex Kolesnik			4♥= N	♦ J	420
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman			3♠-2 E	♥ 10	200
Andrew Gumperz & Phil Clayton	Jim Foster & Bryan Howard			3♥-1 N	♦ J	50
John Diamond & Brian Platnick	Owen Lien & Kevin Rosenberg			4♥-2 N	♦ J	100

On Board 3, North/South can take ten tricks in hearts but only one declarer (Fred Stewart) took more than eight tricks.

♠ Q6 ♥ K9832 ♦ A4 ♣ AJ94	N Fred Stewart	W Alex Kolesnik	♠ KJ10854 ♥ Q ♦ J1082 ♣ K8	E Franco Baseggio
♠ 973 ♥ AJ65 ♦ 953 ♣ Q75				
♠ A2 ♥ 1074 ♦ KQ76 ♣ 10632				
Steve Beatty S				

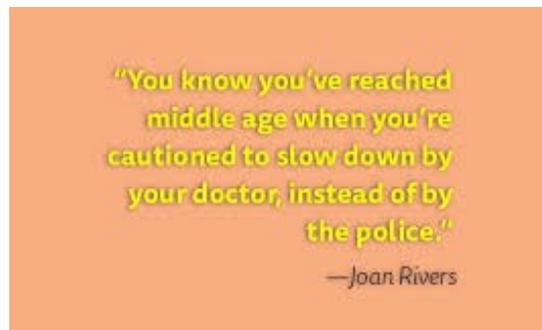
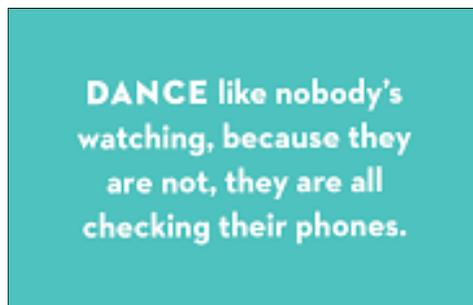
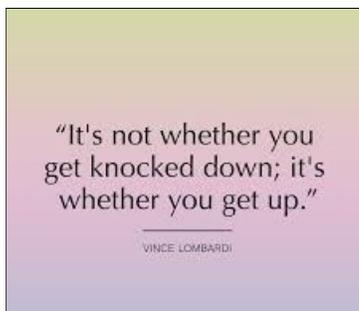
Baseggio led the DJ. Fred won the ace in hand and playing for East to hold short hearts, led a small heart toward dummy. East won his singleton HQ and continued the attack on diamonds.

Fred led the H7 from dummy and this held the trick. Knowing that he was going to play on both clubs and hearts, he led a C2 to the jack and king. Baseggio exited with the C8 covered by the ten, queen and ace. Stewart crossed to dummy with the SA, cashed the DQ to discard his losing spade and continued with the HT. Kolesnik won the HA and Stewart claimed.

At the other table, Gumperz, in 3H, won the opening diamond lead and crossed to dummy with a diamond to play the club suit. This left him short entries to play both clubs and hearts from dummy later.

3H failed by one trick. 10 IMPs to Beatty

In the other match, Joel gained 7 IMPs when Hamman/Weichsel competed to 3S and were defeated two tricks while their teammates, Diamond/Platnick played in 4H down two.



Board 51  
Dealer S  
EW Vul

♠ 108752  
♥ 63  
♦ KJ9542  
♣ —

♠ 4  
♥ AKJ  
♦ 73  
♣ 10876532

♠ AKQ63  
♥ 94  
♦ Q  
♣ AKQ94

♠ J9  
♥ Q108752  
♦ A1086  
♣ J

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	
N	0	2	7	9	0
S	0	2	7	9	0
E	7	9	5	4	12
W	7	9	6	4	12

Par -500 6♦X-3 NS

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
John Diamond & Brian Platnick	Will Watson & Debbie Rosenberg	3NT-2 W	♦5	200
Owen Lien & Kevin Rosenberg	Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	5♦X-2 N	♠K	300
Bryan Howard & Jim Foster	Jeff Roman & Ralph Buchalter	6♣= E	♦A	1370
Andrew Gumperz & Phil Clayton	Tom Carmichael & Jenni Carmichael	7♣= W	♥6	2140

Board 51, Dir S  
7♣= W

W Jenni Carmichael

♠ 108752  
♥ 63  
♦ KJ9542  
♣ —

N Andrew Gumperz

♠ AKQ63  
♥ 94  
♦ Q  
♣ AKQ94

E Tom Carmichael

♠ 4  
♥ AKJ  
♦ 73  
♣ 10876532

♠ J9  
♥ Q108752  
♦ A1086  
♣ J

W N E S  
P 3♦ 4♦\* 6♦  
X P P P  
7♣ P P P

Phil Clayton S

Board 51 was interesting. As is apparent on the traveler, four tables, four different contracts, and four different results!

Clearly the most exciting result was produced in the Beatty/Clayton match at the table where Jenni Carmichael and her husband, Tom, reached 7C off the cashing ace of diamonds.

From the auction, it would seem the one suit that is certainly under control is diamonds! Tom showed a two-suiter and from the sound of things, those suits were spades and clubs. Since North/South bid and raised diamonds to the 6-level, it was unlikely there was a loser there.

Backing up this logic, Gumperz led a heart. Jenni quickly claimed and it was all over but the shouting. 13 IMPs for Beatty when the Carmichael's counterparts bid and made 6C at the other table.

The Beatty team was down 33 IMPs at the half, but despite their strong run in the second half of the match, they ultimately succumbed to Clayton by 5 IMPs.

In the third quarter Beatty pulled within 3 IMPs with two boards to go in the quarter. Beatty/Stewart picked up 13 IMPs on Board 39 when they bid a cold slam that was not reached at any of the other tables.

At every table South opened the bidding with 1D or 1C. Three West players overcalled 1H and eventually settled in 4S making +680. Beatty made the key bid when he made a takeout double rather than just overcalling 1H with the West cards.

Fred Stewart cuebid 2C with the East hand and then showed his spade suit. Beatty raised to 3S. 4C and 4D were cuebids that made it easy for Stewart to jump to 6S.

Board 39, Dir S  
6♠= E

W Steve Beatty

♠ —  
♥ 109832  
♦ J1072  
♣ J543

N Alex Kolesnik

♠ AQ7652  
♥ —  
♦ KQ9  
♣ A762

E Fred Stewart

♠ K984  
♥ KJ764  
♦ A6  
♣ 98

♠ J103  
♥ AQ5  
♦ 8543  
♣ KQ10

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

Franco Baseggio S

Board 17, Dir N  
4♠X-1 E

W Geeske Joel

♠ AQ85  
♥ 10642  
♦ AK  
♣ A74

♠ 3  
♥ KJ9  
♦ J1096542  
♣ 85

N Peter Weichsel

Will Watson E

♠ J9742  
♥ Q  
♦ Q87  
♣ 10963

Bob Hamman S

♠ K106  
♥ A8753  
♦ 3  
♣ KQJ2

W	N	E	S
	3♦	P	P
X	P	3♠	P
4♠	P	P	X
P	P	P	

Hamman/Weichsel put declarer (Watson) to the test on Board 17.

Hamman led the CK against 4S. Watson won the CA and led a heart toward his queen. Weichsel won the HK and played a club to Hamman. Bob cashed a third club and played his last club. Watson trumped with the S8, which held the trick. Watson trumped a heart in his hand and played the SJ, covered by the SK and SA. The SQ was cashed, but when the ten did not drop, Hamman had one more trick to defeat 4S.

Watson could trump a heart in his hand and lead the S9 to finesse for the ST. However, if Hamman covers the S9 with the ST, the boss trump is the S7. At that point, Watson can draw the last trump, but he will have a losing heart, since there is no communication to cash his three diamond tricks. If Watson tries to cash dummy's diamonds before drawing the last trump, Hamman will ruff the second diamond to defeat the contract.

The obvious way to survive this defense is to trump the fourth club with the S5, playing North for the singleton S3. Then the boss trump will be dummy's S8 instead of declarer's S7. When declarer wins the SA, he can trump another heart and lead the S7 toward dummy's Q8. After winning the spade, declarer can trump his last heart with dummy's S9 and cross to his hand with a diamond to draw the last trump.

If spades are divided 3-1, the two ruffing plays are equal guesses. However, if spades are divided 2-2, the S8 will work when North has exactly S63. This slight extra chance suggests that trumping with the S8, as Watson did, is better than trumping with the S5.

As the cards lie, it appears that declarer's best chance may be to duck the opening lead. If clubs are continued, declarer wins the CA and leads a heart toward the queen. If North ducks the heart to generate an entry to South's hand for the club continuations, the HK and HJ will fall on the second and third round of hearts, establishing Dummy's HT.

If North rises with the HK, and exits with a diamond, declarer can win in dummy, trump a heart with the S2, finesse in spades, trump a second heart with the S4, lead the S7 to dummy's S8 and trump dummy's last heart with the S9. Declarer exits with the CT and setting up his C9. The three-card end position will be:

Dummy: SQ5, DK; South: ST, HA, C2; Declarer: DQ8, C9 with South on lead. North is immaterial. Declarer can trump a spade or club exit with dummy's S5, draw the last trump and cash the DK.

If declarer ducks the first club, the defense may have a chance by switching to a diamond. It appears that declarer can still succeed by leading a heart from dummy. If North rises and gives South a diamond ruff, declarer will be able to draw trumps in two rounds, ruff three hearts and eventually discard dummy's third club on the DQ.

This board could have been a significant swing. At the other table Milner/Lall defeated a N/S 3H contract by one trick. 4 IMPs to Lall