



LOGO SEAL REVERSED

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**We
Remember:**



**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 5**

#	TEAM
1	Naren Gupta Team - wins tie
16	Bishel
2	Rosenberg - wins tie
15	Tebha
3	Bramley - wins tie
14	Dawson
4	Rasmussen - wins tie
13	Nickell
5	Lall - wins tie
12	Lewis
6	Rosenthal
11	Baseggio
7	Lo
10	Donner
8	Levine
9	Hill

Today's Matchups!

Tuesday at the Captain's meeting, the main order of business was to establish the Knockout matchups. Gupta, Rosenberg, Bramley and Rasmussen, having finished highest up in their respective RR brackets, chose their opponents from among the rest of the field.

Before the meeting, in this order, using email, Gupta chose Bishel. Rosenberg chose Tebha. Bramley chose Dawson.

Rasmussen, the last to respond, wrote a really thoughtful response with his choice of team Nickell.

"Rasmussen team selects Nickell.

We entered the event to play against (and hopefully beat) top level teams. While all the teams left for us are good we think Nickell is the strongest :)"

Three of the people included on the email (Al Hollander, Jan Martel, and Suzi Subeck) unsurprisingly expressed the sentiment that this was a really meaningful gesture and thought it should be shared in the Bulletin. Jim acquiesced and suggested that I mention, in the interest of full disclosure, that if this were the USBC qualifying for the Bermuda Bowl, team Rasmussen would have chosen differently!!

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Teams Entered...

J LALLS

There are 32 teams entered and listed in alphabetic order.

Bacon	John Bacon, Capt Fred Schenker Stelian Hritcu	Bernie Greenspan Ken Kranyak
Baseggio	Franco Baseggio, Capt Jeff Roman Alex Kolesnik	Andy Stark Ralph Buchalter Steve Price
Bauer	Tracey Bauer, Capt John McAllister	Nicolas Hammond Lilly Justman
Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Doug Doub Bob Blanchard	Fred Stewart Yiji Starr Bill Pollack
Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt John Hinton	John Bishel Jerry Clerkin
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Peter Boyd Chip Martel	Kit Woolsey Steve Robinson Mark Feldman
Brines	Tracy Brines, Capt Ethan Wood Peter Boyd-Bowman	Joyce Goldstein Jane McLaughlin Alix Taylor
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Gloria Bart	Mark Aquino Les Bart
Carmichael	Tom Carmichael, Capt Jenni Carmichael	Nathan Gong Arthur Gong
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Ifti Baqai	Charlie Wilkins Disa Eythorsdottir Mitch Dunitz
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Eric Genheimer Kyle Rockoff	Sarik Goyal Joe Veal Daniel Weiss
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Joe Grue	Sandra Rimstedt Brad Moss Janice Molson
Fox	Jim Fox, Capt Allan Graves Wayne Stuart	Jerry Helms Neil Chambers Jon Rice
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt Glenn Eisenstein Geof Brod	Phil Benner John Rengstorff Pat McDevitt
Hill	Joyce Hill, Capt Shan Huang John Hurd	Kevin Dwyer Kevin Bathurst
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Brian Platnick Jim Krekorian	Reese Milner John Diamond Drew Casen
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold David Berkowitz Mark Lair
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Ron Smith	Linda Lewis Josh Donn
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt David Yang JoAnna Stansby	David Chechelashvili Jonathan Weinstein Li-Chung Chen
Lusky	John Lusky, Capt Frank Merblum Doug Simson	Allan Falk Walter Lee Jeff Aker



Naren Gupta Team	Vinita Gupta Daniel Korbel Michael Rosenberg Ash Gupta, NPC	Zia Mahmood Roger Lee Zach Grossack
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
Parker	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Adam Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Chris Parker David Grainger
Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Melody Bi Maxim Silin	Anton Tsyarkin Alan Watson Carrie Liu
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Joe Viola Hank Youngerman
Rosenberg	Kevin Rosenberg, Capt Finn Kolesnik Brent Xiao	Cynthia Huang Ish DelMonte Cornelius Duffie
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Eldad Ginossar	Debbie Rosenberg Migry Campanile Dana Berkowitz
Stokes	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt Amber Lin Shawn Quinn	Emma Kolesnik Rozanne Pollack Pam Wittes
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Andy Goodman Christal Henner	Steve Zolotow Craig Ganzer Uday Ivatury
Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Farid Assemi Edward Wojewoda	Jessica Lai Jim Slinger Leszek Rabięga
Xiao	Victor Xiao, Capt Jeff Xiao Yaning Zhou	Eric Xiao Dawei Qi Meiyan Duan
Zhang	Qiang Zhang, Capt Jun Shi Serena Guo	Brian Zhang Steve Chen Ethan Liu



Kat, I think we're named after computer passwords.



Tournament Schedule

KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
TUESDAY	JAN 18	12:00 NOON	
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	JAN 21	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 50 MINUTE BREAK
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	JAN 22	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 50 MINUTE BREAK
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	JAN 23	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 50 MINUTE BREAK
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL			
MONDAY	JAN 24	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 50 MINUTE BREAK
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

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.

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.

2022 Committee is:

Dana Berkowitz, Eugene Hung, Roger Lee, Chip Martel, Steve Weinstein, Jenny Wolpert



A chemist walks into a pharmacy and asks the pharmacist, "Do you have any acetylsalicylic acid?"
 "You mean aspirin?" asked the pharmacist.
 "That's it! I can never remember that word."



A physicist, a biologist, and a chemist were going to the ocean for the first time. The physicist saw the ocean and was fascinated by the waves. He said he wanted to do some research on the fluid dynamics of the waves and walked into the ocean. He drowned and never returned. The biologist said he wanted to do research on the flora and fauna inside the ocean and walked into the ocean. He, too, never returned. The chemist waited for a time and wrote the observation: "Physicists and the Biologists are soluble in ocean water."



Kibitzing on VuGraph

There will be deferred kibitzing in the KO as there was in the Round Robin:

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EST)

Quarter 1: 12:30 pm

Quarter 2: 2:35 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 6:25 pm

Quarter 4: 8:30 pm

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 #5, you will be taken to a lobby with a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table, as well as the board being played. There will be information about the number of kibitzers and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). 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. You 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/Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation.

-- "Rewind" using the slider underneath the "table." Move the handle to the left to go to earlier tricks.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name to get a scorecard for the match.

----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all of 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 should you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.

TIMING OF DEFERRAL

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

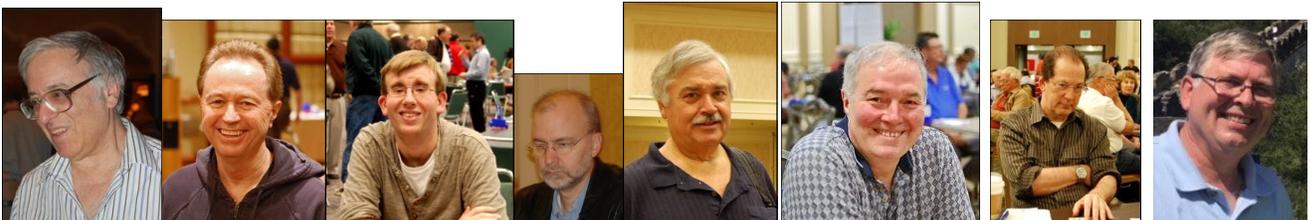
The first half KO matches will be deferred for half an hour or until each board has been played at all tables, so there may sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown because one or two tables are very slow to play the board. **For the**

second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter is scheduled to be completed, so players will not be able to get useful state of match information. That means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 6:25 EST.

Q. What rock group consists of four famous men, but none of them sing? A. The faces on Mount Rushmore!

Q. What five-letter word becomes shorter if you add two letters to it? A. "Short" (add +"er")!

Q. I'm the size of an elephant, but I weigh nothing. What am I? A. An elephant's shadow!



In Monday's JFall Daily Bulletin, we "showcased" Board 23 at several tables because it presented interesting problems for both the offense and the defense. (see pages 17-18)

And in Tuesday's "Round Robin Round Up" Bulletin, we re-visited the hand after Jerry Clerkin pointed out the exciting defense at the table where he was playing. (see page 5)

During this week's "break" in the play between the Round Robin and head-ups, Jonathan Weinstein had another observation to share based on the action at his table:

"I just wanted to mention on hand 23 where the play in 3NT was written up in the bulletin at several tables, it said a spade opening lead beats the contract. However six of seven declarers who faced a spade lead made the contract, as I did! I guessed the diamonds and so did others, presumably. South had overcalled showing 5 spades, and you also need him to have 3 clubs, (or 4 with the HA for a squeeze), it becomes percentage to finesse his partner for the DJ. 9 on top!"

♠ A107		N Jenni Carmichael	
Bd 23, Dlr S		♥ AJ3	
3NT= W		♦ J864	
W Jonathan Weinstein		♣ 1096	
♠ K4		♠ 963	
♥ Q62		♥ K984	
♦ AK105		♦ Q97	
♣ AK73		♣ Q52	
♠ QJ852		W N E S	
♥ 1075		1♣ P 1♦ 1♠	
♦ 32		X* 2♠ P P	
♣ J84		3NT P P P	
Tom Carmichael S			

Against 3NT, Jenni led the S7. Jonathan won his king and immediately played the DA followed by a diamond to the nine!

Jon cashed the DQ, played a club to his hand, cashed his last diamond and when clubs split, he had nine tricks!

Jonathan's play is favorable since Jenni's lead of the seven looked to be either top of a doubleton or low from AT7.

Giving RHO 8 black cards as Jon suggests would leave LHO with 7 red cards. That alone makes Jon's line best in this situation.

Wayne Stuart finessed the diamond against Bathurst/Hurd. He, however, tested clubs first and gave up on the possibility of a singleton DJ, cashing four rounds of clubs and taking a first round finesse to the D9.

Randy Howard won the S7 with the king, played the DA, a diamond to the queen, a diamond back to his king, and when the jack did not fall, he played a heart toward the king. Farid Assemi DUCKED! This gave declarer his needed 9th trick. Had Assemi popped with the HA, his side could have cashed out the spades to set the contract!

At only one other table was a spade led. Geoff Brod led the S7 blind. His partner neither doubled a spade bid nor overcalled the suit. West opened 1D and rebid 2NT over his partner's 1H call. East raised to game. Disa, declarer, won the S7 with her SK, cashed the DA and led a diamond to the queen. When the jack did not appear, Disa disdained another round of diamonds or testing the club suit in favor of a heart to her queen and North's ace. Brod had no idea how well his lead had worked. Accordingly, he switched gears. After winning his HA, he shifted to CT and Disa had the timing to successfully bring home her game!!

Re-Visiting Board 23 from Sunday's Play





Meet the Players!

Q. A prisoner is forced to go into one of three rooms, but he can choose which room. The first room is ablaze with fire. The second one is rigged with explosives that will go off as soon as he enters. The third contains a pair of lions who haven't eaten in years. Which room should he choose to survive?
A. The third room—any lions who hadn't eaten in years would be dead!

Cornelius Duffie grew up in the SF Bay Area where he learned to play bridge in middle school. He attended McGill University in Montreal.

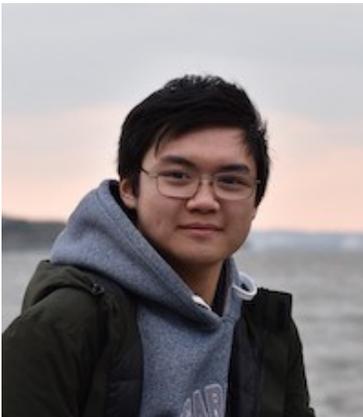
His favorite bridge score: two hearts making (plus eleventy)

His favorite color: Not Red.

His favorite cloud: scud

His favorite convention: double of a one heart opening bid showing an opening hand with short hearts and support for the other suits

Cornelius is playing in the JLall5 as a member of the Rosenberg team in partnership with Brent Xaio.



Q. I am a word that begins with the letter I. If you add the letter A to me, I become a new word with a different meaning, but that sounds exactly the same. What word am I? A. Isle (add A to make "Aisle")
Q. A man is washing windows on the 25th floor of an apartment building. Suddenly, he slips and falls. He has nothing to cushion his fall, and no safety equipment—but he doesn't get hurt. How is this possible?
A. He's washing windows *inside* the building.

Brent Xaio was born and raised in Silicon Valley and is studying Statistics and Machine Learning, and Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA.

He has been playing bridge since age 12 and was a member of Silicon Valley Youth Bridge until graduating from the program in 2018. Notably, he represented the USA U21 team in the world youth championships in 2018.

Q. You find me in December, but not in any other month. What am I?
The letter D!
Q. I weigh nothing, but you can still see me. If you put me in a bucket, I make the bucket lighter. What am I?
A hole!



Limey Jack



Cheers, Yanks:

Limey Jack has the goods and is like a loaded lorry dashing toward Howie Dung. Ring the punter and bring a bob or two.

In the knockouts, Howie Dung provides a load of tosh whilst Limey Jack has elevenses (Ed. Note-morning snack) as he gets them all smash on.

Gupta-Bishel: The one seed will glide forward and carry Mr. Gupta's honour as far as permitted.

Rosenberg-Tebha: As long as they do nothing numpty, Rosenberg will triumph.

Bramley-Dawson: An upset occurs rarely, but happens here. Can you just hear M. Dung saying Oh, my giddy aunt.

Rasmussen-Nickell: Nickell finds itself in the unlikely position of being the underdog for once, but fear not.

Lall-Lewis: Another upset comes a callin' as Lewis pulls a one off.

Rosenthal-Baseggio: Rosenthal is justifiably favoured but Limey Jack senses them being rinsed as he does not like the makeup of this squad.

Lo-Donner: On paper Donner looks the part, but Lo is waiting to strike

Levine-Hill: Levine has one more bell to be rung.

Limey Jack is off to Bedfordshire.



Howie Doing...

On to the KO's on Friday Day one,
Who will be left when this round is done?

Gupta v Bishel? On this one I'm swearin'...
Gupta continues in memory of Naren!

Rosenberg/Tebha, while harder to call.
Rosenberg stays while Tebha will fall!

Bramley v Dawson, unless there's a glitch,
Bramley plays on ... Good bye Mark and Mitch!

Rasmussen v Nickell, though chances are slim,
After reading page one, the crowd's cheering, "JIM!"

In Lewis v Lall, Lewis goes on.
It's steady and ready with Ron and with Donn!

Rosenthal's "mixed" a further berth earn.
Kibitzers fiddle and watch Roman burn!

Donner goes high. For Lo, that is it.
Unless they've a problem and then it's "oh Shit!"

Hill v Levine, while not quite a race...
Levine will do fine if he picks up the pace!

Good luck to all. Hold off on the wine.
Make Howie proud ... He'll be watching online!

Till tomorrow...

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

Ginger/Shortbread Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 C (230 g) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- ½ C (96 g) sugar
- ⅓ C (80 g) crystallized ginger, chopped
- 1 Tbsp (14 g) ginger, grated
- ½ C (58 g) prepared glazed walnuts, chopped
- 2 C (250 g) flour
- ¼ tsp (1 g) salt

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes, add crystallized ginger, grated ginger and walnuts, mixing until incorporated; add flour and salt; beat on low until mixture forms a dough. Using your hands, shape into 1½-in (3.4-cm) balls; place 2 inches (5.1 cm) apart on ungreased baking sheets. Using your fingers, press balls into thick disks. Bake until lightly browned, about 20 minutes. Cool on baking sheet 5 minutes; then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store airtight up to 2 weeks.



Ed. Note:

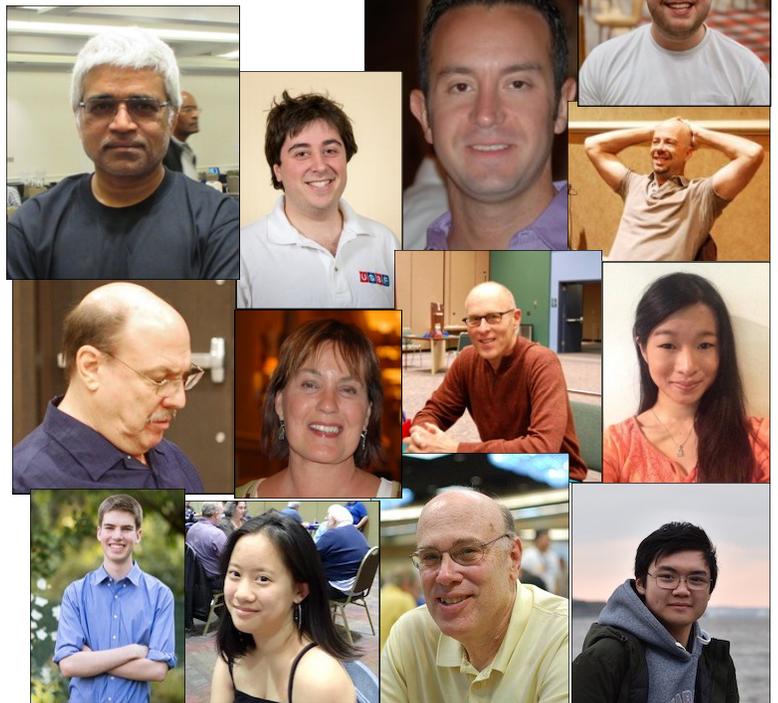
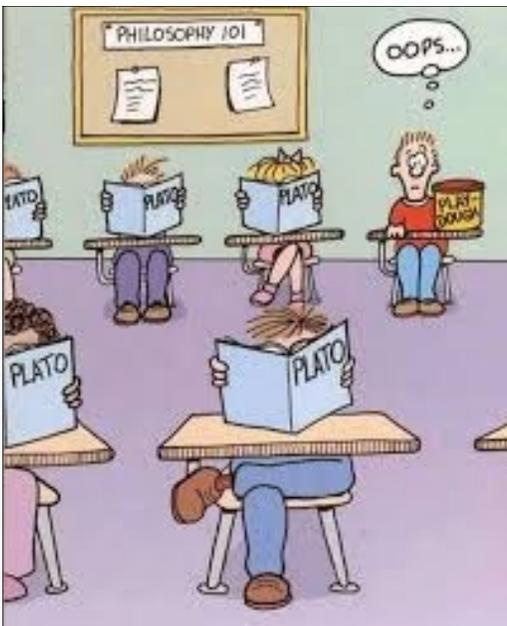
With the delayed broadcasting and the use of the Round Robin, it will be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.



- **Prep time: 10 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 20 minutes.**
- **Makes 2 dozen cookies, serving size is 2 cookies.**

(Recipes, Continued on page 9)



Ingredients

HERB BUTTER

- 10 Tbsp (143 g) unsalted butter, divided, at room temperature
- 3 Tbsp (7.5 g) curly parsley, chopped
- 3 Tbsp (7.5 g) dill, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp (6 g) chives, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Juice from ½ lemon
- Pinch of salt

CHICKEN

- 6 5-oz (142-g) boneless chicken breast halves
- Salt and pepper to taste
- ¾ C (95 g) flour
- 4 lg eggs, beaten
- 2½ C (148 g) panko
- ½ C (118 ml) vegetable oil

Chicken Kiev



Directions

HERB BUTTER

In a small bowl, mix 8 T (115 g) of the butter with parsley, dill, chives, garlic, lemon juice and salt. Form into a 1½-inch (3.8-cm) thick roll covered with plastic wrap and freeze for 1 hour.

CHICKEN

Preheat oven to 325°F (165°C). Place a chicken breast into a plastic baggie; gently pound with the flat side of a meat mallet or a small heavy saucepan until about ⅛ inch (3 mm) thick. Remove from bag; season with salt and pepper. Repeat with remaining chicken. Remove herb butter from freezer and cut into 6 pieces and place one on each breast; roll chicken up to cover; secure with a toothpick. Place flour, eggs and panko in three separate shallow bowls. Roll each chicken breast in flour, then egg, then panko. Heat oil and remaining butter in a large skillet over medium heat; cook chicken until golden brown on all sides, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a baking sheet and bake 30 minutes or until cooked through (180°F [82°C] on an instant read thermometer). Remove toothpicks; serve immediately.

Although traditionally served with potatoes, we recommended balancing this rich dish with steamed vegetables or a salad with vinaigrette.

- **Prep time: 18 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 40 minutes.**
- **Makes 6 servings.**

(Recipes, Continued on page 10)



Asperagus and Polenta with Truffle Dressing

Ingredients

TRUFFLE DRESSING

- 3½ Tbsp (50 ml) olive oil
- 3 Tbsp (45 ml) champagne vinegar
- 1 tsp (5 ml) truffle oil
- 1 tsp (5 ml) black truffle paste
- ¼ tsp (2.5 g) salt
- ¼ tsp (1 g) pepper

POLENTA

- 1¼ C (400 ml) water
- ½ C (100 ml) milk
- ¼ tsp (2.5 g) salt
- ¼ C (55 g) medium-grain polenta
- 2 Tbsp (20 g) grated parmesan cheese
- ¼ tsp (1 g) pepper

ASPARAGUS

- 1 lb (400 g) med asparagus, ends peeled

EGGS

- 1 tsp (5 ml) white vinegar
- 2 qt (1.8 l) water
- 5 lg eggs

ASSEMBLY

- 6 oz (200 g) parmesan cheese, shaved

Directions

TRUFFLE DRESSING

Whisk together all dressing ingredients; set aside.

POLENTA

In a medium saucepan, bring water, milk and salt to a boil over high heat; gradually whisk in polenta. Reduce to low and simmer, whisking constantly until creamy, about 18 minutes. Stir in cheese and pepper; transfer to a bowl; cover tightly until ready to serve.

ASPARAGUS

Add asparagus to lightly salted boiling water; cook just until stalks turn bright green, about 2 minutes. Drain; set aside.

EGGS

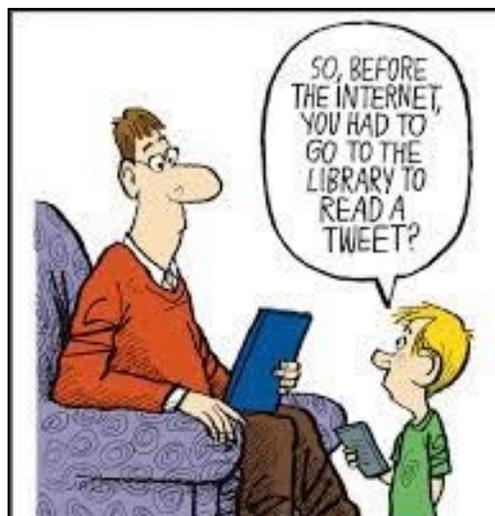
Bring vinegar and water to a simmer in a 3 quart (18 cm) saucepan over medium heat. Break each egg into a separate small bowl, being careful not to break the yolk. Slide eggs into barely simmering water, an inch or so between each egg. Cook until whites are just firm, about 3 minutes. With a slotted spoon, transfer to a plate.

Note: Eggs can be poached up to a day in advance and refrigerated. Prior to plating, place in simmering water 30 seconds to heat.

ASSEMBLY

Place a spoonful of polenta on each appetizer plate; place asparagus over polenta and poached egg on asparagus. Sprinkle with parmesan; drizzle with truffle dressing. Serve immediately.

- **Prep time: 10 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 25 minutes.**
- **Makes 5 servings.**



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Sudoku

Answers on Page 16

Sudoku 2

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**SOLUTION to
Logic Puzzle
on page 14**



\$29	Friday	Oak Street	May
\$35	Monday	Main Street	Jones
\$43	Tuesday	School Street	Hayes
\$25	Wednesday	West Street	Elliott
\$39	Thursday	Russell Street	Bradley
Amount Earned	Day of the	Street	Last Name

Q. Why is an island like the letter T? A. They're both in the middle of water!

Q. How many seconds are there in a year? A. Twelve—January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd..

Q. There is a house with four walls. All of the walls are facing south. A bear is circling the house. What color is the bear? A. White. If all walls of the house are facing south, the house must be on the North Pole, so the bear is a polar bear.

Q. What's the difference between a jeweler and a prison guard? A. A jeweler sells watches, and a prison guard watches cells!

Q. Name the next letter in this sequence: J F M A M J J A S O N ? A. D. The sequence contains the first letter of every month, in order.

Q. How do you make the number one disappear? A. Add the letter G and then presto—it's Gone!

Q. I'm an odd number. If you take away one of the letters in my name, I become even. What number am I? A. Seven. (Take away the S!)

Helpful Information from RealBridge Personnel:

RealBridge has suggested that there are some problems caused by current Apple systems, and have given us instructions on what to do about them; you can ignore this if you're on a PC or an Android tablet:

If you are using a Macintosh computer with the Monterey OS, or Safari 15, and have had problems, please look at [this link](https://realbridge.online/media-support-macos-monterey.htm). <https://realbridge.online/media-support-macos-monterey.htm>

If you are using an iPad that is running IOS 15, think you're an expert user, and are having problems, please look at [this link](https://realbridge.online/settings-change-ios-15.html). <https://realbridge.online/settings-change-ios-15.html>)

If you are using an iPad that is running IOS 15, don't think you're an expert user, and are having problems, please look at [this link](https://realbridge.online/media-support-ios-15.html#ios_15_2_update). https://realbridge.online/media-support-ios-15.html#ios_15_2_update

Q: What did the schizophrenic bookkeeper say? A: I hear invoices!

Q: How far can a fox run into a grove? A: Only halfway—then he's running out of it!

Q: What has 13 hearts, but no other organs? A: A deck of playing cards.

Q: Where is the ocean the deepest? A: On the bottom!

Q: What do pandas have that no other animal has? A: Baby pandas!

Q: Why can't someone living in Maine be buried in Florida? A: Because he's still living!

Q: Which month has 28 days? A: All of them!

Q: What starts with a P, ends with an E, and has thousands of letters? A: The Post Office!

Q: What kind of cheese is made backwards? A: Edam.

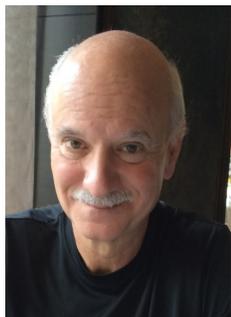
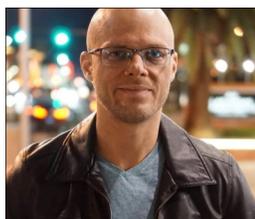
Riddles



Fun and Games Page

Elvis

Find and circle all of the words, names, songs, and movies that have to do with Elvis.
The remaining letters spell a line from an Elvis song.



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

AARON	GOOD LUCK CHARM	LITTLE SISTER	STUCK ON YOU
ALL SHOOK UP	GOSPEL	LOVE ME TENDER	SUN RECORDS
BLUE HAWAII	GRACELAND	MEMPHIS	SURRENDER
BURNING LOVE	GYRATING	ONE NIGHT	SUSPICIOUS MINDS
CLAMBAKE	HEARTBREAK HOTEL	PRISCILLA	THE KING
COLONEL PARKER	HOUND DOG	RCA	TOO MUCH
DON'T BE CRUEL	IN THE GHETTO	RETURN TO SENDER	TUPELO
DRAFTED	JAILHOUSE ROCK	ROCKABILLY	U.S. ARMY
G.I. BLUES	KENTUCKY RAIN	ROUSTABOUT	VERNON
GIRL HAPPY	KING CREOLE	SHE'S NOT YOU	VIVA LAS VEGAS
GLADYS	LISA MARIE		



Two handy cards:
The ace of spades and the proof of Vaccination!

Q. A magician promises that he can throw a ball as hard as he can and have it stop, change direction, and come back to him. He claims he can do it without the ball bouncing off of anything, the ball being tied to anything, or the use of magnets. How is this possible? A. He throws the ball straight up in the air!

Q. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words "Wednesday," "Friday," or "Sunday"? A. Yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Q. There's a one-story house where everything inside is pink: pink walls, pink doors, pink floors, pink ceilings, pink windows, pink curtains, pink chairs, and pink tables. What color are the stairs? A. There are none—it's a one-story house!

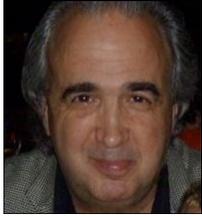
Q. How many cats can you put in an empty box? A. One. After that, the box isn't empty anymore.



Q. What starts with "e," ends with "e," and contains one letter? A. An envelope.



Logic Puzzle



	Main Street	Oak Street	Russell Street	School Street	West Street	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	\$25	\$29	\$35	\$39	\$43
Bradley															
Elliot															
Hayes															
Jones															
May															
\$25															
\$29															
\$35															
\$39															
\$43															
Monday															
Tuesday															
Wednesday															
Thursday															
Friday															



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Last Name	Street	Day of the Week	Amount Earned

Alex looked at the fallen leaves blowing around the yard last week and had a great idea. He went around to all the neighbors, offering his raking services to clean up their yards. He got five jobs for this week, a different neighbor each day. The neighbors all lived on different streets and each had a different yard size, so some days he made more than others. Determine the last name of each neighbor who hired him, what street each lived on, what day he worked for each neighbor, and how much each neighbor paid him.

- Alex worked for the Jones family on Monday afternoon and he earned \$10 more than the day he raked for the neighbor on West Street.
- He earned \$4 less working for the Bradley family than he did from the neighbor on School Street.

- On Friday, he worked on Oak Street but not for the Hayes family. The family on Main Street paid him \$10 more than the neighbor he raked for on Wednesday.
- He got \$29 from the May family but it wasn't on Tuesday.
- He worked for the Elliot family the day before he worked on Russell Street. He earned \$39 on Thursday.
- Alex raked the Elliot yard two days before the neighbor on Oak Street but one day after the neighbor who paid him \$43.

USBF Updates and News...

Future USBF Events

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The USBF holds tournaments to select United States International Teams. The Open USBC, which selects teams for Open World Championships, is held every year; the Open USBC held each even numbered year that is not divisible by four selects one team for the next year's Bermuda Bowl. The Women's USBC, which selects teams for Women's World Championships, is held in three out of four years; there is no Women's USBC in even numbered years that are not divisible by four. The Senior USBC, which selects teams for Senior World Championships, is held in three out of four years; there is no Senior USBC in even numbered years that are not divisible by four. The Mixed USBC, which selects teams for the Mixed World Championships, is held in three out of four years. The Junior USBC, which selects teams for the World Junior Championships, is held in each odd numbered year, to select the teams for the following even numbered year.

2022 - TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The 2022 World Championship will be the World Bridge Series, which is a completely Transnational tournament, to which the USBF does not send teams. Therefore, the only 2022 USBC will be the Open USBC, which will most likely have an online Round Robin to select 16 teams for face-to-face Knockout play at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, Illinois. The exact format of the Round Robin will depend on the number of teams entered, but will be based on USBF general principles that any one stage of a Round Robin should not eliminate significantly more than 40% of the field, and if one cut is going to be steeper than another, the steeper cut should be in the earlier stage. The Knockout matches will be 2 days long, so the knockout stage of play will take a total of 8 days.

2023 - TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The 2023 Open, Women's, Mixed, and Senior USBCs will be held in 2023. The Open USBC will select one team for the 2023 Bermuda Bowl. The other 3 USBCs will select two teams for their respective events. The face-to-face stages of play are likely to be in May. The exact rules that will apply to players who enter multiple events and qualify in an early event will be decided by the USBF Board in early 2022.

Q: What is easy to get into, but hard to get out of? A: Trouble.

Q: A man is pushing his car along, and when he comes to a hotel he shouts, "I'm bankrupt!" Why? A: He's playing Monopoly.

Q: If a red-house is made of red bricks, has a red wooden door, and a red roof, and a yellow-house is made of yellow bricks, has a yellow wooden door, and a yellow roof, then what is a green-house made of? A: Glass.

Puzzle Answers:

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

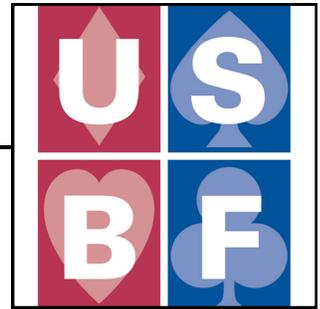
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

USBF Supporting Membership



If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

The USBF is an **all-volunteer** organization.

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.



"Club" Bridge?

Board 9		♠ AKJ4			
Dealer N		♥ KJ1043			
EW Vul		♦ J106			
		♣ J			
♠ Q		♠ 10962			
♥ -		♥ 972			
♦ AQ7		♦ K8432			
♣ A109875432		♣ Q			
	♠ 8753				
	♥ AQ865				
	♦ 95				
	♣ K6				
Par -500 6♥X-3 NS					
		NT			
		♠ ♥ ♦ ♣			
		N 0 7 9 0 0			
		S 1 7 9 0 1			
		E 5 5 4 8 12			
		W 5 5 4 8 12			
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score	
Ralph Katz & frnickell	Suzi Subeck & Stan Subeck	5♣X= W	♠K	750	

On Wednesday evening, Nickell/Katz played a practice round against the Subecks on RealBridge. There was a definite pattern three boards in a row that was definitely interesting ... On Board 9, Stan, West, held nine clubs. On Board 10, Stan held eight clubs. On Board eleven, Stan held seven clubs. What are the odds??

On Board 9, Katz, North, opened 2D Flannery: four spades, five hearts and 11-15 HCP. Nickell jumped to 4H on his AQ865, and Stan bid 5C on his solid nine card holding missing the KQJ!! This was passed around to Nick who doubled.

Katz cashed a high spade and switched to a heart. Stan ruffed and carelessly!! played the CA. This play actually risked the contract!! And, it held E/W to eleven tricks where twelve were always there for the taking. What if South held all three clubs... not unlikely given the double? Declarer, by his own admission, should have crossed to the DK and led the CQ from dummy.

In the post mortem, Nickell suggested that he should have bid 2NT, rather than 4H. West would still bid 5C, but Nick would know that this was a voluntary bid in an unstrained auction. Nickell could then bid 5H, rather than guessing to make a marginal double.

Board 10		♠ J1064			
Dealer E		♥ AKJ10			
All Vul		♦ QJ764			
		♣ -			
♠ Q		♠ A87532			
♥ Q5		♥ 3			
♦ 92		♦ AK1083			
♣ AQJ98732		♣ 10			
	♠ K9				
	♥ 987642				
	♦ 5				
	♣ K654				
Par -130 4♠= EW					
		NT			
		♠ ♥ ♦ ♣			
		N 7 6 9 6 2			
		S 6 6 9 6 2			
		E 6 7 2 7 10			
		W 6 7 2 7 10			
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score	
Ralph Katz & frnickell	Suzi Subeck & Stan Subeck	4♠+1 W	♥K	150	

On Board 10, Suzi (East) opened 1S. Stan bid 2C (old style: non- game forcing). East rebid 2D and Stan bid a passable 3C.

East liked her quick tricks opposite the 2C/3C responses (presumably showing a good enough suit for her to pass with a void). Suzi wanted to make one more try for game and responded with 3D. Stan bid 4C which became the final contract.

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Board 10		♠ J1064			
Dealer E		♥ AKJ10			
All Vul		♦ QJ764			
		♣ -			
♠ Q		♠ A87532			
♥ Q5		♥ 3			
♦ 92		♦ AK1083			
♣ AQJ98732		♣ 10			
♠ K9		NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣			
♥ 987642		N 7 6 9 6 2			
♦ 5		S 6 6 9 6 2			
♣ K654		E 6 7 2 7 10			
Par -130 4♠= EW		W 6 7 2 7 10			
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score	
Ralph Katz & fnickell	Suzi Subeck & Stan Subeck	4♠+1 W	♥K	150	

Katz led a high heart, followed by a diamond. Declarer played the SA and a spade, trumped in hand.

The HQ was trumped in dummy and declarer crossed to his hand to drive out the CK for 11 tricks.

Holding declarer to ten tricks involves leading a diamond rather than a heart. Declarer must assess the diamond position correctly or even 4C might be defeated!!

(hand repeated for clarity)

On Board 11, the last of the club hands, West held seven clubs. It was Ralph's turn to shine.

Nick opened 1H in first seat. Stan preempted 3C, which was passed around to South. With all suits stopped and a strong heart suit, Nickell rebid 3NT.

Stan passed, and Katz made the winning call. He bid 4H on his small doubleton.

Board 11		♠ K10742			
Dealer S		♥ 87			
None Vul		♦ J9532			
		♣ 6			
♠ QJ		♠ 965			
♥ 32		♥ A106			
♦ 107		♦ KQ86			
♣ KJ107432		♣ Q98			
♠ A83		NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣			
♥ KQJ954		N 7 11 11 9 5			
♦ A4		S 7 11 11 9 5			
♣ A5		E 1 1 1 4 8			
Par +450 4♠+1 NS		W 1 1 1 4 8			
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score	
Ralph Katz & fnickell	Suzi Subeck & Stan Subeck	4♥+2 S	♠Q	480	

Ralph explained his reasoning at the table (one of the really nice things about RealBridge... the players can converse out loud in a casual game and discuss their reasoning in difficult situations. This is a plus in all cases but more so when a player of Katz's caliber speaks up.)

Katz reasoned that Nick must have exactly the sort of hand South holds. He worked out that his singleton club and decent spade suit would be most useful in a suit contract. With only a five-card heart suit and 18 or 19 HCP, Nickell might have reopened with a double, instead of bidding 3NT. Therefore Nick was marked with at least six good hearts.

Katz was 100% correct with his logic. The natural club lead defeats 3NT because Nick cannot come to nine tricks without knocking out the HA!!