

Volume 19, Issue 3  
June 19, 2022

**We Remember:**



# Results:

Team Name	Total	6	2	4	7	8	1	3	5
6. Lo	99.16		4.25	17.50	19.74	12.42	18.37	6.88	20.00
2. Ferro	78.37	15.75		1.63	5.91	4.50	18.04	17.31	15.23
4. Lall	71.59	2.50	18.37		8.73	4.50	9.14	13.12	15.23
7. Reynolds	70.71	0.26	14.09	11.27		10.44	12.77	17.11	4.77
8. Rosenthal	69.23	7.58	15.50	15.50	9.56		5.61	10.44	5.04
1. Brines	58.75	1.63	1.96	10.86	7.23	14.39		13.12	9.56
3. Ge	57.52	13.12	2.69	6.88	2.89	9.56	6.88		15.50
5. Lalls Juniors	54.67	0.00	4.77	4.77	15.23	14.96	10.44	4.50	

# Today's Match-Ups

ROUND ROBIN - DAY 2			
<b>ROUND 8</b> Brines vs Ferro Ge vs Lall Lall's Juniors vs Lo Reynolds vs Rosenthal	<b>ROUND 9</b> Brines vs Lall Ferro vs Ge Lall's Juniors vs Rosenthal Lo vs Reynolds	<b>ROUND 10</b> Brines vs Ge Ferro vs Lall Lall's Juniors vs Reynolds Lo vs Rosenthal	<b>ROUND 11</b> Brines vs Rosenthal Ferro vs Lall's Juniors Ge vs Lo Lall vs Reynolds
<b>ROUND 12</b> Brines vs Reynolds Ferro vs Rosenthal Ge vs Lall's Juniors Lall vs Lo	<b>ROUND 13</b> Brines vs Lo Ferro vs Reynolds Ge vs Rosenthal Lall vs Lall's Juniors	<b>ROUND 14</b> Brines vs Lall's Juniors Ferro vs Lo Ge vs Reynolds Lall vs Rosenthal	

- USBF President**  
Aaron Silverstein
- USBF Vice President**  
Tom Reynolds
- USBF COO & Secretary**  
Jan Martel
- USBF CFO**  
Stan Subeck
- USBF Recorder**  
Jack Oest
- Director**  
McKenzie Myers
- Tournament Organizer**  
Jan Martel
- Software Expert**  
Al Hollander
- Online VuGraph Organizer**  
hris Wiegand
- Appeals Administrator**  
Suzi Subeck
- Appeals Panel:**  
Cheri Bjerkan  
Gary Cohler  
Rich DeMartino  
Marty Fleisher  
Ron Gerard  
Marty Hirschman  
George Jacobs  
Ralph Katz  
Jeff Meckstroth  
Kerri Sanborn  
Ron Smith  
Danny Sprung  
Stan Subeck  
Adam Wildavsky
- Bulletin Editor**  
Suzi Subeck
- Photographer**  
Peg Kaplan

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**This Just In...  
Justin Lall Online Teams 6**

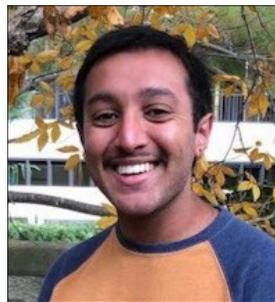
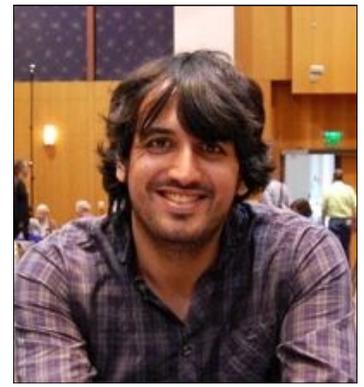


Two handy cards:  
The ace of spades and the proof of Vaccination!

# Teams Entered...

Eight teams ... in alphabetical order:

<b>Brines</b>	<b>Tracy Brines, Capt</b> <b>Tracey Bauer</b> <b>Peter Boyd-Bowman</b>	<b>Joyce Goldstein</b> <b>Mykaell McCarthy</b> <b>Alix Taylor</b>
<b>Ferro</b>	<b>Jeff Ferro, Capt</b> <b>Alex Ornstein</b> <b>Andrew Gumperz</b>	<b>Leni Holtz</b> <b>Bruce Rogoff</b> <b>Anant Rathi</b>
<b>Ge</b>	<b>Xin Ge, Capt</b> <b>Kayden Ge</b> <b>Charlie Chen</b>	<b>Brandon Ge</b> <b>Steve Chen</b> <b>Andrew Chen</b>
<b>Lall</b>	<b>Hemant Lall, Capt</b> <b>Bart Bramley</b>	<b>Phil Clayton</b> <b>Kit Woolsey</b>
<b>Lall's Juniors</b>	<b>Sarik Goyal, Capt</b> <b>Eric Xiao</b> <b>Gan Yang</b>	<b>Daniel Weiss</b> <b>Jeff Xiao</b> <b>Derek Wong</b>
<b>Lo</b>	<b>Ai-Tai Lo, Capt</b> <b>David Yang</b> <b>Alex Perlin</b>	<b>Jiang Gu</b> <b>David Chechelashvili</b>
<b>Reynolds</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds, Capt</b> <b>Joe Viola</b> <b>Bernie Greenspan</b>	<b>Lance Kerr</b> <b>Bill Hall</b> <b>Fred Schenker</b>
<b>Rosenthal</b>	<b>Andrew Rosenthal, Capt</b> <b>Debbie Rosenberg</b> <b>Chris Willenken</b>	<b>Migry Campanile</b> <b>Michael Rosenberg</b> <b>Eldad Ginossar</b>



# Round Robin Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN - DAY 1				
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS	MATCHUPS
SATURDAY	JUNE 18	11:30	CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM	
SATURDAY	JUNE 18	12:00 - 1:00	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-8	BRINES VS LALL'S JUNIORS FERRO VS LO GE VS REYNOLDS LALL VS ROSENTHAL
		1:15 - 2:15	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 9-16	BRINES VS LO FERRO VS REYNOLDS GE VS ROSENTHAL LALL VS LALL'S JUNIORS
		2:30 - 3:30	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 17-24	BRINES VS REYNOLDS FERRO VS ROSENTHAL GE VS LALL'S JUNIORS LALL VS LO
60 MINUTE BREAK				
		4:30 - 5:30	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 25-32	BRINES VS ROSENTHAL FERRO VS LALL'S JUNIORS GE VS LO LALL VS REYNOLDS
		5:45 - 6:45	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 33-40	BRINES VS GE FERRO VS LALL LALL'S JUNIORS VS REYNOLDS LO VS ROSENTHAL
		7:00 - 8:00	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 41-48	BRINES VS LALL FERRO VS GE LALL'S JUNIORS VS ROSENTHAL LO VS REYNOLDS
		8:15 - 9:15	ROUND 7 - BOARDS 49-56	BRINES VS FERRO GE VS LALL LALL'S JUNIORS VS LO REYNOLDS VS ROSENTHAL
ROUND ROBIN - DAY 2				
SUNDAY	JUNE 19	12:00 - 1:00	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 1-8	BRINES VS FERRO GE VS LALL LALL'S JUNIORS VS LO REYNOLDS VS ROSENTHAL
		1:15 - 2:15	ROUND 9 - BOARDS 9-16	BRINES VS LALL FERRO VS GE LALL'S JUNIORS VS ROSENTHAL LO VS REYNOLDS
		2:30 - 3:30	ROUND 10 - BOARDS 17-24	BRINES VS GE FERRO VS LALL LALL'S JUNIORS VS REYNOLDS LO VS ROSENTHAL
60 MINUTE BREAK				
		4:30 - 5:30	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 25-32	BRINES VS ROSENTHAL FERRO VS LALL'S JUNIORS GE VS LO LALL VS REYNOLDS
		5:45 - 6:45	ROUND 12 - BOARDS 33-40	BRINES VS REYNOLDS FERRO VS ROSENTHAL GE VS LALL'S JUNIORS LALL VS LO
		7:00 - 8:00	ROUND 13 - BOARDS 41-48	BRINES VS LO FERRO VS REYNOLDS GE VS ROSENTHAL LALL VS LALL'S JUNIORS
		8:15-9:15	ROUND 14 - BOARDS 49-56	BRINES VS LALL'S JUNIORS FERRO VS LO GE VS REYNOLDS LALL VS ROSENTHAL

KO Schedule on page 15

# USBF 8 Board Victory Point Scale

8 Boards (Blitz is 43 IMPs)						
	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0		10.00	10.00	15	15.23	4.77
1	10.44	9.56	9.56	16	15.50	4.50
2	10.86	9.14	9.14	17	15.75	4.25
3	11.27	8.73	8.73	18	16.00	4.00
4	11.67	8.33	8.33	19	16.23	3.77
5	12.05	7.95	7.95	20	16.46	3.54
6	12.42	7.58	7.58	21	16.68	3.32
7	12.77	7.23	7.23	22	16.90	3.10
8	13.12	6.88	6.88	23	17.11	2.89
9	13.45	6.55	6.55	24	17.31	2.69
10	13.78	6.22	6.22	25	17.50	2.50
11	14.09	5.91	5.91	26	17.69	2.31
12	14.39	5.61	5.61	27	17.87	2.13
13	14.68	5.32	5.32	28	18.04	1.96
14	14.96	5.04	5.04	29	18.21	1.79

### NOTES:

In accordance with the USBF General Conditions of Contest, each player must play at least one 8 board segment against each other team.

There are no seating rights - teams must submit their lineups before seeing their opponent's lineup.

Lineups for the first match each day will be due by 11:00 am; lineups for subsequent matches will be due at the start of the preceding match.

The tournament organizer will send an email to the team captain with the lineup of their opponent for the next match as soon as all lineups have been submitted.

# Kibitzing on VuGraph...

THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE JLALL6 EVENT.

## KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EDT)

The schedule will be the same both days:

Round 1: 1:15 pm  
Round 2: 2:30 pm  
Round 3: 4:30 pm  
Round 4: 5:45 pm  
Round 5: 7:00 pm  
Round 6: 8:15 pm  
Round 7: 9:15 pm

## KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Quarter 1: 12:30 pm  
Quarter 2: 2:35 pm  
BREAK  
Quarter 3: 5:10 pm  
Quarter 4: 7:15 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. Select event. After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #5, you will be taken to a lobby where you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names as well as the board being played. There will also be information about whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table to kibitz it.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen. 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 bid for info.

To "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 South's name to get a scorecard for the match.

You can use this to get lots of information:

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

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

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

--In the upper left corner:

----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and 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 DEFERRAL**

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

The 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.

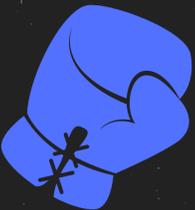
# Bridge News...

A JUNIOR BATTLE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN  
TEAM CAPTAINS ARE:

**JAMES HOLZHAUER V ZACH GROSSACK**



**Vugraph commentary by  
Larry Cohen & George Jacobs**



Tuesday  
5th July 2022  
9pm Eastern

[realbridge.online/junior-battle-5-july-2022](https://realbridge.online/junior-battle-5-july-2022)

A great opportunity to see juniors in the USBF junior training program take part in an exhibition match.

James Holzhauser (of Jeopardy! fame), and Zach Grossack will each captain a team. Commentators are international stars of the game, Larry Cohen and George Jacobs. They will comment live on RealBridge. You will be able to ask them a question in text or in video.

**What system are they playing?** All players are playing the same standard 2/1 system... but will they bid the same way? Once the players have settled on the team convention card, you will be able to see it online with one click.

**How do you watch?** Go to [kibitz.realbridge.online](https://kibitz.realbridge.online) ... No account is needed, just put your name in and join the event.

## JAMES' TEAM:

**Harrison Luba:** "I am 18 years old and my grandparents and great-grandmother taught me bridge at the age of 8 in South Carolina. I moved to Massachusetts when I was 12 and have played competitively ever since. I am going to be a freshman at Emory University in the Fall, planning to study chemistry."

**Luke Williams:** "I am a 21 year old who grew up in San Diego and recently moved to Seattle. My grandparents taught my brother and me to play bridge when I was 9 and he was 12,

and we've played together ever since. I'm entering my senior year at Pomona College where I study politics and psychology."

**Reese Koppel:** "I study behavioral economics and data science at Yale. Besides bridge, I dabble in chess, music production (both house music and engineering beats), tennis and golf. I love reading and watching my hometown New Orleans Pelicans and Saints. Within the bridge world, I was the 2018 ACBL King of Bridge. I serve as a trustee on the ACBL Educational Foundation and I have coached bridge at Yale as well as privately."

## ZACH'S TEAM

**Michael Xu:** "Five days from now I'll be 19. I grew up in the Bay Area, California, and I currently study mathematics and computer science at Amherst College. I am not sure of what I want to do in the future, but currently quant trading and software engineering seems intriguing. My bridge goal is to win a big event with my mentor, Michael Rosenberg."

**Jake Williams:** "My brother and I learned to play together in San Diego. I attended Harvey Mudd College where I competed collegiately in both bridge and tennis. I am now 24 and attending the University of Chicago, where I am working towards a PhD in Computer Science, focusing on machine learning and inverse problems."

**William Scott:** "I graduated from Tufts University in 2021 and am now a software developer in the healthcare industry. I learned to play bridge at age 12 but started playing more seriously in 2019, and my favorite contract to declare is four hearts (one notrump is a close second). Outside of bridge, I enjoy distance running and following the NBA."

Most of the problems in life are because of two reasons: we act without thinking or we keep thinking without acting.

**Honesty**  
is a very expensive gift.  
Don't expect it from cheap people.

*-Warren Buffett*

TRUST TAKES YEARS TO BUILD, SECONDS TO BREAK, AND FOREVER TO REPAIR.

ONE LIE IS ENOUGH TO QUESTION ALL TRUTHS

A MISTAKE REPEATED MORE THAN ONCE IS A DECISION.

Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you'll ever regret.

### Ethics Statement

**Ethics** - 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 COO, who may refer it to the USBF Recorder. Either the COO or Recorder may bring a Charge against the player to the Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

#### USBF Ethics Investigation Committee:

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

## Inspirational Quotes...

### System Regulations & Conditions of Contest

- Normal USBF System regulations apply to this event.
- This event is governed by the 2022 USBF General Conditions of Contest and Special Conditions of Contest for this event.
- The ACBL Open+ Convention Chart applies to this event.

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

## Spinach Dip... Perfect to Munch while Kibitzing

### Ingredients

#### Ingredient Checklist

- 12 cups water
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon. kosher salt, divided
- 3 (10-ounce) package fresh spinach (or 1 [2-pound] bunch spinach, trimmed)
- ¼ cup unsalted butter
- ½ cup finely chopped yellow onion (from 1 small [7 ounce] onion)
- 4 small garlic cloves, finely chopped (1 tablespoon)
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 cups whole milk
- 4 ounces sharp white cheddar cheese, shredded (about 1 cup)
- 6 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded (about 1 1/2 cups), divided

• •

### Directions

#### Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**  
Fill a large bowl with ice water; set aside. Bring 12 cups water and 2 tablespoons salt to a boil in a large stockpot over high. Add spinach; cook, stirring constantly, until wilted, about 1 minute. Using a slotted spoon or a spider, transfer spinach to prepared ice water; let cool 1 minute. Drain well; place spinach on a clean kitchen towel, and squeeze firmly over sink to remove as much liquid as possible. Place spinach in a food processor; pulse until roughly chopped, 4 to 6 pulses. Set aside.
- **Step 2**  
Preheat oven to 350°F with rack about 10 inches from upper oven heat source. Meanwhile, melt butter in a 10-inch cast-iron skillet over medium-high. Add onion; cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 4 minutes. Add garlic; cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Reduce heat to medium. Stir in flour, mustard, cayenne, nutmeg, and remaining 1 teaspoon salt; cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk until combined; bring mixture to a boil over medium, whisking occasionally. Boil, whisking occasionally, until thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in cheddar and 1/2 cup of the Monterey Jack cheese; cook, stirring constantly, until smooth, about 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in reserved spinach until combined. Sprinkle evenly with remaining 1 cup Monterey Jack cheese.
- **Step 3**  
Bake in preheated oven until bubbly, about 15 minutes. Increase oven temperature to broil (do not remove skillet from oven). Broil until browned, 2 to 5 minutes. Let stand at room temperature 5 minutes before serving.

# 3 Cheese Queso Nachos...

## Ingredients

For the pickled onions and jalapeños:

- 1 medium-size (10-ounce) red onion, thinly sliced (about 2 cups)
- 1 medium (1 1/2-ounce) jalapeño, stemmed, unseeded, and thinly sliced (1/3 cup)
- ¾ cup water
- ¾ cup red wine vinegar
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons kosher salt

For the chorizo refried beans:

- 1 pound fresh Mexican chorizo, casings removed
- 3 tablespoons lard or vegetable oil
- ½ cup chopped white onion (from 1 small [8 ounce] onion)
- 2 medium garlic cloves, chopped (2 teaspoons)
- 2 (15-ounce) cans pinto beans, undrained
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon dried Mexican oregano
- Kosher salt, to taste

For the three-cheese queso:

- 6 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 4 ounces white American cheese, shredded (about 1 cup)
- 2 ½ teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 (12-ounce) can evaporated milk
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 (4-ounce) goat cheese log, crumbled
- 1 (4 1/2-ounce) can chopped mild green chiles, drained well and patted dry

For the guacamole:

- 1 ½ pounds avocados (about 4 medium avocados), peeled and pitted
- ¼ cup finely chopped white onion (from 1 small [8-ounce] onion), rinsed under cold water and drained
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 ½ tablespoons fresh lime juice (from 1 lime), plus more to taste
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste

(Nachos, continued from page 8)

For the additional ingredients:

- 2 (11-ounce) packages sturdy tortilla chips
- Chopped tomato
- Fresh cilantro leaves
- Lime wedges

Directions

Make the Pickled Onions and Jalapeños:

Place onion and jalapeño in a medium-size heatproof bowl or jar with a lid. Bring water, vinegar, sugar, and salt to a boil in a small saucepan over medium-high, stirring occasionally to dissolve sugar and salt. Pour vinegar mixture over onion mixture in bowl. Let stand at room temperature for 1 hour. Cover and refrigerate for up to 1 week.

Make the chorizo refried beans:

Cook chorizo in a medium-size nonstick skillet over medium heat, stirring often to break it into small crumbles, until browned and cooked through, 10 to 12 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer chorizo to a paper towel-lined plate; set aside at room temperature for up to 1 hour. Add lard to drippings in skillet; melt over medium. Add onion and garlic; cook, stirring occasionally, until onion softens slightly, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in beans (with liquid), cumin, and oregano. Cook, stirring often and mashing beans using the back of a spoon, until mixture is creamy and thickened, 20 to 25 minutes. Stir in reserved chorizo and season to taste with salt. Remove from heat. Cover and keep warm for up to 1 hour. Reheat over low, if needed. The chorizo refried beans can be refrigerated for up to 2 days. Rewarm gently before continuing.

Make the goat cheese-spiked queso:

Toss together Monterey Jack cheese, American cheese, and cornstarch in a medium bowl until evenly combined; set aside. Bring evaporated milk, onion powder, and garlic powder to a low simmer in a medium saucepan over medium, whisking occasionally. Gradually add cheese-cornstarch mixture, whisking constantly, until cheese is fully melted and mixture thickens slightly, 2 to 3 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-low, and add goat cheese. Cook, whisking constantly, until queso is smooth and creamy, about 2 minutes. Stir in green chiles. Remove from heat. Cover and keep warm for up to 1 hour. Reheat over low, if needed. The queso can be refrigerated for up to 2 days. Rewarm gently before continuing.

Make the Guacamole:

Using a fork, mash avocados in a medium bowl to desired consistency. Add onion, cilantro, lime juice, and salt; stir to combine. Season to taste with additional lime juice and salt. Press plastic wrap directly onto surface of guacamole, and refrigerate for up to 4 hours.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Arrange half of the chips in an even layer on a large rimmed baking sheet lined with aluminum foil. Top with half of the refried beans, chorizo, and queso. Repeat layering with remaining chips, refried beans, chorizo, and queso. Bake in preheated oven until hot, about 10 minutes. Meanwhile, set aside 1/2 cup drained pickled onions and jalapeños (reserving remaining for another use).

Remove nachos from oven. Top with dollops of guacamole and scatter reserved 1/2 cup pickled onions and jalapeños on top. Garnish with chopped tomato and cilantro leaves. Serve with lime wedges.



A hen and a half lays an egg and a half in a day and a half. How many eggs does one hen lay in one day?

### Solution

If 1.5 hens lay 1.5 eggs in 1.5 days, it must be that one hen would lay one egg in the same time period: 1.5 days. Now, if one hen lays one egg in 1.5 days, it means that one hen would lay only  $\frac{2}{3}$  of an egg in one day. **So the answer is  $\frac{2}{3}$  of an egg.**

You might argue that hens can't lay just a portion of an egg. Fair enough. But then, of course, the whole premise of the problem, which involves 1.5 hens and 1.5 eggs, doesn't make sense from the start. And that invites pondering whether you can answer a problem that isn't well-posed in the first place. (Is the statement "The king of France is bald" false if there is no king of France?)

Kenny, Abby, and Ned got together for a round-robin pickleball tournament, where, as usual, the winner stays on after each game to play the person who sat out that game. At the end of their pickleball afternoon, Abby is exhausted, having played the last seven straight games. Kenny, who is less winded, tallies up the games played:

Kenny played **eight** games

Abby played **12** games

Ned played **14** games

**Who won the fourth game against whom?**

# Put Brain in Motion!

### Solution

At first glance, this seems so impossible. But it's not...

First, to solve, we need to figure out how many total games were played. We get 34 when we add up the game totals, but since two players play each game, there were 17 games played.

Now, with a brief insight, the solution quickly unravels. The insight is that *in a three-person round-robin, every player plays at least every other game*. Since 17 total games were played, every player must have played at least eight games.

Since Kenny played exactly eight games, we can infer which ones, as highlighted below:



Now, had Kenny won any of his games, we would have seen him play two games in a row. Instead, it must be the case that he lost every game he played. Thus, we can conclude that Kenny lost the fourth game. But against whom?

We know that Abby and Ned played against each other in every game that Kenny didn't play, which are all the unshaded squares above. In addition, we know Abby played the last seven straight games.

This means we know for sure that Abby played games 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, which amounts to 12 games, accounting for all of her games. So Ned must have played all other games against Kenny, such that **Ned beat Kenny in the fourth game.**

### Kibitzer Activities:

Normally we would feature local sports happenings, golf courses, and shopping centers in this space. For this event, since all online, we suggest you consult your local restaurants and shopping venues for curbside pick-up and delivery! If you choose outdoor dining where available or beaches where open, please remember to socially distance and bring your mobile device and wi-fi to be able to watch the matches while enjoying the beautiful outdoors!



And as Sadie Shopper will tell you, online shopping is available in your area (wherever that is) 24 hours a day for your enjoyment.

We recommend you stock up on popcorn and snacks, put your feet on your desk and enjoy the delayed kibitzing of the RealBridge matches.

# Sudoku

## Answers

### on Page 16

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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

**SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on  
page 14**



Honey	9am	Thursday	age 8	Tabitha
Rodeo	2pm	Tuesday	age 14	Peter
Bandit	11am	Wednesday	age 10	Matt
Lucky	1pm	Monday	age 13	Calvin
Venus	3pm	Friday	age 12	Amy
Horse's Name	Lesson Time	Lesson Day	Child's Age	Child's Name

## Father's Day & Graduation Puzzle

A joint Father's Day and graduation party is being thrown for Michael, Ken, James, Alberto, Elias, and Stephanie. Three of them are newly minted high school graduates. The other three are their dads.

- Stephanie went to the senior prom with Michael's son.
- Elias and James played on the school's baseball team. One of them is Alberto's son.
- Michael and Elias are not related.

Can you match the high school graduates to their fathers at this joint celebration?

Answer: Alberto is Elias' dad, Ken is Stephanie's dad, and Michael is James' dad.

## International friendly Junior Bridge Festival on RealBridge

**Dates:** 3 & 10 July 2022

Junior players from around the world are welcome to play in this free event.

Please send an email to [events@realbridge.online](mailto:events@realbridge.online)

The email needs to be from the captian or coach, not the players.

Enter up to 48 hours before the start time. Details below the poster.

**JUNIOR BRIDGE FESTIVAL**  
**3 JULY 2022 U16, U21, U26**  
 9am BST - 10am West Europe CEST  
 3pm Thailand - 4pm Hong Kong  
 6pm Sydney - 8pm New Zealand

- U16 play 16-18 boards. **Pairs.**
- U21 & U26 play 28-30 boards. **Teams.**

**10 JULY 2022 U21, U26, U31**  
 4pm BST - 5pm West Europe CEST  
 11am EDT (New York)

- U21 play 18-20 boards. **Teams.**
- U26 & U31 play 28-30 boards. **Teams.**

Junior coaches /captains contact:  
[events@realbridge.online](mailto:events@realbridge.online)

realbridge.online RealBridge

Special notices:

1. Please notice 2 dates.
2. Start times are not the same.
3. Categories are not the same.

Start times	<b>3 July:</b> 9am BST, 10am CEST, 3PM Thailand, 6pm Sydney <b>10 July:</b> 4pm BST, 5pm CEST, 11am EDT (New York)
No of boards	U16: between 16 and 18 boards U32: between 18 and 20 boards U26 and U31: 28 to 30 boards
Conditions of contest	Friendly, but normal WBF regulations.
History of event	Part of a series of events on RealBridge, having started in January 2021
Trick one delays	We have a system-enforced delay at trick 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening lead: 5 seconds</li> <li>• Play from dummy: 10 seconds</li> <li>• Play from third player: 5 seconds</li> </ul>
Table rules	<b>Convention cards:</b> players may refer to their own card <b>Cell phone:</b> must be switched off during play <b>Video and audio:</b> must be switched on all the time <b>Background noise:</b> please take care to turn off TV, radio and close the door of your room <b>If the player needs to leave their computer,</b> they must ask their opponents first
Arrival time	Players should arrive 20 minutes before start time.

Why was the math teacher late to work? She took the rhombus.

I'm really excited for the next autopsy club. It's open Mike night!

Where do spiders seek health advice? WebMD.

What did Yoda say when he saw himself in 4K? "HDMI."

My daughter thinks I don't give her enough privacy. At least that's what she wrote in her diary.

A friend of mine got into photographing salmon in different clothing. He said he liked shooting fish in apparel.

I'd like to go to Holland some-day. Wooden shoe?

The guy that invented the umbrella was gonna call it the brel-la. But he hesitated.

Fun fact: Australia's biggest export is boomerangs. It's also their biggest import.

What kind of car runs on leaves? An autumn-mobile!

I tried to organize a professional Hide-and-Seek tournament, but it was a complete failure. Good players are hard to find.

Before the invention of the wheel... everything was a drag!



# Fun and Games Page

## Horse Breeds

Find and circle all of the Horse Breeds that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell a quote by Herman Melville.

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

AKHALTEKE	FALABELLA	LIPIZZANER	PERCHERON
ANDALUSIAN	FJORD	LUSITANO	QUARTER
APPALOOSA	FRIESIAN	MARWARI	SADDLEBRED
ARABIAN	GYPSY	MINIATURE	SENNER
ARDENNES	HACKNEY	MISAKI	SHIRE
AZTECA	HAFLINGER	MONGOLIAN	STANDARD BRED
BARB	HANOVERIAN	MORAB	SUFFOLK
BLACK FOREST	HOLSTEINER	MORGAN	THOROUGHBRED
CASPIAN	ICELANDIC	MUSTANG	TRAKEHNER
CLYDESDALE	IRISH SPORT	OLDENBURG	WALER
CRIOLO	JUTLAND	PAINT	WELSH COB
CURLY	KATHIAWARI		



	age 8	age 10	age 12	age 13	age 14	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	9am	11am	1pm	2pm	3pm	Bandit	Honey	Lucky	Rodeo	Venus
Amy																				
Calvin																				
Matt																				
Peter																				
Tabitha																				
Bandit																				
Honey																				
Lucky																				
Rodeo																				
Venus																				
9am																				
11am																				
1pm																				
2pm																				
3pm																				
Monday																				
Tuesday																				
Wednesday																				
Thursday																				
Friday																				

Answers on page 11

# Logic Puzzle

Child's Name	Child's Age	Lesson Day	Lesson Time	Horse's Name

Gina's five children are all avid horse-lovers. Once a week, she brings each of them to horse-riding lessons. Unfortunately, just as all her kids are different ages, they're also at different riding levels and hence in different classes. To make it more complicated, each class is on a different day of the week and at a different time. And to top it off, each child rode a different horse, all of whom have different names. Poor Gina has a hard time keeping it all straight! Determine the name and age of each child, the day of the week and time (one was 11am) of each lesson, and the name of each favorite horse.

- Amy has only one younger brother and he rode Bandit. The child who rode Venus is two years younger than the child who had a lesson at 2pm, but 2 years older than Matt.
- The child with the 1pm lesson was older than the 12-year-old.
- Peter was 14 and the oldest child, but his lesson was in the first half of the week. Rodeo was ridden on Tuesdays by one of Gina's children, but not in the morning.
- The youngest child, who was 8, rode Honey but didn't have a lesson on Wednesdays. Lucky wasn't ridden by Peter. The child who was 13 had a lesson on Monday.
- The last lesson of the week was Friday at 3pm, but the 10-year-old didn't attend it. Calvin didn't have a lesson on Thursday.
- The child with a lesson on Friday rode Venus. Tabitha had her lesson at 9am. The child who had a lesson at 1pm didn't ride Rodeo.

# KO Schedule...

KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
TUESDAY	JUNE 21	TENTATIVE TIME 2:00 PM	
SEMIFINAL			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS
SATURDAY	JUNE 25	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			
SUNDAY	JUNE 26	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

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to find and 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



## One Liner "Dad" Jokes... Father's Day Humor...



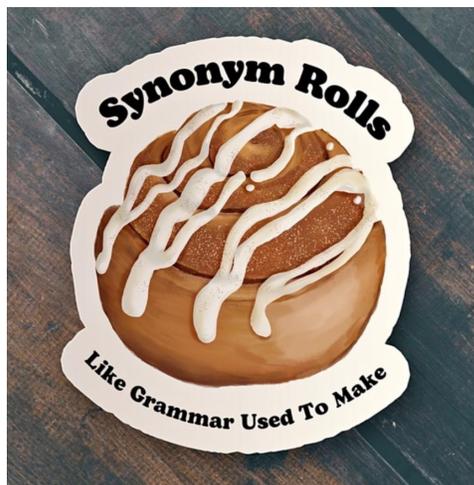
To stop their ten tricks...  
I'm leading my aces.  
It rates to score better  
Than leading my faces!

- "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?"
- "I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know..."
- "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."
- If a child refuses are nap, are they guilty of resisting a rest?
- "I once got fired from a canned juice company. Apparently I couldn't concentrate."
- What's robot's favorite snack? Computer chips!
- What happens when a strawberry gets run over crossing the street? A traffic jam!
- Where do math teachers go on vacation? Times Square!

**OXYMORONS...**

Assistant supervisor  
 New tradition  
 Original copy  
 Plastic glass  
 Uninvited guest  
 Highly depressed  
 Live recording

Authentic reproduction  
 Partial cease-fire  
 Limited lifetime guarantee  
 Elevated subway  
 Dry lake  
 True replica



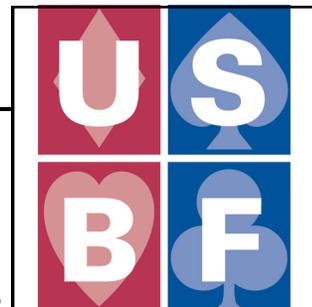
6	4	8	1	5	2	9	7	3
7	1	3	9	4	6	2	5	8
2	5	9	3	8	7	4	1	6
4	8	2	5	1	3	7	6	9
1	3	7	4	6	9	5	8	2
9	6	5	7	2	8	1	3	4
5	7	6	2	3	4	8	9	1
8	2	1	6	9	5	3	4	7
3	9	4	8	7	1	6	2	5

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

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2

# 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.

# Meet the Players



**Tracy Brines and his wife, Maureen**

Tracy is captain of the Brines team in this event! He and his wife sound like good natured characters in the bridge world. Below is a story excerpted from the Unit 163 (Iowa) newsletter from 2013 telling of Maureen's quest for a T-shirt at the St. Louis NABC...

Meet Tracy and Maureen Brines, new to Unit 163 in 2013. Tracy and Maureen moved into District 14 to take advantage of a job opportunity for Tracy at the Palo Nuclear Plant. They were then and still are accomplished bridge players. Tracy has directed and taught classes and Maureen, while playing less time, stormed into greatness.

The T-shirt story comes about when they went to the ACBL Spring National in St. Louis, Missouri. It was published in the June Bridge Bulletin and followed up in the August edition. Tracy's letters to the editor tell an amusing and interesting story.

Here is the June letter by Tracy Brines: "At the Spring NABC in St. Louis, Maureen, my wife and partner, discovered that the section-top prize was a T-shirt. After about five days of getting beat up in the national events (Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Silodor Open Pairs), she was distraught at not winning a shirt. We played one day in a Daylight Open pairs, having a section top, only to discover that because it was scored across multiple sections, we actually had a pair of section thirds. Undaunted, we went after shirts in the evening side game, our third session of the day. As the game was about to start, I looked around and saw Bob Hamman two tables down, sitting the same direction as we were. All I could think to say was, "Go tell him what size shirt you wear. I am sure he has enough..."

And here is the rest of the story published in the August Bridge Bulletin by Bill Howard of Green Valley, Arizona, entitled, Maureen's Prize: "You published a letter in June about Maureen Brines and her quest to earn a T-shirt at the Spring NABC in St. Louis. For those who are wondering whether she was successful, here's what Paul Harvey would call "the rest of the story." You may recall that Maureen and her husband, Tracy, played in a pairs' game with Bob Hamman playing the same direction in their section, so they missed out on the shirt. Well, my partner Ed Helpert and I went looking for teammates for the Swiss teams on the second Sunday and ran into Tracy and Maureen, who were desperate to find teammates with total masterpoints low enough to keep us in the 'X' part of the A/X Swiss. Ed and I qualified for that honor, so we teamed up with them. Tracy and Maureen played well and we came in first in X, so Maureen got her T-shirt."

These sound like the kind of bridge players we all want to meet... at and away from the table!!

## **From Tracy's Bridge Winners Profile...**

**about me:** Learned to play bridge in college (Texas Tech University) where I studied Civil Engineering. Joined the Navy in 95 and spent 15 years as an Officer on Aircraft Carriers and Destroyers. Work in the Nuclear Power Industry.

**Favorite Bridge Memory:** Qualifying for the 3rd day of the National Open Swiss in Seattle in 2011; getting to play behind screens for the 1st time

**Bridge Accomplishments:** Numerous Regional Open wins; 2nd day of several major national pair events

**Regular Bridge Partners:** My wife, whom I taught to play

**Favorite Tournaments:** Gatlinburg, Hunt Valley, Norfolk (VA Beach)

**BBO Username:** OKB - TAB410, Tracyb on BBO

Board 1  
Dealer N  
None Vul

♠ 942  
♥ A962  
♦ A8  
♣ AJ107

♠ 73  
♥ J10  
♦ Q762  
♣ K8542

♠ KQJ106  
♥ 85  
♦ KJ3  
♣ Q96

♠ A85  
♥ KQ743  
♦ 10954  
♣ 3

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	8	7	10	7	6
S	8	7	10	7	6
E	5	5	3	6	6
W	5	5	3	6	6

Par +420 4♥= NS

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Peter Boyd-Bowman & Alix Taylor	Eric Xiao & Jeff Xiao	4♥= S	♠7	420
Alex Ornstein & Bruce Rogoff	David Chechelashvili & David Yang	4♥= N	♠K	420
Jiang Gu & Ai-Tai Lo	Leni Holtz & Jeff Ferro	4♥= N	♠K	420
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Steve Chen & Charlie Chen	4♥= N	♠K	420
Phil Clayton & Hemant Lall	Migry Campanile & Andrew Rosenthal	4♥= N	♠K	420
Xin Ge & Kayden Ge	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	2♥+2 N	♠K	170
Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	2♥+2 N	♠K	170
Gan Yang & Derek Wong	Mykaell McCarthy & Tracey Bauer	2♠-1 E	♥Q	50

In both Lall v Rosenthal and Ge v Reynolds, one South player in each match thought their hand worthy of game while the other passed out the 2H part score. In Lall v Rosenthal, the auctions were identical up to 2H. How would you bid? Lall jumped to game. Willenken passed! Willenken and Eldad play light openers NV. Willenken guarded against a light opener by passing. Perhaps inviting with 3H would have been a good middle ground.

♠ 942  
♥ A962  
♦ A8  
♣ AJ107

W Kit Woolsey

♠ 73  
♥ J10  
♦ Q762  
♣ K8542

♠ KQJ106  
♥ 85  
♦ KJ3  
♣ Q96

♠ A85  
♥ KQ743  
♦ 10954  
♣ 3

W N E S  
1♣ 1♠ X  
P 2♥ P P  
P P P

Chris Willenken S

Rosenthal Clayton Migry Lall

W	N	E	S
	1♣	1♠	X
P	2♥	P	4♥
P	P	P	

♠ 942  
♥ A962  
♦ A8  
♣ AJ107

W Charlie Chen

♠ 73  
♥ J10  
♦ Q762  
♣ K8542

♠ KQJ106  
♥ 85  
♦ KJ3  
♣ Q96

♠ A85  
♥ KQ743  
♦ 10954  
♣ 3

1D=10-14 2+  
2D=hearts

Tom Reynolds S

Viola X Ge Hall K Ge

W	N	E	S
	1♣	1♠	X
P	2♥	P	P
P			

In Ge v Reynolds, the auctions diverged. Kerr opened 1D showing 10-14 and 2+. When his partner transferred to 2H, Kerr jumped to 3H from North. Reynolds had no trouble bidding the game.

At the other table Ge and Ge had the same auction as Willenken/Ginossar with the same result.

In truth, bidding the game is far more important Vul. NV it is 6 either way.

Board 3  
Dealer S  
EW Vul

♠ QJ10543  
♥ Q2  
♦ K8  
♣ 1072

♠ 2  
♥ AK10743  
♦ Q4  
♣ Q543

♠ K876  
♥ J  
♦ A1062  
♣ AK98

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣  
N 2 5 2 5 1  
S 2 5 2 5 1  
E 11 8 11 8 12  
W 10 8 11 8 12

♠ A9  
♥ 9865  
♦ J9753  
♣ J6

Par -1370 6♠= EW

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Xin Ge & Kayden Ge	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	3NT-2 E	♠A	200
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Steve Chen & Charlie Chen	3NT-2 E	♠A	200
Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	6♣-1 W	♠Q	100
Alex Ornstein & Bruce Rogoff	David Chechelashvili & David Yang	5♣= W	♠Q	600
Peter Boyd-Bowman & Alix Taylor	Eric Xiao & Jeff Xiao	3NT+1 E	♦5	630
Gan Yang & Derek Wong	Mykaell McCarthy & Tracey Bauer	3NT+1 E	♠A	630
Jiang Gu & Ai-Tai Lo	Leni Holtz & Jeff Ferro	4♥+1 W	♠J	650
Phil Clayton & Hemant Lall	Migry Campanile & Andrew Rosenthal	5♥= W	♠Q	650

3NT failed E/W at the two tables in Reynolds/Ge after North preempted 2S and South led the SA followed by the S9. North was allowed to hold the second trick and at both tables they led a third spade, East winning the king. It was a mistake for declarer to duck the second spade because it forces a premature discard from dummy, potentially injuring communication. Both Easts (Hall and Steve Chen) played the HJ and finessed it to North's queen so communication was no issue. North cashed out the spades and the contract failed two tricks.

In Lall's Juniors v Brines, Peter Boyd-Bowman failed to overcall spades and his partner made the normal 4th best diamond lead. Declarer played small. Peter played the king and declarer won the ace. There was plenty of time for declarer to lose both the heart finesse and two spade tricks while taking ten for +630!

Bd 3, Dlr S  
3NT+1 E

W Jeff Xiao

♠ QJ10543  
♥ Q2  
♦ K8  
♣ 1072

♠ 2  
♥ AK10743  
♦ Q4  
♣ Q543

♠ A9  
♥ 9865  
♦ J9753  
♣ J6

Alix Taylor S

Other table  
3NT+1 E

Eric Xiao E

W N E S  
2♥\* P 3NT P  
P P

The best play award goes to Mykaell McCarthy at the other table in the Brines/Juniors match.

McCarthy won the third spade, played the HJ to the HA, cashed the HK felling North's queen, successfully conceding a heart to South making 4NT even after the spade ace was led.

On this line of play, declarer combined the chance of dropping the HQ with several other possible positions. If the HQ does not drop, declarer can play a 3rd heart hopefully to South. If hearts are 3-3, success! If hearts are 4-2, South will win the heart and presumably switch to diamonds. Declarer will still have the chance to successfully guess the DKJ position and collect nine tricks.

Board 4  
Dealer W  
All Vul

♠ Q8765  
♥ 43  
♦ 2  
♣ AQ732

♠ A  
♥ A982  
♦ 964  
♣ KJ1095

♠ J1032  
♥ Q1065  
♦ 108753  
♣ —

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

♠ K94  
♥ KJ7  
♦ AKQJ  
♣ 864

Par +500 4♥X-2 EW

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Gan Yang & Derek Wong	Mykaell McCarthy & Tracey Bauer	4♠ = N	♦ 3	620
Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	4♠ = N	♥ 6	620
Alex Ornstein & Bruce Rogoff	David Chechelashvili & David Yang	3NT = S	♣ 10	600
Peter Boyd-Bowman & Alix Taylor	Eric Xiao & Jeff Xiao	4♠ -1 N	♥ 6	100
Jiang Gu & Ai-Tai Lo	Leni Holtz & Jeff Ferro	4♠ -1 N	♦ 3	100
Xin Ge & Kayden Ge	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	4♠ -1 N	♥ 6	100
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Steve Chen & Charlie Chen	4♠ -1 N	♥ 5	100
Phil Clayton & Hemant Lall	Migry Campanile & Andrew Rosenthal	4♠ -1 N	♥ 6	100

Bd 4, Dir W  
4♠ = N

W Kit Woolsey

♠ Q8765  
♥ 43  
♦ 2  
♣ AQ732

♠ A  
♥ A982  
♦ 964  
♣ KJ1095

♠ K94  
♥ KJ7  
♦ AKQJ  
♣ 864

S Chris Willenken

N Eldad Ginossar

Other table  
4♠ -1 N

E Bart Bramley

♠ J1032  
♥ Q1065  
♦ 108753  
♣ —

W N E S  
1♦\* 1♠ P 2♦\*  
P 2♠ P 4♠  
P P P

At 7 tables, North declared 4S. At one table South declared 3NT. 3NT is cold as long as declarer guesses the spade position. Six tables opened 1C on the West hand and North became declarer in 4S. At these six tables, East led a red suit. When East led a heart, declarer inserted the J and West won the ace. At each of these tables, West shifted to the CJ, hoping that the reason their partner neglected to lead the suit they opened was a VOID. East ruffed and eventually scored a second ruff to go with West's two aces. When East led a diamond, one declarer pitched their heart losers, came off dummy with a spade and made the game. At the other declarer misplayed, pitched their heart losers and took a club off dummy, allowing East to ruff and ultimately beating themselves!

Kit Woolsey, playing a strong club system, opened 1D (could be 2) with the West cards. Bart Bramley led the H6 (3rd best); declarer inserted the jack and Kit won the ace. Based on the heart spots, Kit knew that Bart held the HQT and therefore, had no room to hold the CQ.

Kit returned a heart, hoping to score a second heart trick along with his spade ace when partner held the S:Jxxx.

As you can see, it was an unlucky hand for the thinking expert! Declarer (Eldad Ginossar) wrapped up his game and scored 12 IMPs for Rosenthal.

Board 6, Dir E  
6NT-3 W

W David Yang

♠ 103  
♥ 952  
♦ Q7432  
♣ AK2

Other table  
4♠+2 W

David Chechelashvili E

♠ AKQ9862  
♥ AK87  
♦ A  
♣ J

♠ 7  
♥ Q1063  
♦ K108  
♣ 98543

♠ J54  
♥ J4  
♦ J965  
♣ Q1076

W N E S  
2♣ P 2♦\* P  
3♠ P 4♦ P  
4NT\* P 5♦ P  
6♠ P 6NT P  
P P

Bruce Rogoff S

On Board 6, North/South can make slam in either hearts or spades. Sadly for Yang/Chechelashvili on the Lo team, they could not make 6NT ... especially with North on lead. Ornstein led the CK and the slam failed three tricks!

At two tables where 6H was played, West showed both their suits and East opted for the 4-4 fit. No defense will defeat the slam.

In all other cases, West played in a spade game taking 12 tricks.

It is odd that David C. "corrected" 6S to 6NT. He'd done nothing in the auction to show spade support and his partner placed the hand in 6S. His partner knew the keycard situation and could have bid 5S if he felt concerned about taking 12 tricks.

The result: 14 IMPs to Ferro

Board 6  
Dealer E  
EW Vul

♠ 103  
♥ 952  
♦ Q7432  
♣ AK2

♠ AKQ9862  
♥ AK87  
♦ A  
♣ J

♠ 7  
♥ Q1063  
♦ K108  
♣ 98543

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣  
N 0 0 0 7 5  
S 0 0 0 7 5  
E 9 12 12 6 8  
W 9 12 12 6 8

♠ J54  
♥ J4  
♦ J965  
♣ Q1076

Par -1400 7♦X-6 NS

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Alex Ornstein & Bruce Rogoff	David Chechelashvili & David Yang	6NT-3 W	♣K	300
Peter Boyd-Bowman & Alix Taylor	Eric Xiao & Jeff Xiao	4♠+2 W	♣A	680
Gan Yang & Derek Wong	Mykaell McCarthy & Tracey Bauer	4♠+2 W	♣K	680
Jiang Gu & Ai-Tai Lo	Leni Holtz & Jeff Ferro	4♠+2 W	♣K	680
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Steve Chen & Charlie Chen	4♠+2 W	♣A	680
Phil Clayton & Hemant Lall	Migry Campanile & Andrew Rosenthal	4♠+2 W	♣A	680
Xin Ge & Kayden Ge	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	6♥= W	♣A	1430
Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	6♥= W	♣K	1430

Board 10, Dir E  
4♥-1 N

W Joe Viola

♠ K10  
♥ AJ1072  
♦ 54  
♣ Q1098

Other table  
2♠+3 S

Bill Hall E

♠ 9  
♥ 843  
♦ AK9873  
♣ AK4

♠ 6543  
♥ 65  
♦ J1062  
♣ J72

♠ AQJ872  
♥ KQ9  
♦ Q  
♣ 653

W N E S  
P P P P  
2♦ 2♥ P 3♥  
P 4♥ P P

Bruce Rogoff S

Joe Viola was a star on Board 10. 4H N/S was bid four times. It is cold unless the defenders can create an illusion.

At the three tables where game made, East led the DJ; Declarer played the queen from dummy; West covered with the king. At these same tables, West switched to either the ace or king of clubs and eventually collected one diamond and two clubs while declarer successfully took the other ten tricks!

At Viola's table, Joe won the opening diamond and correctly analyzed that his side could only legitimately come to three winners: two clubs and one diamond. Joe did not switch to the ace or king of clubs as his expert counterparts did: **Joe switched to the C4!!!**

Poor Rogoff! He knew that there were two honor jack holdings and only one AK. He played with the odds and inserted the CT! Hall won the jack and continued clubs for down one!!

Board 10  
Dealer E  
All Vul

♠ K10  
♥ AJ1072  
♦ 54  
♣ Q1098

♠ 9  
♥ 843  
♦ AK9873  
♣ AK4

♠ 6543  
♥ 65  
♦ J1062  
♣ J72

♠ AQJ872  
♥ KQ9  
♦ Q  
♣ 653

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	5	10	10	4	9
S	5	10	10	4	9
E	2	2	2	9	4
W	2	2	2	9	4

Par +500 5♦X-2 EW

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Xin Ge & Kayden Ge	Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	4♥= N	♦ J	620
Phil Clayton & Hemant Lall	Eric Xiao & Jeff Xiao	4♥= N	♦ J	620
Gan Yang & Derek Wong	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	4♥= N	♦ J	620
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Leni Holtz & Jeff Ferro	2♠+3 S	♦ A	200
Andrew Rosenthal & Migry Campanile	Steve Chen & Charlie Chen	3♠+2 S	♦ A	200
Peter Boyd-Bowman & Alix Taylor	David Chechelashvili & David Yang	5♥-1 N	♣ 2	100
Jiang Gu & Ai-Tai Lo	Mykaell McCarthy & Tracey Bauer	5♠-1 S	♣ A	100
Alex Ornstein & Bruce Rogoff	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	4♥-1 N	♦ J	100



Six teams and six staff turned out for the Captain's meeting yesterday. All issues were discussed and resolved. Thanks everyone for your participation.

Things go much smoother when everyone is on the same page!

Thanks especially to Andy Bowles and Shireen Mohandes from RealBridge for their attendance and help.

# Cross IMPs...

jlall6 - Round Robin Stage 1 (thru R7 possible boards = 56)				
played at least 40% of boards				
rank	partnership	totalimps	#boards	avg
1	Alex Perlin - David Yang	50.57	24	2.11
2	Ai-Tai Lo - Jiang Gu	90.28	48	1.88
3	Andrew Rosenthal - Migry Campanile	24.00	32	0.75
4	Eric Xiao - Jeff Xiao	34.43	56	0.61
5	Hemant Lall - Phil Clayton	21.58	56	0.39
6	David Chechelashvili - David Yang	7.72	32	0.24
7	Jeff Ferro - Leni Holtz	8.71	56	0.16
8	Alex Ornstein - Bruce Rogoff	2.00	40	0.05
9	Charlie Chen - Steve Chen	0.15	32	0.00
10	Lance Kerr - Tom Reynolds	-0.86	40	-0.02
11	Chris Willenken - Eldad Ginossar	-1.86	40	-0.05
12	Bernie Greenspan - Fred Schenker	-1.87	32	-0.06
13	Joyce Goldstein - Tracy Brines	-5.42	32	-0.17
14	Bill Hall - Joe Viola	-12.14	40	-0.30
15	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	-18.29	56	-0.33
16	Andrew Chen - Steve Chen	-11.43	24	-0.48
17	Brandon Ge - Xin Ge	-12.14	24	-0.51
18	Mykaell McCarthy - Tracey Bauer	-20.58	40	-0.51
19	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg	-21.00	40	-0.53
20	Kayden Ge - Xin Ge	-18.71	32	-0.58
21	Alix Taylor - Peter Boyd-Bowman	-27.58	40	-0.69
22	Derek Wong - Gan Yang	-71.43	40	-1.79
23				

## Breaking News...

Yesterday at the European Championships, Eric Laurent was elected President of the EBL. He succeeds Jan Kamras.