

All Kid-ding Aside... Pre-Bulletin



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The Prez Says ...

Welcome to the Junior JAll Teams 1. There are four teams entered in this event, open to members of the USBF Junior Training Program. This event will take place on December 28th and January 22nd or 23rd on RealBridge. The 28th will feature a day-long RoundRobin to qualify two teams for the final.

Basic Conditions:

- DIC is **McKenzie Myers**. Tournament Organizer is **Jan Martel**. Software guru is **Al Hollander**.

Round Robin, December 28: A complete Round Robin played in two halves; each player must play every other team. Each team will play 20 boards against each other team. There will be 6 rounds scheduled.

- Each player must play half of the RR matches.

The top 2 teams qualify for the Finals. The other teams will be eliminated.

Knockout Final, January 22 or 23 (players' option):

- One match. 56 boards.
- This match will be played on RealBridge. During the bidding & play, each player will see & hear their screenmate - (N&E, S&W). Before and after each match, teammates will be seated at one table.
- There will be no real-time online kibitzing allowed for any match. Kibitzers will be able to watch after a delay. For the Round Robin, kibitzing will be delayed until match completion. For the first half of the KO match, kibitzing will start half an hour after play starts, and each board will be shown no sooner than when all tables have finished playing it. For the second half of the KO match, kibitzing will start at the end of the segment. We will have voice commentary when possible for the KO match.
- Players may consult their bidding notes, SSF, and convention card **during the bidding only**. Other aids to memory are not allowed.

Please note: Online play presents challenges. The USBF is grateful to have RealBridge and its many conveniences as a platform for these events and it's other Competitions during this Pandemic.

While the USBF Board and the tournament organizers do their best to make the USBF events the fairest Competitions, only YOU, the participants, can maintain this standard. We are counting on you to uphold the high ideals of ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which United States bridge is known worldwide.

While I too old to qualify for this tournament, I will be watching from home and cheering for all.

Let the games begin!
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A Special Junior Pandemic Competition

Teams Entered...

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There are four teams entered. listed here in alphabetical order by captain:

Eckert	Kai Eckert, Capt Sam Pahk Isaac Stone	Evan Alexis Alexandra Clark
Gong	Nathan Gong, Capt Jeff Xiao Kayden Ge	Arthur Gong Andrew Chen Charlie Chen
Hu	Amber Lin, Capt Jeff Hu	Olivia Schireson Henry Xing
Zhang	Brian Zhang, Capt Eric He	Eric Xiao Edward He



Pre-Pandemic Junior Program Pics!

USBF 10 Board VP Scale

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

Age Appropriate Humor!!

- Q: Why are spiders such know-it-alls?**
A: They're always on the web.
- Q: What do you call a pony with a sore throat?**
A: A little hoarse.
- Q: How does the moon cut its hair?**
A: E-clipse it.
- Q: What did the grape say when he was pinched?**
A: Nothing, he gave a little wine.
- Q: If you have 13 apples in one hand and 10 oranges in the other, what do you have?**
A: Big hands.
- Q: Where do fruits go on vacation?**
A: Pearis.
- Q: What did the man say when he walked into a bar?**
A: Ouch!
- Q: What starts with E, ends with E, and has only one letter in it?**
A: An envelope
- Q: What did the duck say when he bought lipstick?**
A: "Put it on my bill."
- Q: Why did the selfie go to prison?**
A: It was framed.
- Q: What is red, orange, and full of disappointment?**
A: High school pizza.
- Q: What do computers eat for a snack?**
A: Microchips!
- Q: Why was the Math book sad?**
A: It had too many problems.
- Q: What does a school and plant have in common?**
A: STEM.
- Q: What did the middle schooler say to the high schooler?**
A: Nothing, they texted.

Teen Memes...

person: I like your name
me: thanks,
I got it for my birthday

Whenever I paint my
fingernails the polish lasts
for 4 days but when I paint
my toenails it lasts for like
6 years I don't understand.

I don't appreciate
the tone of voice you're
texting me in.

Teacher: Where is your
homework? Student: I lost
it fighting this kid who said
you weren't the best
teacher in school.

Your parents are hiding
your Hogwarts
acceptance letter
because they're jealous.

Why do we bake cookies
and cook bacon?

Upcoming Event from the USBF

2022 JLall Online Teams #5

The fifth **USBF JLall Online Teams** event (JLall5) will be held from January 14-17 and 21-24 on RealBridge.

JLall5 is open to all Active USBF members. An Active member is one who has paid USBF dues. All players must have paid 2022 dues on or before January 10, 2022.

Event Schedule and Format

- JLall5 will be held from January 14-17 and 21-24.
- Play each day will start at noon EST and end at about 8:30 pm EST.
- There will be no more than 32 teams, each with 4-6 players.
- The entry fee for the event is \$400 per team.
- DIC for the event is McKenzie Myers. Tournament Organizer is Jan Martel. Software guru is Al Hollander. Vugraph Organizer is Chris Wiegand, who will again organize voice commentary for the KO stages.

- The event format will be:

Round Robin Stage 1, January 14-16:

Everyone plays 3 days of a "split field" Round Robin with 10 board matches; there are two Round Robin groups, named by the winners of JLall4 in honor of Justin's sister Jessica Mayor JLall (Jessica is running for Mayor of Los Angeles), and CEO JLall (Jessica is currently a CEO). Teams will be assigned to the two groups based on a "draft" by the top two teams (chosen by a vote of all teams). The top 5 teams in each group will qualify for the KO Round of 16. The five teams ranked 6-10 in each group ("bubble teams") will play in Stage 2 of the Round Robin. The remaining teams in each group will be eliminated.

Round Robin Stage 2, January 17th:

Each bubble team plays a 10 board match against each bubble team from the other group, scored at VPs with carryover from the first 3 days. The top 6 teams qualify for the Round of 16. The bottom 4 teams are eliminated.

Knockouts, January 21-24:

- One match per day. 56 boards per match.
- **There will be a short Captains' meeting on January 18th to set the KO bracket.** The precise method of setting the bracket is set forth in the Special Conditions of Contest. Summary: the top 4 teams from Round Robin Stage 1 will select their opponents for the Round of 16 from the bottom 8 qualifiers. The remaining qualifiers will be shuffled in groups to fill the bracket.
- The matches will be played on RealBridge. During the bidding & play, each player will see & hear their screenmate - (N&E, S&W). Before and after each match, teammates will be seated at one table.
- There will be no real-time online kibitzing allowed for any match. Kibitzers will be able to watch after a delay. For the Round Robin, the delay will be until each match is over so kibitzing does not provide "state of the match" information. For the first half of each KO match, kibitzing will start half an hour after play starts, and each board will be shown no sooner than when all tables have finished playing it. For the second half of each KO match, kibitzing will start at the end of the segment. We will try to have voice commentary, and perhaps may limit chat at the tables late in the event to approved commentators.
- RealBridge will archive bidding, play & score information for the event. We will also post scores on this website.
- Players may consult their bidding notes, SSF, and convention card **during the bidding only**. Other aids to memory (for example, lists of percentages, calculators, notes about carding) are not allowed.
- Play Requirements for teams that qualify after the first 3 days of play: if there are 32 teams (15 matches) each player must have played 7 of the 15 matches.
- Play Requirements for teams that qualify after the fourth day of play: each player must have played 50% of the boards played over all 4 days, rounded down if there are an odd number of boards.
- Any player who has not paid 2022 USBF dues by January 10 will not be allowed to play.
- Teams can freely change their rosters until January 7th, when the division of teams into Round Robin groups will start. After January 7th, a team may change its roster only if the change does not substantially strengthen or weaken the team. Roster changes are made by **email to the Tournament Organizer**. If an added player or pair is not able to meet the deadlines for system filing, they may not play any unusual method unless it is played by another pair in the event.

Playing Online...

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	W chesschamp ♠ 2 ♥ 10652 ♦ Q65 ♣ J9764	E p531745 ♠ J64 ♥ 3 ♦ KJ8732 ♣ Q82	
	S chompyfish ♠ AK987 ♥ AJ7 ♦ A94 ♣ K10		6♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0

In a recent Monday night USBF Junior practice session, Brandon Fong (North) and Zack Posternak (South) were one of only three pairs out of 16 to bid and make slam on Board 5.

They won 11.40 IMPs (BBO Imp pairs scoring) for their effort.

Brandon dealt and opened 1H. Stan Subeck, East, one of this group's two mentors, was filling in for a missing player. Stan overcalled 2D.

Zach cuebid 3D showing a limit raise or better in hearts.

West, Ava Donnellan, passed and **Brandon made the key bid**. Since he doesn't really have slam aspirations, he could have just jumped to 4H to accept the game try. Instead, he chose 3S, patterning out and letting his partner draw a clear picture of the hand.

That was all it took. With a massive spade fit and good hearts, plus controls in the side suits, Zach jumped to 6H.

The opening lead was a club. Brandon won the CK in dummy and cashed the HA. Thirteen tricks were there for the taking and he took them all!

Of interest is the fact that, because of the great intermediate spots, declarer can handle both a 5-0 heart split and a 4-0 spade split in either direction. No pair came close to bidding the grand slam (not unexpected).

Glenn Milgrim, an excellent player from the New England area, is the other mentor for this group. Glenn was kibitzing and mentoring while Stan filled in the game. This process works well for this group. The Juniors get a chance to ask questions of the mentor sitting out while learning from the mentor playing. When all group members are available for the session, both Glenn and Stan mentor.

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Delayed Kibitzing on RealBridge

THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE JUNIOR JLALL1 EVENT.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN ON DECEMBER 28, 2021 (EST)

Round 1: 12:45 pm
Round 2: 2:00 pm
Round 3: 3:15 pm
Round 4: 5:05 pm
Round 5: 6:20 pm
Round 6: 7:35 pm

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO FINAL (EST) - JANUARY 22 OR 23 AT THE TEAMS' CHOICE

Quarter 1: 1:00 pm
Quarter 2: 3:00 pm
BREAK
Quarter 3: 5:45
Quarter 4: 7:45

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 (we do not know whether there will be events with deferred kibitzing other than the JuniorJLall1).

After you select Kibitz Junior JLall Online Teams #1, 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 plus information about 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

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. Click on the bid to see the explanation.

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

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

You can use this to get lots of information:

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

TIMING OF DEFERRAL

The Round Robin matches will be deferred by 15 minutes, and the Final will be deferred for an hour, but no board will be shown until it has been played at all tables, so there may sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown because tables are very slow. **For the fourth quarter of the Final, the delay will be until the match has been completed, so players will not be able to get useful state of match information. That means that the 4th quarter kibitzing will start at 8:30 EST.**



What did one light bulb say to the other?
Watt's up?

What can you catch but not throw? Your breath.

Why is the obtuse angle sad? Because it's never right.

Where do cows go on date night? To the moovies.

Why did Adele cross the road? To say "hello from the other side."

I'm a photographer of myself. You could say I'm selfie-employed.

What should you do when no one laughs at your chemistry jokes? Keep going until you get a reaction.

Why was the math book bummed? It had a lot of problems.

What's the best way to get in touch with a fish? Drop it a line.

How did the hipster burn the roof of his mouth? He bit into his pizza before it was cool.

I couldn't figure out why the football kept getting bigger...then it hit me.

Some Suggestions For Snacking While Kibitzing ... Pandemic Pleasures...



2 tablespoons olive oil

- 2 large garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1 (28-ounce) can whole peeled plum tomatoes, preferably San Marzano
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon black pepper, divided
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon whole milk
- 2 cups panko (Japanese-style breadcrumbs)
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh oregano (or 1/2 teaspoon dried)
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 ounces Parmesan cheese, grated with a Microplane grater (about 1 1/4 cups), divided
- 24 pieces spinach-and ricotta-filled ravioli (from two 10-ounce refrigerated packages)
- 2 cups vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup loosely packed fresh sage leaves (from a 1/2-ounce package)
- 4 (6-inch) rosemary sprigs (from a 1/2-ounce package)

Toasted Ravioli St. Louis Style

- **Step 1** Heat olive oil in a medium saucepan over medium. Add garlic; cook, stirring occasionally, until fragrant and light golden in color, about 1 minute. Add tomatoes, and gently crush using back of a spoon. Bring mixture to a simmer over medium, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer, stirring occasionally, until thickened, about 1 hour. Remove from heat; stir in 1/2 teaspoon of the salt and 1/4 teaspoon of the pepper. Cover to keep warm.
- **Step 2** While sauce cooks, whisk together eggs and milk in a medium bowl. Stir together panko, oregano, garlic powder, 1 teaspoon of the salt, 1/2 teaspoon of the pepper, and 1/2 cup of the Parmesan in a separate medium bowl until well combined. Working with 1 ravioli at a time, dip ravioli in egg mixture; let excess drip off. Dredge in panko mixture, pressing gently to coat. Place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Repeat process with remaining ravioli. Transfer ravioli on baking sheet to freezer; freeze, uncovered, until firm, at least 15 minutes or up to 12 hours.
- **Step 3** Heat vegetable oil in a 10-inch skillet over medium until an instant-read thermometer registers 300°F to 325°F. Add sage to hot oil, and cook until crispy, about 30 seconds. Carefully remove sage using a slotted spoon, and transfer to a plate lined with paper towels. Add rosemary to hot oil, and cook until leaves become crispy, about 1 minute. Carefully remove rosemary from hot oil using slotted spoon, and transfer to plate with sage; let cool 1 minute. Carefully remove rosemary leaves from stems, and discard stems. Set sage and rosemary aside.
- **Step 4** Working in about 4 batches, cook breaded ravioli in hot vegetable oil, turning once, until golden brown, crisp, and heated through, about 2 minutes per side. Transfer cooked ravioli to a baking sheet lined with paper towels.
- **Step 5** Sprinkle cooked ravioli evenly with remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and remaining 1/4 teaspoon pepper; divide evenly among 4 plates. Top evenly with remaining 3/4 cup Parmesan and fried herbs. Serve alongside warm marinara sauce for dipping.

Pretzel and Mustard Dumplings

- 1 cup whole milk
- 16 ounces day-old pretzel rolls or bread rolls (about 5 rolls), very thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 medium-size white onion, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 tablespoon whole-grain mustard
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon fine sea salt, plus more for water
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cracked black pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground nutmeg



- **Step 1**

Microwave milk in a large microwavable bowl on high until hot, about 1 minute. Add pretzel roll slices; toss to evenly coat and absorb milk. Let soak 15 minutes.

- **Step 2**

Meanwhile, melt butter in a small skillet over medium. Add onion, and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat, and let cool 10 minutes.

- **Step 3**

Using your hands, break up bread in bowl into smaller pieces. Add onion mixture, eggs, parsley, mustard, salt, pepper, and nutmeg. Mix thoroughly using your hands to combine, kneading to form a sticky mixture. Divide mixture evenly into 8 (about 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch) balls (about 3 $\frac{5}{8}$ ounces each), and place on a large plate. (Dough will be wet and sticky but will hold its shape.)

- **Step 4**

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over medium-high. Using a slotted spoon or a spider, gently lower dumplings into boiling water. Reduce heat to medium; simmer, turning dumplings occasionally, until dumplings are fluffy and a thermometer inserted into thickest portion registers 185°F, about 20 minutes. Remove dumplings from water using a slotted spoon. Serve warm.

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“This is your great-grandma and great grandpa,” I told my grandson as I handed him a photo of my parents. “Do you think I look like them?” He shook his head. “Not yet.”



Over dinner, I could sense something was bothering my mother, so I asked if anything was wrong. “Yes,” she admitted. “What’s all this I hear on the news about banning baking products?” I patted her hand reassuringly and said, “That’s vaping products.”

After my 91-year-old mother finished having her hair cut and shaped, the stylist announced, “There, now you look ten years younger.” My mother, un-impressed, replied, “Who wants to look 81 years old?”

Chipolte-Garlic Edaname

Ingredient Checklist

- One 14-ounce bag frozen edamame in the pods
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 chipotle in adobo—stemmed, seeded and minced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- Coarse sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil. Add the edamame and cook for about 4 minutes. Drain and pat dry.
- **Step 2**
In a large skillet, heat the olive oil with the minced chipotle, minced garlic and ground cumin. Add the edamame pods and cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until the garlic is softened, 1 to 2 minutes. Season the edamame with salt and black pepper and transfer to a bowl. Serve warm or at room temperature.

While he was visiting, my father asked for the password to our Wi-Fi. "It's taped under the modem," I told him. After three failed attempts to log on, he asked, "Am I spelling this right? T-A-P-E-D-U-N-D-E-R-T-H-E-M-O-D-E-M?"

What do you call a pop star in a snowstorm?
Chilly Eilish

Did you see that guy wearing camouflage?
Me either!

What do cats like to eat for breakfast?
Mice Krispies!

Everytime the doorbell rings, my dog runs and stands in the corner... he's a boxer!

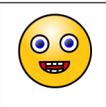
Never confide in a vacuum cleaner... they are always gathering dirt!

An exterminator went out on a call and found the customer standing in the middle of a field. "what's up," asked the exterminator.

"I've got two problems," said the customer... "First, I have termites..."

"OK... where's your house?" asked the exterminator.

"That's my second problem!" said the customer... "You were supposed to come last week!"



Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting in a Round Robin event, it can be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please email it to me at stan-subeck@prodigy.net. Thank you.

Suzi



I can only go down
If they get a ruff,
So pulling the trump
Should be just enough!

Letting them ruff
Is something I hate.
I'll pull the trump now
Before it's too late!

Limey Jack... Howie Doing...

Limey Jack was knackered to hear of Narem Gupta's untimely passing and the cancellation of the TASR. Zia's team has withdrawn.

The JLall Junior Competition will be starting with four squads from The Colonies vying for two slots.

Howie Dung will be making a pure guess, similar to the Parson's wife giving directions to the Fens.

Limey Jack will put a quid or two in your trousers.

Of Eckert, Gong, Hu and Zheng, only Eckert is 5 handed and so they will depart.

Count on HD to make some hopeless attempt at humour by making a reference to the Gong Show.

Ta.

The New JLall Juniors
Event Number One,
Starts in this year,
But next year is done!

Four teams are entered.
Two will depart
Once 2022 is destined
To start!

Eckert and Lin
Remain in the fray.
They've got great juniors
Who know how to play!

Zhang has a squad.
That plays pretty good.
But push comes to shove,
And yield they could!

Gong team will leave,
But it will be close.
Total IMPs scored
Will be less than a gross!

Howie Doing... just fine, thanks!

Kibitzer Activities:

Normally we would feature baseball happenings, golf courses, and shopping centers here. For this event, we are suggesting you consult your local restaurants and shopping venues for curb-side 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 matches.

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzles on Page 16!

Online Ethics -

We're not trying to provide security for this event, as we do when we sometimes have "real" events online. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties still apply to this event. If an expert committee is convinced that any player covertly communicated with his/her partner or unethically obtained information about any other player's hand, the player will be subject to discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion from the USBF.

Pandemic Practice...

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In a strange practice session played last week on BBO between Nickell/Katz and the Subecks, there were four reasonable slams bid as they head into Board 13. Of the first four slams, each side made one and went down in the other. The slam on Board 13 provided the kibitzers with some excitement!

Suzi Subeck was North; Stan was South; Katz was East; Nickell was West.

After twelve boards, Nickell/Katz had a 2 IMP lead (BBO Imp Pair scoring).

Board 13 was the deciding hand.

South opened 1H. Nick, with a nice 14 HCP and no convenient bid, passed.

As a passed hand, North bid 2D, an "old style" non-game forcing two-over-one.

Katz passed and Stan jumped to 4C showing club shortness and diamond support. Nick doubled 4C and Suzi bid 4NT, RKC Blackwood. Stan's 6C response showed a club void and an odd number of keycards. Suzi placed the contract in 6D, and Ralph led the C5.

This was trumped in South and a small heart was lead from dummy. Nickell ducked and the HT won the trick. Declarer played the DK and a diamond to dummy's ace. Suzi passed the HK, pitching a loser from hand, followed by the HQ, ruffing out Nickell's HA. A club was ruffed in dummy and thirteen tricks were claimed.

Bidding slam with only 21 total HCP gained 13.33 IMPs.

Responding 2D with 9 HCP and a singleton in opener's suit was key to finding the very reasonable slam.

In point of fact, only two of sixteen pairs even found the diamond game!!!

Fun and Games Page

Happy New Year

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of a popular location for celebrating New Years Eve.

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

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| APPETIZERS | DECORATIONS | HATS | PARADES |
| BABIES | END OF DECEMBER | HOLIDAY | PARTY |
| BALLOONS | EVENTS | HORNS | PUNCH |
| BANNERS | FAMILY | KISS | RESOLUTIONS |
| BUFFET | FATHER TIME | MIDNIGHT | SINGING |
| CELEBRATE | FEAST | MUSIC | STREAMERS |
| CHAMPAGNE | FESTIVITIES | NEW YEARS DAY | THIRTY FIRST |
| CONFETTI | FIREWORKS | NEW YEARS EVE | TIARAS |
| DANCE | FIRST OF JANUARY | NOISEMAKERS | WINE |
| DAY ONE | FRIENDS | OCCASION | YEAR IN REVIEW |



Let the games begin!
 Let's see how it starts!
 I can proclaim.
 I'm the good King of
 Hearts!

2022 is a year
 That I think...
 Compared to the recents
 Will maybe not stink??

Word Find Puzzle



Logic Puzzle ...



		First Names					Candy Bars					Magazines				
		Bryan	Dakota	Erica	Jaiden	Jordan	Butterfinger	Milky Way	Snickers	Three Musketeers	Twix	Cosmopolitan	Fortune	Newsweek	People	Time
Birthdays	January 5															
	January 12															
	March 9															
	March 28															
	September 16															
Magazines	Cosmopolitan															
	Fortune															
	Newsweek															
	People															
	Time															
Candy Bars	Butterfinger															
	Milky Way															
	Snickers															
	Three Musketeers															
	Twix															

		Birthdays		First Names		Candy Bars		Magazines	
	January 5								
	January 12								
	March 9								
	March 28								
	September 16								

- The person who bought the Milky Way was born before the Fortune subscriber.
- The 5 people were the person born on March 9, the Time subscriber, the person who bought the Butterfinger, Jaiden, and the person born on September 16.
- The person born on March 9 didn't subscribe to Cosmopolitan.
- Either the People subscriber or the Time subscriber is Jordan.
- The person born on January 5 bought the Three Musketeers.
- Of the Time subscriber and Bryan, one was born on January 5 and the other bought the Twix.
- The person born on March 28 is Dakota.
- The Fortune subscriber is not Bryan.
- Jordan was born after Erica.
- The People subscriber didn't buy the Milky Way.
- The Newsweek subscriber was born before Bryan.

Answer to Puzzle No Peeking!

January 5	Erica	Three Musketeers	Time
January 12	Jaiden	Milky Way	Newsweek
March 9	Jordan	Snickers	People
March 28	Dakota	Butterfinger	Fortune
September 16	Bryan	Twix	Cosmopolitan

Tournament Schedule:

ROUND ROBIN - TUESDAY, DEC. 28, 2021		
12:15 PM EST CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC ON ZOOM		
TIME - EST	BOARDS	MATCHUPS
12:30 - 1:30	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10	ECKERT VS HU GONG VS ZHANG
1:45 - 2:45	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20	ECKERT VS ZHANG GONG VS HU
3:00 - 4:00	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30	ECKERT VS GONG HU VS ZHANG
50 MINUTE BREAK		
4:50 - 5:50	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40	ECKERT VS HU GONG VS ZHANG
6:05 - 7:05	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50	ECKERT VS ZHANG GONG VS HU
7:20 - 8:20	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 51-60	ECKERT VS GONG HU VS ZHANG

I just had a super busy day today converting oxygen into carbon dioxide.

Sometimes I use big words I don't always fully understand in an effort to make myself sound more photosynthesis.

SCHOOL: $2 + 2 = 4$.
HOMEWORK: $2 + 4 + 2 = 8$.
EXAM: Omar has 4 apples, his train is 7 minutes early, calculate the mass of the sun

FINAL KNOCKOUT			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EST	SEGMENT - BOARDS
SATURDAY OR	JAN. 22	12:00 - 1:45	QUARTER 1 - BOARDS 1-14
		2:00 - 3:45	QUARTER 2 - BOARDS 15-28 60 MINUTE BREAK
SUNDAY (TEAMS' CHOICE)	JAN. 23	4:45 - 6:30	QUARTER 3 - BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	QUARTER 5 - BOARDS 43-56



Meet the Players

In 2015, **Amber Lin** of Edison, N.J., was named Queen of Bridge, the highest honor a youth player can receive from the American Contract Bridge League, the sanctioning body for the game of bridge. Lin, 18, is an accomplished bridge player who has won multiple tournaments at a young age, including the 2012 Youth North American Bridge Championships. She represented the United States in 2013 in the World Youth Open Bridge Championships in Atlanta. Her success has generated headlines in The New York Times.

The award recognizes not only great play but also a commitment to serving the community and promoting the game of bridge. During Lin's sophomore year at John P. Stevens High School, she founded the high school's first bridge club.

"It's amazing to see how much Amber has accomplished at such a young age," said Robert Hartman, then ACBL CEO. "It's important for young people like her to get the word out in their communities."

During her sophomore year of high school, Lin completed the Teacher Accreditation Program training course to become a certified bridge teacher. She taught bridge at Huaxie Edison Chinese School in East Brunswick, N.J.

"For three years now, every Sunday afternoon teaching bridge has been the highlight of my week," Lin said. "As I finish up high school and look forward to starting my freshman year at Princeton University, I hope to continue teaching the kids at my Chinese school every week and spend more time working on my own bridge skills."

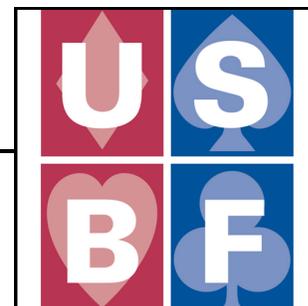
As a part of the award, she has received a \$1,000 scholarship to attend Princeton University.

Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku
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Puzzle 1 on left
Puzzle 2 on right

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



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.

“Growing old
 is mandatory,
*but growing up
 is optional.*”

– Walt Disney

Computers
 have lots
 of memory
 but no
 imagination.

~ Bill Gates

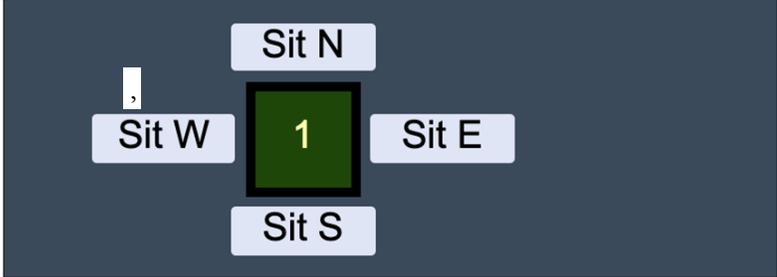
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 They graduated
 school without

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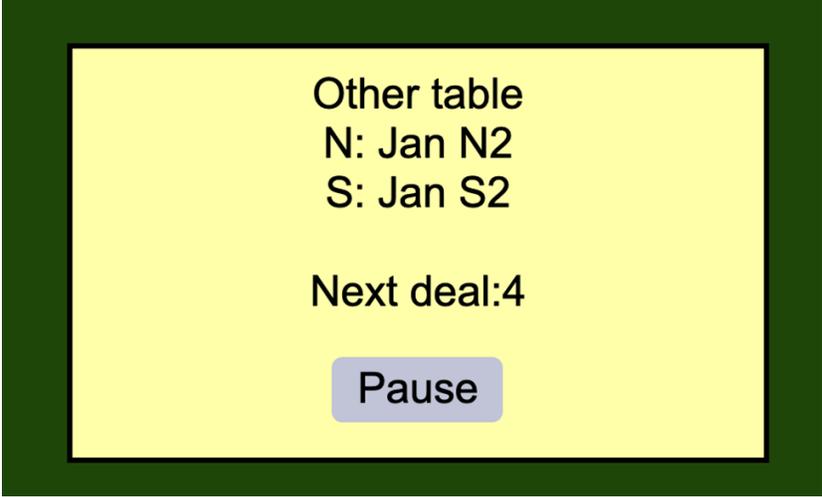
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Helpful Hints for RealBridge

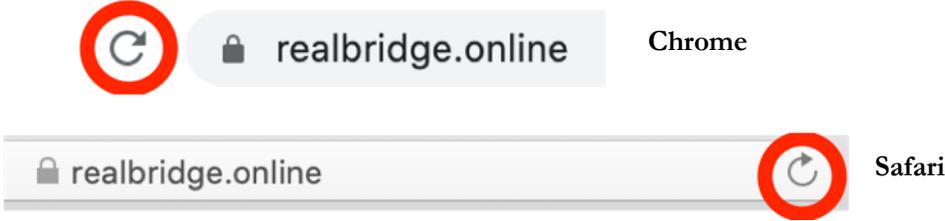
1. If when you log in if you are in the lobby & the area to the left looks like this, please don't sit at Table 1, that will cause future problems for the people who are supposed to be at Table 1.



2. If you want time to discuss systems or carding before starting to play and would prefer not to have the screen close before you have finished, you can click on "Pause" here to keep the screen from closing when the first board is loaded. When you're ready for the first board, whoever clicked on Pause should click OK.



3. If things have been going fine but all at once you are not able to play a card, something may have gone wrong with your connection to RealBridge. You can almost certainly fix it by reloading the browser window, which will take you back to the Log In page and the clicking Log In. To reload the browser window, click on the circled button in the URL bar:

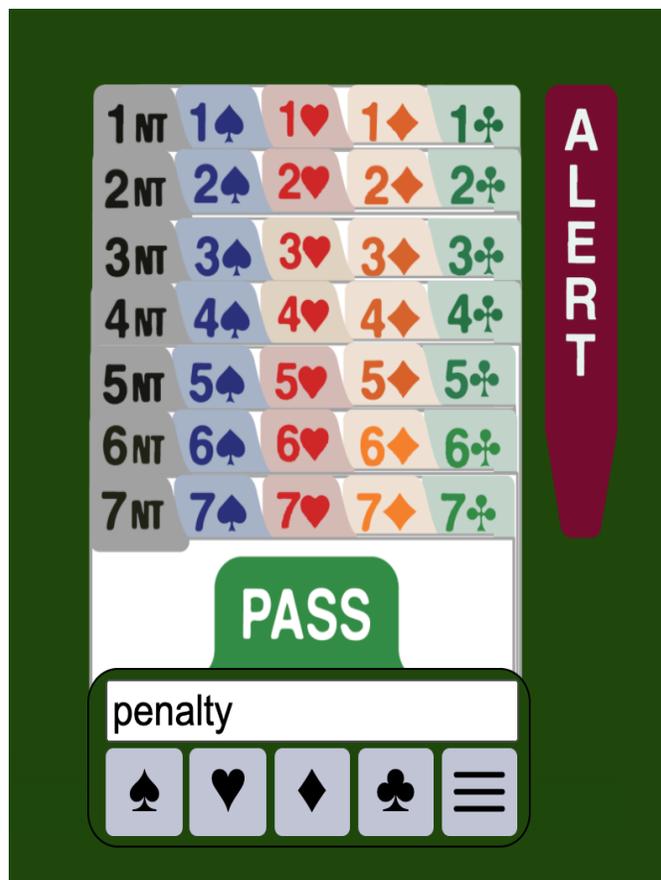


4. if you can't see someone, try clicking on the refresh button next to your name - it's a good idea to do that about every half hour. It refreshes your video feed and often fixes issues related to the cache:



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5. Before you bid, look at the “explain bid here” box and make sure it has what you want. For instance here I “accidentally” went to my library and clicked on “penalty” before I passed. So before passing, I need to select that “penalty” and delete it to get back to an empty “explain bid here” box:



It may look like I'm having really deep thoughts but 99% of the time I'm just thinking about what food I'm going to eat later..

I use the word "like" way too much, like really.

You know you are talented when you can untangle your headphones in the dark.

I hate it when I originally pick the right answer and then change it.