

MICHAEL SEAMON JUNIOR UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# All Kidding Aside—Pre-Bulletin



## The Prez

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Hi Everyone,  
Welcome to Atlanta, Georgia, for the Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championships.

On behalf of the USBF, we appreciate your commitment to this Championship. We want you to have a great experience while you are here. We also want you to remember that your opportunity to play in these trials, and to represent the United States, has been made possible through the generosity of a large number of players (donors) who very likely did not have this opportunity themselves.

Participants are expected to continue to uphold the ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship ideals for which the United States Bridge Federation is known worldwide.

Best of luck to all. Thanks for your participation. Your enthusiasm is an inspiration to others in the USBF Junior Training Program. We look forward to watching all of you on VuGraph and cheering for you all!

Aaron Silverstein, President, USBF

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# Teams Entered

## U26:

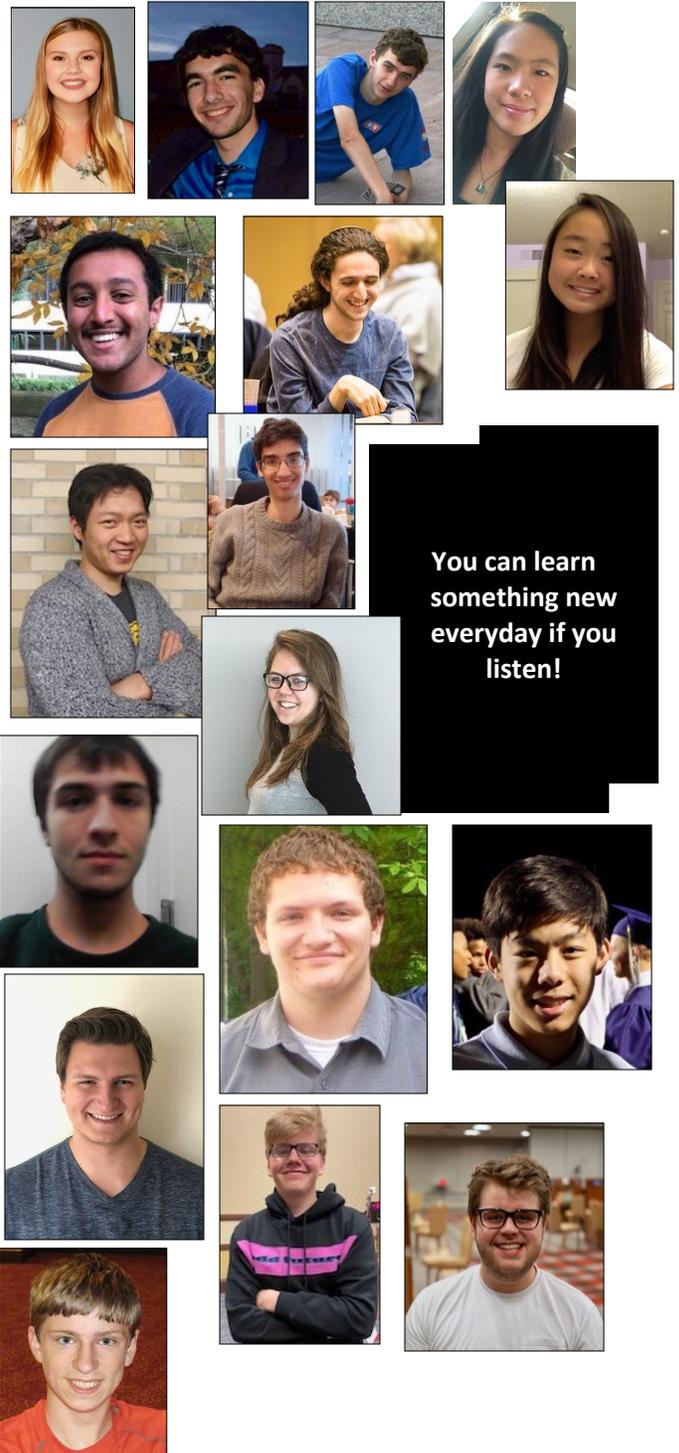
Berk	Hakan Berk, Capt Sophia Chang	David Soukup Lucy Zhang
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## U21:

A Zhang	Andy Zhang, Capt Ethan Xie Tiger Li	Matthew Rippin Zach Posternak Darwin Skalski
Derman	Ethan Derman, Capt Michael Haas Daniel Balof	Levi Katriel Sam Pahk Kai Eckert
Gong	Nathan Gong, Capt Edward He	Arthur Gong Eric He
Hu	Michael Hu, Capt Andrew Jin Luke Tong	Jerry Yao Oliver Que
Klein	Aidan Klein, Capt Owen Jiang Cedric Xiao	Kevin Jiang Philip Wang
M Xu	Michael Xu, Capt Harrison Luba	Olivia Schireson Bo Han Zhu
Zhao	Derrick Zhao, Capt Avery Silverstein	Caroline Zhao Jack Boge
Zhou	Arthur Zhou, Capt Rory Xiao	Michael Hu Jonathan Yue

## RONA (GIRLS):

Farley	Abbie Farley, Capt Khanh Tran Nguyen	Jessica Udomsriunguang Laura Chen
Hsieh	Helena Hsieh, Capt Ava Donnellan	Jessie Cai Margot Donnellan
Linkel	Lorelei Linkel, Capt Cecilia Ehrlichman Jay Sullivan	Katie Sullivan Kyra Helmbold
Qian	Nicole Qian, Capt Katherine Hwang	Helen Chow Helen Levy



# Tournament Schedules

**PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS**  
 first two will be Both in the Playing Area & on Zoom  
 Rona Captains' meeting 12/29 will be in the Playing area

Lovebridge practice sessions			
Day	Date	Time	
Monday	Dec. 26	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Tuesday	Dec. 27	10:00 AM	
Wednesday	Dec. 28	9:00 PM	
Thursday	Dec. 29	10:00 AM	

Day	Date	Time	
Monday	Dec. 26	9:00 PM	
Tuesday	Dec. 27	10:00 AM	
Thursday	Dec. 29	10:00 AM	

**U26 Schedule**  
**Round Robin**

Day	Date	Time	Boards
Tuesday	Dec. 27	11:00 - 11:45	Match 1 - Boards 1-7
		12:00 - 12:45	Match 2 - Boards 8-14
		1:00 - 1:45	Match 3 - Boards 15-21
		2:00 - 2:45	Match 4 - Boards 22-28
			75 minute Break
		4:00 - 4:45	Match 5 - Boards 29-35
		5:00-5:45	Match 6 - Boards 36-42
		6:00-6:45	Match 7 - Boards 43-49
		7:00-7:45	Match 8 - Boards 50-56
	8:00-8:45	Match 9 - Boards 57-63	

*Short Captains Meeting For Round Robin Winner to Choose Opponents after play Tuesday*

**USA1 Semifinal**

Wednesday	Dec. 28	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		4:00 - 5:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
		6:00 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60

**USA2 Stage 1 (6 team Round Robin)**

Wednesday	Dec. 28	11:15 - 12:40	Match 1 - Boards 1-12
		12:55 - 2:20	Match 2 - Boards 13-24
			75 minute Break
		3:45 - 5:10	Match 3 - Boards 25-36
		5:25 - 6:50	Match 4 - Boards 37-48
		7:05 - 8:30	Match 5 - Boards 49-60

**USA1 Final & USA2 Quarterfinal (6 teams)**

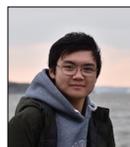
Thursday	Dec. 29	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		4:00 - 5:45	75 minute Break
		6:00 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60

**USA2 Semifinal**

Friday	Dec. 30	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		4:00 - 5:45	75 minute Break
		6:00 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60

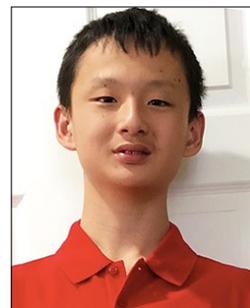
**USA2 Final (Subject to Adjustment at Teams' Option)**

Saturday	Dec. 31	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		4:00 - 5:45	75 minute Break
		6:00 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60



## Tournament Schedules... continued from page 3

<b>U21 Schedule</b>			
<i>Round Robin</i>			
<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Boards</i>
Tuesday & Wednesday	Dec. 27	11:30 - 12:25 12:40 - 1:35	Match 1 - Boards 1-8 Match 2 - Boards 9-16
	Dec. 28	1:50 - 2:45  4:15 - 5:10 5:25 - 6:20 6:35 - 7:30 7:45 - 8:40	Match 3 - Boards 17-24 90 minute Break Match 4 - Boards 25-32 Match 5 - Boards 33-40 Match 6 - Boards 41-48 Match 7 - Boards 49-56
Each player must play against each other team			
<i>Short Captains Meeting For Round Robin Winner to Choose Opponents after play Wednesday</i>			
<i>USA1 Semifinal</i>			
Thursday	Dec. 29	11:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 2:45  4:00 - 5:45 6:00 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
<i>USA1 Final &amp; USA2 Semifinal</i>			
Friday	Dec. 30	11:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 2:45  4:00 - 5:45 6:00 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
<i>USA2 Final</i>			
Saturday	Dec. 31	11:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 2:45  4:00 - 5:45 6:00 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
<b>Rona Schedule</b>			
<i>Round Robin</i>			
Thursday & Friday	Dec. 29 & Dec. 30	11:15 - 1:30  3:00 - 5:15 5:30 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-20 90 minute Break Segment 2 Boards 21-40 Segment 4 Boards 41-60
<i>KO</i>			
Saturday	Dec. 31	11:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 2:45  4:00 - 5:45 6:00 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60



### **ALERT!!! Earn a Berth in an Exhibition Match against ACBL Staff ...**

Amy Casanova at ACBL and Dave Caprera are arranging a match between the juniors who qualify to represent the USA next year in each of the four categories (26, 21, Rona and 16) and representatives of the ACBL staff and management. The event will occur on Sunday, January 8th, at 8 pm eastern time on RealBridge. George Jacobs and Larry Cohen have agreed to do the commentary (none better). There will be four tables and ~16 boards (2 hours). It should be fun for the participants and a great show for the kibitzers. Watch for more information in later bulletins this week!

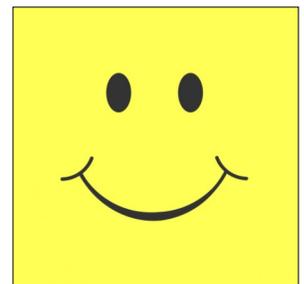
7 Boards (Blitz is 40 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.50	4.50	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19.00	1.00
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.77	3.23	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.31	6.69	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.80	0.20
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20.00	0.00
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

## 7 Board VP Scale (under 26)

8 Boards (Blitz is 43 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	15	15.23	4.77	30	18.37	1.63
1	10.44	9.56	16	15.50	4.50	31	18.53	1.47
2	10.86	9.14	17	15.75	4.25	32	18.68	1.32
3	11.27	8.73	18	16.00	4.00	33	18.83	1.17
4	11.67	8.33	19	16.23	3.77	34	18.97	1.03
5	12.05	7.95	20	16.46	3.54	35	19.11	0.89
6	12.42	7.58	21	16.68	3.32	36	19.24	0.76
7	12.77	7.23	22	16.90	3.10	37	19.37	0.63
8	13.12	6.88	23	17.11	2.89	38	19.50	0.50
9	13.45	6.55	24	17.31	2.69	39	19.62	0.38
10	13.78	6.22	25	17.50	2.50	40	19.74	0.26
11	14.09	5.91	26	17.69	2.31	41	19.85	0.15
12	14.39	5.61	27	17.87	2.13	42	19.95	0.05
13	14.68	5.32	28	18.04	1.96	43	20.00	0.00
14	14.96	5.04	29	18.21	1.79			

## 8 Board VP Scale (under 21)

"A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other."  
 "My New Year's resolution is to be more optimistic by keeping my cup half full of coffee"  
 "My New Year's resolution is 1080p."  
 "My resolution was to read more, so I put the subtitles on my TV."  
 "New Year? I just got used to this last one!"  
 "What do you call always having a date for New Year's Eve? Social security."  
 "Only gouda times at this family gathering."



**No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.**  
**This applies to players AND kibitzers.**  
**Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.**  
**Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.**  
**The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.**



12 Boards (Blitz is 52 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	20	15.58	4.42	40	18.78	1.22
1	10.36	9.64	21	15.79	4.21	41	18.90	1.10
2	10.71	9.29	22	15.99	4.01	42	19.02	0.98
3	11.05	8.95	23	16.18	3.82	43	19.13	0.87
4	11.38	8.62	24	16.37	3.63	44	19.24	0.76
5	11.70	8.30	25	16.55	3.45	45	19.34	0.66
6	12.01	7.99	26	16.73	3.27	46	19.44	0.56
7	12.31	7.69	27	16.91	3.09	47	19.54	0.46
8	12.61	7.39	28	17.08	2.92	48	19.64	0.36
9	12.90	7.10	29	17.24	2.76	49	19.74	0.26
10	13.18	6.82	30	17.40	2.60	50	19.83	0.17
11	13.45	6.55	31	17.56	2.44	51	19.92	0.08
12	13.71	6.29	32	17.71	2.29	52	20.00	0.00
13	13.97	6.03	33	17.86	2.14			
14	14.22	5.78	34	18.00	2.00			
15	14.46	5.54	35	18.14	1.86			
16	14.70	5.30	36	18.28	1.72			
17	14.93	5.07	37	18.41	1.59			
18	15.15	4.85	38	18.54	1.46			
19	15.37	4.63	39	18.66	1.34			

## 12 Board VP Scale (under 26 USA2)

**AN IPHONE  
AND A  
FIREWORK  
WERE ARRESTED  
ON NEW  
YEAR'S EVE.**

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**One was charged and  
the other was let off.**

20 Boards (Blitz is 68 IMPs)											
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	18	14.20	5.80	35	16.93	3.07	52	18.82	1.18
1	10.28	9.72	19	14.39	5.61	36	17.06	2.94	53	18.91	1.09
2	10.55	9.45	20	14.58	5.42	37	17.19	2.81	54	19.00	1.00
3	10.82	9.18	21	14.76	5.24	38	17.32	2.68	55	19.09	0.91
4	11.08	8.92	22	14.94	5.06	39	17.44	2.56	56	19.17	0.83
5	11.34	8.66	23	15.11	4.89	40	17.56	2.44	57	19.25	0.75
6	11.59	8.41	24	15.28	4.72	41	17.68	2.32	58	19.33	0.67
7	11.83	8.17	25	15.45	4.55	42	17.79	2.21	59	19.41	0.59
8	12.07	7.93	26	15.61	4.39	43	17.90	2.10	60	19.49	0.51
9	12.30	7.70	27	15.77	4.23	44	18.01	1.99	61	19.57	0.51
10	12.53	7.47	28	15.93	4.07	45	18.12	1.88	62	19.65	0.35
11	12.76	7.24	29	16.08	3.92	46	18.23	1.77	63	19.72	0.28
12	12.98	7.02	30	16.23	3.77	47	18.33	1.67	64	19.79	0.21
13	13.20	6.80	31	16.38	3.62	48	18.43	1.57	65	19.86	0.14
14	13.41	6.59	32	16.52	3.48	49	18.53	1.47	66	19.93	0.07
15	13.61	6.39	33	16.66	3.34	50	18.63	1.37	67	19.99	0.01
16	13.81	6.19	34	16.80	3.20	51	18.73	1.27	68	20.00	0.00
17	14.01	5.99									

## 20 Board VP Scale (Rona)

Where can you find comedians on  
New Year's Eve?

Waiting on the Punch Line!

# Meet the Players: Emma Kolesnik



Emma is from Ventura, CA. She studied at Scripps College in Claremont, CA, a 2021 graduate, majoring in Math and Computer Science. She was a member of the Harvey Mudd College bridge team. Emma is now working at Microsoft.

Emma learned bridge from her parents when she was 8 or 9 years old, but has only been playing more seriously in the last several years.

When she's not playing bridge or studying, Emma enjoys baking and doing volunteer work with local underprivileged students.

# Morgan Johnstone



Morgan Johnstone, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, studied Earth Science at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.

Since she played in her first duplicate match, much of her free time has shifted to time spent playing bridge. She was a co-president of the UMN Bridge Club and has represented District 13 of the ACBL in Grand National Teams Flight C.

Today, Morgan lives in Atlanta, Georgia where this tournament is being held.

## The Gianarrigo Rona Trophy



What happens when you hire an odd-job guy to do 8 jobs? They only do 1, 3, 5 and 7.  
Why should you never mention the number 288? Because it's two gross.  
What do you call dudes who love math? Algebras.  
What did the math teacher rate the movie American Pie? 3.14 thumbs up  
Why is six afraid of seven? Because seven eight nine!  
Why DID seven eat nine? Because you're supposed to eat 3 squared meals a day!  
Why didn't the Romans find algebra very challenging? Because they always knew X was 10.  
Why couldn't the angle get a loan? His parents wouldn't Cosine.  
Why did the obtuse angle go to the beach? Because it was over 90 degrees.  
Why do plants hate math? Because it gives them square roots.  
What do you call an angle that is adorable? Acute angle.  
Why doesn't anybody talk to circles? Because there is no point!

**The Gianarrigo Rona Trophy corresponds to the World Girls Teams Championship. This competition is for players who must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31st December of the year prior to the year in which the competition is to take place.**

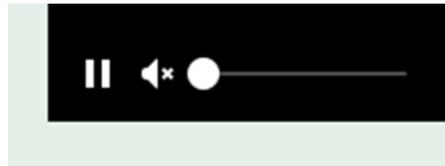
THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2022 MICHAEL SEAMON JUNIOR USBC ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the MSJUSBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. Some sessions will have voice commentary. If you get to the commentary and there is no sound, you need to "unmute" it. When you first get to the page, there is a small icon of a speaker in the middle of your screen with an x on it:



Just click on it to unmute.

If you miss that icon, you can still unmute - just move your cursor to the bottom left of the screen and you should see a similar icon:



Click on the speaker to unmute.

#### KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)

With 3 separate events going on at once, and both USA1 and USA2 brackets of the U26 and U21 events, the kibitzing schedule is a little confusing. In general:

**Kibitzing of Round Robin matches** will be delayed until each match is over, so you can watch Round 1 of a Round Robin when Round 2 is scheduled to start, etc.

#### **On Day 1 U26 Round Robin kibitzing times will be:**

- Round 1: 11:45 am;
- Round 2: 12:45 pm
- Round 3: 1:45 pm
- Round 4: 2:45 pm
- Round 5: 4:45 pm
- Round 6: 5:45 pm
- Round 7: 6:45 pm
- Round 8: 7:45 pm
- Round 9: 8:45 pm

#### **On Days 1 & 2 U21 Round Robin kibitzing times will be:**

- Round 1: 12:25 pm;
- Round 2: 1:35 pm
- Round 3: 2:45 pm
- Round 4: 5:10 pm
- Round 5: 6:20 pm
- Round 6: 7:30 pm
- Round 7: 8:40 pm

**Kibitzing of KO matches** will start half an hour after the start of the match.

The KO kibitzing times will be:

- Segment 1: 11:30 am
- Segment 2: 1:30 pm
- BREAK
- Segment 3: 4:30 pm
- Segment 4: 6:30 pm

#### **NAIL BITING!**

**DO YOU WANT TO BE DEEPLY INVOLVED? CHOOSE THE "MATCH VIEW" AT THE STARTING PAGE OF YOUR EVENT. YOUR SCREEN WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR SMALL SCREENS – TWO OF THEM SHOWING THE TWO TABLES OF THE MATCH YOU CHOOSE, THE OTHER TWO HAVING THE SCORESHEET FOR YOUR MATCH AND THE CURRENT SCORES OF THE OTHER MATCHES. IN THE 2X2 VIEW YOU CAN ALSO PERSONALIZE THE CONTENT IN ALL YOUR WINDOWS. (THE 2X2 VIEW IS NOT AVAILABLE ON MOBILES.)**

**THINK TOGETHER!**

# Kibitzing...



**EVERY NEW YEAR'S EVE, I LOOK FORWARD TO A GOOD SHOW AT TIME'S SQUARE ... AND YEAR AFTER YEAR, THEY DROP THE BALL.**

**I WOULD LOSE WEIGHT FOR MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION ... BUT I HATE LOSING.**



**WHAT DOES A GHOST SAY ON JANUARY 1ST? HAPPY BOO YEAR!**

**WHO GETS THE MOST EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN?**

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**Calendar companies.**

**Dracula passed out at midnight on New Year's Eve; there was a count down.**

**I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year ... but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter.**

**I MADE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO STOP PROCRASTINATING, BUT I'M GOING TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO START.**

**WHAT DO NEW YEAR'S PARADES HAVE IN COMMON WITH SANTA CLAUS? NO ONE IS EVER AWAKE TO SEE THEM.**

**At the beginning of the year, I made a New Years resolution to lose 10 pounds... only 15 more to go!**

**Now that it's approaching 2023, We can say with impunity that Hindsight really is 20/20!**

**What did the little champagne bottle call his father?**

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**POP!**

**MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS TO BREAK MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS. THAT WAY I SUCCEED AT SOMETHING!**

## New Atlanta Restaurants Worth a Visit updated 12/1/2022

From Eater... Atlanta's newest restaurants worth a try... Updated December 1, 2022...

### É Ke Pizza

Pizza connoisseurs in Vinings are raving about this new pizzeria from the team behind Baraonda. Here, folks will find Neapolitan-style, wood-fired pies, including a traditional margherita, pizza topped with pesto, pancetta, and sun-dried tomatoes, and specialty pies like the meaty Diavolo topped with Italian salami, ham, Italian sausage, bacon, and Calabrese peppers. Look for three pagnotelle sandwiches at lunch as well as creamy gelato and other desserts like pistachio cannolis, carrot walnut cake, and tiramisu.

2810 Paces Ferry Rd NW Suite 120, Atlanta, GA  
(770) 405-8798

### Serenidad

Deborah VanTrece (Twisted Soul Cookhouse and Pours) just opened her second restaurant in Cascade Heights, a Latin soul food spot called Serenidad. Located just steps from Oreatha's, which centers on soulful homestyle dishes from around the globe, Serenidad channels the soulful cooking roots of the Caribbean and Latin America, including dishes styled after those found in countries like Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, and Brazil. Led in the kitchen by chef Whitney Thomas, expect dishes such as paella grits with mussels and head-on shrimp, duck fat tamales, and canoas de plantanos paired with cocktails made with tequila, mezcal, cachaça, and pisco. *Outdoor seating available.*

2317 Cascade Rd, Atlanta, GA  
(404) 343-1342

### Omakase Table

Omakase Table began life as a pop-up at Silom Thai and Sushi prior to the pandemic, eventually moving to Brush Sushi Izakaya (now Cuddlefish), where founder chef Leonard Yu offered a six-seat omakase of up to 20 courses. Now open as a restaurant at Seven88 complex, Yu brings his intimate pop-up to life on a grander scale, offering two seatings per night for up to 12 people. An omakase here includes course after course of otsumami (small bites), fresh nigiri, dishes like atsuyaki tamago castella (multi-layered omelette), temaki (hand roll), and dessert. Jeff Banks joins Omakase Table as bar manager. He previously worked behind the bars at Brush Sushi, C. Ellet's Steakhouse, and Southbound. At Brush, Banks was known for crafting refined cocktails using sake, Japanese whisky, and soju. Expect similar cocktails and non-alcoholic drinks at Omakase Table, along with wine and sake meant for pairing. Look for a takeout option to launch in 2023. *Reservations required.*

788 West Marietta St NW, Atlanta, GA  
(404) 205-5876

### Westside Motor Lounge

Located on the corner of Northside Drive and Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway, Westside Motor Lounge takes over two former automotive shops, four shipping containers, and a 1982 Mercedes Wagon on the property, transforming the site into three dining, drinking, and entertainment spaces. The restaurant here serves a menu of Southern dishes and snacks, including mac and cheese mixed with bechamel sauce and a four-cheese blend topped with a jalapeno cornbread crust, a grilled pimento and bacon sandwich, and meat-and-three plates. Weekend brunch features biscuits and gravy. West Bar, a cocktail lounge and listening room on the western side of the property, includes a game room. A beer garden completes the entertainment complex, with a serving station and draft system located in a converted shipping container. *Multiple outdoor seating options available.*

725 Echo St NW, Atlanta, GA



### **Bomb Biscuit Atlanta**

Celebrated baker Erika Council relocated her popular biscuit stall to the former Field Day space on Highland in November. Now open as a full-fledged restaurant, Bomb Biscuit Co. continues to offer Council's fluffy buttermilk biscuit sandwiches, including her signature Glori-Fried chicken biscuit and breakfast standards like the BEC topped with American cheese. Not into biscuits? Order one of the scrumptious cinnamon rolls or trio of B'Onuts (deep-fried biscuit dough balls coated in cinnamon sugar). Council eventually plans to expand the menu, offering catfish and grits and pancakes made from biscuit dough. She's also considering launching Sunday brunch in the future, with dishes styled after those found on menus at restaurants frequented by parishioners after church. Order takeout at the counter or asked to be seated in the sunny dining room beyond the kitchen or on the back patio.

668 Highland Ave NE, Atlanta, GA  
(678) 949-9439

### **Mai Kitchen**

Fans of Atlanta restaurateur Alex Kinjo (MF Sushi, Anh's Kitchen, Kinjo Room) are already flocking to his latest venture in Virginia-Highland, Mai Kitchen. Sporting a stylish design for which Kinjo is now known, this Vietnamese restaurant features dishes like shaken beef, hot bowls of savory pho, spicy green papaya and mango salad, and Ha Long Bay noodles tossed with fried tofu. Order the passionfruit mousse for dessert, which comes domed in a rich hard chocolate shell.

1040 North Highland Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, GA  
(404) 907-4405

### **Tio Lucho's**

After running Peruvian pop-up La Chingana for over a year, chef Arnaldo Castillo opened his first restaurant in Poncey-Highland with Atlanta restaurateur Howard Hsu of neighboring Sweet Auburn BBQ. Tio Lucho's is an ode to Castillo's father, who was known for his ceviches. The restaurant even bears his father's nickname (Tio Lucho or "Uncle Luis"), given to him while working in Peruvian restaurants throughout Atlanta over the years. Dishes at Tio Lucho's blend Peruvian techniques and recipes with Southern ingredients, like tiradito (similar to sashimi), lomo saltado, and a few favorites from the La Chingana pop-up menu. But ceviches take center stage at this restaurant, as do other coastal Peruvian seafood dishes and cocktails. *Outdoor seating available.*

675 North Highland Avenue Northeast #6000, Atlanta, GA  
(404) 343-0278

### **Wylie & Rum**

Billed as a "Floridian" (Floridan and Caribbean) restaurant and rum bar, Wylie and Rum takes over a 1950s-era commercial building along busy Moreland Avenue and brings the Reynoldstown and Edgewood neighborhoods tropical vibes, food, and drinks with plenty of outdoor seating. Here, people can indulge in guava barbecue ribs, jerk chicken, black and white soup, handmade empanadas, and a vegan plate with pulled jerk jackfruit tossed in guava barbecue sauce. Expect rum-based cocktails like the Mai Tai, Hurricane, and mojito from the bar, which also features over 30 rums to try.

45 Moreland Ave SE, Atlanta, GA

### **Gigi's Italian Kitchen & Restaurant**

Chefs Eric Brooks and Jacob Armando transformed their weekly pop-up in Candler Park into a permanent restaurant in August, transforming the former Gato space into a cozy Italian bistro with tables draped in red checkered linens set off by candlelight and flowers. Serving a menu of traditional red sauce classics made with in-season produce and fresh-made pastas, expect dishes like rigatoni fazool with cowpeas replacing cannellini beans and chicken marsala served with fresh focaccia. Dessert features Gigi's popular tiramisu. A tight list of cocktails, wine, beer, and amaro round out the beverage list, which includes the Dirty Gigi martini and a rye Old Fashioned punched up with espresso and coffee bitters.

1660 McLendon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA  
(404) 371-0889

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### Corner Slice

Owned by a former partner in Comet Pub and Lanes, Ben Horgan, Corner Slice recently took over the former Avelino's space on West College Avenue, in the same complex as Tortuga y Chango. For folks who love to thicken-crust pan pizzas, Corner Slice is serving up Detroit-style pies topped with everything from Calabrian peppers and Italian sausage to bacon, red onions, and jalapenos. Look for batches of saucy wings, fried mozzarella sticks, and sandwiches like meatball parmesan and a meaty hero served on fresh sesame seed focaccia bread on the menu, too.

902 W College Ave, Decatur, GA  
(404) 343-0415

### Cuddlefish

After closing Brush Sushi on October 9 ahead of its relocation to Buckhead in 2023, chef Jason Liang and John Chen opened their latest venture together in the space just two weeks later. They didn't skip a beat with Cuddlefish, billed as a casual omakase restaurant where people choose between four, seven, nine, and 12 courses, with the latter offering sea urchin and dessert from Momonoki pastry chef ChingYao Wang. Look for hand rolls and a la carte nigiri, too. Unlike Brush, Cuddlefish doesn't include a sushi bar, but instead serves its omakases via table service and at the restaurant's full bar. *Reservations highly encouraged.*

316 Church St, Decatur, GA  
(678) 949-9412

### The Bite of Korea

Korean street food restaurant the Bite of Korea (BOK), owned by Gavin Lee and Chloe Jung, recently opened at the Hugh Howell Marketplace in Tucker. Like the pop-up, BOK serves a similar menu that includes its popular bulgogi quesadillas, soy garlic Korean fried chicken, doenjang-jjigae stew, so-dduk skewers, and japchae noodles. Look for a lunch box special (or dosirak), Tuesday through Friday, featuring a choice of meat (bulgogi, jeyuk pork, or Korean fried chicken), fried or white rice, soup and salad, batter-fried vegetables, and mandu (dumplings). *Outdoor seating available.*

4650 Hugh Howell Rd STE 670, Tucker, GA  
(470) 339-7413



WED  
Dec 28, 2022  
7:30 PM

**Atlanta Hawks vs. Brooklyn Nets**  
State Farm Arena - GA - Atlanta, GA

FRI  
Dec 30, 2022  
7:30 PM

**Atlanta Hawks vs. Los Angeles Lakers**  
State Farm Arena - GA - Atlanta, GA

# Falcons on the Road...



## **Facts You Might Not Know About Atlanta...**

- 1.** Atlanta was originally named Terminus and Marthasville (the latter for Governor Wilson Lumpkin's daughter.)
- 2.** The city got its current name from railroad engineer J. Edgar Thompson. It's thought to be a shortened version of "Atlantica-Pacifica."
- 3.** Your GPS might be confused if you punch in "Peachtree" as your destination. There are over 55 streets with the name.
- 4.** And it's possible none of them are named for an actual peach tree. Historians suggest they're named after the Native American village of "Standing Pitch Tree." The pronunciation corrupted over the years.
- 5.** Atlanta was the only city in North American destroyed as an act of war. (General Sherman burnt it to the ground.)
- 6.** Only 400 buildings survived.
- 7.** That's why the city's symbol is a phoenix.
- 8.** Lots of airports claim to be the world's busiest. But Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport truly is the world's busiest airport.
- 9.** Why? Because Atlanta is a perfect location. It's just a three hour flight from many major American cities.
- 10.** The terminal is as big as 45 football fields!
- 11.** Atlanta is Georgia's fifth capital. Savannah, Augusta, Louisville, and Milledgeville boasted the title earlier.
- 12.** The Georgia State Capitol building is gilded with 43 ounces of locally-mined gold.
- 13.** The Continental Divide out west gets all the love, but Atlanta is home to the Eastern Continental Divide, which separates water draining into the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic.
- 14.** One of the largest Hindu temples outside of India is located in the Atlanta metro area.
- 15.** It was once illegal to put an ice cream cone in your back pocket in Atlanta.
- 16.** Atlanta also outlawed tying a giraffe to a telephone pole.
- 17.** Want to ride your bike to Alabama? The Silver Comet Trail starting in Smyrna will get you there.
- 18.** In 1996, Terry Hitchcock ran from Minneapolis to Atlanta in just 75 days. He covered over 2100 miles!
- 19.** Stone Mountain outside Atlanta is one of the largest blocks of exposed granite in the world.
- 20.** Stone Mountain's etching of Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and Jefferson Davis is the largest bas relief in the world, too!
- 21.** Atlanta had some tough competition when it nabbed the 1996 Olympics hosting duty. The city beat out Athens, Toronto, Melbourne, Manchester, and Belgrade for the spot.
- 22.** The fastest baseball game in history happened in Atlanta, when the Mobile Sea Gulls beat the Atlanta Crackers 2-1 in just 32 minutes.
- 23.** Atlanta also played host to the greatest rout in football history—a 1916 contest in which Georgia Tech blew out tiny Cumberland College 222-0.
- 24.** When pro football moved to Atlanta, the owners considered over 500 names. A schoolteacher came up with the Falcons nickname, a bird she endorsed because it was "proud and dignified, with great courage and fight."
- 25.** Atlanta resident Margaret Mitchell wrote *Gone with the Wind* because an ankle injury kept her from walking and she was really, really bored.

# Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

Sudoku 2 Solution

**Answers to Puzzles  
No Peeking!**

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

Answer to Logic Puzzle on Page 17

159 ft.	Evan's Fir	79	Eldora Woods
156 ft.	Old Jarvis	94	York Woods
153 ft.	The Senator	80	Knox Woods
150 ft.	Marsh Tree	96	Deloit Woods
147 ft.	Roger's Oak	99	Woden Woods

Sudoku 2

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

Why was 2022 such a blur? Your resolution must have been too low.  
 Why should you have your left foot in the air on New Year's? To make sure you start the new year on the right one!  
 Where do herbs celebrate New Year's? Thyme's Square.  
 What did Adam say to Eve on December 31? It's New Year's, Eve!  
 Celebrating New Year's has many pros, so what's the biggest con? The con-fetti!  
 What should you say to a New Year's performer? Don't drop the ball!  
 What do you call someone named Stephen at the ball-drop party? New Year's Steve!

# Puzzle Page

## The Twelve Days of Christmas

Find and circle The Twelve Days of Christmas words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell a quote by Mother Theresa.

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

FIRST  
DAY  
CHRISTMAS  
TRUE LOVE  
GAVE TO ME  
PARTRIDGE  
PEAR TREE  
SECOND  
TWO  
TURTLE DOVES

THIRD  
THREE  
FRENCH HENS  
FOURTH  
FOUR CALLING BIRDS  
FIFTH  
FIVE  
GOLD RINGS  
SIXTH  
SIX GEESE  
A-LAYING

SEVENTH  
SEVEN SWANS  
A-SWIMMING  
EIGHTH  
EIGHT MAIDS  
A-MILKING  
NINTH  
NINE  
LADIES  
DANCING

TENTH  
TEN LORDS  
A-LEAPING  
ELEVENTH  
ELEVEN PIPERS  
PIPING  
TWELFTH  
TWELVE  
DRUMMERS  
DRUMMING

## Limey Jack...

Gadzooks Colonials:

Limey Jack has his work cut out for him in picking 4 survivors from the Juniors under 26 and the 4 who will survive the under 21 joust over 2 days as well. Stick with Limey Jack to cash your first cheque.

U-26: As the prohibitive favourite, Kolesnik is unveiled at 1-5 and has only themselves to block their own way. Joining them will be Hallerman, Xiao, and Berk.

U-21: Leading the way will be Michael Hu, Arthur Zhou, Michael Xu. Limey predicts that Gong survives when Edward and Eric He find the winning defense on the very last hand!

Siblings abound in this competition. It was easier to pick when the only brothers were Adam and Zack!

In the words of Howie Doing...

“This is so cool.  
Since no one’s in school.”

Groan...Ta. Limey

## Howie Doing...

Next to these kids,  
I look like their Gramps!  
And I have to pick  
Who will end up the champs?

Picking USA1  
And USA2  
Is far too much work  
For an old guy to do.

In U26,  
Kolesnik looks clear.  
But things are not always  
As they appear.

Six teams to two,  
Four teams to one,  
Two will win titles  
When all’s said and done.

The six who will drop,  
From now until then,  
Include Johnstone and Scott  
And Xu and team Chen!

They will be joined  
By Yeung and by Goyal.  
Who will play for spot two,  
Remaining quite loyal.

In U21,  
And I’m sure I’m not wrong...  
Survivors include  
Teams Derman and Gong!

They will meet up with Xu  
And meet up with Zhao,  
Ready, set, go...  
Good luck starting now!

Howie Doing...



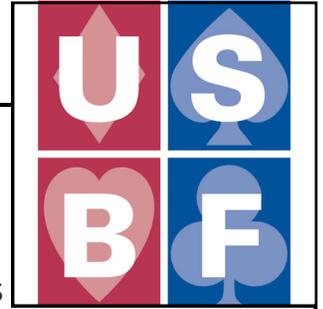
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# Fiendishly Hard Logic Puzzle...

Height	Trees	Ages	Locations
147 ft.			
150 ft.			
153 ft.			
156 ft.			
159 ft.			

1. The 159 ft. tree is 79 years old..
2. The tree in Deloit Woods is 96 years old..
3. The tree in Deloit Woods is shorter than the tree in Knox Woods..
4. The 147 ft. tree is either Marsh Tree or the 99 year-old tree..
5. Of the tree in Woden Woods and Evan's Fir, one is 99 years old and the other is 159 ft. tall..
6. Old Jarvis is in York Woods..
7. Of the 94 year-old tree and the tree in Eldora Woods, one is Evan's Fir and the other is 156 ft. tall..
8. The tree in Knox Woods isn't 94 years old..
9. Roger's Oak is 147 ft. tall..
10. Marsh Tree isn't in Knox Woods..

**Answer to Puzzle can be found on page 14**



# 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.

**Christmas is a special time of year, as Santa graces you with his presents.**



**Watch where you light the Christmas candles this year—you don't want Santa to become Krisp Kringle.**



RD

You can tell which dessert the snowman brought by looking at the icing.

Do they snow it's Christmas?

For goodness flakes!

## MAY 2022 FAQ FOR LOVEBRIDGE

### **Chat**

- **My physical keyboard isn't working!** Make sure to click/put focus into the chat box before attempting to type in the box. (The blinking cursor makes it seem as though focus is there, but it may not be.) This seems to only occur with an external keyboard, not the virtual keyboard.
- **What does that number in the upper left mean?** You have unread chat message(s) and the strip at the left will be a sky blue until you read them (the number indicates how many unread messages are there). Click on the number/strip on the left to open/view. Click the X in top right corner to close. When all messages are read, the strip is grey.
- **Why can't I chat to my partner?** For security reasons, chat to partner is not available while cards for a new hand are on display. Since there is no "between round down time," there is no real partner chat.

### **Bidding**

- **The system won't let me pass!** If you have the level (1 through 7) highlighted, you will be unable to pass/double/redouble. If you try do so, the reset button will start flashing. Click the reset button to refresh.
- **Where is the undo button?** While there is no undo button, every call made is followed by a brief cancellation time period. A **cancel** button will appear immediately below the call selected in the top center portion of the screen. If you cancel within the time period, your bidding panel will reappear for you to select the intended call. If you do not cancel within the time period, summon a director (hit red TD whistle) to request an undo (second option).

### **Play**

1. **Why can't I click on a card?** The default setting for LoveBridge is neither a tap/click nor a double tap/click. The default setting is a drag-and-drop motion where the player pulls a card to the gray box in the center of the screen and releases to play the card. If the "pulled" card is not the intended one, the player can drag it back to the hand and select another card. **We recommend this setting while players are getting accustomed to the system.** Players may change this setting to double tap/click if desired, but we strongly discourage single tap/click settings.
2. **Whose turn is it?** In the bidding or play of the hand, the player's direction letter (N S E W) will be a white letter inside of the circle with a pale blue outer circle when it is the player's turn. The auction is always displayed so that you are on the very right and your hand is at the bottom.
3. **How do I claim?** During the play, you may click the larger blue box below the TD whistle to claim. If the claim button is grayed out (not available), you either already contributed a card to the current trick or you are dummy. (Note that you may not claim mid-trick. You may only claim between tricks.)
4. **How do I see the bidding once play has started?** Per the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, a player is not entitled to the entire auction once they have played to trick 1. If you have not yet played to trick one, the auction will be in the lower left corner. Click on it to enlarge to the center area. Click the double gray arrows in the bottom right of the center area to send it back to the corner. Similarly, this is how a player may see the cards from the previous trick (prior to playing to current trick).

# TABLET GUIDE

## CC CONVENTION CARD

## SETTINGS

You can set here the language, bidding and playing preferences anytime.

The system will remember your settings when you play next time.

## RESULTS

You can review the previous boards anytime.

## CALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR



You don't have to shout for a director, just click the button and select a reason for call. The first 2 reasons **stop play**.

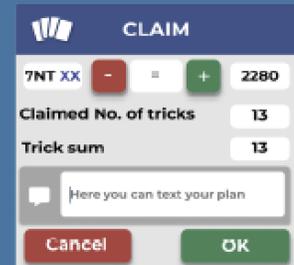
In case of a misclick, don't panic! Call TDs and they will try their best to help you.

## MENU



## COVER SCREEN

To hide your screen from view, tap this icon.



Tap - or + to adjust number of tricks.

You can write your plan in the text field.



At the top left corner you will always see vulnerability and the dealer from your perspective (you are at the bottom).

You can tap on a bid to alert your calls or ask for information. You can even give written explanation.



If you misclick during the bidding, you have a few seconds to cancel bid. You can change this timeframe at Settings/Bid menu.

Live streaming: <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com>

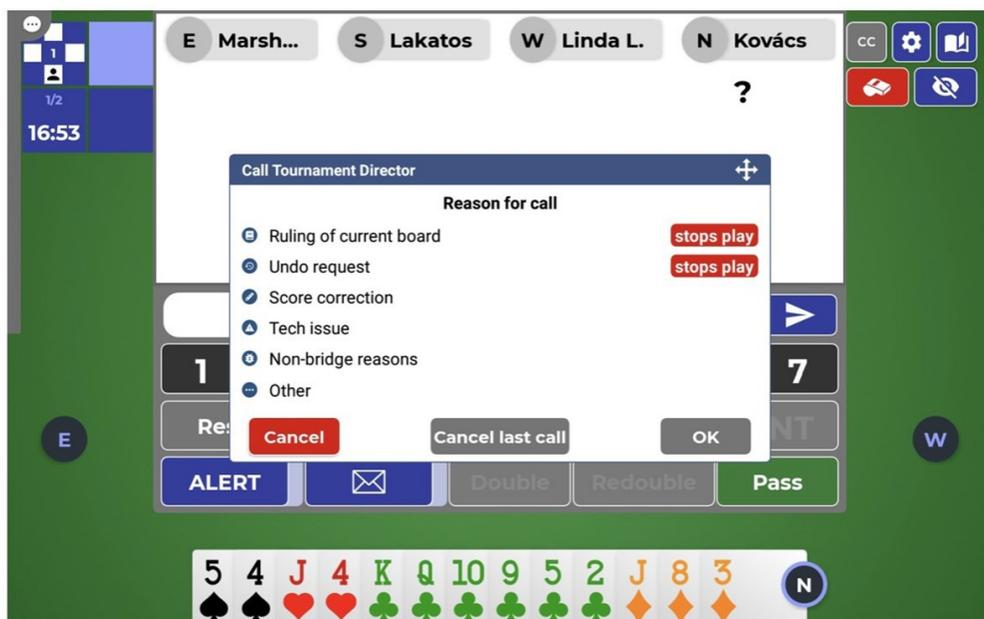
For those of you who are new to LoveBridge, here are some screenshots of what the tablet looks like at different times, with annotations about what you can do. I hope they help.

Here's what the tablet screen looks like right after you get your hand and before you have bid:



When you start to play on Monday, just call the director for any and all tablet-related issues.

\*\*\*One of the changes LoveBridge made for us for this year is a sub-menu that appears when you press the "Director" button so you can specify what the call is for:



# LoveBridge for Dummies...

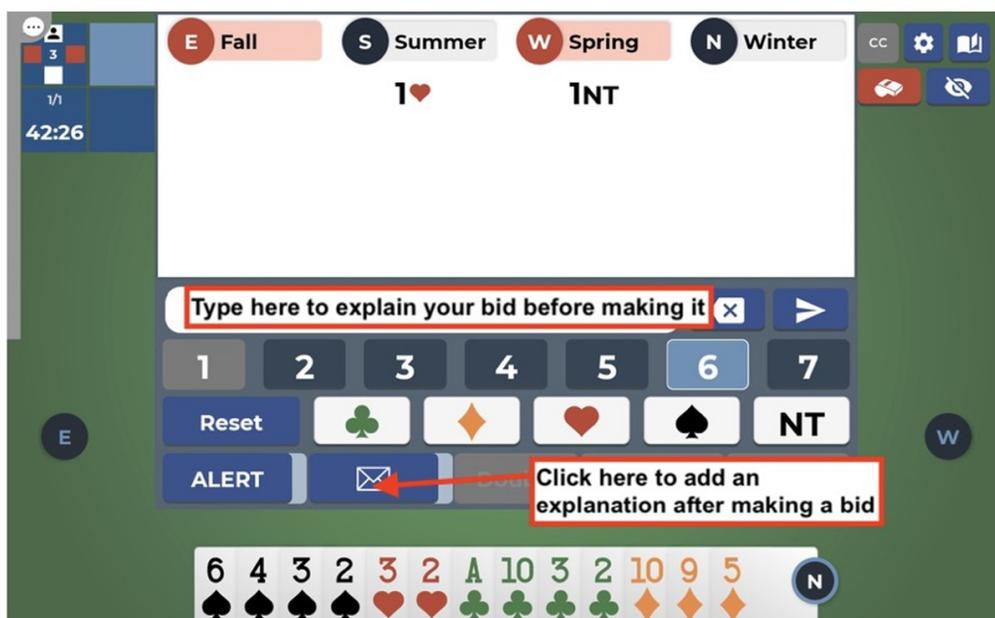
If your call is for one of the top 2 reasons, play will stop at your table (including your partner's room). If your call is for one of the other reasons, someone (not necessarily a director) will come to your room to deal with the issue and play will continue at your table and your partner's table. Please select "Tech issue" for any tablet problems. Non-bridge is for an escort if you want to leave the room to smoke, a request for coffee, and things like that.

The CC button will open one PDF with the opponents' SSF and ACBL Convention card, as well as the ACBL Multi defense if your opponents are playing Multi. The SSF and Convention card are as of the closing date for System submission. If you make any changes to your convention card after today, they will only be displayed if you tell me that you have done so, in which case I will update what is loaded into LoveBridge.

### Explanations

Remember that even though you and your screenmate are in the same room so you can explain things verbally, you are still required to alert and/or explain your bids in writing on the tablet, so the opponent on the other side of the screen gets the information and we have a record of your alerts & explanations.

To make an explanation, you first need to access the keyboard. You do that when it is your turn to bid by clicking in the explanation box, which will open the keyboard for you. After you have made a bid, you can add an explanation by clicking on the envelope icon below the explanation box and then typing in the box.



Here's what the "Bridge Keyboard" looks like when "General" has been selected:





Here's what the "Bridge Keyboard" looks like when "General" has been selected:

To get to the Android keyboard, click on the picture of the keyboard at the left of the bridge keyboard. To get to other bridge keyboards, click on one of the other buttons to the left and right of the keyboard.

After you make a bid, you will have 3 seconds to cancel it. If you want to undo after the 3 seconds, you need to call the director and request an undo, which will only be granted in unusual situations.



\*\*\*Another change the LoveBridge people made at our request was to make the chat more user-friendly:

When someone chats to you, their chat shows briefly in a bubble in the top left hand square:



If you want to open the chat window and respond to chat (or initiate a chat), click on the bubble with the 3 dots at the upper left of the screen and then type into the chat box, which looks like this:



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	<b>W</b> chesschamp	♠ KJ653 ♥ AQ6 ♦ K4 ♣ 1073	<b>E</b> Jace54 ♠ 109 ♥ KJ73 ♦ Q865 ♣ A42
	<b>S</b> jessie cai	♠ A8742 ♥ 5 ♦ A73 ♣ KJ86	2♦ E                      NS: 0 EW: 0

Junior players in the USBF Junior Training Program, under the able direction of Alex Kolesnik, practice online once a week, playing under the direction of a mentor.

On the hand above, North is Helena Hsieh, East is Margot Donnellan, South is Jessie Cai, and West is Ava Donnellan.

This hand occurred in practice on Thursday, October 27th.

2D in the 4-2 fit may not be “normal.” 2NT E/W is the best score. 2D failed one trick but that is not germane to the story here.

Look at the East hand. Do you notice something interesting?? Eric Rodwell once stated that he had been looking throughout his playing career (and it was well into that before he found...) for a hand that contained one of every spot!

Jace54 holds every spot from the club deuce to the club ace... one two, one three, one four, one five, one six, one seven, one eight, one nine, one ten, one jack, one queen, one king and one ace!

At the table, the girls found it intriguing ... and mentor, Stan Subeck, was over the moon! Watch your own hands going forward and see if you ever hold one of these novelties! Congratulations Margot!!

# Junior Bridge and a High Wish Trick at Trick 13!

D 28	N mathturtle	W N E S
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	♥ A95	3NT P P P
	♦ J32	
♣ K842		
W Jace54	E chesschamp	
♠ KJ53	♠ 1064	
♥ K62	♥ Q10	
♦ AQ54	♦ K1097	
♣ AQ	♣ 9763	
	S jessie cai	
	♠ AQ9	
	♥ J8743	
	♦ 86	
	♣ J105	
	3NT E NS: 0 EW: 0	

Do you know what a “wish trick” is? A wish trick is classically A/2/3/4 ... and you wish there were more! Some don’t realize that a “wish trick” can take other forms... A/K/Q/J (high wish trick ... may be same suit, same color, or mixed) and so on. The high wish trick is the rarest form of wish trick and coveted by certain high level players.

On Board 28, in one of their regular Thursday night practice sessions, the Rona team captained by Helena Hsieh (Jessie Cai, Ava Donnellan, and Margo Donnellan) produced this unusual final trick in a routine 3NT contract.

Well, maybe it’s less than routine...

Half of the pairs who played this board stopped in a part-score when East didn’t respond to the opening bid.

Jessie Cai led the CJ. Declarer (Ava Donnellan) played the CQ from dummy and Helena won with the CK and returned the C2. Declarer played the C6, and South tried to unblock by playing the CT. Declarer won the CA and played the DA followed by a diamond to the king. The ST was led and ducked around the table. Declarer led the S4, and South won her ace.

South shifted to the C5. Dummy discarded the H2. North played the C8 and declarer won the C9. The S6 was led to dummy’s king and the SJ was cashed with all players discarding small hearts.

Dummy’s DQ was cashed, and a diamond was led to declarer’s ten. Both North and South discarded low hearts. The C7 was cashed at trick twelve to produce this clever ending – an actual HIGH WISH TRICK!

3NT made four and the play moved on... but not without notice of this unusual happenstance!

Well done, girls!!

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