



Results... Day 1:

Team Name	Total	8	10	12	9	7	2	6	11	4	5	3	1
8. Moss	71.62		9.19			16.63				9.59	19.58	16.63	
10. Rubenstein	65.04	10.81		2.97			15.74				16.83	18.69	
12. Xu	59.38		17.03					10.00	9.19			11.58	11.58
9. Rosenthal	59.08						2.97	12.63		17.93		10.81	14.74
7. Lewis	57.64	3.37						11.20	13.28	12.96	16.83		
2. Donner	54.32		4.26		17.03				11.94		4.26		16.83
6. Kolesnik	53.25			10.00	7.37	8.80					11.58		15.50
11. Watson	49.65			10.81		6.72	8.06			8.80			15.26
4. Henner	46.22	10.41			2.07	7.04			11.20			15.50	
5. Hinze	30.92	0.42	3.17			3.17	15.74	8.42					
3. Hammond	26.79	3.37	1.31	8.42	9.19					4.50			
1. Bauer	26.09			8.42	5.26		3.17	4.50	4.74				

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations—Mixed USBC

Mask Requirements for F2F Play in Schaumburg:

Masks are required in all public areas of the hotel: the lobby, corridors, elevators, as well as the **Hospitality Suite** and the **Office/Break Room** where masks must be worn at all times. Therefore, there will be no eating or drinking in those rooms.

Our attorney has advised us that the Cook County Mask Mandate forces us to require masks in the playing rooms. Therefore:

Masks are required in playing rooms. If you are observed not wearing a mask in a playing room, there will be a 2 IMP penalty for the first offense, a 4 IMP penalty for the second offense, an 8 IMP penalty for the third offense, and a 16 IMP penalty for the fourth and subsequent offenses; If you and your opponent agree to something other than both wearing masks, any IMP penalties for not wearing a mask will apply to both of you equally and there will be no other penalties. You may remove your mask briefly to eat or drink. **However, if you call for a director (for any reason), and you are not wearing a mask when the director enters the room, the penalty will apply to your team for your next match in the event.** There is no eating or drinking in the playing room when the Director is present.

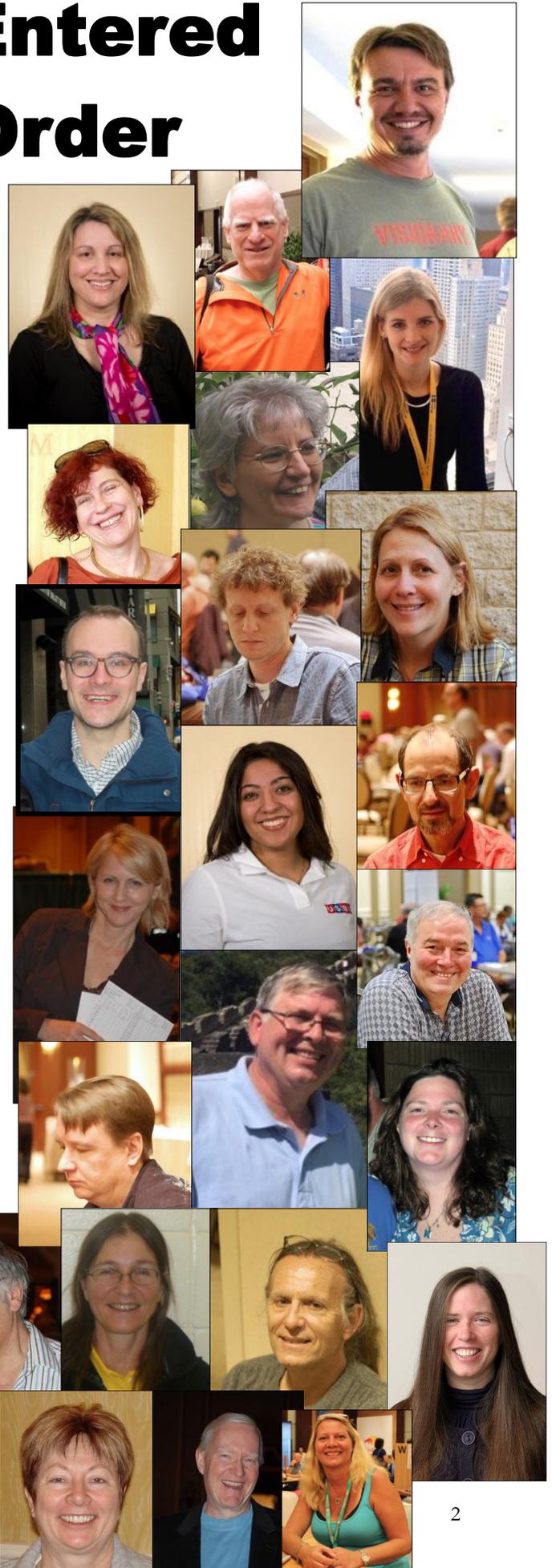
In addition, anyone who is penalized more than twice (over the course of the entire event) in situations where their opponent was wearing a mask while they weren't, or where the director was called, may be subject to additional conduct penalties.

You should bring masks to the tournament with you; We will not be supplying masks.

MUSBC Teams Entered

Alphabetical Order

Bauer	Tracey Bauer, Capt John McAllister George Jacobs	Howard Parker Lilly Justman
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Zachary Grossack Joe Grue	Sandra Rimstedt Georgia Botta Anam Tebha
Hammond	Nicolas Hammond, Capt Jacqueline Chang	Kristen Onsgard Eric Gettleman
Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Adam Wildavsky Doug Doub	Sheila Gabay Yiji Starr Uday Ivatury
Hinze	Greg Hinze, Capt Allison Howard	Kay Enfield Mike Cappelletti
Kolesnik	Alex Kolesnik, Capt Cheryl Mandala Sally Woolsey	Lynne Feldman Yul Inn Kit Woolsey
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Ljudmila Kamenova	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Ron Smith
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt Brad Moss John Hurd	Roger Lee Bronia Jenkins Jenny Wolpert
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Eldad Ginossar	Debbie Rosenberg Migry Campanile Dana Berkowitz
Rubenstein	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Adam Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Chris Parker Irina Levitina Janice Molson
Watson	Will Watson, Capt Mark Aquino	Geeske Joel Selen Hotamisligil
Xu	Finn Kolesnik Amber Lin Anne Brenner Michael Xu, NPC	Kevin Rosenberg JoAnna Stansby Dave Caprera



Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS
SATURDAY	SEPT. 25	11:30 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
SATURDAY	SEPT. 25	12:00 - 1:05	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-9
		1:25 - 2:30	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 10-18
		2:50 - 3:55	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 19-27 60 MINUTE BREAK
		4:55 - 6:00	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 28-36
		6:20 - 7:25	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 37-45
SUNDAY	SEPT. 26	12:00 - 1:05	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 46-54
		1:25 - 2:30	ROUND 7 - BOARDS 55-63
		2:50 - 3:55	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 64-72 60 MINUTE BREAK
		4:55 - 6:00	ROUND 9 - BOARDS 73-81
		6:20 - 7:25	ROUND 10 - BOARDS 82-90
		7:30 - 8:35	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 91-99

Online



Face-to-Face Schaumburg

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
<i>QUARTER-FINAL</i>			
THURSDAY	OCT. 14	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	OCT. 15	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SATURDAY	OCT. 16	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1</i>			
SUNDAY	OCT. 17	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
MONDAY	OCT. 18	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL</i>			
TUESDAY	OCT. 19	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 20	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			
THURSDAY	OCT. 21	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
FRIDAY	OCT. 22	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

Board 3
Dealer S
EW Vul

♠ 5
♥ A9843
♦ 853
♣ J876

♠ KJ87
♥ J1076
♦ AJ64
♣ 10

♠ Q92
♥ K5
♦ K9
♣ AK9543

♠ A10643
♥ Q2
♦ Q1072
♣ Q2

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 3 3 5 4 4
S 3 3 5 4 4
E 9 10 8 9 9
W 9 10 8 9 9

Par -620 4♠= EW

Board 3 of the first Round Robin match was most often played in 3NT by E/W. Making 3NT requires some accurate guessing and good timing. Six of the eight 3NT declarers made their contract, some with overtricks.

In a typical 3NT scenario, Ron Smith and Ljudmila Kamenova had a straightforward auction where E opened 1NT; West bid Stayman; E denied a 4-card major; W bid the NT game. Enfield led the S4. Ron won the nine in hand and continued with the SQ. Enfield ducked the spade and Smith switched to the HK. Hinze won the HA and returned the CJ. Smith won his ace and led a heart. Enfield won the HQ, cashed the SA and exited with a spade. Smith played dummy's

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
George Jacobs & Tracey Bauer	Cheryl Mandala & Yul Inn	4♠-2 E	♥Q	200
Joel Wooldridge & Janice Molson	Anam Tebha & Joe Grue	3NT-2 E	♠4	200
Yiji Starr & Doug Doub	Roger Lee & Sylvia Moss	3NT-1 E	♠4	100
Kristen Onsgard & Nicolas Hammond	Migry Campanile & Chris Willenken	2♦-3 S	♣10	150
Kevin Rosenberg & JoAnna Stansby	Mark Aquino & Selen Hotamisliligil	2♥X-2 N	♣A	300
Debbie Rosenberg & Andrew Rosenthal	Eric Gettleman & Jacqueline Chang	2♣X+1 W	♠5	380
Lynne Feldman & Alex Kolesnik	John McAllister & Lilly Justman	3NT= E	♦2	600
John Hurd & Jenny Wolpert	Adam Wildavsky & Sheila Gabay	3NT= W	♥4	600
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Amber Lin & Finn Kolesnik	3NT= E	♠4	600
Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	Adam Grossack & Chris Parker	3NT+1 E	♠4	630
Greg Hinze & Kay Enfield	Ron Smith & Ljudmila Kamenova	3NT+1 E	♠4	630
Paul Lewis & Linda Lewis	Mike Cappelletti & Allison Howard	3NT+2 E	♠4	660

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W N E S
P 1NT* 2♠ 2♦
P P P

Nicolas Hammond S

heart winners, discarding small clubs from his hand. When Enfield's CQ appeared, Smith took the last four tricks for +630. At the other table of this match, Mike Cappelletti took eleven tricks in 3NT on an identical auction and similar defense. 1IMP to Hinze.

The Hammond/Rosenthal match provided a more unexpected pair of results for the kibs.

Nicolas Hammond opened 1S with the South hand. Kristen Onsgard responded with a semi-forcing 1NT. Migry overcalled 2C. If Hammond passes, Willenken might choose to bid 2NT which Migry will likely raise to game. Hammond was not timid. He freely bid 2D over 2C. Without a fit for partner, Willenken chose to defend. 2D was passed around and the defense collected eight tricks, scoring +150 E/W... not enough when cold for a vulnerable game.

♠ 5
♥ A9843
♦ 853
♣ J876

W Jacqueline Chang

♠ KJ87
♥ J1076
♦ AJ64
♣ 10

N Debbie Rosenberg

♠ Q92
♥ K5
♦ K9
♣ AK9543

♠ A10643
♥ Q2
♦ Q1072
♣ Q2

W N E S
P 1♥ 1NT X
2♠ P P X*
P P P

Andrew Rosenthal S

At the other table in this match, Andrew Rosenthal passed the South hand and Debbie Rosenberg opened a VERY light (5HCP) 1H bid in third seat. Eric Gettleman overcalled 1NT. Having faith in his partner's opening bid, Rosenthal doubled for penalties.

Jacqueline Chang bid 2C (presumably Stayman) and Gettleman happily passed, content to play in his six-card suit. Rosenthal was still a believer. He could have passed out 2C and E/W would score +110. Instead, he doubled again, and E/W scored +380. 6 IMPs to Hammond

If Chang trusted her partner's 1NT bid, she could have redoubled and scored +760. They have nowhere to run. But its always hard to redouble with a singleton trump. Redoubling would have produced a 12 IMP gain.

USBF 9 Board VP Scale

9 Boards (Blitz is 45 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	16	15.26	4.74	31	18.25	1.75
1	10.41	9.59	17	15.50	4.50	32	18.40	1.60
2	10.81	9.19	18	15.74	4.26	33	18.55	1.45
3	11.20	8.80	19	15.97	4.03	34	18.69	1.31
4	11.58	8.42	20	16.20	3.80	35	18.83	1.17
5	11.94	8.06	21	16.42	3.58	36	18.97	1.03
6	12.29	7.71	22	16.63	3.37	37	19.10	0.90
7	12.63	7.37	23	16.83	3.17	38	19.22	0.78
8	12.96	7.04	24	17.03	2.97	39	19.34	0.66
9	13.28	6.72	25	17.22	2.78	40	19.46	0.54
10	13.59	6.41	26	17.41	2.59	41	19.58	0.42
11	13.89	6.11	27	17.59	2.41	42	19.69	0.31
12	14.18	5.82	28	17.76	2.24	43	19.80	0.20
13	14.46	5.54	29	17.93	2.07	44	19.90	0.10
14	14.74	5.26	30	18.09	1.91	45	20.00	0.00
15	15.00	5.00						

General Face-to-Face Tournament Information to Players

The USBF Board of Directors met earlier this week and confirmed:

1. Face-to-face play in Schaumburg will be with 2 players per room.
2. Players will not be required to get Covid tests, but will be provided with information about where they can be tested (in Woodfield Mall) if they want to be. Staff will be tested approximately once a week.
3. We will comply with the Illinois mask requirements, which currently require masks in public areas indoors. Our default will be for both players in the playing rooms to wear masks, but if the 2 players in a room agree on a different rule we will allow whatever they agree on, assuming that is in compliance with the Illinois requirements.
4. We will ask each player to sign a Covid-related waiver of liability form before they start play. Jan will be sending the text of the waiver to all of you in the next day or so, and will have printed forms in her office (room 1321) at the Hyatt for participants to sign.
5. Hospitality will be limited - "grab & go" breakfast and lunch will be distributed in our usual hospitality suite (room 2321), but everyone will have to go someplace else to eat. We will allow only 6 players in the suite at any one time. The suite will not be open for socializing at other times. We will have water, soft drinks, coffee and snacks in the Players' Break Room (1321), and there also, we will limit the number of people in the room at any one time. Eating in the Break Room is not allowed. Masks will be required in the hospitality suite and in the Players' Break Room.
6. There will be air purifiers in each playing room and in 1321 and 2321.

THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2021 MIXED USBC.

ROUND ROBIN KIBITZING ON REALBRIDGE KIBITZ SITE

To kibitz, go to **the RealBridge kibitzing website**, enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz.

After you select Kibitz 2021 Mixed USBC, you will be taken to a lobby with a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing reflects the team & players at the table + the board number and trick at that point. There is also information about the # of kibitzers and whether audio/video commentary is active (a picture of a TV means there is). Click table to kibitz.

You will see a hand diagram with the bidding and play as it happened.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen. Anyone can type chat into the chat window.

Above the chat window are two dropdowns for video commentary. If you want to hear someone who is commenting, select their name from one of the dropdowns. If two people are commenting **one from each dropdown**. The option "BROADCAST MY VIDEO" is for commentators - if you select this, your commentary will be available to anyone who wants to listen to you.

For more information, go to the RealBridge **help page for spectators**:

KIBITZ TIMES RR STAGE- ALL TIMES ARE EDT

SATURDAY, 9/25

Round 1: 1:00 pm

Round 2: 2:30 pm

Round 3: 4:00 pm

break

Round 4: 6:00 pm

Round 5: 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, 9/26

Round 1: 1:00 pm

Round 2: 2:30 pm

Round 3: 4:00 pm

break

Round 4: 6:00 pm

Round 5: 7:30 pm

Round 6: 8:30 pm

KO KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE-F2F PLAY IN SCHAUMBURG

More information on page 7 of this Bulletin...

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Segment 1: 12:00 noon

Segment 2: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 6:00 pm

Segment 4: 8:00 pm

NEXT DAY

Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 8:00 pm

Segment 8: 10:15 pm

**For Health Reasons:
There will be
NO LIVE Kibitzing
during any stage
of the event!**



I would bid hearts,
But North bid his spades.
Commentators give him
Accolades!

Not sure why my bid
Isn't just fine,
But he's got more masterpoints
Times 99!

KO KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. The stream is delayed; go to the schedule (Page 6) for starting times for each segment.

Popcorn time! Do you want to listen to commentary? Search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentary. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

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 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! When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do and see whether your chosen player agrees.

More Information: Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you the scoresheet, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

Navigation icons: while surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue where you were.

Replay: After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board then the same buttons move you through list. Push every button and enjoy!

For All Events (Open, Mixed, Seniors, Womens) F2F from Schaumburg, IL



Zoom, Golly, Golly, Golly!

VuGraph Munching Ideas!

Onion and Salami Sheet Pan Pizza

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 2 (1-pound) fresh prepared multigrain or plain pizza dough balls, at room temperature
- 1 cup jarred pizza sauce (such as Rao's)
- 10 ounces pre-shredded mozzarella cheese (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 4 ounces salami, soppressata, or spicy Italian sausage
- 1 small spring onion or fennel bulb, thinly sliced (about 1 3/4 cups)
- 2 ounces Parmesan or pecorino Romano cheese, grated (about 1/2 cup)
- 1/2 teaspoon fennel seeds, crushed
- Flaky sea salt
- Fresh baby greens or herb leaves (such as flat-leaf parsley or basil)

Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Preheat oven to 500°F with oven rack in lower third of oven. Grease an 18- x 13-inch rimmed baking sheet with 1/4 cup oil; place 1 dough ball on 1 side. Using your hands, gently stretch outward into an even layer until it covers half of the baking sheet. (If dough springs back, let it rest for 10 minutes before stretching again.) Repeat procedure with remaining dough ball on opposite side of baking sheet. Press seam together in middle to seal, creating 1 large sheet of dough. Spoon pizza sauce evenly over dough; sprinkle with mozzarella, and top with salami, spring onion, Parmesan, and fennel seeds.
- **Step 2**
Bake in preheated oven until crisp and brown on bottom and edges, about 25 minutes. Remove from oven, and sprinkle with salt. Top with greens; drizzle lightly with additional oil.

(more recipes on page 9)

Could a librarian be called a bookkeeper? ... referee be a game warden?

There's a guy in town who walks around talking to himself using only figurative language. We call him the Village Idiom.

I can give you the cause of anaphylactic shock in a nutshell.

What did one blade of grass say to another about the lack of rain? A. I guess we'll just have to make dew.

Trying to get online at my mother-in-law's, I scrolled through various Internet access names. One neighbor's Wi-Fi really stood out: "You Kids Get Off My LAN!"

Q. How much money does a pirate pay for corn? A. A buccaneer.

Very Punny!

Ingredients

- 2 1/4 cups gluten-free all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup ground almond meal
- 3/4 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Regiano cheese
- Kosher salt
- Pepper
- 1 1/4 cups warm water
- 2 teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 9 ounces spicy Italian sausage, casings removed
- 3 ounces curly kale, stemmed and torn into bite-size pieces
- 3/4 cup marinara sauce
- 8 ounces salted mozzarella, coarsely grated
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced crosswise

Gluten-Free Pizza

with Sausage, Kale, Red Onion



Directions

- **Step 1** In a medium bowl, whisk the flour with the almond meal, 1/4 cup of the Parmigiano and 1 tablespoon of the salt.
- **Step 2** In a large bowl, combine the warm water with the yeast, sugar and 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Let stand until the yeast is foamy, about 5 minutes. Using a whisk, stir in the egg until just combined. Add the dry ingredients and, using a rubber spatula, stir until combined. (The dough will be wet, more like thick muffin batter.) Scrape the dough into a lightly oiled bowl and turn the dough to coat. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm, draft-free spot until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour.
- **Step 3** Generously brush a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with olive oil. Using a rubber spatula, scrape the dough into the prepared pan. Use lightly greased hands to pat the dough into an even layer and into the corners of the pan. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and let rise until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour more. Discard the plastic wrap.
- **Step 4** Preheat the oven to 450°. Bake the pizza crust for 20 minutes, until it is golden brown and springs back lightly to the touch. Transfer the crust to a wire rack.
- **Step 5** Meanwhile, in a medium skillet, heat 1 teaspoon of oil over moderate heat until shimmering. Add the sausage and cook over moderate heat, breaking the meat into bite-sized chunks with a slotted spoon, about 6 minutes. Transfer the sausage to paper towels to drain; wipe out the skillet and return to the stove.
- **Step 6** In the same skillet, warm 1 teaspoon of olive oil until shimmering. Add the kale and generous pinches each of salt and pepper. Cook, stirring frequently, until barely tender, about 3 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat.
- **Step 7** Spoon the marinara sauce over the crust, leaving a 3/4-inch border around the edges. Sprinkle the mozzarella over the sauce. Top the pizza with the sausage, kale and red onion and sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 cup of Parmigiano.
- **Step 8** Bake for 15 minutes until the cheese is bubbling and beginning to brown, rotating from front to back halfway through the baking time. Transfer to a wire rack and let stand for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup of Parmigiano and cut into squares.

Hummus and Salad Pizza

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 1 pound pizza dough
- Extra-virgin olive oil, for brushing and drizzling
- 1 cup mesclun greens
- 1 cup parsley leaves
- 1 cup mint leaves
- 1 cup snipped pea shoots, sunflower sprouts or purslane
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup prepared hummus, at room temperature
- Flaky sea salt
- Pepper
- Shredded ricotta salata, for serving



Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Preheat the oven to 450° for at least 30 minutes. On a large rimmed baking sheet, stretch and pull the dough to a 14-inch-long oval and brush with olive oil. Bake for about 15 minutes, until the crust is puffed and browned.
- **Step 2**
In a bowl, toss the mesclun with the parsley, mint, pea shoots and lemon juice. Spread the hummus on the hot crust. Pile the salad on the pizza and season with flaky sea salt and pepper. Drizzle with olive oil and top with shredded ricotta salata. Cut into wedges and serve right away.

Don't interrupt someone working intently on a puzzle. Chances are, you'll hear some crosswords.

I'm a big fan of whiteboards. I find them quite re-markable.

Q. Why was King Arthur's army too tired to fight? A. It had too many sleepless knights.

Q. Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? A. Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.

Yesterday, a clown held the door open for me. It was such a nice jester!

The machine at the coin factory just suddenly stopped working, with no explanation. It doesn't make any cents!

I was going to make myself a belt made out of watches, but then I realized it would be a waist of time.

Pun-tificating!

Usually, when partners are key carding in different suits, it is a recipe for disaster. But, as we know, it's better to be lucky than good.

On this board from the Henner/Moss match, confusion paid off in the form of a slam swing for Moss.

Sylvia Moss's 4D bid was likely intended to be a transfer to hearts (There is no alert on the hand diagram, but looking at the hand...)

Roger Lee apparently took 4D as a natural slam try. Roger bid 4H which he explained as RKC in diamonds.

Moss had a great hand. She just needed to find out about Lee's high cards outside of the club suit. Moss presumed hearts had been set as trumps and she bid 5C, explained as exclusion keycard in hearts! Oops...

When Lee jumped to 6D, Moss knew something had gone awry. She signed off in 6H. At this point, Lee, too, realized there had been confusion. Holding all of the aces, he raised to 7H.

Doug Doub had a seemingly safe club lead which, unfortunately for him, gave declarer the only chance to win 13 tricks. Doug led the CT. Lee won the opening lead and played three rounds of trumps to produce this position:

Lee played a fourth round of hearts; Starr and Lee discarded small spades and Doub discarded a small club.

On the next round of hearts, both North and South discarded clubs while Lee discarded a diamond from his hand.

Not certain the clubs were fully established, Lee crossed to the SA to ruff-out the club suit. Once clubs were good, thirteen tricks were there for the taking. Contract succeeds for +1510.

At the other table in this match, Gabay/Wildavsky played in the "normal" 6H making six.

11 IMPs to Moss

Board 29
Dealer N
All Vul

♠ 10986
♥ KJ1092
♦ 6
♣ K42

♠ AKQ2
♥ Q
♦ K1042
♣ Q1083

♠ 754
♥ 74
♦ AJ85
♣ A976

♠ J3
♥ A8653
♦ Q973
♣ J5

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 6 4 8 3 3
S 6 4 8 3 3
E 7 9 5 10 10
W 7 9 5 10 10

Par -140 2♠+1 EW

What is interesting about Board 29?

Only two declarers in the whole field found 3NT... one collected 13 tricks and one collected six!

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	Lilly Justman & John McAllister	3NT-3 W	♥J	300
Kristen Onsgard & Nicolas Hammond	Dave Caprera & Anne Brenner	4♠-2 W	♥K	200
Stewart Rubenstein & Irina Levitina	Mike Cappelletti & Allison Howard	5♦X-1 W	♥10	200
Brad Moss & Bronia Jenkins	Linda Lewis & Paul Lewis	5♦-2 W	♥10	200
JoAnna Stansby & Kevin Rosenberg	Eric Gettleman & Jacqueline Chang	4♣-1 W	♥J	100
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Yiji Starr & Doug Doub	5♦-1 W	♥J	100
Cheryl Mandala & Yul Inn	Migry Campanile & Chris Willenken	5♦-1 W	♥J	100
Disa Eythorsdottir & Mark Itabashi	John Hurd & Jenny Wolpert	4♦-1 W	♥J	100
Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury	Mark Aquino & Selen Hotamisligil	3♥-1 N	♥4	100
Greg Hinze & Kay Enfield	Joel Wooldridge & Janice Molson	3♥-1 N	♠4	100
Debbie Rosenberg & Andrew Rosenthal	Lynne Feldman & Alex Kolesnik	4♦= W	♥J	130
Tracey Bauer & George Jacobs	Giorgia Botta & Zach Grossack	3NT+4 W	♥J	720

At both tables, 3NT was played from West and both Norths led the HJ.

The irony is that both of these results occurred in the Donner/Bauer match!

♠ 10986
♥ KJ1092
♦ 6
♣ K42

♠ AKQ2
♥ Q
♦ K1042
♣ Q1083

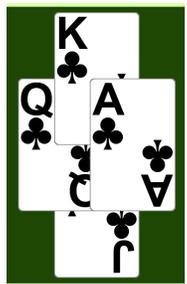
♠ J3
♥ A8653
♦ Q973
♣ J5

W N E S
1NT P P P
P P 3NT P
P P

Tracey Bauer N
George Jacobs S

When Tracey Bauer led the HJ, Jacobs had a blind spot and ducked! Zach Grossack grabbed his singleton HQ, cashed two top spades ending in dummy and led a diamond to the ace and ran the DJ, Jacobs pitching the C4. A diamond to the ten was followed with the cash of the DK, Jacobs pitching the H2 and the C2. The C3 was led to the king and ace and the CQ brought down the jack so all the clubs were good. On the CT, Jacobs discarded the S9 and Grossack had 13 tricks!

At the other table, where Rimstedt led the HJ, Donner rose with his ace and the defense collected five quick hearts. The CJ was led to the queen, king, ace (in that order!) to create a HIGH wish trick. ➤



Three rounds of spades followed and declarer had to guess for the DQ.

McAllister guessed poorly! He cashed the DK and led a diamond to the ace.

South was able to take the last two tricks with his DQ and C5!

14 IMPs to Donner

♠ 10986
♥ KJ1092
♦ 6
♣ K42

♠ AKQ2
♥ Q
♦ K1042
♣ Q1083

♠ J3
♥ A8653
♦ Q973
♣ J5

W N E S
1NT X* 3NT P
P P

Sandra Rimstedt N
Gary Donner S

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

Sudoku 1

Answers to Puzzle on Page 16:

Stopping in	Living in	Last Name	First Name	First Name
Key West	Newark	Wright	Tracey	Allen
Miami	Chicago	Swift	Marjorie	Greg
Tampa	Phoenix	Anderson	Colleen	Peter
Fort Lauderdale	Boston	Manor	Suzanne	Ralph
Jacksonville	Portland	Silverston	Heidi	Zachary

Hard Sudoku

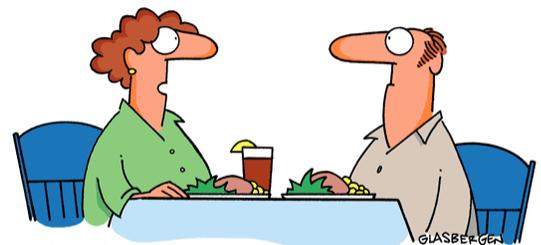
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Sudoku 2

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



Mixed Pairs?



After two days of Mixed Teams, this is the nicest conversation we've had in ages. Let's not spoil it by talking!

Puzzle Page ...

Back to School

Find and circle all of the School related words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a Mark Twain quotation.

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

ASSIGNMENTS
BACKPACK
BATHROOM
BELL
BINDER
CAFETERIA
CHALKBOARD
CLASSROOM
CLOCK
COURSES
DESK
DOORS
ENROLL

ERASER
EXAMS
FIRST DAY
GYMNASIUM
HALLWAY
HOMEWORK
INTERCOM
JANITOR
LANGUAGE ARTS
LEARNING
LIBRARY
LOCKER

LUNCHROOM
MATH
NEW FRIENDS
NOTEBOOK
NURSE
OLD FRIENDS
PADLOCK
PAPER
PENCILS
PENS
PRINCIPAL
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ROLL CALL
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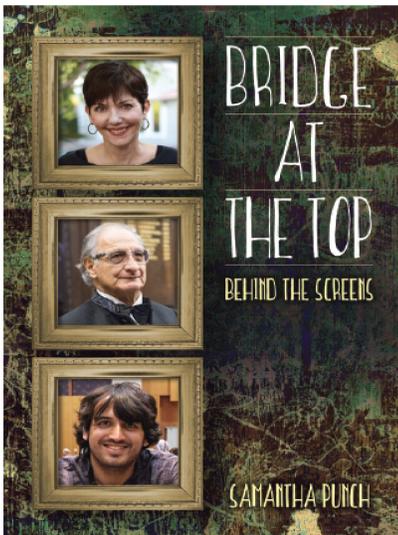
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	Colleen	Heidi	Marjorie	Suzanne	Tracey	Anderson	Manor	Silverston	Swift	Wright	Boston	Chicago	Newark	Phoenix	Portland	Fort Lauderdale	Jacksonville	Key West	Miami	Tampa
Allen																				
Greg																				
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Wright																				

Answers on page 13

Puzzle Mania...

First Name	First Name	Last Name	Living in	Stopping in

Five couples plan a joint vacation to the Bahamas so they can enjoy some warmer weather during the middle of the winter. Their vacation will be a week long, but each couple is coming from a different part of the US and flying to the Bahamas separately. To make it a bit more confusing, none of the flights are direct; they all have one stop to refuel along the way. Determine the full name of each couple, where each couple is coming from, and the city at which each flight stops for fuel.

1. The couple from Chicago stopped for fuel in Miami. The Andersons lived in Phoenix.
2. Zachary Silverston didn't live in Newark. Greg didn't stop for fuel in Jacksonville. Heidi didn't live in Phoenix.

3. Ralph, whose wife was not Marjorie, lived in Boston but he didn't stop over in Key West. Tracey didn't live in Portland.
4. Marjorie Swift didn't stop in Fort Lauderdale. Allen's last name wasn't Anderson. Peter wasn't married to Marjorie. Colleen's flight stopped over in Tampa.
5. Mr. Wright stopped for fuel in Key West. Suzanne's last name was not Anderson.
6. Allen and his wife, Tracey, did not have a last name of Manor. Suzanne didn't stop for fuel in Jacksonville. The couple who stopped in Fort Lauderdale did not live in Portland.

Meet the Players...



Irina Solomonovna Levitina is a Russian-American chess and bridge player. In chess, Irina was a World Championship Candidate in 1984 and gained the title Woman Grandmaster. In contract bridge she has won five world championship events, four women's and two mixed titles, including play on two world-champion USA women teams.

In 1986, she took 7th in Malmö (Candidates Tournament; Elena Akhmilovskaya won). In 1987, she tied for 2nd–4th in Smederevska Palanka (interzonal). In 1988, she tied for 3rd–4th in Tsqaltubo (Candidates). In 1991, she tied for 3rd–4th in Subotica (interzonal). In 1992, she took 6th in Shanghai (Candidates; Susan Polgar won).

In 1982, she took 2nd in Tbilisi (interzonal). In 1983, she beat Nona Gaprindashvili 6 : 4 in Lvov (quarterfinal), and Alexandria 7,5 : 6,5 in Dubna (semifinal). In 1984, she beat Lidia Semenova 7 : 5 in Sochi (final) and became World Women's Championship Challenger. Levitina lost to Maia Chiburdanidze 5½ : 8½ in a title match at Volgograd 1984.

After her emigration in 1990 to the United States, she has also been U.S. Women's Champion in 1991 (jointly), 1992, and 1993 (jointly).

Levitina is now a professional bridge player. She has won 5 world champion titles in women's bridge and many "national" titles (major events at North American Bridge Championships, thrice-annual 10-day meets). Sometime prior to the 2014 European and World meets (summer and October), Levitina ranked 15th among 73 Women World Grand Masters by world masterpoints (MP) and 5th by placing points that do not decay over time.

She was the Soviet Women's Champion four times—in 1971, 1978 (jointly), 1979, and 1981, who was not allowed to play in the 1979 Women's Interzonal in Buenos Aires and for the World Women's Championship because her brother immigrated (legally) to Israel.



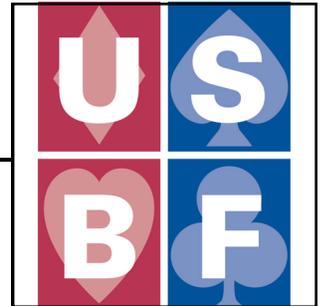
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7	2	4	1	3	6	5	9
3	8	1	9	7	2	6	4
6	1	8	9	4	5	3	2
5	4	2	3	1	7	8	6
8	3	7	6	2	9	5	1

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

**Answer to Sudokus 1 & 2
found on page 13**

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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Did you hear about the auto body shop that just opened? It comes highly wreck-a-mended.

Q. Why can't you run through a campground? A. You can only ran, because it's past tents.

Q: What do you call a lazy kangaroo? A: A pouch potato



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Name (print) Signature Oct. ____, 2021



Q: What do you call an owl that does magic tricks? A: Hootdini

Shout out to the people who ask what the opposite of "in" is.

Q. Why can't Harry Potter tell the difference between the pot he uses to make potions and his best friend? A. They're both cauldron.

Want to hear something terrible? Paper. It's tear-able.

I had to clean out my spice rack. Everything was old and had to be thrown out. What a waste of thyme.

Board 19
Dealer S
EW Vul

♠ K32
♥ Q2
♦ J1064
♣ Q642

♠ AQ97
♥ 9873
♦ 7
♣ KJ103

♠ 84
♥ AKJ1065
♦ A983
♣ 8

♠ J1065
♥ 4
♦ KQ52
♣ A975

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	
N	3	4	1	6	7
S	3	5	1	6	7
E	9	8	11	7	6
W	9	8	12	7	6

Par -1400 7♣X-6 NS

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Finn Kolesnik & Amber Lin	Tracey Bauer & Howard Parker	4♥+1 E	♦K	650
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Giorgia Botta & Zach Grossack	4♥+1 E	♦K	650
Lilly Justman & John McAllister	Kevin Rosenberg & JoAnna Stansby	4♥+2 E	♠J	680
Gary Donner & Sandra Rimstedt	Mark Aquino & Selen Hotamisligil	4♥+2 E	♠J	680
Irina Levitina & Stewart Rubenstein	Eric Gettleman & Jacqueline Chang	4♥+2 E	♦Q	680
Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury	Debbie Rosenberg & Andrew Rosenthal	4♥+2 E	♦K	680
Eldad Ginossar & Dana Berkowitz	Adam Wildavsky & Sheila Gabay	4♥+2 E	♦K	680
Roger Lee & Sylvia Moss	Mike Cappelletti & Allison Howard	4♥+2 E	♦K	680
Disa Eythorsdottir & Mark Itabashi	Lynne Feldman & Alex Kolesnik	4♥+2 E	♦K	680
Sally Woolsey & Kit Woolsey	Ron Smith & Ljudmila Kamenova	5♦X-5 S	♥7	1100
Kristen Onsgard & Nicolas Hammond	Janice Molson & Joel Wooldridge	6♥= E	♣A	1430
Greg Hinze & Kay Enfield	Jenny Wolpert & John Hurd	6♥= E	♣A	1430

Most E/W pairs stopped in 4H on Board 19 from the third round of the Mixed Round-Robin. Most frequently, East opened 1H in fourth chair and West showed a good heart raise.

Bd 19, Dir S
6♥= E

W John Hurd

♠ K32
♥ Q2
♦ J1064
♣ Q642

♠ AQ97
♥ 9873
♦ 7
♣ KJ103

♠ 84
♥ AKJ1065
♦ A983
♣ 8

♠ J1065
♥ 4
♦ KQ52
♣ A975

N Greg Hinze

E Jenny Wolpert

W N E S
P P 1♥ X
4♦* P 4♠* P
5♠* P 6♥ P
P P

Kay Enfield S

In the Hinze/Moss match, John Hurd made the magic bid of splintering 4D on the West hand. Wolpert bid 4S (RKC for hearts) and Hurd showed one keycard. Wolpert jumped to slam.

Enfield led the CA and shifted to the S5. Wolpert won the SA and cashed the CK, discarding her losing spade. Wolpert played a trump to the ace, cashed the DA and trumped a diamond to crossruff. Jenny led a small spade and Hinze played the SK. Wolpert ruffed and claimed twelve tricks.

At the other table Cappelletti/Howard stopped in 4H, also taking twelve tricks.

13 IMPs to Moss

(Continued on page 21)

(Continued from page 20)

 Bd 19, Dlr S 6♥ = E	♠ K32 ♥ Q2 ♦ J1064 ♣ Q642	N Kristen Onsgard
	W Joel Wooldridge	E Janice Molson
♠ AQ97 ♥ 9873 ♦ 7 ♣ KJ103	♠ 84 ♥ AKJ1065 ♦ A983 ♣ 8	
0 0 < >	♠ J1065 ♥ 4 ♦ KQ52 ♣ A975	W N E S X 3♦* 6♥ P P P
Nicolas Hammond S		

In the Hammond/Rubenstein match, Hammond opened 1D with the South hand. Wooldridge made a takeout double and Onsgard preempted 3D. Molson assumed her partner had a singleton diamond and useful values for his vulnerable takeout double. Backing up her assumption, she jumped to 6H.

Hammond led the CA and switched to the DK. Molson won and trumped a diamond. She led a trump to the ace and trumped another diamond. Molson cashed dummy's CK and SA, trumped a spade and trumped her last diamond in dummy to take twelve tricks.

At the other table Chang/Gettleman stopped in 4H making six.

13 IMPs to Rubenstein

In the Kolesnik/Lewis match, the Woolseys decided to get in the way of their opponents.

Kit opened 1D (11-15, could be a doubleton) on the South hand. His 2NT rebid was a minor suit takeout.

Sally knew they had a double fit and competed with 4D. At favorable vulnerability, Kit sacrificed in 5D.

Kamenova doubled.

The defense started with two rounds of hearts. Kit trumped and played the DK, which held the trick. He led the ST covered by the queen and king, and played the C2 to the ace and a club toward the queen. Kamenova won the CK and played the CJ.

 Bd 19, Dlr S 5♦ X-5 S	♠ K32 ♥ Q2 ♦ J1064 ♣ Q642	N Sally Woolsey
	W Ljudmila Kamenova	E Ron Smith
♠ AQ97 ♥ 9873 ♦ 7 ♣ KJ103	♠ 84 ♥ AKJ1065 ♦ A983 ♣ 8	
0 0 < >	♠ J1065 ♥ 4 ♦ KQ52 ♣ A975	W N E S P 1NT 2♥ 2NT* 3♥ 4♦ 4♥ 5♦ X P P P
Kit Woolsey S		

Woolsey covered and Smith ruffed. Smith led a spade to Kamenova's nine. Kamenova cashed the CT and SA. Smith's trump ace scored for a five-trick set.

Conceding 1100 for the set was better than conceding 1430 for the slam, but it was still a losing position when Feldman/A-Kolesnik stopped in 4H at the other table.

9 IMPs to Lewis

Board 35
Dealer S
EW Vul

♠ A8654
♥ AJ76
♦ K63
♣ 7

♠ 107
♥ 83
♦ Q75
♣ KQJ986

♠ QJ92
♥ 54
♦ 84
♣ 105432

♠ K3
♥ KQ1092
♦ AJ1092
♣ A

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 13 11 13 13 7
S 13 11 13 13 7
E 0 2 0 0 6
W 0 2 0 0 6

Par +1520 7NT= NS

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Kristen Onsgard & Nicolas Hammond	Dave Caprera & Anne Brenner	7♥= S	♥3	1510
JoAnna Stansby & Kevin Rosenberg	Eric Gettleman & Jacqueline Chang	7♥= S	♣K	1510
Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury	Mark Aquino & Selen Hotamisligil	7♥= S	♣K	1510
Cheryl Mandala & Yul Inn	Migry Campanile & Chris Willenken	7♥= S	♣Q	1510
Debbie Rosenberg & Andrew Rosenthal	Lynne Feldman & Alex Kolesnik	7♥= S	♥3	1510
Disa Eythorsdottir & Mark Itabashi	John Hurd & Jenny Wolpert	7♥= S	♣K	1510
Brad Moss & Bronia Jenkins	Linda Lewis & Paul Lewis	7♥= S	♣K	1510
Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	Lilly Justman & John McAllister	6♥= N	♣2	980
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Yiji Starr & Doug Doub	6♥= S	♠10	980
Stewart Rubenstein & Irina Levitina	Mike Cappelletti & Allison Howard	6♥= S	♣K	980
Greg Hinze & Kay Enfield	Joel Wooldridge & Janice Molson	4♠+1 N	♣2	450
Tracey Bauer & George Jacobs	Giorgia Botta & Zach Grossack	7♥-1 S	♣K	50

Bidding a grand slam that depends on a two-way finesse for a queen is an aggressive tactic. Sometimes it is not obvious that a finesse will be needed.

On this hand, North and South had matching singletons. If North held two clubs and two diamonds, the grand would be a better proposition. Eight pairs bid the grand slam and three pairs stopped at the six level. All three small slam declarers won the opening heart or club lead, drew two rounds of trump and followed with the DK. They took the losing diamond finesse.

Watson lost 11 IMPs when the grand was bid at the other table and Rubenstein won 11 IMPs when their opponents stopped in 4S at the other table. Donner was the big winner. His opponents bid the grand and mis-guessed the DQ.

14 Imps to Donner

All but one of the 7H declarers played with the odds and made their grand slam. These declarers won the opening lead, drew trumps and played three rounds of spades before tackling the diamond suit. When West showed out on the third round of spades, West was known to hold nine cards in the minors. Unless they had passed throughout with a good seven-card club suit, West would have longer diamonds than East. The winning declarers cashed the DA and correctly finessed West for the DQ, scoring +1510 ... Jacobs, in 7H, took the same line as did the declarers in 6H. Taking the diamond finesse before getting the inferential count was safe in the small slam, but dangerous in the grand!