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# “Trials” and Tribulations—Mixed USBC F2F Pre-Bulletin

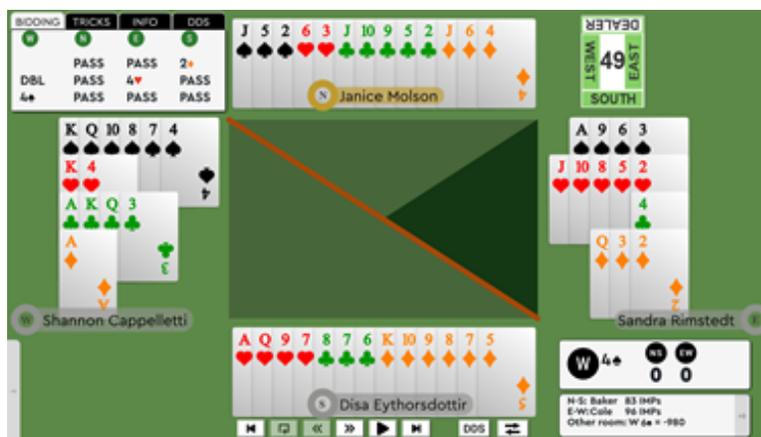
## Welcome to Schaumburg!



After three segments of the Women’s USA2 Finals the Cole team was leading Baker by 13 IMPs. Early in the fourth segment, the Baker team cut into the lead when Meyers/Sanborn bid this slam on Board 49. South’s opening bid made it nearly certain that the HA was onside.

Levitina opened 1D in third seat. With 21 HCP, Sanborn doubled, planning to show her good spade suit by jumping on the next round. Wolpert passed and Meyers, without an average hand, holding both majors, cuebid 2D. Sanborn jumped to 3S and Meyers raised to game. Sanborn bid keycard and signed off in 6S when Meyers showed only one keycard.

Wolpert led the D4. Sanborn won the DA and drew trumps ending in dummy. The HJ was led from dummy. Levitina covered with the HQ and Sanborn won the HK and claimed twelve tricks.



In the other room, Disa opened 2D in third seat. Cappelletti doubled and Rimstedt jumped to 4H. Disa rebid 4S and played there, taking the same twelve tricks. 11 IMPs to Baker

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# MUSBC Teams Entered

## Alphabetical Order

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



# Face-to-Face Schaumburg I

## Tournament Schedule

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 &amp; 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 &amp; USA2 QUARTERFINAL &amp; 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



- A Pun a day is very important. As seven days without a pun makes one weak.
- Why do they put fences around cemeteries? Because people are dying to get in!
- Two peanuts walk into a bar and one was a salted.
- My grandma told me her joints are getting weaker, so I told her to roll them tighter.
- When he proposed to her, she found it very engaging.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- She didn't marry the gardener. Too rough around the hedges.
- A rubber band slingshot was confiscated in algebra class for being a weapon of math disruption.
- I saw a beaver movie last night, it was the best dam movie ever.
- Cows lie down in the rain to keep each udder dry.
- A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, I'll serve you, but don't start anything
- I've been thinking about learning Braille, but it's a bit of a touchy subject.

**Puns...**

## Hospitality Suite

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Because of Covid, we won't be able to provide the full, wonderful hospitality we have in the past, but we will do what we can.

Hosts Evvie Gilbert and Maya Alela for the Open and Women's and Julie Arbit and Christian Jolly for the Mixed and Seniors will be in our usual hospitality suite (Room 2321). They will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch each day'

**Breakfast:** From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and surprise treats. Also individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. They will be making coffee and will have individual packages of sugar, sweetener, and dairy & non-dairy creamers. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. We are limiting access to 6 players at any one time, so we ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that to take with you as quickly as you can, and then go someplace else to eat. **Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Hospitality Suite at all times.** There will be a hand sanitizer station near the door and we encourage you to sanitize your hands before choosing what to take.

**Lunch:** From 2-4 pm (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early). There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as individually packaged tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, and berries. Also all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

**Let us know what you want:** If there is a menu for a future day's lunch hanging on the wall outside the Hospitality Suite, please mark what you want, so we have a better idea of what to order.

### Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit.

**Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Player's Break Room at all times, so you may not eat and drink in the room.**



Julie Arbit



Christian  
Jolly

Keeping things friendly,  
Keeping things hot,  
We're doing our best  
With the stuff that we've got!

# 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.

## Limey Jack

Lads and Lassies All:

The Mixed round of eight starts quite soon. Limey Jack has a way for you to take the measure of your punter. Steer clear of any predictions from Howie Dung. His are a load of codswallop.

Rosenthal-Xu: Rosenthal has tons of experience and would be gutted to lose. Things would have to go pear-shaped for an upset to occur.

Donner-Lewis: Lewis would not be everyone's favourite, but she will take the measure of Donner.

Rubenstein-Henner: This is a tough one to take a flutter on. Spend less and take Henner.

Kolesnik-Moss: Kolesnik is marked to draw Moss, ending a dream in the wee hours.

Toodle pip.

## Howie Doing

Playing the Mixed is always intense.  
Husbands and wives don't always make sense!

Hoping no wives take their hubs to committee,  
Couches are one thing but splits are a pity.

Rosenthal/Xu, Rosenthal's stronger.  
Xu will last less; Rosenthal longer!

Donner and Lewis, I'm picking Gary.  
Mark and Disa are strong but scary!

Rubinstein/Henner... who leads the way?  
Henner is steady with Sheila Gabay!

Who will win out in Kolesnik v Moss?  
It's USBF and Brad is the boss!

Good luck ladies and gents!

Howie Doing? Great, as always!!

## KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. The stream is delayed; go to the schedule below 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 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!

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!

### 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



## Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure



Chicago Prime Italian Restaurant  
\$\$\$ · Italian  
700 N Meacham Rd  
Elegant, locally owned venue offering a menu of Italian dishes, plus a seasonal patio.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Morton's The Steakhouse  
\$\$\$\$ · Restaurant  
1470 McConnor Pkwy · In Windy Point  
4:30PM  
Upscale chain for aged prime beef, seafood & other traditional steakhouse fare in a clubby space.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Seasons 52  
\$\$ · New American  
1770 E Higgins Rd  
Rotating menu of seasonal American dishes alongside international wines in an upscale setting.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Weber Grill Restaurant & Academy  
\$\$\$ · Restaurant  
1010 N Meacham Rd  
Boisterous, rustic American hideaway serving up kettle-cooked steaks, burgers & ribs.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Shaw's Crab House  
\$\$\$ · Seafood  
1900 E Higgins Rd · In the Streets of Woodfield  
Suburban version of the upscale city seafood restaurant with traditional decor & an oyster bar.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Wildfire  
\$\$\$ · Steak  
1250 E Higgins Rd  
"Best dining experience in Schaumburg!"  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

City Works - Schaumburg  
\$\$ · Restaurant  
1850 E Golf Rd  
"Outdoor dining was great different options of seating." Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Stonewood Alehouse  
\$\$ · American  
601 Mall Dr  
Spacious contemporary alehouse serves up draft microbrews & wood-fired meals in a lodgelike venue. Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Bahama Breeze  
\$\$ · Caribbean  
406 E Golf Rd · In Woodfield Plaza  
Laid-back chain eatery featuring Caribbean entrees & tropical cocktails amid beachy decor. Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Westwood Tavern  
\$\$ · Grill  
1385 N Meacham Rd · In Woodfield Village Green  
"Patio **dining** available."  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Granite City Food & Brewery  
\$\$ · American  
801 Plaza Dr  
Casual chain eatery with an American comfort-food menu plus craft beers brewed on-site.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Chicago Prime Steakhouse  
\$\$\$ · Steak  
1444 E Algonquin Rd · In The Shoppes at Prime Village  
"Unbelievable **dining** experience!!"  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

The Capital Grille  
\$\$\$\$ · Fine Dining  
2000 E Golf Rd  
Opens 5PM  
Outpost of the upscale steakhouse chain offers classic American fare & a clubby, refined setting. Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Kuma's Corner Schaumburg  
\$\$ · American  
1570 E Golf Rd · In Woodfield Village Green  
American eatery with a wraparound bar & patio for burgers piled with toppings, plus craft beer.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

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**Maggiano's Little Italy**  
\$\$ · Restaurant  
1901 Woodfield Rd · In the Streets of Woodfield  
Semi-upscale chain for classic Italian fare served family-style in a relaxed, polished space. Dine-in·Curbside pickup

**LongHorn Steakhouse**  
\$\$ · Steak  
1901 E Golf Rd  
"Very nice dine , always it's a pleasure to **eat** at Long-horn"  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

**Meze Mediterraneo**  
Mediterranean  
680 Mall Dr  
Rustic Mediterranean fare in an elevated dining room with bar seating & contemporary interiors.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

**Benihana**  
\$\$\$ · Japanese  
1200 E Higgins Rd  
Hibachi chain serving Japanese dishes grilled tableside by theatrical chefs.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

**Texas de Brazil**  
\$\$\$ · Steak  
5 Woodfield Mall Ste D312 · In Woodfield Mall  
"I dine in this great **restaurant** often!" Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

**Bonefish Grill**  
\$\$ · Seafood  
180 S Roselle Rd  
Contemporary grill chain offering a seafood-centric menu, plus steaks & cocktails.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

This list is pretty recent and indicates pickup or delivery. Some of your old haunts from past Championships may have closed since the start of the Pandemic.

Several of these listings are across the street in Woodfield Shopping Mall. These listings do not include phone numbers but with the information here, you should be able to research that on your cell if you want to make reservations.

## Where to Shop in the Area...

**Woodfield Mall**  
5 Woodfield Mall · (847) 330-1537  
Open  Closes 6PM  
In-store shopping·In-store pickup

**Style Encore - Schaumburg**  
Consignment shop  
1402 N Roselle Rd · In Remington Plaza · (847) 874-7184  
Open  Closes 6PM  
In-store shopping·Curbside pickup

**Streets of Woodfield**  
601 N Martingale Rd · (630) 954-7300  
Open  Closes  
10PM In-store shopping

## Kibitzer Activities...

**Heritage Farm**  
201 S. Plum Grove Road, Schaumburg · 847-985-2102  
Step back into the 1880s for a look at when Schaumburg was a rural German farm community. On a visit to Volkening Heritage Farm, you can help with seasonal farm chores, participate in family activities and games of the 1880s or simply visit the livestock and soak in the quiet.

Authentically dressed interpreters welcome and guide visitors through the site.

Hours of Operation

Current hours are effective July 1 - Oct. 31.

- **Visitor Center/Museum Store/Farmhouse** - Wed.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Farm Grounds & Trails** - Daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission to Heritage Farm is FREE; however, during scheduled special events it may require an entrance fee.

## DISCOVER THE ART!

The **Chicago Athenaeum's International Sculpture Park** is situated on 20 acres of meadow, forest, and natural prairie on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg,

### PARKING AT

Prairie Center For the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct

### HOURS

The International Sculpture Park is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

## Anna Gudge posted:

There is to be a free BBO Tournament in memory of Miguel Reygadas on 16 October. So do save the date and look for registration details on BBO

Grand life master Miguel Reygadas died Sept 25. He was 75. Born April 18 1946, Miguel was a loving father and great friend.

He began playing bridge at 15 and demonstrated a great facility for the game. Together with Gonzalo Herrera they represented Mexico in the first World Championships in 1968. Soon after this, Dr Rosenkrans invited him to play on his team internationally. From 1978 until his death he represented Mexico in 8 Olympics and the Bermuda Bowl.. He also played in many international games as a member of different teams.

Always a gentleman at the table, he was kind, considerate and respectful of his opponents. He will be greatly missed by the Mexican bridge community. He is survived by his daughter, Inéz.

More information as it is available.

In the Daily Bulletin from the Senior Online Championships on October 3, you may have seen the **In Memoriam** for Jeff Goldsmith. Jeff lost his battle with cancer last week.

Jeff's family has designated the **USBF Junior Fund**, a 501C(3) charity, for donations in his memory. Donations may be made through the USBF website (USBF.org) and will be properly acknowledged. This was a very kind gesture by Jeff and his family who recognized how important bridge was to Jeff.

### **ALERT!! PLAYERS WHO PLAYED IN SCHAUMBURG SO FAR...**

**Please return any styluses you may have in your possession. We need them for the Mixed and the Seniors! Thank you. No questions asked!!**

LoveBridge computes some interesting statistics on each player each day. Today you can see yesterday's statistics and tomorrow you can see the stats from today. To view, you must go to [https://stats.lovebridge.com/statistics/usbc\\_2285](https://stats.lovebridge.com/statistics/usbc_2285) and enter your username. Each player has an individual username and password. Anyone can view a complete set of stats by clicking the tournament link and selecting USBC Open All.

Your personal stats are only available when you're logged in.

Tracy Bauer put together a U-Tube video interview with Peter Talyigas at LoveBridge and if you are having trouble figuring out how to kibitz, please access the link below... it may help:

<https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1176199382>

One side note: The format is not supported on Google Chrome. It does work on Edge!!



I like bridge this way. Playing the Mixed, he spends all night calling friends to see what they would bid with my hand! Until he finds one who agrees with him!

## Mask Rules

Attendees are required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth in all public areas in the hotel. That means the hotel lobby, corridors, and elevators, as well as the **Hospitality Suite** and the **Office/Players' Break Room, where masks must be worn at all times. Therefore, there is no eating or drinking in those rooms.**

Our attorney has told us that the Cook County Mask Mandate forces us to require masks in the playing rooms. Therefore, we have adopted the following policy about that:

*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 in a segment, 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; however, 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 properly 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 present.*

In addition, anyone who is penalized more than twice (over the course of the entire event) in situations where his/her opponent was wearing a mask while s/he wasn'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.

## Covid Waiver

We are going to ask each player in these events to sign a COVID-19 Waiver of Claims. It is being sent to you by email and you may sign it electronically and return it to Jan ([marteljan@gmail.com](mailto:marteljan@gmail.com)) or you can sign a printed waiver at the site. Waivers will be available to sign in room 1321 starting Oct. 5th at 9:00 am. **Everyone is required to sign the form before the start of play!**



**Andrew Rosenthal**, a lifetime New Yorker, graduated Collegiate School in 1980 and Pitzer college in 1984, studying theater. He learned to play bridge as a child from his parents but didn't start playing seriously until he was 30. Bridge highlights including winning the Red Ribbons with Jenni Hartsman (now Carmichael), The.Goldman Pairs with David Moss, coming in second in the 2019 Spingold and becoming USA2 in the 2019 Mixed Trials.

# Meet the Players

# Guide to LoveBridge Software

## Quick User Guide

2021 LoveBridge



### MENU



You don't have to shout for a director; you can call them by clicking on the "Whistle" button.

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



CALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Press here to make the claim window transparent so you could see the already played cards.



CLAIM



RESULTS



CONVENTION CARD



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



COVER SCREEN



SETTINGS



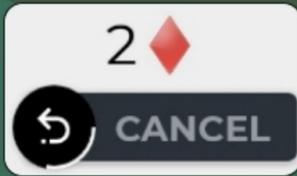
To hide your screen from view, click this icon.



Click - or + to adjust the number of tricks.

\* According to the rules there are some cases when your bid or played card can be taken back. TDs know the relevant rules.

LIVE STREAMING: <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/>



Don't worry if you misclick during the bidding; you have a few seconds to cancel the bid. You can change this timeframe at Settings/Bid Menu.



You can tap on the bidding panel to alert your calls. You can even give written explanations. Find more details in the explanation guide.



Whenever it's your turn, you can play a card, even if the bidding panel or the cards from the last trick are still in the middle of the screen.

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



You can change how to play your cards in the Settings Menu.



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



You can review the previous boards any time.



# Explanation

## User guide - self alert

The logic of alerts and explanations in the LoveBridge system can work multiple ways. You will use it **with self alert and screened tables**. You only alert your own calls. Both opponents can ask for more information, and they will always know the same details about bids.

### Alerting

When you want to make an alertable call, you have multiple options:

You can **tap in the input field** and type your explanation here.

You can **tap on the alert button** so that your opponent knows it's alertable.



You can **tap the envelope button** and, after placing your call, the bridge keyboard will pop up. Here you can type your explanation.

Note: Your call will be alerted as well.

### Bridge keyboard

Common bridge expressions are organized in seven categories to help you type bridge related messages with only a few taps.

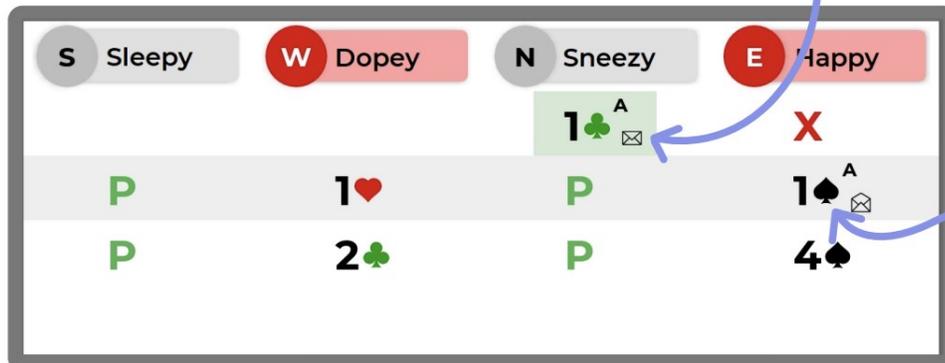
You can type any other message using a traditional keyboard.



Multiple words in every category

# Bidding Panel

The closed envelope shows that you have an **unread message**.



You can always give additional information by tapping on your bid. Make sure that your explanation contains complete information about a specific call.

You can ask for additional information by sending a question mark.  
You can ask specific questions using the chat.  
(More about the chat on the next page.)

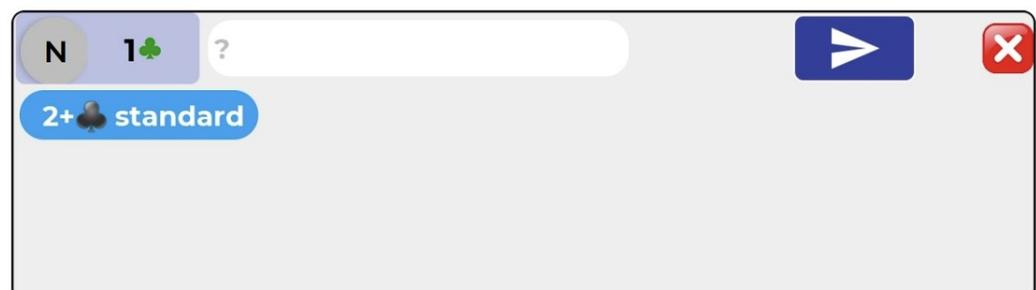
When you send an explanation, both of your opponents will receive it. Both opponents can ask for more information.

# Received Explanations

 When you read the explanation, you can **close the window** with the X button.

You can ask for further information  by simply tapping the send button.

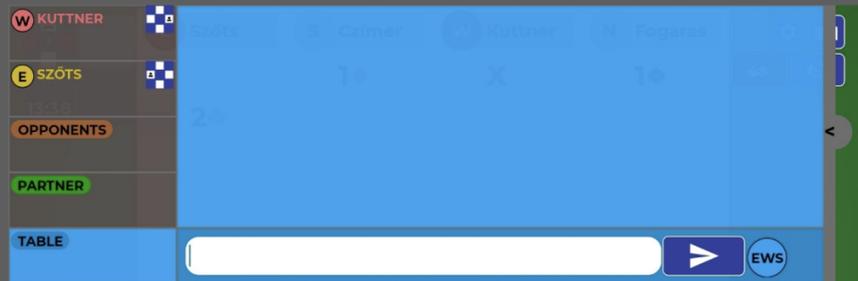
Make sure you only press the send button when you would like to ask a question.



# Chat



You can use the chat to send private messages to your opponents, or you can chat with the entire table.



You can find the chat in the top left corner of the screen. You can open it by tapping the chat bar.

You can only send private messages to your partner when you are not currently playing any boards.

# Android Keyboard

When writing an explanation, you can press the “done” button to switch back to the bridge keyboard.



To write a question mark:  
You can use the shift button, a long press on the question mark or switch to the symbol keyboard.



# Frequently Asked Questions

How can I unalert my bid?

You can press on your bid, turn off the alert switch and tap on the send button.

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Can my partner see when I ask for further information?

No, your partner will only know that your opponent has changed the explanation.

Can I take cards back?

There is no undo button, you can use double tap or drag and drop to make sure you play the card you want to play. You can call the director to take your card back, and they will inform you about applicable rules.

Can I take bids back?

There is a cancel time (can be set to 0-5 seconds) for the bid, when you can review your call, and take it back if it was a misclick. No other player can see it during these seconds. Directors can take back bids as well.

Why can't I see the bidding during playing?

According to the rules, you are not allowed to see the bidding once the playing has begun. You can only see the bidding before you play your first card.

Why can't I see my partner's cards when I'm the dummy?

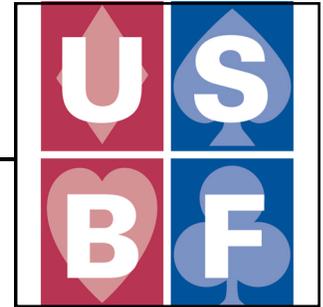
Just as playing with cards, you can not see the declarer's cards when you are the dummy.

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# Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1    Answer to Sudoku 2



## USBF Supporting Membership

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

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We hope you will join us.



Playing wish tricks  
Makes it fun.  
Hope I finish  
Number ONE!



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# Hard Sudoku

**From the Editor:**  
Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. While team lists and schedules will be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions, other information may not.  
Thank you!!  
**Suzi**  
If you have a great hand or bridge news or gossip you think would be of interest to our readers, you can email me at [stansubeck@prodigy.net](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net)



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## Answer to Puzzle on Page 19

First Name	Last Name	Vacation Time	Favorite Activity	# of Years Married
Tom	Nancy	Bates	hiking	10 years
Stewart	Martha	Jones	rock climbing	8 years
Michael	Wanda	Parnell	photography	12 years
John	Barbara	Robinson	fishing	4 years
Edward	Deborah	Smith	bird watching	6 years

## Sudoku Answers on page 17

	Barbara	Deborah	Martha	Nancy	Wanda	Bates	Jones	Parnell	Robinson	Smith	1 week	1 week	2 weeks	2 weeks	3 weeks	bird watching	fishing	hiking	photography	rock climbing	4 years	6 years	8 years	10 years	12 years
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# Answer on Page 18

First Name	First Name	Last Name	Vacation Time	Favorite Activity	# of Years Married

Michael rented his cabin in the mountains to five couples over the course of the summer months. Each couple stayed at least a week; some stayed as long as three weeks. By coincidence, this year each of the couples celebrated their anniversary during their stay and each couple had a passion for a different recreational activity. Determine each couple's full name, how long they stayed, what each couples' favorite recreational activity was, and how many years of marriage each couple celebrated on their anniversary.

- Martha Jones stayed one week less than the couple who enjoyed nature photography. Wanda didn't like rock climbing. Barbara loved fishing and was married six years less than Mr. and Mrs. Bates.
- The two couples who stayed for two weeks were the couple celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary and the Parnells. The couple who had been married for 12 years

didn't like hiking, but they stayed at the cabin longer than the Stewart and his wife did.

- Edward wasn't married to Martha, but he did enjoy bird watching. Tom and his wife Nancy had been married six years longer than the Robinsons.
- The couple who enjoyed rock climbing were celebrating an anniversary four years longer than John's anniversary, but two years shorter than the couple whose last name was Bates.
- Barbara and her husband stayed at the cabin for three weeks, but they were not the couple who had been married for 6 years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith stayed for one week, but rock climbing wasn't their favorite activity.
- Stewart was celebrating his 8th anniversary but Deborah wasn't his wife. Michael and his wife, who wasn't Deborah, loved nature photography. The couple who enjoyed hiking celebrated their 10th anniversary

# Candy

Find and circle all of the Candy treats that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

S J E L M S E S S I K Y E H S R E H S Y L Y  
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 L I F E S A V E R S L I C O R I C E P I P E

ALMOND JOY  
 BABY RUTH  
 BAZOOKA GUM  
 BOTTLECAPS  
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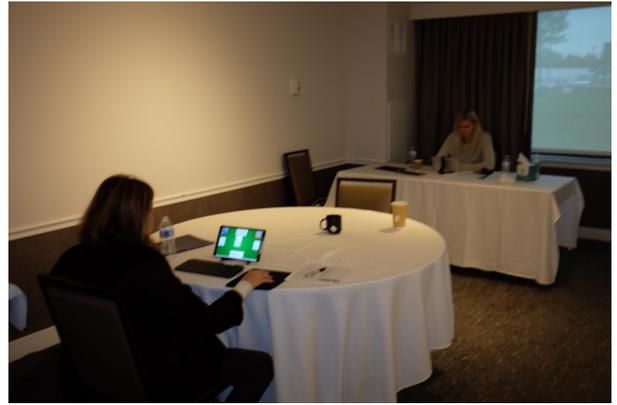
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 GOOBERS  
 GUMMI BEARS  
 HERSHEY KISSES  
 HUBBA BUBBA GUM  
 JAW BREAKERS  
 JUJUBES  
 KIT KAT  
 LEMON DROPS  
 LICORICE PIPE

LIFESAVERS  
 LOLLIPOPS  
 MILK DUDS  
 MILKY WAY  
 MOUNDS  
 NECCO WAFERS  
 OH HENRY  
 PEPPERMINT PATTY  
 PEZ  
 POP ROCKS  
 PUMPKIN SEEDS

RED HOTS  
 SEN-SEN  
 SLO-POKES  
 SMARTIES  
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Sandra Rimstedt



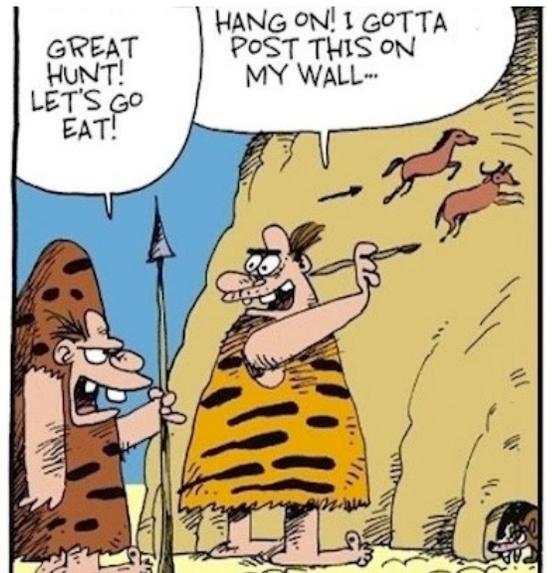
A feeling for how the rooms are set up. Two in a room working on tablets at tables!

On Board 95 from the final round of the Mixed Round-Robin, Brenner/Caprera (playing on the Xu team) bid a solid slam to gain 10 IMPs in the Lewis/Xu match. The match was very close and as a result Lewis finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and Xu finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the round-robin competition. Xu will face Rosenthal in the Quarterfinal KO match on Friday. Lewis will face Donner.

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Brenner opened 1C (strong and artificial). Kamenova overcalled 1S and Caprera bid 2D, showing a game-forcing hand with at least five diamonds. Brenner showed her heart suit and Caprera raised. Brenner cuebid 3S and Caprera cuebid diamonds. 4S was keycard in hearts and 5C showed 1 or 4 keycards.

Kamenova led the CK. Brenner won the CA, drew trumps and played on diamonds to take twelve tricks. At the other table Disa/Itabashi stopped in 4H and took the same twelve tricks.



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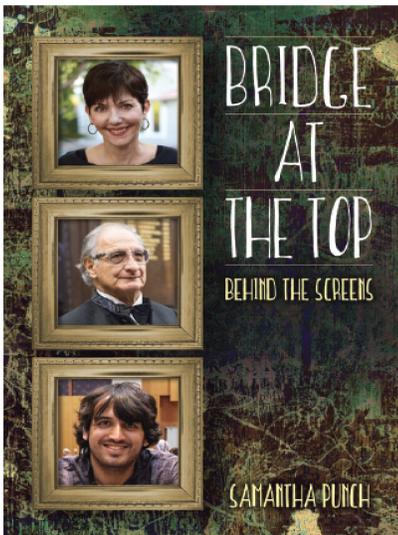
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Samantha

## Questions asked by Players in the Open and the Mixed... FAQ's from Jan Martel

### 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 on the left side mean?** You have unread chat message(s). Click on left gray arrow to open chat and right gray arrow to close the chat. (If you actually type and send a message, the chat will close automatically. Reopen with left gray arrow.)
- **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. Click on the highlighted numeral to remove the highlight, then make the desired call.
- **My explanation keeps disappearing!** If you alert your bid as you make it but go back later to explain, there is a bug in the system where subsequent table actions will erase any text that you have typed into the explanation box. If you include your explanation with your call or when it is your turn to act, then this will not occur. (We have reported this issue to LoveBridge.)
- **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.

### 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 white inside of the circle when it is the player's turn. This is a very subtle change from the normal pale blue letter.
3. **How do I claim?** During the play, you may click the larger red 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.

**How do I see the bidding once play has started?** 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).



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