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## "Trials" and Tribulations

| Team Name | Total | 6 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 17 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 14 | 20 | 19 | 11 | 9 | 21 | 10 | 18 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 16 | BYE |
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| 6. Fleisher | 215.71 |  |  | 15.78 | 2.79 | 13.31 | 14.32 |  | 18.85 | 8.65 | 19.29 |  | 16.53 | 12.18 | 18.69 | 18.19 | 16.29 |  |  | 10.92 | 19.92 |  | 10.00 |
| 1. Bishel | 182.23 |  |  | 12.18 | 12.94 | 14.93 |  | 12.18 |  | 16.99 | 13.65 | 5.68 |  | 5.07 |  | 10.47 | 13.31 |  | 17.62 | 11.35 | 17.21 | 8.65 | 10.00 |
| 5. Donner | 177.05 | 4.22 | 7.82 |  | 19.15 |  |  | 8.65 | 4.78 | 17.21 |  | 9.08 | 14.32 |  | 6.01 | 7.82 | 18.69 | 16.53 | 15.78 |  | 16.99 |  | 10.00 |
| 12. Levine | 175.86 | 17.21 | 7.06 | 0.85 |  | 16.29 | 16.77 | 10.00 |  | 1.47 | 9.08 | 14.63 | 16.53 |  |  |  |  | 16.53 | 10.47 | 11.35 |  | 17.62 | 10.00 |
| 17. Rosenthal | 162.93 | 6.69 | 5.07 |  | 3.71 |  | 12.18 |  | 13.99 | 7.06 | 17.21 | 10.00 | 3.47 | 16.77 | 14.32 | 15.50 |  | 13.31 | 13.65 |  |  |  | 10.00 |
| 7. Gu | 162.27 | 5.68 |  |  | 3.23 | 7.82 |  | 4.50 |  |  | 7.43 | 7.82 | 9.53 | 14.32 | 7.06 | 12.94 |  |  | 18.19 | 18.69 | 16.53 | 18.53 | 10.00 |
| 8. Henner | 159.46 |  | 7.82 | 11.35 | 10.00 |  | 15.50 |  | 1.31 |  | 10.47 | 13.99 | 16.53 | 8.65 | 6.35 | 9.08 | 12.18 | 2.58 | 13.65 |  |  | 20.00 |  |
| 2. Bramley | 159.34 | 1.15 |  | 15.22 |  | 6.01 |  | 18.69 |  | 6.01 |  |  | 8.65 | 8.65 | 14.63 |  | 16.77 | 6.69 | 3.71 | 18.85 | 6.69 | 17.62 | 10.00 |
| 14. Nickell | 159.10 | 11.35 | 3.01 | 2.79 | 18.53 | 12.94 |  |  | 13.99 |  | 3.23 |  |  | 13.65 |  | 10.00 | 6.01 | 7.43 | 18.19 | 13.99 | 13.99 |  | 10.00 |
| 20. Spector | 153.08 | 0.71 | 6.35 |  | 10.92 | 2.79 | 12.57 | 9.53 |  | 16.77 |  | 1.81 | 6.01 | 17.82 | 17.21 |  | 10.00 |  | 19.29 | 9.53 |  | 11.77 |  |
| 19. Simson | 152.68 |  | 14.32 | 10.92 | 5.37 | 10.00 | 12.18 | 6.01 |  |  | 18.19 |  |  | 3.96 | 5.68 | 16.99 | 9.53 | 1.31 |  | 16.04 | 12.18 |  | 10.00 |
| 11. Lebowitz | 152.36 | 3.47 |  | 5.68 | 3.47 | 16.53 | 10.47 | 3.47 | 11.35 |  | 13.99 |  |  | 9.53 | 10.92 |  | 15.50 | 18.53 |  | 12.57 | 8.65 | 8.23 |  |
| 9. Hill | 150.17 | 7.82 | 14.93 |  |  | 3.23 | 5.68 | 11.35 | 11.35 | 6.35 | 2.18 | 16.04 | 10.47 |  |  | 7.06 | 9.08 | 14.63 |  | 20.00 |  |  | 10.00 |
| 21. Wildavsky | 149.23 | 1.31 |  | 13.99 |  | 5.68 | 12.94 | 13.65 | 5.37 |  | 2.79 | 14.32 | 9.08 |  |  | 12.18 | 11.35 | 16.53 | 12.18 |  | 12.18 | 5.68 |  |
| 10. Kolesnik | 138.25 | 1.81 | 9.53 | 12.18 |  | 4.50 | 7.06 | 10.92 |  | 10.00 |  | 3.01 |  | 12.94 | 7.82 |  | 4.78 |  | 10.47 |  | 18.01 | 15.22 | 10.00 |
| 18. Schireson | 136.07 | 3.71 | 6.69 | 1.31 |  |  |  | 7.82 | 3.23 | 13.99 | 10.00 | 10.47 | 4.50 | 10.92 | 8.65 | 15.22 |  |  |  |  | 12.57 | 16.99 | 10.00 |
| 15. Onstott | 134.70 |  |  | 3.47 | 3.47 | 6.69 |  | \|17.42 | 13.31 | 12.57 |  | 18.69 | 1.47 | 5.37 | 3.47 |  |  |  | 3.71 | 13.65 | 5.37 | 16.04 | 10.00 |
| 3. Castellino | 115.44 |  | 2.38 | 4.22 | 9.53 | 6.35 | 1.81 | 6.35 | 16.29 | 1.81 | 0.71 |  |  |  | 7.82 | 9.53 |  | 16.29 |  | 7.82 | 18.85 | 5.68 |  |
| 4. Dinkin | 109.54 | 9.08 | 8.65 |  | 8.65 |  | 1.31 |  | 1.15 | 6.01 | 10.47 | 3.96 | 7.43 | 0.00 |  |  |  | 6.35 | 12.18 |  | 15.22 | 9.08 | 10.00 |
| 13. Lo | 102.63 | 0.08 | 2.79 | 3.01 |  |  | 3.47 |  | 13.31 | 6.01 |  | 7.82 | 11.35 |  | 7.82 | 1.99 | 7.43 | 14.63 | 1.15 | 4.78 |  | 16.99 |  |
| 16. Reynolds | 101.90 |  | 11.35 |  | 2.38 |  | 1.47 | 0.00 | 2.38 |  | 8.23 |  | 11.77 |  | 14.32 | 4.78 | 3.01 | 3.96 | 14.32 | 10.92 | 3.01 |  | 10.00 |

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Online Tournament Schedule

| Round Robin - Stage 1 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DAY | Date | TIME - EDT | Boards |
| Monday | SEPT. 13 | 11:30 AM | CAPtains' meeting with Dic (on Zoom) |
| Monday | Sept. 13 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12:00-12:50 } \\ & \text { 1:10-2:00 } \\ & \text { 2:20-3:10 } \\ & \text { 4:10-5:00 } \\ & \text { 5:20-6:10 } \\ & \text { 6:30-7:20 } \\ & \text { 7:40-8:30 } \end{aligned}$ | Round 1- Boards 1-7 <br> Round 2 - Boards 8-14 <br> Round 3 - Boards 15-21 <br> 60 Minute Break <br> Round 4 - Boards 22-28 <br> Round 5 - Boards 29-35 <br> Round 6 - Boards 36-42 <br> Round 7 - Boards 43-49 |
| Tuesday | SEPT. 14 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12:00-12:50 } \\ & \text { 1:05-1:55 } \\ & \text { 2:10-3:00 } \\ & \text { 3:15-4:05 } \\ & \\ & \text { 5:00-5:50 } \\ & \text { 6:05-6:55 } \\ & \text { 7:10-8:00 } \\ & \text { 8:15-9:05 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Round 8 - Boards 50-56 <br> Round 9 - Boards 57-63 <br> Round 10 - Boards 64-70 <br> Round 11 - Boards 71-77 <br> 55 Minute Break <br> Round 12 - Boards 78-84 <br> Round 13 - Boards 85-91 <br> Round 14 - Boards 92-98 <br> Round 15 - Boards 1-7 |
| Wednesday | SEPT. 15 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12:00-12:50 } \\ & \text { 1:05-1:55 } \\ & \text { 2:10-3:00 } \\ & \\ & \text { 3:30-4:20 } \\ & \text { 4:35-5:25 } \\ & \text { 5:40-6:30 } \end{aligned}$ | Round 16 - Boards 8-14 <br> Round 17 - Boards 15-21 <br> Round 18 - Boards 22-28 <br> 30 Minute Break <br> Round 19 - Boards 29-35 <br> Round 20 - Boards 36-42 <br> Round 21 - Boards 43-49 |
| Round Robin - Stage 2 - |  |  |  |
| Friday | SEPT. 17 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12:00-12:50 } \\ & \text { 1:10-2:00 } \\ & \text { 2:20-3:10 } \\ & \text { 4:10-5:00 } \\ & \text { 5:20-6:10 } \\ & \text { 6:30-7:20 } \\ & \text { 7:40-8:30 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Round 1- Boards 1-7 <br> Round 2 - Boards 8-14 <br> Round 3 - Boards 15-21 <br> 60 Minute Break <br> Round 4 - Boards 22-28 <br> Round 5 - Boards 29-35 <br> Round 6 - Boards 36-42 <br> Round 7 - Boards 43-49 |
| Saturday | SEPT. 18 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12:00-12:50 } \\ & \text { 1:05-1:55 } \\ & \text { 2:10-3:00 } \\ & \text { 3:15-4:05 } \\ & \\ & \text { 5:00-5:50 } \\ & \text { 6:05-6:55 } \\ & \text { 7:10-8:00 } \\ & \text { 8:15-9:05 } \end{aligned}$ | Round 8-Boards 50-56 <br> Round 9-Boards 57-63 <br> Round 10 - Boards 64-70 <br> Round 11 - Boards 71-77 <br> 55 Minute Break <br> Round 12 - Boards 8-14 <br> Round 13 - Boards 15-21 <br> Round 14 - Boards 22-28 <br> Round 15 - Boards 29-35 |
| Sunday | SEPT. 19 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 12:00-12:50 } \\ & \text { 1:10-2:00 } \\ & \text { 2:20-3:10 } \\ & \\ & \text { 4:10-5:00 } \\ & \text { 5:20-6:10 } \\ & \text { 6:30-7:20 } \\ & \text { 7:40-8:30 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Round 16- Boards 36-42 <br> Round 17 - Boards 43-49 <br> Round 18 - Boards 50-56 <br> 60 Minute Break <br> Round 19 - Boards 57-63 <br> Round 20 - Boards 64-70 <br> Round 21 - Boards 71-77 <br> Round 22 - Boards 78-84 |

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Anonymous

Face to Face Tournament Schedule

| DAY | DATE | TIME - CDT | BOARDS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quarter-Final |  |  |  |
| Monday | Ост. 4 | 8:00 PM | Captains' meeting with DIC (on Zoom) |
| Tuesday | Ост. 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 10: 00-12: 10 \\ & 12: 25-2: 35 \\ & \\ & \text { 3:45-5:55 } \\ & \text { 6:10-8:20 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 70 Minute Lunch break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| Wednesday | Ост. 6 | $\begin{aligned} & 10: 00-12: 10 \\ & 12: 25-2: 35 \\ & \\ & \text { 3:45-5:55 } \\ & \text { 6:10-8:20 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 61-75 <br> Segment 6 Boards 76-90 <br> 70 Minute Lunch break <br> Segment 7 Boards 91-105 <br> Segment 8 Boards 106-120 |
| Semi-Final \& USA2 Stage 1 |  |  |  |
| Thursday | Ост. 7 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:10 } \\ & \text { 12:25-2:35 } \\ & \\ & \text { 3:45-5:55 } \\ & \text { 6:10-8:20 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 70 Minute Lunch break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| Friday | Ост. 8 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:10 } \\ & \text { 12:25-2:35 } \\ & \text { 3:45-5:55 } \\ & \text { 6:10-8:20 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 61-75 <br> Segment 6 Boards 76-90 <br> 70 Minute Lunch break <br> Segment 7 Boards 91-105 <br> Segment 8 Boards 106-120 |
| Final \& USA2 Quarterfinal \& Semifinal |  |  |  |
| Saturday | Oст. 9 | $\begin{aligned} & 10: 00-12: 10 \\ & 12: 25-2: 35 \\ & \\ & \text { 3:45-5:55 } \\ & 6: 10-8: 20 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 70 Minute Lunch break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| Sunday | Ост. 10 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:10 } \\ & \text { 12:25-2:35 } \\ & \\ & \text { 3:45-5:55 } \\ & 6: 10-8: 20 \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 61-75 <br> Segment 6 Boards 76-90 <br> 70 Minute Lunch break <br> Segment 7 Boards 91-105 <br> Segment 8 Boards 106-120 |
| USA2 FInAL |  |  |  |
| Monday | Ост. 11 | $\begin{aligned} & 10: 00-12: 10 \\ & 12: 25-2: 35 \\ & \\ & \text { 3:45-5:55 } \\ & 6: 10-8: 20 \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 70 Minute Lunch break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| Tuesday | Ост. 12 | $\begin{aligned} & 10: 00-12: 10 \\ & 12: 25-2: 35 \\ & \\ & \text { 3:45-5:55 } \\ & 6: 10-8: 20 \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 61-75 <br> Segment 6 Boards 76-90 <br> 70 Minute Lunch break <br> Segment 7 Boards 91-105 <br> Segment 8 Boards 106-120 |

## A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such

 a way that you will look forward to the trip.
## Caskie Stinnett

Those people who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.

Isaac Asimov

| USBF 7 Board Victory Point Scale |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Margin | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser |
| 0 | 10 | 10 | 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 | 0 |
| 13 | 14.93 | 5.07 | 27 | 18.19 | 1.81 |  |  |  |

## Round Robin Information

## VACCINATION REQUIRED:

All players in the 2021 Open USBC MUST be vaccinated against CoVid19.

Players must submit proof of vaccination to the USBF Secretary (Jan Martel) before play commences in the event.

This includes the online stages - players are not eligible to enter the event if they do not submit proof of vaccination.

There are no exceptions to this rule.

## FORMAT

The online format with $\mathbf{2 1}$ teams will be $\mathbf{2}$ complete Round Robins.
Round Robin 1 will have 21 scheduled matches of 7 boards each to qualify 12 teams for Round Robin 2 . Each team will have one sit-out during Round Robin 1.
Round Robin 2 will have 11 matches, each played as two 7 board halves, to qualify 8 teams for the face to face USA1 Quarterfinal. The IMP scores in each half of each match will be converted to Victory Points and the VPs added together to obtain the team's score for Round Robin 2. The matches will be played in the same order for the first half and the second half, so one half of each match is played in the first half of the day and one half of each match is played in the second half of the day.
Carryover: There will be no carryover from Round Robin 1 to Round Robin 2, except that if 2 teams are tied for 8th place, the result of the Round Robin 1 match between the 2 teams will be used to break the tie. If the teams are still tied, the team that earned more Victory Points in Round Robin 1 will qualify.
Roster Change between Round Robin and KO: Teams that qualify for the KO stages may change their rosters so long as at least 4 players who met the Round Robin play requirements are still on the team, any additional players added are intended to improve the team's performance at the table, and no added player may have competed on a different team in the online stages of the event.
The face-to-face USA1 stages will be 2-day, 120-board KO matches.
The face-to-face USA2 stages will be a 2-day, 120-board KO R16 in which the 4 losing USA1 Quarterfinalists will play, followed by a 1-day, 60-board KO Quarterfinal, in which the 2 USA1 Quarterfinal losers will play the 2 USA2 Round of 16 winners; a 1-day 60-board KO Semifinal in which the USA2 Quarterfinal winners will play, and a 2-day 120-board Final between the USA1 Final loser and the USA2 Semifinal winner.

Play Requirements: Each player must play 10 matches in RR 1 and at least one segment against each other team in RR 2 to qualify for the KO stages (a player who does not meet the play requirements can be added back to the team as long as the requirements for roster changes are met. Each player must play $50 \%$ of the boards in every KO match to be eligible to continue on the team. See General Conditions of Contest Section XII (at USBF.org) about how to count boards and potential waiver of this requirement.

Closed Notes: Players may not consult their notes at any time during play unless they are dummy.
Withdrawal: A player or team may withdraw at any time.
Play in the KO stages will be on LoveBridge tablets, with either 2 or 4 players in a room.
SETTING THE KO BRACKet: THE KO BRACKET WILL BE BASED ON ACBL SEEDING POINTS, EXCLUDING POINTS AWARDED FOR ONLINE PLAY, PLUS ADDED SEEDING POINTS FOR PERFORMANCE IN EACH STAGE OF THE ROUND ROBIN.

## Round Robin Kibitzing on RealBridge Kibitz Site

To kibitz, go to the RealBridge kibitzing website, enter your name and click on Log In , select the event to kibitz. After you select Kibitz 2021 Open USBC, you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team \& player names at each table. You will see the number of kibitzers at a table and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table to kibitz it.
At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play 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, select 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.
When browsing scores and results, if you want to share a deal with somebody, you can copy the URL from the top of the browser's window and paste it into an email or a Bridge Winners post.
For more information, go to the RealBridge help page for spectators! KIBITZ TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT EACH day - All times are EDT

Round Robin 1
Monday, 9/13
Round 1: 1:00 pm
Round 2: 2:00 pm
Round 3: 3:00 pm
break
Round 4: 5:15 pm
Round 5: 6:15 pm
Round 6: 7:15 pm
Round 7: 8:15 pm
Tuesday, 9/14
Round 8: 1:00 pm
Round 9: 2:00 pm
Round 10: 3:00 pm
Round 11: 4:00 pm
break
Round 12: 6:00 pm
Round 13: 7:00 pm
Round 14: 8:00 pm
Round 15: 9:00 pm
Wednesday, 9/15
Round 16: 1:00 pm
Round 17: 2:00 pm
Round 18: 3:00 pm
break
Round 19: 4:30 pm
Round 20: 5:30 pm
Round 21: 6:30 pm

Round Robin 2
FRIDAY, 9/17
Round 1: 1:00 pm
Round 2: 2:00 pm
Round 3: 3:00 pm break
Round 4: 5:15 pm
Round 5: 6:15 pm
Round 6: 7:15 pm
Round 7: 8:15 pm
SATURDAY, 9/18
Round 9: 1:00 pm
Round 10: 2:00 pm
Round 11: 3:00 pm
Round 12: 4:00 pm break
Round 13: 6:00 pm
Round 14: 7:00 pm
Round 15: 8:00 pm
Round 16: 9:00 pm

SUNDAY, 9/19
Round 17: 1:00 pm
Round 18: 2:00 pm
Round 19: 3:00 pm break
Round 20: 5:15 pm
Round 21: 6:15 pm
Round 22: 7:15 pm
Round 23: 8:15 pm
break
Round 20: 5:15 pm
Round 21: 6:15 pm
Round 22: 7:15 pm
Round 23: 8:15 pm


## VuGraph Treats

## Ingredients

- $\quad 1$ sheet puff pastry, thawed if frozen
- $\Gamma_{1 / 4}$ cup turbinado sugar
- $\quad 2$ tablespoons ground cinnamon
- $\quad 1$ cup heavy cream
- $\square_{1 / 4}$ cup granulated sugar
- $\quad 1$ vanilla bean, split and seeds scraped
- $\quad 8$ tablespoons (1 stick) salted butter
- $\Gamma 1$ cup brown sugar
- $\square 3$ bananas, sliced into $1 / 2$-inch rounds
- $\quad 1 / 4$ cup dark rum
- $\quad 3$ tablespoons crushed hazelnuts, toasted


## Directions

1 large pinch flaky sea salt

## Pminellachs

## with Saly Banana Flambe



- $\square$ Step 1

Make the palmiers: Roll out the puff pastry to an even thickness of $1 / 4$ inch. Combine the turbinado sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle $1 / 4$ cup of the mixture evenly over the dough. Using a rolling pin, roll over the pastry lightly. Fold both sides of the dough into the center so they meet in the middle of the sheet. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of the cinnamon sugar over the dough. Roll over the dough again to lightly press the sugar into the dough. Fold the left side over the right side, creating a long log of dough. Cover the dough with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 20 minutes.

- $\square_{\text {Step } 2}$

Preheat the oven to $425^{\circ}$. Remove the dough from the refrigerator and slice it crosswise into $3 / 4$-inch discs.
Transfer the cookies to a parchment paper-lined baking sheet, laying them cut-side up and several inches apart.
Sprinkle the cookies with the remaining cinnamon sugar. Using a rolling pin, roll the cookies as thin as possible. Let rest for 30 minutes, then bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until the palmiers are golden brown. Remove them from the oven and let cool.

- $\sqsubset$ Step 3

In a large bowl (or using an electric stand mixer), beat the cream with the granulated sugar until stiff peaks form. Beat in the vanilla seeds and refrigerate until ready to use.

- $\square_{\text {Step } 4}$

In a skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the brown sugar and cook until bubbling, about 3 minutes. Add the bananas and cook, stirring and turning them occasionally, for 3 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat and add the rum. Carefully light the rum on fire and let the flames subside. Return the skillet to the heat and cook for 2 minutes longer.

- $\square_{\text {Step } 5}$

Arrange the palmiers on a serving platter in a single layer. Spoon the bananas flambé over the palmiers, filling in the gaps between the cookies. Dot the whipped cream over the palmiers, sprinkle with the hazelnuts and sea salt and serve immediately.

## Ingredients

For the choux
■ 11⁄2 cups water
$1 / 2$ cup unsalted butter
1 teaspoon granulated sugar
$1 / 2$ teaspoon kosher salt
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$1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups all－purpose flour
5 large eggs
For the choux cookie topping
「 $1 / 2$ cup unsalted butter，softened
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$1 / 2$ cup lightly packed light brown sugar
1 cup all－purpose flour
3－4 drops yellow food coloring For the fillings and garnish
$\square 2$ cups small－diced pineapple
「 2 cups granulated sugar
$\square 1$ teaspoon grated lime zes
－Salt
2 cups heavy cream，chilled


2 overripe bananas，peeled and mashed
$1 / 2$ cup toasted pecan pieces
Г
$1 / 2$ cup toasted unsweetened coconut flakes

## Directions

## Make the Choux

## Step 1

Arrange the racks in the top and bottom third of the oven；preheat to 375 F ．In a large saucepan，combine the water，butter，sugar，and salt．Cook over medium－high heat，stirring often，until the butter melts．Turn off the heat and add your flour to your pot all at once，stirring aggressively with a wooden spatula and scooping and scraping until no flour clumps remain．Return the saucepan to medium－low heat and cook， stirring forcefully，until a film forms at the bottom of the pot and the dough shiny and begins to pull away from the sides of the pan，about 2 minutes．

## Step 2

Transfer the dough to a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment，and beat at medium－low speed until the bowl is cool to the touch，about 6 minutes．Increase the speed to medium and add the eggs one at a time，beating to thoroughly incorporate before adding the next egg．The dough should be ribbony，shiny and smooth．Set dough aside．
Make the Choux Cookie Topping

## Step 3

In a separate mixing bowl using an electric mixer on low speed, cream the butter and sugar until pale, about 4 minutes. Add the flour and blend until incorporated; add the food coloring and mix to evenly disperse, 2 minutes more. Roll out roll out the dough to a $1 / 4$-inch thickness between two sheets of parchment paper. Peel off the top sheet, and use a $21 / 2$-inch cookie or biscuit cutter to cut out rounds of cookie dough. Reroll as needed to cut out 16 cookies.

## Step 4

Place 2 sheets of parchment paper on a work surface. Using the $21 / 2$-inch cookie cutter as a guide, use a pencil to create 8 circles on each sheet. Fit a piping bag with a $1 / 2$-inch round tip and fold down the bag several times. Fill the bag with the choux dough and unfold the piping bag; lightly twist the top of the bag. Pipe a small dot of dough on each of the four corners of the parchment; place one sheet of parchment, pencil side down, on each of 2 large sheet pans, pressing on the corners to adhere.

## Step 5

Pipe $21 / 2$-inch rounds of choux dough onto the prepared baking sheet, using the stencils as a guide. Top each choux with a round of cookie dough. Bake until the choux are golden and cookie tops are cracked and deeply browned, 30 to 40 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool completely.
While the choux bakes, make the fillings

## Step 6

In a medium saucepan, combine the pineapple, sugar, lime zest, and a pinch of salt; cook over medium heat until the pineapple softens, is translucent, but still holds its shape and has a bit of bite, about 12 minutes. Set aside to cool.

## Step 7

In a large mixing bowl, use an immersion blender to whip the cream, bananas, and a pinch of salt until stiff peaks form, about 3 minutes.

## $\square$ Step 8

Once the choux pastries have cooled, use a serrated knife to cut off the top third of each pastry; reserve the tops. Add a spoonful of the pineapple into each cream puff, then top with some toasted pecans. Spoon in enough banana whip to slightly overfill each choux pastry. Top with toasted coconut and the reserved tops. Enjoy!

Ed. Note:
With the delayed broadcasting and the use of the Round Robin, it will be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!
Thanks.
Suzi


## Information

 from the Captain's Meeting Monday
## From McKenzie Myers to Everyone

B. Use of Electronic Devices

Except when a player is dummy, or to consult the opponent's system filings, or for health related devices that have been approved by the DIC in advance, no player may use an electronic device for any purpose other than playing on RealBridge.

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Sudoku 1

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? It gets toad away.

The other day, my wife asked me to pass her lipstick but I accidentally passed her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to me.

A wife hangs up after about a half-hour on the phone. The husband is surprised, "Wow, that was quick - usually you women are at it for two hours at least!" "Yeah, well, it was a wrong number."

Did you hear about the new restaurant on the moon? The food was good, but there really wasn't much atmosphere.

What's the best place to hide a body? Page two of Google.

A man noticed his credit card has been stolen - but he never reported it. The thief was still spending considerably less than his wife.



Sudoku 2

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## Sudoku <br> Solutions <br> on Page 15

Make "Room" for this Puzzle!
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It's raspberry season! Tom and his friends were out walking in the woods when they discovered a whole hillside of wild raspberry bushes just loaded with ripe delicious raspberries. Tom raced back to his place to get some buckets for picking and all five of them spent the afternoon picking the luscious red berries. Determine each friend's full name, how many quarts of berries each picked, and what each one did with their berries.

1. Mr. Harding picked three quarts of raspberries during the afternoon. Fred's last name wasn't Richley and he didn't give his berries away to his neighbors.
2. Pete Waterby had two quarts more of berries than the man who cooked them in muffins. Will's last name wasn't Dolby.
3. Will ate his berries with supper that night. Fred had more than one quart of berries.
4. The man who had four quarts of berries sold his to the local market.
5. Tom had more berries than Mr. Dolby but less berries than the one who froze his in the freezer for safekeeping.
6. Joshua didn't bring back the least amount of raspberries, which was one quart. Mr. Richley brought back five quarts, which was the largest amount brought back.

## BRIDGE <br> ALAN TRUSCOTT <br> Playing Two Roles

Many of New York＇s younger experts，mostly in their 30＇s，have shown a mysterious and unex－ pected tendency to skip attendance at a national champion－ ship during the past three years．The cause turns out to be the baby boom－ ers＇baby boom：The missing experts reappear at the next National， proudly displaying Andrea，Dana， Daniel，Robin or Andrew and look for someone who will help out by looking after baby while they try to win na－ tional titles．

Those who have their mind partly on baby，like those who worry during the game about baseball scores or stock－market prices，do not usually win．But the handicap was success－ fully overcome during the recent Summer Nationals in Las Vegas．Bill and Rozanne Pollack of Englewood， N．J．，were part of a sextet that won the mixed team title，each earning their first major national victory．An－ drea Pollack，aged two，remained unobtrusively in the background but wanted to be in the team photograph． This inclusion was justified by ap－ pointing her，ex post facto，non－play－ ing captain of the squad．

A team of fathers（David Berko－ witz，Matt Granovetter，Mark Cohen， Michael Becker，together with Bill Pollack，）and a team of mothers （Lisa Berkowitz，Pamela Granovet－ ter，Stasha Cohen，Judy Becker，with Rozanne Pollack）could be expected to do well in international competi－ tion：All have won major titles．In two decades we can look forward to a triangular team contest，to include a auintet of adult babies．

In the diagramed deal，played in Las Vegas，Pollack demonstrated the dummy－play skill he hopes his daugh－ ter will inherit．The event was the Men＇s Swiss，and his partner，sitting North，was the President－designate of the American Contract Bridge League for 1986，Tom Sanders of Nashville．

North＇s double of the one－spade overcall was negative，virtually guar－ anteeing at least four hearts．The jump to three hearts was invitational， and North was happy to accept．

An opening trump lead，limiting the potential cross－ruff，was the best de－ fense against four hearts．West duly produced the heart 10，and Pollack examined his prospects．A complete cross－ruff would now leave him a trick short，so he planned to score seven trump tricks，the two side aces and the club queen：The overcall made it likely that West held the club king．

The heart 10 was won with the king， and the club queen was finessed suc－ cessfully．The club ace was played， and if West had followed low，the

cross－ruff would have produced 10 tricks without difficulty．But West fol－ lowed an important principle：Play the card you are known to hold．He dropped the king under the ace，leav－ ing Pollack in some uncertainty．He knew that West might have another club but he did not feel prepared to risk a ruff with his five，for an over－ ruff would lead to inevitable defeat． He therefore ruffed a club with the heart jack and noted ruefully that West produced a club．

The diamond ace was cashed，and a diamond ruff and another high club ruff produced this ending：

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Pollack needed three more tricks， and as the cards lie he could have fi－ nessed the trump eight and made an overtrick．But he saw that he could make his contract without relying on West to hold the trump nine．He led to the heart ace and led the established club winner．

If West had ruffed，he would have had to lead a low spade to prevent an overtrick．He refused to ruff，but that did not help him．A spade was led from dummy，and a spade trick in the closed hand at the finish gave Pollack his contract．

## Meet the Players



From the NY Times，Alan Truscott，May 15， 1981

Bridge partnerships and mar－ ital partnerships have some features in common．


They may be entered into lightly，or after careful con－ sideration and preparation． They may be a source of har－ mony or discord．And they may last for a few hours or endure for a lifetime．

When two people try for a partnership in both areas，special problems arise．The bridge activi－ ty can add to the marital harmony or increase the discord．It may provide cement，or dyna－ mite the relationship altogether．

There are a number of successful husband－and－ wife partnerships in the tournament world，and most of them tested their bridge compatibility before embarking on a legal union．Play first， marry later is a good rule．

Observing this rule are two New York experts， Bill Pollack and Rozanne Marel，who will be married tomorrow．For several years they have combined harmoniously at the bridge table，as witness the diagramed deal，from the recent Southeastern Regional Championships in Miami Beach．

In addition to their many championships，Bill is a past president of the USBF！Bill and Rozanne have children and grandchildren to keep them busy these days！

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This is Board 43 from Monday's Round Robin.

If West enters the auction, $\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W}$ is likely to be in trouble. Most West players sat quietly and $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{S}$ bid to 3 NT . Two $\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W}$ pairs were punished severely for their interference. In both cases, South opened one of a minor and West passed on the first round of bidding. North responded 1 S and South rebid 1 NT . West doubled 1 NT and when North redoubled, E/ W had nowhere to hide. Their best spot is 2 H , but even that will produce an 800 penalty. Even if $\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W}$ escape from trouble, their interference will probably help declarer.

(Continued from page 13)
In the Levine/Lebowitz match, Kevin Rosenberg, West, doubled Garner's 1NT bid and survived ... for a while.

Kevin led the H3. Garner won in dummy and played the SK followed by the S9, finessing Zach Grossack for the SJ. This play was clearly based on the fact that Rosenberg's pass followed by double indicated spade shortness.

The only lead to cause any trouble for declarer in 3NT is a small heart.

Five pairs reached 3NT with no E/W interference. Two of the five declarers made their contract and three were defeated. The most interesting line of play was taken by Daniel Weiss:

Drew Casen led the H3. Weiss won in dummy and played on spades. He cashed the SK and led a spade to the ace. On the third spade, Casen discarded the D7.

A fourth spade was played to Krekorian's jack. Daniel discarded the D6. Drew was forced to part with a heart. He chose to discard the HA! Krekorian continued with the H9, which was allowed to hold the trick. Krekorian continued with a heart to dummy's king. Weiss played a diamond to his nine, producing the position below:


Casen exited with a club. Weiss won the CT and played the DJ.

Dummy took the last three tricks with the CQ and the two good diamonds.

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## USBF Supporting Membership

## Sudoku Answers



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

A Supporting Membership is $\$ 25$ for one year（ $\$ 75$ for 3 years）and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses：attorney fees，accounting fees，website support services， tournament directors，insurance，WBF dues，and vugraph operators．

The USBF is an all－volunteer organization．

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS．Board members and the organization＇s officers are not compensated for meetings，travel，or hotel expenses．

We hope you will join us．


When responding to relays
As asked by my pards．．．
My bid＇s automatic．．．
It＇s what＇s in my cards！



On Board 56 from segment 8 of the first Round Robin, most pairs reached 3NT from North. Some lucky pairs found the $5-2$ heart fit that played really well even with the HK offside.

Against 3NT, most defenders led a spade. Declarer must be careful to play on diamonds before hearts to succeed. Against Greg Hinze, North opened 1C; Greg overcalled 1S and South bid 2H. With diamonds being the only unbid suit, Greg decided his DA might be a more attacking lead. Unfortunately for him, on this lie of the cards, it removed any losing option for declarer.

Most declarers ducked the first spade and won the second. At trick three, those who brought home the game led a diamond toward the queen. Those who failed took the heart finesse. If the heart is onside at trick three, it will still be onside later. If the hearts are working, declarer will always have nine tricks. Declarer needs a diamond trick anytime hearts are not working and establishing this trick early will cut the communication between East and West since the spade suit has not yet been set up.

A few $N / S$ pairs found 5 C , failing with three obvious side suit losers.

Doug Doub and Adam Wildavsky were the only E/W pair to find the cold 5D contract on Board 61 from the ninth round. With diamonds divided 2-2, there was nothing to the play. But even if diamonds break 3-1, 5D will have a good chance.

Doug's 2D opener showed three suits and 11-14 HCP. Adam's 3C bid was "pass or correct". When Doub rebid 3D, Wildavsky knew that all of his high cards were likely to useful. He judged well and jumped to 5D.

The opening lead was the C7. Doub won in hand and played a heart to the ten, losing to North's queen. Drew Casen returned a diamond. Doub won the DA and played a diamond to dummy's king. When everyone followed, declarer was able to claim eleven tricks for +600 .

10 IMPs to Wildavsky.

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| Bd 61, DIr N $5$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { V Q876 } \\ & \text { - J7 } \end{aligned}\right.$ |  |
| W Adam Wildavsky | * QJ1065 | Doug Doub E |
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| - K103 |  | - AJ54 |
| - K6543 |  | - A1092 |
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| Jim Krekorian S | *K87 |  |


| NS | EW | Contract | Lead | Score |  |
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| Anam Tebha \& Steve Zolotow | Adam Grossack \& Larry Lebowitz | 3\%-3 W | $\wedge 9$ | 300 |  |
| bye5 \& bye6 | phantom3 \& phantom4 | = $/=$ |  |  |  |
| phantom1 \& phantom2 | bye 7 \& bye 8 | = $/=$ |  |  |  |
| Howard Parker \& John Onstott | Michael Shuster \& Sam Dinkin | 1-1 S | -3 |  | 100 |
| Kevin Bathurst \& John Hurd | Tom Bishel \& John Bishel | $3 *+2 \mathrm{E}$ | 47 |  | 150 |
| Peter Weichsel \& Hemant Lall | Eldad Ginossar \& Chris Willenken | $3+2 \mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark 9$ |  | 150 |
| Migry Campanile \& David Berkowitz | Bart Bramley \& Kit Woolsey | $3+2 \mathrm{E}$ | 47 |  | 150 |
| Stephen Castellino \& Mukund Thapa | Bill Hall \& Joe Viola | $3+2 \mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark$ |  | 150 |
| Ish DelMonte \& Finn Kolesnik | Nick Nickell \& Ralph Katz | $3 *+2 \mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark 9$ |  | 150 |
| Jeff Meckstroth \& Steve Garner | Hongji Wei \& Ming Sheng | $3+2 \mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark$ |  | 150 |
| Kevin Dwyer \& Joyce Hill | Jason Chiu \& Alex Kolesnik | $3 *+2 \mathrm{E}$ | $\rightarrow$ A |  | 150 |
| John Hinton \& Jerry Clerkin | John Kranyak \& Warren Spector | $3 *+3 \mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark 9$ |  | 170 |
| Steve Weinstein \& Bobby Levin | Iulian Rotaru \& Radu Nistor | $3+3 \mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark$ |  | 170 |
| Daniel Korbel \& Roger Lee | Allan Falk \& David Yang | $3 \bullet+3 \mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark 9$ |  | 170 |
| David Chechelashvili \& Ai-Tai Lo | Brad Moss \& Joe Grue | 3* +3 E | $\checkmark 9$ |  | 170 |
| Jiang Gu \& Hailong Ao | Eddie Wold \& Mike Levine | $3+3 \mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark 9$ |  | 170 |
| Michael Rosenberg \& Zia Mahmood | Craig Ganzer \& Andy Goodman | $3 *+3 \mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark 2$ |  | 170 |
| Franco Baseggio \& Andy Stark | Joel Wooldridge \& David Grainger | $3+3 \mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark$ |  | 170 |
| Bill Pollack \& Rozanne Pollack | Jeff Aker \& Doug Simson | $3+3 \mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark 9$ |  | 170 |
| Lance Kerr \& Tom Reynolds | Bruce Blakely \& Bob Thomson | 2-3S | $\checkmark 3$ |  | 300 |
| Jeff Goldsmith \& Paul Markarian | Greg Hinze \& Josh Donn | 3-3 S | -4 |  | 300 |
| Drew Casen \& Jim Krekorian | Doug Doub \& Adam Wildavsky | $5 *=$ E | +7 |  | 600 |



Board 70 in segment 10 of the Round Robin created a 9 IMP swing in the Nickell/Lo match.

Poor Greco, playing generally light openers, sees his LHO pass and partner open 1 S . Looking at a flat 4 -count and doubleton spade makes all alternatives look bleak. Eric chose a semi-forcing 1NT and when Chechelashvili balanced with double, Greco wanted to scramble. He bid 2C on his three card holding and hoped they could land on their feet. When everyone passed, it must have felt like he dodged a bullet by escaping the double!

Lo led a spade. West won and shifted to clubs. Lo won the club and continued the suit. Greco led a spade; East ruffed and played his last club... with trumps gone, the hand would now play as it would in NT without the doubled undertricks.

| 図 | - 86 | $\mathrm{N}_{\text {Alan Schwartz }}$ |
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| $W_{\text {Ralph Katz }}$ | *A105 | Nick Nickell E |
| - AQ1093 |  | - 5 |
| - AQ4 |  | $\checkmark$ K107 |
| - Q6 |  | -KJ873 |
| - K94 |  | * Q863 |
|  | - KJ742 | $\mathbf{W}$ N E |
| $\square 0$ | - J92 |  |
| < > | - A2 | ${ }^{\text {20*** }}$ |
| Bill Cole S | * J72 | NTP P |

When the smoke cleared, Greco was light four tricks non-vulnerable.
At the other table, Nickell/Katz found 3NT North/South when Bill Cole passed in second seat. 2C was Gazilli. 2D showed 8+ HCP, artificial. 2H showed $3-4$ hearts and $16+$ HCP. 2S was artificial and 3 NT placed the contract.

Knowing only that there were at least five spades over his five card holding holding, Cole chose a small club lead. Schwartz inserted the ten and Nick won the queen. He finessed the ST. The DQ was ducked and the second diamond to the king forced the ace. Cole led the C7. Nickell played the king from dummy to Schwartz's ace. Schwartz cashed the CT. This established declarer's 13th club and gave him nine tricks.

| NS | EW | Contract | Lead | Score |  |
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| Anam Tebha \& Steve Zolotow | Jeff Aker \& Doug Simson | 3NT-2 W | $\checkmark 6$ | 200 |  |
| Peter Weichsel \& Hemant Lall | Jeff Goldsmith \& Paul Markarian | 3NT-1 E | $\checkmark 2$ | 100 |  |
| Li-Chung Chen \& Sarah Youngquist | Joel Wooldridge \& David Grainger | 3NT-1 W | - 3 | 100 |  |
| Eddie Wold \& Mike Levine | Greg Hinze \& Josh Donn | 3NT-1 W | $\checkmark 6$ | 100 |  |
| bye5 \& bye6 | phantom3 \& phantom4 | = $/=$ |  |  |  |
| phantom1 \& phantom2 | bye7 \& bye8 | = $/=$ |  |  |  |
| Chip Martel \& Marty Fleisher | Doug Doub \& Adam Wildavsky | 2\%+2 W | \% 5 |  | 130 |
| Eric Greco \& Geoff Hampson | Ai-Tai Lo \& David Chechelashvili | 2\%-4 N | - 5 |  | 200 |
| John Hinton \& Jerry Clerkin | Stephen Castellino \& Mukund Thapa | $3 N T=E$ | $\checkmark 2$ |  | 600 |
| Bob Thomson \& Bruce Blakely | Tom Bishel \& John Bishel | $3 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark 2$ |  | 600 |
| Jiang Gu \& Hailong Ao | Gavin Wolpert \& Warren Spector | $3 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{E}$ | -4 |  | 600 |
| Kevin Bathurst \& John Hurd | Hongji Wei \& Ming Sheng | $3 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{W}$ | $\checkmark 6$ |  | 600 |
| John Schermer \& Venkatrao Koneru | Craig Ganzer \& Andy Goodman | $3 \mathrm{NT}=\mathrm{E}$ | $\checkmark 2$ |  | 600 |
| Chris Willenken \& Eldad Ginossar | Phil Clayton \& Andrew Gumperz | 3NT $=\mathrm{E}$ | -4 |  | 600 |
| Nicolas Hammond \& Rita Shugart | Adam Grossack \& Larry Lebowitz | 3NT=E | - 2 |  | 600 |
| Alan Schwartz \& Bill Cole | Nick Nickell \& Ralph Katz | 3NT $=\mathrm{E}$ | $\div 2$ |  | 600 |
| Michael Shuster \& Sam Dinkin | Bart Bramley \& Kit Woolsey | 3NT+1 W | -4 |  | 630 |
| Eric Robinson \& Gary Cohler | Roger Lee \& Daniel Korbel | 3NT+1 W | - 8 |  | 630 |
| Kevin Dwyer \& Joyce Hill | Will Watson \& Geeske Joel | $3 \mathrm{NT}+1 \mathrm{E}$ | -2 |  | 630 |
| Alex Kolesnik \& Jason Chiu | Aaron Silverstein \& Andrew Rosenthal | $3 N T+1$ E | -4 |  | 630 |
| Michael Rosenberg \& Zia Mahmood | Bill Hall \& Joe Viola | 3NT+1 W | $\checkmark 6$ |  | 630 |
| Jacob Morgan \& Chris Compton | Mark Lair \& Mike Passell | $3 \mathrm{NT}+1 \mathrm{~W}$ | $\rightarrow 8$ |  | 630 |

