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Luck Good Schaumburg! Results:

This is the second half of Round Robin 2; the first half was Round Robin 2A. Victory Point scores from that half are included here as carryover.

The top 8 teams qualify for the face-to-face Quarterfinal; their scores are in red

Click on the team name or number to see the team information page including team members, photos, and system summaries. Put your cursor on the team name to display its members. Hover over a Victory Point score to see the IMPs for the match.

Why IMPs don't always match what's on RealBridge:
We can't adjust the IMPs shown on RealBridge when a board has to be removed from play at one table and we assign a result based on the X-IMPs of the other table result. The IMPs shown here are the "real" result.

PDF Hand records matches 12-15 matches 16-18 matches 19-22

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Team Name	e Total	Over	12	2	10	4	7	5	3	9	8	6	11	1
12. Spector	262.25	156.87		0.20	19.92	4.50	12.94	15.50	1.31	5.07	3.23	13.99	12.94	15.78
2. Bramley	259.50	114.41	19.80		18.01	8.65	11.77	3.71	15.50	13.65	15.50	18.01	3.96	16.53
10. Nickell	247.26	126.69	0.08	1.99		3.23	17.42	20.00	14.63	13.31	11.35	13.65	10.92	13.99
4. Fleisher	239.87	122.68	15.50	11.35	16.77		1.31	3.23	16.77	15.50	5.07	15.22	7.82	8.65
7. Hill	238.32	120.22	7.06	8.23	2.58	18.69		0.00	12.18	6.35	15.78	14.63	13.31	19.29
5. Gu	222.56	107.33	4.50	16.29	0.00	16.77	20.00		10.47	10.92	1.47	7.82	11.77	15.22
3. Donner	213.97	97.57	18.69	4.50	5.37	3.23	7.82	9.53		20.00	7.06	6.01	14.63	19.56
9. Levine	200.14	86.80	14.93	6.35	6.69	4.50	13.65	9.08	0.00		16.04	10.47	18.69	12.94
8. Lebowit	z 199.95	93.70	16.77	4.50	8.65	14.93	4.22	18.53	12.94	3.96		11.35	7.82	2.58
6. Henner	195.92	98.63	6.01	1.99	6.35	4.78	5.37	12.18	13.99	9.53	8.65		15.50	12.94
11. Simson	192.15	91.89	7.06	16.04	9.08	12.18	6.69	8.23	5.37	1.31	12.18	4.50		17.62
1. Bishel	165.61	100.71	4.22	3.47	6.01	11.35	0.71	4.78	0.44	7.06	17.42	7.06	2.38	

Bulletins will be back with the Mixed RR on Friday!









Perhaps he should have made **BRIDGE** his hobby!!

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21 Teams Entered... in Alphabetical Order



Fun Facts... from reliable? Internet sources

Face to Face Tournament

Dismal first-year sales of famous products:

- 1. VW Beetle (U.S.)--sold 330 first year.
- 2. Liquid Paper--sold 1,200 bottles first year
- 3. Cuisinart--sold 200 first year.
- 4. Remington typewriter--sold 8 first year.
- 5. Scrabble--sold 532 first year.
- 6. Coca-Cola--sold 25 bottles first year. (For total of \$50; supplies and advertising ran \$70.)

During the Prohibition, at least 1,565 Americans died from drinking bad liquor, hundreds were blinded, and many were killed in bootlegger wars. Federal Agents and the Coast Guard made 75,000 arrests per year.

False eyelashes were invented by film director D.W. Griffith while he was making the 1916 epic, "Intolerance." He wanted actress Seena Owen to have lashes that brushed her cheeks.

G.I. Joe was introduced at the annual American International Toy Fair in New York on Feb. 9, 1964.

You actually lose a large percentage of your taste buds while in an airplane. This might explain a lot about those less-than-stellar in-flight meals.

Bees can sting other bees — usually if they feel threatened or are protecting their territory.

Most people know dolphins have incredible sonar abilities. But did you know they were studied as war tools during the Cold War? They really are as smart as people say they are.

Like humans, koalas actually have unique individual fingerprints.

Will Ferrell consumed so much sugar while filming Elf that he actually became physically ill.

The Hollywood sign in Los Angeles once said "Hollywoodland."

The most expensive film ever made was *Pirates of the Caribbean*, which cost more than 375 million dollars to create.

Buzz Lightyear's original name is Lunar Larry.

Iceland grows 5 centimeters per year because of its moving tectonic plates.

I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, 'Where's the self-help section?' She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.

George Carlin

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS				
QUARTER-FINAL							
MONDAY	Ост. 4	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)				
TUESDAY	Ост. 5	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15				
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30				
			70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK				
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45				
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60				
WEDNESDAY	Ост. 6	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75				
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90				
			70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK				
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105				
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120				
		SEMI-FINAL & U	USA2 STAGE 1				
THURSDAY	Ост. 7	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15				
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30				
			70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK				
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45				
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60				
FRIDAY	Ост. 8	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75				
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90				
			70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK				
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		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120				
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		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30				
			70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK				
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45				
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60				
SUNDAY	Ост. 10	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75				
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I'm always relieved when someone is delivering a eulogy and I realize I'm listening to it.

George Carlin

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

George Carlin

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.

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 sto-

ries, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

Russia has a whopping 11 time zones within the country.

The place that has more caves than any other way on earth? Kentucky.

The Sahara Desert can reach up to 136 degrees.

Australia is wider than the moon.

Vatican City is actually the smallest country in the world.

There are more people in California than Canada.

The closest state in the United States to Africa is Maine.

Russia has more surface area than Pluto.

The heart of a shrimp is located in its head

Slugs have not one, not two, not three... but four noses.

It takes a sloth two weeks to digest food.

Just like human babies suck their thumbs, baby elephants sometimes suck on their trunks.

Crows can recognize human faces — and remember them for their entire lives.

There is only one country on earth without mosquitoes: Iceland.

More Fun Facts

from the Internet!

FORMAT

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.

KO 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 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 Preparing
to Watch
the KO's
in Schaumburg
next month!

I have a bed but I never sleep. I have a mouth but I never speak. What am I? A river.

I sound like one letter but I'm written with three. I show you things when you look through me. What am I? An eye.

I can be cracked and I can be played. I can be told and I can be made. What am I? A joke. I have two main bodies and I'm turned all about. When I'm standing still, time will run out.

What am I? An hourglass.

I have a head and a tail that will never meet. Having too many of me is always a treat. What am I? A coin.

Riddles

Thanks:

Jan Martel Al Hollander McKenzie Meyers

Chris Wiegand The RealBridge staff

The Subecks

And everyone else who worked behind the scenes to make this hybrid Championship successful!

It isn't over yet but you have all dealt with crazy, unforeseen circumstances and come through like champs!

The bridge community appreciates all you do and thanks you for it!

Thanks also to the **USBF BOD** for supporting these efforts.

Looking forward to the several other events we have planned in the next few weeks on and off line!

VuGraph Snacks Apple Muffins

Ingredients

Brown Suga	ar Swirl
• □	¼ cup light brown sugar (packed)
• □	2 teaspoons Gluten-Free All-Purpose Flour
• □	Salt
. 🗆	½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
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. 🗆	2 teaspoons Gluten-Free All-Purpose Flour Salt ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon Sugar ½ cup granulated sugar 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
. 🗆	1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Muffins	
• □	2 eggs (large at room temperature)
. 🗆	6 tablespoons unsalted butter (melted and cooled)
• □	¼ cup milk
• □	1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
• □	1 ½ cups 1 1/2 Gluten-Free All-Purpose Flour
• □	½ cup granulated sugar
• □	% cup light brown sugar (packed)
• □	2 teaspoons baking powder
• □	½ teaspoon cinnamon
• □	½ teaspoon salt
• □	1 apple (large cored, peeled and cut into /2-inch pieces)
Directions F	Prepare the Brown Sugar Swirl
	Step 1 Preheat the oven to 350° and fill 12 muffin cups with paper liners. In a small bowl, nbine the brown sugar with the flour, a pinch of salt and the cinnamon. compared to the cinnamon of the cinnamon
. \Box	Step 2 In another small bowl, whisk the granulated sugar with the cinnamon.
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. \square	Step 3 In a medium bowl, whisk the eggs with the butter, milk and vanilla until smooth.
-	Step 4 In a large bowl, whisk the flour with the granulated sugar, brown sugar, baking wder, cinnamon and salt. Using a wooden spoon, stir in the wet ingredients until combined. d in the apple and the brown sugar swirl.
	Step 5 Spoon the batter into the muffin cups and sprinkle with the cinnamon sugar. Bake muffins in the center of the oven for about 22 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the ter comes out clean. Let cool slightly before serving.

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Apple Pomegranite Cobbler

Ingred	dients
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•	2 cups pomegranate juice
•	6 Granny Smith apples (3 pounds)—peeled, halved, cored and sliced 1/2 inch thick
•	1 cup sugar, plus more for sprinkling
•	2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
•	Kosher salt
•	2 teaspoons baking powder
•	1 stick cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
•	1 cup cold heavy cream, plus more for brushing
•	Pomegranate seeds and vanilla ice cream, for serving

Directions

• L Step 1

Preheat the oven to 375°. Place an 8-by-8-inch glass baking dish on a foil-lined rimmed baking sheet. In a small saucepan, bring the pomegranate juice to a boil over moderately high heat until reduced to 1/3 cup, about 15 minutes. Pour the juice into a large bowl and fold in the apples, 3/4 cup of the sugar, 1/4 cup of the flour and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Scrape the mixture into the baking dish.

In another large bowl, whisk the remaining 2 cups of flour with the remaining 1/4 cup of sugar, the baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Add the butter and, using a pastry cutter or 2 knives, cut the butter into the dry ingredients until the mixture resembles very coarse crumbs, with some pieces the size of small peas. Gently stir in the 1 cup of cream just to combine.

• Step 3

Gather the topping into small clumps and scatter over the apple filling. Brush the topping with cream and sprinkle generously with sugar. Bake the cobbler for 60 to 70 minutes, or until the filling is bubbling and the topping is golden. Tent with foil if the crust browns too quickly. Let cool for 20 minutes. Serve sprinkled with pomegranate seeds and topped with vanilla ice cream.

The name of a group of lemurs is a "conspiracy."

More fun facts...

Ready to have your mind blown? A blind chameleon can still adjust to the colors of its environment. The way it changes colors is because of its special cells, not eyesight.

Freddie Mercury has a pretty memorable smile. But did you know it's because he had four extra teeth in his upper jaw?

Shrimp Toast

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

•		1 cup roughly chopped fresh cilantro roots or stems (from 2 bunches), plus cilantro leaves
	for	garnish
•		6 medium garlic cloves, roughly chopped
•		1 teaspoon ground white pepper
•		% teaspoon kosher salt
•		12 ounces peeled and deveined raw medium shrimp
•		10 ounces pork fat, chilled and finely chopped (about 2 cups)
•		2 ½ teaspoons Thai seasoning sauce (such as Golden Mountain)
•		1 ½ teaspoons granulated sugar
•		15 (4- x 3 1/2- x 1/3-inch) Japanese milk bread or white bread slices, crusts removed, each
	slic	e cut diagonally into 2 triangles
•		Neutral oil (such as grapeseed, peanut, or vegetable oil), for frying
•		Mayonnaise (such as Kewpie), sriracha chile sauce, and fresh pea shoots, for serving
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Directions

Instructions Checklist

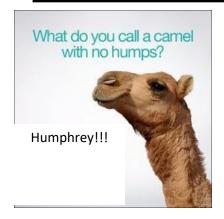
Step 1

Process cilantro, garlic, white pepper, and salt in a food processor until finely chopped, about 15 seconds, stopping to scrape down sides of bowl as needed. Add shrimp and pork fat. Process until mixture forms a smooth paste, about 2 minutes, stopping occasionally to scrape down sides of bowl as needed. Transfer mixture to a medium bowl. Stir in seasoning sauce and sugar.

Spread 3/4 ounce (about 1 heaping tablespoon) shrimp mixture on each bread triangle in an even layer. Pour oil to a depth of 1/8 inch in a large skillet; heat over medium-high until shimmering. Working with 8 to 10 bread triangles at a time, fry bread, shrimp side down, until shrimp side is golden brown and shrimp is cooked through, 3 to 4 minutes. Carefully flip, and cook until bread is golden brown, 15 to 30 seconds. Transfer shrimp toasts to a wire rack set over a baking sheet lined with paper towels. Repeat process with remaining bread triangles and shrimp mixture.

Step 3

Top shrimp toasts with mayonnaise and sriracha. Garnish with cilantro leaves and pea shoots. Serve hot.





Why can't your nose Because then it would be a foot.

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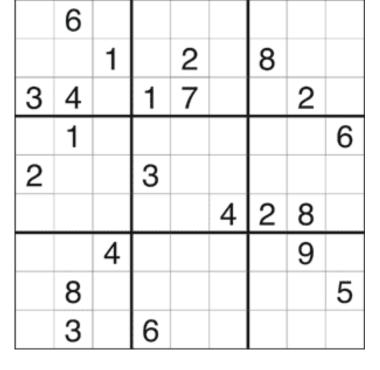
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Sudoku 2











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Puzzle Page ...

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Information from the **Captain's Meeting last 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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First Name	Last Name	High Score	# of Points Won

Last weekend was the men's annual bowling tournament, an event of competition and fun for the local townspeople. This year, excitement ran high as five contestants bowled neck and neck for the championship. Each time a bowler won a game, he scored two points and the bowler with the highest number of points at the end of the tournament won. Determine the full name of each bowler, their high score (264 to 288), and how many points each won (28 to 36).

- 1. Frank, whose last name wasn't Thompson, had the highest score but he didn't win the tournament.
- 2. Mr. Smith's high score was three pins higher than that of the bowler with 30 points.

- 3. Steven's last name wasn't Stewart. The winner of the tournament, who had 36 points, had an odd number for a high score.
- 4. Michael finished the tournament with six points less than Mr. Williams.
- 5. The bowler with a high score of 273 had two points more than Mr. Smith but two points less than Craig.
- 6. Mr. Thompson won fewer points than Walter but more than Steven Lewis.



Born in New York City, **Chris Willenken** graduated from Collegiate School in 1993 and Williams College in 1997. While at Williams, Willenken competed in the American Parliamentary Debate Association; he and Amanda Amert earned Team of The Year honors as the most successful partnership of the 1996-1997 season.

Willenken is an American Contract Bridge League Grand Life Master and a World Bridge Federation Life Master.

In 2011, he won the gold medal at the inaugural Sport Accord World Mind Games Individual Championship. In World Bridge Federation competition, Willenken reached the finals of the 2018 World Mixed Team Championship and the semifinals of the 2010 Rosenblum Cup and 2011 World Transnational Open Teams Championship. He also has five NABC+ wins to date, as well as in the 2013 Open USBC.

Meet the Players

Chris is married to Dana Berkowitz, daughter of well-known bridge personalities, David and Lisa Berkowitz.

Q: I AM THERE ONCE IN A MINUTE, TWICE IN A MOMENT BUT NEVER IN A THOUSAND YEARS. WHAT AM I?

A: THE LETTER 'M'

Q: I CAN ONLY LIVE WHERE THERE IS LIGHT BUT I DIE IF THE LIGHT SHINES ON ME. WHAT AM I?

A: SHADOW

Q: A WOMAN GAVE BIRTH TO TWINS YET, ONE WAS BORN IN AMERICA AND THE OTHER IN INDIA. HOW?

A: THE WOMAN GAVE BIRTH TO TWO SETS OF TWINS. ONE SET WAS BORN IN AMERICA AND THE OTHER SET IN INDIA

Q: TWO BOYS WERE BORN TO THE SAME MOTHER, AT THE SAME TIME, SAME DAY, SAME MONTH AND YEAR HOWEVER THEY ARE NOT TWIN BROTHERS. HOW CAN THIS BE?

A: THERE IS ONE MORE CHILD. THEY ARE TRIPLETS

Riddles...

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Answer to Puzzle on Page 11

Q: A BUTCHER NAME BUTCH IS 6 FEET TALL AND HAS SIZE 12 SHOES. WHAT DOES HE WEIGH? A: MEAT

Q: I AM THE BEGINNING OF THE END, THE END OF EVERY PLACE. I AM THE BEGINNING OF ETERNITY, THE END OF TIME AND SPACE? A: THE LETTER 'E'

Q: WHICH FIVE LETTER WORD BECOMES SHORTER WHEN YOU ADD TWO LETTERS TO IT? A: SHORT

Q: CAN YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT IT MEANS?

E Z

A: EASY ON THE EYES

KO 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 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

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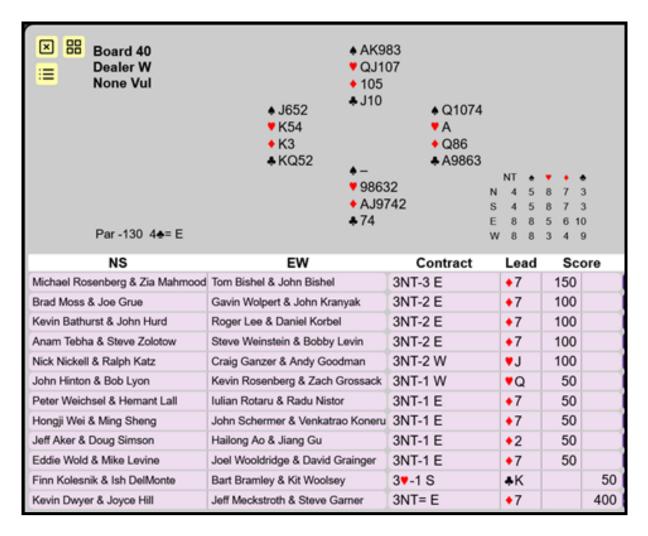
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NEXT DAY

Segment 5: 12:00 noon Segment 6: 2:30 pm

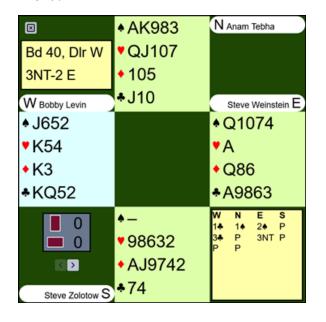
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Segment 7: 8:00 pm Segment 8: 10:15 pm Preparing
to Watch
the KO's
in Schaumburg
next month!



Nine E/W pairs played Board 40 in 3NT from East and received a diamond lead. Six of nine declarers won the first diamond trick. They can cash five clubs, two hearts and a diamond... so they need a trick in spades. Whenever declarer played on spades, the opponents could cash their remaining diamonds and two high spades.

Three declarers, Steve Weinstein (Nickell), Julian Rotaru (Donner) and Jeff Meckstroth (Levine) ducked the first diamond!



In the Henner/Nickell match, Weinstein ducked the diamond, and Anam Tebha realized there was no future in continuing diamonds when she won the DT.

Tebha switched to the HQ.

Weinstein won the HA, played a club to dummy's king, and led a spade. Tebha rose with the SA and cleared the heart suit.

Weinstein cashed his clubs and conceded the last three tricks for down one.

At the other table where West declared 3NT , North lead the HJ for the same result. Push board!

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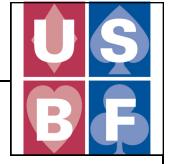
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Sudoku Answers

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.

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.



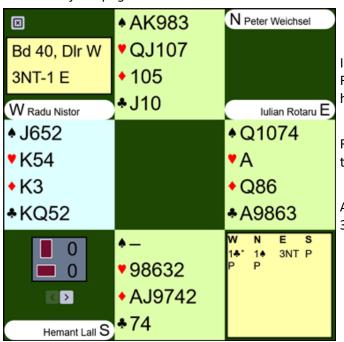


Play your cards.
Take your tricks.
You need 12
If you're in SIX!





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In the Bramley/Donner match, Lall led the diamond, and when Rotaru ducked, Weichsel won the DT and, like Tebha, found the heart switch.

Rotaru won the HA and played a diamond, setting up an eighth trick but conceding down one for a 3 IMP loss.

At the other table, his teammates, DelMonte/Kolesnik, played 3H down one.

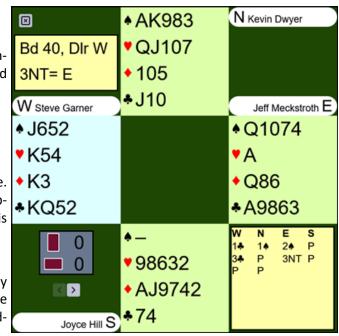
Jeff Meckstroth was the only successful declarer in 3NT.

Jeff ducked the opening diamond lead and Kevin Dwyer continued diamonds. When Joyce Hill won the DA at trick two, she did not foresee the need for a heart shift. Hill continued diamonds.

Meckstroth won the DQ and played a spade to Dwyer's king.

Dwyer returned the HQ, but it was too late for the defense. With Dwyer out of diamonds and hearts having yet to be established, Meckstroth was able to collect the needed spade for his ninth trick.

In the other room Wooldridge won the first diamond in dummy and cashed five rounds of clubs, followed by the HA. Wooldridge exited with a diamond. Levine cashed his diamonds and conceded a heart to dummy's king for a one trick set.



10 IMPs to Levine

- 1. I asked the IT guy, "How do you make a Motherboard?" He said, "I tell her about my job."
- 2. Why was Cinderella dropped from the soccer team? She kept running away from the ball.
- 3. I wanted my kids to watch the orchestra, but I had to turn it off. Too much sax and violins.
- 4. How does a computer get drunk? It takes screen shots.
- 5. Dogs can't see your bones. But CAT scan.



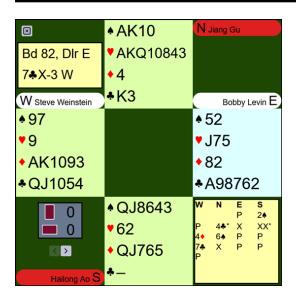


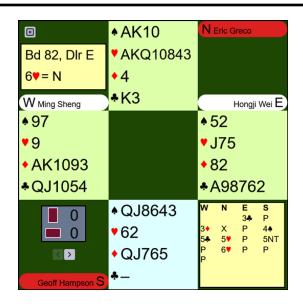
This app will connect you to bid72. All you need to do is scan it with your phone (Special thanks to my children and grandchildren for explaining how to accomplish this...)

Jan VanCleef provided this so our readers could use it to improve their bidding and better build partnerships. Bid72 allows users to participate in bidding contests, bid random boards and get a rating based on their bidding, learn about "topic board" hands dedicated to conventions and special agreements, and to create, upload and bid your own boards.

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The Nickell team ended the day with a blitz the last round. This moved Nickell into third place in the overall standings.

On Board 82, North/South is cold for slam in either major suit. Greco/Hampson dealt well with the opponent's preemptive bidding and bid the cold 6H scoring +1430.

At the other table, Levin did not preempt the East hand. Instead, Hailong Ao preempted 2S with his 6-5 in the pointeds. Weinstein passed and Jiang Gu bid 4C asking for keycards in spades. Levin doubled. Ao redoubled showing first round control of clubs. Weinstein showed his good diamonds and Gu jumped to 6S. When this came back to Weinstein, he made the par bid of 7C. Gu doubled and led the HA followed by the SA and SK. Gu continued hearts... Weinstein trumped in his hand. Gu covered the CQ, and Weinstein was defeated three tricks for -500.

14 IMPs to Nickell

Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice Conference

from Samantha Punch

More than 500 delegates from 62 countries attended the 4th international bridge conference.

The University of Stirling and Bridge: A MindSport for All (BAMSA) hosted the online event over four days at the end of June. The success of the conference was due to a concerted effort on the part of many people. The programme involved 70 presenters and panelists from 20 countries. Collaboration among members of the global BAMSA network was the driving force behind the event.

The conference aimed to create a dialogue between academics and bridge players. Representatives of local, regional, national and international bridge organisations were all present. Practitioners included



policymakers, bridge teachers, organisers and players. The academics came from a variety of disciplines. Sociology, psychology, sports studies, health sciences, global studies, social work and leisure studies were all represented.

The conference sessions inspired wide-ranging discussions. In his insightful keynote address, Professor Martin Seligman applied his wellbeing theory to the game of bridge. Other sessions focused on the role of bridge in society, and the ways in which bridge benefits people of different generations.

A session on education and digital learning provoked discussion on how best to teach bridge in schools. The conference also demonstrated the importance of addressing inequalities and creating a safe and welcoming environment. Training in equality and unconscious bias for tournament directors, selectors and youth trainers, was proposed at a session on gender.

Covid 19 has changed the way bridge clubs operate. A discussion about opportunities and challenges post-Covid was relevant to bridge clubs planning a return to face-to-face play. Online bridge has been a lifeline for many players but not for all. Some half of all club players stopped playing during the pandemic and bridge clubs cannot be complacent.

To raise awareness of the positive role of bridge in society, the conference showcased the multiple benefits of playing bridge and the social role of bridge clubs. Positive case studies from around the world are particularly relevant to governing parties committed to improving mental health and reducing social isolation.

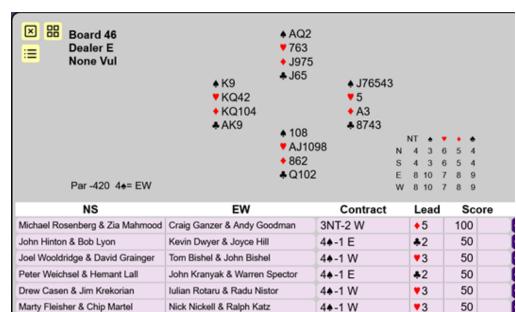
The Scottish Bridge Union, the American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation, the Leisure Studies Association and the University of Stirling all provided funding. Thanks to their support, the conference created a valuable

online resource for the international bridge community. Recordings of all the sessions are now available and full reports will appear on the BAMSA website later in the year.

The conference was free to attend. To support Bridge: A Mind-Sport for All, please donate to the Keep Bridge Alive crowdfunder https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/u5c0e5e7810869.

Please follow BAMSA on Facebook page and twitter (@bridgemindsport). Visit the website and subscribe to the ebulletin to keep up to date with news from Bridge: A MindSport for All https://bridgemindsport.org.





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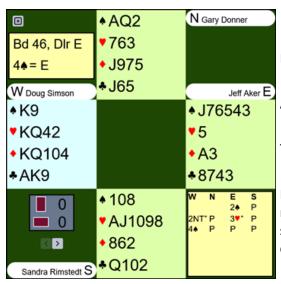
Jeff Aker & Doug Simson

Kevin Rosenberg & Zach Grossack

Hailong Ao & Jiang Gu

In Match 17 of RR2, only two of the eleven pairs who bid 4S were successful.

At first glance, it appears that declarer needs to hold his trump losers to two tricks.



Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin

Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury

Gary Donner & Sandra Rimstedt

Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd

Hongji Wei & Ming Sheng

Eddie Wold & Mike Levine

In the Donner/Simson match, Rimstedt led the D2. Aker played dummy's DT which was covered by the jack and won with the ace.

420

420

Aker led a heart toward dummy and Rimstedt ducked her ace.

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50

50

50

That was all Aker needed.

4.4-1 E

4.4-1 W

4♦-1 E

4♦-1 E

4 **♦** = W

4♦= E

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73

+2

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•7 •2

He trumped a heart in his hand and led a spade to dummy's king and Donner's ace. Donner returned the S2, which was ducked to South's ten. Rimstedt returned a diamond. Aker won the DK, cashed the DQ and trumped dummy's last diamond, producing this position:

Aker led a club to dummy's king and trumped a heart. He played a club to the ace followed by dummy's last heart. The SJ scored en-passant for the tenth trick.

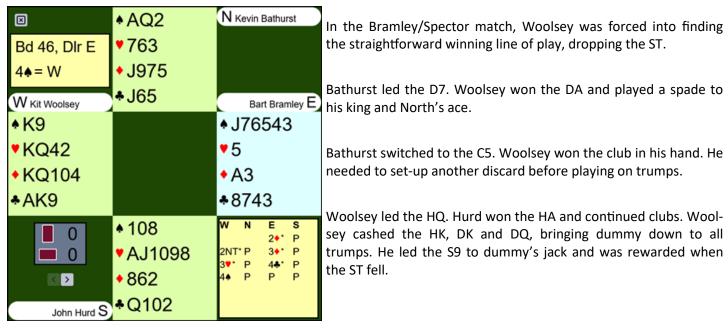
In the other room, Radu/Nistor received a heart lead to South's ace and a diamond was returned. When the S8 appeared on the first round of trump, Nistor decided to play North for the ST. He finessed the S9 on the second round of trump. If this had worked, he would need to time the hand correctly to set-up a trump coup. When the finesse didn't work, down one was the result.

10 IMPs to Simson

N Gary Donner ♠ Q Bd 46, Dlr E **7**6 4♠= E **∗**J65 W Doug Simson Jeff Aker E **. ♦** J7 ♥Q4 874 2 **6 ₹**A8 **〈〉** *Q102 Sandra Rimstedt S

(hand continued on page 20)

Several declarers took the unsuccessful finesse for the ST.



In the other room of this match, Hemant Lall led a club against 4S. Declarer, John Kranyak, cashed three rounds of diamonds, discarding his singleton heart. Kranyak trumped a heart in hand and played a spade to dummy's king and North's ace. North played the DJ, declarer ruffed and was overruffed by South's ST.

There was still a club and the SQ to lose for down one.

10 IMPs to Bramley

Comment on the play: The finesse and trump coup line looks tempting but requires favorable side suit splits and perfect timing. Finding South with the ST8 doubleton is a much more straightforward line.

My friend Jack says he can communicate with vegetables. Jack and the beans talk.

Why are art collectors such big fans of gasoline? Because it makes their Van Gogh.

If you commit a first degree murder in Canada, is it a 34 degree murder in the US?

What do you call a noodle that doesn't drink? Soba.

A century ago, two brothers decided it was possible to fly. And as you can see, they were Wright.

I had an appointment to see my psychic next week, but she just called to cancel. She said I won't be able to make it.

A Little Humor!