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Results: SemiFinal Day One

Open USBC USA1 - 2022											
SemiFinal (120 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.								
20-May-2022			The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.								
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	Nickell	169	28	35	35	71					
4	Fleisher	132	38	29	42	23					
2	Spector	147	46	32	33	36					
3	Rosenthal	78	14	15	22	27					

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

All four tables
3-No played.
All 4 tables
4-No made!

Diamond King
Was led by all...
Hoping that the queen
Would fall!

When it didn't,
That was that:
Boring board,
Completely FLAT!

Par: 300

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	10	4	5	6	10
S	:	:	:	4	7
EW	3	9	7	7	3

15 SOUTH N-S	♠ J 7 6	♥ A 6 4 3	♦ Q T 2	♣ 9 4 2
♠ K 8 5	♥ J T 9 5 2	♦ 8 6 5	♣ 7 5	♠ Q T 9 4
				♥ Q 8
				♦ A K J 9 7 4
				♣ J
	♠ A 3 2	♥ K 7	♦ 3	♣ A K Q T 8 6 3

Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	T	=	NS	EW
Nickell	Fleisher	Open	3N	N	♦K	+1	630	
		Closed	3N	N	♦K	+1	630	
Spector	Rosenthal	Open	3N	N	♦K	+1	630	
		Closed	3N	N	♦K	+1	630	

If you are in need
or a message,
see bottom of page 16
for information!

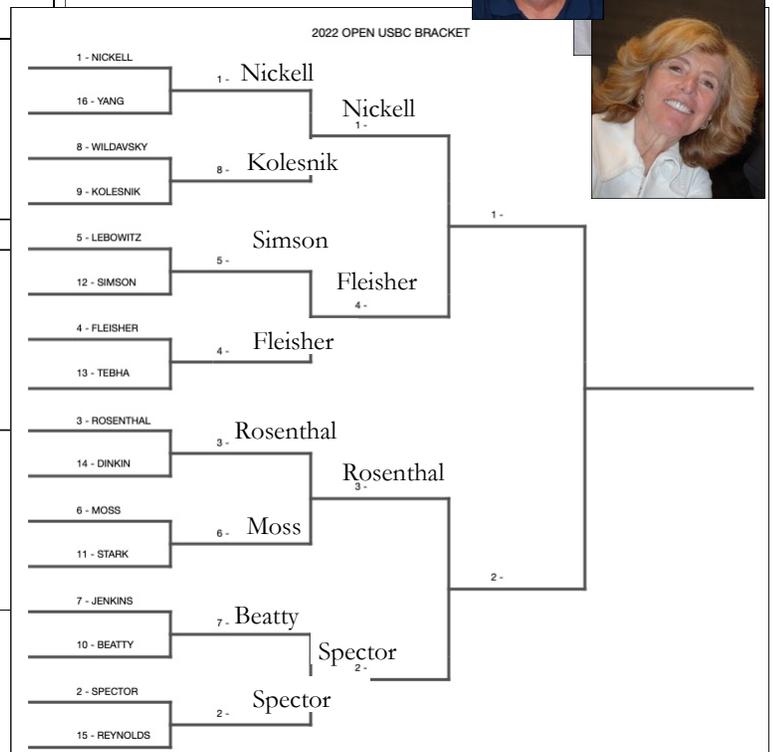
Teams Entered-Alphabetical

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Marc Jacobus	Fred Stewart Jeff Juster
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt George Jacobs	Michael Shuster Craig Gardner
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Bart Bramley	Chip Martel Brad Moss Kit Woolsey
Jenkins	Sheri Winestock Billy Cohen Ron Smith Bronia Jenkins, NPC	Josh Donn Gary Cohler
Kolesnik	Finn Kolesnik, Capt Jerry Stamatov	Ish DelMonte Kevin Rosenberg
Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zach Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Adam Grossack Michael Rosenberg David Grainger
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt Jeff Meckstroth Daniel Korbel	Roger Lee Eddie Wold Zia Mahmood
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Eric Greco
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola John Jones	Lance Kerr Bill Hall Claude Vogel
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Kevin Dwyer	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Shan Huang
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Glenn Milgrim Jiang Gu	Jeff Aker Barry Rigal Ai-Tai Lo
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt Vince Demuy Kevin Bathurst	Gavin Wolpert John Hurd John Kranyak
Stark	Andy Stark Alex Kolesnik, Capt Radu Nistor	Franco Baseggio Aaron Jones Iulian Rotaru
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Max Schireson John McAllister	Debbie Rosenberg Stewart Rubenstein Will Watson
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Peter Boyd Mark Lair	Doug Doub Steve Robinson Mike Passell
Yang	Tien-Chun Yang, Capt Hua Yang Jian-Jian Wang	Yanong Han Steve Chen Jun Shi



Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
ROUND OF 16			
SUNDAY	MAY 15	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
MONDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:45 - 3:05	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		4:15 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:50 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
TUESDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
QUARTERFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 18	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
THURSDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
SEMIFINAL			
FRIDAY	MAY 20	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
SATURDAY	MAY 21	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
FINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 22	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
MONDAY	MAY 23	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



VACCINATION REQUIRED:
All players in the 2022 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.
There are no exceptions to this rule.



Hospitality Suite...

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

Hosts **Maya Alela** and **Marie-France Benoit** will be in our hospitality suite (Room 2321). They will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch each day, except that on Monday and Tuesday, lunch will be a buffet in the hotel restaurant.

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and some hot options. Also individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. Maya & Marie-France 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: Monday, from 2:30-5:00 and Tuesday from 2:00-4:30 there will be a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. You will need to show a convention card or SSF to prove you're with the bridge tournament. Please tell the hotel staff if you see someone who isn't one of us, since we are paying for each lunch. From Wednesday on, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite 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 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.

AGAIN: 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.



You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. (See Schedule Below)

Popcorn time!

If you want to listen to commentary, search for the TV icon to choose from the available live commentary. If it doesn't respond, no one is commenting.

Nail biting!

You can choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event and your screen will split into four small screens – two 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 your windows. (The 2x2 view is not available on mobile devices.)

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 player agrees.

More Information:

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 to 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.

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 the list. Push every button and enjoy!

KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)

On the first day of play, we added some time to the first segment to allow the players to get familiar with the tablets. Kibitzing times on May 16th will be:

Segment 1: 11:45 am

Segment 2: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 6:00 pm

Segment 4: 8:35 pm

For all other days, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:45 am

Segment 2: 2:10 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:30 pm

Segment 4: 7:55 pm



Kibitzing...

"I stand corrected!" said the man in the orthopedic shoes.

I used to be addicted to soap. But I'm clean now.

What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and me, something smells.

Why is England the wettest country? Because the queen has reigned there for decades.

What do you call it when Batman skips church? Christian Bale.

A guy goes to a pet store to buy a goldfish. The salesman asks him, "Do you want an aquarium?" The guy responds, "I don't care what star sign it is!"

What do you call bears with no ears? B-

Exaggerations have become an epidemic. They went up by a *million percent* last year.

I told my physical therapist that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.

What did the swordfish say to the marlin? You're looking sharp.

How do you make holy water? You boil the hell out of it.

You know there's no official training for trash collectors? They just pick things up as they go along.

Did you hear how the zombie bodybuilder hurt his back? He was dead-lifting.

Seeding Info: The teams in the USBC are seeded based on ACBL Performance Points, including masterpoints, but adjusted by removing any seeding

SEED	TEAM NAME	TEAM AVERAGE SEEDING POINTS
1	Nickell	67.25
2	Spector	46.79
3	Rosenthal	45.80
4	Fleisher	44.85
5	Moss	40.56
6	Lebowitz	32.34
7	Wildavsky	21.45
8	Jenkins	18.11
9	Kolesnik	15.94
10	Stewart	13.99
11	Simson	13.06
12	Stark	10.35
13	Dinkin	8.80
14	Tebha	7.91
15	Reynolds	7.83
16	Yang	5.43

points earned on a team with a player who has confessed to or been convicted of cheating. The seeding points for an individual player are capped at 70. Teams are seeded based on the average seeding points for the team. These are the teams and their seed positions. On May 7th, teams were shuffled in pairs

to determine their bracket positions.

Where do you find a cow with no legs? Right where you left it.

They all laughed when I said I wanted to be a comedian. Well, they're not laughing now!

Diamond companies mine their own business.

The two vampires in the Transylvania Marathon came to finish line neck and neck!



No Electronic Devices (except LoveBridge tablets) are permitted in the Playing Areas. Severe, increasing penalties will be assessed. The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure

DRINKS

Pepsi • Diet Pepsi • Sierra Mist • Dr Pepper • Mountain Dew • Mugs Root Beer • Lemonade • Unsweetened Ice tea • 1/2 lemonade & 1/2 tea 16oz -1.99 • 24oz -2.40

Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Orange Crush, Mountain Dew, Iced Tea, Aquafin Water, Mugs Root Beer, Sierra Mist.....\$1.79 / 20 oz Bottle
Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Sierra Mist, Mountain Dew.....\$3.25 / 2 Liter

SHAKES & CONES

Milk Shakes (16oz) **4.25** (24oz) **5.50** Malts add **.75¢**

• Vanilla • Chocolate • Strawberry • Banana • Chocolate Banana
• Strawberry Banana/Oreo • Root Beer Float

Ice Cream Plain or Sugar Cone (Cup Upon Request)

Vanilla - **2.00** • Chocolate - **2.00** • Vanilla/Chocolate • Twist - **2.00**

MUGS CATERING

Catering & Special Orders Available During All Hours Of The Day!

ORDERING INFORMATION

PLEASE ALLOW 3 TO 4 DAYS NOTICE FOR ANY CATERING ORDER!

Delivery charges apply as follows: \$25.00 to surrounding areas, \$30.00 to areas over 10 miles and \$40.00 over 20 miles.

We charge \$4.00 per set-up needed for every order. Set-ups include: disposable racks, stereo, pans, plates, serving utensils and napkins

Minimum order is 15 people. We accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express & Discover

**TRADITIONAL BUFFET...
INCLUDING EVERYTHING FOR A COMPLETE MEAL.
OUR FOOD IS HOMEMADE AND COOKED TO ORDER**

DINNER INCLUDES - mostaccioli, our excellent homemade au gratin potatoes, breaded deep fried or BBQ chicken, your choice of fresh French bread or fresh baked garlic rolls and ONE of the following Entrees.

ITALIAN BEEF - our homemade Italian beef, tender, thinly sliced and served in our au jus.

ITALIAN SAUSAGE - cooked fresh to order, garnished with sauteed sweet peppers and a touch of red sauce.

RIBLETS - sweet & tender, prepared the same as our award winning baby back ribs

All entrees include a fresh dinner salad, with 2 dressings of your choice or creamy cole slaw garnished with cucumber slices. **\$7.75 per person**

• If you choose a larger variety for your guests.

Choose **TWO** of the above entrees for **\$8.75 per person**

or choose all **THREE** of the entrees for **\$9.75 per person**

BY THE POUND

ITALIAN BEEF - our Italian Beef, tender and sliced thin served with our au jus (1 pound makes 4-5 sandwiches) **\$11.25 lb.**

ITALIAN SAUSAGE - cooked fresh to order, with sauteed sweet peppers and a touch of our red sauce **\$7.50 lb.**

ITALIAN MEATBALLS - our homemade meatballs served in our red sauce. (1 pound equal to 8 meatballs) **\$8.25 lb.**

FRENCH BREAD - (1 loaf equal to 7 pieces) **\$4.00 lf.**

GARLIC BREAD - (1 loaf equal to 7 pieces) **\$6.50 lf.**

SWEET PEPPERS - 12 oz. cup
Sauteed in olive oil, spices and fresh garlic. **\$2.99**

HOT GIARDINERA - 12 oz. cup **\$3.75**

GARLIC ROLLS - Dinner rolls freshly baked with fresh garlic on top. **\$7.75 / dozen**

SALADS

DINNER SALAD - A bed of fresh lettuce garnished with tomatoes, topped with green & black olives, cucumber & purple onions served with dressing of your choice: House Italian, Creamy Garlic, French, Ranch, Bleu Cheese or 1000 Island. Serves 15-20...\$19.95 Serves 25-35... \$34.95

GREEK SALAD - A Dinner Salad Plus Feta Cheese Serves 15-20...\$22.95 Serves 25-35... \$39.95

CAESAR SALAD - Romaine lettuce, Croutons, Parmesan Cheese. Serves 15-20...\$21.95 Serves 25-35... \$35.95

CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD - Chicken, Romaine lettuce, Croutons, Parmesan Cheese. Serves 15-20...\$31.95 Serves 25-35... \$48.95

CREAMY COLE SLAW - Made with a mayonnaise base & garnished with Fresh sliced cucumbers. Half Pan...\$20.99 Full Pan...\$35.95

PASTA TRAYS

Half Tray serves 10 -15 People Full Tray serves 25 - 30 People

MOSTACCIOLI - Pasta noodles served in our red sauce & topped with mozzarella cheese- 1/2 Tray \$25.95 • Full Tray \$43.95

SPAGHETTI - Pasta noodles served in our red sauce 1/2 Tray \$22.95 • Full Tray \$39.95 (For melted mozzarella cheese add \$3.00)

MEAT OR CHEESE RAVIOLI - "Pasta pillows" filled with ricotta cheese or beef and served in our red sauce- 25 pieces \$24.95 • 50 pieces \$44.95

HOMEMADE LASAGNA - (Meat or Vegetable) Tender layers of pasta baked with mozzarella cheeses in our red sauce- Half pan \$32.95 • Full pan \$54.95

CHICKEN PARMESAN - Chicken baked on top of a bed of spaghetti and topped with melted mozzarella cheese and red sauce- Half pan \$33.95 • Full pan \$54.95

EGGPLANT PARMESAN - Eggplant baked on a bed of spaghetti and topped with melted mozzarella cheese and red sauce- Half pan \$26.95 • Full pan \$47.95

(ALL TRAYS CAN BE DELIVERED HOT OR PREPARED TO HEAT AND SERVE LATER)

A LA CARTE

FAMOUS HOMEMADE AU GRATIN POTATOES - Our famous au gratin potatoes served in our creamy cheese sauce topped with cheddar cheese.

Half Tray (serves 12-18) \$21.95 • Full Tray (serves 25-35) \$37.95

RIBLETS - sweet and tender, prepared the same way as our award winning ribs.

Half Pan (serves 10-15) \$32.95 • Full Pan (serves 20-25) \$53.95

CHICKEN - lightly breaded chicken in seasoned bread crumbs, pressure cooked to perfection. (20 pcs \$24.95 • 30 pcs \$35.95 • 60 pcs \$66.95 • 100 pcs \$109.95)

"MUGS RIBS" \$16.50 per slab

Our award winning ribs are sweet and tender baby back ribs. They are always an excellent treat at any party! Our ribs are the absolute best! Served fresh out of the oven - order them pre-cooked for the next BBQ and be the hit of the party!

STARTERS & APPETIZERS - HOT TRAYS

MEATBALL TRAY - Our sandwich size homemade meatballs, served with marinara sauce. (50 Pcs.) \$39.95

ITALIAN SAUSAGE TRAY - Bite size pieces of Italian sausage served in our red sauce, garnished with sauteed sweet peppers. (50 Pcs.) (\$32.95)

CHICKEN FINGERS - 1/2 Pan (25 Pcs.) \$25.95 • Full Pan (50 Pcs.) \$50.95

MUGS WINGS - (50 wings) \$37.95

Choice Of Dipping Sauce On The Side (Hot, Ranch, BBQ or Bleu Cheese)

MOZZARELLA STIX - (25 Pcs.) \$21.95

SWEETS

VARIETY PLATE - Cheesecake or Tiramisu (12 pieces) \$29.95

Prices subject to change without notice. All orders subject to sales tax.

GYROS - 9.99 (per lb)

Includes: 3 Pita's per lb, Tzatziki Sauce, Onion, Tomato,

ITALIAN BEEF - 11.99 (per lb)

Includes: Bread And Juice

SWEET PEPPERS OR HOT GIARDINERA - 3.50 (12 oz cup)

MAC & CHEESE BITES - 18.00 Half Pan (60 pcs)

CHEESE CURDS - 20.00 Half Pan (3 lbs)

PAN OF CHILI - 25.00 (Comes with Oyster Crackers)

Mugs Pizza & Grill
1350 E Rand Road
847-394-8030
Open till 3AM

SIDE ORDERS

- Fresh Cut Fries - 2.85
- Merks Cheddar Fries - 3.89
- Chili Cheddar Fries - 4.40
- Mac & Cheese Bites - 3.30
- Cheese Curds - 3.99
- Onion Rings - 4.75
- Pizza Bread - 4.25
- Cheesy Garlic bread - 4.50
- Garlic Roll Freshly Baked - .75ea
- Gravy Bread - 2.40
- French bread dipped in beef juice
- Mozzarella Sticks - (6) 6.75
- Served with ranch or marinara
- Breaded Mushrooms - 5.25
- Chicken Fingers - (5) 5.50
- Cream Cheese Poppers - (5) 5.99
- Cheddar Poppers - 5.99
- Fried Calamari Rings - 8.25 Half lb.
- Potato Skins - 7.99

WINGS

Ranch • BBQ • Bleu Cheese • Hot
• Honey Mustard • Teriyaki • Garlic Parm

6 pc - 4.99 • 10 pc - 7.99
14 pc - 11.50 • 20 pc - 16.50

- TOPPINGS** - BBQ Sauce - 35¢ • Ranch - 35¢ • Hot Sauce - 35¢
• Sour Cream - 60¢ • American Cheese - 50¢ • Hot Giardiniera - 60¢
• Sweet Peppers - 60¢ • Chili - 75¢ • Avocado - 75¢ • Mozzarella Cheese - 75¢
• Merks Cheddar Cheese - 1.00 • Bacon - 1.00 • Feta Cheese - 1.00
• Liquid Cheddar - 1.00 • Blue Cheese - 35¢ • Honey Mustard - 75¢ • Teriyaki - 75¢
- No Additional Charge: Ketchup • Mustard • Mayo
• Sport Peppers • Onion • Grilled Onion • Tomato • Pickle

DOG HOUSE

Everything includes: mustard, relish, onion.
Extra toppings available upon request. Some toppings are a additional charge.

- Hot Dog - 2.99
- Hot Dog With Fry - 3.99
- Double Dog With Fry - 5.25
- Cheese Dog With Fry - 4.75
- Chili Dog With Fry - 4.69
- Char dog with fry - 3.99
- Chili Cheese Dog With Fry - 5.45

- Rand Street Polish With Fry - 5.99
- Grilled Polish Sausage, Grilled Onion, Cheddar Cheese, Toasted Bun
- Polish Sausage With Fry - 4.99
- Deep fried & grilled, mustard grilled onion
- Heavenly Dog With Fry - 6.99
- 1 double dog grilled, bacon, grilled onion, cheddar Cheese, toasted bun



BURGERS

All Burgers Are 1/3 lb. • Everything Includes: Ketchup, Mayo, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickle.
Extra Toppings Available Upon Request. Some Toppings are a Additional charge.

- Hamburger - 5.99
- Cheeseburger - 6.69
- Double Hamburger - 7.99
- Double Cheeseburger - 8.69
- The Beast Triple cheese burger - 9.99
- Garlic Lover - 6.79 Burger (1/3 lb)
- Garlic parmesan sauce, onion, lettuce, tomato
- Gyro Burger - 8.29 (1/3 lb) Burger & gyro meat, mozzarella, onion, tomato, tzatziki sauce
- Merks Cheddar Burger - Comes plain 6.99
- The Western - 7.99 Burger (1/3 lb), bacon, grilled onion & BBQ sauce
- Cheese Curd Burger - 7.79 Burger (1/3 lb), lettuce, tomato, onion, ketchup, mayo, cheese curds
- 12-ER - 9.50 2 Burgers (1/3 lb) Bacon, avocado, grilled mushroom, 2 onion rings

RIBS • FRIED or BBQ CHICKEN by the BOX

Served With Fresh Garlic Rolls. Extra BBQ Sauce Must Be Requested.
For BBQ Chicken Please Allow Up To 30 Minutes

- Box for 2 - 1 & 1/2 Slabs Of Ribs24.00
- Box for 3 - 2 Full Slabs Of Ribs31.00
- Box for 4 - 3 Full Slabs Of Ribs46.50
- Box for Family - 4 Full Slabs Of Ribs63.00
- Box for 2 - 8 Pieces Of Fried Or BBQ Chicken11.99
- Box for 3 - 12 Pieces Of Fried Or BBQ Chicken16.99
- Box for 4 - 16 Pieces Of Fried Or BBQ Chicken20.99
- Box for 5 - 20 Pieces Of Fried Or BBQ Chicken25.99



MUG'S PIZZA

Our Pizzas Are All Made With Real Mozzarella Cheese & Topped With The Finest Ingredients!

REGULAR CRUST	12"	14"	16"	18"
Serves	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5
Mozzarella Cheese Only	11.99	14.99	17.50	20.25
Each Additional Ingredients or Extra Cheese or Double Dough	1.60	2.00	2.25	2.50
Each Additional 1/2 ingredient	.75	.85	1.00	1.25

New - 10" Gluten Free 11.00 (Each Additional Ingredient Same As Regular Crust)

Extra Ingredients: Sausage • Mushroom • Onion • Bacon • Green Pepper • Pepperoni • Garlic • Black or Green Olives • Anchovies • Canadian Bacon • Fresh Tomato • Ground Beef • Roast Beef • Spinach • BBQ Sauce • Hot Giardiniera • Feta Cheese • Pineapple • Jalapenos • Chicken • Meatballs • Fresh Basil • Hot Mozzarella

SPECIALTY PIZZA	SMALL	MED.	LARGE	EXTRA LARGE
Mug's 4 Way	13.99	17.75	21.25	24.25
Canadian Bacon, Pineapple And Our Famous BBQ Sauce	16.50	20.50	24.50	28.50
Mug's Monster	17.99	23.25	26.99	31.29
Mug's Veggie	14.80	19.25	22.95	26.25
The Western	14.60	19.25	21.95	24.99
Hawaiian	14.60	19.25	21.95	24.99
Vinnie's Special	16.50	20.50	24.50	28.50
Meat Lovers	17.15	21.50	26.00	29.50
Mug's Burner	13.75	17.25	21.25	24.25
BBQ Chicken Pizza	13.69	17.25	21.25	23.99
Margherita Pizza	14.99	19.25	23.25	25.99
Mug's BLT Pizza	14.50	18.75	21.50	24.99

CHICAGO STYLE STUFFED PIZZA

2 1/2 Inches Of Pizza Stuffed With Cheese & Any Ingredients You Like.
Allow 40 Minutes To Cook. Last Order For Stuffed Pizza Taken At 1:45 a.m.

Each Additional Ingredient	12".....15.50.....14".....18.50	14".....18.50	16".....21.50
Pizza Slice.....	Cheese-3.50	Sausage Or Pepperoni- 3.75	
Calzone.....	6.99	Additional Ingredient- .75	

RIB, CHICKEN & SHRIMP DINNERS

1/2 Slab Dinner.....	13.99
3/4 Slab Dinner.....	16.99
Full Slab Dinner.....	19.99
Rib & Fried or BBQ Chicken Dinner (Half Slab, Leg & Thigh).....	15.99
Rib Tip Dinner (Approximately 2 lbs).....	12.99
Shrimp Dinner (8 Large Shrimp, Choice Of Two Sides).....	12.99
2 Piece Fried or BBQ Chicken Dinner* (Leg & Thigh).....	8.99
4 Piece Fried or BBQ Chicken Dinner* (1 Breast, 1 Wing, 1 Leg & 1 Thigh).....	10.99
6 Piece Fried or BBQ Chicken Dinner* (2 Legs, 2 Wings, 1 Thigh, 1 Breast).....	12.99

*To Substitute Breast For Other Piece, Add 1.00 • (Please Allow Up To 30 Minutes For BBQ Chicken)

Breast - each additional piece..... 2.75
Above Dinners Served With Choice Of: Steak Fries, Baked Potato Or Homemade Au Gratin Potatoes & Cole Slaw Or Soup Or Salad With Your Choice Of Dressing (House Italian, Creamy Garlic, French, Ranch, Bleu Cheese Or 1000 Island), And Fresh Baked Garlic Roll.
Extra BBQ Sauce Must Be Requested. \$3.00 Less For A La Carte Orders.

CHICKEN

Extra Toppings Available Upon Request. Some Toppings Are A Additional charge.

- Grilled Chicken - 7.25
- Chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise
- BBQ Chicken - 7.25
- Grilled chicken breast, BBQ sauce
- Cajun Chicken - 7.65
- Grilled spicy Cajun chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, hot Sauce, bleu cheese
- Chicken Pita - 7.65 Grilled chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise
- Chicken Club - 7.99 Chicken breast, bacon, lettuce, tomato, mayo, on french bread
- Teriyaki Chicken - 6.99 Grilled chicken breast lettuce, tomato, Teriyaki sauce on bricchoe bun
- "My Honey" Chicken - 6.99 Grilled chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, honey mustard sauce
- Cowboy Chicken - 7.99 Grilled chicken breast grilled onion, bacon & BBQ sauce
- Calli Chicken - 7.30 Grilled chicken breast, avocado, lettuce, tomato
- Chicken Philly - 7.69 Grilled chicken breast, mushroom, grilled onion, sweet peppers, mozzarella cheese on french bread



SANDWICHES

- Italian Beef - On french bread 6.79
- BBQ Beef - On french bread 6.99
- Cheesy Beef - Italian beef, melted mozzarella cheese on french bread 7.49
- Merks Cheddar Beef - Italian beef, merks cheddar cheese on french bread 7.49
- Combo - Italian beef & sausage on french bread 8.99
- Italian Sausage - On French Bread - 5.79
- Gyro - Onion, tomato, tzatziki sauce on pita bread 7.50
- Gyro Plate & Fries - Extra meat with side of onion, tomato, lettuce, tzatziki sauce. 10.99
- G-12 Steak - Skirt Steak, Grilled Onion & BBQ Sauce 9.99
- Skirt Steak - Lettuce, tomato, grilled onion on french bread 10.50
- Philly Cheese Steak - Skirt steak, onion, mushroom, green pepper, mozzarella cheese on french bread 10.99
- Fried Fish Sandwich - American cheese, tartar sauce 5.25
- Turkey Sandwich - Turkey, american cheese, mayo, lettuce, tomato on french bread 5.25
- Chicken Club - Turkey, bacon, american cheese, mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, on french bread 6.50
- Veggie Sandwich - 3.50 Lettuce, tomato, onion, american cheese, mayonnaise
- BLT - Bacon, lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise on french bread 5.75
- Ham & Cheese - Ham & american cheese on french bread 5.25
- Pepper & Egg - 5.50 (Fridays Only During Lent)

SALADS

Choice Of Dressings On The Side: Italian, Creamy Garlic, French, Ranch, Bleu Cheese, Honey Mustard Or 1000 Island (Extra Dressing 25¢ • Add Grilled Chicken \$2.75)

- Side Salad - Tomato, lettuce, red onion, cucumber, black & green olives 3.75
- Garden salad - Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Cucumber, Avocado 6.99
- Greek Salad - Lettuce, tomato, onion, cucumber, feta cheese, greek dressing 7.75
- Caesar Salad - Romaine Lettuce, Croutons, Parmesan Cheese 6.99
- Chicken caesar salad - Grilled chicken breast, romaine lettuce, croutons, parmesan cheese 9.50
- Gyro Salad - Gyro meat, lettuce, onion, tomato, cucumber, tzatziki sauce 8.99
- Grill 12 Salad - Lettuce, tomato, onion, cucumber, turkey, ham, avocado, american cheese, mozzarella cheese 9.99

PASTA DINNERS

All Pasta Dinners Come With Soup or Salad or Cole Slaw and Garlic Roll.
Choice Of Dressings: House Italian, Creamy Garlic, French, Ranch, Bleu Cheese or 1000 Island

Spaghetti.....	9.25
Mostaccioli.....	9.25
Baked Mostaccioli.....	10.50
Homemade Lasagna.....	11.50
Chicken Parmigiana.....	11.99
Eggplant Parmigiana.....	11.50
Meat Ravioli.....	9.95
Cheese Ravioli.....	9.95
Side of Meatball or Sausage..... (Extra)	3.50



KID'S MEALS

- Chicken Fingers (3) and Fries..... 5.50
- Small Side Of Spaghetti or Mostaccioli & Roll..... 4.25
- Cheese or Meat Ravioli & Roll..... 4.50

Open late to fill your pizza needs!

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

Sudoku 1

Medium Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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



"Are your ears popping?"

Mushrooms are spore losers!

Claiming that you "once gave career advice to Sonny & Cher" does NOT count as "Pro-Bono Work"

One thing the mother of a mime would never say:
"Don't raise your voice!!"

**Sudoku
Solutions
on Page 16**

Into the SemiFinals...

On Board 5 of the first set, all four tables bid and played in 3NT. In Nickell/Fleisher, North declared at both tables. In Spector/Rosenthal, South declared at both tables.

Three opening leaders led hearts and one led a club.

In Spector/Rosenthal, both declarers succeeded. In Nickell/Fleisher, Bramley succeeded while Levin failed. Was it the defense or offense that led to the differing results? You be the judge! (Note: there was no bidding by E or W in either room.)

<p>♠ 432 ♥ J4 ♦ JT75 ♣ AQ97</p> <p>N Bobby Levin</p>		<p>♠ AJT7 ♥ T7532 ♦ 83 ♣ T8</p> <p>E Joe Grue</p>
<p>♠ Q6 ♥ K98 ♦ Q964 ♣ J654</p> <p>W Brad Moss</p>		
<p>♠ K985 ♥ AQ6 ♦ AK2 ♣ K32</p> <p>S Steve Weinstein</p>		<p>NORTH 3NT</p>

Grue led the H3. Levin, apparently trying to create an extra hand entry, inserted dummy's queen. Moss covered and returned the H9. Grue inserted the seven!!! Obviously he is trying to conceal the 5-card holding, but would the five not have done the same thing and been less obvious? If one wants the suit to appear to have started as 4-4, the five might have been better. Why did West not return 4th best if he held K952? **However...** Hampson made the same play at the other table so perhaps that is not the pertinent factor.

Levin won the HJ and finessed for the DQ. Moss won the ten with the queen and played the H8 to dummy's ace. Levin cashed two high diamonds and exited dummy with the C2 to his queen. He cashed the DJ and led the C7 to the TEN and king! He played the C3, and when Moss contributed the C4, he could have taken restricted choice and inserted the nine. That would have been successful. He guessed wrong and played the ace, hoping for the suit to have split 3-3 or for hearts to be 4-4 with the SA onside. He played the C9 to Moss's jack. Moss led a spade to Grue who cashed the 13th heart for down one!

<p>♠ 432 ♥ J4 ♦ JT75 ♣ AQ97</p> <p>N Bart Bramley</p>		<p>♠ AJT7 ♥ T7532 ♦ 83 ♣ T8</p> <p>E Geoff Hampson</p>
<p>♠ Q6 ♥ K98 ♦ Q964 ♣ J654</p> <p>W Eric Greco</p>		
<p>♠ K985 ♥ AQ6 ♦ AK2 ♣ K32</p> <p>S Kit Woolsey</p>		<p>NORTH 3NT</p>

When Hampson led the H3, Bramley played low from dummy. Greco won the HK. Greco returned the H9 and interestingly, as said above, Hampson, like Grue played the H7. Dummy's queen won the trick. Bramley cashed the DK, both Greco and Hampson echoing. Bramley led the C2 to the 5, Q, 8. He took the losing diamond finesse and won the heart return in dummy. He cashed dummy's DA on which Hampson discarded a spade.

Bramley cashed the CK... noting the fall of the ten from East. He played the C3, and when Greco followed with the four, Bramley finessed the nine and collected nine tricks!

12 IMPs to Fleisher

Perhaps Greco's order of play in the club suit helped? The five on the first club play, the six on the second and the four on the third? Only Bramley knows ... At the other table, Moss played the six on the first club followed by the five and four in that order??

With the great declarers and great defenders as we are seeing in this match, the card play should be random but maybe they know each other's tendencies. We will never be sure!!

7 SOUTH ALL		♠ A 5 4	♥ A J 8 7	♦ K Q J T 3	♣ Q
♠ 8	♥ K 3	♦ 9 8	♣ K J 9 7 6 5 4 3	♠ Q J T 7 6 2	♥ 9 6 5
		♠ K 9 3	♥ Q T 4 2	♦ A 7 6 5	♣ A 2
Par: 2210					
NS	6	12	13	9	12
EW	7	1	0	4	1

Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	1	=	★	P	
		NS	EW	Home	Visiting				
Nickell	Fleisher	Open	5♦	S	♠8	+1	620	13	
		Closed	6♥	N	♠Q	=	1430		
Spector	Rosenthal	Open	4♥	S	♠8	+2	680	13	
		Closed	6♥	S	♠8	=	1430		

At both tables in Spector/Rosenthal, South opened 1D and West overcalled 4C. When Kranyak doubled, presumably “negative” showing values, Demuy bid 4H and played it there. With all North’s controls, it might have been prudent for Kranyak to have made a move toward slam.

At the other table in that match, when Bathurst bid 4C, Rosenthal doubled and Silverstein bid 4H, but Rosenthal persisted. He asked for keycards and when Silverstein bid 5S showing two with the queen, they were committed to slam.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
3♣	DBL	P	3♦
P	3♥	P	4♣
P	5NT	P	6♥

1D=Precision
Dbl=Diamonds
3H=natural
4C=not conventional but I thought it best

In the Nickell/Fleisher match, Greco took an obscure view (at least based on the actions of his fellow experts). He overcalled 3C, leaving his opponents more room to explore.

Bramley was able to show diamond support along with four cards in the heart suit... and Woolsey could temporize with 4C to show interest in slam with two good fits.

Accordingly, Woolsey/Bramley bid 6H and played it there.

Moss	Levin	Grue	Weinstein
W	N	E	S
			1♦
4♣	5♣	P	5♦
P	P	P	

At their counterparts table, Moss bid 4C and Levin chose to show the strength of his hand with a 5C cuebid. Weinstein had nothing safe to bid but 5D at this point. Perhaps Levin could have guessed that Weinstein had enough to cover his losers and come to 12 tricks but if Weinstein held the SKQJ and the HKQ and the CK or J, he would have a clear opener and North/South would be off two aces!

Word Find...

USA Presidents Word Search

Find and circle all of the United States Presidents that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an Abraham Lincoln quotation.



W F N O X I N O S I R R A H W W E S
I O J Q A D A M S N C O O L I D G E
L R H G W B U S H O O U L L D H R B
S D E T O P I E R C E S I O B A E T
O N O S N H O J A I G T N O T Y V N
N M P A K G N I D R A H C H E E O A
T R O O S E V E L T O F O T O S O R
F E L N T E A N Y P J S L E I J H G
A N K Y R R R D J E M E N R W D B T
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B R K U S S O N R K F I A S N E H N
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T A F T A A D G O G M E I E N C N V
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WASHINGTON
J ADAMS
JEFFERSON
MADISON
MONROE
J Q ADAMS
JACKSON
VAN BUREN
W HARRISON
TYLER
POLK

TAYLOR
FILLMORE
PIERCE
BUCHANAN
LINCOLN
A JOHNSON
GRANT
HAYES
GARFIELD
ARTHUR
CLEVELAND

B HARRISON
MCKINLEY
T ROOSEVELT
TAFT
WILSON
HARDING
COOLIDGE
HOOVER
F D ROOSEVELT
TRUMAN
EISENHOWER

KENNEDY
L JOHNSON
NIXON
FORD
CARTER
REAGAN
G H W BUSH
CLINTON
G W BUSH
OBAMA

Day Five Semifinal

Cross IMPs

1.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Spector	1.57	70.83	45
2.	Steve Weinstein - Bobby Levin	Nickell	1.00	45.00	45
3.	Marty Fleisher - Chip Martel	Fleisher	0.73	22.00	30
4.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Spector	0.49	22.17	45
5.	Geoff Hampson - Eric Greco	Nickell	0.28	12.00	43
6.	Shan Huang - Kevin Dwyer	Rosenthal	0.07	3.17	45
7.	Gavin Wolpert - Warren Spector	Spector	-0.08	-2.33	30
8.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Fleisher	-0.28	-12.00	43
9.	Eldad Ginossar - Chris Willenken	Rosenthal	-0.72	-32.50	45
10.	Ralph Katz - Nick Nickell	Nickell	-0.73	-22.00	30
11.	Joe Grue - Brad Moss	Fleisher	-1.00	-45.00	45
12.	Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein	Rosenthal	-2.04	-61.33	30

The committee report in Rosenthal/Moss from Thursday night will hopefully appear in tomorrow's bulletin. The committee has yet to finalize and approve it. Thank you for your patience!

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
1♥	P	2♣	2♠
3♥	4♣	4NT	P
5♥	P	6♣	P
P	P		

2C could be 2
4NT=KC

♠ T432
♥ 2
♦ Q8654
♣ T52
N Marty Fleisher

♠ J5
♥ AKJ7643
♦ KJ9
♣ 6
W Nick Nickell

♠ A9
♥ T5
♦ AT3
♣ KQJ873
E Ralph Katz

♠ KQ876
♥ Q98
♦ 72
♣ A94
S Chip Martel

DDS

Poor Katz... and on his 65th birthday yet! Based on the opponents' bidding, it sounded like North/South held ten spades. Katz, playing Nick for a singleton spade, bid to 6C.

Martel led the SK and it was over at trick three. Katz won the spade and played a high club. Martel rose with the ace and cashed the high spade for one down.

At the other table in Nickell/Fleisher, East/West stopped in the heart game and took an easy ten tricks.

12 IMPs to Fleisher

		Candidates						Professions					Hometowns						
		Al Allen	Cate Carlson	Dale Donovan	Fred Francis	Gilda Gray	Jed Jarvis	academic	doctor	lawyer	rancher	teacher	writer	Coalinga	Daly City	Hebron	Mountain Mesa	Redway	Unionville
Votes	8,500																		
	9,000																		
	9,500																		
	10,000																		
	10,500																		
	11,000																		
Hometowns	Coalinga																		
	Daly City																		
	Hebron																		
	Mountain Mesa																		
	Redway																		
	Unionville																		
Professions	academic																		
	doctor																		
	lawyer																		
	rancher																		
	teacher																		
	writer																		

Logic Puzzle

Answer on Page 15

Votes	Candidates	Professions	Hometowns
8,500			
9,000			
9,500			
10,000			
10,500			
11,000			

- Of the politician who received 11,000 votes and Gilda Gray, one is from Daly City and the other is the rancher.
- Dale Donovan finished 500 votes ahead of the doctor.
- The Hebron native finished 1,500 votes ahead of the teacher.
- Jed Jarvis isn't from Unionville.
- Of the writer and the Hebron native, one ended up with 10,000 votes and the other was Gilda Gray.
- The Coalinga native was either the person who received 9,500 votes or the politician who received 8,500 votes.
- Cate Carlson isn't from Daly City.
- The candidate who received 9,000 votes, the Mountain Mesa native, Cate Carlson, the academic and the Unionville native were all different candidates.
- Dale Donovan isn't from Unionville.
- The Unionville native is the writer.
- The Redway native finished an unknown number of votes ahead of Al Allen.

Meet the Players

Ishmael Del'Monte is an Australian bridge player, now living in Las Vegas with his wife, Lisa. Besides playing professionally, he has served as the Vice Chair of the WBF High Level Players Commission.

BRIDGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Wins

North American Bridge Championships

Lebhar IMP Pairs 2007

Nail Life Master Open Pairs 2011, 2013

Vanderbilt 2012

Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships)

Norman Kay Platinum Pairs 2012

Vanderbilt 2011

Fast Open Pairs 2012



According to his Bridge Winner's profile:

Ish is a bridge pro. He has frequently played on the Australian Open Bridge team. He enjoys teaching bridge and occasionally writing.

His favorite Bridge Memory:

Winning the 2012 Vanderbilt by 50 imps against 2010 World Champion Team Diamond!

Bridge Accomplishments

Lots of National wins in Australia and NZ, Life Master Pairs with JLall, 2nd in Platinum pairs with Thomas Bessis

Favorite Tournaments

Cavendish

Favorite Convention

Smolen

BBO Username

Ish

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to write up hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stan-subeck@prodigy.net. I welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip as well!!

Thanks.

Suzi



Answer to Puzzle on Page 14

11,000	Jed Jarvis	Academic	Daly City
10,500	Gilda Gray	Rancher	Hebron
10,000	Fred Francis	Writer	Unionville
9,500	Cate Carlson	Lawyer	Coalinga
9,000	Dale Donovan	Teacher	Redway
8,500	Al Allen	Doctor	Mountain Mesa

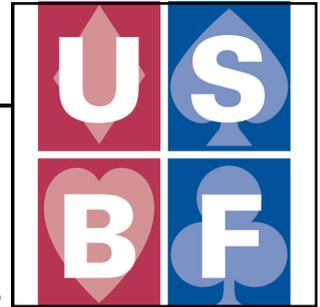
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9	3	4	2	8	5	7	6	1	2	8	6
6	2	8	3	1	9	4	7	5	4	5	3
4	5	6	1	9	7	1	8	2	3	5	4
1	9	7	5	4	6	2	3	8	8	1	9
8	7	9	1	5	3	6	2	4	3	1	2
3	1	2	8	6	4	7	5	9	5	6	4
5	6	4	7	9	2	3	8	1	8	1	3

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

Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1 Answer to Sudoku 2

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In Case Your Partner's Bidding "Rubs" You Wrong... Massage, Anyone?



Ella, our wonderful massage therapist, will arrange to visit the Hyatt during the USBC between 10 am and 8 pm if scheduled.

Ella charges \$100 per hour, including tip.

If players wish to schedule a massage, please alert Jan Martel in the Breakroom and she will organize the times.

Ella has served the USBCs in the past and it has been much appreciated by players sitting on less than comfortable chairs during play.

Proving that Science Doesn't Always Work!

	8 WEST NONE		
		♠ J 4 ♥ T 9 8 3 2 ♦ K 7 ♣ A 7 5 3	
	♠ Q 9 6 ♥ J 6 ♦ J T 9 4 2 ♣ J 8 2		♠ A K 8 3 2 ♥ A K 4 ♦ 8 3 ♣ K Q 9
		♠ T 7 5 ♥ Q 7 5 ♦ A Q 6 5 ♣ T 6 4	

Par: -420					
	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	5	4	7	3	4
EW	8	9	6	10	9

Home team	Visiting team		Room	C	By	1	=	★	P		
								NS	EW	Home	Visit
Nickell	Fleisher		Open	1N	W	♥9	+2	150	6		
			Closed	3N	E	♠5	=	400			
Spector	Rosenthal		Open	4♠	E	♠5	=	420			
			Closed	3N	E	♥5	+1	430			

When judging whether or not to bid a non-vulnerable game in IMPs, one is dealing with 6 IMPs one way or the other... certainly not a major sounding swing... That said, Nickell prevailed in yesterday's match by TWO! Six IMPs can be significant.

On Board 8, three of the four tables bid a non-vulnerable game... two in NT and one in spades.

In Spector/Rosenthal, Ginossar opened the East hand 1S; Willenken raised him to 2S; and Ginossar bid the spade game.

At the other table in that match, Hurd opened the East hand 2NT; and Bathurst raised him to the NT game. With suits behaving nicely, both games make fairly easily.

In Nickell/Fleisher, Hampson opened the East hand 2NT showing 19-21 and Greco, with five points and a five card suit, again raised to the NT game.

But there's always an outlier... In this case, the outlier was Grue/Moss. They were playing the most sophisticated of systems: Precision. Grue opened the East hand one Precision club. Moss responded 1D showing 0-7 HCP. Grue bid 1S indicating a possible 4-card suit, canapé with a longer minor... or possibly 4-1-4-4. Moss responded 1NT, 0-5 HCP, fewer than four spades. Grue passed and Nickell gained 6 IMPs.

Grue might well have bid or at least invited game if vulnerable... Moss had a "max" for his negative response and he would have accepted any invitation.

Bridge is scientific in its own way, but sometimes, even science fails us. It's not often that "generic" bidding systems succeed while Precision fails!!

The Ultimate Hand in the QuarterFinal Nickell/Kolesnik Match

The Nickell/Kolesnik quarterfinal match was a real nail-biter. With two boards to go, Kolesnik had an 8 IMP lead. On the penultimate board (#59), both sides played in 3H from the North hand. With sure losers in the side suits, the key is to bring in the trump suit for one loser.

DelMonte led the C9 against Hampson. Hampson won the CA and played the HT. In an effort to deceive declarer, Finn Kolesnik covered with the HK. Hampson was not fooled. DelMonte's preemptive 3C bid led Geoff to believe that he should safety play the heart suit. Hampson won the HA

and played the DK. Ish won and played the CQ to Finn's ace. Seeing that declarer was likely going to safety play the trump suit, Kolesnik exited with the H6. Again, Hampson was not fooled, he played the H7 and took two finesses in spades to score nine tricks.

At the other table, Steve Weinstein overcalled only 2C and led the CQ. Kevin Rosenberg won the CA and played the HT. Levin covered with the jack. Rosenberg won the HQ and cashed the HA, losing two trump tricks... Contract failing by one.

5 IMPs to Nickell

The Kolesnik margin was 3 IMPs with one board to play. Throughout the match, the Kolesnik squad gained by being aggressive at the right times. Finn/Ish had bid three slams that were not bid by the Nickell squad. Two of the three slams made for gains of 12 and 13 IMPs. The third slam was a 5 IMP loss on a part-score hand. (see Thursday and Friday Bulletins for coverage...)

Board 60 provided a test for aggressive bidding. Both North players opened 1H.

The auctions diverged from there.

When Greco held the South hand, he judged that 11 HCP and a singleton in partner's suit were not adequate to make a game forcing 2/1. Therefore, he responded 1NT (semi-forcing) and passed Hampson's 2H re-bid. Kolesnik balanced with 2S on the West cards. This was passed around to Greco, who reopened with double. With a

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minimum opener and only two spades, Hampson retreated to 3D. (Note that 2S would likely be defeated by South getting two heart ruffs.)

DelMonte led the CQ, covered by the king and ace. Kolesnik returned the D6. Hampson covered with the D9 and Ish ducked. Hampson can succeed at this point by overtaking the D9 with the ten in dummy and playing a heart to the ten. East will win the king and declarer will have his nine tricks.

Hampson didn't overtake and, instead, played a spade toward dummy.

DelMonte won the spade and continued diamonds. Hampson won the diamond and played a heart to the ace and the HQ. Ish covered with the king and Hampson ruffed in dummy. He ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart, and claimed eight tricks for a one-trick set. E/W +100

When Rosenberg/Stamatov held the N/S cards, their more aggressive style produced a different result. Stamatov bid a game-forcing 2D over the 1H opener and they found themselves in 5D. Unfortunately for N/S, there is no making game.

Board 60

Bidding:

	W	N	E	S
P	1♥	P	1NT	
P	2♥	P	P	
2♣	P	P	DBL	
P	3♦	P	P	

1NT=Semi-forcing

Card Holdings:

- North (Geoff Hampson):** ♠ A8, ♥ AQT432, ♦ J94, ♣ 53
- South (Eric Greco):** ♠ J93, ♥ 5, ♦ AKT52, ♣ K972
- West (Finn Kolesnik):** ♠ KT765, ♥ J96, ♦ 76, ♣ AT4
- East (Ish DelMonte):** ♠ Q42, ♥ K87, ♦ Q83, ♣ QJ86

Card Holdings:

- North (Kevin Rosenberg):** ♠ A8, ♥ AQT432, ♦ J94, ♣ 53
- South (Jerry Stamatov):** ♠ J93, ♥ 5, ♦ AKT52, ♣ K972
- West (Bobby Levin):** ♠ KT765, ♥ J96, ♦ 76, ♣ AT4
- East (Steve Weinstein):** ♠ Q42, ♥ K87, ♦ Q83, ♣ QJ86

Bidding:

	W	N	E	S
P		1♥	P	2♦
P		2♥	P	3♣
P		3♦	P	3♠
P		4♦	P	5♦

SOUTH: 5♦, NS: 0, EW: 0

Levin led the S5 to Weinstein's queen and Weinstein continued spades. Stamatov won the SA and played a club to the king and Levin's ace. Levin returned the D6. Stamatov won the DT and played a heart to dummy's queen. When this lost, the contract was set three tricks. E/W+300 and 5 very necessary IMPs to Nickell

Notice that if Stamatov had guessed to play a heart to the ten instead of the queen, the match would have ended in a tie! We might still be watching a playoff! Extra boards are tougher on the "seniors" than the "juniors" and with even Katz turning 65 yesterday, it is likely both Howie and Jack would have predicted Kolesnik if for nothing else than the team's youthful stamina!!

59 SOUTH NONE

♠ J 8 5
♥ Q 9 6 5
♦ J 9
♣ Q T 9 6

♠ AK 9 4
♥ 8
♦ AK T 2
♣ AK J 2

♠ Q 2
♥ AK J 4 2
♦ Q 5 4
♣ 8 4 3

♠ T 7 6 3
♥ T 7 3
♦ 8 7 6 3
♣ 7 5

Par: -1440

NS: ♠ 2 ♡ 0 ♢ 1 ♣ 0
EW: ♠ 11 ♡ 13 ♢ 12 ♣ 12

Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	I	=	*	P
Nickell	Fleisher	Open	6N	W	♥5	=	990	10
		Closed	7♦	W	♦J	=	1440	
Spector	Rosenthal	Open	6N	E	♦7	=	990	10
		Closed	7♦	W	♦9	=	1440	

In both semifinal matches, 10 IMPs were swung on Board 59 when one table stopped in 6N and the other table bid a shaky 7D contract.

In the Spector/Rosenthal match Dwyer/Huang sitting E/W respectively had the following auction to reach 6NT:

W	N	E	S
			P
1♣	P	1NT	P
2♣	P	2NT	P
6NT	P	P	P

1C = strong
1NT = 5+ H & 12+ HCP
2C was waiting
2NT = no extras

South led the D7. Dwyer won the ace and finessed for the heart queen. Dwyer ducked a heart to South's ten and won the club return in dummy. Declarer cashed three rounds of spades and led the DK. When the DJ dropped, Dwyer claimed twelve tricks.

In the Nickell/Fleisher match, Bramley/Woolsey used ten rounds of bidding to determine that they did not have a heart fit, but did have all the aces and kings. When Bramley could not find a likely thirteenth trick, he settled in 6NT.

Levin/Weinstein sitting E/W respectively had the following natural auction to reach 7D.

W	N	E	S
			P
1♦	P	1♥	P
2♠	P	3♦	P
4♣	P	4♠	P
4NT	P	5♥	P
5♠	P	7♦	P
P	P		

4S was RKC in diamonds
5H asked for specific kings

Hurd/Bathurst sitting E/W respectively bid similarly to also reach 7D.

W	N	E	S
			P
1♦	P	1♥	P
2♠	P	3♦	P
4♣	P	4♥	P
4NT	P	5♥	P
5♠	P	5NT	P
6♣	P	7♦	P
P	P		

2S was a GF showing either four spades, or three hearts or six diamonds
4H was RKC in diamonds
5H asked for kings
5S showed the SK
5NT asked more
6C showed the CK

At both of the last two tables, a diamond was led. Declarer won the diamond, cashed two spades and trumped a spade. Trumps were extracted and the fourth round of spades was played. North was squeezed in hearts and clubs. At both tables, North discarded clubs. Declarer cashed the AK of clubs and when the queen fell there were thirteen tricks for the taking.

10 IMPs each to Nickell and Spector.