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Results: Finals Day Two Congrats Team...



Hampson, Weinstein, J Levin, Nickell, Katz, B Levin, Greco

Runners Up... Team Nickell

Hurd, Kranyak, Wolpert, Spector, Bathurst, Demuy



Congratulations Team Spector... USA1 2023 Bermuda Bowl

22-May-2022			The color	The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.									
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1	Nickell	192	24	32	22	15	17	34	45	3			

Be sure to read Ron Gerard's great analysis of the 6D hand on page 8 in yesterday's Bulletin... You can find Ron's comments on page 5 in this Bulletin! Ed.

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We will be adding a committee situation write-up in the next few days. The committee was dropped but the situation deserves mention. Check back tomorrow and thereafter until it is ready.

Teams Entered-Alphabetical

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt	Fred Stewart				
	Marc Jacobus	Jeff Juster				
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	Zach Grossack	Michael Rosenberg				
	Joel Wooldridge	David Grainger				
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt	Roger Lee				
	Jeff Meckstroth	Eddie Wold				
	Daniel Korbel	Zia Mahmood				
Nickell	Nick Nickell	Ralph Katz				
	Bobby Levin	Steve Weinstein				
	Geoff Hampson	Eric Greco				
	Jill Levin, NPC					
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt	Lance Kerr				
.,	Joe Viola	Bill Hall				
	John Jones	Claude Vogel				
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt	Aaron Silverstein				
	Chris Willenken	Eldad Ginossar				
	Kevin Dwyer	Shan Huang				
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt	Jeff Aker				
	Glenn Milgrim	Barry Rigal				
	Jiang Gu	Ai-Tai Lo				
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt	Gavin Wolpert				
	Vince Demuy	John Hurd				
	Kevin Bathurst	John Kranyak				
Stark	Andy Stark	Franco Baseggio				
ota. n	Alex Kolesnik, Capt	Aaron Jones				
	Radu Nistor	Iulian Rotaru				
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt	Debbie Rosenberg				
	Max Schireson	Stewart Rubenstein				
	John McAllister	Will Watson				
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt	Doug Doub				
	Peter Boyd	Steve Robinson				
	Mark Lair	Mike Passell				
Yang	Tien-Chun Yang, Capt	Yanong Han				
ı wiiğ	Hua Yang	Steve Chen				
	Jian-Jian Wang	Jun Shi				



Another Successful USBC in the Books...

Thanks to all the staff that made this tournament so easy and fun.

Thanks to McKenzie "Z" Myers for his steadfast leadership. With Ken Horwedel and Chris Wiegand, the directors did a wonderful job of keeping the event running smoothly and on time.

Thanks to the VG commentators (too many to mention.) Under the direction of Michael Kamil and Maya Alela, with the publicity on BW from Jan Martel, many more viewers benefitted from the daily "shows."

Thanks to the Appeals Panel volunteers. These players stand by not knowing if they will be needed or not and serve well into the night when necessary. The USBF appreciates your dedication.

Thanks to Maya Alela and Marie-France Benoit for the great job with hospitality ... especially under the Covid protocols. Everyone was well sated and happy.

Thanks to Suzi and Stan Subeck for producing, writing, and editing the Daily Bulletins. Thanks to Stan for his nightly delivery of hard copies to the site as well as his photos.

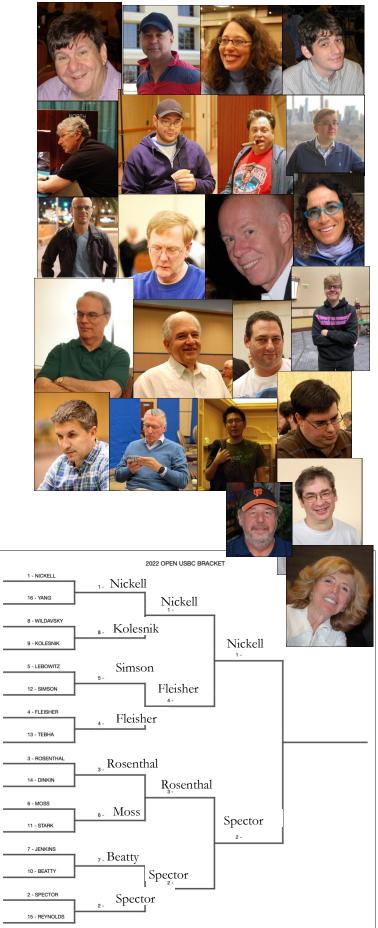
Thanks to Al Hollander for his technical expertise. He is always a delight to have as a commentator and having him on hand if something becomes a computer challenge is invaluable.

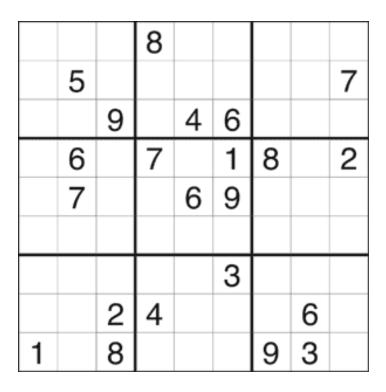
And, most of all, thanks to Jan Martel for her amazing skills at EVERYTHING! Jan is the glue that holds this organization together. She keeps everyone on their toes and she is the secret to our success.

See you next year when we have the "long" championship for USA2 and the Seniors, Mixed, and Women's.

Thanks to the players who return year after year. Your support and dedication are what brings us back!







Sudoku Solutions on Page 11

Sudoku 2

Sudoku 1

Could a librarian be called a bookkeeper? ... referee be a game warden? ... dairyman be a cowboy? ... cabinetmaker be the president? —

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

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

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

Q: Why shouldn't you visit an expensive wig shop?
A: It's too high a price 'toupee.'

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

What do you call a thieving alligator? A Crookodile

Q: What did the watermelon say to the cantaloupe? A: You're one in a melon

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My boss yelled at me the other day, "You've got to be the worst train driver in history. How many trains did you derail last year?" I said, "Can't say for sure, it's so hard to keep track!"

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

Reprinted from yesterday's Bulletin with further analysis...

In the Nickell/Fleisher semi-final match, both tables declared 6D from the North hand. Both Easts led the H2. Not knowing about the foul heart break, both declarers cashed the CA and trumped a club in dummy. To score one spade, two clubs, and six trump tricks, declarer needs the hearts for communication. On this line of play, in both rooms, East was able to trump a heart to defeat the slam. The only line that works is to take the club finesse and that is inferior without any information.





4H = RKC for diamonds

5D = 2 with the queen

In the Spector/Rosenthal match, Warren Spector and Gavin Wolpert reached 6D from the South hand after Spector opened 1D on his strong 1-4-4-4 distribution.

Willenken led the C3, picking up East's queen. Declarer could count seven tricks in hearts and clubs. He needed only five tricks from the trump suit. Spector drew three rounds of trumps ending in his hand. A club was ruffed in dummy and a heart was used to return to his hand. He drew the last trump and scored up the slam. N/S +1370.

In the other room of this match, Dwyer/Huang stopped in 3NT and took eleven tricks for N/S +660.

12 IMPs to Spector

Ronnie Gerard, a well-respected expert player and truly great hand analyzer, wrote yesterday morning and pointed out the following:

Your analysis includes the comment "The only line that works is to take the club finesse and that is inferior without any information."

That is incorrect. The correct line is: Win the opening lead in dummy (neither declarer in Fleisher-Nickell did this), trump AK, then club ace and ruff, draw trumps and take the <u>spade</u> finesse. Had trumps broken 3-2, declarer could finish drawing trumps and take both the spade finesse and the club finesse, with pretty good chances of success. Thus the importance of preserving the heart jack for a late entry. Relying on hearts to break 3-3 (or long hearts with the long trumps) or trumps to break 3-2 while ruffing clubs was clearly inferior.

Ed. Note: Thanks to Ron Gerard for sending this to us. After reevaluating the situation, we agree whole-heartedly. As usual, you are spot-on! Ronnie is a member of the USBF Appeals Panel. He, like his late wife, Joan, is a valuable volunteer and we are gratified to his input and help.

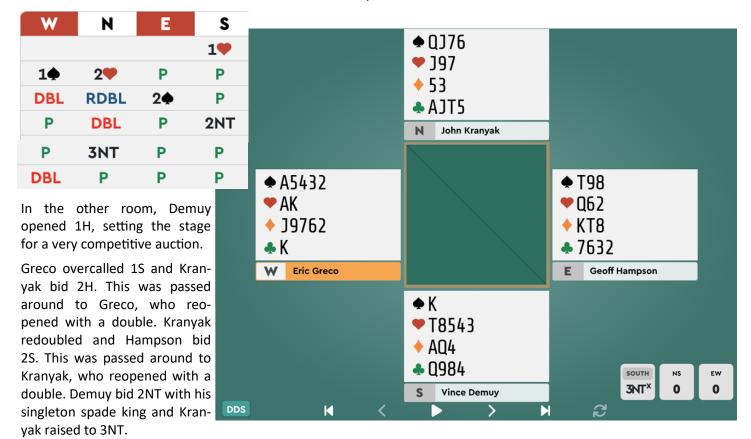


Katz led the CA and continued clubs. Declarer trumped and played a diamond to the ten. South won the DQ, cashed the DA and gave North a diamond ruff.

North exited with a club, trumped by declarer, who led a small spade toward dummy. Nickell won the SK and played another round of clubs.

Declarer trumped the club, cashed the SA and claimed seven tricks for N/S +300, a seemingly good plus position on what appears to be a part-score board.

But, sometimes, there is more to a hand than meets the eye...



West led the D2 to East's king and declarer's ace. Declarer led the C9, covered by the king and won with dummy's ace. A spade was led from dummy and West allowed declarer's king to hold the trick. The CQ was cashed, and a club was led to dummy. Declarer played dummy's SQ, and West ducked again. The SJ drove out the ace and when the ST98 fell, declarer's S7 became the 9th trick. 3NTX scored N/S +550.

6 IMPs to Spector

Word Find...

Movies: Musicals

Find and circle all of the Movie Musicals that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the title of an additional Movie Musical.





A CHORUS LINE
ALL THAT JAZZ
ANNIE
BLUE HAWAII
BRIGADOON
BUGSY MALONE
CABARET
CALAMITY JANE
CAMELOT
CARMEN
CAROUSEL

CHICAGO EVITA FAME FANTASIA FUNNY FACE FUNNY GIRL GIGI GODSPELL GREASE GYPSY HAIR

HELLO, DOLLY!
HIGH SOCIETY
HOLIDAY INN
JAILHOUSE ROCK
LA TRAVIATA
MARY POPPINS
MOULIN ROUGE
MY FAIR LADY
NEWSIES
OKLAHOMA!
OLIVER!

PAL JOEY
SHOW BOAT
SILK STOCKINGS
SOUTH PACIFIC
STATE FAIR
SWEET CHARITY
SWING TIME
THE MUSIC MAN
TOMMY
TOP HAT
WEST SIDE STORY

1.	Ralph Katz - Nick Nickell	Nickell	0.55	33.00	60
2.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Spector	0.50	45.00	90
3.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Spector	0.42	38.00	90
4.	Gavin Wolpert - Warren Spector	Spector	-0.32	-19.00	60
5.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	-0.52	-47.00	90
6.	Geoff Hampson - Eric Greco	Nickell	-0.56	-50.00	90

Day Six Finals Cross IMPs

JLALL6... ALERT

POSSIBLE RESCHEDULING

A few days before the closing date for this event, there were only 2 teams entered... closing date extended to 5/25. If no more than 8 teams enter, we will not hold the event in June. we will refund the entry fees, or give a credit for future events, for teams that have entered and paid an entry fee.

We will probably reschedule JLall6 to September or October, after reviewing Regional schedules. For more information, go to USBF.org.

I put all my spare cash into an origami business. It folded.

Q: What's the worst part about movie theater candy prices? A: They're always raisinet.

Why did the can crusher quit his job? Because it was soda pressing.

I suffer from kleptomania, but when it gets really bad, I take something for it.

What did the librarian say when the books were in a mess? We ought to be ashamed of ourshelves!

Who was Socrates' worst student? Mediocrities. Who was his busiest student? The one with a lot on his Plato

Q: Did you hear the one about the greedy peanut butter? A: I'm not telling you. You might spread it.

When she saw her first strands of gray, she thought she'd dye.

What did the beach say as the tide came in? Long time, no sea.

"How is your long distance relationship going?" - "So far, so good."



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Four people traveled away from home to go to the First Night celebration in a different city for New Year's Eve this year. None of them had ever traveled for New Year's Eve and looked forward to the celebration with great enthusiasm. The four people all traveled to their chosen city using a different method of transportation. Determine the full name of each person, the city that they traveled to for First Night, their method of transportation, and their home city.

- 1. Ralph Shepherd didn't travel to Boston for the First Night celebration. Mr. Leavit, whose first name wasn't Bernard, lived in New York.
- 2. The person who lived in Boston traveled to a differ-

- ent city by bus. Mr. West traveled by train.
- 3. The person who went to First Night in Chicago traveled by car.
- 4. The person who lived in Chicago traveled to New York for First Night, but not by plane.
- 5. Elliot, whose last name wasn't Prescott, didn't travel by car. Bernard didn't live in New York but he spent First Night in Atlanta.
- 6. Mike, who didn't live in Atlanta, traveled by plane.

Meet the Players



Geoffrey Hampson was born October 11, 1968 in Toronto, Ontario. He learned to count points at the kitchen table on his father's knee at around six years old, but didn't start to play until high school. "A teacher taught the entire class how to play by issuing a printout of most basic rules," explained Geoff. "The class quickly became addicted, and I never found the cure."

Geoff has been a full time professional bridge player for over 20 years. Now married to Lindsay Pearlman, Geoff lives in Las Vegas with Lindsay and their Newfoundland dog, Atlas.

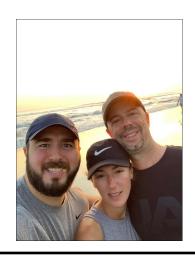
Geoff's first WBF medal came when he finished second in the 1991 World Junior Teams in Ann Arbor, Michigan, playing for Canada. A year later, he finished second in the Pan-American Games Open Teams in partnership with John Gowdy. After moving to the United States, Geoff added a gold medal in the 2010 Rosenblum and bronze medals in the 2005 Bermuda Bowl and 2014 Rosenblum.

Geoff won his first major domestic event at just 22 - the Canadian National Teams Championship, playing with John Gowdy. A year later, he claimed his first NABC title - the North American Swiss, playing with Mark Molson. He has since added 15 NABC titles to that one, including 2 Spingolds, the Reisinger and the Life Master Pairs.

Away from the table, Geoff is a serious movie buff and cyclist, who keeps in shape with time in the gym and on the golf course. His return to the Squash court was cut short when he ruptured his Achilles Tendon in 2013.

Geoff and his partner, Eric Greco, are members of the Nickell team.





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 stansubeck@prodigy.net. I welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip as well!!

Thanks.

Suzi



Answer to Puzzle on Page 9

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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.

An atom loses an electron... it says, "Man, I really gotta keep an ion them."

The public safety officer came up to a large mob of people outside a department store and asked, "What's happening?" A mall officer replied, "These people are waiting to get the new Barbie doll." The public safety officer shook his head and muttered, "Who can resist a Barbie queue?"

A lizard walks into a bar pushing a baby in a stroller. "What's your kid's name?" asks the bartender. "Tiny," says the lizard. "Because he's my newt."

Friends claim a guy's a baseball nut. The guys says they're way off base.

Very small swings to start the second day of the Finals...

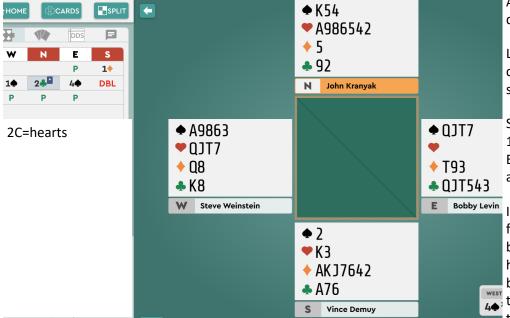


Board 18 was the first "swing" of the matches on Monday.

Wolpert opened 3C on his 6-shooter and Katz overcalled 3NT with his good seven card diamond suit and CA. Nickell transferred to the heart game.

Spector led the CK. Katz took his ace and played the a small heart to the ace in dummy, Wolpert shedding a small club. Katz played a diamond to the ace and king, felling Spector's Qx offside. He started running diamonds to pull Spector's trump!!

Spector ruffed the jack with the HT. He exited his hand with the HQ to Katz's king. Katz continued his attack on diamonds and when Spector ruffed in, Katz claimed 10 tricks... contract making. +620



At the other table, things went quite differently.

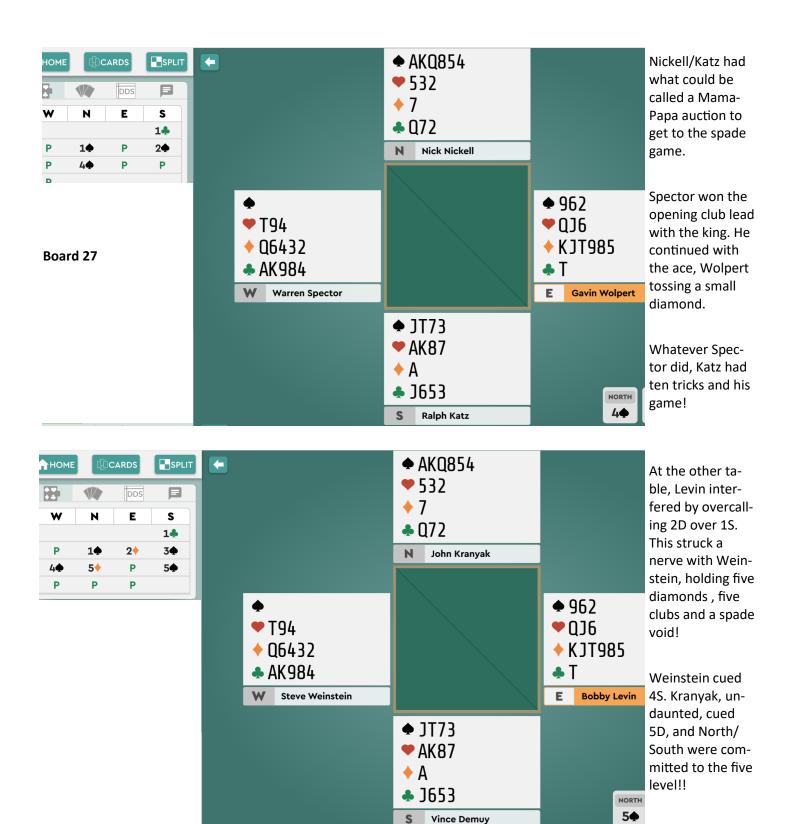
Levin did not preempt the 6 card club suit with the side 4 card spade suit. Instead, he passed.

South opened 1D. West overcalled 1S. North bid 2C showing hearts. East jumped to the spade game and South doubled.

It is easy to take the spade save at favorable once the suit has been bid. At the other table, Wolpert hoped to preempt the other team, but in the end, he preempted his team, making it impossible for them to fine their spade fit.

Kranyak led his singleton diamond. Demuy won the ace and cashed the king, Kranyak discarding a club. Demuy cashed the CA and gave Kranyak a diamond ruff with the S4. At this point, North/South could sit back and wait for the offside SK. Contract down 2. –300 N/S

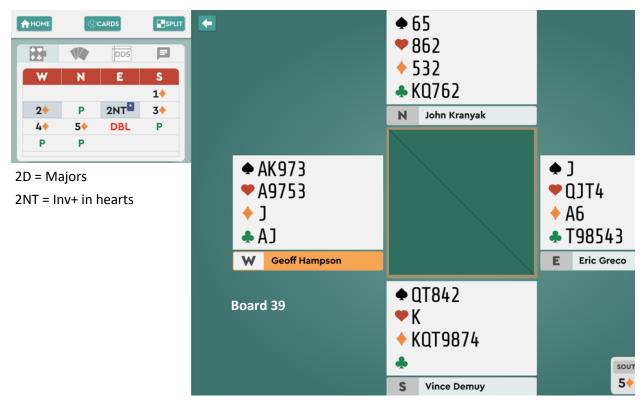
8 IMPs to Nickell



Levin led the HQ won in dummy with the ace. The S3 resulted in this multi-suited wish trick!! (too bad it wasn't at the other table!! Had Katz played the hand out, he might have produced this too!!) North/South took ten tricks in much same way as their counterparts. Contract failing one trick!

10 IMPs to Nickell





With 7-5 distribution, it's hard to let the opponents play the hand. Strangely enough, diamonds were bid at the one, two, three, four and five levels. No other suit was bid naturally at this table. Eric Greco made a wise decision to double 5D. The poor splits in the black suits combine to defeat 6H. In the other room, Bathurst/Hurd bid to 6H and were defeated.

Against 5DX, Hampson cashed two high spades and continued with the S9. Declarer discarded a heart from dummy and Greco trumped with the D6. Greco played a heart to Hampson's ace. Hampson played another spade and Greco trumped with the DA for a three trick set scoring E/W +800.

14 IMPs to Nickell

I hate how funerals are always at 9 a.m. I'm not really a mourning person.

Did you hear about the 2 silk worms in a race? It ended in a tie!

My ex used to hit me with stringed instruments. If only I had known about her history of violins.

What do you call a laughing motorcycle? A Yamahahaha.

A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns, but I soon realized that toucan play at that game.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

A A +

A termite walks into a bar and says, "Where is the bar tender?"