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“Trials” and Tribulations—Seniors USBC F2F Pre-Bulletin

Welcome to Schaumburg!

20	♠ K Q 9 4 3	
WEST	♥ 7 6	
ALL	♦ Q 9 3 2	
	♣ T 8	
		♠ 5
♠ 8 7 2		♥ A K T 8 4
♥ Q 9 3 2		♦ A 4
♦ K 6		♣ A K 6 5 2
♣ Q 9 4 3		
	♠ A J T 6	
	♥ J 5	
	♦ J T 8 7 5	
	♣ J 7	

Both tables in the Mixed USA1 Final on Wednesday bid to slam in hearts on Board 20. At one table, Bronia Jenkins, East, showed length in hearts and clubs, both to her partner’s liking. She asked for keycards and gave Brad Moss a choice of slams.

At the other table, Migry, East, showed hearts and clubs plus spade shortness. Willenken loved that. They cue bid back and forth for a bit and bid the slam.

Ironically, at both tables in the Mixed USA2 Semifinal, neither table bid the slam. Both tables had the identical auction:

W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	1H	Pass
2H	Pass	4H	All Pass

No IMPs swung in either match. Had the matchups been different, this Board could have determined our Representatives to the World event, swing 13 IMPs in one or both matches!

Showing the spade shortness as Migry did brings both partners into the decision process. Even without benefit of a relay system, Migry described her hand perfectly and her partner could work out to make the best choice of both level and strain!

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LoveBridge
on pages 11-16**

SUSBC Teams

Alphabetical

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jim Foster Jeff Roman	Fred Stewart Bryan Howard Ralph Buchalter
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Dan Morse	Kit Woolsey Pratap Rajadhyaksha
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Dave Caprera Gloria Bart	Bob Bitterman Anne Brenner Les Bart
Fox	Jim Fox, Capt Neil Chambers	Jerry Helms Allan Graves
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Hemant Lall David Berkowitz	Zia Mahmood Steve Garner Alan Sontag
Kahn	Allen Kahn, Capt [KO] Mark Aquino Rick Binder	Jeffrey Rothstein [KO] Eric Robinson Alan Watson
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mark Lair Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Mike Passell
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Ron Smith Doug Doub	Paul Lewis Billy Cohen John Stiefel
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt William Hall Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Joe Viola John Jones
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Drew Casen John Schermer	Jeff Aker Jim Krekorian Venkatrao Koneru



Face-to-Face Schaumburg I

Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
QUARTER-FINAL			
FRIDAY	OCT. 22	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
SATURDAY	OCT. 23	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
SUNDAY	OCT. 24	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SATURDAY	OCT. 23	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
SUNDAY	OCT. 24	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
MONDAY	OCT. 25	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
TUESDAY	OCT. 26	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
TUESDAY	OCT. 26	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 27	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 27	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
THURSDAY	OCT. 28	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
THURSDAY	OCT. 28	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
FRIDAY	OCT. 29	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA2 FINAL			
FRIDAY	OCT. 29	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
SATURDAY	OCT. 30	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
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Hospitality Suite

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

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

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

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

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

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

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

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

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



Julie Arbit



Christian
Jolly

Getting you lots
Of soft things to chew.
We know you are Seniors.
We're thinking of you!

General Face-to-Face Tournament Information to Players

The USBF Board of Directors met earlier this week and confirmed:

1. Face-to-face play in Schaumburg will be with 2 players per room.
2. Players will not be required to get Covid tests, but will be provided with information about where they can be tested (in Woodfield Mall) if they want to be. Staff will be tested approximately once a week.
3. We will comply with the Illinois mask requirements, which currently require masks in public areas indoors. Our default will be for both players in the playing rooms to wear masks, but if the 2 players in a room agree on a different rule we will allow whatever they agree on, assuming that is in compliance with the Illinois requirements.
4. We will ask each player to sign a Covid-related waiver of liability form before they start play. Jan will be sending the text of the waiver to all of you in the next day or so, and will have printed forms in her office (room 1321) at the Hyatt for participants to sign.
5. Hospitality will be limited - "grab & go" breakfast and lunch will be distributed in our usual hospitality suite (room 2321), but everyone will have to go someplace else to eat. We will allow only 6 players in the suite at any one time. The suite will not be open for socializing at other times. We will have water, soft drinks, coffee and snacks in the Players' Break Room (1321), and there also, we will limit the number of people in the room at any one time. Eating in the Break Room is not allowed. Masks will be required in the hospitality suite and in the Players' Break Room.
6. There will be air purifiers in each playing room and in 1321 and 2321.

Limey Jack

Gadzooks Yanks. Give it a rest. Limey Jack is tuckered but still will make a few bob for you with the punters. Howie Dung is using the Eanie Meanie method as it rhymes.

Gupta-Kahn: To root against Gupta would be like rooting against Sir Robin of Locksley. This is Zia's time to shine. He and Limey Jack will be having a toddy soon.

Beatty-Lewis: Two evenly matched squads if ever. There is no favourite to be seen. This should go down to the last furlong and possibly overtime. Beatty is probably a tad bit more technically savant, but Lewis has more hair and experience will matter here. Lewis by a nose.

Bramley-Simson: Bramley was a pretender to the throne in the open, but still has but 4 lads and only one firm partnership. One of their lot was a senior 20 years past. Simson is fresher and stronger.

Cappelli-Levine: The Garner experiment seems to have ended, but Meckstroth still has no partner. Will Rodwell cost another event without turning a card? Levine is a fine 2nd half team, but needs to play both halves. Cappelli has brought in two fillies to set the pace, but the stallions of Levine do cast them aside and move forward.

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Howie Doing

We're back with the Seniors.
Hope they remember.
It's been a long time
Since the start of September!

The Gupta-Kahn matchup?
Gupta prevails.
Sontag/Berk works well,
And just never fails!

Lewis is tired
From playing forever!
Beatty's relaxed,
So they will be much more clever.

Simson v Bramley?
Bramley has Morse.
Can't pick 'gainst that...
They will stay true to course.

Cappelli/Levine?
This shouldn't be hard.
But Meck without Eric?
Is not the old guard!

Howie Doing... Fine, thanks!

KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE

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

Popcorn time!

Do you want to listen to commentary? Search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentary. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

Nail biting!

Do you want to be deeply involved? Choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into four small screens – two of them showing the two tables of the match you choose, the other two having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can also personalize the content in all your windows. (The 2x2 view is not available on mobiles.)

Think together!

When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do and see whether your chosen player agrees.

More Information:

Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you the scoresheet, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

Navigation icons:

While surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue where you were.

Replay:

After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board then the same buttons move you through list. Push every button and enjoy!

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Segment 1: 12:00 noon

Segment 2: 2:25 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:45 pm

Segment 4: 8:00 pm

NEXT DAY

Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:25 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 7:00 pm

Segment 8: 9:30 pm



I love watching all the action.
In the Seniors there's more traction!

Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Where to Shop in the Area...

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

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

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

Kibitzer Activities...

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

Authentically dressed interpreters welcome and guide visitors through the site.

Hours of Operation

Current hours are effective July 1 - Oct. 31.

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

DISCOVER THE ART!

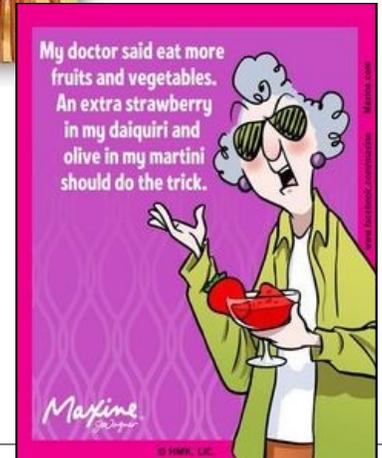
The **Chicago Athenaeum's International Sculpture Park** is situated on 20 acres of meadow, forest, and natural prairie on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg,

PARKING AT

Prairie Center For the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct

HOURS

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mask Rules

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

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

*Masks are required in playing rooms. If you are observed not wearing a mask in a playing room, there will be a 2 IMP penalty for the first offense in a segment, a 4 IMP penalty for the second offense, an 8 IMP penalty for the third offense, and a 16 IMP penalty for the fourth and subsequent offenses; however, if you and your opponent agree to something other than both wearing masks, any IMP penalties for not wearing a mask will apply to both of you equally and there will be no other penalties. You may remove your mask briefly to eat or drink. **However, if you call for a director (for any reason), and you are not wearing a mask properly when the director enters the room, the penalty will apply to your team for your **next match** in the event.** There is no eating or drinking in the playing room when the Director present.*

In addition, anyone who is penalized more than twice (over the course of the entire event) in situations where his/her opponent was wearing a mask while s/he wasn't, or where the director was called, may be subject to additional conduct penalties.

You should bring masks to the tournament with you; we will not be supplying masks.

Covid Waiver

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

North American Bridge Championships Wins
Senior Knockout Teams 2015
Grand National Teams 1996
Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1993, 1998
Blue Ribbon Pairs 1979
Reisinger 1987
Wernher Open Pairs 2001

Runners-up
Cavendish Invitational Pairs 1985, 2001
North American Bridge Championships
Grand National Teams 1973, 2000
Blue Ribbon Pairs 1988^f
Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1994
Fast Open Pairs 2002
Nail Life Master Open Pairs 1998
Reisinger 1978, 2008
Springold 1996, 2004, 2008
Vanderbilt 1988

Ron Smith is truly one of the nice guys. He is originally from St. Louis, MO, now living in Chicago by way of San Francisco.

At one time, Ron was a trader on the Exchange. Now he is a full time professional bridge player and poster on FaceBook! Ronnie serves on committees when asked. He is on the current Online Ethical Oversight Committee of the ACBL.



Meet the Players

Guide to LoveBridge Software

Quick User Guide

2021 LoveBridge



MENU



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

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



CALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

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



CLAIM



RESULTS



CONVENTION CARD



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



COVER SCREEN



SETTINGS



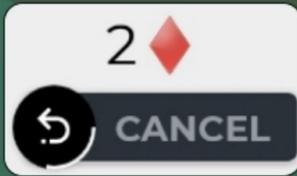
To hide your screen from view, click this icon.



Click - or + to adjust the number of tricks.

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

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



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



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



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

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



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



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



You can review the previous boards any time.



Explanation

User guide - self alert

The logic of alerts and explanations in the LoveBridge system can work multiple ways. You will use it **with self alert and screened tables**.

You only alert your own calls. Both opponents can ask for more information, and they will always know the same details about bids.

Alerting

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

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

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



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

Note: Your call will be alerted as well.

Bridge keyboard

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

You can type any other message using a traditional keyboard.



Multiple words in every category

Bidding Panel

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

The Bidding Panel shows four players: S (Sleepy), W (Dopey), N (Sneezy), and E (Happy). Below their names are their bids. S has bid 1♣ with a question mark icon. W has bid 1♥. N has bid 1♠ with a question mark icon. E has bid 4♠ with a question mark icon. There are also two 'P' (Pass) bids shown below the main row.

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

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

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

Received Explanations

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

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

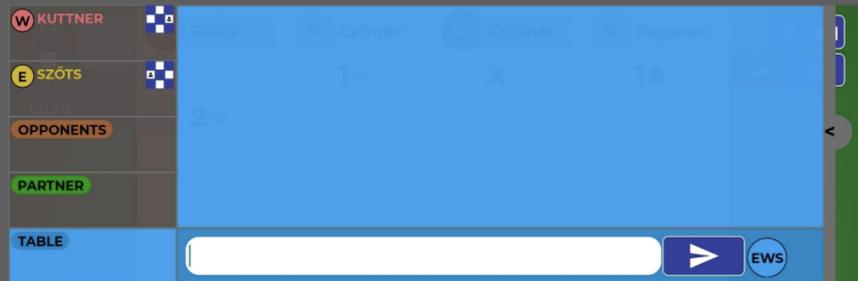
Make sure you only press the send button when you would like to ask a question.

The screenshot shows a window for a received explanation. At the top, it says 'N 1♣ ?'. Below that is a blue button with '2+ standard' and a person icon. On the right side, there is a blue send button and a red X button.

Chat



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



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

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

Android Keyboard

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



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



Frequently Asked Questions

How can I unalert my bid?

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

ALERTED



Can my partner see when I ask for further information?

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

Can I take cards back?

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

Can I take bids back?

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

Why can't I see the bidding during playing?

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

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

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

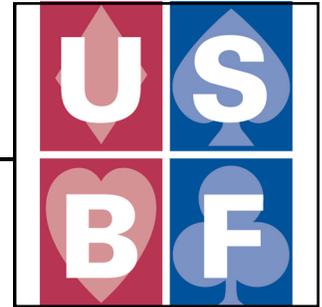
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8	1	5	9	2	6	4	3	7

Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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

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We are happy the seniors
Are in Illinois!
Having them here
Is always a joy!



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Hard Sudoku

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



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Answer to Puzzle on Page 19

First Name	Last Name	Sport	Age	Coach
Kristin	Flock	tennis	12	Mr. Webb
Heather	Why	soccer	14	Mr. Harding
Elliot	Grant	swimming	14	Mr. Toomey
Andrea	Trent	field hockey	12	Mrs. Kelly
Adam	DeGaines	gymnastics	13	Mrs. Booth

Sudoku Answers on page 17

	DeGaines	Flock	Grant	Trent	Whey	gymnastics	field hockey	soccer	swimming	tennis	12	12	13	14	14	Mrs. Booth	Mr. Harding	Mrs. Kelly	Mr. Toomey	Mr. Webb	
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Answer on Page 18

First Name	Last Name	Sport	Age	Coach
Adam				
Andrea				
Elliot				
Heather				
Kristin				

Beverly Trent was one of the neighborhood's assigned taxis this week for the kids' afternoon activities. She and several of the other mothers in their neighborhood took turns picking their kids up after school. Only one of the five she was picking up today was her child. The other four belonged to four other families. One of the other mothers was picking up two more kids from karate practice. All of them had multiple children so scheduling who picked which of the kids up where was sometimes a major challenge. Determine the full name of each child Beverly picked up today, which sport each played (one was gymnastics), the age of each child, and the name of each child's coach.

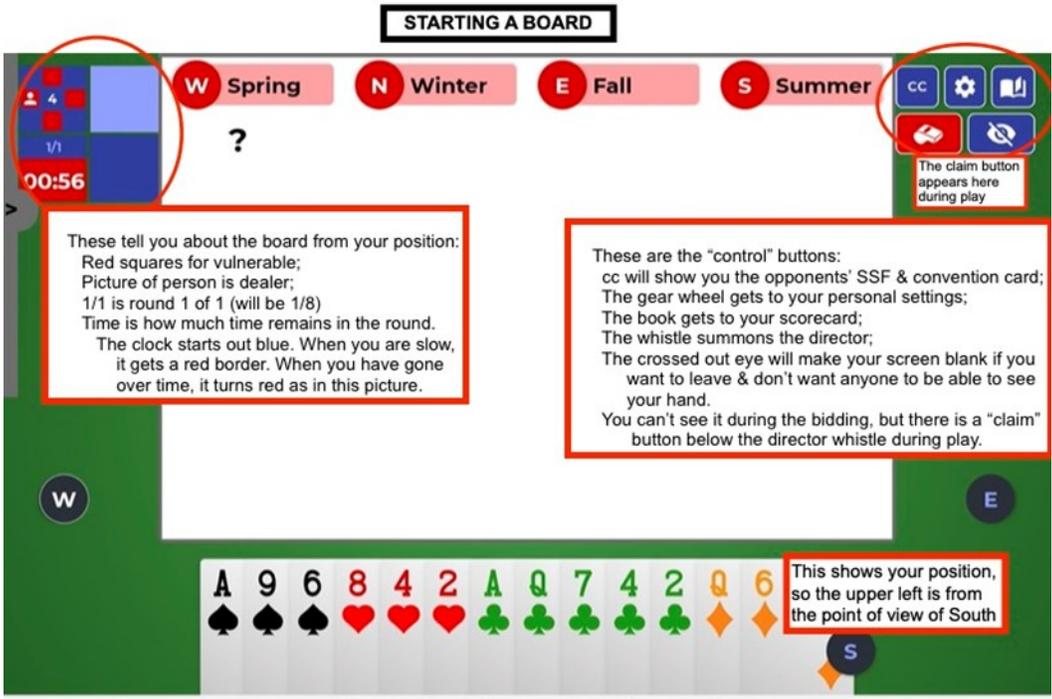
- Mr. Toomey was Elliot's coach. The girl whose last name was Whey had Mr. Harding for a coach, but wasn't involved in swimming.
- The two 12-year-olds were Andrea and the girl who was coached by Mr. Webb.
- Kristin Flock played tennis but Mrs. Kelly wasn't her coach. Adam's last name wasn't Grant.
- One boy and one girl were 14 years old; one played soccer while the other swam, in no particular order.
- The boy whose last name was DeGaines had Mrs. Booth for a coach and he was one year younger than Heather.
- The girl who played field hockey was Beverly's daughter.

For those of you for whom a picture is worth a thousand words, here are some screenshots of what the tablet looks like at different times, with annotations about what you can do. I hope they help get you started becoming familiar with the interface.

In addition, we will have some tablets set up in the bar area of the hotel lobby on Friday afternoon & evening for you to practice on.

When you start to play on Saturday, please call the director for any tablet-related issues. We hope to start the first segment of play a little early to give you more time, so we ask that you be in your seats by 9:45 on Saturday morning.

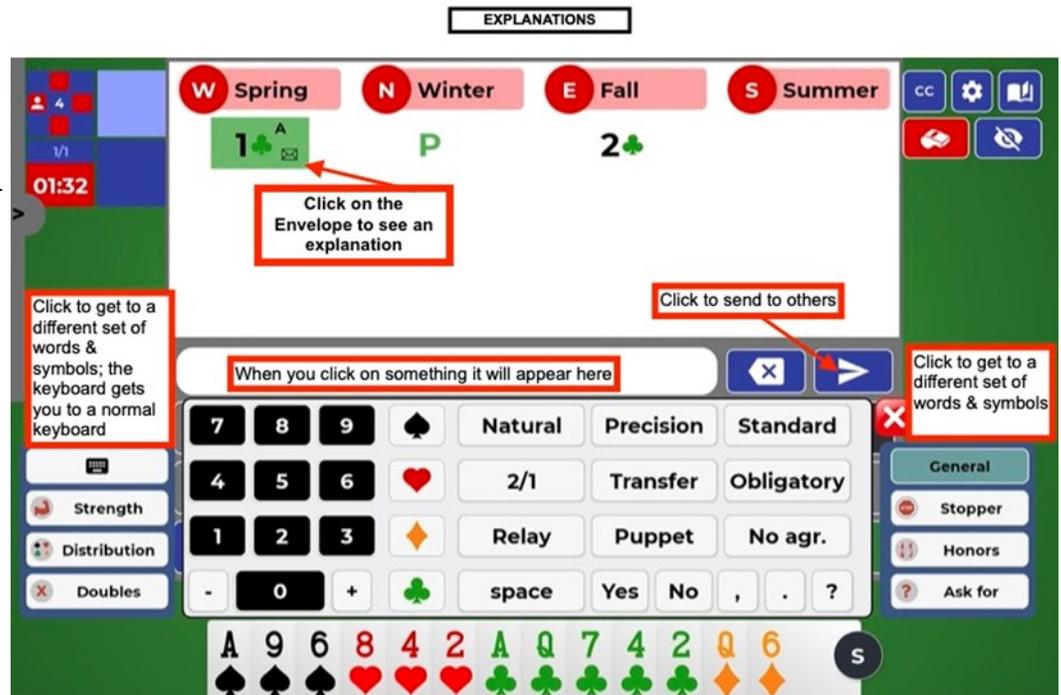
Here's what the tablet screen looks like right after you get your hand and before you have bid:



Important Information! From Jan

There wasn't room on the screenshot to point to it, but if you look closely to the left of the timer, you'll see a little gray >. If you click on that it opens a chat window, where you can chat to either of your opponents or to both of your opponents or to the table. You can't send private chat to your partner. If you have opened the chat window to read chat, the little gray > is now on the right hand side of the chat window; clicking on it will close the window.

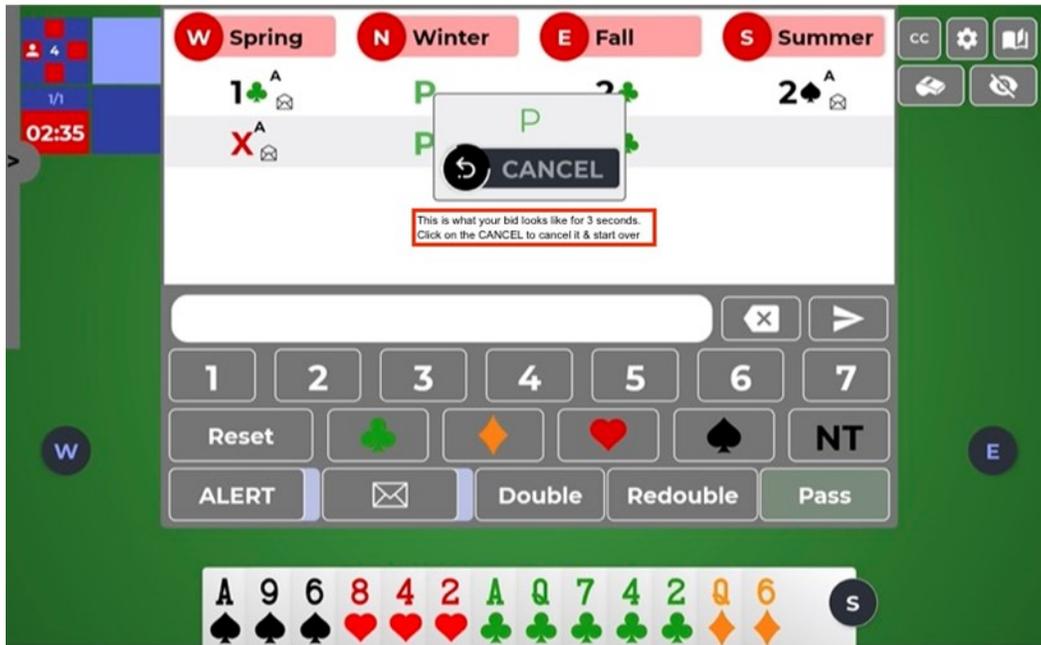
Here's what the "Bridge Keyboard" looks like when "General" has been selected:



(continued from page 20)

Remember that even though you and your screenmate are in the same room so you can explain things verbally, you are still required to alert and/or explain your bids in writing on the tablet, so the opponent on the other side of the screen gets the information and we have a record of your alerts & explanations.

Here's what your bid looks like for 3 seconds after you make it, during which time you can cancel it for any reason; if you fail to cancel and want to undo your bid, you must call the director and will only be allowed to undo in unusual situations:



		6			♠		
		EAST			♥9 6 4		
		E-W			♦Q 8 7 6 4 3 2		
					♣T 9 2		
		♠KT 9 7 3			♠AQJ 8 6 4 2		
		♥QT 5 3 2			♥		
		♦			♦JT		
		♣5 4 3			♣AQ 8 6		
					♠5		
					♥AKJ 8 7		
					♦AK 9 5		
					♣KJ 7		
Par: -100							
NS	EW	♣	♦	♥	♠	N	
4	8	11	2	9	2	5	
		8	2	4	11	4	

Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	1	=	*	P	
						NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Lewis	Henner	Open	5♠x	E	♥A	=	850		11
		Closed	7♦x	N	♣A	-2	300		
Rosenthal	Moss	Open	6♠x	E	♥K	-1	200		14
		Closed	5♠x	E	♥K	=	850		

This hand is from the Mixed USBC on Wednesday. While the wild distribution makes it hard to diagnose when to stop bidding, the vulnerability should push South in the direction of a save!

At one table in USA1 and one table in USA2, 5SX was played and made for +850 E/W.

In the Rosenthal/Moss USA1 Final, Berkowitz, South, made two excellent decisions. She bid 6D over 5S and when Lee balanced back in with 6S, she doubled! At the other table in that match, when Migry, East, bid 5S, Dwyer, doubled!

In the Lewis/Henner USA2 semifinal, Kamenova, like Dwyer, doubled 5S when Doub bid it. Doub collected his +850. At the other table, Henner, like Berkowitz, bid 6D over Paul Lewis's 5S. Lewis balanced back in with 6S and this time, Henner wisely doubled. Ivatury, not certain about the outcome, pulled Henner's double to 7D, minimizing his IMPs, but still doing much better yielding -300 than -850!

11 IMPs to Henner; 14 IMPs to Rosenthal

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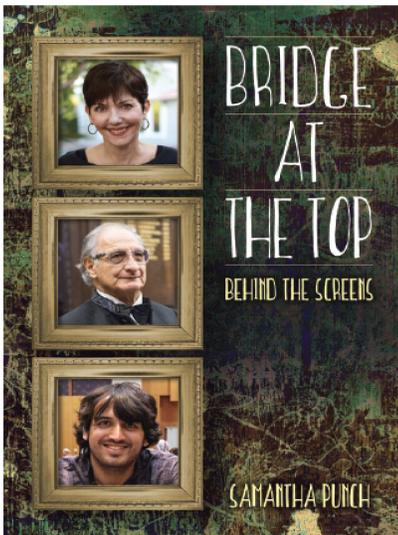
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Editor



Samantha

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

Chat

- **My physical keyboard isn't working!** Make sure to click/put focus into the chat box before attempting to type in the box. (The blinking cursor makes it seem as though focus is there, but it may not be.) This seems to only occur with an external keyboard, not the virtual keyboard.
- **What does that number on the left side mean?** You have unread chat message(s). Click on left gray arrow to open chat and right gray arrow to close the chat. (If you actually type and send a message, the chat will close automatically. Reopen with left gray arrow.)
- **Why can't I chat to my partner?** For security reasons, chat to partner is not available while cards for a new hand are on display. Since there is no "between round down time," there is no real partner chat.

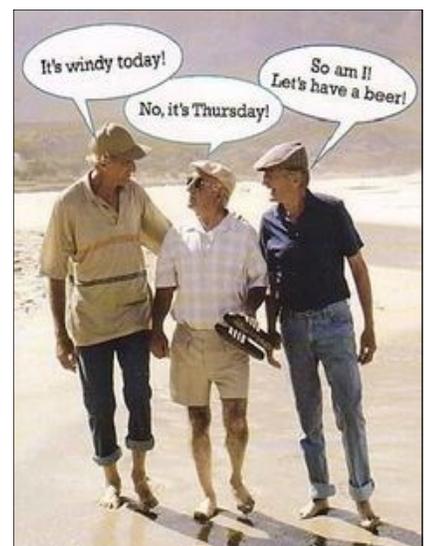
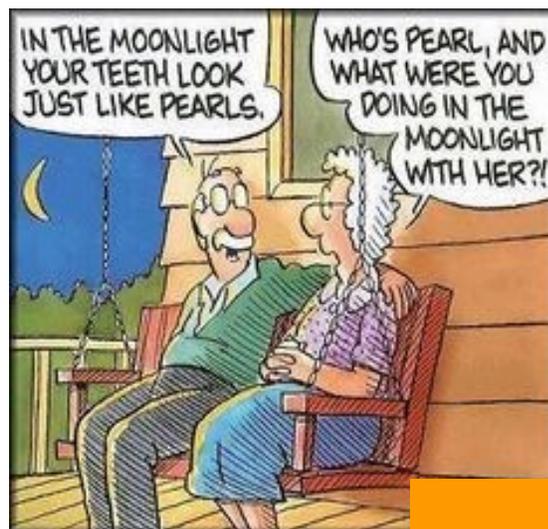
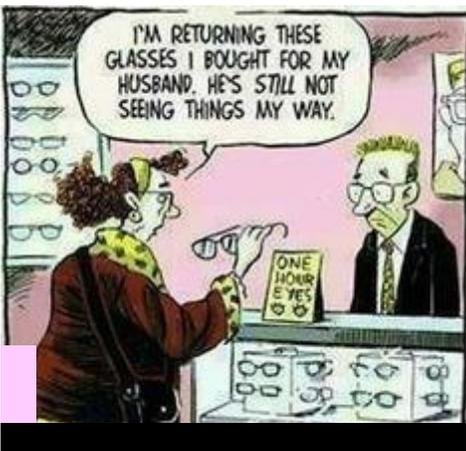
Bidding

- **The system won't let me pass!** If you have the level (1 through 7) highlighted, you will be unable to pass/double/redouble. Click on the highlighted numeral to remove the highlight, then make the desired call.
- **My explanation keeps disappearing!** If you alert your bid as you make it but go back later to explain, there is a bug in the system where subsequent table actions will erase any text that you have typed into the explanation box. If you include your explanation with your call or when it is your turn to act, then this will not occur. (We have reported this issue to LoveBridge.)
- **Where is the undo button?** While there is no undo button, every call made is followed by a brief cancellation time period. A cancel button will appear immediately below the call selected in the top center portion of the screen. If you cancel within the time period, your bidding panel will reappear for you to select the intended call. If you do not cancel within the time period, summon a director (hit red TD whistle) to request an undo.

Play

1. **Why can't I click on a card?** The default setting for LoveBridge is neither a tap/click nor a double tap/click. The default setting is a drag-and-drop motion where the player pulls a card to the gray box in the center of the screen and releases to play the card. If the "pulled" card is not the intended one, the player can drag it back to the hand and select another card. **We recommend this setting while players are getting accustomed to the system.** Players may change this setting to double tap/click if desired, but we strongly discourage single tap/click settings.
2. **Whose turn is it?** In the bidding or play of the hand, the player's direction letter (N S E W) will be white inside of the circle when it is the player's turn. This is a very subtle change from the normal pale blue letter.
3. **How do I claim?** During the play, you may click the larger red box below the TD whistle to claim. If the claim button is grayed out (not available), you either already contributed a card to the current trick or you are dummy.

How do I see the bidding once play has started? A player is not entitled to the entire auction once they have played to trick 1. If you have not yet played to trick one, the auction will be in the lower left corner. Click on it to enlarge to the center area. Click the double gray arrows in the bottom right of the center area to send it back to the corner. Similarly, this is how a player may see the cards from the previous trick (prior to playing to current trick).



29
NORTH
ALL

♠ A Q T 9 4
♥ 6 3
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 9 7 5

♠ J 6 2
♥ K 7 4
♦ A J
♣ K T 8 3 2

♠ 5 3
♥ Q J 8 5
♦ K Q T 8 5
♣ A J

♠ K 8 7
♥ A T 9 2
♦ 7 6 2
♣ Q 6 4

Par: -140

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	1	2	3	6	3
EW	9	10	9	7	7

Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	1	=	★
NS EW									
1	Rosenthal	Moss	Open	3N	W	♠Q	-2	200	
			Closed	3N	W	♠Q	-2	200	
3	Lewis	Henner	Open	3N	E	♥9	=	600	
			Closed	5♦	E	♠7	-1	100	

On Board 29 in Wednesday's Mixed USA1 Final and USA2 SemiFinal, both tables in the Final played in 3NT from West, North leading the SQ. N/S collected the first five spade tricks plus their heart ace for down two!

In the USA2 SemiFinal, Disa and Itabashi found the 5-2 diamond fit and played in game there. Wildavsky led a spade to his partner and she returned a spade, Adam winning the king. He exited his hand with a diamond, but Disa had no where to put her heart loser and the game failed one trick.

Doub/Starr were the only lucky East/West in the group. Doub opened a 12-14 1NT on the East!! Cards. Linda Lewis passed and Yiji Starr jumped to 3NT. This put South on lead. Not holding the spades, Linda led the H9. Doub let this ride to his queen. He figured it was now or never for the vulnerable game so he played the H5 right back at Lewis. Linda ducked, hoping there was a wrong guess available. Doub took the HK and cashed five diamonds and two clubs to come to nine cashers!

12 IMPs to Henner

Seniors: Please help yourself to any printed copies of earlier Bulletins from the Open, Women's and Mixed that you find in the Break Room. We were not certain how many players prefer the online editions since the J Lall events and we printed more than we needed. Those Bulletins, like this one, contain games and puzzles that might be fun to work on when you are sitting out or have some spare time and want to read the hand write-ups or the news.

Ed.