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X Board 40 Dealer W None Vul		♠ Q Nickell ♥ AJ8 ♦ AKJ84 ♣ 6542		NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ N 6 3 3 11 9 S 6 3 3 11 9 E 6 8 9 2 3 W 6 8 9 2 3 Par +300 5♥X-2 EW NS: 15 + 7 = 22 HCP EW: 12 + 6 = 18 HCP	
Beatty ♠ A8652 ♥ Q7642 ♦ 2 ♣ 93		Aker ♠ KJ94 ♥ K1093 ♦ 73 ♣ AJ8			
		Katz ♠ 1073 ♥ 5 ♦ Q10965 ♣ KQ107			
NS		EW		Contract	
frickell & ralph		jeff aker & Steve BEATTY		4♥ = E	
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“Trials” and Tribulations

On Friday night, Nickell and Katz practiced against Beatty and Aker on RealBridge. Board 40 prompted some interesting analysis.

After the play, Katz said that if Nickell had doubled 4D, he would have taken the save in 5D... a very good save since the position of the CJ permits N/S to take 11 tricks to make the game.

Nickell said he considered it but thought he might have too much defense to suggest a save.

Both were right in their thinking. 4H could have been defeated.

Katz chose what turned out to be an unfortunate diamond lead against 4H (but given the bidding could he have reasonably done anything else?)

Had Ralph led a double dummy spade, Aker could have won it but when he tried to pull trump, Nickell can rise with the HA and underlead his DAK to Katz's queen for a spade ruff, the defense collecting 1 heart, 1 spade ruff, 1 diamond and 1 club for down one.

Bridge is filled with tough decisions and that's what keeps us playing! Good luck to Katz and Nickell in the Open and Beatty and Aker in the Seniors. Beatty and Aker are on Senior Team Bramley with Bart and Kit, Fred Stewart and Larry Robbins. Nickell and Katz are on Open Team Nickell with Greco, Hampson, Levin and Steve Weinstein.

Ed. Note: With delayed broadcasting, it is challenging to watch every hand for write ups. If anyone has a particularly interesting hand, please send me the board # & match # with any essential details. I will do my best to review and include it. Email to stan-subeck@prodigy.net. Thank you!

W	N	E	S
P	1♦	X	3♦
4♦	P	4♥	P
P	P		



Open Teams Entered

Bailey	Bill Bailey, Capt Daniel Korbel Kevin Rosenberg		Josh Donn Roger Lee Brian Platnick	   
Baseggio	Franco Baseggio, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Jiang Gu		Andy Stark Walter Lee Joshua Sher	   
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Fred Stewart John McAllister		Kit Woolsey James Holzhauer Will Watson	   
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Kevin Bathurst Joe Grue		Chip Martel John Hurd Brad Moss	   
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Eric Rodwell David Grainger		Mike Passell Doug Simson Joel Wooldridge	   
Han	Yanong Han, Capt Jeff Fang Ming Sheng		Wanfeng Mou Tien-Chun Yang Jack Zhao	   
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Gary Cohler Alan Sontag		Claude Vogel Billy Cohen Peter Weichsel	   
Kaplan	Adam Kaplan, Capt Eddie Wold		Finn Kolesnik Adam Grossack	   
Kovachev	Val Kovachev, Capt Jacob Morgan		Charlie Wilkins Venkatrao Koneru	   
McNay	Ewan McNay, Capt Max Schireson Olivia Schireson		Harrison Luba Debbie Rosenberg	   
Nickell	Nick Nickell Eric Greco Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	 	Ralph Katz Geoff Hampson Steve Weinstein	   
Parrish	Adam Parrish, Capt Phil Clayton		Anant Rathi Danny Sprung	   
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Michael Rosenberg		Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Zach Grossack	   
Shourie	Rajath Shourie, Capt John Kranyak Shan Huang	 	Gavin Wolpert Vince Demuy Kevin Dwyer	   
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Chris Compton		Steve Robinson Ron Smith	   
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Zia Mahmood		Steve Garner Jeff Meckstroth Michael Kamil	   
















Mixed Teams Entered

Abernethy	Shawn Abernethy, Capt Mike Christensen	Brian Zaugg Becky Stevens
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Kit Woolsey Cheri Bjerkan	Kitty Cooper JoAnna Stansby Larry Robbins
Caprera	Dave Caprera, Capt Sheila Gabay Carrie Liu	Anne Brenner Maxim Silin Alex Kolesnik
Chow	Helen Chow, Capt Ron Smith	Nicole Qian Philip Wang
Ding	Hong Ding, Capt Lin-huan Chen	Chris Compton Ding-hwa Hsieh
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Adam Grossack Radu Nistor	Yoko Sobel Emma Kolesnik Raluca Dobrescu
Ge	Xin Ge, Capt Ming Sheng Michael Rosenberg	Irina Levitina Amber Lin Debbie Rosenberg
Gu	Jiang Gu, Capt Douglas Doub John Miller	Xiaowen Li Yiji Brennan Lynn Shannon
Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Bronia Jenkins Kristen Onsgard	Uday Ivatury Steve Garner Adam Wildavsky
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Jenni Carmichael Disa Eythorsdottir	Linda Lewis Tom Carmichael Mark Itabashi
Li	Music Li, Capt Ann Romeo	Qinqin Zhang Ray Miller
Millens	Shan Huang, Capt Kevin Dwyer Sandra Rimstedt	Joan Millens Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Dana Berkowitz	Migry Campanile Olivia Schireson Eldad Ginossar
Rubenstein	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Zach Grossack Vince Demuy	Anam Tebha Giorgia Botta Jenny Wolpert



No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.

This applies to players AND kibitzers.

Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.

Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.

The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



Senior Teams Entered

Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Fred Stewart Jeff Aker	Kit Woolsey Larry Robbins Steve Beatty
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Mark Aquino	Bob Bitterman Geof Brod
Compton	Chris Compton, Capt Ron Smith Alan Sontag	Richard Leonardon Billy Miller Peter Weichsel
Falk	Allan Falk, Capt Barry Rigal Marc Zwerling	John Lusky Doug Simson Ron Rubin
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Venkatrao Koneru Billy Cohen	Mike Passell Jim Krekorian Gary Cohler
Hamman	Mitch Dunitz, Capt Bob Hamman Mark Itabashi	Ifti Baqai Neil Chambers Neil Silverman
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Zia Mahmood Eddie Wold	Reese Milner Bobby Levin Eric Rodwell
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bernie Greenspan	Lance Kerr Fred Schenker
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Ron Gerard	Douglas Doub Mark Lair
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz	Steve Garner Larry Cohen



Women's Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Sandra Rimstedt Debbie Rosenberg	Olivia Schireson Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt Amber Lin
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Disa Eythorsdottir	Jenni Carmichael Arti Bhargava
Zhang	Susan Zhang, Capt Janice Molson Kerri Sanborn	Sylvia Shi Jenny Wolpert Jill Meyers



Open Team Tournament Schedule

Date	Time (CDT)	Boards
4/24	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
	3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Lunch Break
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
4/25	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
	5:45 - 7:45	75 minute Lunch Break
4/26	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
4/27	10:00 - 12:00	75 minute Lunch Break
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
4/28	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
	12:15 - 2:15	75 minute Break
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
4/29	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
	3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
4/30	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
	5:45 - 7:45	75 minute Break
5/1	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
5/2	10:00 - 12:00	75 minute Break
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
5/3	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
	12:15 - 2:15	75 minute Break
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
5/4	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
	3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
5/5	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
	5:45 - 7:45	75 minute Break
5/5	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 6 Boards 16-30

Women's Team Schedule

Beth Palmer WOMEN'S SCHEDULE			
3 Team Round Robin			
Saturday	May 3	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-7 & 8-14
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 15-21 & 22-28
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 29-35 & 36-42
Sunday	May 4	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 4 Boards 43-49 & 50-56
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 5 Boards 1-7 & 8-14
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 6 Boards 15-21 & 22-28
		5:45 - 7:45	75 minute break
Monday	May 5	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 7 Boards 29-35 & 36-42
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 8 Boards 43-49 & 50-56
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 9 Boards 1-7 & 8-14
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 10 Bds 15-21 & 22-28
		10:00 - 12:00	75 minute break
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 11 Bds 29-35 & 36-42
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 12 Bds 43-49 & 50-56
		5:45 - 7:45	

Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

Round of 16 (with 14 teams, two teams have byes)			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Wednesday	May 7	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
Thursday	May 8	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		Quarterfinal (USA2 Stage 1 KO or Round Robin)	
		Friday	May 9
12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30		
	75 minute Break		
3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45		
Saturday	May 10	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		Semifinal & USA2 Stages 2 & 3	
		Sunday	May 11
12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30		
	75 minute Break		
3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45		
Monday	May 12	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5/1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6/2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7/3 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8/4 Boards 46-60
		Final & USA2 Quarterfinal & Semifinal	
		Tuesday	May 13
12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 46-60		
	75 minute Break		
3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 61-75		
Wednesday	May 14	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 76-90
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5/1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6/2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7/3 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8/4 Boards 46-60
		USA2 Final	
		Thursday	May 15
12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30		
	75 minute Break		
3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45		
Friday	May 16	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60

Tough Tom Swifties...

"I'm wearing my wedding ring," said Tom with abandon.
 "Everything Albert says is so obvious," said Tom altruistically.

"It's a unit of electric current," said Tom amply.

"The number of people not attending class today really bothers me," said the professor absent-mindedly.

It weighs one-sixteenth of an pound, Tom announced.

"I like modern painting," said Tom abstractly.

"Now THAT's worth stealing," said Tom abstractly.

"We had trouble with the propulsion systems for those moon flights," said the NASA engineer apologetically.

"This is the first step towards my thesis," said Tom abstractly.

"Here's the story of the Liberty Bell," Tom told us appealingly.

"The executioner has received the tool he needs," said Tom with a heavy accent.

"My compliments to the company that makes the Macintosh computer," said Tom applaudingly.

"Let's all play an A, a C#, and an E," cried the band with one accord.

"I'm of greater value to you every day," said Tom appreciatively.

"I got this ballpoint pen from a Yugoslav friend," said Tom acerbically.

"I'll take that," said Tom appropriately.

"Aye, every inch!" said Lear achingly.

"2 bdrm furn w 5 appl," said Tom aptly.

"This salad dressing has too much vinegar," said Tom acidly.

"We can't have this and eat it too," said Tom archaically.

"All right -- we'll use a water solution," Tom acquiesced.

"I always eat at McDonald's," said Tom archly.

"I like fuzzy bunnies," gurgled Tom acutely.

"I do not have flat feet!" said Tom archly.

"I insist on naming the first male insect," said Tom adamantly.

"You have the right to remain silent," said Tom arrestingly.

"There's room for one more," Tom admitted.

"I've had it up to here with Post-Modern Expressionism," said the goat artfully.

"Here's your allowance for the next two weeks," Tom advanced.

"Yes, I agree to smell like a donkey," Tom assented.

"It's not a candy mint, it's a breath mint," Tom asserted.

"The jelly is 50% set," Tom affirmed.

"Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays I sleep in a wigwam; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and weekends I sleep in a teepee," said Tom very attentively.

"Why can't I kill any of those Rebel scum?" asked Tom the Stormtrooper aimlessly.



Senior Schedule

Round robin

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	May 17	10:00 - 8:00
Sunday	May 18	10:00 - 8:00

USA1 Semifinal and USA2 Stage 1

Day	Date	Time	Boards
Monday	May 19	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
Tuesday	May 20	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60

USA1 final and USA2 Quarterfinal

Day	Date	Time	Boards
Wednesday	May 21	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
Thursday	May 22	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60

USA2 Semifinal

Day	Date	Time	Boards
Friday	May 23	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
Saturday	May 24	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60

USA2 final

Day	Date	Time	Boards
Sunday	May 25	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
Monday	May 26	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60

Lovebridge practice sessions (Ask at site for location)

Day	Date	Time (CDT)
Wednesday	April 23	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Sunday, Tuesday, or Friday	April 27 or 29, or May 2	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday	May 6	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday	May 16	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS On Zoom

Event	Day	Date	Time (CDT)
Open	Wednesday	April 23	9:00 PM
Women's	Friday	May 2nd	9:00 PM
Mixed	Tuesday	May 6	9:00 PM
Senior	Friday	May 16	9:00 PM

Delayed Kibitzing Throughout the USBC

[You can watch the Open, Mixed, & Senior USBCs on the LoveBridge website.](#) Live Vugraph is delayed for 30 minutes until all tables have completed play on a board.

Live video commentary of Finals

Rob Barrington will be hosting full day video commentary coverage of the second day of the USA1 & USA2 Finals of each event on the USBF YouTube channel with post-game highlights.

Video commentary will be at 11:30 AM and 5:00 PM EDT, on the following dates:

May 1, Open USA1 Final, and USA2 Quarterfinal, May 5, Open USA2 Final, May 14, Mixed USA1 Final, and USA2 Semifinal, May 16, Mixed USA2 Final, May 22, Senior USA1 Final and USA2 Quarterfinal, May 25, Senior USA2 Final

Highlights after each stage of each event

Experts will join Rob for chat after each session. BridgeCasts will be posted on the USBF YouTube channel the morning after each segment ends:

●● 4/26 - Open Round of 16, 4/28 - Open USA1 Quarterfinal & USA2 Stage 1; 5/1 - Open USA1 Semifinal & day 1 of Final & USA2 Stage 2 & day 1 of Quarterfinal; 5/5 - Open USA2 Semifinal & day 1 of Final.

●● 5/9 - Mixed Round of 16: 5/11 - Mixed USA1 Quarterfinal and USA2 Stage 1; 5/12 - Mixed USA1 Semifinal at the half & USA2 Stage2; 5/19 - Senior Round Robin; 5/21 - Senior USA1 Semifinal & USA2 Stage 1.

5/22 - Day 1 of Senior USA1 Final and USA2 Semifinal 5/25 - Day 1 of Senior USA2 Final

Kibitzing Schedule (EDT) ... For all KO days of the 2025 USBCs, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT

Segment 2: 1:45 pm EDT

Segment 3: 5:00 pm EDT

Segment 4: 7:15 pm EDT

For Round Robin days, each kibitzing segment will start 30 minutes after play starts.

Play Schedules (CDT):

[Main play schedule.](#)

[Mixed USBC USA2 Round Robin Schedule.](#)

[Senior USBC USA2 Round Robin Schedule.](#)



"Pass"ing the time,
With VuGraph, not boring
Watching my friends
Hoping they're scoring!

Beth Palmer Women's USBC Kibitzing will be on [RealBridge](#): To watch, log on to the kibitz page, which will take you to the kibitzing lobby. Click on the table you want to watch. For more information, go to [this RealBridge page](#). The Schedule for the Beth Palmer Women's USBC is [here](#). Kibitzing will start 30 minutes after each segment starts.

More information about LoveBridge kibitzing... Set up your screen as you like it best.

You will see a **single table** if you click on the blue arrow on the scores page with buttons for more info.

Match View will show you two tables of a match side by side on your screen;

Split View will give you 4 panes and you can put whatever you want in each of them.

Click on Buttons to get interesting information:

●● The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board;

●● the arrow in the bottom right corner 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.

NEW THIS YEAR: Written commentary will show in a large area on the left of the screen in Single Table view and at the top of the screen in Match View. If you are interesting in providing written commentary, please [email Jan](#) and she will get you authorized.

Navigation icons:

While surfing on the vugraph, or amongst the archives, you can 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. 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.

How to find System Information: If you want to look at a pair's System Summary Form or ACBL Convention card, just go to the Teams Entered page and click on either player's name.



2025 USBC Hospitality

We have returned to our pre-pandemic hospitality, with the hospitality suite (room 2321) open most of the day for you to hang out, watch Vugraph, get a snack, or whatever. In addition, we will be providing breakfast and lunch each day of play. Marie France Benoit will be our lead hostess, with help from Jacob Morgan, Marge Morgan, Shanika Cunningham, Hal George, and Nancy Booth. If you're at the tournament and can volunteer to help with hospitality (mainly picking up last-minute things at Costco and other local stores) please let Jan or Marie France know.

Breakfast: From 8:30-10:30 am. There will be the usual breakfast food, cereal, bagels, toast, salmon, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. So long as the suite doesn't become too crowded, you are welcome to eat there. No masking requirement.

Lunch: On the first four days of the Open and Mixed USBCs we will be serving a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. There should be enough room for you to eat in the restaurant, but you are also welcome to take food from there to an outside table or to your hotel room. Lunch will be served from 1:45-3:45. After the first 4 days of each event and for all of the Seniors, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite from 1:45-3:45. There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, berries, cookies or other desserts.

There is a water dispenser in the room, and we have refillable water bottles for you in room 1321 (we'll put a label with your name on yours). Soft drinks will be available in refrigerators. As with breakfast, you are welcome to eat in the hospitality suite unless it is too crowded.

Let us know what you want: If you have specific needs, please let our hosts know and they will do their very best to provide food that meets your needs.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We have a water dispenser in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. We ask that you recognize that we are working in that room, and others are still playing in the rooms next door and across the hall, so please try to keep voices low.

Masks will be required in playing rooms only if your screenmate asks you to wear one. You do not have to put on a mask when you summon a director or ask someone to bring you coffee or water or escort you outside to smoke.



Marie France



Massages - Message from Jan Martel...

Once again this year, our wonderful massage therapist Ela will come to the hotel any day that there are 3-5 people who want massages. Her schedule will probably be mostly during playing hours, with one or two times after the end of play. I think she's still charging \$100 for an hour's massage. If you let me know a day or two before you want a massage, I will try to make it work.

Jan



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Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

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Sudoku 2

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Humor...

I was going to go on an expensive vacation with a classical pianist, but he was too baroque.

Mom asked me to put ketchup on the grocery list, and now I can't read what else is on it.

Can anyone tell me what oblivious means, because I have no idea.

My friend couldn't pay his water bill, so I sent him a "get well soon" card.

Does anybody know where a dad can find a person to talk to and hang out with? Asking for a friend.

Lance isn't that common a name these days, but in medieval times, they were called lance-a-lot.



After dinner Mom asked if I could clear the table. I needed a running start, but I made it.

I want to name my puppies Rolex and Timex so I can have watch dogs.

I love telling Dad jokes. Sometimes, he even laughs.

Please be "scent"sitive! Many players have allergies and have trouble breathing when perfumed aromas are present! Thank you!!



Radiohead Songs

Find and circle all of the Radiohead songs that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional song by Radiohead.

P R A T S U A F T H E T O U R I S T
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U O P R O V E Y O U R S E L F R E R
L R R G A X E A A B R N H E E G S T
O D H A N D E I L E M I N I R N R S
R P H U U I R L C L G I P U M O E U
A M T N N B R K E H I P L O O S H J
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| AIRBAG | HIGH AND DRY | MORNING BELL | PYRAMID SONG |
| ALL I NEED | HUNTING BEARS | MY IRON LUNG | RECKONER |
| BLACK STAR | IN LIMBO | NICE DREAM | RIPCORD |
| BLOW OUT | JUST | NO SURPRISES | SULK |
| BODYSNATCHERS | KARMA POLICE | NUDE | THE BENDS |
| BONES | KID A | OPTIMISTIC | THE TOURIST |
| CREEP | KNIVES OUT | PARANOID ANDROID | TREEFINGERS |
| ELECTIONEERING | LET DOWN | PLANET TELEX | VEGETABLE |
| FAUST ARP | LUCKY | PROVE YOURSELF | VIDEOTAPE |
| FITTER HAPPIER | LURGEE | | |



Put your heart
in the game!

A History of the WBF... excerpted from worldbridge.org

The World Bridge Federation was formed **on 18th August 1958 in Oslo, Norway**, by delegates from **Europe, USA and South America**. **In Orlando in September 2018 the WBF celebrated its 60th anniversary.**

Baron Robert de Nexon, from France, an inspiring figure in bridge, was elected as first President.

Charles J. Solomon, from USA (1964-1968) succeeded him as President, followed by **Count Carl Bonde**, from Sweden (1968-1970).

With the election of **Julius Rosenblum** in 1970, the WBF started to assume the mantle of a real **World Organization**. Rosenblum strongly believed that bridge needed to have a visible central organization with a global reach rather than conducting its affairs on a local or continental basis. When in 1976 Rosenblum decided to retire for health reasons, **Jaime Ortiz-Patiño** from Switzerland, was elected President.

Under his guidance the WBF started its modern era and in **August 1977** was incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York as a **“not for profit”** organization. The Federation cast off the mantle of a paternalistic organization and was re-structured as an **International Federation** devoted to offering its member countries (NBOs) the best possible service. The stimulation given by Ortiz-Patiño to building the organizational and administrative structure, to developing the discipline and its image, to introducing new rules and a rigid code of ethics is still effective even today. When he left the WBF in 1986 he was elected President Emeritus by acclamation for his exceptional services to bridge.

Denis Howard, from Australia, succeeded him to the Presidency from 1986 to 1990.

Re-elected for a second term, Howard resigned in January 1991 following a crisis within the world of bridge. **Ernesto d’Orsi**, from Brazil, who had distinguished himself as a leading bridge administrator succeeded him in 1991 and 1992 and successfully steered the WBF through this difficult and delicate situation. In August 1992 he left the chair to **Robert S. Wolff**, from the USA, one of the most successful players in the history of bridge. In August 1994, when **José Damiani**, from France, was elected President.

he completely changed the way forward, both for the WBF and Bridge itself. Under his leadership, following its initial recognition as an International Organization in 1995 pursuant to Article 29 of the Olympic Charter, the WBF **was recognized by the International Olympic Committee** as an International Sports Federation in 1999. **In October 2000 in Monaco**, the World Bridge Federation was admitted as a **member of the GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations – Olympic and non-Olympic)** at the General Assembly of this Association.

The WBF became a member of **ARISF (Association of Recognized International Sport Federations)** and in **October 2002** moved its headquarters to Lausanne (Switzerland). The WBF is one of the **founding members of IMSA (International Mind Sports Association)** which was formed on 19 April 2005. The WBF is recognized by **FISU (International University Sport Federation)**, which organizes the World University Bridge Championship every two years and **UNESCO (United Nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)** and is Code Signatory of **WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency)**.

When **José Damiani** left the chair in November 2010, he introduced new concepts of communication and information, which attracted media, sponsors and supporters; improving technological systems to manage and run the Championships and other competitions, creating new events in which players of all categories could participate, and developing youth bridge, constantly supporting & improving teaching of bridge and creating the opportunity for school children to be taught bridge from an early age.

Gianarrigo Rona, from Italy, former First Vice-President and EBL President (1999-2010) was elected WBF President in São Paulo September 2009 and took the chair in Philadelphia in November 2010.

Under the Rona Presidency, the WBF Headquarters was settled in Lausanne, Switzerland, employing personnel and finalizing the requirements for incorporation under Swiss Law. The structure and the legal status of the WBF were clearly defined. **The Disciplinary Code, the Eligibility Code, the Code of Ethics, the Dress Code, the Players Commitment Form, the Reviewer, substituting the Appeal Committee, the Antibetting Regulations, the WBF Sentencing Guidelines, the HLPC Express Line** were adopted as well as the **Tournament Directors Official Register and Rules & Regulations**. Afterwards, the **Sport Integrity Declaration** and the **IOC Code of Prevention** were introduced.

The **Constitution** and the **By-Laws** were updated in conformity with the **Olympic Charter** and the **IOC Principles**, respecting the fundamental principles of democracy, transparency and separation



of powers. **Disciplinary Organs** consisting of a **Disciplinary Panel**, an **Antidoping Hearing Panel** and the **WBF Tribunal** were instituted with autonomous competence and jurisdiction on juridical and disciplinary matters.

The format of the World Bridge Games was modified with the introduction of the **National Pairs Championship**, following the **National Teams Championship**, as well as the format of the **World Bridge Series with Mixed, Open, Women and Seniors** events both for teams and in addition **World National Teams Championship** was expanded with the introduction of the **National Mixed Teams** and an increase in the number of the qualified teams. In the **Youth Championship** new categories of **Girls** (up to 25) and **Kids** (up to 15) were added to the already existing **Juniors** (up to 25) and **Youngsters** (up to 20). In Orlando in 2018 the E.C. decided to rename the youth categories in **Under 26 Open, Under 26 Women, Under 21 and Under 16**.

Great attention was given to the development of bridge with particular emphasis on youth and school bridge and the **Youth Fund** and the **Development Fund** were instituted to accomplish and support the objective. **The World Youth Online Bridge Teams Championship** was launched as well the **WBF Online Robot Tournaments** and periodic **Zonal Seminars for Officers and Zonal Courses for Tournament Directors**.

“Bridge is a Sport and, as such, its place is here like other Sports” declared the **IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch** on 7 September 1998 at the Opening of the 1st IOC Grand Prix for Bridge at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, on realizing that he was watching a true competition.

In August 2018 Bridge had the great privilege and honor, thanks to the efforts done by Mr. **Michael Bambang Hartono**, Chairman of the Indonesian Bridge Federation and M.me **Esther Chodchoy Sophonpanich**, APBF President. to be included and compete in the **Asian Olympic Games in Jakarta, Indonesia**, together with all the other Sports.

In Orlando on 27th September 2018 the Congress approved new **WBF Statutes** and endorsed the new **WBF By-Laws**, provided by the Executive Council, not only in conformity with the Olympic Charter and the IOC Principles, but also respecting the fundamental principles of democracy, transparency and separation of the powers.

For purposes of administration and furtherance of its objectives and to comply with the International Olympic Committee's principles of the five IOC rings, the WBF structure is divided into **five geographical Continental Conferences** identical to the IOC's five rings. For organizational reasons the WBF established zones within each of the five Continents which, although part of a Continent, shall be entitled to have at least one member on the Executive and berths at the WBF Championships. Each zone has its own Zonal Conference of its member NBOs, organizing, managing and administering its activity and conducting both its own zonal competitions and those delegated to it by the WBF. The eight Zonal Conferences are:

Zone 1 – Europe – European Bridge League – EBL

Zone 2 – North America – North American Bridge Federation – NABF

Zone 3 – South America – Confederacion Sudamericana de Bridge – CSB

Zone 4 – Asia and the Middle East – Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East – BFAME

Zone 5 – Central America and Caribbean – Central American & Caribbean Bridge Federation – CACBF

Zone 6 – Asia Pacific – Pacific Asia Bridge Federation – PABF

Zone 7 – Oceania – South Pacific Bridge Federation – SPBF

Zone 8 – Africa – African Bridge Federation – ABF

The WBF has shown strong, steady growth and its membership now comprises **116 National Bridge Organizations** with approximately 1.000,000 affiliated members who participate actively in competitive bridge events (locally, nationally and internationally).

Each NBO agrees to fulfill certain requirements, such as opening its ranks to all its citizens and residents and upholding a standard of ethics acceptable to the WBF.

The **WBF Executive Council** consists of the **President**, who acts as Chairman, **17 Members**, elected from the eight WBF Zonal Conferences, **2 Members** elected from the **High Level Players Commission** and, starting in 2020, **3 Members** elected from the Congress. **The President/s Emeritus** and the **General Counsel** are non-voting members of the Executive Council.

“Bridge for Peace” is the official motto of the World Bridge Federation which is partner of **“Peace and Sport”**,

Logic Puzzle ...

		Video Games							Buyers							Prices						
Years		AWOL Alert	Blaster Boy	Countershot	Gator Attack	Magic Marbles	Troop Seven	Victorforce	Bruce	Gene	Phillip	Raul	Tommy	William	Zachary	\$35	\$50	\$55	\$60	\$70	\$75	\$80
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Years	Video Games	Buyers	Prices
1983			
1984			
1985			
1986			
1987			
1988			
1989			

- The game that came out in 1984 didn't sell for \$70.
- Neither the game bought by Tommy nor the video game that sold for \$50 is the video game that came out in 1985.
- The one bought by Raul came out 3 years before the one bought by William.
- The video game that sold for \$55 came out 3 years before Gator Attack.
- Neither Gator Attack nor the game that came out in 1988 is the game bought by Zachary.
- Magic Marbles didn't come out in 1988.
- The one that sold for \$80 came out 1 year before the one that sold for \$50.
- The one bought by Phillip came out 2 years after Blaster Boy.
- Troop Seven came out 2 years before the game bought by Raul.
- Of the one that came out in 1983 and the one that came out in 1988, one sold for \$60 and the other was purchased by William.
- Of the video game bought by Tommy and Gator Attack, one sold for \$75 and the other came out in 1984.
- Countershot came out 4 years after the video game bought by Gene.
- AWOL Alert came out 1 year after the video game bought by Gene.

Meet the Players



This bio appears on Bridge Base Online and was written by Michael Rosenberg, one of the two Rosenbergs who have partnered the great Zia successfully!

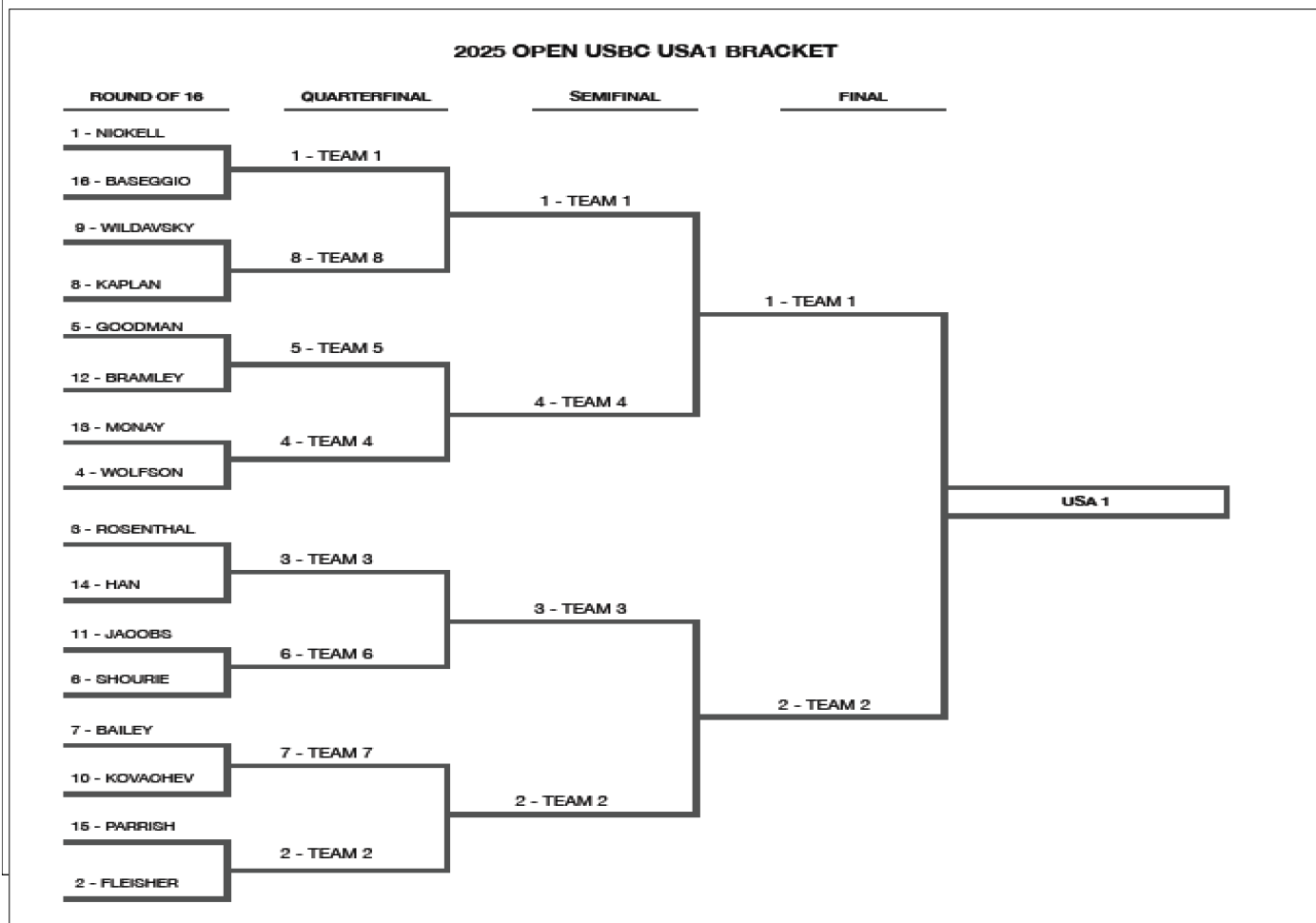
Zia Mahmood, known mostly as simply “Zia” is in less need of a biography than any other world-class bridge player. His name is probably the best known in the game, and his countless successes have been widely publicized.

His triumphs have come with many different partners. It seems that he plays each National Pair game with a different partner, yet his name is always up there on the leaderboard - often on top. And lest you think his main skill is taking advantage of some of the weaker parts of the field, you should note that he has won the prestigious invitational Cap Gemini tournament (which no longer exists, but was the premier pairs event in the world) SIX times, with 4 different partners.

Almost nobody can play the game on Zia's level, and just occasionally he reminds his partners of that fact. However, there is some relief for these poor souls. A support group has been formed - ziaanon - and the sharing at the twice-monthly meetings has been enough to prevent permanent scarring on the psyche of those who have had the fortune (?) of sitting opposite Zia.

P.S. For more information on Zia, read his book "Bridge My Way" - or, better still, read MY book "Bridge, Zia.... and Me"

What Michael left out of this bio was a reference to Zia's high level of ethics and his commitment to “cleaning up the game.” When the efforts to ferret the cheating began in 2015, Zia loudly, in a World Bridge Federation meeting, declared how important this was and he promised to make it a focus going forward. He has held to that in every event he has played since. Zia is an all-around great guy and great bridge player (though Michael is right... Zia can be tough on partners!)



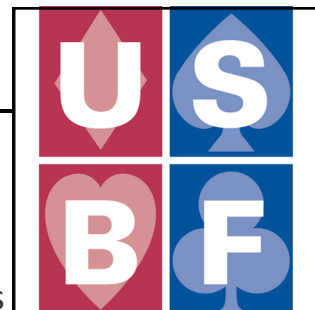
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Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 9

Answer to Sudoku 1 Answer to Sudoku 2

USBF Supporting Membership



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

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

The USBF is an **all-volunteer** organization.

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

We're renovating the house, and the first floor is going great, but the second floor is another story.

I'm reading an anti-gravity book, and I just can't put it down!

At first, I thought my chiropractor wasn't any good, but now I stand corrected.

My toddler is refusing to nap. He's guilty of resisting a rest.



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1989	Gator Attack	Bruce	\$75
1988	Victorforce	William	\$50
1987	Countershot	Phillip	\$80
1986	Magic Marbles	Zachary	\$55
1985	Blaster Boy	Raul	\$70
1984	AWOL Alert	Tommy	\$35
1983	Troop Seven	Gene	\$60

Women's Seeding Points

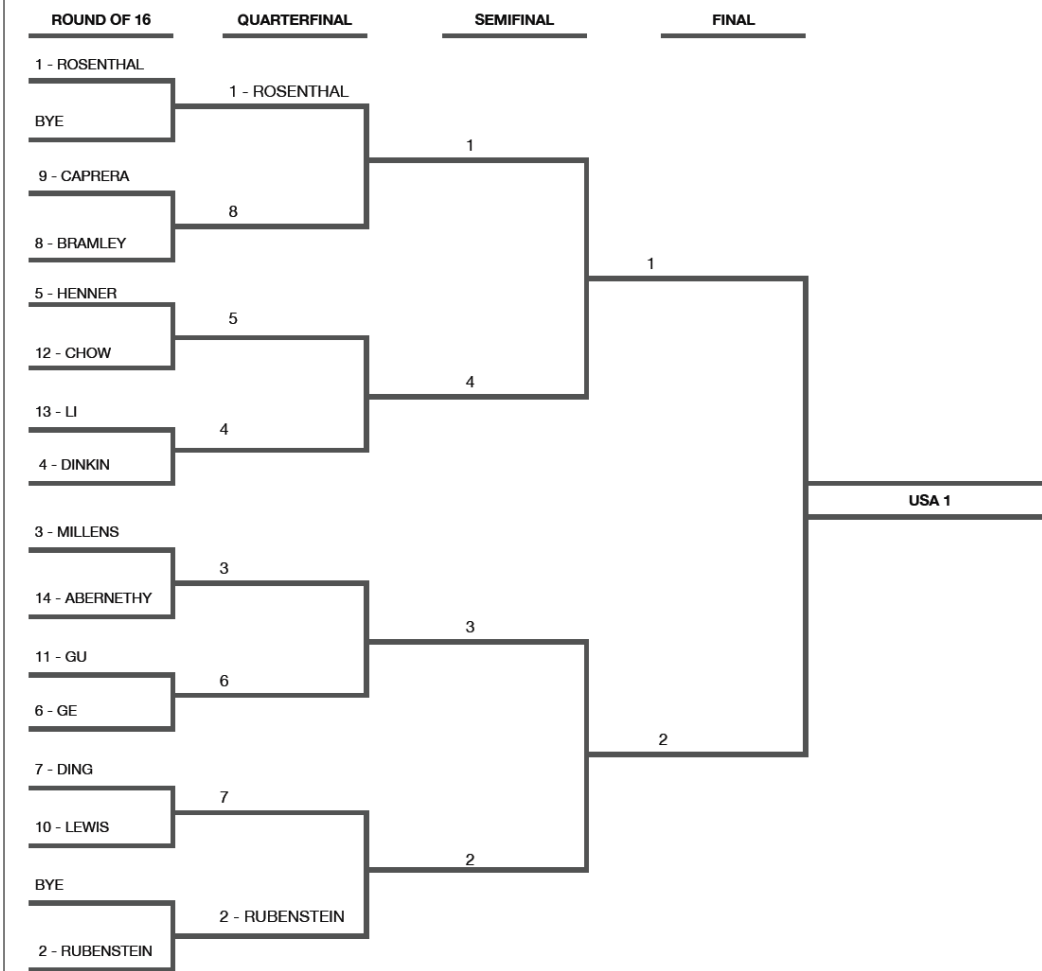
Team Name	Player Name	WIPPs	IPPs
BAKER	Lynn Baker	26.2	12
	Olivia Schireson	10	12
	Sandra Rimstedt	13.5	
	Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt	10	
	Amber Lin	7	
	Debbie Rosenberg		
LEWIS	Linda Lewis	3.5	
	Jenni Carmichael		
	Disa Eythorsdottir	14.7	
	Arti Bhargava		
ZHANG	Susan Zhang		
	Sylvia Shi	5	
	Janice Molson	14.7	
	Jenny Wolpert	3.5	
	Jill Meyers	21.2	
	Kerri Sanborn	26.2	

Team Name	Player Name	MIPPS	IPPs	ACBL SPs	USBC SPs ≤90	T Average SPs
ABERNETHY	Shawn Abernethy			3.23	3.23	
	Brian Zaugg			4.25	4.25	
	Mike Christensen			7.94	7.94	
	Becky Stevens			5.01	5.01	5.11
BRAMLEY	Bart Bramley		8	29.89	37.89	
	Kitty Cooper	2.7		13.71	16.41	
	Kit Woolsey	1	8	25.83	34.83	
	JoAnna Stansby			10.2	10.2	
	Cheri Bjerkan	5		12.17	17.17	
	Larry Robbins			8.1	8.1	20.77
CAPRERA	Dave Caprera	1		16.36	17.36	
	Anne Brenner	1		14.94	15.94	
	Sheila Gabay	4.6		15.25	19.85	
	Alex Kolesnik	1		14.42	15.42	
	Carrie Liu			6.99	6.99	
	Maxim Silim			7.15	7.15	13.79
CHOW	Helen Chow			3.43	3.43	
	Ron Smith	9.4		28.82	38.22	
	Nicole Qian			0.52	0.52	
	Philip Wang			3.52	3.52	11.42
DING	Hong Ding			7.45	7.45	
	Chris Compton		31.5	30.64	62.14	
	Lin-huan Chen			11.65	11.65	
	Ding-hwa Hsieh			11.36	11.36	23.15

Mixed Seeding Points

Sam Dinkin	4.5	35	18.61	58.11	
Yoko Sobel	7		3.69	10.69	
Adam Grossack	9.5	33	51.9	90	
Emma Kolesnik	7		11.66	18.66	
Radu Nistor			16.89	16.89	
Raluca Dobrescu			4.89	4.89	33.21
Xin Ge			4.31	4.31	
Irina Levitina			11.53	11.53	
Ming Sheng			15.66	15.66	
Amber Lin	6.3		13.12	19.42	
Debbie Rosenberg	20.8		11.94	32.74	
Michael Rosenberg	13.8	33.5	60.25	90	28.94
Jiang Gu			16.74	16.74	
Xiaowen Li			5.86	5.86	
Yiji Brennan	4.8		8.24	13.04	
Douglas Doub	4.8		23.74	28.54	
John Miller			8.44	8.44	
Lynn Shannon			7.93	7.93	13.43
Christal Henner	7.1		9.79	16.89	
Uday Ivatury	7.1		9.77	16.87	
Bronia Jenkins	3.5		8.07	11.57	
Steve Garner	5	35	42.94	82.94	
Kristen Onsgard			9.88	9.88	
Adam Wildavsky	4.8		22.61	27.41	27.59
Paul Lewis	4.9		15.75	20.65	
Linda Lewis	4.9		19.14	24.04	
Jenni Carmichael			10.47	10.47	
Tom Carmichael			13.28	13.28	
Disa Eythorsdottir	4.9		16.93	21.83	
Mark Itabashi	4.9		22.35	27.25	19.59

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I used to be able to play piano by ear, but now I have to use my hands.

I failed my calculus exam because I was sitting in the middle of identical twins — I couldn't differentiate between them.

My boss asked me why I only get sick on work days. I said it must be my weekend immune system.

I can tolerate algebra, maybe even a little calculus but geometry is where I draw the line.

My therapist told me I have problems expressing my emotions. Can't say I'm surprised.

I was once a personal trainer, until I gave a too-weak notice.

I just paid \$100 for a belt that doesn't fit — what a huge waist!

I finally watched that documentary on clocks. It was about time.

Bigfoot is sometimes confused for Sasquatch — Yeti never complains.

Your mom and I let astrology get between us. It just Taurus apart.

A guy walked into a bar, and lost the limbo contest.

I wanted to eat a watch for lunch, but it was too time-consuming.



I ordered a chicken and an egg online. I'll let you know what comes first.

It's raining cats and dogs, so be careful not to step in a poodle.

I decided to sell the vacuum cleaner — it was just gathering dust!

My boss told me to have a good day, so I went home!

Mom says I have no sense of direction, so I packed my bags and right.

If money doesn't grow on trees, then why do banks have branches?

Mom is mad at me because she asked me to sync her phone, so I threw it in the ocean.

I'd avoid the sushi if I were you — there's something fishy about it!

I can tell when you're lying just by looking at you. I can also tell when you're standing.

I lost 25% of my roof last night...oof.

RIP, boiling water. You will be mist.

Two guys walked into a bar. The third guy ducked.

I'm so good at sleeping that I can do it with my eyes closed!

I had a dream that I weighed less than a thousandth of a gram. I was like, Omg.

Mom said I should do lunges to stay in shape. That would be a big step forward.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Every time I take my dog to the park, the ducks try to bite him. That's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.

6:30 is my favorite time of day, hands down.

My dog is a genius. I asked him, "What's two minus two?" He said nothing.

I used to run a dating service for chickens, but I was struggling to make hens meet.

Mom texted me to say our Italian restaurant is out of pasta, and now we're penneless.

Justice is a dish best served cold. If it were served warm, it would be justwater.

Most people can't tell the difference between entomology and etymology. I can't find the words for how much this bugs me.

A magician was walking down the street — then he turned into a store.

