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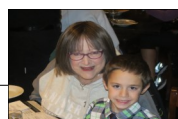
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16	<u>Baseggio</u>	131.25	58	21	31	22	-0.75
2	<u>Fleisher</u>	182	68	25	75	14	
15	<u>Parrish</u>	142	32	27	35	48	
3	<u>Rosenthal</u>	180	52	41	33	54	
14	<u>Han</u>	121	40	29	49	3	
4	<u>Wolfson</u>	149	11	32	71	35	
13	<u>McNay</u>	157	86	37	2	32	
5	<u>Goodman</u>	160	41	12	38	69	
12	<u>Bramley</u>	104	33	49	22	0	
6	<u>Shourie</u>	183	69	33	45	36	
11	<u>Jacobs</u>	129	48	26	30	25	
7	<u>Bailey</u>	187	68	33	28	58	
10	<u>Kovachev</u>	134	41	42	38	13	
8	<u>Kaplan</u>	143	55	23	52	13	
9	<u>Wildavsky</u>	182	40	51	28	63	



From the
hybrid
(online-F2F)
Captains
Meeting
On
Wednesday
Night

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!



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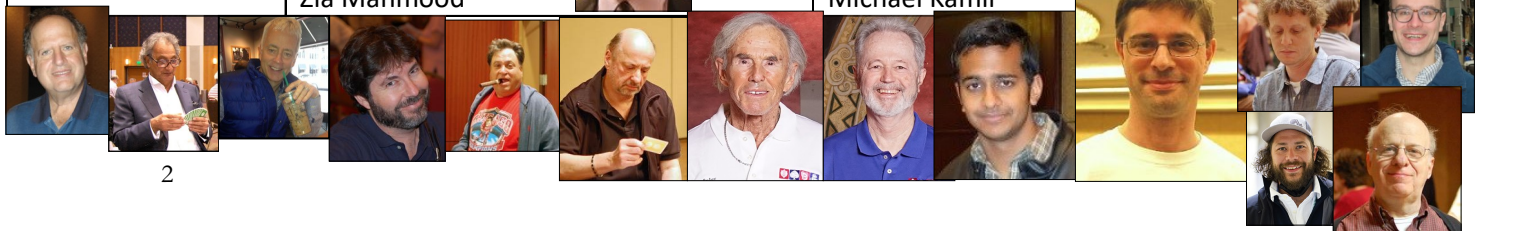
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Open Teams Entered

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
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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
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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
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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
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Thursday	May 8	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	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
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Saturday	May 10	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	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
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Monday	May 12	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	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 31-45
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 46-60
			75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 61-75
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 76-90
Wednesday	May 14	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	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
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Friday	May 16	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...

"Don't give me the gears!" said Tom automatically.

"The atmosphere is primarily nitrogen and oxygen," breathed Tom airily.

"In the beginning voz...", "averred the German preacher.

"Fire!" yelled Tom alarmingly.

"She's mine," averred the Cockney chauvinist.

"I'm halfway up the mountain," Tom alleged.

"I don't want to rewrite this in prose," said Tom aversely.

"There's no need for silence," Tom allowed.

"That city will NEVER be rebuilt," the prophets babble on.

"I just swallowed a fishing lure," said Tom with baited breath.

"I've only enough carpet for the hall and landing," said Tom with a blank stare.

"I'm going to get a hair transplant," said Tom baldly.

", " said Tom blankly.

"This boat leaks," said Tom balefully.

"Those bullets can't hurt me," said Tom blankly.

"I'll get you out of prison in no time," said Tom balefully.

"My giant sea creature died," Tom wailed blubberingly.

"I just ate a block of hay," said Tom balefully.

"I need a pencil sharpener," said Tom bluntly.

"I find panda food confusing," said Tom, bamboozled.OK

"This wind is awful!" blustered Tom.

"I think I'll use a different font," said Tom boldly.

"Boy, will I give YOU a haircut!" said Tom barbarously.

"Dorothy, if you're going to Oz again, I'm going with you," Em barked.

"I still haven't struck oil," said Tom boringly.

"This is mutiny!" said Tom bountifully.

"I keep bumping my head on things," said Tom bashfully.

"My ancestor was a famous Confederate general who had an army fort named after him," Tom bragged.

"This is the most common language used on micros," said Tom basically.

"Take me to the dance," Mary bawled.

"Now no-one can detect my halitosis," said Tom breathlessly.

"I'm losing my hair!" Tom bawled.

"There's a blood-sucking insect in my French cheese," said Tom briefly.

"This meat is hard to chew," Tom beefed jerkily.

"My underpants are too small," said Tom briefly.

"Ouch! When I get stung, I want revenge," said Tom begrudgingly.

"Eating uranium can cause strange effects," said Tom brightly.

"I'm sure we can fool them into thinking this is pollen," said Tom beguilingly.

"Many hands make light work," said Tom brightly.

"This flower's empty," the drone said belatedly.

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Senior Schedule

Round robin			Senior Sched	
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.](#)



The experts play with so much ease,
They know to hook or know to squeeze!

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 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.



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		2			4			3
						7	6	
				9				

Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 15

Sudoku 2

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

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"Take tea and see," said Tom briskly.
 "I am NOT full of hot air," Tom belched.
 "Use your own hair brush," Tom bristled.
 "Get out of here!" said Tom believingly.
 "Get out of my hair," was Tom's brush-off.
 "Let's make this fire hotter!" Tom bellowed.
 "The stock market's going up," said Tom bullishly.
 "I think that those floppy hats are stupid!" Tom berated.
 "That young insect is male," said Tom buoyantly.
 "These bit patterns will be more read-able in groups of 8," said Tom bitingly.
 "This apple is sour!" said Tom bitterly.
 "I hate computers!" exclaimed Tom bytingly.
 "Let me out of this embassy," said Tom disconsolately.
 "Well, that tree definitely isn't a conifer," Tom decided.
 "Someone stole my computer terminal," said Tom disconsolately.
 "X is an integer," Tom declared.
 "I'm a frayed knot," said Tom discordantly.
 "I'm not going to eat any more of those pastries," Tom de-declared.
 "And dat bay is not green," Tom discovered.
 "I've already given you the nominative, vocative, accusative, genitive, dative, and ablative, so I will say no more," Tom declined.
 "Dat is not duh @#\$\$%! way to do it," Tom discussed.



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



Newspaper

Find and circle all of the Newspaper words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

D N A T S S W E N F I R I S S N O I H S A F
N A R T X E M O V I E S W N O T R P E C U B
O L I S N H E E P L S E D I S T E I V U N S
I T S E A E V D E I I T T E N E T T E L E N
T E E N D S M T I V N A R I X C R T N T Y M
P F O L V U T N E T L I C A R H O T T U T U
I E H E E E O R I U O L O E O N P L S R L L
R L F D R V E B C A A R L N S O E T A E C O
C Y A S T O I R I S T P I N T L R I N C U C
S T M B I R I S S T O R S A O O U S O C O E
B S I O S C E I I E U E E L L G P L Y R M L
U E L O E N F H P O N A C T P Y U H U O B L
S F Y K M I O O S I N O R G N M Z T H S I K
S I H S E L L I L I M G N I N E Z L E S E C
D L N D N I E D T I L I U I E E L A C W W A
S P A A T P A V C C K B S I E S E E N O R R
I D N I S E T S A O E T U H D E S H A R U S
S A C I H S T H O R S S E P H E A R N D T F
O S T R O P S C I N T E R V I E W S I R D C
W E A T H E R S S E N I S U B O U R F A N T
L A N O I T A N R E T N I C O M P U T E R S

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| CIRCULATION | EXTRA | LOCAL | SECTIONS |
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| COLUMNISTS | FASHION | NEWSSTAND | SUBSCRIPTION |
| COLUMNS | FINANCE | OBITUARIES | TECHNOLOGY |
| COMICS | HEADLINES | OPINION | TELEVISION GUIDE |
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| COOKING | HOME | POLITICS | WEATHER |
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Whole"heart"edly

About World Bridge...

The **World Bridge Federation** consists of five continents, following the five rings of the Olympic Movement (America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania) and of eight **Zonal Conferences**. Each Zonal Conference administers bridge in its own geographical area, coordinating the **National Federations** of its member countries.



ZONE 1
European Bridge League (EBL)
Founded in 1947 in Copenhagen, by delegates from bridge federations of 8 countries, today it has grown to a confederation of 45 countries covering the geographical area of Europe plus Israel and Lebanon. It is the largest WBF zone as far as membership (**288,846 members**) is concerned.

The NBO’s (National Bridge Organizations within the EBL) and their membership numbers:

1 Austria	2,166	26 Norway	7,551
2 Belgium	5,703	27 Poland	6,357
3 Bosnia & Herzegovina	34	28 Portugal	761
4 Bulgaria	645	29 Romania	402
5 Croatia	716	30 Russia	1,020
6 Cyprus	272	31 San Marino	34
7 Czech Republic	290	32 Scotland	4,476
8 Denmark	16,342	33 Serbia	203
9 England	29,516	34 Slovakia	212
10 Estonia	475	35 Slovenia	304
11 Faroe Islands	125	36 Spain	4,626
12 Finland	1,298	37 Sweden	18,517
13 France	67,207	38 Switzerland	2,688
14 Germany	17,150	39 Turkiye	4,328
15 Greece	5,304	40 Ukraine	146
16 Hungary	306	41 Wales	1,263
17 Iceland	1,417		
18 Ireland	5,835		
19 Israel	5,932		
20 Italy	16,094		
21 Latvia	338		
22 Lithuania	86		
23 Malta	49		
24 Monaco	120		
25 Netherlands	58,538		

Eric Laurent is the current President of the European Bridge League. He is also the 2nd Vice President of the World Bridge Federation.

Zone 2, North America (NABF): Canada, USA, Mexico is the second largest Zone in the World Bridge Federation in terms of membership

Jan Martel is the current president of North American Bridge Federation); Nadar Hanna is the Secretary; Suzi Subeck is the Treasurer.

Zone 2 (NBO’s) and their membership numbers

1 Canada	19,209
2 Mexico	101
3 U.S.A.	108,712

The WBF Executive Committee representatives from Zone 2 include: Adam Wildavsky, Suzi Subeck, A.J. Stephanie, Nadar Hanna, and Gonzalo Herrera.

These membership numbers reference the 2024 year.



Adam and Suzi represent the USBF
A.J. represents the ACBL
Nadar represents Canada (CBF)
Gonzalo represents Mexico (FMB)

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Makeup of the World Bridge Federation... Zones by number with number of member countries... NBO's...

Zone	Organization			Area	Member Countries
1		EBL	European Bridge League	Europe	41
2		NABF	North American	North America	3
3		CSB	Confederacion Sudamericana de Bridge	South America	9
4		BFAME	Bridge Federation of Asia & the Middle East	Asia	10
5		CAC	Central American & Caribbean Bridge Federation	Central America	11
6		APBF	Asia Pacific Bridge Federation	Pacific Asia	11
7		SPBF	South Pacific Bridge Federation	South Pacific	2
8		ABF	African Bridge Federation	Africa	7

Unless otherwise stated, numbers are from 2024...

It is interesting to note that five of the WBF Zones have more NBO's than North America (Zone 2) but have fewer actual members.

The EBL is granted the most teams in most WBF events based on their membership. The NABF is granted the second most. If some NBO's cannot participate for any reason, the EBL is given first right of refusal in most scenarios to fill the vacant slots.

The NABF is granted the second most team entries in the major WBF competitions with 3 teams allocated. Of those three teams, Canada/Mexico have a playoff for one of the berths and the USBF fills the other two.

At this competition, the USBF is qualifying 2 teams in each of the following categories: Open, Mixed, Women's, and Seniors.

More background on the World Bridge Federation and its mission in future issues of these Daily Bulletins.

		Companies							Themes							Years						
		Astury	Denlend	Furoth	Garroda	Kimsight	Rynir	Vesem	autumn leaves	city skyline	coral reef	football	outer space	postage stamp	rustic village	1978	1982	1985	1988	1989	1995	1998
Pieces	250																					
	500																					
	750																					
	1000																					
	1250																					
	1500																					
	1750																					
Years	1978																					
	1982																					
	1985																					
	1988																					
	1989																					
	1995																					
	1998																					
Themes	autumn leaves																					
	city skyline																					
	coral reef																					
	football																					
	outer space																					
	postage stamp																					
	rustic village																					

Logic Puzzle

Answer to Puzzle on page 15 Bottom of Page

Pieces	Companies	Themes	Years
250			
500			
750			
1000			
1250			
1500			
1750			

- The puzzle with the football theme has 500 more pieces than the jigsaw puzzle made by Vesem.
- Of the puzzle with the coral reef theme and the jigsaw puzzle made by Furoth, one has 1500 pieces and the other was released in 1985.
- The jigsaw puzzle made by Rynir was released in 1978.
- The puzzle made by Furoth has 1,250 more pieces than the jigsaw puzzle with the city skyline theme.
- Neither the jigsaw puzzle with 500 pieces nor the puzzle released in 1982 is the puzzle with the rustic village theme.
- The puzzle made by Denlend is either the jigsaw puzzle released in 1982 or the puzzle released in 1989.
- The puzzle released in 1982 doesn't have the city skyline theme.
- The puzzle released in 1985 has 250 more pieces than the jigsaw puzzle released in 1998.
- The puzzle with 1000 pieces doesn't have the football theme.
- The jigsaw puzzle made by Furoth was released in 1995.
- The puzzle with the rustic village theme has somewhat more than the puzzle released in 1989.
- Of the jigsaw puzzle released in 1989 and the puzzle made by Garroda, one has the postage stamp theme and the other has 750 pieces.
- The puzzle made by Astury doesn't have exactly 500 pieces.
- The jigsaw puzzle with 750 pieces has the coral reef theme.
- The puzzle made by Astury wasn't released in 1982.
- The puzzle with the autumn leaves theme is either the jigsaw puzzle made by Furoth or the puzzle made by Garroda.

Meet the Players

Steve Robinson (born January 4, 1941) is an American bridge player from Arlington, Virginia. Robinson was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2003. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland.

Steve worked as a programmer until he retired in 1996. He’s been married since 1976 and has one daughter.

According to Steve’s BridgeWinner’s Profile:

Bridge Accomplishments
winning Rosenbloom in 1986

Regular Bridge Partners
Peter Boyd

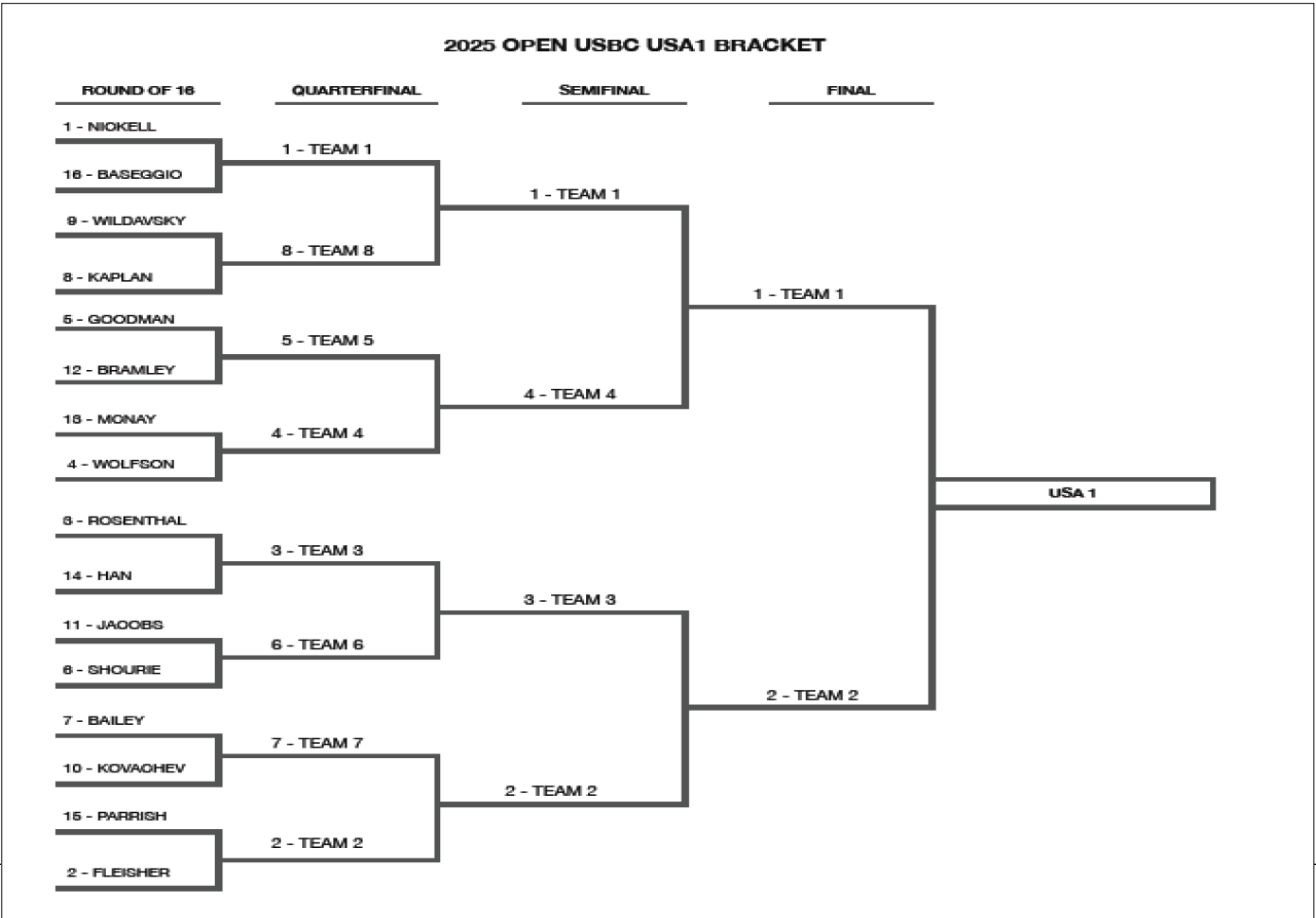
Favorite Conventions
Cole

BBO Username
Robinswr

ACBL Ranking
Grand Life Master



Steve is playing in this USBC in partnership with Adam Wildavsky as a member of the Wildavsky team. Steve has many, many high level wins and wrote a bridge book in 1996 called **Washington Standard**.



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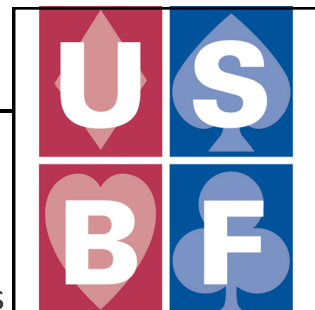
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9	1	3	8	2	7	5	4	6
7	8	4	6	1	5	9	3	2
6	7	9	1	3	4	8	2	5
2	4	8	7	5	9	1	6	3
3	5	1	2	6	8	4	9	7

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.

Q: What does a baby computer call its father?

A: Data!

Q: Where do pirates get their hooks?

A: Second hand stores!

Q: Why are pupils are the last part of your body to stop working when you die?

A: They dilate!

Q: What do you call a line of dads waiting to get haircuts?

A: The barberqueue!

Q: What do you call a beehive with no exit?

A: Unbelievable!

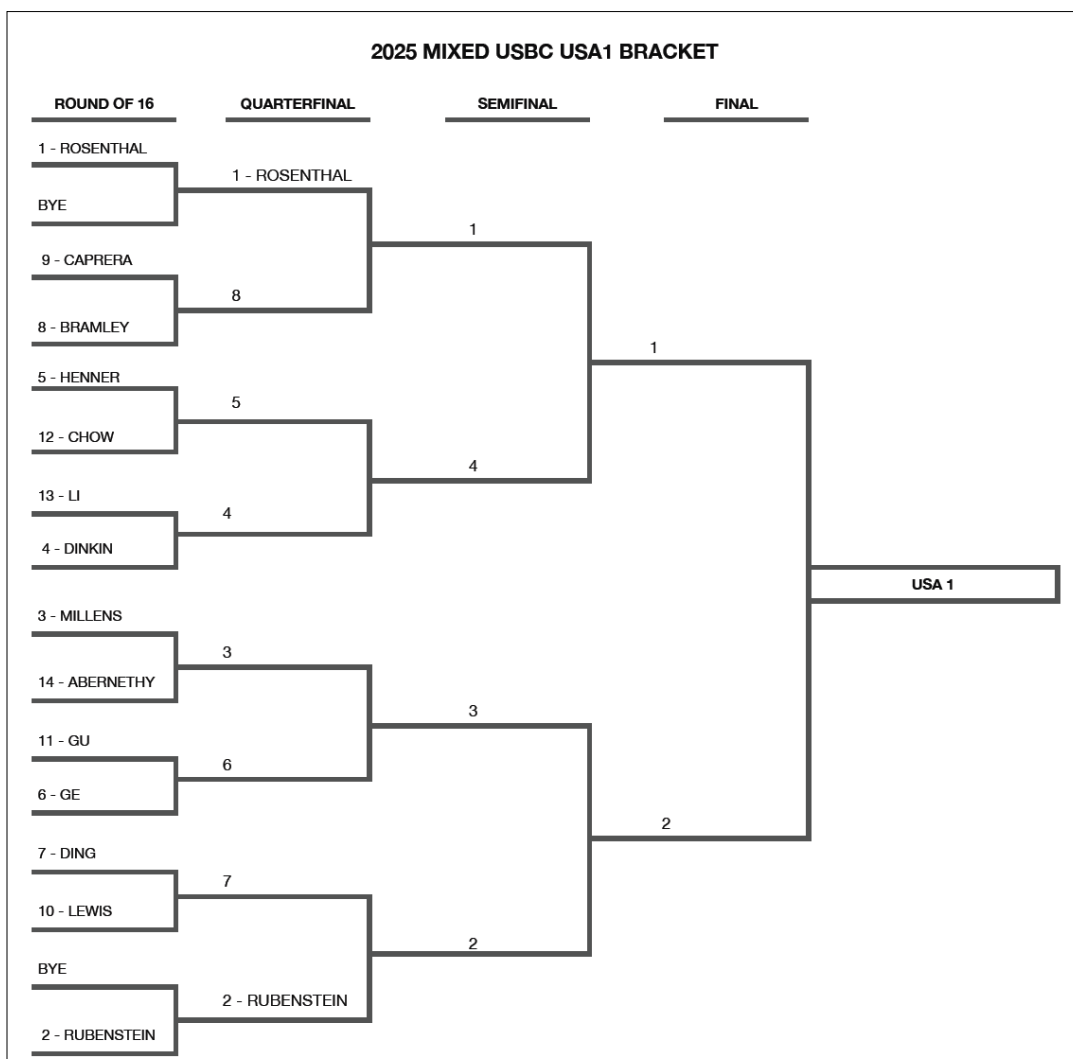


Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 13

1750	Denlend	Football	1982
1500	Furoth	Autumn leaves	1995
1250	Vesem	Rustic village	1988
1000	Astury	Postage stamp	1989
750	Garroda	Coral reef	1985
500	Kimsight	Outer space	1998
250	Rynir	City skyline	1978

I have a joke about putting in a light bulb, but I'm afraid I'll screw it up.
 I have a joke about chemistry, but I don't think it'll get a reaction.
 I have a joke about banking, but I lost interest.
 I have a joke about cows, but I don't want to milk it.
 I have a joke about kites, but it would just sail over your head.
 I have a scary joke about math, but I'm 2² to say it.
 I have a joke about construction, but I'm still working on it.
 I have a joke about being an electrician, but it's too shocking.
 I have a joke about hunting for fossils, but you probably wouldn't dig it.
 I have a joke about a broken pencil, but it's pointless.
 I have a joke about the flu, but I hope you don't get it.
 I have a joke about statistics, but it's not significant.
 I have a joke about pizza, but it's too cheesy.
 I have a joke about immortality, and it never gets old.
 I have a joke about paper, but it's tearable.
 I have a joke about trickle-down economics, but 99% of you will never get it.
 I have a joke about drilling, but it's boring.
 I have a joke about being a rejected organ donor, but I just don't have the guts to tell it.
 I had a joke about canned juice, but I couldn't concentrate.
 I have a few jokes about retired people, but none of them work.
 I have a joke about a broken clock, but it's not the right time.
 I have a joke about nepotism, but I'll only give it to my kids.
 I have a joke about butter, but I'm not going to spread it.
 I have a joke about a roof, but it would just go over your head.
 I have a joke about inferiority complexes, but it's not very good.
 I have a joke about procrastination, but I'll tell it to you later.
 To the person stole my laptop with my copy of Microsoft Office on it: I will find you. You have my Word!
 To the person who stole my glasses: I will find you. I have contacts.
 To the person who stole my place in line: I'm after you now.
 To the person who stole my limbo stick: That was a new low.
 To the person who stole my dictionary: I have no words.
 To the person who stole my bed: I won't rest until I find you.
 To the person who stole my depression medication: I hope you're happy now.
 To the person who stole my case of energy drinks: I hope you can't sleep at night.
 To the person who stole my power steering: I just can't handle it.
 To the person who stole my diary and then died: My thoughts are with your family.
 I'm so excited about the amateur autopsy club I just joined. Tuesday is open Mike night!
 Once I was kidnapped by mimes. They did unspeakable things to me.
 I used to be addicted to soap, but I'm clean now.
 Q: What did the full glass say to the empty glass?
 A: You look drunk!





Q: Why was 2019 afraid of 2020?

A: Because they had a fight and 2021!

Q: Why should you never brush your teeth with your left hand?

A: Because a toothbrush works better!

Q: What do you call a rude cow?

A: Beef jerky!

Q: Why are balloons so expensive?

A: Inflation!

Q: What do you call cheese that isn't yours?

A: Nacho cheese!

Q: Why can't you send a duck to space?

A: Because the bill would be astronomical!

Q: What side of a tree grows the most branches?

A: The outside!

Q: What happened when the world's tongue-twister champion got arrested?

A: They gave him a tough sentence.

Q: Why did an old man fall in a well?

A: Because he couldn't see that well!

Q: Did you hear about that person who was afraid of jumping a hurdle?

A: They got over it!

Q: What breed of dog can jump higher than a skyscraper?

A: Any breed of dog! Skyscrapers can't jump.

Q: Why are peppers the best at archery?

A: Because they habanero!

Q: What's the best way to watch a fly-fishing tournament?

A: Live stream it!

A blonde and a redhead have a ranch. They lost their bull and need to buy another with only \$500. The redhead tells the blonde, "I will go to the market and see if I can find one for under \$500. If I can, I will send you a telegram." She finds one for \$499. With only one dollar left, she goes to the telegraph office and finds out that it costs one dollar per word. She is stumped on how to tell the blonde to bring the truck and trailer. Finally, she tells the telegraph operator to send the word "comfortable." Skeptical, the operator asks, "Will she know what that means?" The redhead replies, "She's blonde. She reads slowly. She'll see: 'Come for ta bull.'"

And They're Off...

♠ QT9

♥ K98762

♦ 4

♣ JT7

♠ AJ43

♥ QT3

♦ A873

♣ 85

♠ 87

♥ J54

♦ 9652

♣ KQ43

♠ K652

♥ A

♦ KQJT

♣ A962

BOARD:

DEALER:

VULNERABLE:

1

NORTH

NONE

Par: -450

NS

EW

4

2

7

2

9

10

6

11

Board 1 produced an 10+ IMP swing in six of the eight matches. In all cases, one E/W pair bid a slam while the other E/W pair stopped in game.

A typical auction to slam commenced with a 2H preempt from North, a double from East, a 3H raise by South and a jump to 4S by West. With 17 HCP and the singleton HA, East looked for keycards and when West showed two without the spade queen, East jumped to the very reasonable slam.

In Nickell/Baseggio, where Levin sat North; Lee sat East; Weinstein sat South; and Gu sat West, that was the scenario.

Levin led the H8 and Gu assessed the situation. With diamonds 4-4, he had nowhere to discard his losing club. His best chance was to find a favorable lie in spades.

Gu won dummy's HA and led a small club toward his hand. Weinstein won the king and switched to a small diamond. Gu won the ace and ruffed his HT in dummy.

He was at the crossroads. The S5 from dummy went to the 7, J, and Q. That was two tricks for N/S and declarer was one trump too little to ruff out the clubs. Contract down 2!

In the other room where Stark was North; Greco was East; Baseggio was South; and Hampson was West, Stark opened a weak 2H and Greco doubled... at this point the auctions diverged. Baseggio bid 3C showing a forcing

hand and/or a desire for a club lead. Hampson did not jump to game. He bid 3S. Greco raised to game, ending the auction. Hampson took 10 tricks as did his counterpart.

11 IMPs to Nickell

Woolsey/Bramley was the only pair in the field to play in a suit other than spades. While Wooldridge/Grainger bid to 4S in one room, Woolsey/Bramley, in the other room, bid to 6D on this auction :

5NT said "pick a slam" and Bramley chose diamonds on the strength of his spots. With spades 4-4, declarer again had no discard for a losing club and had to rely on a finesse for the SQ. Again, the finesse failed and declarer fell two tricks shy.

Ed. Note: Woolsey gets extra credit on this hand as he brought home this wish trick at trick four! Well done, Kit.



Kit	Simson	Bart	Rodwell
W	N	E	S
	2♥	DBL	2NT
DBL	3♣	3♥	PASS
3♠	PASS	4♣	PASS
4♦	PASS	4♥	PASS
5NT	PASS	6♦	PASS
PASS	PASS		

BOARD: 3 DEALER: SOUTH VULNERABLE: E-W		♠ T5 ♥ JT82 ♦ A53 ♣ 9752	
♠ K9 ♥ A75 ♦ KJ642 ♣ 843		♠ A832 ♥ K63 ♦ 87 ♣ AKT6	
Par: -630 ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ N NS 3 3 4 5 3 EW 9 10 8 8 10		♠ QJ764 ♥ Q94 ♦ QT9 ♣ QJ	

Home team	Visiting team		Room		By		=	★	IMP		
								NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Nickell	Baseggio	🕒	Open	3N	W	♥T	+1	♠♠	630	-	-
		🕒	Closed	3N	W	♥T	+1		630		
Fleisher	Parrish	🕒	Open	1N	N	♦8	-4		200	9	
		🕒	Closed	3N	W	♥T	=		600		
Rosenthal	Han	🕒	Open	3N	W	♥J	+1		630		1
		🕒	Closed	3N	W	♣T	=		600		
Wolfson	McNay	🕒	Open	3N	W	♥J	=	200	600		13
		🕒	Closed	3N	W	♥J	-2				
Goodman	Bramley	🕒	Open	3N	W	♥T	+1		630	-	-
		🕒	Closed	3N	W	♥J	+1		630		
Shourie	Jacobs	🕒	Open	2♦	W	♣T	+1		110	11	
		🕒	Closed	3N	W	♥T	+1		630		
Bailey	Kovachev	🕒	Open	3N	W	♥T	+1	♠♠	630	-	-
		🕒	Closed	3N	W	♥J	+1		630		
Kaplan	Wildavsky	🕒	Open	3N	E	♣6	+1		630		1
		🕒	Closed	3N	W	♥T	=		600		

While there were a couple of one-off results on Board 3, clearly 3NT E/W was the contract of choice. Of the 14 pairs who reached 3NT, 13 succeeded in taking 9 or 10 tricks. What happened in Closed Room of Wolfson/McNay?

W N E S

1♦ PASS 1♣ PASS

1NT PASS 3NT PASS

PASS PASS

Table: CL 4, Round: 1

N-S: McNay 11 IMP

E-W: Wolfson 1 IMP

♠ T5

♥ JT82

♦ A53

♣ 9752

N Debbie Rosenberg

♠ K9

♥ A75

♦ KJ642

♣ 843

W David Berkowitz

♠ A832

♥ K63

♦ 87

♣ AKT6

E Jeff Meckstroth

♠ QJ764

♥ Q94

♦ QT9

♣ QJ

S Olivia Schireson

OTHER ROOM:

W 3N = -600

WEST 3NT

NS 0

EW 0

Debbie Rosenberg led the HJ. Olivia Schireson overtook with her Q and when Berkowitz ducked, Olivia switched to a spade. In and of itself, this does not defeat the game, however, **it does give declarer a chance to go wrong!** Berkowitz won the SA and attacked diamonds. He played the D8 and when Schireson covered with the 9, he inserted the J!! Now he was doomed! Schireson's clever switch worked! Rosenberg won the DA and cleared spades. Berkowitz finessed the CT, losing to the Q. Schireson cashed her spades. Contract down 2! Note that if Berkowitz had run the D8, he would have prevented Schireson from gaining an entry to cash her spades.

In the other room of this match, Luba was declarer. Garner led the HJ and Luba ducked it around. Garner continued hearts and Luba won the king in dummy. Luba played dummy's D8 to the 9, J, A. Another heart from Garner followed. Luba won the A in hand and played a low club to dummy's T and Wolfson's Q. Wolfson cashed the DQ and Luba claimed 9 tricks.

¹⁹ (Ed. Note: The "scales" you see on the traveler represent a situation where the director made an adjustment as in an improper claim.) 13 IMPs to McNay

♠ 3
♥ KQJ642
♦ 865
♣ 952

♠ A95
♥ 93
♦ T973
♣ AQJ6

♠ KQJT6
♥ AT
♦ KQJ42
♣ T

♠ 8742
♥ 875
♦ A
♣ K8743

BOARD:

DEALER:

VULNERABLE:

6

EAST

E-W

Par: 450

NS

EW

♣ 7

♦ 11

♥ 5

♠ 11

7

1

8

1

The traveler for Board 6 reveals something interesting:

One pair in each of the eight matches bid 6S while the other did not. In most cases, the pair that avoided 6S did not bid a slam.

Playing musical chairs, we could have seen a whole lot of push results!

In the only match close to a push... Bailey/Kovachev... one table bid 6S while the other bid 6D!

Both 6S and 6D are a stretch. Neither has a play on the lead of a high heart and a high heart (so obvious) was led every time.

Below is the auction that led Bobby Levin/Stevie Weinstein (Nickell) to 6S:

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

2C could be 2
3H asks
3S=good hand
3NT asks
4C shows a singleton club

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By			IMP
						NS	EW
1	Nickell	Baseggio	Open 6♠ S ♥K -3	150			
			Closed 4♠ S ♥K +1	450			
2	Fleisher	Parrish	Open 4♠ S ♥Q +1	450			11
			Closed 6♠ S ♥Q -2	100			
3	Rosenthal	Han	Open 4♠ S ♥K +1	450			11
			Closed 6♠ S ♥J -2	100			
4	Wolfson	McNay	Open 6♠ S ♥K -2	100			11
			Closed 4♠ S ♥Q +1	450			
5	Goodman	Bramley	Open 6♠ S ♥K -2	100			11
			Closed 4♠ S ♥K +1	450			
6	Shourie	Jacobs	Open 6♠ S ♥K -2	100			11
			Closed 4♠ S ♥Q +1	450			
7	Bailey	Kovachev	Open 6♦ S ♥K -1	50			2
			Closed 6♠ S ♥K -2	100			
8	Kaplan	Wildavsky	Open 4♠ S ♥K +1	450			11
			Closed 6♠ S ♥K -2	100			

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♠ 875

♥ 86

♦ A753

♣ AQ84

♠ J

♥ AQ75

♦ QJT4

♣ J765

♠ AKQT6

♥ KJT3

♦ 92

♣ 92

♠ 9432

♥ 942

♦ K86

♣ KT3

BOARD:

DEALER:

VULNERABLE:

8

WEST

NONE

Par: 140

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	7	9	9	7
EW	6	6	3	4	4

Board 8 is a great example of what a difference an opening lead makes!!

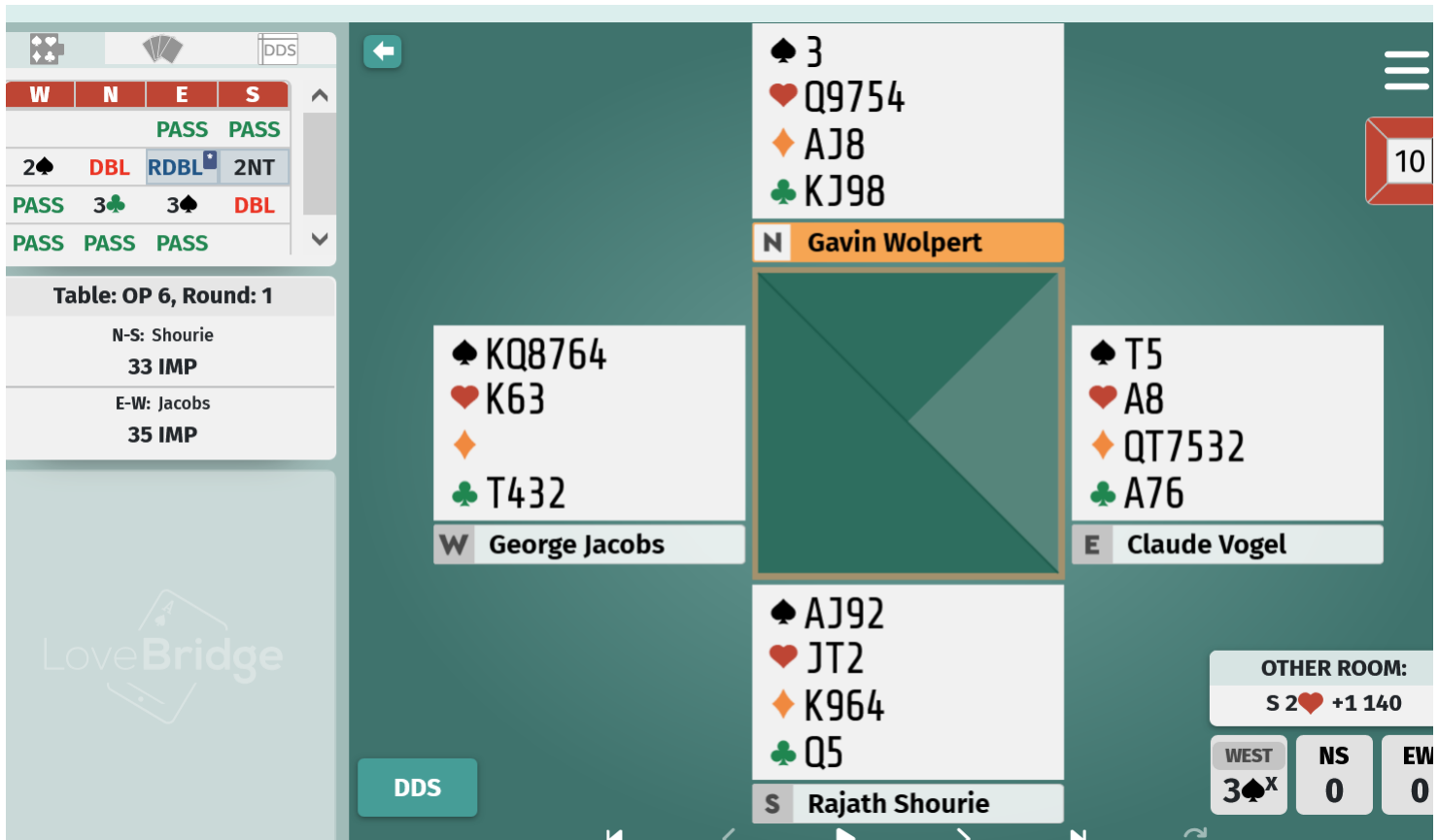
Against 4H, the lead of a minor will afford the defense the first 4 tricks to defeat the game.

The lead of a major will give declarer the timing they need to pull trump and run their spades for a successful conclusion.

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	IMP			
							NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Nickell	Baseggio	Open	4♥	S	♦A -1	50			10
			Closed	4♥	S	♥6 = 420				
2	Fleisher	Parrish	Open	4♥	N	♥4 = 420			7	
			Closed	3♥	S	♦5 = 140				
3	Rosenthal	Han	Open	4♥	S	♥6 = 420			-	
			Closed	4♥	S	♥6 = 420				
4	Wolfson	McNay	Open	4♥	S	♣A = 420			-	
			Closed	4♥	S	♥6 = 420				
5	Goodman	Bramley	Open	4♥	S	♣A = 420			10	
			Closed	4♥	S	♦5 -1 50				
6	Shourie	Jacobs	Open	4♥	S	♦A +1 450			1	
			Closed	4♥	N	♥2 = 420				
7	Bailey	Kovachev	Open	4♥	S	♦A = 420			10	
			Closed	4♥	N	♣3 -1 50				
8	Kaplan	Wildavsky	Open	4♥	S	♦A +1 450			11	
			Closed	4♥	S	♦A -1 50				

Of course, that is assuming that once the first two tricks in a suit are cashed, the defenders don't become complacent and continue that same suit!

In Kaplan/Wildavsky, where Smith and Compton were defending 4H for Wildavsky, Smith led the DA followed by a diamond to Compton's king. Compton needed to win his king and shift to a club. He missed his chance and continued diamonds. Adam Grossack pitched a club loser on the third diamond, pulled trumped and claimed 11 winners and 11 IMPs!



On Board 10, Jacobs and Vogel got lucky when Gavin Wolpert led the H4 instead of his singleton trump. The trump lead is the only lead to legitimately defeat the doubled partscore, preventing declarer from scoring the heart ruff he needs.

Note: Not only did the heart lead allow Jacobs a chance to succeed, it also created the wish trick you see on the right at trick 1!



At trick 2, Jacobs needs to ruff a diamond in his hand. He needs to establish a sort of coup by shortening his trump length.

George missed this and immediately took a heart to his king and ruffed a heart. He played the ST from dummy and when Shourie didn't cover, George let it ride. George ruffed a diamond and played a club to the ace.

Now it was Shourie who faced a dilemma. Holding the CQ5, he needed to unblock his queen so his partner could maintain the club tenace over dummy. Like Jacobs earlier, he had a blind spot, and when he followed small to the club, Jacobs was back in the saddle. George ruffed a diamond and played a small club to Wolpert's jack and Shourie's queen.

Shourie was helpless. He played the DK which Jacobs ruffed. Jacobs played the C4, Wolpert winning his 9. Wolpert played the CK. Shourie was trump tight and ruffed. He cashed his SA and conceded the last trick to Jacobs' SK.

Contract making for +730 E/W and 13 IMPs to Jacobs