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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

Results: USA1 QuarterFinals

1	Nickell	110	8	35	36	31													
8	Kaplan	108	26	19	22	41													
2	Fleisher	144	47	51	33	13													
7	Bailey	95	29	13	26	30											-3		
3	Rosenthal	136	9	36	42	49													
6	Shourie	138	32	36	18	52													
4	Wolfson	116	42	19	35	20													
5	Goodman	142	30	27	39	46													

USA2 Stage 1

9	Wildavsky	104	15	23	18	51													-3
16	Baseggio	100	35	13	15	37													
10	Kovachev	150	35	67	8	41													-1
15	Parrish	121	33	11	39	38													
11	Jacobs	130	32	27	37	34													
14	Han	108	37	39	30	2													
12	Bramley	150	45	45	38	22													
13	McNay	100	19	17	32	32													

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

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

Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

Tough Tom Swifties...

"The prisoner escaped by climbing down a rope," said Tom condescendingly.

"Zoos are a necessary evil," said Tom cagily.

"I organized that big party for the prisoners," Tom confessed.

"The pool player from USC had to drop out because the proper equipment didn't arrive on time," Tom calculated.

"The prisoners set up a corporation," the warden confirmed.

"So this is your new computer!" said Tom calculatingly.

"All right, I will allow the prisoners to wear perfume," the warden consented.

"Rowing so much hurts my hands," said Tom callously.

"We're currently thinking about a figure somewhere between 7 and 9," said Tom gr8fully

"No, I haven't read Voltaire," said Tom Candide-ly.

"I liked that TV show with Allan Funt," said Tom candidly.

"Don't worry, I'll take full responsibility for providing the prisoner with getaway footwear," said Tom consolingly.

"The hatmaker on the Titanic measured my head for a perfect fit," said Tom, capsized.

"Hey, what's it worth if I can help you to escape from prison?" asked Tom contemptuously.

"I've grown fat on the contents of charity packages," said Tom carefully.

"The escaped prisoner is camping out in the woods," said Tom contentedly.

"Why do you bother? I for one couldn't...," said Tom carelessly.

"I favor self-restraint everywhere in North America," said Tom continently.

"I like this drill," said Tom as he carie'd out the dental work.

"All I ever do is milk this damn cow," Tom uttered continuously.

"I don't work here on a regular basis," said Tom casually.

"I have writer's block," said Tom contritely.

"That's price-fixing!" said Tom caustically.

"I'm writing a poem about the rebels in Nicaragua," said Tom controversially.

"One can't dispute the fundamental importance of learning the alphabet," Abie ceded.

"I find you guilty!" said the judge with conviction.

"I'm afraid you've had a stroke," said Tom cerebrally.

"We've taken over the government," the general cooed.

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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.](#)



It might not be the
Proper thing:
He coulda'
Dropped the offside king!

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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Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

**Sudoku Solutions
on Page 15**

Sudoku 2

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"The number after nine must be knighted," said Tom certainly.

"I feel like a Chinese laborer," said Tom coolly.

"I admit to being amused by your long joke with the stupid punchline," said Tom, chagrined.

"I deal with things by abstaining," said Tom copacetically.

"I don't need the mantissa of the logarithm," said Tom characteristically.

"Have some Grenadine," said Tom cordially.

"All ancient Chinese artifacts should be burned," said Tom charmingly.

"The size of those cobs is a-maize-ing!" was Tom's corny joke.

"It's not polite to look directly at a man," Mary chastised.

"It's better to steal things together," Tom corroborated.

"I'm having an affair with my gamekeeper," said the lady chattily.

"We could use the Geiger-Muller method to check for radiation leaks," Tom countered.

"Hurray for our team!" said Tom cheerfully.

"I manufacture those tabletops that separate store clerks from their customers," said Tom counterproductively.



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



Puzzle Page ...

Public Library

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Henry Ward Beecher quotation.

A C S E I V O M S E N I Z A G A M L I R B
R S H A V Y G O L O H C Y S P R W E N E R
Y A R E I R S N L I B R A R Y C A R D C E
G P B E C O E S E L B A T T Y A N I Y R I
O P L R P K S S O U A W O R R O B N H E P
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Whole"heart"edly

In Case You're Herning Bound...

WBF Alerting Policy

(Adopted July 1997, revised August 2002, revised August 2022)

1. Preamble

- 1.1. The objective is to have a uniform WBF policy which is applied to all WBF events.
- 1.2. It is not intended that this should over-ride Alerting Policies developed by the Zone or NBOs.
- 1.3. Full disclosure is vital. However, players who participate in WBF events are expected to protect themselves to a large extent. They are also expected to observe the spirit of the Laws as well as the letter.
- 1.4. The Policy has been made as simple as possible. Players are, however, expected to alert whenever there is doubt. (N.B. Where screens are in use, an alert on one side but not on the other does not necessarily imply an infraction.)

2. Policy

The following classes of calls should be alerted:

- i Artificial bids should be alerted, natural bids should not.
- ii Those calls (i.e., bids, passes, doubles or redoubles) which have special meanings or which are based on or lead to special understandings between the partners. (A player may not make a call or play based on a special partnership understanding unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning, or unless his side discloses the use of such call or play in accordance with the regulations of the Regulating Authority). See also Law 40B.
- iii Non-forcing jump changes of suit responses to opening bids or overcalls, and non-forcing new suit responses by an unpassed hand to opening bids of one of a suit.

Players must also respect the spirit of the Policy as well as the letter.

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Psychic Bidding

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Psychic Calls and similar actions based upon partnership understandings

The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 permit a player to make a psychic call “provided that such call is not based upon a partnership understanding”. If a call is based upon a partnership understanding it ceases to be psychic. The WBF Laws Committee has ruled that a partnership understanding exists when the frequency of occurrence is sufficient for the partner of the player who makes the call to take his awareness of psychic possibilities into account, whether he does so or not (there are further relevant statements in the WBF Code of Practice). Such an understanding must be disclosed beforehand.

The understandings in question are to be disclosed in World Championships and other tournaments conducted under the auspices of the WBF in accordance with the following requirements:

1. Explicit agreements that psychic calls are expected, or the provision of systemic protection for them, are prohibited. One example is when, third in hand at favourable vulnerability, a player is expected to open the bidding on anything at all.
2. Understandings whereby from time to time there may be gross violations of the normal meanings of calls, and where the nature or type of violation can be anticipated, must also be disclosed on the system card. The understandings may be explicitly agreed or they may have developed from partnership experience or mutually shared knowledge not available to opponents. They must be listed on the card amongst the conventions that may call for special defence and the supplementary sheets must give full detail of situations in which these violations may occur and of the relevant partnership practices and expectations. Subject to satisfactory disclosure, methods of this kind are permissible in any category of event.
3. It continues to be the case that random psychics may occur as the laws allow, without warning, so long as these can no more be anticipated by the partner than by the opponents.
4. Similar principles apply in the case of psychic actions in a defender's play of the cards (i.e., deviations from one's documented card-play agreements).

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Procedures for dealing with unplayable or fouled Boards

1. Removing boards

The Head TD may remove unplayed boards if in their opinion a delay in finishing the match in the allotted time would interfere with the smooth running of the competition.

2. Unplayable or fouled boards in RR , Swiss or KO Team play.

If a board is unplayable for any reason, then:

- 2.1. If the board has not yet been played at the other table, the director shall substitute a new board if practical.
- 2.2. If a board remains unplayed at both tables the match is scored as though that board had never been played and the appropriate VP-IMP table is used for the boards actually played. In addition penalties (eg for slow play) may be applied to any offending side.
- 2.3. If the board/s has/have already been played at the other table then Law 86 will be applied.

3. Unplayable or fouled boards in Pairs

3.1. Unplayable boards will be scored applying Law 12C(2).

3.2. Fouled boards will be scored in groups as follows.

- a) If a group contains fewer than four scores, the scores in that in that group shall be as follows:
 - i Group contains only one score - both pairs are awarded 60% of the points available.
 - ii Group contains two scores. If identical, both pairs receive 60%. If the scores are different, the better score receives 65%, the lesser 55%.
 - iii Group contains three scores - the best receives 70%, the middle 60%, the lowest 50%. Ties share the match points.
- b) For all groups containing four or more scores, match points shall be awarded in accordance with the Neuberg formula. After scoring all the boards in a single match or meeting the match points will be rounded off to the nearest tenth of a match point, 0.05 being counted as 0.1.

3.3. In addition to any score adjustments penalties may be applied to any offending pairs.

4. Unplayable or fouled boards in BAM

4.1. If the board has not yet been played at the other table, the director shall substitute a new board if practical.

4.2. If a board is unplayable at both tables, then:

- a) If both teams are responsible, they both receive zero. res for dealing with unplayable / fouled Boards April 2023
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- b) If neither team is responsible, they both receive at least one, or their team percentage of session if better.
- c) If one team is responsible, it receives 0, and their opponents receive at least 1, or their team percentage of session if better.
- d) Any team or teams responsible for an irregularity requiring the assignment of an artificial adjusted score shall be penalized by half a matchpoint.

4.3. If the board/s has/have already been played at the other table then Law 86 will be applied.

		Cars						High Speeds							Team							
		Awick	Cober	Garusky	Poltris	Versem	Yamahana	Zenmoto	62 MPH	65 MPH	67 MPH	69 MPH	70 MPH	72 MPH	75 MPH	Alby College	Bernington	Darbyshire	Mersey Tech	Ober College	Trebus State	Varseyton
Distances	525 miles																					
	550 miles																					
	575 miles																					
	600 miles																					
	625 miles																					
	650 miles																					
	675 miles																					
Team	Alby College																					
	Bennington																					
	Darbyshire																					
	Mersey Tech																					
	Ober College																					
	Trebus State																					
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	72 MPH																					
	75 MPH																					

**Logic
Puzzle**

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Logic Puzzle

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Distances	Cars	High Speeds	Team
525 miles			
550 miles			
575 miles			
600 miles			
625 miles			
650 miles			
675 miles			

- The automobile that drove for 575 miles was built by the Trebus State team.
- The car that drove for 550 miles didn't have a high speed of exactly 69 MPH.
- The automobile with a high speed of 75 MPH drove 25 fewer miles than the Alby College team's automobile.
- The Cober drove 25 fewer miles than the car with a high speed of 70 MPH.
- The Varseyton team's automobile drove 125 fewer miles than the Ober College team's automobile.
- The automobile with a high speed of 69 MPH drove 75 fewer miles than the automobile with a high speed of 62 MPH.
- The Zenmoto wasn't built by the Mersey Tech team.
- The Awick had a high speed of 65 MPH.
- The automobile that drove for 625 miles wasn't built by the Bennington team.
- The Zenmoto drove 25 miles farther than the Yamahana.
- The Garusky had a high speed of 70 MPH.
- Of the car that drove for 525 miles and the car with a high speed of 67 MPH, one is the Versem and the other was built by the Alby College team.
- The Mersey Tech team's automobile drove 100 miles farther than the car with a high speed of 70 MPH.

Meet the Players

Kevin Rosenberg is a Computer Science graduate from UC Berkeley, class of 2019. He claims to have been playing bridge his whole life but more seriously [including professionally] in recent times. In 2017, he won the U26 Junior World Championship in Lyon, while his dad, Michael, won the Bermuda Bowl. Kevin lives in Milbrae, CA. He and his parents are the force behind the wildly successful Silicon Valley Youth Bridge program. Mom, Debbie, and Dad, Michael started the program and Kevin, naturally, became an important teacher and mentor as he “grew up!”

Kevin now spends most of his time with another great player and volunteer, Amber Lin. Amber, a member of the USBF Board of Directors, is working with the USBF juniors as a mentor and coach. She and Kevin came up with the idea for the awesome “bridge camp” that was held in December in Atlanta at the Sam Amer Junior USBC.

At the spring NABC in Memphis, he won the Platinum Pairs with the amazing Zia! Before that, he’d won the Soloway Knockout Teams and come in second in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams in 2022.

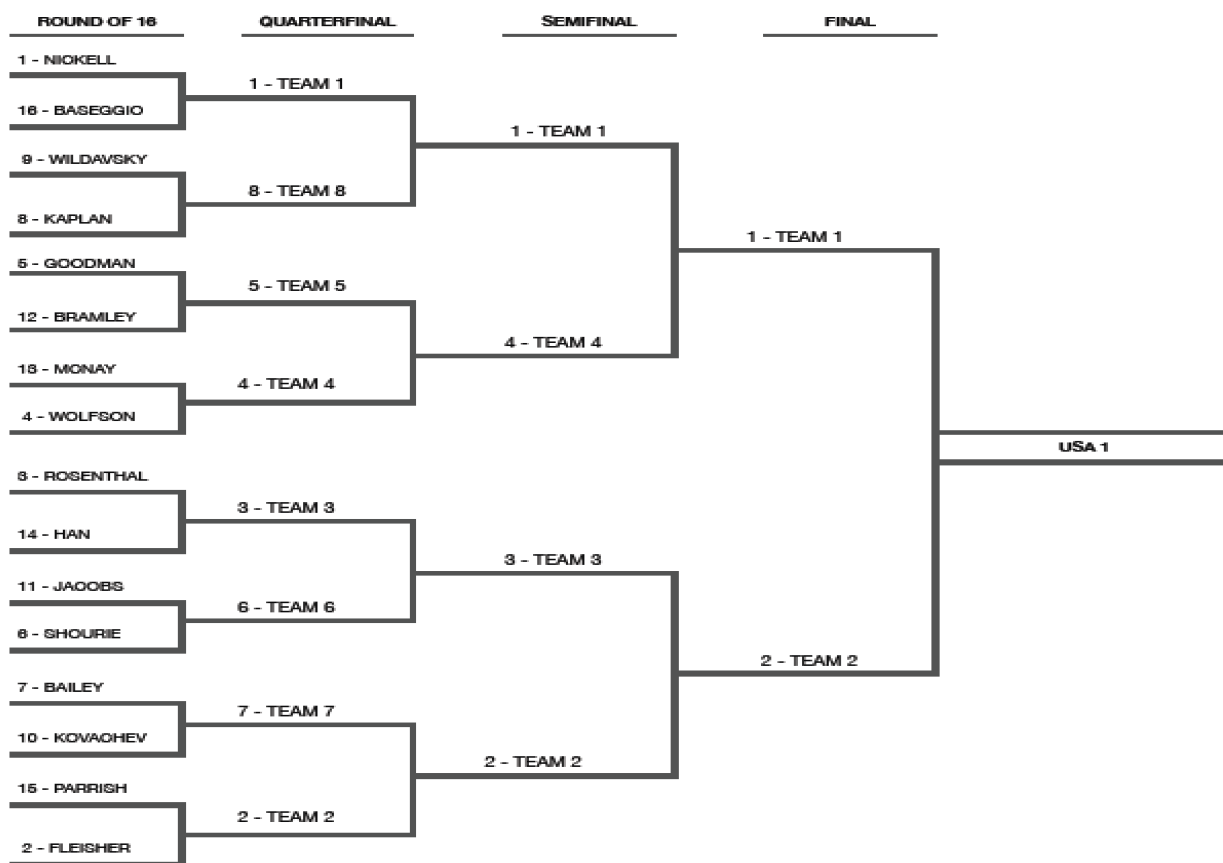
Here, Kevin is a member of the Bailey team. His teammates are Bill Bailey, Josh Donn, Dan Korbelt, Roger Lee and Brian Platnick.

His mom is on the McNay team and his dad is on the Rosenthal team.

Amber is sitting out the Open but will show up in Schaumburg later to play in the Mixed on the Ge team. Good luck, family! We’ll be watching you.



2025 OPEN USBC USA1 BRACKET



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

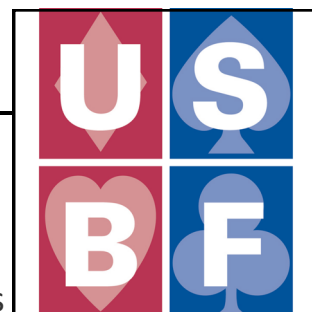
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6	9	1	8	3	5	4	7	2
7	5	4	2	6	9	1	3	8
1	3	6	9	7	8	2	4	5
8	2	7	3	5	4	9	6	1
5	4	9	6	1	2	3	8	7
1	9	8	6	2	5	7	3	4
2	6	4	8	9	1	7	5	3
9	1	5	7	3	8	6	2	4

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 do you call sheep rolling down a hill?

A: A lambslide!

Q: Why was the nose sad? A: It was getting picked on.

Q: What's the best kind of music to listen to when you're fishing? A: Something catchy!

Q: How do you fix a broken tomato? A: With tomato paste!

Q: How do you fix a broken pumpkin?

A: With a pumpkin patch!

Q: What did the tree say in spring?

A: What a re-leaf!

Q: How do you make a robot angry?

A: Keep pushing its buttons!



Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 13

Mersey Tech	62 MPH	Poltris	675 miles
Ober College	65 MPH	Awick	650 miles
Darbyshire	72 MPH	Zenmoto	625 miles
Bennington	69 MPH	Yamahana	600 miles
Trebus State	70 MPH	Garusky	575 miles
Alby College	67 MPH	Cober	550 miles
Varseton	75 MPH	Versem	525 miles

**I lived in a Houseboat and
dated the girl next door!**

It didn't work out- sadly

we drifted apart...

**I was at the post
office, when I see
a blond woman
shouting into an
envelope. I asked,
"What are you
doing?" The blond
replied, "Sending a
voice mail"**

**A man asked a fairy
to make him desirable
and irresistible to all
women.**

**She turned him into
a credit card.**

**Wife crashed the car again
today. She told the police
the man she collided with
was on his mobile phone
and drinking a can of
beer! Police said he can do
what he likes in his own
living room!**

**My teacher pointed
a ruler at me and
said "At the end of
this ruler is an idiot"
I got a detention for
asking
"Which end?"**

**Felt
uncomfortable
driving into the
cemetery. The
gps blurted out
you have reached
your final
destination.**

2025 MIXED USBC USA1 BRACKET



**The man who invented
Spell Check died today.
May he rust in piss.**

**IT'S A SHAME NOTHING
IS BUILT IN THE USA
ANY MORE. I JUST
BOUGHT A TV & IT SAID
"BUILT IN ANTENNA".**

**I DON'T EVEN KNOW
WHERE THAT IS.**

Went to a party for people who are ambidextrous. It didn't feel right so I left!!

If you replace the "W" with "t" in "What, Where, and When" you get the answer to each.

Six great confusions Still unresolved

1. At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?
2. In the word scent, is "S" silent or "C"?
3. If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
4. Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
5. Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made.

**A genie granted me
one wish, so I said
"I just want to be
happy."**

**Now I'm living in a
cottage with 6
dwarves and
working in a mine.**



**If you get lost in the
woods**

**Find a possum, follow
it.**

**You will be in the
middle of a road in no
time**

BOARD: 4
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ 95
♥ 742
♦ AK964
♣ KT9

♠ KT62
♥ 5
♦ T2
♣ QJ6432

♠ QJ
♥ AKT986
♦ J5
♣ 875

♠ A8743
♥ QJ3
♦ Q873
♣ A

Par: 600
NS 5 9 6 8 9
EW 7 3 7 5 4

USA1

The only making game on Board 4 is 3NT. Of the 8 tables in play in the Quarterfinals, only two pairs found it. Not surprisingly, their auctions were identical.

Against Finn, Hampson led the H5. Greco won his king and cashed his ace. He switched to the SQ, ducked, and the SJ won with declarer's ace. Finn cashed a high diamond and a high club and claimed 9!

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting	IMP
Nickell	Kaplan	Open 2♥ E ♣A -1 100							11
		Closed 3N S ♥5 = 600							
Fleisher	Bailey	Open 2♥ E ♣A -1 100							-
		Closed 3♦ N ♥K = 110							
Rosenthal	Shourie	Open 3♦ N ♥A = 110							1
		Closed 3♦ N ♥A +1 130							
Wolfson	Goodman	Open 3N S ♣4 = 600						10	
		Closed 3♦ N ♥A = 110							

W	N	E	S
PASS	PASS	2♥	2♠
PASS	3♦	PASS	3NT
PASS	PASS	PASS	

2H explained as 3rd seat weak two bid.

♠ 95
♥ 742
♦ AK964
♣ KT9
Adam Kaplan

David Berkowitz

♠ KT62
♥ 5
♦ T2
♣ QJ6432
Geoff Hampson
Doug Simson

♠ A8743
♥ QJ3
♦ Q873
♣ A
Finn Kolesnik
Jeff Meckstroth

♠ QJ
♥ AKT986
♦ J5
♣ 875
Eric Greco
Eric Rodwell

OTHER ROOM
E 2♥ -1 10
SOUTH 3NT NS 0

Against Wooldridge, Simson led the C4. Meck won the ace, cashed the DQ and played a diamond to the ace. He played a heart toward hand and Rodwell took the king. He continued the attack on clubs. Meck ducked Simson's CJ and won the club continuation.

He cashed 3 high diamonds producing this trick: 1D, 1H, 1S and 1C.



W	N	E	S
PASS	PASS	1♥	1♠
PASS	2♦	PASS	3♦
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Garner Grainger Wolfson Wooldridge

Meck conceded the HA and claimed 9 tricks!
11 IMPs to Kaplan when 2H was passed out in the other room of Nickell/Kaplan.
10 IMPs to Wolfson when 3D was passed out in the other room of Wolfson/Goodman.

BOARD: 8		DEALER: WEST		VULNERABLE: NONE	
USA1					
♠ 9532		♥ QT96		♦ 5	
♣ Q432					
♠ K64		♥ 832		♦ Q872	
♣ AK6					
♠ JT8		♥ A74		♦ AJ93	
♣ T98					
♠ AQ7		♥ KJ5		♦ KT64	
♣ J75					
Par: 400					
N	8	9	7	8	9
S	:	:	8	:	:
EW	5	4	5	5	4

Home team	Visiting team		Room	By		=	★	IMP		
							NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Nickell	Kaplan	🔄	Open	3N	S	♥9	-1	50	-	-
		🔄	Closed	3N	S	♥9	-1	50		
Fleisher	Bailey	🔄	Open	3N	S	♥9	-1	50	-	-
		🔄	Closed	3N	S	♥9	-1	50		
Rosenthal	Shourie	🔄	Open	3N	N	♣9	-1	50		10
		🔄	Closed	3N	S	♣2	=	400		
Wolfson	Goodman	🔄	Open	3N	S	♥9	-1	50	-	-
		🔄	Closed	3N	S	♥T	-1	50		

While GIB assures us that 3NT is cold on any lead, it was bid at every table and only succeeded once... with some of the best declarers on the planet declaring!

Seven pairs played the game from South and one from North ... but that really didn't matter.

Six opening leaders chose the H9 or its equivalent; two choose a club. While the club from the queen made it easier for declarer, the hand can be made on any lead.

W N E S PASS 1♦ PASS 2♦ PASS 2♥ PASS 3NT PASS PASS PASS			
1D = could be 2 2D=Inv+ 2H=10-13 balanced			
♠ 9532 ♥ QT96 ♦ 5 ♣ Q432 W Chris Willenken			
♠ K64 ♥ 832 ♦ Q872 ♣ AK6 N Shan Huang			
♠ JT8 ♥ A74 ♦ AJ93 ♣ T98 E Eldad Ginossar			
♠ AQ7 ♥ KJ5 ♦ KT64 ♣ J75 S Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt			
OTHE N 31 SOUTH 3NT			

How did Kevin D-R succeed while the others failed?

Willenken led the C2. Kevin won his J. He played a diamond to the Q and A and cashed the CK. The H2 lost to the A and Gino cleared the clubs. A diamond to the king and a spade to the king followed. Gino won the D7 with his jack and shifted to hearts, Kevin winning the king in hand. The DT and SAQ took the last 3 tricks.

Ducking the club lead from the queen at trick

one gave Kevin 3 club tricks. He ultimately took 3 spades, 3 clubs, 2 hearts and 1 diamond for the game! **However**, the game is cold on **any** lead from East or West. In essence, the club lead made Kevin's life easier, but it really was not material to the outcome.

The key: If not granted 3 club tricks, declarer must compensate by collecting 3 diamond tricks. While it may not be percentage, it is possible to collect 3 diamond tricks by finessing against the D9! Sadly for those declaring, none chose that line and all but Kevin failed! 10 IMPs to Shourie

BOARD: 10

DEALER: EAST

VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ 6

♥ AK97

♦ 542

♣ K7532

♠ J

♥ J643

♦ AK6

♣ AJT64

♠ QT87543

♥ 8

♦ QT87

♣ Q

♠ AK92

♥ QT52

♦ J93

♣ 98

Par: -140

NS

EW

♣ 7

♦ 6

♥ 8

♠ 3

N 7

E 6

USA1

Home team

Visiting team

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Room

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IMP

NS

EW

Home

Visiting

Nickell	Kaplan	🔄	Open	4♠	E	♥5	-1	100		
		🔄	Closed	4♠	E	♥5	-1	100		
Fleisher	Bailey	🔄	Open	4♠	E	♣9	-1	100		
		🔄	Closed	4♠	E	♣9	=		620	12
Rosenthal	Shourie	🔄	Open	4♠	E	♥5	-1	100		
		🔄	Closed	4♠	E	♥5	-1	100		
Wolfson	Goodman	🔄	Open	3N	S	♠J	-2		200	
		🔄	Closed	4♠	E	♥5	-1	100		7

An almost flat board... at 7 of the 8 tables, East played in 4S.

At 6 of the 7 tables, declarer took 9 tricks for down one.

Defeating the contract on a heart lead is easy. Declarer will naturally come to 3 spade losers and 1 heart loser.

In Fleisher/Bailey, it was a little trickier when both Easts led the C9. At both tables, the auction went 3S-P-4S, all pass.

♠ 6 ♥ AK97 ♦ 542 ♣ K7532 N Joe Grue		♠ J ♥ J643 ♦ AK6 ♣ AJT64 W Kevin Rosenberg	
Open Room		♠ QT87543 ♥ 8 ♦ QT87 ♣ Q E Brian Platnick	
♠ AK92 ♥ QT52 ♦ J93 ♣ 98 S Brad Moss		OTH E 44 EAST 4♠	

In the Open Room, Platnick won the CA in dummy and played the SJ. Moss won the SK and accurately switched to the H5 before North/South's heart trick could go away on a ruffing finesse in clubs.

Grue won and played the CK which Brian ruffed. Brian played the S7. Moss won the 9 and Platnick conceded down one.

♠ 6 ♥ AK97 ♦ 542 ♣ K7532 N Josh Donn		♠ J ♥ J643 ♦ AK6 ♣ AJT64 W Kevin Bathurst	
Closed Room		♠ QT87543 ♥ 8 ♦ QT87 ♣ Q E John Hurd	
♠ AK92 ♥ QT52 ♦ J93 ♣ 98 S William Bailey		EAST 4♠	

In the Closed Room, Bailey led the C9 and Hurd won dummy's ace. Like Platnick, Hurd called for the SJ. Bailey won his king. Like Moss, Bailey now needs to switch to hearts before a heart trick goes away. Bailey didn't envision what would ensue and continued his assault on clubs. Hurd ruffed; played a diamond to the ace, played the good CT and tossed his losing heart while Bailey ruffed with his natural trump trick. Bailey exited with a heart... too little, too late... Hurd ruffed. He played the ST to Bailey's ace and ruffed the heart return. He pulled the last trump and claimed up his game! 12 IMPs to Fleisher

BOARD: 6
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: E-W

USA2

Par: -100

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	9	5	4	6
EW	5	4	7	9	7

♠ T6
♥ Q9
♦ AJ94
♣ T9854

♠ KQ3
♥ A853
♦ K2
♣ Q632

♠ A97542
♥ JT2
♦ 87
♣ KJ

♠ J8
♥ K764
♦ QT653
♣ A7

Just an FYI:
USA1 and
USA2 are
playing the
same hands.

On Board 6 of
USA2, 7 pairs
bid the spade
game.

Only Bart/Kit
stopped in
the 1S
partscore.
Stopping off
was rewarded
when Bram-
ley took 9
tricks for
+140. 6 IMPs
to Bramley

Jacobs/Han
produced the
most unusual
result when
Gary Cohler
declared 4SX.

	Home team	Visiting team		Room		By		=	★	
									NS	EW Home
5	Wildavsky	Baseggio	Open	4♠	E	♦3	-1	100		
			Closed	4♠	E	♣A	-1	100		
6	Kovachev	Parrish	Open	4♠	W	♣T	-1	100		
			Closed	4♠	E	♦3	-1	100		
7	Jacobs	Han	Open	4♠	E	♦3	-1	100		
			Closed	4♠x	E	♣A	=	790	13	
8	Bramley	McNay	Open	4♠	E	♦3	-1	100		
			Closed	1♠	E	♠8	+2	140	6	

W N E S

PASS PASS 2♠ PASS

4♠ DBL PASS PASS

PASS

1NT=10-13

♠ T6
♥ Q9
♦ AJ94
♣ T9854

N Tien-Chun Yang

♠ KQ3
♥ A853
♦ K2
♣ Q632

W Billy Cohen

♠ A97542
♥ JT2
♦ 87
♣ KJ

E Gary Cohler

♠ J8
♥ K764
♦ QT653
♣ A7

S Jeff Fang

DDS

EAST 4♠x

Yang made a good double but it
needed to be backed up with
foresight and perfect defense.

Fang led the CA. Playing upside
down count and attitude, Yang
contributed the C9. Perhaps that
should have suggested a
switch?!? However, even without
such a suggestion...

Fang can see that his HK is under
the ace. His CA is gone and he has
no more likely entries. If a dia-
mond through dummy's K2 is nec-
essary, he needs to do it NOW!

Sadly for Han, Fang missed the
mark and continued clubs!! Coh-
ler won the king, pulled trump,

played the good CQ, discarding his D7. He ruffed a club, played a diamond to Yang's ace, ruffed the diamond return and played a heart to the ace in dummy. A heart to South's king and Cohler claimed his contract. 13 IMPs to Jacobs

Cross IMPs

1.	Alan Sontag - Peter Weichsel	Jacobs	1.10	49.50	45
2.	Charlie Wilkins - Valentin Kovachev	Kovachev	0.78	46.93	60
3.	Jack Zhao - Ming Sheng	Han	0.70	31.48	45
4.	John McAllister - Will Watson	Bramley	0.52	15.71	30
5.	Fred Stewart - James Holzhauer	Bramley	0.49	22.14	45
6.	Billy Cohen - Gary Cohler	Jacobs	0.47	21.05	45
7.	Debbie Rosenberg - Olivia Schireson	McNay	0.33	9.43	29
8.	Chris Compton - Ron Smith	Wildavsky	0.24	14.36	60
9.	Jiang Gu - Walter Lee	Baseggio	0.18	7.74	44
10.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Bramley	0.13	5.62	44
11.	Adam Parrish - Anant Rathi	Parrish	0.08	4.52	60
12.	Adam Wildavsky - Steve Robinson	Wildavsky	0.01	0.40	59
13.	Jacob Morgan - Venkatrao Koneru	Kovachev	-0.08	-4.52	60
14.	Andy Stark - Franco Baseggio	Baseggio	-0.11	-5.07	45
15.	Ewan McNay - Harrison Luba	McNay	-0.22	-12.90	60
16.	Jeff Fang - Tien-Chun Yang	Han	-0.49	-21.83	45
17.	Ai-Tai Lo - Joshua Sher	Baseggio	-0.58	-17.43	30
18.	Danny Sprung - Phil Clayton	Parrish	-0.78	-46.93	60
19.	Wanfeng Mou - Yanong Han	Han	-1.08	-32.43	30
20.	Debbie Rosenberg - Max Schireson	McNay	-1.33	-40.00	30
21.	Claude Vogel - George Jacobs	Jacobs	-1.59	-47.76	30

USA2

1.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Fleisher	0.81	36.29	45
2.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	0.77	23.14	30
3.	David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge	Goodman	0.75	44.76	60
4.	Gavin Wolpert - Rajath Shourie	Shourie	0.71	21.29	30
5.	Michael Kamil - Zia Mahmood	Wolfson	0.39	17.67	45
6.	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	Rosenthal	0.36	16.21	45
7.	Brian Platnick - Kevin Rosenberg	Bailey	0.23	10.14	45
8.	Adam Kaplan - Finn Kolesnik	Kaplan	0.14	8.19	60
9.	Chris Willenken - Eldad Ginossar	Rosenthal	0.08	3.81	45
10.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	0.07	2.00	30
11.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	0.02	0.81	45
12.	Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt - Shan Huang	Shourie	-0.08	-3.81	45
13.	Adam Grossack - Eddie Wold	Kaplan	-0.10	-6.21	60
14.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	-0.11	-4.79	45
15.	Doug Simson - Eric Rodwell	Goodman	-0.18	-5.14	29
16.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	-0.23	-10.14	45
17.	David Berkowitz - Jeff Meckstroth	Wolfson	-0.27	-11.86	44
18.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Shourie	-0.36	-16.21	45
19.	Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner	Wolfson	-0.60	-18.14	30
20.	Daniel Korbel - Roger Lee	Bailey	-0.60	-26.86	45
21.	Aaron Silverstein - Andrew Rosenthal	Rosenthal	-0.71	-21.29	30
22.	Andy Goodman - Mike Passell	Goodman	-0.91	-27.29	30
23.	Josh Donn - William Bailey	Bailey	-1.09	-32.57	30

USA1

BOARD: 29
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: ALL

USA2

Par: -500

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	11	9	1	9	4
E	2	3	12	3	7
W	:	:	:	4	:

♠ 75
♥
♦ KJT63
♣ KQJ942

♠ T642
♥ AQT4
♦ A
♣ A875

♠ 8
♥ K987652
♦ 8752
♣ 6

♠ AKQJ93
♥ J3
♦ Q94
♣ T3

Home team	Visiting team		Room		By	=	★	IMP
							NS EW Home Visiting	
Wildavsky	Baseggio	🕒	Open	5♥x	E ♠K	=	850	2
		🕒	Closed	6♠x	S ♥A	-3	800	
Kovachev	Parrish	🕒	Open	4♠	S ♠2	+1	650	13
		🕒	Closed	6♣x	N ♥2	-1	200	
Jacobs	Han	🕒	Open	5♥x	E ♠Q	+1	1050	14
		🕒	Closed	4♠	S ♣A	-1	100	
Bramley	McNay	🕒	Open	4♠	S ♦A	+1	650	11
		🕒	Closed	3♣	N ♠8	+2	150	

There are 3 large swings on Board 29. The largest swing occurred in Jacobs/Han when Sheng, East, declared 5HX in the Open Room making six while Han, South, declared 4S in the Closed Room down one. It is easy to see how 4S fails with the defense taking both minor suit aces and one ruff in each minor before declarer gains the lead. Sontag made it easy by cashing both minor suit aces, giving Weichsel a club ruff and receiving a diamond ruff in return.

It is equally easy to see how 5HX makes six with declarer losing only one spade!

The trick on this hand was knowing when to cry "uncle!"

Note: A Wish Trick at trick 4 playing 5HX



Table: OP 7, Round: 2

N-S: Jacobs
59 IMP

E-W: Han
59 IMP

♠ 75
♥
♦ KJT63
♣ KQJ942

N Claude Vogel

♠ 8
♥ K987652
♦ 8752
♣ 6

E Ming Sheng

♠ T642
♥ AQT4
♦ A
♣ A875

W Jack Zhao

♠ AKQJ93
♥ J3
♦ Q94
♣ T3

S George Jacobs

DDS

BOARD: 37		DEALER: NORTH		VULNERABLE: N-S		♠ T6 ♥ KT9 ♦ Q65 ♣ KQ985		♠ 83 ♥ J8642 ♦ T2 ♣ JT76		♠ QJ42 ♥ Q ♦ KJ974 ♣ A42	
USA2											
Par: 630											
	♣	♦	♥	♠	N						
N	9	8	9	10	10						
S	:	:	:	9	9						
E	4	5	4	3	2						
W	3	:	3	:	:						
♠ AK975 ♥ A753 ♦ A83 ♣ 3											

Home team	Visiting team		Room		By		=		NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Wildavsky	Baseggio	🕒	Open	2♠	S	♦T	=	110			-	-
		🕒	Closed	2♠	S	♦T	=	110				
Kovachev	Parrish	🕒	Open	3N	N	♥Q	-1	100				5
		🕒	Closed	2♠	S	♦T	=	110				
Jacobs	Han	🕒	Open	2♥	N	♥Q	+1	140			1	
		🕒	Closed	2♠	S	♦T	=	110				
Bramley	McNay	🕒	Open	2♠	S	♦T	=	110				11
		🕒	Closed	3N	N	♥Q	+1	630				

W N E S PASS 1NT PASS 2♦ PASS 3♦ DBL 3♥ PASS 3♠ PASS 3NT PASS PASS PASS				♠ T6 ♥ KT9 ♦ Q65 ♣ KQ985			
Table: CL 8, Round: 3 N-S: McNay 50 IMP E-W: Bramley 91 IMP				N Debbie Rosenberg Val Kovachev			
♠ 83 ♥ J8642 ♦ T2 ♣ JT76 W John McAllister Sprung				♠ QJ42 ♥ Q ♦ KJ974 ♣ A42 E Will Watson Clayton			
♠ AK975 ♥ A753 ♦ A83 ♣ 3 S Olivia Schireson Wilkins				DDS			

Debbie Rosenberg and Olivia Schireson were the only pair to bid and make 3NT on Board 37.

Rosenberg played it well. Watson led the HQ and Debbie won the king. She ran the ST, Watson ducking. She played the CK knocking out the ace. Watson returned the SQ and Rosenberg won dummy's ace. She cashed the SK and S9 and led the H5. McAllister won his jack and played the D2 to Watson's jack. Watson played the DK to dummy's ace. Rosenberg played the S7 and claimed 10 tricks. 11 IMPs to McNay

In Kovachev/Parrish, the only other table where 3NT was bid, Kovachev declared. Clayton, like Watson, led the HQ. Val played a spade to the 9 and cashed the SA. He took the SK. At this point, he needed to play a club toward his hand. Instead, he played the S7 losing to East's Q, giving Clayton a chance to shine! Clayton found the dynamite switch to the C2. This rode to the 3, T, K. Val was out of options. He played the H9 to Sprung's J. Sprung cashed the DT and continued diamonds to dummy's A. Val cashed the S5 and the HA and conceded the H8 and CA for down one! 5 IMPs to Parrish