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Results: USA1

Table	Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IMP Corr.	Open Room	Closed Room
Kaplan	149	45	52	38	14					0	15/15	15/15
Wolfson	65	12	17	28	8					0		

Table	Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IMP Corr.	Open Room	Closed Room
Fleisher	100	13	6	45	36					0	15/15	15/15
Shourie	105	38	10	26	31					0		

USA2

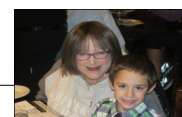
Table	Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IMP Corr.
3 Rosenthal	136	27	46	37	26					0
Bramley	82	47	13	10	12					0

Table	Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IMP Corr.
4 Goodman	96.50	21	15	50	17					-6.50
Jacobs	82.53	22.20	14.33	36	13					-3

Table	Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IMP Corr.
5 Nickell	185	88	25	53	19					0
Kovachev	59	0	20	22	17					0

Table	Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IMP Corr.
6 Bailey	148	19	37	50	42					0
Wildavsky	132	55	16	38	23					0

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

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 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

Tough Tom Swifties...

"I still think we should differentiate the magnetic flux," said Tom defiantly.

"I need a Latin Bible suitable for reading under water," Tom divulged.

"I won't listen to you, Leonard!" said Tom def-t-Lee.

"I've got to reach Kenilworth tonight," said Tom, trotting doggedly onward.

"You are going to fail my class," said the teacher degradingly.

"Well I'll be an S.O.B.!" said Tom doggedly.

"I have a B.A. in social work," said Tom with a degree of concern.

"I'm on welfare," said Tom dolefully.

"People who sell fancy foods should be careful with knives," said Tom delicately.

"Oh, goody! Another blackout!" said Tom delightedly.

"That was a sad one-man Broadway show," said Tom, downcast.

"Welcome to the Annual Meatcutter's Convention!" delivered Tom.

"I tried to set my broken orbital bones with feathers, but failed," said Tom with downcast eyes.

"The censors took all the dirty bits out of my show," said Tom deludedly.

"I dropped my brace over the balcony," said Tom downcastly.

"This is how to put an imp in a restraining jacket," Tom demonstrated.

"All actors must die!" proclaimed Tom dramatically.

"This, that, these, those, and such," said Tom demonstratively.

"I'm pretty good at basketball," said Tom, dribbling.

"Wouldn't just gold and frankincense do?" the Magi demurred.

"All I ever do is work," Tom droned.

"I CAN'T be drowning in African waters!" pleaded Tom, deep in denial.

"There's too much vermouth in my martini," said Tom dryly.

"I have to insert this wooden spatula in your mouth," said Tom depressingly.

"I never go into saloons," said Tom dryly. "I've seen too many of my friends enter them optimistically and leave them mistyoptically."

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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 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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"Get off the horse," Tom derided Mary.

"I like deserts," said Tom dryly.

"No pilaf for me, please," said Tom derisively.

"Barman, three German beers," said Hans dryly.

"This is how he murdered the mystery writer," Tom described.

"I wonder what syllables I should sing these sixteenth notes to," said Ward Swingle dubiously.

"Let me improvise this part," said Tom descriptively.

"Look out for that bird!" cried Tom, ducking.

"I haven't put air in my fifth tire," said Tom despairingly.

"Why would anyone want to start an Institute for the Mute?" asked Tom dumbfoundedly.

"I've only got two of a kind," said Tom despairingly.

"I'll pay off that customs official," said Tom dutifully.

"I will never get the hang of bowling!" wailed Tom despairingly.

"Why use SI units? The old c.g.s. units are my friends," said Tom dynamically.

"I can see myself getting two under par on this hole," said Tom, eagle-eyed.

"Just what kind of show can this troupe 'The Humpty Dumpties' put on?" asked Tom exactly.

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



What's the Point?

Find and circle all of the things with points that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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| ANTENNA | DART | PINE NEEDLE | SPIKE |
| ANTLER | DECIMAL | POINTER STICK | STAPLE |
| ARGUMENT | FINGER | PYRAMID | STAR |
| ARROW | FISH HOOK | QUILL | STYLUS |
| BACKGAMMON BOARD | FORK | RHINOCEROS HORN | SWORD |
| BALLPEN | ICE PICK | ROCKET | THORN |
| BEAK | ICICLE | SCALPEL | THUMB TACK |
| BIRD TALON | JAVELIN | SCISSORS | TOOTHPICK |
| COMPASS | KNIFE | SEWING NEEDLE | TRIANGLE |
| CONE | NAIL | SHARK TOOTH | TRIDENT |
| CORKSCREW | NOSE | SHERIFF'S BADGE | VULCAN EAR |
| CRAYON | PENCIL | SPEAR | WOODEN STAKE |



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World Bridge Federation Electronic Communication Devices

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Electronic Communication Devices (ECDs) include, but are not limited to:

- Mobile Phones
- Personal laptops or tablets
- Headphones or earbuds
- Wearable technologies such as smartwatches, fitness bands, or rings

Spectators may not bring ECDs into the playing area at any time.

Players who bring ECDs into the playing area must place them in the pocket on the screen provided for this purpose. The devices must remain there until the end of play at the table. They must be completely switched off, not merely turned to silent or flight mode. If a player leaves the playing area with an ECD, he may not return until the next round.

Any participant or other team supporter/spectator bringing an ECD into the playing area and not complying with the above regulations will cause their team to be fined:

- 3 VPs in a Round Robin or Swiss match
- 8 IMPs in a KO match
- 40% of a board at matchpoints or BAM.

The fine for a subsequent offence during the tournament will be:

- 8 VPs in a Round Robin or Swiss match
- 20 IMPs in a KO match
- A full board at matchpoints or BAM

A third offence will result in the individual's expulsion from the tournament.

After any offense, the TD will search the participant's partner and teammates. If any also has an ECD, the team will be expelled from the tournament, and the matter will be referred to the investigations committee.

The Head Tournament Director will arrange for random checks of participants to ensure compliance with these prohibitions. Refusal to submit to these checks will result in the same penalty as if an ECD had been discovered, and the individual concerned will be barred from the playing area for the duration of the match or until the Head Tournament Director, in consultation with the Championship Committee, shall decide.

Anyone entering the playing area must comply with procedures put in place by the WBF for the detection of such electronic equipment.

Players and spectators must register medical devices with the TD to request an exception to this policy.



BOARD: 57		DEALER: NORTH		VULNERABLE: E-W																			
♠ 987543 ♥ K7 ♦ 54 ♣ K94		♠ QT ♥ J5 ♦ K632 ♣ QT872		♠ 6 ♥ AQT6432 ♦ J9 ♣ AJ3																			
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4	Wolfson	McNay	Open	3♦ S ♠8 +2	150																		
			Closed	3♥ E ♥9 +1	170																		
5	Goodman	Bramley	Open	3♦ S ♠9 +2	150																		
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			Closed	3♥ E ♠A +1	170																		
8	Kaplan	Wildavsky	Open	3♥ E ♣6 +1	170																		
			Closed	3♣ N ♠6 -2	100																		

In the final segment on Friday, two teams had withdrawn and only 6 matches were in progress.

Only one game can be successful on the cards as they lie ... and that is 4H by E/W. It is a low high card game and it isn't easy to bid, as evidenced by the fact that only one of the pairs in this star-studded field found it.

The auction was simple with no alerts. Clayton opened 1H and judged well after his partner's negative double to bid game.

Moss cashed the SK, the DA, and tried the SA which Clayton ruffed. Clayton pulled a round of trump and ruffed a spade. He pulled another round of trump and led a club to the king. He took the successful club finesse and claimed 10 tricks.

In the other room, Adam Parrish, South, played in 3D N/S. West led the HK to his partner's ace and queen. East shifted to their singleton spade. Parrish won the SQ in dummy, played a diamond to the ace and claimed 9 tricks.

12 IMPs to Parrish

W N E S

PASS 1♥ 2♦

DBL 4♦ 4♥ PASS

PASS PASS

Table: OP 2, Round: 8

N-S: Fleisher 306 IMP

E-W: Parrish 270 IMP

♠ 987543
♥ K7
♦ 54
♣ K94

W Danny Sprung

♠ QT
♥ J5
♦ K632
♣ QT872

N Joe Grue

♠ 6
♥ AQT6432
♦ J9
♣ AJ3

E Phil Clayton

♠ AKJ2
♥ 98
♦ AQT87
♣ 65

S Brad Moss

OTI

S

EAST

4♥

LoveBridge

DDS

Logic Puzzle

		First Names					Actors					License Plates				
		Jaxon	Johnny	Malik	Margaret	Mohamed	Dustin Hoffman	Mel Gibson	Michael Douglas	Robin Williams	Tom Hanks	KGR-121	MNU-665	NUH-871	OIC-222	VGN-789
Salaries	\$49,000															
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	\$135,000															
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License Plates	KGR-121															
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Actors	Dustin Hoffman															
	Mel Gibson															
	Michael Douglas															
	Robin Williams															
	Tom Hanks															

Answer to Puzzle
on page 15
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Salaries	First Names	Actors	License Plates
\$49,000			
\$130,000			
\$135,000			
\$138,000			
\$140,000			

1. The employee with the \$140,000 salary is Tom Hanks's cousin.
2. The driver with the NUH-871 license plate isn't related to Robin Williams.
3. The employee with the \$135,000 salary is Margaret.
4. The driver with the NUH-871 license plate earns more than Malik.
5. The driver with the MNU-665 license plate is Dustin Hoffman's cousin.
6. Mel Gibson's cousin is Jaxon.
7. The 5 people were the driver with the OIC-222 license plate, Mel Gibson's cousin, Margaret, the employee with the \$140,000 salary, and the driver with the NUH-871 license plate.
8. Jaxon earns less than Robin Williams's cousin.
9. Mohamed earns less than the driver with the KGR-121 license plate.

Meet the Players



John Kranyak's friends call him Kran.

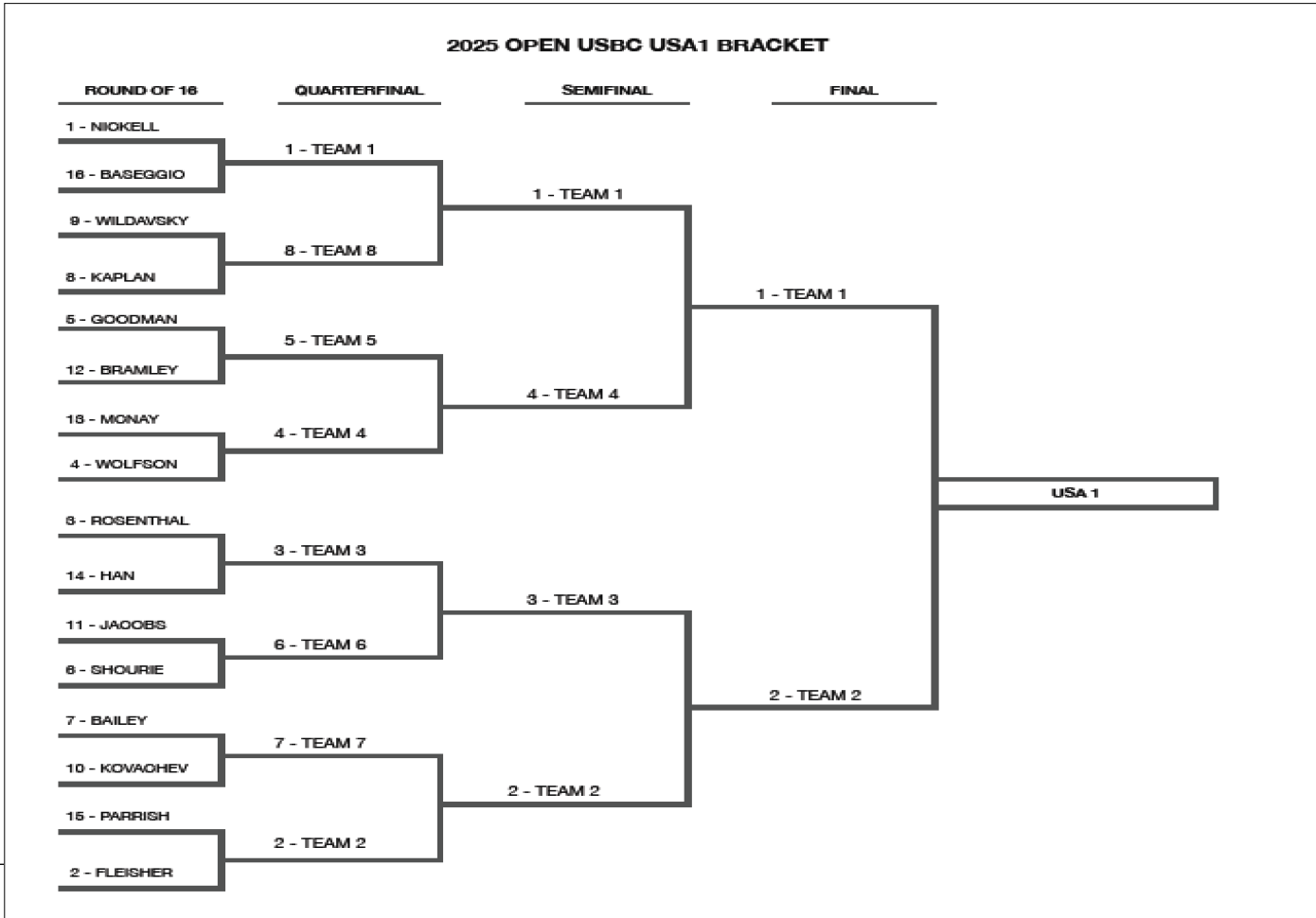
He learned to play bridge years ago from his father, Kenny, and late mother, Laurie. He has been playing professional bridge successfully for more than a decade. He has many accomplishments which have earned him a reputation as a well sought after partner and teammate. John won the national mixed pairs with his mom and was a member of 3 world championship junior teams and one bronze medal winning team.

His regular partner is Vincent Demuy from Montreal, but as Vince is Canadian, John plays often with friend and partner, Gavin Wolpert, in the USBCs. John enjoys playing with Gavin. Gavin is the first friend he made in the bridge world.

When not playing bridge, John enjoys listening to music, dancing, and BBQs. For exercise he loves to wakeboard though he doesn't get to do that as much as he would like.

John loves to travel and meet new people.

John and his lovely wife, Allison, live in Greenville, South Carolina. Allison and John married in 2018. Allison is a studying to achieve a degree in medicine.



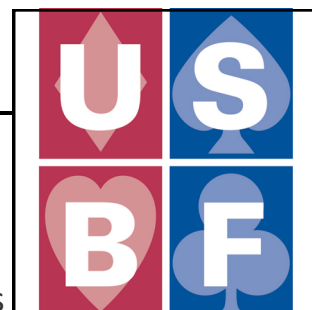
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3	6	5	2	9	4	8	7	1
7	1	2	4	6	8	3	5	9

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

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.

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"Now we remove the NH₂ group," said Tom during the examination.

"Now I can do some painting," said Tom easily.

"I've changed my name to Al," said Hal, exasperated.

"I've declared the variable X so that its value is saved from one procedure invocation to the next," said Tom ecstatically.



"I wrote that window system for MIT," Tom exclaimed.

Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 13

\$140,000	Johnny	Tom Hanks	KGR-121
\$138,000	Mohamed	Michael Douglas	NUH-871
\$135,000	Margaret	Dustin Hoffman	MNU-665
\$130,000	Malik	Robin Williams	OIC-222
\$49,000	Jaxon	Mel Gibson	VGN-789

Einstein's Riddle:

Einstein wrote the following riddle. He said that 98% of the world could not solve it. But several NIEHS scientists were able to solve it, and they said it's not all that hard if you pay attention and are very patient. Give it a try:

There are 5 houses in 5 different colors in a row. In each house lives a person with a different nationality. The 5 owners drink a certain type of beverage, smoke a certain brand of cigar, and keep a certain pet. No owners have the same pet, smoke the same brand of cigar, or drink the same beverage. Other facts:

1. The Brit lives in the red house.
2. The Swede keeps dogs as pets.
3. The Dane drinks tea.
4. The green house is on the immediate left of the white house.
5. The green house's owner drinks coffee.
6. The owner who smokes Pall Mall rears birds.
7. The owner of the yellow house smokes Dunhill.
8. The owner living in the center house drinks milk.
9. The Norwegian lives in the first house.
10. The owner who smokes Blends lives next to the one who keeps cats.
11. The owner who keeps the horse lives next to the one who smokes Dunhill.
12. The owner who smokes Bluemasters drinks beer.
13. The German smokes Prince.
14. The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.
15. The owner who smokes Blends lives next to the one who drinks water.

**NO, I CAN'T DO
SNAPCHAT OR TIKTOK.
BUT I CAN WRITE IN
CURSIVE, DO MATH
WITHOUT A CALCULATOR
AND TELL TIME ON A
CLOCK WITH HANDS.**

The question is: WHO OWNS THE FISH?

Hint

Just take your time. This one should take you some time and is probably one of the harder riddles you see.

Answer

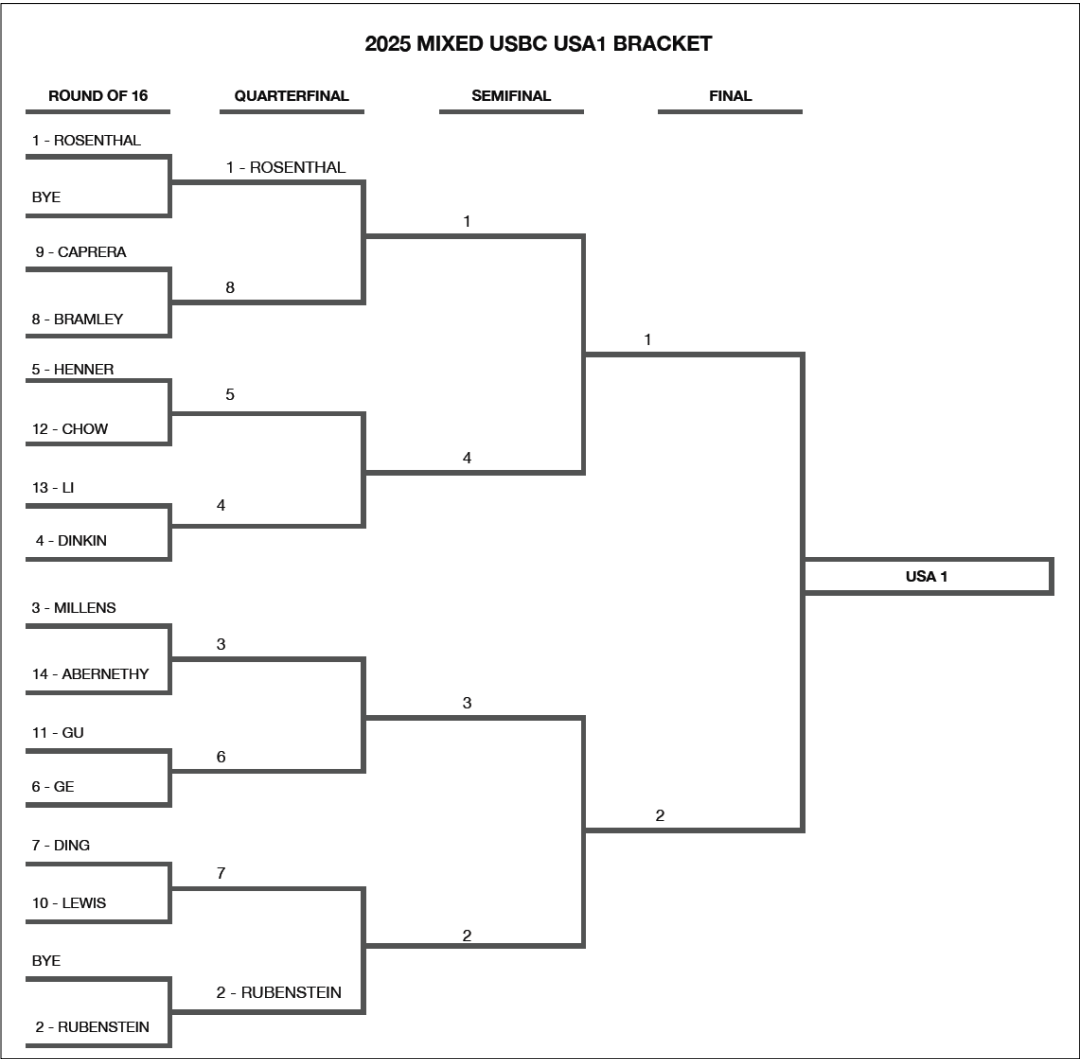
The German sits in his Green House, smoking his Prince cigars, drinking coffee, and watching his FISH.

The rest go like this-

1st House: Yellow, Norwegian, Water, Cats, Dunhill
2nd House: Blue, Dane, Tea, Horse, Blends
3rd House: Red, Brit, Milk, Birds, Pall Malls
4th House: Green, German, Coffee, FISH, Prince
5th House: White, Swede, Beer, Dogs, Bluemasters

Heard at the Bridge Table:

I would agree with you but then we would both be wrong!



Facts* About Card Games... According to AI:

The world's #1 card game is **UNO**. It's a classic card game that's easy to learn and play, and it has been popular for decades, according to the Strong National Museum of Play. Ed. Note: Perhaps it is #1 because it’s name is UNO??

Karniffel was a descendant of the original Karnöffel, which itself originated in Bavaria in the first quarter of the 15th century and is thus the oldest identifiable European card game in the history of playing cards with a continuous tradition of play down to the present day.

The most played card games are **Solitaire (32% had played), Uno (29%) and Blackjack (25%)**. On whole, the most played card games are even older than the board games. The few widely played dedicated-deck card games besides Uno are Cards Against Humanity (14%), Apples to Apples (11%), Phase 10 (10%), and Skip Bo (5%).Jan 18, 2025

Euchre or eucre (/ˈjuːkər/ YU-kər) is a trick-taking card game played in Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, Upstate New York, and the Midwestern United States. It is played with a deck of 24, 25, 28, or 32 standard playing cards. It is the most popular card game in the Midwest!

*While I cannot confirm these statistics are accurate, they must be true since they are touted on the Internet!!

Gino's True Daily Double Wins Big!

BOARD: 1		DEALER: NORTH		VULNERABLE: NONE	
♠ Q6 ♥ KQJ7 ♦ KQ93 ♣ A43		♠ 82 ♥ 9852 ♦ A76 ♣ KJT2		♠ JT ♥ AT64 ♦ JT542 ♣ 95	
♠ AK97543 ♥ 3 ♦ 8 ♣ Q876		Par: 430			
N 9 7 7 9 9 S : : : 10 10 EW 4 6 5 2 2					
Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
				NS EW Home Visiting	
Rosenthal	Bramley	Open	4♠ N ♦ J	= 420	
		Closed	4♠ N ♣ 9	-1 50	10
Goodman	Jacobs	Open	4♠ N ♠ J	+1 450	
		Closed	5♠ N ♥ A	= 450	-
Nickell	Kovachev	Open	5♠ N ♥ A	= 450	
		Closed	4N N ♦ 4	+1 460	-
Bailey	Wildavsky	Open	5♠ N ♠ T	+1 480	
		Closed	4♠ N ♦ 2	+1 450	1

On Board 1 of USA2 Stage 2, North looks to be the “designated declarer.” At 4 tables, North played in 4S; at 3 tables, North played in 5S; and at 1 table, North declared Blackwood! While the only game that is genuinely successful from North is 3NT (not 4NT!), all but one declarer went plus.

In the Closed Room of Bramley/Rosenthal, in Jeopardy terms, Eldad Ginossar (Gino) went “all in” with a true Daily Double.

W N E S

1NT PASS 2♥

PASS 2♣ PASS 4♦

PASS 4♠ PASS PASS

PASS

1NT=14+-17
2H=S
4D=Splinter

♠ Q6
♥ KQJ7
♦ KQ93
♣ A43

N James Holzhauser

♠ 82
♥ 9852
♦ A76
♣ KJT2

W Chris Willenken

♠ JT
♥ AT64
♦ JT542
♣ 95

E Eldad Ginossar

♠ AK97543
♥ 3
♦ 8
♣ Q876

S Fred Stewart

OTH
N 4

NORTH
4♠

DDS

The “answer” was Club NINE... Gino’s response was “What is the only lead to defeat 4S?”

Gino doubled his money leading through dummy’s queen to the 6, 2, ace.

No Daily Doubles remained on the board and Jeopardy James was doomed! The C9 afforded the defense 1 heart trick, 1 diamond trick, and 2 club tricks.

Well done, Gino!
10 IMPs to Rosenthal

BOARD: 6
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ 73
♥ 83
♦ AQ86
♣ KJT74

♠ AKQT6
♥ AKQ4
♦ 2
♣ AQ8

♠ 52
♥ JT95
♦ KJ973
♣ 95

♠ J984
♥ 762
♦ T54
♣ 632

Par: -1430

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	4	3	1	1	1
E	8	10	12	11	11
W	9	:	:	:	:

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

Continuing their winning way, Willenken/Ginossar was the only pair in USA2 to both bid and make 6H on Board 6.

Slam was bid at two other tables but failed.

Against Jacobs, Rodwell led the H3. Jacobs won and played the D2. Rodwell took his ace and continued the heart attack. Jacobs won and pulled the last trump. Jacobs cashed the DK. At this point, Jacobs needs to play a spade from dummy and finesse against the jack.

The position at this point:

Rosenthal	Bramley	Open	4♥	W	♥3	+1	650	13
		Closed	6♥	W	♣4	=	1430	
Goodman	Jacobs	Open	6♥	W	♥3	-2	200	13
		Closed	4♥	W	♠3	+2	680	
Nickell	Kovachev	Open	6♥	W	♥3	-1	100	13
		Closed	4♥	E	♥2	+2	680	
Bailey	Wildavsky	Open	4♠	W	♠3	+2	680	-
		Closed	4♥	W	♣J	+2	680	

Instead, Jacobs played the D7 off dummy, ruffed in his hand. He cashed the SA yielding this:

He cashed the SK, SQ and got the bad news! He ruffed the S6 and was forced to take the club finesse for 12 tricks. Rodwell won his off side CK. 13 IMPs to Goodman

♠ 3
♠ A
♠ 2
♠ 4

♠ 73
♥ 83
♦ AQ86
♣ KJT74

N Eric Rodwell

♠ AKQT6
♥ AKQ4
♦ 2
♣ AQ8

W George Jacobs

♠ 52
♥ JT95
♦ KJ973
♣ 95

E Claude Vogel

♠ J984
♥ 762
♦ T54
♣ 632

S Fred Stewart

WEST 6♥

Back to Rosenthal/Bramley... On any lead, the contract is cold on the line described above... but some leads make it easier than others...

Holzhauser led the C4 against 6H. Chris won his 8 and played the D2. James hopped with the ace and played the CJ to West's Q. Club problem solved!!

Willenken pulled trump. No longer needing to bring home the spades for 5 tricks, Chris claimed up the slam. 13 IMPs to Rosenthal

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

4C=Explanation at table: "good heart raise I think"

5D=0/3

♠ 73
♥ 83
♦ AQ86
♣ KJT74

N James Holzhauser

♠ AKQT6
♥ AKQ4
♦ 2
♣ AQ8

W Chris Willenken

♠ 52
♥ JT95
♦ KJ973
♣ 95

E Eldad Ginossar

♠ J984
♥ 762
♦ T54
♣ 632

S Fred Stewart

WEST 6♥

<div>BOARD: 11</div> <div>DEALER: SOUTH</div> <div>VULNERABLE: NONE</div>		<div>♠ AKQ73</div> <div>♥ 6543</div> <div>♦ T</div> <div>♣ T75</div>																			
<div>♠ 82</div> <div>♥ K8</div> <div>♦ A732</div> <div>♣ 98643</div>		<div>♠ 65</div> <div>♥ AQT72</div> <div>♦ KJ954</div> <div>♣ Q</div>																			
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		🕒	Closed	5♠x	N	♣Q	=	650	
Goodman	Jacobs	🕒	Open	4♦	E	♣A	+1	150	1
		🕒	Closed	4♦	W	♠K	=	130	
Nickell	Kovachev	🕒	Open	4♠	S	♦A	=	420	6
		🕒	Closed	2♠	N	♣Q	+3	200	
Bailey	Wildavsky	🕒	Open	4♠	N	♦4	=	420	-
		🕒	Closed	4♠	N	♦4	=	420	-

In the words of Bob Dylan, "The times they are a' changin'"

On Board 11, the three pairs who played in 4S brought home the game. In all three cases, opening leader led a diamond and E/W took the first three tricks: one diamond and two hearts. East tried to promote for West with a third heart but declarer could ruff with one of dummy's high trumps to foil that plan.

In Bramley/Rosenthal, Willenken/Ginossar pushed their opponents to the max! Chris skipped the bidding from 2S to 5D and it was anyone's guess!

Holzhauser, used to taking risks and being very successful at it, took the push to 5S.

Willenken called his bluff and doubled!

Now it rested with Gino! Ten of his thirteen cards will defeat the game... all red... Three of his black cards will let declarer discard his losing diamond on a club.

Alas, Gino had experienced success when he led a club two pages

W N E S

PASS 1♠ 2♣ 2♠

5♦ 5♠ PASS PASS

DBL PASS PASS PASS

1C=2+ if 4-4-3-2
2C= other two suits
2S=4 cards in spades

♠ 82
♥ K8
♦ A732
♣ 98643
W Chris Willenken

♠ AKQ73
♥ 6543
♦ T
♣ T75
N James Holzhauser

♠ 65
♥ AQT72
♦ KJ954
♣ Q
E Eldad Ginossar

♠ JT94
♥ J9
♦ Q86
♣ AKJ2
S Fred Stewart

DDSDDS

ago, had success again when Holzhauser led a club on the last page... Hoping that "three's a charm," Gino led the CQ. James won the club, pulled trump and discarded the DT from his hand to collect 11 tricks! 10 IMPs to Bramley

<div>BOARD: 15</div> <div>DEALER: SOUTH</div> <div>VULNERABLE: N-S</div>		<div>♠ Q54</div> <div>♥ 2</div> <div>♦ K543</div> <div>♣ K9854</div>		<div>♠ JT86</div> <div>♥ AJ86</div> <div>♦ AJ2</div> <div>♣ T2</div>		<div>♠ K97</div> <div>♥ KT7</div> <div>♦ Q987</div> <div>♣ A76</div>																									
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Home team	Visiting team		Room		By		=		IMP		
								NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Rosenthal	Bramley		Open	1N	W	♣5	=	90			2
			Closed	2♠	W	♥2	+1	140			
Goodman	Jacobs		Open	Not played							4
			Closed	Passed out							
Nickell	Kovachev		Open	2N	W	♣4	-1	50			10
			Closed	3N	E	♥4	=	400			
Bailey	Wildavsky		Open	3N	E	♥4	=	400			10
			Closed	1N	W	♣5	-1	50			

The opening lead so often makes the difference between success and failure for both sides... and the opening leader has limited information making it tougher to always discern the best choice!

On Board 15, two pairs: Greco/Hampson in Nickell/Kovachev and Compton/Smith in Bailey/Wildavsky found their way to 3NT.

At the other tables where the Board was played*, most E/W's stopped in a NT partial.

* For clarification, there were some boards not played and some slow play penalties assessed in Jacobs/Goodman. Team-mates' scores were cross-imped to determine results. (hence the scales)

Against 3NT by East, South must find the lead of a high club to defeat the game.

At both tables where 3NT was bid and played by East, South followed the rule of 4th from the longest and strongest and chose to lead the H4.

Where Ron Smith declared, he won the H7, cashed the HK, played the D8 to the jack and North's king. North knew to switch to clubs from his length but it was too late. The clubs set up but North had no entry to cash them!

10 IMPs to Wildavsky

Where Hampson declared 3NT, South also led the H4. Hampson won the H7 and played a diamond to the jack and king. North, again shifted to clubs, but again it was too late.

10 IMPs to Nickell

In Rosenthal/Bramley, Woolsey/Bramley stopped in 1NT after Kit opened a 10-12 NT and Bart wasn't enticed to go on with his 4-3-3-3 12 count. That was a likely good decision since the club lead is far more obvious from North when the hand is being declared by West!!

In Bailey/Wildavsky, where Korbel and Lee stopped in 1NT, Korbel opened the West hand with a 10-13 HCP NT and Lee signed off.

In Nickell/Kovachev, Koneru opened the West hand 1D in 2nd seat. Morgan jumped to 2H showing a balanced invite. Koneru did not think his 4-4-3-2 11 count was enough to accept the invitation and signed off in 2NT.

BOARD: 21
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ A84
♥ KQJT8
♦ 2
♣ KJ87

♠ QT73
♥ A652
♦ 98
♣ T93

♠ K9652
♥ 3
♦ KQ53
♣ A54

Par: 300

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	9	9	10	5	6
EW	4	4	3	8	6

♠ J
♥ 974
♦ AJT764
♣ Q62

Kevin Rosenberg seized victory from the jaws of defeat on Board 21.

Kevin was not cold for 5H. It took one slip by the opponents to give him a chance, but when it happened, he took full advantage.

Smith led the S2. Kevin won dummy's jack and West's queen with his ace.

He played the CK and Smith took his ace.

At this point, with a cross ruff impending, Smith needs to play his singleton heart to Compton's ace so Compton can play a second trump and ruin declarer's ability to pull off a successful strategy.

Home team	Visiting team	▶	Room	🃏	By	🃏	=	★	IMP			
									NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Rosenthal	Bramley	🕒	Open	3♠	E	♥9	=		140			6
		🕒	Closed	4♠	E	♥9	-2	100				
Goodman	Jacobs	🕒	Open	4♠	E	♥9	-2	100			5	
		🕒	Closed	4♥	N	♠5	-1	100				
Nickell	Kovachev	🕒	Open	4♠x	E	♥9	-1	100			5	
		🕒	Closed	4♥	N	♠2	-1	100				
Bailey	Wildavsky	🕒	Open	5♥x	N	♠2	=	850			13	
		🕒	Closed	3♠	E	♥9	-1	50				

W N E S

1♥ 1♠ 2♥

3♥ DBL 4♠ 5♦

PASS 5♥ DBL PASS

PASS PASS

Table: OP 6, Round: 2

N-S: Bailey 24 IMP

E-W: Wildavsky 61 IMP

♠ QT73

♥ A652

♦ 98

♣ T93

W Chris Compton

♠ A84

♥ KQJT8

♦ 2

♣ KJ87

N Kevin Rosenberg

♠ K9652

♥ 3

♦ KQ53

♣ A54

E Ron Smith

♠ J

♥ 974

♦ AJT764

♣ Q62

S Brian Platnick

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DDS

DDS

NOR 5♥

Smith led the DK... Had Compton held the singleton diamond instead of Rosenberg, he might have been ok, however, as it was, Rosenberg won dummy's ace and embarked on the crossruff. Kevin cashed the CQ and CJ, ruffed a spade in dummy, ruffed a diamond in hand, ruffed another spade and ruffed another diamond. He played the C8 and claimed 11 tricks, conceding the HA to Compton. He scored 5H for +850 where 2 declarers failed to make 4! 13 IMPs to Wildavsky when 3S failed by a trick in the other room.

Table		Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IMP	Open	Closed	Match
											Corr.	Room	Room	View
1	Kaplan	120	45	52	23	0					0	7/15	6/15	
	Wolfson	30	12	17	1	0					0			

USA1

Table		Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IMP	Open	Closed	Match
											Corr.	Room	Room	View
2	Fleisher	25	13	6	6	0					0	6/15	5/15	
	Shourie	68	38	10	20	0					0			

At the current time (4:49 Central on Monday), USA1 looks “upset”ting! (Pun intended!!)

While the Kaplan team earned the 1-seed by besting Nickell on Sunday, they were the original 8-seed while Wolfson is the original 4-seed. One would not expect the difference above...

In the other match, Fleisher is the original 2-seed while Shourie is the original 6-seed. Again...

The ability in bridge to play against the best and have a chance to defeat them is what keeps us returning!!

3 of 4 tables in USA1 reached the cold club slam on Board 25. Only Adam Grossack/ Wold stopped in game... in 3NT.

W

N

E

S

PASS

1♦

PASS

1♠

PASS

2NT

PASS

3♦

PASS

3♥

PASS

3NT

PASS

PASS

PASS

3D=checkback... we play wolff

♠ KQ976

♥ J9

♦ K9

♣ QJ95

Adam Grossack

♠ J532

♥ 6542

♦ QJ43

♣ 7

Jeff Wolfson

♠ 4

♥ AKQT

♦ A652

♣ AK62

Eddie Wold

♠ AT8

♥ 873

♦ T87

♣ T843

Steve Garner

Par: -1430

NS

EW

1

3

1

3

2

♣

♦

♥

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N

12

10

12

10

11

At the other 3 tables, East opened either 1D or 1C and reversed into hearts over 1S. The reverse made it easy to determine clubs as the trump suit, and the eventual ace ask made it easy to bid slam. Bidding 2NT over 1S may have understated the strength of Wold’s hand.

12 IMPs to Kaplan
They are looking like giant slayers!

Note that according to GIB, 12 tricks are possible for E/W in their 4-2 heart fit! Not happening but good to know!?!
EAS 3N

									NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Kaplan	Wolfson		Open	6♣	E	♠A	=	1370			
				Closed	3N	E	♣8	+2	660			12
2	Fleisher	Shourie		Open	6♣	E	♣4	=	1370			
				Closed	6♣	W	♥4	=	1370		-	-

USA2

1.	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	Rosenthal	1.80	81.14	45
2.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	1.41	63.24	45
3.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	1.36	61.38	45
4.	Brian Platnick - Kevin Rosenberg	Bailey	1.26	56.67	45
5.	Alan Sontag - Peter Weichsel	Jacobs	1.24	37.10	30
6.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Bramley	0.97	43.67	45
7.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	0.70	20.86	30
8.	David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge	Goodman	0.63	28.33	45
9.	Chris Willenken - Eldad Ginossar	Rosenthal	0.07	3.29	45
10.	Adam Wildavsky - Steve Robinson	Wildavsky	-0.09	-5.17	60
11.	Chris Compton - Ron Smith	Wildavsky	-0.11	-6.79	60
12.	Doug Simson - Eric Rodwell	Goodman	-0.12	-5.00	42
13.	Andy Goodman - Mike Passell	Goodman	-0.18	-5.38	30
14.	Daniel Korbel - Roger Lee	Bailey	-0.33	-14.69	45
15.	Billy Cohen - Gary Cohler	Jacobs	-0.41	-12.33	30
16.	Claude Vogel - George Jacobs	Jacobs	-0.75	-42.71	57
17.	Fred Stewart - James Holzhauer	Bramley	-0.95	-42.86	45
18.	Josh Donn - William Bailey	Bailey	-1.00	-30.02	30
19.	Aaron Silverstein - Andrew Rosenthal	Rosenthal	-1.04	-31.10	30
20.	Charlie Wilkins - Valentin Kovachev	Kovachev	-1.09	-65.52	60
21.	Jacob Morgan - Venkatrao Koneru	Kovachev	-1.33	-79.95	60
22.	John McAllister - Will Watson	Bramley	-1.80	-54.14	30

USA1

1.	Adam Grossack - Eddie Wold	Kaplan	1.28	77.00	60
2.	Adam Kaplan - Finn Kolesnik	Kaplan	0.63	37.67	60
3.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	0.37	16.67	45
4.	Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt - Shan Huang	Shourie	0.19	8.33	45
5.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	0.16	4.67	30
6.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Shourie	0.10	4.33	45
7.	David Berkowitz - Jeff Meckstroth	Wolfson	-0.04	-1.67	45
8.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Fleisher	-0.39	-17.33	45
9.	Gavin Wolpert - Rajath Shourie	Shourie	-0.56	-16.67	30
10.	Michael Kamil - Zia Mahmood	Wolfson	-0.70	-31.33	45
11.	Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner	Wolfson	-2.72	-81.67	30

**Cross
IMPS**