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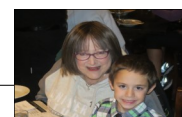
SemiFinal (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
28-Apr-2025		The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.									
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Kaplan</a>	246	45	52	38	14	42	43	12		
4	<a href="#">Wolfson</a>	133	12	17	28	8	17	21	30	w/d	
2	<a href="#">Fleisher</a>	200	13	6	45	36	26	30	6	38	
3	<a href="#">Shourie</a>	237	38	10	26	31	18	39	50	25	

USA1

Stage2 (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
28-Apr-2025		The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.									
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
5	<a href="#">Rosenthal</a>	248	27	46	37	26	44	21	28	19	
12	<a href="#">Bramley</a>	177	47	13	10	12	9	45	32	9	
6	<a href="#">Goodman</a>	215.5	21	15	50	17	40	30	37	15	-9.5
11	<a href="#">Jacobs</a>	167.53	22.2	14.33	36	13	25	1	20	39	-3
7	<a href="#">Nickell</a>	352	88	25	53	19	49	45	39	34	
10	<a href="#">Kovachev</a>	114	0	20	22	17	0	26	15	14	
8	<a href="#">Bailey</a>	274	19	37	50	42	24	38	45	19	
9	<a href="#">Wildavsky</a>	177	55	16	38	23	14	15	15	1	

USA2

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

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

"Someone bumped into me while I was brushing my teeth," said Tom with a gleam in his eye.

"Help, I'm drowning!" was Tom's glib, glib, glib chortle.

"PLEASE don't let me fall apart," pleaded Tom gloomily.

"Eating uranium makes me feel funny," said Tom glowingly.

"For the meal we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful," said Tom gracefully.

"Perimeter!" said Tom edgily.

"!" exclaimed Mark.

"The enemy has taken stronghold F," said Tom effortlessly.

"I had to fire my first mate when she got too heavy for the boat," said Tom excruciatingly.

"Yes, I was in the chicken coop when it exploded," admitted Tom, with egg on his face.

"Let's kill him," said the executive.

"Here, son, have a free balloon!" said Tom expansively.

"British English, of course," Di elected to say.

"My mother's sister will be here any minute," said Tom expectantly.

"This computer display is shocking," said Tom electrically.

"I used to be a pilot," Tom explained.

"|V|," said Tom emphatically.

"But suppose X does exist after all," Tom expostulated.

"The 13th letter of the alphabet is really large!" said Tom emphatically.

"I've lost a lot of weight" Tom expounded.

"Let's get married," said Tom engagingly.

"These genes are dominant," said Tom expressively.

"I got a personal letter from Ann Landers," was Tom's epigraph.

"Elvis is dead," said Tom expressly.

"I just hung my sheets on the clothesline," said Tom erringly.

"I used to work for Kelly Services," Tom extemporized.

"I'm going after that red fish," said Tom erringly.

"I used to work for the railway company," said Tom extraneously.

"Eureka!" said Archimedes to the skunk.

"I used to command a battalion of German ants," said Tom exuberantly.

"I failed my electrocardiogram," said Tom faint-heartedly.

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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.](#)



Wanting more,  
I'd always guess...  
Which way to take  
The best finesse!

**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

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"I am the Lord of the Dance," said Michael Flatley

"That's a lie!" said Tom in falsetto.

"I don't like steamrollers!" said Tom flatly.

"Please keep Ian on salary even if he does no work; banish not sweet Ian, kind Ian, true Ian, valiant Ian from thy company," was Tom's Falstaffian plea.

"This must be Nebraska," Tom stated flatly.

"I'm trying to get some air circulating up here just beneath the roof," said Tom fanatically.

"Ships ahoy!" said Tom fleetingly.

"The transit system could reduce its deficit by steeply charging those passengers on their way to rock concerts and sports events," said Tom with considerable fanfare.

"I love trying to make insects fly," said Tom flippantly.

"The Soviet press is useful on hot days," said Tom fantastically.

"When do I turn over the pancakes?" asked Tom flippantly.

"I'm 'drawing' the butter," Tom clarified fatuously.

"You're losing your grippe!" said Tom fluently.

"I don't know how much longer I'll need only three of my houses," said Tom forebodingly.

"I'm no good at golf. I know I'm going to hit another bad shot," Tom forewarned.

*(Continued on page 15)*

# Hard Sudoku

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 15

Sudoku 2

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

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



## Puzzle Page ...

### Summer Olympics

Find and circle all of the Summer Olympic events that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

Note: Similarly named events are hidden separately. For example,  
SWIMMING and SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING do not overlap.

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

ARCHERY  
ATHLETICS  
BADMINTON  
BASEBALL  
BASKETBALL  
BEACH VOLLEYBALL  
BOXING  
CANOEING  
CYCLING  
DIVING  
EQUESTRIANISM  
FENCING

FOOTBALL  
GYMNASTICS  
HANDBALL  
HOCKEY  
JUDO  
MODERN PENTATHLON  
RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS  
ROWING  
SHOOTING  
SOFTBALL  
SWIMMING  
SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

TABLE TENNIS  
TAEKWONDO  
TENNIS  
TRAMPOLINING  
TRIATHLON  
VOLLEYBALL  
WATER POLO  
WEIGHTLIFTING  
WRESTLING  
YACHTING



Whole"heart"edly



## BRIDGE & SCIENCE NEWS

By [WBF](#) In [News](#) On 12th March 2025

On [WorldBridge.org](#)

It has already been two years since the Bridge & Science Committee was discontinued. Fortunately, this doesn't mean that researchers stopped working. We have to thank EBL and WBF for supporting our works.

I can observe the fantastic work of Professor Samatha Punch from Stirling University in the sociology of bridge. Samantha created BAMSA (Bridge: A Mindsport for All), which promotes our game by publishing academic papers and organizing events.

Dr.Tihana Brkljacic works on the psychological aspects of the game of bridge and bridge players.

The "Bridge to the People" Foundation cooperates with Nicolaus Copernicus University and the Gdańsk University of Technology. We have proven that playing bridge reduces depression levels and improves the well-being of people living in Nursing Homes. In patients of Alzheimer's Centers who have bridge therapy, we observe a much slower progression of the disease. In this case, every day of a better life counts.

Using EEG, we checked the brain activity of 20 players when playing bridge and chess and did nothing.

Results, even if showing an advantage of playing bridge are inconclusive.

The foundation and the Latvian Bridge Federation received a grant from the European Union to study the positive effects of teaching bridge to lonely people staying in Nursing Homes. We hope to get more participating EBL member countries in 2026 for a similar project I will present in Poznań.



The Latvian Bridge Federation will organize the Sixth International Scientific Conference about bridge in Riga at the end of 2025. The exact dates will be announced soon.

It would be great if the Promotion and Development Committees of EBL and WBF used our findings for promotion and development. The same applies to both Senior Committees.

One fact we can't change is that most of our players are and will always be seniors. Spending big money on juniors is a good strategy because they will return to the bridge table when "real life starts" (the dog is dead, and the children are out – as Rabi says).

### WBF and Lovebridge

By Francesca Canali In News On 2nd July 2024

The recently deceased WBF President, Jan Kamras signed a contract with Lovebridge that includes the use of the Lovebridge tablets for bidding and also for the vugraph options.

♠ J87

♥ A62

♦ 8652

♣ K95

♠ AQ9643

♥ 3

♦ Q9

♣ Q742

♠ KT

♥ KJ95

♦ JT74

♣ T63

♠ 52

♥ QT874

♦ AK3

♣ AJ8

BOARD:

DEALER:

VULNERABLE:

48

WEST

E-W

Par: 420

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	10	7	8	10	9
EW	3	6	5	2	4

On Board 48 from the 4th segment of USA2 Stage 1 on Saturday, most N/S players played in spades... anywhere from the 2-level to the 4-level. Most made four while one made 5.

While there are 3 obvious losers: 1 spade, 1 heart, and 1 club, the popular diamond lead allowed declarer to take a quick pitch of his heart loser to make the game easily.

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By		IMP	
							NS EW Home Visiting
5	Wildavsky	Baseggio	Open 4♠ N ♦J = 420			6	
			Closed 3♠ N ♦J +1 170				
6	Kovachev	Parrish	Open 4♠ N ♦T +1 450			11	
			Closed 3N N ♦4 -2 100				
7	Jacobs	Han	Open 4♠ N ♣3 = 420			-	
			Closed 4♠ N ♦J = 420				
8	Bramley	McNay	Open 4♠ N ♦J = 420			6	
			Closed 2♠ N ♦J +2 170				

At Parrish/Rathi's table in Kovachev/Parrish, N/S used a convention to find their 6-2 spade fit but later opted to play in 3NT!

3NT will be successful if declarer plays for king/doubleton of spades in an opponent's hand.

Morgan led the D4, the king winning in dummy. Parrish doomed himself at trick two. He played a spade to the queen, losing to the king! He needed to either win his ace and play a small spade from hand to Morgan's king or play low and cash the ace on the second round of spades, felling Morgan's king. Parrish's actual play resulted in his losing 2 spades, 2 hearts, a club and a diamond for down 2. 11 IMPs to Kovachev

W N E S

PASS 1♠ PASS 2♥

PASS 2NT PASS 3NT

PASS PASS PASS

2NT=6 cards in spades

♠ AQ9643

♥ 3

♦ Q9

♣ Q742

N Adam Parrish

♠ J87

♥ A62

♦ 8652

♣ K95

W Venkatrao Koneru

♠ KT

♥ KJ95

♦ JT74

♣ T63

E Jacob Morgan

♠ 52

♥ QT874

♦ AK3

♣ AJ8

S Anant Rathi

OT

N

NORTH

3NT



# Logic Puzzle

**Answer to Puzzle  
on page 15  
Bottom of Page**

		First Names					Vegetables					Cocktails				
		Cyrus	Harrison	Jasper	Josue	Tyler	celery	collard greens	corn	onions	parsnips	cosmopolitans	kamikazes	mojitos	pink squirrels	shirley temples
Places	first															
	fourteenth															
	fifteenth															
	sixteenth															
	twentieth															
Cocktails	cosmopolitans															
	kamikazes															
	mojitos															
	pink squirrels															
	shirley temples															
Vegetables	celery															
	collard greens															
	corn															
	onions															
	parsnips															

Places	First Names	Vegetables	Cocktails
first			
fourteenth			
fifteenth			
sixteenth			
twentieth			

1. The person who drinks kamikazes finished before Cyrus.
2. The person who drinks mojitos doesn't enjoy collard greens.
3. The one who loves celery is not Cyrus.
4. The person in sixteenth place is Harrison.
5. The person in first place loves onions.
6. The 5 people were the person who drinks pink squirrels, Cyrus, the person in fifteenth place, the one who loves corn, and the person who drinks shirley temples.
7. The person who drinks kamikazes is not Tyler.
8. The person who drinks shirley temples finished after the person who drinks pink squirrels.
9. The one who loves collard greens is not Harrison.
10. The one who loves onions finished before the one who loves corn.
11. The person who drinks kamikazes doesn't enjoy corn.
12. The person who drinks cosmopolitans is Jasper.
13. The person who drinks kamikazes doesn't enjoy parsnips.
14. The person in first place drinks pink squirrels.

# Meet the Players

**Geoffrey Hampson** was born October 11, 1968 in Toronto, Ontario. He is the son of musicians “Both parents have recorded and my mother has recorded several albums that have gone Gold,” Geoff told us. (His mother is 'Sharon' in the famed Sharon, Lois and Bram.)

Geoff learned to count points at the kitchen table on his father's knee at around six years old, but he left the game alone until high school. “A teacher taught the entire class how to play by issuing a printout of most basic rules,” explained Geoff. “The class quickly became addicted, and I never found the cure. Both of my parents used to play. My sister is SLOWLY learning to play.”

Geoff attended undergraduate classes at the University of Western Ontario, and York University in Toronto. He is now a full time professional bridge player. “I had no true profession after university,” admitted Geoff. “I had several temporary jobs until Bridge became a viable career.” Geoff and his wife, Lindsey, now live in Las Vegas. When asked whether he has any pets, Geoff said, “Not currently, but I am looking forward to meeting my next cat.”

Geoff has played in several World Championships - four for Canada and the rest for the USA. His first success came partnering Fred Gitelman as a member of the Canadian team that reached the final of the 1991 World Junior Teams in Ann Arbor, Michigan. A year later, he finished second in the Pan-American Games Open Teams in partnership with John Gowdy.

Geoff won his first major domestic event while just 22 - the Canadian National Teams Championship, playing with Gowdy (and Ed Bidson, David Lindop, Boris Baran, Mark Molson). A year later, having moved south of the border, he claimed his first NABC title - the North American Swiss, playing with Molson. In 1994, he won his second North American National crown - the Mixed Pairs in partnership with teammate Brad Moss' sister, Jill Levin.

Away from the table, Geoff is a serious movie buff and an avid golfer. He can usually be found either on the course or in a theatre. He also studies the stock market and runs.

About the game: Geoff has consistently emphasized the importance of counting when asked how an advancing player might improve.

Geoff is playing in this USBC as a member of the Nickell team. He partners with Eric Greco. The rest of the team is Nickell/Katz and Weinstein/Levin.





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

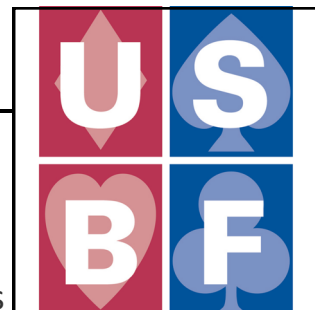
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5	7	2	3	9	1	8	6	4	5
1	3	8	5	4	6	2	7	9	1
4	5	1	9	8	3	6	2	7	4
8	6	7	9	5	2	3	4	1	8
2	1	2	6	7	4	9	8	5	3
7	2	1	8	6	5	4	3	9	7
3	4	6	2	1	9	7	5	8	6
9	8	5	4	3	7	1	2	6	9

## 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.

*(Continued from page 9)*

"I'll go get the stick," said Tom fetchingly.

"Now all I have to do for this banknote is engrave the portrait," Tom forged ahead.

"I really admire Raquel Welch's acting," said Tom figuratively.

"I must do something about the dying grass in my yard," said Tom for-lawnly.

"I could always draw it on paper," Tom figured.

"I will NOT finish in fifth place," Tom held forth.



## Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 13

Twentieth	Cyrus	Parsons	Mojitos
Sixteenth	Harrison	Celery	Shirley temples
Fifteenth	Josue	Collard greens	Kamikazes
Fourteenth	Jasper	Corn	Cosmopolitans
First	Tyler	Onions	Pink squirrels

**Accidentally drank  
invisible ink...**

**I am now in Hospital  
waiting to be seen.**

**Food for thought...  
Wouldn't it be ironic  
if Popeye's Chicken  
was fried in Olive Oil**

**If you notice cows  
sleeping in a field,  
does that mean it's  
pasture bedtime?**

**I told a joke on a Zoom  
meeting and no-one  
laughed.**

**It turns out I'm not  
remotely funny.**

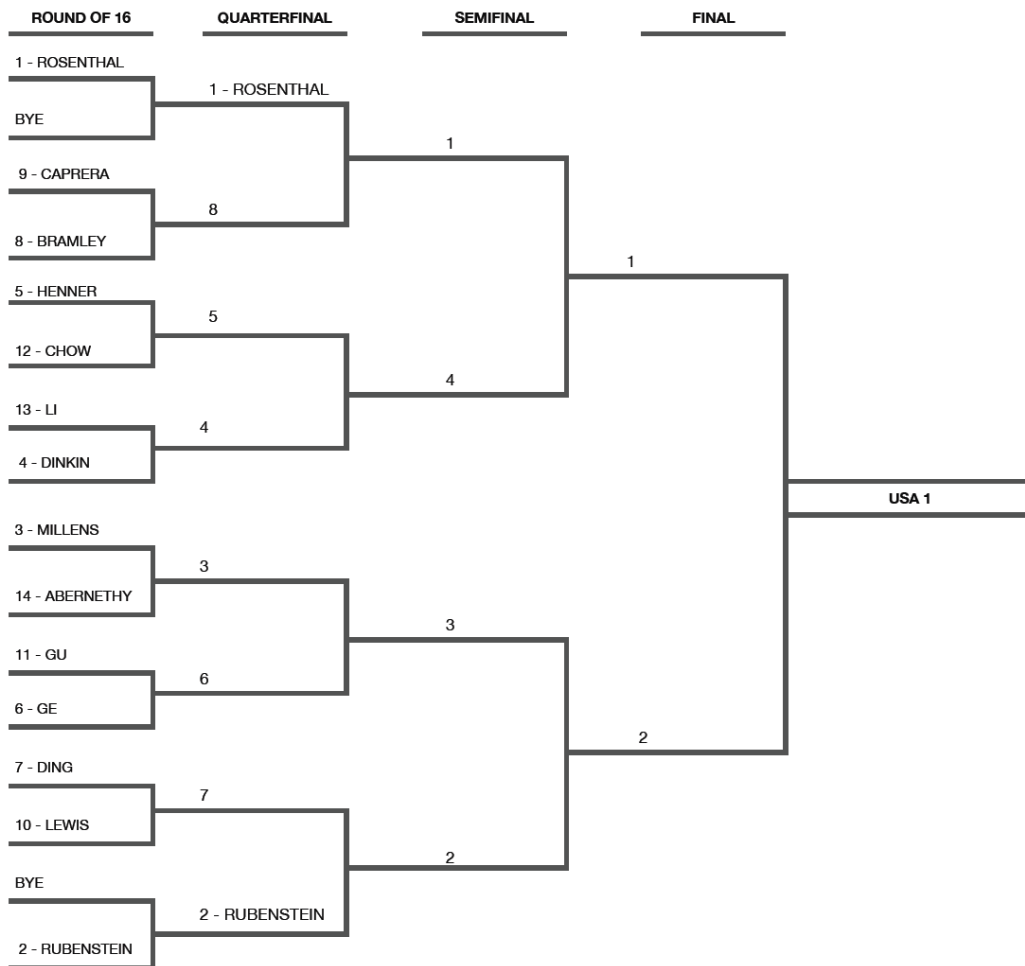
**A Chicken crossed the  
road and met James  
Bond. The chicken said  
'What's your name?'**

**'Bond, James  
Bond', 'What's yours?'  
came the reply. 'Ken,  
Chick Ken'**

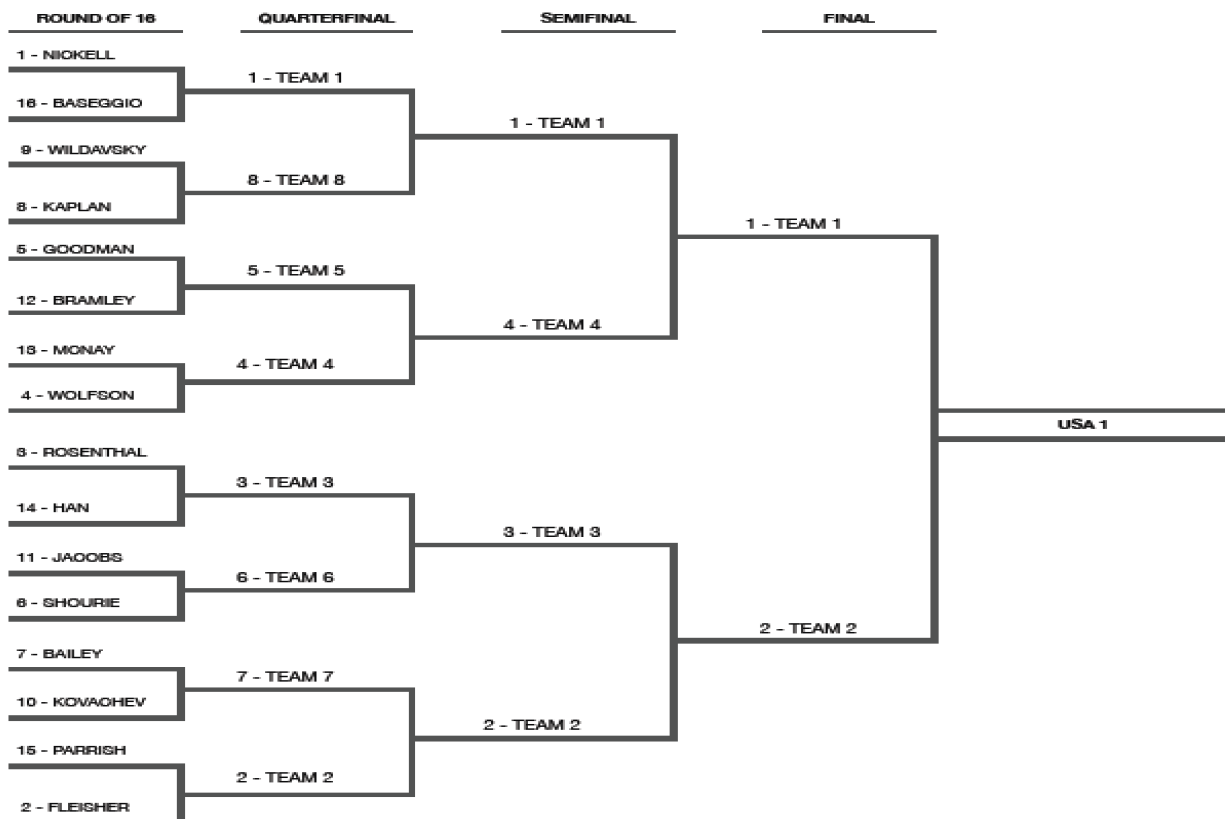
**I was going to  
cook alligator for  
dinner but  
realized I only had  
a croc pot.**

**The man that invented the  
Ferris wheel never met the  
man that invented the  
merry go round. They  
traveled in different  
circles.**

### 2025 MIXED USBC USA1 BRACKET



### 2025 OPEN USBC USA1 BRACKET





BOARD: 4

DEALER: WEST

VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ A964

♥ KQ53

♦ K5

♣ J53

♠ Q53

♥ JT

♦ A83

♣ AQ842

♠ J

♥ A97

♦ J972

♣ KT976

♠ KT872

♥ 8642

♦ QT64

♣

Par: 200

NS	3	5	10	10	N
EW	10	7	3	3	7

East/West have 10 tricks in a major suit game on Board 4 of segment 5.

In USA2, only Aaron Silverstein and Roger Lee recognized how valuable their distribution was in spite of their anemic high card strength to bid the vulnerable game. Their auctions were very different. At both tables, the CA was led, Declarer ruffing.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
					NS	EW
Rosenthal	Bramley	Open	4♠	S ♣A =	620	10
		Closed	3♠	S ♦3 =	140	
Goodman	Jacobs	Open	3♠	S ♣A +1	170	1
		Closed	3♠	S ♥J =	140	
Nickell	Kovachev	Open	3♠	S ♥J +1	170	-
		Closed	3♥	N ♠J +1	170	
Bailey	Wildavsky	Open	4♠	S ♣A =	620	12
		Closed	4♥	S ♣A -1	100	

Silverstein led a diamond to the king and a diamond to the ten and ace. (a tenace?) Woolsey continued diamonds and Silverstein shed a small heart from dummy. Aaron led a heart to the king and ace and ruffed Bramley's club return. Two rounds of hearts followed. Bramley won his 9 on the second round. Again, the club return was ruffed.

W N E S

1♦ DBL 3♣ 3♠

4♣ 4♠ PASS PASS

PASS

W N E S

1♣ DBL 2NT 4♠

PASS PASS PASS

Rosenthal/Bramley:

1D=2+

3C=weakish , 4+D,

5+C

Bailey/Wildavsky

1C=2+

2NT=LR+

♠ A964

♥ KQ53

♦ K5

♣ J53

N Andrew Rosenthal

♠ Q53

♥ JT

♦ A83

♣ AQ842

W Kit Woolsey

♠ J

♥ A97

♦ J972

♣ KT976

E Bart Bramley

♠ KT872

♥ 8642

♦ QT64

♣

S Aaron Silverstein

Korbel

Smith

Lee

Compton

Silverstein cashed the SK and successfully finessed against the SQ with Woolsey. The SA took out the last trump.

Lee ruffed the opening club and pulled one round of trump. He played a heart to the king and ace and Compton continued hearts to dummy's queen. Lee ruffed a club, played a diamond to the king and ruffed another club. His trump holding at this point was:

Singleton 7 in his hand and A96 in dummy. He, like Silverstein, successfully finessed against the SQ with West to bring in the game! 10 IMPs Rosenthal when their counterparts played 3S making 3

Bailey gained 12 IMPs when their counterparts played in 4H down one. There are 10 tricks in 4H but the winning line is not obvious. Wildavsky (South) ruffed the opening club lead and went after diamonds. This turned out to be devastating. Adam needed to pull trump immediately. At the table: Diamond won with K in dummy; C ruffed; S to the A; C ruffed; H to K & A; C returned, S discarded by South, ruffed in dummy; S to the K, east throwing a diamond; S to the Q, E pitching a C; DA cashed and the hand imploded for declarer: CQ from West, ruffed with 5 in dummy, OVERRUFFED 18 with 9 by East... Contract Down 1!

BOARD: 5

DEALER: NORTH

VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ K93

♥ 87

♦ QJ6542

♣ 76

♠ AQJT654

♥ A

♦ T7

♣ KQ2

♠ 872

♥ QT53

♦ A

♣ AJT54

♠

♥ KJ9642

♦ K983

♣ 983

Par: -980

NS	1	8	7	1	1
E	12	5	6	12	8
W	11	:	:	:	:

Board 5 was nearly flat in USA2. Seven tables played in 6S E/W, collecting their 12 tricks.

Only the Jacobs team got to the grand off the trump king!

Unfortunately for Jacobs, his teammates had too much and not enough science on their side!

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
					NS	EW Home Visiting
Rosenthal	Bramley	Open	6♠ E ♦9 =	980	-	-
		Closed	6♠ W ♦Q =	980	-	-
Goodman	Jacobs	Open	7♠ W ♥8 -1	50	14	
		Closed	6♠ E ♦3 =	980		
Nickell	Kovachev	Open	6♠ W ♥8 =	980	-	-
		Closed	6♠ W ♦6 =	980	-	-
Bailey	Wildavsky	Open	6♠ W ♦6 =	980	-	-
		Closed	6♠ W ♥8 =	980	-	-

Weichsel opened a Precision 2D showing 11-15 HCP and diamond shortness. Sontag was no doubt elated ... a likely 11 card trump suit with no wasted values in his small doubleton!

If he could have made a forcing bid in spades before the ace-ask, it could have been KC for spades and Sontag would have known he was off a keycard. As it was, he bid 4NT, as an Blackwood and Weichsel showed two aces.

As it was, Sontag had to feel bummed when dummy appeared with only 3 spades. Still, he would have been a hero if the king were onside.

Unfortunately for Jacobs, the king was with North and the contract failed one trick.

14 IMPs for Goodman

W N E S

PASS 2♦ PASS

4NT PASS 5♥ DBL

2D explained as "Precision"

It showed 11-15 HCP with diamond shortness

♠ AQJT654

♥ A

♦ T7

♣ KQ2

W Alan Sontag

♠ K93

♥ 87

♦ QJ6542

♣ 76

N Joel Wooldridge

♠ 872

♥ QT53

♦ A

♣ AJT54

E Peter Weichsel

♠

♥ KJ9642

♦ K983

♣ 983

S David Grainger

Bramley/Woolsey, also playing Precision, had a similar auction, but they use specific relays to perfectly pattern out. Woolsey knew that Bramley had an 11-15 minimum that was exactly 3-4-1-5 with four controls. This allowed Woolsey to stop in 6S with confidence.

BOARD: 8		DEALER: WEST		VULNERABLE: NONE	
USA2					
♠ 974 ♥ KT63 ♦ KQ85 ♣ Q8		♠ KQ652 ♥ 74 ♦ AJ62 ♣ K2		♠ J3 ♥ 982 ♦ 97 ♣ 976543	
Par: 990 NS 8 11 9 12 N EW 5 2 3 1 1		♠ AT8 ♥ AQJ5 ♦ T43 ♣ AJT			
Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
					NS EW Home Visiting
Rosenthal	Bramley	Open	3N	S ♦5 +3	490 - -
		Closed	4♠	N ♣6 +2	480 - -
Goodman	Jacobs	Open	4♠	N ♥9 +1	450 11 -
		Closed	7♠	N ♣3 -2	100 -
Nickell	Kovachev	Open	3N	N ♣5 +2	460 11 -
		Closed	6♠	N ♥2 -1	50 -
Bailey	Wildavsky	Open	4♠	N ♥2 =	420 1
		Closed	4♠	N ♥2 +1	450

Remember Board #5 on page 19?

The moral of the story for Team Jacobs appears to be: **Don't bid 7S on Tuesday...** especially when your counterparts stop in game at the other table!

This grand had no chance. Simson led the C3. Cohler won the queen with the king and pulled two rounds of trump ending in dummy. He cashed the CA, continued with the CJ, overruffing West's 9 with the Q. He took the doomed heart finesse and with a diamond loser looming, went down two tricks.

In Nickell/Kovachev, Kovachev/Wilkins had a long, complex auction to bid the small slam! The small slam was cold ... but only double dummy!

Weinstein led the H2. Kovachev needed to win dummy's ace. Instead, he took the finesse, losing to West's king.

Now, to kill all possibility of N/S success, Levin needed to play a high diamond setting up a defensive trick. This wasn't clear and he actually returned the HT. Kovachev had a second chance. He won dummy's HJ, pulled two rounds of trump, overtaking his SQ with dummy's ace when East played the jack. Now he faltered. He played the D3 to the Q and A; the S2 to the T; and conceded the DK to West for down one!

W N E S PASS 1♠ PASS 2♣ PASS 2♦ PASS 2♠ PASS 3♠ PASS 3NT PASS 4♣ PASS 4♥ PASS 5♦ PASS 5NT PASS 6♣ PASS 6♠ PASS 7♠ PASS PASS				♠ KQ652 ♥ 74 ♦ AJ62 ♣ K2 N Gary Cohler	
♠ 974 ♥ KT63 ♦ KQ85 ♣ Q8 W Eric Rodwell				♠ J3 ♥ 982 ♦ 97 ♣ 976543 E Doug Simson	
♠ AT8 ♥ AQJ5 ♦ T43 ♣ AJT S Billv Cohen					

3NT=better than 4S  
Rdbl=1st round control

While it is double-dummy, had Val won the HA at trick 1, he could have pulled trump, played 3 rounds of clubs shedding his heart loser, given up 1 diamond and succeeded. Or, he could have better used his second chance: If, after winning the SA, he cashed the HA and ST, pitching diamonds and played a C to the king, a club to the A, when the CQ falls, the CT becomes trick 12... It's never going to happen in "real life" but it does validate the bidding!!



<div>BOARD: 25</div> <div>DEALER: NORTH</div> <div>VULNERABLE: E-W</div>		<div>♠ KJ98</div> <div>♥ AQ654</div> <div>♦ Q964</div> <div>♣</div>																			
<div>USA1</div>		<div>♠ Q752</div> <div>♥</div> <div>♦ AKT5</div> <div>♣ KJ654</div>																			
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In both rooms where 5C was bid, it could have been defeated off the top. The SA would yield N/S 3 quick tricks!! In both rooms, South led the HJ and declarer was able to ruff the heart, play a club to the ace, ruff another heart, cash the ace & king of diamonds shedding a losing spade, ruff a diamond, ruff a heart, ruff a diamond, ruff a heart, and claim 11 tricks!

11 IMPs to Kaplan

11 IMPs to Shourie

I don't know who needs to know this but even if a bear wears socks and shoes, he still has bear feet.

The cashier said "Strip down, facing me.  
By the time I realized she meant the debit card, it was too late.

Police came round last night and told me my dogs were chasing people on bikes.  
My dogs don't even have bikes.

# Cross IMPs

1.	Adam Grossack - Eddie Wold	Kaplan	1.23	129.67	105
2.	Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt - Shan Huang	Shourie	0.60	54.00	90
3.	Adam Kaplan - Finn Kolesnik	Kaplan	0.19	19.67	105
4.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	0.14	13.00	90
5.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Fleisher	0.12	10.67	90
6.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Shourie	0.08	7.00	90
7.	Michael Kamil - Zia Mahmood	Wolfson	-0.15	-11.00	75
8.	Gavin Wolpert - Rajath Shourie	Shourie	-0.53	-31.67	60
9.	David Berkowitz - Jeff Meckstroth	Wolfson	-0.57	-43.00	75
10.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	-0.88	-53.00	60
11.	Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner	Wolfson	-1.59	-95.33	60

# USA1

1.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	1.68	125.67	75
2.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	1.22	109.67	90
3.	Brian Platnick - Kevin Rosenberg	Bailey	1.09	98.24	90
4.	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	Rosenthal	1.03	92.86	90
5.	David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge	Goodman	0.67	70.05	105
6.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	0.39	29.57	75
7.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Bramley	0.30	27.38	90
8.	Daniel Korbel - Roger Lee	Bailey	0.23	20.74	90
9.	Chris Willenken - Eldad Ginossar	Rosenthal	0.16	14.00	90
10.	Andy Goodman - Mike Passell	Goodman	0.01	0.76	60
11.	Billy Cohen - Gary Cohler	Jacobs	0.00	0.38	90
12.	Alan Sontag - Peter Weichsel	Jacobs	-0.13	-11.76	90
13.	Doug Simson - Eric Rodwell	Goodman	-0.23	-16.71	72
14.	John McAllister - Will Watson	Bramley	-0.25	-18.71	75
15.	Adam Wildavsky - Steve Robinson	Wildavsky	-0.25	-30.02	120
16.	Josh Donn - William Bailey	Bailey	-0.32	-19.02	60
17.	Chris Compton - Ron Smith	Wildavsky	-0.58	-69.93	120
18.	Aaron Silverstein - Andrew Rosenthal	Rosenthal	-0.66	-39.67	60
19.	Claude Vogel - George Jacobs	Jacobs	-0.75	-42.71	57
20.	Jacob Morgan - Venkatrao Koneru	Kovachev	-0.99	-118.52	120
21.	Fred Stewart - James Holzhauer	Bramley	-1.01	-75.86	75
22.	Charlie Wilkins - Valentin Kovachev	Kovachev	-1.22	-146.38	120

# USA2

# Limey Jack...

Gadzooks, Colonials:

Even Limey Jack is gobsmacked. Poor Howie Dung was last seen being taken away by the lads in blue muttering something like 'ow is this possible.'

Ow indeed? In the loser's bracket we find Nickell, Wolfson, Fleisher and Rosenthal. Lest you were by Shropshire for a month, you would know that there were the 1, 2, 3, 4 seeded teams in the Yanks USBC Open Trials.

And to make it worse, Nickell and Fleisher have drawn one another.

In USA 1:

Kaplan-Shourie: As promised, Limey Jack said he would find out who this squad was if they kept winning. This is M. Shourie's first attempt at the open trials. He plays exclusively with Gavin Wolpert. Very impressive so far, but can this continue? They now play 3 young lads and one old fogie, an unusual assemblage. Limey Jack goes against everything he holds dear and picks the quartet. Howie Dung called in from the ward and will likely choose Shourie.

USA 2:

Wolson-Bailey: Zia assures Limey Jack that while they were just nipped in the previous match, they will emerge victorious.

Fleisher-Nickell: Nickell turned on the afterburners today after being spanked earlier this fortnight. This match might be more highly watched than the final. Nickell does, in fact, prevail.

Rosenthal-Goodman: One is coming off a loss, and one a win. Methinks Rosenthal recovers in time to right their leaking dinghy.

Ta for now.



Kaplan v Shourie, not what I chose...  
It will be close, perhaps by a nose.

If Kaplan wins, we'll know when it's done  
If having two Adams is better than one!

Shourie's got Kranyak and I am not joking,  
Kranyak is tough when he's not outside smoking!

I'm picking Kaplan... the young and the old.  
With Finn, Kaplan, Grossack and sir Eddie Wold!

In Wolfson v Bailey, Bailey it is!  
Rosenberg's playing like nobody's biz!

In Rosenthal/Goodman, I'm in the know,  
I would pick Andrew. The other team's slow!

**Howie Doing...**

Too many penalties ... what can I say?  
A win turns to loss no matter your play!

Fleisher v Nickell, this one is hard...  
Even for me, the consummate bard!

Nickell, the 1 seed; Fleisher, the 2,  
Either could win when this is through!

Watching this match will be quite a treat.  
Moss won't let moss grow under his feet.

If Hansel and Gretel play at their best,  
Nickell prevails and Fleisher gets rest!

Howie Doing... Not bad!



firstname	lastname	Open	Mixed	Senior	Women's
Adam	Wildavsky	1	3	2	
Adam	Grossack	1	2		
Alan	Sontag	2		1	
Amber	Lin		1		2
Andrew	Rosenthal	1	2		
Andy	Goodman	1		2	
Bart	Bramley	1	2	3	
Billy	Cohen	2		1	
Bobby	Levin	1		2	
Cecilia	Dwyer Rimstedt		1		2
Chris	Compton	2	3	1	
Chris	Willenken	1	2		
David	Berkowitz	1		2	
Debbie	Rosenberg	1	2		3
Disa	Eythorsdottir		1		2
Doug	Doub		1		2
Doug	Simson	1		2	
Eddie	Wold	2		1	
Eldad	Ginossar	1	2		
Eric	Rodwell	1		2	
Fred	Stewart	1		2	
Gary	Cohler	2		1	
Jeff	Wolfson	1		2	
Jenni	Carmichael		1		2
Jenny	Wolpert		1		2
Jiang	Gu	2	1		
Kevin	Dwyer Rimstedt	1			
Kit	Woolsey	1	2	3	
Larry	Robbins		1	2	
Linda	Lewis		1		2
Mark	Itabashi		1	2	
Michael	Rosenberg	1	2	3	
Mike	Passell	1		2	
Ming	Sheng	2	1		
Olivia	Schireson	3	1		2
Peter	Weichsel	2		1	
Ron	Smith	2	3	1	
Sandra	Rimstedt		1		2

# Order of Event Choice by Players Entered in Multiple Events!

Shan	Huang	1	2		
Steve	Garner	1	3	2	
Venkatrao	Koneru	2		1	
Vince	Demuy	1	2		
Zach	Grossack	1	2		
Zia	Mahmood	1		2	

Because pre-registration is required for the USBC's, the USBF allows players to sign up for more than one event. It is complicated but they must state their order of choice before the first event in which they are registered.

This permits us to send our best players in all events: Open, Women's, Seniors, Mixed

This is the first year that the choices are being revealed as such.

It makes for interesting reading!

Note that the list is in alphabetical order by FIRST name!!

Finally a "flat" board... 4HE making 620 for all in USA1... of course 2 choices of lead!  
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**Kaplan**

**Wolfson**

**Fleisher**

**Shourie**



Open 4♥ N ♦9 = 620



Closed 4♥ N ♠K = 620



Open 4♥ N ♠Q = 620



Closed 4♥ N ♦9 = 620