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UNITED STATES MIXED TEAMS BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

All Mixed Up! Pre-Bulletin

The Prez Says ...



Howie Weinstein, President of the United States Bridge Federation, wants to welcome all of you to Washington D.C. for the first ever Mixed Teams United States Bridge Championships.

In 2016, the **World Bridge Games**, to be held in Wroclaw, Poland from September 3 through September 17th, will include a Mixed Teams event. USBF originally planned to hold a hybrid online & face-to-face selection event, the 2016 Mixed United States Bridge Championship. However, when only 8 teams had entered the event on the entry closing date, the USBF Board approved the recommendation of the Mixed USBC Committee to hold the entire event face to face immediately following the Summer NABC in Washington, DC.

The Mixed USBC will be played at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC, the headquarters hotel for the 2016 Summer NABC. Our playing rooms will be on the main floor of the Park Tower of the hotel, rooms 8212, 8216, 8218 and 8219. These are small meeting rooms, and will be a little crowded on Monday, when there will be 8 tables in play, but kibitzers are welcome. See the article on Kibitzing for rules that apply to kibitzers at USBF events.

FORMAT

The event will consist of 3 face to face knockout matches. The Quarterfinal on Monday, Aug. 1st will probably be played without screens, unless we can manage to squeeze 8 screen tables into our 4 rooms (one of the rooms is half the size of the other 3). Each match will be 60 boards long. Play will start at 10:30 & 4:15 on Monday if there are no screens and at 10:00 and 4:00 on Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Monday as well if we can have screens. Each day will end at about 8:30.

Good luck everyone!
Let the games begin!!

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Mixed Teams

Listed in Quarterfinal Bracket Position Order



Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Huub Bertens Chris Willenken	Migry Zur Campanile Jill Levin
Katz	Ralph Katz, Capt Bill Pollack Stasha Cohen	Cheri Bjerkan Rozanne Pollack Mark Cohen
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt Brad Moss Sue Picus	Michael Seamon Sheri Winestock Alex Ornstein
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Sam Lev Matthew Granovetter	Judi Radin Irina Levitina Pam Granovetter
Manfield	Melanie Manfield, Capt Sally Woolsey Debbie Rosenberg	William Pettis Kit Woolsey Michael Rosenberg
Meltzer	Rose Meltzer, Capt JoAnna Stansby Jo Morse	John Mohan Lew Stansby Ron Smith
Savchenko	Igor Savchenko, Capt Jiang Gu	Cristal Nell Pinpin Deng
Miller	Pamela Miller, Capt Yiji Starr	Jim Rasmussen Rick Binder



Team Rosenthal

Tournament Schedule

CAPTAINS' MEETING EACH DAY 15 MINUTES BEFORE START OF PLAY, IN PLAYING AREA

QUARTER-FINAL (ASSUMES NO SCREENS)

****** SCHEDULE WITH SCREENS WILL BE SAME AS SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL, STARTING AT 10:00******
EACH QUARTERFINAL MATCH WILL PLAY A DIFFERENT SET OF BOARDS

MONDAY	AUGUST 1	10:30 - 12:30 12:45 - 2:45 4:15 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 90 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
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SEMI-FINAL (BOTH MATCHES WILL PLAY THE SAME BOARDS)

TUESDAY	AUGUST 2	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 90 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
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FINAL

WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 3	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 90 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
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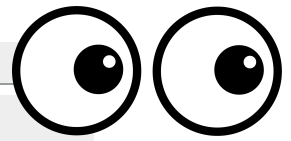
*In the Quarterfinal, each match will play different boards. In the Semi-Final, both matches will play the same boards.



Team Moss



All About Kibitzing



WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. However, you will be subject to the following regulations:

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, kibitzers may enter the room ONLY at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed and a kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next session. No kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

SCREENS

Most of the Mixed USBC will be played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see much, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBF KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

- a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
- b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
- c. Kibitzers must enter the playing room before play commences. Kibitzers are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
- d. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
- e. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.
- f. These rules may be revised in specific instances by the DICs for the orderly running of the event.

Kibitzing



**Team
Katz**

2016 Mixed USBC Team Seeding

The teams in the Mixed USBC are seeded based on a combination of Open ACBL Performance Points & Women's ACBL Performance Points. Each man on a team was assigned his Open ACBL Seeding Points, ignoring "alternate" (WBF) points and also deducting any points earned with Fantoni-Nunes, Fisher-Schwartz or Piekarek-Smirnov (the 3 pairs who have been convicted by a bridge organization of cheating) and 50% of points earned with Balicki-Zmudzinski, who have been accused but not convicted by the EBL. Each woman on a team was awarded the greater of her Wagar seeding points or her Open seeding points with the performance points doubled. The seeding points for an individual player are capped at 50. Seeding points from masterpoints are capped at 11, and are calculated using a complex logarithmic formula. Teams are seeded based on the average seeding points for the team. The teams and their seed positions are listed in the table below. To see information about each player's seeding points, go to the USBF website and download the PDF **Spreadsheet of 2016 Mixed USBC Seeding Points**. If you want to see the ACBL detail information, **email Jan**; warning - the ACBL data is more complex than usual because of the combined Open and Women's seeding points as well as a bug in the ACBL program that forced us to combine two different sets of seeding points for each of the Open and Women's seeding points. Teams may add or drop players before the Mixed USBC, which would change the seeding points.

The actual KO bracket order is based on original seed position and random shuffles, as follows: The team ranked 1 will be #1. The team ranked 2 will be #2. The teams ranked 3 & 4 will be randomly assigned to #3 and #4. The teams ranked 5 & 6 will be randomly assigned to #5 and #6. The teams ranked 7 & 8 will be randomly assigned to #7 and #8. The shuffle, done by tossing a coin, left 3 & 4 unchanged and swapped 5 & 6 and 7 & 8. Teams are listed in this table in Seeding Point order and on the **teams entered list** in bracket order.

<i>SEED</i>	<i>TEAM NAME</i>	<i>TEAM SEEDING POINTS</i>	<i>AVERAGE</i>
1	Rosenthal	37.28 SPs	
2	Katz	30.83 SPs	
3	Moss	30.65 SPs	
4	Mahaffey	30.54 SPs	
5	Meltzer	29.70 SPs	
6	Manfield	22.97 SPs	
7	Miller	5.75 SPs	
8	Savchenko	5.54 SPs	

Vugraph

The 2016 Mixed USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph throughout. We will probably cover 2 matches in the Quarterfinal, which is played on Monday, Aug. 1st. From the Semifinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or watch from the Windows version of BBO on your computer...if you don't have the Windows version, or don't know what it is, you probably can't use it. If you choose the Windows version, log on, click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch. To watch on your smartphone or tablet, install the BBO app and watch using that.

There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages.

The schedule for the Semi-Finals and Finals is the same (these are Washington times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**):

10:00-12:10

12:25-2:35

3:45-5:55

6:10-8:20

The schedule for the Quarterfinal will depend on whether we are able to fit 8 tables with screens into our playing area. If we are, the schedule will be the same as for the Semi-Finals and Finals. If not, the schedule will be:

10:30-12:30

12:45-2:45

4:15-5:15

5:30-8:30

During the Semifinals and Finals, all of the teams will play the same boards.

During the Quarterfinals, each team will play a different set of boards.

There will probably be live video of 2-4 tables each session. Video from the other tables will be uploaded to YouTube as soon as we can manage.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the older events currently available to see what we'll have for the 2016 Mixed USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on this site, linked to the bracket sheets you can get to by clicking on 2016MUSBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

If you are going to be in Washington during the Mixed USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please **email Jan Martel**. The more operators we have, the more tables we can cover!

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

Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

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

Puzzle Page ...

Puzzle Details:

During the latest round of the BrainBashers triathlon, Keith was fourth.

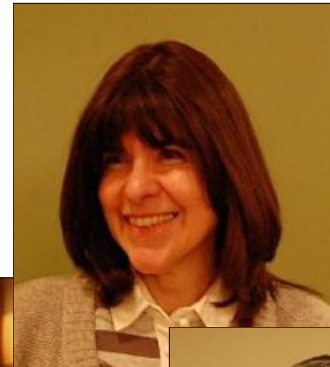
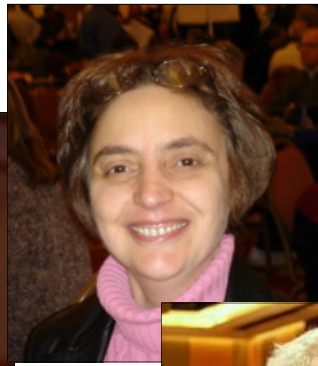
Adrian is not the oldest, but is older than Duncan, who was not second.

The child who was next in age to the youngest, finished second.

The child who finished in third place is older than the child who finished first.

Billy is younger than the child who finished in third place.

Can you determine who finished where and place the children in order of age?



Team Mahaffey

Hint and Answers: No Peeking!

Hint: Keith was the oldest.

Answer:
Name Age
1 Duncan youngest
2 Billy next to youngest
3 Adrian next to oldest
4 Keith oldest



Kit Woolsey is a former Washingtonian, now living in Kensington, California. Kit received a Bachelor's Degree from Oberlin and a Master's in Math from University of Illinois. He learned the rudiments of bridge from his parents at age eight. Backgammon and gambling games are among his hobbies and he is quite proficient at the computer and beyond. Kit worked in programming for eight years and options trading for thirteen. His partnerships include Steve Robinson (1960-1978), Eddie Manfield (1978 till his death in 1999); and presently Fred Stewart. Kit serves as Moderator and Technical Editor of The Bridge World Magazine. He holds many major NABC titles but his greatest thrill was the 1986 Rosenblum. However, his achievements also abound in the writing field, authoring Partnership Defense, Matchpoints, Modern Defensive Signals, How to Play Tournament Backgammon, etc. In recognition of his success at the table and other outstanding contributions to the game, Kit was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005.

Howie Doing ...

Miller: You're destined to function as bait

In the Round of 8 when Andrew is great!

Katz has nine lives but one is enough...

Dispensing Savchenko will not be too tough.

Meltzer v. Moss is harder to choose.

Though I think that Meltzer is likely to lose.

Brad is creative; Sherry is driven; Still, here the outcome, is not a clear given.

Mahaffey has players I really like, But not quite as much as Debbie and Mike!

When preempts abound, my money's on Kit!

Manfield wins by only a bit.

See you tomorrow!
Howie Doing!

Limey Jack

Blimey; you Yanks just cannot get enough. Limey Jack will put on his game face and feign enthusiastically handicapping this field for you. A ring up with Zia had him gloating about having escaped from this event. It seems they raided the aged home for some teams, some former "pairs" rekindling their ways, sponsors who may play nary a board, four and five handed teams, teams with players who haven't turned a card in two decades, and a mystery team that has no sponsors.

Limey Jack was going to field a team with the charwoman, the estate agent, and the dustman, but since Brexit there is a block of flats to put in order.

Rosenthal-Miller: Rosenthal advances with ease, but is marking time, with no real chance to win the event. However, sparks may fly.

Katz-Savchenko: Katz will take this match lightly but may have a surprise in hand. While Katz is out at the chemist's shop, the strong four handed team led by Igor the Glorious may well throw a spanner in the works. Katz survives, but only if they keep the petrol aflow.

Moss-Meltzer: Ah, young love. Will it be enough to overcome old love? If the Stansbys play every set there the likelihood of an upset. Limey Jack tried to do the maths but even with the aid of an abacus, cannot find enough imps for Moss to travel to Poland. The cretin will certainly pick Moss, as he does every favourite, but that is why Howie Dung lives with his Mum.

Mahaffey-Manfield: One who hasn't played versus one who will not play. My old nemesis Michael Rosenberg, failed to qualify for the Open and the Seniors. Will he complete the trifecta? This is a difficult match to call as there is no empirical evidence upon which to draw. Were it simply the Rosenbergs against Sam and Irina, that would be exciting. It comes down to how well the Woolseys play versus how rusty/inept are the sponsors. In the end, it is Manfield who pulls the rabbit out of her bonnet.

Cheers, LJ

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.



Savory Suggestions: Georgia Brown's

Georgia Brown warmly opened its doors in 1993. Part of the visual appeal of the restaurant lends itself to the bronzed ceiling scroll, reminiscent of the grand oak trees that are outstretched like a lace border over Southern Streets. We also use the honey bee as an icon in our logo, designated The Georgia State Insect in 1975. This acknowledged the honeybee's contribution to the state's economy through honey production and aiding pollination of more than 50 Georgia crops. The honeybee is recognized as an official state symbol in seventeen states, primarily because honeybees play such an important role in agriculture and is an ICON of Georgia Brown's.

LOW COUNTRY HISTORY

In the late 17th century all land south of Virginia was granted to the Barbadian planters. From Pawley's Island to the Savannah River, the Low Country stretched inland about seventy miles, Charleston lying at the heart. The seas and rivers were abundant with oysters, crab, shrimp and endless varieties of fish. To this bountiful land, settlers brought riches from their native soils.

The West Africans brought with them knowledge of rice growing, as well as their native benne seeds, hot peppers, black eyed peas, field peas, eggplants, and more. Native Americans introduced pecans and file, a powder made from sassafras leaves that was used as a gumbo thickener.

The Powhatan Indians showed the settlers how to dehull and soak corn, then grind it into what Southerners came to know as hominy grits.

The Africans, the French Huguenots and the Sephardic Jews from Portugal and Spain influenced the cooking with foods from their homeland. As a result of their efforts, you can now experience this diverse and history-rich cuisine at Georgia Brown's...

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(Sample Dinner Menu on page 11)



INSPIRATIONS

- \$12.00

Charleston She Crab Soup Maryland Lump Crab / Cream / Sherry / Lemon Zest

- \$9.00

Basque Country Gazpacho

Cucumbers / Peppers / Tomato / Jalapeño / Olive Oil / Cider Vinegar

- \$12.00

Fried Green Tomatoes Herbed Cream Cheese Filling / Bread and Butter Pickles / Tomato Fondue

- \$10.00

Cajun Shrimp Cerole Spiced / Creamy Grits / Butter Sauce

- \$12.00

Heirloom Tomato Stack

Basil Pesto / Maple-Balsamic Vinaigrette / Feta Cheese / Bacon Jam

CREATED FOR SHARING

- \$14.00

Cape Fear Diver Scallops Cauliflower Puree / Bacon Jam / Micro Cilantro

- \$12.00

Crispy Chicken Livers Creamy Sausage Gravy

- \$13.00

Cornmeal Crusted Catfish Fingers Creamy Cole Slaw w/ Mambo Sauce

- \$15.00

Fried Chincoteague Oysters Ma's Pickle Slaw / Charred Lemon Aioli

- \$45.00

Ma Brown's Appetizer Sampler Heirloom Tomato Stack / Cornmeal Crusted Catfish Fingers / Portobello Frites. For everyone to enjoy! Serves 4

SALADS

- \$10.00

Granny Smith Julienne Apples / Apple Vinaigrette / Blue Cheese Crumbles / Spiced Peanuts

- \$9.00

Iceberg Wedge Diced Tomatoes / Red Onions / Blue Cheese Crumbles / Chopped Bacon / Blue Cheese Dressing

- \$17.00

Grilled Salmon Mesclum Greens / Beets / Goats Cheese / Orange Honey Vinaigrette

- \$16.00

Fried Chicken* Sliced Tomatoes / Blue Cheese Crumbles / Red Onion / Spicy Peanuts / Horseradish Ranch Dressing

- \$18.00

Grilled Steak Salad Garden Greens / Roasted Corn / Blue Cheese / Caramelized Onions / Blue Cheese Dressing

- \$16.00

Blackened Catfish Caesar Crisp Romaine / House-Made Croutons / Parmesan Cheese / Caesar Dressing

Simple Caesar

- \$9.00

- Add Grilled: Chicken \$8.00

- Add Grilled: Salmon \$12.00

- Add Grilled: Steak \$11.00

- +Add Grilled: Shrimp (each) \$3.50

VEGETARIAN

- \$18.00

"Chicken" Croquettes Soy Based Meatless Chicken / Mashed Potatoes / Sautéed Spinach / Tomato Fondue

- \$20.00

Vegetarian Sampler

Your Choice of Three Sides

Georgia Brown's

Sample Dinner Menu

Mixing it Up in the GNT's...

Board 10
Dealer: E
All Vul.

♠ X
♥ AJT
♦ AKX
♣ KQJXXX

♠ AQTXXX
♥ KXX
♦ XX
♣ XX



♠ JX
♥ Q9XX
♦ QJXXX
♣ AX

♠ KXXX
♥ XXX
♦ T9X
♣ T9X

West	North	East	South
	Fred Gitelman		Sheri Weinstock
		Pass	Pass
2S	Double	Pass	2NT (Lebensohl)
Pass	3C	All Pass	

In the second round of the GNT Championship Flight, District 17 played District 19 in a head-up match.

When Sheri Weinstock responded 2NT to Fred's Gitelman's T/O double, he thought a bit before bidding 3C. He wanted to bid more but assumed that he would be able to show his extra strength on the next round of bidding... Surely Sheri was planning to bid at least 3D.

Imagine Fred's chagrin when Sheri passed 3C! He thought he was probably underbid until dummy hit. East led a spade and a spade, Fred ruffing. Fred led a low club toward dummy. Eventually he was able to negotiate two trump entries to dummy in order to take the double heart finesse. He lost one trick in each suit to make 3C!!

From the District 5 GNT Final...

♠ QJx
♥ Q
♦ AKQTxx
♣ Qxx

♠ Xxxxx
♥ Xx
♦ J8xxx
♣ x



♠ X
♥ KTxx
♦ Xx
♣ Axxxx

♠ AKTx
♥ AJ9xx
♦
♣ KJxx

At one table, Warren Oberfield and Bernie Fudor sat South and North respectively.

At the other table, the N/S pair played in a comfortable 4NT.

After some aggressive bidding at Warren's table, Warren found himself declaring 6NT. If diamonds break, the hand is easy, however, the opening lead was the D8, suggesting that diamonds might not behave. Without the diamond suit, declarer needs to take five tricks in hearts and clubs.

Warren won the diamond in dummy and led a club to the king. He crossed to dummy in spades and led a second club to his jack. Another spade returned him to dummy to test diamonds.

After cashing the high diamonds, North held: S:x H:Q D:Txx C:Q; East held: S:VOID H:KTx D:VOID C:Axx; South held: S: AK H:AJ9 D: VOID C: x; West was immaterial.

The HQ was led from dummy, covered by the king and ace. Warren led a spade to his ace and cashed the SK. East was squeezed. He couldn't discard a heart making declarer's hearts good, so he discarded a club. Warren led a club to East's ace... East was forced to return a heart, giving Warren the heart finesse.

Contract making! Nice play!