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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations—WUSBC Pre-Bulletin



The Prez Says ...

Welcome to the 2021 Women’s United States Bridge Championships. Here, in Schaumburg, we will select teams to represent the United States in the 2021 Venice Cup in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy from March 27th-April 9th, 2022.

There are 4 teams registered to compete for USA1 and USA2 in the Venice Cup. There are no byes. All of the 2021 Beth Palmer Women’s USBC will be held face to face. **The KO USA1 stages will be 2-day, 120-board Semifinal and Final KO matches. The KO USA2 stages will be a 2-day, 120-board KO Semifinal in which the USA1 Semifinal losers will play, and a 2-day 120-board Final between the USA1 Final loser and the USA2 Semifinal winner.**

This event is long overdue and we are gratified to be here.

In the best interest of our players, all USBF face-to-face competition will require vaccinations, will be played on tablets using the LoveBridge software, and will have only two occupants per room during play. The LoveBridge software team will be on hand to help with any issues that may arise.

While the USBF Board of Directors and the tournament organizers do their best to make this event the fairest Competition year after year, only YOU, the players, can uphold the high level of ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which United States bridge is known worldwide. I ask that each of you keep this in mind throughout the event.

Let the games begin!

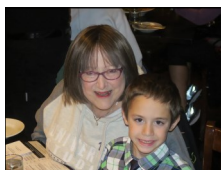
Brad Moss, USBF President

From the Editor:

Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. While team lists and schedules will be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions, other information will not. From this point forward, the USBC and Women’s will have combined newsletters!

Thank you!!

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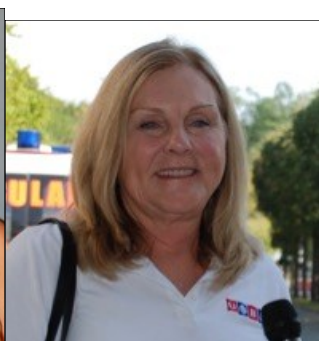
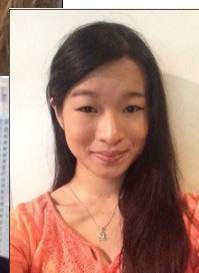
WUSBC Teams Entered...

Alphabetical Order



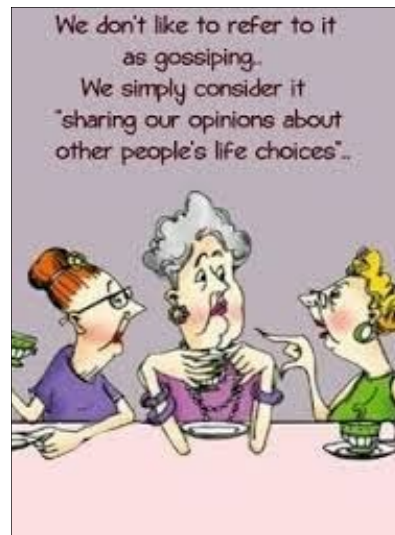
Baker	Lynn Baker Kerri Sanborn Janice Molson Sam Dinkin, NPC	Karen McCallum Jill Meyers Disa Eythorsdottir
Cole	Margie Cole, Capt Jenny Wolpert Shannon Cappelletti	Sandra Rimstedt Irina Levitina
Howard	Allison Howard, Capt Gigi Simpson Anam Tebha	Kay Enfield Gen Geiger Rose Meltzer
Wittes	Pam Wittes, Capt Cheri Bjerkan Emma Kolesnik	Shawn Quinn Rozanne Pollack Amber Lin

"A woman with a voice is, by definition, a strong woman."
Melinda Gates



Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
USA1 SEMIFINAL			
FRIDAY	OCT. 8	8:30 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
SATURDAY	OCT. 9	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SUNDAY	OCT. 10	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMIFINAL			
MONDAY	OCT. 11	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
TUESDAY	OCT. 12	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA2 FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 13	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
THURSDAY	OCT. 14	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



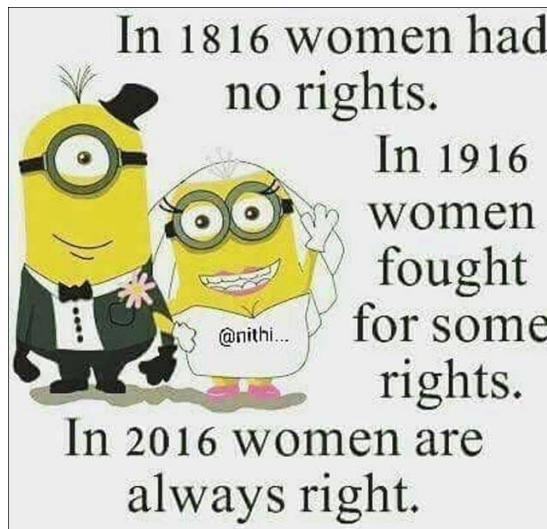
"If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman."

Margaret Thatcher

"I'm tough, I'm ambitious, and I know exactly what I want. If that makes me a bitch, okay."

Madonna

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.



Hospitality Suite

Because of Covid, we won't be able to provide the full, wonderful hospitality we have in the past, but we will do what we can.

Hosts Evvie Gilbert and Maya Alela for the Open and Women's and Julie Arbit and Christian Jolly for the Mixed and Seniors will be in our usual hospitality suite (Room 2321). They will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch each day'

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and surprise treats. Also individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. They will be making coffee and will have individual packages of sugar, sweetener, and dairy & non-dairy creamers. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. We are limiting access to 6 players at any one time, so we ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that to take with you as quickly as you can, and then go someplace else to eat. **Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Hospitality Suite at all times.** There will be a hand sanitizer station near the door and we encourage you to sanitize your hands before choosing what to take.

Lunch: From 2-4 pm (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early). There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as individually packaged tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, and berries. Also all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

Let us know what you want: If there is a menu for a future day's lunch hanging on the wall outside the Hospitality Suite, please mark what you want, so we have a better idea of what to order.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit.

Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Player's Break Room at all times, so you may not eat and drink in the room.

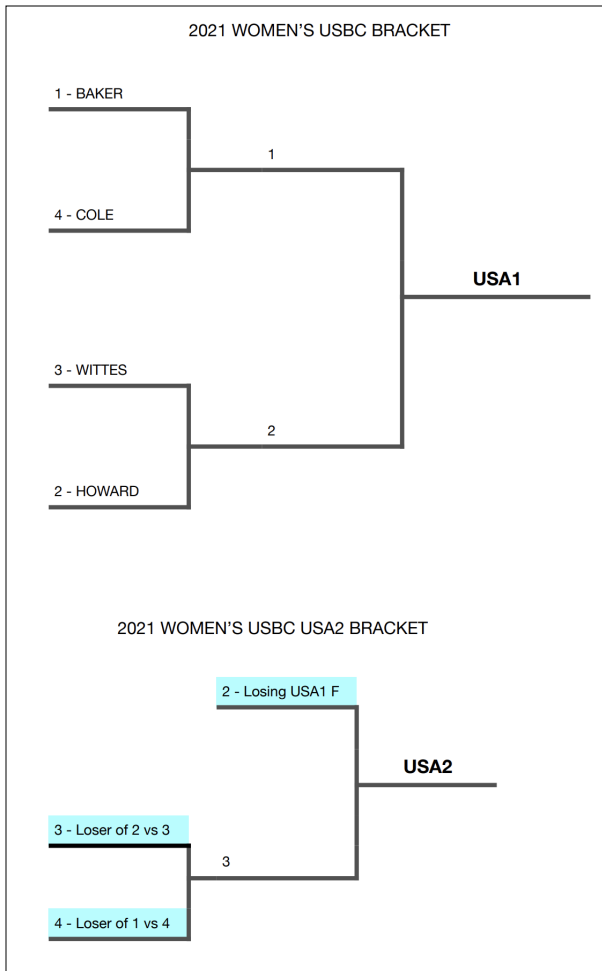


Julie Arbit



Christian
Jolly

Come to the Suite...
Pick up... Self-service.
Everyone's masked.
No need to be nervous!



"Women belong in all places where decisions are being made... It shouldn't be that women are the exception."

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish."

Michelle Obama

"A woman is like a tea bag—you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Limey Jack

Blimey; the Lassies are also having at it. Limey Jack thinks that you Colonials are running out teams for this event and it may be time to shelve it. There is one world class squad and 3 mostly attended by charwomen. One grouping is middling but added a very inexperienced pair of wee Lassies. One gaggle has 2 clients, while another is 5 handed.

Alas, Limey Jack is here to tell you who will win and help you make a shilling or two off your favourite punter. Howie Dung is here for comedic relief and terrible attempts at poetry.

Baker-Cole: Perhaps a good prop bet here would be what quarter Cole withdraws. Baker is your ultimate winner.

Wittes-Howard: Wittes prevails but Howard refuses to withdraw and stays with the field.

Howie Doing

With only four teams,
Two teams must fall...
With only four teams,
It's easy to call!

When the sun sets,
And we are done,
Baker emerges
As USA ONE!

Once Baker's chosen
And Team One is through,
Cole will emerge
As USA TWO!

Wittes will fight,
But Wittes won't win.
Juniors not ready:
Kolesnik and Lin!

This year is practice,
Next time compete!
Good to see juniors
Thick in the heat!

KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. The stream is delayed; go to the schedule below for starting times for each segment.

Popcorn time!

Do you want to listen to commentary? Search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentary. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

Nail biting!

Do you want to be deeply involved? Choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into four small screens – two of them showing the two tables of the match you choose, the other two having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can also personalize the content in all your windows. (The 2x2 view is not available on mobiles.)

Think together!

When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do and see whether your chosen player agrees.

More Information:

Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you 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.

Navigation icons:

While surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always 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 immediately. 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.

Replay:

After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board then the same buttons move you through list. Push every button and enjoy!

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Segment 1: 12:00 noon

Segment 2: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 6:00 pm

Segment 4: 8:00 pm

NEXT DAY

Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 8:00 pm

Segment 8: 10:15 pm




The USBF Junior program holds regular practice sessions every Sunday and Monday evening. Last Monday, Zach Posternak (chompyfish), a high school student from Massachusetts, showed the card handling skill that he has developed from participation in these weekly practice sessions.

3 D	N bcipher	W N E S
	♠ A1032 ♥ K63 ♦ 843 ♣ J108	P P 1♣ 1NT P 3♣ 4♣ P P
W waddleseal	E chompyfish	
♠ 74 ♥ AQ107 ♦ J1095 ♣ 973	♠ KQJ965 ♥ 984 ♦ Q ♣ AKQ	
	S puneetsan	
	♠ 8 ♥ J52 ♦ AK762 ♣ 6542	
		4♣ E NS: 0 EW: 0

Zach's partner was **Nicole Qian** (waddleseal), a high school student from Florida and a **young Women player!!** The opponents were 18 year old Brandon Fong (bcipher) from New Jersey and Puneet Gupta (puneetsan) from India.

On BBO only three of sixteen pairs bid four spades. Zach was the only declarer to find the trump coup position to make his contract and win 9 IMPs on the BBO IMP pairs scoring.

South led a high diamond and switched to a heart. Zach played the HQ from dummy. Brandon won the HK and returned a diamond. Zach trumped with the S5 and played the SK. North won and returned another diamond. Zach trumped the diamond return and cashed the SQ, getting the bad news in trumps. The position is shown below:



Alex Kolesnik (pictured) is now running the USBF Junior Training Program since the retirement of Michael Rosenberg

The USBF wishes to recognize and thank all the mentors for the countless hours they have put into the success of the program! It's working!!

3 D	N bcipher	W N E S
	♠ 103 ♥ 63 ♦ ♣ J108	P P 1♣ 1NT P 3♣ 4♣ P P
W waddleseal	E chompyfish	
♠ ♥ A107 ♦ J ♣ 973	♠ J6 ♥ 98 ♦ ♣ AKQ	
	S puneetsan	
	♠ ♥ J5 ♦ A7 ♣ 654	
		4♣ E NS: 3 EW: 3

Realizing he needed the rest of the tricks, Zach hoped that he and North had matching distributions. He cashed three rounds of clubs, to which everyone followed. The four-card end position was:

3 D	N bcipher	W N E S
	♠ 103 ♥ 63 ♦ ♣	P P 1♣ 1NT P 3♣ 4♣ P P
W waddleseal	E chompyfish	
♠ ♥ A107 ♦ J ♣	♠ J6 ♥ 98 ♦ ♣	
	S puneetsan	
	♠ ♥ J5 ♦ A7 ♣	
		4♣ E NS: 3 EW: 6

Zach led a heart and played the HT from dummy. When this held the trick, he cashed the HA and led the DJ trapping North's ST3 under his SJ6 to take ten tricks.

Excellent technique!

Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure



Chicago Prime Italian Restaurant
\$\$\$ · Italian
700 N Meacham Rd
Elegant, locally owned venue offering a menu of Italian dishes, plus a seasonal patio.
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Morton's The Steakhouse
\$\$\$\$ · Restaurant
1470 McConnor Pkwy · In Windy Point
4:30PM
Upscale chain for aged prime beef, seafood & other traditional steakhouse fare in a clubby space.
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Seasons 52
\$\$ · New American
1770 E Higgins Rd
Rotating menu of seasonal American dishes alongside international wines in an upscale setting.
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Weber Grill Restaurant & Academy
\$\$\$ · Restaurant
1010 N Meacham Rd
Boisterous, rustic American hideaway serving up kettle-cooked steaks, burgers & ribs.
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Shaw's Crab House
\$\$\$ · Seafood
1900 E Higgins Rd · In the Streets of Woodfield
Suburban version of the upscale city seafood restaurant with traditional decor & an oyster bar.
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Wildfire
\$\$\$ · Steak
1250 E Higgins Rd
"Best dining experience in Schaumburg!"
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

City Works - Schaumburg
\$\$ · Restaurant
1850 E Golf Rd
"Outdoor dining was great different options of seating." Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Stonewood Alehouse
\$\$ · American
601 Mall Dr
Spacious contemporary alehouse serves up draft microbrews & wood-fired meals in a lodgelike venue. Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Bahama Breeze
\$\$ · Caribbean
406 E Golf Rd · In Woodfield Plaza
Laid-back chain eatery featuring Caribbean entrees & tropical cocktails amid beachy decor. Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Westwood Tavern
\$\$ · Grill
1385 N Meacham Rd · In Woodfield Village Green
"Patio **dining** available."
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Granite City Food & Brewery
\$\$ · American
801 Plaza Dr
Casual chain eatery with an American comfort-food menu plus craft beers brewed on-site.
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Chicago Prime Steakhouse
\$\$\$ · Steak
1444 E Algonquin Rd · In The Shoppes at Prime Village
"Unbelievable **dining** experience!!"
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

The Capital Grille
\$\$\$\$ · Fine Dining
2000 E Golf Rd
Opens 5PM
Outpost of the upscale steakhouse chain offers classic American fare & a clubby, refined setting. Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Kuma's Corner Schaumburg
\$\$ · American
1570 E Golf Rd · In Woodfield Village Green
American eatery with a wraparound bar & patio for burgers piled with toppings, plus craft beer.
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

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Maggiano's Little Italy
\$\$ · Restaurant
1901 Woodfield Rd · In the Streets of Woodfield
Semi-upscale chain for classic Italian fare served family-style in a relaxed, polished space. Dine-in·Curbside pickup

LongHorn Steakhouse
\$\$ · Steak
1901 E Golf Rd
"Very nice dine , always it's a pleasure to **eat** at Long-horn"
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Meze Mediterraneo
Mediterranean
680 Mall Dr
Rustic Mediterranean fare in an elevated dining room with bar seating & contemporary interiors.
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Benihana
\$\$\$ · Japanese
1200 E Higgins Rd
Hibachi chain serving Japanese dishes grilled tableside by theatrical chefs.
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Texas de Brazil
\$\$\$ · Steak
5 Woodfield Mall Ste D312 · In Woodfield Mall
"I dine in this great **restaurant** often!" Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Bonefish Grill
\$\$ · Seafood
180 S Roselle Rd
Contemporary grill chain offering a seafood-centric menu, plus steaks & cocktails.
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

This list is pretty recent and indicates pickup or delivery. Some of your old haunts from past Championships may have closed since the start of the Pandemic.

Several of these listings are across the street in Woodfield Shopping Mall. These listings do not include phone numbers but with the information here, you should be able to research that on your cell if you want to make reservations.

Where to Shop in the Area...

Woodfield Mall
5 Woodfield Mall · (847) 330-1537
Open ☞ Closes 6PM
In-store shopping·In-store pickup

Style Encore - Schaumburg
Consignment shop
1402 N Roselle Rd · In Remington Plaza · (847) 874-7184
Open ☞ Closes 6PM
In-store shopping·Curbside pickup

Streets of Woodfield
601 N Martingale Rd · (630) 954-7300
Open ☞ Closes
10PM In-store shopping

Kibitzer Activities...

Heritage Farm
201 S. Plum Grove Road, Schaumburg · 847-985-2102
Step back into the 1880s for a look at when Schaumburg was a rural German farm community. On a visit to Volkening Heritage Farm, you can help with seasonal farm chores, participate in family activities and games of the 1880s or simply visit the livestock and soak in the quiet.

Authentically dressed interpreters welcome and guide visitors through the site.

Hours of Operation

Current hours are effective July 1 - Oct. 31.

- **Visitor Center/Museum Store/Farmhouse** - Wed.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Farm Grounds & Trails** - Daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission to Heritage Farm is FREE; however, during scheduled special events it may require an entrance fee.

DISCOVER THE ART!

The **Chicago Athenaeum's International Sculpture Park** is situated on 20 acres of meadow, forest, and natural prairie on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg,

PARKING AT

Prairie Center For the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct

HOURS

The International Sculpture Park is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

Meet the Players...

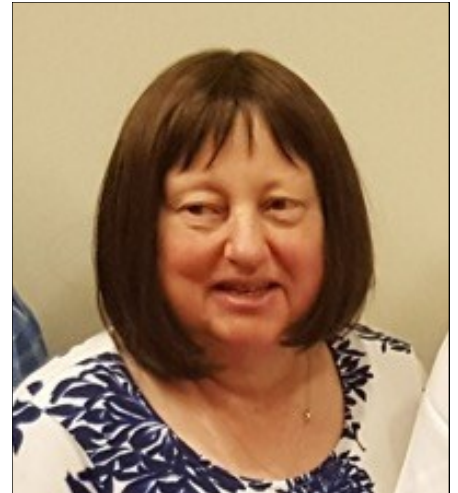
Beth Palmer was an Administrative Judge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for 24 years, hearing complaints of employment discrimination. Prior to becoming a judge, she was a lawyer in private practice. Admired in the bridge world for her judicial temperament, Beth generously gave of her time throughout the years to serve in numerous administrative positions with the USBF, ACBL, and the Washington Bridge League.

Beth began playing bridge in law school in 1977 and her first serious partner was Bill Cole. Two years later, she played with Bill at the Norfolk, Virginia, nationals and her team made it to the round of 16 in the Vanderbilt. Lynn Deas reported at the time that “Beth was the talk of the tournament, won more than 100 masterpoints, and made Life Master.”

Away from the bridge table, Beth enjoyed reading and sports, but her primary interest was her family... daughter, Julie Pettis and husband, Bill Pettis. Beth served as Julie’s Girl Scout troop leader for six years and was coach of her basketball team for five. Beth and Bill (Buffalo) lived in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Beth was serving a member of the United States Bridge Federation Board of Directors when she lost her battle with cancer in 2019.

She is greatly missed. This event is named in her memory to honor the many hours she devoted to making this game the best it could be.



Update on Bob Hamman...

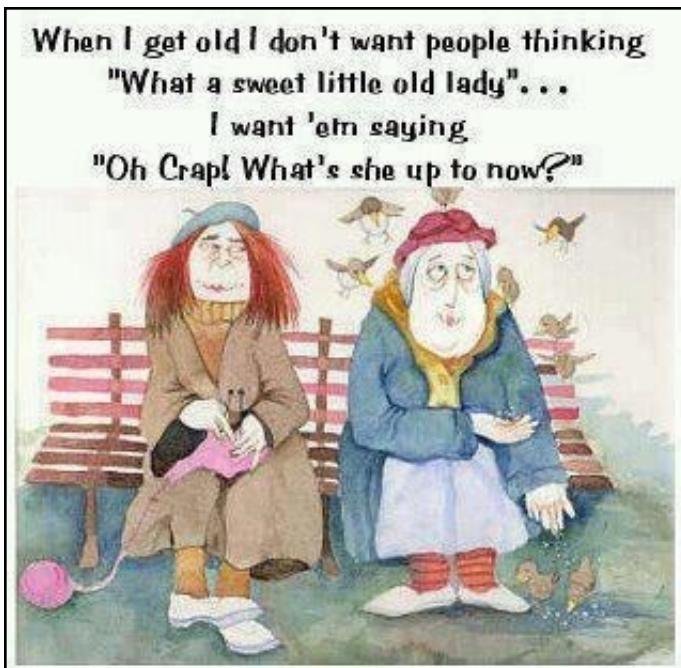
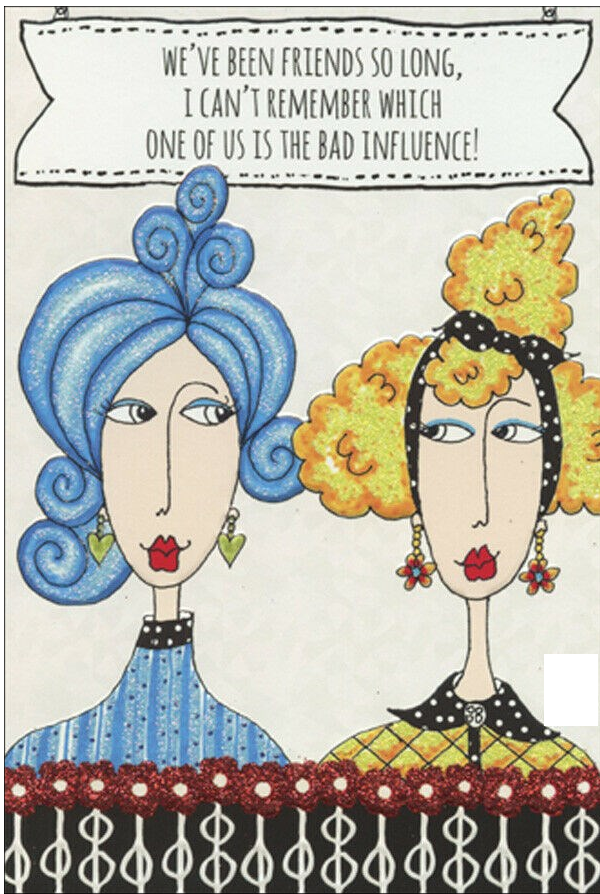
Stephanie Doran Scott, Petra Hamman’s daughter, reported yesterday that Bob is improving every day.

Bob had a severe case of breakthrough Covid and has been hospitalized for over seven weeks. He has been on a ventilator and had several heroic life-saving procedures since entering the hospital.

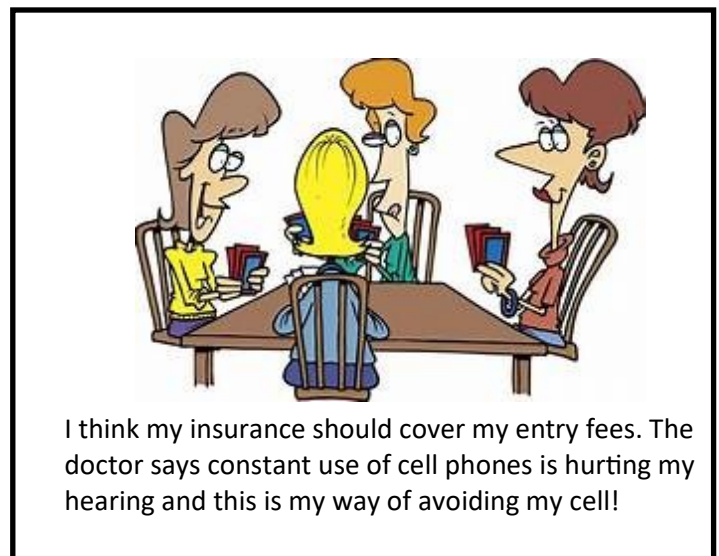
Yesterday Stephanie posted that:

Bob is doing much better! Chest tube, trach, and catheter removed! Most likely on Monday, he will be moving to inpatient physical therapy! He is still very weak and he needs to get stronger. Please keep all your positive thoughts and prayers coming.





Remember...
This is a Women's event.
You can finesse for a queen,
But there are four princesses
already sitting at the table!



Guide to LoveBridge Software

Quick User Guide

2021 LoveBridge



MENU



You don't have to shout for a director; you can call them by clicking on the "Whistle" button.

In case of a misclick don't panic! Call TDs and they will try their best to help you. (*)

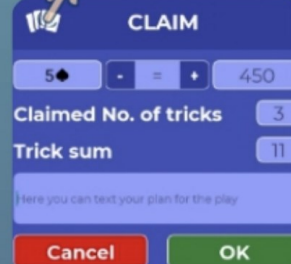


CALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Press here to make the claim window transparent so you could see the already played cards.



CLAIM



RESULTS



CONVENTION CARD



You can set here the language, bidding and playing preferences anytime.



COVER SCREEN



SETTINGS



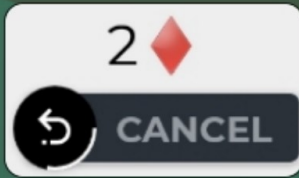
To hide your screen from view, click this icon.



Click - or + to adjust the number of tricks.

* According to the rules there are some cases when your bid or played card can be taken back. TDs know the relevant rules.

LIVE STREAMING: <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/>



Don't worry if you misclick during the bidding; you have a few seconds to cancel the bid. You can change this timeframe at Settings/Bid Menu.

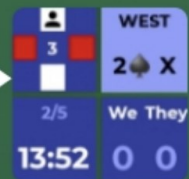


You can tap on the bidding panel to alert your calls. You can even give written explanations. Find more details in the explanation guide.

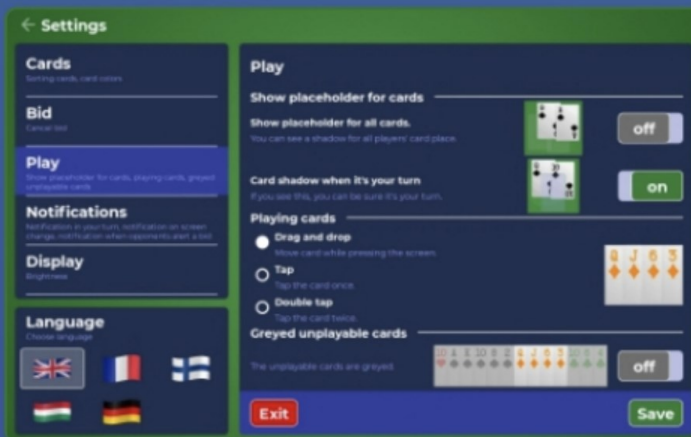


Whenever it's your turn, you can play a card, even if the bidding panel or the cards from the last trick are still in the middle of the screen.

At the top left corner you will always see the vulnerability and the dealer from your perspective (you are at the bottom).



You can change how to play your cards in the Settings Menu.



The system will remember your settings when you play next time.



You can review the previous boards any time.



Explanation

User guide - self alert

The logic of alerts and explanations in the LoveBridge system can work multiple ways. You will use it **with self alert and screened tables**. You only alert your own calls. Both opponents can ask for more information, and they will always know the same details about bids.

Alerting

When you want to make an alertable call, you have multiple options:

You can **tap in the input field** and type your explanation here.

You can **tap on the alert button** so that your opponent knows it's alertable.



You can **tap the envelope button** and, after placing your call, the bridge keyboard will pop up. Here you can type your explanation.

Note: Your call will be alerted as well.

Bridge keyboard

Common bridge expressions are organized in seven categories to help you type bridge related messages with only a few taps.

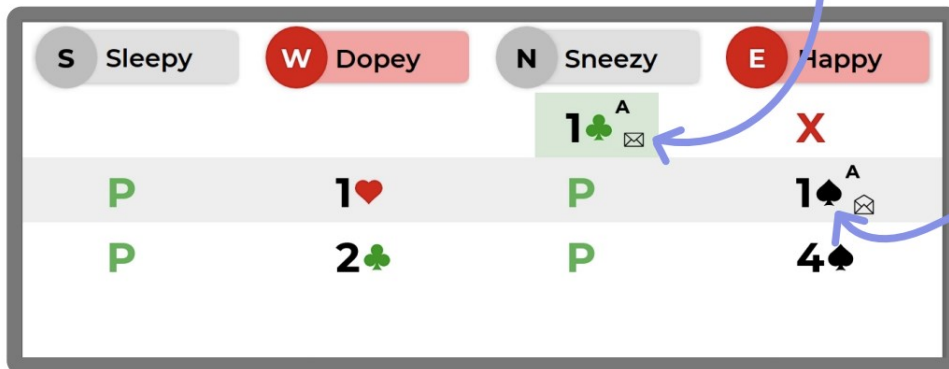
You can type any other message using a traditional keyboard.



Multiple words in every category

Bidding Panel

The closed envelope shows that you have an **unread message**.





You can always give additional information by tapping on your bid. Make sure that your explanation contains complete information about a specific call.

You can ask for additional information by sending a question mark.
You can ask specific questions using the chat.
(More about the chat on the next page.)

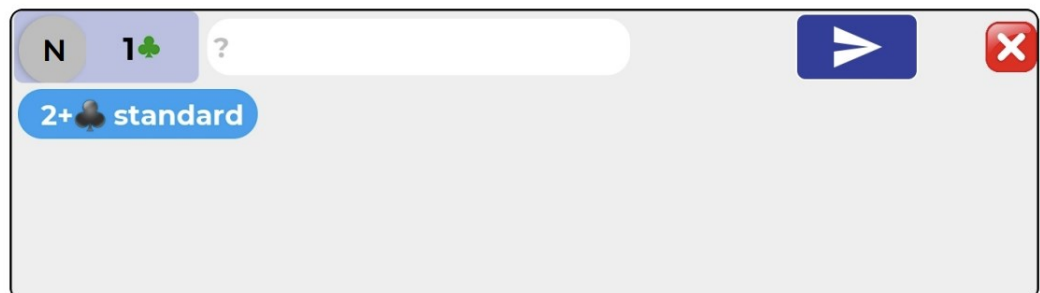
When you send an explanation, both of your opponents will receive it.
Both opponents can ask for more information.

Received Explanations

 When you read the explanation, you can **close the window** with the X button.

You can ask for further information  by simply tapping the send button.

Make sure you only press the send button when you would like to ask a question.



Chat



You can use the chat to send private messages to your opponents, or you can chat with the entire table.



You can find the chat in the top left corner of the screen. You can open it by tapping the chat bar.

You can only send private messages to your partner when you are not currently playing any boards.

Android Keyboard

When writing an explanation, you can press the “done” button to switch back to the bridge keyboard.



To write a question mark:
You can use the shift button, a long press on the question mark or switch to the symbol keyboard.



Frequently Asked Questions

How can I unalert my bid?

You can press on your bid, turn off the alert switch and tap on the send button.

ALERTED



Can my partner see when I ask for further information?

No, your partner will only know that your opponent has changed the explanation.

Can I take cards back?

There is no undo button, you can use double tap or drag and drop to make sure you play the card you want to play. You can call the director to take your card back, and they will inform you about applicable rules.

Can I take bids back?

There is a cancel time (can be set to 0-5 seconds) for the bid, when you can review your call, and take it back if it was a misclick. No other player can see it during these seconds. Directors can take back bids as well.

Why can't I see the bidding during playing?

According to the rules, you are not allowed to see the bidding once the playing has begun. You can only see the bidding before you play your first card.

Why can't I see my partner's cards when I'm the dummy?

Just as playing with cards, you can not see the declarer's cards when you are the dummy.

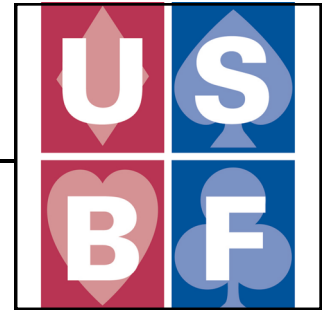
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6	7	3	9	1	8	4	5	2	6	3	4	5
4	6	8	5	7	9	2	1	3	4	7	9	8
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Sudoku Answers

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.

We hope you will join us.



The kings and queens
Are in cahoots.
They're wearing very
Different suits!



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

Hard Sudoku



The hospitality here is as Instagramable as it gets with safety precautions!
Great tournament!!
Thanks everyone!

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

Answer to Puzzle on Page 20

Paris	London	Paris	5
London	Berlin	Atlanta	4
Newark	New York	London	3
Washington DC	Atlanta	Berlin	2
Boston	Paris	New York	1
Layover City	Actual Flight Plan	Original Flight Plan	Flight Order

Answers on page 18

		Original Flight					Actual Flight									
		Atlanta	Berlin	London	New York	Paris	Atlanta	Berlin	London	New York	Paris	Boston	London	Newark	Paris	Washington DC
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Answer on Page 19

Flight Order	Original Flight Plan	Actual Flight Plan	Layover City

Greg travelled a lot for work. This month, his travel plans included five stops in both international and US locations. Unfortunately, fortune didn't favor him this month. Between missed flights, flight delays, bad weather, and unscheduled landings, his trip took him almost a week longer. While he still visited all of the same cities, his scheduled visits ended up being very different for the original flight plan. His luggage even beat him home! Determine the order of his original flight schedule, the order of his actual schedule, and the unplanned cities where he ended up staying overnight between flights.

- Originally, he planned to travel to New York first but he didn't go to Berlin instead.
- He stayed in Boston before he stayed in Newark.
- Instead of London, he went to New York but after he'd already traveled to Atlanta.
- His original fifth planned stop turned out to be the city he stayed over in on his way to London.
- Greg stayed in Washington DC on his way to Atlanta.
- From first stop to last, the cities he went to were Paris, the city he went to instead of Berlin, the city he went to after laying over in Newark, Berlin, and lastly the city he went to instead of Paris.

Sewing

Find and circle all of the Sewing words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an old saying.

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

AWL	HEM	PINS	SPOOL
BOBBIN	HOOCS	QUILTING	STITCH
BUTTONS	LACE	RIBBON	TAILOR
CLOTH	MAGNIFYING GLASS	RIPS	TAPE MEASURE
DARNING	MENDING	ROTARY CUTTER	TEARS
DRESSMAKER	NEEDLES	SCISSORS	THIMBLE
ELASTIC	PATCH	SEAM RIPPER	THREAD
EMBROIDERY	PATTERN	SEAMSTRESS	TRACING PAPER
EYES	PENCIL	SHEARS	TRACING WHEEL
FABRIC	PINCUSHION	SNAPS	ZIPPER
GROMMETS			

Anna Gudge posted:

There is to be a free BBO Tournament in memory of Miguel Reygadas on 16 October. So do save the date and look for registration details on BBO

Grand life master Miguel Reygadas died Sept 25. He was 75. Born April 18 1946, Miguel was a loving father and great friend.

He began playing bridge at 15 and demonstrated a great facility for the game. Together with Gonzalo Herrera they represented Mexico in the first World Championships in 1968. Soon after this, Dr Rosenkrans invited him to play on his team internationally. From 1978 until his death he represented Mexico in 8 Olympics and the Bermuda Bowl.. He also played in many international games as a member of different teams.

Always a gentleman at the table, he was kind, considerate and respectful of his opponents. He will be greatly missed by the Mexican bridge community. He is survived by his daughter, Inéz.

More information as it is available.

Live so that when
your children think of
fairness and integrity,
they think of you.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr



Good Luck Ladies!!