

“Trials” and Tribulations

USA2 USA1

USA1

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8
1	Nickell	94	11	9	33	41				
2	Spector	125	14	39	39	33				

USA2

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	AC
3	Fleisher - wins tie	103	30	24	30	19	
6	Bramley	131	28	11	9	83	
4	Hill	149	19	39	41	50	
5	Gu - wins tie	108	22	18	34	34	

Beth Palmer Results at the half

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8
1	Baker	134	25	26	30	53				
4	Cole	139	56	16	60	7				
2	Howard	74	20	20	17	17				
3	Wittes	139	46	28	18	47				

Until the end of the Women’s event, the Daily Bulletin will feature highlights from both the Open and Women’s!

LoveBridge computes some interesting statistics on each player each day. Today you can see yesterday’s statistics and tomorrow you can see the stats from today. To view, you must go to https://stats.lovebridge.com/statistics/usbc_2285 and enter your username. Each player has an individual username and password. Anyone can view a complete set of stats by clicking the tournament link and selecting USBC Open All. Your personal stats are only available when you’re logged in.

In the Daily Bulletin from the Senior Online Championships on October 3, you may have seen the **In Memoriam** for Jeff Goldsmith. Jeff lost his battle with cancer last week. Jeff’s family has designated the **USBF Junior Fund**, a 501C(3) charity, for donations in his memory. Donations may be made through the USBF website (USBF.org) and will be properly acknowledged. This was a very kind gesture by Jeff and his family who recognized how important bridge was to Jeff.

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QuarterFinalists in Alphabetical Order

Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Mike Becker Hemant Lall	Kit Woolsey Peter Weichsel Michael Kamil
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Radu Nistor Ish DelMonte	Sandra Rimstedt Iulian Rotaru Finn Kolesnik
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Roger Lee	Chip Martel Brad Moss Daniel Korbel
Gu	Jiang Gu, Capt Ming Sheng Jian-Jian Wang	Hailong Ao Hongji Wei
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Joel Wooldridge	Joyce Hill David Grainger
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Steve Garner Mark Lair
Nickell	Frank Nickell Geoff Hampson Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Eric Greco Steve Weinstein
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Kevin Bathurst



Face to Face Open USBC Tournament Schedule

VACCINATION REQUIRED:

All players in the 2021 Open USBC MUST be vaccinated against CoVid19.

Players must submit proof of vaccination to the USBF Secretary (Jan Martel) before play commences in the event.

This includes the online stages - players are not eligible to enter the event if they do not submit proof of vaccination.

There are no exceptions to this rule.

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting and the Covid ban on kibitzing, it is especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

Suzi



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.



I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places.

Henny Youngman

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
QUARTER-FINAL			
MONDAY	OCT. 4	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
TUESDAY	OCT. 5	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 6	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
THURSDAY	OCT. 7	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
FRIDAY	OCT. 8	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL			
SATURDAY	OCT. 9	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SUNDAY	OCT. 10	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
USA2 FINAL			
MONDAY	OCT. 11	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
TUESDAY	OCT. 12	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.

Henny Youngman

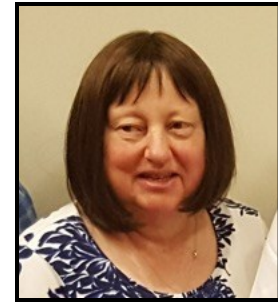
A doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so he gave him another six months.

Henny Youngman

Beth Palmer

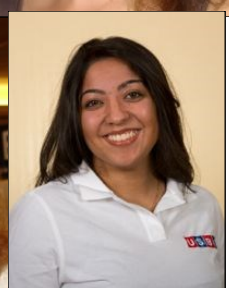
WUSBC Teams Entered...

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



FORMAT OPEN USBC

The face-to-face USA1 stages will be 2-day, 120-board KO matches.

The face-to-face USA2 stages will be a 2-day, 120-board KO R16 in which the 4 losing USA1 Quarterfinalists will play, followed by a 1-day, 60-board KO Quarterfinal, in which the 2 USA1 Quarterfinal losers will play the 2 USA2 Round of 16 winners; a 1-day 60-board KO Semifinal in which the USA2 Quarterfinal winners will play, and a 2-day 120-board Final between the USA1 Final loser and the USA2 Semifinal winner.

Play Requirements: Each player must play 10 matches in RR 1 and at least one segment against each other team in RR 2 to qualify for the KO stages (a player who does not meet the play requirements can be added back to the team as long as the requirements for roster changes are met. Each player must play 50% of the boards in every KO match to be eligible to continue on the team. See General Conditions of Contest Section XII (at USBF.org) about how to count boards and potential waiver of this requirement.

Closed Notes: Players may not consult their notes at any time during play unless they are dummy.

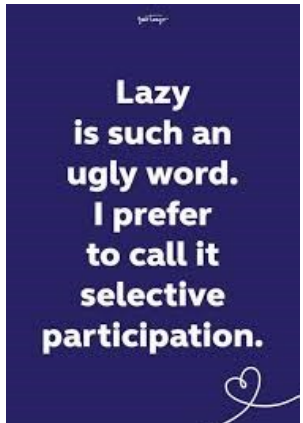
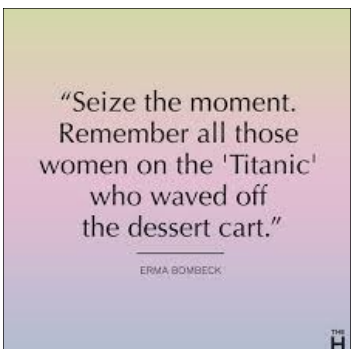
Withdrawal: A player or team may withdraw at any time.

Play in the KO stages will be on LoveBridge tablets, with either 2 or 4 players in a room.

SETTING THE KO BRACKET: THE KO BRACKET WILL BE BASED ON ACBL SEEDING POINTS, EXCLUDING POINTS AWARDED FOR ONLINE PLAY, PLUS ADDED SEEDING POINTS FOR PERFORMANCE IN EACH STAGE OF THE ROUND ROBIN.

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
SUNDAY	OCT. 10	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
		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
MONDAY	OCT. 11	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
		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
TUESDAY	OCT. 12	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
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WEDNESDAY	OCT. 13	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
		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
THURSDAY	OCT. 14	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
		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

Beth Palmer Women's USBC Schedule



KO 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 inactive, 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 personalize the content in your windows. (Not active 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. 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.

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 the 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

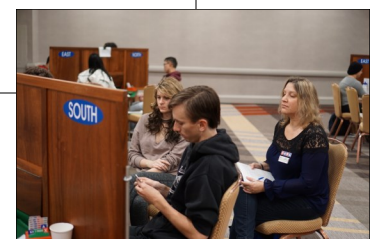
Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 8:00 pm

Segment 8: 10:15 pm



Mask Rules

Attendees are required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth in all public areas in the hotel. That means the hotel lobby, corridors, and elevators, as well as the **Hospitality Suite** and the **Office/Players' Break Room, where masks must be worn at all times. Therefore, there is no eating or drinking in those rooms.**

Our attorney has told us that the Cook County Mask Mandate forces us to require masks in the playing rooms. Therefore, we have adopted the following policy about that:

*Masks are required in playing rooms. If you are observed not wearing a mask in a playing room, there will be a 2 IMP penalty for the first offense in a segment, a 4 IMP penalty for the second offense, an 8 IMP penalty for the third offense, and a 16 IMP penalty for the fourth and subsequent offenses; however, if you and your opponent agree to something other than both wearing masks, any IMP penalties for not wearing a mask will apply to both of you equally and there will be no other penalties. You may remove your mask briefly to eat or drink. **However, if you call for a director (for any reason), and you are not wearing a mask properly when the director enters the room, the penalty will apply to your team for your **next match** in the event.** There is no eating or drinking in the playing room when the Director present.*

In addition, anyone who is penalized more than twice (over the course of the entire event) in situations where his/her opponent was wearing a mask while s/he wasn't, or where the director was called, may be subject to additional conduct penalties.

You should bring masks to the tournament with you; we will not be supplying masks.

Covid Waiver

We are going to ask each player in these events to sign a COVID-19 Waiver of Claims. It is being sent to you by email and you may sign it electronically and return it to Jan (marteljan@gmail.com) or you can sign a printed waiver at the site. Waivers will be available to sign in room 1321 starting Oct. 5th at 9:00 am. **Everyone is required to sign the form before the start of play!**

There is something about Mary

Mary's mum has four children.
The first child is called April.
The second May.
The third June.
What is the name of the fourth child?

**Logic
Puzzle**

Solution

Mary!!!!



"I use so much alcohol-based hand sanitizer, my hands had to join a 12-step program!"

Hospitality Information ... the Suite and more ...

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, starting on Tuesday, Oct. 5th.

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and some hot options. 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 always worn in the Hospitality Suite.** 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 always worn in the Player's Break Room, so you may not eat and drink in the room.



Julie Arbit



Christian
Jolly



We hope you
Really like the suite.
We think that it
Should be a treat!

Bottled water and Soda in the Break Room!

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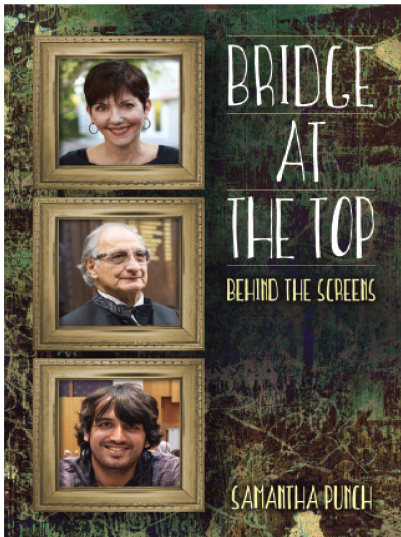
Jan VanCleaf provided this so our readers could use it to improve their bidding and better build partnerships. Bid72 allows users to participate in bidding contests, bid random boards and get a rating based on their bidding, learn about "topic board" hands dedicated to conventions and special agreements, and to create, upload and bid your own boards.

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— Jill Levin

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— Chip Martel

In the course of her research project, *Bridge: A MindSport for All*, sociologist Dr. Samantha Punch has been able to speak with many of the world's top bridge personalities. The best interviews are collected in this book, and they offer fascinating insight into what it takes to be a top player, coach or even sponsor. As a bonus, each subject offers their favorite bridge tip.

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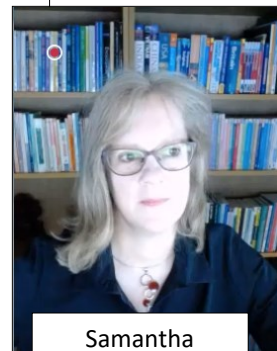
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Samantha Punch's book is recently published and ready for your reading pleasure.

Sam is an amazing advocate of the game and while I have not yet read the book, based on her work with "Keep Bridge Alive" and more, I am certain you will want to have this volume in your collection!

Learn about the experts... how they think... what they think... and why they are so driven by a card game.

Editor



Samantha

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

Sudoku 1



Answer to Puzzle on page 11

Name	Age	Favorite Game	# in the US	# in Other Countries
Steven	13	Karate Master	5	1
Nathaniel	16	Battlefield	3	2
Michael	14	Space Patrol	2	5
Louis	15	Mystifying	4	3
Jeremy	12	Grab It	1	4

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku Solutions on Page 17

		Ages										# in US					# in Other Countries				
		12	13	14	15	16	Battlefield	Grab It	Karate Master	Mystifying	Space Patrol	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Jeremy																					
Louis																					
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Puzzle Mania

answers on page 10

Name	Age	Favorite Game	# in the US	# in Other Countries

Louise's five sons love computer games and playing with their friends online. Each played with five to seven other boys and the great thing about the World Wide Web was that none of their gaming friends were within easy driving distance to them. Many of them even lived in other countries. Each of the boys had a favorite online game and a bunch of friends that they gamed with on a regular basis. Determine the name and age (12 to 16) of each son, the name of each one's favorite online game, the number of each son's friends that live in the US (from 1 to 5), and the number of each son's friends that live in another country (from 1 to 5).

1. Michael was two years younger than the brother who loved "Battlefield". Steven was two years younger than the brother with four US friends but he was only one year older than the brother with four friends in other countries.

- The brother who loved "Karate Master" was a year older than the brother who had four friends living in other countries, but he was also a year younger than the brother who had two friends living in the US.
- Louis, who didn't like "Grab It", was fifteen and he had more than three gaming friends in the US. The brother who loved "Mystifying" had one more friend living in the US than outside the US.
- The 12-year-old had two less US friends than Nathaniel but three more friends living outside the US than the brother who loved "Karate Master".
- Steven, who didn't like "Space Patrol", had the most friends in the US. The brother who loved "Grab It" played with four friends who lived outside the US.
- One brother, who wasn't Jeremy, played with five friends who lived in other countries and two friends who lived in the US. The 14-year-old, who wasn't Nathaniel, loved "Space Patrol"

Physics 1

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 30 letters spell an Albert Einstein quotation.

Y D O A C O U S T I C S Q T U C S V N E
V A N B D O P P L E R K N U E W I D F E
R F C U U A I A C G E I E N A S L I A E
C D E C O O C U R O O C T L C R S S R L
O E I N E S Y A T P N R N O V C K P A O
L N N M A L V A G N I V S A I I Y L D H
D S S P U I E N N P E I E N D R N A A K
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U T E Y S Z N T A Y Y H I T T P P E G A
S Y I R E S A E I T C A C R O I G M N L
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ACCELERATION	ELECTRON	LAWS	QUARK
ACOUSTICS	ENERGY	LENGTH	REFRACTION
AMPLITUDE	ENTROPY	LEVER	SOUND
ATOM	EXPERIMENT	MASS	STRING THEORY
BLACK HOLE	FARADAY	MECHANICS	TESLA
BUOYANCY	FREEZING POINT	MOMENTUM	THERMOMETER
CENTRIPETAL	FULCRUM	NEWTON	TRAJECTORY
COLD FUSION	GRAVITY	OPTICS	VECTOR
CONVECTION	HAWKING	PASCAL	VISCOSITY
DENSITY	IMPEDANCE	PENDULUM	WAVE
DISPLACEMENT	ISOTOPE	POWER	WEDGE
DOPPLER	KELVIN	PRINCIPLES	WORK
EINSTEIN			

Meet the Players...



Inducted into the ACBL's Hall of Fame in 2007, **Kerri Sanborn** is a nine-time world champion. She has won at least one World Championship in each of four consecutive decades, a record of "longevity at the top" equaled only by Bob Hamman. (Indeed, one wonders if anyone in any competitive endeavor outside of bridge has, or could, come close to that record of sustained excellence.)

Although (because?) her parents played bridge, Kerri swore she never would. But, she finally succumbed during her sophomore year at Miami University in Ohio, and played her first local duplicate with her father. She soon moved to California, where she credits many experts for helping her during her early years as a player: Mike Shuman, Harold Guiver, Mike Smolen, Hermine Baron, Harold Kandler, Rhoda Walsh, and, most significantly, Barry Crane.

Kerri's first victory at the world level was the 1978 Mixed Pairs in which she and Barry Crane bested a world-class field by an astonishing margin of 5 boards. During her highly successful 14-year partnership with Barry, she was responsible for buying his coffee (2/3 of a cup, black) and filling out the convention card, while he handled the travel arrangements. Kerri's five subsequent world championships were won in partnership with Karen McCallum (1989, 1990, 1993) and Irina Levitina (2002, 2006). Her most recent world championships were a repeat Mixed Pairs win, this time with Jie "Jack" Zhao in 2014, the World National Women's Teams in 2016 and the McConnell in 2018.

A full-time player beginning in the early 1970s, Kerri changed careers in 1988 when she began trading options full-time on the floor of the American Stock Exchange. She retired in 2001. An avid golfer, Kerri lives in Delray Beach, FL, with her husband, Steve, and cat Brooke.

Kerri serves as a member of the ACBL Hall of Fame committee.

Lynn Baker is a law professor at the University of Texas, and frequently serves as a consultant to other attorneys on issues of legal ethics in mass tort settlements. A graduate of Yale Law School and Yale College, she also holds a degree from Oxford University, which she attended as a Marshall Scholar.

A 16-time National Champion, Lynn's work commitments largely limit her tournament play to NABC and European Open events. In 2014, Lynn won her first World Championship, the McConnell Cup in Sanya, China. She won the McConnell Cup again in 2018 in Orlando, Florida. She has twice represented the US in the Venice Cup, winning a silver medal with USA I in 2009 (Sao Paulo, Brazil), and finishing 5th in 2001 (Paris, France). In 2015, she was on the winning Women's Team in the European Open Championships (Tromso, Norway), and finished second in the same event in 2017 in Montecatini, Italy.



A lifelong athlete, Lynn rowed for the Yale Varsity Women's Crew and was selected to one U.S. Olympic and three National Women's Rowing Team training camps during college. An avid downhill skier and runner in recent years, she has completed four marathons. She lives in Austin, Texas with her husband, Sam Dinkin, and two cats, Reginald and Babycat.

Lynn serves as a member of the USBF Board of Directors.

Both Kerri and Lynn are members of the Baker team.

		2			♠ Q 4				
		EAST			♥ K 9 2				
		N-S			♦ K T				
					♣ A Q J 9 7 2				
			♠ 9 8			♠ T 5 2			
			♥ J 5 4			♥ A Q T 7 3			
			♦ J 9 8 6 4			♦ A Q 5			
			♣ K 6 4			♣ T 8			
					♠ A K J 7 6 3				
					♥ 8 6				
					♦ 7 3 2				
					♣ 5 3				
Par: 660									
	♣	♦	♥	♠	N				
N	9	5	6	11	11				
S	8	3	5	9	3				
E	1	7	7	1	1				
W	4	:	:	:	:				

Home team	Visiting team		Room	C	By	1	=	★	P
				NS	EW	Home	Visiting		
Baker	Cole		Open	3♣	N	♠2	-2	200	13
			Closed	4♠	S	♥4	+1 650		
Howard	Wittes		Open	3♠	S	♥4	= 140	11	
			Closed	4♠	S	♥4	+1 650		

In both matches of the Beth Palmer Women's USBC, one table played a part score and one table played game in spades on Board 2.

In Cole/Baker where Cole, North and Rimstedt, South, bid the game, East opened 1H. South overcalled 2S. West passed and North jumped to the game.

Where Baker was North and McCallum was South, East opened 1H, South overcalled 1S, West raised to 2H, and North bid 3C. Some partnerships would play this is forcing one round (we do). Apparently Baker/McCallum do not. Everyone passed and McCallum played 3C going down two.

13 IMPs to Cole

In Howard/Wittes, where Wittes was North and Quinn was South, East passed and Quinn opened 2S. West passed; North bid 2NT; East chimed in with 3H; South bid 3S and North raised to game. Had Wittes bid 3C instead of 2NT, it would have been NF.

At the other table in this match, where Howard was North and Enfield was South, East opened 1H. South bid 2S. West passed and North bid 3S. That was blocking and Enfield played it there.

Against both game contracts, West led a heart. East won the heart and switched to trump, declarer winning the queen in dummy and pulling trump. The CK was finessed and the HK was led off the board. East won the HA and continued the suit, South ruffing. The club finesse was repeated and when the CA drew the king, it was over. Declarer's losing diamonds were discarded on dummy's clubs. The lie of the cards is well positioned for declarer because East is unable to put West back on play after the opening lead to put a diamond through dummy.

13 IMPs to Cole

11 IMPs to Wittes

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2	♠ Q 4	
EAST	♥ K 9 2	
N-S	♦ K T	
	♣ A Q J 9 7 2	
♠ 9 8		♠ T 5 2
♥ J 5 4		♥ A Q T 7 3
♦ J 9 8 6 4		♦ A Q 5
♣ K 6 4		♣ T 8
	♠ A K J 7 6 3	
	♥ 8 6	
	♦ 7 3 2	
	♣ 5 3	

As the cards lie, 4S would fail on the lead of a diamond through North's KT. East would cash the DAQ and play a third diamond. Declarer would ruff in dummy and would find herself one entry short to repeat the club finesse.

3NT from North turns out to be the best contract. Declarer has six spade tricks, and whether or not she gets a red suit king, the contract makes as long as the CK is onside.

In the USA1 Open, both tables played in 3NT from North.

In the USA2 Open, in Bramley/Fleisher, both tables reached 4S and made five on the lead of the H4 as they did in the Palmer.

In Hill/Gu, where Kevin Dwyer was North and Joyce Hill was South, East opened 1H. South passed. West bid a forcing NT. North bid 2C and played it there.

At the other table in that match, Where Gu was North and Wang was South, East opened 1H, South overcalled 2S, West passed and Gu found the magic 3NT! Well done!

Grainger, East, had the right idea, but it was futile from his side. He did not want to lead heart from the AQT after opening the suit, knowing North had it stopped. He led the DA. If partner encouraged, he would hope it was from the DK and continue, or he would see dummy and the best switch might stand out. In this case, Wooldridge was no help. Grainger continued diamonds and declarer collected ten tricks. 11 IMPs to Gu

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.

11 SOUTH NONE

♠ J T 3
♥ Q T 4 2
♦ J 8 6
♣ 5 4 3

♠ A 9 8
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ T 9

♠ K Q 2
♥ J 8 7
♦ A T 9 5 2
♣ A 6

♠ 7 6 5 4
♥ K 6
♦ 3
♣ K Q J 8 7 2

Par: -430

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	2	3	4	3
EW	6	11	9	9	10

Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	T	=	★	P	
								NS	EW	Home	Visiting
4	Baker	Cole		Open	4♥	W	♣5	-1	50		10
				Closed	3N	E	♣K	+1	430		
5	Howard	Wittes		Open	3N	E	♣K	+1	430		
				Closed	3N	E	♣K	+1	430		

At three of the four tables in the Palmer, East/West played in 3NT. At two of the tables, the auction went: 3C by South in first seat-Double-Pass-3NT. At the third table, it went Pass-1D (2+)-Pass-2D (inverted)-Pass-3D-Pass-3NT. 3NT has ten top tricks and all three of the declarers took ten!

At the fourth table, the wheels pretty much came off the bus! Baker, South, opened 3C. Wolpert doubled for takeout. McCallum raised the ante with 4C. Levitina, East, doubled for takeout.

Wolpert might chosen to defend. East/West could have collected six tricks: one diamond, one heart, three spades and one club... A good theory here would be that if East/West could make game, they would likely collect at least 300 (and the game was non-vulnerable so that is only a small negative swing) or, as in this case, they would collect 500, the maximum result.

McCallum led the C5 to the A, K, 9. Wolpert played the H7 from dummy and let it ride to the HT. McCallum played a club to her partner and Baker exited a spade to the queen. The H8 went to the HA and the H5 went to the queen. The club return was ruffed with declarer's last trump. King of diamonds, queen of diamonds, a small diamond to the ace were followed by the DT. North ruffed and had to concede two spades. Contract down one!

10 IMPs to Baker

Both tables in Open USA1 played 3NT making four.

All four tables in Open USA2 played in 3NT, three collected ten tricks and Sheng collected eleven on the lead of a small heart.

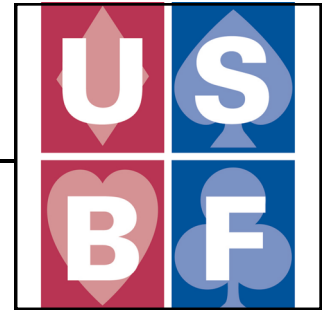
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9	2	9	9	8	4	8	6	4	5	1	5	6	4	5
4	8	9	4	7	8	5	1	3	6	1	2	6	1	2
3	1	6	3	9	2	1	8	9	4	7	8	5	4	7
2	5	7	2	6	1	3	5	7	3	8	9	4	6	1
7	4	9	4	8	9	2	3	4	5	1	6	2	8	7
6	1	8	2	7	8	4	9	3	6	1	5	2	7	8
4	9	3	6	7	8	9	2	3	4	5	1	6	2	8

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

Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1 Answer to Sudoku 2



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We hope you will join us.



Count your cards.
Evaluate!
Playing length
Should work out great!



The first segment of the USA1 Final was an outstanding example of consistent, high quality bridge play. Ten of the fifteen boards were pushes. The contracts and number of tricks taken were identical on all ten of those boards. No pair missed a biddable game or slam.

Open room					Closed room							
Bobby Levin					Kevin Bathurst							
John Kranyak		Gavin Wolpert	Geoff Hampson		Eric Greco		John Hurd					
Steve Weinstein												
#	Contract	NS	EW	Score	#	Contract	NS	EW	Home	Visiting		
1	1N	N	♥Q	-1	50	1	1N	N	♥Q	-1	50	
2	3N	N	♦A	+1	630	2	3N	N	♦5	+1	630	
3	3N	W	♦4	+1	630	3	3N	W	♦4	+1	630	
4	1N	N	♠7	+1	120	4	1N	N	♠2	+1	120	
5	3N	N	♥T	=	600	5	3Nx	N	♠8	=	750	4
6	5♣	E	♠A	-1	100	6	5♣	E	♠A	-1	100	
7	1N	E	♣9	-2	200	7	1N	S	♥6	=	90	3
8	5♦	S	♠A	-2	100	8	5♦	N	♠6	-2	100	
9	4♠	W	♣6	=	620	9	4♠	W	♥4	+1	650	1
10	1N	S	♦6	+1	120	10	1N	S	♦5	+1	120	
11	3N	E	♣K	+1	430	11	3N	E	♣Q	+1	430	
12	3N	W	♠A	=	400	12	4♥	W	♠K	-1	50	10
13	4♠	E	♦K	-2	200	13	3♦	S	♦2	-1	100	7
14	4♥	S	♦Q	+1	450	14	4♥	N	♥3	+1	450	
15	3♠	W	♥K	-1	50	15	3♠	W	♦K	-1	50	

After eleven boards Spector led 4-3. Board 12 was the only significant swing board of the segment.

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North held the HQ. Hampson played two high hearts and conceded the HQ and DA for down one for -50.

After all of the fifteen boards had been played, the score was 14-11 Spector.

There is an old rule of thumb that the total score in a match averages 4 IMPs per board. For verification, we examined the four USA1 Quarterfinal matches, the two USA1 Semifinal matches and the two USA2 Stage One matches. Based on the 4 IMP rule of thumb, we would expect to find an average score of 60 IMPs per 15 board segment. The actual averages were USA1/SF – 55 IMPs, USA1/QF – 60 IMPs and USA2 – 60 IMPs. (Aggregate average for eight matches = 59 IMPs).

Is this just a case of having 15 flat boards in the first segment? Probably not... These same fifteen boards were played in the two women's matches and two USA2 matches. The results from those matches were: Baker/Cole: 81 IMPs, Howard/Wittes: 66 IMPs, Bramley/Fleisher: 58 IMPs, and Gu/Hill: 41 IMPs. Good bridge there! Super in the Open.



In the third segment of the USA1 Final, Ralph Katz was a star! He hit a home run on Board 44. For those who don't follow baseball, Hank Aaron was #44.

John Hurd opened 3C on the West hand and Nickell doubled. Katz knew slam was a possibility. He cuebid 4C, Nickell bid 4H and Katz jumped to 5S. Nickell cuebid his CA. Keeping 7S in the pitcher (picture), Katz cuebid 6D and Nickell cuebid his heart controls. Katz settled in 6S.

Katz started the hand with eleven winners. From the opening lead, he is pretty sure that East holds QT9xx of hearts over dummy's AKJx. At first it appears there might be the possibility of a red suit squeeze. But, in this case, East is sitting over both of dummy's threat suits and the count has not been rectified. Katz found an elegant solution. He played a rare one suit squeeze without the count.

Hurd led his singleton heart. Katz won the HA and played six rounds of spades to produce this position:



Katz played a club to the ace. Bathurst discarded a diamond. Katz led the C2 and Bathurst discarded the HT, holding Q9 in both red suits. Katz ruffed the club and ducked a heart into East and claimed the last three tricks with two heart winners and a diamond winner. If Bathurst discarded a diamond on the second club, Katz would cash the DA and duck a heart into the East hand for the endplay. Making 6S scored +1430.

At the other table, Hampson opened 4C on the West hand. Spector doubled and Greco raised the preempt to 5C. Kranzyak bid 5S and played there, taking eleven tricks for +650.

13 IMPs to Nickell

We nominate Katz for MVP in this series!

The best and worst N/S results are extremes on Board 53. At both tables shown here North opened 1D, East passed, South bid 1H and West doubled. That's where the similarity ends.

BIDDING TRICKS INFO DDS

	1♦	PASS	1♥
DBL	3♥	PASS	4♥
DBL	PASS	4♣	PASS
PASS	5♥	PASS	PASS
DBL	PASS	PASS	PASS

Dealer: WEST 53 EAST SOUTH

North: Gavin Wolpert (A Q 10 7 7 A J 9 4 3 K 9 8)

South: Bobby Levin (K A K 4 3 2 A K 4 3 2 K Q 8 A Q 7 6)

West: Steve Weinstein (5 2 Q J 9 5 10 7 6 2 4 3 2)

East: John Kranyak (J 9 8 6 4 3 10 8 6 5 J 10 5)

Score: S 5♥x NS 0 EW 0

Handbook: N-S: Spector 106 IMPs, E-W: Nickell 64 IMPs, Other room: E 4♣ -2 100

In the USA1 Final, Gavin Wolpert jumped to 3H and, John Kranyak, despite his paucity of values bid 4H. Bobby Levin, West, doubled again and Steve Weinstein bid 4S. 4S was passed around to Wolpert, who bid 5H. Levin doubled a third time.

With the HK in the pocket and the DKQ falling in three rounds, Kranyak was able to bring home his 16 HCP game for +850, a gain of 13 IMPs for Spector, when E/W played 4S down two at the other table.

BIDDING TRICKS INFO DDS

	1♦	PASS	1♥
DBL	2♠	PASS	PASS
PASS			

Dealer: WEST 53 EAST SOUTH

North: Kevin Dwyer (7 A Q 10 7 K 9 8 A J 9 4 3)

South: Ming Sheng (A K 4 3 2 K A K 4 3 2 A Q 7 6 K Q 8)

West: Shan Huang (10 8 6 J 9 8 6 4 3 J 10 5 5)

East: Hongji Wei (Q J 9 5 5 2 Q J 9 5 10 7 6 2 4 3 2)

Score: N 2♠ NS 0 EW 0

Handbook: N-S: Hill 134 IMPs, E-W: Gu 98 IMPs, Other room: E 4♣ -3 150

In the Hill/Gu USA2 match, Shan Huang made an ill-fated guess about his partner's two way 2S bid*. After East's take-out double, Dwyer bid 2S on the North cards. *This bid showed 6-5 in diamonds and spades or a heart raise. Presumably Huang guessed that Dwyer held the 6-5 hand when he passed and left Dwyer to wallow in his 3-1 fit.

The opponents drew trump and eventually scored ten tricks. Down five for -500.

At the other table, E/W got too high and were defeated three tricks in 4S for -150. The Hill team was defeated a total of eight tricks between the two tables playing in spades at both tables. 12 IMPs to Gu

At every other table E/W declared at various levels in spades.

With the exception of Bramley/Woolsey who bought the contract in 1S and scored +170, all E/W pairs went negative.

Why didn't the sesame seed leave the poker table? He was on a roll.

Why did the can crusher quit his job? He was soda pressed.

I forgot where I dug my watering hole, but I meant well.

I used to be addicted to soap. But then I got clean.

How much did the pirate pay for corn at the farmer's market? A buccaneer.

Why didn't the medieval army storm their enemy's castle in the morning? Too many sleepless knights.

What do you call an indecisive bee? A maybe.

What do you call a dinosaur with careless driving? T-wrecks.

Did you hear about the frog working at the hotel? He was a bellhop.

How do you help a missile with insomnia? You rocket.

Why are volcanos so friendly? The lava-ryone.

Why did the banana go to the emergency room? It wasn't peeling well.

How do you organize a party on the moon? You planet.



Limey Jack...

Pip Pip Cheerio , you punters made a few quid If you listened to Jack.

Fleisher was tippled by the ever worthy old timers. Bramley and his elders may be getting tuckered but they're sure to keep a stiff upper lip on their way to knocking Hill and the kids out of the saddle in tomorrow's joust.

Don't listen to that twit Howie Dung! He probably still thinks Fleisher is playing tomorrow.

Howie Doing...

Picking one match in USA2,
Cannot believe that Fleisher is through!

One team goes home; one team stays still.
Bramley's six guys are better than Hill.

Sorry Team Hill. Sorry Huang.
You should have heard music. The fat lady sang!

Howie Doing? just grand!!



Faces of the Game!

