

Homewords Bound

From the MontrealAlt KO—Gupta vs. Red Devils

Board 13

Lorenzini
 ♠ KJ752
 ♥ A1098
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A62

Geert Arts
 ♠ A63
 ♥ 75
 ♦ KJ64
 ♣ Q985

De Roos
 ♠ 9
 ♥ 6432
 ♦ Q98752
 ♣ 74

T Bessis
 ♠ Q1084
 ♥ KQJ
 ♦ A10
 ♣ KJ103

NS: 0
EW: 0

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3 ♣
Dbl	4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

On Board 13 from the MontrealALT KO, both teams (Gupta vs. Red Devils) reached 6S on similar auctions.

Declarer needed to find the CQ to be successful. At both tables, East led the D8 (3rd from even; low from odd). Declarer won the ace and played on trumps.

Arts won his SA and played a diamond. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps, and played 4 rounds of hearts.

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	1 ♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Dbl	3 ♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	6 ♠

East held on to the D:Q2 and the C:74. Lorenzini did not cash the S5 which would have revealed that East started with six diamonds and only two clubs.

Instead, he cashed the CA and took the losing finesse for down one.

At the other table, Zia ducked the first spade, won the second spade and exited with a heart. Declarer drew the last trump; cashed a second heart and trumped a diamond in hand. He cashed two more rounds of hearts.

Gupta, East, held the D:97 and the C:74. Declarer cashed the SK and East parted with the D9. Leading third and low, Gupta must have a sixth diamond and only two clubs so the odds favor the CQ being with West. After all, West started with the four card club holding!

Unfortunately, declarer missed this implication and took a first round finesse into Zia's CQ.

Down 1 for a push!

Sometimes, even world class declarers miss subtle clues ... and the odds against it occurring on the same hand are slim!

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Pandemic Competition Number II

Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

Bishel	Thomas Bishel, Capt Ronald Mullins	John Bishel Charley Seelbach
Brenner	Anne Brenner, Capt Chris Compton Steve Beatty	David Caprera Andy Goodman Fred Stewart
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Lusky	John Lusky, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Franklin Merblum	Allan Falk Franco Baseggio Walter Lee
McAllister	John McAllister, Capt Oren Kriegel	Kevin Rosenberg Ronald Smith
Meyers	Jill Meyers, Capt Janice Seamon-Molson Allan Graves	Kerri Sanborn Tobi Sokolow Mitch Dunitz
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Nickell	Frank Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt John Jones Leo Bell	Lance Kerr William Hall Cris Barrere
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Bart Bramley Martin Fleisher	Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey Chip Martel
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Zur Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Gary Cohler
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Geeske Joel Cadir Lee	Debbie Rosenberg Michael Rosenberg Yehudit Hasin
Seligman	Martin Seligman Robert Hamman Petra Hamman, NPC	Hemant Lall Jacob Morgan
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Vincent Demuy Kevin Bathurst



Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN (BOARD NUMBERS HAVE TO BE 1-11 FOR ALL MATCHES)					
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS		
SATURDAY	AUGUST 8	12:45 PM	PLAYERS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)		
SATURDAY	AUGUST 8	1:00 - 2:20	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-11		
		2:30 - 3:50	MATCH 2 - BOARDS 1-11		
		BREAK			
		4:30 - 5:50	MATCH 3 - BOARDS 1-11		
		6:00 - 7:20	MATCH 4 - BOARDS 1-11		
SUNDAY	AUGUST 9	7:30 - 8:50	MATCH 5 - BOARDS 1-11		
		1:00 - 2:20	MATCH 6 - BOARDS 1-11		
		2:30 - 3:50	MATCH 7 - BOARDS 1-11		
		BREAK			
		4:30 - 5:50	MATCH 8 - BOARDS 1-11		
MONDAY	AUGUST 10	6:00 - 7:20	MATCH 9 - BOARDS 1-11		
		7:30 - 8:50	MATCH 10 - BOARDS 1-11		
		1:00 - 2:20	MATCH 11 - BOARDS 1-11		
		2:30 - 3:50	MATCH 12 - BOARDS 1-11		
		BREAK			
		4:30 - 5:50	MATCH 11 - BOARDS 1-11		
		6:00 - 7:20	MATCH 14 - BOARDS 1-11		
		7:30 - 8:50	MATCH 15 - BOARDS 1-11		
		QUARTERFINAL - SEGMENTS ON BBO HAVE TO START WITH BOARD 1			
		FRIDAY	AUGUST 14	12:45 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING (ZOOM)
FRIDAY	AUGUST 14	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14		
		2:50 - 4:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 1-14		
		BREAK			
		5:05 - 6:50	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-14		
		6:55 - 8:40	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 1-14		
		SEMIFINAL - SEGMENTS ON BBO HAVE TO START WITH BOARD 1			
		SATURDAY	AUGUST 15	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
				2:50 - 4:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 1-14
BREAK					
5:05 - 6:50	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-14				
6:55 - 8:40	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 1-14				
FINAL - SEGMENTS ON BBO HAVE TO START WITH BOARD 1					
SUNDAY	AUGUST 16	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14		
		2:50 - 4:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 1-14		
		BREAK			
		5:05 - 6:50	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-14		
		6:55 - 8:40	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 1-14		

USBF 11 Board victory Point Scale

11 Boards (Blitz is 50 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	18	15.33	4.67	36	18.49	1.51
1	10.37	9.63	19	15.55	4.45	37	18.62	1.38
2	10.74	9.26	20	15.76	4.24	38	18.75	1.25
3	11.09	8.91	21	15.97	4.03	39	18.87	1.13
4	11.43	8.57	22	16.18	3.82	40	18.99	1.01
5	11.77	8.23	23	16.38	3.62	41	19.11	0.89
6	12.09	7.91	24	16.57	3.43	42	19.22	0.78
7	12.41	7.59	25	16.75	3.25	43	19.33	0.67
8	12.71	7.29	26	16.93	3.07	44	19.44	0.56
9	13.01	6.99	27	17.11	2.89	45	19.54	0.46
10	13.30	6.70	28	17.28	2.72	46	19.64	0.36
11	13.58	6.42	29	17.45	2.55	47	19.74	0.26
12	13.85	6.15	30	17.61	2.39	48	19.84	0.16
13	14.11	5.89	31	17.77	2.23	49	19.93	0.07
14	14.37	5.63	32	17.92	2.08	50	20.00	0.00
15	14.62	5.38	33	18.07	1.93			
16	14.86	5.14	34	18.21	1.79			
17	15.10	4.90	35	18.35	1.65			

Ethics Statement

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System Regulations & Conditions of Contest

- Normal USBF System regulations apply to this event.
- This event is governed by the USBF General Conditions of Contest and Special Conditions of Contest for this event.
- The ACBL Open+ Convention Chart applies to this event.

Excerpted from the USBF Invitational 2 advance email to players... Or Everything You Wanted to Know About This Event But Were Afraid to Ask!

Information about the event can be found on the USBF website (USBF.org). Click on USBF Invitational 2 under the tournament menu - that will take you to the main page where there is general information and will also open the sub-menus, which include:

Results - links to the cross-table for the Round Robin and to the brackets for the KO matches. We will have our usual “web vugraphs” linked to the scores, so you can access a scorecard with links to the hands, bidding & play by clicking on a score.

Teams entered has the list of teams with links to players’ System Summary Forms (SSFs). Reviewing the SSFs for players on teams other than yours will better prepare you to play the competition. The SSFs for those pairs with unusual methods are in red on the Teams Entered list. It is strongly recommended that you review those SSFs even if you do not review all the others. When you play against a pair, you can get their SSFs and convention cards from this page.

Event schedule has the time each segment starts. Remember to be logged into the “competitive” area of BBO at least 5 minutes before you are due to play.

Daily Bulletin - links to the Daily Bulletins - if a link gets you a 404 error (“we can’t find that page”) that means that the daily bulletin has not yet been posted.

Zoom - You will all receive an invitation to a Zoom meeting called INV2 Round Robin each day. On Saturday, 8/8, the meeting will start at 12:40 for the 12:45 Captains’ Meeting. On Sunday and Monday, the meeting will start at 12:45. You should be able to join the meeting by clicking on the link in the invitation. Please join by 12:55 so you can be assigned to a chat room with your screenmate. We may have to admit you to the meeting in which case we will do so.

If you have never attended a Zoom meeting, when you click on the link in the invitation, you’ll be asked to download the Zoom app - it’s very quick. Zoom has improved their security so the early concerns are no longer relevant.

Before the first match starts, you will be assigned to a Zoom “breakout room” with your screenmate, so you can chat and provide more complete explanations of bids and plays. For this event, unlike the INV1 event, screenmate chat is compulsory, but you do not have to use Zoom if you and your screenmate prefer something else (FaceTime, Google Hangouts, Skype, phone, whatever). As soon as the first match starts, you should be automatically taken to the right breakout room. If you are not taken to the correct room, please contact Jan.

As each match is completed, you may move all of the players on your team to your home table (it will be called Team-Name NE because it will also be where your N and the opponents’ E have been during the match), just ask and Jan will do this. This is not required, it is for your convenience so you can talk to your teammates after a match.

Captains & Players Meeting

Our DIC, Will Watson, will meet with all of the team captains and any players who want to participate on Zoom at 12:45 EDT on Saturday, Aug. 8th. Subjects for the meeting include BBO procedures, Zoom procedures, scoring, and answers to any questions you may have. We hope that this will be a short meeting.

BBO Procedures

Where to go: The event will be played in the Competitive section of BBO, which is where you will be when you log in to BBO. If you go to the Casual section to play or kibitz at a table there, you will need to return to the Competitive section,

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which sometimes requires logging off and back on. Please be logged into the Competitive section at least 5 minutes before you are scheduled to play.

Lineups: For the Round Robin we are using “blind” lineups as we do for USBCs with a single Round Robin. You submit your lineup before you know which team you’re playing. Because of the time needed to set up matches online, we are asking that lineups be submitted a match in advance. **You need to submit your lineup for the first 2 matchups each day no later than noon EDT.** Before each match starts, you need to submit your lineup for the following match. Instructions on how to submit lineups will come later - we’re still working on the procedure, but it will be about the same as what some of you had for the NAOBC. If you have not submitted a new lineup for a match, it means your lineup remains the same as for the current match.

Starting: If all of the players are on BBO in a timely manner, you should be automatically taken to the appropriate table and seat when the matches start. But since nothing ever works the way it’s supposed to, you may have to accept an invitation to play at the appropriate table, which will be identified as USBF INV1 RR match X, Table Y (X & Y will be numbers). The first board will be dealt after everyone is in their seats and in the appropriate screenmate breakout rooms.

Timing: We expect to be able to start each Round Robin match at the scheduled time, but there may be problems that mean we’ll be late - please bear with us!

Kibitzers: We will not be allowing kibitzers for any part of this event. For the Round Robin, we will also not have any Delayed Vugraph. After each round, we will link the bidding & play records to the Cross-Table as quickly as we can, so people who want to see what happened can do so.

Alerting: You should self-alert your bids, and as with screens, should alert if you have any question about whether or not to alert. You can also provide additional information about bids orally to your screenmate in the Zoom session.

Undo’s: Undo’s for misclicks are allowed and must be accepted. You need to ask for an undo before your partner acts.

BBO profile: Please make sure that your profile includes your real name.

System Information: Some of you created BBO convention cards with links to your SSF and ACBL convention card for the USBF INV1. We are not asking those of you who did not do so to create BBO convention cards for this event, because we found there was a problem with the convention cards loading, and it is probably easier to get your opponents SSF and ACBL convention card from the Teams Entered list on the USBF website.

Asking questions of opponents: You may ask questions of one or both opponents by directing chat to them. You may ask your screenmate questions orally on Zoom. PLEASE do not ask questions of the entire table, as that might give your partner UI. You may ask only the person who made a bid the meaning of his or her bid.

Help during play: Jan will be on BBO as USBF, Al Hollander will be on as USBF2, as well as some ahollan# accounts, and Will Watson will be on as willwats. If you have any problems, please message one of us and we’ll try to solve them.

Scores: Jan will be entering the scores into the USBF scoring program based on the BBO results. She will try not to have to ask you for scores, but she may sometimes miss the end of a match and have to do so.

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Any questions, please ask!

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions! Pandemic Pleasures...

Frozen Margarita Pie By Chef Jon Ashton

Ingredients:

Sweet Crust

1 cup graham cracker crumbs (about 6 crackers) (130 grams)

2 Tablespoons, plus one teaspoon sugar (35 ml)

4 Tablespoons (1/2 stick, 60 grams) unsalted butter, melted

Salty Crust

3 ounces Saltine crackers or (26 crackers) crushed (85 grams)

8 tablespoons softened (1 stick) unsalted butter (115 grams)

1 tablespoon, plus 1 teaspoon sugar (20 grams)

1 teaspoon orange zest (5 grams)

FUN FACT: *While many prefer the rim of their margarita to be salt-free, aficionados insist that the salt is an important element in tempering any bitterness from the liquor and enhancing the aromas and flavors of the main ingredients.*

Filling

7 large egg yolks, at room temperature

1/4 cup sugar (50 grams)

1 (14-ounce) (415 ml) can sweetened condensed milk

2 tablespoons grated lime zest (30 grams)

10 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice (5-6 limes) (150 ml)

1 tablespoon triple sec (15 ml)

1 tablespoon tequila (15 ml)

FUN FACT: *Dozens of variations of the margarita exist to suit the preferences of virtually anyone, from classic fruit options like strawberry and mango to more extravagant chocolate and Sriracha. But the original, traditional margarita is based in the sour citrus flavor of lime.*

Whipped Cream Topping

1 cup (1/2 pint) cold heavy cream (240 ml)

1/4 cup confectioners' sugar (50 grams)

1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract (2 ml)

Alternative Meringue Topping

1/4 cup water (60 ml)

3/4 cup plus 2.5 tablespoons sugar (180 grams)

1 teaspoon corn syrup (5 ml)

3 egg whites

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

For the sweet crust:

Combine the graham cracker crumbs, sugar, and butter in a bowl. Press into the bottom (not sides) of a 9-inch pie pan.

For Salty Crust:

Combine the crushed Saltines, sugar, and butter in a bowl. Knead in the butter until the crumbs hold together like dough. Press into sides of pie pan. Chill pie pan for 15 minutes, then bake for 15-18 minutes or until the crust is golden brown. Allow crust to cool completely (about 15 minutes).

For the Filling:

Using a stand mixer or hand mixer, whisk together egg yolks and sugar until creamy and thick. With the mixer on low speed, add the condensed milk, lime zest, lime juice, triple sec and tequila. Pour into the baked pie shell and freeze.



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For Whipped Cream Topping:

Whisk together heavy cream, confectioners' sugar and vanilla on high speed until it becomes stiff.

For Alternative Topping:

Combine the water, sugar and corn syrup in a small saucepan, then cook over medium heat until a thermometer inserted reaches 240 degrees F (115 degrees C). Meanwhile, beat the egg whites in a stand mixer or large bowl until frothy.

Remove the sugar mixture from the heat and slowly, with the mixer running, beat the sugar into the egg whites until the meringue becomes cool and holds a stiff peak.

Fill a piping bag fitted with a star tip with the meringue, and pipe the meringue, in small peaks, onto the tops of the pie.

Use a crème brûlée torch or blowtorch to brown the tips of the meringue. The pies can also be quickly placed under the broiler to brown the tips.

Top pie with whipped cream topping, or alternative topping.

Makes one 9-inch pie.

Avocados with Pea Shoots and Prosciutto by Nancy Silverton

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup pine nuts
- 8 cups pea shoots
- 2 ripe but firm avocados (preferably Pinkerton, Fuerte or Hass)
- Flaky sea salt
- 1 lemon, halve
- Finishing-quality extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 thin slices prosciutto (about 2 ounces)

RECIPE

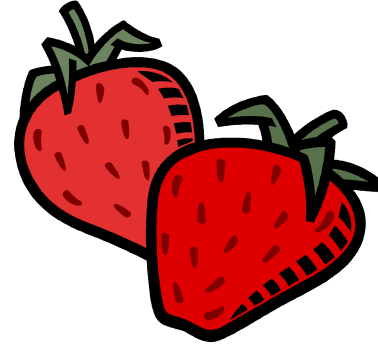
1. Adjust the oven rack to the center position and preheat the oven to 325° F.
2. Spread the pine nuts on a baking sheet and toast them in the oven for 8 to 10 minutes, until they are fragrant and toasted, shaking the baking sheet and rotating it from front to back halfway through that time so the nuts brown evenly. Remove the pine nuts from the oven and set them aside to cool to room temperature.
3. Scatter the pea shoots to cover the bottom of an extra-large platter.
4. Cut the avocados in half lengthwise and twist each half in opposite directions to separate them. Plunge the edge of a large knife into the pits and twist the knife to release the pit from each avocado; discard the pits. With the avocados still in their skins, slice each avocado half lengthwise into 4 equal slices, making sure not to cut through the skins.
5. Crush about 1 teaspoon flaky sea salt between your fingertips over the avocados. Use a large spoon to scoop the avocado slices out of the skin and lay them in random directions over the pea shoots. Squeeze the juice of the lemon over the avocados and pea shoots and drizzle about 3 tablespoons finishing-quality olive oil over the salad. Tear the prosciutto slices apart and drape 1 torn piece over each slice of avocado. Scatter the pine nuts over the salad. *Serves 4.*



Lobster Roll with Mayo By Chef Jon Ashton

Ingredients:

Four 1- to 1 1/4-pound lobsters
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons mayonnaise (85 g)
Salt and pinch white pepper
3 tablespoons finely diced celery (45 g)
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (30 ml)
1 teaspoon minced tarragon or chives (2 g)
Pinch of cayenne pepper
6 top-split hot dog buns
3 tablespoons unsalted butter melted (45 ml)
Boston lettuce, 6 leaves (optional)



Directions:

Bring 6 quarts (5.5 L) water to boil in large stockpot over high heat. Add lobsters and 3 tablespoons salt, making sure lobsters are completely submerged. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and cook for 10 minutes. Transfer lobsters to rimmed baking sheet and let cool for 10 minutes.

Twist off the lobster tails and claws and remove the meat. Remove and discard the intestinal vein that runs the length of each lobster tail. Cut the lobster meat into 3/4-inch pieces and pat dry.

In a large bowl, mix the lobster meat with the mayonnaise and season with salt and pepper. Fold in the diced celery, lemon juice, tarragon and cayenne pepper until well blended.

Heat a large skillet. Brush the sides of the hot dog buns with the melted butter and toast over moderate heat until golden brown on both sides. Transfer the hot dog buns to plates, place a leaf of Boston lettuce in each bun and evenly fill with the lobster salad and serve immediately.

Serves 6

Lobster Roll with Hot Butter By Chef Jon Ashton

Ingredients:

Four 1- to 1 1/4-pound lobsters
Salt and pinch white pepper
9 tablespoons unsalted butter melted (130 ml, melted)
6 top-split hot dog buns
Boston lettuce, 6 leaves (optional)
2 teaspoons minced chives (4 g)
6 lemon wedges

Directions:

Bring 6 quarts (5.5 L) water to boil in large stockpot over high heat. Add lobsters and 3 tablespoons salt, making sure lobsters are completely submerged. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and cook for 10 minutes. Transfer lobsters to rimmed baking sheet and let cool for 10 minutes.

Twist off the lobster tails and claws and remove the meat. Remove and discard the intestinal vein that runs the length of each lobster tail. Cut the lobster meat into 3/4-inch pieces and pat dry.

Heat a large skillet. Add 3 tablespoons butter, brush the outsides of buns and toast over moderate heat until golden brown on both sides. Transfer the hot dog buns to plates

Melt remaining 6 tablespoons butter in skillet over medium-low heat. Add chopped lobster; season with salt and white pepper to taste. Cook until lobster is heated through, about 2 minutes.

Place a leaf of Boston lettuce in each bun and evenly fill with the warm buttered lobster. Sprinkle with minced chives. Serve with lemon wedge.

Serves 6

The quarantine has ruined many marriages but mine is still going strong.

Just the other day I woke up to my beautiful and loving wife holding a pillow tightly over my face to protect me from the coronavirus.

Has anyone else's gardening skills improved during this quarantine like mine have?

I planted myself on my couch at the beginning of March and I've grown significantly.

The W.H.O officially announced that dogs cannot get infected by the Coronavirus. Therefore, dogs can basically leave quarantine.

I guess you could say.... W.H.O. let the dogs out.

Since quarantine I've not had a haircut. Hell, I've not even stepped on the scales. So today I decided to weigh myself for the first time in months.

Who knew hair weighed so much?!

You know being self quarantined isn't really that boring...

But I am surprised that there are 7884 grains of rice in one pack, and 7892 in another.

I hated the quarantine at first. Then I realized I have everything I need at my house, and I slowly started loving the isolation.

Probably it's stock home syndrome.

During the recent quarantine period, I built a model of Mount Everest.

It's not to scale, just to look at.

The quarantine is affecting everyone in the work force but it sucks especially for men

We're losing \$1 for every \$0.79 woman are losing.

The King of Spain has been quarantined on his private jet.

Which means the Reign in Spain stays mainly in his plane.

Doctors discovered that during the coronavirus quarantine your food tastes different.

It's either a symptom or it's because everybody started washing their hands.

My significant other and I play this fun game during quarantine.

It's called "Why are you doing it that way?" and there are no winners.

Before the quarantine I was going to strip clubs almost every day

But now they're all clothed until further notice.

Due to the quarantine I have finished 3 books.

Yes, I know, that is a LOT of coloring.

I have decided to pass my time in self-quarantine by streaming Sylvester Stallone movies.

Unfortunately, I am off to a Rocky start.

This quarantine thing is not working out.

My wife and I are becoming friends and I almost told her about my girlfriend.



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Sudoku 1

Answers to Puzzle on Page 15:

A Canadian psychologist is selling a video that teaches you how to test your dog's IQ. Here's how it works: If you spend \$12.99 for the video, your dog is smarter than you. *Jay Leno*

My friends tell me that cooking is easy, but it's not easier than not cooking. *Maria Bamford*

We need a 12-step group for compulsive talkers. They could call it On Anon Anon. *Paula Poundstone*

Just found the worst page in the entire dictionary. What I saw was disgraceful, disgusting, dishonest, and disingenuous.

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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



I found it!

OK, but you don't need to scream!

USBF NEWS...

The USBF Board of Directors has formed an ongoing Ethics Investigation Committee (EIC) to review allegations of ethical breaches by USBF members and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as to disciplinary action, if deemed appropriate.

The Board appointed the following initial members to the EIC:

Dana Berkowitz

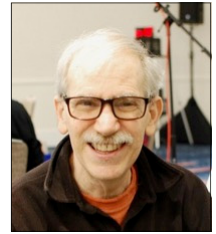
Marty Harris

Roger Lee

Chip Martel

Steve Weinstein

Josh Parker (Board representative)



STEVE GARNER FILLS VACANCY ON THE USBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Garner, a professional bridge player living in Chicago, has been selected to fill a vacancy on the United States Bridge Federation Board of Directors resulting from the resignation of Huub Bertens.

When not playing bridge, Garner trades options. He brings both bridge knowledge and skill to the BOD and will be a welcome addition.

Awards

Fishbein Trophy 1997

Wins

North American Bridge Championships
von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 1997
Nail Life Master Open Pairs 2000, 2006
Grand National Teams 1991, 1995
Keohane North American Swiss Teams 1996
Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 2012
Reisinger 1997, 2001
Vanderbilt 2019
Spingold 2008

Runners-up

Bermuda Bowl 2007
Buffett Cup 2008
North American Bridge Championships
Rockwell Mixed Pairs 1985
Grand National Teams 1988
Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 2002, 2014
Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1978, 1987, 2002
Reisinger 2008, 2010

Fun and Games Page

Grey's Anatomy

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O	R	N	A	I	R	R	A	D	I	C	U	R	D	ALEX
T	S	G	R	O	I	G	D	O	N	A	S	E	G	KAREV
E	H	A	E	D	A	T	E	E	A	A	I	Y	B	MERCY WEST
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Word Find Puzzle





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Logic Puzzle

Facebook	Names	LinkedIn	Twitter
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- Inez is either the person with 140 Facebook friends or the one with 640 Twitter followers.
- Neil has 40 fewer Facebook friends than the one with 576 Twitter followers.
- The person with 599 Twitter followers is either the one with 84 LinkedIn connections or the one with 180 Facebook friends.
- Of Tina and the person with 789 Twitter followers, one has 180 Facebook friends and the other has 59 LinkedIn connections.
- The person with 64 LinkedIn connections has 10 fewer Facebook friends than Margie.
- Of Inez and the one with 789 Twitter followers, one has 180 Facebook friends and the other has 70 LinkedIn connections.
- The person with 589 Twitter followers doesn't have exactly 72 LinkedIn connections.
- Heidi has 20 fewer Facebook friends than the person with 640 Twitter followers.
- The person with 150 Facebook friends is either the one with 72 LinkedIn connections or Heidi.



Meet the Players

Janice Seamon-Molson (born June 6th, 1956) is a professional bridge player. In 2016, Seamon-Molson ranked 3rd among women World Grand Masters by world masterpoints and 11th by placing points.

Born to bridge players Rita and William Seamon, Janice Lee Seamon grew up in North Miami, Florida.

She attended the University of Florida, University of Kansas City, and summa cum laude from Nova University School of Law. She passed the bar, earning her title as an attorney. As of November 2016, she had won 18 North American Championships, and had 18 seconds. She had also won 4 world championships (Venice Cup 2003 and 2013; McConnell Cup 2006; World Bridge Games 2016), finished second 3 times (Venice Cup 2000 and 2013 Olympiad 2004), and been third 3 times (Women's Pairs 2006; Olympiad 2008; McConnell Cup 2014).

At the SportAccord World Mind Games in Beijing, in December 2011, Seamon-Molson won the "Women's Individual" gold medal by achieving the highest score in a series of rounds played with different and generally unfamiliar partners. The SportAccord WMG invited 24 women from Great Britain, France, China, and the U.S. to compete in three small tournaments as four national teams, twelve pairs, and 24 individuals. The six U.S. women won the team gold medal. Seamon-Molson's partner was Tobi Sokolow. At the same event in 2012, Seamon-Molson won the team silver medal.

Seamon-Molson and her late husband, Mark, have a daughter, Jennifer, born September 5, 1998.

Wins

North American Bridge Championships

Rockwell Mixed Pairs 2014

Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 2002, 2009, 2011

Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 1988, 1992, 2000, 2001, 2007, 2013

Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 1999, 2003, 2011, 2014

Whitehead Women's Pairs 1992

Smith Life Master Women's Pairs 1993, 1997

Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships

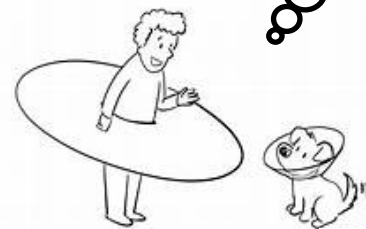
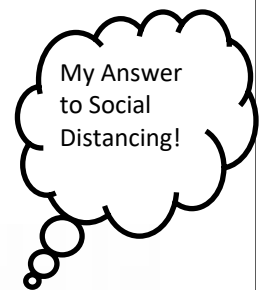
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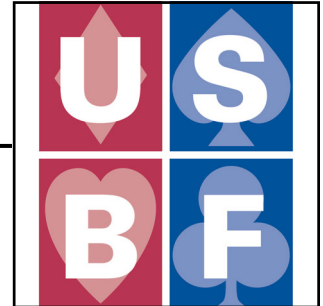
I got the idea from you!

Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku
on page 10
Puzzle 1 on left
Puzzle 2 on right

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



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. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. 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.

Practice Makes Perfect...

D 16	N fnickell	W	N	E	S
	♠ AQJ1097	P	1♠	P	2♥
	♥ 6	P	3♠	P	4NT
	♦ K43	P	5♠	P	6♠
	♣ A103	P	P	P	
W ghampson	E levin				
♠ K543	♠ 2				
♥ J10943	♥ K2				
♦ Q8	♦ J1065				
♣ 85	♣ Q97642				
S ralphk					6♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0
♠ 86					
♥ AQ875					
♦ A972					
♣ KJ					

Practicing on BBO in an IMP Pairs game against your teammates is a win-win proposition. If you win, you leave feeling confident about your partnership, and if your teammates win, you feel confident about theirs. How can you lose?

On this practice hand from July 16th, Katz and Nickell were playing against Hampson and Levin... not a "regular" partnership, but a "regular" Pandemic pair... bored at home!

On Board 16, Katz and Nickell had a good auction to bid the slam where most pairs disdained it. Nick opened 1S; Ralph made a 2/1 in hearts. Nick bid 3S setting spades as trump, showing a good suit, but not necessarily extra values. Ralph keycarded and when Nick

showed two with the SQ, Ralph bid the slam.

Levin led the C7. Nickell played dummy's jack which held. Nick finessed against the SK; played a heart to the ace and repeated the spade hook. Nick ruffed a heart in hand, noting the fall of the king from East. He claimed 12 tricks, conceding a trump to Hampson.

Admittedly, the field is random in these IMP Pair events, but bidding and making the slam was worth 11.2 IMPs to North/South. Well bid!

D 20	N fnickell	W	N	E	S
	♠ 2	P	P	1♠	P
	♥ KQJ54	2NT	P	3♣	P
	♦ KJ43	3NT	P	4♦	P
	♣ 542	4♥	P	4NT	P
		5♠	P	6♠	P
W ghampson	E levin				
♠ K8754	♠ AQ10963				
♥ 7	♥ A103				
♦ 976	♦ A				
♣ AQ96	♣ J107				
S ralphk					6♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0
♠ J					
♥ 9862					
♦ Q10852					
♣ K83					

Practicing again on July 21st, Hampson and Levin got even! On Board 20, they effectively bid their way to 6S where 2NT showed a passed hand spade raise; 3C showed shortness somewhere; 3NT asked; 4D showed short diamonds and keycard revealed two with the trump queen (Hampson quite reasonably equating his 5th trump with the trump queen).

Katz led his singleton SJ and Levin needed only to finesse the club for 13 winners.

This was worth 12.27 IMPs to Hampson/Levin.



Andrew Gumpertz and Phil Clayton won the inaugural NAOBC Premier Pairs event. This event was restricted to Platinum Pairs qualifiers and to entrants who had been eliminated from the NAOBC Knockout event. Gumpertz and Clayton were leading the event entering the second day and led throughout the final. Entering the first-final session, Gumpertz/Clayton had nearly a board and a half lead over two strong pairs, Lev/Blanchard and Passell/ Zolotow. On Board 1 of the final session, Gumpertz/Clayton expanded their lead when they reached 7NT while their two closest pursuers stopped in 7S.

Background: Phil Clayton is one of the authors of the "Martian Standard" bidding system. What is Martian Standard, you ask...

In that system:

1C is 2+ with transfers. All balanced patterns including 5M332 go through this. It includes 11-13, 17-19 and 24 balanced or 14+ with clubs.

1D/1H/1S are all unbalanced and 14+ unless they have a side 4CM.

All 2 bids are min opening bids except 2D Multi.

These methods are unusual and they worked well in this event!

Clayton's 1C bid showed two or more clubs and was a one-round force. The 1H response showed 4+ spades. When Clayton cuebid 4H, Gumpertz jumped to 6C. Clayton had no way to find out about the spade queen, but it seemed logical Gumpertz would not have jumped to slam with four small spades. If Gumpertz did not have very good clubs, he could have settled in 4S or cuebid 5C. Clayton took the bull-by-the-horns and jumped to 7N. He had at least an ace more than he promised on the bidding.

Board 1		N phil		West	North	East	South
		♠ AK743		1♣	Pass	Pass	1♥
		♥ A4		3♥	4♥	Pass	6♠
		♦ AKQ		Pass	7NT	Pass	Pass
		♣ QJ4		Bob Etter			
Gary Soules				♠ 8			
♠ J92				♥ 1062			
♥ KQJ9853				♦ J8652			
♦ 3				♣ 8532			
♣ 97		S agumperz					
		♠ Q1065					
		♥ 7					
		♦ 10974					
		♣ AK106					
				7NT North NS 0 EW 0			

A Grand Start to Finish!

Only four other pairs reached 7NT on Board 1. It is interesting to note that all five of these pairs finished in the top half of the finals field. The other four pairs were Marty Bergen/Doug Simpson, Joe Grue/Gillian Miniter, Joel Wooldridge/Kent Mignocchi, and Robert Lurie/John Hrones. Their auctions are shown below.

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	7NT	Pass	Pass

Bergen, North
Simpson, South

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♥
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♥
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

Wooldridge, North
Mignocchi, South

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
Pass	7NT	Pass	Pass

Grue, North
Miniter, South

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	3♣
3♥	3♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	7NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Lurie, North
Hrones, South

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocaine during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

Jean-Paul Sartre is sitting at a French cafe, revising his draft of Being and Nothingness. He says to the waitress, "I'd like a cup of coffee, please, with no cream."

The waitress replies, "I'm sorry, Monsieur, but we're out of cream. How about with no milk?"

What English word has three consecutive double letters? Bookkeeper

What disappears as soon as you say its name? Silence

What belongs to you but everyone else uses it? Your name

How is seven different from the rest of the numbers between one and ten? Seven has two syllables. The other numbers all have one.

What comes once in a minute? Twice in a moment? And never in a thousand years? The letter "M"

If con is the opposite of pro, then isn't Congress the opposite of progress? *Jon Stewart*

What are they planting to grow the seedless watermelon? *Jerry Seinfeld*

At what age do you think it's appropriate to tell a highway it's adopted? *Zach Galifianakis*

What should you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant? *George Carlin*

My neighbor is in the Guinness World Records. He has had 44 concussions. He lives very close to me. A stone's throw away, in fact. *Stewart Francis*

I told my girlfriend that it looked like she was drawing her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised.

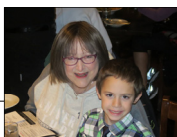
Have you noticed that all bottled water has the "best before" date printed on it? The water has circled the earth for four billion years ... but now it's ruined?



Keep Your Sense of Humor!

Ed. Note: With the delayed broadcasting and the use of the Round Robin, it will be 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



789	58	Yvonne	180
576	59	Tina	170
640	70	Inez	160
790	72	Margie	150
589	64	Heidi	140
599	84	Neil	130

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 13