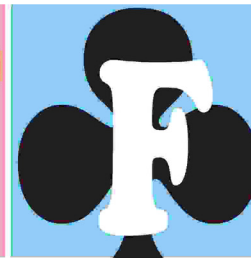
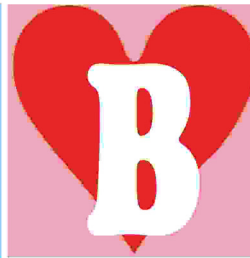


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## Day Two Results

USBF Invitational #2 2020 Round Robin

Team Name	Total	10	7	6	12	13	9	8	16	2	15	3	5	4	14	11	1
10. Nickell	161.24			13.85	15.97	15.33	15.97	15.97	17.92	15.10	17.28	17.28	16.57	15.33	17.92		
7. McAllister	139.43				2.89	12.41		16.18	13.85	17.28	14.37		7.91	15.10	19.44	20.00	
6. Lusky	107.51	6.15			17.77			10.00	9.63		16.57	6.42	5.89	12.09	4.24	18.75	
12. Robinson	107.28		17.11	2.23		13.30	5.38	4.03	5.63			16.93	12.71	14.86	15.10		
13. Rosenthal	103.65	4.03	7.59		6.70		3.07		12.09	10.74	11.77		11.43		18.62	17.61	
9. Moss	103.13	4.67			14.62	16.93		14.11	4.24	3.25	13.30	13.01	11.09	7.91			
8. Meyers	102.44	4.03	3.82	10.00	15.97		5.89		14.86	16.93		2.23	11.43	17.28			
16. Spector	98.23		6.15	10.37	14.37	7.91	15.76	5.14				6.70	12.09	5.89	13.85		
2. Brenner	95.91	2.08	2.72			9.26	3.07				11.43	18.87	13.30	9.63	10.00	15.55	
15. Seligman	95.85	4.90	5.63	3.43		8.23	16.75			8.57				4.24	16.18	10.00	17.92
3. Donner	95.71	2.72		13.58	3.07		6.70	17.77	13.30	1.13					12.71	9.63	15.10
5. Levine	90.48		12.09	14.11	7.29	8.57	6.99	8.57	7.91	6.70						13.58	4.67
4. Harris	84.60	3.43	4.90	7.91			8.91	2.72	14.11	15.76				2.55	6.70	17.61	
14. Schireson	81.15	4.67	0.56		5.14		12.09			10.37	3.82	7.29			14.86	4.90	
11. Reynolds	80.60	2.08		15.76		1.38			6.15	10.00	10.00	10.37	6.42	13.30	5.14		
1. Bishel	52.79		0.00	1.25	4.90	2.39				4.45	2.08	4.90	15.33	2.39	15.10		

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# Pandemic Competition Number II

# Teams Entered...

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<b>Lusky</b>	John Lusky, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Franklin Merblum	Allan Falk Franco Baseggio Walter Lee
<b>McAllister</b>	John McAllister, Capt Oren Kriegel	Kevin Rosenberg Ronald Smith
<b>Meyers</b>	Jill Meyers, Capt Janice Seamon-Molson Ross Grabel	Kerri Sanborn Tobi Sokolow Mitch Dunitz
<b>Moss</b>	Joe Grue, Capt Sylvia Moss David Grainger	Brad Moss Roger Lee Joel Wooldridge
<b>Nickell</b>	Frank Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
<b>Reynolds</b>	Tom Reynolds, Capt John Jones Leo Bell	Lance Kerr William Hall Cris Barrere
<b>Robinson</b>	Steve Robinson, Capt Bart Bramley Martin Fleisher	Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey Chip Martel
<b>Rosenthal</b>	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Zur Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Gary Cohler
<b>Schireson</b>	Max Schireson, Capt Geeske Joel Cadir Lee	Debbie Rosenberg Michael Rosenberg Yehudit Hasin
<b>Seligman</b>	Martin Seligman Robert Hamman Petra Hamman, NPC	Hemant Lall Jacob Morgan
<b>Spector</b>	Warren Spector, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Vincent Demuy Kevin Bathurst



# Tournament Schedule

<b>ROUND ROBIN (BOARD NUMBERS HAVE TO BE 1-11 FOR ALL MATCHES)</b>					
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		
		<b>QUARTERFINAL - SEGMENTS ON BBO HAVE TO START WITH BOARD 1</b>			
		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		
		<b>SEMIFINAL - SEGMENTS ON BBO HAVE TO START WITH BOARD 1</b>			
		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				
<b>FINAL - SEGMENTS ON BBO HAVE TO START WITH BOARD 1</b>					
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			

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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...

Part of the amaranth family, callaloo is popular all over the Caribbean. If you can't find callaloo, you can easily substitute with spinach or Swiss chard.

## INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (450g) fresh Callaloo
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 onion, sliced
- 3 scallions (spring onions), chopped
- 1 sprig of fresh thyme
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- 2 ½ fl oz (75ml) water



## Callaloo

### STEP 1

Cut any tough stems from the leaves and allow to soak for a few minutes in cold water. Drain, then roughly slice.

### STEP 2

Heat the oil in a large saucepan, then add the garlic, onion and scallions. Fry until just beginning to soften, then add the leaves, the sprig of thyme and a generous amount of salt and black pepper. Pour over the water and cover. Cook for about 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the stems are tender. Serve as an accompaniment to jerk chicken.

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## Ingredients

- 20 cups sliced cucumbers (about 12 medium)
- 3 cups sliced onions (about 4 medium)
- 1 medium sweet red pepper, sliced
- 1 medium green pepper, sliced
- 3 quarts ice water
- 1/2 cup canning salt
- 6 cups sugar
- 6 cups white vinegar
- 3 tablespoons mustard seed
- 3 teaspoons celery seed
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground turmeric
- 1/4 teaspoon plus 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves



## Bread & Butter Pickles

## Directions

- Place cucumbers, onions and peppers in a large bowl. In another large bowl, mix ice water and salt; pour over vegetables. Let stand 3 hours.
- Rinse vegetables and drain well. Pack vegetables into eleven hot 1-pint jars to within 1/2 in. of the top.
- In a Dutch oven, bring sugar, vinegar, mustard seed, celery seed, turmeric and cloves to a boil. Carefully ladle hot liquid over vegetable mixture, leaving 1/2-in. headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace, if necessary, by adding hot liquid. Wipe rims. Center lids on jars; screw on bands until fingertip tight.
- Place jars into canner, ensuring that they are completely covered with water. Bring to a boil; process for 10 minutes. Remove jars and cool.

## Nutrition Facts

1/4 cup: 60 calories, 0 fat (0 saturated fat), 0 cholesterol, 645mg sodium, 15g carbohydrate (14g sugars, 0 fiber), 0 protein.

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## Poutine from Canada

This indulgent mix of fries, salty cheese curds and gravy is the ultimate French-Canadian comfort food. As it's difficult to track down cheese curds, recreate the dish with a cheese that melts well, like mozzarella or Cheddar.

### Serves 4

Vegetable oil, for frying  
5 large potatoes  
2 tbsp butter  
2 tbsp all-purpose (plain) flour  
2 pints (950ml) good quality veal, beef or vegetable stock  
8 oz (225g) mozzarella, shredded, or Cheddar, grated



# Jerk Chicken

Jerk cooking probably evolved from a way of smoking and preserving meat used by the Arawak Indians, who settled in Jamaica from South America over 2,500 years ago. Today, Jerk huts selling the spicy, aromatic dish can be found all over the Caribbean.

### INGREDIENTS:

2 scotch bonnet or jalapeño chilli peppers, chopped  
2 tbsp thyme  
1 tbsp ground allspice  
4 cloves garlic, chopped  
1 tsp fresh ginger, grated  
2 tbsp honey  
2 tsp salt  
2 tsp ground black pepper  
1 lime, juiced  
1 ½ fl oz (45ml) olive oil  
4 chicken breasts, cubed, or 1 chicken, cut into pieces



### STEP 1

Place all the ingredients apart from the chicken in a blender and process until smooth. Pour the marinade over the chicken and allow to marinate for at least an hour.

### STEP 2

Either grill the marinated chicken on a barbecue until cooked through, or bake in the oven at 400°F (200°C) for 25 to 30 minutes, turning half way through the cooking time. Serve immediately with rice'n'peas.



## Mexican-Style Barbeque Shrimp

A simple, spicy salsa adds a fresh twist and subtle heat to grilled meats and seafood and is the perfect accompaniment to these sweet, barbecued shrimp.

### INGREDIENTS:

16 large fresh jumbo shrimp  
2 tbsp olive oil  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
2 tsp ground cilantro (coriander)

### FOR THE PICO DE GALLO:

3 large ripe tomatoes, deseeded and chopped  
3-4 scallions (spring onions), white part only, chopped  
2 jalapeño chilies, deseeded and finely chopped  
1 handful of fresh cilantro (coriander), chopped  
1 lime, juiced



## New Zealand Leg of Lamb

### INGREDIENTS:

4 ½ - 5 ½ lb (2 - 2 ½ kg) whole New Zealand leg of lamb (bone-in)  
1.75 oz (50 g) butter, softened  
2 - 3 cloves of garlic  
Sea salt and black pepper  
8.5 fl oz (250 ml) boiling water

### FOR THE SAUCE:

2 tbsp all-purpose (plain) flour  
8.5 fl oz (250 ml) lamb or chicken stock

### STEP 1

Preheat the oven to 320°F (160°C).

### STEP 2

Before cooking, allow the lamb to come up to room temperature. Mash the butter with a fork, then crush the garlic with a generous pinch of salt and pepper until it forms a paste. Add into the butter, then rub this paste all over the lamb.

### STEP 3

Place the lamb into a roasting tin and pour in the water, then allow to cook for three hours.

### STEP 4

Remove the lamb from the oven, draining any fat and meat juices into a bowl. Cover with foil and allow to rest.

### STEP 5

To make the sauce, skim most of the fat from the meat juices, then pour into a saucepan over a low heat. Add the flour and mix well. Cook the paste for a couple of minutes, then slowly whisk in the stock. Simmer until thickened.

### STEP 6

Serve the lamb with buttered new potatoes, steamed seasonal vegetables and the sauce.





“Dad, can I unplug your phone? It’s almost full and mine is dying?”

“No, you’ll have to go to Rhode Island. ”

“What?”

“For a new port.”

# "Dad" Jokes...

You know what you can do with 12 tortillas?

Have a case-a-dillas.

You know there’s a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.

What do you call 4 matadors in quicksand?

Quatro, cinco.

What do they call it when someone sues over a cake?

Torte-litigation.

When we get out of quarantine, I want to go somewhere with a bunch of cans of coke. Like Mini-soda.

“Dad, I’m going to do some yoga downstairs if you need me.”

“Well, I’m glad you’re adding some probiotics to your diet!”

What does it mean when you find out the milk you just put on your Grape-Nuts has gone bad?

You’ve caught a cereal killer.

Where do you learn to make a banana split?

Sundae School.

Why is editing a better job than writing?

It’s more rewording.

What happens to a frog’s car when it breaks down?

It gets toad away.

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of his life which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little which made him frail. And with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him: a super calloused fragile mystic, hexed by halitosis.

What are the strongest days of the week?

Saturday and Sunday, the rest are weekdays.

A frog goes into a bank for a loan. He ends up at the desk of Patricia Whack and says to her, “I want to borrow \$500,000.” Patricia says “Well that’s a lot, the bank will need some sort of collateral.” So the frog takes a ceramic pig out its bag and sets it on Patricia’s desk. “Will that work?” Patricia takes the ceramic pig back to her boss’s office and explains the situation. “What even is this?” she asks her boss.

“It’s a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan.”

**You know you've  
been in quarantine  
too long when  
Dad Jokes  
make you laugh!**



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Sudoku 1

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers to Puzzle on Page 15



10 D	N migry	W N E S
	♠ 1086 ♥ K10654 ♦ 73 ♣ KQ2	1♥ P 1♠ P 3♣ P 3♦ X 3♠ P 4♠ P D D
W passell	E mslair	
♠ AKJ ♥ AQJ87 ♦ ♣ A10853	♠ 97432 ♥ 9 ♦ A1086542 ♣	
	S mikeyb	
	♠ Q5 ♥ 32 ♦ KQJ9 ♣ J9764	
		4♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 10 of match 5 in Levine/Rosenthal on Saturday was interesting. It illustrates why Chicagoans miss Gary Cohler so much. He brought flair and fun to the game with his aggressive and sometimes imaginative style. Gary was fearless in Chicago and he's still fearless in Florida!

Certainly 7-5 hands do not occur often enough to have a "system" to handle them.

While it may not be the choice of all of today's experts, Mark Lair chose to pass in first seat. LHO passed and Passell, West, opened his 5-5 19 count 1H. Once Lair responded 1S, there was no stopping out of 4S. Berkowitz led the DK, Lair winning in hand and discarding a club from dummy. Lair played a heart to the ace, followed by the HQ. Migry ducked and Lair pitched a small diamond. He played a small heart and ruffed with the S4, overruffed by Berkowitz's S5. Berkowitz led the C7 to the five and queen, ruffed with Lair's D2. The DT was covered with the jack and ruffed in dummy. The CA was cashed, Lair discarding a small diamond. Lair ruffed a club and ruffed a diamond. When he played the CT off dummy, Migry ruffed with the ST and Lair tossed a small diamond. Migry played the S6 to the S7, Queen and ace. Lair ruffed a heart for his 10th trick. Migry was forced to trump her partner's good diamond at trick 13. Contract making!

10 D	N jjmeck	W N E S
	♠ 1086 ♥ K10654 ♦ 73 ♣ KQ2	5♦ P 4♦ P P P P P X
W junior	E gcoher	
♠ AKJ ♥ AQJ87 ♦ ♣ A10853	♠ 97432 ♥ 9 ♦ A1086542 ♣	
	S bumportant	
	♠ Q5 ♥ 32 ♦ KQJ9 ♣ J9764	
		5♦x E NS: 0 EW: 0

At the other table, Cohler made a rather bold bid of 4D, holding a side 5 card major. Rodwell (bumportant) passed and junior (Willenken) had a void in diamonds with four quick tricks and lots of possibilities. He might have tried 4H which might have elicited a 4S call from Cohler to reach the major suit game, however, knowing how little his partner must hold outside his diamonds, Willenken bid game in his void, counting on a suit better than ace empty seventh in Cohler's hand.

The DK was led in this room too. Cohler won his ace and finessed against the HK. This lost to North and the CK was returned. Cohler won the ace in dummy, cashed the ace and queen of hearts, discarding small spades. Rodwell followed to the HA and ruffed the queen with the D9. He exited with a small spade to dummy's ace. Cohler ruffed a club and took nine tricks... contract failing by 2!

15 IMPs to Levine

# From Saturday's Round Robin 5th Match

## Fun and Games Page

### ★ House

All the words are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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

DORMER WINDOW  
DRAINPIPE  
FIRE ESCAPE  
FLOOR  
FOUNDATIONS  
GARAGE  
GUTTER  
HAT RACK  
HOLLOW WALL  
KITCHEN  
OFFICE  
PATIO  
SHUTTER  
SITTING AREA  
STOVE  
STUDIO  
TURRET  
WALL ANCHOR  
WELL  
WINDOWSILL

ARCADE  
BATHROOM  
BEDROOM

BEDSTEAD  
CEILING  
CHIMNEY

COLONNADE  
CORRIDOR  
DOORSTEP

**Another puzzle themed  
for the Pandemic!**

**Word Find Puzzle**



	First Names	Chewing Gum				Laptops						
	Carmen	Jared	Kristen	Leo	bubblegum	cinnamon	peppermint	spearmint	Alienware	Apple	Gateway	Hewlett Packard
Days Off	Monday											
	Tuesday											
	Wednesday											
	Thursday											
Laptops	Alienware											
	Apple											
	Gateway											
	Hewlett Packard											
Chewing Gum	bubblegum											
	cinnamon											
	peppermint											
	spearmint											

# Logic Puzzle

Days Off	First Names	Chewing Gum	Laptops
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			

- The person who uses the Apple laptop didn't chew the spearmint gum.
- The person who uses the Alienware laptop is Carmen.
- The person who uses the Apple laptop has a day off later in the week than Jared.
- The person who chewed the spearmint gum is not Jared or Leo.
- The person who uses the Apple laptop has a day off later in the week than the person who uses the Hewlett Packard laptop.
- The person who uses the Gateway laptop didn't chew the bubblegum gum and is not Kristen.
- Of Carmen and the person who uses the Hewlett Packard laptop, one chewed the peppermint gum and the other has Tuesday off.
- The person who uses the Hewlett Packard laptop didn't chew the bubblegum gum.
- The one who has Monday off is Carmen.
- Either the person who uses the Alienware laptop or the person who uses the Gateway laptop chewed the peppermint gum.

Answer on page 19



**Ross Grabel** (born 1950) is from Huntington Beach, California.

Bridge accomplishments

**Wins**

North American Bridge Championships

- von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 2013
- Grand National Teams 1998
- Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1982
- Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1980
- Reisinger 1984

**Runners-up**

North American Bridge Championships

- Spingold 1989



# Meet the Players

**A Lesson in What a Difference a Lead Makes By Phillip Alder** March 24, 2010

The inaugural Platinum Pairs at the Spring North American Championships in Reno, Nev., was won on Sunday night by Franco Baseggio and Andy Stark of New York. They finished 0.48 match points ahead of Gary Gottlieb of New York and Peter Fredin from Sweden. Third were Fred Stewart of Bloomington, N.Y., and Kit Woolsey of Kensington, Calif.

This three-day event was open to players who had gained at least 50 platinum master points (which can be won only in national championships) over the last three years, had earned at least 200 platinum points or had achieved the rank of either platinum life master or grand life master.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 104  
 ♥ J72  
 ♦ KQ9  
 ♣ AKJ43

**WEST**  
 ♠ AQ6  
 ♥ AQ963  
 ♦ 104  
 ♣ 982

**EAST**  
 ♠ KJ98  
 ♥ 32  
 ♦ 854  
 ♣ 1076

**SOUTH(D)**  
 ♠ 75  
 ♥ K10  
 ♦ AJ87632  
 ♣ Q5

Neither side was vulnerable.  
 The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 Pass 1♥ 2♣ Pass  
 2♦ Pass 3♦ 3♥  
 3 N.T. Pass Pass Pass  
 West led the ... what?

The diagramed deal occurred during the last day of the Platinum Pairs. Look at the West hand. What would you lead against three no-trump after the given auction?

Stark was West. He wondered why his partner had not immediately raised hearts over two clubs. Stark concluded that his partner had to have "some kind of funny hand." Also, judging that declarer had the heart king and running diamonds, Stark decided to lead the spade ace.

Jackpot! Baseggio encouraged, and the defenders took six spades and two hearts for down four.

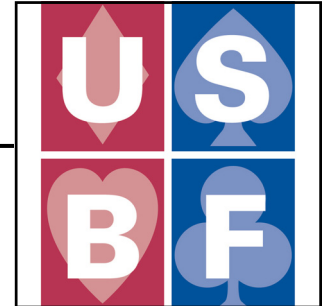
Note that after a low-heart lead, declarer would have won all 13 tricks: one heart, seven diamonds and five clubs. The lead made a difference of 21 tricks. It was also worth 16 match points out of 17, instead of one for minus 520. Those 15 match points meant the difference between first and fourth.

# Puzzle Answers:

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

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

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



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## From Match 5 on Saturday or Guess Who's Back "Sleeping on the Couch"?

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On Board 2 from the 5th match on Friday, Annie Brenner and David Caprera produced a unique result. Most East/West pairs found the diamond slam as their counterparts at the other table, Debbie Rosenberg and Cadir Lee did.

At David (dendac1's) table, 1C was Precision (16+); 1H showed 8-11 HCP without 5 spades, Game Forcing; 1NT promised 17-18 presumably with spades stopped; and 3D!!!... In David's words, "I f\*\*\*ed up! Our partnership agreement is that 'system is on when we bid 1NT', which means that we treat this auction the same as 1NT-(2S)- even though we are game forced so game invite meanings have no definition. "

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Therefore, David showed hearts when he bid 3D. (3C would show D's.) ...and the auction continued: 4C-4D-4H-P.

4C was a cue. 4D was natural. AND 4H (intended as KCB for diamonds) ended the auction

David did well to get out for down 3. If the HK was off, it would have been cheap! When the heart finesse won, David grabbed bedding and made up the couch!

After the round, he explained, "We actually had the methods to more reasonably bid these cards:

West	North	East	South
		1C strong	Pass
1H 8-11 GF	1S	1NT 17-18	2S
3C inv D's set-	Pass	3D relay	Pass
3H singleton	...		

Maybe we would or maybe we would not have bid the slam on a finesse... We will never know...

I know I was disappointed when the HK was on."

In closing, David comments: "This is an issue about which I have no strong opinion. 'Is consistency of bidding methods better than theoretically best treatment in unusual auctions?' To bid naturally as a game force is certainly an alternative to "system on."

(Ed. Note: It sounds like a matter for Bridge Winners to me, David! Sleep well!!!)



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BACK TABLE REDERL CONV. UNDO CLARIT CHART

HUH???So we all know about "TGBH" ...

The Great Bob Hamman...

But this beats everything ...

Yesterday at 2:00 Central time, I went to BBO to see if anything was on VuGraph. Imagine my surprise when I saw that TGBH was playing with Peter Weischel in a delayed USA vs. Netherlands match while simultaneously playing in the USBF INV2 tournament, match 7, with Hemant Lall.

That is multitasking at its best! I wouldn't believe of others, but I believe it of Bob!

6 D	N jillm	W N E S
	♠ AK963 ♥ K2 ♦ J ♣ Q9862	P P 1♥ P 1♠ P 2♠ P 4♠ P P P
W warrens	E Gavin	
♠ 54 ♥ J105 ♦ AQ852 ♣ J43	♠ 108 ♥ 984 ♦ K10764 ♣ K105	
	S kerri	
	♠ QJ72 ♥ AQ763 ♦ 93 ♣ A7	
		4♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0

While most of the Boards at most of the tables in Sunday's 2nd match were rather flat, Board 6 in Spector vs. Meyers was notable.

In one room, Meyers/Sanborn had an easy auction to 4S. Wolpert led the C5; Meyers ducked to her queen, pulled trump and pitched her diamond loser on the HQ taking all 13 tricks.

In the other room, the auction was the same through 2S. Where Meyers bid 4S, making it easy to sign off, Hurd bid 4D (splinter). Diamond shortness made Bathurst's hand look really good. Any values his partner had outside of diamonds were working.

6 D	N johnhurd	W N E S
	♠ AK963 ♥ K2 ♦ J ♣ Q9862	P P 1♥ P 1♠ P 2♠ P 4♦ P 4NT P 5♥ P 6♠ P P P
W rossg	E dunitz	
♠ 54 ♥ J105 ♦ AQ852 ♣ J43	♠ 108 ♥ 984 ♦ K10764 ♣ K105	
	S kmb24	
	♠ QJ72 ♥ AQ763 ♦ 93 ♣ A7	
		6♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0

Bathurst bid RKC. Hurd showed two keycards without the trump queen and Bathurst jumped to the spade slam.

Dunitz led a small club but Bathurst couldn't afford to duck it. He rose with the ace, pulled two rounds of trump, cashed three rounds of hearts, tossing his diamond loser on the HQ and claimed 12 tricks.

10 IMPs to Spector

D 9	N rogerclee	W	N	E	S
	♠ AJ74 ♥ 763 ♦ K943 ♣ 43	P	P	3♣	P
W kit	♠ 98652 ♥ AK952 ♦ Q ♣ J5	E bbramley			
		♠ ♥ 1084 ♦ 1065 ♣ AKQ10762			
	S sylvie				
	♠ KQ103 ♥ QJ ♦ AJ872 ♣ 98	3♣ E NS: 0 EW: 0			

Board 9 in Match 3 on Sunday was a lesson hand: Live by the sword; Die by the sword.

Woolsey/Bramley play Kit's style of exceedingly light, somewhat unpredictable pre-empts. These are very effective at times, keeping the opponents out of game or slam by taking up much early bidding room.

Bart holds what many would play as a "normal" vulnerable vs. non-vulnerable opening 3C bid. Kit, who's known to open 3C on suits like Qxxxxx or worse had an easy Pass.

Bramley might have chosen to open a Precision 2C showing 10-15 HCP with 6+ clubs (though he is a point light) or he might have opened a gambling 3NT with only seven tricks.

Sylvia Moss led the SK. Bramley ruffed, played a diamond to R Lee's king, won the club return with the jack in dummy, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade, pulled trump, carefully unblocked his HT so when the HQJ fell, he collected 12 tricks for +170 the hard way.

At the other table, Brad Moss opened the East hand 1C. Peter Boyd overcalled 1D and West had a systemic bid ready. 2H showed 5 spades and 4 or 5 hearts non-invitational. Robinson bid 3D. Brad bid 4C. Grue, holding two quick tricks and a ruffing value, bid a calculated 5C.

D 9	N robinswr	W	N	E	S
	♠ AJ74 <sup>5s 4/5 h non inv i think</sup> ♥ 763 ♦ K943 ♣ 43	P	1♣	1♦	P
W joegrue	♠ 98652 ♥ AK952 ♦ Q ♣ J5	2♥	3♦	4♣	P
		5♣	P	P	P
	S pab1				
	♠ KQ103 ♥ QJ ♦ AJ872 ♣ 98	E Brad			
		♠ ♥ 1084 ♦ 1065 ♣ AKQ10762			
		5♣ E NS: 0 EW: 0			

Matches are won by bidding close vulnerable games...

10 IMPs to Moss

**It is interesting to see what happened throughout the field... I trust they were playing the same boards!!**

In Nickell/Brenner, both tables played in 3C making 6 for a push.

In Bishel/Levine, Meckwell played in 4C while their counterparts played in 5C ... 10 IMPs to Bishel.

In Reynolds/Lusky, both tables played in 5C for a push.

In McAllister/Rosenthal, Migry/Berk played 3C while K Rosenberg/McAllister played 4H(+1) for 11 IMPs to McAllister.

In Meyers/Donner, Botta/Z Grossack played the heart game while at the other table, Rimstedt and Donner played in 3S North/South. 11 IMPs to Donner

In Spector/Harris, Spector/Wolpert played in 4H making six while Massimilla/Glathal played in 4HX light one. 13 IMPs to Spector

In Seligman/Schireson, D Rosenberg/Schireson played in 4C making 5 while Hamman/Lall bid 4H making six in the other room. 11 IMPs to Seligman

Opening leads are frequently critical. In IMPs, it is often essential to attack rather than go lightly when the most important thing is to generate a plus score.

On Board 8 from the 4th match on Sunday, both tables in the Robinson/Donner match arrived in 4H by North. The auctions were not very informative and East had to consider carefully whether to lead a diamond from the KQ432 or a club from the AK72. At first blush, it looks like leading the diamond will establish a diamond trick that East can cash when he gains the lead in clubs... however, on second thought... leading a high club gives opening leader a chance to see dummy and partner's signal while keeping control of the situation.

D 8	N sandria	W N E S
	♠ K6	P 1♥ X 4♥
	♥ KQJ86	P P P
	♦ J1085	
	♣ 105	
W kit	E bbramley	
♠ 873	♠ 1092	
♥ A54	♥ 3	
♦ 96	♦ KQ432	
♣ QJ863	♣ AK72	
	S gdonnersc1	
♠ AQJ54	♠ AQJ54	
♥ 10972	♥ 10972	
♦ A7	♦ A7	
♣ 94	♣ 94	
	4♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0	

from the AK72. At first blush, it looks like leading the diamond will establish a diamond trick that East can cash when he gains the lead in clubs... however, on second thought... leading a high club gives opening leader a chance to see dummy and partner's signal while keeping control of the situation.

Bramley led the CA. Woolsey signaled with the CQ, promising the CJ. Bramley led a club to Woolsey and Kit made the obvious diamond shift. Rimstedt won the diamond in dummy and played the HT, ducked around. The H2 drew the ace and Kit continued the attack on diamonds. The defense collected the two clubs, one diamond and one heart with which they started. Down one!

D 8	N chip	W 4H bid with defense
	♠ K6	P 1♥ X 3NT
	♥ KQJ86	P 4♥ P P
	♦ J1085	P
	♣ 105	
W gio 89	E germs345	
♠ 873	♠ 1092	
♥ A54	♥ 3	
♦ 96	♦ KQ432	
♣ QJ863	♣ AK72	
	S mfleisher	
♠ AQJ54	♠ AQJ54	
♥ 10972	♥ 10972	
♦ A7	♦ A7	
♣ 94	♣ 94	
	4♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0	

At the other table, Zach Grossack led the DK. Chip won the ace, played a spade to the king, a spade to the ace and the SQ, shedding a club loser.

Chip played the SJ, ruffed with the H4 and overruffed with the H6.

In the end, Chip lost one diamond, one heart and only one club to score up his game.

10 IMPs to Robinson

### SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 13

Apple	Bubblegum	Leo	Thursday
Gateway	Cinnamon	Jared	Wednesday
Hewlett Packard	Spearmint	Kristen	Tuesday
Alienware	Peppermint	Carmen	Monday

D 5	N jillm	W	N	E	S
	♠ A9743 ♥ Q953 ♦ K3 ♣ 103	3NT	P	1NT	P
W levin		E stevo			
♠ J6 ♥ 1042 ♦ 10874 ♣ AKJ9		♠ Q10 ♥ AKJ86 ♦ A62 ♣ 854			
	S kerri				
	♠ K852 ♥ 7 ♦ QJ95 ♣ Q762	3NT E			NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 5 from the 4<sup>th</sup> match on Sunday, demonstrates how a small difference in ranges for opening 1NT can make a big difference in the results. Levin/Weinstein and Dunitz/Grabel both play strong NTs.

Weinstein's 1NT bid showed 14+ - 17 HCP. His average hand would be worth approximately 16 points. With 9 HCP and a nice club suit, Levin raised to 3NT. A spade lead will defeat 3NT, but with QJ9x of diamonds, Sanborn led the DQ. Weinstein won the diamond, cashed the HA and crossed to dummy with a high club. He led the HT and Meyers covered with the queen. Since he needed three club tricks, Weinstein finessed the CJ, noting the fall of the ten. Weinstein finessed for the H9 and ran the hearts. A club to the nine picked up that suit for +430.

D 5	N greco	W	N	E	S
	♠ A9743 ♥ Q953 ♦ K3 ♣ 103	2♣	P	1NT	P
W rossg		E dunitz			
♠ J6 ♥ 1042 ♦ 10874 ♣ AKJ9		♠ Q10 ♥ AKJ86 ♦ A62 ♣ 854			
	S ghampson				
	♠ K852 ♥ 7 ♦ QJ95 ♣ Q762	2NT E			NS: 0 EW: 0

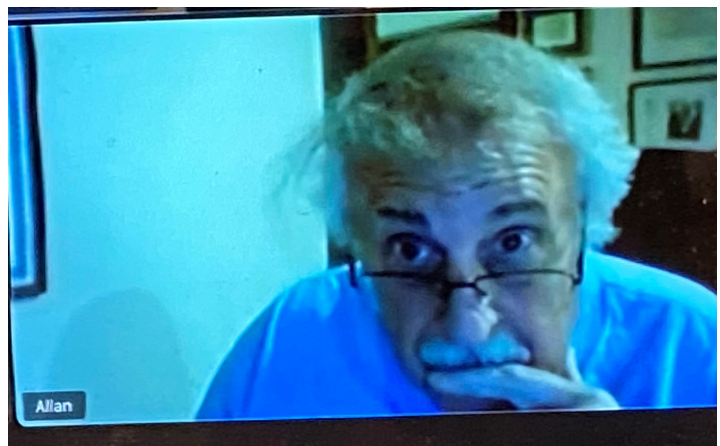
Dunitz's 1NT bid showed 14-16 HCP (an average of only 15). Grabel investigated by bidding 2S, which was either a "size ask" or clubs. Dunitz's 2NT response showed a minimum. Grabel passed 2NT.

Hampson led the DJ (showing the queen). Dunitz cashed a high heart and crossed to dummy with a club to take the heart finesse. Greco covered the HT with the queen. Since Dunitz only needed eight tricks to make 2NT, he disdained the club finesse. He just played a club to the king and finessed for the H9, taking eight tricks for +120.

3NT was not a good contract. It had no chance on a spade lead. The mathematicians will confirm that even without a spade lead, 3NT is a less than 25% contract. As usual, it's better to be lucky than good. 7 IMPs to Nickell



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