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Knockout Results:

<u>USBF Invitational #2 - 2020</u>							
QuarterFinal (56 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.				
14-AUG-2020			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>				
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Nickell	90	31	22	22	15	
8	Donner	119	44	34	31	10	
2	McAllister	77	38	17	2	20	
7	Meyers	87	21	33	22	11	
3	Rosenthal	112	64	23	13	12	
6	Seligman	95	16	37	15	27	
4	Lusky	98	35	13	30	20	
5	Robinson	67	9	19	10	29	

The Captain's Meeting...



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Pandemic Competition Number II

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Teams Entered...

Bishel	Thomas Bishel, Capt Ronald Mullins	John Bishel Charley Seelbach
Brenner	Anne Brenner, Capt Chris Compton Steve Beatty	David Caprera Andy Goodman Fred Stewart
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Giorgia Botta Anam Tebha	Sandra Rimstedt Zachary Grossack Adam Grossack
Harris	Martin Harris, Capt Howard Liu Louis Glasthal	Miriam Harris-Botzum Eugene Hung Michael Massimilla
Levine	Michael Levine Mike Passell Jeff Meckstroth Robert Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Mark Lair Eric Rodwell
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 Ross Grabel	Kerri Sanborn Tobi Sokolow Mitch Dunitz
Moss	Joe Grue, Capt Sylvia Moss David Grainger	Brad Moss Roger Lee Joel Wooldridge
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

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 - 2:55	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		3:00 - 4:55	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 1-15
		BREAK	
		5:30 - 7:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		7:30 - 9:25	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 1-15

VuGraph ...

The KO stage of the USBF INV2 tournament continues today at 1:00 Eastern time. We will show delayed Vugraph from both of the matches. The Vugraph will begin 30 minutes after the scheduled start of play. (see schedule in column to the left).

We will have voice commentary during some of the segments. Please join us for some great fun and friendly bridge.

It's almost like being there and you will feel the excitement as you watch from home in your jammies!

Ethics Statement

We're not trying to provide security for this event, as we do when we sometimes have "real" events online. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties still apply to this event. The USBF has appointed an Ethics Investigation Committee that will review any complaints about ethics violations. If the EIC concludes that a player or pair was acting unethically, they will report to the USBF Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

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.

Virtual Vacation is the [newest online regionally rated event](#) and will be held **August 27-30, 2020** on [Bridge Base Online](#). That's four days of chances to compete with players across the continent from your couch (the next best thing to a seaside hammock).

[See the schedule](#) for pair events all day, every day, including side series. Also be sure to check out the [Daily Bulletins posted in BridgeFeed](#). Intermediate and Newcomer players will be invited to view special mini-lessons, also posted daily on BridgeFeed. You can come, too!

More details, including a [FAQ](#) and [online tournament checklist](#) are available at acbl.org/virtual.



Excerpted from the USBF Invitational 2 advance email to players... Or Everything You Wanted to Know About This Event Beyond the Round Robin!

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 - link 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).

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.

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, 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.

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.

Kibitzers: We will not be allowing kibitzers for any part of this event. 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!

Ask Me Anything Once? Twice? Three Times???

D 9		N sandria ♠ 65 ♥ K3 ♦ 9874 ♣ QJ732	W N E S P 2NT P 3♣ P 3NT P 4♠ P 4NT P P P
W levin ♠ Q72 ♥ Q92 ♦ AK1063 ♣ 64		E stevo ♠ AK8 ♥ A64 ♦ Q5 ♣ AK1098	
	S gdonnersc1 ♠ J10943 ♥ J10875 ♦ J2 ♣ 5		4NT E NS: 0 EW: 0

In the first segment of the Nickell/Donner Quarterfinal match, Levin/Weinstein stopped in 4NT on Board 9 while Adam Grossack and Anam Tebha reached 6D. (see auction at bottom of hand diagram)

At both tables, East opened 2NT and West needed to know if partner held either a good hand for diamonds or a five-card major suit to place the contract.

Levin chose 3C, puppet Stayman. Weinstein's response denied the majors. Levin bid 4S showing diamonds and Weinstein's 4NT bid denied interest in the diamond slam. The auction ended. Donner led the SJ. Weinstein won

W N E S P 2NT P 4♣ X XX P 4♦ P 4♥ P 4NT P 5♣ P 5♦ P 6♦ P P P	W: A Grossack the SK and when diamonds behaved appropriately, East/West collected 11 tricks for +660. N: Katz E: Tabha S: Nickell
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At the other table, Adam Grossack asked about diamond keycards **at least twice** on the way to the slam. He explained to the opponents that 4C was "optional keycard" for diamonds... Since redouble was not a conventional response to Blackwood and since Adam was still wondering how many keycards Anam held, Adam bid 4D, explaining his thought that this would be a keycard re-ask once Anam didn't answer 4C. (Ed. Note: This sounds like a new and confusing form of check back?)

The Grossack/Tebha convention card shows that they play 1430 keycard. If Tebha's 4H bid showed 1 or 4 keycards, she must have held one since there were only three missing. Accordingly, Adam signed off in 4NT.

When Anam bid 5C, Adam tried to sign off in 5D and Tebha raised to slam. Apparently, the wheels had come off the bus!

Again, when the DJ came down in two rounds, it became easy. Even without Katz's double, the play in clubs was routine. When Grossack led a club toward dummy, Katz split his honors. Adam had no trouble taking twelve tricks. 12 IMPs to Donner

In the Rosenthal/Seligman match, Migry/Berkowitz also used 4C as optional keycard. There was no double and Migry, liking her hand, bid 4S showing 0 or 3 Keycards. Berkowitz jumped to 6C transferring to 6D. The opening lead was the singleton club and 12 tricks were easy.

At the other table, Morgan/Seligman played in 6C after an opening 2NT followed by a 4NT quantitative response and a 6C acceptance. That failed two tricks. 17 IMPs to Rosenthal

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

Oat-Bread Crusted Wild Alaskan Cod, Middlefork Farm Warm Summer Salad with Pecan & Pleasant Ridge Reserve Pesto

Breaded Cod Instructions:

two 5 ounce portions of fish
1/2 cup oat flour
1 cup oat bread crumbs (from Sauce and Bread)
4 oz clarified butter
pinch sea salt
pinch fresh ground pepper
two eggs for Ellis farm (beaten)



I prefer to start with the fish at room temperature. (about 20-30 minutes out of the cooler)

Season the fish filets with salt & pepper, put them in flour and coat the fish. Then put the filet in the eggs and coat it. Then put it in the oat bread crumbs.

Cook the filets in a 10 inch pan with clarified butter about ¼ in deep. Cook until it's golden brown on both sides over medium heat. It should be cooked all the way through. If not, you can turn the heat down and slowly finish it in the pan. Remove the fish and transfer to a plate.

Leek, Tomato, Kale & Corn Warm Pesto Salad Instructions:

2 tablespoons olive oil or remaining clarified butter
1 cup julienned leeks (chopped across)
2 cups cherry tomatoes cut in half or heirloom tomatoes (skinned and seeded)
2 cups of kale, torn, seasoned and sautéed
3 ounces of pesto (herbs, toasted pecans, pleasant ridge reserve & olive oil)
1 – 2 tablespoons grated Pleasant Ridge Reserve

In a 10 or 12 inch sauté pan cook the leeks until tender in 2 tablespoons of olive oil over medium high heat. Season with salt and pepper. Then add the tomato and continue to cook another 3-4 minutes. Add the warm kale. Stir in the pesto and the corn. Let it simmer. Add additional pleasant ridge reserve grated cheese. Season to taste

Chef: Sarah Stegner, Prairie Grass Café, Northfield, IL

(Recipes continued on page 7)

Chilled Poached Arctic Char and Summer Vegetables

2 pieces (5.5 ounces each) Arctic Char
1/4 teaspoon Sea salt
Pinch fresh ground black pepper
A few sprigs of each herb (chives, parsley, thyme)
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon olive oil



In a 10 inch pan put the fish, herbs, lemon juice, sea salt & fresh ground black pepper. Pour water over it just enough to cover the fish. Slowly bring with water up until it is steaming. Then take it off the stove. Remove the fish from the pan. Return the pan onto the stove and simmer the liquid until it is reduced to about 1/4 cup. Remove the herbs. Allow to cool. Then add the apple cider vinegar and the olive oil. Stir well. Clean the brown off the underside of the fish, flake the fish.

1 cup mushrooms (trimmed and cleaned)
1/4 cup shallots (peeled & sliced)
1 cup summer squash & zucchini (trimmed & cut up)
About 1/2 lb of tomatoes total: heirloom & cherry tomatoes
Pinch of sea salt
Pinch fresh ground pepper
2 tablespoons of olive oil
herbs for garnish

In a medium size pan over medium high heat add olive oil. Put the mushrooms in the hot pan. Season the mushrooms with salt and pepper. Allow them to sear until golden brown then stir them and remove from the pan.

Add the shallots into the pan and season. Stir the shallots, reduce the heat. Cook until tender.

In a medium size pan over medium high heat add the olive oil. Put the zucchini and summer squash in the pan. Season the squash. Cook until lightly browned. Remove from the pan.

Slice the tomatoes in halves and wedges. Season with salt and pepper.

Assembly:

When you are ready to eat. Put the mushrooms, shallots, summer squash, and tomatoes on platter/2 plates. Pile the fish in the center. Spoon the reduced fish stock/vinaigrette over everything. Add the herbs to garnish and enhance the flavors.

Yogurt dipping sauce: this will come made for you in the package. It contains: cucumber, garlic, lemon, tarragon, mint, & olive oil

Ora King Salmon Brunch Entrée for Two

2 (4 ounce) portions of Ora King Salmon

Topping: ¼ cup per portion (onions, chopped pecans, bread crumbs & Ruinar sumac spice mix)

Summer greens with sautéed local onions & zucchini, and poached Farm egg

Preheat the oven to 220 degrees Fahrenheit.

Allow the salmon to come to room temperature about 20 – 30 minutes.

Season the salmon with sea salt and white pepper.

Spread the topping over your fish filets.

Spread a little olive oil on a baking pan. Put the salmon on top of that.

Place in the oven and cook for 10 minutes. If your filet is very thick it may take slightly longer.

I prefer my fish cooked medium

Topping recipe for those that are not purchasing the package or wish to repeat the experience:

2 tablespoons olive oil

½ cup spring onions (bulbs), chopped

½ teaspoon Ruinar Sumac spice mix

¼ cup toasted, salted pecans, chopped

1/8 cup breadcrumbs

½ of a lemon, juiced

Sautee onions in olive oil and as the onions start to brown add Ruinar sumac spice mix. Let the mixture cook for 1-2 minutes and remove from heat. Add pecans, breadcrumbs, & lemon juice. Mix ingredients together, taste and adjust seasoning.

Onion and Zucchini Recipe:

2 tablespoons olive oil

2-4 spring onions (depending on their size), sliced

8-10 baby zucchini (depending on their size), cut in half

Pinch of sea salt

Fresh ground black pepper

Season vegetables with sea salt and pepper. Sautee vegetables in medium pan on medium/high heat until the vegetables are golden brown.

Poached Egg Recipe:

Splash white vinegar

Pinch of salt

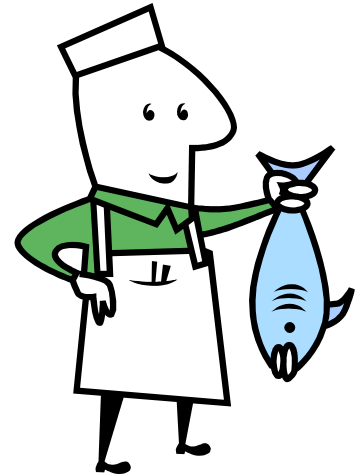
2 Farm Egg

Bring a small pot of water with a splash of white vinegar and a dash of salt to just simmering, crack eggs in a cup, and pour it in to the pot.

Cook until eggs reaches desired consistency (takes about 5 minutes)

How to assemble the dish:

Toss the summer greens in vinaigrette Put the greens on a plate and top with the zucchini and onions and the salmon. Finish off the plate with your poached eggs and enjoy!

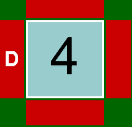


*Friday got started
A wee bit behind
Bear with us all.
We aren't unkind.*

*Will's pushing players...
And he's pushing hard.
But some just refuse
To dislodge a card!*

*Though there is little
One must do these days,
You'd speed up the play
If you barred the relays!*

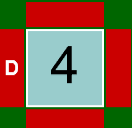
"Berk"ing Around the Opponents!

	N TGBH3	W N E S
	♠ AQ105	P 1♣ P 1♥
	♥ AJ76	P 2♥ P 2NT
	♦ 2	P 4♥ P P
♣ 10964	P	
W mikeyb	E migry	
♠ 92	♠ J7643	
♥ Q9	♥ 432	
♦ AQ874	♦ J1063	
♣ QJ72	♣ A	
S hemantlall		
♠ K8		
♥ K1085		
♦ K95		
♣ K853		
	4♥ S	NS: 0 EW: 0

On Board 4 of the first set of the Quarterfinal, David Berkowitz made a play worthy of David Copperfield. He created an illusion and his poor opponent could not go right.

Hamman/Lall arrived in 4H from South. No lead can legitimately defeat the contract. David led the the S9 which gave declarer four spade tricks. If trumps are 3-2, declarer would hope to take 5 heart tricks, 4 spade tricks and 1 minor suit king.

Lall won the spade in hand with the king. He played the HK and Berkowitz dropped his queen!!

	N aarons	W N E S
	♠ AQ105	P 1♣ P 1♥
	♥ AJ76	P 2♥ P 2♠
	♦ 2	P 4♦ P 4♥
♣ 10964	P P P	
W mseligman	E jpmnbr	
♠ 92	♠ J7643	
♥ Q9	♥ 432	
♦ AQ874	♦ J1063	
♣ QJ72	♣ A	
S andrewr		
♠ K8		
♥ K1085		
♦ K95		
♣ K853		
	4♥ S	NS: 0 EW: 0

Without this action, declarer will play a second heart to the queen and ace, cross to the S8 and return to dummy with the HJ. He can cash the SAQ and exit dummy with one of the minors.

If he leads a club from dummy, he has his tenth trick.

If he leads a diamond and East fails to split her jack-ten, declarer inserts the nine and West is endplayed.

If East does split her diamonds, declarer covers and since West has been forced to make three discards (two diamonds and a club presumably), West will win the DA and exit with the DQ, trumped in dummy.

Declarer leads a club off dummy; East wins the ace and cashes a diamond. Declarer has the last two tricks... making 4H!

Put yourself in Lall's position: David created the illusion that hearts were 4-1. Instead of continuing hearts, Lall cashed a spade and exited with the DK. David won his ace, played a club to Migry who returned a spade. David ruffed the spade with his "non-existent" trump nine and returned a club for Migry to ruff. Contract failing by one .

At the other table, Seligman also led the S9. Declarer cashed the HK and led a heart to the ace. At this point, he slipped! He cashed a third heart and played a diamond off dummy, inserting the nine and losing to West's queen. If West returns a small club, the contract will be defeated. East can win the club and return the DJ to drive out dummy's entry before the spades are unblocked. This play was not clear, and in fact, West returned a spade to the eight. Declarer ruffed a diamond to dummy, cashed the ace/queen of spades and exited with a club to get his tenth trick.

12 IMPs to Rosenthal

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

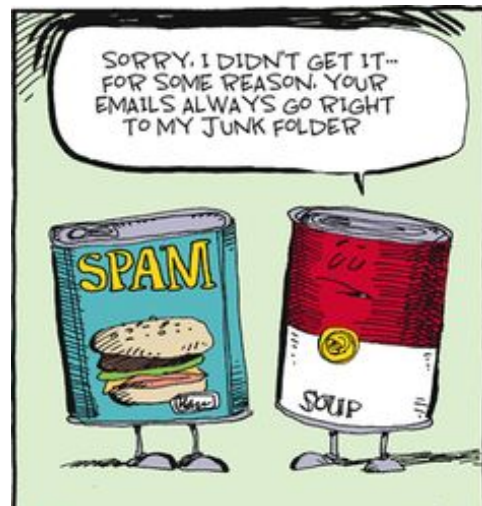
Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 15



YOUTH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Presents an 8-Week Free Course

Beginner's Bridge Class

8 Saturdays starting on Sat. August 15
4 - 6 pm PDT

Warren Buffett ~ "Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail if I had three cellmates who were decent players."

Interested in learning the world's most fascinating game? Sign up for the free class for students in grades 1-12, where basic bidding and card play techniques will be taught. This class is hosted by the Youth Bridge Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting bridge to middle and high-school students, founded by members of the US junior bridge team.

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Register @ <https://bit.ly/introtobridge>

The USBF supports and encourages any and all Junior Bridge Programs. Some of the organizers of this event are participants of the USBF Junior Training Program under the excellent direction of Michael Rosenberg.

Joe Stokes, Chairman of the USBF Junior Committee applauds this effort of "juniors teaching juniors." The classes rate to be fun for all.

A recording of their Bridge Introductory Workshop from last week is on their website.

As always, check there to learn more about the organization!

<https://www.youthbridgeassociation.org/>

Sign up your children, grandchildren or yourself if you qualify today or tomorrow so you don't miss any classes!

The organizers are Michael Xu, Michael Hu, Arthur Zhou, and Jonathan Yue.

Write youthbridgeassociation@gmail.com for more information.

How does an attorney sleep?

First he lies on one side, then he lies on the other.

How do turtles communicate with each other?

With shell phones.

I'm positive I just lost an electron.

Better keep an ion that.

How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh?

10-tickles.

What superlative did Robert E. Lee win in high school?

Most likely to secede!

Did you hear about the negative nelly who hates German sausage?

He always fears the wurst.

Why did the mathematician work from home?

Because he could only function in his domain.

I accidentally went to bed with my contact lenses in the other night.

My dreams have never been clearer.

Is your iPad making you fall asleep?

I can help—there's a nap for that.

Will glass coffins be a success?

Remains to be seen.

The male pig puts everyone to sleep.

You might say he's quite a boar.

PUNgent Prose!

Fun and Games Page

★ Frankenstein

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

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

FIRE
 FRIEND
 GENEVA
 GERMANY
 GOTHIC
 HATE
 HIDEOUS
 HORRIBLE
 ICE SHEET
 JUSTINE
 LABORATORY
 LIFELESS
 LONESOME
 LORD BYRON
 MURDER
 PRISON
 REFUGE
 RUIN
 SICK
 STUDY
 SUICIDE
 SWITZERLAND
 WILLIAM
 WOMAN



ARCTIC CIRCLE
 BRIDE
 BROTHER

COMPANION
 CORPSES
 DECLINE

DOG SLED
 DRAMA
 FILM

Word Find Puzzle



Names					Careers					Countries				
Adrian	Jeffrey	Kevin	Lamar	Neville	architect	engineer	lawyer	musician	surgeon	Belgium	Canada	Mexico	South Africa	Sweden
April 13th														
May 18th														
June 14th														
July 16th														
August 15th														

Countries	Belgium								
	Canada								
	Mexico								
	South Africa								
	Sweden								

Careers	architect				
	engineer				
	lawyer				
	musician				
	surgeon				

Birthdays	Names	Careers	Countries
April 13th			
May 18th			
June 14th			
July 16th			
August 15th			

Logic Puzzle

1. The person from South Africa has a birthday 2 months before the person from Canada..
2. Jeffrey is from Sweden..
3. The person from South Africa is the musician..
4. The traveler from Mexico is the engineer..
5. Kevin has a birthday 1 month before the lawyer..
6. Neither the architect nor Lamar is the person from Canada..
7. Neither Adrian nor the person whose birthday is on June 14th is the traveler from Mexico..
8. Adrian has a birthday 1 month after the traveler from South Africa..
9. Kevin is either the person from South Africa or the architect..
10. The traveler born on July 16th is either the traveler from Sweden or the surgeon..

Answer on page 16



Quarantine Humor (Oximoron?)

Allan Falk is an attorney residing in Michigan with his beautiful wife, Jackie Derouin, also a bridge player. Allan has been a great volunteer to the ACBL, serving as advisor to several high profile Ethical Oversight Committees in recent years.

Allan never says no when asked to serve and is brilliant at what he does.

Allan has several bridge accomplishments:

Wins:

- North American Bridge Championships
- Blue Ribbon Pairs 1997¹
- Silodor Open Pairs 1994
- Wernher Open Pairs 1997

Runners-up

- North American Bridge Championships
- Grand National Teams 1996

Meet the Players



"What a year this month has been!"

Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku

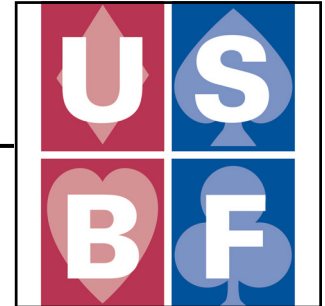
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

Gday Yanks:

What a strange set of charades you have going on across the pond. Howie Dung might not get one right this fortnight. He just pulls a waffle whenever he opens his mouth.

Nickell and McAllister have no business whinging. They got to pick their bloody opponents. The wee people pulled their usual disappearing act and despite the labours of Mr. Hamman, he is fini. In the final four contestants there are eight damsels remaining. The make-up has shifted dramatically

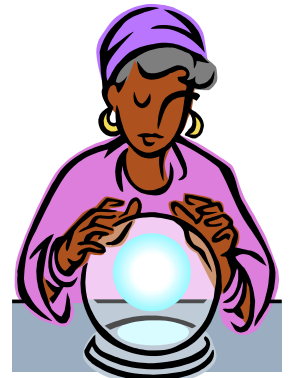
Donner-Lusky: Limey Jack is impressed with the twins and their lassies from all over the globe They earned this victory and they will continue to the final, but they are lodgers, not flat owners, and need proper seasoning

Meyers-Rosenthal: Rosenthal is tough and will be the pick of the simpleton, Dung. But while that would be the practical pick, Limey Jack tells you for a fact that the four great Lassies and the odd extra pair will be the glamour pick, and are likely to run the table.

More on the morrow then.



Limey Jack...



Choosing opponents
Is really quite lame.
When you pick and they beat you,
You've no one to blame!

McAllister chose...
Nickell did too...
Now they can Vu Graph
For something to do!

Donner v Lusky,
A truly tough call.
One team will triumph
And one team will fall.

Donner's flamboyant.
And playing for glory...
Hoping each hand
Creates a great story.

**SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on
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Howie Doing

Lusky is timid,
Plays safe on each deal.
Trying to own
Instead of to steal.

Lusky's successful.
Sanity reigns.
The losses be small
As be the gains.

Rosenthal/Meyers...
The match be a thrill.
But everyone knows
That Jill takes a spill!

August 15th	Lamar	Engineer	Mexico
July 16th	Jeffrey	Architect	Sweden
June 14th	Neville	Surgeon	Canada
May 18th	Adrian	Lawyer	Belgium
April 13th	Kevin	Musician	South Africa

Lead On McDunitz!

D 1		N janicem ♠ 975 ♥ AQ96 ♦ J84 ♣ K97	W N E S P P P 1NT P 3♣ P 3♦ P 3NT P P P
W ronsmithsf ♠ 642 ♥ J104 ♦ Q652 ♣ 543	E kriegel ♠ AKJ83 ♥ 872 ♦ 103 ♣ Q82	S Tobiness ♠ Q10 ♥ K53 ♦ AK97 ♣ AJ106	
		3NT S NS: 0 EW: 0	

Board 1 of set one established the tone for the day.

Both tables in Meyers/McAllister bid to 3NT by South.

In one room, Sokolow opened 1NT; Seamon-Molson bid puppet Stayman; Sokolow denied any majors and the auction ended in game. Smith led the HT (Rusinow) and Sokolow won the king. She played a club to the king and finessed the CQ. She played a heart to the queen and club to the ten. She cashed the clubs and led a heart to the ace. She cashed the H9, led a diamond to the ace and king and claimed ten tricks.

D 1		N jgm7x ♠ 975 ♥ AQ96 ♦ J84 ♣ K97	W N E S P P P 1NT P 3NT X P P P
W dunitz ♠ 642 ♥ J104 ♦ Q652 ♣ 543	E rossg ♠ AKJ83 ♥ 872 ♦ 103 ♣ Q82	S kevsters ♠ Q10 ♥ K53 ♦ AK97 ♣ AJ106	
		3NTx S NS: 0 EW: 0	

In the other room, Rosenberg opened 1NT; McAllister bid 3NT, expecting the auction to end. Ross Gabel, believing he needed a spade lead to defeat the contract (and he was correct) doubled asking partner to lead his weaker major.

Dunitz does as he's told! He led the S6. Gabel scooped up the SK and continued with the SA, holding his breath. When the queen fell on his left, he cashed his remaining spades and the contract was set one trick.

11 IMPs to Meyers

In Nickell/Donner, both Wests led the HJ and the contract was successful for a push.

In Rosenthal/Seligman, both Wests led the HJ and the contract was successful for a push.

In Robinson/Lusky, there was an Internet failure resulting in a player being unable to connect on schedule and the board was withdrawn and replaced for security reasons.

Too Much Science...

	N bbramley	W N E S
	♠ A542	P 2NT P 1♣
	♥ A1096	P 3♦ P 3♥
	♦ Q3	P 4♣ P 4♦
	♣ J85	P 4NT P 6♠
W Allan Falk	E pachyderms	
♠ Q976	♠ J1083	
♥ J42	♥ K83	
♦ 76	♦ 9	
♣ 10962	♣ AQ743	
S kit		
♠ K		
♥ Q75		
♦ AKJ108542		
♣ K		
	6♦ N	NS: 0 EW: 0

Bramley and Woolsey rely a lot on their system to scientifically get them to the best spot when it's their hand... and to put maximum pressure on the opponents when it's not.

Here, their system let them down. The bidding explained:

- 1C = Strong Artificial
- 2NT = 11-13 balanced, various shapes
- 3C = asks
- 3D = 4-4-2-3
- 3H = asks number of controls
- 4C = 4 controls
- 4D = Asks
- 4NT = A or K of spades + A or K of hearts + no spade Q

	N fmerb	W N E S
	♠ A542	P 1♥ X 1♦
	♥ A1096	P 3NT P 3♦
	♦ Q3	P P P
	♣ J85	
W pab1	E robinswr	
♠ Q976	♠ J1083	
♥ J42	♥ K83	
♦ 76	♦ 9	
♣ 10962	♣ AQ743	
S winkle		
♠ K		
♥ Q75		
♦ AKJ108542		
♣ K		
	3NT N	NS: 0 EW: 0

Eight- card suits are hard to bid.

Bramley/Woolsey had a complicated auction to reach the diamond slam. When Bart bid 4NT showing the heart and spade controls, Kit knew that to hold four controls, both of these had to be aces.

Bart was known to hold 3-5 additional high card points.

If these points included the CQ, Woolsey would have a club and a spade discard for his losing hearts... as long as entries were not a problem.

Lacking the CQ, Bart might hold the DQ and the HJ. If that was the case, the slam would hinge on the heart finesse.

Even with the actual DQ+CJ holding, the slam makes on a non-club lead when the HK is in the East hand. Alas, Lusky lead the CA and eventually scored the HK.

At the other table Frank Merblum and Walter Lee had a much simpler auction and settled in 3NT making twelve tricks on a small club lead.

13 IMPs to Lusky