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We Remember:



Final Results

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4
1	Feldman	157	57	41	37	22
2	Levine	139	26	38	22	53

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Thank you!

Clearly “it takes a village” applies to these online events.

Great teamwork by all!!

Thanks **Jan Martel** for making the First Justin Lall Online Teams a reality. The amazing roster of teams who played in the event made it awesome. RealBridge worked out well. There was more “sociability” for the players and it felt more like face-to-face play. Once the audience got used to the kibitzing, it was easy.

Thanks **Al Hollander** for adjusting to the new platform and keeping all things electronic working. Also thanks for all you do behind the scenes.

Thanks **Will Watson** for running another great event.

Thanks **Appeals Panel Members** for standing by throughout.

Thanks **Suzi and Stan Subeck** for producing the newsletters.

Thanks to all the players for the great entertainment these two past weekends. Your support is priceless! The play was excellent and you made even the spectators feel like part of the competition.

Stay Safe Everyone!! See you at the Justin Lall Online Teams II

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams**



Card Shark!



Card—ding!





Monday, Nov. 9
Monday, Nov. 23 – Midnight (EST)
Wednesday, Nov. 25 – Noon (EST)
Wednesday, Nov. 25 – Midnight (EST)
Saturday, Dec. 5 – 11:00 AM (EST)
Saturday, Dec 5. 11:10 AM (EST)
Saturday, Dec. 5, 11:20 AM (EST)

Premier KO Team Entries open on BW for all Flights
Entries close for Premier KO Team Entries for Open Flight
Deadline for convention cards for Premier KO Open Flight
Entries close for Team Entries for Premier KO Limited Flights
Entries open for Premier Pairs 0-1500 Flight
Entries open for Premier Pairs 0-5000 Flight
Entries open for Premier Pairs Open Flight

OPEN KNOCKOUT SCHEDULE (FRIDAY, NOV. 27-SUNDAY, DEC. 6)

0-5000 & 0-1500 KNOCKOUT SCHEDULES (SATURDAY, NOV. 28-SUNDAY, DEC. 6)

PREMIER PAIR EVENT, 0-5000 & 0-1500 PAIR EVENT SCHEDULE (SATURDAY, DEC. 5-SUNDAY, DEC. 6)

Open Knockout: \$300 / team for the entire event. NABC Junior discounts apply*

0-5000 Knockout and 0-1500 Knockout: \$240 / team for the entire event. A team may consist of four, five, or six players. NABC Junior Discounts apply.*

Open Pairs: \$100 / pair / event. Players who qualify for the final play free. NABC Junior discounts apply.**

0-5000 and 0-1500 Pairs: \$80 / pair / event. Players who qualify for the final play free. NABC Junior discounts apply.**

*Discount = \$45 per Junior, maximum four discounts per team

**Discount = \$30 per Junior player

Open Knockout: 1st place 200MP, 100% Gold.

0-5000 Knockout: 1st place 64MP, 100% Gold.

0-1500 Knockout: 1st place 36MP, 100% Gold.

Open Pairs: 80% of NABC rating per formula. If there are 50 tables, 1st place = 61.70 MP. 100% Gold

0-5000 Pairs: 80% of NABC rating per formula. If there are 50 tables, 1st place = 49.36 MP. 100% Gold

0-1500 Pairs: 80% of NABC rating per formula. If there are 50 tables, 1st place = 37.02 MP. 100% Gold

The NAOBC Knockouts are open to all ACBL members in good standing. The matches will be held according to the [schedule](#). Each full match in the Open Knockout will be 56 boards. Each full match in the 0-5000 and 0-1500 Knockouts will be 48 boards. All matches will be played on Bridge Base Online.

Convention cards: Each partnership on every team in the Open flight of the Premier KO **MUST** submit a complete convention card to the tournament by Wednesday, November 25th, at noon EST. Instructions for submitting convention cards will be posted soon. Failure to submit Convention Cards in a timely manner may result in loss of seating rights. Convention cards will be made publicly available for inspection.

NAOBC Premier Flighted Pairs

The NAOBC Premier Flighted Pairs (Open, 5000, 1500) is open to all ACBL members in good standing (and are not playing in the concurrent semifinal / final KO matches). This is a four-session pair event on Dec 5 2020 and Dec 6 2020, with 24 boards played per session. The top 50% of the Saturday field qualifies to play in the Sunday final.

Registration

Pre-registration for the NAOBC Premier Knockouts is mandatory and is limited to the first 256 teams in each knockout (Open, 0-5000, 0-1500). Entries will be sold on [BridgeWinners.com](#) starting Monday, Nov. 9. For the Open Flight, entry sales close at midnight Eastern time, Monday Nov 23, 2020. For the other flights, entry sales close at midnight Eastern time, Wednesday Nov 25, 2020.

Entries for the NAOBC Premier Flighted Pairs will be sold on [Bridge Base Online](#). Pre-registration is not needed. Entries go on sale Dec 5 2020 two hours before game time for each flight.

We will endeavor to start every session of every event on time. All players in every pair/team who are scheduled to play in a given session **MUST** be online in BBO and ready to play at the scheduled start time of each session. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the event. Be warned that if you are inactive in BBO for an extended period of time, BBO will automatically consider you to be off-line. It is recommended that you do something active in BBO a few minutes before game time.

COUSCOUS WITH CRAISINS & ALMONDS Servings: 4

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 garlic cloves, finely minced
2 cups couscous (330 Grams)
2 cups chicken broth (250 ML)
Salt and pepper
1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted (50 grams)
1 cup dried Craisins (158 grams)
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil (30 ml)
1 tablespoons lemon juice (15 ml)

Directions:

Melt butter in medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add garlic and cook until fragrant. Add couscous and cook, stirring frequently, until grains begin brown and smell nutty, about 5 minutes. Add broth, and small pinch salt; stir briefly to combine, cover pan with lid, and remove pan from heat. Let stand until liquid is absorbed and couscous is tender, about 7-10 minutes. Uncover and fluff couscous with fork.

Combine almonds, craisins, oil and lemon juice in large bowl. Stir in couscous until well combined. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

CRÊPES SUZETTE Servings: 4

Crepes:

2 large eggs
3/4 cup milk 177 ml
1/2 cup water 118 ml
1 cup flour 120 grams
2 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 tablespoons melted butter
Butter, for coating the pan]

Sauce:

3 tablespoon Cognac, plus 1 extra tablespoon (divided).
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 6 pieces 85 g
1/4 cup sugar, plus a little for sprinkling on crepes 50 g
1 cup fresh orange juice 237 ml
1 tablespoon grated orange zest
2 tablespoon Grand Marnier

Directions:

In a blender, combine all of the crêpe ingredients and pulse for 10-20 seconds to mix batter. Place the crêpe batter in a bowl, cover with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator for 1 hour.

Remove batter and heat a non-stick pan.

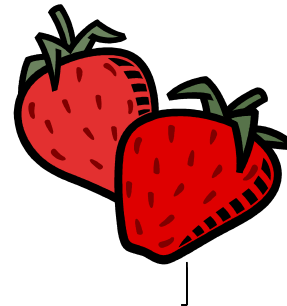
Brush a little butter to coat bottom of pan. Pour 1/3 cup of batter into the center of the pan, and swirl to spread evenly. Cook for 30-60 seconds and flip. Cook for another 10 seconds and remove to cutting board. Lay crepes out flat so they can cool. Continue until all batter is gone. Cover with plastic wrap.

Add 3 tablespoons of Cognac to non-stick pan. Heat pan to medium high and ignite Cognac and shake pan until flames subside. Now, add butter, sugar, orange zest and orange juice to Cognac; simmer briskly over high heat, whisking occasionally, until many large bubbles appear and mixture reduces to a thick looking syrup, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in zest, Grand Marnier, and remaining cognac into sauce. Cover to keep warm.

Fold each crêpe in half, then in half again to form wedge shape. Arrange folded crêpes on oven tray. Sprinkle crêpes evenly with a little extra sugar. Place tray in oven and broil until sugar caramelizes and crêpes turn spotty brown, about 3-5 minutes. (Please keep an eye on crepes, as they can scorch; turn pan as necessary.) Remove pan from oven and transfer crêpes to individual serving dishes and drizzle with sauce. Serve immediately.

Chef's Note: These crêpes taste great with vanilla whipped cream or ice cream.

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



BUTTERNUT SQUASH PANINI Servings: 4 sandwiches

2 lb. (.9 kg) butternut squash, peeled and sliced 1/8- to 1/4-inch thick
3/4 cup (180 ml) extra-virgin olive oil; divided
1 teaspoon (5 ml) paprika
salt (to taste)
1 yellow onion, peeled and thinly sliced
2 tablespoons (30 ml) apple cider vinegar
1/4 cup (54 grams) brown sugar
8 slices rustic bread
1 (5.2 oz) (150 grams) package Garlic & Fine Herbs Cheese

Directions:

Heat the oven to 450 F. In a large bowl combine the squash, 1/4 cup (60 ml) olive oil, smoked paprika and season with salt and toss well. Transfer the mixture to a parchment-lined baking sheet and evenly spread out, roast until tender and golden 15 - 20 minutes. Toss slightly to ensure even cooking. Remove from the oven and let cool.

While squash is roasting, heat 1/4 cup (60 ml) olive oil over medium-high heat, add the onion and season with a little salt. Cook, stirring frequently, until the onions are well softened and start to turn golden brown (about 15 minutes).

Add the vinegar and brown sugar, stir and reduce until consistency looks like honey (about 15 minutes).

Combine roasted squash and onions in a bowl and smash with a fork until combined. Taste for seasoning, at this stage you can add the pepper. If it feels too acidic, feel free to add a little honey or maple syrup.

Assemble sandwiches by placing roasted squash mixture on one slice of bread. Spread ¼ of the cheese on the other slice. Put both slices of bread together to form a sandwich. Brush outside with butter. Repeat to make 3 more sandwiches.

Heat grill pan over medium heat; place sandwich in the pan and top with another heavy pan to compress the sandwich. Reduce heat to medium; cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Flip sandwich over and cook until cheese is melted (3 to 4 minutes).

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP Servings: 4

2 pounds (.9 kg) butternut squash, seeded, and cut into chunks away from the rind
4 cups (960 ml) chicken stock
1 garlic clove
2 sprigs fresh thyme
1 ¼ cups (300 ml) sour cream
2 tablespoons (30 ml) butter
1 tablespoon (15 ml) sugar (optional)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Red pepper puree (optional):
1 jarred roasted red bell pepper
2 tablespoons (30 ml) chicken broth
salt and pepper

Directions:**Butternut Squash Soup:**

In a large pot, combine the squash, chicken stock, garlic, and thyme and bring to a boil. Lower heat to medium and simmer for 20-30 minutes, until the squash is very tender. Fish out the thyme and discard.

Let squash cool slightly. Working in batches, purée the mixture in a blender or food processor. You may prepare the recipe in advance up to this point; refrigerate in a covered container for up to 2 days.

Pepper Purée:

In blender or food processor, purée the roasted pepper adding 2 tablespoons of chicken broth until thickened consistency. Strain into a bowl and season with salt and pepper to taste. Set aside.

Return the butternut squash purée to the pot over medium-low heat. If your soup feels too thick, you can add more stock or water. If it feels too thin, reduce until thickened by heating more on stove. When you feel you have the right consistency, add in the sour cream and butter until heated through (do not boil, it may cause the sour cream to separate). Add sugar until dissolved. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

To serve, pour the soup into individual bowls and garnish with pepper purée.

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SHRIMP TAGLIATELLE PASTA WITH CORN CREMA

Servings: 4 appetizers or 2 main courses

5 ears of corn, husked
1/3 cup heavy cream (80 ml)
2 tablespoons butter (30 ml)
1/4 cup finely minced shallots or red onion (40 grams)
1/2 cup white wine (120 ml)
8 oz fresh tagliatelle or linguine pasta (228 grams)
4 oz. fresh shrimp, diced (114 grams)
1 teaspoon fresh thyme, minced (5 ml)
1/4 cup parmesan cheese (30 grams)

Directions:

Shuck the corn and remove the kernels. Place the uncooked kernels in a blender and discard the cobs and husks. Purée the corn with 1/3 cup heavy cream. Press the purée through a fine sieve and reserve.

Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in a large, high-sided skillet over medium heat. Add the onion, and season with a little salt and pepper. Cook until the onion begins to soften, about 5 minutes. Add the wine and reduce for a few minutes. Add strained corn purée and bring to a gentle simmer and cook until the sauce is the consistency of heavy cream.

Meanwhile, bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Cook pasta until al dente, about 4 minutes. Drain, reserving 1/2 cup pasta water; add pasta and reserved water to saucepan and toss to coat.

Add diced shrimp, fresh thyme and pasta to corn cream in skillet and toss for a minute or so over medium heat.

Remove from heat, fold in cheese and taste for seasoning. Feel free to add salt and pepper (recommend white pepper).

FRESH EGG YOLK PASTA

2 cups All Purpose flour (around 240 grams) plus more for dusting
9 egg yolks
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil (15 ml)
3 tablespoons of milk or water, plus more as needed (45 ml)

Directions:

Place flour in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, make a well in the center. On medium speed, or with your fingers, add the egg yolks, oil, and milk, adding them one ingredient at a time and mixing just until the dough comes together (2-3 minutes). You are looking for the consistency of Play-Dough.

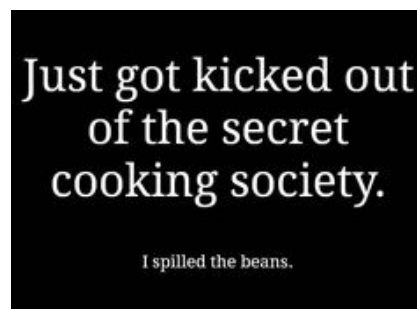
If mixture is too dry, add a little more milk or water. If it is too wet, add a little flour.

Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and knead it until it feels silky and smooth, about 5 minutes.

Feel free to add a little more flour, if necessary, to keep the dough from sticking.

Shape the dough into a cylinder. Cover the dough with plastic wrap and set it aside for at least 30 minutes - 4 hours, this helps let the gluten rest.

Roll or shape as desired cut by hand or with pasta machine.



Sudoku

Answers on Page 9

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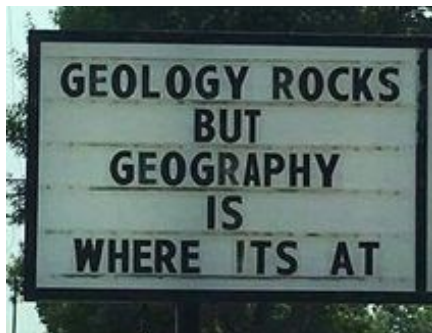
Sudoku 1



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Sudoku 2

Remember when plastic surgery was a taboo subject?
Now you mention Botox and nobody raises an eyebrow.



Chess pieces Word Search



Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants?

In case he got a hole in one.

Can't believe someone broke into my garage and stole the limbo stick. Seriously, how low can you go.

I got mugged by six dwarves last night..

Not Happy.

What do you call a ghost's mom and dad?



Transparents.

I've often heard that "icy" is the easiest word to spell.

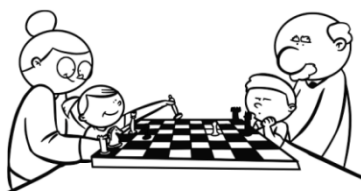
Looking at it now, I see why.

Why didn't Koala bear get the job?



Because he wasn't Koala-fied!

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| KNIGHT | CHESSBOARD | PROMOTION |

	Enfield	Mann	Ridge	Scopefield	Wish	February	April	May	July	September	4	8	12	17	23	day	day	day	month	month
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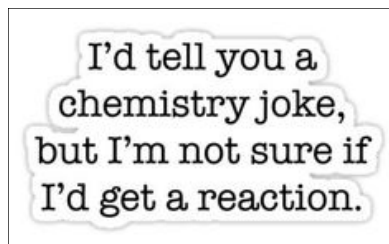
Logic Puzzle

Linda and four of her friends played a guessing game at lunch time one day at school. Each was required through the course of the game to share her birthday month and day. However, each also had to lie once about either the day or the month of their birthday. It ended up that three lied about the day of their birthday and two lied about the month. Determine the full name of each friend, each friend's real birthday, and whether each lied about their birthday month or day.

- Linda, whose last name wasn't Ridge, had her birthday on the 4th day of the month but not in September.
- One of the girls was born on May 12th but didn't have a last name of Ridge. The one born in February, who lied about the day she was born, had a last name of Mann.
- The girl whose last name was Enfield had her birthday in September but her first name wasn't Cally.
- The three girls who lied about the day of their birthday were the girl whose last name was Wish, Rachel, and the girl born on the 23rd of the month.
- Sheila lied about her birthday month. Rachel's birthday was on the 17th but not in April.
- Brenda's birthday was in May but her last name was not Scopefield. Cally's birthday wasn't on the 8th of the month but it was in July.

First Name	Last Name	Birthday Month	Birthday Day	Day/Month Lie
Brenda				
Cally				
Linda				
Rachel				
Sheila				

-----	Enfield	February	4	day
-----	Mann	April	8	day
-----	Ridge	May	12	day
-----	Scopefield	July	17	month
-----	Wish	September	23	month



Answers on page 10

Puzzle Answers:

2	4	3	1	7	9	5	8	6
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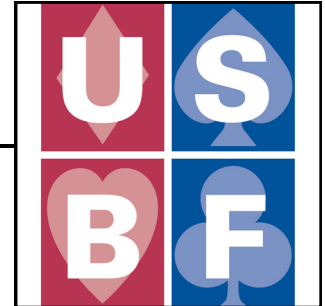
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

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.

Meet the Players...



Adam Wildavsky, born in 1960, grew up in Berkeley, CA and now resides primarily in New York City. A graduate of M.I.T., he pursued a career as a software engineer and in 2013 retired from a position with Google GmbH in Zürich.

Since 1983, Adam has served in administrative positions in the New England Bridge Conference, the Greater New York Bridge Association, ACBL District 17, the ACBL itself, the WBF, and the USBF.

He was elected as a member of the WBF Executive Council in 2019 and also serves on the WBF Credentials Committee, the WBF Laws Committee, and the ACBL Laws Commission.

Adam has written articles for a number of publications, including *The Bridge World*, *Bridge Today*, and the ACBL Bulletin. He serves as an editor and panelist for the ACBL's appeals casebooks. He was a member of the winning squad in the US Bridge Championships in 2003 and 2009, earning a Bronze medal in the Bermuda Bowl 2003.

In bridge and in life, Adam follows the philosophy of Russian-American author Ayn Rand. He has written about the connection between Rand and bridge on his website, www.tameware.com

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SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 8

8	September	Enfield	Shella
17	February	Mann	Rachel
4	April	Scopefield	Linda
23	July	Ridge	Cally
12	May	Wish	Brenda
Day/Month	Birth Day	Birth Month	Last Name

In the modern style of light opening bids, there may be a fine line between a light opener and an opening weak two bid. The choice of opening bids can lead to divergent results, especially when the hand belongs to the opponents.

 Bd 4, Dlr W 4♥ = S W Frank Merblum	♠ — ♥ AKQJ5 ♦ J10943 ♣ AKJ	N Eddie Wold															
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Merblum/Lee play a modern 2/1 style system. The West hand would be considered a minimum opener for their style.

Frank Merblum chose, minimum or not, to open 1S. Eddie Wold bid 2S showing hearts and a minor. Walter Lee raised to 3S. This was passed around to Wold, who showed his second suit by bidding 4D. Mike Levine corrected 4D to 4H and that ended the auction.

Had Merblum led his singleton diamond, the hand would have been easy. Because he led the SK, Levine had to play carefully to avoid getting tapped out in trump. Levine trumped the opening lead with the HJ, played two high trump and and led a diamond to Lee's ace. Lee continued the attack on spades forcing Levine to again ruff in dummy. A diamond was ruffed by West. Merblum led another spade and Levine ruffed with dummy's last trump. Levine played a diamond to the queen; Merblum ruffed and tried one more spade. Levine was able to ruff in hand and claim 10 tricks.


 Bd 4, Dlr W 6♦ = N W Eric Rodwell	♠ — ♥ AKQJ5 ♦ J10943 ♣ AKJ	N Adam Wildavsky															
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Eric Rodwell chose to open a weak 2S on the West hand. He was certainly a maximum for this bid. Rodwell/Meckstroth play 5-10 HCP weak twos which can be five-card suits. In Meckwell Precision style, opening one-bids can be very light.

Rodwell's 2S opening gave Adam Wildavsky the opportunity to use Leaping Michaels. Accordingly, he called 4D showing a near game forcing hand with hearts and diamonds. Some players might consider Adam's diamond suit to be a little weak for the 4D call, but the playing strength of his hand outweighs that thought... and his heart suit is so good that if he partner put him in 4H on a doubleton, he would be comfortable playing it there.

When Meckstroth bid 4S, Mark Feldman was able to freely bid 5D with the South hand. Wildavsky reasoned that Feldman probably held at least four good diamonds and slam was likely to be cold. Adam bid 6D.

A club was led; Wildavsky won in hand and drove out the DA collecting twelve tricks for +1370 and 13 IMPs to Feldman.



When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane

The furniture store keeps calling me to come back. But all I wanted was one night stand

A cross-eyed teacher couldn't control his pupils

She had a photographic memory but never developed it

Board 14, Dir E
5♦ -3 E

W Frank Merblum

♠ AQ10
♥ KQ76432
♦ —
♣ AQ8

♠ 98765
♥ 85
♦ A10984
♣ 3

N Eddie Wold

Walter Lee E

♠ —
♥ AJ10
♦ KQ632
♣ KJ976

Mike Levine S

	W	N	E	S
1♥	P		1♦	P
2♠*	P		2♣	P
3♥	P		3♥	P
5♦*	P		5♦	P
				exclusion

Board 14 provided a much needed 17 IMP swing to Levine. Coming into this Board, the was score was 57-9 Feldman!

Over time, there have been several horror stories involving the use of Exclusion Blackwood. One of the most dangerous things a pair can do is to “exclude” in partner’s first bid suit.

Merblum and Lee were going along well. Merblum bid 2S, fourth suit forcing to game. When Lee responded 3H, the trump suit was set and it seemed like it would be easy for Merblum to bid exclusion and find out just what he needed to know.

Lee could have worked out what was happening here. Had Merblum been looking to play in diamonds, he could have just bid 5D instead of bothering with the artificial 2S bid ... or he could have bid 4D over 3H in order to set trumps and explore for slam. Clearly, when Lee bid 3H and Merblum bid 5D, Merblum was asking for keycards in hearts outside the diamond suit.

Board 14, Dir E
7♥ = W

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Mark Feldman S

	W	N	E	S
1♥	P		1♦*	P
2NT*	P		2♠*	P
3♥	P		3♠	P
5♦*	P		6♦	P
7♥	P		P	P

Lee was lucky to escape for down three playing in his 5-0 fit with a 5-3 break in the opponents’ hands. And he was lucky he was not vulnerable. -150 for Feldman

At the other table, Meckwell did that for which they are best known. The had a perfectly “precise Precision” auction to get to the grand slam in hearts.

Meckstroth opened a nebulous 1D; Rodwell responded 1H; Meck bid 2S showing a 3-card raise in hearts; Rodwell bid 2NT GF and asking; Meck showed short spades with both minors; Rodwell bid 3H; Meck cued spades which Rodwell knew was a void since he was looking at the ace; Rodwell jumped to 5D asking for keycards outside diamonds; Meckstroth’s response does not seem consistent with the ace ask sequence. Perhaps he too did not recognize the 5D call for what it was. Meckstroth bid 6D; Rodwell converted to 7H and took his easy 13 tricks.

What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet? SUPPLIES!

Let me tell you about my grandfather. He was a good man, a brave man.

He had the heart of a lion, and a lifetime ban from the zoo

My dad, unfortunately, passed away when we couldn’t remember his blood type...

His last words to us were, “Be positive!”

A mean crook going down stairs = A condescending con, descending

	♠ KQJ6	N Eddie Wold
	♥ 10	
	♦ QJ976	
W Adam Wildavsky	♣ 1093	Mark Feldman E
♠ 42		♠ A108753
♥ AKQJ7		♥ 8
♦ 54		♦ A10832
♣ QJ54		♣ 2
	♠ 9	W N E S
	♥ 965432	1♥ P 1♠ P
	♦ K	1NT P 2♠ P
Mike Levine S	♣ AK876	P P

Some hands seem simple and one expects to see a quiet auction. On Board 20, the high card points are split evenly (21-19). North has no long suit and no unusual distribution. The normal 1H opener by West pretty much shuts South out of the bidding.

Wildavsky opened a heart and when Mark Feldman responded 1S, Wildavsky bid an artificial 1NT showing 3+ clubs. Feldman rebid his six-card spade suit and bought the contract in 2S.

Levine led the H2 hoping his partner would read that he had an entry in clubs. Feldman won in dummy and tried to cash the HK. Wold ruffed with the S6 and Feldman overruffed. Feldman played the DA and a diamond. Wold won and played the SQ. Feldman won his ace and trumped a diamond in dummy. The HQ was played and Wold trumped with the SJ while Feldman discarded his club. Wold cashed two diamonds and later took his spade king. 2S made for +110.

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	♥ 10	
	♦ QJ976	
W Mike Passell	♣ 1093	Mark Lair E
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	♥ 965432	1♥ X 1♠ 2♥
	♦ K	P 2♠ X 4♣
Jason Feldman S	♣ AK876	P 5♣ X P

Things were not so calm at the other table. Jerry Stamatov made a takeout double of Passell's 1H opener with his 4-1-5-3 nine count.

Lair bid 1S and Jason Feldman cuebid 2H showing more values than he held. (Of course, if we didn't know better, we might have thought that Jason missed the beginning of the auction and was opening a "Woolsey Weak Two" on his six to the nine!)

Stamatov tried 2S and Lair had an easy penalty double. Jason jumped to 4C and Stamatov raised to 5C. With two aces and a partner who opened the bidding, Lair had no problem doubling.

The defense started with two rounds of hearts. Jason trumped the second heart in dummy and led a diamond. Lair rose with the DA, cashed the SA and played a club. Feldman won the club and trumped a heart in dummy. He cashed the DQ and played the DJ which was ruffed by Passell. Passell cashed a heart and waited for his trump trick. The first three digits of the score were the same as the other room. The fourth digit made the result -1100 for a 14 IMP swing to Levine.



		♠ 9842 ♥ AQJ985 ♦ 2 ♣ 97	N Jeff Meckstroth																
W Jason Feldman	♠ 76 ♥ K6 ♦ AK6543 ♣ QJ2	♠ AKJ103 ♥ 104 ♦ Q98 ♣ K43	E Jerry Stamatov																
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Eric Rodwell S																			

Board 40 was all about the opening lead.

Jason Feldman opened 1D. Meckstroth overcalled 1H. Stamatov bid 1S showing five and Rodwell bid 2D showing a good heart raise. Jason bid 3D. Meck bid 3H. Stamatov doubled and Feldman bid the no-trump game.

Meckstroth found the killing lead! He led a club. Rodwell scooped up his ace and shifted to a heart. Meck cashed six rounds of hearts and the contract failed by three tricks!

At the other table → Passell opened 1NT (14+-17 ... perhaps the fifth diamond gave him 14 and the sixth was the plus?); Lee overcalled 2H; Lair bid 3D (transfer Lebensohl ... transfer to spades); Passell, holding only two spades and a clear heart stopper, bid 3NT.

Lee, having no reason to lead anything other than his suit, led the HJ (Rusinow). This was fatal. Passell scooped up his HK. He cashed six rounds of diamonds and two high spades for nine... and was rewarded when the SQ came down for three extras. 3NT made six.

12 IMPs to Levine

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Frank Merblum S															

I dreamed about drowning in an ocean of orange soda last night... It was a Fanta Sea.

The shovel was a ground-breaking invention.

When you have a bladder infection, urine trouble!

A man tried to sell me a coffin today. I told him that was the last thing I would need.

Whenever I want to start eating healthy, a chocolate bar looks at me and snickers!

What's the difference between a Hippo and a Zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter!