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**We  
Remember:**



# QuarterFinals Results

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4
1	<a href="#">Lebowitz</a>	103	18	47	22	16
8	<a href="#">Spector</a>	81	37	18	22	4
2	<a href="#">Levine (wins tie)</a>	119	58	17	24	20
7	<a href="#">Rosenthal</a>	47	19	15	8	5
3	<a href="#">Nickell (wins tie)</a>	85	34	17	26	8
6	<a href="#">Lall</a>	100	15	38	36	11
4	<a href="#">Feldman (wins tie)</a>	135	34	25	50	26
5	<a href="#">Hung</a>	104	22	37	23	22

*Upset!*

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

## Today's Matches: Lebowitz vs Feldman Levine vs Lall



Card Shark!



Card—ding!

# Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN



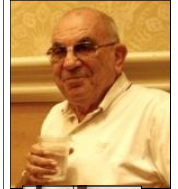
Teams in Alphabetical Order within RR Groups:

## Indians

## Cowboys

Bjerkan	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt Pam Wittes Janice Seamon-Molson	Rozanne Pollack Ljudmila Kamenova Tobi Sokolow
Caprera	David Caprera, Capt JoAnn Sprung Steve Beatty	Anne Brenner Danny Sprung Fred Stewart
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Lynn Baker Jacob Freeman	Michael Shuster Karen McCallum Finn Kolesnik
Harris	Marty Harris, Capt Mike Massimilla Emma Kolesnik	Miriam Harris-Botzum Lou Glasthal Amber Lin
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Jenny Wolpert	Joyce Hill Anam Tebha Lukasz Lebioda
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Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Adam Grossack Michael Rosenberg Joel Wooldridge
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Ifti Baqai	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Mitch Dunitz
Meyers	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Allan Graves Mike Becker	Jill Meyers Steve Sanborn Michael Kamil
Nadel	Julie Nadel, Capt Leo Bell Daniel Korbelt	Billy Miller Bruce Ferguson
Nickell	Nick Nickell Geoff Hampson Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Eric Greco Steve Weinstein
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Rick Roeder	Lance Kerr John Jones Joe Viola
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Marty Fleisher	Peter Boyd Bart Bramley Chip Martel
Silin	Maxim Silin, Capt Jim Rasmussen Mark Aquino	Carrie Liu Parul Jain Selen Hotamisligil
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Glenn Milgrim Sid Brownstein	Jeff Aker Barry Rigal Ed Davis
Stoltz	Eric Stoltz, Capt Jim Johnsen Mike Day	Roger McNay Paul Darin Dorn Bishop

Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt Charley Seelbach Chris Compton	John Bishel Blaine Mullins Andy Goodman
Bitterman	Bob Bitterman, Capt Gloria Bart	Bob Cappelli Les Bart
Donn	Sheri Winestock, Capt Josh Donn Steve Garner	Uday Ivatury Christal Henner Jeff Wolfson
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Reese Koppel	Marley Cedrone Olivia Schireson
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Joe Grue Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Brad Moss Iulian Rotaru
Feldman	Jason Feldman, Capt Mark Feldman Walter Lee	Jerry Stamatov Adam Wildavsky Frank Merblum
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt John Stiefel John Rengstorff	Glenn Eisenstein Geof Brod Greg Woods
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Ash Gupta Mark Moss	Vinita Gupta Zia Mahmood Bob Thomson
Hung	Eugene Hung, Capt Ari Greenberg Adam Kaplan	Howard Liu Tom Carmichael Ron Smith
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Drew Becker Dick Bruno	Claude Vogel Larry Robbins Bob Gardner
Levine	Michael Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mark Lair	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mike Passell
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Andrew Stark Alex Kolesnik	Harrison Luba Franco Baseggio Jiang Gu
Moss	Roger Lee, Capt Ish Delmonte Gary Cohler	Sylvia Moss Eldad Ginossar Billy Cohen
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Jacob Morgan
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Randal Burns Sarah Youngquist	Cadir Lee Geeske Joel Kevin Rosenberg*
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt Kevin Bathurst Vince Demuy	Gavin Wolpert John Hurd John Kranyak



# Remaining Tournament Schedule

ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	NOV 13	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:55 - 4:40	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:30 - 7:15	BREAK
		7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56			
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	NOV 14	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:55 - 4:40	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:30 - 7:15	BREAK
		7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56			
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	NOV 15	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:55 - 4:40	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:30 - 7:15	BREAK
		7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56			
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	NOV 16	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:55 - 4:40	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:30 - 7:15	BREAK
		7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56			

## 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 COO, who may refer it to the USBF Recorder. Either the COO or Recorder may bring a Charge against the player to the 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.



## A Little Comic Relief





# Kibitzing on VuGraph...

There will be delayed kibitzing for all of the JLall1 event.

To kibitz, go to <https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>, enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz (*we do not know whether there will be events with delayed kibitzing other than the JLall1 running concurrently*).

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #1, you will be taken to a lobby where you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table, as well as the board and trick that table is on (that's in the middle of the table, immediately under the table number). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happens. You will not hear or see the players.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen (if your browser window isn't large enough to show it, you can click on the "chat" icon immediately above the UNDO button to open the chat window. For now, anyone can type chat into the chat window. We may have designated commentators for late stages of the event.

Some things you can do to get more information:

If there is an asterisk next to a bid, that means it was Alerted or Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation if there was one.

-- "Rewind" the play using the slider underneath the "table" with hand diagram. just move the vertical handle on the slider to the left to go to earlier tricks.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name, you will get a scorecard for the match so far. You can use this to get lots of information:

----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all of the tables.

----You can also click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.

----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.

--In the upper left corner:

----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and will not include scores from previous rounds).

----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right, in case you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.



Watching online,  
Even delayed,  
Is the best way to see  
How a hand's bid and played!





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.

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

# Sugar Glazed Ham

## Ingredients

- 1 fully cooked bone-in ham (5 to 7 pounds)
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons prepared mustard
- 1 to 2 tablespoons cider vinegar

## Directions

- Preheat oven to 325°. Place ham on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Using a sharp knife, score surface of ham with 1/4-in.-deep cuts in a diamond pattern. Cover and bake until a thermometer reads 130°, 1-1/2 to 2 hours.
- Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, mustard and enough vinegar to make a thick paste. Remove ham from oven. Spread sugar mixture over ham. Bake, uncovered, until a thermometer reads 140°, 15-30 minutes longer.

## Sugar-Glazed Ham Tips

### Can you glaze a pre-cooked ham?

If you have a pre-cooked ham, you'll still need to bring it to 130 degrees in the oven before adding the sugar glaze.

### Do you glaze ham before or after cooking?

It's best to glaze ham during the last 15 to 30 minutes of cooking. If you glaze ham too early, the sugar in the glaze could scorch, leaving a sticky mess. It's easy to whip up your own ham glaze, so give it a try!

### Do you add water to bake a ham?

It depends! Always follow the directions in the recipe. Some call to add an inch of water to the bottom of the roasting pan. You then cover the ham tightly with foil to create steam and moisture. For this recipe, you don't need to add water.

### How do you moisten a dry ham?

Glazing can help moisten a dry ham. You can also pour some broth or water over a dry ham, cover it tightly and simmer the ham, basting occasionally with the cooking liquids. This is also a great way to moisten and enjoy leftover ham.

## Nutrition Facts

4 ounces ham: 284 calories, 16g fat (6g saturated fat), 57mg cholesterol, 1110mg sodium, 15g carbohydrate (15g sugars, 0 fiber), 20g protein.



# Turkey Scallopini

## Ingredients

- 1 package (17.6 ounces) turkey breast cutlets
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- Minced fresh parsley



## Directions

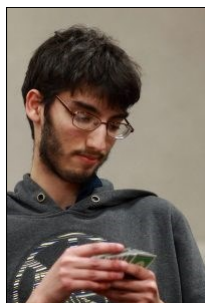
- Flatten turkey to 1/4-in. thickness. In a shallow bowl, combine the flour, salt and pepper. In another bowl, beat egg and water. In a third shallow bowl, combine bread crumbs and cheese.
- Dredge turkey in flour mixture, then dip in egg mixture and coat with crumbs. Let stand for 5 minutes.
- Melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat; cook turkey for 2-3 minutes on each side or until meat is no longer pink and coating is golden brown. Sprinkle with parsley.

## Note

To make soft bread crumbs, tear bread into pieces and place in a food processor or blender. Cover and pulse until crumbs form. One slice of bread yields 1/2 to 3/4 cup crumbs.

## Nutrition Facts

4 ounces cooked turkey: 358 calories, 17g fat (10g saturated fat), 169mg cholesterol, 463mg sodium, 12g carbohydrate (1g sugars, 0 fiber), 38g protein.





# Parmesan Pork Cutlets

## Ingredients

- 1 pork tenderloin (1 pound)
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Lemon wedges



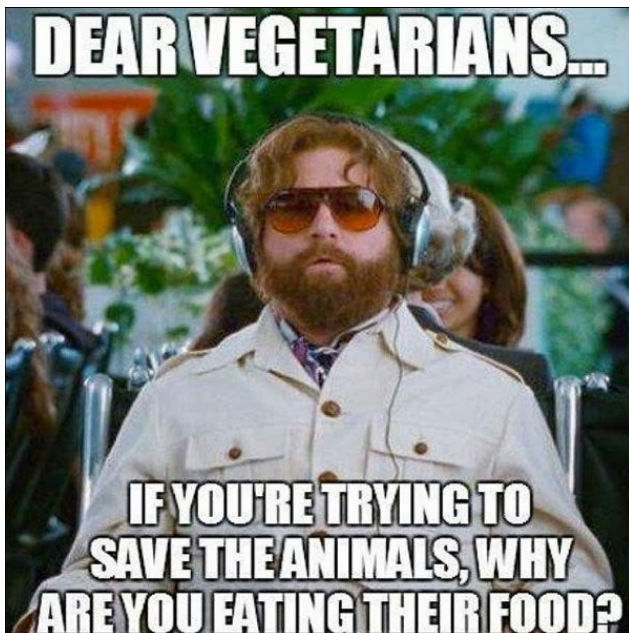
## Directions

- Cut pork diagonally into eight slices; pound each to 1/4-in. thickness. Place flour and eggs in separate shallow bowls. In another shallow bowl, combine the bread crumbs, cheese and salt. Dip pork in the flour, eggs, then bread crumb mixture.
- In a large skillet, cook pork in oil in batches over medium heat for 2-3 minutes on each side or until crisp and meat juices run clear. Remove and keep warm. Serve with lemon wedges.



## Nutrition Facts

2 cutlets: 376 calories, 21g fat (5g saturated fat), 162mg cholesterol, 626mg sodium, 15g carbohydrate (1g sugars, 1g fiber), 29g protein.



Did you hear about the plumber that plunged to his death?

This guy comes blasting into the doctor's office and exclaims, excitedly, "Doctor, I think I'm shrinking! I think I'm shrinking!" "Settle down sir," the doctor says, "You're just have to be a little patient."

I failed my driving test today. The instructor asked me, "What do you do at a red light?" I said, "I usually check my emails and see what people are up to on Facebook."

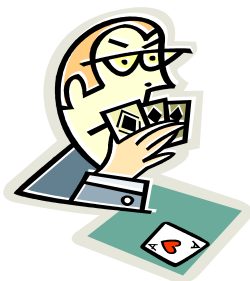


# Sudoku

## Answers on Page 12

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

Sudoku 1



I try to get  
Each hand played right.  
Easier later  
When using hindsight!



	8	3	5					4
						1	7	
		7			4		2	
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6	5			3		9		
					1			
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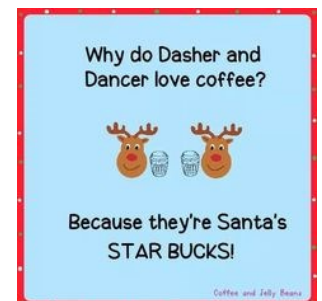
## 4 Letter Words, beginning in "Z"

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

- ZANY
- ZEAL
- ZERO
- ZAGS
- ZERK
- ZEST
- ZINC
- ZINE
- ZING
- ZITS
- ZIPS
- ZONE
- ZONK
- ZOON
- ZOOM
- ZYME
- ZAPS
- ZARF
- ZEBU
- ZEDS
- ZIGS
- ZEES



**If someone from Holland married a Filipino. Would their kids be Hollapinos?**





	Almond	Bixby	Crawford	Grace	Maxwell	customer service	engineering	finance	manufacturing	marketing	Apple	Apple	Windows	Windows	Windows	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Elliot																					
George																					
Harvey																					
John																					
Michael																					
Monday																					
Tuesday																					
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customer service																					
engineering																					
finance																					
manufacturing																					
marketing																					

# Logic Puzzle

First Name	Last Name	Department	Operating System	Day of the Week
Elliot				
George				
Harvey				
John				
Michael				
-----	Almond	customer service	Apple	Monday
-----	Bixby	engineering	Apple	Tuesday
-----	Crawford	finance	Windows	Wednesday
-----	Grace	manufacturing	Windows	Thursday
-----	Maxwell	marketing	Windows	Friday

Richard works in IT support at Gadgetworks, Inc. and he noticed last Friday that he had several computers in need of updating. He arranged with each user to upgrade their computer this week. Since upgrading operating systems was rarely as simple as the programmers thought it was, Richard planned a full day for each computer and even provided loaners for the users. Determine the full name of each user, which department each worked in, which operating system each used (Windows or Apple), and which day of the week Richard worked on each computer.

- The Windows users were, in no particular order, the user who worked in finance, Mr. Almond, and Harvey.
- The computer that Richard took on Wednesday belonged to an Apple user.
- John's last name wasn't Crawford but he worked in customer service. Mr. Grace didn't work in manufacturing.
- Mr. Maxwell's Apple computer was taken the day before Elliot's Windows computer but two days after the computer in marketing, which wasn't Harvey's computer.
- Mr. Crawford, whose first name wasn't Elliot, didn't work in engineering.
- Michael's computer was taken on Tuesday but he didn't work in marketing. The engineering computer was taken on Friday but George Bixby wasn't the user.

# Puzzle Answers:

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

## Sudoku

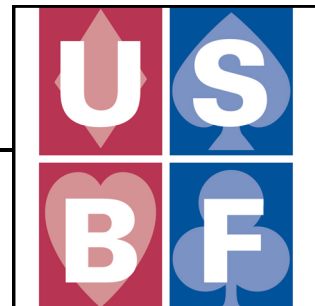
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

## 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.

# Limey Jack

Blimey:

Only Limey Jack could predict the stunning upset of Nickell by Lall. The favourites may have been looking ahead to the next match where they would have tipped off with Levine, who features their former comrades in arms of 30 years. The punters would have been frenzied.

Lebowitz-Feldman: Lebowitz keeps rolling and gets the flawed Feldman squad. Try as they will, they canna keep apace.

Levine-Lall: While a wee bit anticlimactic, that blithering idiot Dung will have no bedtimes of being able get this right. He always goes with the chalk, and Levine is the original 2 seed. But Monsieur Hamman is in the house and should he manage to keep his partner nimble, Lall will prevail.

The final should match some lads in their 20's with an octogenarian. Will the torch pass or will it burn brightly. Limey Jack will lamplight for you on the morrow.

Cheers.

## Howie Doing...

Original Brackets  
Must have been right:  
Two Cowboys, Two Indians,  
Left in the fight!

Lebowitz/Feldman...  
Who will succeed?  
Will it come down to  
An opening lead?

Jason is playing  
With Dad, not with Mother...  
Adam is playing  
With his younger brother!

Feldman continues.  
Larry will leave.  
Michael views Juniors  
In play Monday eve.

Lall upset Nickell.  
'Twas a surprise.  
There wasn't a reason  
To worry 'bout ties!

Lall's team is pumped.  
The final in view.  
They roused team 3.  
Can they now roust team 2?

Levine's team is playing  
And they want the gold.  
No stopping Mike  
With Meckwell and Wold.

See you tomorrow.  
No wine-ing or brew-ing.  
Till then I remain  
The great Howie Doing!

## SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 11

Day of the Week	Operating System	Department	Last Name	First Name
Tuesday	Windows	finance	Crawford	Michael
Wednesday	Apple	customer service	Maxwell	John
Friday	Windows	engineering	Grace	Harvey
Monday	Apple	marketing	Bixby	George
Thursday	Windows	manufacturing	Almond	Elliot



# Meet the Players...

Excerpted from an article by Liz Shamroth, Hartford Bridge Club, 2015

**Frank Merblum**, a long-time Hartford Bridge Club (HBC) member, achieved the rank of Grand Life Master while playing in the national tournament in Chicago in 2015. The Hartford Bridge Club, located in West Hartford, is home to many bridge players in the greater Hartford area. The approximately 540 members have a great range of skill and accomplishment levels, from outright novices to veteran players with 1000's of American Contract Bridge League master points. To become a Grand Life Master, a player must have earned at least 10,000 ACBL master points plus have won at least one national title. Merblum has been a national champion three times.

Bridge came into Merblum's life when he was quite young. Both of his parents were bridge enthusiasts who often went to tournaments. By the time he was ten years old he was working as a caddy at tournaments, carrying bridge boards from table to table. Taught to play by his parents, he took to the game immediately and played with his parents at the Jewish Community Center. By the time he was fourteen, he had a regular game with friends and played competitive duplicate bridge with his father. Merblum became a Life Master at 19. He and his dad continued to partner until the early 1980's at which point, he began his long and very fruitful partnership with Doug Doub, himself a GLM. Doub was his partner at the recent Chicago tourney as well as in the three national championships, which the pair won. Merblum credits his dad, especially, and Doub, as well, for having helped him to perfect the mechanics of bridge. Merblum notes that he has developed many lifelong friendships through bridge and singles out his good friend, Simon Kantor, a frequent partner at the Hartford Bridge Club.

Merblum stresses the value of a long and respectful partnering relationship. In his view, successful pairs must be a good fit temperamentally as well as, "...kind to one another and good to each other." It also helps if one partner is a bit stronger as a player. As for improving the pair's skill level, Merblum urges newer players to always try to compete against better teams and to focus, focus, focus. Bridge should be a fun game and Merblum has been having fun for 50 years.



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Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting and the use of the Round Robin, it will be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at [stansubeck@prodigy.net](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net). I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip

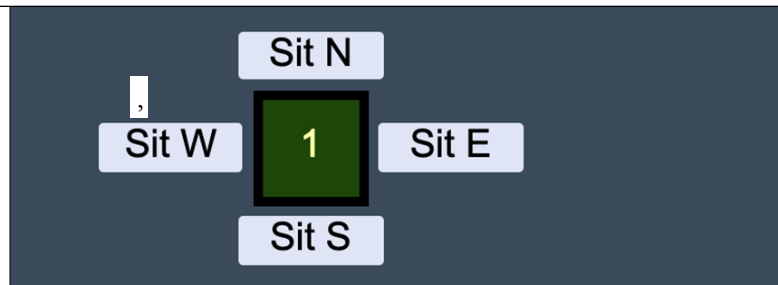
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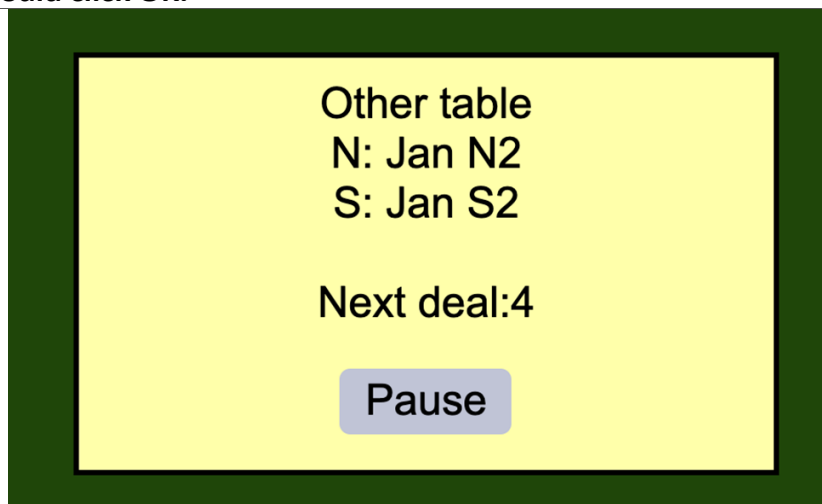


# RealBridge: Things We Discovered During the RR With Fixes from Jan

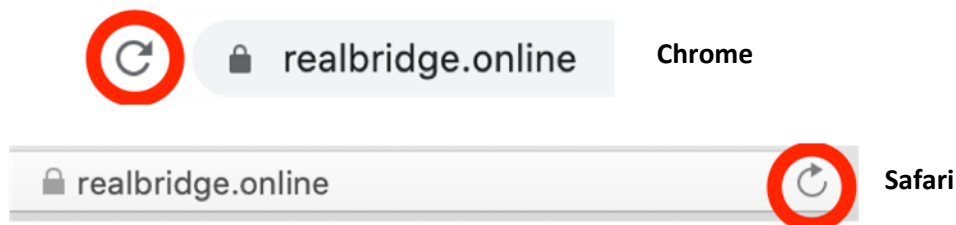
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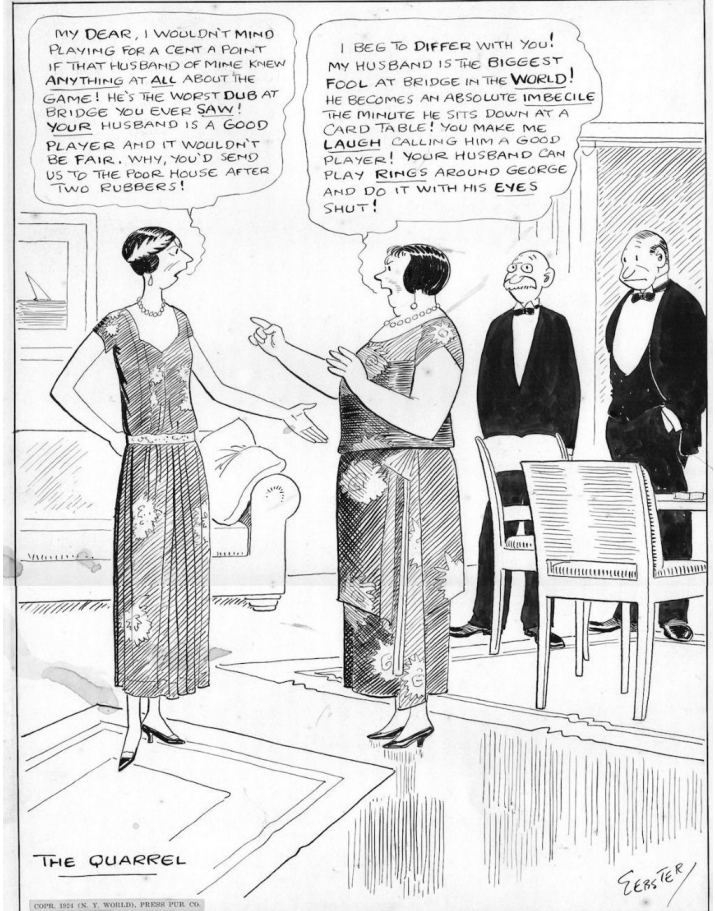
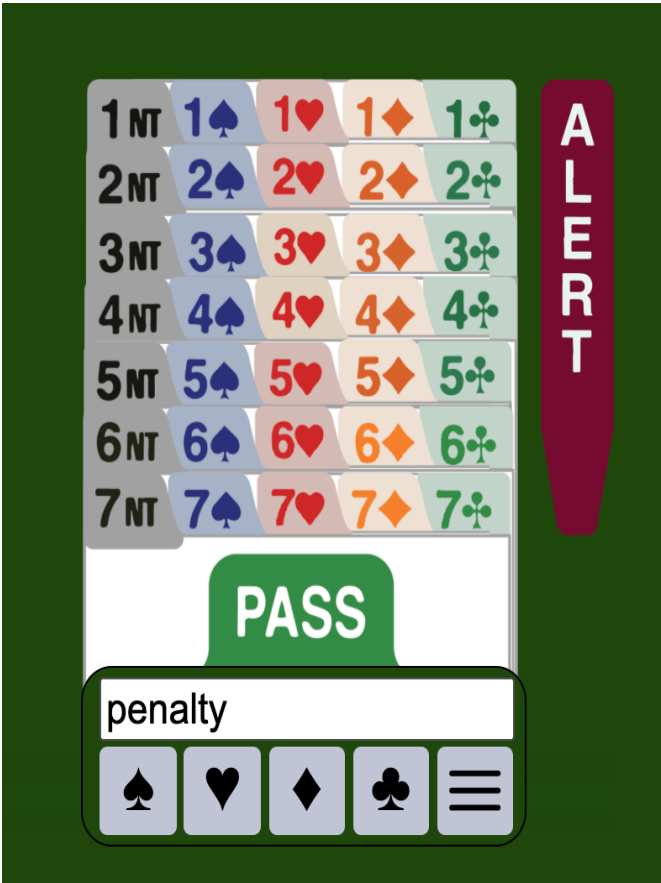


3. If things have been going fine but all at once you are not able to play a card, something may have gone wrong with your connection to RealBridge. You can almost certainly fix it by reloading the browser window, which will take you back to the Log In page and the clicking Log In. To reload the browser window, click on the circled button in the URL bar:



4. if you can't see someone, try clicking on the refresh button next to your name - it's a good idea to do that about every half hour. It refreshes your video feed and often fixes issues related to the cache:

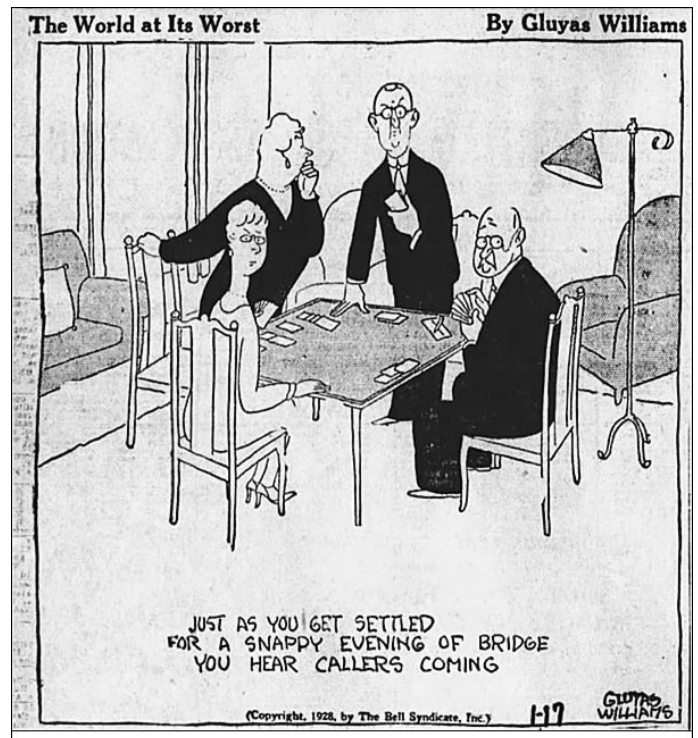
5. Before you bid, look at the "explain bid here" box and make sure it has what you want. For instance here I "accidentally" went to my library and clicked on "penalty" before I passed. So before passing, I need to select that "penalty" and delete it to get back to an empty "explain bid here" box:



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# Into the Quarterfinals

<b>Board 6</b>		♠ A102	
<b>Dealer E</b>		♥ 873	
<b>EW Vul</b>		♦ A6543	
		♣ 72	
♠ J8765		♠ Q3	
♥ 642		♥ KJ1095	
♦ 8		♦ J1097	
♣ AJ63		♣ Q9	
		♠ K94	
		♥ AQ	
		♦ KQ2	
		♣ K10854	

NS	EW	Result	Lead	Score
Adam Grossack & Larry Lebowitz	Gavin Wolpert & Warren Spector	3NT+1 S	♠6	430
Mike Levine & Eddie Wold	Aaron Silverstein & Andrew Rosenthal	3NT+1 S	♠6	430
John Diamond & Brian Platnick	Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	3NT+1 S	♠6	430
Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	Eric Rodwell & Jeff Meckstroth	3NT= S	♠6	400
Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	Reese Milner & Hemant Lall	3NT= S	♠5	400
Adam Wildavsky & Mark Feldman	Tom Carmichael & Ari Greenberg	1NT+3 S	♠6	180
Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	3NT-1 S	♥2	50
Adam Kaplan & Ron Smith	Walter Lee & Frank Merblum	3NT-2 S	♥2	100

On Board 6, the entire field played in NT from South. Every pair except Wilavsky/Feldman reached game. Wilavsky/Feldman play an unusual system. This was their auction:

<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		P	1♣
P	1♠*	P	1NT*
P	P	P	

1S showed no major with usually 4 diamonds

1NT showed usually 15-17 balanced but might be less with a singleton diamond

The number of tricks taken depended on the opening lead. Successful defenders had auctions like the ones below where Wooldridge (top diagram) and Walter Lee (bottom diagram) overcalled their heart suit. In both these cases, East got off to a heart lead rather than a spade lead.

<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		P	1♣
P	1♦	1♥	1NT*
P	3NT	P	P
P			

On another lie of the cards, a spade lead (4th from West's longest and strongest) might not have been helpful. However, in this situation, where dummy has AT2 and declarer has K94, the lead of a spade affords declarer his ninth trick simply by finessing the spade ten.

Smith went down an extra trick trying to slide a club through early in the play. If the club position were favorable, it could have worked, but on this Board it wasn't and Ron was forced to concede down two.

<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		P	1♣
P	1♦	1♥	2NT
P	3NT	P	P
P			

Auctions where South opened 1NT (see auction below at Milner/Lall's table) whether North responded with 3NT (game) or 2S (seeking range) made it impossible for East to come into the bidding at the three level with meager values and only five hearts.

<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		P	1NT*
P	3NT	P	P
P			



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W Fred Stewart		From Friday's Action		Steve Beatty E																													
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Thanks to David Caprera and Geoff Hampson for bringing Board 46 from the Round of 16 to our attention.

Twelve N/S pairs bid 6H from South.

Nine declarers won the opening black suit lead and made the hand by relying on a 2-1 heart split. These declarers cashed the HA and stripped-out the black suits. They exited with a heart and West was forced to yield a ruff-sluff or lead a diamond from their Q2. Kit Woolsey led the HQ against Chris Willenken and Chris followed the same strip and end-play line.

If ten out of twelve expert declarers took the same line of play and made 6H, it must be right, no? Well, maybe not. What if hearts are not behaving so nicely? If West has all three hearts, there is no hope, but if East has H:KQx, declarer can make the hand by finessing the heart suit and eventually guessing the DQ.

Jiang Gu won the club lead in dummy and took an immediate heart finesse to guard against the 3-0 split. West won the heart and returned a club. Gu drew the remaining trump, ruffed his last club and ran trumps playing for a spade/diamond squeeze or an accurate guess in diamonds. When Walter Lee (East) held onto all three of his diamonds and discarded his spades, Gu led a diamond to the ace and finessed into West, losing to the Qx of diamonds for a two-trick set. At the other table Feldman/Stamatov made 6H for a 14 IMP pickup.

David Caprera reported that at his teammates' table, his counterpart, Geoff Hampson made the hand on the following line of play: Hampson won the SA in dummy, cashed the CA and trumped a spade in hand. Geoff cashed the CK, discarding a spade from dummy, and ruffed his last club. The black suits were stripped. Hampson floated the HJ, losing to West's queen. One would think it unlucky that West had a second heart to return. However, Hampson was ready. He cashed the DK and led a second diamond. When the queen appeared, he successfully claimed twelve tricks and gained 11 IMPs when Caprera/Brenner checked for keycards and stopped in 5H at the other table.

David Caprera noted that the 2-1 heart split is a 78% probability and wondered if Hampson's play improved on that. This is the a-priori probability, but the odds calculation for this situation can be simplified. When East follows with a small heart, he holds one of four possible combinations in the heart suit. These are KQx, Kx, Qx, x. If we assume these combinations are equally likely (certainly reasonable for an at-the-table evaluation), both rising with ace and finessing will work on the Kx and Qx combinations, since the finesse will lose to a singleton honor and West will be endplayed.

If East holds KQx, rising with the ace will produce an automatic defeat. On the other hand, if East holds the small singleton, rising with the ace will succeed. So, rising with the ace wins in three out of four cases and loses in one out of four cases for a 75% success probability.

If East holds the KQx finessing will win so long as declarer can later guess the DQ correctly. Similarly, if the finesse loses to West's KQ doubleton (as it does on this hand), declarer can still guess the DQ correctly and make his contract. So the simple odds on the heart finesse are 50% + (50% of 50%) = 75%, exactly equal to the success odds for rising with the ace.

Geoff Hampson is an amazing declarer. He uses any inference he can glean to his advantage. His queen finding skills are as good as or better than most. Clearly, a player that talented should take the heart finesse. As Hampson demonstrated on this hand, even when guessing wrong, it feels better not to be defeated at trick-six on a hand that can be made.

# More Helpful Advice on How to Use RealBridge

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table 14 is stuck Perry Van Hook

maybe they all are Perry Van Hook

No board is shown until the last table has played it, so fast tables will appear to be stuck Jan Martel

thanks - hadn't seen that before Perry Van Hook

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Peter Weichsel won 10 IMPs for the Lall team when he made 4S on Board 51 of the last quarterfinal segment. At the other table Greco/Hampson reached 3NT, which was defeated one trick.

Peter won the lead of the club deuce with the queen and finessed a spade. When the SQ held Weichsel cashed the SA getting the bad news. Weichsel led a diamond to the ace and cashed the DK. He trumped a diamond in his hand and led a club to dummy's ace and led dummy's last diamond producing the position below:

When West discarded a heart, Weichsel trumped with the S4 and exited with a trump. West won the spade and was endplayed in hearts.

Walter Lee was in the same contract with the same opening lead. He played on the same line through trick three. At trick four, he took the heart finesse, losing to the king and it was over. Contract failing by a trick!

Perhaps the logic behind Weichsel's line of play was that clubs appeared to be divided 5-2 (5th best opening lead). When East showed out on the 2nd spade, that gave West five spades and two clubs, leaving him with six red cards. If Weichsel could ruff out West's diamonds, he could concede three spades to West and West would have nothing but hearts remaining. Great analysis and good play, Peter.

	<p>♠ AJ8 ♥ AK ♦ A874 ♣ AQ95</p>	<p>N Adam Kaplan</p>
<p>♠ 762 ♥ Q87 ♦ K96 ♣ 7432</p>		<p>♠ KQ1054 ♥ 95432 ♦ J ♣ K8</p>
<p>♠ 93 ♥ J106 ♦ Q10532 ♣ J106</p>	<p>W Adam Wildavsky</p>	<p>Mark Feldman E</p>
<p>♠ 6 ♥ Q8 ♦ — ♣ 73</p>		<p>♠ Q10 ♥ 9 ♦ — ♣ K8</p>
<p>♠ — ♥ 106 ♦ — ♣ J106</p>	<p>W N E S P 2♣ P 2♦ P 2NT P 3NT P P P</p>	

All eight tables played 3NT from North. The opening lead at every table was a high spade, which held the trick. East switched to a heart. Three West defenders erred by covering the HJ with the HQ making it easy for declarer to take three hearts, four diamonds and two black aces to make the game.

It was not so easy for Adam Kaplan. Mark Feldman shifted to the H5 at trick two and Adam Wildavsky stubbornly (but correctly) refused to cover the jack with his queen. Kaplan, like every other declarer, won and played the DA and a diamond to West's king on which East discarded the H4. A spade was returned. Kaplan won his ace. On the run of the diamonds, Feldman discarded two hearts and a spade, in that order. West discarded two clubs and North discarded a small club to reach this position.

Kaplan read the position perfectly. He led a heart to his king and exited with the SJ, endingplay East to make 3NT.

	<p>♠ AJ8 ♥ AK ♦ A874 ♣ AQ95</p>	<p>N Jerry Stamatov</p>
<p>♠ 762 ♥ Q87 ♦ K96 ♣ 7432</p>		<p>♠ KQ1054 ♥ 95432 ♦ J ♣ K8</p>
<p>♠ 93 ♥ J106 ♦ Q10532 ♣ J106</p>	<p>W Ari Greenberg</p>	<p>Tom Carmichael E</p>
<p>♠ 6 ♥ Q8 ♦ — ♣ 73</p>		<p>♠ Q10 ♥ 9 ♦ — ♣ K8</p>
<p>♠ — ♥ 106 ♦ — ♣ J106</p>	<p>W N E S P 2♣ X* P 2♦* 2NT P 3NT P P P</p>	

At the other table, the result was the same... however, Jerry Stamatov had some help from his opponents.

Tom Carmichael got in the way of the 2C auction by showing both majors (double showed either diamonds or both majors). The play started out as above. To conceal the club position, West discarded a spade and a heart on the run of the diamonds. Given the vulnerability and given that West had shown up with the DK, Stamatov thought it likely that Carmichael held the club king along with his 5-5 major suit distribution. Stamatov read the position correctly and endedplay Carmichael.

In Lebowitz/Spector, Gavin Wolpert declared this hand.

David Grainger showed his prowess as a defender. The play started as above with Wooldridge ducking the HQ. Grainger discarded a heart on the second round of diamonds and a spade on the third round of diamonds. On the fourth diamond, David discarded a CLUB, leaving his CK unprotected. His partner cooperated by discarding a spade on the fourth round of diamonds.

When the fifth diamond was played, Joel discarded a club and Grainger pitched a heart. Wolpert thought the club finesse was working given Grainger's early discard. Grainger won and cashed three spades to defeat the contract two tricks. At the other table Michael Rosenberg made 3NT easily when Demuy covered with the HQ at trick two. 11 IMPs to Lebowitz

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