

Volume 16, Issue 8
February 27, 2021

Round of 16 Results:

**We
Remember:**



1 Fleisher	143	29	41	31	42	
16 Dawson	78	25	21	8	24	
2 Rosenthal	115	22	33	25	35	
15 Hill	84	36	3	18	27	
3 Sanborn	146	54	35	25	39	-7 (adj) *
14 Donner	86	33	38	7	8	
4 Lebowitz	154	31	38	31	54	
13 Compton	122	38	34	22	28	
5 Spector	88	15	29	3	41	
12 Blanchard	131	30	18	33	50	
6 Sprung	89	31	26	25	7	
11 Levine	150	17	37	34	62	
7 Simson	91	26	34	14	17	
10 Nickell	109	12	14	57	26	
8 Greenspan	84	36	19	12	17	
9 Lall	128	20	23	45	40	

*There was a director's ruling that could not be calculated by the RealBridge software. As a result, the score above is displayed as a manual adjustment. The totals in column one are correct.

**Today's Matchups:
Fleisher/Lall
Rosenthal/Nickell
Sanborn/Levine
Lebowitz/Blanchard**

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Teams Entered...

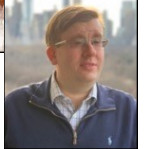
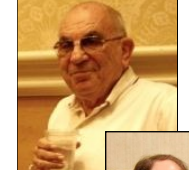
"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

Teams in Alphabetical Order within RR Groups:

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Sam Dinkin Tobi Sokolow	Karen McCallum Michael Shuster David Sokolow
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt Bill Harker Bob Thomson	Cris Barrere Mark Ralph Bob Etter
Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt Blaine Mullins	John Bishel Charley Seelbach
Bitterman	Bob Bitterman, Capt Phil Becker Jerry Helms	Bob Cappelli Ken Kranyak Ed Schulte
Blanchard	Bob Blanchard, Capt Fred Chang Gary Cohler	Sam Lev Dan Lev
Compton	Andy Goodman Kay Enfield Ish DelMonte	Chris Compton Greg Hinze Brian Glubok
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Leon Lowe	Charlie Wilkins Ifti Baqai
Donn	Josh Donn, Capt Uday Ivatury Jenni Carmichael	Sheri Winestock Christal Henner Greg Humphreys
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Harrison Luba	Cornelius Duffie Olivia Schireson
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Radu Nistor Jacob Freeman	Sandra Rimstedt Iulian Rotaru Finn Kolesnik
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Bart Bramley	Chip Martel Brad Moss Kit Woolsey
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt Geof Brod John Rengstorff	Glenn Eisenstein John Stiefel Bob Feller
Hill	Joyce Hill Shan Huang Anam Tebha	Kevin Dwyer Roger Lee
Joel	Geeske Joel, Capt Sarah Youngquist Fred Stewart	Kevin Rosenberg William Watson Steve Beatty
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Naren Gupta Bob Hamman	Reese Milner Zia Mahmood Peter Weichsel
Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Adam Grossack Michael Rosenberg Joel Wooldridge
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mark Lair
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Ron Smith Mitch Dunitz	Marc Jacobus Billy Cohen Paul Lewis
Lin	Amber Lin, Capt Cynthia Huang Brent Xiao	Emma Kolesnik Ilan Wolff

Liu	Howard Liu, Capt Ari Greenberg Adam Kaplan	Eugene Hung Tom Carmichael Christian Jolly
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Jiang Gu Andrew Stark	Alex Kolesnik Alex Perlin Franco Baseggio
Merblum	Frank Merblum, Capt Doug Doub Venkatrao Koneru	Adam Wildavsky Walter Lee John Schermer
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein
Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Carrie Liu	Maxim Silin Anton Tsyppin
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Joe Viola	Lance Kerr Randy Howard John Jones
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken David Berkowitz	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Migry Campanile
Sanborn	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Jill Meyers Steve Garner	Steve Sanborn Allan Graves Jeff Wolfson
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Randal Burns John Miller	Cadir Lee Lynn Shannon
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Allan Falk Drew Casen	Jeff Aker John Lusky Jim Krekorian
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt John Hurd Vince Demuy	Gavin Wolpert Kevin Bathurst John Kranyak
Sprung	Danny Sprung Anne Brenner Brian Platnick JoAnn Sprung, NPC	Gerry Seixas Dave Caprera John Diamond
Wu	Weishu Wu, Capt Brian Zhang Jiang Chen	Qiang Zhang Peter Sun Jane Wang

RED SOX	YANKEES
Baker	Bell
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Donn	Fleisher
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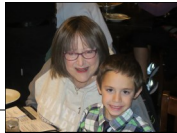
In this time of social distancing, here is a helpful tip:

If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"

Ed. Note:

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

Thanks.



Tournament Schedule

ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	FEB 26	1:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:30 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	FEB 27	1:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:30 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	FEB 28	1:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:30 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	MAR 1	1:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:30 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

**Adam and Eve
were the first people
to not read the
Apple terms and conditions!**

**Never iron a
four leaf clover.
You don't want
to press your luck!**

Ethics Statement

Ethics - We're not trying to provide the same security for this event as we have for online events to select USBF International teams. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties 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.

2021 Committee is: **Dana Berkowitz, Eugene Hung, Roger Lee, Chip Martel, Steve Weinstein, Jenny Wolpert**

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.



Kibitzing on VuGraph...

THERE WILL BE DELAYED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE JLALL2 EVENT.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EST)

The schedule will be the same each day:

Round 1: 2:30 pm

Round 2: 4:05 pm

Round 3: 6:15 pm

Round 4: 7:50 pm

Round 5: 9:25 pm

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EST)

Quarter 1: 1:15 pm

Quarter 2: 3:15 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 7:15

Quarter 4: 9:15



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

To kibitz, go to [the RealBridge kibitzing website](#), enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz.

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #2, 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 happened.

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.

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 the tables.

----You can 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 (for this match only).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right.

TIMING OF DELAY

The Round Robin matches will be delayed until after each round is completed.

The first half KO matches will be delayed until each board has been played at all tables, so there may sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown. **The second half of the KO matches will be delayed until the quarter has been completed. 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:15 EST.**

Looking Ahead to Team Trials...

2021 USBC Formats and Schedules

IN THE EVENT THE WBF CANCELS OR POSTPONES THE 2021 WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE USBCs, ALL USBF SELECTION TRIALS WILL BE CANCELED OR POSTPONED.

OVERVIEW OF FORMATS AND SCHEDULES

For all of the events, the Round Robin and Round of 16 stages will be played online; The Women's (if more than 4 teams enter) will start on May 5th; the Open will start on May 7th; The Mixed will start on May 15th; the Seniors will start on May 23rd. Each event will be played on consecutive days. The full schedule is on the USBF website. (note there are two possibilities, depending on the number of teams entered in each event; the schedules might change if there is a surprisingly large or small entry in any event, but the starting dates will remain the same).

Any team that does not qualify for the Quarterfinal stage will be eliminated.

The face-to-face format of USA1 and USA2 events will be: (Full calendar on USBF site) (And on page 15)

Day/date	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
USA1 Stage		Quarterfinal (8 teams) Losers to USA2 R16	Semifinal (4 teams) Losers to USA2 QF		Final (2 teams) Winner is USA1, Loser to USA2 F			
USA2 Stage		NONE	Round of 16 (4 teams)	Quarterfinal (4 teams)	Semifinal (2 teams)	Final (2 teams) Winner is USA2		

Entry fee will be \$500 per team for the online stage of each event. Online play will be on RealBridge, using virtual screens and self-alerts. For online play **only**, players will be allowed to consult their notes during the bidding.

The **Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, IL** is host to all the face to face stages, where the entry fee will be \$400 per team per day. Playing will be on individual tablets assigned to each player using the LoveBridge software.

There will be 2 players (normal screenmates) in each playing room.

When available, playing rooms will have outdoor access.

The USBF will take precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19 which may include taking temperatures, wearing masks and sanitizing surfaces.

We will be unable to offer our usual hospitality due to CoVid restrictions.

Teams that play only 3 days online will receive a credit of \$200 for future 2021 JLall entry fees; teams that play only 4 days online will receive a credit of \$100 for future 2021 JLall entry fees.

AT THE MOMENT OUR WEBSITE SOFTWARE IS ACTING UP AND ENTRIES DON'T WORK - AS SOON AS WE'VE FIGURED OUT WHAT THE PROBLEM IS, WE'LL REMOVE THIS MESSAGE AND YOU CAN ENTER

Entries are now open for all events and will close as follows:

- Women's - March 31, 2021
- Open - April 2, 2021
- Mixed - April 10, 2021
- Seniors - April 18, 2021

USBF News

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

LOBSTER ROLL WITH MAYO

Servings: 6

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



Directions:

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

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

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

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

LOBSTER ROLL WITH HOT BUTTER

Servings: 6

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

Directions:

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

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

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

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

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

CRAB CAKES WITH AVOCADO & CREAMY ASIAN SAUCE Servings: 4

Crab Cakes:

1 pound jumbo lump crabmeat (450 g)
1 cup milk (240 ml)
2 tablespoons unsalted butter (30 ml)
2 celery ribs, finely chopped
1/2 cup yellow onion, finely chopped (70 g)
Salt and pepper
4 ounces shrimp, peeled, deveined and tails removed (125 g)
1/4 cup heavy cream (60 ml)
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard (10 ml)
1/2 teaspoon five spice (2 ml)
1/2 cup cornstarch (56 g)
1/2 cup All-Purpose flour (60 g)
3 egg whites, whisked
2 cup panko breadcrumbs (400 g)
Canola oil
2 avocados, peeled, seeded and mashed

Creamy Asian Sauce:

1/4 cup mayo (60 ml)
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon tomato ketchup (20 ml)
1/4 teaspoon sesame seed oil (1 ml)
1 teaspoon honey (5 ml)
1/2 teaspoon garlic puree (2 ml)
1 teaspoon lemon juice (5 ml)

Directions: Place crabmeat and milk in medium sized bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. For the sauce, in a small bowl, whisk all ingredients together, taste for seasoning. Place sauce in fridge.

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add celery and onion, pinch salt, and a little pepper; cook, stirring frequently, until vegetables are softened (about 5-7 minutes). Remove pan from heat and place vegetables in a large bowl and let cool to room temperature. Rinse out pan and wipe clean. Strain crabmeat through fine-mesh strainer, pressing to remove milk, please be careful not to break up big lumps of crabmeat.

Place shrimp in food processor and blend until finely ground, use a spatula scraping down bowl as needed. Add heavy cream and pulse to combine. Transfer shrimp puree to bowl with cooled vegetables. Add mustard, and five spice powder; stir until well combined. Add strained crabmeat and fold gently with rubber spatula, being careful not to over mix and break up lumps of crabmeat. Divide mixture into 4 balls and firmly press into patties. Place cakes on rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper, cover tightly with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Combine cornstarch and flour in a medium sized bowl. Set aside. Using another bowl, lightly beat egg whites. Set aside. In a third bowl, add panko breadcrumbs.

Dredge one crab cake at a time in the flour, turning to coat and shaking off excess. Next, dip into the egg white, again making sure to coat completely and allowing the excess to drop back into the bowl. Then, coat with breadcrumbs, patting firmly so breadcrumbs adhere, but be careful not to coat too thickly. Place coated crab cakes on piece of parchment paper or a large baking sheet.

Add enough oil to coat bottom of empty skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Place 4 crab cakes in skillet and cook without moving them until golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes. Using 2 spatulas, carefully flip cakes. Add 1 tablespoon oil, reduce heat to medium-low, and continue to cook until second side is golden brown, 4 to 6 minutes. You are looking for an internal temperature 155 F (68°C).



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ENDIVE LETTUCE CUPS

Servings: 4-6

Filling:

1 1/2 cups 1/2-inch cubes of day-old bread (125 g)

Extra-virgin olive oil

Kosher salt

1 cup walnuts (113 g)

Freshly ground black pepper

Chili flakes

1/3 cup irregular pieces (1/4 inch) Manchego cheese (40 g)

1/3 cup irregular pieces (1/4 inch) Parmigiano-Reggiano (40 g)

For the Endives:

4 endives

Pinch salt Kosher salt

1 medium orange

1 Tablespoon Chardonnay vinegar (15 ml)

Extra-virgin olive oil

1/2 teaspoon black pepper (2 ml)

For the Vinaigrette:

2 garlic cloves

4 large anchovy fillets, rinsed and patted dry

2 tablespoons sherry vinegar or Chardonnay vinegar (30 ml)

1 Tablespoon Chardonnay vinegar (15 ml)

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil (60 ml)

Directions:

For vinaigrette: Pound the garlic cloves into a paste in a mortar with the pestle. Add the anchovies and pound until everything is fairly smooth but still slightly chunky. Add the vinegar, olive oil, and a dash of salt and pepper to taste. Mix to combine. The vinaigrette may not look emulsified, don't worry. If you don't have a mortar and pestle, finely mince garlic and anchovies and place in a bowl and whisk in other ingredients.

For the Filling:

Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C). Place the bread cubes on a baking sheet and toss with a few teaspoons of olive oil and season with pinch of salt, then spread them out. Spread the walnuts out on a separate baking sheet. Toast the bread and walnuts in the oven, tossing them every few minutes. Remove the nuts once they brown and well toasted, they should will smell nutty (about 8 minutes). Remove the bread once it's dark brown and toasted.

Combine the toasted bread, walnuts, cheeses and chili flake in a large bowl. Dress with the vinaigrette, gently toss to coat everything.

Season the endives with a pinch of salt. Using a rasp grater (Microplane), grate the zest of the orange evenly over the top of the endives. Cut orange in half and squeeze the juice over the leaves. Sprinkle vinegar and gently toss the leaves to coat. Please be careful not to bruise the leaves. Place filling on a large platter and serve with seasoned leaves.



Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 11

August 31	Julio	Bean sprouts	Bird watching
May 27	Adeline	Onions	Weaving
April 18	Wendy	Spinach	Archery
April 12	Madelyn	Parsnips	Photography
February 20	Bella	Beets	Writing

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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

Answers on Page 13



If you're American when you go in the bathroom and American when you come out, what are you in the bathroom?

European.

I sold my vacuum the other day.

All it was doing was collecting dust.

Did you hear the story about the claustrophobic astronaut?

He just needed some space.

A man and a giraffe walk into a bar.

After a few drinks, the giraffe falls over and dies. The man begins to walk out when the bartender stops him.

"Hey, you can't leave that lyin' there!" The bartender yells out.

The man turns around: "It's not a lion. It's a giraffe."

Card Games Word Search

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



A king may be trumped
Or lose to an ace,
But in the big picture,
It's still the best "face!!"

BACCARAT
BELOTE
BLACKJACK
BRIDGE
CASSINO
CRIBBAGE

CUTTING
DAIHINMIN
DEALER
GIN RUMMY
GO FISH
HAND

KLABERJASS
OLD MAID
PINOCHLE
POKER
SHUFFLING
SLAPJACK

SOLITAIRE
SPADES
TAROT
TOEPEN
TRICK
WHIST

Why are frogs so happy? They eat whatever bugs them
They're always jumping for joy and never hopping mad!
The machine at the coin factory just suddenly stopped working, with no explanation. It doesn't make any cents
What do you call a super articulate dinosaur? A Thesaurus
Somebody stole all my lamps... I couldn't be more de-lighted!
Why is the number six afraid of seven? Because seven ate nine
Why aren't dogs good dancers? Because they have two left feet!
How was Rome split in two? With a pair of Caesars
I bought a boat because it was for sail





		First Names					Vegetables					Hobbies				
		Adeline	Bella	Julio	Madelyn	Wendy	bean sprouts	beets	onions	parsnips	spinach	archery	bird watching	photography	weaving	writing
Birthdays	February 20															
	April 12															
	April 18															
	May 27															
	August 31															
Hobbies	archery															
	bird watching															
	photography															
	weaving															
	writing															
Vegetables	bean sprouts															
	beets															
	onions															
	parsnips															
	spinach															

Birthdays	First Names	Vegetables	Hobbies
February 20			
April 12			
April 18			
May 27			
August 31			

1. The person who enjoys archery doesn't enjoy bean sprouts.
2. The person who enjoys bird watching is not Bella.
3. The person who enjoys writing loves beets.
4. The person who enjoys archery was born before Julio.
5. The one who loves spinach is not Madelyn.
6. The 5 people were the person who enjoys photography, Julio, the one who loves onions, the person born on February 20, and the person who enjoys archery.
7. The person born on May 27 enjoys weaving.
8. The person who enjoys archery is Wendy.
9. Bella was born before the one who loves parsnips.
10. The person who enjoys bird watching is not Adeline.
11. The one who loves bean sprouts is not Madelyn.
12. The one who loves parsnips was born before the one who loves onions.
13. The person born on April 12 is Madelyn.

Logic Puzzle
Answer on Page 9

Jill J. Meyers (born February 13, 1950) is an American bridge player from Santa Monica, California. Sometime prior to the 2014 European and World meets (summer and October), she ranked 7th among 73 Women World Grand Masters by world masterpoints (MP) and 1st by placing points that do not decay over time.¹

Meyers was born in New York City and earned a B.A. from Tulane University. She and her sister Nina moved to Los Angeles in 1972 and started to play duplicate bridge there, where Ed Davis was her first teacher (they still have a partnership). From 1979 she studied law at University of West Los Angeles and she passed the California bar in 1983, after which she played bridge more seriously. She is married to Sid Brownstein and is a self-employed "Music Consultant for Motion Picture, TV and Advertising industries". Before 1988 she worked in music departments within the film industry.

Meyers was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2014.

Bridge accomplishments

Awards and honors

- Herman Trophy 1987
- Mott-Smith Trophy 2001
- ACBL Hall of Fame, 2014

Wins

- North American Bridge Championships
 - Blue Ribbon Pairs 1999
 - Nail Life Master Open Pairs 2000, 2005
 - Smith Life Master Women's Pairs 1987
 - Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match 2010
 - Grand National Teams 2001
 - Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 1991, 1993, 2001, 2009, 2011
 - Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 1989, 1997
 - Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 1991, 1999, 2003, 2011

Runners-up

- North American Bridge Championships
 - Silodor Open Pairs 2011
 - North American Pairs 2001
 - Grand National Teams 1999, 2010
 - Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 1987, 1995, 1999, 2003
 - Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 1990, 1993, 2003, 2007, 2012
 - Keohane North American Swiss Teams 1987
 - Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 2001, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012

Meet the Players



Puzzle Answers:

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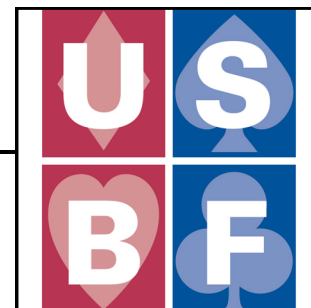
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Puzzle 2 on right

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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:

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We hope you will join us.

Limey Jack...

Hallo Yanks:

Tis likely Howie Dung will skip this round as he tends to his wounding. Limey Jack, having picked all 8 winners in the round of 16, including the strong upset victory of Blanchard over Spector, is the only foresight one needs to lighten the punter by a few bob. How does one rhyme perfection.

Fleisher-Lall: Upsets abound, starting with the beloved Zia taking the measure of Fleisher.

Rosenthal-Nickell: Odd to see Nickell as the dog, but maybe the oddsmakers are averse to quintets as well. Rosenthal continues apace.

Sanborn-Levine: Like Nickell, Levine had to come from whence they were. Limey Jack really likes Sanborn but without total conviction:

Lebowitz-Blanchard: Whilst Lebowitz is the favourite, they are not the heavy favourite that a squad with Friar Tuck might be. The merry men are carried along.

Limey Jack is like a beacon of hope if you want to wager a quid or two, while Howie Dung is simply a bad caricature of himself.

Ta.

Howie Doing...

Assuming we won't see
Any late scratches...
Here are the wise picks
In all today's matches:

With Woolsey and Bramley
Martel, Grue and Moss,
Fleisher's unlikely
To suffer a loss!

Rosenthal/Nickell:
A really tough pick.
But Katz is a star
With both Hampson and Nick!

Sanborn/Levine:
It's up in the air.
Are two Steves too many?
Is there one to spare?

Morris assures me
His team's at the ready.
He likes his two Mikes
With Mark and with Eddie!

Blanchard's done well.
But this match is scary.
Who will bid more?
Z Grossack or Gary?

Lebowitz rates to
Stay in the fight...
We'll know who survives
At the end of the night!

Till tomorrow...
I remain Howie Doing!

May, 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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OPTION 1 - Assumes 30-34 teams in the Open, 12-18 teams in Mixed & Seniors						
2	3	4	5 Women's RR (if needed)	6 Women's RR (if needed)	7 Open RR1	8 Open RR1
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Open RR1	Open RR2	Open R16	Open R16			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Mixed RR	Mixed RR	Mixed RR	Mixed RR (if a 4th day is needed)			
23	24	25	26 Senior RR (if a 4th day is needed)	27	28	29
Senior RR	Senior RR	Senior RR				
30	31					

Online Trials Schedules

May, 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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OPTION 2 - Assumes 30-34 teams in the Open, 19-34 teams in Mixed & Seniors						
2	3	4	5 Women's RR (if needed)	6 Women's RR (if needed)	7 Open RR1	8 Open RR1
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Open RR1	Open RR2	Open R16	Open R16			Mixed RR1
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Mixed RR1	Mixed RR1	Mixed RR2	Mixed R16	Mixed R16		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Senior RR1	Senior RR1	Senior RR1	Senior RR2	Senior R16	Senior R16	
30	31					



Face to Face Schedule



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Open USA1 Quarterfinal		Open USA1 Semifinal		Open USA1 Final	
			Open USA2 R16 (4 teams)		Open USA2 QF (4 teams)	Open USA2 SF (2 teams) Women's USA1 Semifinal
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Open USA2 Final					Mixed USA1 Quarterfinal	
Women's USA1 Semifinal	Women's USA1 Final & USA2 Semifinal		Women's USA2 Final			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mixed USA1 Semifinal		Mixed USA1 Final				Seniors QF
Mixed USA2 R16 (4 teams) Women's USA1 Final & USA2 Semifinal		Mixed USA2 QF (4 teams)	Mixed USA2 SF (2 teams)	Mixed USA2 Final		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Seniors QF	Seniors USA1 Semifinal		Seniors USA1 Final			
	Seniors USA2 R16 (4 teams)		Seniors USA2 QF (4 teams)	Seniors USA2 SF (2 teams)	Seniors USA2 Final	

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Jeff Wolfson & Steve Garner	Gary Donner & Sandra Rimstedt	4♥ = N	♠Q	420
Adam Grossack & Larry Lebowitz	Brian Glubok & Ish DelMonte	4♥ = N	♠Q	420
Dave Caprera & Anne Brenner	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	4♥ = N	♠Q	420
Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	4♥ = N	♠J	420
John Stiefel & Bob Feller	Hemant Lall & Neil Chambers	4♥ = N	♠Q	420
Bob Blanchard & Fred Chang	Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	3♥ +1 N	♠J	170
Chip Martel & Marty Fleisher	Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	3♥ = N	♠Q	140
Shan Huang & Roger Lee	Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	3♥ = N	♠Q	140
Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	Steve Sanborn & Kerri Sanborn	3♥ = N	♠Q	140
Eddie Wold & Mike Levine	Danny Sprung & Gerry Seixas	3♥ = N	♠Q	140
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	3♥ = N	♠Q	140
Naren Gupta & Zia Mahmood	Geof Brod & John Rengstorff	3♥ = N	♠J	140
Aaron Silverstein & Andrew Rosenthal	Kevin Dwyer & Joyce Hill	3♠ -2 E	♥4	100
Chris Compton & Andy Goodman	Zach Grossack & Michael Rosenberg	3♠ -1 E	♥4	50
John Kranyak & Vince Demuy	Sam Lev & Gary Cohler	3♠ -1 E	♥10	50
Mark Itabashi & Ifti Baqai	Kit Woolsey & Bart Bramley	4♥ -1 N	♠Q	50

On Board 8 in segment one, if N/S bought the contract, it was either 3 or 4 hearts. If E/W bought the contract, it was always 3S. Similarly, when E/W was on lead, East always led a spade. When N/S was on lead, South always led a heart. All spade contracts were defeated. All heart contracts succeeded EXCEPT ONE!!

Best defense against 4H is to lead a diamond. The hand can still be made if North wins the diamond ace and plays a small club to the nine, losing to the queen. Assuming diamonds are continued, dummy wins the DK and plays a spade to the ace. Another club is played to the jack and the CA is cashed, declarer discarding a diamond. Dummy's SK is cashed and declarer ruffs a diamond, ruffs a spade, and leads trumps.

The best play for the defense requires West to play the CK at trick two. This will put declarer to the test. If the CK is from KQx, declarer's best play is to duck and finesse for the queen the second time around ... oops!

Who found the play? **Mark Lair** found the play of the CK. Caprera (declarer) won the CA and played a heart. Passell won the heart, and thinking that Lair had a doubleton club, cashed the CQ ... end of hand!! **Jeff Aker** found the play of the CK. Nickell won the CA, cashed the SK and crossed to the DA to lead a low club and insert the nine... the winning play! Nice play, Nick!! **Hemant Lall** inserted the CK. Steifel won the CA and led a heart. Chambers won the heart and cashed the CQ hoping to give Lall a ruff! Again, end of hand!

Woolsey/Bramley defeated 4H when Itabashi won the spade lead in dummy, led a spade to his hand, ruffed a spade in dummy. He tried a small club from dummy which rode to Woolsey's ten. Woolsey shifted to diamonds but Itabashi could no longer make the hand. Contract failing one trick!

The view above (traveler) is an interesting feature of RealBridge. Players and kibitzers appreciate being able to see so much information about a hand all at once.

2021 JLall Online Teams #3

The third USBF JLall Online Teams event (JLall3) will be held from April 9-12 and April 16-19 on RealBridge. It will be very similar to JLall2, with a few minor changes suggested by the players in JLall2. JLall3 is open to all Active USBF members. An Active member is one who has paid USBF dues. All players must have paid 2021 dues on or before April. 1.

Event Schedule and Format

- JLall3 will be held from April 9-12 and April 16-19.
- Play each day will start at 1:00 pm EDT and end no later than 9:30 pm EDT.
- There will be no more than 32 teams, each with 4-6 players, all of whom are USBF Active members.
- The entry fee for the event is \$300 per team.
- DIC for the event is McKenzie Myers. Tournament Organizer is Jan Martel. Software guru is Al Hollander.
- The event format will be:

Round Robin Stage 1, April 9-11:

Everyone plays 3 days of a "split field" Round Robin with 10 board matches; there are two Round Robin groups, to be named by the winners of JLall2. Teams will be assigned to the two groups based on a "draft" by the top two teams (chosen by a vote of all teams). The top 5 teams in each group will qualify for the KO Round of 16. The bottom 6 teams in each group will be eliminated. The five teams in the middle of each group ("bubble teams") will play in Stage 2 of the Round Robin.

Round Robin Stage 2, April. 12th:

Each bubble team plays a 10 board match against each bubble team from the other group, scored at VPs with carryover from the first 3 days. The top 6 teams qualify for the Round of 16. The bottom 4 teams are eliminated.

Knockouts, April 16-19:

- One match per day. 56 boards per match. If both of the finalists want a longer match (60 or 64 boards), we will have that.

• **There will be a short Captains' meeting on April 20th to set the KO bracket.** The precise method of setting the bracket is set forth in the Special Conditions of Contest. Summary: the top 4 teams from Round Robin Stage 1 will select their opponents for the Round of 16 from the bottom 8 qualifiers. The remaining qualifiers will be shuffled in groups to fill the bracket.

• The matches will be played on RealBridge. During the bidding & play, each player will see & hear their screenmate - (N&E, S&W). Before and after each match, teammates will be seated at one table, and RealBridge is working on a way to allow the players who were sitting out to join you (players who sat out can see & hear their teammates and be heard but not seen).

• There will be no real-time online kibitzing allowed for any match. Kibitzers will be able to watch after a delay. For the Round Robin, the delay will be until each match is over so kibitzing does not provide "state of the match" information. For the first half of each KO match, each board will be shown when all tables have completed it. For the second half of each KO match, kibitzing will start at the end of the segment. We will try to have voice commentary, and perhaps may limit chat at the tables late in the event to approved commentators.

• RealBridge will archive bidding, play & score information for the event. We will also post scores on this website.

• Players may consult their bidding notes, SSF, and convention card **during the bidding only**. Other aids to memory (for example, lists of percentages, calculators, notes about carding) are not allowed.

How to Enter the JLall 3

(continued from page 17)

- Entries are now open. Entries will close on the earlier of March 12th or when 32 teams (and 2 alternates) have entered. You must be logged in to this website to enter. After you have logged in, click on "Enter 2021 JLall3" under the User Menu and complete the entry form.
- Your entry is not complete until you have 4 players. You cannot "save" a place in the event by entering a team with fewer than 4 players.
- Any player who has not paid 2021 USBF dues by April 1 will not be allowed to play.
- Teams can freely change their rosters until April 17th, when the division of teams into Round Robin groups will start. After April 17th, a team may change its roster only if the change does not substantially strengthen or weaken the team. Roster changes are made by **email to the Tournament Organizer** (Jan: marteljan@gmail.com). If an added player or pair is not able to meet the deadlines for system filing, they may not play any unusual method unless it is played by another pair in the event.

Every Table In 4H!

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	Shan Huang & Roger Lee	4♥+2 N	♠A	480
David Grainger & Joel Wooldridge	Brian Glubok & Ish DelMonte	4♥+2 N	♠7	480
Greg Hinze & Kay Enfield	Michael Rosenberg & Zach Grossack	4♥+2 N	♠A	480
John Kranyak & Vince Demuy	Fred Chang & Gary Cohler	4♥+2 S	♠Q	480
Sam Lev & Dan Lev	Gavin Wolpert & Warren Spector	4♥+2 N	♣9	480
Jeff Meckstroth & Eric Rodwell	Brian Platnick & John Diamond	4♥+2 N	♠A	480
Marty Fleisher & Chip Martel	Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	4♥+1 S	♠Q	450
Mark Itabashi & Ifti Baqai	Joe Grue & Brad Moss	4♥+1 N	♦2	450
Allan Graves & Jill Meyers	Radu Nistor & Iulian Rotaru	4♥+1 N	♦2	450
Jacob Freeman & Finn Kolesnik	Steve Garner & Jeff Wolfson	4♥+1 N	♦2	450
Gerry Seixas & Danny Sprung	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	4♥+1 N	♦2	450
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Geoff Hampson & Ralph Katz	4♥+1 N	♦2	450
Bobby Levin & Steve Weinstein	Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	4♥+1 N	♦2	450
Jon Greenspan & Glenn Eisenstein	Hemant Lall & Neil Chambers	4♥+1 N	♠A	450
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	John Stiefel & Bob Feller	4♥+1 N	♠A	450
Joyce Hill & Kevin Dwyer	Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	4♥= N	♠A	420



Board 38
Dealer E
EW Vul

♠ 643
♥ AJ962
♦ A
♣ KJ84

♠ QJ985
♥ 5
♦ KQ95
♣ Q65

♠ A107
♥ Q83
♦ 108432
♣ 97

♠ K2
♥ K1074
♦ J76
♣ A1032

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	10	6	12	6	12
S	10	6	12	6	12
E	2	6	1	7	1
W	2	6	1	7	1

There were different leads... and they took anywhere from 10-12 tricks... but it isn't often you see a traveler where every table is in the same contract going plus in the same direction!!

Board 2 in the 1st quarter yesterday produced some interesting results. Half the field played in a three-level part-score with E/W ending up on the plus side of the ledger, either defending against 3D or declaring in hearts or clubs. Four E/W pairs bid and made game in hearts.

		N Mark Itabashi																
W Bart Bramley	♠ 108742 ♥ J10 ♦ 8763 ♣ J8	E Kit Woolsey																
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2♥	P	3♦	X															
3NT	P	P	P															
S Ifti Baqai																		

In the Fleisher/Dawson match, Bramley/Woolsey bid to 3NT with E/W cards. A diamond was led to South's ace and the DQ was returned. Bramley won the DK and took twelve tricks when the heart and club suits both broke well. +490 was worth 9 IMPs when Fleisher/Martel bought the contract for 3D in the other room.

At both tables East opened a precision 2C. Against Bramley/Woolsey, Ifti Baqai overcalled 2D giving E/W room to find the NT game.

Wilkens Martel Dawson Fleisher

W	N	E	S
		2♣*	3♦*
P	P	P	

When Dennis Dawson opened 2C, Marty Fleisher jumped to 3D (Intermediate). This left West, Charlie Wilkens, in an awkward position with 10HCP and a five-card heart suit. Wilkins passed and Fleisher played in 3D, losing five top tricks for -100.

		N Drew Casen																
W Bobby Levin	♠ 108742 ♥ J10 ♦ 8763 ♣ J8	E Steve Weinstein																
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P	P	P																
S Jim Krekorian																		

The most unusual result on Board 2 came in the Nickell/Simson match. N/S (Casen/Krekorian) bid to 3NT. Jim Krekorian gambled that his diamonds would run after Drew Casen made a preemptive raise. One wonders what he thought he would do for stoppers in the opponents' two suits. If E/W runs both suits, the result will be -700 for going down seven vulnerable tricks. (That was a score once familiar in a different circumstance for down four doubled not vulnerable)

The opening lead was the C6. Steve Weinstein won the CK and ran the suit. Bobby Levin had some pitching problems on the run of the clubs. He decided to part with two hearts and a spade. Declarer discarded three diamonds and a heart. Weinstein led the H4 to Levin's queen, and Bobby exited with the SQ. Krekorian won the spade and played the DA and a diamond. Weinstein was afraid to unguard the spades, so he discarded the H8. Levin exited with the HK and Weinstein was forced to give declarer two more tricks. E/W scored +500

Simson Nickell Aker Katz

W	N	E	S
		2♣	2♦
2♥*	P	4♥	P
P	P		

In the other room of this match, Jeff Aker opened with a Precision 2C bid. Ralph Katz overcalled 2D and Simson was able to bid a non-forcing 2H with the West hand. Aker raised to 4H. Nickell led the D6. Katz won and cashed two spade tricks. Declarer took the rest of the tricks for +420.

2 IMPs to Nickell

Board 15, Dlr S
6♣-1 W

W Doug Simson

N Nick Nickell

E Jeff Aker

Ralph Katz S

♠ AQ105432
♥ —
♦ Q764
♣ 82

♠ 6
♥ AJ1085
♦ KJ82
♣ KJ7

♠ K98
♥ Q6
♦ A9
♣ AQ10953

♠ J7
♥ K97432
♦ 1053
♣ 64

	W	N	E	S
1♥		1♠	1NT*	P
2♠	X		4♦*	P
5♣	P		6♣	P
	P		P	

1NT=trans to C
4D=RKC clubs

Aker/Simson reached a solid 6C contract on Board 15 in the Nickell/Simson match. Nickell led the SA and continued with the SQ. Aker ruffed in dummy and found himself with 11 tricks in the bag. There are a variety of plays available to develop a twelfth trick. First, Aker could play for the DQ to drop in three rounds and fall back on the heart finesse if the DQ does not drop. Or, he could play for North to hold both missing red suit honors. A squeeze always looks better than a finesse, soooo... Aker went that route. Jeff cashed five rounds of clubs and the SK discarding hearts from dummy. The five-card ending was:

Board 15, Dlr S
6♣-1 W

W Doug Simson

N Nick Nickell

E Jeff Aker

Ralph Katz S

♠ 10
♥ —
♦ Q764
♣ —

♠ —
♥ A
♦ KJ82
♣ —

♠ —
♥ Q6
♦ A9
♣ 9

♠ —
♥ K97
♦ 105
♣ —

♠ —
♥ K97
♦ 105
♣ —

	W	N	E	S
1♥		1♠	1NT*	P
2♠	X		4♦*	P
5♣	P		6♣	P
	P		P	

Aker cashed the DA, led a diamond to the king and trumped a diamond, conceding defeat when the DQ did not drop.

This was a fine line of play. It was just an unlucky lie of the cards.

At the other table Levin/Weinstein bid to 6NT.

Lusky led the SA and continued spades.

In 6NT there were only ten top tricks. There were two possibilities for the 11th and 12th tricks. Declarer can start by cashing two high diamonds. If the QT drops doubleton, there are twelve tricks without a finesse. If the diamond suit is not so friendly, declarer can fall back on the heart finesse for two more tricks.

In the end, Weinstein relied on the working heart finesse and brought home the slam.

14 IMPs to Nickell

Board 15, Dlr S
6NT=W

W Bobby Levin

N John Lusky

E Steve Weinstein

Allan Falk S

♠ AQ105432
♥ —
♦ Q764
♣ 82

♠ 6
♥ AJ1085
♦ KJ82
♣ KJ7

♠ K98
♥ Q6
♦ A9
♣ AQ10953

♠ J7
♥ K97432
♦ 1053
♣ 64

	W	N	E	S
1♥		2♠	3♣	P
4♣	P		4♦*	P
4NT*	P		6♣	P
	P	X	6NT	P
	P		P	

4D = RKC for clubs
4NT = 2 Keycards w/o the queen

Board 39, Dlr S
3NT-5 N

W Ralph Katz

N Drew Casen

E Geoff Hampson

S Jim Krekorian

♠ AK
♥ 952
♦ J9762
♣ K54

♠ 10654
♥ KQ106
♦ 5
♣ J973

♠ J73
♥ AJ3
♦ 108
♣ AQ1086

♠ Q982
♥ 874
♦ AKQ43
♣ 2

	W	N	E	S
P	2♦*	P	P	1♦
P	3♣	X	P	2♠
P	3NT	P	P	P
P				

For the second time yesterday (see page 19), Casen/Krekorian declared 3NT based on a running diamond suit and some high spade honors. Just like on Board 2, they lacked heart and club stoppers.

At four other tables, North declared 3NT and took nine tricks on a club lead. Casen/Krekorian had a revealing auction and Geoff Hampson took full advantage of the bidding. North showed a club stopper and South had shown diamonds and spades.

Geoff struck gold leading the HA! This was followed by the HJ. Ralph Katz overtook just in case North had hidden four small hearts. If that were the case, Ralph would cash one more heart and switch to clubs, the suit advertised by Hampson. When everybody followed to the third heart, Katz cashed the thirteenth heart and switched to the CJ. Casen covered and Hampson cashed five club tricks.

Once again Casen/Krekorian were -500 for down five in a vulnerable 3NT game.

At the other table Levin/Weinstein played an unexciting 3D contract, took nine tricks and scored +110 N/S.
12 IMPs to Nickell

Board 43, Dlr S
6♥ = W

W Joel Wooldridge

N Ish DelMonte

E David Grainger

S Brian Glubok

♠ Q73
♥ J63
♦ J985
♣ J43

♠ A52
♥ AQ742
♦ AK107
♣ 7

♠ K104
♥ 1098
♦ 6
♣ AQ9652

♠ J986
♥ K5
♦ Q432
♣ K108

	W	N	E	S
1♥	P		1NT*	P
2♠*	P		3♥*	P
3♠	P		4♣	P
4♥	P		4NT*	P
5♦	P		5♥	P
6♥	P		P	P

Joel Wooldridge was the only player to bid and make 6H on this deal. Three other pairs also bid the slam. All received the opening lead of the H3. On a trump lead, declarer needs to establish the clubs rather than playing on a crossruff. None of the three declarers found the winning line.

DelMonte led the C3 against Wooldridge. Joel won the ace, cashed the ace and king of diamonds and ruffed a diamond in dummy. He ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club. He cashed two high spades ending in hand and ruffed a spade in dummy.

He led the C6, intending to insert the H7 if South discarded or to cover whatever heart if South ruffed.

At the other table, Hinze played 4H making four from East after a transfer auction.

11 Imps to Lebowitz

	W	N	E	S
1♣*	P		1♥*	P
2♥	P		3♥	P
4♥	P		P	P

<p>♠ 87</p> <p>♥ Q93</p> <p>♦ Q876</p> <p>♣ K1076</p>	<p>♠ K64</p> <p>♥ 852</p> <p>♦ 1095</p> <p>♣ AQ42</p>
<p>♠ 953</p> <p>♥ J106</p> <p>♦ AK432</p> <p>♣ J9</p>	<p>♠ AQJ102</p> <p>♥ AK74</p> <p>♦ J</p> <p>♣ 853</p>

W N E S
 P P P 1♠
 2♦ P 2NT X
 P P 3♦ P
 P X P P

Most N/S pairs played Board 44 in two of a major taking eight or nine tricks. Four West players (Woolsey, Lee, Freeman and Diamond) chose to “take advantage” of the vulnerability and overcall their five-card diamond suit despite their lack of values. In each case, East raised with his good hand.

On best defense, 3D can be defeated four tricks. Berkowitz/Migry and the Sanborns found the killing defense. A spade was led to South’s jack. This was followed by three rounds of hearts ending in the North hand. A spade was played, and South took two more spade tricks. On the fourth round of spades declarer discarded a club and ruffed in dummy. This left North with two more trump tricks for down four -200 and a 2 or 3 IMP loss.

In the Fleisher/Dawson match Baqai/Itabashi doubled Kit Woolsey in 3D. The defense slipped one trick and Woolsey escaped for -500 and an 8 IMP loss.

Grainger/Wooldridge was the only E/W pair with a plus score.

They put up a fine defense against the N/S spade contract.

Wooldridge led the DA and switched to the CJ. This was covered by the CK and Grainger won the CA. Grainger returned a diamond.

Declarer, Brian Glubok, discarded a club and Wooldridge won the DK. A club was played to East’s ace and a third club was continued.

If declarer trumped high, he could lead a heart to dummy, finesse a spade, cash the SA and exit with a spade.

Since both hearts and spades split 3-3, declarer would take eight tricks.

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W N E S
 P P P 1♠
 P 1NT P 2♥
 P 2♠ P P

Instead, Glubok discarded a heart on the third round of clubs. Wooldridge trumped the club and exited with the HJ. Declarer still had a spade to lose.

E/W +100

6 IMPs to Lebowitz