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**We  
Remember:**



# RR Results Moderna

Team Name	Total	8	10	15	9	13	12	5	4	7	11	3	14	2	1	6	BYE
8. Merblum	201.87		16.39	13.14	10.00	12.51	8.86	16.59	7.82	17.68	15.29	18.30	12.83	18.44	6.86	17.16	10.00
10. Nickell	196.80	3.61		13.14	6.28	18.58	12.51	17.68	19.86	16.18	15.52	18.00	10.00	10.39	15.05	10.00	10.00
15. Rosenthal	192.43	6.86	6.86		11.85	12.18	3.03	7.82	17.51	15.75	14.54	15.75	16.18	16.59	20.00	17.51	10.00
9. Moss	184.42	10.00	13.72	8.15		8.15	11.14	15.05	6.86	12.83	18.30	20.00	4.03	12.51	13.72	19.96	10.00
13. Rasmussen	165.71	7.49	1.42	7.82	11.85		4.48	18.58	15.97	14.80	12.51	11.50	15.05	16.78	12.51	4.95	10.00
12. Parker	155.45	11.14	7.49	16.97	8.86	15.52		2.66	11.50	5.72	4.71	4.71	15.97	16.97	9.23	14.00	10.00
5. Kolesnik	155.00	3.41	2.32	12.18	4.95	1.42	17.34		14.28	15.05	13.14	15.75	13.14	0.14	16.59	15.29	10.00
4. Dawson	145.54	12.18	0.14	2.49	13.14	4.03	8.50	5.72		15.52	14.00	8.86	12.18	16.39	6.00	16.39	10.00
7. Lo	136.31	2.32	3.82	4.25	7.17	5.20	14.28	4.95	4.48		15.05	10.39	15.97	9.61	14.28	14.54	10.00
11. Onstott	134.22	4.71	4.48	5.46	1.70	7.49	15.29	6.86	6.00	4.95		2.66	13.14	18.71	16.59	16.18	10.00
3. Carmichael	130.41	1.70	2.00	4.25	0.00	8.50	15.29	4.25	11.14	9.61	17.34		14.54	6.86	8.15	16.78	10.00
14. Reynolds	125.50	7.17	10.00	3.82	15.97	4.95	4.03	6.86	7.82	4.03	6.86	5.46		6.00	15.75	16.78	10.00
2. Bitterman	119.88	1.56	9.61	3.41	7.49	3.22	3.03	19.86	3.61	10.39	1.29	13.14	14.00		16.78	2.49	10.00
1. Bishel	117.20	13.14	4.95	0.00	6.28	7.49	10.77	3.41	14.00	5.72	3.41	11.85	4.25	3.22		18.71	10.00
6. Lin	89.26	2.84	10.00	2.49	0.04	15.05	6.00	4.71	3.61	5.46	3.82	3.22	3.22	17.51	1.29		10.00

# Pfizer

Team Name	Total	29	23	30	28	24	34	27	35	26	31	32	25	33	21	22	BYE
29. Levine	196.30		13.43	19.86	14.80	10.77	8.15	14.80	10.00	5.20	12.51	14.28	11.50	14.00	19.66	17.34	10.00
23. Donner	194.23	6.57		6.57	10.39	18.97	6.57	3.41	18.44	9.61	18.84	18.84	15.29	19.33	11.85	19.55	10.00
30. Martel	179.77	0.14	13.43		0.67	18.30	2.16	10.00	5.72	16.97	17.84	17.16	15.29	18.15	17.16	16.78	10.00
28. Lall	173.74	5.20	9.61	19.33		8.50	5.72	10.00	16.97	12.51	17.51	1.85	8.86	15.75	16.18	15.75	10.00
24. Goodman	168.43	9.23	1.03	1.70	11.50		20.00	1.70	17.16	14.54	11.85	1.85	17.34	20.00	10.77	19.76	10.00
34. Smith	161.35	11.85	13.43	17.84	14.28	0.00		13.72	20.00	18.84	5.72	3.82	5.20	14.28	5.20	7.17	10.00
27. Joel	156.08	5.20	16.59	10.00	10.00	18.30	6.28		8.50	6.28	0.00	15.97	14.80	3.61	15.75	14.80	10.00
35. Zhang	150.40	10.00	1.56	14.28	3.03	2.84	0.00	11.50		16.39	19.22	10.39	3.82	18.71	11.50	17.16	10.00
26. Jacobs	146.87	14.80	10.39	3.03	7.49	5.46	1.16	13.72	3.61		12.83	15.75	10.39	16.18	9.23	12.83	10.00
31. Robinson	145.88	7.49	1.16	2.16	2.49	8.15	14.28	20.00	0.78	7.17		9.23	16.78	11.14	15.05	20.00	10.00
32. Rockoff	143.48	5.72	1.16	2.84	18.15	18.15	16.18	4.03	9.61	4.25	10.77		13.72	9.61	16.97	2.32	10.00
25. Hinze	125.39	8.50	4.71	4.71	11.14	2.66	14.80	5.20	16.18	9.61	3.22	6.28		4.71	8.15	15.52	10.00
33. Schireson	109.01	6.00	0.67	1.85	4.25	0.00	5.72	16.39	1.29	3.82	8.86	10.39	15.29		20.00	4.48	10.00
21. Baker	102.92	0.34	8.15	2.84	3.82	9.23	14.80	4.25	8.50	10.77	4.95	3.03	11.85	0.00		10.39	10.00
22. Donnelly	96.15	2.66	0.45	3.22	4.25	0.24	12.83	5.20	2.84	7.17	0.00	17.68	4.48	15.52	9.61		10.00

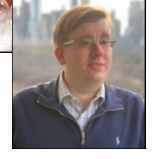
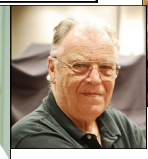
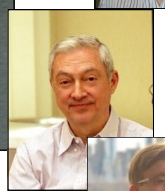
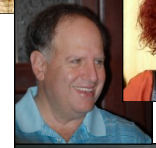
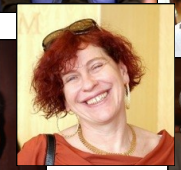
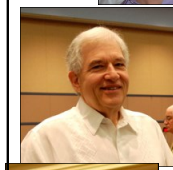
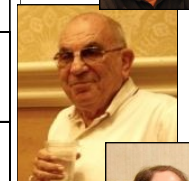
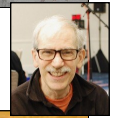
**Five middle teams in each  
bracket play today's RR  
with 6 survivors!**

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
 This Just In...  
 Justin Lall Online Teams 3

# Teams Entered...

<b>Baker</b>	Lynn Baker, Capt Sam Dinkin Dave Caprera	Karen McCallum Michael Shuster Anne Brenner	<b>Nickell</b>	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Eric Greco																																
<b>Bishel</b>	John Bishel, Capt Blaine Mullins Bernie Greenspan	Tom Bishel Charley Seelbach Fred Schenker	<b>Onstott</b>	John Onstott, Capt Drew Casen Chris Compton	Jacob Morgan Jim Krekorian Venkatrao Koneru																																
<b>Bitterman</b>	Bob Bitterman, Capt Jerry Helms John Stiefel	Bob Cappelli Sam Marks Geof Brod	<b>Parker</b>	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Joel Wooldridge Adam Grossack	Christina Parker David Grainger Zach Grossack																																
<b>Carmichael</b>	Jenni Carmichael, Capt Greg Humphreys Christian Jolly	Tom Carmichael Ari Greenberg Adam Kaplan	<b>Rasmussen</b>	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Maxim Silin	Anton Tsyppin Carrie Liu																																
<b>Dawson</b>	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Roger McNay	Charlie Wilkins Mitch Dunitz Eric Stoltz	<b>Reynolds</b>	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Joe Viola	Lance Kerr Randy Howard																																
<b>Donnelly</b>	Chris Donnelly, Capt Robin Hillyard Marley Cedrone	Ethan Wood Dan Jablonski Sally Matthews	<b>Robinson</b>	Eric Robinson, Capt Jeff Wolfson Jill Meyers	Gary Cohler Steve Garner Kerri Sanborn																																
<b>Donner</b>	Gary Donner, Capt Jacob Freeman Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Finn Kolesnik Iulian Rotaru	<b>Rockoff</b>	Kyle Rockoff, Capt Joey Lieberman Christal Henner	Doug Couchman Christopher Welland Uday Ivatury																																
<b>Goodman</b>	Andy Goodman, Capt Anam Tebha Shan Huang	Steve Zolotow Kevin Dwyer	<b>Rosenthal</b>	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Migry Campanile	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginkossar David Berkowitz																																
<b>Hinze</b>	Greg Hinze, Capt Josh Donn Ira Hessel	Kay Enfield James Holzhauser	<b>Schireson</b>	Max Schireson, Capt Cadir Lee John Miller	Olivia Schireson Randal Burns Lynn Shannon																																
<b>Jacobs</b>	George Jacobs, Capt Dick Bruno Steve Beatty	Claude Vogel Kerry Smith Fred Stewart	<b>Smith</b>	Ron Smith Linda Lewis, Capt Doug Doub	Billy Cohen Disa Eythorsdottir Paul Lewis																																
<b>Joel</b>	Geeske Joel, Capt Owen Lien	Will Watson Kevin Rosenberg	<b>Zhang</b>	Qiang Zhang, Capt Eric Xiao Weishu Wu	Brian Zhang Victor Xiao Peter Sun																																
<b>Kolesnik</b>	Alex Kolesnik, Capt Bob Etter Andrew Gumperz	Michael Xu Bill Harker Phil Clayton	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Moderna</th> <th>Pfizer</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bishel</td> <td>Baker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bitterman</td> <td>Donnelly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carmichael</td> <td>Donner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawson</td> <td>Goodman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kolesnik</td> <td>Hinze</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lin</td> <td>Jacobs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lo</td> <td>Joel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merblum</td> <td>Lall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moss</td> <td>Levine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nickell</td> <td>Martel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Onstott</td> <td>Robinson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parker</td> <td>Rockoff</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rasmussen</td> <td>Schireson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reynolds</td> <td>Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rosenthal</td> <td>Zhang</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Moderna	Pfizer	Bishel	Baker	Bitterman	Donnelly	Carmichael	Donner	Dawson	Goodman	Kolesnik	Hinze	Lin	Jacobs	Lo	Joel	Merblum	Lall	Moss	Levine	Nickell	Martel	Onstott	Robinson	Parker	Rockoff	Rasmussen	Schireson	Reynolds	Smith	Rosenthal	Zhang
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<b>Moss</b>	Sylvia Moss, Capt Joe Grue Daniel Korbel	Roger Lee Brad Moss Ish DelMonte																																			



# Tournament Schedule

# USBF 10 Board victory Point Scale

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 1			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS
FRIDAY	APRIL 9	12:45 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	APRIL 9	1:00 - 2:15 2:35 - 3:50 4:10 - 5:25  6:20 - 7:35 7:55 - 9:10	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20 ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 BREAK ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
SATURDAY	APRIL 10	1:00 - 2:15 2:35 - 3:50 4:10 - 5:25  6:20 - 7:35 7:55 - 9:10	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 51-60 ROUND 7 - BOARDS 61-70 ROUND 8 - BOARDS 71-80 BREAK ROUND 9 - BOARDS 1-10 ROUND 10 - BOARDS 11-20
SUNDAY	APRIL 11	1:00 - 2:15 2:35 - 3:50 4:10 - 5:25  6:20 - 7:35 7:55 - 9:10	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 21-30 ROUND 12 - BOARDS 31-40 ROUND 13 - BOARDS 41-50 BREAK ROUND 14 - BOARDS 51-60 ROUND 15 - BOARDS 61-70
ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2			
MONDAY	APRIL 12	1:00 - 2:15 2:35 - 3:50 4:10 - 5:25  6:20 - 7:35 7:55 - 9:10	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20 ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 BREAK ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
TUESDAY	APRIL 13	1:00 PM (TENTATIVE)	
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	APRIL 16	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	APRIL 17	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	APRIL 18	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	APRIL 19	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

10 Boards (Blitz is 48 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	17	15.29	4.71	34	18.44	1.56
1	10.39	9.61	18	15.52	4.48	35	18.58	1.42
2	10.77	9.23	19	15.75	4.25	36	18.71	1.29
3	11.14	8.86	20	15.97	4.03	37	18.84	1.16
4	11.50	8.50	21	16.18	3.82	38	18.97	1.03
5	11.85	8.15	22	16.39	3.61	39	19.10	0.90
6	12.18	7.82	23	16.59	3.41	40	19.22	0.78
7	12.51	7.49	24	16.78	3.22	41	19.33	0.67
8	12.83	7.17	25	16.97	3.03	42	19.44	0.56
9	13.14	6.86	26	17.16	2.84	43	19.55	0.45
10	13.43	6.57	27	17.34	2.66	44	19.66	0.34
11	13.72	6.28	28	17.51	2.49	45	19.76	0.24
12	14.00	6.00	29	17.68	2.32	46	19.86	0.14
13	14.28	5.72	30	17.84	2.16	47	19.96	0.04
14	14.54	5.46	31	18.00	2.00	48	20.00	0.00
15	14.80	5.20	32	18.15	1.85			
16	15.05	4.95	33	18.30	1.70			

## 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 JLALL3 EVENT.

**KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EDT)...** The schedule will be the same each day:

Round 1: 2:30 pm

Round 2: 4:05 pm

Round 3: 5:30 pm

Round 4: 7:50 pm

Round 5: 9:25 pm

**KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)**

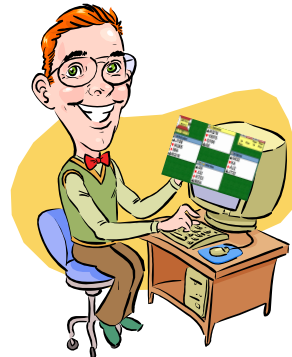
Quarter 1: 1:15 pm

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 **kibitzrealbridge.online**, 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 #3, 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 playing (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 do not get to hear or see the players yet (that's coming).

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.

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 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 for the Round Robin 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.

**TIMING OF DELAY**

The Round Robin matches will be delayed until 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 because one or two tables are slow to play the board. **For the second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter has been completed.**

**That means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:15 EDT.**

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**Around the World of Bridge News...**

<p><b>28 June:</b> <i>Benefits of bridge as a sport</i>                  Welcome: World Bridge Federation President  <b>[1A] Bridge as a Mindsport</b>                  13:00 (BST UK) / 08:00 (EDT)  <b>[1B] Wellbeing &amp; Bridge</b>                  16:30 (BST UK) / 11:30 (EDT)                  Keynote: Prof Martin Seligman (USA)  <i>Bridge at the Top</i> (Jill Levin &amp; Chip Martel)</p>	<p><b>30 June:</b> <i>How can bridge be more inclusive?</i>  <b>[3A] Ageing, Intergenerationality &amp; Bridge</b>                  10:00 (BST UK) / 05:00 (EDT)  <b>[3B] Gender, Sexism &amp; Bridge</b>                  15:00 (BST UK) / 10:00 (EDT)                  Panel 1 Women's Bridge: Pros &amp; Cons                  Panel 2 Sexism within the Game: Solutions?</p>
<p><b>29 June:</b> <i>The future hybrid of F2F &amp; online</i>  <b>[2A] Covid Impacts on Bridge</b>                  11:30 (BST UK) / 06:30 (EDT)  <b>[2B] Digital Bridge &amp; Cheating</b>                  19:30 (BST UK) / 14:30 (EDT)                  Panel: Jan Kamras (EBL), Eric Laurant (WBF)                  Boye Brogeland &amp; Steve Weinstein</p>	<p><b>1 July:</b> <i>How to transform the image of bridge?</i>  <b>[4A] New Approaches to Recruitment</b>                  13:00 (BST UK) / 08:00 (EDT)                  Panel 1 Teaching &amp; Retaining Learners                  Panel 2 How to get more Bridge into Schools  <b>[4B] Marketing Bridge</b>                  16:30 (BST UK) / 11:30 (EDT)</p>

29 June **Conference Pairs + Q&A with RealBridge** 15:00 (BST UK) / 10:00 (EDT)

30 June **Bridge Taster for First-timers** 18:30 (BST UK) / 13:30 (EDT)

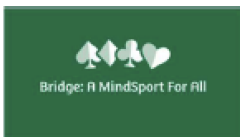
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**Board 21**  
**Dealer N**  
**NS Vul**

♠—  
♥AJ10764  
♦KQJ  
♣10543

♠K106542  
♥9  
♦875  
♣Q86

♠987  
♥852  
♦6432  
♣A97

♠AQJ3  
♥KQ3  
♦A109  
♣KJ2

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	
N	11	7	12	10	11
S	11	8	12	10	11
E	2	5	1	2	2
W	2	5	1	3	2

6H was the overwhelming contract of choice on Board 21. The contract is cold on any lead so long as you guess the club suit correctly. Those who led the CA took all the work out of the hand for declarer who was no longer left with a guess.

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Jerry Helms & Sam Marks	Charley Seelbach & Blaine Mullins	6♥= N	♣A	1430
Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	Adam Kaplan & Christian Jolly	6♥= N	♣A	1430
Bob Etter & Bill Harker	Emma Kolesnik & Amber Lin	6♥= N	♣A	1430
Ethan Wood & Chris Donnelly	Anne Brenner & Dave Caprera	6♥= N	♦3	1430
Claude Vogel & George Jacobs	Greg Hinze & Kay Enfield	6♥= N	♣A	1430
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Naren Gupta & Zia Mahmood	6♥= N	♣A	1430
Jeff Meckstroth & Eric Rodwell	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	6♥= N	♣A	1430
Jill Meyers & Kerri Sanborn	Joey Lieberman & Chris Welland	6♥= N	♣A	1430
Kyle Rockoff & Doug Couchman	Steve Garner & Jeff Wolfson	6♥= N	♣A	1430
John Miller & Lynn Shannon	Doug Doub & Paul Lewis	6♥= N	♣A	1430
Ron Smith & Billy Cohen	Cadir Lee & Randal Burns	6♥= N	♦4	1430
Sam Dinkin & Michael Shuster	Marley Cedrone & Sally Matthews	5NT= N	♠7	660
Jenni Carmichael & Greg Humphreys	Mark Itabashi & Mitch Dunitz	4♥+1 N	♠7	650
Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	Shan Huang & Anam Tebha	4♥+1 N	♥2	650
Bernie Greenspan & Fred Schenker	Bob Cappelli & Bob Bitterman	6NT-1 S	♦8	100
Ilan Wolff & Brent Xiao	Phil Clayton & Andrew Gumperz	6♥-1 N	♠7	100
Andy Stark & Franco Baseggio	Allan Falk & John Lusky	6NT-1 S	♦8	100
Doug Simson & Jeff Aker	Ahmed Soliman & David Chechelashvili	6♥-1 N	♠7	100
Ish DelMonte & Sylvia Moss	Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	6♥-1 N	♠7	100
Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	Joe Grue & Brad Moss	6♥-1 N	♠7	100
Adam Grossack & Chris Parker	Jim Krekorian & Drew Casen	6NT-1 S	♦8	100
Anton Tsyarkin & Jim Rasmussen	Joe Viola & Bill Hall	6♥-1 N	♦6	100
Tom Reynolds & Lance Kerr	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	6♥-1 N	♠7	100
Josh Donn & James Holzhauer	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	6♥-1 N	♠7	100
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Kevin Rosenberg & Owen Lien	7♥-1 N	♣A	100
Brian Platnick & John Diamond	Eddie Wold & Mike Levine	6♥-1 N	♠7	100
Jacob Morgan & John Onstott	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	7♥X-1 N	♣A	200
Kevin Dwyer & Andy Goodman	Radu Nistor & Iulian Rotaru	6NT-2 S	♦7	200

Several Wests overcalled 2S (see the auctions below from the two tables in the Levine/Martel match)

Woolsey Meck Bramley Rodwell

Levine Platnick Wold Diamond

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

Bramley knew the opponents were expecting a spade lead. He decided to throw them a curve by leading the CA. Unfortunately for him, this took the guess out of the hand and 6H made easily.

At the other table, Wold led his partner's suit and when it came to the club guess, the fact that Levine had bid made it sound more likely that he held the values. Backing up this thinking, when Platnick reached the crossroads, he led a club toward the KJ2 and when Wold played small, he inserted the jack playing Levine for the ace and Wold for the queen. Levine won his queen, played a club to Wold's ace and the contract failed by a trick.

This was a costly misguess ... 17 IMPs to Levine who went on to win the match 51-5.

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

## Steakhouse Iceberg Wedge

### Ingredients

#### CROUTONS:

- 4 thick slices French or Italian bread, cut into cubes
- 1 T (15 g) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 T (15 ml) olive oil

#### DRESSING:

- 1 C (250 g) blue cheese, crumbled
- 1 T (17 ml) sherry vinegar
- 2 T (25 g) mayonnaise
- $\frac{3}{4}$  C (175 ml) buttermilk
- $\frac{1}{8}$  tsp (0.5 g) cracked black peppercorns
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp (1.5 g) garlic, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### SALAD:

- $\frac{1}{2}$  C (50 g) heirloom multicolor cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs (600 g) iceberg lettuce, root removed and cut into 10 small wedges

#### TOPPINGS:

- 5 slices bacon, cooked
- $\frac{1}{2}$  C (100 g) red onion, very thinly sliced
- $\frac{1}{3}$  C (50 g) Roquefort, crumbled
- 5 sprigs chervil

### Directions

**Croutons:** Preheat oven to 325°F (165°C). Place butter and oil in a small bowl; add bread cubes; toss to coat. Place on baking sheet, bake until golden brown and crispy, about 7 minutes; set aside.

**Dressing:** Place blue cheese, vinegar and mayonnaise in a food processor and pulse 4–5 times. With machine running, gradually add buttermilk and blend until smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

**Assembly:** Place 2 wedges of lettuce in shallow bowls. Arrange tomatoes and croutons around lettuce. Top each plate with a slice of bacon, red onion, Roquefort and chervil. Drizzle with dressing; serve immediately.

- **Prep time: 30 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 7 minutes.**
- **Makes 5 servings.**



# Mango, Papaya & Pineapple Salad

## Ingredients

- 2 T (30 ml) fresh squeezed lime juice
- 3 T (45 ml) canola or vegetable oil
- 1 tsp (5 ml) honey
- 1 tsp (3 g) poppy seeds
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 mango, peeled, pitted and thinly sliced
- ½ C (65 g) red onion, thinly sliced
- ½ C (65 g) papaya, peeled and thinly sliced
- ½ C (65 g) pineapple, peeled and thinly sliced
- ½ C (65 g) jicama, peeled and thinly sliced
- 12 limestone or butter lettuce leaves
- ⅓ C (25 g) shaved coconut, toasted

## Directions

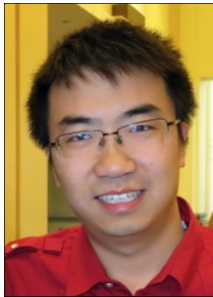
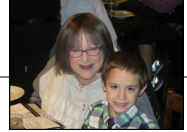
Whisk together lime juice, oil, honey and poppy seeds; add salt and pepper to taste; set aside. Gently toss mango, onion, papaya, pineapple and jicama; spoon into lettuce leaves. Drizzle with dressing, sprinkle with coconut and serve immediately.

- **Prep time: 15 minutes.**
- **Makes 6 servings.**

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!!

Thanks.





## Autumn Panzanella 6 servings

### CROUTONS:

- 2 T (30 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 5 roasted garlic cloves, mashed
- 3 C (216 g) ciabatta bread, cut into 1-in (2.5-cm) cubes
- Kosher salt to taste

### VINAIGRETTE:

- 2 T (31 g) Dijon mustard
- ¼ C (59 ml) white balsamic vinegar
- Kosher salt to taste
- ¾ C (177 ml) canola oil
- 10 sage leaves
- Freshly ground pepper to taste

### SALAD:

- Extra virgin olive oil, as needed
- 1 C (140 g) butternut squash, peeled and finely diced
- Kosher salt to taste
- ½ C (70 g) parsnip, peeled and finely diced
- 1 15-oz (425-g) can *gigante* or other large white beans, rinsed and drained
- ¼ C (18 g) green onions, thinly sliced
- 4 C (80 g) loosely packed mesclun mix or arugula
- Freshly ground pepper to taste

### GARNISH:

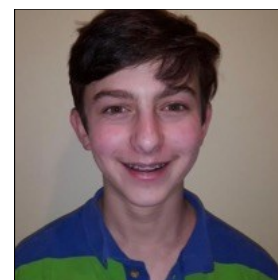
- 2 oz (57 g) ricotta salata, shaved

**Croutons:** Preheat oven to 350°F (176°C). Place a large oven-safe skillet over medium heat, add olive oil and mashed garlic, stirring to combine. Add bread; season with salt. Stir occasionally until bread is golden on several sides, about 3 minutes. Place skillet in oven and bake, stirring once or twice, until bread is golden brown, about 7 minutes. Remove from oven; transfer to paper towels to cool.

**Vinaigrette:** Place mustard, vinegar and a few pinches of kosher salt into the work bowl of a blender. With motor running on medium, slowly drizzle in half the canola oil. Add sage leaves, turn up speed to high and drizzle in remainder of oil. When all oil has been incorporated, vinaigrette should be pale yellow-green and thick enough to coat a spoon. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

**Salad:** Place a large frying pan over medium heat and add a thin film of olive oil. When hot, toss in butternut squash and a few pinches of kosher salt. Cook until golden brown along edges, stirring frequently, about 7 minutes. When squash is tender, transfer to paper towels; cool to room temperature. Repeat process with parsnips. When ready to serve, place croutons, squash, parsnips, beans, green onions and greens in a large bowl. Add vinaigrette to taste; toss; season with salt and pepper. Divide among plates and garnish with ricotta salata before serving.

- **Prep time: 22 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 25 minutes.**



**Riddle:** I belong in the month of December, but not in any other month. I am not a holiday. What am I?

**Answer:** The letter "d"

**Riddle:** When Billy's asked how old he is, he replies, "In two years I will be twice as old as I was five years ago." How old is he?

**Answer:** 12 years old

**Riddle:** George, Helen, and Steve are drinking coffee. Bert, Karen, and Dave are drinking Pepsi. Following this pattern, is Elizabeth drinking coffee or soda?

**Answer:** Coffee, just like all the other names with two e's. (Those with one "e" drank Pepsi.)

**Riddle:** One of these words does not belong: Which is it and why? Brawl, Carrot, Change, Clover, Proper, Sacred, Stone, Seventy, Swing, Travel.

**Answer:** Carrot. It's the only word that does not become another word when you remove the first and last letters.

**Riddle:** Without a bridle or a saddle, across a thing I ride a-straddle. And those I ride, by help of me, though almost blind, are made to see. What am I?

**Answer:** Eye glasses

**Riddle:** White bird, featherless. Flying out of paradise. Flying over sea and land. Dying in my hand. What is it?

**Answer:** A snowflake

**Riddle:** My thunder comes before the lightning. My lightning comes before the clouds. My rain dries all the land it touches. What am I?

**Answer:** A volcano

**Riddle:** Who has a neck and no head, two arms and no hands?

**Answer:** A shirt

**Riddle:** I'm everywhere and a part of everyone. I am at the end of space and time and existence itself. What am I?

**Answer:** The letter "e"

**Riddle:** Who spends the day at the window, goes to the table for meals, and hides at night?

**Answer:** A fly

**Riddle:** This belongs to you, but everyone else uses it.

**Answer:** Your name

# Riddles

**Riddle:** I come from a mine and am surrounded by wood. I help others to express themselves. What am I?

**Answer:** A glove

**Riddle:** What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?

**Answer:** The letter "R"

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

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

Sudoku 1

## Sudoku Answers on Page 15

**Riddle:** A butcher stands six feet and one inch tall and wears size 12 shoes. What does he weigh?

**Answer:** Meat

**Riddle:** How much dirt is in a hole that measures four feet by four feet by five feet?

**Answer:** None

**Riddle:** What word in the English language fulfills all the following criteria: The first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great person, while the entire word signifies a great woman.

**Answer:** Heroine

**Riddle:** What disappears the moment you say its name?

**Answer:** Silence

**Riddle:** I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?

**Answer:** An echo

**Riddle:** What are the next three letters in this combination? OTTFSS.

**Answer:** ENT. Each letter is the first letter of a number beginning with One. So what comes after six and seven? Eight, nine, and ten.

**Riddle:** How is seven different from the rest of the numbers between one and ten?

**Answer:** Seven is the only one with two syllables.

**Riddle:** What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

**Answer:** The letter "m"

# Riddles

Logic Puzzle on page 14

SOLUTION to

First Name	Last Name	Guest Name	Guest Relation	Home City
Amy	Dunn	Louise	friend	New York
Doug	Farrell	Evan	friend	Montreal
Elhan	Wise	Fran	spouse	London
Mike	Barr	Sara	spouse	Chicago
Steve	Cash	Greg	friend	Atlanta
Wendy	Nann	Jeff	spouse	Houston

		N Harrison Luba ♠ K1043 ♥ Q ♦ AK5 ♣ 98653
W Drew Casen ♠ AQJ652 ♥ K8652 ♦ — ♣ 107		E Jim Krekorian ♠ 98 ♥ A10743 ♦ QJ10874 ♣ —
		W N E S 4♠ 5♣ 5♦ P 5♥ 6♣ 6♥ 7♣ X P P P
Ai-Tai Lo S ♠ 7 ♥ J9 ♦ 9632 ♣ AKQJ42		11 IMPs to Lo.

In the Lo/Onstott match yesterday, Ai-Tai Lo and Harrison Luba found the par contract when they sacrificed in 7C at favorable against their opponents' cold vulnerable slam. On a diamond lead, West can score two ruffs and E/W will take four tricks for an 800 set. Jim Krekorian led a spade to Drew Casen's ace. Drew cashed the HA and declarer eventually conceded a diamond trick for a 500 set.

At the other table, Jacob Morgan, knowingly or not, made a striped-tailed double of 5H. E/W scored 1050 for 5HX making six. This is a lower score than 6H making six, which would score 1430. Of course, if 5H is redoubled, N/S has to "run like a striped-tail ape" and valiantly try to sacrifice in 6C.

11 IMPs to Lo.

**David Morgan Soliman Onstott**

W	N	E	S
			1♣
2♣*	3♥*	4♥	5♣
5♥	X	P	P
P			

Only three other pairs (Garner/Wolfson, Freeman/Kolesnik and Clayton/Gumperz) bid 6H. Garner/Wolfson and Clayton/Gumperz were doubled and scored 1660. Clayton/Gumperz won 17 IMPs, when their teammates bought the contract in 5C undoubled.

In the Bishel/Moss match, Daniel Korbel and Roger Lee had the big score when their opponents, Bernie Greenspan and Fred Schenker, sacrificed in 6D and were defeated eight tricks for a score of 2000 and a gain of 18 IMPs to Moss.

		N Geof Brod ♠ AJ ♥ Q96543 ♦ J2 ♣ A74
W Geoff Hampson ♠ 6532 ♥ J8 ♦ K105 ♣ J983		E Eric Greco ♠ K104 ♥ AK1072 ♦ 843 ♣ 62
		W N E S P 1♥ P 1♠ P 2♣* P 3♣ P 3♥* P 3NT P P X P
John Stiefel S ♠ Q987 ♥ — ♦ AQ976 ♣ KQ105		15 IMPs to Nickell

Eric Greco made a great decision when he doubled 3NT. He knew it was all important to defeat the hand and a heart lead rated to give him his best chance.

Hampson led the HJ which held trick one. He switched to the S6 to the jack, king and eight. Greco continued with the ST to dummy's ace and the DJ was finessed to the king. Hampson played his H8 to Greco's ten. Greco cashed two more high hearts and scored +500.

At the other table, Weinstein/Levin reached 3NT from South rendering the double ineffective. Cappelli led the H2 to Weinstein's queen. Weinstein took the losing diamond finesse. Bitterman exited the H8 which held! The S6 was won with the ace and four rounds of diamonds were cashed. Three rounds of clubs followed and declarer had his nine tricks!

15 IMPs to Nickell

**Bitterman Weinstein Cappelli Levin**

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



# Have a Good Knight!

Find and circle all of the Chess words that are hidden in the grid.

The remaining letters spell a secret message.

Note: QUEEN and QUEENING are separately hidden and do not overlap.

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

ATTACK  
 BISHOP  
 BLITZ CHESS  
 BLOCKED  
 BLUNDER  
 CAPTURE  
 CASTLING  
 CENTER  
 CHECKMATE  
 CHESSBOARD

CHAMPIONSHIP  
 DEEP BLUE  
 DIAGONAL  
 EN PASSANT  
 ENDGAME  
 EXCHANGE  
 FILE  
 FISCHER  
 FORK  
 GAMBIT

GRANDMASTER  
 JUMP  
 KASPAROV  
 KIBITZING  
 KING  
 KNIGHT  
 LOSE  
 MATE IN TWO  
 MIDDLEGAME  
 OPENING

PAWN  
 PIECE  
 PROMOTION  
 QUEEN  
 QUEENING  
 ROOK  
 SACRIFICE  
 STALEMATE  
 TOURNAMENT  
 WIN



# Logic Puzzle

Last night, the Barbeque Hut was the site of a small gathering of friends for dinner. This gathering was very unusual however as most of the people in this group had never seen each other before. They'd all been friends for years as members of an email discussion list but had never met face to face. This gathering had been organized to give everyone a chance to meet and some had even traveled from afar to attend. Each person to attend also brought a guest – either a good friend or a spouse. The night was deemed a great success and they planned to do another such gathering the following year (oh, and the barbeque dinner was fantastic!). Determine the full name of each attendee, the name and relationship of each guest that was brought (couples were one man and one woman who shared the same last name), and the home city of each attendee.

1. Wendy, whose last name wasn't Farrell, didn't bring a friend. The person from New York had a last name of Dunn. Jeff didn't come with the person from Atlanta.
2. Steve Cash didn't bring Evan. Louise was a friend but she didn't come with the person from Montreal.
3. The three people who brought spouses were the person who came from Houston, Ethan, and the one whose last name was Barr.
4. Fran was married to the person whose last name was Wise, but they weren't from Montreal. Ethan didn't come from Chicago.
5. The six people were represented by the one who brought Greg, the one from Chicago, Amy, the one from London, the one who brought Evan, and the one whose last name was Nann.
6. Mike brought Sara, his wife, but they weren't from Houston. Doug didn't bring Jeff but he was from Montreal.

First Name	Last Name	Guest Name	Guest Relation	Home City

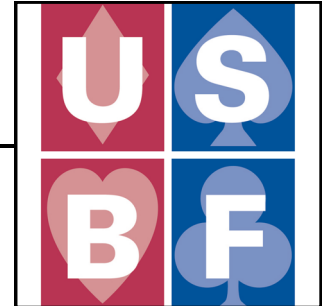
**Answers on  
page 11**

# Puzzle Answers:

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

**Sudoku**  
**on page 11**  
**Puzzle 1 on left**  
**Puzzle 2 on right**

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

## Why Games Bring People Together from Questions Answered... Updated April 22, 2019

Some games are timeless for a reason. Many of the best games bring people together like nothing else, transcending boundaries of age, sex and anything else that typically divides. Fun group games for kids and adults are a great way to bring friends and family together for any occasion. Here are 10 reasons games are so good at bringing people together.

### **Teach Each Other New Things**

Just because your friends and family do not know how to play your favorite game does not mean you can't play it together. Teaching someone else how to play a game can be a valuable bonding experience, whether they are older or younger than you are.

### **Try Out New Relationship Dynamics**

Young kids often love teaching adults how to play new games, but there are other ways games change relationship dynamics. A one-player video game, for example, can be turned into a two-player exercise in trust if the player with the controller relies on the other to guide him or her through the virtual world.

### **Reflect on Fond Memories**

Trivia games for older relatives can be a touchstone for reflecting on memories. The same is true for traditional party games. Scavenger hunt games also encourage a sense of nostalgia, evoking memories of childhood and an accompanying sense of childlike wonder and fun.

### **Create New Memories**

Remembering the past is always fun, but the best games allow you to create brand new memories as a group. Fun games for workplace colleagues are an excellent way to foster a sense of community with fun memories, for example.

### **Encourage Humor**

Not all groups are naturally inclined to have a laugh together. Serious Bible study groups, for example, may not seem a place for fun and games, but Christian games for adults — especially those with an emphasis on comedy — can greatly enhance the cohesion of such groups. And a strong sense of community and trust feeds directly back into the efficiency of the meetings.

### **Work as a Team**

Fun games for youth groups, party games for ladies' groups and dress-up games for girls are just a few ways to dissolve tension among internally competitive groups of people. Working as a team, either as a whole group or as subdivisions of that group, naturally brings people closer together.

### **Collective Concentration on a Shared Goal**

Cooperative (non-competitive) puzzle games promote the concept of a shared goal as a way to bring people together. Examples include jigsaw puzzles, crosswords or even word searches. You could also stage a creative singalong.

### **Structure Interaction**

People love to come together, but sometimes they lack a reason to do so. Games are one of the best ways to structure social interaction, from indoor party games for adults to epic games like Risk or Dungeons & Dragons.

### **Relieve Stress and Break the Ice**

When times get tough and tensions threaten to split people apart, it may be time to play some fun indoor games for adults. In many cases, players loosen up and give in to the fun.

### **Put Everyone on a Level Playing Field**

Forget boys' games and girls' games, kids' games and adult games, video games and complicated card games. When you go for a game that's new for everyone involved, everyone starts on a level playing field. This is great for bonding and trust, as ideally no single player has an advantage over any other.





From George's LinkedIn Page...

Who is **George Jacobs**?

Action junkie? Former gambler and subsequent president of Gamblers Anonymous Worldwide?

Forty-year veteran of the livery industry?

National bridge champion 15 times over and former president of the United States Bridge Federation?

Mentor and facilitator of the largest deal in limo industry history?

The guy in the yellow M&M jacket behind home plate at White Sox games?

The owner of Windy City Limousine and Bus?

Provider of transportation for the Chicago Bulls, Bears, White Sox, and Cubs?

Raconteur, gadfly, icon, sage?

Who is George Jacobs? All of the above – and more!

## Meet George Jacobs...

George and his wife, Stacy, a bridge player and teacher in her own right, live in Hinsdale, IL. They have two beautiful daughters: Joanna, a novice player, and Kate, now in college in Kansas.

George writes a monthly column for the ACBL Bulletin recounting his experiences at the table... mainly with his longtime partner and friend, Claude Vogel. (Both George and Claude are on the Jacobs team in this event.)

George has been the emcee at many bridge events. He regularly emcees the annual meeting and dinner for ACBL Unit 123. He introduced Ralph Katz at Ralph's induction into the Hall of Fame. He has emceed at the Cavendish competition and many other such ceremonies over the past several decades.

From Wikipedia:

### Awards

**Herman Trophy 2000, 2001**

### Wins

**North American Bridge Championships**

Lebhar IMP Pairs 1999

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 2001

Vanderbilt 1999, 2004, 2009

Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 2002, 2003, 2006

Reisinger 2000

Spingold 2001, 2002

### Runners-up

Bermuda Bowl 2007

North American Bridge Championships

Silodor Open Pairs 2005

Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 2001

Reisinger 1998, 2001, 2005

Roth Open Swiss Teams 2008

Favorite Convention: Exclusion Blackwood ??? NOT!



George and his 2020 GNT teammates:

Drew Becker, Claude Vogel, Larry Robbins



**Board 45**  
**Dealer N**  
**All Vul**

♠ KQJ732  
 ♥ KQ2  
 ♦ 52  
 ♣ 73

♠ A84  
 ♥ A98754  
 ♦ Q10  
 ♣ 82

♠ 95  
 ♥ J103  
 ♦ J984  
 ♣ KQ104

♠ 106  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ AK763  
 ♣ AJ965

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	8	10	6	8	8
S	8	10	6	8	8
E	4	3	7	5	5
W	4	3	7	5	4

In the Donner/Joel match, Owen Lien of the Joel squad exhibited great defensive skill on Board 45.

Most N/S pairs who arrived in 4S were successful collecting ten tricks.

East led the CK. Declarer won in dummy and played a heart toward the KQ2. All Wests EXCEPT Owen rose with the HA.

It matters not what West returns. Declarer will be able to drive out the SA and score ten tricks, the opponents scoring one spade, one heart and one club.

When Owen ducked the



NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Harrison Luba & Ai-Tai Lo	Tom Carmichael & Ari Greenberg	3NT+2 N	♣Q	660
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Radu Nistor & Iulian Rotaru	3NT+2 N	♥J	660
Bob Etter & Bill Harker	Charley Seelbach & Blaine Mullins	4♠+1 N	♠5	650
Daniel Korbel & Roger Lee	Jerry Helms & Sam Marks	4♠+1 N	♥10	650
Stewart Rubenstein & Zach Grossack	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	4♠+1 N	♥J	650
Andrew Rosenthal & Aaron Silverstein	Allan Falk & John Lusky	3NT+1 N	♥J	630
Bernie Greenspan & Fred Schenker	Michael Xu & Alex Kolesnik	4♠= N	♣K	620
Geof Brod & John Stiefel	Ish DelMonte & Sylvia Moss	4♠= N	♣K	620
Jenni Carmichael & Greg Humphreys	Ahmed Soliman & David Chechelashvili	4♠= N	♣K	620
Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	Chris Compton & Venkatrao Koneru	4♠= N	♣K	620
Doug Simson & Jeff Aker	Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	4♠= N	♣K	620
Tom Reynolds & Lance Kerr	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	4♠= N	♣K	620
Karen McCallum & Lynn Baker	Greg Hinze & Kay Enfield	4♠= N	♣K	620
Jeff Meckstroth & Eric Rodwell	Dan Jablonski & Robin Hillyard	4♠= N	♣K	620
Kevin Dwyer & Andy Goodman	Jill Meyers & Kerri Sanborn	4♠= N	♥J	620
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Cadir Lee & Randal Burns	4♠= N	♣K	620
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Victor Xiao & Eric Xiao	4♠= N	♥J	620
Peter Sun & Weishu Wu	Naren Gupta & Zia Mahmood	4♠= N	♥J	620
Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury	Doug Doub & Paul Lewis	4♠= N	♣Q	620
Disa Eythorsdottir & Linda Lewis	Kyle Rockoff & Doug Couchman	4♠= N	♣K	620
bye1 & bye2	moderna3 & moderna4	= / =		
moderna1 & moderna2	bye3 & bye4	= / =		
bye5 & bye6	pfizer3 & pfizer4	= / =		
pfizer1 & pfizer2	bye7 & bye8	= / =		
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Mark Itabashi & Mitch Dunitz	3NT-1 N	♥J	100
Ilan Wolff & Cynthia Huang	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	3NT-1 N	♥J	100
Anton Tsyppkin & Jim Rasmussen	Emma Kolesnik & Amber Lin	3NT-1 N	♥J	100
Finn Kolesnik & Jacob Freeman	Kevin Rosenberg & Owen Lien	4♠-1 N	♣K	100
Gary Cohler & Eric Robinson	Anam Tebha & Shan Huang	3NT-1 N	♥10	100
Max Schireson & Olivia Schireson	Dick Bruno & Kerry Smith	5♠-1 N	♣K	100
Ethan Wood & Chris Donnelly	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	3NT-3 N	♣Q	300

heart, declarer won in hand and led a club toward the jack. Kevin Rosenberg rose with the CQ and played the HT ruffed in dummy. The CJ drew the S8 from Lien and the SK from declarer. Declarer led the HQ which he ruffed in dummy, ruffed a club in his hand while Lien pitched a diamond, played the SQ to Lien's ace. Lien played the DQ to dummy's ace and declarer played the DK which Lien ruffed with the S4.

Lo and Behold! Rosenberg's S9 was about to promote for the 4th defensive trick! Lien played the HA he ducked earlier. Declarer ruffed with the S3. Rosenberg overruffed with the S9 and it was all over but the shouting!

Had declarer cashed the AK of diamonds before returning to his hand, Lien would not have been able to score his S4 and there would be no story!

13 IMPs to Joel



**Board 52**  
**Dealer W**  
**All Vul**

♠ KQ42  
 ♥ AJ109732  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ K7

♠ 10983  
 ♥ 84  
 ♦ Q5  
 ♣ 65432

♠ A76  
 ♥ Q6  
 ♦ AK842  
 ♣ 1098

♠ J5  
 ♥ K5  
 ♦ J109763  
 ♣ AQJ

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	9	10	12	9
S	9	10	12	9
E	3	3	1	4
W	3	3	1	4

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	Chris Welland & Joey Lieberman	2♦ X-4 E	♥K	1100
Anton Tsytkin & Jim Rasmussen	Chris Compton & Venkatrao Koneru	2♦ X-3 E	♦J	800
Bernie Greenspan & Fred Schenker	Brent Xiao & Cornelius Duffie	4♥+2 N	♦A	680
Geof Brod & John Stiefel	Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	4♥+2 N	♦A	680
Adam Kaplan & Christian Jolly	Stewart Rubenstein & Zach Grossack	4♥+2 N	♦K	680
Doug Simson & Jeff Aker	Mark Itabashi & Mitch Dunitz	4♥+2 S	♠10	680
Michael Xu & Alex Kolesnik	Bill Hall & Randy Howard	4♥+2 N	♣10	680
Karen McCallum & Lynn Baker	Dick Bruno & Kerry Smith	4♥+2 N	♦A	680
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Anne Brenner & Dave Caprera	4♥+2 N	♣9	680
Brian Platnick & John Diamond	Dan Jablonski & Robin Hillyard	4♥+2 N	♦A	680
Doug Couchman & Kyle Rockoff	Finn Kolesnik & Jacob Freeman	4♥+2 N	♦A	680
Josh Donn & James Holzhauer	Billy Cohen & Ron Smith	4♥+2 N	♦A	680
Brian Zhang & Qiang Zhang	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	4♥+2 N	♣10	680
Max Schireson & Olivia Schireson	Jill Meyers & Kerri Sanborn	4♥+2 N	♣10	680
Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	Bob Cappelli & Bob Bitterman	4♥+1 N	♦A	650
Roger McNay & Eric Stoltz	Walter Lee & Frank Merblum	4♥+1 N	♦K	650
Tom Reynolds & Lance Kerr	Phil Clayton & Andrew Gumperz	4♥+1 N	♦K	650
Roger Lee & Daniel Korbel	Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	4♥+1 N	♣10	650
Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	Brad Moss & Joe Grue	4♥+1 N	♦K	650
Jacob Morgan & John Onstott	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	4♥+1 N	♦A	650
Kevin Dwyer & Shan Huang	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	4♥+1 N	♦A	650
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	4♥+1 N	♦A	650
Disa Eythorsdottir & - Smith Linda Lewis	Greg Hinze & Ira Hessel	*4♥+1 N	♦A	650
Jeff Meckstroth & Eric Rodwell	Peter Sun & Weishu Wu	4♥+1 N	♦A	650
Gary Cohler & Eric Robinson	John Miller & Lynn Shannon	4♥+1 N	♦A	650
bye1 & bye2	moderna3 & moderna4	= / =		
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bye5 & bye6	pfizer3 & pfizer4	= / =		
pfizer1 & pfizer2	bye7 & bye8	= / =		
Ilan Wolff & Cynthia Huang	Charley Seelbach & Blaine Mullins	6♥-1 N	♦A	100
Adam Grossack & Chris Parker	Tom Carmichael & Ari Greenberg	6♥-1 N	♦K	100
Ethan Wood & Chris Donnelly	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	6♥-1 N	♦A	100

It is easy to see that 6H is cold for N/S. All declarer needs to do is follow the rule "Eight Ever Nine Never". Only three pairs bid the cold slam and all three went down by finessing for the HQ.

Twenty-three pairs declared four hearts and eleven of those declarers finessed in hearts and held themselves to eleven tricks. Most of the declarers who took eleven tricks did so after East interfered by overcalling 2D or making a takeout double. Two well-known experts, Bob Hamman and Daniel Korbel finessed, despite having no opposition bidding.

In the case of a 2D overcall, declarer should trump the opening lead and lead a heart to the king, followed by a second round of diamonds. When West follows to the diamond, declarer knows that in the absence of a take out double, East probably does not have 5-4-3-1 distribution. It appears that playing for the HQ to drop is more favorable than the finesse. In the two or three cases where East made a takeout double, there is more justification for playing West to hold Qxx in hearts and finessing.

# Limey Jack...

Blimey Yanks:

We are in mourning here but have to keep a stiff upper, don't you know. Limey Jack will maintain his laser sharp focus, but his heart is aching.

Ten have moved on while ten are mort'. The remaining ten joust on the morrow for six remaining spots. If your punter is still about, you can make a few quid as per by following Limey Jack. In honour of the Royals, Limey Jack will forsake any comments about Howie Doing.

The six that strive for the White Cliffs of Dover are Smith, Robinson, Kolesnik, Jacobs, Parker, and Onstott.



RIP Prince Phillip

# Howie Doing...

Parker, Kolesnik, Dawson and Lo  
Get on your mark, get set and then go!

Onstott and Smith, Jacobs and Joel,  
Zhang and Robinson, all have one goal!

Six out of ten ... the odds are quite fine.  
Try not to finish 'tween seven and nine.

Robinson's one; Parker is two;  
Joel is three; And Zhang is all through!

Kolesnik and Lo both fade away.  
Team Jacobs remains to play one more day.

Compton's queen fifth is getting no praise,  
He only survives if pard doesn't raise!

The hands have been great. So watching is fun.  
More picks tomorrow when playing is done!

The knockouts start Friday so don't miss a beat.  
Get something to drink and something to eat.

Kibitz the best; Kibitz the worst.  
See who is last and see who is first!

Till then... I'm Howie Doing... fine thanks!