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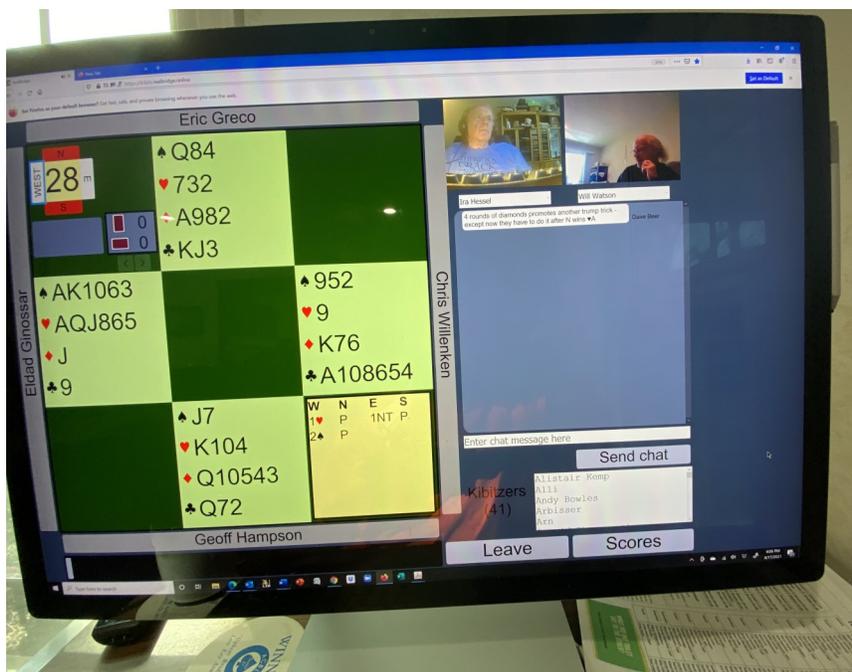
USBF JLall Online Teams #3 - 2021

QuarterFinal (56 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.					
17-APR-2021		<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>					
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	Rasmussen	60	26	9	22	3	
8	Lall	95	24	12	48	11	
2	Jacobs	89	15	25	30	19	
7	Moss	87	10	3	39	35	
3	Nickell - wins tie	90	12	16	32	30	
6	Rosenthal	71	18	31	8	14	
4	Kolesnik - wins tie	76	46	8	13	9	
5	Onstott	117	16	26	40	35	

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**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 3**



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Tournament Schedule

ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	APRIL 16	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	APRIL 17	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	APRIL 18	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	APRIL 19	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

System Regulations & Conditions of Contest

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- 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.

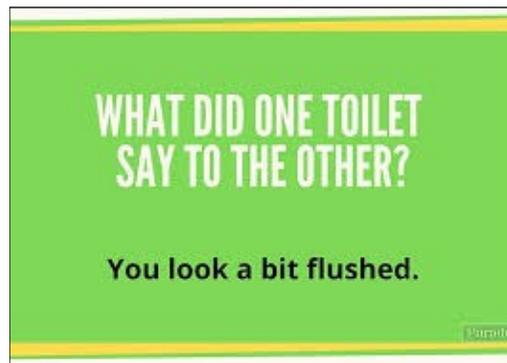
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Teams Remaining

Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Roger McNay	Charlie Wilkins Mitch Dunitz Eric Stoltz
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Jacob Freeman Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Finn Kolesnik Iulian Rotaru
Goodman	Andy Goodman Anam Tebha, Capt Shan Huang	Steve Zolotow Kevin Dwyer
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Dick Bruno Steve Beatty	Claude Vogel Kerry Smith Fred Stewart
Kolesnik	Alex Kolesnik, Capt Bob Etter Andrew Gumperz	Michael Xu Bill Harker Phil Clayton
Lall	Hemant Lall Naren Gupta Bob Hamman Petra Hamman, NPC	Reese Milner Zia Mahmood Peter Weichsel
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mark Lair Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mike Passell
Martel	Chip Martel, Capt Bart Bramley Brian Platnick	Marty Fleisher Kit Woolsey John Diamond
Merblum	Frank Merblum, Capt John Lusky Doug Simson	Walter Lee Allan Falk Jeff Aker
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt Joe Grue Daniel Korbel	Roger Lee Brad Moss Ish DelMonte
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Eric Greco
Onstott	John Onstott, Capt Drew Casen Chris Compton	Jacob Morgan Jim Krekorian Venkatrao Koneru
Parker	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Joel Wooldridge Adam Grossack	Christina Parker David Grainger Zach Grossack
Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Maxim Silin	Anton Tsyarkin Carrie Liu
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Migry Campanile	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar David Berkowitz
Smith	Ron Smith Linda Lewis, Capt Doug Doub	Billy Cohen Disa Eythorsdottir Paul Lewis



Kibitzing on VuGraph...

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 JLaI 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.

ALERT: We want to welcome Chris Wiegand to the USBF Tournament Team. Chris is taking over VuGraph Organization for this event and for future USBF Online Events. Starting today, Chris's plans include voice commentary on the VuGraph broadcast. There will be 2 voice commentators at each of 1 or 2 tables (or even more depending on the response to this message). Look for Chris's article on Bridge Winners explaining her plans in detail.

Anyone who would like to participate in the Voice Commentary is requested to contact Chris at mrsbing2005@gmail.com.

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Around the World of Bridge News...

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

Editor's Note:

Limey Jack will not appear today due to the sad activities in England. He has picked Jacobs and Zia.

Howie Doing ...

Keeping you all up to speed...
Lall is now the premiere seed!

Jacobs TWO, Nickell THREE,
Just who will the Finals be?

Onstott/Lall is tough to pick.
Neither team puts up with shtick!

Hard to call when this one knows:
Lall has got the best darn pros!

T-G-B-H still plays grand...
Hard to beat on any hand!

Jacobs team is on a roll.
Though last night nearly took its toll.

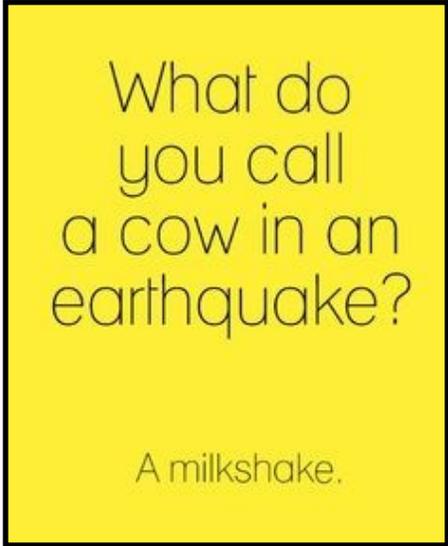
Nickell has amazing stats...
With Greco, Hampson, Levin, Katz.

Nickell is the team I choose.
But no one better take a snooze.

Howie Doing? Better than England, thank you!!



I got a new pair of
gloves today, but
they're both 'lefts'
which, on one hand,
is great...
but on the other,
it's just not right.



What do
you call
a cow in an
earthquake?

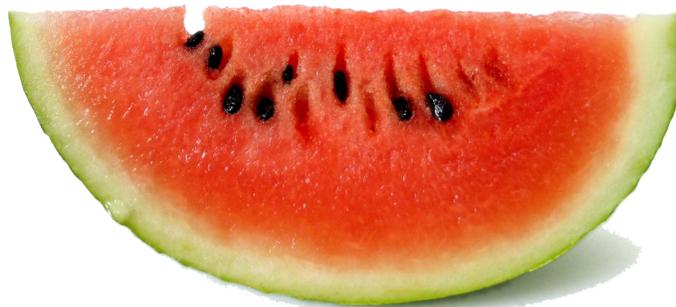
A milkshake.

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

Spicy Thai Watermelon Salad

Ingredients

- 4-1/2 cups cubed watermelon, divided
- 1/2 cup sweet chili sauce
- 3 tablespoons fish sauce *or* soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon minced fresh gingerroot
- 7 ounces uncooked stir-fry rice noodles
- 1-1/2 cups julienned carrots
- 1 small red onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh mint
- 1-1/4 cups salted peanuts, chopped
- Lime wedges



Directions

- Place 2 cups watermelon in a blender; cover and puree until smooth. Press through a fine-mesh strainer into a bowl; discard pulp. Pour 1 cup juice into a small saucepan (save any remaining juice for another use). Add chili sauce, fish sauce, lime juice and ginger to saucepan. Bring to a boil; cook until liquid is slightly thickened, 20-25 minutes. Remove from heat. Refrigerate until cooled.
- Meanwhile, prepare noodles according to package directions; rinse with cold water and drain well. Place noodles in a large bowl. Add carrots, red onion, cilantro, mint and remaining 2-1/2 cups watermelon. Drizzle with dressing; toss to coat. Serve with peanuts and lime wedges.

Nutrition Facts

3/4 cup: 240 calories, 10g fat (2g saturated fat), 0 cholesterol, 721mg sodium, 34g carbohydrate (14g sugars, 3g fiber), 7g protein.

**Why is Cinderella
bad at soccer?**

Because she's always
running away from
the ball!

**What is the
difference between
ignorance and
apathy?**

Don't Know! Don't Care

**Just got kicked out
of the secret
cooking society.**

I spilled the beans!!

California Sushi Rolls

Ingredients

- 2 cups sushi rice, rinsed and drained
- 2 cups water
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted
- 2 tablespoons black sesame seeds
- Bamboo sushi mat
- 8 nori sheets
- 1 small cucumber, seeded and julienned
- 3 ounces imitation crabmeat, julienned
- 1 medium ripe avocado, peeled and julienned
- Reduced-sodium soy sauce, prepared wasabi and pickled ginger slices, optional



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.

Suzi



Directions

- In a large saucepan, combine rice and water; let stand for 30 minutes. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until water is absorbed and rice is tender. Remove from the heat. Let stand, covered, for 10 minutes.
- Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine the vinegar, sugar and salt, stirring until sugar is dissolved.
- Transfer rice to a large shallow bowl; drizzle with vinegar mixture. With a wooden paddle or spoon, stir rice with a slicing motion to cool slightly. Cover with a damp cloth to keep moist. (Rice mixture may be made up to 2 hours ahead and stored at room temperature, covered with a damp towel. Do not refrigerate.)
- Sprinkle toasted and black sesame seeds onto a plate; set aside. Place sushi mat on a work surface so mat rolls away from you; line with plastic wrap. Place 3/4 cup rice on plastic. With moistened fingers, press rice into an 8-in. square. Top with one nori sheet.
- Arrange a small amount of cucumber, crab and avocado about 1-1/2 in. from bottom edge of nori sheet. Roll up rice mixture over filling, using the bamboo mat to lift and compress the mixture while rolling; remove plastic wrap as you roll.
- Remove mat; roll sushi rolls in sesame seeds. Cover with plastic wrap. Repeat with remaining ingredients to make eight rolls. Cut each into eight pieces. Serve with soy sauce, wasabi and ginger slices if desired.

Nutrition Facts

1 piece: 35 calories, 1g fat (0 saturated fat), 0 cholesterol, 30mg sodium, 6g carbohydrate (1g sugars, 1g fiber), 1g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 1/2 starch.

Bacon Cheeseburger Pasta

Ingredients

- 8 ounces uncooked penne pasta
- 1 pound ground beef
- 6 bacon strips, diced
- 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed tomato soup, undiluted
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Barbecue sauce and prepared mustard, optional



Directions

- Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain and set aside.
- In the same skillet, cook bacon until crisp; remove with a slotted spoon to paper towels to drain. Discard drippings. Drain pasta; add to the skillet. Stir in the soup, water, beef and bacon; heat through.
- Remove from the heat and sprinkle with cheese. Cover and let stand for 2-3 minutes or until the cheese is melted. Serve with barbecue sauce and mustard if desired.

Nutrition Facts

1 serving: 389 calories, 16g fat (8g saturated fat), 62mg cholesterol, 565mg sodium, 36g carbohydrate (5g sugars, 2g fiber), 25g protein.

Tacos on a Stick

Ingredients

- 1 envelope taco seasoning
- 1 cup tomato juice
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 pounds beef top sirloin steak, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 medium green pepper, cut into chunks
- 1 medium sweet red pepper, cut into chunks
- 1 large onion, cut into wedges
- 16 cherry tomatoes
- Salsa con queso or sour cream, optional



Directions

- In a large shallow dish, combine the taco seasoning, tomato juice and oil; mix well. Remove 1/2 cup for basting; refrigerate. Add beef and turn to coat. Cover; refrigerate for at least 5 hours.
- Drain and discard marinade from beef. On metal or soaked wooden skewers, alternately thread beef, peppers, onion and tomatoes. Grill, uncovered, over medium heat for 3 minutes on each side. Baste with reserved marinade. Continue turning and basting until meat reaches desired doneness, 8-10 minutes. If desired, serve with salsa con queso or sour cream.

Nutrition Facts

1 serving: 277 calories, 10g fat (3g saturated fat), 61mg cholesterol, 665mg sodium, 12g carbohydrate (4g sugars, 2g fiber), 34g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 4 lean meat, 2 vegetable, 1 fat.

Board 2 Dealer E NS Vul		♠ AKQJ9763 ♥ 5 ♦ 86 ♣ 62	♠ 42 ♥ AQJ94 ♦ 1054 ♣ AQ4	NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ N 1 9 0 3 1 S 1 9 0 3 1 E 5 4 13 9 12 W 5 4 13 9 12		
♠ — ♥ K102 ♦ A972 ♣ KJ10975	♠ 1085 ♥ 8763 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ 83	NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Melody Bi & Jim Rasmussen	Naren Gupta & Zia Mahmood			5♣+1 W	♠A	420
Roger Lee & Daniel Korbel	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty			5♣+1 W	♠K	420
Aaron Silverstein & Andrew Rosenthal	Ralph Katz & Nick Nickell			5♣+1 W	♠A	420
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Carrie Liu & Maxim Siliin			5♣X-2 N	♣A	500
Bill Harker & Bob Etter	John Onstott & Jacob Morgan			5♣X-2 N	♣A	500
Claude Vogel & George Jacobs	Sylvia Moss & Ish DelMonte			5♥+2 E	♠5	510
Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz			6♣= W	♦8	920
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Michael Xu & Alex Kolesnik			6♣= E	♦K	920

Both 7H and 6C are cold E/W on Board 2. Two pairs bid 6C and none bid the heart grand.

Kolesnik/Xu won 9 IMPs when their teammates played in 5SX down two.

Migry/Berkowitz won 11 IMPs when their counterparts, Katz/Nickell, played 5C making 6.

Interestingly, only one pair, Moss/DelMonte, played in hearts... and they did not find slam. While it is generally more attractive to play in a nine card fit than an eight card fit, being able to ruff a

1NT=14-16
2S=size ask or C
3S= C with S shortness

spade in the short hand (on this deal) affords declarer 13 tricks in hearts as opposed to 12 tricks in clubs.

Weichsel/Hamman and Harker/Etter stole the contract at unfavorable in 5S. They were lucky their opponents didn't take the push to six...

And what would have been a successful steal against a club or heart slam, produced a loss of 2 for Lall in the Rasmussen/Lall match when Gupta/Zia played in the club game at their table.

I didn't think wearing orthopedic shoes would help, but I stand corrected.

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Be a minimalist.
It's the least you can do!

THERE WAS A BIG PADDLE SALE AT THE BOAT STORE
IT WAS QUITE AN OAR DEAL

Got up this morning and ran around the block 5 times. Then I got tired, so I picked up the block and put it back in the toy box.

Sudoku

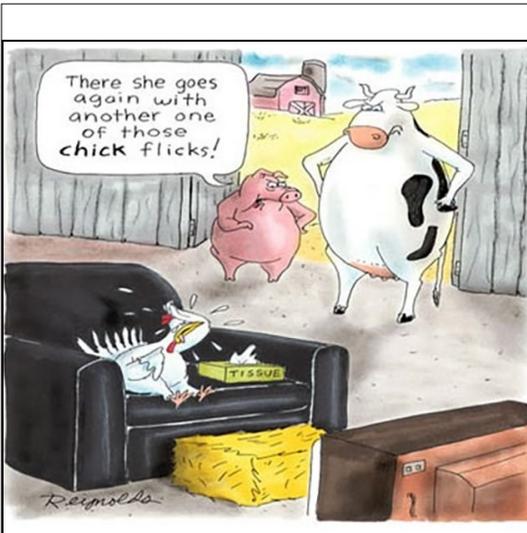
Sudoku 2

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			6				7

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku Answers on Page 13



"What did you take away from the meeting?"

Last Name	Street	Day of the	Amount Earned
May	Oak Street	Friday	\$29
Jones	Main Street	Monday	\$35
Hayes	School Street	Tuesday	\$43
Elliot	West Street	Wednesday	\$25
Bradley	Russell Street	Thursday	\$39

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 12

Fun and Games Page

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 30 letters spell an Albert Einstein quotation.

Y D O A C O U S T I C S Q T U C S V N E
 V A N B D O P P L E R K N U E W I D F E
 R F C U U A I A C G E I E N A S L I A E
 C D E C O O C U R O O C T L C R S S R L
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ACCELERATION
 ACOUSTICS
 AMPLITUDE
 ATOM
 BLACK HOLE
 BUOYANCY
 CENTRIPETAL
 COLD FUSION
 CONVECTION
 DENSITY
 DISPLACEMENT
 DOPPLER
 EINSTEIN

ELECTRON
 ENERGY
 ENTROPY
 EXPERIMENT
 FARADAY
 FREEZING POINT
 FULCRUM
 GRAVITY
 HAWKING
 IMPEDANCE
 ISOTOPE
 KELVIN

LAWS
 LENGTH
 LEVER
 MASS
 MECHANICS
 MOMENTUM
 NEWTON
 OPTICS
 PASCAL
 PENDULUM
 POWER
 PRINCIPLES

QUARK
 REFRACTION
 SOUND
 STRING THEORY
 TESLA
 THERMOMETER
 TRAJECTORY
 VECTOR
 VISCOSITY
 WAVE
 WEDGE
 WORK

Here's a joke for all
the mind readers
out there...

...I know, right?

Don't spell
Part
backwards

It's a trap.



SOFISHTICATED

"STRIVE NOT TO
BE A SUCCESS,
BUT RATHER TO
BE OF VALUE. -
ALBERT EINSTEIN"

Logic Puzzle

	Main Street	Oak Street	Russell Street	School Street	West Street	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	\$25	\$29	\$35	\$39	\$43
Bradley															
Elliot															
Hayes															
Jones															
May															
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\$43															
Monday															
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Friday															

Last Name	Street	Day of the Week	Amount Earned

Answers on page 10

Alex looked at the fallen leaves blowing around the yard last week and had a great idea. He went around to all the neighbors, offering his raking services to clean up their yards. He got five jobs for this week, a different neighbor each day. The neighbors all lived on different streets and each had a different yard size, so some days he made more than others. Determine the last name of each neighbor who hired him, what street each lived on, what day he worked for each neighbor, and how much each neighbor paid

- him.
- Alex worked for the Jones family on Monday afternoon and he earned \$10 more than the day he raked for the neighbor on West Street.
 - He earned \$4 less working for the Bradley family than he did from the neighbor on School Street.
 - On Friday, he worked on Oak Street but not for the Hayes family. The family on Main Street paid him \$10 more than the neighbor he raked for on Wednesday.
 - He got \$29 from the May family but it wasn't on Tuesday.
 - He worked for the Elliot family the day before he worked on Russell Street. He earned \$39 on Thursday.
 - Alex raked the Elliot yard two days before the neighbor on Oak Street but one day after the neighbor who paid him \$43

Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku

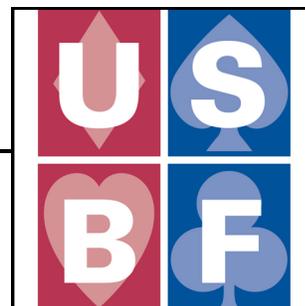
on page 10

Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

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We hope you will join us.

About **Joe Grue** excerpted and edited from the D14 website... original text by Peggy Kaplan, February 26, 2019

Over 25 years ago, I met Joe Grue. It was Joe's 10th birthday; his parents, Sue and Tom, made plans to have a birthday celebration at one of my husband's pizza places. Joe and a bunch of his young friends topped pizza crusts with pepperoni, cheese and other condiments - and had a blast.

Little did we know then that Joe one day would be having a blast playing bridge ... And that Joe would be one of the most successful super star bridge players in the world! Yet, that is exactly what happened, culminating at present with Joe winning a prestigious ACBL award, the Barry Crane top 500 - and crushing previous records in the process.

A few years after I met Joe on his birthday, he started learning bridge. From the beginning, indications were that Joe had talent! I recall competing against Joe early on in a team game. On one hand, he got doubled and went for a big number. The first few times this happened to me, I had to fight off tears, feeling so terrible that I had cost my team many IMPS! Not Joe, though! He brushed off disaster, went on to the next hand ... and began a pattern of positivity, creativity and a sixth sense of what would work and when.

Joe was fortunate to have superb mentors. Fine players such as Jerry Lee, Kerry Holloway, Larry Oakey and others worked with Joe when he began. Of course, parents Sue and Tom guided Joe also - and his grandmother, Maggie Grue, one of our top players for years, contributed mightily, too!

In 1997, while still a teenager, Joe won his first national event: Grand National Teams Flight C. From that point on, Joe added more and more wins, all "big kahuna" events. Joe's second national win was the Reisinger, an event many consider to be the toughest of all! Additionally, many of us know that Joe has earned multiple junior titles on the world stage - including the international star event, the Bermuda Bowl.

Those of us who know Joe are in awe of more than Joe's spectacular bridge talents. Joe is a very caring, helpful, honorable AND fun guy. Over the years, I have heard from many people who share tales of how Joe went out of his way to help and support others - and how his ethics at the table are of the highest order.

I am grateful for years of friendship with this Minnesota super star. I actually played in a couple of NABC events with Joe many moons ago. Yet, despite having played far more years than Joe had, immediately I recognized that his talents far exceeded mine.



Meet the Players



Peggy and Joe

Board 18
Dealer E
NS Vul

♠ K1087
♥ Q54
♦ J72
♣ K95

♠ 54
♥ K10963
♦ 6
♣ 87643

♠ 2
♥ AJ2
♦ A10984
♣ AQJ2

♠ AQJ963
♥ 87
♦ KQ53
♣ 10

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	9	5	7	10	8
S	8	5	7	9	8
E	4	7	5	3	5
W	4	7	5	3	4

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
George Jacobs & Claude Vogel	Ish DelMonte & Sylvia Moss	3NT+1 N	♠ A	630
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	3NT= N	♥ 8	600
Brad Moss & Joe Grue	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	3NT= N	♠ J	600
Aaron Silverstein & Andrew Rosenthal	Ralph Katz & Nick Nickell	3NT= N	♦ Q	600
Phil Clayton & Andrew Gumperz	Chris Compton & Venkatrao Koneru	3NT= N	♦ 3	600
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Michael Xu & Alex Kolesnik	3NT= N	♠ J	600
Anton Tsyarkin & Jim Rasmussen	Naren Gupta & Zia Mahmood	3♦ -4 W	♣ 5	200
Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	Chris Willenken & Eldad Ginossar	3NT-1 N	♠ J	100

♠ K1087 ♥ Q54 ♦ J72 ♣ K95	N Eric Greco
♠ 54 ♥ K10963 ♦ 6 ♣ 87643	W Eldad Ginossar
♠ 2 ♥ AJ2 ♦ A10984 ♣ AQJ2	S Geoff Hampson
♠ AQJ963 ♥ 87 ♦ KQ53 ♣ 10	E Chris Willenken

3NT, played at all but one table, cannot be defeated if declarer makes the right decision at trick one. The normal lead appears to be the SQ or SJ. Since East opened the bidding and West was silent throughout the auction, it is likely that East holds two of the three honors in the red suits to go with the S: AQJ. If East has the HK and one of the diamond honors, declarer needs to duck the spade to break up the opponents' communication. If East holds both diamond honors, declarer needs to win the spade lead, drive out the diamond, and take ten tricks.

In the Nickell/Rosenthal match, Chris Willenken led the SJ. Eric Greco guessed wrong and ducked. Willenken found the killing heart shift. Declarer finessed. Eldad won the HK and shifted back to spades. Willenken won the S9 and played the DK establishing the setting trick.

In Jacobs/Moss, DelMonte led the SA and continued with the queen. Jacobs won and drove out the diamond, taking ten tricks.

In Lall/Rasmussen, Carrie Liu disdained the spade lead to lead her H8. To make the hand, declarer must rise with the HA and drive out the diamond. Weichsel ducked the heart and Silin won the HK. Silin shifted to a spade. Liu won the S9 and needed at this point to continue spades to defeat the contract. She shifted back to hearts and declarer took nine tricks.

Zia	Tsyarkin	Gupta	Rasmussen
W	N	E	S
		1♠	X
2♦*	P	3♦	P
P	P		

At the other table, Zia/Gupta had a lucky misunderstanding and stole the hand in 3D down four for a 9 IMP gain. . Zia's 2D was intended to be a heart transfer. The 3D bid left Zia badly placed, unsure of how Gupta took 2D. He took advantage of the vulnerability and passed. 3D went down four tricks for a 9 IMP gain!!

Katz and Compton led diamonds and it was easy for declarer to score up the game.

Board 37
Dealer N
NS Vul

♠ J104
♥ A52
♦ Q5
♣ QJ753

♠ Q73
♥ QJ1096
♦ 1094
♣ 98

♠ A5
♥ K843
♦ AKJ83
♣ K6

♠ K9862
♥ 7
♦ 762
♣ A1042

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	6	9	3	3
S	6	9	3	3
E	7	4	10	9
W	6	4	9	9

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Steve Beatty & Fred Stewart	Roger Lee & Daniel Korbel	4♥-1 W	♠J	50
Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	4♥-1 W	♠J	50
Bill Harker & Bob Etter	John Onstott & Jacob Morgan	4♥-1 W	♣Q	50
Venkatrao Koneru & Chris Compton	Phil Clayton & Andrew Gumperz	4♥-1 W	♣Q	50
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Anton Tsytkin & Jim Rasmussen	3♥= W	♠J	140
Maxim Silin & Carrie Liu	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	4♥= E	♠6	420
Joe Grue & Brad Moss	Kerry Smith & Dick Bruno	4♥= E	♠2	420
Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	4♥= E	♠2	420

All eight tables played Board 37 in hearts. Seven out of the eight East/West pairs played in game. Those who played game from West were defeated. Those who played game from East were successful.

North could lead either a spade or the CQ knowing that when they won the HA, they could lead the other one to defeat the contract.

In every situation where South was on lead, a spade was led. Declarer put up dummy's queen and scored ten tricks!

Tsytkin and Rasmussen timidly stopped in 3H from West. While they went plus on the board, they lost 7 IMPs when Milner and Lall at the other table bid 4H from East for +420.

Board 34
Dealer E
NS Vul

♠ 53
♥ AKJ106
♦ AJ
♣ 10432

♠ Q10
♥ 754
♦ 87652
♣ J65

♠ 8742
♥ 9832
♦ 1093
♣ 87

♠ AKJ96
♥ Q
♦ KQ4
♣ AKQ9

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	13	13	13	12
S	13	13	13	12
E	0	0	0	1
W	0	0	0	1

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score	IMP
Bill Harker & Bob Etter	John Onstott & Jacob Morgan	7NT= N	♦10	2220	+3.57 -3.57
Maxim Silin & Carrie Liu	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	7♣= S	♣5	2140	+1.43 -1.43
Steve Beatty & Fred Stewart	Roger Lee & Daniel Korbel	7♣= S	♦2	2140	+1.43 -1.43
Joe Grue & Brad Moss	Kerry Smith & Dick Bruno	7♣= S	♦8	2140	+1.43 -1.43
Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	7♣= S	♦8	2140	+1.43 -1.43
Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	7♣= S	♥4	2140	+1.43 -1.43
Venkatrao Koneru & Chris Compton	Phil Clayton & Andrew Gumperz	7♣= S	♦2	2140	+1.43 -1.43
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Anton Tsytkin & Jim Rasmussen	6NT+1 N	♦10	1470	-12.14 +12.14

Weichsel Hamman

It's rare to see a board where all but one table played in a cold grand slam! It's even rarer when that pair includes the Great Bob Hamman and Peter Weichsel who between them held 37 HCP!

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

Board 47
Dealer S
NS Vul

♠ KQ876
 ♥ KJ
 ♦ KQ109
 ♣ Q7

♠ 43
 ♥ Q976542
 ♦ 4
 ♣ K103

♠ J109
 ♥ A8
 ♦ J875
 ♣ AJ95

♠ A52
 ♥ 103
 ♦ A632
 ♣ 8642

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	8 10	4 9 7		
S	8 10	4 9 7		
E	4 3	9 4 6		
W	4 3	9 4 6		

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Anton Tsytkin & Jim Rasmussen	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	4♠ = N	♥A	620
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	4♠ = N	♥A	620
Claude Vogel & George Jacobs	Roger Lee & Daniel Korbel	4♠ = N	♥A	620
Joe Grue & Brad Moss	Kerry Smith & Dick Bruno	4♠ = N	♦7	620
Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	4♠ = N	♥A	620
Alex Kolesnik & Michael Xu	Chris Compton & Venkatrao Koneru	4♠ = N	♥A	620
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Phil Clayton & Andrew Gumperz	4♠ = N	♦7	620
David Berkowitz & Migry Campanile	Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	3♥X-1 W	♦K	100

Board 47 proves that there's no such thing as a flat board!

Most players opened 3H on the West hand. North overcalled 3S and was raised to game. Easts then led the HA taking the guesswork out of the hand.

At two tables, West passed and East led a diamond against 4S. Both declarers eventually guessed the heart correctly to take ten tricks.

When Geoff Hampson opened 3H, Berkowitz doubled rather than bid his five card spade suit. Migry, holding two aces and no "long" suit chose to defend the doubled partscore. Berkowitz led a high diamond and continued with the DT, trumped by declarer. Hampson played a heart to the ace and a heart. Berkowitz won and played a third diamond. Hampson was in a position to make 4H if he guessed the club correctly. Guessing correctly would allow him to shed a spade on the 4th round of clubs, collecting six heart tricks and four club tricks.

Since spades had not been played, Hampson was not certain which high cards Migry held for the pass of the double. He decided to play her for the CQ and went down one.

Making four would have given him the equivalent of a double game swing for 15 IMPs.

Going down one still gained him the lion's share of that ... 11 IMPs to Nickell



Board 56
Dealer W
None Vul

♠ AQ94
♥ AQ654
♦ A93
♣ 4

♠ KJ2
♥ K10
♦ Q5
♣ KQJ972

♠ 108653
♥ 73
♦ 10874
♣ 63

♠ 7
♥ J982
♦ KJ62
♣ A1085

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	11	9	13	12	8
S	11	9	13	12	8
E	1	4	0	1	5
W	1	4	0	1	5

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Claude Vogel & George Jacobs	Roger Lee & Daniel Korbel	6♥+1 S	♣K	1010
Joe Grue & Brad Moss	Kerry Smith & Dick Bruno	4♥+3 N	♣6	510
Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	4♥+3 S	♣Q	510
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Phil Clayton & Andrew Gumperz	4♥+3 S	♣Q	510
Anton Tsyarkin & Jim Rasmussen	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	4♥+2 N	♣6	480
David Berkowitz & Migry Campanile	Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	4♥+2 N	♣6	480
Alex Kolesnik & Michael Xu	Chris Compton & Venkatrao Koneru	4♥+2 S	♣K	480
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	4♥+1 S	♣K	450

Hand display for Board 56, Daniel Korbel vs Roger Lee. Daniel Korbel (W) has ♠ AQ94, ♥ AQ654, ♦ A93, ♣ 4. Roger Lee (E) has ♠ 108653, ♥ 73, ♦ 10874, ♣ 63. The board shows a score of 6♥+1 S.

After three quarters, the Jacobs team was leading the Moss team by 18 IMPs. This lead rapidly evaporated in the 4th quarter. With one board left in the match, the Moss team was leading by 9 IMPs!

At both tables, West opened 1NT. North bid 2C for the majors. Both Souths invited in hearts.

Joe Grue accepted the invitation by bidding 4H.

At the other table, Claude Vogel took a much more aggressive view of his hand. He liked the fact that his partner had invited in his five card suit and he held well-placed tenaces in the majors.

Hand display for Board 56, Dick Bruno vs Kerry Smith. Dick Bruno (W) has ♠ AQ94, ♥ AQ654, ♦ A93, ♣ 4. Kerry Smith (E) has ♠ 108653, ♥ 73, ♦ 10874, ♣ 63. The board shows a score of 4♥+3 N.

Claude cue bid 4C and George cooperated by bidding 4D. Vogel bid 4S, keycard in hearts. Jacobs showed one keycard and Vogel jumped to slam!

The CK was led. Jacobs won the CA and finessed in spades. He ruffed a spade; played the HJ covered by the king and ace. He crossed to his hand with the DK and led a heart to the queen. When this worked, he ruffed a spade, led a diamond to dummy's ace and claimed 13 tricks.

11 IMPs to Jacobs to win the match by 2!!!