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# We Remember:



Welcome to the **2021 Justin Lall Online Teams 4**. The USBF has run several highly successful Online Knockout Events since the start of the Pandemic and the JLall Teams 4 will most certainly follow suit! This event marks the fourth of many to be named in memory of Justin Lall. Justin was an amazingly talented young player and great friend of the game. While we mourn his loss, with this event like the ones that preceded it, we celebrate his life.

JLall4 will be held from **June 11-14** and **June 18-21**.

- Play each day will start at 12:30 pm EST and end at 9:00 pm EST.

### Round Robin Stage 1, June 11-13:

Everyone plays 3 days of a "split field" Round Robin with 10 board matches; there are two Round Robin groups. 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 five teams ranked 6-10 in each group ("bubble teams") will play in Stage 2 of the Round Robin. The remaining teams in each group will be eliminated.

### Round Robin Stage 2, June 14th:

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, June 18-21:

- One match per day. 56 boards per match. If both finalists want a longer match (60 or 64 boards), we will accommodate them.
- **There will be a short Captains' meeting on June 15th to set the KO bracket.**

The precise method of setting the bracket is explained 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.

RealBridge will archive bidding, play & score information for the event. Scores will be posted on the USBF website.

Online play presents challenges. While the USBF Board and the tournament organizers do their best to make our events the fairest of competitions, maintaining this standard will always be the responsibility of the players. We count on you to uphold the high ideals of ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which United States bridge is known worldwide.

I will do my part to uphold these standards and I know you will do yours. Please keep this in mind as you participate in the JLall4 competition.

Let the games begin!

Brad Moss, USBF President



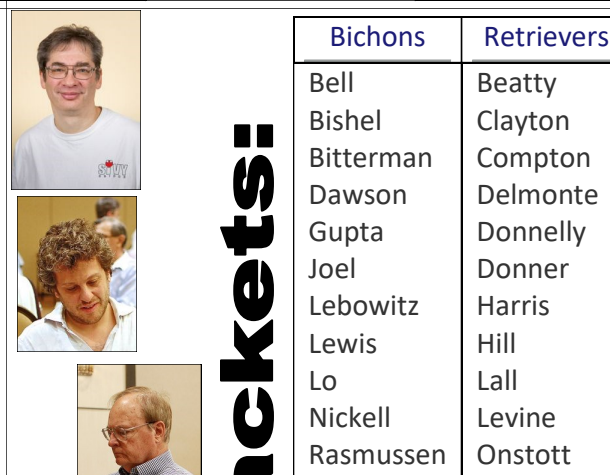
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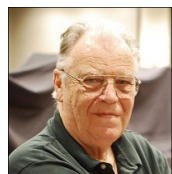
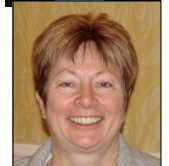
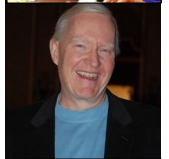
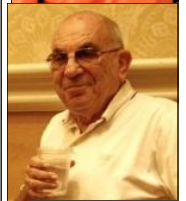
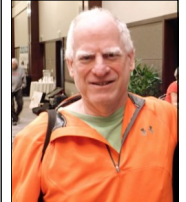
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# Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

There are 32 teams entered and listed in alphabetic order.

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jim Foster Jenni Carmichael	Fred Stewart Bryan Howard Tom Carmichael	Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt David Chechelashvili Howard Liu	Bill Pettis Ahmed Soliman Eugene Hung
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt Mark Moss Mark Ralph	Cris Barrere Bob Thomson Bill Harker	Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt Charley Seelbach John Bacon	John Bishel Blaine Mullins Bernie Greenspan	Onstott	John Onstott, Capt Drew Casen Billy Cohen	Jacob Morgan Jim Krekorian Gary Cohler
Bitterman	Bob Bitterman, Capt Dave Caprera Mark Aquino	Bob Cappelli Anne Brenner Jon Green	Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Carrie Liu Alan Watson	Anton Tsyppkin Maxim Silin Rick Binder
Clayton	Phil Clayton, Capt Franco Baseggio Jeff Roman	Andrew Gumperz Alex Kolesnik Ralph Buchalter	Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Bill Hall John Jones
Compton	Chris Compton, Capt Ron Smith Billy Miller	Andy Goodman Tod Moses	Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Steve Garner
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Ross Grabel	Charlie Wilkins Ifti Baqai Mitch Dunitz	Sanborn	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Alex Ornstein Disa Eythorsdottir	Jill Meyers Bruce Rogoff Janice Molson
Delmonte	Ish DelMonte, Capt Jeff Ferro	Finn Kolesnik Leni Holtz	Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Stephen Tu Robbie Hopkins	John Miller Lynn Shannon Joan Lewis
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Kim Gilman Alex Hudson	Ethan Wood Dan Jablonski Cynthia Huang	Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Walter Lee Allan Falk	Jeff Aker Frank Merblum John Lusky
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Harrison Luba Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Joe Grue Iulian Rotaru	Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Farid Assemi Jessica Lai	Greg Vance Jim Slinger Drew Hoskins
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Zia Mahmood Kevin Bathurst	Daniel Korbel Jerry Stamatov John Hurd	Wu	Weishu Wu, Capt Ming Sheng Jane Wang	Peter Sun Winston Huang Jiang Chen
Harris	Marty Harris, Capt Louis Glasthal	Miriam Harris-Botzum Mike Massimilla	Xu	Yang Xu, Capt Avery Silverstein Jack Boge	William Scott Hengrui Xing Kai Eckert
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Roger Lee	Joyce Hill Vince Demuy	Zhang	Qiang Zhang, Capt Serena Guo Eric Xiao	Brian Zhang Victor Xiao Steve Chen
Joel	Geeske Joel, Capt Will Watson Debbie Rosenberg	Kevin Rosenberg Owen Lien Michael Rosenberg			
Juniors #1	Samuel Pahk, Capt Andrew Chen Jeff Xiao	Michael Haas Charlie Chen Olivia Schireson			
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt John Diamond Bob Hamman	Reese Milner Brian Platnick Peter Weichsel			
Lebowitz	Adam Grossack, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Larry Lebowitz Joel Wooldridge Gavin Wolpert			
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mark Lair			
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Josh Donn Bart Bramley	Linda Lewis Greg Hinze Kit Woolsey			
			Bichons	Retrievers	
			Bell	Beatty	
			Bishel	Clayton	
			Bitterman	Compton	
			Dawson	Delmonte	
			Gupta	Donnelly	
			Joel	Donner	
			Lebowitz	Harris	
			Lewis	Hill	
			Lo	Lall	
			Nickell	Levine	
			Rasmussen	Onstott	
			Sanborn	Pahk	
			Schireson	Reynolds	
			Simson	Rosenthal	
			Wu	Vance	
			Xu	Zhang	



# Tournament Schedule

# USBF 10 Board victory Point Scale

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 1			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS
FRIDAY	JUNE 11	12:15 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	JUNE 11	12:30 - 1:50	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		2:10 - 3:30	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		3:50 - 5:10	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30
		6:00 - 7:20	50 MINUTE BREAK
		7:40 - 9:00	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
			ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
SATURDAY	JUNE 12	12:30 - 1:50	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 51-60
		2:10 - 3:30	ROUND 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		3:50 - 5:10	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 71-80
		6:00 - 7:20	50 MINUTE BREAK
		7:40 - 9:00	ROUND 9 - BOARDS 1-10
			ROUND 10 - BOARDS 11-20
SUNDAY	JUNE 13	12:30 - 1:50	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 21-30
		2:10 - 3:30	ROUND 12 - BOARDS 31-40
		3:50 - 5:10	ROUND 13 - BOARDS 41-50
		6:00 - 7:20	50 MINUTE BREAK
		7:40 - 9:00	ROUND 14 - BOARDS 51-60
			ROUND 15 - BOARDS 61-70
ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2			
MONDAY	JUNE 14	12:30 - 1:50	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		2:10 - 3:30	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		3:50 - 5:10	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30
		6:00 - 7:20	50 MINUTE BREAK
		7:40 - 9:00	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
			ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
TUESDAY	JUNE 15	1:00 PM (TENTATIVE)	
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	JUNE 18	12:30 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:40 - 4:25	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:10 - 6:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	JUNE 19	12:30 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:40 - 4:25	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:10 - 6:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	JUNE 20	12:30 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:40 - 4:25	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:10 - 6:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	JUNE 21	12:30 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:40 - 4:25	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:10 - 6:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:15 - 9:00	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 DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE JLALL4 EVENT.

## KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EDT)

The schedule will be the same each day:

Round 1: 2:00 pm

Round 2: 3:40 pm

Round 3: 5:20 pm

Round 4: 7:30 pm

Round 5: 9:10 pm

## KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Quarter 1: 1:00 pm

Quarter 2: 3:10 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 7:10

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 <https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>, enter your name and click on Log In. You will be taken to a screen where you select to kibitz the JLall4 event.

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #4, 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. In the middle of the table, immediately under the table number, you will see the board # and trick # in play. There will be information about the number of kibitzers at a table and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happened. 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. Anyone can type chat into the chat window.

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.

-- "Rewind" the play by moving the vertical handle on the slider underneath the table to the left.

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

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

----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).

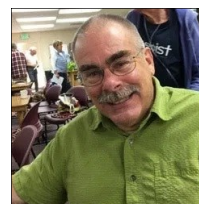
----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for for this match).

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

## TIMING OF DEFERRAL

The Round Robin matches will be deferred until each round is complete.

The first half KO matches will be deferred for half an hour or until each board has been played at all tables, so there may be a period when nothing new is being shown because one table is very slow to play the board. **For the second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter is complete. This prevents players from accessing useful state of match information. It also means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:10 EDT.**



# USBF News...

## Up to Date Information about the 2021 World Championship and USBCs

The WBF has announced that the 2021 World Championships will likely take place in Salsomaggiore, Italy sometime between February and April (finishing before or starting after the Spring NABC, which is scheduled from March 10-20). To accommodate this schedule, the USBF Board has tentatively scheduled the 2021 USBCs. Online stages of the Open, Mixed & Senior USBCs will be in September on **RealBridge**. The KO stages of all events for both USA1 and USA2 from the Quarterfinals of USA1 on for all four USBCs will be face to face at the **Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg** in October. Reasonably firm dates for all of the events are listed below, and you can see them on the **Online** and **Face to Face** calendars at USBF.org.

### What we know:

- If the WBF cancels the World Championship before play has commenced in the Open USBC, the USBCs will be cancelled.
- If the WBF cancels the World Championship after play has started, the USA1 and USA2 teams in each event will receive some consideration for a future event. Exactly what will be decided and announced before play commences.
- The event entry fee is \$500 and covers entry in the event and the online stages of play. There will be an additional session fee of \$400 per team, per day for face-to-face play.
- Each player in the face-to-face stages of the event will be required to waive any claims against the USBF related to health issues and to agree to comply with all Conditions of Contest, including any requirements related to health and safety.

### Online:

- Open will be Sept. 13-15 and continue Sept 17-20, 21, or 22 depending on the number of teams.
- Mixed will start September 24th.
- Seniors will start October 3, unless more than 14 teams enter in which case it will start September 29th or 30th depending on the number of teams.
- There will be no Women's online stage unless more than 8 teams enter.

### Face to Face:

- Open will be October 5-12
- Women's will be October 7-14
- Mixed will be October 15-22
- Seniors will be October 23-30

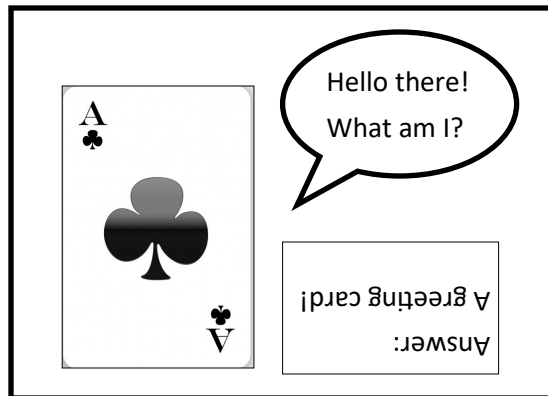
### Entry Closing Dates

- Open: July 24th
- Mixed: August 7th
- Seniors: August 21st
- Women's: Sept 9th

### What we think:

- Players will be required to be vaccinated or present a negative CoVid test from no more than 3 days before play commences.
- Face-to-face play will be on tablets, using the **LoveBridge platform**.
- Play will be at normal screen tables, probably with 4 players in a room; we may experiment with 2 players in a room for some stages to provide better security.

For more information about a specific event, see the event page under the Tournaments Menu at USBF.org.



# Teams Currently Entered for the Upcoming USBCs

## Open:

Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt Charley Seelbach	John Bishel Blaine Mullins
Castellino	Stephen Castellino, Capt Richard Spitalnick Bob Thomson	Mukund Thapa Bruce Blakely Paul Cornelius
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Kyle Rockoff Jeff Goldsmith	Michael Shuster Daniel Weiss paul markarian
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Radu Nistor Jacob Freeman	Sandra Rimstedt Iulian Rotaru Finn Kolesnik
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Roger Lee	Chip Martel Brad Moss Daniel Korbel
Gu	Jiang Gu, Capt Ming Sheng	Hailong Ao Hongji Wei
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Bob Hamman	Hemant Lall Steve Garner
Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Anam Tebha	Uday Ivatury Craig Ganzer
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Joel Wooldridge	Joyce Hill David Grainger
Kolesnik	Alex Kolesnik, Capt Phil Clayton John Ramos	Jason Chiu Andrew Gumperz Mitch Towner
Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zachary Grossack Kevin Rosenberg	Adam Grossack Zia Mahmood Michael Rosenberg
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mark Lair
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Franco Baseggio David Chechelashvili	Harrison Luba Andy Stark Ahmed Soliman
Nickell	Frank Nickell Geoff Hampson Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Eric Greco Steve Weinstein
Onstott	John Onstott, Capt Josh Donn Greg Hinze	Jacob Morgan Chris Compton
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt William Hall John Jones	Lance Kerr Joe Viola David Pelka
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Migry Campanile	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar David Berkowitz
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Geeske Joel Sarah Youngquist	Debbie Rosenberg Will Watson
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Drew Casen John Schermer	Jeff Aker Jim Krekorian Venkatrao Koneru
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Vincent Demuy Kevin Bathurst

## Beth Palmer Women's:

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Kerri Sanborn Janice Seamon-Molson	Karen McCallum Jill Meyers Disa Eythorsdottir
Howard	Allison Howard, Capt Gigi Simpson Anam Tebha	Kay Enfield Gen Geiger
Lin	Amber Lin, Capt Monique Smith	Emma Kolesnik Linda Marshall
Wittes	Pam Wittes, Capt Cheri Bjerkan Shawn Quinn	Renee Mancuso Rozanne Pollack



Demirev	Nikolay Demirev, Capt	Rose Meltzer
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Zachary Grossack Adam Grossack	Sandra Rimstedt Giorgia Botta Anam Tebha
Hammond	Nicolas Hammond, Capt Jacqueline Chang	Kristen Onsgard Eric Gettleman
Hinze	Greg Hinze, Capt Allison Howard	Kay Enfield Mike Cappelletti
Kolesnik	Alex Kolesnik, Capt Cheryl Mandala Aaron Jones	Jennifer Lin Inn, Yul Emma Kolesnik
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Iulian Rotaru Ljudmila Kamenova	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Ron Smith
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt Brad Moss John Hurd	Roger Lee Bronia Jenkins Jenny Wolpert
Xu	Finn Kolesnik Amber Lin Anne Brenner Michael Xu, NPC	Kevin Rosenberg Karen McCallum Dave Caprera

**Mixed:**

## Seniors:

Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Dave Caprera	Bob Bitterman Anne Brenner
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Hemant Lall David Berkowitz	Zia Mahmood Steve Garner Alan Sontag
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mark Lair Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mike Passell
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Ron Smith Doug Doub	Paul Lewis Billy Cohen John Stiefel
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt William Hall David Pelka	Lance Kerr John Jones Joe Viola
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Drew Casen John Schermer	Jeff Aker Jim Krekorian Venkatrao Koneru



Two handy cards:  
The ace of spades and the proof of vaccination!

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

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 spray of vegetable oil spray
- 2 tablespoons dried bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 onion, diced
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- dash of hot sauce, or to taste
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels, thawed
- 1 3/4 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese



## Crustless Quiche!

## DIRECTIONS

### STEP ONE:

Preheat the oven to 425 degree. Spray a 9-inch pie dish with the oil and coat with the bread crumbs. Melt the butter in a heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook, stirring, for about 5 minutes, or until soft. Remove from heat.

### STEP TWO:

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, scallions, flour, salt, pepper and hot sauce. Stir in the corn and sauteed onions and garlic, and three-quarters of the cheese. Pour the mixture into the prepared pie dish and sprinkle the remaining cheese evenly over the top.

### STEP THREE:

Bake in preheated oven for about 35-40 minutes, until the quiche is set in the center. Remove from the oven and set on a rack to cool. Cut into wedges and serve warm or at room temperature.

This recipe is perfect for breakfast or can be served as an appetizer.

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Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak

"I have a split personality," said Tom, being frank.

I Renamed my iPod The Titanic, so when I plug it in, it says "The Titanic is syncing."

I lost my job at the bank on my very first day. A woman asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her.

It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they take things literally.

Two windmills are standing in a wind farm. One asks, "What's your favorite kind of music?" The other says, "I'm a heavy metal fan."

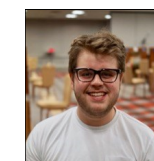
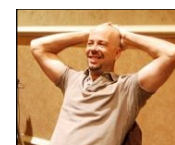
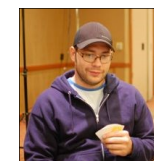
What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe

Chemists know that alcohol is always a solution

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

When the past, present, and future go camping they always argue. It's intense tense in tents

## Very Punny!



# Sausage Jambalaya

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 3/4 cup long grain white rice
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 (14 ounce) can diced tomatoes, drained
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 1 bay leaf
- 4 ounces sausage, diced

## DIRECTIONS

### STEP ONE:

Heat the oil in a large, heavy saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the onion, garlic, bell pepper and celery and cook, stirring occasionally, for about 5 minutes or until soft.

### STEP TWO:

Add the rice, paprika, oregano, thyme, salt, cayenne and pepper and cook for about 30 seconds. Add the tomatoes, stock and bay leaf. Reduce the heat to medium, cover, and cook, stirring occasionally for about 25 to 30 minutes, or until the rice is tender.

### STEP THREE:

Stir in the sausage and cook, uncovered, for about 6 to 8 minutes. Remove and discard the bay leaf. Serve immediately.

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My dad, unfortunately, passed away when we couldn't remember his blood type... His last words to us were, "Be positive!"

A mean crook going downstairs = A condescending con, descending

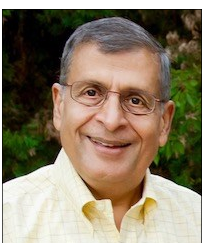
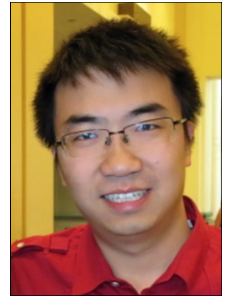
What do you get when you mix alcohol and literature? Tequila mockingbird or Ale of Two Cities

What washes up on tiny beaches? Microwaves

How does an attorney sleep? First he lies on one side, then he lies on the other

What are the strongest days of the week? Saturday and Sunday, the rest are weekdays

2 blondes were walking in the woods when they came across some tracks. It's deer tracks. No, it's bear tracks. They were still arguing when the train hit them.





## Chicken Piccata

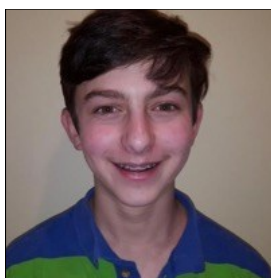
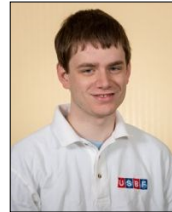
Tender chicken cutlets fried until golden brown and draped in a fresh, tangy lemon and caper sauce. Chicken piccata takes less than 30 minutes to prepare.

### Ingredients:

- 2 large chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup flour
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 scallions white part only, minced
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter cut into small pieces
- 2 tablespoons parsley minced
- 2 tablespoons capers
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest finely zested

### Instructions:

1. Use a sharp knife to slice the chicken breast in half. You should end up with two thin fillets that are mirror images of each other. If you don't have a sharp knife or aren't too confident with your knife skills, you can also put the breast in a large Ziploc bag and pound with a mallet until it's about 1/2" thick.
2. Put the flour in a shallow bowl. Generously salt and pepper the chicken then, then dredge it in the flour to give it a light coating. Hold the chicken in the air and tap it a few times with your other hand to dust off excess flour.
3. Add the oil to a frying pan and heat over medium heat until the oil shimmers and is hot, but not smoking. Place two pieces of the chicken in the pan and fry undisturbed until you start seeing the edges start turning a tan color (about 2 minutes). Flip the chicken over then brown the other side. Transfer the cooked chicken to a plate, then fry the other two cutlets.
4. To make the sauce, drain out all but a tablespoon of oil, then add the minced scallions. Fry until soft and fragrant. Add the chicken stock, then let this boil down until there is almost no liquid left. Add the lemon juice and honey, then stir in the butter. Turn off the heat, then add the parsley, capers and lemon zest. Pour the sauce of the chicken then serve immediately.



Think of a number...

Double it

Add ten

Halve it

Take away the number you started with...

And your number is FIVE!

Replace the Question Mark...

IF

41=9

53=6

82=18

62=12

THEN

73=?

The answer is 12!  
Subtract the digits on the left and multiply  
by 3!

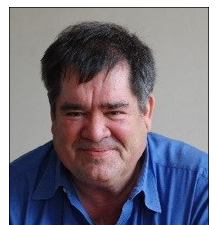
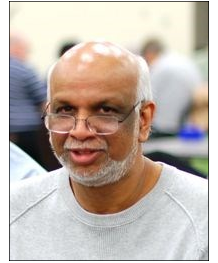
Turn me on my side  
And I am everything  
Cut me in half  
And I am nothing

What am I?

Answer: The number 8

Spelled forwards  
I'm what you do  
everyday, spelled  
backwards I'm  
something you hate  
What am I?

Answer: LIVE



# Put Brain in Motion!

## Kibitzer Activities:

Normally we would feature local sports happenings, golf courses, and shopping centers in this space. For this event, since all online, we suggest you consult your local restaurants and shopping venues for curbside pick-up and delivery! If you choose outdoor dining where available or beaches where open, please remember to socially distance and bring your mobile device and wi-fi to be able to watch the matches while enjoying the beautiful outdoors!



And as Sadie Shopper will tell you, online shopping is available in your area (wherever that is) 24 hours a day for your enjoyment.

We recommend you stock up on popcorn and snacks, put your feet on your desk and enjoy the delayed kibitzing of the RealBridge matches.

# Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14

Name	Age	Favorite Game	# in the US	# in Other Countries
Steven	13	Karate Master	5	1
Nathaniel	16	Battlefield	3	2
Michael	14	Space Patrol	2	5
Louis	15	Mystifying	4	3
Jeremy	12	Grab It	1	4

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku 1

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

# Answers on Page 16

What's the difference between a cat and a comma?

One has claws at the end of its paws and one is a pause at the end of a clause!

This fly landed here and started telling jokes. I wanted to stop him but...



HE WAS ON A ROLL!

We are leaving work together for pre-holiday drinks!



We'll return on a staggered basis!

# Puns...

Hallo Yanks:

JLall4 is upon us as is Howie Dung’s insufferable attempts to rhyme. You know the drill. 16 teams in each bracket. After 3 days, five advance and six return to the Parsonage. The remaining 5 joust with the other bracket’s five for one more day, with 6 steaming ahead. Limey Jack will continue to make you a schilling or two with his inspired and infallible picks. Thus:

Bracket Bichons:

Nickell and Sanborn and Lebowitz are automatic to qualify, with Gupta close behind. Limey Jack knows that Zia will carry the team but cannot figure out the partnerships. In a rare bit of Schadenfreude, Lewis sneaks in.

The next five could go many ways. Joel has so many Rosenbergs on their squad that the opponents will get somewhat dizzy. That will help them qualify. Wu, Zu will stay as shortly as their names. Schireson, Bishel, Rasmussen and Bell round out the ne’re-do-wells with Bitterman, Dawson, Simson and Lo playing on.

Bracket Retrievers:

This bracket is much harder from which to emerge as is Friar Tuck after two helpings of porridge and a nice fresh cobbler from the Parson’s wife, going through the garden gate.

Some who are destined to qualify are Levine, Lall, Rosenthal, and Onstott, while the notoriously fast starting Harris team hangs on.

In the second grouping of five, Beatty, Clayton, Donner, Hill and Compton manage to stay upright.

Alas, for the other six teams, there is always JLall5.

Limey Jack gets short sleep with the schedule that the Colonials have, and listening to the screeching of the raving Dung one helps not one whit. Still, Limey Jack will aid you to clean the lint from the Punters’ pockets.

Ta

# Limey Jack

What sort of achievers are Bichons, Retrievers?

Is this a dog eat dog game?

If all are believers and never deceivers,  
All plays should work out the same!

The top five arrive without taking a dive.

The Bichons: Who will that be?  
Nick will survive; Joel stays live;  
Who are the best other three?

Leibowitz one... he is not done.  
Simson and Lewis the other.

So nothing you miss, be sure to view this,  
On VuGraph, see Zach and his brother!

RR2 is the next to get through.  
Who will drop into the fray?  
Likely not Xu and likely not Wu.  
But one never knows till the day!

# Howie Doing...

I’m picking Kerri. The girls can be scary.

And Dawson will play as will Lo.

The next pick is Hill; Rasmussen stays still.

The other four teams are no go!

Retrievers are tough bringing back all your stuff.

Who will remain in the loop?

Rosenthal’s waitin’ along with teams Clayton,  
Lall, Levine, Onstott: the group!

Round Robin 2, Hill isn’t through.

Donnelly, Donner will join.

While Compton is four, we still need one more.

Harris and Vance flip a coin.

Good luck in the play. Don’t call it a day,

Until the fat lady’s sung.

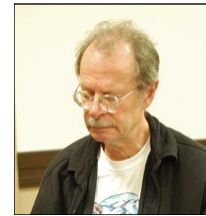
In two days I’m back... with ol’ Slimey Jack

Who name calls me yet Howie Dung!

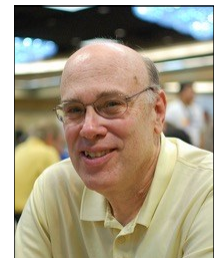
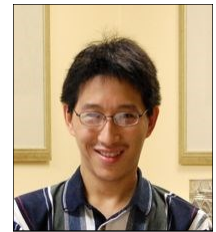
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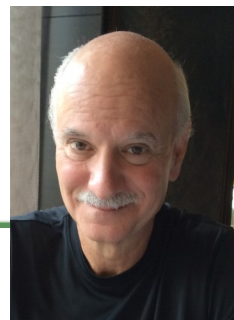
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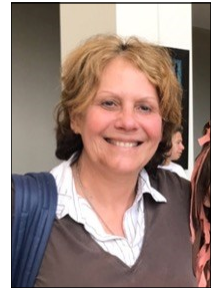


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| Crates             | Old Maid     | Deuce         | Joker      |
| Craps              | Poker        | Dice          | War        |





		Ages										# in US					# in Other Countries				
		12	13	14	15	16	Battlefield	Grab It	Karate Master	Mystifying	Space Patrol	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
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# Logic Puzzle



Answers on page 11



Louise's five sons love computer games and playing with their friends online. Each played with five to seven other boys and the great thing about the World Wide Web was that none of their gaming friends were within easy driving distance to them.

Many of them even lived in other countries. Each of the boys had a favorite online game and a bunch of friends that they gamed with on a regular basis. Determine the name and age (12 to 16) of each son, the name of each one's favorite online game, the number of each son's friends that live in the US (from 1 to 5), and the number of each son's friends that live in another country (from 1 to 5).

1. Michael was two years younger than the brother who loved "Battlefield". Steven was two years younger than the brother with four US friends but he was only one year older than the brother with four friends in other countries.
2. The brother who loved "Karate Master" was a year older than the brother who had four friends living in other countries, but he was also a year younger than the brother who had two friends living in the US.
3. Louis, who didn't like "Grab It", was fifteen and he had more than three gaming friends in the US. The brother who loved
4. The 12-year-old had two less US friends than Nathaniel but three more friends living outside the US than the brother who loved "Karate Master".
5. Steven, who didn't like "Space Patrol", had the most friends in the US. The brother who loved "Grab It" played with four friends who lived outside the US.
6. One brother, who wasn't Jeremy, played with five friends who lived in other countries and two friends who lived in the US. The 14-year-old, who wasn't Nathaniel, loved "Space Patrol".

# Food for Thought... A False Card Situation? by Stan Subeck

In a recent online team game with friends, I (p531745) realized an interesting position I had never considered. Against 3NT, West led the S2. East played the ST and I won the SK. I played the C6 and East rose with the CA and cashed three rounds of spades. I won the diamond exit and took nine tricks when the CJ appeared on the second round of the suit.

N	W	N	E	S
♠ 43 ♥ 107 ♦ K103 ♣ KQ10542	1♦ P P	2♣ 3♣ P	P P P	2♦ 3NT

Would things have been different if West played the CJ, rather than the ace? I would win the CQ and I can lead a low club to East's now bare CA, establishing the suit.

This seems simple enough given the actual holding... But what if East held AJx of clubs? If East follows with a small club, I would undoubtedly play the CT. When that holds the trick, I will have no choice but to play a high club driving out the ace and then a second high club will drop the jack. That said, it appears that West's best chance is to play the CJ from AJx.

S p531745
♠ K875 ♥ AQJ9 ♦ AQ54 ♣ 6

Faced with this position, I would guess that that most declarers will play West to hold AJ doubleton.

*Has anyone faced a similar layout and found the play of the jack? Send responses to the editor at stan-subeck@prodigy.net for inclusion in the bulletins. Thank you.*

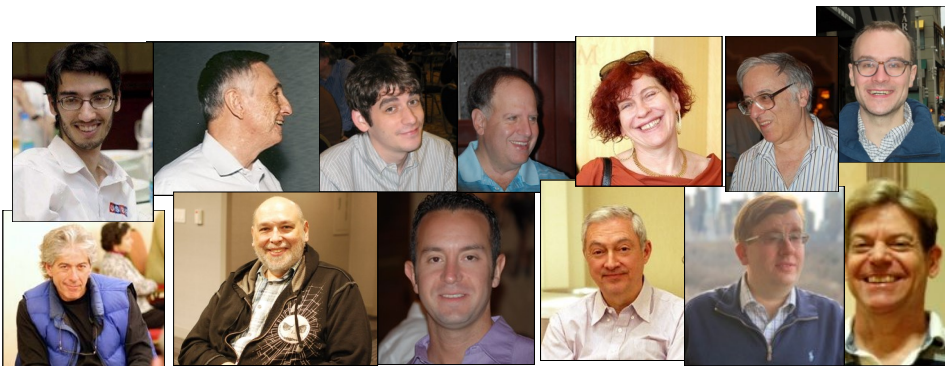
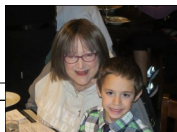
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	S p531745				
	♠ K875 ♥ AQJ9 ♦ AQ54 ♣ 6				
		3NT S			NS: 0 EW: 0

The full hand was:

## 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.



# Puzzle Answers:

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

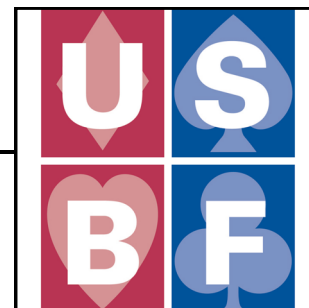
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

## 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.
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We hope you will join us.



# From Jan's Message to Team Captains:

I just want to make sure you understand the lineup spreadsheets... You are welcome to share this email with your players and any player who is interested may attend the Captains' Meeting, but we would appreciate it if only one person speaks for each team. You can also share your lineup spreadsheet with your players. Note: someone must be responsible for submitting your lineup in a timely manner.

You should have received a link to your lineup spreadsheet. If you have any problem opening or completing the lineup spreadsheet, please let us know. To enter your lineup, just select a player from the drop-down list you can access by clicking on the little triangle at the right of the cell for each seat. Note that you will not know who your opponent is until after you submit your lineup. I will try to email you shortly after lineups are due with the name of your opponent, your opponent's lineup for the match and your lineup for the match.

Lineups for the first Round Robin match each day are due by 11:00 am EDT. Lineups for subsequent rounds are due half an hour before play starts. If your lineup is not in when we are ready to start the next segment, we will use the lineup from the previous segment. If your lineup for the first match of the event is not in, we will do it for you, and will not limit ourselves to actual partnerships. So please get your lineups in on time.

Second, there will be a short Captains' Meeting on Friday at 12:00 EDT. The main purpose of the meeting is to answer any questions you may have that have not yet been answered.

A science teacher tells his class, "Oxygen is a must for breathing and life. It was discovered in 1773." A blonde student responds, "Thank God I was born after 1773! Otherwise I would have died without it."

Q: How do astronomers organize a party?

A: They planet.

Q: Why can't you trust an atom?

A: Because they make up everything.

I just read a book about Helium. It was so good that I can't put it down.

Q: Why shouldn't you make fun of a paleontologist?

A: Because you will get Jurasskicked.

Want to hear a Potassium joke? K.

Helium walks into a bar and asks for a drink. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve noble gases here." Helium doesn't react.

Molecule 1: I just lost an electron.

Molecule 2: Are you sure?

Molecule 1: Yes, I'm positive.

Q: Why are Helium, Curium, and Barium the medical elements?

A: Because if you can't heal-ium or cure-ium, you bury-um.

A photon walks into a hotel. The desk clerk says, "Welcome to our hotel. Can we help you with your luggage?" The photon says, "No thanks, I'm traveling light."

Q: What did the 30 degree angle say to the 90 degree angle?

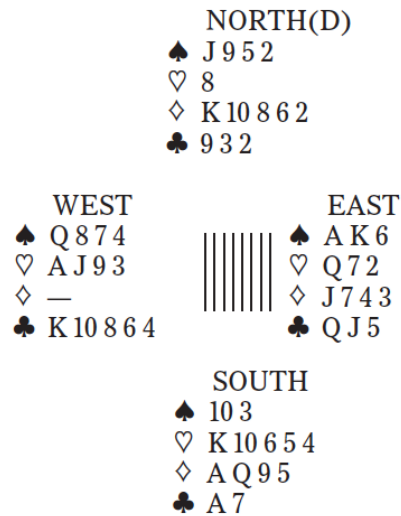
A: "You think you're always right!"



DALLAS March 21, 2014, excerpted from New York Times—

The Baldwin North American Pairs, Flight A, was won by **Bryan Howard of Nashville** and Terry Spector of Franklin, Tenn. This was the first national championship for each player.

The pair led after the first day. The field was cut to 28 pairs, for a 2-board round robin over two sessions on Thursday. Howard and Spector scored 64.84 percent in the first session to move well ahead. Their evening game of only 48.96 percent was just sufficient to edge Doug Doub of West Hartford, Conn., and **Frank Merblum** of Bloomfield, Conn., by 3.97 matchpoints on top of 13.



There are several new names on the rosters for the JLall4 event.

Meet **Bryan Howard** of Nashville, TN. Bryan is on the Beatty team playing with Jim Foster.

Bryan has played for many years with much success. The hand shown here was from the 2014 NA Pairs at the Dallas NABC.

Do not sell him short. He rates to be a force in this event!!

North and South were vulnerable. The bidding:

West	North	East	South
—	Pass	1 N.T.	2 ♥
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the club four.

In the diagramed deal from the first final session, after North passed, Spector (East) opened 1NT, which showed 10 to 12 points. He downgraded his hand because he had such soft values. South overcalled 2H, **Howard (West)** doubled for penalty, and all passed.

West led the C4, lowest from an odd number of cards. Declarer took East’s jack with his ace and played a spade to dummy’s nine. East won with his king, cashed the CQ and continued with a club. South ruffed and tried to cash the DA, but West ruffed and led a spade to his partner’s ace. East gave West another diamond ruff. When West led his SQ, South ruffed and played a third diamond, but West ruffed, cashed the HA and led the CK, on which East discarded his last diamond. South ruffed and cashed the HK, but East took the final trick with his HQ.

That was a cool down 3, plus 800 to East-West and all 13 match points.

If you face the mini (10 to 12 points) or weak (12 to 14 points) no-trumps, treat them alike, bidding with constructive hands. Bear in mind that your side might have game on high-card power. Also, use a convention that allows you to show as many two-suiters as possible. In this deal, South can escape for down one in 3D, and North goes down two only if East leads a trump.

## Meet the Players

<b>D</b> <b>13</b>	<b>N</b> kinder1 ♠ 95 ♥ K10 ♦ 9865 ♣ AK1093	<b>W</b> P <b>N</b> 3♣ <b>E</b> P <b>S</b> 1♦
	<b>W</b> pinoy12 ♠ Q74 ♥ Q8432 ♦ J2 ♣ 864	<b>E</b> nevereast ♠ A108632 ♥ 95 ♦ Q10 ♣ QJ2
	<b>S</b> tgarv ♠ KJ ♥ AJ76 ♦ AK743 ♣ 75	5♦ S      NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 13 from the June 8 session of the June Invitational Teams, Lebowitz versus Team Ireland (Leslie Amoils), created an 11 IMP swing.

Team Lebowitz is Dennis Bilde, Adam (nevereast) and Zach Grossack (germs345), Larry Lebowitz (pinoy12), Agustin Madala, Michael Rosenberg (scotty).

Team Ireland is Leslie Amoils, Grainne Barton, John Carroll, Nick FitzGibbon (nickfg1), Tom Hanlon (kinder1), Hugh McGann, Adam Mesbur (AMesbur), Mark Moran, Tommy Garvey (tgarv).

<b>D</b> <b>13</b>	<b>N</b> scotty ♠ 95 ♥ K10 ♦ 9865 ♣ AK1093	<b>W</b> P <b>N</b> 2♠ <b>E</b> X <b>S</b> P
	<b>W</b> nickfg1 ♠ Q74 ♥ Q8432 ♦ J2 ♣ 864	<b>E</b> AMesbur ♠ A108632 ♥ 95 ♦ Q10 ♣ QJ2
	<b>S</b> germs345 ♠ KJ ♥ AJ76 ♦ AK743 ♣ 75	4♣ N      NS: 0 EW: 0

At both tables, North passed in first seat. Where Adam Grossack held the East cards (*Editor's note: Is it legal for nevereast to be East??*) he chose to pass with his six card spade holding to the AT. South opened 1D showing an unbalanced hand; West passed; North bid 3C fit showing; East passed; South bid 3H showing heart values; North jumped to the diamond game.

Lebowitz, somewhat surprisingly, chose to lead a heart instead of a spade, even though South had shown heart values and the lack of a no-trump bid by either North or South indicated spade weakness. When the HT held trick one, declarer collected 13 tricks, discard-

ing his spades on the long clubs. +640

At the other table, Mesbur opened a weak 2S. South doubled for takeout. His shape isn't perfect with a doubleton club, but his strength won out. West upped the preempt with 3S. Rosenberg bid 4C and the auction ended.

Mesbur led the SA and shifted to a heart. Rosenberg won the heart with the ten in hand; played a spade to the king; played a club to the ten, losing to the queen with East. East led a heart to the king. Rosenberg played a diamond to the ace and ran the C7 to the 6, 9, J. The DQ went the king and the HJ drew the queen from West, ruffed with the trump king and trump were drawn. Ten tricks were claimed.

11 IMPs to Ireland and a tip of the hat to Kit Woolsey for his insistence that preempting is the most effective method for keeping one's opponents from easily reaching the right level and strain.

6 D	N czhao3046	W N E S
	♠ Q3 ♥ AQ9542 ♦ AKQJ ♣ 7	P 2NT P 2♠ P 4♠ P 3♠ P P
W sampahk	E mhaas	
♠ 82 ♥ K7 ♦ 9752 ♣ AK986	♠ 974 ♥ J103 ♦ 63 ♣ Q10532	
	S dzhao3020	
	♠ AKJ1065 ♥ 86 ♦ 1084 ♣ J4	4♠ S NS: 0 EW: 0

Glenn Milgrim and Stan Subeck mentor a group of eight students on Monday nights as part of the USBF Junior Training Program.

From time to time, groups are rearranged to give the players better chances to find the “perfect” partners and make more lasting bridge friendships. This Monday was the first chance these eight students had an opportunity to play together as two teams.

Derrick (Dzhao) and Caroline Zhao (czhao), brother and sister from New Jersey, bid to 4S against Sam Pahk (Sampahk) from Massachusetts and Michael Haas (mhaas) from New Jersey.

6 D	N azhang39	W N E S
	♠ Q3 ♥ AQ9542 ♦ AKQJ ♣ 7	P 2NT P 2♠ P 4NT P 3♠ P 6♠ P P
W heelen	E nboi	
♠ 82 ♥ K7 ♦ 9752 ♣ AK986	♠ 974 ♥ J103 ♦ 63 ♣ Q10532	
	S waddleseal	
	♠ AKJ1065 ♥ 86 ♦ 1084 ♣ J4	6♠ S NS: 0 EW: 0

Sam led the CA and continued with the king. Derrick ruffed the club, drew trumps, and claimed twelve tricks. In the post-play discussion with the mentors, best methods to bid what looks to the Juniors like a 100% slam were bantered back and forth. (Note: *Junior Players never want to miss a slam.*) ...

But really, was this a cold slam? Slam on a hook?

A funny thing happened on the way to the other table:

Andy Zhang (azhang) from California, and Nicole Qian (waddleseal) from Florida reached 6S using Ogust. 2NT asked for a further description and 3S showed a good hand and good suit. 4NT asked for keycards and South showed two keycards without the queen.

Helen Chow (heelen) from California led the CA. Rather than continuing clubs, Helen switched to the D2, The Ace was played from dummy and Nathan Chow (Helen’s brother... nboi) contributed the D3. Declarer played the D4 to produce the classic A234 wish-trick. Nicole led the S3 from dummy, East played the S4, declarer played the SA and West contributed the S2 creating TWO WISH TRICKS in a row, a rare happenstance indeed! (For you, Nick and Ralph!!)

At this juncture, declarer did not foresee the troubles ahead. She trumped her losing club in dummy and was unable to return to her hand to draw trumps before discarding her losing heart on the fourth round of diamonds. On the defense that was given here, declarer needed to finesse a heart and discard her club on the diamonds.

6S was set one trick for an unlucky loss of 11 IMPs. If 6S made the gain would have been 11 IMPs. With best defense, the slam depended on a 50% finesse and was an even-money bet.