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We Remember:



The Prez Says ...

Welcome to the **2022 Justin Lall Online Teams 5**. The USBF has run several highly successful Online Knockout Events since the start of the Pandemic and the JLall Teams 5 will most certainly follow suit! This event marks the fifth 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 will always mourn his loss, this event like the those that preceded it, are a celebration of his life.

JLall4 will be held from **January 14-17** and **January 21-24**.

- Play each day will start at noon EST and end around 8:30 pm EST.

Round Robin Stage 1, January 14-17:

Everyone will play 3 days of a "split field" Round Robin with 10 board matches. There are two Round Robin groups, named by the winners of JLall4 in honor of Justin's sister, Jessica. Jessica is currently running for Mayor of Los Angeles and she is the CEO of Central City Association. Teams will be assigned to the two groups based on a "draft" by the top two teams (chosen by a vote of all teams). Each bracket will have 16 teams. These teams will play 5 matches a day. 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, January 17th:

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, January 21-24:

- One match per day. 56 boards per match.
 - **There will be a short Captains' meeting on January 18th to set the KO bracket.**
- The precise method of setting the bracket is set forth in the Special Conditions of Contest. **Summary:** the top 4 teams from Round Robin Stage 1 will select their opponents for the Round of 16 from the bottom 8 qualifiers. The remaining qualifiers will be shuffled in groups to fill the bracket.

The matches will be played on RealBridge. During the bidding & play, each player will see & hear their screenmate - (N&E, S&W). Before and after each match, teammates will be seated at one table. 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 am counting on you to uphold these standards. Please keep this in mind as you participate in this JLall5 competition.

Let the games begin!

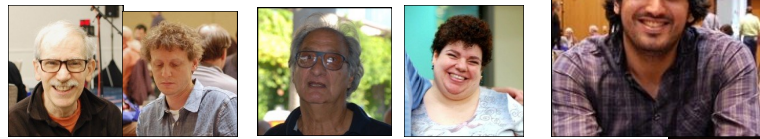
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Teams Entered...

There are 32 teams entered and listed in alphabetic order.

Bacon	John Bacon, Capt Fred Schenker Stelian Hritcu	Bernie Greenspan Ken Kranyak
Baseggio	Franco Baseggio, Capt Jeff Roman Alex Kolesnik	Andy Stark Ralph Buchalter Steve Price
Bauer	Tracey Bauer, Capt John McAllister	Nicolas Hammond Lilly Justman
Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Doug Doub Bob Blanchard	Fred Stewart Yiji Starr Bill Pollack
Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt John Hinton	John Bishel Jerry Clerkin
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Peter Boyd Chip Martel	Kit Woolsey Steve Robinson Mark Feldman
Brines	Tracy Brines, Capt Ethan Wood Peter Boyd-Bowman	Joyce Goldstein Jane McLaughlin Alix Taylor
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Gloria Bart	Mark Aquino Les Bart
Carmichael	Tom Carmichael, Capt Jenni Carmichael	Nathan Gong Arthur Gong
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Ifti Baqai	Charlie Wilkins Disa Eythorsdottir Mitch Dunitz
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Eric Genheimer Kyle Rockoff	Sarik Goyal Joe Veal Daniel Weiss
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Joe Grue	Sandra Rimstedt Brad Moss Janice Molson
Fox	Jim Fox, Capt Allan Graves Wayne Stuart	Jerry Helms Neil Chambers Jon Rice
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt Glenn Eisenstein Geof Brod	Phil Benner John Rengstorff Pat McDevitt
Hill	Joyce Hill, Capt Shan Huang John Hurd	Kevin Dwyer Kevin Bathurst
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Brian Platnick Jim Krekorian	Reese Milner John Diamond Drew Casen
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold David Berkowitz Mark Lair
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Ron Smith	Linda Lewis Josh Donn
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt David Yang JoAnna Stansby	David Chechelashvili Jonathan Weinstein Li-Chung Chen
Lusky	John Lusky, Capt Frank Merblum Doug Simson	Allan Falk Walter Lee Jeff Aker



Naren Gupta Team	Vinita Gupta Daniel Korbel Michael Rosenberg Ash Gupta, NPC	Zia Mahmood Roger Lee Zach Grossack
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
Parker	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Adam Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Chris Parker David Grainger
Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Melody Bi Maxim Silin	Anton Tsyarkin Alan Watson Carrie Liu
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Joe Viola Hank Youngerman
Rosenberg	Kevin Rosenberg, Capt Finn Kolesnik Brent Xiao	Cynthia Huang Ish DelMonte Cornelius Duffie
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Eldad Ginossar	Debbie Rosenberg Migry Campanile Dana Berkowitz
Stokes	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt Amber Lin Shawn Quinn	Emma Kolesnik Rozanne Pollack Pam Wittes
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Andy Goodman Christal Henner	Steve Zolotow Craig Ganzer Uday Ivatury
Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Farid Assemi Edward Wojewoda	Jessica Lai Jim Slinger Leszek Rabięga
Xiao	Victor Xiao, Capt Jeff Xiao Yaning Zhou	Eric Xiao Dawei Qi Meiyan Duan
Zhang	Qiang Zhang, Capt Jun Shi Serena Guo	Brian Zhang Steve Chen Ethan Liu

Brackets:

CEOS	MAYORS
Bacon	Baseggio
Bauer	Bramley
Beatty	Brines
Bishel	Cappelli
Carmichael	Dawson
Fox	Donnelly
Hill	Donner
Lo	Greenspan
Lusky	Lall
Naren Gupta Team	Levine
Nickell	Lewis
Parker	Reynolds
Rasmussen	Rosenberg
Rosenthal	Stokes
Xiao	Tebha
Zhang	Vance



Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 1			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS
FRIDAY	JAN 14	11:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	JAN 14	12:00 - 1:15	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		1:35 - 2:50	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		3:10 - 4:25	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 50 MINUTE BREAK
		5:15 - 6:30	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
		6:50 - 8:05	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
SATURDAY	JAN 15	12:00 - 1:15	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 51-60
		1:35 - 2:50	ROUND 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		3:10 - 4:25	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 71-80 50 MINUTE BREAK
		5:15 - 6:30	ROUND 9 - BOARDS 1-10
		6:50 - 8:05	ROUND 10 - BOARDS 11-20
SUNDAY	JAN 16	12:00 - 1:15	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 21-30
		1:35 - 2:50	ROUND 12 - BOARDS 31-40
		3:10 - 4:25	ROUND 13 - BOARDS 41-50 50 MINUTE BREAK
		5:15 - 6:30	ROUND 14 - BOARDS 51-60
		6:50 - 8:05	ROUND 15 - BOARDS 61-70
ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2			
MONDAY	JAN 17	12:00 - 1:15	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		1:35 - 2:50	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		3:10 - 4:25	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 50 MINUTE BREAK
		5:15 - 6:30	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
		6:50 - 8:05	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
TUESDAY	JAN 18	12:00 NOON	
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	JAN 21	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 50 MINUTE BREAK
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	JAN 22	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 50 MINUTE BREAK
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	JAN 23	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 50 MINUTE BREAK
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL			
MONDAY	JAN 24	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 50 MINUTE BREAK
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

USBF 10 Board victory Point Scale

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.

2022 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 JLALL5 EVENT.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EST)

The schedule will be the same each day:

Round 1: 1:15pm

Round 2: 2:50 pm

Round 3: 4:25 pm

Round 4: 6:30 pm

Round 5: 8:05 pm

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EST)

Quarter 1: 12:30 pm

Quarter 2: 2:35 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 6:25 pm

Quarter 4: 8:30 pm



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

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

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #5, you will be taken to a lobby with a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table, as well as the board being played. There will be information about the number of kibitzers and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happened.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen. You 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/Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation.

-- "Rewind" using the slider underneath the "table." Move the handle to the left to go to earlier tricks.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name to get a scorecard for the match.

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

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

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

--In the upper left corner:

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

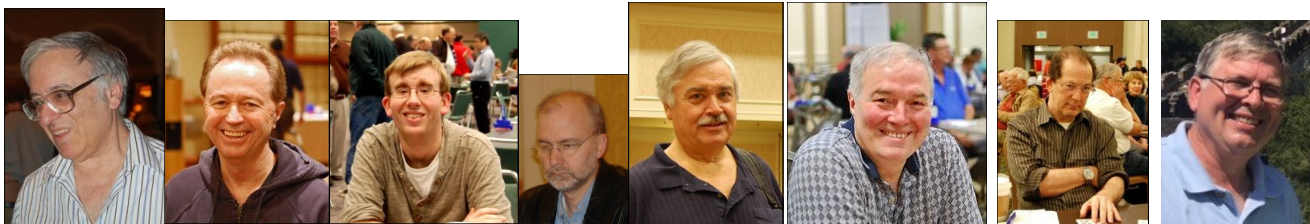
----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

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

TIMING OF DEFERRAL

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

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 sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown because one or two tables are very slow to play the board. **For the second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter is scheduled to be completed, so players will not be able to get useful state of match information. That means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 6:25 EST.**



USBF News...

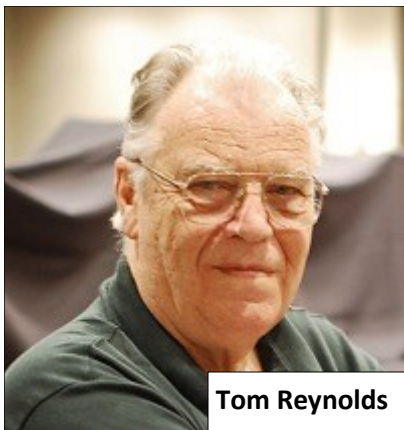


Eric Gettleman

Eric Gettleman and **Tom Reynolds** are newly elected members of the USBF Board of Directors. Each brings with him a wealth of bridge experience and a love of the game. Eric and Tom replace Mark Aquino and David Caprera who were termed out this year.

Eric is younger than most of the Board and will afford the USBF a “broadened” perspective that will be beneficial to the organization going forward.

Tom runs the Reynolds Team Games on BBO. He was a driving force in bringing bridge games and team matches to the online forefront at the start of the Pandemic. He is a hero to many who are now thriving on online bridge.



Tom Reynolds

Aaron Silverstein has served the USBF as a Board member for a few years. He is the newly elected 2022 President, succeeding Brad Moss. Aaron runs a bridge club in New York. His daughter, Avery, is an active participant in the USBF Junior Training Program.



Aaron Silverstein



Lynn Baker

Lynn Baker is the newly elected Vice President of the USBF, succeeding Kate Aker who has chosen to step down as Vice President.

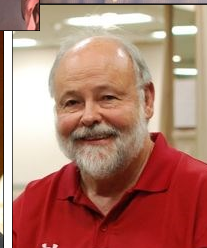
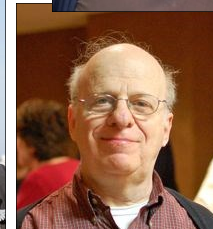
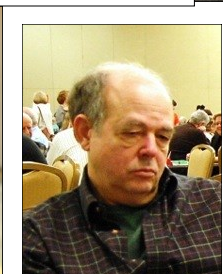
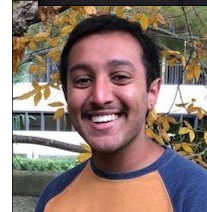
Jan Martel is continuing as COO and Secretary of the Organization while **Stan Subeck** is continuing as CFO and Treasurer.



Jan Martel



Stan Subeck



1. Why was the cow afraid? He was a cow-herd.
2. Where do cows go for entertainment? To the moo-vies.
3. How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh? Ten tickles.
4. What did the fish say when he swam into a wall? Dam.
5. What did the elephant say when he stopped in the middle of telling a story? Never mind, I realize this is irrelephant.
6. Why didn't the crab donate to charity? He's shellfish.
7. Where do milkshakes come from? Nervous cows.
8. What has fangs and webbed feet? Count Duckula.
9. Which day of the week is a chicken's least favorite? Fry-day.
10. Where do polar bears vote? The North Poll.
11. If your dog was craving pizza what kind of pizza would he want? Puperoni.
12. What was the goal of the detective duck? To quack the case of course.
13. What do you get when you cross an elephant with a fish? Swimming trunks.
14. What do you get if you cross a snake with a pie? A pie-thon.
15. What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.
16. Why are all dogs bad storytellers? Because they only have one tale.
17. Why did the spider log on to the computer? To check his web site.
18. Why can't you hear a pterodactyl go to the bathroom? Because it's pee is silent.
19. I once met a pig that did karate. We called him Pork Chop.
20. Why can't a leopard hide? Because he's always spotted.
21. Why don't dogs make good dancers? Because they have two left feet.
22. Why did the lion spit out the clown? Because he tasted funny.
23. What's a cats favorite color? Purrr-ple.
24. A weasel walks into a bar. The bartender says, "wow I've never served a weasel before, what can I get you?" "Pop", goes the weasel.
25. What happens when it's raining cats and dogs? I don't know but you can step in a poodle.
26. What did the pony say when he had a sore throat? "Do you have any water? I'm a little horse."
27. "I'm no cheetah". "You're lion!"
28. What do you call a cow spying on another cow? A steak out.
29. Why did the cat go to medical school? To become a first aid kit.
30. What time does a duck wake up? At the quack of dawn.



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



**Very
Punny!**

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

Coconut Cookies

Start to finish: 22 minutes (10 minutes active)

Servings: 24 cookies

Ingredients

- 600 grams all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 500 grams unsalted butter, softened
- 500 grams brown sugar
- 80 grams dried coconut, shredded
- 100 milliliters coconut milk
- 6 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 F (176 C)
- In a bowl, sift together the flour and baking soda
- In another bowl, beat butter with brown sugar until smooth
- Beat in eggs one by one until well blended
- Mix in the coconut milk and vanilla extract
- Fold in dry mixture of flour and baking soda, and then the dried coconut until evenly distributed throughout the batter
- Using an ice-cream scoop or 1/4-cup measure, scoop cookie dough onto a baking sheet and mold into a circular shape
- Bake until slightly puffed but barely colored, 9-12 minutes

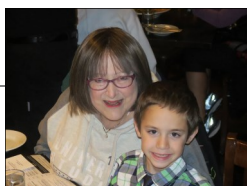


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Ed. Note:

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

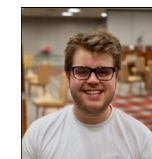
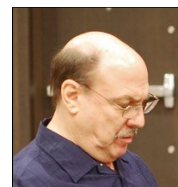
Thanks.



Why is English so Much Fun?

“All the faith he had had had had no effect on the outcome of his life!”

Because that sentence makes perfect sense!!



Salmon Patties

PREP TIME 15 mins

COOK TIME 10 mins

TOTAL TIME 25 mins

SERVINGS 4 servings

If the mixture is too wet to form patties, add a little more shredded bread (not the crusts) to the mixture. If too dry, add a tablespoon of water.

Ingredients

- 1 (14.75 ounce) can salmon, drained of all but 2 tablespoons of liquid, flaked
- 1 large slice bread, crust removed, shredded (1 cup, 50 g)
- 3 tablespoons green onion, chopped
- 1 medium garlic clove, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh dill, chopped, or 1 teaspoon dried
- 3 tablespoons minced green bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Several turns of freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

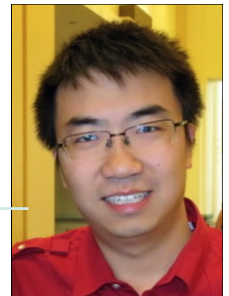
Method

1. Mix patty ingredients:
In a large bowl, gently mix together the salmon (including 2 tablespoons of the can liquid), bread, green onion, garlic, dill, bell pepper, flour, egg, paprika, lemon zest, lemon juice, salt and pepper.
2. Form patties:
Form 8 patties, about 1/2 inch thick.
3. Chill at least 30 min:
Cover the patties and chill in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes (or up to several hours) to help them firm up.
4. Brown in skillet:
Heat olive oil over medium high heat in a large skillet. Cook the patties until nicely browned on both sides, about 3-4 minutes per side.

NUTRITION FACTS(PER SERVING)

299	CALORIES
17g	FAT
9g	CARBS
27g	PROTEIN

Nutrition information is calculated using an ingredient database and should be considered an estimate. In cases where multiple ingredient alternatives are given, the first listed is calculated for nutrition. Garnishes and optional ingredients are not included.



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Easy Chicken Skillet Enchiladas

PREP TIME10 mins

COOK TIME20 mins

TOTAL TIME30 mins

SERVINGS4 servings

Ingredients

- 8 ounces cooked chicken (about 2 cups shredded)
- 1 teaspoon oil
- 1/4 yellow onion, minced (about 1/3 cup)
- 3 cloves garlic
- 15-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1/3 cup water
- 4-ounce can mild green diced chilis
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 8 taco-sized flour tortillas
- 8 ounces cotija cheese
- **To serve:**
- Cilantro
- Radishes, thinly sliced
- Sour cream
- Avocado
- Jalapeño



Method

1. **Shred chicken:**
Shred the leftover chicken so it's ready when you need it. You should have about 2 cups.
2. **Make the sauce:**
In a large, high-sided skillet set over medium heat, add the oil. Once the oil shimmers, add onion and garlic and cook for 1 minute, just until softened.
Add tomato sauce, water, diced green chilis, chili powder, oregano, and cumin. Stir together, then let the sauce simmer on medium to medium-low while you assemble the enchiladas.
3. **Assemble the enchiladas:**
Put about 2 tablespoons of shredded chicken down the center of each tortilla. (You don't really have to measure the meat. Just divide it evenly among the tortillas!) Sprinkle about 1 tablespoon cotija cheese (just eyeball it) across the chicken, and spoon 1-2 teaspoons sauce over the cheese.
Fold in the sides of the tortilla, roll it up, and put it seam side down in the sauce. Nestle them in the pan. Repeat this until the pan is full. Spoon sauce over the top of the enchiladas.
4. **Top with cheese and cover:**
Sprinkle additional cotija cheese over the top of the enchiladas. Cover with a lid and let them simmer until the cheese is melted and the tortillas look puffy, like they soaked up some sauce. This should take about 5 minutes.
5. **Garnish and serve:**
Lift the lid and sprinkle cilantro and thinly sliced radishes over the top. Serve alongside sliced avocado, jalapeño, and sour cream.

A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers, "They're right behind you!"

Want to hear a roof joke? The first one's on the house.

What should you do if you're attacked by a group of clowns? Go straight for the juggler.

Why don't koalas count as bears? They don't have the right koalafications.

A cement mixer and a prison bus crashed on the highway. Police advise citizens to look out for a group of hardened criminals.

I saw a movie about how ships are put together. It was riveting.

A man walks into a library and orders a hamburger. The librarian says, "This is a library." The man apologizes and whispers, "I'd like a hamburger, please."

Why did the taxi driver get fired? Passengers didn't like it when she went the extra mile.

A group of crows was arrested for hanging out together. The charge? Attempted murder.

How do you look for Will Smith in the snow? Just follow the fresh prints.

Which rock group has four guys who can't sing or play instruments? Mount Rushmore.

Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn? Because he always has a great fall.

Where do hamburgers take their sweethearts on Valentine's Day to dance? The Meat Ball!

Have you heard the one about the skunk? Never mind, it really stinks.

It's always windy in a sports arena. All those fans.

How do mountains stay warm in the winter? Snowcaps.

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? It gets toad away.

What do you call a pile of kittens? A meowntain.

Is this pool safe for diving? It deep ends.

What is worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing taxis!

What bow can't be tied? A rainbow!

How does a dog stop a video? By hitting the paws button!

People think "icy" is the easiest word to spell. Come to think of it, I see why.

My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate. I told them, "Just you wait!"

Comic Sans walks into a bar. The bartender says, "We don't serve your type here."

What's the easiest way to get straight As? Use a ruler.

A grasshopper sits down at a bar. The bartender says, "We have a drink named after you!" The grasshopper replies, "Who names a drink 'Steve?'"

What's a balloon's least favorite type of music? Pop.

I used to be addicted to not showering. Luckily, I've been clean for five years.

What did the green grape say to the purple grape? "Breathe, man! Breathe!"

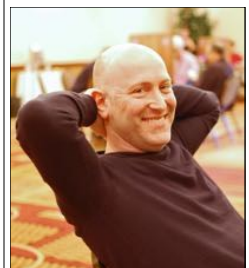
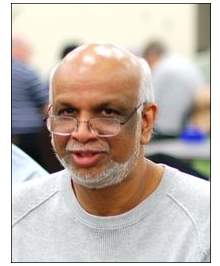
How does a farmer mend his overalls? With cabbage patches.

I got my husband a fridge for his birthday. His face lit up when he opened it.

Why were they called the Dark Ages? Because there were lots of knights.

Why are no one friends with Dracula? Because he's a pain in the neck.

What did one toilet say to the other? You look flushed.



Some people eat snails.
They must not like fast food.

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 curb-side 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.

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			6	2		5	1
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Sudoku

Answers on Page 16

Sudoku 2

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



SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14



180	Sheri	50	715
170	Inez	65	599
160	Vickie	58	789
150	Neil	59	640
140	Kari	70	654
130	Cedric	85	576
120	Zachary	57	790

Blimey Colonials:

Limey Jack is narked. He is supposed to pick 5 Teams in each bracket of the JLall5 to qualify, and 5 teams to move into the RR2. This is an impossible task as one bracket is so poor that the Parson's Wife and her book club could well qualify. Howie Dung will pretend that he is a master of the realm when in reality he is a charlatan.

The framers of these brackets have lost the plot.

Mayors:

The five steeds who will cash the first cheque:

Bramley
Donner
Lall
Levine
Lewis

Those who will survive to the second round robin:

Baseggio
Dawson
Greenspan
Stokes
Rosenberg

CEOs:

Those heading off to Cambridge:

Nickell
Lusky
Hill

With a fair amount of luck, skill, and perseverance, Gupta and Beatty will survive.

All other squads will be remitted to JLall6. For once Limey Jack envies the simpleness of Howie Dung. But Limey Jack is here to help you make a quid and these are Maidens, with apprentice Jockeys aboard. The winner will not come from this lot.

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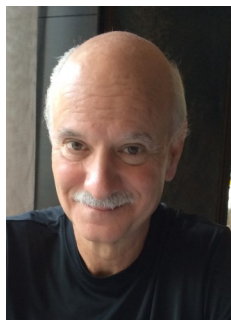
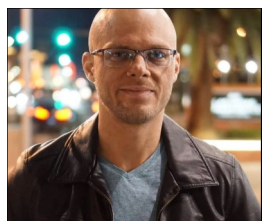
Limey Jack

After Round Robin One, six teams will retire.
Only two teams can go wire to wire.
Bid six CEO's and six Mayors adieu...
Five middle teams enter Round Robin two.
Bacon and **Bauer** will need to have fun.
They're playing only in Round Robin One.
Good bye to Team **Xao**, good bye to team **Zhang**.
Good bye team **Rasmussen**... the fat lady's sang!
The **Carmichael** team will not last too long.
Bidding good day to the two brothers, Gong!
Round Robin two, here's what I know...
Bischel and **Parker** and **Fox** drop with **Lo**!
Beatty will join them as bubble team five,
While all of the rest remain quite alive!
That is the story and that's how it goes...
For the Bracket we know is called CEO's!

Howie Doing...

On to the Mayors... not all doing well.
Poor Lori Lightfoot has Covid ... do tell!
Bramley will stay. **Bassaggio**'s finished.
Brines and **Tebha** and **Vance** are diminished.
Stokes will fall and relax with some wine.
While **Donner** and **Lall** KO with **Levine**.
Lewis continues to play the KO,
The others drop down to the bracket below.
Cappelli and **Dawson** and **Donnelly** stall
When into the second Round Robin they fall.
Greenspan will join them; **Rosenberg**, too.
All will play days before they are through.
Good luck to the group... Howie picks winners.
I sort through the fray, weeding out the beginners!
Jack will just guess. That's his claim to fame.
He don't know Jack ... it's all in a name!

Fun and Games Page



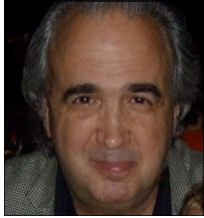
Winter

Find and circle all of the Winter related words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a Japanese proverb.

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| BLIZZARD | HEADBAND | SKATES | SNOWFLAKE |
| BOOTS | HIBERNATION | SKI DOO | SNOWMAN |
| CARNIVAL | HOCKEY | SKI PANTS | SNOWSHOES |
| CHRISTMAS | HOLIDAYS | SKIING | SOLSTICE |
| COLD | ICE FISHING | SLED | SOUP |
| EGG NOG | ICICLES | SLEET | STEW |
| FIREPLACE | KNIT CAP | SLIPPERY | STORM |
| FIREWOOD | LONG UNDERWEAR | SNOW CASTLE | SWEATSHIRT |
| FOG | MITTENS | SNOW PLOW | TOBOGGAN |
| FREEZE | OLYMPICS | SNOW SHOVEL | VACATION |
| FROST | PARKA | SNOW TIRES | WIND CHILL |
| GLOVES | SCARF | SNOWBALL | WOOL SOCKS |



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Logic Puzzle

Answer on page 11

Facebook	Names	LinkedIn	Twitter
120			
130			
140			
150			
160			
170			
180			

- The person with 789 Twitter followers has more Facebook friends than the person with 70 LinkedIn connections.
- The one with 65 LinkedIn connections has fewer Facebook friends than the one with 715 Twitter followers.
- Neil has 10 fewer Facebook friends than the one with 58 LinkedIn connections.
- The one with 640 Twitter followers doesn't have exactly 57 LinkedIn connections.
- Zachary is either the one with 120 Facebook friends or the person with 65 LinkedIn connections.
- Neither the person with 65 LinkedIn connections nor the person with 790 Twitter followers is Kari.
- The person with 130 Facebook friends is either Zachary or Cedric.
- Sheri has 180 Facebook friends.
- The person with 120 Facebook friends has 57 LinkedIn connections.
- Of the one with 170 Facebook friends and the person with 70 LinkedIn connections, one has 654 Twitter followers and the other is Inez.
- Neither the one with 65 LinkedIn connections nor the one with 150 Facebook friends is the one with 789 Twitter followers.
- Zachary has 20 fewer Facebook friends than Kari.
- Zachary has 50 fewer Facebook friends than the person with 599 Twitter followers.
- The person with 130 Facebook friends has 85 LinkedIn connections.
- Of the person with 130 Facebook friends and the one with 59 LinkedIn connections, one has 576 Twitter followers and the other is Neil

Practice on RealBridge...

When Nickell and Katz's teammates are busy, they frequently practice online against Stan and me. This practice is good for all of us. It helps us hone our systems and remember bids that infrequently arise. For us, it is especially good because we discuss the hands in the days following the sessions with Ralph and he critiques our bidding and play without inciting our fighting! Our practice sessions usually take place on BBO where Ralph and Nick generate a flock of kibitzers. The kibitzers are fun when they chat with the table and we chat with them. Because there are no masterpoints involved, the game is "pure" and discussion is open and beneficial on both sides without being unethical.

This week we tried something new. We played Ralph and Nick on RealBridge. It took me a little time to find the bells and whistles (like "undo"), however, once I got used to it, I really liked the RealBridge platform. As players, we could see each other (at least we could see Stan and Ralph and Nick... I didn't have the time to put on makeup before the game!) And, we discussed aloud any questions that arose. It was very friendly and the only thing missing were the kibs ... and, honestly, being able to talk to one another more than made up for that.

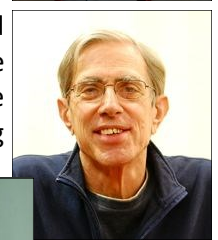
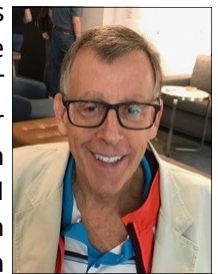
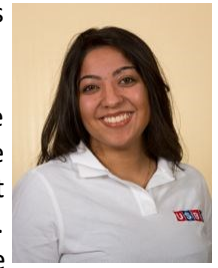


Board 12 was interesting. Stan and I surprised Ralph and Nick by playing strong jump shifts! Apparently, we're dinosaurs, however, on this hand, using the convention made it really easy to bid the NT grand. Once I bid 2S, Stan asked for keycards. I showed 2 with the queen and he asked for specific kings. I showed the club king. When Stan bid 7S, I considered passing, but on further evaluation, I felt we would be safer in 7NT. I hadn't shown the HK or the DQ, and the DQ had to be worth its weight in gold considering

Stan's opening bid was 1D and he followed it up by bidding the grand (clearly implying he held both the DA and DK). I dutifully corrected to 7NT and Stan claimed 15 tricks.



Another comparison between BBO and RealBridge relates to scoring. On BBO, one earns an IMP Pairs score. On RealBridge, one simply judges one's bidding & play themselves. I would miss the scoring were it not that the field on BBO is so random. It was better not to have a score and simply judge our performance ourselves!



Puzzle Answers:

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

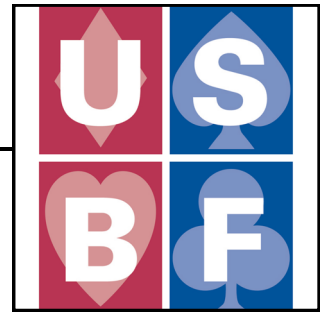
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

6	2	7	4	1	5	3	8	9
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4	9	2	6	5	8	1	7	3
8	5	3	1	7	4	9	2	6
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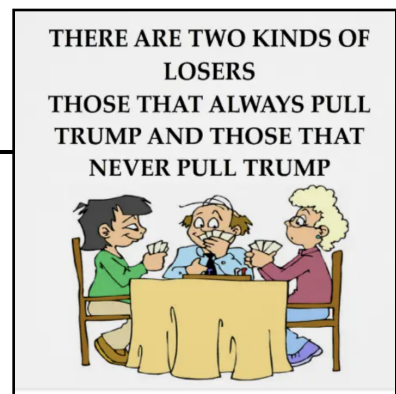
If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and 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.



7 D	N p531753	W N E S
	♠ J8 ♥ 8 ♦ AKQ98 ♣ 109762	1NT P 2♦ P 2♥ P 3♥ P 4♥ P P
W fnickell		E ralphk
♠ AK76 ♥ AK ♦ J1052 ♣ Q54		♠ 1054 ♥ QJ109763 ♦ 73 ♣ 3
	S p531745	
	♠ Q932 ♥ 542 ♦ 64 ♣ AKJ8	4♥ W NS: 0 EW: 0

In last week's practice session on BBO, Nickell/Katz reached an aggressive 4H game when Katz raised to 3H with a seven card suit and only 3HCP. This invite/block tactic is successful in many situations. On this hand, while N/S can't make anything, it still takes perfect defense to defeat 4H.

Suzi, North, led the DA. Dummy played the D3. In an effort to conceal the diamond position, Stan followed with the D4. Nickell completed the "wish trick" with the diamond deuce. A club switch at trick two will defeat the contract. But this is not at all obvious. If South has three or four small diamonds, North can cash a second diamond before deciding what to do next. On the second diamond, South played the D6, hoping it looked like suit preference for clubs. North shifted to the C6. South false-

carded for a second time by winning the CA, concealing the CK. South exited with the S2. Nickell won the spade and trumped a club with dummy's H9. This was followed by two rounds of hearts, on which North discarded the D8 to produce this position:

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	S p531745	
	♠ Q932 ♥ 542 ♦ 64 ♣ AKJ8	4♥ W NS: 3 EW: 4

Declarer led the DJ and North covered with the DQ!! Declarer claimed the remaining tricks and scored +620 for 10.93 IMPs. North could have made this a better story by playing small, but even she was fooled by partner's false card. Even if she doesn't cover, declarer can make 4H by trumping the diamond in dummy, hoping the queen will fall. When South shows out of diamonds, declarer runs dummy's trumps and squeezes South in clubs and spades. As mentioned earlier, a club shift at trick two will defeat the contract. South can win the club and play a spade. When declarer gives up a diamond, North can exit with the SJ, removing declarer's entry for the black suit squeeze.

More Practice...



Excerpted from a Bridge International Championship Podium Interview 2021...

Jonathan Weinstein (jlw77 on BBO) of St. Louis, Missouri, finished in third place in the very first BBO Bridge International Championship. Scoring a tremendous 65.52%, he also managed to achieve what looks to be the highest individual score of 77.68% on his first finals board.

Tell us a bit about yourself - what do you do in 'real life', where do live, do you have kids?

I'm an economics professor at Washington University in St. Louis, specializing in game theory. I live in the St. Louis area with my wife and two sons, 8 and 5. I'm now 44.

How did you start playing bridge?

My grandmother was a lifelong bridge nut, so I knew the basics from a very early age, and I became a tournament player during college.

What do you usually like to do or play on BBO?

Family obligations (especially with kids at home during pandemic) make it hard for me to play live games, so the daylong robot games (where I can attend to a household emergency even in the middle of a hand) work well for me. I play some live team games as well.

What tips would you give to players who are new to playing with robots?

Robot advice: (1) Be aware that the robots lead short suits more than humans, both in suits and NT, (2) keep the bidding simple; your guess is better than your partner's.

What other things do you enjoy doing besides bridge?

I enjoy chess and backgammon as well as bridge. Along with family and work, that keeps me pretty busy.



Bridge Accomplishments

semis of USBC 2010; 2nd in imp pairs 2007, NAP-A 2009

Meet the Players