

LOGO SEAL REVERSED

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**We  
Remember:**



# Results...

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Naren Gupta Team</a>	120.29	47.29	30	20	26	-3
8	<a href="#">Levine</a>	133	27	24	42	40	
2	<a href="#">Rosenberg - wins tie</a>	72	11	16	20	25	
7	<a href="#">Donner</a>	127	51	20	23	33	
3	<a href="#">Bramley</a>	88	29	1	31	27	
6	<a href="#">Rosenthal</a>	75	19	22	12	22	
4	<a href="#">Rasmussen</a>	51	6	6	39	wd	
5	<a href="#">Lall</a>	139	36	62	41		

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**This Just In...  
Justin Lall Online Teams 5**

jlall5 - Quarter Final (thru QF4 possible boards = 56)				
all pairs				
rank	partnership	totalimps	#boards	avg
1	Drew Casen - Jim Krekorian	40.43	28	1.44
2	Roger Lee - Zia Mahmood	20.14	14	1.44
3	Hemant Lall - Jim Krekorian	16.48	14	1.18
4	Finn Kolesnik - Kevin Rosenberg	16.14	14	1.15
5	Brian Platnick - John Diamond	41.57	42	0.99
6	Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson	22.14	28	0.79
7	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	38.93	56	0.70
8	Michael Rosenberg - Vinita Gupta	19.43	28	0.69
9	Dana Berkowitz - Eldad Ginossar	24.66	42	0.59
10	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	22.97	42	0.55
11	Janice Molson - Sandra Rimstedt	15.00	28	0.54
12	Gary Donner - Sandra Rimstedt	11.86	28	0.42
13	Mark Lair - Mike Passell	14.54	42	0.35
14	David Berkowitz - Jeff Meckstroth	10.86	42	0.26
15	Cynthia Huang - Kevin Rosenberg	1.31	28	0.05
16	Andrew Rosenthal - Debbie Rosenberg	-4.14	28	-0.15
17	Zach Grossack - Zia Mahmood	-7.71	14	-0.55
18	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	-15.43	28	-0.55
19	Alan Watson - Melody Bi	-15.62	28	-0.56
20	Eddie Wold - Mike Levine	-19.43	28	-0.69
21	Chip Martel - Mark Feldman	-32.57	42	-0.78
22	Chris Willenken - Migry Campanile	-33.06	42	-0.79
23	Daniel Korbel - Roger Lee	-22.40	28	-0.80
24	Finn Kolesnik - Ish DelMonte	-33.67	42	-0.80
25	Anton Tsyarkin - Jim Rasmussen	-39.57	28	-1.41
26	Carrie Liu - Maxim Silin	-43.29	28	-1.55
27	Brent Xiao - Cornelius Duffie	-49.57	28	-1.77

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for an important  
request from the  
tournament com-  
mittee!**

# Teams Entered...

J LALLS

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

I just got my doctor's test results and I'm really upset. Turns out, I'm not gonna be a doctor.

As I get older, I remember all the people I lost along the way. Maybe a career as a tour guide was not the right choice.

The doctor gave me some cream for my skin rash. He said I was a sight for psoriasis.

A man walks into a magic forest and tries to cut down a talking tree. "You can't cut me down," the tree complains. "I'm a talking tree!" The man responds, "You may be a talking tree, but you will dialogue."



# Tournament Schedule

SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	JAN 23	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		4:40 - 6:25	50 MINUTE BREAK
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
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
		4:40 - 6:25	50 MINUTE BREAK
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56			

## 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.



When my uncle Frank died, he wanted his remains to be buried in his favorite beer mug. His last wish was to be Frank in Stein.

My wife left a note on the fridge that said, "This isn't working." I'm not sure what she's talking about. I opened the fridge door and it's working fine!

They say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Well, not if it's poisoned. Then the antidote becomes the most important.

"What's your name, son?" The principal asked his student. The kid replied, "D-d-d-dav-dav-david, sir." "Do you have a stutter?" the principal asked. The student answered, "No sir, my dad has a stutter but the guy who registered my name was a real jerk."

When I see the names of lovers engraved on a tree, I don't find it cute or romantic. I find it weird how many people take knives with them on dates.

I just read that someone in London gets stabbed every 52 seconds. Poor guy.

Why did Mozart kill all of his chickens? When he asked them who the best composer was, they all replied, "Bach, Bach, Bach."

My wife and I have reached the difficult decision that we do not want children. If anybody does, please just send me your contact details and we can drop them off tomorrow.



# Kibitzing on VuGraph

There will be deferred kibitzing in the KO as there was in the Round Robin:

## 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.**

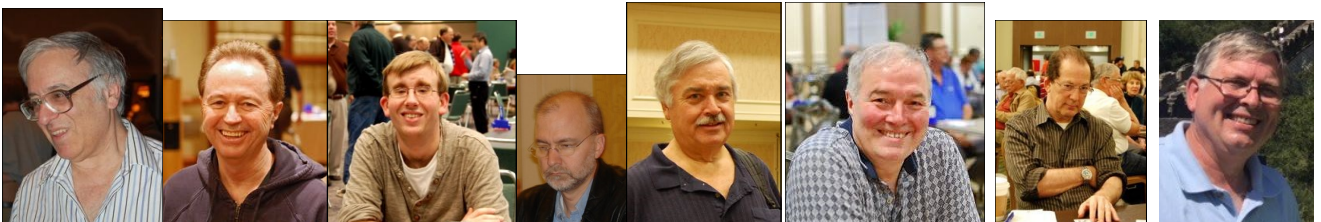
I visited my friend at his new house. He told me to make myself at home. So I threw him out. I hate having visitors.

I was reading a great book about an immortal dog the other day. It was impossible to put down.

I'll never forget my Granddad's last words to me just before he died. "Are you still holding the ladder?"

It turns out a major new study recently found that humans eat more bananas than monkeys. It's true. I can't remember the last time I ate a monkey.

What's the difference between jelly and jam? You can't jelly a clown into the tiny car.



Board 7  
Dealer S  
All Vul

♠ 104  
♥ KQ864  
♦ AKQJ92  
♣ -

♠ AJ  
♥ AJ532  
♦ 108653  
♣ J

♠ Q9863  
♥ 7  
♦ 7  
♣ KQ9652

♠ K752  
♥ 109  
♦ 4  
♣ A108743

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

Par +620 4♥= S

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Michael Rosenberg & Vinita Gupta	Mike Levine & Eddie Wold	2♦X+2 N	♥7	580
Ish DelMonte & Finn Kolesnik	Brad Moss & Joe Grue	2♦X+1 N	♥7	380
Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	Cornelius Duffie & Brent Xiao	2♦X+1 N	♥7	380
Anton Tsytkin & Jim Rasmussen	Brian Platnick & John Diamond	2♦X+1 N	♥7	380
Jim Krekorian & Hemant Lall	Alan Watson & Melody Bi	2♦X+1 N	♥7	380
Steve Robinson & Peter Boyd	Eldad Ginossar & Dana Berkowitz	3♦= N	♥7	110
Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	Roger Lee & Zia Mahmood	3♦-1 N	♥7	100
Migry Campanile & Chris Willenken	Mark Feldman & Chip Martel	3♦-1 N	♥7	100

On Board 7 every N/S pair played in a diamond contract. Five pairs played in 2DX on the following auction:

W	N	E	S
			P
1♥	2♦	X	P
P	P		

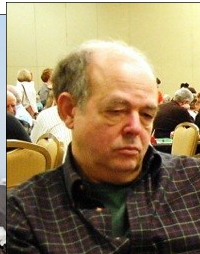
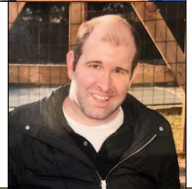
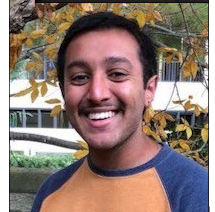
North can be held to eight tricks on a straightforward defense.

East leads a heart to West's ace and West returns a heart, trumped by East. A spade is played to West's AJ. West exits with a diamond and waits for his heart trick, or, in the alternative, West can exit with a heart and wait for his diamond trick.

The H7 was led at every table.

Against 2DX, two West players, Grue and Diamond, did not believe the this lead was singleton. Those two players ducked the ace and dummy's H9 held the trick. A spade was discarded on the CA and declarer took nine tricks for +380.

In Levine/Gupta, Eddie Wold won the HA and exited with the CJ to dummy's ace. Michael Rosenberg read the diamond position. He took a first round finesse to the D9 and collected ten tricks for +580. (a 12 IMP win for Gupta when Zia/Lee defeated 3D at the other table).






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In Donner/Rosenberg, Brent Xiao won H7 with the HA and exited with a diamond. Declarer, Sandra Rimstedt inserted the D9 to score nine tricks.

In Lall/Rasmussen, Alan Watson led the H7 and Melody Bi won the ace. Melody continued with the H5 (suit preference for spades). Holding no more trumps, Watson exited with the CK to dummy's ace. Declarer, Jim Krekorian led a diamond to the ace and scored another 380.




In the Donner/Rosenberg and Lall/Rasmussen matches +380 was a push.

Zia and Chip Martel both passed the West hand in first seat and defended a 3D contract

 		♠ 104	N Jeff Meckstroth
Bd 7, Dir S 3♦-1 N		♥ KQ864 ♦ AKQJ92	
W Zia Mahmood		♣ —	Roger Lee E
♠ AJ		♠ Q9863	
♥ AJ532		♥ 7	
♦ 108653		♦ 7	
♣ J		♣ KQ9652	
 0 0	♠ K752	W N E S	
	♥ 109	P 1♦ 1♠ 2♣	
	♦ 4	2♥ X P 3♣	
	♣ A108743	P 3♦ P P	
David Berkowitz S			

Lee led the H7 to Zia's ace and Zia returned the H5, trumped by Lee. Lee returned a spade. Dummy played the king. Zia won the SA exited with the D5.

Meckstroth won the DA and played the ST. Lee rose with the SQ and continued the suit. Meckstroth conceded one more trick for -100. (As mentioned earlier, 12 IMPs to Gupta)

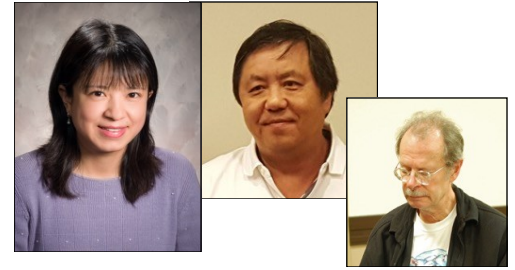
 		♠ 104	N Migry Campanile
Bd 7, Dir S 3♦-1 N		♥ KQ864 ♦ AKQJ92	
W Chip Martel		♣ —	Mark Feldman E
♠ AJ		♠ Q9863	
♥ AJ532		♥ 7	
♦ 108653		♦ 7	
♣ J		♣ KQ9652	
 0 0	♠ K752	W N E S	
	♥ 109	P 1♦ 2♣ P	
	♦ 4	2♥ 3♦ P P	
	♣ A108743	P	
Chris Willenken S			

Mark Feldman led the H7 to Martel's ace. Martel exited with the D6. Migry won the DA, cashed the DK and exited with a spade to dummy's king. Martel won the SA and played the SJ. Feldman overtook the spade and continued the suit. Migry had two more red suit losers and scored -100.

At the other table of the Bramley/Rosenthal match, Dana Berkowitz, West, opened 1H and over the negative double bid 2H. Steve Robinson bid 3D with the North hand. Eldad Ginossar led the H7 and Dana won her ace. Dana switched to a club. Robinson won the CA and, with no information about the bad diamond break, led a diamond to the ace and scored +110.

5 IMPs to Bramley

# Limey Jack



Cheerio Yanks:

With but two tilts it is harder for Howie Dung to make a buffoon of himself, but as sure as Henry VII is buried at Westminster Abbey, he shall.

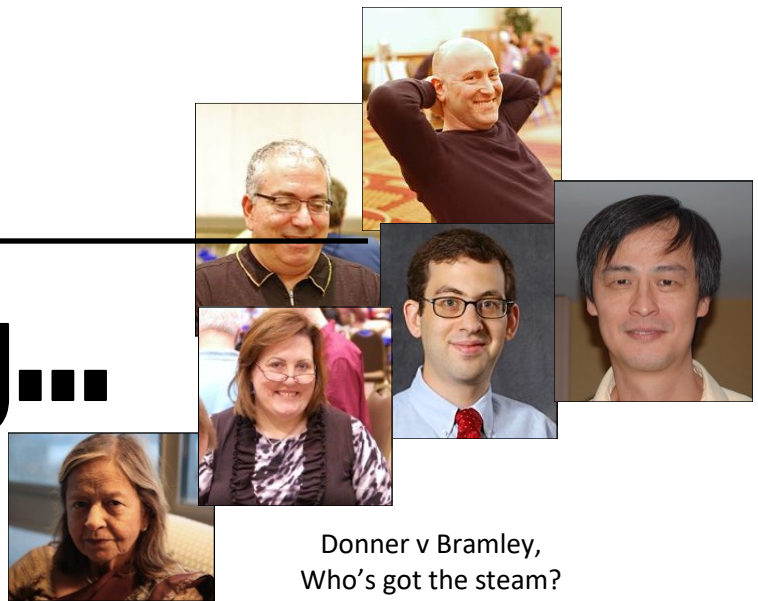
Levine-Lall: One pair gives Lall a certain verve as they compete against an aging collection of heroes, and that is enough to see them through at the camera.

Donner-Bramley: Now with the longest reigning pair in Colonial bridge, Bramley sheds the moniker of DNF.

Limey Jack brings you good fortune daily.

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# Howie Doing...



Enter the Semis  
Two matches to pick...  
You'd think it was easy,  
But it is no trick.

Based on my choices,  
You can win big...  
But don't bet too much.  
They slaughter the pig!

Lall v Levine,  
Levine I would choose.  
His star-studded squad  
Is unlikely to lose!

Lall has some talent,  
But it can't compare  
To five Hall of Famers  
Including Mark Lair.

Donner v Bramley,  
Who's got the steam?  
Can Moss and Grue  
Play through for their team?

Moss and Grue  
Are a pair truly grand,  
But will they wear out  
If they play every hand?

Bramley's more balanced,  
Three pairs in the know,  
But will the squad finish?  
Some members are slow!

Bramley prevails...  
By only a bit.  
No one withdraws...  
These guys never quit!

See you for the Final... Howie!!

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

## Pot Stickers

### Ingredients

#### DUMPLING

- ½ lb (227 g) ground pork or turkey
- 2 green onions, minced
- 2 Tbsp (25 g) bamboo shoots, minced
- 1 tsp (5 g) ginger, minced
- 1 Tbsp (9 g) cornstarch
- 2 tsp (10 ml) soy sauce
- ¼ tsp (0.33 g) white pepper
- flour for dusting surface

#### DIPPING SAUCE

- 6 Tbsp (89 ml) soy sauce
- ¼ C (59 ml) Chinese black vinegar, or balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tbsp (30 ml) sesame oil
- 2 Tbsp (31 g) chili garlic sauce

#### COOKING

- 22 round pot-sticker wrappers
- 2 Tbsp (30 g) vegetable oil
- ⅔ C (148 ml) water

### Directions

#### DUMPLING

Combine all ingredients thoroughly; set aside. Lightly dust surface with flour to lay assembled dumplings. To assemble dumplings, put 1 T (14 g) filling in center of a wrapper. Press lightly against work surface to form a flat bottom. Brush wrapper edges with water; fold in half; press to seal.

#### DIPPING SAUCE

Mix all sauce ingredients together well.

#### COOKING

Heat 1 T (15 ml) oil in a nonstick frying pan on medium high; swirling to coat bottom. Add half of the pot stickers seam side up and cook until bottoms are golden brown, about 3 minutes. Add ⅓ C (74 ml) water, cover, reduce heat and cook until water is absorbed, about 3 minutes. Remove from pan and repeat with remaining pot stickers. Serve with dipping sauce.

**Prep time: 5 minutes.**

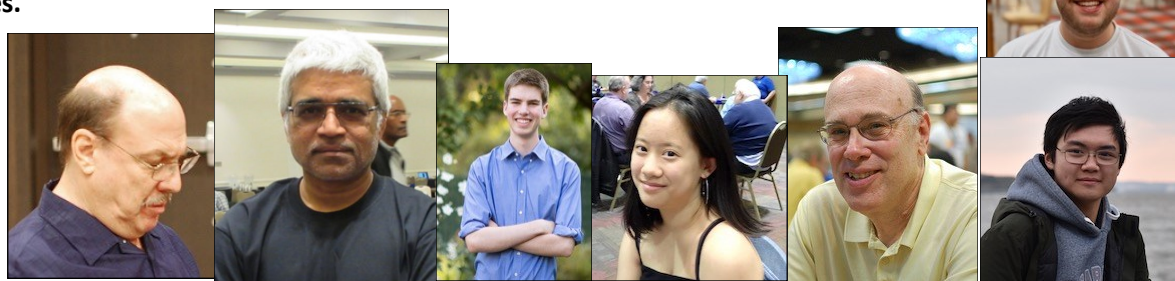
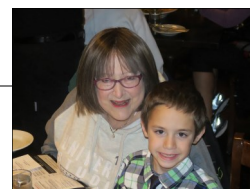
**Cook time: 12 minutes.**

**Makes 4 servings.**

#### Ed. Note:

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

Thanks.





# Tomato Basil Feta Macaroons

## Ingredients

### COOKIE

- ¼ C (64 g) almond meal
- ¼ C (98 g) confectioners' sugar
- 2 lg egg whites
- ¾ C (177 ml) water
- ¾ C (144 g) sugar

### FILLING

- 2 Tbsp (30 g) feta cheese
- 2 Tbsp (30 g) cream cheese
- 2 Tbsp (5 g) basil, finely chopped
- Few drops lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 med ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and finely diced

## Directions

### COOKIE

Preheat oven to 340°F (170°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place a damp kitchen towel on counter. Place almond meal and confectioners' sugar in medium bowl; stir to combine. Place 1 of the egg whites in another medium bowl and beat with an electric mixer until firm shiny peaks form. Spoon into almond mixture, folding in gently to combine. Place remaining egg white in a medium bowl and beat until soft peaks form. Set aside.

Place water and granulated sugar in a small saucepan. Place over medium low heat, stirring frequently until sugar has dissolved. Continue to boil until mixture reaches a temperature of 245°F (120°C) on a candy thermometer. Very gradually pour sugar syrup into egg white, constantly beating with an electric mixer until shiny peaks form. Add almond mixture and gently fold in.

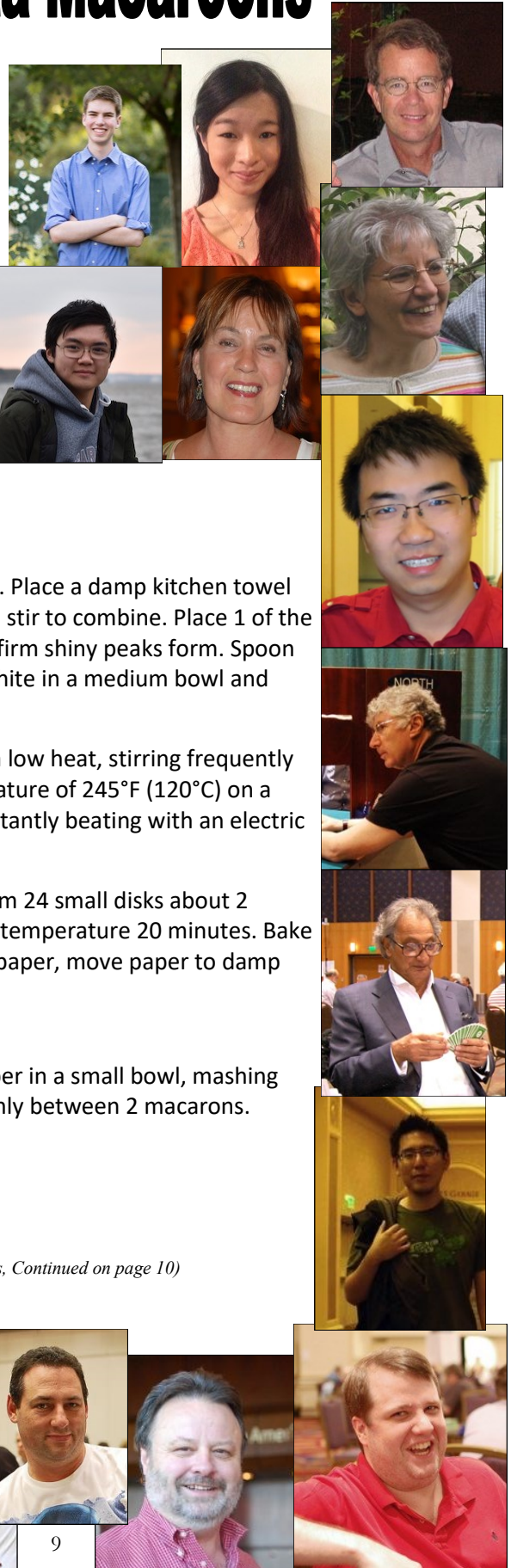
Spoon mixture into a large pastry bag fitted with a large round tip and form 24 small disks about 2 in (5.1 cm) across, leaving an inch of space in between. Let stand at room temperature 20 minutes. Bake for 12 minutes. Remove from oven and, leaving macarons on parchment paper, move paper to damp kitchen towel. Let cool to room temperature.

### FILLING

To make filling, place feta, cream cheese, basil, lemon juice, salt and pepper in a small bowl, mashing with a fork to combine. Stir in tomatoes. To assemble, spread mixture thinly between 2 macarons.

- **Prep time: 38 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 12 minutes.**
- **Makes 12 servings.**

*(Recipes, Continued on page 10)*



# Shrimp and Crab Wontons

## Ingredients

- ½ C (170 g) finely shredded cabbage, preferably Savoy
- Kosher salt to taste
- 6 oz (170 g) shrimp and lump crabmeat, chopped
- 1 C (50 g) spring onions, finely chopped
- 1 Tbsp (14 g) ginger purée, or finely grated ginger
- 1 tsp (5 g) soy sauce
- 1 tsp (4 g) sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp (15 g) cream cheese
- 1 14-oz (398-g) pkg wonton wrappers
- 2–3 C (473–682 g) vegetable or peanut oil

## Directions

Combine cabbage, salt, shrimp and crab, onions, ginger, soy sauce, sesame oil and cream cheese in a bowl and mix well. Separate wonton wrappers and arrange on a dry surface. Place a scant tsp of filling in center of each wrapper; wet edges and seal by bringing opposite corners together, forming a triangle. Bring 2 remaining corners together toward center and seal with a pinch.

Preheat oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Working in batches, fry wontons until golden brown, about 6 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon and transfer to paper towels. Serve hot with your favorite dipping sauce, such as hoisin; sweet and sour or Chinese mustard.

- **Prep time: 22 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 36 minutes.**
- **Makes 8 servings.**

"I work with animals," the guy says to his date. "That's so sweet," she replies. "I love a man who cares about animals. Where do you work?" "At the butcher shop," he says.

Why was the leper hockey game canceled? There was a face off in the corner.

Today was a terrible day. My ex got hit by a bus. And I lost my job as a bus driver!

It's important to have a good vocabulary. If I had known the difference between the words 'antidote' and 'anecdote,' one of my good friends would still be alive.

Imagine if you walked into a bar and there was a long line of people waiting to take a swing at you. That's the punch line.

I have a joke about trickle down economics. But 99% of you will never get it.



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

# ***Sudoku***

## **Answers on Page 16**

Sudoku 2

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



**SOLUTION to  
Logic Puzzle on  
page 14**



I heard Sony's coming out with a new console during the pandemic. It's called the Plaguestation 5.

I was in Russia listening to a stand-up comedian making fun of Putin. The jokes weren't that good, but I liked the execution.

I wasn't close to my father when he died. Which is lucky because he stepped on a landmine.

Why can't orphans play baseball? They don't know where home is.

Two hunters are in the woods when one of them collapses. His hunting buddy immediately calls 911. "My friend isn't breathing," he shouts into the phone. "What should I do?" "Relax," the operator tells him. "I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There's silence, and then a gunshot. The guy gets back on the phone and says, "OK, now what?"

The guy who stole my diary just died. My thoughts are with his family.

My parents raised me as an only child, which really annoyed my younger brother.

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Hand layout for Board 44, Dlr W, 4♠-2 E:

- North (Jeff Meckstroth): ♠ 4, ♥ Q1095, ♦ Q10942, ♣ J52
- West (Michael Rosenberg): ♠ K65, ♥ AK63, ♦ A7, ♣ Q964
- East (Zach Grossack): ♠ QJ1092, ♥ J, ♦ J83, ♣ A873
- South (David Berkowitz): ♠ A873, ♥ 8742, ♦ K65, ♣ K10

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

On Board 44, Zach Grossack made a BIG play at trick one and paid the price for it. David Berkowitz led the H4 and Zach ducked in dummy!! Zach could have been right had the HQ rested with South or if the spade suit split 3-2.

Meckstroth won the HQ and shifted to the DT, J, K, A. Zach cashed his two high hearts, tossing his two small diamonds. He played the S5 to the queen, ducked. He continued with the ST to the king and the S6 to the nine and Berk's ace. David played a diamond, tapping Grossack. Grossack used his SJ to pull David's S8 and all trump were gone from the hand.

Grossack played a club toward the queen and Berkowitz popped with the king... three tricks in for the defense. North/South cashed their two red suit tricks for down two.

At the other table, Mark Lair declared 4S on Korbel's lead of a low spade from A873. Lair won the king in dummy and played the D7 to the T, J, K. Korbel, seeing diamond ruffs about to come in dummy, cashed his SA and played a third spade. Lair won the queen and pulled Korbel's last trump. A small club toward dummy drove out the CK and Lair had ten winners! 11 IMPs to Levine



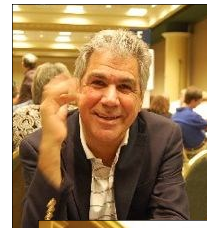
# Fun and Games Page

## Treasure Island

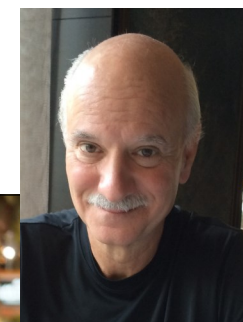
Find and circle all of the words and names from the book Treasure Island.  
The remaining 46 letters spell a secret message.

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

- |                    |                  |                  |                 |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| ADMIRAL BENBOW INN | CAPE             | ISLAND           | QUARTERMASTER   |
| APPLE BARREL       | CAPTAIN FLINT    | ISRAEL HANDS     | SAIL            |
| ASHORE             | CAPTAIN SMOLLETT | JIM HAWKINS      | SCHOONER        |
| BEACH              | CHEST            | JOLLY ROGER      | SEAFARING       |
| BEN GUNN           | COAST            | LOGBOOK          | SEAMEN          |
| BILLY BONES        | COMPASS          | LONG JOHN SILVER | SHIP            |
| BLACK DOG          | COVE             | MAROONED         | SKELETON        |
| BUCCANEER          | CREW             | MUSKET           | SPY-GLASS       |
| BURIED GOLD        | CUTLASS          | MUTINY           | SQUIRE TRELAWNE |
| CABIN BOY          | DR. LIVESEY      | PARROT           | THE BLACK SPOT  |
| CANNON BALLS       | GUINEAS          | PIRATES          | TREASURE        |
| CANNONS            | HISPANIOLA       | PISTOL           | WALRUS          |



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



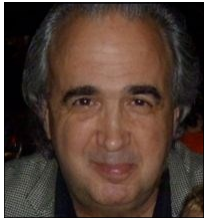
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# Logic Puzzle

	Bentley	Larsen	Silver	Vernal	Ward	"An Elemental Matter"	"On a Dark Night"	"Resuming the Dawn"	"Something Wicked"	"To Tie the Knot"	Fantasy	Horror	Mainstream	Mystery	Romance	CD	CD	iPod	iPod	tape
Andrea																				
George																				
Julia																				
Rick																				
Sally																				
CD																				
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"To Tie the Knot"																				



## Answer on Page 11

First Name	Last Name	Title	Genre	Media Type

During their daily commute to work, five people listen to fiction audio books. Each one prefers a different genre. Due to the constraints of their cars, they listen to the books in a variety of ways – on cassette tape, CD, even iPod®! They all find that listening to audio books immensely improves their daily commute by reducing stress and giving them true enjoyment during the trip while still feeling like they’re doing something productive, instead of just wasting time while they sit in traffic. Determine the full name of each commuter, the title and genre of each book, and in what format each listens to their audio book.

1. George Bentley didn’t listen to a tape. Ms. Vernal, whose first name wasn’t Julia, didn’t like fantasy novels. “To Tie the Knot” wasn’t a horror novel.
2. The book, “An Elemental Matter”, was listened to by the

person whose last name was Ward, but not on a tape. Sally, whose last name wasn’t Silver, didn’t listen to “Resuming the Dawn”.

3. The romance novel was titled “Something Wicked” but it wasn’t listened to by Julia. Ms. Larsen listened to an iPod but she didn’t like mainstream novels.
4. The two people who listened to CDs were Rick and the person reading “On a Dark Night”. The mystery novel was on tape but its title wasn’t “Resuming the Dawn”.
5. Julia didn’t listen to an iPod. Andrea, whose last name wasn’t Vernal, didn’t listen to a CD.
6. Sally listened to a horror novel but “An Elemental Matter” wasn’t the title. Rick, who didn’t listen to “Something Wicked”, didn’t like mainstream fiction.

<b>Board 10</b> <b>Dealer E</b> <b>All Vul</b>		♠ J542 ♥ 8763 ♦ 10654 ♣ 2	♠ A97 ♥ J4 ♦ AJ73 ♣ AJ94	NT   ♠   ♥   ♦   ♣ N 1 5 1 1 1 S 1 5 1 1 1 E 11 8 12 12 12 W 11 7 12 12 12
♠ 6 ♥ AK1092 ♦ KQ8 ♣ Q1065	♠ KQ1083 ♥ Q5 ♦ 92 ♣ K873	Par -1430 6♥= EW		
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	Roger Lee & Zia Mahmood	6♦-1 W	♠4	100
Migry Campanile & Chris Willenken	Mark Feldman & Chip Martel	5♣= W	♠4	600
Jim Krekorian & Hemant Lall	Alan Watson & Melody Bi	3NT+1 E	♠K	630
Michael Rosenberg & Vinita Gupta	Mike Levine & Eddie Wold	3NT+2 E	♠Q	660
Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	Cornelius Duffie & Brent Xiao	3NT+2 E	♠Q	660
Steve Robinson & Peter Boyd	Eldad Ginossar & Dana Berkowitz	3NT+2 E	♠Q	660
Ish DelMonte & Finn Kolesnik	Brad Moss & Joe Grue	4♠X-4 S	♠6	1100
Anton Tsyarkin & Jim Rasmussen	Brian Platnick & John Diamond	6♣= E	♠K	1370

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John Diamond and Brian Platnick were the only pair to bid and make slam on Board 10.

Platnick opened 1NT (14-16). Diamond transferred to hearts and rebid 2NT which showed 4+ clubs and a game forcing hand.

Platnick preferenced clubs and Diamond responded 3S showing spade shortage.

4D was keycard for clubs and 4H showed 0 or 3 keycards.

Rasmussen led the SK.

Platnick won the spade and trumped a spade in dummy. The CQ was led and ducked around the table.

Platnick led the C6 to his jack. Rasmussen won the CK and continued clubs. Platnick won the CA and cashed the C9, drawing the last trump.

Brian played four rounds of diamonds and led the HJ. South played low and declarer finessed, taking twelve tricks and making his contract.

At the other table, Bi/Watson stopped in 3NT and took ten tricks.

12 IMPs to Lall

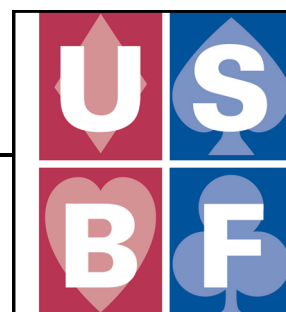
# Puzzle Answers:

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

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

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

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# Meet the Players!

**Daniel Korbel**, originally from Canada, is a bridge pro living in sunny Las Vegas with his wife, Sylvia Shi. His hobbies include reading, tennis, Netflix, pool, exercising, cooking, piano, and some computer games. Dan has one son by a previous marriage. Jonathan Steinberg, one of Dan's past regular partners, think the world of Dan's game and really enjoyed playing with him. Dan is in the JLall event on the Naren Gupta team.

### *Bridge Accomplishments*

4 Canadian championships, WBF silver medal, National BAM, National Jacoby Swiss Teams, GNT, USBF Invitational, 2nd in Vanderbilt, 4 other 2nds

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**Bridge Pro Unveils his Secrets as a Hired Gun... Article was updated Apr. 09, 2020**

WATERLOO, Canada - If you've got a bridge tournament you simply must win, then **Daniel Korbel** is the man you want sitting on the other side of the table. But it'll cost you.

For the past six years, the 30-year-old Waterloo man has made a living as a hired gun at major bridge tournaments around North America. He's paid by well-heeled players to be their partner in card games they really, really don't want to lose.

"If you're worth \$200 million, you'd certainly hire a gardener and a maid and whatever else. What's the difference with a bridge pro?" Korbel said. "Some of these guys just love to win. If you're very competitive, this is a good way to improve your chances."

Unlike poker tournaments, bridge tournaments rarely have prize money. Instead, professionals earn their living through these affluent "sponsors" - players who happily pay upward of \$30,000 or more to a top pro to be their teammate at a week-long national tournament.

A regional tournament might net a pro \$5,000 to \$9,000 for seven days' work, Korbel said. His clients have included doctors, lawyers and judges, he said, and generally people with the spare cash to buy their way to bridge bragging rights.

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*(Korbel, Continued from page 17)*

If you're among the best, professional bridge playing can offer a cushy life. The top pros in the U.S. commonly haul in as much as \$200,000 a year...

It's not uncommon for some multi-millionaires to hire as many as five professionals to make up their team, using the pros to substitute in and out of long tournaments. Some players are so in demand they're hired on retainer for a year to play at several tournaments.

Korbel wouldn't say how much he earns playing bridge, but it's enough to live comfortably and is his main source of income.

He moved to Waterloo from Toronto more than a decade ago to study computer science and later English at the University of Waterloo.

By then, Korbel was already playing bridge at a serious level, to the point he took a few years off school to travel from tournament to tournament, honing his chops. He still stays sharp by practicing ways to keep his concentration at its highest level - a skill that goes a long way in bridge.

"I was 19 when the bridge bug really got me," he said. "I played as much as I could. When I couldn't play in a tournament, I'd play on the internet or read bridge books."

A few years earlier, his father's friend had given him a book on bridge. That was his first introduction to the challenging card game, most popular among seniors, that has its own complicated acronyms and language.

"I read it and I had no idea what it said. So I read it again and I still had no idea," Korbel said. "Since then, it's always captivated me. It's the best game that man has ever invented, in my opinion ... If you like the game, it can hold your attention for a lifetime."

Korbel is a young man in an older person's game, but he's had remarkable success. He started playing for Canada's junior national team.



At the World Mind Games in France years ago, there was a global showdown between the best bridge, chess, checkers, go and Chinese chess players on the planet. Dan and his partner were ranked third in the world. Six times, he's finished in the top 10 at North American Championship events.

Part of his job as a professional is to protect his teammates from other hired pros during games, and to keep his affluent partners happy.

"It's like a marriage in that sense," he said. "I try very hard to keep things in perspective. A lot of the people I play with are highly successful . they've done a lot with their lives. Just because I happen to be very good at a card game, I try to not let it go to my head."

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**Board 17**  
**Dealer N**  
**None Vul**

♠ A9  
 ♥ 9842  
 ♦ K742  
 ♣ 863

♠ 43  
 ♥ KQJ6  
 ♦ 1095  
 ♣ 10754

♠ 10  
 ♥ 753  
 ♦ QJ86  
 ♣ KQJ92

♠ KQJ87652  
 ♥ A10  
 ♦ A3  
 ♣ A

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	12	12	7	7	5
S	12	12	7	7	5
E	1	1	6	5	8
W	1	1	6	5	8

Par +990 6NT= NS

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Chip Martel & Mark Feldman	Eldad Ginossar & Dana Berkowitz	6NT= N	♣Q	990
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	6NT= S	♥K	990
Mike Passell & Mark Lair	Zach Grossack & Zia Mahmood	6♠= S	♥K	980
Brent Xiao & Cornelius Duffie	Joe Grue & Brad Moss	6♠= S	♥Q	980
Debbie Rosenberg & Andrew Rosenthal	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	6♠= S	♥K	980
Gary Donner & Sandra Rimstedt	Kevin Rosenberg & Finn Kolesnik	4♠+3 S	♥K	510
Michael Rosenberg & Vinita Gupta	Mike Levine & Eddie Wold	4♠+2 S	♥K	480
Anton Tsytkin & Jim Rasmussen	Brian Platnick & John Diamond	4♠+2 S	♥K	480

It is not surprising that slam was bid at five of the eight tables. It is a little surprising that it wasn't bid more. At most of the tables, East passed and South opened 2C, later revealing a strong two bid in spades. Some method of ace-ask was employed and the contract was placed in either 6NT or 6S.

At Martel/Feldman's table in Bramley v Rosenthal, Feldman opened 2C; Martel responded 2NT showing three controls (A+K or 3 K's). Feldman bid 3S. Martel responded 3NT and Feldman jumped to the NT slam. 12 tricks without a finesse!! At the other table, D. Rosenberg and Rosenthal had 7 rounds of bidding to arrive in 6S. Push board

Seven rounds of bidding sounds like a lot until one considers the NINE rounds that Casen and Krekorian took in Lal-l/Rasmussen to end in 6NT:

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

At the other table in Lal-l/Rasmussen, Tsytkin and Rasmussen took only four rounds of bidding but stopped in the spade game. Rasmussen opened 2C; Tsytkin responded 2D, waiting; Rasmussen bid 2S; Rsytkin countered 2NT; Rasmussen jumped to 4S. With the playing strength of the South hand, Jim would have been better off bidding Blackwood than bidding what sounds like a sign-off in 4S.

Passell and Lair took seven rounds of bidding to bid the spade slam. At the other table in Levine/Gupta, Gupta and M. Rosenberg took only three rounds to stop in game after Gupta opened 1S; Rosenberg bid a semi-forcing NT; and Gupta jumped to game!

In Donner/Rosenberg, Grue, playing a strong club system, opened the East hand 1D (could be 2). Duffie overcalled 1S. B Xiao responded 1NT and Duffy jumped to 6S. (What if 1S had been passed out?) At the other table in this match, Rimstedt opened the South hand 1C (16+); Donner bid 1D showing 0-7. Kevin Rosenberg overcalled 2C, and Rimstedt jumped to 4S played it there.

Truly a hand that was all about the bidding... nothing to the play!

Board 51, Dir S  
4♦ = W

W Michael Rosenberg

♠ 1032  
♥ 7632  
♦ 86  
♣ KQ97

N Jeff Meckstroth

Zach Grossack E

♠ A9  
♥ Q5  
♦ KQJ10974  
♣ 106

♠ J8764  
♥ AJ98  
♦ 52  
♣ A2

David Berkowitz S

♠ KQ5  
♥ K104  
♦ A3  
♣ J8543

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

David Berkowitz opened 1C with the South hand and Michael Rosenberg overcalled 1D. Rather than bidding his anemic four-card heart suit, Meckstroth raised to 2C.

Zach Grossack made a responsive double, showing the majors and diamond tolerance. Berkowitz bid 3C and Rosenberg bid 3D.

Zach showed his five-card spades suit and Rosenberg retreated to 4D. Meckstroth led the CK. Michael won dummy's ace and led a heart toward the queen. Berkowitz ducked the HK. Michael drove out the DA. South cashed the CJ and exited with a trump.

Rosenberg won and cashed his diamonds, hoping to squeeze South in the majors. Meckstroth held the STx to protect the spade suit and Berkowitz held the HKT to protect the hearts, holding declarer to 10 tricks, scoring 130...the PAR result on this board.

Sometimes PAR isn't good enough

Board 51, Dir S  
3NT+3 E

W Mike Passell

♠ 1032  
♥ 7632  
♦ 86  
♣ KQ97

N Roger Lee

Mark Lair E

♠ A9  
♥ Q5  
♦ KQJ10974  
♣ 106

♠ J8764  
♥ AJ98  
♦ 52  
♣ A2

Daniel Korbel S

♠ KQ5  
♥ K104  
♦ A3  
♣ J8543

W	N	E	S
1♦	1♥	1♠	1♣
3♦	P	3NT	P
P	P		

Korbel opened 1C and Passell overcalled 1D.

Roger Lee introduced the heart suit and Mark Lair bid 1S. Korbel showed three-card heart support with his support double.

Passell jumped to 3D and Lair bid 3NT.

Korbel led the H4 and declarer won the H9. Lair led a diamond. Korbel won the ace and tried the HK. This was not a success.

Declarer took six diamond tricks, four hearts and two black aces, scoring +690.

11 IMPs to Levine