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**We
Remember:**



Final Results

JLall Online Teams #6 - 2022

Final (70 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.					
26-Jun-2022			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>					
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	Ferro	112	23	31	33	14	14	-3
2	Lall	105	12	32	22	32	7	

**Congratulations
Team FERRO!**

**The team survived
a 3 IMP penalty
for a late
line-up entry
to defeat Team Lall
by 7!**



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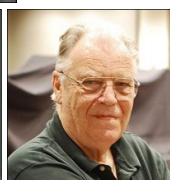
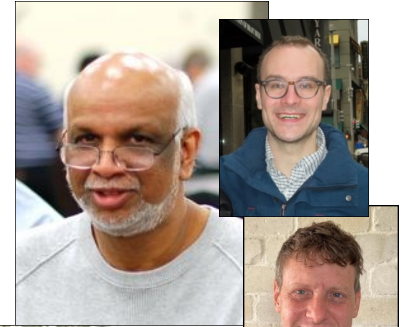
Two handy
cards:
The ace of
spades and
the proof of
Vaccination!

Teams Entered...

Eight teams ... in alphabetical order:

KO Schedule on page 15


Brines	Tracy Brines, Capt Tracey Bauer Peter Boyd-Bowman	Joyce Goldstein Mykaell McCarthy Alix Taylor
Ferro	Jeff Ferro, Capt Alex Ornstein Andrew Gumperz	Leni Holtz Bruce Rogoff Anant Rathi
Ge	Xin Ge, Capt Kayden Ge Charlie Chen	Brandon Ge Steve Chen Andrew Chen
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Bart Bramley	Phil Clayton Kit Woolsey
Lall's Juniors	Sarik Goyal, Capt Eric Xiao Gan Yang	Daniel Weiss Jeff Xiao Derek Wong
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt David Yang Alex Perlin	Jiang Gu David Chechelashvili
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Bernie Greenspan	Lance Kerr Bill Hall Fred Schenker
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Debbie Rosenberg Chris Willenken	Migry Campanile Michael Rosenberg Eldad Ginossar



Bridge News...

A JUNIOR BATTLE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN
TEAM CAPTAINS ARE:

JAMES HOLZHAUER V ZACH GROSSACK



**Vugraph commentary by
Larry Cohen & George Jacobs**



Tuesday
5th July 2022
9pm Eastern

realbridge.online/junior-battle-5-july-2022

A great opportunity to see juniors in the USBF junior training program take part in an exhibition match.

James Holzhauser (of Jeopardy! fame), and Zach Grossack will each captain a team. Commentators are international stars of the game, Larry Cohen and George Jacobs. They will comment live on RealBridge. You will be able to ask them a question in text or in video.

What system are they playing? All players are playing the same standard 2/1 system... but will they bid the same way? Once the players have settled on the team convention card, you will be able to see it online with one click.

How do you watch? Go to kibitz.realbridge.online ... No account is needed, just put your name in and join the event.

JAMES' TEAM:

Harrison Luba: "I am 18 years old and my grandparents and great-grandmother taught me bridge at the age of 8 in South Carolina. I moved to Massachusetts when I was 12 and have played competitively ever since. I am going to be a freshman at Emory University in the Fall, planning to study chemistry."

Luke Williams: "I am a 21 year old who grew up in San Diego and recently moved to Seattle. My grandparents taught my brother and me to play bridge when I was 9 and he was 12,

and we've played together ever since. I'm entering my senior year at Pomona College where I study politics and psychology."

Reese Koppel: "I study behavioral economics and data science at Yale. Besides bridge, I dabble in chess, music production (both house music and engineering beats), tennis and golf. I love reading and watching my hometown New Orleans Pelicans and Saints. Within the bridge world, I was the 2018 ACBL King of Bridge. I serve as a trustee on the ACBL Educational Foundation and I have coached bridge at Yale as well as privately."

ZACH'S TEAM

Michael Xu: "Five days from now I'll be 19. I grew up in the Bay Area, California, and I currently study mathematics and computer science at Amherst College. I am not sure of what I want to do in the future, but currently quant trading and software engineering seems intriguing. My bridge goal is to win a big event with my mentor, Michael Rosenberg."

Jake Williams: "My brother and I learned to play together in San Diego. I attended Harvey Mudd College where I competed collegiately in both bridge and tennis. I am now 24 and attending the University of Chicago, where I am working towards a PhD in Computer Science, focusing on machine learning and inverse problems."

William Scott: "I graduated from Tufts University in 2021 and am now a software developer in the healthcare industry. I learned to play bridge at age 12 but started playing more seriously in 2019, and my favorite contract to declare is four hearts (one notrump is a close second). Outside of bridge, I enjoy distance running and following the NBA."

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

New Orleans style Shrimp Pasta

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 2 1/4 pounds yellow onions, finely diced
- 1 1/2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 cup finely diced celery
- 1/2 cup finely diced green bell pepper
- 5 cups canned tomato sauce (not pasta sauce) from three 14.5-ounce cans
- 5 teaspoons sugar
- 2 1/2 pounds peeled and deveined small or medium shrimp
- 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce, preferably Original Louisiana Hot Sauce
- 1 pound spaghetti, cooked as directed on the package (see note)
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, for garnish
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped green onion, for garnish
- Grated parmesan cheese, for serving (see note)



Preparation

1. Warm a wide, heavy-bottomed 15-quart Dutch oven or stockpot over medium-high heat for 2 minutes, then add the oil and heat for 30 seconds. Add the onions—you should hear a sizzle when they hit the oil—and season with the salt. Stir well to coat the onions with the oil, then cook, stirring often, for about 25 minutes, until the onions are soft and golden (they should not have a lot of color at this point).
2. Add the garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium-low, add the celery and bell pepper, and cook, stirring occasionally, until soft, about 45 minutes.
3. Now you're going to add the tomato sauce 1/2 cup at a time. Each time you add tomato sauce, add 1/2 teaspoon sugar. (Scandalous, I know.) So, let's begin. Add 1/2 cup of the sauce and 1/2 teaspoon of the sugar, stir, and heat until the sauce is simmering and bubbling but not boiling, then simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. Repeat this process until you've added all the sauce and all the sugar, then reduce the heat to its lowest setting and cook, stirring every 10 minutes, for 45 minutes more.
4. Meanwhile, put the shrimp in a large bowl and season it with the black pepper, cayenne, and hot sauce. Let it marinate on the counter while the sauce simmers.
5. When the sauce has simmered for 45 minutes, add the shrimp and 4 cups hot water to the pot and stir to combine. Raise the heat to medium-high to bring the tomato sauce back up to a simmer, then reduce the heat to maintain a simmer and cook for 20 minutes, or until the sauce has thickened to the consistency of pizza sauce and no longer looks watery. Turn off the heat and let everything sit together for 30 minutes to allow the flavors to marry.
6. Serve the sauce over the cooked spaghetti, garnished with the parsley and green onion and topped with parmesan. *Serves 6 to 8.*

Chef notes: *If you'd like one less pot to wash, cook the spaghetti right in the sauce the way some Cajuns do: 8 to 10 minutes before the sauce is done, crack the spaghetti in half and add it to the pot along with 1/4 cup water. The pasta's starch helps to thicken the sauce. Cover the pot and simmer the noodles in the sauce for about 15 minutes before letting it sit off the heat for 30 minutes.*

When I was growing up, there was no real cheese in the grocery aisles down the bayou—only the “parmesan cheese” that came in a green can. We all know that what comes out of that green can isn't true cheese, so get a nice chunk of the real stuff and smother your spaghetti with freshly grated parmesan.

Roasted Corn Quesadilla

Ingredients

- 2 ears fresh corn, shucked
 - Canola oil
 - 1/2 cup hot water
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup masa harina
 - 3/4 cups grated Monterey Jack cheese
 - Salsa
-
- Guacamole

Directions

Step 1: Build or spark a hot fire. Rub both ears of corn with a little oil. Grill corn, turning regularly until kernels turn brilliant, plump and are charred here and there about 12-14 minutes. Shave kernels from cobs. Toss half in the blender; set aside the rest.

Step 2: Add 1/2 cup water and 1/4 teaspoon salt to the blender. Blend as smooth as possible.

Step 3: Measure 1 cup masa harina into a bowl. Pour in blended corn and knead to a soft dough that is not sticky (add a spoonful more masa harina if need be). Roll dough into 6 balls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rest 15 minutes.

Step 4: Heat a griddle or skillet over medium-high. Line a tortilla press with a square of plastic cut from a zip-top baggie. Set one dough ball on plastic. Cover with a second square of plastic and press into a 6-inch tortilla. Peel off top plastic. Flip the tortilla onto an open palm; peel off remaining plastic and set the tortilla onto the hot griddle.

Step 5: Spread 2 tablespoons cheese over the tortilla. Spread 2 tablespoons corn over cheese. When the bottom of the tortilla begins to brown (about 30 seconds), fold the tortilla in half, pressing edges together, and continue to cook, turning once, until cheese has melted and outside is crisp, about 2 minutes more.

Step 6: Slip quesadilla off the griddle and onto a baking sheet. Keep warm in a low oven. Repeat, shaping and crisping remaining quesadillas. Serve with salsa and guacamole.

Useful Herb Marinade for Grilling

Prep: 5 minutes

Makes about 2/3 cup

Use this marinade with pork, poultry, fish and vegetables.

5 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

5 tablespoons white wine vinegar

5 cloves garlic, crushed

1 1/2 teaspoons dried tarragon

1/2 teaspoon ground sage

1/2 teaspoon dried basil

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Freshly ground pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients in a bowl using a whisk to dissolve the salt. Alternatively, mix all ingredients in a jar with a tight-fitting lid. Refrigerate, covered, up to 2 weeks. Use at room temperature.

Hand 1, Dir N
5♦X=E

W Alex Ornstein

♠ AKQ5
♥ A1052
♦ AK32
♣ J

♠ J974
♥ QJ98
♦ QJ8
♣ Q9

N Hemant Lall

Other table
1NT+3 E

Bruce Rogoff E

♠ 3
♥ 6
♦ 1097654
♣ K8632

Phil Clayton S

♠ 10862
♥ K743
♦ —
♣ A10754

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

Lall and Ferro entered the Final round yesterday. The action started on Board 1.

Clayton opened an exceedingly light 1C. (A Psych??) Ornstein doubled for takeout and Lall redoubled on his 9 count. Rogoff bid 2D, trying to escape... certainly unaware that his partner could hold 21 HCP for all his opponents' bidding! Clayton bid 2H, minimum, unbalanced. Ornstein splintered clubs and Lall, still not in on the joke, bid 4H. Rogoff countered with the diamond game and Lall doubled. He likely thought the opponents were saving!

Clayton led the H4, Rogoff winning dummy's ace. Rogoff cashed one high diamond and led the CJ, ducking when Lall covered with the queen. Lall played the DQ, won with dummy's king and Rogoff had his 11 tricks.

Kit Gumperz Bart Rathi

W	N	E	S
	P	P	P
1♣*	P	1♦*	P
1♥*	P	1NT*	P
P	P		

At the other table (see auction to the right), Rathi passed the South hand. Kit's 1C was strong and artificial. Bart's 1D was

0-7; 1H showed 4+, forcing; 1NT showed 0-5 with less than 4 cards in the majors.

Rathi led a 4th best club to the J,Q, K. Bart ducked a diamond to North's 8. North cashed the C9 and played the HQ to dummy's ace. Bramley had the rest of the tricks in spades and diamonds and made 4NT.

9 IMPs to Ferro

Pro-Am Charity Game to support Junior Bridge

Question: What do these names have in common: Debbie Rosenberg, Migry Zur Campanile, Bob Hamman, Jeff Meckstroth, Ralph Katz, Mike Lawrence, Larry Cohen?

Answer: They have all agreed to be auctioned for a charity game to support junior bridge!

The ACBL Educational Foundation, an independent 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, is hosting a Pro-Am Charity game before the Providence Nationals. 100% of the funds raised go to support junior bridge.

Date: July 11, 2022 (4PM Pacific/7PM Eastern)

Location: Online at RealBridge

An amazing array of top players, including many legends, have agreed to be auctioned! The game will feature voice, video, mentoring and kibitzing with expert commentary and plenty of excitement! The environment will be fun and friendly with PRIZES and a ZOOM after-party with the experts. Anyone can participate. Players can bid on their favorite celebrities or buy in as a pair.

Can't make it? No problem! Purchase a playing lesson with a celebrity on BBO instead! Drop by to see who is playing and get your bid in!

The ACBL Educational Foundation (ACBLEF) is an independent 501 (c)(3) nonprofit foundation with the mission of introducing bridge to non-players and growing bridge players of all levels. The Foundation accepts contributions from individuals and corporations and then awards grants to programs which share its goals. The ACBLEF junior fund raises donations earmarked to support US junior bridge. Our first goal is to help qualified US juniors attend major tournaments such as the upcoming World Youth Transnational Championships in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy occurring August 7-14, 2022. For more information, go to <https://www.32auctions.com/organizations/98945>.

Put Brain in Motion...

Jesse's two grandmothers want to see him every weekend, but they live on opposite sides of town. As a compromise, he tells them that every Sunday, he'll head to the subway station nearest to his apartment at a random time of the day and will hop on the next train that arrives.

If it happens to be the train traveling north, he'll visit his Grandma Erica uptown, and if it happens to be the train traveling south, he'll visit his Grandma Cara downtown. Both of his grandmothers are okay with this plan, since they know both the northbound and southbound trains run every 20 minutes.

But after a few months of doing this, Grandma Cara complains that she sees him only one out of five Sundays. Jesse promises he's indeed heading to the station at a random time each day. **How can this be?**

Solution

Although both trains come exactly every 20 minutes, the timing still matters: Suppose the northbound train comes on the hour, on the 20, and on the 40, so at 9:00, 9:20, 9:40, 10:00, etc., but the southbound train comes on the 4, 24, and 44, so 9:04, 9:24, 9:44, 10:04, etc.

This means in any hour, there will be only 12 minutes in which the southbound train will be the next train to arrive. That is, if Jesse arrives between 9:00-9:04, between 9:20-9:24, or between 9:40-9:44, he'll get on the southbound train. Otherwise, he'll get on the northbound train.

Since Jesse arrives at a random point every day (or equivalently at a random point in each hour), his chance of getting on the southbound train will be 12 out of 60, or one-fifth. And so that's the answer: Both the northbound and the southbound trains arrive at the station every 20 minutes, but the southbound train always arrives 4 minutes after the northbound train.

Grandma Cara may be lucky, though. If the southbound train was scheduled to arrive only 1 minute after the northbound train, Jesse would only visit two to three times per year!

The ten Pronunciations of **-ough**.

I **thought** it would
be **rough**
to **plough**
through the
slough,
though it was falling
into the **lough** that
left me **thoroughly**
coughing and
hiccoughing.

ENGLISH RULES:

The bandage was wound around the wound!

The farm was used to produce produce.

The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.

We must polish the Polish furniture.

He could lead if he would get the lead out.

The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

I did not object to the object.

The insurance was valid for the invalid.

They were too close to the door to close it!

Sudoku

Answers

on Page 13

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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



SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on
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Owner's Name	Pet's Name	Pet Type	Street Address	Days Gone
Warren	Sassy	parrot	Park Street	3 days
Marcus	Martian	hamster	Bath Street	6 days
Karl	Puddles	dog	Trip Street	7 days
Daniel	Gossip	cat	Wood Street	4 days
Burton	Cutie	ferret	Snow Street	5 days



International friendly Junior Bridge Festival on RealBridge

Dates: 3 & 10 July 2022

Junior players from around the world are welcome to play in this free event.

Please send an email to events@realbridge.online

The email needs to be from the captian or coach, not the players.

Enter up to 48 hours before the start time. Details below the poster.

JUNIOR BRIDGE FESTIVAL
3 JULY 2022 U16, U21, U26

9am BST - 10am West Europe CEST
 3pm Thailand - 4pm Hong Kong
 6pm Sydney - 8pm New Zealand

- U16 play 16-18 boards. **Pairs.**
- U21 & U26 play 28-30 boards. **Teams.**

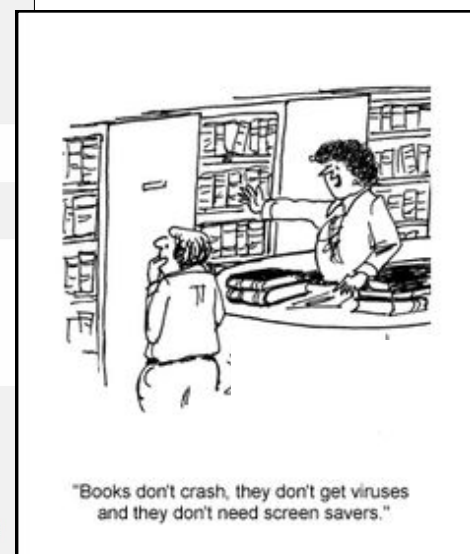
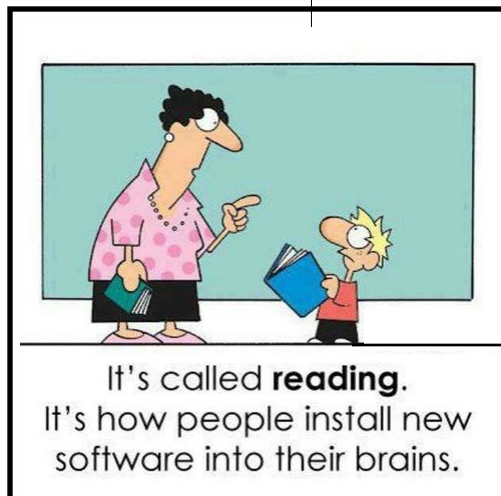
10 JULY 2022 U21, U26, U31

4pm BST - 5pm West Europe CEST
 11am EDT (New York)

- U21 play 18-20 boards. **Teams.**
- U26 & U31 play 28-30 boards. **Teams.**

Junior coaches /captains contact:
events@realbridge.online

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Special notices:

1. Please notice 2 dates.
2. Start times are not the same.
3. Categories are not the same.

Start times	3 July: 9am BST, 10am CEST, 3PM Thailand, 6pm Sydney 10 July: 4pm BST, 5pm CEST, 11am EDT (New York)
No of boards	U16: between 16 and 18 boards U32: between 18 and 20 boards U26 and U31: 28 to 30 boards
Conditions of contest	Friendly, but normal WBF regulations.
History of event	Part of a series of events on RealBridge, having started in January 2021
Trick one delays	We have a system-enforced delay at trick 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening lead: 5 seconds • Play from dummy: 10 seconds • Play from third player: 5 seconds
Table rules	Convention cards: players may refer to their own card Cell phone: must be switched off during play Video and audio: must be switched on all the time Background noise: please take care to turn off TV, radio and close the door of your room If the player needs to leave their computer, they must ask their opponents first
Arrival time	Players should arrive 20 minutes before start time.

Fun and Games Page

USA States

Find and circle all of the USA States that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - an Adlai Stevenson quotation.
Note: VIRGINIA and WEST VIRGINIA do not overlap. The same goes for KANSAS and ARKANSAS

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

ALABAMA
ALASKA
ARIZONA
ARKANSAS
CALIFORNIA
COLORADO
CONNECTICUT
DELAWARE
FLORIDA
GEORGIA
HAWAII
IDAHO
ILLINOIS

INDIANA
IOWA
KANSAS
KENTUCKY
LOUISIANA
MAINE
MARYLAND
MASSACHUSETTS
MICHIGAN
MINNESOTA
MISSISSIPPI
MISSOURI
MONTANA

NEBRASKA
NEVADA
NEW HAMPSHIRE
NEW JERSEY
NEW MEXICO
NEW YORK
NORTH CAROLINA
NORTH DAKOTA
OHIO
OKLAHOMA
OREGON
PENNSYLVANIA
RHODE ISLAND

SOUTH CAROLINA
SOUTH DAKOTA
TENNESSEE
TEXAS
UTAH
VERMONT
VIRGINIA
WASHINGTON
WEST VIRGINIA
WISCONSIN
WYOMING

Answers on
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	Cutie	Gossip	Martian	Puddles	Sassy	cat	dog	ferret	hamster	parrot	Bath Street	Park Street	Snow Street	Trip Street	Wood Street	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	7 days	
Burton																					
Daniel																					
Karl																					
Marcus																					
Warren																					
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hamster																					
parrot																					

Logic Puzzle

Owner's Name	Pet's Name	Pet Type	Street Address	Days Gone

It's been a busy weekend for Larry. Five people in his neighborhood left on vacation Saturday morning and each of them left a pet for Larry to care for until they return. It's a good thing this week is school vacation week, so he has lots of time to take care of everybody! By some odd happenstance, the animals left in his charge are all different types of animals and each is owned by a person who lives alone, with just the one animal for company. Determine the name of each pet's owner, the name and animal type of each pet, the street each owner lives on and the number of days that Larry needs to care for the animals for each owner (3 days to 7 days).

- Puddles wasn't owned by Warren. The owner of the cat was gone for 4 days. Daniel didn't live on Park Street.
- Larry needed to care for the pet living on Snow Street for a longer time than for the pet named Sassy. Burton, who wasn't gone for the longest time, owned a ferret.
- The owner living on Trip Street was gone for the longest time. Sassy wasn't the cat. The hamster lived on Bath Street.
- Marcus owned a pet named Martian. The owner who had a pet named Cutie was gone for 5 days.
- Sassy didn't live on Wood Street. Karl owned the dog, but her name wasn't Gossip.
- Daniel was gone for one day less than the person who lived on Snow Street but he was gone one day longer than the person who owned the parrot.

♠ 10		N Andrew Gumperz	
Bd 8, Dlr W		Other table	
6♥ = N		4♥ + 2 S	
W Kit Woolsey		Bart Bramley E	
♠ J65432		♠ K987	
♥ Q2		♥ J6	
♦ 872		♦ KQ	
♣ 105		♣ 98643	
♠ AQ		W N E S	
♥ A10743		P 1♦ P 1NT*	
♦ A54		P 2♥ P 3♥	
♣ K72		P 4♥ P 4♠*	
		P 5♠* P 6♥	
Anant Rathi S			

Board 8 swung another 11 IMPs to Ferro. Gumperz opened 1D; Rathi bid 1NT, an artificial GF, Gumperz bid 2H; Rathi raised and Gumperz bid the heart game. Rathi wasn't done. He bid 4S, RKC. Gumperz showed two without the queen and Rathi settled in the small slam.

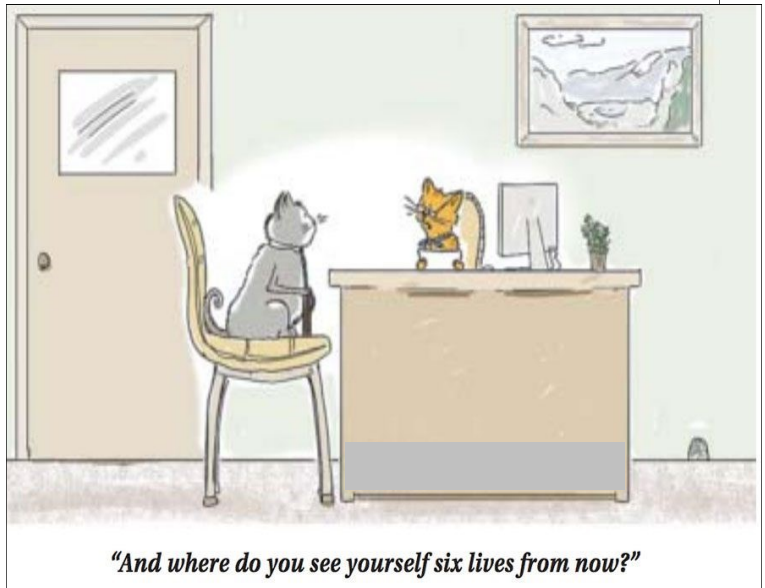
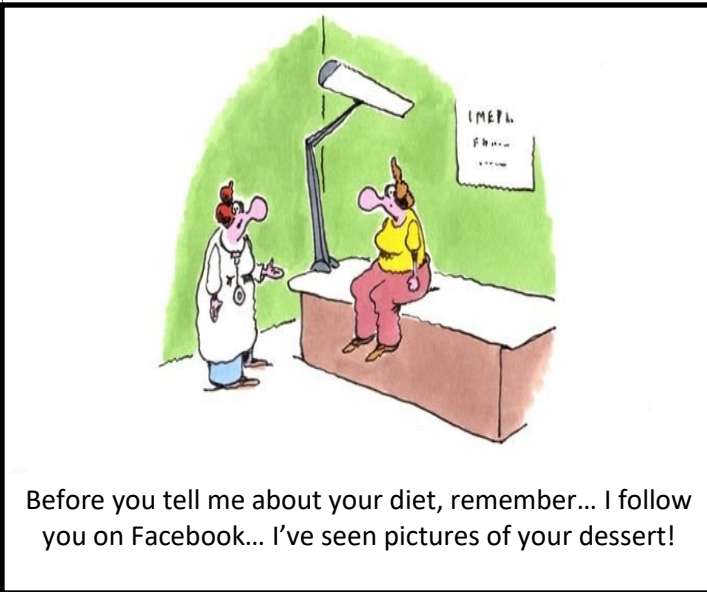
The lie of the cards made the slam easy. Hearts were 2-2 and the diamond honors were doubleton in the pocket... and if they'd needed anything more, the SK was slotted! Bramley led the S8. Gumperz rose with the ace and ruffed the SQ. He pulled trump, played a diamond and claimed 12 tricks.

At the other table, Lall/Clayton had a straightforward auction where 2NT was artificial and asking. 4H was a sign-off and Clayton passed.

Ornstein led the CT and, like Gumperz, Clayton collected 12 tricks.

11 IMPs to Ferro

♠ 10		N Hemant Lall	
Bd 8, Dlr W		Other table	
4♥ + 2 S		6♥ = N	
W Alex Ornstein		Bruce Rogoff E	
♠ J65432		♠ K987	
♥ Q2		♥ J6	
♦ 872		♦ KQ	
♣ 105		♣ 98643	
♠ AQ		W N E S	
♥ A10743		P 1♦ P 1♥	
♦ A54		P 2♥ P 2NT*	
♣ K72		P 4♥ P P	
Phil Clayton S			

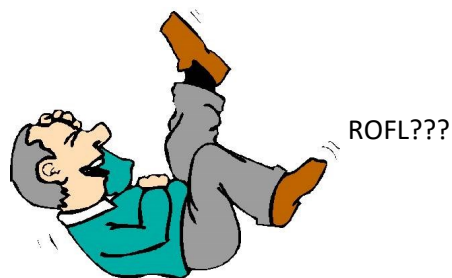


A man tells his doctor, "Doc, help me. I'm addicted to Twitter!"
 The doctor replies, "Sorry, I don't follow you..."

Two dragons walk into a bar.
 The first one says, "It sure is hot in here."
 His friend snaps back, "Shut your mouth!"

Why are toilets always so good at poker?
 They always get a flush

What do you call a pencil with erasers on both ends?
 Pointless.



What do you get from a pampered cow?
 Spoiled milk.

What rhymes with orange
 No it doesn't.

Knock! Knock!
 Who's there?
 Europe.
 Europe who?
 Europe early this morning.

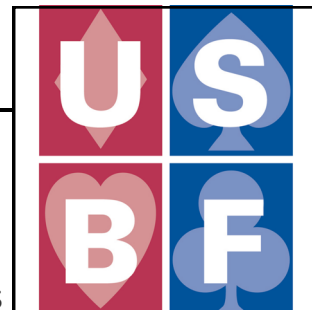
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Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2

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.

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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.

Catch a Rising Star

Most great bridge players make a start in the game when very young, usually as a teenager and occasionally even earlier. It is not easy for parents and friends to recognize that the youngster who is "wasting" his time at the card-table is actually headed for stardom, but there are some clues for those who care to look for them.

Any beginner who starts to win tournaments in his first year of duplicate play obviously has the seeds of greatness. Another clue is the ability to produce imaginative, well reasoned plays of a type that cannot be learned from textbooks. Passing both these tests, and therefore perhaps on the way to stardom, is 21-year-old Bruce Rogoff of Great Neck, N.Y. In a recent tournament in Garden City, N.Y., he won both the Men's Pair and Swiss Team titles in fields including many of the best players in the New York area.

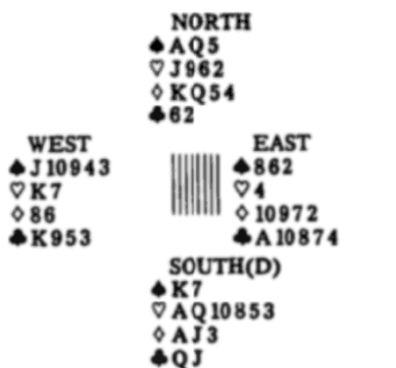
A remarkable deceptive effort on the diagramed deal serves as a good illustration of Rogoff's skill in card-play. He opened the South hand with one heart and heard his partner bid three hearts. This was a traditional forcing raise, suggesting at least four-card support and a hand worth an opening bid.

The South hand is obviously interested in a slam bid and the scientific way to proceed would be with a cue-bid in spades or diamonds, attempting to discover whether North has a control in clubs. This would lead to a safe four hearts or an unsafe five hearts — the latter failing if West could work out the club weakness and lead that suit.

However, Rogoff, with the ebullience of youth, leaped to six hearts. He knew that the defense might be able to cash two club winners immediately; but if that was the case, clubs might not be led. If the defense held both top clubs, it was three to one against West having both of them.

This calculation proved sound up to a point, for West had a normal spade lead. The dummy was a disappointment to Rogoff, but he was not unhappy. If he could gather in the heart king, he could make all 13 tricks.

But the problem was to make 12 tricks, and South concentrated on the possibility that West held the heart king. One reasonable plan was to spurn the heart finesse by playing the ace. This might collect a singleton king, and if it brought the two small trumps, leaving the king outstanding, South



Both sides were vulnerable. The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the spade jack.

could play spades and diamonds, discarding both his clubs if the player with the heart king held at least three spades and at least three diamonds. However, this play would have failed as the cards lie; and it would have left South looking foolish if East had begun with all three missing trumps.

If West held the heart king, he surely did not have the club ace, for he would have led that card. So the need to lead clubs might not be clear to West if he did gain the lead with the heart king, and South could take advantage of that fact.

The naive play of taking one quick club discard on spades and then finessing in hearts would make it easy for West to shift to clubs. One good plan was to win with the spade ace in dummy and take an immediate trump finesse. This would probably have succeeded as the cards lie, for West would have no reason to think his partner had the club ace.


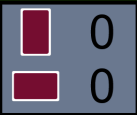
Rogoff took a more subtle approach. He took three rounds of spades and discarded not a club but a diamond. He then finessed in hearts, and West had an impossible problem. It seemed to him that South had begun with a singleton diamond and ace-queen of clubs, so he returned his remaining trump. He was disconcerted to find that Rogoff now claimed the slam, announcing that he would throw his club losers on dummy's diamonds. ■

Says Bruce Rogoff on his BW profile: Love bridge, but don't get to play enough...hope to change that in the near future. Also play serious tennis, and some golf as well: waiting for the IOC to institute the Country Club Triathlon.

Otherwise, I am a senior partner at Gargoyl Asset Management. Married to the beautiful Victoria, with 2 kids still living at home.



Meet the Players

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It is always intriguing when both sides of the same team play the same contract on the same hand! It does not seem like it can ever be right!

Rathi opened the South hand 1C, 2+, forcing. Woolsey doubled, at least 4-4 in the majors. Gumperz bid 1D, showing 4+ hearts, on his 3 count!! Bramley bid a natural 2D, not likely what Woolsey was hoping to hear with his void... and Rathi doubled showing 17-19 HCP on his 16 count and 2-3 hearts! Gumperz was endplayed into bidding 2H and played it there.

The vulnerable partscore was punished big time when Bramley led his singleton spade to partner who returned a spade to ruff. Bramley played the DK, covered by the ace and ruffed by Woolsey. Woolsey gave Bramley another spade ruff. Bramley cashed the DQ and gave Woolsey another diamond ruff.

Woolsey/Bramley continued their expert defense to defeat the contract 5 tricks for +500.

At the other table, Clayton opened the South hand 1NT (14-17). Ornstein overcalled 2C showing the majors. Lall passed and Rogoff took a preference to hearts.



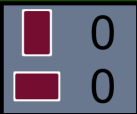
Clayton led the HT to declarer's jack and Rogoff played a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade. He played the DQ, and when Clayton ducked, Rogoff discarded a spade from dummy.

Rogoff ruffed a small diamond, ruffed a small spade, ruffed a small diamond and cashed the ace of trump.

With eight tricks in, he was home!

He conceded the rest of the tricks to his opponents.

9 IMPs to Lall

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The first quarter finished 23-12 Ferro.

Hand 1: Phil Clayton (N) vs Leni Holtz (E)

Contract: 4♣X-2 W

W: Jeff Ferro (♠ 103, ♥ K108764, ♦ 3, ♣ A1085)

E: Leni Holtz (♠ Q976, ♥ A5, ♦ J98, ♣ QJ96)

Hand 2: Hemant Lall (S) vs Leni Holtz (E)

Contract: 3NT = N

W: Hemant Lall (♠ K842, ♥ 2, ♦ AKQ765, ♣ 43)

E: Leni Holtz (♠ Q976, ♥ A5, ♦ J98, ♣ QJ96)

Score: 0-0

Into the second quarter...

N/S have an easy nine tricks in 3NT as long as the CA is onside, and it is.

Holtz led the CQ, ducked to Clayton's king. Clayton cashed one round of diamonds and claimed nine tricks for +600.

At the other table, Bramley opened a 10-12 NT with the East cards. Rathi, holding an opening hand with a running six-card diamond suit, doubled. Woolsey jumped to 3H, a wide-ranging bid designed to put pressure on the opponents.

Gumperz judged well to bid 3NT, but Woolsey was not giving up yet. Woolsey balanced with 4C. There was no making game above 3NT. Gumperz doubled for penalties and, in an effort to minimize heart ruffs in dummy, led the C2. Woolsey won the club in dummy and played a second club, ducked to North's king. A third club was played to Woolsey's ten.

Hand 1: Andrew Gumperz (N) vs Bart Bramley (E)

Contract: 3NT = N

W: Kit Woolsey (♠ 103, ♥ K108764, ♦ 3, ♣ A1085)

E: Bart Bramley (♠ Q976, ♥ A5, ♦ J98, ♣ QJ96)

Hand 2: Anant Rathi (S) vs Bart Bramley (E)

Contract: 3NT = N

W: Anant Rathi (♠ K842, ♥ 2, ♦ AKQ765, ♣ 43)

E: Bart Bramley (♠ Q976, ♥ A5, ♦ J98, ♣ QJ96)

Score: 0-0

Notes: 1NT = 10-12, 3H = To Play

Woolsey played a heart to the ace and a heart back to his king. When South showed out on the second round of hearts, Woolsey shifted his attack to spades. He led the ST, covered by the jack, queen and king. Rathi shifted to diamonds and Woolsey trumped the second round of that suit. Woolsey played a spade toward dummy. Gumperz won the SA and played the HQ. Woolsey trumped in dummy and Rathi was forced to discard a diamond.

Woolsey read the position perfectly. He exited dummy with the DJ and Rathi was endplayed into leading a spade from his 8-4 into dummy's 9-7 tenace. Notice that Gumperz can avoid squeezing his partner and gain a trick by playing a diamond rather than a heart at trick ten.

N/S scored +300

7 IMP gain for the Lall team.

On the final Board of the second quarter, both N/S pairs found their way to 3NT. Both Wests led a heart. Rathi took eleven tricks while Lall took seven.

At the first table, Woolsey, playing attitude leads, led the H8. Declarer played the ten from dummy and Bramley had to guess what Kit's spots were. It appears Bart played Kit to have led from H: 9843 in which case declarer would have AQJ and would have to overtake his ten with the jack. Bart ducked and the ten held in dummy. Declarer was rewarded with three heart tricks instead of his original two! Rathi took the spade finesse, Bart putting up the jack, losing to the king with West.

Kit played the HJ, losing to declarer's HQ. The DJ went to DK and the S7 was played off dummy. Bramley covered with the ten, declarer winning his ace. Rathi cashed out the spades, played the C8, ducked to the queen in dummy. Rathi played the C6 to the ace, cashed the HA and took eleven tricks.

At the other table, Ferro led the H4. Lall put up dummy's ten and Holtz covered with the king. Lall ducked. Holtz continued hearts and Lall won his ace. He cashed the diamond ace and king, took the losing spade finesse, and Ferro played a third heart. Lall won the HQ and played a club toward the queen, ducked by West.

A club went to the ace and the SA was cashed. The S9 lost to East's ten and Holtz cashed his DQ, played a heart to his partner's nine and Ferro cashed his CK.

Lall finished with seven tricks for down two!

13 IMPs to Ferro

Lall gained 1 IMP in the second segment and was still stuck 10 IMPs.

It got even more exciting from there when the four segments in regulation ended in a tie!

A 5th segment was won by Ferro who claimed the event!

Plan to Play in JLall7 coming to a computer near you this fall...

JLall7 will be this fall, after the Summer NABC and the World Championships - as soon as the dates and format are available, Jan will post the information on the USBF website. Meanwhile, if you've played in a JLall event, you will get a link to a poll about future JLall events - we'd appreciate your feedback.

2022 JUSBC

The 2022 Michael Seamon Junior USBC (MSJUSBC) will select the USA teams for the 2023 World Youth Bridge Teams Championship (WYBTC). We do not yet know the dates or location for the 2023 (WYBTC), but will post here as soon as we do know.

There will be 4 divisions of the 2022 MSJUSBC:

Under 26 (born in 1998 or later),

Under 21 (born in 2003 or later),

Under 16 (born in 2008 or later), and

Rona, (women born in 1998 or later).

After entries have closed, the USBF Board, acting on the recommendation of the Junior Committee, will decide how many teams to select in each category and the exact format and schedule of the event. If any division has too many entrants for a reasonable face to face competition, there will be an online stage to qualify teams for face to face play.

LOCATION & DATES

The face to face stages of the 2023 JUSBC will be held at the Atlanta Peachtree Hyatt Regency, starting on Tuesday, December 27th and ending on Sunday, January 1, 2023. The USBF Junior committee will once again try to raise enough money to pay most travel and hotel expenses for all of the competitors in Atlanta. If an online stage is required in any division, it will probably be scheduled for one or two weekends in September.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries are now open. To assure entry in the 2022 MSJUSBC, you must enter your team by August 7, 2022. Additional entries will be accepted until August 20th, but only if they improve the format of the event.

ENTRY FEES

There is no entry fee for this event.

Thanks Everyone for playing!
We hope you had fun!!