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Mixed QuarterFinal Results at the Half

USA2

5	Lewis - wins tie	139	36	51	42	10						
8	Xu	115	39	8	37	31						
6	Henner - wins tie	145	44	41	54	9						-3
7	Kolesnik	120	27	25	13	55						

USA1

1	Rosenthal	110	9	44	23	34						
4	Donner - wins tie	106	31	2	46	27						
2	Moss	168	47	34	38	49						
3	Rubenstein - wins tie	116	21	58	33	4						



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Face-to-Face Schaumburg I

Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
<i>QUARTER-FINAL</i>			
THURSDAY	OCT. 14	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	OCT. 15	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SATURDAY	OCT. 16	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1</i>			
SUNDAY	OCT. 17	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
MONDAY	OCT. 18	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL</i>			
TUESDAY	OCT. 19	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 20	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			
THURSDAY	OCT. 21	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
FRIDAY	OCT. 22	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120



Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use a honeycomb.

What's ET short for? Because he's got tiny legs!

What's orange and sounds like a parrot? Carrot!

Student: "Can I go to the bathroom?"

Teacher: "It's 'may.'"

Student: "No, it's January."

Why was the coach yelling at a vending machine? He wanted his quarter back.

Why do vampires seem sick? They're always coffin.



Hospitality Suite

Because of Covid, we won't be able to provide the full, wonderful hospitality we have in the past, but we will do what we can.

Hosts Evvie Gilbert and Maya Alela for the Open and Women's and Julie Arbit and Christian Jolly for the Mixed and Seniors will be in our usual hospitality suite (Room 2321). They will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch each day'

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and surprise treats. Also individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. They will be making coffee and will have individual packages of sugar, sweetener, and dairy & non-dairy creamers. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. We are limiting access to 6 players at any one time, so we ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that to take with you as quickly as you can, and then go someplace else to eat. **Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Hospitality Suite at all times.** There will be a hand sanitizer station near the door and we encourage you to sanitize your hands before choosing what to take.

Lunch: From 2-4 pm (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early). There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as individually packaged tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, and berries. Also all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

Let us know what you want: If there is a menu for a future day's lunch hanging on the wall outside the Hospitality Suite, please mark what you want, so we have a better idea of what to order.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit.

Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Player's Break Room at all times, so you may not eat and drink in the room.



Julie Arbit



Christian
Jolly

Eat your breakfast.
Eat your lunch.
Break Room snacks
Are good to munch!

General Face-to-Face Tournament Information to Players

The USBF Board of Directors met earlier this week and confirmed:

1. Face-to-face play in Schaumburg will be with 2 players per room.
2. Players will not be required to get Covid tests, but will be provided with information about where they can be tested (in Woodfield Mall) if they want to be. Staff will be tested approximately once a week.
3. We will comply with the Illinois mask requirements, which currently require masks in public areas indoors. Our default will be for both players in the playing rooms to wear masks, but if the 2 players in a room agree on a different rule we will allow whatever they agree on, assuming that is in compliance with the Illinois requirements.
4. We will ask each player to sign a Covid-related waiver of liability form before they start play. Jan will be sending the text of the waiver to all of you in the next day or so, and will have printed forms in her office (room 1321) at the Hyatt for participants to sign.
5. Hospitality will be limited - "grab & go" breakfast and lunch will be distributed in our usual hospitality suite (room 2321), but everyone will have to go someplace else to eat. We will allow only 6 players in the suite at any one time. The suite will not be open for socializing at other times. We will have water, soft drinks, coffee and snacks in the Players' Break Room (1321), and there also, we will limit the number of people in the room at any one time. Eating in the Break Room is not allowed. Masks will be required in the hospitality suite and in the Players' Break Room.
6. There will be air purifiers in each playing room and in 1321 and 2321.

Italian Trials: Vinci's Triumph

17 OCTOBER 2021



(Italy) from 14 to 17 October, 2021.

The team sponsored by Francesco Saverio Vinci will represent Italy in the upcoming Bermuda Bowl (45th World 2021 Bridge Team Championships – Open Teams, Salsomaggiore Terme, 27 March – 9 April 2022).

The Team Vinci consists of: Francesco Saverio Vinci (captain), Giorgio Duboin, Fabrizio Hugony, Lorenzo Lauria, Agustin Madala, Alfredo Versace.

In the first match Vinci defeated Burgay (251-165). In the final match Vinci defeated Zaleski (279-124).

The Italian Trials were held in Salsomaggiore Terme

**Latest News
from
Neapolitan Club**

My doctor told me I was going deaf. The news was hard for me to hear.

If an English teacher is convicted of a crime and doesn't complete the sentence, is that a fragment?

I think my wife is putting glue on my antique weapons collection. She denies it but I'm sticking to my guns!



KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. The stream is delayed; go to the schedule below for starting times for each segment.

Popcorn time!

Do you want to listen to commentary? Search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentary. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

Nail biting!

Do you want to be deeply involved? Choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into four small screens – two of them showing the two tables of the match you choose, the other two having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can also personalize the content in all your windows. (The 2x2 view is not available on mobiles.)

Think together!

When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do and see whether your chosen player agrees.

More Information:

Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you the scoresheet, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

Navigation icons:

While surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue where you were.

Replay:

After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board then the same buttons move you through list. Push every button and enjoy!

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Segment 1: 12:00 noon
Segment 2: 2:25 pm
BREAK
Segment 3: 5:45 pm
Segment 4: 8:00 pm
NEXT DAY
Segment 5: 12:00 noon
Segment 6: 2:25 pm
BREAK
Segment 7: 7:00 pm
Segment 8: 9:30 pm



Ed. Note: See page 7 for the link to Tracey Bauer's video interview with Peter Talyigas at Love-Bridge explaining "How to Get the Most from Kibitzing on the site"

I was playing chess with my friend and he said, "Let's make this interesting." So we stopped playing chess.
How do you tell the difference between a bull and a milk cow? It is either one or the udder.
What do scholars eat when they're hungry? Academia nuts.
What do you call an ant that has been shunned by his community? A socially dissed ant.
A Vicks VapoRub truck overturned on the highway this morning. Amazingly, there was no congestion for eight hours!
When does a joke become a dad joke? When it becomes apparent.
If two vegans get in a fight, is it still considered a beef?
One of my favorite memories as a kid was when my brothers used to put me inside a tire and roll me down a hill. They were Goodyears!
I'm addicted to collecting vintage Beatles albums. I need *Help!*
What does the cell say to his sister when she steps on his toe? "Oh my toe sis!"
I found a wooden shoe in my toilet today. It was clogged.
Some people can't distinguish between etymology and entomology. They bug me in ways I can't put into words.
My hotel tried to charge me ten dollars extra for air conditioning. That wasn't cool.
I accidentally dropped my pillow on the floor. I think it has a *concushion*.
Someone complimented my parking today! They left a sweet note on my windshield that said "parking fine."
St. Francis worked at Krispy Kreme. He was a deep friar.



In the Daily Bulletin from the Senior Online Championships on October 3, you may have seen the **In Memoriam** for Jeff Goldsmith. Jeff lost his battle with cancer last week.

Jeff's family has designated the **USBF Junior Fund**, a 501C(3) charity, for donations in his memory. Donations may be made through the USBF website (USBF.org) and will be properly acknowledged. This was a very kind gesture by Jeff and his family who recognized how important bridge was to Jeff.

ALERT!! PLAYERS WHO PLAYED IN SCHAUMBURG SO FAR...

Please return any styluses you may have in your possession. We need them for the Mixed and the Seniors! Thank you. No questions asked!!

LoveBridge computes some interesting statistics on each player each day. Today you can see yesterday's statistics and tomorrow you can see the stats from today. To view, you must go to https://stats.lovebridge.com/statistics/usbc_2285 and enter your username. Each player has an individual username and password. Anyone can view a complete set of stats by clicking the tournament link and selecting USBC Open All.

Your personal stats are only available when you're logged in.

Tracy Bauer put together a U-Tube video interview with Peter Talyigas at LoveBridge and if you are having trouble figuring out how to kubit, please access the link below... it may help:

<https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1176199382>

One side note: The format is not supported on Google Chrome. It does work on Edge!!

Mask Rules

Attendees are required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth in all public areas in the hotel. That means the hotel lobby, corridors, and elevators, as well as the **Hospitality Suite** and the **Office/Players' Break Room, where masks must be worn at all times. Therefore, there is no eating or drinking in those rooms.**

Our attorney has told us that the Cook County Mask Mandate forces us to require masks in the playing rooms. Therefore, we have adopted the following policy about that:

*Masks are required in playing rooms. If you are observed not wearing a mask in a playing room, there will be a 2 IMP penalty for the first offense in a segment, a 4 IMP penalty for the second offense, an 8 IMP penalty for the third offense, and a 16 IMP penalty for the fourth and subsequent offenses; however, if you and your opponent agree to something other than both wearing masks, any IMP penalties for not wearing a mask will apply to both of you equally and there will be no other penalties. You may remove your mask briefly to eat or drink. **However, if you call for a director (for any reason), and you are not wearing a mask properly when the director enters the room, the penalty will apply to your team for your next match in the event.** There is no eating or drinking in the playing room when the Director present.*

In addition, anyone who is penalized more than twice (over the course of the entire event) in situations where his/her opponent was wearing a mask while s/he wasn't, or where the director was called, may be subject to additional conduct penalties.

You should bring masks to the tournament with you; we will not be supplying masks.

Covid Waiver

We are going to ask each player in these events to sign a COVID-19 Waiver of Claims. It is being sent to you by email and you may sign it electronically and return it to Jan (marteljan@gmail.com) or you can sign a printed waiver at the site. Waivers will be available to sign in room 1321 starting Oct. 5th at 9:00 am. **Everyone is required to sign the form before the start of play!**

There are 70 teachers employed with Bulls Eye company, of which 30 are females.

- (1) 30 teachers are married.
- (2) 24 teachers are above 31 years of age.
- (3) 19 married teachers are above 31 years of which 7 are males.
- (4) 12 males are above 31 years of age.
- (5) 15 males are married.


How many of unmarried females are above 31 years of age?

Logic Puzzle

		40		30	
		35	5	11	19
70					TOTAL
		15	0	3	12
					Females
		20	5	8	7
					Males
		31 years	31 years	31 years	31 years
		Unmarried, below	Unmarried, above	Married, below	Married, above
					TOTAL

years of age. Thus, no unmarried female (0) is above 31 years of age. 15 are married and out of these 15, twelve females are of above 31 years of age, 15 females are unmarried. Out of males, 15 males are married, out of these 15, seven males are above 31 years of age and 25 males are unmarried and out of these 25 males, 5 males are above 31 years of age. Total there are 30 females and 40 males. Out of females

ATLANTA — The Fishbein Trophy is presented to the player who wins the most master points at the Summer North American Championships. This year’s was awarded to **Mark Itabashi** of Murrieta, Calif. He won two major national championships, the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs and the Truscott/United States Playing Card Senior Swiss Teams to finish 45.69 points head of Jacek Kalita and Michal Nowosadzki from Poland.

NORTH																											
♠ 9 8 7																											
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♦ 10 8 7																											
♣ K Q 9 4																											
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♦ Q 6 4																											
♣ J 7																											
<p>East and West were vulnerable. The bidding:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left;">South</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>—</td> <td>—</td> <td>—</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1 ♣</td> <td>1 ♥</td> <td>1 ♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 N.T.</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2 ♦</td> <td>Dbl.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2 ♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>West led the heart four.</p>				West	North	East	South	—	—	—	Pass	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠	1 N.T.	Pass	2 ♦	Dbl.	Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass			
West	North	East	South																								
—	—	—	Pass																								
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The diagramed deal arose during the von Zedtwitz. In the auction, North’s third-hand opening bid with a flat 10-count was highly debatable. This caused South to overcompete. His one-spade response promised a five-card suit. (With only four, he would have made a negative double. And with six, he probably would have opened two spades.) South’s second-round double indicated a maximum pass.

Ross Grabel (West) of Palm Desert, Calif., led the heart four. When declarer played dummy’s ten, Itabashi (East) won with his queen. Now East, keen to get his partner back on lead, shifted to a low diamond.

South spent some time thinking about putting up his queen, but — eventually — didn’t ruin a good story when he played low. West won with his jack and returned his second heart.

Dummy’s jack lost to East’s king, and East gave his partner a heart ruff. The defenders still had one spade, two diamonds and one club to come for down three.



Mark plays bridge as a full time professional player. He lives in California, has numerous titles and accolades.

He is playing this event as a member of the Lewis team.



Meet the Players

5 NORTH N-S

♠ A
♥ K Q J 9 6 3
♦ 9 3
♣ K 8 7 4

♠ K Q 8 3 2
♥ 7 5
♦ A
♣ Q J T 6 5

♠ J 7 4
♥ A T 4
♦ K Q T 7 6 2
♣ 9

♠ T 9 6 5
♥ 8 2
♦ J 8 5 4
♣ A 3 2

Par: -140

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	5	4	8	2	5
EW	6	8	5	9	5

Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	1	=	★	P
							NS	EW	Home	Visiti
1	Rosenthal	Donner		Open	4♠	W	♥K	-2	100	2
				Closed	4♠	W	♥Q	-1	50	
2	Moss	Rubenstein		Open	4♠	W	♥K	-1	50	10
				Closed	4♠	W	♥Q	=	420	

In USA1, all four tables played in 4S from West on Board 5. Only Sylvia Moss took ten tricks. North, in every circumstance led a high heart. Sylvia won the heart with dummy's ace. She played the C9 to the A, 5,4. Parker played the H8, Adam Grossack, North, winning his jack. Adam continued with the HK; Parker pitched a club and Sylvia ruffed with the deuce. Sylvia cashed the DA (wish trick alert!!). She played a spade toward dummy, Grossack winning his ace. Grossack continued hearts. Dummy ruffed with the seven; Parker overruffed with the nine and Sylvia overruffed with the queen.

At this point, Sylvia was doomed. There was no card she could lead that would allow her to make her contract. However, for her to fail, Adam needed to cover the CQ with the king. He played the C7 and Sylvia was back on firm footing. She discarded a low diamond from dummy while Parker followed suit.

Sylvia played the CJ but now it was too late. Adam could cover or not and Sylvia was home free. He played Lee small. Sylvia ruffed with the SJ. She cashed diamonds from the top, reaching this two card position trump coupling South:

Well done, Sylvia.
10 IMPs to Moss

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface. At the top left is a bidding table:

BIDDING	TRICKS	INFO	DDS
W	N	E	S
	1♥	2♦	PASS
2♠	PASS	3♠	PASS
4♠	PASS	PASS	PASS

The main play area shows a trick-taking sequence. The dealer is West, and the contract is 4♠. The cards shown are:

- North (Adam Grossack): ♠ 6, ♥ K, ♣ 6
- West (Sylvia Moss): ♠ K 8, ♥ 8, ♣ 8
- East (Roger Lee): ♠ 10 7, ♥ 7, ♦ 10 7
- South (Chris Parker): ♠ 10 6, ♥ 3, ♣ 10 7

The trick being taken is a heart trick. The cards on the table are ♠ 6, ♥ K, ♣ 6, ♥ 3, ♣ 10 7, ♠ 10 6, ♥ 7, ♦ 10 7. The trick is won by North with the ♥ K.

At the bottom right, a score box shows:

W	4♠	NS	EW
		3	8

Below the score box, it says: N-S: Rubenstein 1 IMPs, E-W: Moss 14 IMPs, Other room: W 4♠ -1 50.



7
SOUTH
ALL
♠ Q 8 2
♥ A T 9 2
♦ 5 2
♣ T 9 6 5

♠ K 9 6 4 3
♥ K Q J
♦ A 8
♣ A J 7

♠ A J T 5
♥ 7 6 4 3
♦ J 9 6
♣ 8 2

♠ 7
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q T 7 4 3
♣ K Q 4 3

Par: -620

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	8	8	4	3	3
EW	5	5	8	10	9

Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	I	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting	
1	Rosenthal	Donner	Open	4♠	E	♦K	=	620					
			Closed	2♠	E	♦Q	+1	140					10
2	Moss	Rubenstein	Open	4♠	E	♦K	-1	100					
			Closed	4♠	E	♦Q	-1	100					

Sometimes bids that could “mislead” the opponents actually work in their favor. Such was the situation on Board 7 in USA1. Three of four tables bid to 4S from East. Migry/Willenken took the low road to play “safely” at the two level.

4S is cold if declarer guesses the spade position. At both tables in Moss/Rubenstein, South opened 1D; West doubled; North did or did not bid 1H; East showed spades and game was bid. At both tables, declarer faced a sure loser in the three side suits. When trump was played, with no reason not to play “eight ever, nine never,” declarer cashed the king and ace and went down one.

In the Rosenthal/Donner match, Rosenthal chose to open 2D on his 6/4 in the minors, 10 HCP, and a singleton and a doubleton! Donner doubled; Rimstedt bid 2S and Donner jumped to game.

Rimstedt had just a teeny bit more information than her counterparts. She knew there was a long diamond suit in South’s hand. Taking full advantage of that information, she finessed North for the SQ and brought home the game.

10 IMPs to Donner

The screenshot shows a bridge bidding interface with the following details:

- BIDDING:** West (W) has bid 4♠ (DBL), North (N) has bid 2♠ (PASS), East (E) has bid 2♠ (PASS), and South (S) has bid 2♠ (PASS).
- TRICKS:** A table showing tricks for each suit: ♠ (8), ♥ (2), ♦ (10), ♣ (9), ♠ (6), ♠ (5), ♠ (5), ♠ (2).
- INFO:** Shows a bid of 2♠.
- DDS:** Shows a bid of 2♠.
- Hands:**
 - North (Debbie Rosenberg): ♠ Q 8 2, ♥ A 10 9 2, ♦ 10 9 6 5 5 2, ♣
 - South (Andrew Rosenthal): ♠ K 9 6 4 3, ♥ K Q J, ♦ A 8, ♣ A J 7
 - West (Gary Donner): ♠ K 9 6 4 3, ♥ K Q J, ♦ A 8, ♣ A J 7
 - East (Sandra Rimstedt): ♠ A J 10 5, ♥ 7 6 4 3, ♦ 8 2, ♣ J 9 6
- Dealer:** North (7).
- Score:** NS: Rosenthal 5 IMPs, E-W: Donner 5 IMPs, Other room: E 2♠ +1 -140.



17
NORTH
NONE

♠ 4 3 2
♥ T 9 8 6
♦ T 7
♣ AK 8 3

♠ K Q 6 5
♥ AK Q J 3 2
♦ J 4
♣ 2

♠ J T 9 7
♥ 7 4
♦ 9 6 3
♣ Q J 6 4

Par: -980

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	5	0	0	1	0
EW	8	12	12	10	9

Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	T	=	★	P
					NS	EW	Home	Visiting		
1	Rosenthal	Donner		Open	3N	E	♠J	+4	520	1
				Closed	4♥	W	♣A	+2	480	
2	Moss	Rubenstein		Open	6♥	W	♣K	=	980	10
				Closed	7♦	E	♠T	=	1440	

Neither table in Rosenthal/Donner got to slam on Board 17 while both tables in Moss/Rubenstein did.

It could have been a disaster for Moss/Lee, but when it's your day... Lee opened 1D in second seat. Moss responded 1H. Lee rebid 2D. Moss, appreciating her great values and her second round controls, bid 4D (RKC). Lee responded 4H showing 0 or 3. Sylvia bid 4S, queen ask. Lee bid 4NT showing the queen. Moss placed the contract accurately in 6H, knowing her suit was self-sustaining and they were off one keycard. However... Roger never intended to play this hand in hearts. He did not consider that only one of the members of this partnership knew how many keycards they had. Accordingly, he "corrected" to 7D!!!

Thank the Bridge Gods for putting the CA with North!

Poor Parker! She could have led the CQ but the SJ in the company of the ten and nine had to be safer. She could have led a trump, the general "lead of choice" against a grand slam.

Parker led the SJ and Lee scooped up 13 tricks, no doubt surprising his teammates with a 10 IMP win on the Board.

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I asked my date to meet me at the gym but she never showed up. I guess the two of us aren't going to work out.

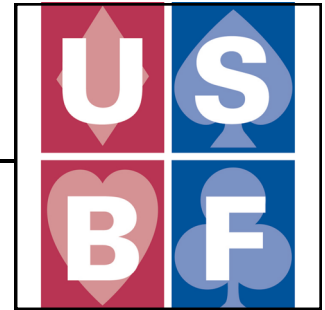
A slice of apple pie is \$2.50 in Jamaica and \$3.00 in the Bahamas. These are the pie rates of the Caribbean.

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

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

Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1 Answer to Sudoku 2



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When you woke up
How you felt...
Plan to play
The cards you're dealt!!



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

Hard Sudoku

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

From the Editor:
 Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. While team lists and schedules will be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions, other information may not.
 Thank you!!
 Suzi
 If you have a great hand or bridge news or gossip you think would be of interest to our readers, you can email me at stansubeck@prodigy.net



Answer to Puzzle on Page 15

Number	Name	Time	Day	Type
#23	Wooster	3pm	Sunday	Soccer
#41	Scott	7pm	Sunday	Hockey
#58	Jansen	3pm	Saturday	Football
#34	Davis	7pm	Saturday	Basketball

Sudoku Answers on page 13

	Saturday	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	3pm	3pm	7pm	7pm	Davis	Jansen	Scott	Wooster	#23	#34	#41	#58
Basketball																
Football																
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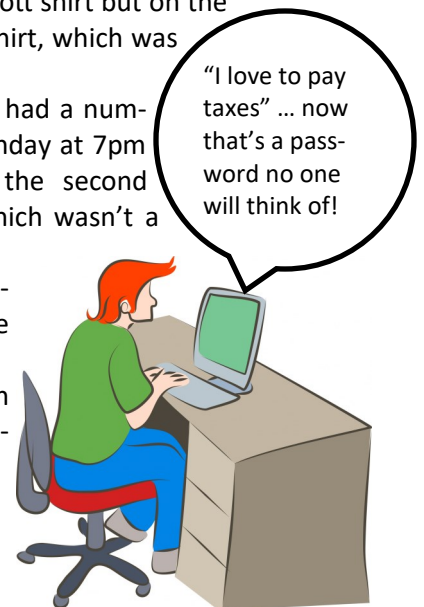
Answer on Page 14

Type	Day	Time	Name	Number

Joe is all set for the weekend! His wife is going away for a girls' only weekend, so he figures he can have the guys over for the game Saturday... and Sunday! By a happy coincidence, their four favorite sports were all airing games this weekend and the schedule actually worked out so that they could watch all of them, none of the games overlapped. With food, extra chairs, and plenty of beer stocked up, he was ready for the games to begin. He was such a big sports fan that he even had a different team shirt to wear for each game! Each shirt was an accurate replica of his favorite player's uniform including the name on the back and the player's number. Determine the type of sport, day and time of each game, and the player name and number of each team shirt that Joe planned to wear.

- The two games that aired at 3pm, in no particular order, were the football game and the one that Joe planned to wear his Wooster shirt for, though his number wasn't #34.

- Jansen's number wasn't #41.
- The basketball game was on the day before the game where Joe wore the Scott shirt but on the same day as the #58 shirt, which was for a different game.
- The Davis shirt, which had a number lower than the Sunday at 7pm shirt, was worn for the second game on Saturday, which wasn't a hockey game.
- The soccer game wasn't watched with the #58 shirt.
- Shirt #23 wasn't worn on Saturday. The hockey game was at 7pm.



Halloween

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an activity played on Halloween.

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

APPLES	COSTUME	JACK O LANTERN	SKELETON
BATS	DRACULA	MASK	SKULL
BLACK CAT	FRIGHTENING	MUMMY	SPIDERS
BROOMSTICK	FULL MOON	NIGHT	TOMBSTONE
CANDLE	GHOSTS	PUMPKIN	VAMPIRE
CANDY	GHOULS	SCARECROW	WEREWOLF
CEMETERY	GOBLINS	SCARY	WITCHES
COFFIN	GRAVEYARD	SCREAM	ZOMBIE

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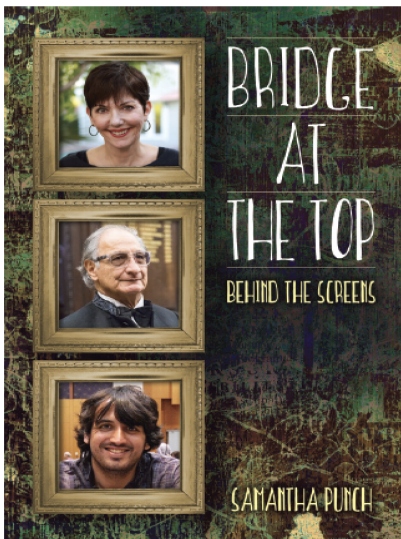
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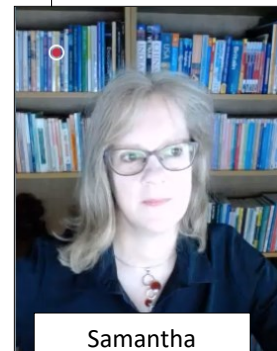
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Editor



Samantha

Questions asked by Players in the Open and the Mixed... FAQ's from Jan Martel

Chat

- **My physical keyboard isn't working!** Make sure to click/put focus into the chat box before attempting to type in the box. (The blinking cursor makes it seem as though focus is there, but it may not be.) This seems to only occur with an external keyboard, not the virtual keyboard.
- **What does that number on the left side mean?** You have unread chat message(s). Click on left gray arrow to open chat and right gray arrow to close the chat. (If you actually type and send a message, the chat will close automatically. Reopen with left gray arrow.)
- **Why can't I chat to my partner?** For security reasons, chat to partner is not available while cards for a new hand are on display. Since there is no "between round down time," there is no real partner chat.

Bidding

- **The system won't let me pass!** If you have the level (1 through 7) highlighted, you will be unable to pass/double/redouble. Click on the highlighted numeral to remove the highlight, then make the desired call.
- **My explanation keeps disappearing!** If you alert your bid as you make it but go back later to explain, there is a bug in the system where subsequent table actions will erase any text that you have typed into the explanation box. If you include your explanation with your call or when it is your turn to act, then this will not occur. (We have reported this issue to LoveBridge.)
- **Where is the undo button?** While there is no undo button, every call made is followed by a brief cancellation time period. A cancel button will appear immediately below the call selected in the top center portion of the screen. If you cancel within the time period, your bidding panel will reappear for you to select the intended call. If you do not cancel within the time period, summon a director (hit red TD whistle) to request an undo.

Play

1. **Why can't I click on a card?** The default setting for LoveBridge is neither a tap/click nor a double tap/click. The default setting is a drag-and-drop motion where the player pulls a card to the gray box in the center of the screen and releases to play the card. If the "pulled" card is not the intended one, the player can drag it back to the hand and select another card. **We recommend this setting while players are getting accustomed to the system.** Players may change this setting to double tap/click if desired, but we strongly discourage single tap/click settings.
2. **Whose turn is it?** In the bidding or play of the hand, the player's direction letter (N S E W) will be white inside of the circle when it is the player's turn. This is a very subtle change from the normal pale blue letter.
3. **How do I claim?** During the play, you may click the larger red box below the TD whistle to claim. If the claim button is grayed out (not available), you either already contributed a card to the current trick or you are dummy.

How do I see the bidding once play has started? A player is not entitled to the entire auction once they have played to trick 1. If you have not yet played to trick one, the auction will be in the lower left corner. Click on it to enlarge to the center area. Click the double gray arrows in the bottom right of the center area to send it back to the corner. Similarly, this is how a player may see the cards from the previous trick (prior to playing to current trick).

MOONCEON

TRAVEL
CCCCCCCC

1.
2. blame
3. blame

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E ANYTHING
ANYTHING
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NV

Once in a blue moon
Travel overseas
No one t blame
For instance
Ready for anything
Green with envy

32
WEST
E-W

♠ A Q 7 3
♥ K Q 3
♦ A K 7 5
♣ 5 2

♠ J 8 6 5 4 2
♥ J 2
♦ J 8 4
♣ A 4

♠ K 9
♥ 8 7 5
♦ Q 9 3 2
♣ T 8 7 3

♠ T
♥ A T 9 6 4
♦ T 6
♣ K Q J 9 6

Par: 990

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	12	10	12	8	12
S	:	:	:	:	11
EW	1	3	1	4	1

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	1	=	★	P	
							NS	EW	Home	Visiti
1	Rosenthal	Xu	Open	6♥	S	♣A	=	980		
			Closed	6♥	S	♠6	=	980		
2	Moss	Kolesnik	Open	6♥	N	♠K	=	980		
			Closed	6♥	S	♠6	=	980		
3	Rubenstein	Henner	Open	6♥	S	♠6	=	980		
			Closed	6♥	S	♠4	=	980		
4	Lewis	Donner	Open	4♥	S	♣A	+2	480		
			Closed	6♥	S	♠6	-1	50		11

BIDDING

W	N	E	S
PASS	1♦	PASS	1♥
PASS	2NT	PASS	3♦
PASS	3♥	PASS	4♣

TRICKS

INFO

DDS

Hand display for Joe Gruen (North), Disa Eythorsdottir (South), Anam Tebha (West), and Mark Itabashi (East).

Score table:

N-S: Donner	261 IMPs
E-W: Lewis	171 IMPs
Other room: S 4♥	+2 480

All but one N/S pair bid 6H on Board 32 from the 7th segment of the Mixed Quarterfinal. When South was declarer, the opening lead was either the CA or a small spade. The CA ended the defense. Declarer had an easy twelve tricks.

When a small spade was led, four declarers succeeded by playing to trump the third round of clubs in dummy before drawing the last trump. As the cards lie, declarer can't go wrong on this line, regardless of the order of heart/club play.

Anam Tebha drew three rounds of trump ending in hand and led a diamond to dummy to lead a club to the king. She can still succeed by finessing for the CT, but Mark Itabashi made the deceptive play of ducking the CA. Tebha crossed to dummy in diamonds and led a second club to the queen. Itabashi won the CA and Anam was sunk.

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In Kolesnik/Moss, Wolpert and Dwyer reached 6H from North. Kit Woolsey opened a multi 2D. Wolpert bid a natural 2NT and Kevin Dwyer transferred to hearts. Wolpert super-accepted and Dwyer bid keycard, placing the contract in 6H. Sally Woolsey led the SK. This looked devastating, but, in reality, it was not. It gave declarer an “extra” spade trick but it was not useful because she still needed three club tricks without yielding two losers to bring home the slam.

There are several lines from which to choose. Wolpert found one of the most interesting.

Wolpert won the SA and cashed the HKQ before playing to the CK. Kit won the CA and played the D4. Wolpert won the DA and cashed the SK, discarding a club from dummy. Wolpert led the C5 to dummy’s CQ. Rather than risking an overruff on the third round of clubs, Wolpert drew the last trump and played for clubs to break or for one of various squeezes to operate. She cashed the HT to produce this position:

Wolpert cashed the CJ. Kit and Wolpert both discarded spades. Dummy’s H9 was played. If Kit discarded a diamond, Wolpert would discard her last spade and Sally would be squeezed in clubs and diamonds. Kit’s only hope was that Sally held the last spade and declarer held only the D:K97. Kit discarded the SJ and Wolpert took the last two tricks with the DK and S7.

The double squeeze worked. Wolpert took twelve tricks for +980 for a push board.

		12	♠ 5 3 2	
		WEST	♥ T 9 3 2	
		N-S	♦ Q 7 2	
			♣ A 9 8	
		♠ J 7	♠ A Q 4	
		♥ A J 8 7	♥ K 4	
		♦ K 6 4	♦ J 8 3	
		♣ K J T 6	♣ Q 7 5 4 2	
Par: -400			♠ K T 9 8 6	
NS 3 6 4 7 4			♥ Q 6 5	
EW 10 7 8 6 9			♦ A T 9 5	
			♣ 3	

Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	1	=	*	P
					NS	EW	Home	Visiting		
1	Rosenthal	Donner	Open	2N	E	♠T	+1	150		
			Closed	3N	E	♠9	-1	50	5	
2	Moss	Rubenstein	Open	3N	E	♠T	=	400		
			Closed	3N	E	♠9	=	400		

At first it seems that on a spade lead declarer will always take nine tricks (four clubs, two spades and three hearts) in 3NT. In fact, five out of six 3NT declarers in Sunday's Mixed team events did just that.

In the Donner/Rosenthal match, things went differently. Migry Campanile, a skillful declarer for certain, was the only one not to take the obvious nine tricks. Of course, in her defense, most declarers did not have Joe Grue defending. Grue gave Migry an extra chance and Migry fell into the trap.

Grue led the ST, won by dummy's jack. Migry led the CJ from dummy. When this held the trick, she continued with the CK and Tebha won the ace. Grue discarded the D9. Tebha played the S3. Migry inserted the queen and Grue won the king. Rather than routinely returning the S6, Grue exited the S8, concealing the S6. Since Tebha had played the S5 followed by the S3 and S2, this probably shouldn't confuse declarer, but Tebha doesn't owe declarer a clear picture... so did she or didn't she?

Migry played three rounds of clubs on which Grue discarded the H6, D5 and DT, in that order. Again, Grue obscured his hand, playing the H6, not the H5. Grue high-lowed in diamonds, discouraging that suit (UDCA).

Migry decided that Grue might hold only the DQ and two more spades or Tebha might hold the DAQ and no more spades. In both cases, Migry could lead a diamond toward dummy and establish a ninth trick without finessing for the HQ. Also, there was a chance that Grue held the DA and only one more spade.

Migry led the D3. Grue won the DA and cashed two more spades, defeating the contract one trick for +50. At the other table, Grue's teammates Debbie Rosenberg and Andrew Rosenthal stopped in 2NT and took nine tricks for +150.

5 IMPs to Rosenthal

TRICKS AND TREATS

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|---------------------------------|--|
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|--|---|
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|--|---|

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