

The Prez Says ...

Welcome to the 2021 United States Bridge Championships. Online and F2F in Schaumburg, Illinois, we will select teams to represent the United States in the World 2021 Bridge Teams Championships in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy from March 27th-April 9th, 2022.

There are 21 teams registered to compete for USA1 and USA2 in the Bermuda Bowl. There are no byes.

This event is long overdue and we are gratified to present a hybrid Championship to best keep our players safe.

In the best interest of our players, the face-to-face portion of the Competition will require vaccinations, will be played on tablets using the LoveBridge software, and will have only a few occupants per room during play. The LoveBridge software team will be on hand to help with any issues that may arise.

The online portion of the event will be played on RealBridge. Most of you are familiar with the platform from the J Lall teams events of the past year plus of Pandemic.

While the USBF Board of Directors and the tournament organizers do their best to make this event the fairest Competition year after year, only YOU, the players, can uphold the high level of ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which United States bridge is known worldwide.

I know I will attempt to do my part to uphold these standards and I ask that each of you keep this in mind throughout the events (Open, Women’s, Mixed, and Seniors).

Let the games begin!

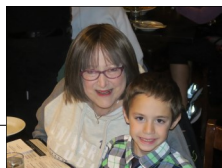
Brad Moss, USBF President

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 stan-subeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

Suzi



USBF President

Brad Moss

USBF Vice President

Kate Aker

USBF COO & Secretary

Jan Martel

USBF CFO & Treasurer

Stan Subeck

USBF Recorder

Jack Oest

Director

McKenzie Myers

Chris Wiegand

Will Watson (Senior Online)

Tournament Organizer

Jan Martel

Software Expert

Al Hollander

VuGraph Organizer

Chris Wiegand

Appeals Administrators

Suzi Subeck, Chairman

Bill Arlinghaus

Martha Katz

Appeals Panel:

Cheri Bjerkan

Mark Feldman

Ron Gerard

Marty Hirschman

Rich DeMartino

George Jacobs

Michael Kamil

Kerri Sanborn

Danny Sprung

Joann Sprung

Bulletin Editor

Suzi Subeck

Photographer

Peg Kaplan

Hospitality Chair

Lisa Berkowitz

Julie Arbit

21 Teams Entered... in Alphabetical Order

Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt John Hinton Bob Lyon	John Bishel Jerry Clerkin
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Bob Hamman Hemant Lall	Kit Woolsey Peter Weichsel
Castellino	Stephen Castellino, Capt Bruce Blakely Bob Thomson	Mukund Thapa Weishu Wu Shail Gupta
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Kyle Rockoff Jeff Goldsmith	Michael Shuster Daniel Weiss Paul Markarian
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Radu Nistor Ish DelMonte	Sandra Rimstedt Iulian Rotaru Finn Kolesnik
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Roger Lee	Chip Martel Brad Moss Daniel Korbel
Gu	Jiang Gu, Capt Ming Sheng	Hailong Ao Hongji Wei
Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Anam Tebha Steve Zolotow	Uday Ivatury Craig Ganzer Andy Goodman
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Joel Wooldridge	Joyce Hill David Grainger
Kolesnik	Alex Kolesnik Phil Clayton Franco Baseggio, Capt	Jason Chiu Andrew Gumperz Andy Stark
Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zachary Grossack Kevin Rosenberg	Adam Grossack Zia Mahmood Michael Rosenberg
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Steve Garner Mark Lair
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Allan Falk Bill Cole	David Chechelashvili David Yang Alan Schwartz
Nickell	Frank Nickell Geoff Hampson Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Eric Greco Steve Weinstein
Onstott	John Onstott, Capt Josh Donn Greg Hinze	Jacob Morgan Chris Compton Howard Parker
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt William Hall Nicolas Hammond	Lance Kerr Joe Viola Rita Shugart
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Migry Campanile	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar David Berkowitz
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Geeske Joel Sarah Youngquist	Debbie Rosenberg Will Watson Li-Chung Chen
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Drew Casen John Schermer	Jeff Aker Jim Krekorian Venkatrao Koneru
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Kevin Bathurst
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Eric Robinson Bill Pollack	Doug Doub Gary Cohler Rozanne Pollack



Online Tournament Schedule

<i>ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 1</i>			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS
MONDAY	SEPT. 13	11:30 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
MONDAY	SEPT. 13	12:00 - 12:50 1:10 - 2:00 2:20 - 3:10 4:10 - 5:00 5:20 - 6:10 6:30 - 7:20 7:40 - 8:30	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-7 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 8-14 ROUND 3 - BOARDS 15-21 60 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 4 - BOARDS 22-28 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 29-35 ROUND 6 - BOARDS 36-42 ROUND 7 - BOARDS 43-49
TUESDAY	SEPT. 14	12:00 - 12:50 1:05 - 1:55 2:10 - 3:00 3:15 - 4:05 5:00 - 5:50 6:05 - 6:55 7:10 - 8:00 8:15 - 9:05	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 50-56 ROUND 9 - BOARDS 57-63 ROUND 10 - BOARDS 64-70 ROUND 11 - BOARDS 71-77 55 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 12 - BOARDS 78-84 ROUND 13 - BOARDS 85-91 ROUND 14 - BOARDS 92-98 ROUND 15 - BOARDS 1-7
WEDNESDAY	SEPT. 15	12:00 - 12:50 1:05 - 1:55 2:10 - 3:00 3:30 - 4:20 4:35 - 5:25 5:40 - 6:30	ROUND 16 - BOARDS 8-14 ROUND 17 - BOARDS 15-21 ROUND 18 - BOARDS 22-28 30 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 19 - BOARDS 29-35 ROUND 20 - BOARDS 36-42 ROUND 21 - BOARDS 43-49
<i>ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2 -</i>			
FRIDAY	SEPT. 17	12:00 - 12:50 1:10 - 2:00 2:20 - 3:10 4:10 - 5:00 5:20 - 6:10 6:30 - 7:20 7:40 - 8:30	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-7 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 8-14 ROUND 3 - BOARDS 15-21 60 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 4 - BOARDS 22-28 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 29-35 ROUND 6 - BOARDS 36-42 ROUND 7 - BOARDS 43-49
SATURDAY	SEPT. 18	12:00 - 12:50 1:05 - 1:55 2:10 - 3:00 3:15 - 4:05 5:00 - 5:50 6:05 - 6:55 7:10 - 8:00 8:15 - 9:05	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 50-56 ROUND 9 - BOARDS 57-63 ROUND 10 - BOARDS 64-70 ROUND 11 - BOARDS 71-77 55 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 12 - BOARDS 8-14 ROUND 13 - BOARDS 15-21 ROUND 14 - BOARDS 22-28 ROUND 15 - BOARDS 29-35
SUNDAY	SEPT. 19	12:00 - 12:50 1:10 - 2:00 2:20 - 3:10 4:10 - 5:00 5:20 - 6:10 6:30 - 7:20 7:40 - 8:30	ROUND 16 - BOARDS 36-42 ROUND 17 - BOARDS 43-49 ROUND 18 - BOARDS 50-56 60 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 19 - BOARDS 57-63 ROUND 20 - BOARDS 64-70 ROUND 21 - BOARDS 71-77 ROUND 22 - BOARDS 78-84

Face to Face Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
<i>QUARTER-FINAL</i>			
MONDAY	OCT. 4	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
TUESDAY	OCT. 5	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 6	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1</i>			
THURSDAY	OCT. 7	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
FRIDAY	OCT. 8	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL</i>			
SATURDAY	OCT. 9	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SUNDAY	OCT. 10	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			
MONDAY	OCT. 11	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
TUESDAY	OCT. 12	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

Life isn't fair, so you have to play the best game you can with the cards you're dealt.

Marta Acceta

Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but of Playing a poor hand well!

Robert Lewis Stevenson

One should always play fairly when one has the winning cards!

Oscar Wilde

USBF 7 Board Victory Point Scale								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.50	4.50	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19.00	1.00
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.77	3.23	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.31	6.69	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.80	0.20
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

Round Robin Information

VACCINATION REQUIRED:

All players in the 2021 Open USBC MUST be vaccinated against CoVid19.

Players must submit proof of vaccination to the USBF Secretary (Jan Martel) before play commences in the event.

This includes the online stages - players are not eligible to enter the event if they do not submit proof of vaccination.

There are no exceptions to this rule.

FORMAT

The online format with 21 teams will be 2 complete Round Robins.

Round Robin 1 will have 21 scheduled matches of 7 boards each to qualify 12 teams for Round Robin 2. Each team will have one sit-out during Round Robin 1.

Round Robin 2 will have 11 matches, each played as two 7 board halves, to qualify 8 teams for the face to face USA1 Quarterfinal. The IMP scores in each half of each match will be converted to Victory Points and the VPs added together to obtain the team's score for Round Robin 2. The matches will be played in the same order for the first half and the second half, so one half of each match is played in the first half of the day and one half of each match is played in the second half of the day.

Carryover: There will be no carryover from Round Robin 1 to Round Robin 2, except that if 2 teams are tied for 8th place, the result of the Round Robin 1 match between the 2 teams will be used to break the tie. If the teams are still tied, the team that earned more Victory Points in Round Robin 1 will qualify.

Roster Change between Round Robin and KO: Teams that qualify for the KO stages may change their rosters so long as at least 4 players who met the Round Robin play requirements are still on the team, any additional players added are intended to improve the team's performance at the table, and no added player may have competed on a different team in the online stages of the event.

The face-to-face USA1 stages will be 2-day, 120-board KO matches.

The face-to-face USA2 stages will be a 2-day, 120-board KO R16 in which the 4 losing USA1 Quarterfinalists will play, followed by a 1-day, 60-board KO Quarterfinal, in which the 2 USA1 Quarterfinal losers will play the 2 USA2 Round of 16 winners; a 1-day 60-board KO Semifinal in which the USA2 Quarterfinal winners will play, and a 2-day 120-board Final between the USA1 Final loser and the USA2 Semifinal winner.

Play Requirements: Each player must play 10 matches in RR 1 and at least one segment against each other team in RR 2 to qualify for the KO stages (a player who does not meet the play requirements can be added back to the team as long as the requirements for roster changes are met. Each player must play 50% of the boards in every KO match to be eligible to continue on the team. See General Conditions of Contest Section XII (at USBF.org) about how to count boards and potential waiver of this requirement.

Closed Notes: Players may not consult their notes at any time during play unless they are dummy.

Withdrawal: A player or team may withdraw at any time.

Play in the KO stages will be on LoveBridge tablets, with either 2 or 4 players in a room.

SETTING THE KO BRACKET: THE KO BRACKET WILL BE BASED ON ACBL SEEDING POINTS, EXCLUDING POINTS AWARDED FOR ONLINE PLAY, PLUS ADDED SEEDING POINTS FOR PERFORMANCE IN EACH STAGE OF THE ROUND ROBIN.

Kibitzing THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2021 OPEN USBC.

ROUND ROBIN KIBITZING ON REALBRIDGE KIBITZ SITE

To kibitz, go to **the RealBridge kibitzing website**, enter your name and click on Log In, select the event to kibitz. After you select **Kibitz 2021 Open USBC**, you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table. You will see the number of kibitzers at a table and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table 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. Anyone can type chat into the chat window.

Above the chat window are two dropdowns for video commentary. If you want to hear someone who is commenting, select their name from one of the dropdowns. If two people are commenting, select **one from each dropdown**. The option "BROADCAST MY VIDEO" is for commentators - if you select this, your commentary will be available to anyone who wants to listen to you.

When browsing scores and results, if you want to share a deal with somebody, you can copy the URL from the top of the browser's window and paste it into an email or a Bridge Winners post.

For more information, go to the **ReaBridge help page for spectators!** **KIBITZ TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT EACH DAY - ALL TIMES ARE EDT**

ROUND ROBIN 1

MONDAY, 9/13

Round 1: 1:00 pm

Round 2: 2:00 pm

Round 3: 3:00 pm
break

Round 4: 5:15 pm

Round 5: 6:15 pm

Round 6: 7:15 pm

Round 7: 8:15 pm

TUESDAY, 9/14

Round 8: 1:00 pm

Round 9: 2:00 pm

Round 10: 3:00 pm

Round 11: 4:00 pm

break

Round 12: 6:00 pm

Round 13: 7:00 pm

Round 14: 8:00 pm

Round 15: 9:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, 9/15

Round 16: 1:00 pm

Round 17: 2:00 pm

Round 18: 3:00 pm

break

Round 19: 4:30 pm

Round 20: 5:30 pm

Round 21: 6:30 pm

ROUND ROBIN 2

FRIDAY, 9/17

Round 1: 1:00 pm

Round 2: 2:00 pm

Round 3: 3:00 pm
break

Round 4: 5:15 pm

Round 5: 6:15 pm

Round 6: 7:15 pm

Round 7: 8:15 pm

SATURDAY, 9/18

Round 9: 1:00 pm

Round 10: 2:00 pm

Round 11: 3:00 pm

Round 12: 4:00 pm
break

Round 13: 6:00 pm

Round 14: 7:00 pm

Round 15: 8:00 pm

Round 16: 9:00 pm

SUNDAY, 9/19

Round 17: 1:00 pm

Round 18: 2:00 pm

Round 19: 3:00 pm
break

Round 20: 5:15 pm

Round 21: 6:15 pm

Round 22: 7:15 pm

Round 23: 8:15 pm
break

Round 20: 5:15 pm

Round 21: 6:15 pm

Round 22: 7:15 pm

Round 23: 8:15 pm



VuGraph Treats

Tomato and Rosemary Focaccia By Chef Jon Ashton

Ingredients:

3 1/3 cups (415 g) bread flour
2 teaspoons (10 g) instant yeast
1 tablespoon (13 g) rosemary, minced
3 cups (705 ml) water, room temperature
1/4 cup (2 oz. or 60 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
2 1/2 teaspoons (12 g) table salt
Olive oil spray



Toppings:

24 cherry tomatoes
2 teaspoons (10 g) rosemary, minced
3/4 teaspoon (4 g) coarse sea salt, or 1-1/4 teaspoons (6 g) kosher salt

Instructions:

Whisk flour, yeast and rosemary together in large bowl. Add room-temperature water and oil and stir with spatula until dough forms. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and let sit for 10 minutes. Sprinkle salt over dough and mix until fully incorporated. Cover bowl with a towel or plastic wrap and let dough rest for 20 minutes.

Using your wet hands or spatula sprayed with vegetable oil, fold dough over itself by gently lifting and folding edge of dough toward middle. Turn bowl 90 degrees; fold again, rotate 90 degrees and fold again (total of four folds). Cover bowl with towel or plastic wrap and let dough rest for 20 minutes. Repeat folding technique another 3 times, letting the dough rest for 20 minutes each time.

Add two tablespoons olive oil to a 13 by 9-inch (33 by 23 cm) baking pan and brush to coat all the inside of the pan. Transfer dough to prepared pan and gently press the dough towards corners. Spray or brush with olive oil and wrap with plastic wrap. Refrigerate overnight.

Remove from fridge 1 hour before baking. Dough should have doubled in height and be jiggly when shaken.

Press tomatoes into dough and spray or brush top with a little olive oil. Top with rosemary and sea salt. Heat oven to 400 degrees F (205 degrees C). Uncover and bake for 35 to 40 minutes, until nicely browned.

Serves 6-8 people

(continued on page 7)

Trade relies on both contracts and fairness. There is one thing you must never forget when making and abiding by a contract: if fairness is lost, then the contract shall become proof of one's deception.

Anonymous

Pizza Margherita

By Chef Jon Ashton

Ingredients:

1 portion individual pizza dough
Generous 1/3 cup (100 g) tomato sauce
3 fresh basil leaves, torn in half
1 tablespoon (15 ml) olive oil
½ cup (4 oz. or 115 g) fresh whole-milk mozzarella cheese

Directions:

At least 45 minutes before baking pizza, put stone or pizza steel in preheated 500 degrees F (260 degrees C) oven.

Put the sauce in the center of the stretched dough and use the back of a spoon to spread it evenly across the surface, stopping approximately 1/2 inch (1.25 cm) from the edges.

Drizzle a little olive oil over the pizza dough. Break the cheese into large pieces and place these gently on top of the sauce. Scatter basil leaves over the top.

Using a pizza peel, pick up the pie and slide it onto the heated stone or steel in the oven. Bake until the crust is golden brown, and the cheese is bubbling, approximately 4 to 8 minutes.

Serves 1

Pizza Dough

Ingredients:

3 1/2 cups (420 g) bread flour
1 1/2 teaspoons (7.5 g) active dry yeast
2 teaspoons (10 g) fine sea salt
1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon (60 ml) warm water (80°F to 85°F or 27°F to 29°C)
1 teaspoon (5 ml) extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon (15 ml) honey
1 1/2 to 2 cups water (355 ml), plus more as needed

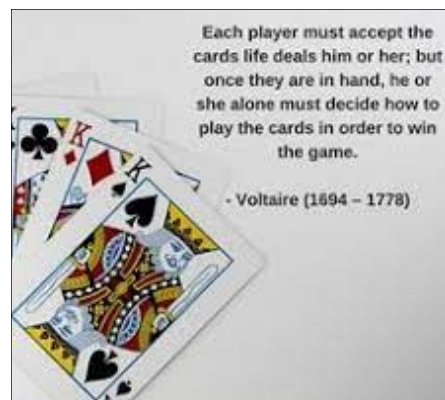
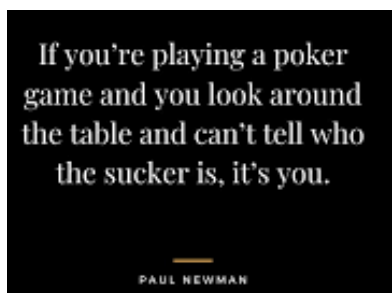
Directions:

Place the flour, yeast and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer. With the mixer running, pour the oil, honey and water in a steady stream. Continue to mix for 2 to 3 minutes. The finished dough should be soft, slightly sticky and elastic. If too dry, add a bit more water; if too wet, a tablespoon or so more flour. Move the dough to the work surface and cut the dough into halves or thirds.

Makes 3 individual or 2 large pizzas

Form the dough into balls and refrigerate for 24 -72 hours.

(continued on page 8)



Sticky Toffee Pudding By Chef Jon Ashton

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons (45 ml) cold unsalted butter, diced, plus more for buttering pan
18 pitted dates, chopped preferably Medjool
1 cup (240 ml) water
1 teaspoon (5 ml) baking soda
½ cup (107 grams) packed light brown sugar
2 large eggs, at room temperature
1 teaspoon (5 ml) vanilla extract
Grated zest of 1 small orange
1 cup (120 grams) all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon (5 ml) baking powder
½ teaspoon (2 ml) kosher salt

Caramel Sauce:

1 cup (240 ml) heavy cream (divided), at room temperature
¼ cup (53 grams) sugar
1 tablespoon (15 ml) light corn syrup
1 tablespoon (15 ml) pure maple syrup
1 tablespoon (15 ml) unsalted butter
½ teaspoon (2 ml) kosher salt

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Butter an 8-inch square cake pan.

Combine the dates and water in a small saucepan and cook until the dates are softened, about 10 minutes. Mash dates with a fork or potato masher and stir in baking soda and let it cool for 15 minutes. In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream the brown sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing well between additions. Add the vanilla and orange zest and mix well. Scrape down the bowl.

Sift the flour and baking powder together and add salt. With the mixer turned off, add the dry ingredients and mix until just combined.

Add the cooled date mixture and mix well until combined. Transfer the batter to the prepared cake pan. Place a piece of paper towel in the center of a larger roasting pan and set the filled pan inside a roasting pan or. Fill the large pan with hot water until it reaches halfway up the sides of the cake pan. Cover the large pan tightly with aluminum foil. This creates a steam method for cooking the cake.

Bake the cake for 30 minutes. Remove the pan and let the cake cool for 15 minutes in the water bath, covered.

Whilst cake is baking, make caramel sauce. Place ½ cup of cream, sugar, corn syrup, maple syrup, butter and salt into a medium saucepan and stir well. Bring the mixture to a boil over medium-high heat. Whisk frequently for 15-25 minutes, until the mixture turns a golden chestnut brown color.

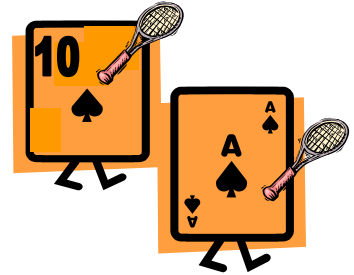
Add the remaining ½ cup of cream and whisk well to dissolve any lumps. Continue cooking over low heat for about 10 minutes, until deep golden brown. Remove from the heat.

Carefully lift the cake pan from the water bath, use a knife to release the cake from the sides of the pan if necessary. Invert the cake onto a cutting board.

Pour about half of the caramel sauce into the bottom of the pan. Using 2 large spatulas, return the cake to the pan, and pour the remaining sauce over the cake. Let the cake cool completely before serving or refrigerate for up to 3 days.

Cut into slices and serve with any extra caramel sauce. Serves 6-8

Tenace anyone?



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

Sudoku 1

Humor:

A hungry lion was roaming through the jungle looking for something to eat.

He came across two men. One was sitting under a tree and reading a book the other was typing away on his typewriter.

The lion quickly pounced on the man reading the book and devoured him.

Even the king of the jungle knows of reader's digest and writer's cramp.

A mathematician wanders back home at 3A.M. and proceeds to get an earful from his wife.
 "You're late!" she yells.
 "You said you'd be home by 11:45!"
 "Actually," the mathematician replies coolly, "I said I'd be home by a quarter of 12."

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku Solutions on Page 17

Puzzle Page ...

Palindromes: Read the same backwards and forwards

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

BIRD RIB
KAYAK
MIRROR RIM
NURSES RUN
POT TOP
RACE CAR
REPAPER
ROTATOR

SEVEN EVES
SMART RAMS
SPACECAPS
STACK CATS
STEP ON NO PETS
STOP POTS
TAHITI HAT
TANGY GNAT

TELL A BALLETT
TEST SET
TOP SPOT
TUNA NUT
WE FEW
WE SEW
WET STEW
WON'T IT NOW

Cheerio Yanks:

You lot are at it again. This time it is the Open Trials. You will want to call Bagsy (ED note: like calling Shotgun in America) as you ride along with Limey Jack in his lopsided battle against the Gormless Howie Dung.

21 teams begin and after a full 3 day Round Robin, 12 will carry on with 9 heading back to their flats with nothing but some curry takeaway awaiting them.

There are 4 very notable absences from this event: Hamman and Rodwell, Robinson and Boyd. M. Hamman is recovering from a devastating virus and we wish him well. M. Rodwell inexplicably thinks himself to be invulnerable. Boyd and Robinson hit the mandatory retirement age.

On to the jousts:

There are more than 12 squads that are qualified to move ahead. Some of these will be cheesed off not to qualify. Of the obvious non-qualifiers; Bishel, Castellino, Dinkin, Henner, Reynolds. Schireson and Wildavsky, Limey Jack gives Henner a better chance than Wildavsky to prevail. Lo is 6 handed and has an easy name but will fall asunder.

Of the remaining 13, Bramley, Donner, Fleisher, Gu, Hill, Kolesnik, Lebowitz, Levine, Nickell, Onstott, Rosenthal, Simson, and Spector; each has its warts. Bramley is missing M. Hamman and is 4 handed with a volatile pair. Levine has a com-moner in Garner playing with Royalty in Meckstroth. They will not be the anchor pair. While Simson has beefed up, Gu and Spector are shorthanded.

If Fleisher or Onstott has problems they could easily fall out of the hunt. For now, Limey Jack will take Gu to be the remaining sideline team.

So have a flutter at your favourite punter and follow Limey Jack as he makes you a few quid. Steer clear of the Dungmeister who is off his trolley for yonks now.

Ta, LJ

Limey Jack

Hope you're well and doing fine.
Good to see you back online!

Want to "see" you and be seen.
Last time was Two-oh-nineteen!

21 comprise the field...
Twelve remain; the rest will yield.

Bishel, Castellino too,
Succumb with Reynolds and with Gu!

See Donner sink; Dinkin slide,
Henner takes a wild ride.

Not to rock the ebb and flow,
High five good-bye to Ai-Tai Lo!

Last to go is unknown still...
A Kolesnik? Or Joyce Hill?

Random thoughts 'fore RR2,
I think I ought to share with you...

With Hamman ill, will Bramley fall?
Will Weichsel play with Hemant Lall?

Will Meckstroth/Garner bid in tune?
While Rodwell thinks he is immune?

Off to watch the VuGraph play...
I don't mind the slight delay!

Howie... doing!!

**Howie
Doing...**

Pun-ishment!

John Travolta was hospitalized for possible Covid-19 but he tested negative. It was determined it was just Saturday Night Fever. Not to worry... he is Stayin' Alive!



working on my batters, but my bunt cakes are a hit.

I couldn't make it in baseball so I opened a bakery. I'm still

I failed my italic writing exam with straight A's...

What did the DNA say to the other DNA?

Do these genes make me look fat?

Did you hear about the weekly poker game with Vasco da Gama, Christopher Columbus, Leif Erikson, and Francisco Pizarro? They can never seem to beat the straights of Magellan.



		Travelers							Departures							Arrivals						
		Archie	Bridget	Gabriel	Jeanne	Scott	Violet	Wilbur	Liberia	Malta	Peru	Romania	South Africa	Ukraine	Yemen	Angola	Barbados	Costa Rica	Denmark	Eritrea	Finland	Hungary
Times	2:30 pm																					
	3:30 pm																					
	4:30 pm																					
	5:30 pm																					
	6:30 pm																					
	7:30 pm																					
	8:30 pm																					
	Arrivals	Angola																				
Barbados																						
Costa Rica																						
Denmark																						
Eritrea																						
Finland																						
Hungary																						
Departures		Liberia																				
	Malta																					
	Peru																					
	Romania																					
	South Africa																					
	Ukraine																					
	Yemen																					

Answer on Page 14

Times	Travelers	Departures	Arrivals
2:30 pm			
3:30 pm			
4:30 pm			
5:30 pm			
6:30 pm			
7:30 pm			
8:30 pm			

- The traveler flying from Peru is either the person leaving at 8:30 pm or Jeanne.
- The person going to Barbados is leaving later than the traveler flying from Ukraine.
- The traveler going to Costa Rica is leaving 3 hours earlier than the traveler flying from Ukraine.
- The traveler going to Denmark, the traveler flying from Romania, the traveler flying from South Africa and the person going to Angola are all different travelers.
- The traveler going to Finland is leaving 1 hour later than Wilbur.
- Gabriel is leaving 4 hours earlier than the traveler going to Angola.
- The traveler flying from Malta is leaving 3 hours earlier than Violet.
- Violet is either the person leaving at 4:30 pm or the traveler going to Angola.
- Archie isn't going to Eritrea.
- The person going to Angola isn't flying from Ukraine.
- The traveler leaving at 8:30 pm is flying from Yemen.
- The person leaving at 7:30 pm isn't going to Denmark.
- The traveler going to Hungary is leaving earlier than the person flying from Peru.
- The person flying from Malta is leaving earlier than the person flying from Romania.
- Of the person flying from Romania and Bridget, one is going to Denmark and the other is leaving at 4:30 pm.
- Wilbur is leaving 1 hour earlier than Jeanne.

Meet the Players



Joe Grue, who grew up in Minnesota and now lives in New York City, is a professional bridge player, who has had great success with many different partners. He won Junior World Championships with John Kranyak in 2001, 2005 and 2006. He won the Reisinger, North American Swiss and Vanderbilt with Curtis Cheek. Since then he & Brad Moss have won the Spingold, Vanderbilt, Bermuda Bowl and two USBCs, as well as finishing second in the World Open Pairs. Joe won the Blue Ribbon Pairs in 2015, 2016 and 2018 and finished second in 2017.

He won the 2018 Barry Crane top 500, winning a record total of 3676 masterpoints.

Andrew Rosenthal, a lifetime New Yorker, graduated Collegiate School in 1980 and Pitzer college in 1984, studying theater.

He learned to play bridge as a child from his parents but didn't start playing seriously until he was 30. Bridge highlights including winning the Red Ribbons with Jenni Hartsman (now Carmichael), The.Goldman Pairs with David Moss, coming in second in the 2019 Spingold and becoming USA2 in the 2019 Mixed Trials.



Jean-Paul Sartre is sitting at a French cafe, revising his draft of Being and Nothingness. He says to the waitress, "I'd like a cup of coffee, please, with no cream." The waitress replies, "I'm sorry, Monsieur, but we're out of cream. How about with no milk?"

What does a dyslexic, agnostic, insomniac do at night? He stays up wondering if there really is a dog.

There's a fine line between a denominator and a numerator. Only a fraction of you will understand this.



Barbados	Yemen	Archie	8:30 pm
Eritrea	Ukraine	Scott	7:30 pm
Angola	Liberia	Violet	6:30 pm
Finland	Peru	Jeanne	5:30 pm
Costa Rica	Romania	Wilbur	4:30 pm
Denmark	Malta	Bridget	3:30 pm
Hungary	South Africa	Gabriel	2:30 pm

Answer to Puzzle on Page 13

D 1	N jjmeck	W N E S
	♠ KQ107	1♣ P 1♦
	♥ AKJ2	P 1♥ P 1♠
	♦ 7	P 3♠ P 6♣
♣ K974	P P P	
W stefanot	E hawai	
♠ 53	♠ J9642	
♥ 9853	♥ Q64	
♦ K984	♦ A105	
♣ 532	♣ J6	
S garner		
♠ A8		
♥ 107		
♦ QJ632		
♣ AQ108		
	6♣ N	NS: 0 EW: 0

Jeff Meckstroth and Steve Garner have embarked on a new partnership and they are not playing a strong club system! On Board 1 in an OCBL match on September 1st, they did well to bid and make 6C.

Meckstroth opened a natural 1C. Garner responded 1D. Meck's 1H bid showed an unbalanced hand and 1S was an artificial game force. Meckstroth jumped to 3S, natural, showing extra values.

Garner could have simply signed off in 3NT with his wasted diamond values, but he knew his club holding was really valuable and a club slam was an excellent possibility. Not seeing a good way to explore, he took the bull by the horns and jumped to the club slam.

East led the S6 which rode to declarer's ten. With four spades, two hearts and four high club tricks, Meckstroth needed two ruffs for twelve tricks. He led a diamond at trick two. West won the diamond and continued with a spade to dummy's ace. Meckstroth trumped a diamond with the C7. When declarer played the CK, East decided to make what turned out to be a not-so-clever false card of the CJ. Declarer overtook the CK with dummy's ace. He trumped a diamond with the S9 and claimed. If East plays low on the CK, Jeff will need to decide how to play the hand. He will probably go right, but nothing is a certainty.

D 1	N hsiehdh	W N E S
	♠ KQ107	1♣ P 2♦
	♥ AKJ2	P 2NT P 3♣
	♦ 7	P 3♦ P 3♥
♣ K974	P 3NT P 4NT	
W mikerl	E womoco	
♠ 53	♠ J9642	
♥ 9853	♥ Q64	
♦ K984	♦ A105	
♣ 532	♣ J6	
S lc chen		
♠ A8		
♥ 107		
♦ QJ632		
♣ AQ108		
	4NT N	NS: 0 EW: 0

Levine vs Texan Aces in the OCBL

At the other table, Ding-Wa Hsieh and Lin-Huan Chen had a strong club auction to reach 4NT.

1C showed 16+ HCP. 2D was game forcing with 5+ diamonds. 3C relayed to 3D and 3H showed 5+ diamonds and 4+ clubs with 11+HCP. 3NT was to play and 4NT showed 13-14 HCP.

Eddie Wold led the S4. When dummy's S8 held the trick, declarer took the losing heart finesse. The defense cashed two diamonds, holding declarer to ten tricks, and producing a 10 IMP gain for the Levine team.

This was a hard fought twelve-board match which the Levine team won by a score of 19-2.

World Bridge News...

From the WBF President

July 8th, 2021

Dear Bridge Players, dear Friends ... At Last ! Bridge is coming back!

We have not had the opportunity to meet and to enjoy either bridge or social time together since October 2019. This has meant that, owing to the dramatic effects of COVID-19, that shocked the whole world, we have been obliged first to delay and then to cancel all our Championships and Events for two whole years, 2020 and 2021.

The virus is not yet completely eradicated, but thanks to the tremendous efforts made by Science in finding a vaccine capable of reducing and mitigating its devastating effects, we have begun to return to a more normal life.

The situation has to be carefully considered and approached, but we are allowed to restart our planning to hold our championships in 2022.

As we stated, we have a strong will to do this and have had work in progress which means that now I am very pleased to confirm that :

The 45th World 2021 Bridge Team Championships (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Seniors Trophy, Wuhan Cup & World National Teams Trophy) will be held in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy from 27th March to 9th April. [Click here to read the First Information Letter about the Championships.](#)

- **The 12th World Bridge Series** (Rosenblum Cup, McConnell Cup, Rand Cup, Mixed Teams & Open. Women, Seniors, Mixed Pairs) will be held in Wroclaw, Poland from 19th August to 3rd September.
- **The 7th World Youth Transnational Bridge Championship** will be held in August in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy. The Youth Committee is defining the dates that will be published next week, together with all the useful information.

With my colleagues of the Executive Council, I am confident that we will have a great 2022 bridge year to finally once again enjoy all together our beloved discipline.

With my best wishes to you and your families and looking forward to meeting you,

Un abbraccio

Gianarrigo Rona



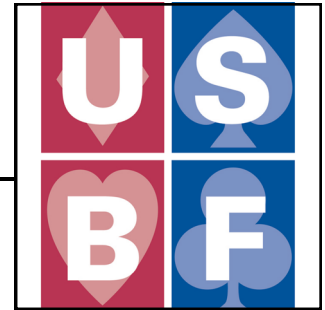
9	7	5	8	9	1	3	4	2	3	4	2	3	1	6	8	5	7	9
4	8	3	5	7	2	6	9	1	6	9	2	7	5	3	8	4	8	4
8	5	7	9	3	4	2	6	1	8	5	7	9	3	4	2	6	1	8
2	3	8	7	5	9	4	1	6	2	3	8	7	5	9	4	1	6	2
6	1	4	3	8	2	9	5	7	6	1	4	3	8	2	9	5	7	6
7	9	5	4	1	6	8	3	2	7	9	5	4	1	6	8	3	2	7
9	7	1	8	2	3	6	4	5	9	7	1	8	2	3	6	4	5	9
5	8	2	6	4	1	7	9	3	5	8	2	6	4	1	7	9	3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

Answer to Sudoku 1

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

Answer to Sudoku 2

Sudoku Answers



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.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

The USBF is an **all-volunteer** organization.

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.



Who will go
And who will stay
Will be determined
By the play!



A pot contains 75 white beans and 150 black ones. Next to the pot is a large pile of black beans.

A somewhat demented cook removes the beans from the pot, one at a time, according to the following strange rule: He removes two beans from the pot at random. If at least one of the beans is black, he places it on the bean-pile and drops the other bean, no matter what color, back in the pot. If both beans are white, on the other hand, he discards both of them and removes one black bean from the pile and drops it in the pot.

At each turn of this procedure, the pot has one less bean in it. Eventually, just one bean is left in the pot. What color is it?

Solution: White. The cook only ever removes the white beans two at a time, and there are an odd number of them. When the cook gets to the last white bean, and picks it up along with a black bean, the white one always goes back into the pot.

Abigail, Oliver, Rosa, and Blake all attend the same summer camp, where they can cook, kayak, rock climb, and zip-line. Each child has a different favorite activity.

- Abigail's favorite activity isn't rock climbing.
 - Oliver is afraid of heights.
 - Rosa can't do her favorite activity without a harness.
 - Blake likes to keep his feet on the ground at all times.
- Can you figure out who likes what?

Answer: Abigail likes to zip-line, -Oliver likes to kayak, Rosa likes to rock climb, and Blake likes to cook.

Each of five neighborhood dogs (Saber, Ginger, Nutmeg, Pepper, and Bear) is enjoying one of the following activities: getting its ears scratched, playing catch, taking a nap, burying a chew toy, and going for a walk.

- Pepper is either playing catch or burying a chew toy.
 - Neither Ginger nor Saber nor Bear is on a walk.
 - One of the dogs named after a spice is getting its ears scratched.
 - A dog not named for a spice is playing catch.
 - Bear is getting some exercise.
- Can you figure out what each pooch is doing?

Answer: Saber is taking a nap, -Ginger is getting her ears scratched, Nutmeg is -going for a walk, Pepper is burying a chew toy, and Bear is playing catch.

George, William, John, Abe, and Millard have their birthdays on consecutive days, all between Monday and Friday.

- George's birthday is as many days before Millard's and William's is after Abe's.
 - John is two days older than Abe.
 - Millard's birthday is on Thursday.
- Can you figure out whose birthday is on each day?

Answer: John's is on Monday, George's on Tuesday, Abe's on Wednesday, Millard's on Thursday, and William's on Friday.

Logic Puzzles

USBF: CAS Finds No Jurisdiction in Bertens vs USBF

9 SEPTEMBER 2021



The **United States Bridge Federation (USBF)** posted the followings:

In a [lengthy opinion](#) released on Sept. 8, 2021, the **CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport)** panel found that it did not have jurisdiction to hear the appeal filed by **Huub Bertens** against the United States Bridge

Federation and therefore rejected Bertens' appeal.

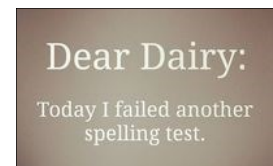
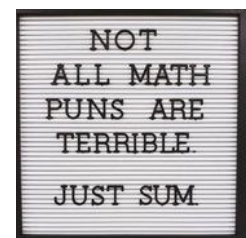
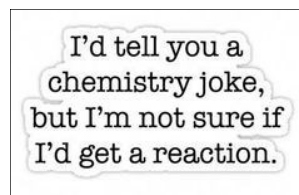
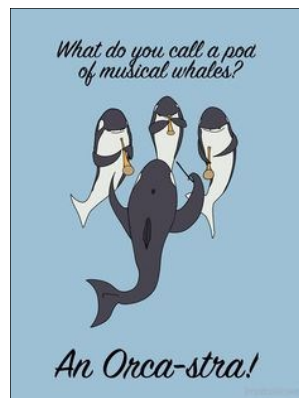
08 September 2021

As Reported in Neopolitan Club...

The story – On the 31st of January, the **United States Bridge Federation (USBF)** announced that **Huub Bertens** was found guilty of online cheating by the [USBF Adjudicatory Committee](#) and, therefore, he was barred from membership in the USBF until January 1, 2028 and barred for life from serving on the Board of Directors of the USBF.

Due to the USBF's Decision, the [American Contract Bridge League \(ACBL\)](#) suspended **Huub Bertens** from January 31, 2021 to January 1, 2028.

Huub Bertens filed an appeal against USBF's suspension. The appeal has been filed with CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport) in Switzerland on February 19, 2021.



NEVER DISCUSS INFINITY WITH A MATHEMATICIAN. YOU'LL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT

Dear Algebra,
Please stop asking us to find X.
She's never coming back. And don't ask Y.

Initially I was just a little nervous about English, but now I'm past tense.

Did you hear that someone fainted in class?
Yep, she went down in history!

We've Got Class!!

I used to hate math, but then I realized decimals have a point.

MATH.
The only place where people can buy 64 Watermelons and no one wonders why...

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN ACID WITH AN ATTITUDE?

A-mean-oh acid.

Geometry keeps you in shape.

"Alt"ernate Views

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 3 D </div>	N rogerclee ♠ J863 ♥ 1072 ♦ KQ109 ♣ Q2	W N E S 1♣ 1♦ X 3♦ X P 4♦ P 5♣ P P P	
	W yilmaz_g ♠ KQ2 ♥ A4 ♦ A52 ♣ AJ1075	E no weak ♠ A954 ♥ Q986 ♦ J6 ♣ K64	
	S dank ♠ 107 ♥ KJ53 ♦ 8743 ♣ 983		5♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0

Board 3 from the Alt Elevator II Competition yesterday was interesting. Roger Lee and Dan Korbelt were playing against Yilmaz and Ali Ucar from Turkey.

Yilmaz opened 1C and Lee made a tactical overall of 1D on his 4-card suit. Ali held a classic negative double and Korbelt preemptively raised to 3D. Yilmaz doubled... If Ali were certain that double showed a stopper, he could have chosen 3NT. Instead, he bid 4D: good hand, "Partner, please choose a logical spot," leaving all suits in play. Yilmaz chose 5C.

Lee led the DK, ducked around. He continued with the DQ, Yilmaz, winning the ace. Yilmaz ruffed a diamond. He cashed the CK and took

the losing club finesse for the queen. Lee exited the DT, Yilmaz ruffing in hand, shedding a heart from dummy. Declarer drew the last trump and cashed the HA. He cashed the CT, hoping to squeeze Lefty in the majors. When the HK did not appear, declarer discarded a heart from dummy and needed to pick up the spade suit.

He cashed the SK and SQ, noting the fall of the ten from Korbelt. He can now take the restricted choice play and make the hand!! Instead, he chose to play for 3-3 spades... down one!

At the other table, Korbelt/Lee's teammates, Kalita and Nowosadzki had an unimpeded auction to 3NT. 2NT could have shown longer diamonds than clubs and 3S showed four spades.

3NT is a better contract. If the opponents do not lead a diamond, it is a claim. If diamonds are 4-4, it's cold, even conceding a club. If diamonds are 5-3, the contract can still be made by finessing clubs into the "safe" hand.

At the table, North led a high diamond, ducked, followed by another high diamond, ducked. The third diamond knocked out declarer's ace. Declarer played the CA and led the CJ toward the dummy. When the queen came up on his left, he was home free... making five. +660 and 13 IMPs to the Sylvia Moss team.

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 3 D </div>	N grundar ♠ J863 ♥ 1072 ♦ KQ109 ♣ Q2	W N E S 1♣ P 1♥ P 2NT P 3♠ P 3NT P P P	
	W paulinka18 ♠ KQ2 ♥ A4 ♦ A52 ♣ AJ1075	E kot_korba ♠ A954 ♥ Q986 ♦ J6 ♣ K64	
	S ogoksel ♠ 107 ♥ KJ53 ♦ 8743 ♣ 983		3NT W NS: 0 EW: 0