

“Trials” and Tribulations

Results: Day Three

Team Name	Total	6	1	8	12	5	14	7	20	9	2	19	11	17	21	18	10	15	13	3	16	4	BYE
6. Fleisher	301.26	7.43	12.57	6.35	2.79	15.78	8.65	14.32	19.29	12.18	18.85	15.78	16.53	13.31	18.69	16.29	18.19	16.99	19.92	17.82	16.04	10.92	10.00
1. Bishel	246.22	7.82	12.18	12.94	10.00	11.35	16.99	17.21	13.65	5.07	8.65	6.35	14.93	7.82	7.82	13.31	10.47	16.53	17.21	17.62	8.65	11.35	10.00
8. Hemmer	235.05	17.21	7.06	10.00	0.85	11.35	6.69	15.50	10.47	8.65	1.31	13.99	16.53	14.32	6.35	12.18	9.08	2.58	13.31	13.65	20.00	17.62	10.00
12. Levine	231.41	4.22	7.82	10.00	19.15	0.85	1.47	16.77	9.08	10.00	15.50	14.63	16.53	16.29	1.64	13.65	9.08	16.53	5.68	10.47	17.62	11.35	10.00
5. Donner	228.60	4.22	7.82	8.65	19.15	17.21	17.21	5.37	7.82	8.23	4.78	9.08	14.32	10.47	6.01	18.69	7.82	16.53	16.99	15.78	13.65	6.01	10.00
14. Nickell	225.28	11.35	3.01	13.31	18.53	2.79	10.92	9.08	3.23	13.65	13.99	6.01	16.29	12.94	16.99	6.01	10.00	7.43	13.99	18.19	4.50	13.99	10.00
7. Gu	224.71	5.68	2.79	4.50	3.23	14.63	10.92	7.43	7.43	14.32	9.53	7.82	9.53	7.82	7.06	10.92	12.94	13.65	16.53	18.19	18.53	18.69	10.00
20. Spector	223.62	7.82	14.93	11.35	10.92	12.18	16.77	12.57	2.18	17.82	12.94	1.81	6.01	2.79	17.21	10.00	11.77	19.43	4.22	19.29	11.77	9.53	10.00
9. Hill	222.77	7.82	14.93	11.35	10.00	11.77	6.35	5.68	2.18	11.35	16.04	10.47	10.47	3.23	12.94	9.08	7.06	14.63	12.38	12.57	12.94	20.00	10.00
2. Bramley	218.97	1.15	11.35	18.69	4.50	15.22	6.01	10.47	7.06	8.65	7.06	12.94	8.65	6.01	14.63	16.77	13.31	6.69	6.69	3.71	17.62	18.85	10.00
19. Simson	218.39	4.22	14.32	6.01	5.37	10.92	13.99	12.18	18.19	3.96	7.06	12.94	14.93	10.00	5.68	9.53	16.99	1.31	12.18	12.94	12.57	16.04	10.00
11. Lebowitz	216.80	3.47	13.65	3.47	3.47	5.68	3.71	10.47	13.99	9.53	11.35	5.07	14.93	10.00	10.92	10.92	15.50	18.36	18.53	8.65	8.23	16.04	10.00
17. Rosenthal	215.94	6.69	5.07	5.68	3.71	9.53	7.06	12.18	17.21	16.77	13.99	10.00	3.47	16.53	14.32	6.01	15.50	13.31	14.63	13.65	6.69	10.47	10.00
21. Wildivsky	212.02	1.31	12.18	13.65	18.36	13.99	3.01	12.94	2.79	7.06	5.37	14.32	9.08	5.68	11.35	12.18	12.18	16.53	12.18	12.18	5.68	12.18	10.00
18. Schireson	197.69	3.71	6.69	7.82	6.35	1.31	13.99	9.08	10.00	10.92	3.23	10.47	4.50	13.99	8.65	4.78	15.22	9.08	12.57	11.77	16.99	11.35	10.00
10. Kolesnik	192.98	1.81	9.53	10.92	10.92	12.18	10.00	7.06	8.23	12.94	6.69	3.01	1.64	4.50	7.82	4.78	15.22	9.08	18.01	10.47	15.22	19.43	10.00
15. Onstott	171.20	3.01	3.47	17.42	3.47	3.47	12.57	6.35	0.57	5.37	13.31	18.69	1.47	6.69	3.47	10.92	7.43	5.37	3.71	16.04	13.65	10.00	10.00
13. Lo	164.79	0.08	2.79	6.69	14.32	3.01	6.01	3.47	15.78	10.00	13.31	7.82	11.35	5.37	7.82	7.43	1.99	14.63	1.15	16.99	4.78	10.00	10.00
3. Castellino	156.69	2.18	2.38	6.35	9.53	4.22	1.81	1.81	0.71	7.43	16.29	7.06	6.35	6.35	7.82	8.23	9.53	16.29	18.85	5.68	7.82	10.00	10.00
16. Reynolds	155.51	3.96	11.35	0.00	2.38	6.35	15.50	1.47	8.23	7.06	2.38	7.43	11.77	13.31	14.32	3.01	4.78	3.96	3.01	14.32	10.92	10.00	10.00
4. Dinkin	152.48	9.08	8.65	2.38	8.65	13.99	6.01	1.31	10.47	0.00	1.15	3.96	7.43	9.53	7.82	8.65	0.57	6.35	15.22	12.18	9.08	10.00	10.00



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21 Teams Entered... in Alphabetical Order

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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
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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



Face to Face Tournament

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE ICE CREAM TRUCK THAT CRASHED?




THE DRIVER BLAMED IT ON THE ROCKY ROAD!

A truck loaded with Vicks vapor rub overturned on the highway.

Amazingly, there was no congestion for eight hours.

what did the evil chicken lay?



deviled eggs

RR2 Online Tournament

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2 -			
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

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
QUARTER-FINAL			
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
SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
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
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL			
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
USA2 FINAL			
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

Yogi Berra

"I tell the kids, somebody's gotta win, somebody's gotta lose. Just don't fight about it. Just try to get better."

Derek Jeter

"If you're going to play at all, you're out to win. Baseball, board games, playing Jeopardy, I hate to lose."

Babe Ruth

"Yesterday's home runs don't win today's games."

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 **RealBridge help page for spectators!** **KIBITZ TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT EACH DAY - ALL TIMES ARE EDT**

Do I know any
jokes about
sodium?

Na



I stayed up
all night to see
where the sun went.
Then it dawned on me.

Why couldn't the pirate
learn the
alphabet?



Because he was always
lost at C.

Can't believe someone
broke into my garage
and stole the limbo
stick. Seriously, how low
can you go.

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 Snacks

Zucchini Treats

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 3 small zucchini, halved lengthwise
- 1 small shallot, finely chopped (about 3 tablespoons)
- 2 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped seeded red Fresno chile (from 1 small chile)
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped (about 2 teaspoons)
- 1 1/8 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 6 slices thinly sliced prosciutto, halved lengthwise
- 1/2 cup loosely packed fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 tablespoon balsamic glaze



Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Preheat oven to 400°F. Score cut side of zucchini halves 1/8 inch deep in a diamond pattern. Toss zucchini, shallot, 2 tablespoons oil, chile, garlic, 1 teaspoon salt, and pepper in a large bowl. Rub mixture on cut sides of zucchini. Wrap each zucchini piece with 2 prosciutto pieces, and arrange, cut side up, on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until zucchini is crisp-tender, 14 to 16 minutes. Increase oven temperature to broil on HIGH, and broil until zucchini begins to char and prosciutto is just beginning to crisp and char, 3 to 4 minutes.
- **Step 2**
Transfer zucchini to a serving plate. Toss parsley with remaining 1/2 tablespoon oil and 1/8 teaspoon salt. Top zucchini with parsley mixture, and drizzle with balsamic glaze.

Notes

To grill, preheat a gas grill to high (450°F to 500°F) on 1 side. Place prepared prosciutto-wrapped zucchini, cut side up, on oiled grates over unlit side of grill. Grill, covered, until zucchini is crisp-tender, about 15 minutes. Reduce heat to low (250°F to 300°F). Carefully flip zucchini, and transfer to lit side of grill; grill, covered, until zucchini begins to char and prosciutto is slightly crisp and charred, about 2 minutes.

Fried Zucchini Chips

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

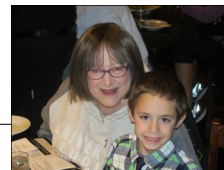
- 2 small zucchini, very thinly sliced on a mandoline
- Kosher salt
- Cold-pressed grapeseed oil, for frying
- 4 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- Flaky sea salt
- 2 tablespoons aged balsamic vinegar
- 1/3 cup packed small basil leaves
- 1/3 cup packed mint leaves

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



Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Set a colander over a large bowl. Toss the zucchini with 1 tablespoon of kosher salt and transfer to the colander. Let stand for 1 hour. Using your hands, squeeze the zucchini, a small handful at a time, to remove any remaining liquid.
- **Step 2**
Set a wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet. Heat 1/4 inch of grapeseed oil in a large, heavy-bottomed skillet until shimmering. Fry the garlic over moderate heat until light golden, about 1 minute. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the garlic to the wire rack.
- **Step 3**
Spread the flour in a shallow bowl. Working in batches, dredge the zucchini in the flour and shake off the excess. Fry over moderate heat until golden and crisp, turning once, 1 to 2 minutes per batch. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the zucchini to the wire rack with the garlic. Season with flaky sea salt and let cool. Drizzle the zucchini and garlic with the balsamic vinegar, transfer to a serving bowl, toss with the basil and mint and serve.



What do horses say when they fall?

Help, I've fallen and I can't giddy up.

What is an astronaut's favorite part on a computer?

The space bar.

(recipe continued on page 8)

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 8 (7-ounce) bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs, excess skin and fat trimmed
- 2 ¾ teaspoons kosher salt, divided
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 7 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 large lemon
- 7 medium garlic cloves, divided
- 2 large (2-ounce) shallots, chopped into 1-inch pieces
- 3 cups cherry tomatoes
- 1 cup water
- 10 (6-inch) thyme sprigs
- 1 cup coarsely chopped stemmed green Swiss chard
- 2 tablespoons salted roasted sunflower seed kernels
- ½ ounce Parmesan cheese, grated (about 2 tablespoons)

Chicken Thighs with Tomatoes and Lemon

Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Preheat oven to 400°F. Sprinkle chicken all over with 2 1/2 teaspoons salt and pepper. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a deep 14-inch ovenproof skillet over high; swirl to coat. Place chicken, skin side down, in hot oil. Cook, undisturbed, until skin is golden brown and crisp, 10 to 12 minutes. Transfer browned chicken, skin side up, to a large plate. Reduce heat under skillet to medium-high. Do not wipe skillet clean.
- **Step 2**
While chicken browns, cut lemon in half crosswise. Cut 1 lemon half into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Squeeze remaining lemon half to equal 1 tablespoon juice; set juice aside, and discard squeezed lemon half. Smash 6 garlic cloves. Add lemon slices, garlic, and shallots to drippings in skillet; cook, undisturbed, until lightly browned, about 2 minutes, flipping garlic halfway through cook time. Add tomatoes, 1 cup water, and thyme to skillet, scraping bottom of skillet to loosen browned bits. Nestle chicken, skin side up, in mixture.
- **Step 3**
Transfer skillet to preheated oven, and roast until shallots are tender and a thermometer inserted in thickest portion of chicken thighs registers at least 165°F, 25 to 30 minutes.
- **Step 4**
Meanwhile, grate remaining garlic clove to equal 1/4 teaspoon; discard remaining garlic. Pulse chard, sunflower seed kernels, Parmesan cheese, reserved lemon juice, grated garlic, and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt in a food processor until very finely chopped, about 8 pulses. With processor running, gradually pour remaining 6 tablespoons oil through food chute until pesto is mostly smooth, about 40 seconds. Set aside.
- **Step 5**
Divide chicken and tomato-shallot mixture among 4 shallow bowls; drizzle with pan juices. Serve with pesto.

Make Ahead

Pesto can be made up to 2 days ahead and stored in an airtight container in refrigerator.

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

Sudoku 1

What did the ranch say when somebody opened the refrigerator? "Hey, close the door! I'm dressing!"

I wanted to take pictures of the fog this morning but I mist my chance. I guess I could dew it tomorrow!

My dad unfortunately passed away when we couldn't remember his blood type. His last words to us were, "Be positive!"

What do you call a girl with one leg that's shorter than the other? Ilene.

Towels can't tell jokes. They have a dry sense of humor.

What did the buffalo say to his son? Bison.

A cabbage and celery walk into a bar and the cabbage gets served first because he was a head.

What's America's favorite soda? Mini soda.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back for seconds.



Medium Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku Solutions on Page 15

Fruits and Vegetables A-Z - Word Search

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

APPLES	JUJUBES	SPINACH
BROCCOLI	KALE	TURNIPS
CARROTS	LEMONS	UGLI FRUIT
DATES	MANGOS	VELVET BEANS
EGGPLANT	NECTARINES	WASABI
FIGS	ONIONS	XIGUA
GRAPES	PARSNIPS	YAMS
HORSERADISH	QUINCES	ZUCCHINI
ICEBERG LETTUCE	RUTABAGA	

Information
from the
Captain's Meeting last
Monday

From McKenzie Myers to Everyone

B. Use of Electronic Devices

Except when a player is dummy, or to consult the opponent's system filings, or for health related devices that have been approved by the DIC in advance, no player may use an electronic device for any purpose other than playing on RealBridge.

	Borwn	Carter	Grant	Price	Vale	Bandit	Fred	Harriet	Patches	Pinky	dog	iguana	kitten	parakeet	mouse
Brian															
Mary															
Sally															
Tommy															
Will															
dog															
iguana															
kitten															
parakeet															
mouse															
Bandit															
Fred															
Harriet															
Patches															
Pinky															

Answer on Page 12

First Name	Last Name	Pet's Name	Pet Type

Tommy's 2 grade class had show and tell yesterday. With their mom's assistance, five of the children brought in their pets for show and tell. Everyone loved the pets and were very impressed by the ones that could even do tricks. Determine the full name of each child, the name of each pet, and what type of creature each pet was.

1. The child whose last name is Vale didn't have a mouse. Sally didn't give her pet the name Harriet. Tommy's last name wasn't Carter.
2. Bandit was a kitten. The child whose last name was Price had a pet named Patches.
3. Fred wasn't the dog. Ms. Brown didn't have a kitten.
4. Brian's pet was the iguana. Mary didn't have a dog.
5. Will's pet was named Pinky, but it wasn't a parakeet.
6. The five children are represented by: Will, Harriet, the dog, Tommy, and Mr. Grant



In 1971, when **Jeff Meckstroth's** older brother Dave was getting ready for college, he decided that knowing how to play bridge would be a valuable skill to take to campus. "And I did anything my older brother did," Jeff recalls.

The 14-year-old Jeff was already comfortable with cards. He had been picking up some spending money by playing gin rummy and euchre at a local golf club to augment what he was winning on the links. How tough could a new game be?

Meet the Players (from the ACBL Education Foundation site)

Their father played in a regular Monday night duplicate game and, declining to teach them himself, bought them a copy of Earnest Rovere's *Contract Bridge Complete*. Jeff remembers it as "pretty dull" basics and the boys read just a couple of chapters before heading out to the bridge club for a couple of sessions of watching their father play.

Then they felt ready to compete themselves. The first time they played "we were just about average, 50%," he recalls. "And I was thinking 'average' is not very good."

They weren't even average the second time, but the third Monday night game was the charm. They captured the club championship, picked up a memorable 1.41 masterpoints, and launched Jeff on a trajectory to being one of the world's most celebrated players.

The key to the victory, he said, was that Dave doubled 12 contracts, setting almost all of them.

After his brother headed off to Bowling Green State University, Jeff and his father were partners for several years before Jeff enrolled at Ohio University, where he had won both academic and golf scholarships.

High school had been pretty easy for him, he said, "but at college they made you work" at the studies. And that didn't match up well with the schedule he soon got into. "I'd see in *The Bridge Bulletin* that there was a regional in Detroit and off I would go. When I got back, I'd be a week behind."

In 1974, he won a trip to North Webster, IN, where local banker and bridge enthusiast Homer Shoop had created the International Palace of Sports to honor notable young players in baseball, football and, of course, bridge. Jeff hobnobbed with celebrities including Johnny Weismuller and O.J. Simpson and he found that he enjoyed being in the limelight. (The King and Queen of Bridge \$1,000 scholarships, which Shoop endowed, are now awarded by the ACBL Educational Foundation.)

Then the combination of a broken elbow that curtailed his golf and his forming a partnership with Eric Rodwell (aka Meckwell), confirmed his choice of a career. He became a bridge pro in 1977, at the age of 21, and he and Eric started winning national titles almost immediately. The multiple world championships came a few years later. Jeff is one of only ten players who have won the *Bermuda Bowl*, the *World Open Pairs*, and the *World Team Olympiad*.

Now 63, Jeff has no trouble envisioning playing bridge for decades to come. His mother hadn't been an active player until moving into a retirement community where she took it up enthusiastically. And his dad, at 98, is still "rolling along," although, like many another player, he complains that he doesn't have regular partners.

Jeff has two sons and an adorable grandson. He and his lovely wife, Sally, an excellent bridge player in her own right, reside in Florida.

mouse	Pinky	Carter	Will
kitten	Bandit	Vale	Tommy
dog	Patches	Price	Sally
parakeet	Harriet	Brown	Mary
iguana	Fred	Grant	Brian
Pet Type	Pet's Name	Last Name	First Name

Answer to Puzzle on Page 11

From Tuesday's Round Robin...

Adam Wildavsky brought this hand to our attention.

Gary Cohler showed great prowess as declarer in 6H.

Apparently Allan Falk is a student of Kit Woolsey's, opening 3D at favorable on the East cards! Cohler overcalled 3H on his 18 HCP and void spade. Robinson cued 4D and when Cohler bid 5C, Robinson judged well to bid the heart slam, holding first round control of spades and second round control of diamonds.

Yang led the D5, Cohler winning in dummy with the singleton queen. Gary ruffed a small spade, cashed the DA while discarding a club from dummy, and cashed the HA. He played the DK, and

when Yang ruffed with the six, Gary overruffed with the seven.

Gary cashed the SA, tossing a club from hand. He ruffed a spade, played a heart to the king, ruffed the S8 in hand, ruffed the D9 in dummy reaching this position

Gary played the SQ off dummy, tossing his losing C6 and Yang was endplayed! Excellent technique!

Cohler deserved more than a push on the Board, however, at the other table...

Adam W Schwartz Doub Cole

W	N	E	S
P	P	3♦	3NT
P	4♣	P	4♥
P	5♥	P	6♥
P	P	P	

Doub also opened 3D. Cole chose 3NT and when his partner bid 4C, Stayman, he bid 4H. When Schwartz invited, Cole had no trouble accepting.

Wildavsky, as Yang, led a diamond. Cole won the queen and took the losing club finesse. Wildavsky won his king and tracked the SJ. When the queen held in dummy, Cole pitched a club from hand. He played a heart to the ace and finessed the H9. He pulled Wildavsky's last trump and claimed 12 tricks.

Hand 1: Daniel Weiss (W) vs Kyle Rockoff (E). Contract: 3NT=N. Score: 10864. Cards: ♠ K4, ♥ AJ10964, ♦ 9, ♣ 9. Rockoff's hand: ♠ AQJ75, ♥ A103, ♦ Q5, ♣ 873.

Hand 2: Hailong Ao (S) vs Sam Dinkin (N). Contract: 3NT=2S. Score: 10864. Cards: ♠ 2, ♥ Q86, ♦ K732, ♣ AKQJ2. Dinkin's hand: ♠ AQJ75, ♥ A103, ♦ Q5, ♣ 873.

Hand 3: Michael Shuster (S) vs Sam Dinkin (N). Contract: 3NT-2S. Score: 10864. Cards: ♠ 2, ♥ Q86, ♦ K732, ♣ AKQJ2. Dinkin's hand: ♠ AQJ75, ♥ A103, ♦ Q5, ♣ 873.

Sometimes the match pairing with the hands is interesting. Looking at the traveler, it is apparent that most North/South pairs reached the diamond game and scored 11 tricks. Two N/S pairs stopped short of game in a diamond part score. One E/W pair was allowed to play 2S.

And two pairs, whose teams just happened to be playing one another found the doomed 3NT. Strangely, both of these pairs play their own "home brew" systems meant to be more scientific. But no system, no matter how honed, works all the time.

One can see that at both tables, East/West can score five spades and a heart before letting declarer gains the lead. It could have been a push... but it wasn't.

Explaining the auctions... in the Rockoff/Weiss auction, 1NT showed 12-16; if 12-13 no 4 card Major; signoff anywhere or some slam tries, forces 2H.

In the Dinkin/Shuster auction, 1S=4+S and 0-3H and could have a longer minor. 2D was artificial, any invitation. 3D=max, natural and could be longer than spades.

Against Shuster, declaring from South, Sheng led a heart. Wei won the ace and found the excellent shift to a spade to defeat the contract.

Against Gu, declaring from North, Rockoff led the SJ, sadly for him, the spots were fatal. Weiss overtaking the SJ with the king. Weiss returned the S9 to the T, Q and a heart pitch.

Rockoff cashed the HA followed by the SA and Gu brought home nine tricks!

13 IMPs to Gu and the biggest swing of the 15th set where most matches were determined by only swings smaller than 13!

	NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Adam Grossack & Zach Grossack	Rozanne Pollack & Bill Pollack	5♦+1 N	♣3	620	
Alan Schwartz & Bill Cole	Doug Simson & Jeff Aker	5♦+1 N	♣3	620	
John Schermer & Venkatrao Koneru	Allan Falk & David Yang	5♦+1 N	♣3	620	
Chris Willenken & Eldad Ginossar	Greg Hinze & Josh Donn	5♦+1 N	♣7	620	
Peter Weichsel & Hemant Lall	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	5♦= N	♠A	600	
Kevin Dwyer & Shan Huang	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	5♦= N	♠A	600	
Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury	Shail Gupta & Weishu Wu	5♦= N	♠A	600	
Jiang Gu & Hailong Ao	Kyle Rockoff & Daniel Weiss	3NT= N	♠J	600	
Finn Kolesnik & Ish DelMonte	Brad Moss & Joe Grue	5♦= N	♥A	600	
Daniel Korbel & Roger Lee	Radu Nistor & Iulian Rotaru	5♦= N	♥A	600	
Eric Robinson & Gary Cohler	Michael Rosenberg & Kevin Rosenberg	5♦= N	♠A	600	
Jeff Meckstroth & Steve Garner	Gavin Wolpert & John Kranyak	5♦= N	♠A	600	
Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	5♦= N	♠A	600	
Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	Debbie Rosenberg & Max Schireson	5♦= N	♠A	600	
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	5♦= N	♠A	600	
Jacob Morgan & Chris Compton	Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	5♦= N	♥A	600	
John Hinton & Bob Lyon	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	3♦+3 N	♥3	170	
Bob Thomson & Bruce Blakely	Craig Ganzer & Andy Goodman	3♦+2 N	♠A	150	
bye5 & bye6	phantom3 & phantom4	= / =			
phantom1 & phantom2	bye7 & bye8	= / =			
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	2♠= E	♣A	110	
Sam Dinkin & Michael Shuster	Hongji Wei & Ming Sheng	3NT-2 S	♥5	200	

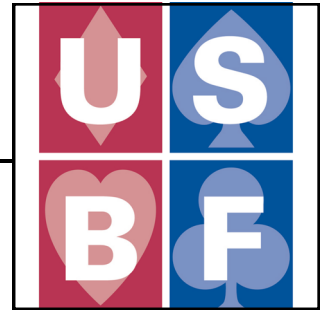
7	2	9	1	8	4	3	5	6
6	8	1	5	3	2	9	7	4
5	4	3	9	7	6	1	8	2
4	5	6	7	2	3	8	1	9
1	9	2	4	5	8	7	6	3
8	3	7	6	1	9	2	4	5
3	7	8	2	4	5	6	9	1
2	6	4	8	9	1	5	3	7
9	1	5	3	6	7	4	2	8

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

Sudoku Answers

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.

We hope you will join us.



Be confident
That you can play!
You'll play better
In that way!



A Difference in Views!

Two tables of experts landing in the same strain at very different levels ... both in spades... one in a part score and one in a freely bid slam.

At the table, both teams likely went away thinking they lost IMPs.

Weichsel/Lall's auction was straightforward but the spade split combined with the diamond distribution and the club position... hard to diagnose in the auction, left them out of luck.

Passell led the CK and the contract failed by two tricks.

At the other table, Bramley's 2S bid showed a good 3D preempt. Garner overcalled 3S and Meckstroth, short of quick tricks with only a doubleton spade, let it sit.

Woolsey led his partner's suit: diamonds... and the offense collected it's three tricks.

Taking ten tricks in a major while playing in a part score never feels good... however, proving one never knows what is happening at the other table...

7 IMPs to Levine

From the Frontlines...

For those who may wonder, Team Lo had two players who could not play the final match yesterday because of Yom Kippur. The team was going to get substitutes for the final match but when it became apparent that qualifying was not in the cards, they requested to forfeit for religious reasons. MacKenzie (DIC) agreed.

The Conditions of Contest award their opponents the better of the average of their own score or the average of the scores of everyone else who played Lo. It turns out the second was higher, so Hill was awarded 12.38 VPs for the match.

Apparently you can't use 'beefstew' as a password.
It's not stroganoff.

Limey Jack will be added and re-uploaded to this issue on Thursday... He is returning to London from the states.

BORTOLETTI Team will participate in Italian Trials

15 SEPTEMBER 2021

**From
Neopolitan
Club**



The Trials for the selection of the team that will participate in the 45th World 2021 Bridge Team Championships (Open Teams, Bermuda Bowl) will start tomorrow (September 16, 2021).

On the 6th of September the Credential Committee decided to exclude Bortoletti's team. ([CC Decision](#))

On the 9th of September the six players fielded in Bortoletti's team filed an appeal to the Federal Tribunal. ([Bortoletti's Appeal](#))

The first hearing of Federal Tribunal has been held this evening (Wednesday 15th September) at 17:30 p.m.

The Tribunal decision has not been published yet. However, the The Italian Federation (FIGB) has just released the [followings](#):

"Following the appeal, the Federal Tribunal ordered that BORTOLETTI Tem be admitted to the Open Trials. The participating teams are five: **Bortoletti, Burgay, De Michelis, Vinci** and **Zaleski**. The Trials will be played on the following dates: First Phase 16-19 September 2021; Second Phase 14-17 October 2021."

Howie Doing...

Eight teams go on into Round Robin Two...

Some were surprising; some we all knew...

Fleisher, Bishel, Henner, Levine,
One-Two-Three-Four finishing fine!

Donner and Nickell took enough tricks
To beat Gu and Spector as teams five and six.

Hill and Bramley, nine, ten will stay.
Simson and Lebowitz come back to play!

Who will depart? Who will stay still?
Good bye to team Bishel... Good bye to team Hill.

Farewell to Donner; Farewell to Gu.
You played well for three days, but those days are through.

See those on Friday back in the fray.
Hoping to see great defense and great play.

Good opening leads, squeezes and coups,
Combined with imaginative transfers and cues.

Hoping you make me smile and laugh
I'll be watching intently your play on VuGraph!

**Posted on FB
by Stephanie Scott**

Hi all

thank you for all the messages and heartfelt concern for Bob

Hamman ❤️ it's been seven weeks that he has been hospitalized.

Bob is doing very well. He is now breathing without assistance for 12 hours at a time. Goal is 20 before they will attach a speaking valve; hopefully by early next week. He is awake much more and frustrated he can't speak. We use a point at letters method to communicate. He is also able to sit up for short periods at a time, and is regaining use of hands.

One lung is practically normal. The one that collapsed is mending well. Miraculously, he has none of the organ damage often associated with severe COVID. Yes he was double vaccinated!

Only one visitor a day is frustrating for everyone.

Cards may be sent to kindred hospital

8050 meadow, #408 Dallas TX 75231

Please no calls to the hospital they are very busy taking care of him! Call me instead!

Thank you for all your prayers and positive thoughts! Keep them

coming ❤️ I will give updates when there is more to share! Go Bob get better and we will all see

you back at the bridge table ❤️
Stephanie Doran Scott

Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice Conference

from Samantha Punch

More than 500 delegates from 62 countries attended the 4th international bridge conference.

The University of Stirling and Bridge: A MindSport for All (BAMSA) hosted the online event over four days at the end of June. The success of the conference was due to a concerted effort on the part of many people. The programme involved 70 presenters and panelists from 20 countries. Collaboration among members of the global BAMSA network was the driving force behind the event.

The conference aimed to create a dialogue between academics and bridge players. Representatives of local, regional, national and international bridge organisations were all present. Practitioners included policymakers, bridge teachers, organisers and players. The academics came from a variety of disciplines. Sociology, psychology, sports studies, health sciences, global studies, social work and leisure studies were all represented.

The conference sessions inspired wide-ranging discussions. In his insightful keynote address, Professor Martin Seligman applied his wellbeing theory to the game of bridge. Other sessions focused on the role of bridge in society, and the ways in which bridge benefits people of different generations.

A session on education and digital learning provoked discussion on how best to teach bridge in schools. The conference also demonstrated the importance of addressing inequalities and creating a safe and welcoming environment. Training in equality and unconscious bias for tournament directors, selectors and youth trainers, was proposed at a session on gender.

Covid 19 has changed the way bridge clubs operate. A discussion about opportunities and challenges post-Covid was relevant to bridge clubs planning a return to face-to-face play. Online bridge has been a lifeline for many players but not for all. Some half of all club players stopped playing during the pandemic and bridge clubs cannot be complacent.

To raise awareness of the positive role of bridge in society, the conference showcased the multiple benefits of playing bridge and the social role of bridge clubs. Positive case studies from around the world are particularly relevant to governing parties committed to improving mental health and reducing social isolation.

The Scottish Bridge Union, the American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation, the Leisure Studies Association and the University of Stirling all provided funding. Thanks to their support, the conference created a valuable online resource for the international bridge community. Recordings of all the sessions are now available and full reports will appear on the BAMSA website later in the year.

The conference was free to attend. To support Bridge: A MindSport for All, please donate to the Keep Bridge Alive crowdfunder <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/u5c0e5e7810869>.

Please follow BAMSA on Facebook page and twitter (@bridgemindsport). Visit the website and subscribe to the e-bulletin to keep up to date with news from Bridge: A MindSport for All <https://bridgemindsport.org>.



Hallo Colonials:

Limey Jack is a bit fagged as his flight back to Merry Olde suffered innumerable delays, and he is a bit gutted by the hard lines of not having called the first Round Robin perfectly. He wants to know what is a 'Bishel'? Be that as it may, today we cut down to 8 teams and Limey Jack will make you a Bob or two should you take a flutter at your favourite punter.

Limey Jack...

Fleisher put on quite a show and will continue apace.

Bishel will get the basket. Fine run by these lads

Henner outperformed and will need to be sent back to the third forms.

Levine is narked about the foolish Rodwell political stance and will hold on for now but pay the price in the K/O portion.

Donner is ready to step up.

Nickell is in form but has no stamina to go all the way. They do survive here though.

Gu will go.

Spector Is in good position.

Hill seems in a difficult position to climb but they have hiking boot on. .

Bramley is taking the biscuit (ED note: pushing your luck) by playing 4 handed with awkward partnerships, but trying to carry the flag for M. Hamman.

Simsom lacks the energy to compete here.

Lebowitz will make a strong comeback.

Limey Jack needs a kip and will return right as rain for the K/O's.

Beware the blather from Howie Dung.

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons were probably involved.

The boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed, but asked to see them individually.

So the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open, wide-eyed.

So the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?"

Again the boy made no attempt to answer.

So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time, dude... God is missing--and they think WE did it!"

Italian Trials: Vinci and Zaleski withdrew

16 SEPTEMBER 2021



The Italian Trials to select the Open Tema that will participate in the 45th World 2021 Bridge Team Championships (Bermuda Bowl) were scheduled from 16 to 19 September 2021.

This afternoon **Zaleski** and **Vinci** withdrew, the remaining teams will play the second phase of Trials (October 14 -17,

2021).

The three teams admitted to the second phase are:

BORTOLETTI

Carlo Bortoletti (Captain) – Dano De Falco

Paolo Clair – Giovanni Genova

Fulvio Fantoni – Massimo Moritsch

BURGAY

Leandro Burgay (Captain) – Federico Porta

Bernardo Biondo – Francesco Mazzadi

Giovanni Donati – Giacomo Percario

DE MICHELIS

Luca De Michelis (Captain) – Didi Cedolin

Mario D'Avossa – Fabio Lo Presti

Massimiliano Di Franco – Andrea Manno

Bortoletti, Burgay, De Michelis and Vinci sent a letter to Italian Federation asking to postpone the Trials, as the Federation changed the programme a few hours before the matches started. Until yesterday morning there were 4 teams admitted to Trials and the event consisted of a single phase. But a few hours before the matches started, the [Federal Tribunal](#) ordered that Bortoletti's team be readmitted. Therefore, the Federation admitted 5 teams and a new programme was suddenly approved.

As the Federation did not accept the requests of Captains, Vinci withdrew.

Zaleski withdrew because of the unexpected programme change.

So, Zaleski withdrew his team from the competition, to protest against the Federation's decision (just a few hours before the start) to run the Open Trials with 5 teams instead of 4, as previously announced. Vinci withdrew as well, because he felt there was no time to make an informed decision, since the Federation changed the programme the night before.

Appeals Panel...

Thanks to Ron Gerard, Kerri Sanborn and Mark Feldman for serving on a tournament committee on Wednesday morning.

Thanks also to Cheri Bjerkan and Danny and Joann Sprung for being available if we needed any or all of them.

Your service is appreciated.

By the time a Marine pulled into a little town, every hotel room was taken.

"You've got to have a room somewhere," he pleaded. "Or just a bed, I don't care where."

"Well, I do have a double room with one occupant, a Navy guy," admitted the manager, "and he might be glad to split the cost. But to tell you the truth, he snores so loudly that people in adjoining rooms have complained in the past. I'm not sure it'd be worth it to you."

"No problem," the tired Marine assured him. "I'll take it."

The next morning the Marine came down to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. "How'd you sleep?" Asked the manager.

"Never better."

The manager was impressed. "No problem with the other guy snoring, then?"

"Nope, I shut him up in no time." Said the Marine.

"How'd you manage that?" asked the manager.

"He was already in bed, snoring away, when I came in the room," the Marine explained. "I went over, gave him a kiss on the cheek, said, 'Goodnight, beautiful,' and he sat up all night watching me."

Source: Neopolitan Club