



RR2 Results:

This is the first half of Round Robin 2; the second half is called Round Robin 2B and will include the Victory Point results from this first half as carryover.

Why IMPs don't always match what's on RealBridge:

We can't adjust the IMPs shown on RealBridge when a board has to be removed from play at one table and we assign a result based on the X-IMPs of the other table result. The IMPs shown here are the "real" result.

Why the VP scores in some matches do not add up to 20:

When a team is penalized for something, their VP score is adjusted but their opponent's is not. That happened in rounds 5 & 6 on Friday, 9/17:

In round 5, a player on the Lebowitz table arrived between 1 and 5 minutes late, so the team was penalized 1 VP in accordance with the General Conditions of Contest.

In round 6, the Gu vs Levine match finished very late. The Gu pair had taken 1958 seconds for the segment, the Levine pair had taken 1011 seconds. The Gu team was penalized 1.5 VPs for slow play.

[PDF Hand records matches 01-03](#) [matches 04-07](#)

Team Name	Total	12	10	4	7	2	5	1	6	3	8	11	9
12. Spector	156.87		19.56	16.04	12.94	18.69	9.53	16.77	17.62	15.50	16.29	10.92	3.01
10. Nickell	126.69	0.44		10.00	15.22	10.92	11.77	12.94	6.35	13.65	19.15	13.31	12.94
4. Fleisher	122.68	3.96	10.00		14.32	10.00	5.37	10.00	10.92	14.63	13.99	15.50	13.99
7. Hill	120.22	7.06	4.78	5.68		5.37	18.01	8.65	11.77	16.77	17.42	11.77	12.94
2. Bramley	114.41	1.31	9.08	10.00	14.63		11.77	14.93	6.01	4.22	7.43	17.82	17.21
5. Gu	107.33	10.47	8.23	14.63	1.99	8.23		18.85	9.08	5.07	5.07	16.29	9.42
1. Bishel	100.71	3.23	7.06	10.00	11.35	5.07	1.15		8.23	13.31	15.22	11.77	14.32
6. Henner	98.63	2.38	13.65	9.08	8.23	13.99	10.92	11.77		10.92	4.78	1.99	10.92
3. Donner	97.57	4.50	6.35	5.37	3.23	15.78	14.93	6.69	9.08		10.47	8.23	12.94
8. Lebowitz	93.70	3.71	0.85	6.01	2.58	12.57	14.93	3.78	15.22	9.53		16.29	8.23
11. Simson	91.89	9.08	6.69	4.50	8.23	2.18	3.71	8.23	18.01	11.77	3.71		15.78
9. Levine	86.80	16.99	7.06	6.01	7.06	2.79	9.08	5.68	9.08	7.06	11.77	4.22	

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“Trials” and Tribulations

Team Name	Total	Carry Over	12	7	10	4	8	5	2	6	11	9	1	3
12. Spector	209.79	156.87			19.92		3.23			13.99			15.78	
7. Hill	175.08	120.22				18.69			8.23	14.63	13.31			
10. Nickell	166.74	126.69	0.08				11.35						13.99	14.63
4. Fleisher	159.49	122.68		1.31				3.23				15.50		16.77
8. Lebowitz	150.59	93.70	16.77		8.65			18.53						12.94
5. Gu	149.68	107.33				16.77	1.47		16.29	7.82				
2. Bramley	147.50	114.41		11.77				3.71			3.96	13.65		
6. Henner	136.18	98.63	6.01	5.37				12.18						13.99
11. Simson	133.55	91.89		6.69					16.04			1.31	17.62	
9. Levine	129.28	86.80				4.50			6.35		18.69		12.94	
1. Bishel	120.38	100.71	4.22		6.01						2.38	7.06		
3. Donner	119.24	97.57			5.37	3.23	7.06			6.01				

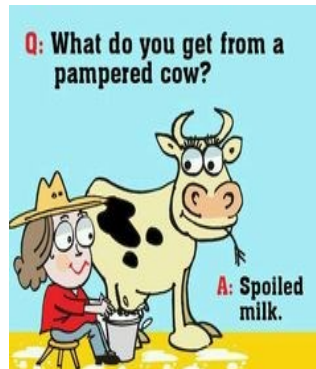
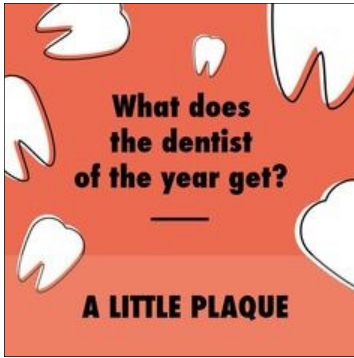
One day to go in RR2... Eight teams will emerge in the QuarterFinals. Four teams will depart. Good luck to all!!!

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



Face to Face Tournament



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	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 6	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
THURSDAY	OCT. 7	3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105
			SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
FRIDAY	OCT. 8	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
SATURDAY	OCT. 9	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
SUNDAY	OCT. 10	3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105
			SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL			
MONDAY	OCT. 11	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
TUESDAY	OCT. 12	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 13	3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105
			SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
USA2 FINAL			

RR2 Online Tournament

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2 -			
FRIDAY	SEPT. 17	12:00 - 12:50	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-7
		1:10 - 2:00	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 8-14
		2:20 - 3:10	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 15-21
			60 MINUTE BREAK
		4:10 - 5:00	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 22-28
		5:20 - 6:10	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 29-35
		6:30 - 7:20	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 36-42
SATURDAY	SEPT. 18	7:40 - 8:30	ROUND 7 - BOARDS 43-49
		12:00 - 12:50	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 50-56
		1:05 - 1:55	ROUND 9 - BOARDS 57-63
		2:10 - 3:00	ROUND 10 - BOARDS 64-70
		3:15 - 4:05	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 71-77
			55 MINUTE BREAK
		5:00 - 5:50	ROUND 12 - BOARDS 8-14
SUNDAY	SEPT. 19	6:05 - 6:55	ROUND 13 - BOARDS 15-21
		7:10 - 8:00	ROUND 14 - BOARDS 22-28
		8:15 - 9:05	ROUND 15 - BOARDS 29-35
		12:00 - 12:50	ROUND 16 - BOARDS 36-42
		1:10 - 2:00	ROUND 17 - BOARDS 43-49
SATURDAY	OCT. 10	2:20 - 3:10	ROUND 18 - BOARDS 50-56
			60 MINUTE BREAK
		4:10 - 5:00	ROUND 19 - BOARDS 57-63
		5:20 - 6:10	ROUND 20 - BOARDS 64-70
		6:30 - 7:20	ROUND 21 - BOARDS 71-77
		7:40 - 8:30	ROUND 22 - BOARDS 78-84

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.
—
Oscar Wilde

The odds of going to the store for a loaf of bread and coming out with only a loaf of bread are three billion to one.
—
Erma Bombeck

Two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I am not yet completely sure about the universe.
—
Albert Einstein

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.

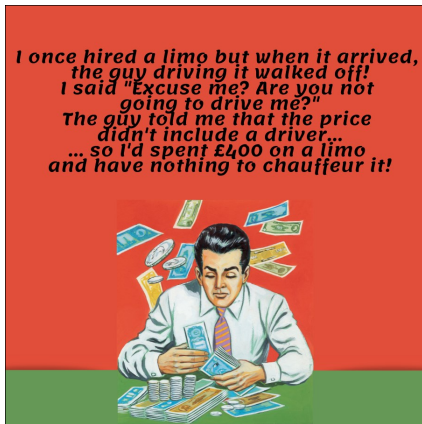
Above the chat window are two dropdowns for video commentary. If you want to hear someone who is commenting, select their name from one of the dropdowns. If two people are commenting, select **one from each dropdown**. The option "BROADCAST MY VIDEO" is for commentators - if you select this, your commentary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

"Why are piggy banks so wise?"
"They're filled with common cents."

"Why did the scarecrow win an award?"
"Because he was outstanding in his field."



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

Ingredients

- 8 ounces fresh asparagus, trimmed and sliced diagonally into 1-inch pieces (about 2 cups)
- ½ cup shelled fresh fava beans (about 3 ounces)
- All-purpose flour, for dusting
- 1 (14-ounce) package frozen puff pastry (such as Dufour), thawed
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 cup whole-milk ricotta cheese
- 3 ounces Parmesan cheese, grated (about ¾ cup), divided, plus more for garnish
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- ½ teaspoon flaky sea salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper, plus more for garnish
- 4 prosciutto slices (about 2 ounces), torn into strip
- Fresh mint leaves, for garnish

Asparagus and Fava Bean Tart

Directions

- **Step 1**
Place an inverted large, rimmed baking sheet on middle oven rack, and preheat oven to 425°F. Do not remove baking sheet while oven preheats. Fill a large bowl with ice water; set aside. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil over high. Add asparagus and fava beans; cook 1 minute. Drain in a colander. Place colander in bowl of ice water; set aside.
- **Step 2**
Lightly flour a large sheet of parchment paper. Roll out puff pastry on parchment paper into a 16-x 12-inch rectangle, dusting pastry with flour as needed to prevent sticking. Brush off excess flour from pastry. Using a pizza cutter, cut 1/2-inch-wide strips from perimeter of pastry; set strips aside. Lightly brush some of the beaten egg around pastry perimeter. Gently and loosely twist each pastry strip. Return pastry twists to pastry perimeter, placing on top of brushed egg and pressing gently into pastry base to seal. Trim any overhang from twists. Using a fork, prick the flat pastry surface 40 times; lightly brush with additional beaten egg. Slide parchment with pastry onto an 18-x 13-inch rimmed baking sheet. Using a paring knife, lightly score interior perimeter of pastry just inside twist border. Freeze 10 minutes.
- **Step 3**
Meanwhile, drain asparagus mixture, and pat dry; set aside. Stir together ricotta, 1/4 cup Parmesan, lemon zest, thyme, salt, pepper, and remaining beaten egg in a medium bowl; set aside.
- **Step 4**
Remove baking sheet with pastry from freezer, and place on top of preheated inverted baking sheet in oven. Bake until puffed and lightly browned, 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven. Reduce oven temperature to 375°F
- **Step 5**
Using a small offset spatula, gently spread ricotta mixture over puffed par-baked pastry, pressing gently to slightly flatten; sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup Parmesan. Top evenly with asparagus and fava beans; drape with prosciutto slices. Immediately return to oven and bake at 375°F until filling is set, about 10 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes. Garnish with mint, pepper, and Parmesan.

Mini Spinach-Feta Pies

Ingredients

- 10 ounces curly spinach, stems discarded
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped yellow onion
- 2 1/2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese
- Heaping 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- One 14-ounce package all-butter puff pastry, thawed
- 1 large egg, beaten
- Sesame seeds, for garnish

Directions

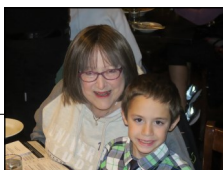
- **Step 1**
In a large saucepan of salted boiling water, blanch the spinach for 30 seconds. Drain and rinse under cool water. Squeeze out as much water as possible from the spinach. Chop the spinach and transfer it to a medium bowl. Add the onion, feta, allspice, olive oil and lemon juice, season with salt and pepper and mix well.
- **Step 2**
Preheat the oven to 425°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. On a lightly floured work surface, using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll out the puff pastry 1/8 inch thick. Using a 3 1/2-inch round biscuit cutter, cut out 12 rounds; transfer them to the prepared baking sheet. Working with one round at a time, brush the edge with some of the beaten egg, then mound about 1 tablespoon of the spinach filling in the center. Bring three sides of the dough together in the center to form a triangle and pinch to seal. Repeat with the remaining pastry rounds, egg wash and spinach filling.
- **Step 3**
Brush the pastries all over with the beaten egg and sprinkle with the sesame seeds. Bake for about 20 minutes, until the pastry is puffed and golden. Serve hot.

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



(recipes continued on page 8)

Hot Crab Casserole

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 3 cups frozen potato tots (about 60 tots) (from 1 [28-ounce] pkg.)
- 1.74 teaspoons Old Bay seasoning, divided
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 medium (1 1/2 ounce each) shallots, finely chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1 large (2 1/2 ounces) celery stalk, finely chopped (1/3 cup)
- 2 tablespoons (1 ounce) dry vermouth
- 6 ounces (3/4 cup) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh chives
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce (such as Tabasco)
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest (from 1 lemon)
- 1 pound fresh lump crabmeat, drained and picked over



Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Preheat oven to 425°F. Arrange tots in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet lined with aluminum foil. Bake in preheated oven until crisp, about 20 minutes. Transfer to a medium bowl; toss with 1/2 teaspoon of the Old Bay. Do not turn oven off.
- **Step 2**
While tots bake, melt butter in a medium skillet over medium. Add shallots and celery; cook, stirring often, until softened, 5 to 6 minutes. Add vermouth; cook, stirring constantly, until mostly evaporated, about 30 seconds. Remove from heat.
- **Step 3**
Stir together cream cheese, chives, mayonnaise, sour cream, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, lemon zest, and remaining 1 1/4 teaspoons Old Bay in a large bowl. Fold in crabmeat and shallot mixture. Spread mixture in a 1-quart gratin baking dish. Top evenly with tots. Bake at 425°F until crab mixture bubbles around the edges, about 15 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes.

Bayer was advertising cough medicine containing heroin in 1898.

Britain's first escalator was installed in Harrods in 1878.

BVD stands for the organizers of the company: Bradley, Voorhies, and Day.

Carbonated soda water was invented in 1767 by Joseph Priestley, the discoverer of oxygen.

Cheerios cereal was originally called Cheerioats.

Chewing gum was patented in 1869 by William Semple.

Coca-Cola was so named back in 1885 for its two 'medicinal' ingredients: extract of coca leaves and kola nuts. As for how much cocaine was originally in the formulation, it's hard to know.

Cocaine was sold to cure sore throat, neuralgia, nervousness, headache, colds and sleeplessness in the 1880s.

Colgate claims "Tooth Fairy" as a registered trademark.

**Fun "Facts" must be true.
I read them on the Internet!**

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Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

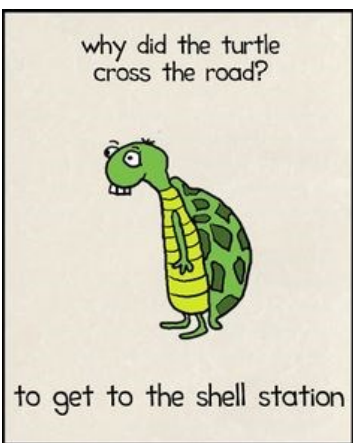
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Sudoku Solutions on Page 15

What did the left eye say to the right eye?
Between you and me, something smells.



Why don't they play poker in the jungle?
Too many cheetahs.



Why did the Oreo go to the dentist?
Because he lost his filling.



Puzzle Page ...

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TAILPIPE
TAILSPIN
TAILWIND

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.



	Green	Orange	Purple	Red	White	Cars	Explosives	Gas	Pigs	Potatoes	Iowa	Kentucky	Minnesota	Oklahoma	Tennessee	100SUV	410WSZ	425BST	1302EY	3267RN
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Answer on Page 12

Company Name	Truck Color	Type of Load	State	License Plate Number

Two sisters spent the last few days traveling across the United States, from Massachusetts to Missouri, by car. To pass the time as they drove, they started watching the other traffic on the highways. Along with many cars, they noticed that the route they were using had lots of trucks on it, carrying all sorts of cargo. Five trucks in particular caught their attention because each carried a different type of load and came from a different state that they weren't traveling through. Determine the company name on each truck, the color of each truck cab, the type of load each truck was carrying, the state each truck was from, and the license plate number of each truck.

- The truck carrying potatoes wasn't owned by Spalding Service. The license plate number 1302EY was on the truck with the green cab. The truck from Iowa had an orange cab.
- The Hendricks Delivery truck, which wasn't carrying potatoes, was from Minnesota. The truck carrying explosives wasn't from Kentucky but did have a truck with a purple cab. The truck with the orange cab doesn't have a license plate number of 425BST and was not carrying pigs.
- The truck with the white cab didn't have a company name of Spalding Service. The truck with the company name Roadway Express was not from Oklahoma. The truck from Kentucky wasn't transporting cars.
- The five trucks were represented by: the truck from Tennessee, the truck with the red cab, the truck carrying potatoes, the truck with the license plate number of 100SUV, and the truck with the company name of Knight Trucking.
- The truck carrying pigs had a license plate number of 100SUV, but wasn't owned by Roadway Express. The license plate number 410WSZ was from Tennessee. Spalding Service didn't have a truck with a purple cab.
6. The El Dorado Transport truck didn't have 3267RN for a license plate number. The truck with the green cab, which wasn't carrying gas, was owned by Knight Trucking.

One day I found myself sitting against the great American pro Mark Lair (who was playing with a client), and this entertaining deal came up:



IMP-15
Board 510

Client
♠ J4
♥ JT963
♦ A876
♣ 94

Partner
♠ -
♥ A75
♦ KQJ94
♣ KQJT2

Me
♠ QT8
♥ KQ84
♦ T532
♣ A3

Lair
♠ AK976532
♥ 2
♦ -
♣ 8765

Hand from The Bridge Bum Website

Mark Lair is a professional American bridge player from Canyon, Texas. Lair is ranked 5th all-time on the American Contract Bridge League Top 500 listings with over 67,800 masterpoints. He is an ACBL Grand Life Master and World Bridge Federation World Life Master; he was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2009.

Me
Pass
Dbl
Pass
All Pass

Client
Pass
Pass
Pass

Partner
1♣ Str.
4NT C/D
5♣

Lair
4♠
Dbl
Dbl

Lair led the ♠K, which my partner ruffed. The contract is cold if North just draws trumps and knocks out the ♦A. The defense can take at most one spade and one diamond, since dummy's spade holding acts as a stopper. But declarer proceeded to draw three rounds of trumps, *pitching the ♠T from dummy*. He continued with a diamond to the ten and ace, Lair pitching his heart. With the client on lead, Armageddon loomed:

Client
♠ J
♥ JT963
♦ 86
♣ -

Partner
♠ -
♥ A75
♦ KQJ9
♣ T

Me
♠ Q
♥ KQ84
♦ 532
♣ -

Lair
♠ A976532
♥ -
♦ -
♣ 8

Meet the Players

You can see now what happens if West returns a spade. If North ruffs, Lair ruffs the next trick and runs all his spades for down 5! If North refuses to ruff, Lair of course overtakes the ♠J and continues spades to knock out North's last club. But West returned...a diamond! Lair ruffed, but that was the end of the defense. Making 5 doubled, 550, was only worth 4.97 IMPs because some people were making 6♦. It will be a while before I see another declarer and defender give and take five (doubled!) tricks to each other on one board. ("Here, you take them." "No, no, I insist they're yours." "I can't accept, *you* take them....")

License Plate Number	State	Type of Load	Truck Color	Company Name
425BST	Kentucky	Gas	Red	Spading Service
3267RN	Iowa	Potatoes	Orange	Roadway Express
130ZEY	Oklahoma	Cars	Green	Knight Trucking
100SUV	Minnesota	Pigs	White	Hendicks Delivery
410WSZ	Tennessee	Explosives	Purple	Ei Dorado Transport

Answer to Puzzle on Page 11

As promised in yesterday's newsletter...

Because we have received several questions about "how to kibitz" next month in Schaumburg, IL, when the Face-to-Face portion of the event begins...

There will be no live kibitzing because of the Pandemic. Players will be playing on tablets using LoveBridge software. Please read the article below for directions on how to kibitz online. We want you to get the most out of the presentation.

KO 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 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: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 6:00 pm

Segment 4: 8:00 pm

NEXT DAY

Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 8:00 pm

Segment 8: 10:15 pm

Preparing to Watch the KO's in Schaumburg next month!

(continued on page 22)

Board 20
Dealer W
All Vul

♠ 108
♥ Q876
♦ K82
♣ J864

♠ J5
♥ KJ54
♦ A10975
♣ AK

♠ Q762
♥ A3
♦ QJ6
♣ 10972

♠ AK943
♥ 1092
♦ 43
♣ Q53

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

Par -130 1♦+3 EW

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
John Hinton & Jerry Clerkin	Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	3NT-1 W	♣4	100
Peter Weichsel & Hemant Lall	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	3NT-1 W	♠10	100
Kevin Dwyer & Joyce Hill	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	3NT-1 W	♠10	100
Christal Henner & Uday Ivatury	Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	3NT-1 W	♠10	100
Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	3NT-1 W	♠10	100
Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	1NT+2 W	♥6	150
Marty Fleisher & Chip Martel	Hongji Wei & Ming Sheng	3NT= W	♠10	600
Jiang Gu & Hailong Ao	Daniel Korbel & Roger Lee	3NT= W	♣4	600
Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	Kevin Rosenberg & Zach Grossack	3NT= W	♣4	600
Mike Levine & Eddie Wold	John Schermer & Venkatrao Koneru	3NT= W	♣4	600
Ish DelMonte & Finn Kolesnik	Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	3NT+1 W	♥6	630
Michael Rosenberg & Zia Mahmood	Gavin Wolpert & Warren Spector	3NTX= W	♠10	750

Ron Gerard called this hand to our attention. It is from the first day of Round Robin 2. Ron pointed out that six E/W pairs declared 3NT and received the ST lead.

Four declarers won the SJ, crossed to the HA and took the diamond finesse. When North won the DK, a spade was played through dummy and the defense took an easy five tricks.

At two tables, the ST was led and ducked by declarer. Ducking the spade cuts communication between the defenders. When declarer ducks, North continues spades to South's king. South must be careful not to cash his SA, setting up declarer's ninth trick.

Bd 20, Dlr W
3NT= W

♠ 108
♥ Q876
♦ K82
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W Ming Sheng

♠ J5
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♣ 10972

Hongji Wei E

♠ AK943
♥ 1092
♦ 43
♣ Q53

W N E S
1NT P 2♠ X
3♦ P 3NT P
P P

Chip Martel S

In the diagram to the left, Sheng/Wei used a 2S range ask bid, which gave Martel a chance to make a lead directing double of spades.

Fleisher led the ST. Sheng ducked. Fleisher continued with a spade to Martel's king. Martel cashed the SA!! Chip switched to a diamond. Fleisher won the DK and declarer had the rest of the tricks for +600. Oops!!

This was a push board. At the other table Korbel/Lee used a Puppet Stayman auction. Even though East showed a four-card spade suit, Hailong Ao did not double for the spade lead. Jiang Gu led the C4 and Lee scored an easy nine tricks.

Bd 20, Dlr W
3NTX= W

♠ 108
♥ Q876
♦ K82
♣ J864

W Warren Spector

♠ J5
♥ KJ54
♦ A10975
♣ AK

N Michael Rosenberg

♠ Q762
♥ A3
♦ QJ6
♣ 10972

Gavin Wolpert E

♠ AK943
♥ 1092
♦ 43
♣ Q53

W N E S
1NT P 2♣ P
2♥ P 2NT P
3NT P P X
P P P

Zia Mahmood S

At Spector/Wolpert's table, they bid to 3NT following a Stayman bid. Zia doubled for a spade lead (dummy's implied suit). Rosenberg led the ST and Spector ducked. A spade was continued to Zia's king and Zia cashed the SA!! Spector conceded the DK and claimed nine tricks for +750 and a gain of 4 IMPs. At the other table, the auction was the same, except that John Hurd did not find the lead directing double and Kevin Bathurst led a pedestrian C4.

Ron Gerard points out that while both declarers made an inspired duck at trick one, both South's fell from grace when they cashed the SA. Ron suggests that when declarer plays the CJ at trick two, this should set-off an alarm.

Ron also points out that the two defenders in this case: Martel and Zia are among the best in the world. If they could not figure it out, others would most certainly be at a loss!

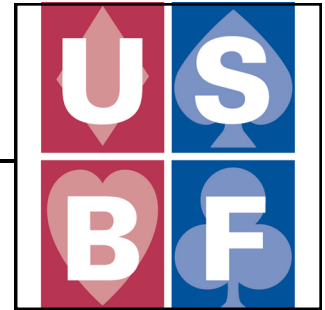
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Sudoku Answers

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.

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.



Playing bridge
Will keep you sharp.
But on your partner
You can't harp!!!



A Vienna Coup from Day One of the RR2

<p>Bd 34, Dlr E 7♥ = W</p> <p>W Steve Zolotow</p> <p>N Steve Weinstein</p>	<p>♠ Q54 ♥ 85 ♦ J1093 ♣ QJ93</p>	<p>Anam Tebha E</p> <p>♠ J1076 ♥ KJ109 ♦ 82 ♣ 862</p>																									
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Steve Zolotow didn't need much for 7H to have a play. His partner, Anam Tebha, showed game going values. And, her 3H bid suggested something extra. 4S was RKC and 5C showed one or four keycards.

Dummy was a bit of a disappointment with no SQ or DJ, but four good trumps were all Steve needed to make slam.

Woolsey/Bramley were the only other pair to bid the grand slam. Unfortunately for them, they were defeated when Woolsey finessed for the SQ.

Zolotow found the Vienna Coup to bring home his slam. The opening lead was the CQ. Zolotow won the CA, led a heart to dummy and trumped a club. A second heart was led to dummy and another club was trumped in hand. Steve realized that if either opponent held four diamonds and the SQ, they would be in trouble. He cashed the SA and SK to produce this position.

Zolotow led a heart to dummy and cashed the last heart, discarding a spade from his hand. North discarded a diamond and Zolotow took the last four tricks, winning 11 IMPs when Hampson/Greco stopped in 6H making seven on the same line of play.

<p>Bd 34, Dlr E 7♥ = W</p> <p>W Steve Zolotow</p> <p>N Steve Weinstein</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ — ♦ J1093 ♣ 3</p>	<p>Anam Tebha E</p> <p>♠ J10 ♥ KJ ♦ 82 ♣ —</p>																									
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What did the nuclear physicist have for lunch?
Fission chips.

What happens when electrons lose their energy?
They get Bohr'ed.

A hydrogen atom is walking down the street with a friend when he suddenly stops.
The friend says, "What's wrong?"
The hydrogen atom replies, "I lost my electron!"
The friend says, "Are you sure?"
The hydrogen atom exclaims, "Yes, I'm positive."
The friend laments, "Oh, I thought you were just being negative again."



Board 55
Dealer S
All Vul

♠ AQ107
♥ KQJ
♦ AK54
♣ J3

♠ 6
♥ A94
♦ QJ83
♣ Q10764

♠ 3
♥ 863
♦ 10972
♣ AK982

♠ KJ98542
♥ 10752
♦ 6
♣ 5

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 9 7 8 10 9
S 9 7 8 10 9
E 4 6 5 3 4
W 4 6 5 3 4

Par +600 3NT= NS

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Jiang Gu & Hailong Ao	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	3♠ X-3 E	♣A	800
Zach Grossack & Kevin Rosenberg	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	3♠ X-3 E	♣A	800
Peter Weichsel & Hemant Lall	Michael Rosenberg & Zia Mahmood	3NT= N	♠8	600
Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	Ish DelMonte & Finn Kolesnik	3NT= N	♥2	600
Joe Grue & Brad Moss	Craig Ganzer & Andy Goodman	3NT= N	♠8	600
Eddie Wold & Mike Levine	Gavin Wolpert & John Kranyak	3NT= N	♠2	600
Bobby Levin & Steve Weinstein	Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	3NT= N	♠2	600
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	3NT= N	♠5	600
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Roger Lee & Daniel Korbel	3NT-1 N	♠8	100
Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	Jeff Meckstroth & Steve Garner	3NT-1 N	♥2	100
John Hinton & Bob Lyon	Hongji Wei & Ming Sheng	3NT-2 N	♥2	200
Gary Donner & Sandra Rimstedt	Kevin Dwyer & Joyce Hill	3NT-2 N	♥2	200

Bd 55, Dir S
3NT= N

♠ AQ107
♥ KQJ
♦ AK54
♣ J3

♠ 6
♥ A94
♦ QJ83
♣ Q10764

♠ 3
♥ 863
♦ 10972
♣ AK982

W N E S
P 2NT 3♠ 3NT
P P P

About half of the East players bid 3S over North's 2NT opening bid. This gave N/S a fielder's choice, they could double 3S and collect 800 or they could bid 3NT and take advantage of the overcall to make their contract. Joel Wooldridge was the only declarer to succeed in 3NT after a heart lead.

Delmonte led the H2 to Kolesnik's ace. Finn continued hearts. Wooldridge won the HK and cashed the DA followed by a club to ace. Joel returned to his hand with a heart and cashed the SA, stripping West of his major suit cards. To produce this position:

Wooldridge was ready. He ducked the diamond to dummy's ten. Two rounds of diamonds put West back on lead, forced to concede an extra club trick. Declarer scored one spade, two hearts, three diamonds and three clubs for a well-deserved +600.

At the other table the auction was the same. A heart was lead and a spade was returned at trick two. Declarer inserted the ST and could not recover, eventually losing six tricks for -200 and 13 IMPs to Hill.

Bd 55, Dir S
3NT= N

♠ Q107
♥ -
♦ K54
♣ J

♠ -
♥ -
♦ QJ8
♣ Q1076

♠ KJ9854
♥ 5
♦ -
♣ -

W N E S
P 2NT 3♠ 3NT
P P P

5
1

♠ -
♥ -
♦ 1097
♣ K982

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.

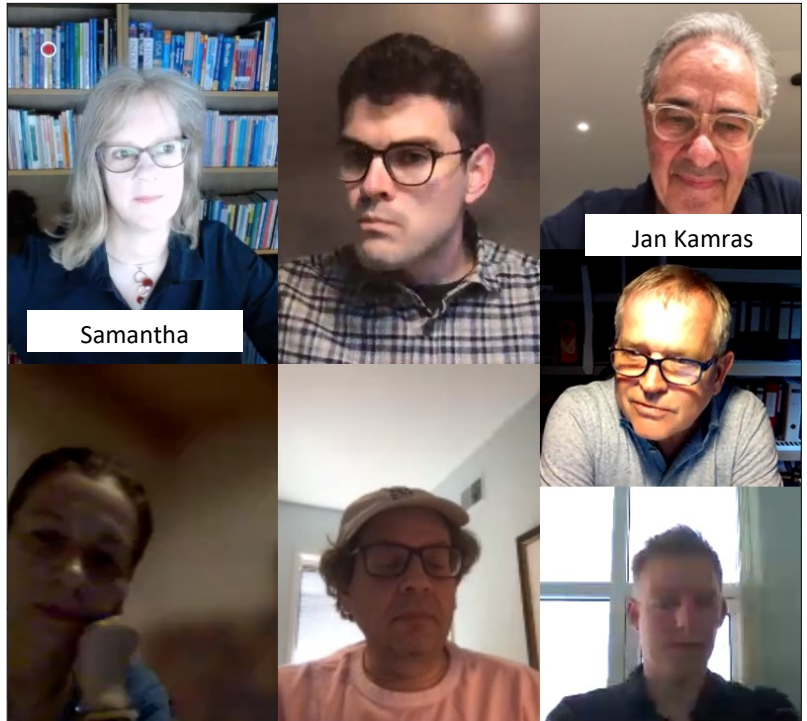
Covid 19 has changed the way bridge clubs operate. A discussion about opportunities and challenges post-Covid was relevant to bridge clubs planning a return to face-to-face play. Online bridge has been a lifeline for many players but not for all. Some half of all club players stopped playing during the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

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Steve Garner S																			

On Board 61, both tables in the Nickell/Levine match reached 4H with no bidding by the opposition.

The result depends on the lie of the trump suit.

Both Weinstein and Wold led a small club.

Levine won the CQ and continued with the CK, followed by a small spade to Wold's ace. Wold played a small diamond; Nickell won the ace in dummy and played a heart to the king, felling Wold's queen for ten tricks.

Levine made a subtle false card which might have misled Garner at the other table to defeat the game!

		♠ 92 ♥ AJ95 ♦ AKJ32 ♣ 74	N Ralph Katz																
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Nick Nickell S																			

At trick one, Levin won the CA! He followed with the CQ and played a small spade to Weinstein's ace. Weinstein continued spades. Garner won his king. He played a heart to the ace and ran the H9 to West's queen for down one!

In the short time the players are given for each board, it took good forward thinking for Levine to work out the clever camouflage of spots. Once declarer places the AKQ of clubs with East, declarer is unlikely to play East for another card, giving him values to overcall.

Nice play, Bobby!

Board 76 Dealer W NS Vul		♠ Q10 ♥ — ♦ J975432 ♣ AK102	♠ 954 ♥ J10973 ♦ A ♣ QJ98	
♠ K6 ♥ AKQ82 ♦ KQ106 ♣ 54	♠ AJ8732 ♥ 654 ♦ 8 ♣ 763			NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ N 4 8 3 7 6 S 4 8 3 7 5 E 9 5 10 6 7 W 9 5 10 6 7
Par -420 4♥= EW				
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
John Hinton & Bob Lyon	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	4♥= E	♦8	420
Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd	Gary Donner & Sandra Rimstedt	4♥= E	♦8	420
Marty Fleisher & Chip Martel	Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	4♥= W	♣K	420
Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	Daniel Korbel & Roger Lee	4♥= W	♣A	420
Jiang Gu & Hailong Ao	Geoff Hampson & Eric Greco	4♥= E	♦8	420
Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	Hongji Wei & Ming Sheng	4♥= E	♦8	420
Eddie Wold & Mike Levine	Craig Ganzer & Andy Goodman	4♥= W	♣A	420
Peter Weichsel & Hemant Lall	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	5♥= W	♣K	450
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	4♥+1 W	♣A	450
Kevin Dwyer & Joyce Hill	Michael Rosenberg & Zia Mahmood	4♥+1 W	♣A	450
Radu Nistor & Iulian Rotaru	John Kranyak & Warren Spector	5♦X-4 N	♣Q	1100
Zach Grossack & Kevin Rosenberg	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	5♦X-4 N	♥3	1100

The first half of Round-Robin 2 was drawing to a close. On the penultimate board, most E/W pairs stopped in 4H and collected ten tricks.

While North has a distributional minor suited hand, the unfavorable vulnerability prevents him from bidding too much.

♠ Q10 ♥ — ♦ J975432 ♣ AK102	N Peter Weichsel
♠ K6 ♥ AKQ82 ♦ KQ106 ♣ 54	W John Bishel
♠ AJ8732 ♥ 654 ♦ 8 ♣ 763	E Tom Bishel
♠ 954 ♥ J10973 ♦ A ♣ QJ98	
W N E S 1♥ 2♦ 4♥* 4♠ 5♥ P P P	
Hemant Lall S	

Lall/Weichsel bid 4S over 4H. Had their opponents stopped off to double, it would have been small collateral damage... however, their opponents pushed on to 5H. This could have been a huge success had Lall/Weichsel collected their ace/king/ace off the top.

Playing UDCA **except** at trick one. Weichsel led the CK followed by the CA. Lall followed with the C7 and C3. Expecting Lall to ruff, Weichsel continued clubs. When Lall followed suit to the third club and declarer claimed eleven tricks, it was a very small swing.

In two other matches, where Z Grossack/K Rosenberg were North/South and where Rotaru/Nistor were North/South, it was more exciting. Grossack overcalled 2D and when East/West bid 4H, Grossack bid 4NT. East doubled and Grossack ran to 5D which East doubled.

Rotaru/Nistor had the same result on a similar auction. Nistor overcalled 2D and when Kranyak, East, bid 3D, Rotaru tried 3S. Spector bid 4H and Nistor took the push to 5D. When Spector doubled, N/S conceded the same 1100 as Grossack/Rosenberg did.

12 IMPs to Spector

12 IMPs to Hill

The Latest Communication from the Italian Team Trials...

Letter from the captain of team DiMichelis...

Dear Board

I write you about the first phase at the Open Trials.

We were meant to start yesterday. As you know, the captains (including me) requested to postpone the event to mid October, due to the sudden change in format, following the readmission of Bortoletti's team. We had only been told the night before (at 9:24 PM) and we therefore had no time to assess the situation or make a decision.

We all showed up on time on the day of the competition, but we still wanted to postpone it, in order to play surrounded by a positive atmosphere, which suits such an important event.

The organisers got our letter, but insisted on making us play.

At this point two teams dropped out and the other three went through to the second phase, which had already been scheduled for October.

Even though I wanted my team to play and even though we have gone through to the second phase, I still believe that postponing would have been better for everyone.

Therefore I insist that the captains' request be accepted by the Federation and that the teams who dropped out be re-admitted to the second phase.

This will enable us to compete properly and choose the best team to represent Italy at the Bermuda Bowl.

I sincerely hope that this plea is heard.

Kind regards

Luca De Michelis

Milan, September 17, 2021



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