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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oldies but Goodies—SUSBC

USA1 Quarterfinals

1	Lewis	207	2	36	46	40	50	33	
8	Cappelli	144	54	15	14	23	23	15	
2	Wolfson	214	51	37	35	15	14	62	
7	Brod	161	10	7	37	42	35	30	
3	Lall	203	33	56	14	23	30	47	
6	Simson	144	13	15	40	28	12	36	
4	Kasle	171	36	20	32	40	6	37	
5	Hamman	126	32	32	20	2	11	29	

USA2 Round of 32

9	Mahaffey	205	42	26	39	25	19	54	
12	Denison	198	55	13	36	28	28	38	
10	Jacobs	203	29	38	44	41	13	38	
11	Reynolds	171	22	24	27	23	40	35	

USA1 SemiFinals

		Total	Seg 1	Seg 2
1	Lewis	54	49	5
4	Kasle	43	30	13
2	Wolfson	25	18	7
3	Lall	86	43	43

USA2 RR

Team Name	Total	7	5	10	6	9	8
7. Hamman	33.09		9.56	6.22			17.31
5. Brod	30.81	10.44			12.42		7.95
10. Simson	29.73	13.78			2.50	13.45	
6. Cappelli	29.33		7.58	17.50		4.25	
9. Mahaffey	29.18			6.55	15.75		6.88
8. Jacobs	27.86	2.69	12.05			13.12	

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So after three segments we were down by 1. Jeff Aker, knowing our score, came up to me and said, "You don't have to try and win it all back on one board."

Limey Jack...

Cheerio Yanks:

Limey Jack needs a fair kip and right soon. These Seniors wear a bloke out for certain.

As near told only two squads have been shucked.

In the fight for USA 1, there are a foursome to remain.

Lewis-Kasle: Each team has merit, but they have the Parson's own luck meeting one another here as one must prevail. Kasle seems to be a bit more alert and thus is the first entrant into the final.

Wolfson-Lall: The two best sextets face each other prematurely which is a rum go for Wolfson, but they are not out yet.

In USA 2, 6 modules stay the course for now, but among Cappelli, Mahaffey, and Jacobs, two must settle their lodgings. With Mahaffey having the most experience, they get one more bite at the apple.

Limey Jack keeps you in steaming wads of cash, whilst Howie Dung is still trying to uncover a random couplet.

Till yon morrow, LJ

There's saints and there's sinners
If you read BridgeWinners.
It's "pros" and it's "cons" of all sorts.
Are the pros conning me?
Is there something to see?
Are all things still fair in our sports?

I have to think yes
Or my pick's just a guess.
And I believe I am wise.
Trust my sixth sense.
Know that Limey is dense.
I'll bring you home with the prize.

When Kasle's day comes,
And Lewis succumbs
Tomorrow to USA2,
Put your money on Bart.
He really is smart.
And you will collect what you're due!

Howie Doing...

Is it Wolfson or Lall?
It's sure one tough call.
Wolfson's behind quite a bitty.
And Lall isn't weak.
This is all tongue in Cheek!
They're winning without a committee!
Tomorrow when through,
In USA2,
We're bidding two teams their good-nights!
Mahaffey and Brod
Will be hitting the road.
We're wishing them safe, easy flights.

Please no booing...
I'm Howie Doing!

2

Stewart
 ♠ K74
 ♥ A65
 ♦ A97
 ♣ Q1075

Milner
 ♠ QJ9865
 ♥ J4
 ♦ Q852
 ♣ 6

H Lall
 ♠
 ♥ K98732
 ♦ J10
 ♣ K8432

Beatty
 ♠ A1032
 ♥ Q10
 ♦ K643
 ♣ AJ9

NS: 0
 EW: 0

Milner	Stewart	H Lall	Beatty
		3♥	Dbl
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Aker	Cheek	Simson	Zia
		3♥	Dbl
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

On Board 2 of Segment 5 of the QuarterFinal of the SUSBC USA1 Competition, in Lall/Simson and Cappelli/Lewis, three of the four tables reached 3NT.

In Lall/Simson, both Easts opened 3H on their 6-5 in hearts and clubs. Both Souths doubled and both Norths bid the NT game. Both Easts led small clubs: Lall, the C3, and Simson, the C2. Both declarers collected nine tricks.

Push Board!

In Lewis/Cappelli, there was more action. Both Easts opened 2H. Both Souths doubled. Cappelli passed and Passell bid the predictable 3NT, taking ten tricks following a club lead from Bitterman.

At the other table where Smith opened 2H, Becker doubled and Lewis RAISED to 3H on his Jx. This was very effective! It gave Kranyak what turned out to be an unwanted option.

Instead of bidding 3NT as his counterparts did, he had a responsive double available. It pretty much described his hand so he used it. He didn't consider the fact that he could miss a nine trick game when his partner had only a partial stopped in the heart suit and a flat hand.

Smith passed Kenny's double and Becker bid his four card diamond suit. Kranyak was endplayed into bidding 5D since he had passed the level of 3NT.

Cappelli	Passell	Bitterma	Jacobus
		2♥	Dbl
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

P Lewis	K Kranyak	Smith	P Becker
		2♥	Dbl
3♥	Dbl	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Lewis led the HJ ducked to Smith's king. The C8 came back, Becker winning the ace. Becker played a diamond to the ace and a diamond to the king. A third diamond revealed the poor break.

Becker collected nine tricks ... contract down 2.

13 IMPs to Lewis.



Annie Brenner, Mike Passell

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2019 Senior USBC TEAMS

Teams are listed in alphabetic order & will be numbered in alphabetic order for the Round Robin

Brod	Geoffrey Brod, Capt Karen McCallum	JoAnna Stansby Jon Greenspan Victor King
Cappelli	Robert Cappelli, Capt David Caprera Kenneth Kranyak	Robert Bitterman Anne Brenner Phil Becker
Denison	Daniel Denison, Capt Albert Shrive	Richard Unger Michael Ranis
Hamman	Robert Hamman, Capt Howard Weinstein Neil Chambers	Peter Weichsel Mark Feldman John Schermer
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Jeffry Mandell David Lehman	Claude Vogel Jon Sorkin Richard Melson
Kasle	Gaylor Kasle, Capt Peter Boyd Bart Bramley	Dan Morse Steve Robinson Kit Woolsey
Lall	Hemant Lall Zia Mahmood Dennis Clerkin Petra Hamman, NPC	Reese Milner Curtis Cheek Jerry Clerkin
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mike Passell Mark Itabashi	Ron Smith Marc Jacobus Eddie Wold
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Drew Casen Matthew Granovetter	Sam Lev Alan Graves Lew Stansby
Reynolds	W. Thomas Reynolds, Capt David Pelka Ellen Kent	Lance Kerr William Hall Robert Kent
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Allan Falk Steve Beatty	Jeff Aker John Lusky Fred Stewart
Wolfson	Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt Mark Lair David Berkowitz	Michael Rosenberg Steve Garner Alan Sontag

"The cards always look different when it's your turn to play them; loaded with subtly different possibilities."

**— Alastair Reynolds,
Revelation Space**

"Life may not have dealt you a great set of cards... but who says the one with better cards will win?"

— Manoj Vaz

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

PUNS

What kind of tree do fingers grow on? A palm tree.

What did the Mexican fireman name his twin sons? Hose A and Hose B.

What do you call a country where everyone drives a red car? A red carnation.

Energizer Bunny arrested - charged with battery.

The man who had fallen into an upholstery factory is now said to be fully recovered.

A pessimist's blood type is always B-.

A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

OLDIES BUT GOODIES

6

K Kranyak
 ♠ Q1098
 ♥ Q7
 ♦ Q85
 ♣ AQ72

P Lewis
 ♠ KJ2
 ♥ AK42
 ♦ AJ102
 ♣ K8

Smith
 ♠ A64
 ♥ J109
 ♦ 9643
 ♣ 1096

P Becker
 ♠ 753
 ♥ 8653
 ♦ K7
 ♣ J543

NS: 0
EW: 0

P Lewis	K Kranya	Smith	P Becke
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Board 6 of segment 5 was interesting. Four expert tables and four different results!

Lewis chose to open 2NT on his 19 count. Smith, holding a flat 5 count was happy to bid game. Game is not a picnic. It took some good things happening and some lucky play to succeed.

Kranyak led the ST. That was lucky for Lewis. It gave him 3 spade tricks. Lewis won the SJ in hand and led a spade to dummy... his one and only entry at this point.

He took the losing heart finesse. Kranyak continued spades, setting up his last one. Lewis played a heart to dummy, again using his one and only entry to take the finesse in diamonds. This is lucky because with the king doubleton in the slot, he didn't know it, but he now had three diamond tricks. Kranyak won with the queen and cashed his long spade. He was forced to exit a diamond or a club. He exited a diamond and Lewis collected three spades, three diamond, and three hearts for nine and the vulnerable game.

At the other table in this match, Cappelli opened 1D. Bitterman responded one hasty heart. Cappelli with a good four card heart holding and 19 HCP jumped to the heart game. This was not successful!

Cappelli	Passell	Bitterma	Jacobus
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Jacobus led the S3 through the jack to queen and ace. The HJ lost to the queen and the S8 came back. Cappelli won in hand, played a heart to the nine and a diamond to the king and ace. The DJ went to the queen and the S9 was cashed. The D8 was returned and ruffed by South. 7 tricks were claimed and the contract failed by three!

Aker	Cheek	Simson	Zia
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

14 IMPs to Lewis

In the Lall/Simson match, no one traversed the one level. Aker played in 1NT making three for 150, while Milner played in 1D making two for 90.

Milner	Stewart	H Lall	Beatty
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

2 IMPs to Simson



Fred Stewart



Peter Weichsel

USBF 8 Board Victory Point Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	15	15.23	4.77	30	18.37	1.63
1	10.44	9.56	16	15.50	4.50	31	18.53	1.47
2	10.86	9.14	17	15.75	4.25	32	18.68	1.32
3	11.27	8.73	18	16.00	4.00	33	18.83	1.17
4	11.67	8.33	19	16.23	3.77	34	18.97	1.03
5	12.05	7.95	20	16.46	3.54	35	19.11	0.89
6	12.42	7.58	21	16.68	3.32	36	19.24	0.76
7	12.77	7.23	22	16.90	3.10	37	19.37	0.63
8	13.12	6.88	23	17.11	2.89	38	19.50	0.50
9	13.45	6.55	24	17.31	2.69	39	19.62	0.38
10	13.78	6.22	25	17.50	2.50	40	19.74	0.26
11	14.09	5.91	26	17.69	2.31	41	19.85	0.15
12	14.39	5.61	27	17.87	2.13	42	19.95	0.05
13	14.68	5.32	28	18.04	1.96	43	20	0
14	14.96	5.04	29	18.21	1.79			

2019 Senior USBC USA2 Stage 2 Schedule 6 teams

NOTES:

With 12 teams in the USA1 Round Robin, there will be 4 teams in the first stage (Round of 32) of USA2. They will play 90 board Knockout matches to reduce to 2.

The second stage (Round of 16) of USA2 will be a Round Robin with 6 teams (the 4 USA1 Quarterfinal losers and the 2 USA2 first stage winners). The Round Robin will qualify 4 teams for the USA2 QuarterFinals.

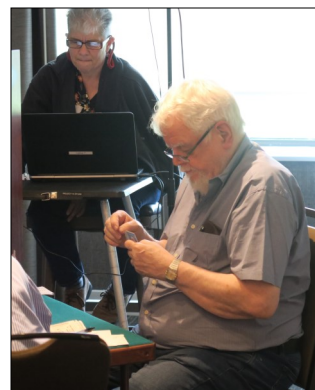
The teams in the Round of 16 Round Robin will be numbered in alphabetic order.

EVERY PLAYER ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY AGAINST EACH OTHER TEAM

(USBF General Conditions of Contest Section VIII B).

Last two matches on June 4th are sequestered, no comparisons, no substitutions at team's home table. Because this means there can be no seating rights for those matches, there are no seating rights in the other half of those two matches.

Time	Pairings	Seeded Team*	Boards
MONDAY, JUNE 3RD			
4:00 – 5:12	5 v 6, 7 v 8, 9 v 10	6, 8, 10	1-8
5:20 – 6:32	5 v 7, 6 v 10, 8 v 9	7, 10, 9	9-16
6:40 - 7:52	5 v 8, 6 v 9, 7 v 10	5, 6, 7	17- 24
TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH			
10:00-11:12	5 v 9, 6 v 7, 8 v 10	none	1-8
11:20-12:32	5 v 10, 6 v 8, 7 v 9	none	9-16
LUNCH BREAK			
1:50 – 3:02	5 v 6, 7 v 8, 9 v 10	5, 7, 9	17-24
3:10 - 4:12	5 v 7, 6 v 10, 8 v 9	5, 6, 8	25-32
4:20 – 5:32	5 v 8, 6 v 9, 7 v 10	8, 9, 10	1-8
5:50 - 7:02**	5 v 9, 6 v 7, 8 v 10	none	9-16
7:10 - 8:12**	5 v 10, 6 v 8, 7 v 9	none	17- 24



Bob Hamman

*The seeded team has seating rights per General Conditions of Contest.

** Sequestered matches - one pair must remain at its home table for both matches. No discussion. No comparison.

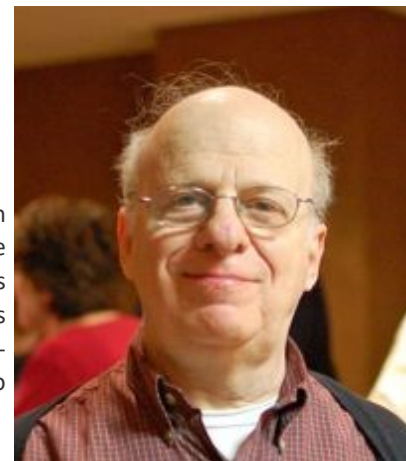
Meet the Players...



Dan Morse (b. 1938) is a native of Houston TX and a retired pharmacist. He has served on the ACBL Board for more than 15 years representing District 16. He was ACBL President in 2008. Morse has also served as a zonal representative and honorary secretary for the WBF. As a player, Morse has won 10 NABC titles including all four major team events (the Spingold, the Vanderbilt, the Reisinger and the top flight GNT). He has represented the U.S. in a number of world championships and was on the winning World Senior Team in 2000. He has a lovely wife, Barbara, who accompanies him to most ACBL NABCs. She is supportive and creative and a pleasure to know.

Growing up and living in the D.C. area all of his life, **Steve Robinson** enjoyed the challenge of chess before learning bridge at the Student Union at the University of Maryland, where he matriculated in 1958. He became a Junior Master (the proud owner of one masterpoint) in April of 1963, and longtime friend Peter Boyd adds, "and he still has the certificate to prove it!"

Extremely active in both the WBL and District 6 since the 1970s, he has selflessly devoted much time, energy and talent to these executive bodies, serving in multiple capacities through the years. Steve's wins encompass many NABC major titles as well as the 1974 World Mixed Teams and the 2000 World Senior Teams. Early and frequent favorite partners in the 1960s and 1970s included Jo Morse, Kenny Rhodes, Alan Wilhide and Kit Woolsey. Besides devoting time to professional bridge playing, Steve is a celebrated writer, authoring Washington Standard. He is also the inventor of the crash convention.



Hospitality Suite

The hospitality suite for the 2019 Senior USBC will be room 2321. Our wonderful hostess, Martha Katz will be in Schaumburg to welcome you, with a lot of help from other volunteers.

The hospitality suite will be open starting on Thursday evening and continuing throughout the event. Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch each day from about 1:00-4:00. Players, kibitzers, friends, spouses and children are welcome to join us in the hospitality suite.

The hospitality suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan & McKenzie's office) is room 1321. It will be available for the entire tournament. We will have coffee, soft drinks and some snacks available in that room while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

Special Thanks to Martha's mom, Chris Benson, and aunt, Carol Hillard, for helping in the Suite.



No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.

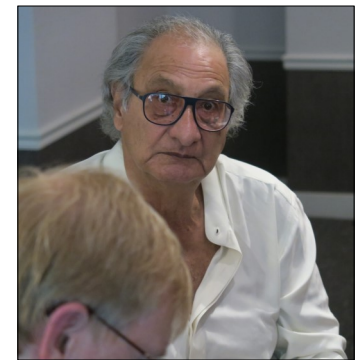
This applies to players AND kibitzers.

Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule. Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door. The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



Remaining Schedule

SEMIFINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 16 (CLICK FOR ROUND ROBIN SCHEDULE IF 12 TEAMS IN USA1)			
MONDAY	JUNE 3	4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
TUESDAY	JUNE 4	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL (6 USA2 TEAMS)			
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 5	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
THURSDAY	JUNE 6	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 SEMIFINAL			
THURSDAY	JUNE 6	4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
FRIDAY	JUNE 7	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 FINAL			
SATURDAY	JUNE 8	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY	JUNE 9	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30



Zia

21

Sontag
 ♠ 864
 ♥ 73
 ♦ AJ10654
 ♣ Q9

Brod
 ♠
 ♥ KJ108542
 ♦ K82
 ♣ 642

Greenspan
 ♠ AQJ1053
 ♥ AQ96
 ♦ 3
 ♣ J8

Berkowitz
 ♠ K972
 ♥
 ♦ Q97
 ♣ AK10753

NS: 0
EW: 0

Brod	Sontag	Greenspan	Berkowitz
3♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass

Brod trailed Wolfson 139-185 when Board 21 was played. They needed some swings.

In the Closed Room, Brod and Greenspan were permitted to play in 4H from East, and diamonds were never bid. The defense cashed two high clubs and switched to a diamond. Contract making.

In the Open Room, McCallum opened 2D, and over Lair's double, Joanna Stansby jumped to the minor suit game.

Garner bid a hopeful 5H... From his standpoint, it could be a good save or it could be a good game.

McCallum led the DA followed by a club to Stansby who cashed out for down one. As the cards lie, 6D will make from South (West can't give himself a spade ruff) but only 5 will make from North.

In Kasle/Hamman, there was also an 11 IMP swing when Woolsey/Bramley bid and made the heart game while their counterparts, Schermer and Chambers, freely bid to a heart slam in the other room... failing by two tricks but undoubled!

Garner	McCallum	Lair	J Stanst
5♥	2♦	Dbl	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

All About Kibitzing



WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event, except in the Closed Room during the final sequestered matches of the Round Robin, **subject to the following regulations:**

Kibitzers may enter the room **ONLY** at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed.

A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next segment.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

SCREENS

All of the USBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBC KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

GENERAL RULES

- a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
- b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
- c. Kibitzers must enter the playing room before play commences. Kibitzers are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
- d. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
- e. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.
- f. These rules may be revised in specific instances by the DICs for the orderly running of the event.

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

Sudoku 1

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? He wanted to transcend dental medication.

Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

Medium Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 11:

First Name	Last Name	# of Medals	Country	Total # of Medals
Mary	Straight	5	Sweden	34
Mark	Webster	7	Canada	26
Marcus	Wells	9	Russia	24
Manuel	Trader	8	USA	29
Madeline	Scatta	6	Greece	31

Sudoku Solutions on Page 12

Vugraph

The 2019 Senior USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Quarterfinals, in which we will try to cover all of the tables in play. The Quarterfinal starts Sunday, June 2nd.

To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or use the download version of the BBO software to run BBO on your computer (only available if you already have it, not to new users). If you choose the latter approach, from the Lobby, click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the matches you want to watch.

To watch on your smartphone or tablet, install the BBO app and watch using that.

There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:00-12:10

12:25-2:35

3:45-5:55

6:10-8:20

All of the teams will play the same boards throughout the event.



Hints for BBO viewers

Useful information is available to browser BBO users [and perhaps some mobile bbo users]

if you click on the name of the table/event you will get a pop-up that:

- * displays the BBO Schedule for the specific vugraph event – calculated for the time zone of the viewer's electronic device

- * has a link to the home page for the event

if you click on a player name you will usually get a pop-up that

- * displays a picture of the player

- * shows links to System Summary Forms (SSFs), Convention Cards (CCs), and biographical information

VIDEO: Live video streaming is not available for this event.

Video from the event tables will be uploaded to YouTube as soon as we can manage.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2019 Open USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on this site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2019 Senior USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

If you are going to be in the Chicago area during the Senior USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please **email Jan Martel**.

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

**Sudoku
Solutions
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Sudoku 2 Solution

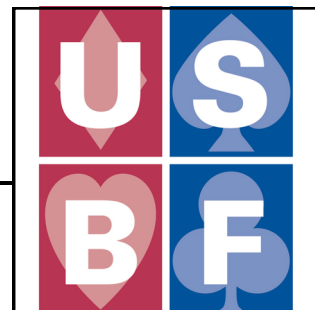
6	7	4	8	2	9	5	1	3	8	6	4
9	3	8	5	4	7	1	6	2	8	9	5
8	5	8	2	3	6	7	1	9	4	8	3
7	2	5	8	9	3	6	4	7	1	2	8
4	8	7	6	5	4	3	9	8	7	1	2
1	2	7	9	3	8	5	6	4	7	8	9
5	8	4	7	2	6	9	1	3	5	8	4
7	3	9	4	8	1	6	2	5	7	3	9
8	9	2	3	7	4	5	6	1	8	9	2
6	7	1	8	5	2	3	9	4	6	7	1
4	5	3	6	1	9	8	7	2	4	5	3

Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, is available again this year. She has agreed to come to the Hyatt after 1:00 pm on the following days. People who want a massage should sign up with Jan.

Thursday, 6/6

Relaxation Therapy!

David Caprera
Mark Jacobus



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. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. 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.

Before the 1998 Chicago NABC, the ACBL commissioned an artist named Jim Harrington from Waukegan, IL, to do a painting called "Our Game." The lithos were sold at the '98 NABC and the original was auctioned off as a fund raiser for the tournament. Leo and Pat Perez from Garden Grove, CA, won the drawing and the winners were named at the Orlando NABC that year and awarded their painting. The picture was prominently displayed during both the Chicago and Orlando NABCs. The lithos are numbered editions. Mr. Harrington's widow, Sue, donated the remaining lithos to the USBF when she moved from her Waukegan home last year. We have several here at the tournament. If you would like one, please see either Jan Martel or Suzi Subeck. From the July 26, 1998, Daily Bulletin at the Chicago NABC:



Our Game

The ACBL Educational Foundation is happy to welcome artist Jim Harrington who is here in Chicago this morning to personalize limited edition prints of his painting "Our Game". This is the only day he will be here. Harrington will be at the Educational Foundation's booth which is located near the NorthEast Exhibit Hall on the lower level.

Harrington is a well-known artist listed in *Who's Who of Living American Artists* and is well represented in the collections of many corporate and private collections. Proceeds from the project will be split evenly between the Educational Foundation and Art Etc. Inc.

These are not for sale. We are giving them to those who want them.

FYI:



Jeff Mandell

Several Committees of the USBF meet online as Forums on BridgeWinners. These groups impact future United States Bridge Championships. Among these committees are the **USBF Tournament Policy Committee**, the **USBF Technical Committee**, and the **USBF Systems Committee**. These committees formerly known as the ITT committees make decisions that impact you as participants in our Competitions.

All of these committees and more are active as Forums on BridgeWinners. If you, as a member of the USBF, would like to be involved in our future decision making process, you are welcome to visit there, participate, and read up on the current outlook.

For access to the BW Forums, email Jan to request your access at marteljan@gmail.com.

We encourage your involvement. Your input and your interest is important to us.

USBF Committees

Our pens, though not feather,
Perhaps need a tether?
To keep them from flying away?
We always reuse them
So please don't abuse them,
And leave on the table today!

Alert!

We clearly assert
Your need to alert
So use when explaining a call!



But leave at the site
So others can write.
Should they need to explain Lebensoh!!!

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McCallum
 ♠ K54
 ♥ K83
 ♦ AK85
 ♣ J107

Garner
 ♠ A973
 ♥ A104
 ♦ 7643
 ♣ KQ

Lair
 ♠ QJ1082
 ♥
 ♦ Q1092
 ♣ A532

J Stansby
 ♠ 6
 ♥ QJ97652
 ♦ J
 ♣ 9864

NS: 0
 EW: 0

Garner	McCallum	Lair	J Stansby
1♦	Dbl	1♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

Again, on the first Board of the 6th Segment, we see four tables produce four different contracts and four different results.

In Wolfson/Brod, McCallum and J Stansby took insurance over the failing 4S and bid 5H which got doubled and went light two tricks. Garner led the CK followed by the CQ. Lair allowed this to hold the trick. Garner cashed his SA and Stansby had two pitches for her remaining clubs: one on a diamond and one on the SK. Garner still had his trump ace so the contract failed two tricks, but Lair never got his CA OR Garner never got his club ruff! They would have defeated the game three tricks had Lair overtaken the CQ with his ace and given Garner the ruff.

In the other room of this match, when 4H got to Greenspan, instead of doubling as Lair did, to allow partner to have input into the decision, he bid 5D. Sontag had no problem with that. He doubled and collected two diamonds and his offside king of spades for down one.

11 IMPs to Wolfson

In Kasle/Hamman, Chambers bid 5D as Greenspan did but Schermer corrected to 5S. Robinson doubled and defeated the contract one trick when Boyd chose to lead a club

Brod	Sontag	Greensp	Berkowit
1♦	Dbl	1♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

instead of his singleton diamond. The contract would have failed two on the diamond lead, Boyd scoring a ruff with his singleton trump!

In the other room of this match, Weichsel overcalled 1NT after Woolsey's nebulous 1D opener. Bramley bid 2S and Hamman (from Texas) made a Texas transfer! Weichsel bid 4H and played it there.

Scherme	Robinson	Chambe	Boyd
1♦	Pass	1♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Woolsey led the SA and shifted to the CQ. When this held, he continued with the king, overtaken by Bramley's ace. Bramley gave his partner the club ruff and declarer finished down two.

7 IMPs to Kasle

Woolsey	Weichse	Bramley	Hamman
1♦	1NT	2♠	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			



Lance Kerr

Board 26

Sontag
 ♠ Q1098653
 ♥
 ♦ 97
 ♣ K1095

Brod
 ♠ 72
 ♥ AKQ543
 ♦ 104
 ♣ Q72

Greenspan
 ♠ A
 ♥ J106
 ♦ AQJ85
 ♣ AJ83

Berkowitz
 ♠ KJ4
 ♥ 9872
 ♦ K632
 ♣ 64

NS: 0
EW: 0

Brod	Sontag	Greensp	Berkowit
		1♦	Pass
1♥	3♠	4♣	4♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Jumping around to put pressure on the opponents is a really effective IMPs tactic.

In the Closed Room of Brod/Wolfson, after opening 1D, seeing a 1H response from partner and a jump to 3S by RHO, Greenspan innocently patterned out with 4C. When Berkowitz bid 4S, Brod was faced with a tough decision. He could gamble that his good six card heart suit would work, not knowing, of course, what Greenspan held there... of he could support partner's clubs. Greenspan could easily have ten or eleven cards in the minors for his 4C call. Brod chose 5C. Greenspan could have completed his pattern by bidding 5H, but he couldn't envision the solid six card major with only three clubs either. He passed and they played it there going down two tricks.

Berkowitz led the SK. Greenspan tried a club to the queen and king. Sontag continued spades, Greenspan discarding diamonds from hand while ruffing the third round of spades in dummy. The CA and jack were cashed revealing the 4-2 split. Greenspan ran hearts till Sontag ruffed. Greenspan claimed 9 tricks and was glad it was over!

Garner	McCallur	Lair	J Stansb
		1♦	Pass
1♥	3♠	Dbl	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Open Room, Lair chose double over 3S instead of bidding his clubs. J Stansby bid 4S and Garner easily bid 5H. McCallum led the S9. Garner won in dummy and led a heart to the ace followed by a spade ruff. He cashed the HJ and played the DA and a diamond to the king. He claimed 12 tricks and 13 IMPs!

Board 23 was another swing in Wolfson/Brod. Both tables bid and played in 3NT. Berkowitz led the D5 and J Stansby led the D6. Both declarers won the DA in dummy. Lair led the CJ, McCallum covering! Greenspan led the C9, Sontag ducking. Greenspan played the five from hand and Berkowitz won the CQ. Berkowitz continued diamonds, setting up the suit. Greenspan won and took the spade finesse. He played the CJ and when Sontag ducked, he went up with the ace. He could no longer take nine tricks.

Board 23

McCallum
 ♠ 84
 ♥ 532
 ♦ 98742
 ♣ K62

Garner
 ♠ AQ653
 ♥ J74
 ♦ A10
 ♣ J93

Lair
 ♠ 102
 ♥ AQ86
 ♦ K3
 ♣ A10854

J Stansby
 ♠ KJ97
 ♥ K109
 ♦ QJ65
 ♣ Q7

NS: 0
EW: 0

In the other room, once McCallum covered, Lair knocked out the CQ. J Stansby cleared diamonds, but Lair cashed his clubs, took the spade hook and claimed nine tricks: four clubs, two diamonds, one heart and two spades.

12 IMPs to Wolfson

Brod	Sontag	Greensp	Berkowit	Garner	McCallur	Lair	J Stansb
			1♦				1♦
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Pass			3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass