

Oldies but Goodies

"Senior" Conditions of Contest??

When my grandmother turned 96, she was still pretty spry and loved to play bridge with her friends. The problem was that she had very few friends still alive and finding a fourth could be problematic.

One afternoon, it was her turn to "host" and, alas, she could only find two other ladies available to play.

I had volunteered to fill in any time she needed me and she needed me that day. It was an eye-opener!

Grandma was my partner. She reminded me that she would prefer not to declare unless it was absolutely necessary...

I said I would do my best and for the first and only time in my life, I tried to "play pro."

On Board 6, I had a 5-4-3-1 hand with 16 HCP and a singleton CK. I was in first seat and opened 1NT.

Grandma hesitantly raised to game. I wondered...

Everyone just sat quietly. My RHO was frowning at her hand, thinking. Finally I said to my LHO, "It's your lead..."

"No," she countered. "It's my partner's lead."

Said I, "No really..." Maybe her hearing was poor? "I opened 1NT!"

Said she, "Perhaps... but your grandmother bid 3NT!"

Said I, "Yes, but my opening bid makes me declarer on this hand."

Said she, "No it does not! We play by our rules, dear!! At our age, we don't always remember who was the first to bid a suit so we play that the last to bid is declarer... Lead please, Mabel!"

**Don't miss the Criss-Cross Squeeze
by Nick Nickell on page 5!!!**

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Another Special Pandemic Competition

Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

There are 14 teams and 1 alternate entered. They are in alphabetical order:

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Gloria Bart	Fred Stewart Les Bart
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt Mark Ralph Bob Thomson	Cris Barrere Bill Harker Bob Etter
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Phil Becker Jerry Helms Dave Caprera	Bob Bitterman Ken Kranyak Ed Schulte Anne Brenner
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Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Bill Hall	Lance Kerr Randy Howard Gary Donner
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Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Glenn Milgrim Allan Falk	Jeff Aker Barry Rigal John Lusk
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Mike Becker Bruce Rogoff	Steve Garner Larry Cohen Howie Weinstein Bob Sartorius
Tudor [Alternate]	Harry Tudor, Capt Janice Molson Brian Glubok	Jeff Mandell Tobi Sokolow Lee Rautenberg



Tournament Schedule

SCHEDULE			
(4 MATCHES ON EACH OF FRIDAY & SUNDAY, 5 MATCHES ON SATURDAY)			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EST	BOARDS
FRIDAY	DEC 11	12:45 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	DEC 11	1:00 - 2:05 2:20 - 3:25 3:40 - 4:45 5:00 - 6:05	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-9 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 10-18 ROUND 3 - BOARDS 19-27 ROUND 4 - BOARDS 28-36
SATURDAY	DEC 12	1:00 - 2:05 2:20 - 3:25 3:40 - 4:45 5:00 - 6:05 6:20 - 7:25	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 37-45 ROUND 6 - BOARDS 46-54 ROUND 7 - BOARDS 55-63 ROUND 8 - BOARDS 64-72 ROUND 9 - BOARDS 73-81
SUNDAY	DEC 13	1:00 - 2:05 2:20 - 3:25 3:40 - 4:45 5:00 - 6:05	ROUND 10 - BOARDS 1-9 ROUND 11 - BOARDS 10-18 ROUND 12 - BOARDS 19-27 ROUND 13 - BOARDS 28-36

Age Appropriate Humor!!

"What's a hipster?" asked my four-year-old cousin. "Someone who will wear something just to look different," I said. "They'll often buy clothes in thrift shops and wear thick glasses." "Is Grandma a hipster?" he asked.

In the hardware store, a clerk asked, "Can I help you find anything?" "How about my misspent youth," joked my husband. The clerk shot back, "We keep that in the back, between world peace and winning lottery tickets."

A beggar approaches a grandmother at the beach with his hands out. "Please, Señora," the poor man pleads, "I haven't eaten all day." "Good," says the grandmother. "Now you won't have to worry about cramps when you go for a swim."

Just as she was celebrating her 80th birthday, our friend received a jury-duty notice. She called the clerk's office to remind them that she was exempt because of her age.

"You need to come in and fill out the exemption forms," the clerk said.

"But I filled them out last year," she replied.

"You have to fill them out every year."

"Why? Do you think I'm getting younger?"

We'd finally built our dream home, but the contractor had a concern: the placement of an atrium window for our walk-in shower. "I'm afraid your neighbors might have a good view of you au naturel," he said.

My middle-aged wife put him at ease. "Don't worry," she said. "They'll only look once."

The day after visiting a fair, my wife was in agony. "You know you're past your prime," she said, "when you hurt all over and all you rode was the massage chair."

USBF

9 Board VP Scale

9 Boards (Blitz is 45 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	16	15.26	4.74	31	18.25	1.75
1	10.41	9.59	17	15.50	4.50	32	18.40	1.60
2	10.81	9.19	18	15.74	4.26	33	18.55	1.45
3	11.20	8.80	19	15.97	4.03	34	18.69	1.31
4	11.58	8.42	20	16.20	3.80	35	18.83	1.17
5	11.94	8.06	21	16.42	3.58	36	18.97	1.03
6	12.29	7.71	22	16.63	3.37	37	19.10	0.90
7	12.63	7.37	23	16.83	3.17	38	19.22	0.78
8	12.96	7.04	24	17.03	2.97	39	19.34	0.66
9	13.28	6.72	25	17.22	2.78	40	19.46	0.54
10	13.59	6.41	26	17.41	2.59	41	19.58	0.42
11	13.89	6.11	27	17.59	2.41	42	19.69	0.31
12	14.18	5.82	28	17.76	2.24	43	19.80	0.20
13	14.46	5.54	29	17.93	2.07	44	19.90	0.10
14	14.74	5.26	30	18.09	1.91	45	20.00	0.00
15	15.00	5.00						

I was feeling pretty creaky after hearing the TV reporter say, "To contact me, go to my Facebook page, follow me on Twitter, or try me the old-fashioned way-e-mail."

"How was your blind date?"

"Terrible! He showed up in a 1932 Rolls-Royce."

"What's so terrible about that?"

"He was the original owner."

Upcoming Event from the USBF

2021 JLall Online Teams #2

The second USBF JLall Online Teams event (JLall2) will be held from February 12-15, 2021 and February 26-March 1, 2021 on RealBridge. It will be similar to JLall1, with a few minor changes suggested by the players in JLall1. JLall2 is open to all Active USBF members who have paid their USBF dues on or before February 1, 2021.

Event Schedule and Format - **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

- Play each day will start at 1:00 pm EST and end no later than 9:30 pm EST. Time per board will remain 7-1/2 minutes, but we will have longer breaks, based on responses to the JLall1 Exit Poll.
- There will be no more than 32 teams, each with 4-6 players.
- The entry fee for the event is \$300 per team.
- DIC for the event is McKenzie Myers. Tournament Organizer is Jan Martel. Software guru is Al Hollander.
- The event format will be:

Round Robin Stage 1, Feb. 12-14:

Everyone plays 3 days of a "split field" Round Robin with 10 board matches; there are two Round Robin groups, to be named later (**suggestions welcome**). Teams will be assigned to the two groups based on a "draft" by the top two teams (chosen by a vote of all teams). The top 5 teams in each group will qualify for the KO Round of 16. The bottom 6 teams in each group will be eliminated. The five teams in the middle of each group ("bubble teams") will play in Stage 2 of the Round Robin.

Round Robin Stage 2, Feb. 15th (Presidents' Day):

Each bubble team plays a 10-board match against each bubble team from the other group, scored at VPs with carryover from the first 3 days. The top 6 teams qualify for the Round of 16. The bottom 4 teams are eliminated.

Knockouts, Feb. 26-Mar. 1:

- One match per day. 56 boards per match. If both finalists want a longer match (60 or 64 boards), we will have that.
- There will be a Captains' meeting on Feb. 23rd to set the KO bracket. The precise method of setting the bracket will be set forth in the Special Conditions of Contest. Summary: the top 4 teams from Round Robin Stage 1 will select their opponents for the Round of 16 from the bottom 8 qualifiers. The remaining qualifiers will be shuffled in groups to fill the bracket.
- The matches will be played on RealBridge. During the bidding & play, each player will see & hear their screenmate - (N&E, S&W). Before and after each match, teammates will be seated at one table. We are trying to find a way to allow the players who were sitting out to join you with audio (players who sat out can see & hear their teammates and be heard but not seen).
- There will be no real-time kibitzing allowed for any match. Kibitzers will be able to watch after a delay. For the Round Robin, the delay will be until each match is complete so kibitzing does not provide "state of the match" information. For the first half of each KO match, each board will be shown when all tables have completed it. For the second half of each KO match, kibitzing will start one hour after play starts. We will try to have voice commentary, and may limit chat at the tables late in the event to approved commentators.
- RealBridge will archive bidding, play & score information for the event. We will also post scores on this website.
- We will take a vote of all teams entered in the event to determine whether to continue to have "open notes."

How to Enter

- Entries are now open. Entries will close on the earlier of January 15th or when 32 teams (and 2 alternates) have entered. You must be logged in to this website to enter. After you have logged in, click on "Enter 2021 JLall2" under the User Menu and complete the entry form.
- Your entry is not complete until you have 4 players. You cannot "save" a place in the event by entering a team with fewer than 4 players.
- Teams can freely change their rosters until January 29th, when the division of teams into Round Robin groups will start. After January 29th, a team may change its roster only because of unexpected occurrences and only if the change does not substantially strengthen or weaken the team. Roster changes are made by **email to the Tournament Organizer**. If an added player or pair is not able to meet the deadlines for system filing, they may not play any unusual method unless it is played by another pair in the event.

Playing Online...

Board 9

N fnickell	♠ Q762 ♥ K ♦ KQ86 ♣ AK84
E ymintz	♠ K3 ♥ 7642 ♦ 10952 ♣ J73
S ralphk	♠ A94 ♥ AJ93 ♦ AJ4 ♣ Q109
W doron	♠ J1085 ♥ Q1085 ♦ 73 ♣ 652

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
Pass	6NT	Pass	Pass

6NT North NS 0 EW 0

Wednesday afternoon, in an OCBL match against the Israeli Seniors, Nickell/Katz bid 6NT on Board 9. With 33 HCP and no eight-card fit, this seems like a normal, but not easy to bid, contract.

Nickell opened 1NT (15-17) on his 4-4-4-1 hand with the singleton king of hearts. 2S by Katz was a range ask or showed clubs. 3C showed a maximum NT hand. Ralph's 4NT bid showed a 4-3-3-3 hand and invited slam. 5D showed 1 or 4 aces and slam interest. 5S accepts slam and asks about suits. 5NT denied a five-card suit. 6H showed four decent (QTxx or better) hearts and 6NT was to play.

East led the DT which was won with dummy's ace. Nickell led a spade to the queen which lost to East's king. East played a second diamond. Nick won the DJ and played four rounds of clubs, discarding a heart while West discarded a spade. Nick cashed the DK and East discarded a heart to produce this five-card end ending:

Board 9

N fnickell	♠ 762 ♥ K ♦ Q ♣
E ymintz	♠ 3 ♥ 7642 ♦ ♣
S ralphk	♠ A9 ♥ AJ9 ♦ ♣
W doron	♠ J10 ♥ Q108 ♦ ♣

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
Pass	6NT	Pass	Pass

6NT North NS 7 EW 1

Nickell cashed the DQ and discarded the S9 from dummy. West was caught in a crisscross squeeze. If he discarded a heart, declarer would cash the HK and cross to dummy with the SA to cash the HA and HJ. If West discarded a spade, Nick would lead a spade to the ace and return to his hand with the HK to cash two good spades. West discarded a heart and Nickell made twelve tricks.

In the other room, Yosi Engel and Julian Frydrich stopped in 3NT and took eleven tricks. The first two tricks were the same in 3NT, however, Bobby Levin returned a heart when he won the SK!! This broke up the communication for the squeeze.

Good play in one room and good defense in the other. 11 IMPs to team Nickell

To kibitz, go to <https://kibitz.realbridge.online/> , enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz.

After you select to Kibitz the Senior Teams, you will be taken to a lobby where 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, as well as the board and trick that table is on (that's in the middle of the table, immediately under the table number). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happens. You will not hear or see the players.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen (if your browser window isn't large enough to show it, you can click on the "chat" icon immediately above the UNDO button to open the chat window.) For now, anyone can type chat into the chat window. We may have designated commentators for late stages of the event.

Some things you can do to get more information:

If there is an asterisk next to a bid, that means it was Alerted or Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation if there was one.

-- "Rewind" the play using the slider underneath the "table" with hand diagram. just move the vertical handle on the slider to the left to go to earlier tricks.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name, you will get a scorecard for the match so far. You can use this to get lots of information:

----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all of the tables.

----You can also click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.

----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.

--In the upper left corner:

----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and will not include scores from previous rounds).

----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right, in case you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Delayed Kibitzing on RealBridge



Some Suggestions For Your Nearby Dining Pleasure (Home?) Pandemic Pleasures...

PENNE ALLA VODKA

1 tablespoon olive oil
4 garlic cloves, sliced thinly
¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 32 oz jar tomato sauce or 1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
½ cup vodka
1 teaspoon dried oregano
¾ cup heavy cream
salt and pepper
1 pound Penne pasta
⅓ cup minced fresh basil
parmesan cheese



Directions:

Bring 4 quarts water to boil in large pot. Meanwhile, heat oil in 12-inch skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add the sliced garlic and pepper flakes and cook until fragrant, about 30-60 seconds. Add tomato sauce and cook until slightly thickened, about 3 minutes. Add vodka. Bring sauce to boil, reduce heat to medium, and simmer until thickened, 12 to 15 minutes. Stir in oregano and cream. Season with salt and pepper to taste; cover and keep warm.

Add pasta and 1 tablespoon salt to boiling water and cook, stirring often, until al dente. Reserve ¼ cup cooking water, then drain pasta and return it to pot. Toss sauce and basil with pasta, adding reserved pasta water as needed. Top with grated parmesan cheese and serve.

CREAMY MOZZARELLA & PESTO Servings: 4-6

8 oz. mozzarella cheese
2 tbsp. fresh pesto
3 tbsp. ricotta cheese
3 tbsp. parmesan cheese
Zest of one lemon

Directions:

In a food processor, combine the mozzarella, pesto, ricotta and lemon zest and process to a coarse paste. Scrape into a bowl. Top with a little extra pesto and parmesan cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve with flatbread crackers.

GIN & JAM COCKTAIL

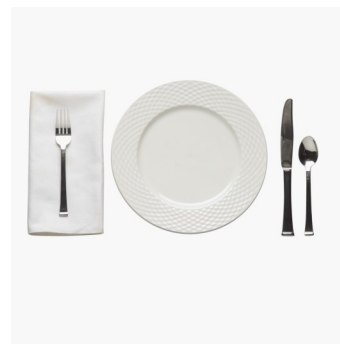
2 oz. Gordon's gin
2 oz. fresh lemon
1 tsp. raspberry jam

Directions:

Shake all ingredients together with ice, then strain into rocks glass with fresh ice. For garnish, take spoon of jam, lay it across the glass to be stirred into the drink for extra sweetness.

BRITISH SCONES

4 cups all-purpose flour, more as needed
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons baking powder
1/4 cup sugar, extra for dusting the top
8 tablespoons cold unsalted butter cut into pieces
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup milk
3/4 cup heavy cream more for brushing



Directions:

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and preheat to 400°F.

Sift the flour, salt, baking powder and sugar into a large bowl. Add the butter and then rub in with your fingers until the mix looks like fine crumbs.

Add the milk and cream and gently mix to form a slightly sticky dough.

Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead a couple times, then press dough into a 1-inch-thick circle and cut into 2-inch rounds with a cutter or glass. Place the rounds onto a parchment lined baking sheet. Gently reshape the leftover dough and cut again. Brush the top of each scone with a little extra cream and dust tops with a little sugar.

Bake for 18-25 minutes (rotating midway through), or until the scones are a beautiful golden brown. Serve immediately.

LEMON & VANILLA CURD

3 lemons
1 1/2 cups sugar
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature
5 large eggs
1/2 cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional)
1/8 teaspoon kosher salt

Directions:

Using a vegetable peeler, remove the zest of 3 lemons or you can use your Microplane. Add the zest in a food processor fitted with the steel blade. Add the sugar and pulse until the zest has blended into the sugar.

Add the butter to sugar in food processor and pulse to cream. Add the eggs, one at a time, and then add the lemon juice, vanilla and salt.

EXTRA CRISPY PORK WIENER SCHNITZEL Servings: 4

1/3 cup corn starch
2 teaspoons coarse salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
3 large eggs (whites only)
2 cups panko breadcrumbs
4 pork loin cutlets each about 4 to 5 ounces and pounded to 1/4 inch thick
Canola oil or vegetable oil
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 tablespoons fresh parsley
Lemon wedges for serving

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 200 degrees F.

In a shallow dish, combine corn starch with 1 teaspoon salt and pepper. In another shallow dish, lightly beat egg whites. In a third shallow dish, whisk to combine breadcrumbs and remaining teaspoon of salt. Dredge one cutlet at a time in the seasoned corn starch, turning to coat, and shaking off excess. Next dip in the eggs, again making sure to coat completely to allow the excess to drip back into bowl. Then coat with breadcrumbs, patting firmly so breadcrumbs adhere but be careful not to coat too thickly. Place coated cutlets on piece of parchment paper or a large baking sheet.

Heat 1/4 inch of oil in a large skillet over medium heat until it is 350 degrees F (180°C). Work in batches to avoid crowding pan. Cook 2 cutlets until golden brown on the bottom 1 to 2 minutes. Turn over and fry until the other side is golden brown and cutlets are cooked through 1 to 2 minutes more monitoring temperature of oil to maintain 350 degrees F. Transfer to a baking sheet lined with a cooling rack.

Place in oven to keep warm whilst cooking second batch.

Once second batch is cooked, drain oil out of skillet and wipe clean with a paper towel. Add butter to the pan over medium heat until sizzling. Add pan-fried cutlets in the skillet coating one side with butter and then quickly turning over to coat the other side. Carefully remove from pan.

Arrange the cutlets on a platter. Sprinkle with fresh parsley, and serve with lemon wedges.

VIENNESE POTATO SALAD

1 pound small fingerling potatoes
1/2 cup red onion finely minced
1/2 cup warm chicken broth
1/3 cup white wine vinegar
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
3 tablespoons canola oil
1/3 cup powdered sugar
salt and pepper to taste
2 tablespoons chives chopped

Directions:

In a medium pot, boil potatoes in water until soft and thinly slice potatoes and place in a medium bowl with the chopped onions.

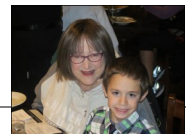
In a small bowl, combine the dressing ingredients and pour over potatoes. Garnish with chopped chives. Serve with Schnitzel.

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting in a Round Robin event, it can be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please email it to me at stan-subeck@prodigy.net. I welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip that arises during the event!!

Thank you.

Suzi



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Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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Answers to Puzzle on Page 14

Online Ethics -

We're not trying to provide security for this event, as we do when we sometimes have "real" events online. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties still apply to this event. If an expert committee is convinced that any player covertly communicated with his/her partner or unethically obtained information about any other player's hand, the player will be subject to discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion from the USBF.

Fun and Games Page

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



I needed to create a swing,
I played my ace and dropped
the king!

One convention: handy
tool...

Follow well the Rabbi's rule.

BASTE
 BEAT
 BLANCH
 BROIL
 CARAMELIZE
 CHOP
 CREAM
 CUBE

FLAKE
 FLUTE
 GRATE
 GRILL
 MARINATE
 MIX
 PARE
 PEEL

SCORE
 STEAM
 STEEP
 STRAIN
 WHIP

Hands can be hard.
 I need to think.
 Not having the time
 Really does stink!

Word Find Puzzle



Logic Puzzle ...

	Burns	Daley	Holt	Locke	Palm	game shows	history channel	religious channel	soap operas	talk shows	glasses	soaps	stationary	toilet paper	towels	504	512	531	607	622	
Betty																					
Doris																					
Holly																					
Lois																					
Patty																					
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First Name	Last Name	TV Show	Replaced Item	Room #
Betty	Burns	game shows	glasses	504
Doris	Daley	history channel	soaps	512
Holly	Holt	religious channel	stationary	531
Lois	Locke	soap operas	toilet paper	607
Patty	Palm	talk shows	towels	622

Answer to Puzzle

Room #	Replaced Item	TV Show	Last Name	First Name
607	toilet paper	history channel	Burns	Patty
622	towels	soap operas	Palm	Lois
531	glasses	religious channel	Holt	Holly
504	stationary	talk shows	Daley	Doris
512	soaps	game shows	Locke	Betty

Five maids were busy cleaning hotel rooms for the next night's guests. Each maid watched TV in the rooms while she worked and each room needed items replaced from the guests who stayed the night before. From the clues, determine the full name of each maid, what kind of TV shows each watched, what item each had to replace, and what room number each cleaned.

- Betty, who didn't clean room #607, doesn't like the soap operas but did replace the soaps. The maid who liked watching the religious channel replaced the used glasses but she wasn't Mrs. Daley or Patty.
- Lois, whose last name isn't Holt, cleaned room #622.
- The maid who replaced the glasses, the maid who watches game shows, and Doris didn't clean on the 6th floor.
- Each room number, from the lowest to the highest, is represented by the following list: the maid who watches talk shows, Mrs. Locke, Holly, the maid who watches the history channels, the woman who replaced the towels.
- Mrs. Daley, whose first name is not Lois, didn't replace the toilet paper.
- Patty's last name is Burns.

Meet the Players

Bridge accomplishments

Honors—ACBL Hall of Fame, 2006

Wins

North American Bridge Championships

von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 1990

Silodor Open Pairs 1988

Grand National Teams 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2018

Vanderbilt 1977, 1981, 1985, 1989, 2005, 2019

Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 2007, 2012, 2019

Spingold 1972, 1980, 1982, 1992

Reisinger 2016

Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships

von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 1975

Silodor Open Pairs 1998

Grand National Teams 1981, 1992

Vanderbilt 1978, 1999, 2004

Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1968, 2008

Reisinger 1967, 1983, 2002, 2004, 2007

Spingold 1968, 1988



Mike Becker was born in 1943 and is an American bridge player and official. Becker is from Boca Raton, Florida. He is a son of B. Jay Becker. As of 1979, Becker and Ron Rubin were partners in a New York City options firm and at the bridge table.

Her class assignment was to interview an "old person" about his life, so my niece asked me, "What was the biggest historical event that happened during your childhood?"

"I'd have to say the moonwalk," I replied.

She looked disappointed. "That dance was so important to you?"

After booking my 90-year-old mother on a flight from Florida to Nevada, I called the airline to go over her needs. The woman representative listened patiently as I requested a wheelchair and an attendant for my mother because of her arthritis and impaired vision. I also asked for a special meal and assistance in changing planes.

My apprehension lightened a bit when the woman assured me everything would be taken care of. I thanked her profusely.

"Why, you're welcome," she replied. I was about to hang up when she cheerfully asked, "And will your mother be needing a rental car?"

Puzzle Answers:

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

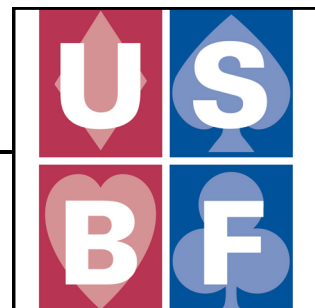
Sudoku

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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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



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:

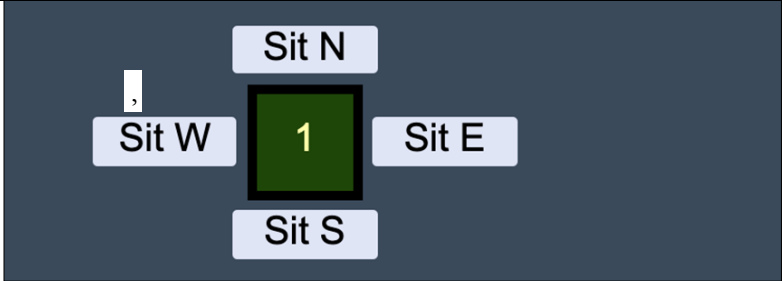
1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC 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.

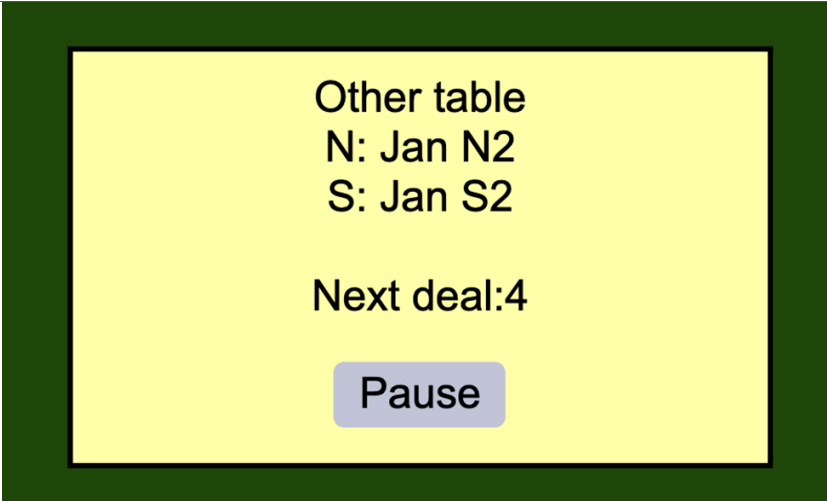
We hope you will join us.

Helpful Hints for RealBridge

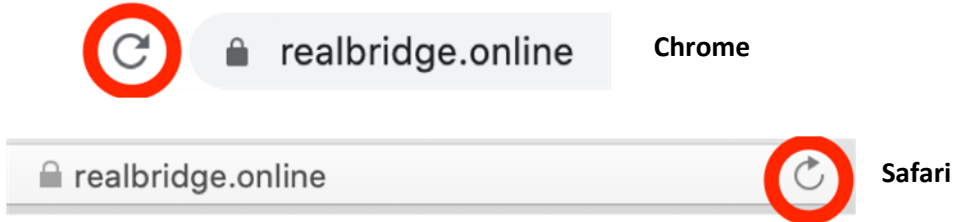
1. If when you log in if you are in the lobby & the area to the left looks like this, please don't sit at Table 1, that will cause future problems for the people who are supposed to be at Table 1.



2. If you want time to discuss systems or carding before starting to play and would prefer not to have the screen close before you have finished, you can click on "Pause" here to keep the screen from closing when the first board is loaded. When you're ready for the first board, whoever clicked on Pause should click OK.



3. If things have been going fine but all at once you are not able to play a card, something may have gone wrong with your connection to RealBridge. You can almost certainly fix it by reloading the browser window, which will take you back to the Log In page and the clicking Log In. To reload the browser window, click on the circled button in the URL bar:

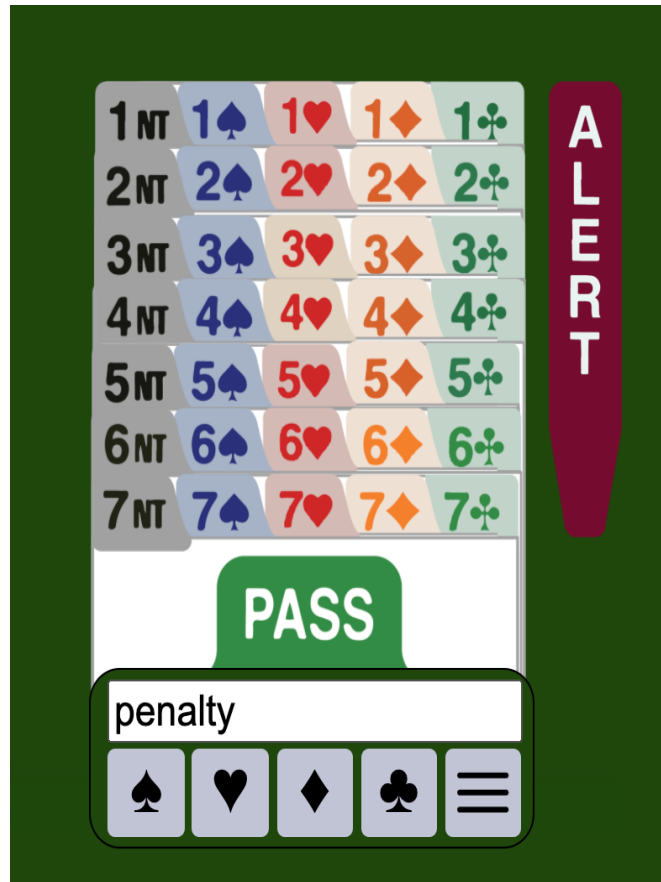


4. if you can't see someone, try clicking on the refresh button next to your name - it's a good idea to do that about every half hour. It refreshes your video feed and often fixes issues related to the cache:



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5. Before you bid, look at the “explain bid here” box and make sure it has what you want. For instance here I “accidentally” went to my library and clicked on “penalty” before I passed. So before passing, I need to select that “penalty” and delete it to get back to an empty “explain bid here” box:

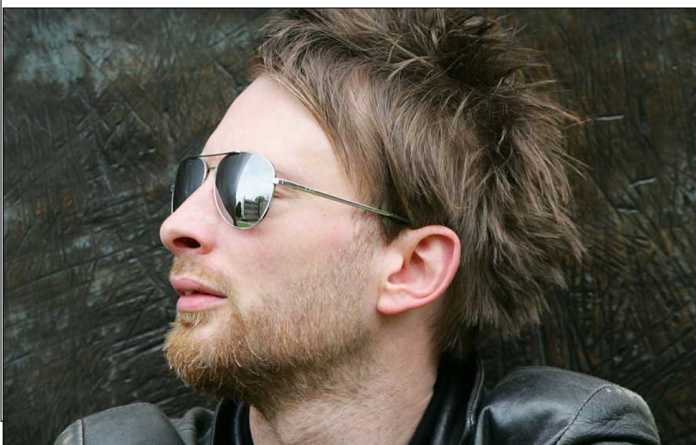


Martina Navratilova

(b. 1956) - Tennis legend and winner of 59 Grand Slam titles. On the topic of bridge, she has been quoted as saying "No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table."



Famous ... but not necessarily for bridge!



Radiohead

Frontman Thom Yorke and fellow members of the mega-band Radiohead also play bridge. According to a 1993 interview, Yorke plays on tour, reads the daily bridge columns in England, and has high praise for Omar Sharif

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