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Results:

Senior RR:

2023 Senior USBC USA1 Round Robin

Team Name	Total	9	4	6	3	5	7	1	2	8	BYE
9. Wolfson	112.82		7.82	15.05	4.03	12.18	14.80	11.50	18.00	19.44	10.00
4. Hamman	111.01	12.18		10.77	1.56	10.00	15.52	14.80	20.00	16.18	10.00
6. Lewis	99.13	4.95	9.23		14.28	12.18	6.57	11.14	16.78	14.00	10.00
3. Goodman	97.90	15.97	18.44	5.72		10.39	8.15	4.25	9.23	15.75	10.00
5. Lall	92.76	7.82	10.00	7.82	9.61		11.50	14.54	5.72	15.75	10.00
7. Lusky	91.87	5.20	4.48	13.43	11.85	8.50		13.43	17.16	7.82	10.00
1. Beatty	79.77	8.50	5.20	8.86	15.75	5.46	6.57		2.84	16.59	10.00
2. Cappelli	68.77	2.00	0.00	3.22	10.77	14.28	2.84	17.16		8.50	10.00
8. Reynolds	55.97	0.56	3.82	6.00	4.25	4.25	12.18	3.41	11.50		10.00

Women's:

Women's USBC USA1 - 2023

SemiFinal (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
20-May-2023		The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.									
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Cole	148	52	14	37	45					
4	Baker	99	41	5	26	27					
2	Wittes	94	43	2	19	30					
3	Cappelletti	126	24	27	55	20					

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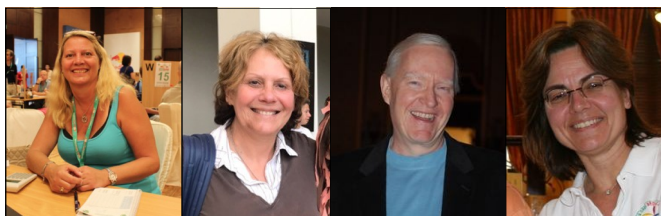
Senior Teams Entered

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jeff Aker Dennis Clerkin	Fred Stewart Doug Simson Jerry Clerkin
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Ken Kranyak Mark Aquino	Bob Bitterman Phil Becker Pat McDevitt
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Drew Casen Venkatrao Koneru	Mike Passell Jim Krekorian Pratap Rajadhyaksha
Hamman	Bob Hamman Neil Chambers Mitch Dunitz, Capt	Peter Weichsel John Schermer Ross Grabel
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Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Doug Doub	Linda Lewis Neil Silverman Adam Wildavsky
Lusky	John Lusky, Capt Jim Foster Jeff Roman	Allan Falk Mark Jones Robbie Hopkins
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall George Jacobs	Lance Kerr Joe Viola Craig Gardner
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Larry Cohen	Steve Garner Mike Becker Bobby Levin



Women's Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Kerri Sanborn Janice Molson	Karen McCallum Jill Meyers Disa Eythorsdottir
Cappelletti	Allison Cappelletti Gigi Simpson Mike Cappelletti, NPC	Joanne Weingold Kristen Onsgard
Cole	Margie Cole, Capt Emma Kolesnik Anam Tebha	Giorgia Botta Irina Levitina
Wittes	Pam Wittes, Capt Cheri Bjerkan Lisa Berkowitz	Ljudmila Kamenova Rozanne Pollack Connie Goldberg



It is perplexing that four pairs missed this grand slam!

There are 13 tricks for the taking in three strains without a finesse.

The diamond grand is strange too since the only obstacles to taking 13 tricks could be a club ruff and holding 10 clubs makes that a real possibility or diamonds behaving badly!

BOARD: 76
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ J5
♥ 4
♦ K8
♣ AKJ76542

♠ K932
♥ KJ76
♦ J96
♣ T3

♠ QT86
♥ QT982
♦ 732
♣ 9

Par: 2220

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	13	13	6	7	13
EW	0	0	6	5	0

♠ A74
♥ A53
♦ AQT54
♣ Q8

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	IMP	
NS	EW	Home	Visiting					
Beatty	Cappelli	Open	6♣	N	♠6	+1	1390	13
		Closed	7♣	N	♥2	=	2140	
Hamman	Wolfson	Open	7♣	N	♥2	=	2140	-
		Closed	7♣	N	♥T	=	2140	
Lall	Reynolds	Open	6♣	N	♣9	+1	1390	13
		Closed	7♦	S	♣3	=	2140	
Lewis	Lusky	Open	6♣	N	♦2	+1	1390	-
		Closed	6♣	N	♠8	+1	1390	



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.



How do you make the number one disappear? You add a G and it's Gone!

Alexa, Give me the winning lottery numbers!



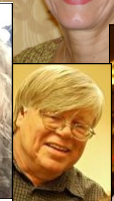
There's a difference between GEEK and NERD!

Geek: May the force be with you.

Nerd: May the force be equal to the mass multiplied by acceleration!

Senior Team Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN (EACH TEAM SITS OUT ONE MATCH)			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
FRIDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 11:30	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		11:45 - 1:15	MATCH 2 - BOARDS 11-20 75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		2:30 - 3:45	MATCH 3 - BOARDS 21-30
		4:00 - 5:15	MATCH 4 - BOARDS 31-40
SATURDAY	MAY 20	10:00 - 11:15	MATCH 5 - BOARDS 41-50
		11:30 - 12:45	MATCH 6 - BOARDS 51-60 75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		2:00 - 3:15	MATCH 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		3:30 - 4:45	MATCH 8 - BOARDS 71-80
		5:00 - 6:15	MATCH 9 - BOARDS 81-90
USA1 SEMIFINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
SUNDAY	MAY 21	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
MONDAY	MAY 22	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA1 FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 23	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMIFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	3:30 - 5:30	USA1 SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	USA2 SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 USA1 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60 USA2 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 SEMI FINAL			
THURSDAY	MAY 25	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
USA2 FINAL			
FRIDAY	MAY 26	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY	MAY 27	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



Beth Palmer Women's Schedule

USA1 SEMIFINAL			
SATURDAY	MAY 20	TIME	BOARDS
		10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SUNDAY	MAY 21	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMIFINAL			
MONDAY	MAY 22	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
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		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA2 FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
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		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



Kibitzing: THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2023 USBCs ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. When available, voice commentary may be accessed by clicking on the TV screen icon. If there is no sound, you must unmute.

SENIOR KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)

Kibitzing times on Friday will be:

Match 1: 11:30 am EDT

Match 2: 1:15 pm EDT

Match 3: 4:00 pm EDT

Match 4: 5:30 pm EDT

On Saturday times will be:

Match 5: 11:30 am EDT

Match 6: 1:05 pm EDT

Match 7: 2:35 pm EDT

Match 8: 5:10 pm EDT

Match 9: 6:45 pm EDT

After Saturday, the Seniors' times will match the Women's as follows:

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT

Segment 2: 1:45 pm ET

Segment 3: 5:00 pm ET

Segment 4: 7:15 pm ET

Note: The Women's starts Saturday and their times will be as above throughout.



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 the 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 to the scoresheet, 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 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, the same buttons move you through the list. Push every button and enjoy!

The
Commentators
Know their
stuff...
Like when to
pitch
And when to
ruff.

Soon I'll be
An expert too.
My favorite show
Is called "The
Vu!"



Kibitzing...



VACCINATION REQUIRED:

All players in the 2023 USBC's MUST be vaccinated against CoVid19.

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

2023 USBCs Hospitality

Although the Covid situation has improved, it is still out there. To keep our players and staff safe, we want to keep the number of people in the suite to a minimum at any one time. Our wonderful hostesses, Maya Alela and Marie-France Benoit will host you in our usual suite (Room 2321). Grab and go breakfast and lunch each day, except that on the first Monday and Tuesday, when lunch will be available in the Copper, Sage, and Maize meeting rooms off the corridor running from the hotel's front door to the back door.

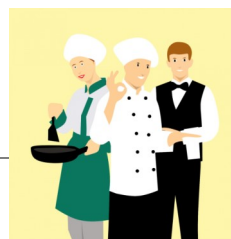
Seniors and Women's: On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, breakfast will be in the hospitality suite, but lunch will be in the Slate Room at the front of the hotel.

The hotel will be doing what they do best, salads and on Sunday house made chips. We will be providing the main courses from local restaurants. On Friday, lunch will be from 1:00-3:30; on Saturday and Sunday, lunch will be from 2:00-4:00. From Monday on, lunch will be in the hospitality suite from a little before 2:00-4:00.

There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit and berries. Also, all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast plus water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

Let us know what you want: If you have specific needs or prohibition, please let Maya or Marie-France know and they will do their very best to provide food that meets your needs.

Your hostesses would appreciate it if you would mask-up when in the hospitality area especially when crowded. Thank you!!



More on Hospitality and Regulations...



Marie-France

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. We are working in that room and would appreciate it if you try to keep voices low.

Masks will be required in playing rooms only if your screenmate asks you to wear one. You do not have to put on a mask when you summon a director or ask someone to bring you coffee or water or escort you outside to smoke.

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

Sudoku 1

I caught my son
chewing on
electrical cords.
So I had to ground
him.
He's doing better
currently.
And conducting
himself properly ...

Did you hear about the
actor who fell through the
floorboards?

**He was just
going through
a stage.**



I relabeled all of the jars in
my wife's spice rack. I'm not
in trouble yet....but the
thyme is cumin.

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 13

Sudoku 2

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

Ed. Note: With delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to watch every hand for write ups. If anyone has a hand of particular interest, please send me the board number & match and I will review it. Email to stansubeck@prodigy.net.
Thank you.
Suzi



Puzzle Page ...

Fears and Phobias

Find and circle all of the things that some people are afraid of, hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional beach word.

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

BASEMENTS
BATS
BEES
BIRDS
BLOOD
CLOWNS
COCKROACHES
CROWDS
DEATH
DENTISTS
DOCTORS
DOGS
DOLLS

DRIVING
ENCLOSED SPACES
FAILURE
FALLING
FIRE
FLYING
FROGS
GERMS
GETTING OLD
GHOSTS
HEIGHTS
HORROR MOVIES

HOSPITALS
INSECTS
LIGHTNING
LOUD NOISES
NEEDLES
NUMBER THIRTEEN
OPEN SPACES
PAIN
PEOPLE
POPPING BALLOONS
PUBLIC SPEAKING
RATS

REJECTION
ROLLER COASTERS
SHARKS
SICKNESS
SNAKES
SPIDERS
STORMS
THE DARK
THUNDER
WASPS
WATER
WORMS

WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN SWISS AND KNOCKOUT TEAMS

August 28 – September 2

MARRAKECH GRAND PRIX TRANSNATIONAL BOARD-A-MATCH (BAM) TEAMS

August 30 – September 1



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WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN SWISS KO TEAMS

August 28 – September 2

- ♣ WBF titles, medals and Masterpoints
- ♣ 2 Days of Swiss Qualifying followed by 3 (4 if reaching the Final) days of KO
- ♣ A "stand-alone" championship, including non-qualifiers from the Bermuda Bowl (BB), Venice Cup (VC), D'Orsi Trophy (DOT) and Wuhan Cup (WC)
- ♣ Players eliminated on day 2 or 3 can enter the Marrakech GP Transnational BAM Teams free of charge

MARRAKECH GRAND PRIX TRANSNATIONAL BAM TEAMS

August 30 – September 1

- ♣ WBF titles, medals and Masterpoints
- ♣ 2 Days of Qualifying followed by Finals A and B (everyone plays for 3 days)
- ♣ A "stand-alone" championship, including players eliminated in the Quarterfinals of the Bermuda Bowl (BB), Venice Cup (VC), D'Orsi Trophy (DOT) and Wuhan Cup (WC)

ENTRY FEES - BOTH EVENTS TOGETHER

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| ♣ Players from the BB, VC, DOT and WC | Free |
| ♣ New players (per player) | 350 € |
| ♣ Moroccan BF members (per player) | 250 € |
| ♣ Youth players - U26 (per player) | 175 € |

ENTRY FEES - BAM ONLY

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| ♣ Players from the BB, VC, DOT and WC | Free |
| ♣ New players (per player) | 250 € |
| ♣ Moroccan BF members (per player) | 150 € |
| ♣ Youth players - U26 (per player) | 100 € |

The total Entry Fee for a Team is the sum of the 4 highest paying players, i.e. a maximum of € 1,400 respectively € 1,000.



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World Bridge News...

The **Bermuda Bowl**, **Venice Cup**, **d'Orsi Senior Bowl** and the **Wuhan Cup** are for national teams, respectively Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed, representing their countries, qualified from the 8 WBF Zonal Conferences.

The **World Transnational Open Teams** is open, without any qualification, to all teams, national or transnational, which want to participate, accordingly to the conditions of contest.

The **World Bridge Teams Championships**, the oldest WBF Championship, grew out of private initiatives principally by the late Norman Bach. The first world championship for the Bermuda Bowl was held in 1950, in Bermuda, 8 years before the World Bridge Federation itself was formed. After the first event of the series, the Bermuda Bowl developed into a regular challenge match between the USA and the winners of the European Championship, but in 1957 the contest widened to included teams representing other zones of the WBF.

In 1974, in Venice, Italy, a new event was launched, the Venice Cup. It started as a challenge match between women's teams from the USA and Italy (Europe 's representative) and today it is the equivalent of Bermuda Bowl for women, organized under the same laws and format.

A third series, the Senior Bowl, for senior players was added in 2001. Ernesto d'Orsi, Past President of the WBF and a member of the WBF Committee of Honor and the WBF Executive Council, presented the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy for the winners of this Championship at the World Teams Championships held in Brazil in 2009.

In March 2018 in Philadelphia the Executive Council added a fourth series for Mixed Teams starting from 2019 in Wuhan, China. This new event was named after the City of Wuhan which presented the prestigious trophy and provided, and will provide for the future editions, replicas for the winners.

**What do you
call a priest that
becomes a lawyer?**

A father-in-law.

**Accidentally
rubbed ketchup in
my eyes.....now I
have Heinzsight**

**I had a hip replacement,
but the hospital won't let
me keep the bone as a
souvenir.
They've got joint custody.**

**SCIENTISTS HAVE
GROWN HUMAN VOCAL
CORDS IN A PETRI DISH**

**THE RESULTS SPEAK
FOR THEMSELVES**

Why did the PowerPoint
presentation cross the
road?

To get to the other slide.

Why was the computer
tired when it got home?

It had a hard drive.

If prisoners could take
their own mug shots...

They'd be called
cellfies.



**I've started
investing in stocks:
beef, chicken, and
vegetable...
One day I hope
to be a boullonaire.**



A-Pun, A-Two, A-
Three!

Why do lions always
move at the end of
summer?

Because the pride goeth
before the fall

**With so many
sporting events
cancelled, they're
going to televise
the
World Origami
Championship.**

It's on Paperview.

**YESTERDAY I SAW AN
AD THAT SAID 'RADIO
FOR SALE, \$1, VOLUME
STUCK ON FULL'**

**I THOUGHT, 'I CAN'T
TURN THAT DOWN'**

Logic Puzzle...

	Barbara	Deborah	Martha	Nancy	Wanda	Bates	Jones	Parnell	Robinson	Smith	1 week	1 week	2 weeks	2 weeks	3 weeks	bird watching	fishing	hiking	photography	rock climbing	4 years	6 years	8 years	10 years	12 years
Edward																									
John																									
Michael																									
Stewart																									
Tom																									
4 years																									
6 years																									
8 years																									
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hiking																									
photography																									
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Parnell																									
Robinson																									
Smith																									

**Answer on Page 13
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First Name	First Name	Last Name	Vacation Time	Favorite Activity	# of Years Married

Michael rented his cabin in the mountains to five couples over the course of the summer months. Each couple stayed at least a week; some stayed as long as three weeks. By coincidence, this year each of the couples celebrated their anniversary during their stay and each couple had a passion for a different recreational activity. Determine each couple's full name, how long they stayed, what each couples' favorite recreational activity was, and how many years of marriage each couple celebrated on their anniversary.

1. Martha Jones stayed one week less than the couple who enjoyed nature photography. Wanda didn't like rock climbing. Barbara loved fishing and was married six years less than Mr. and Mrs. Bates.
2. The two couples who stayed for two weeks were the couple celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary and the Parnells. The couple who had been married for 12 years didn't like hiking, but they stayed at the

3. Edward wasn't married to Martha, but he did enjoy bird watching. Tom and his wife Nancy had been married six years longer than the Robinsons.
4. The couple who enjoyed rock climbing were celebrating an anniversary four years longer than John's anniversary, but two years shorter than the couple whose last name was Bates.
5. Barbara and her husband stayed at the cabin for three weeks, but they were not the couple who had been married for 6 years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith stayed for one week, but rock climbing wasn't their favorite activity.
6. Stewart was celebrating his 8th anniversary but Deborah wasn't his wife. Michael and his wife, who wasn't Deborah, loved nature photography. The couple who enjoyed hiking celebrated their 10th anniversary.

Meet the Players...

Bridge | Alan Truscott

Two friendly rivals swap places after a match in the Pan-American Championships.

A women's team match played in Corpus Christi, Tex., a week ago in the Pan-American Championships had a meaning on two levels, one of which escaped the attention of the officials, the press and the players most concerned.

In a match that ended at 2 A.M., but was not scored, for technical reasons, until 4 A.M., a team consisting of Gail Greenberg, Dorothy Truscott, Judy Tucker, Lisa Berkowitz, Randi Montin and Pam Wittes eked out a win by 7imps. This team then went on to win the Pan-American title.

The losing team, which had qualified a month earlier to represent the United States in the 1992 world championship to be played in Italy in August, included Jacqui Mitchell, who has been vying with Truscott for many years, in a friendly New York City rivalry between ex-teammates, for the title of world's top-ranked woman player.

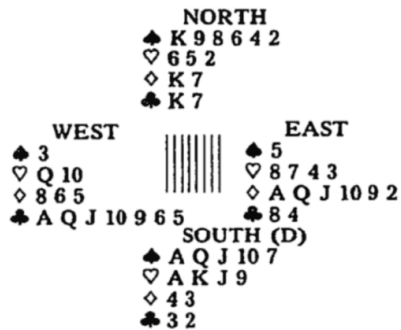
Mitchell had a small lead in world master points from 1986 to 1987, and it went unnoticed that the players were exactly tied between 1987 and 1990. Mitchell then gained 2 points for placing 65th in a world championship in Geneva, an example of the inflation that affects bridge players as well as consumers around the world. Truscott's victory in Corpus Christi gave her 8 points and a 6-point lead, putting her back in the top spot that she held from 1978 to 1986. But Mitchell is likely to strike back in August, for her team will be among the favorites in Italy. (The World Bridge Federation has recently complicated matters by deciding to multiply all master points by a factor of 10).

In the diagramed deal, played a year ago in a major team event, Truscott demonstrated a playing maneuver that is often overlooked. She reached four spades as shown, after West had made a weak jump in clubs, and the club ace was led.

A shift to diamonds, allowing the defense to take two quick tricks in that suit, would no doubt have defeated the contract, and did in the replay: South had no reason to know that the heart queen was in the West hand, and took a normal finesse in that suit.

Against Truscott, however, West persevered with a second club in the hope that East could ruff. After winning with the king, South drew trumps by leading to the ace and cashed the ace and king of hearts. This was a safe way to guard against the possibility of a doubleton queen in the West hand.

As it happened this play provided two overtricks, for both dummy's diamonds were discarded on heart win-



North and South were vulnerable.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	3 ♣	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the club ace.

ners. But the contract would have been safe whenever East held the heart queen, for South would have crossed to dummy with a trump and led a heart. West would have had no chance to lead a diamond, and the heart jack would have provided a discard for a diamond loser in the dummy.

This was originally published in the New York Times on June 16, 1992.

Pam Wittes, a resident of Venice, Calif., won her eighth national bridge title at the 2018 Fall North American Bridge Championships, which concluded in Honolulu, Hawaii on Dec. 2. The tournament was organized by the ACBL.

Wittes was a member of the team that successfully defended its title in the Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match event, which is contested annually during the fall tournament and consists of two qualifying and two final sessions and is restricted to female players. The 2018 event marks the final time the team competition will be held.

"When we discovered we had won we were floating on air," Wittes said. "There were a couple of really good hands against our top competition; getting those right was the reason for our win."

The ACBL has 14 masterpoint rank titles from Rookie to Grand Life Master, which requires 10,000 masterpoints and a NABC victory. Wittes is a Grand Life Master with more than 13,000 masterpoints.

The above is excerpted from the Santa Monica Daily Paper.



Bjerkan, Kamenova, Pollack, Wittes

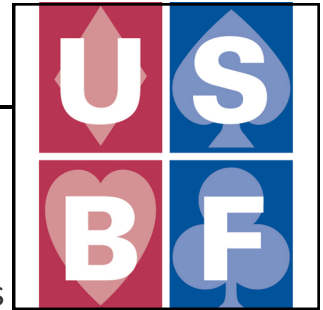
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3	1	8	2	7
6	4	7	3	5
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9	2	4	6	7
6	7	3	8	5
5	1	9	4	2

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 7

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.

THE INVENTOR OF THE THROAT LOZENGE HAS DIED



THERE WILL BE NO COFFIN AT HIS FUNERAL

Tom	Nancy	Bates	2 weeks	hiking	10 years
Stewart	Martha	Jones	1 week	rock climbing	8 years
Michael	Wanda	Farnell	2 weeks	photography	12 years
John	Barbara	Robinson	3 weeks	fishing	4 years
Edward	Deborah	Smith	1 week	bird watching	6 years
First Name	First Name	Last Name	Vacation Time	Favorite Activity	# of Years Married

Answer to Puzzle on page 11



Bridge: A MindSport For All

Connects People, Challenges Minds

Sam Punch is an amazingly hard worker and a wonderful promoter of our game! She has worked wonders in the last several years organizing and heading BAMSA. We support her wonderful work and hope you support it too!

Bridge, Youth and Schools



Who am I? My name is Samantha Punch, Professor of Sociology at the University of Stirling, UK. I lead the international work of BAMSA.

What is BAMSA? *Bridge: A MindSport for All* (BAMSA) is a research project working collaboratively with bridge organisations to increase the number of players and transform the image of the mindsport.

BAMSA believes that bridge can be promoted as a potential solution to tackle big societal issues of social isolation, loneliness, mental health problems, inclusivity and healthy ageing.

BAMSA's new study

The new project aims to develop academic evidence that demonstrates the skills and wide-ranging benefits that bridge, as a mindsport, can offer young people. The study will investigate the benefits and challenges of teaching bridge in schools. The goal is to encourage schools to take bridge as seriously as chess, and mindsport education as seriously as physical education.

How can donating help?

By donating, you enable BAMSA to conduct this work in the USA as well as Europe. The funding pays for the researchers to interview school teachers, bridge teachers, pupils and parents to explore what helps and hinders learning bridge. The funds are used to develop practical resources from the findings to enable growth of youth bridge communities in USA and Europe.

How can I donate? ***All donations will be doubled* (matched by Levine Foundation)**

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BAMSA: BRIDGE: A Mindsport for All

**Please pick up a Chicago NABC flyer before you leave Schaumburg.
We want to see you there!!
Rooms are filling.**

We have engaged the Intercontinental as our overflow hotel!

Also, grab a Chicago NABC Convention Card Sticker from the table in the Break Room where the newsletters are.

From Jan Martel...

Once again this year, we've been able to persuade Ela, the wonderful massage therapist we've had in the past, to come to the Hyatt to help us unwind. Ela is flexible, but since she has a fairly long commute, she would prefer that we try to have 3 or 4 people in a row, which is why I am asking you to let me know in advance if you think you will want a massage on a specific day and in a specific time frame. If we all cooperate on this, I can set things up in advance.

Of course if you don't know now when you'll be sitting out or how much you will want a massage, you can talk to me in room 1321 when you're ready and I'll try to accommodate you. People who let me know in advance will get priority!

I will consult Ela as to what her fees are. I'll have her set up a table in my room (5117) and will give her a key to the room so she can access it.



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Bid these Bidding Box hands on your phone or tablet!

ABC is a *free*, ongoing weekly bidding contest organized by the ACBL using the app **bid72**. Enter the contest with your partner and automatically receive 5 hands on your phone/tablet every week. Compare your results with hundreds of other pairs. Monthly promotion/relegation ensures an exciting challenge for everyone. Please visit www.bid72.com/abc for more details and registration.

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Extra: Bidding Box hands will be included in ABC two weeks before the Bridge Bulletin is published.

If A is for apple and B is for banana, then what is C for?
Plastic Explosives!

I read yesterday that people eat more bananas than monkeys...

No surprise there! I can't remember ever eating a monkey!



From the 4th Match of the Senior RR on Friday...

David Caprera wrote on Friday night to inquire about the mathematics of this Board 31.

Craig Gardner and George Jacobs were the only pair to play in 6S.

Larry Cohen led the H8. Gardner won the ace in dummy while Berkowitz followed with the H9.

Given declarer's club holding, it is clear that he needs to engineer an end-play to avoid two club losers.

Gardner played the DA and trumped a diamond with the EIGHT! He led a heart and trumped in dummy. He trumped another diamond with the S9. He cashed the SA and led the S2 to dummy's five. He trumped a diamond to produce this five card end position:

Gardner cashed the CA and led a club hoping to endplay one or the other of his opponents.

Caprera wrote and questioned whether this play of the club suit was best or if leading a low club toward the jack would be a significant improvement??

We took out the slide rule: Gardner's play will win in an estimated 14 out of 64 possible lies of the club cards... 22% of the time. (This assumes that West will unblock a doubleton spade honor when possible...)

The quick math on leading toward the Jxx is that West will hold the king and queen of clubs 25% of the time. In addition, this play works when West holds the singleton king or singleton queen or East holds king/queen doubleton, singleton king or singleton queen. These additional cases make the play of low toward the jack about 33%... 21 cases out of 64. For the nitpickers, if West holds the singleton ten and declarer has his guessing shoes on, he will also make by leading low toward the jack.

Based on the side suit plays, it looks very much like both East and West hands are 1-5-4-3 in which case, only low toward the Jxx will work.

So yes, David, you are right... the alternative play is much better and had Craig taken that play, Reynolds would have won 13 rather losing 13 on this board!!

At the only other table where 6S was bid by Paul and Linda Lewis, Becker/Kranyak took the 1100 sacrifice in 7H!

BOARD: 81
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ AJT93
♥ K86
♦ KT87
♣ 8

♠ 7542
♥ T9
♦ AQ65
♣ K96

♠ K8
♥ AJ53
♦ 9
♣ AJT543

♠ Q6
♥ Q742
♦ J432
♣ Q72

Par: -400

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	2	7	4	7	3
EW	11	6	7	6	9

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
						NS EW Home Visiting
1 Cappelli	Wolfson	Open	5♣	E	♠Q	-1 50
		Closed	5♣	E	♠Q	-1 50
2 Goodman	Reynolds	Open	3N	E	♠Q	-1 50 10
		Closed	5♣	E	♠Q	= 400
3 Hamman	Lusky	Open	5♣	E	♠Q	-2 100 6
		Closed	4♣	E	♥4	= 130
4 Lall	Lewis	Open	3N	E	♠Q	-1 50 5
		Closed	4♣	E	♦3	= 130

Only one declarer of the four in 5C was successful. That was Jim Krekorian playing in the Goodman/Reynolds match.

South led the SQ to North's ace. North exited with a spade. Krekorian led the D9 to the ace and played the H9 from dummy. North played low and Krekorian floated the nine to South's queen.

South played the DJ and Krekorian ruffed.

Krekorian cashed the HA and trumped a heart in dummy. He trumped a diamond in hand and played a small club toward dummy. He carefully inserted the C9!!

When this held, he was able to trump a diamond in his hand, draw the last trump and claim.

He set up his heart jack and based on the bidding and distribution, he guessed the club position correctly.

From the play to that point, Krekorian knew North held 5 spades, exactly 3 hearts, and 3 diamonds. Based on North's opening bid, he must also hold the DK leaving him with a known singleton club.

Well done, Jim!

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
	1♠	2♣	DBL
	2♠	PASS	3♥
	4♣	PASS	5♣
	PASS	PASS	

Table: CL 2, Round: 9
N-S: Reynolds 0 IMP
E-W: Goodman 0 IMP

OTHER ROOM E 3N -1 50 Other table

DEALER WEST 81 EAST SOUTH

Score card > Frequency >

DDS

♠ AJT93
♥ K86
♦ KT87
♣ 8

N Bill Hall

♠ 7542
♥ T9
♦ AQ65
♣ K96

W Drew Casen

♠ K8
♥ AJ53
♦ 9
♣ AJT543

E Jim Krekorian

♠ Q6
♥ Q742
♦ J432
♣ Q72

S Joe Viola

EAST 5♣

In the Hamman/Lusky match, when declarer led the H9 off dummy, Peter Weichsel made the expert play of covering with the HK. Jeff Roman won the HA and immediately tackled clubs by playing the CA and a club to the king for down one!

Great play, Peter!

The "PERFECT" Board...

BOARD: 4
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ J
♥ 96
♦ KJ8764
♣ JT95

♠ 96
♥ Q5
♦ AQ532
♣ A742

♠ T7542
♥ K732
♦ T9
♣ 86

Par: 600

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	9	9	9	9	9
EW	3	3	4	4	4

♠ AKQ83
♥ AJT84
♦
♣ KQ3

Home team
Visiting team
Room
By
=
IMP

		NS	EW	Home	Visiting		
W1	Cole	Baker	Open	2♦x	W ♠J -3	800	12
			Closed	2♥	S ♠9 +3	200	
W2	Wittes	Cappelletti	Open	5♣	N ♦T =	600	10
			Closed	2♥	S ♠9 +2	170	

Look at the Frequency Chart!! North/South can take 9 tricks in EVERY STRAIN from clubs to NT! Never seen that before!

And interestingly, none of the pairs in the Women's where this occurred, contracted for the 9 trick No-Trump game!!

Ljudmila Kamenova (foreground) and Pam Wittes outside the Break Room following the Women's Captain's meeting on Friday night



BOARD: 41
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ 4
♥ QT654
♦ J82
♣ J654

♠ AQJT7
♥ J82
♦
♣ AT983

♠ K62
♥ A
♦ AKQ953
♣ KQ2

Par: -2220

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	0	1	6	0	0
EW	13	12	7	13	13

♠ 9853
♥ K973
♦ T764
♣ 7

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

Bidding grand slams is an art, and grands are frequently missed.

On Board 41 in the Women's, three pairs bid a grand: two in spades and one in NT.

The NT slam is inferior to the spade slam. It requires either clubs to break or a miracle holding in diamonds: JTx.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
Cole	Baker	Open 7N	E ♥3	-1	100
		Closed 7♠	W ♣5	=	2210
		Open 7♠	W ♣5	=	2210
Wittes	Cappelletti	Closed 6♠	W ♥4	+1	1460

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
PASS	2♣	PASS	
2♦	PASS	3♦	PASS
3♣	PASS	4♣	PASS
4NT	PASS	5♦	PASS
5NT	PASS	6♥	DBL
7♠	PASS	PASS	PASS

2D=waiting
6H= "I think 2 kings"

WEST 41 EAST
SOUTH

♠ 4
♥ QT654
♦ J82
♣ J654

N Kerri Sanborn

♠ AQJT7
♥ J82
♦
♣ AT983

W Emma Kolesnik

♠ K62
♥ A
♦ AKQ953
♣ KQ2

E Margie Cole

♠ 9853
♥ K973
♦ T764
♣ 7

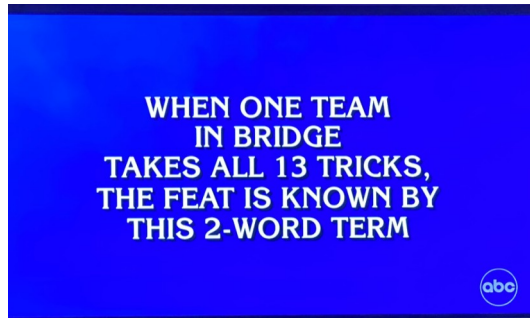
S Jill Meyers

WEST 7♠

In spades, declarer has 12 top winners and needs to ruff a heart in dummy for the thirteenth trick.

Both Kolesnik/Cole and Onsgard/Simpson had straightforward auctions starting with 2C to reach the making grand. Well bid, Ladies!

Speaking of Grand Slams, this question came up on Jeopardy Masters earlier this week. Our own Jeopardy James answered it correctly!! And he was VERY enthusiastic on the show at the time!



HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
PASS	2♣	PASS	
2♦	PASS	3♦	PASS
3♣	PASS	4♣	PASS
4NT	PASS	5♦	PASS
5NT	PASS	6♣	PASS
6♥	PASS	7♦	PASS
7♠	PASS	PASS	PASS

E-W: Cappelletti
87 IMP

OTHER ROOM
W 6♠ +1 -1460

DEALER WEST 41 EAST SOUTH

♠ 4
♥ QT654
♦ J82
♣ J654

N Ljudmila Kamenova

♠ AQJT7
♥ J82
♦
♣ AT983

W Kristen Onsgard

♠ K62
♥ A
♦ AKQ953
♣ KQ2

E Gigi Simpson

♠ 9853
♥ K973
♦ T764
♣ 7

S Pam Wittes

WEST 7♠

On an earlier episode of Jeopardy Masters, in case anyone in the bridge world missed it, James gave a nice shout out to Kerri Sanborn, David Berkowitz and Ralph Katz for mentoring him.

Cross IMPS

1.	Marc Jacobus - Eddie Wold	Lall	1.01	60.71	60
2.	David Berkowitz - Larry Cohen	Wolfson	0.82	57.67	70
3.	Peter Weichsel - Bob Hamman	Hamman	0.77	45.57	59
4.	Mike Becker - Bobby Levin	Wolfson	0.68	34.14	50
5.	Pratap Rajadhyaksha - Venkatrao Koneru	Goodman	0.67	40.43	60
6.	John Schermer - Neil Chambers	Hamman	0.53	26.38	50
7.	Neil Silverman - Mark Itabashi	Lewis	0.51	25.38	50
8.	Ross Grabel - Mitch Dunitz	Hamman	0.41	20.43	50
9.	John Lusky - Allan Falk	Lusky	0.38	23.10	60
10.	Drew Casen - Jim Krekorian	Goodman	0.32	19.19	60
11.	Ken Kranyak - Phil Becker	Cappelli	0.29	14.29	50
12.	Doug Doub - Adam Wildavsky	Lewis	0.17	10.05	60
13.	Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner	Wolfson	0.11	4.33	40
14.	Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis	Lewis	0.06	3.14	50
15.	Jim Foster - Mark Jones	Lusky	-0.03	-1.00	40
16.	Dennis Clerkin - Jerry Clerkin	Beatty	-0.07	-5.62	80
17.	Jeff Roman - Robbie Hopkins	Lusky	-0.16	-9.52	60
18.	Jeff Aker - Steve Beatty	Beatty	-0.17	-6.86	40
19.	Bob Cappelli - Bob Bitterman	Cappelli	-0.37	-21.95	60
20.	Fred Stewart - Steve Beatty	Beatty	-0.42	-16.86	40
21.	Hemant Lall - Reese Milner	Lall	-0.51	-20.43	40
22.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Lall	-0.55	-32.71	60
23.	Andy Goodman - Mike Passell	Goodman	-0.75	-30.14	40
24.	Lance Kerr - Tom Reynolds	Reynolds	-0.77	-38.38	50
25.	Craig Gardner - George Jacobs	Reynolds	-0.94	-56.33	60
26.	Bill Hall - Joe Viola	Reynolds	-0.98	-49.00	50
27.	Mark Aquino - Pat McDevitt	Cappelli	-1.96	-96.00	49

Seniors

1.	Connie Goldberg - Lisa Berkowitz	Wittes	1.26	37.67	30
2.	Emma Kolesnik - Irina Levitina	Cole	1.07	16.00	15
3.	Giorgia Botta - Anam Tebha	Cole	0.87	52.00	60
4.	Joanne Weingold - Allison Cappelletti	Cappelletti	0.76	45.67	60
5.	Margie Cole - Emma Kolesnik	Cole	0.29	4.33	15
6.	Gigi Simpson - Kristen Onsgard	Cappelletti	0.01	0.67	60
7.	Irina Levitina - Margie Cole	Cole	-0.09	-2.67	30
8.	Janice Molson - Disa Eythorsdottir	Baker	-0.24	-10.67	45
9.	Rozanne Pollack - Cheri Bjerkan	Wittes	-0.61	-27.67	45
10.	Jill Meyers - Kerri Sanborn	Baker	-0.74	-33.33	45
11.	Karen McCallum - Lynn Baker	Baker	-0.86	-25.67	30
12.	Ljudmila Kamenova - Pam Wittes	Wittes	-1.25	-56.33	45

Womens

Limey Jack

Hallo Colonials:

The Senior Trials continue just as Limey Jack predicted. You should have cashed the decent checque from the punter.

In USA1:

Wolfson-Goodman: Wolfson is like a runaway lorry. Goodman will not even be a roundabout.

Hamman-Lewis: Zia tells Limey Jack that Hamman is slowing down considerably, but that he has enough petrol left in the tank to jettison Lewis.

USA2:

Beatty-Lusky: Bit of a yawner, what? Neither team has adequate resource to go all the way, but Lusky goes there first.

Lall-Cappelli: Cappelli just escaped their fate, but lightning will not strike twice. Howie Dung will predict it back'ards, the same way he puts on his trousers.

Limey Jack will be back 2 days hence with more Seniors, as well as the Fillies.

Ta

Howie Doing...

ChromeBooks or tablets
Solve our need
To remind our Seniors
Who is on lead!

Can't play out of turn,
Can't lead by mistake,
The Seniors need only
Be sure they're awake!

Wolfson v Goodman:
See Jeff and his crew
Make mincemeat of Andy
And Pratap and Drew!

Hamman v Lewis:
Who will I pitch?
Hamman survives
With Ross and with Mitch!

Beatty v Lusky?
Tough match to choose.
Either could win
Or either could lose.

Cappelli withdraws.
Lall wins by a gross.
Nothing will ever
Make this match close!

At the tables where South showed a single suited hand in spades over a 15-17 NT opener, they always became declarer in 3 or 4 spades.

Every pair who bid took the expected 10 tricks.

In Hamman/Lusky, this could have been a significant swing had one or the other table bid to 4S.

As it was, and as we see so often, BOTH TABLES in the SAME match avoided the game turning the Board to a push!

BOARD: 84
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ T643
 ♥ A753
 ♦ 93
 ♣ KQ2

♠ 9
 ♥ 9862
 ♦ Q872
 ♣ JT87

♠ 52
 ♥ KQT4
 ♦ AK5
 ♣ A653

Par: 500

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	3	5	4	10	7
EW	8	8	9	3	5

♠ AKQJ87
 ♥ J
 ♦ JT64
 ♣ 94

Home team	Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP			
							NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Cappelli	Wolfson	Open	3♠	S	♣T	+1	170			
		Closed	4♠	S	♦7	=	620			10
Goodman	Reynolds	Open	4♠	S	♣J	=	620		10	
		Closed	3♠	S	♣J	+1	170			
Hamman	Lusky	Open	1N	E	♠J	-2	200			
		Closed	1N	E	♠K	-2	200			
Lall	Lewis	Open	4♠	S	♣J	=	620		10	
		Closed	3♠	S	♣J	+1	170			

Kind of like being in the right place at the right time!



Just a heads up before Marrakech... the WBF Rules and Regulations Committee chaired by Adam Wildavsky is looking into some "general" changes in policy (such things as small children and animals in the playing area). We will keep you informed once the changes are proposed. Many will not impact the World Championships this August but best to be aware!

