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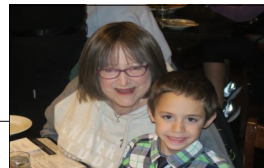
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14	Baseggio	139	11	8	17	14	11	27	25	26	
4	Rosenthal	407	31	70	63	45	60	36	54	48	
13	Dinkin	185	20	18	26	28	23	15	13	42	
5	Bramley	288	35	21	32	25	21	21	62	71	
12	Schireson	202	43	16	23	13	22	31	30	24	
6	Levine	245	19	44	48	37	18	26	35	27	-9
11	Amer	217	35	21	14	2	18	32	57	38	
7	Juster	237.4	22	44	45	16.4	26	36	35	13	
10	Simson	304.55	44	59	25	24	31.3	35	51	36	-0.75
8	Goodman	216.3	48	18	10	22	16	35	40	27.3	
9	Gu	252.2	10	50	55.7	38	22	17	39	23	-2.5

Into the QuarterFinals

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.
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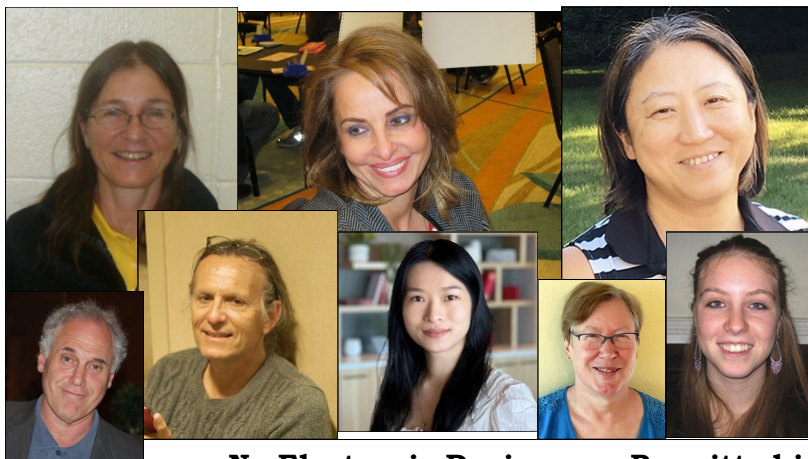
Open Teams Entered

Nickell Bye to R16	Nick Nickell Eric Greco Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Geoff Hampson Steve Weinstein
Lebowitz Bye to R16	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Adam Grossack Michael Rosenberg Joel Wooldridge
Amer	Julie Arbit, Capt Christian Jolly	Anam Tebha Owen Lien
Baseggio	Franco Baseggio, Capt Amber Lin	Jeff Ferro Drew Hoskins
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Kevin Rosenberg	Kit Woolsey Brian Platnick
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Ron Smith Tom Breur	Michael Shuster Ethan Wood
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Zia Mahmood	Brad Moss Jeff Meckstroth Chip Martel
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Drew Casen Venkatrao Koneru	Mike Passell Jim Krekorian Pratap Rajadhyaksha
Gu	Jiang Gu, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Chris Compton	Walter Lee Alex Kolesnik Adam Wildavsky
Juster	Jacob Morgan, Capt John Schermer Bob Hamman	Jeff Juster Neil Chambers Peter Weichsel
Levine	Mike Levine Daniel Korbel Kevin Dwyer Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Roger Lee Shan Huang
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Finn Kolesnik	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Ish DelMonte
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt John McAllister	Debbie Rosenberg Will Watson
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Billy Cohen	Jeff Aker Gary Cohler



Mixed Teams Entered

Cappelletti	Allison Cappelletti, Capt Joanne Weingold Raluca Dobrescu	Mike Cappelletti Gary Cohler Radu Nistor
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Ron Smith Tracey Bauer	Olivia Schireson Yoko Sobel Billy Cohen
Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Sheila Gabay Irina Kislitsyna	Uday Ivatury Allan Graves Jeff Ferro
Kaplan	Adam Kaplan, Capt Finn Kolesnik Sheri Winestock	Dana Berkowitz Emma Kolesnik Brad Moss
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Linda Lewis	Janice Molson Disa Eythorsdottir Daniel Korbel
Millens	Shan Huang, Capt Kevin Dwyer Jenny Wolpert	Joan Millens Sandra Rimstedt
Parker	Chris Parker, Capt Anam Tebha Giorgia Botta	Stewart Rubenstein Adam Grossack Zach Grossack
Pollack	Bill Pollack, Capt Cheri Bjerkan Dave Caprera	Rozanne Pollack Larry Robbins Anne Brenner
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Michael Rosenberg	Migry Campanile Amber Lin Debbie Rosenberg
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Yiji Brennan May Sakr	Kitty Cooper Doug Doub Jacek Pszczola



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.



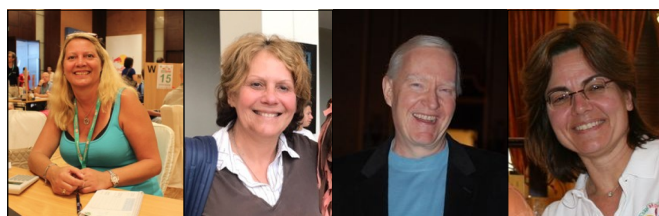
Senior Teams Entered

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 Jon Green
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
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Bart Bramley Eddie Wold	Reese Milner Kit Woolsey Marc Jacobus
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 Jeff Meckstroth	Steve Garner Michael Rosenberg Zia Mahmood



Women's Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Kerri Sanborn Janice Molson [alternate] Jill Meyers	Karen McCallum Sandra Rimstedt Disa Eythorsdottir
Cappelletti	Allison Cappelletti, Capt Gigi Simpson	Joanne Weingold Kristen Onsgard
Cole	Margie Cole, Capt	Giorgia Botta
Wittes	Pam Wittes, Capt Cheri Bjerkan Lisa Berkowitz	Ljudmila Kamenova Rozanne Pollack Connie Goldberg



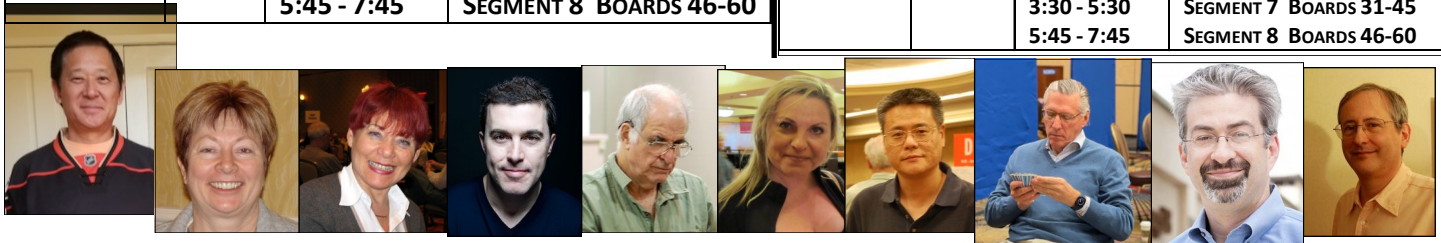
Open Team (USA2) Tournament Schedule

Please note the early starting time day one, 5/1

DAY	DATE	TIME (CDT)	BOARDS
ROUND OF 16			
MONDAY	MAY 1	11:00 - 1:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		1:30 - 3:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
		5:00 - 7:00	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		7:15 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
TUESDAY	MAY 2	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
QUARTERFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 3	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY	MAY 4	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
SEMIFINAL			
FRIDAY	MAY 5	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY	MAY 6	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
FINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 7	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
MONDAY	MAY 8	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60

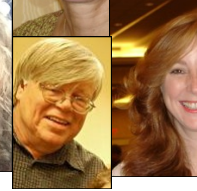
Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
WEDNESDAY	MAY 10	10:00 - 11:30	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		11:45 - 1:15	MATCH 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		2:30 - 3:45	75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		4:00 - 5:15	MATCH 3 - BOARDS 21-30
			MATCH 4 - BOARDS 31-40
THURSDAY	MAY 11	10:00 - 11:15	MATCH 5 - BOARDS 41-50
		11:30 - 12:45	MATCH 6 - BOARDS 51-60
		2:00 - 3:15	75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:30 - 4:45	MATCH 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		5:00 - 6:15	MATCH 8 - BOARDS 71-80
			MATCH 9 - BOARDS 81-90
USA1 SEMIFINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
FRIDAY	MAY 12	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY	MAY 13	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
			SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA1 FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 14	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
MONDAY	MAY 15	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			
MONDAY	MAY 15	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			
TUESDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
			SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
USA2 FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
			SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



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	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SUNDAY	MAY 21	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMIFINAL			
MONDAY	MAY 22	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
TUESDAY	MAY 23	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA2 FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY	MAY 25	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 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.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)

Day One... Note later starting time:

Segment 1: 12:30 pm

Segment 2: 3:00 pm

Segment 3: 6:30 pm

Segment 4: 8:45 pm

For all other days of the Open USBC, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:30 am

Segment 2: 1:45 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:00 pm

Segment 4: 7:15 pm

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.

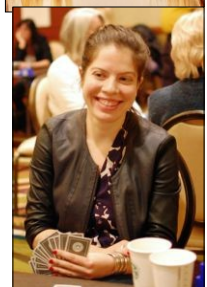
Replay:

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!



I kibitz day.
I kibitz night.
I try to get
The bidding right.

I watch the experts
Till they're through.
I try to guess
What they will do!



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.

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, with some hot options. There will be individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. Maya & Marie-France will be making coffee and will have individual packages of sugar, sweetener, and dairy & non-dairy creamers. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available. We ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that container to take with you. Then, as quickly as you can, go someplace else to eat.

Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Hospitality Suite at all times. There will be a hand sanitizer station near the door and we encourage you to sanitize your hands before selecting your food.

Lunch: Monday, from 2:30-5:00 and Tuesday 1:30-4:00 ... Lunch in the Copper, Sage and Maize meeting rooms... salads, desserts, and main courses from local eateries.

From Wednesday on, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite from 2-4 pm (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early). 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. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

And More on Hospitality and Regulations...

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

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.



Marie-France



Hard Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku Solutions on Page 15

No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be **stationery**.

A pessimist's blood type is always **B-negative**.

Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was **a-salted**.

Reading while sunbathing makes you **well-red**.

After hours of waiting for the bowling alley to open, we finally **got the ball rolling**.

Always trust a glue salesman. They **stick** to their words.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for **littering**.

If you don't pay your exorcist, you will get **repossessed**.

One hundred **hares** have escaped the zoo, so police are **combing** the area.

Did you hear about the lumberjack who couldn't **hack** it? They gave him the **axe**.

A short psychic broke out of jail. She was a **small medium at large**.



Puzzle Page ...

Summer Olympics

Find and circle all of the Summer Olympic events that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

Note: Similarly named events are hidden separately. For example,
SWIMMING and SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING do not overlap.

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

Pun-ishment!

She had a photographic memory but never **developed** it.

The two pianists had a good marriage. They always were in **a chord**.

The grammarian was very logical. He had a lot of **comma** sense.

A chicken farmer's favorite car is a **coupe**.

What do you call a person rabid with wordplay? An **energizer punny**.

I've been to the dentist many times, so I know the **drill**.

What did one plant say to another? "What's **stomata**?"

The other day I held the door open for a clown. I thought it was a nice **jester**.

A chicken crossing the road is truly **poultry in motion**.

How do construction workers party? They **raise the roof**.

A boiled egg every morning is hard to **beat**.

When a woman returns new clothing, that's **post-traumatic dress syndrome**.

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the **reception** was brilliant!

I went to a seafood disco last week and pulled a **mussel**.

The cartoon animator felt imprisoned by his job. He could not free himself from his **cel**.

I thought Santa was going to be late, but he arrived in the **Nick** of time.

Headlines:

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Hospitals are Sued by Seven Foot Doctors

Residents Warned to Protect Fish and Hens to Avoid Otter Devastation

Big Rig Carrying Fruit Crashes on 210 Freeway, Creates Jam



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



Logic Puzzle...

	January 2nd	January 9th	January 16th	January 23rd	January 30th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Brad	George	Lester	Nathan	Tim
"Heavenly Stars"															
"Just Before Dawn"															
"At Midnight"															
"The Affair"															
"Victorious"															
Brad															
George															
Lester															
Nathan															
Tim															
Monday															
Tuesday															
Wednesday															
Thursday															
Friday															

**Answer on Page 15
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Movie Title	Release Date	Day of the Week	Friend's Name

Elliot was pleased to note that there were a number of new movies releasing this month that he really wanted to see. Since he hated going to the movies alone, he checked with his friends and several expressed an interest in joining him. Although each of his friends wanted to see just one of the movies on his list, they'd conveniently all picked different movies so he had all of his selections covered. They went to see the movies in the evening the week after the movie released. The day of the week varied however depending upon the schedules of the friend joining him. Determine the title and release date of each movie that Elliot went to see (one release date was January 23rd), the day of the week that they went to see each movie, and the name of the friend who went with Elliot each week.

1. "Heavenly Stars" released on January 30th but Elliot didn't see it on a Thursday night. Nathan went with Elliot on a Monday night but they didn't see "Victorious".
2. George didn't join Elliot on a Wednesday night. Elliot saw the movie that released on January 9th on a Friday night but not with Tim.
3. "The Affair" came out a week after the movie that Elliot saw with George but a week before the movie that Elliot saw on a Thursday night.
4. Elliot did not see the movie that released on January 16th on a Tuesday night.
5. Elliot saw "At Midnight" before he went with Brad but two weeks after "Just Before Dawn".
6. Lester went to see the movie that released on January 2nd but not on a Wednesday night.

Meet the Players

Zia Mahmood ... aka "Zia"...was born in Karachi, Pakistan, and educated in England from the age of six to twenty-one. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant of the Institute of England and Wales and spent three years running the family newspaper chain in Pakistan. He also spent eighteen months in Abu Dhabi developing business interests. He has played bridge professionally for most of his life, basing himself primarily in the United Kingdom and USA. With his prominent status in world, bridge he is one of the few players referred to almost exclusively by his first name.

Zia achieved international bridge fame, almost overnight, in 1981 when he led Pakistan to a second-place finish in the Bermuda Bowl, arguably the most prestigious title in bridge. That was the first participation by anyone from the World Bridge Federation geographic zone "Asia and the Middle East", and at the time, it tied Taiwan for the best finish by anyone from outside Europe and the United States. It is now the second best finish from outside Europe and the United States, after Brazil won the tournament in 1989.

Five years later, Zia led a short-handed team from Pakistan to a second place finish in the 1986 Rosenblum Cup tournament, which is the open world championship in even-numbered non-Olympic years. That distinction remains tied for best finish by anyone from outside Europe and the United States. The event is transnational, but none of the nine winning teams has included a single player from outside Europe and the United States.

Zia represents the United States in world competition, and as such, he won his first major world championship, the 2009 Bermuda Bowl. Although he won the quadrennial Mixed Teams in 2004 with Sabine Auken and a French pair. He still considers himself Pakistani, however: "I am proud and happy to be representing America, but my Pakistani identity is in no way submerged. I feel like a Pakistani who is living in America and playing for America." To prove his point, Zia and his American teammates once played their opening match in Pakistani dress.

His major successes in English bridge include victories in the Gold Cup (three times), Spring Foursomes (three times), Crockfords Cup, and in key events at the Summer Meeting, and London Year End and Easter Congresses. He was also a member of the EBU team, captained by Simon Gillis, in the 2015 Champions Cup which was held in Milton Keynes.

He has written a number of books and newspaper articles for the Guardian - often with David Burn.

He was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2007.

Zia is married to Lady Emma, his wife since February 2001. She is the daughter of Neil Primrose, 7th Earl of Rosebery. They have two sons: Zain and Rafi.

Zia is a character. He brings wit and personality to the table. We are proud that he plays under the United States flag. Zia made a forceful statement against cheating in 2015. We look forward to seeing him at the USBC's and we are very glad he is here.

Zia is playing as a member of Fleisher squad here in Schaumburg.

Excerpted from the EBU website... updated 2018!



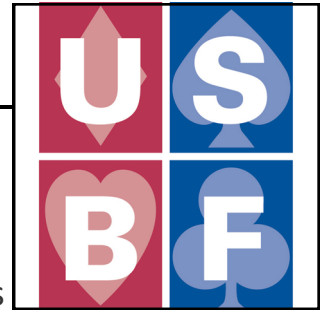
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Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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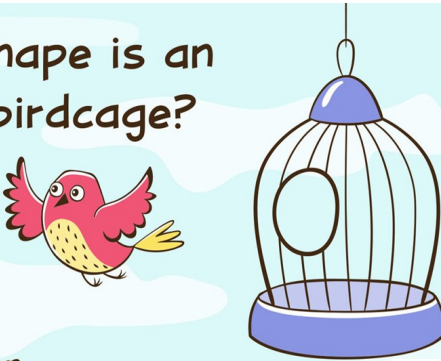
If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

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.

What shape is an empty birdcage?



A Polly-gon.

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"At Midnight"	January 23rd	Thursday	Tim

**Answer
to Puzzle
on page 13**



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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Thank You! Need more information?

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Rooms are filling.
We have engaged the Intercontinental as our overflow hotel!**

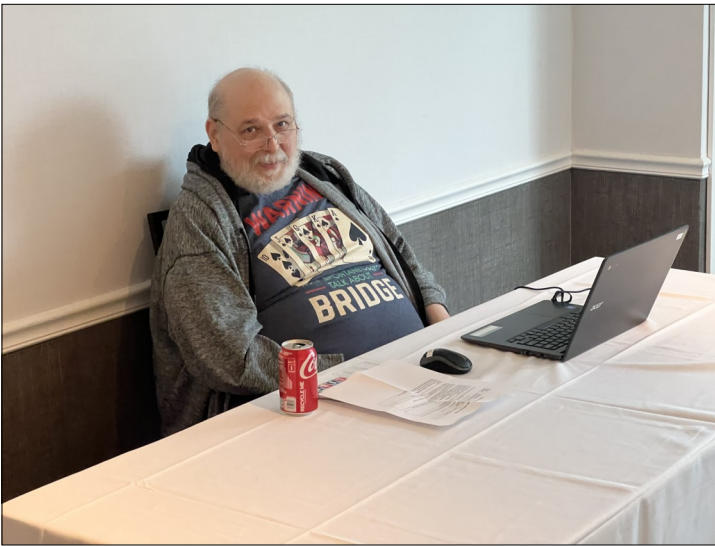
Also, grab a Chicago NABC Convention Card Sticker from the table in the Break Room where the newsletters are.

Appeals Committee:

Normally committees don't commence so early in the event. Thank you Marty Hirschman, chair, Rich DeMartino, and Stan Subeck, for serving yesterday morning at the bright and early hour of 8am Central! (At least Marty and Rich are in the Eastern time zone!!)

Thank you, McKenzie Myers, for being there so early to disseminate the necessary material to the committee members. We know how hard you work and we appreciate your diligence.

Welcome teams Nickell and Lebowitz!



Live from the site!



**Andrew Rosenthal
and
Tom Bruer
sharing
space!**

Limey Jack...

Hallo Colonials:

As 'twere and ever will be, Limey Jack took the measure of Howie Dung and along the path made quite a few bob for the faithful.

In the round of 8, 2 new participants join the fray; Nickell and Lebowitz.

Nickell-Gu: Nickell is traditionally slow out of the gate, and more's the pity, so shall it be on the morrow. Gu is stronger than is normally Nickell's first round Oppo, so this could be difficult to overcome an early deficit. If Nickell is stuck more than 50, it will be Katy bar the door, but less than that and they will make their patented comeback.

Simson-Lebowitz: Although coming in frigid, Lebowitz will overwhelm the 4 handed squad that is Simson. Limey Jack dislikes Teams with crooked numbers.

Fleisher-Levine: Meckstroth jumping the lily pond makes the difference here as Fleisher prevails.

Rosenthal-Bramley: What is known for sure by everyone, even that twit M. Dung, is that this will be the last match to finish. Only Limey Jack knows that Bramley will reign victorious.

Stay tuned as Limey Jack gets very little kip time but you benefit from it.

Ta.

Back at the grindstone,
Let us begin.
USA2,
Who's gonna win?

Will it be Fleisher
Will it be Nickell?
Will it be Bramley?
I hate to be fickle.

Nickell v Gu?
Who will it be?
Levin and Weinstein
Slay Jiang and Lee!

Lebowitz, Simpson?
Gary and Bill...
They're entertaining
And play with great skill!

Howie Doing...

Fleisher, Levine?
Who do I like?
I'm a big fan
Of both Marty and Mike.

Even when Mike's boys
Are playing their best,
Marty's team rates
To weather the test!

Rosenthal, Bramley...
Which team be smart?
I've got to stick with the team
Named for Bart!

Schaumburg's the site
I can be found...
I'm Howie Doing,
And I'll be around!

2023 USBC Round of 16 Day One

[7] Juster (EW) vs [10] Simson (NS)

Board 37

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A Q 7

♥ 3

♦ A J 9 7 5 3

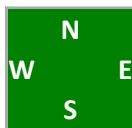
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♠ K 10 6 5 3

♥ A Q J 10 7 6 4

♦ —

♣ 4



♠ 9 4 2

♥ K 8

♦ 8 6 2

♣ K Q J 6 2

♠ J 8

♥ 9 5 2

♦ K Q 10 4

♣ 9 7 5 3

Committee: Marty Hirschman, Chair
Rich DeMartino
Stan Subeck

The Facts:

On the North-East side of the screen on the second round of the auction, Double-Pass took a total of 50 seconds. (North's double took 46, East's pass took 4.)

The Polling:

The Director conducted a poll of four players to see if it was clear which player took the extra time. All players polled said it was clear that North was overwhelmingly likely to be the one who took the extra time.

Two more players were independently polled with the South hand, up to the point of 4♥ - Dbl - Pass; one said it was clear to pass, and the other said it was clear to pull to 5♦.

Those same two players were asked what a slow double by North would mean. Both answers were quite similar. They both said that there were many different reasons North might take time before doubling, and that those reasons conflicted; the tempo of the double did not suggest either passing or pulling to 5♦.

West	North	East	South
<i>John Schermer</i>	<i>Gary Cohler</i>	<i>Neil Chambers</i>	<i>Billy Cohen</i>
	1♦	Pass	1NT
4♥	Dbl	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	
5♦ by North			
Down 1			



The Ruling:

Law 16B1a deals with unauthorized information, like the extra time taken on this board:

(a) A player may not choose a call or play that is demonstrably suggested over another by unauthorized information if the other call or play is a logical alternative.

The polling made it clear that it was "known" which player took the extra time and seemed likely to indicate pass as a logical alternative to bidding 5♦. The players' responses, however, showed that the 5♦ call was not **demonstrably suggested** by the out-of-tempo call. ACBL guidance says this about the use of the word "demonstrably" in this Law:

The actions that will be removed by Law have to be suggested in an obvious, easily understood way – it must be readily apparent rather than a product of some subtle bridge argument.

Since the 5♦ call did not meet **both** tests under Law 16B1a, there was no adjustment to the result.

The Appeal:

The appeal was heard the next morning before play. The committee members were present via Zoom; at the tournament site Jacob Morgan represented the appealing side, Gary Cohler represented the non-appealing side, and Tournament Director McKenzie Myers presented the information above.

Committee Report:

By a 2-1 vote the committee determined not to grant redress to the appealing party. The table result stands.

Subeck and DeMartino determined that there was probably a discernible break in tempo attributable to North, but that it did not demonstrably indicate anything about the exact nature of North's hand. Therefore, South was at liberty to make any decision he thought was correct.

Hirschman. dissenting: I would have ruled that the break in tempo was obviously attributable to North, and that this BIT suggested that North was considering other actions besides double. That is U/I to South, suggesting it would be more successful to bid 5D than to pass. Therefore, I would have rolled back the result to 4Hx, which West usually would make.

Open Room

W: 1♣, 3♥, 5♦, PASS, PASS
 N: PASS, 1♥, PASS, PASS, PASS
 E: PASS, 2♠, 4♥, 5NT, 6♥
 S: 1♦, 3♣, PASS, DBL, DBL

N-S: Fleisher 253 IMP
 E-W: Baseggio 62 IMP

Closed Room

W: 1♦, 2♥, PASS
 N: PASS, 1NT, 2♥, PASS
 E: PASS, PASS, PASS, PASS
 S: 1♥, PASS, PASS, PASS

Hand 1 (Open Room): ♠ K92, ♥ 542, ♦ AQ865, ♣ Q3
 Hand 2 (Closed Room): ♠ AT, ♥ AQJT, ♦ KJ9432, ♣ 9

Other Room: S 2♥ -5 -250

When both sides of a team play in the same strain, one side or the other is usually wrong! On Board 17, in the 6th segment of the Baseggio/Fleisher match, both sides of the Baseggio team played in hearts.

In the Closed Room, Lin/Hoskins escaped from 1NTX to 2H undoubled and were defeated five non-vulnerable tricks. This would seem a minor loss when compared to E/W's three level diamond partial, the expected result at the other table.

In the Open Room

- 1C=bal or 2+C
- 1D=H
- double = diamonds
- 1H = precisely 3H

Ferro jumped to 2S. Perhaps he thought partner's double of diamonds was takeout? Fleisher showed clubs and Baseggio showed hearts. Ferro raised to game in hearts and Baseggio, unaware of any misunderstanding, bid a natural 5D. Baseggio/Ferro were unable to slow down their escalating auction below the level of the heart slam!

Unfortunately for East/West, North/South were off and doubling.
 The doubled heart slam went light FOUR tricks for -800!
 14 IMPs to Fleisher

		Par: -130				
		♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	6	3	6	6	5	
EW	7	10	7	7	7	

According to the "Par Chart," the only makeable heart contract is 1H by E/W.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

Board 23
Open Room

♠ T54
♥ J9
♦ K8742
♣ 952

N Mike Passell

♠ Q82
♥ Q
♦ QJ965
♣ KT86

W Adam Wildavsky

♠ AK96
♥ AKT532
♦ 3
♣ 73

E Chris Compton

♠ J73
♥ 8764
♦ AT
♣ AQJ4

S Andy Goodman

1 C = 2+

OTHER ROOM
W 3N +2 -660 Other table >

Casen Lo Krekorian A Kolesnik

W	N	E	S
			1♣
PASS	PASS	DBL	PASS
1♦	PASS	2♥	PASS
3NT	PASS	PASS	PASS

W N E S

1♣

1♦ PASS 1♥ PASS

PASS PASS

EAST

The Gu team picked up a 10 IMP swing on Board 23 of the Round of 16.

One would think that making a vulnerable overcall, even a one-over-one bid, might make it easier for a partnership to reach a game. That isn't always true.

At both tables in Gu/Goodman, the auctions started with a 2+ 1C bid by South. In the Closed Room, Casen passed his ten count with five motley diamonds. Lo passed his 3-count, and Krekorian balanced with a double. Casen responded with 1D and Krekorian jumped to a highly forward-going 2H. Casen was happy to bid 3NT and played it there. The hand is cold for ten tricks. Casen actually collected eleven when the opponents didn't cash their three tricks off the top.

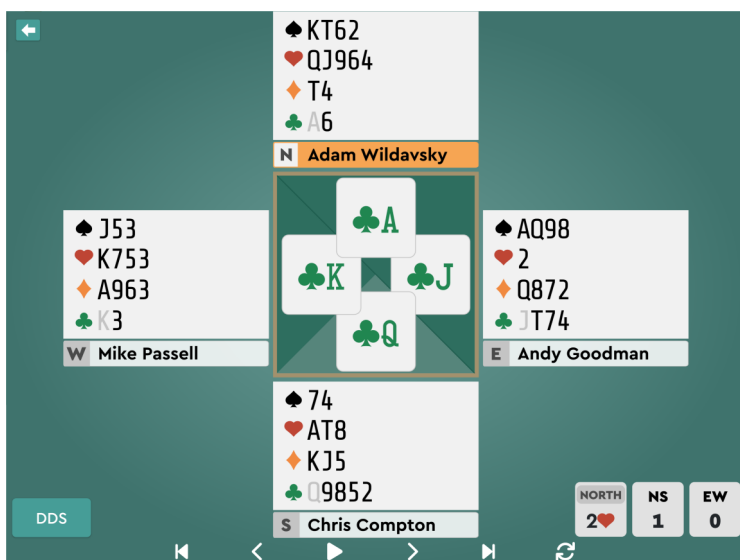
In the Open Room, Wildavsky overcalled 1C with 1D. Passell passed and Compton had alternatives. He could bid 1H, constructive and non-forcing... or he could bid a forcing 2H. (Their convention card reflects this possibility.)

Chris chose 1H, perhaps because he also held four spades and did not want to take that suit out of the picture. Goodman, Passell, and Wildavsky all passed.

Compton took the same 11 tricks in hearts that he would have taken in NT.

Cross IMPs...

1.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	1.48	133.37	90
2.	Finn Kolesnik - Ish DelMonte	Rosenthal	1.46	131.80	90
3.	Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein	Rosenthal	1.20	71.91	60
4.	Daniel Korbel - Roger Lee	Levine	0.98	88.05	90
5.	Jeff Meckstroth - Zia Mahmood	Fleisher	0.95	71.18	75
6.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	0.81	60.80	75
7.	Ai-Tai Lo - Alex Kolesnik	Gu	0.68	50.77	75
8.	Andy Goodman - Mike Passell	Goodman	0.57	42.42	75
9.	Chris Willenken - Eldad Ginossar	Rosenthal	0.55	49.36	90
10.	Brian Platnick - Kevin Rosenberg	Bramley	0.52	62.02	120
11.	Jeff Aker - Doug Simson	Simson	0.31	37.08	120
12.	Gary Cohler - Billy Cohen	Simson	0.30	35.89	118
13.	Jiang Gu - Walter Lee	Gu	0.25	17.69	71
14.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Bramley	0.20	24.13	120
15.	Kevin Dwyer - Shan Huang	Levine	0.01	0.75	90
16.	Pratap Rajadhyaksha - Venkatrao Koneru	Goodman	0.01	1.16	86
17.	John Schermer - Neil Chambers	Juster	-0.02	-1.35	59
18.	Julie Arbit - Anam Tebha	Amer	-0.03	-3.88	120
19.	Debbie Rosenberg - Max Schireson	Schireson	-0.20	-23.95	120
20.	Jacob Morgan - Jeff Juster	Juster	-0.22	-19.63	90
21.	Chris Compton - Adam Wildavsky	Gu	-0.25	-22.32	90
22.	Ron Smith - Ethan Wood	Dinkin	-0.28	-16.96	60
23.	Christian Jolly - Owen Lien	Amer	-0.39	-46.52	120
24.	John McAllister - Will Watson	Schireson	-0.52	-62.19	120
25.	Peter Weichsel - Bob Hamman	Juster	-0.58	-51.99	89
26.	Mike Levine - Eddie Wold	Levine	-0.64	-38.40	60
27.	Jeff Ferro - Franco Baseggio	Baseggio	-0.69	-82.70	120
28.	Tom Breur - Ethan Wood	Dinkin	-1.00	-30.09	30
29.	Drew Casen - Jim Krekorian	Goodman	-1.20	-89.73	75
30.	Ron Smith - Tom Breur	Dinkin	-1.31	-39.37	30
31.	Michael Shuster - Sam Dinkin	Dinkin	-1.39	-166.65	120
32.	Drew Hoskins - Amber Lin	Baseggio	-1.52	-182.65	120



On Board 7, in Gu/Goodman, trick ONE produced an awesome High Wish Trick!

This is the perfect way to welcome team Nickell into the fray!

BOARD: 28
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ 942
♥ Q54
♦ AKJ864
♣ 4

♠ A853
♥ J7
♦ Q7
♣ JT932

♠ QJ7
♥ AK8632
♦ 9
♣ K65

♠ KT6
♥ T9
♦ T532
♣ AQ87

Par: -110

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	4	8	4	5	5
EW	9	4	8	8	5

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

David Caprera called our attention to Board 28 in the Schireson/Bramley match. On vugraph, Debbie Rosenberg and Max Schireson were defending 3H.

Schireson led the D2. The commentators were united in saying that Debbie needed to play her club at trick 2 to defeat the partscore. (The double dummy analysis agrees!)

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP	NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Goodman	Gu	Open	4♦	N ♥A	-1	100	-	-	
			Closed	3♦	N ♥A	-1	100			
2	Bramley	Schireson	Open	4♦	S ♥J	-2	200			6
			Closed	3♥	E ♦2	-1	50			
3	Rosenthal	Dinkin	Open	3♥	E ♦3	-1	50		4	
			Closed	3♦	N ♥A	-1	100			
4	Fleisher	Baseggio	Open	4♠x	W ♣4	-4	800		14	
			Closed	4♦	N ♥K	-1	100			
5	Levine	Amer	Open	4♦	N ♥A	-1	100			4
			Closed	3♠	W ♣4	-1	50			
6	Juster	Simson	Open	3♦	N ♥K	-1	100			
			Closed	3♦	N ♥K	-1	100			

After some thought, Debbie returned a spade to the Q, K, A, killing the entries to dummy! David believed that was the winning defense when declarer, Brian Platnick, ran the dummy's CJ to Schireson's CQ.

Schireson continued his attack on diamonds. Platnick ruffed. He cashed the HAK and played his CK. Schireson won his ace. Max led the ST won by Platnick's jack. Platnick played the C6. Debbie ruffed and cashed the high spade.

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♣ 4

N Debbie Rosenberg

♠ A853
♥ J7
♦ Q7
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W Kevin Rosenberg

♠ QJ7
♥ AK8632
♦ 9
♣ K65

E Brian Platnick

♠ KT6
♥ T9
♦ T532
♣ AQ87

S Max Schireson

EAST NS
3♥ 0

David wrote that Debbie found the winning play while the commentators missed it. This isn't really true. Platnick could have led the HJ from dummy smothering the HT9 and succeed. This would be far inferior to the line he actually took.

The commentators' suggestion that Debbie switch to a club at trick 2 was correct. With a club switch, Schireson must win the CQ, give Debbie a club ruff without cashing the CA. Debbie can then play spades and declarer will always lose one trump, two clubs, a diamond and a spade for down one!

For this to work, South must be very careful not to cash their CA before giving partner their ruff. Sorry David... It's back to the couch for you!!

BOARD: 37

DEALER: NORTH

VULNERABLE: N-S

Ginossaur

♠ AK432

♥ QT753

♦ 862

♣

Bruer

♠ T97

♥ 94

♦ AK

♣ T98654

Smith

♠ 85

♥ AJ

♦ QJ7543

♣ 732

Par: 620

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	6	10	10	6
EW	5	7	1	1	3

Willenken

♠ QJ6

♥ K862

♦ T9

♣ AKQJ

Board 37 was tough for both the offense and the defense.

While 4H is cold, several declarers were not able to find the winning line. Chris Willenken played the hand very well to score his ten tricks. Tom Bruer led his king and ace of diamonds, showing a doubleton. He left his hand with a club on which Willenken tossed dummy's last diamond. He ruffed the CJ in dummy with the H3 and played a small heart toward East's jack and his king in hand. Chris scored his game and gained 12 IMPs while at the other table, Ish led the king and ace of diamonds against Dinkin's 4H. Ish shifted to a small heart... nice play!! Finn Kolesnik won his ace and played the D5. Dinkin ruffed with the EIGHT and Ish overruffed with the NINE to defeat 4H. 12 IMPs to Rosenthal