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Results:

Mixed USBC - 2024

* Pollack slow play penalty 1 imp
* Pollack 2nd slow play penalty 0.5 imps
* Ding segment 3 board 40 TD ruling reduced set score by 3 imps

QuarterFinal (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
12-May-2024		<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>									
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Rosenthal	195	46	40	26	83					
8	Ivatory - wins tie	83	7	26	28	22					
2	Rubenstein - wins tie	180	30	31	86	33					
7	Pollack	76.5	12	39	3	24					-1.5
3	Millens - wins tie	177	26	60	41	50					
6	Ding	129	48	21	31	29					
4	Zhang - wins tie	171	58	43	45	25					
5	Lewis	130	15	38	47	30					

Hope you had a Happy Mother's Day yesterday!

Ed. Note: With delayed broadcasting, it is challenging to watch every hand for write ups. If anyone has a particularly interesting hand, please send me the board # & match # with any important details. I will do my best to review and include it. Email to stansubeck@prodigy.net. Thank you!

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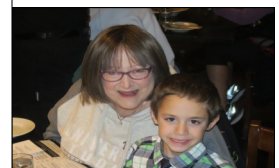
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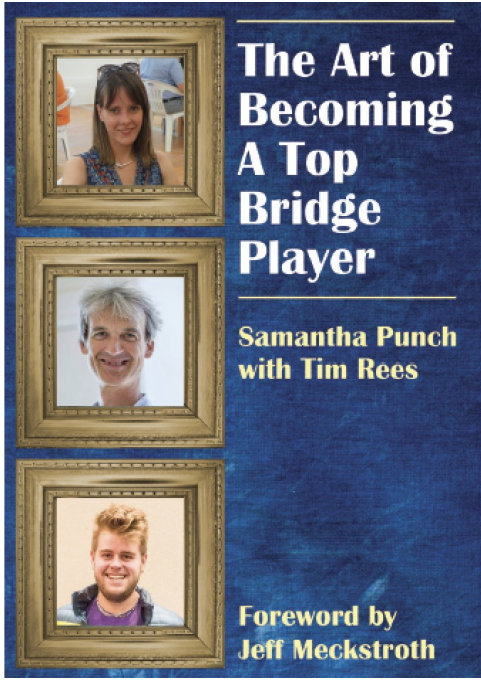


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Master Point Press



This year, as we did last year, we will be tracking time used by each pair and penalizing a team if their pairs use significantly more than their allotted time. Each pair is allotted half of the session time, which is actually more time than they should be using, since some of the time at the table is "neutral," not charged to either pair. Pages 23 & 24 of the USBF General Conditions of Contest have the penalties charged; Appendix A has details of time keeping.

The penalty scale has been adjusted somewhat based on our experience last year, but the major change we've made for this year is in how time taken is shown to you at the table. Each player has a "pair clock" showing the amount of pair time remaining in the segment. The pair clock appears on the screen to the left of the table clock at the start of each board. The clock does not update during the bidding (otherwise it would provide information about which player on the other side of the screen was taking time) and I believe it is no longer visible during the play because that place on the screen is used for something else. The clock will be outlined in red if the time remaining is less than the allocated time for the remaining boards.

Play In Tempo Our Policy...



Mixed Teams Entered

Carmichael	Tom Carmichael, Capt Christian Jolly	Jenni Carmichael Julie Arbit
Derman	Ethan Derman, Capt George Klemic	Avery Silverstein Maya Jonas-Silver
Ding	Donna Compton, Capt Hong Ding	Chris Compton Adam Wildavsky
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Harrison Luba Jeff Ferro	Yoko Sobel Cynthia Huang Jean Barry
Ivatury	Uday Ivatury, Capt Shawn Quinn Lapt Chan	Allan Graves Irina Kislitsyna Christal Henner
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Cheri Bjerkan	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Larry Robbins
Millens	Shan Huang, Capt Kevin Dwyer Sandra Rimstedt	Joan Millens Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt
Pollack	Rozanne Pollack, Capt Dave Caprera	Bill Pollack Anne Brenner
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Michael Rosenberg	Migry Campanile Jenny Wolpert Debbie Rosenberg
Rubenstein	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Zach Grossack Adam Grossack	Anam Tebha Giorgia Botta Emma Kolesnik
Zhang	Susan Zhang, Capt Eddie Wold Janice Molson	Sylvia Shi Daniel Korbel



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This applies to players AND kibitzers.

Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.

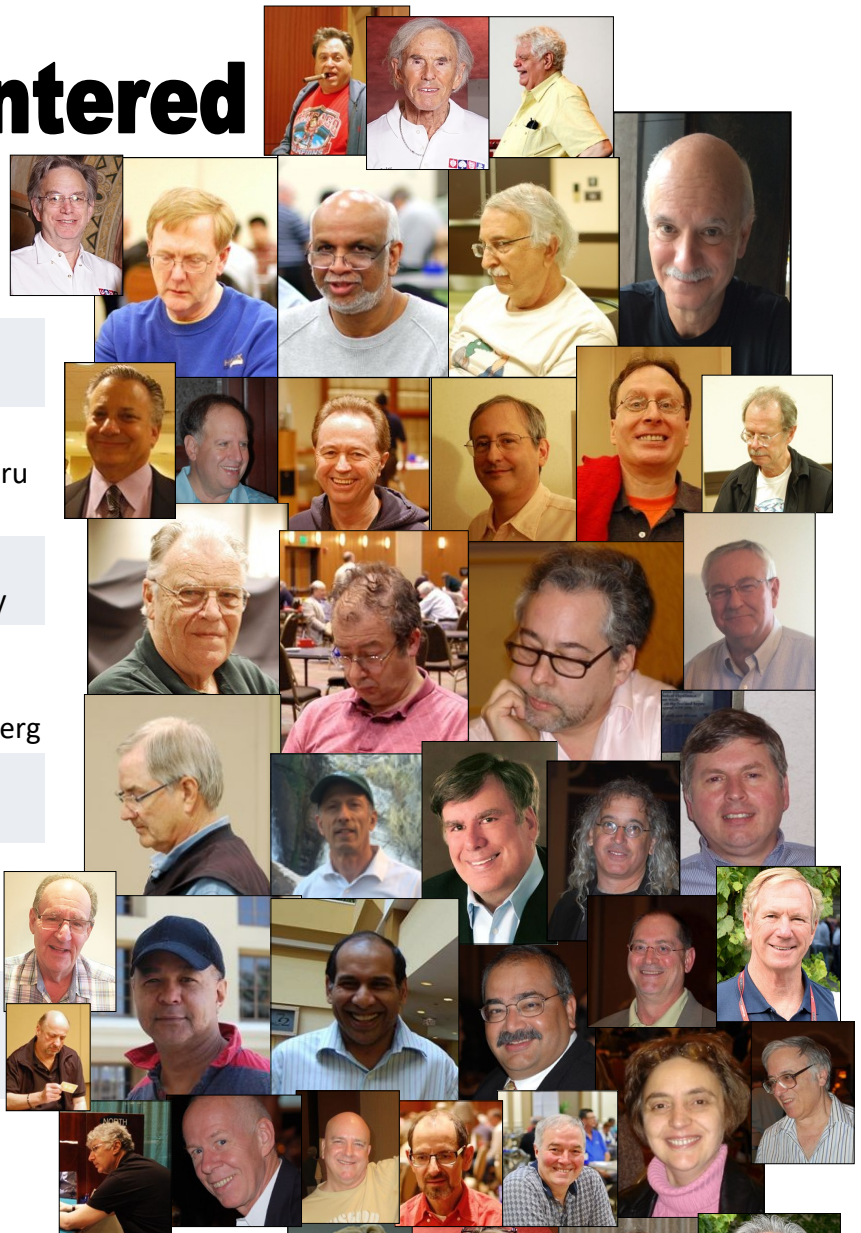
Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.

The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



Senior Teams Entered

Aker	Jeff Aker, Capt John Lusky Barry Rigal	Allan Falk Glenn Milgrim Ron Rubin
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Bob Bitterman	Mark Aquino Mark Bendure
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Pratap Rajadhyaksha Ron Smith	Mike Passell Venkatrao Koneru Billy Cohen
Hamman	Bob Hamman, Capt Doug Doub	Neil Chambers Adam Wildavsky
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Eric Rodwell Zia Mahmood	Reese Milner Eddie Wold Michael Rosenberg
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bernie Greenspan	Lance Kerr Fred Schenker
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Jim Krekorian Steve Beatty	Curtis Cheek Peter Weichsel Fred Stewart
Tulin	Gary Cohler, Capt Alan Sontag Kit Woolsey	Stanley Tulin Ralph Katz Bart Bramley
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz	Steve Garner Jeff Meckstroth



Women's Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Kerri Sanborn Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt [alternate] Debbie Rosenberg	Olivia Schireson Jill Meyers Sandra Rimstedt [alternate] Migry Campanile
Cooper	Kitty Cooper, Capt Linda Lewis Rozanne Pollack	Lynne Feldman Hjordis Eythorsdottir Cheri Bjerkan
Zhang	Susan Zhang, Capt Janice Molson	Sylvia Shi Irina Levitina



Open Team Tournament Schedule

OPEN SCHEDULE			
Day	Date	Time (CDT)	Boards
Round of 16 (if 14-16 teams enter; fewer than 14 will be rr with different schedule)			
Wednesday	May 1	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Lunch Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Thursday	May 2	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Lunch Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Quarterfinal			
Friday	May 3	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Lunch Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Saturday	May 4	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Lunch Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Semifinal			
Sunday	May 5	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Monday	May 6	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Final			
Tuesday	May 7	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Wednesday	May 8	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60

Location: TBD

Lovebridge practice sessions

Day	Date	Time (CDT)
Tuesday	April 30	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday	May 9	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturday	May 18	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	May 22	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS

On Zoom			
Event	Day	Date	Time (CDT)
Open	Tuesday	April 30	9:00 PM
Mixed	Thursday	May 9	9:00 PM
Senior	Saturday	May 18	9:00 PM
Women's	Monday or Wednesday	May 20 or 22	9:00 PM

Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

Mixed Schedule			
Round Robin or KO - Schedule will depend on number of teams			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Friday	May 10		
Saturday	May 11		
Quarterfinal			
Sunday	May 12	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Monday	May 13	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Semifinal			
Tuesday	May 14	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Wednesday	May 15	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Final			
Thursday	May 16	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60 75 minute Break Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90
Friday	May 17	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15 Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60

Bridge is one of the last games in which the computer is not better.

-Bill Gates



The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but escaping once he's in.

-Alfred Sheinwold



One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.

-Alfred Sheinwold



Senior Schedule

SENIOR SCHEDULE			
Round Robin or KO - Schedule will depend on number of teams			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Sunday	May 19		
Monday	May 20		
Quarterfinal			
Tuesday	May 21	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
Wednesday	May 22	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
Semifinal			
Thursday	May 23	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
Friday	May 24	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
Final			
Saturday	May 25	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
Sunday	May 26	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

There is a fine line between a numerator and a denominator...
But only a fraction would understand.

What do you call a number that can't keep still?
A roamin' numeral!

Why did two fours skip lunch?
Because they already eight.

Are monsters good at math?
Not unless you Count Dracula.

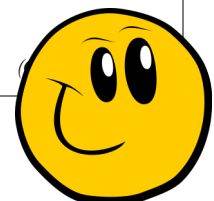
Why did the student get upset when her teacher called her average?
It was a "mean" thing to say!

Why is an obtuse triangle always so frustrated?
Because it's never right.

Why couldn't the angle get a loan?
Its parents wouldn't cosine.

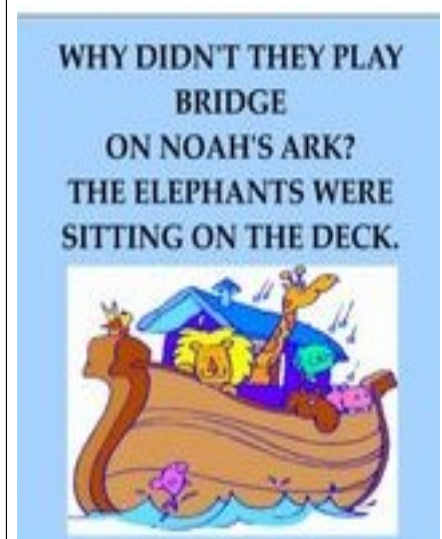
Who invented the Round Table?
Sir Cumference.

What did one math book say to the other?
Don't bother me! I've got my own problems.



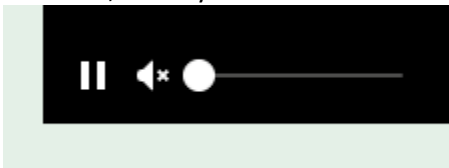
Beth Palmer WOMEN'S SCHEDULE			
Round Robin or Quarterfinal if 5-8 teams enter - schedule will depend on number of teams			
Tuesday	May 21		
Wednesday	May 22		
Semifinal			
Thursday	May 23	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Friday	May 24	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
Final			
Saturday	May 25	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
Sunday	May 26	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

Beth Palmer Women's Schedule



2024 USBCs Kibitzing - There will be delayed kibitzing for all of the 2024 USBCs on LoveBridge

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. If you get to the voice commentary and there is no sound, you need to "unmute." When you first get to the page, there is a small icon of a speaker in the middle of your screen with an x on it. Click there to unmute. If you miss that icon, move your cursor to the bottom left of the screen and you should see a something like this:



Click on the speaker to unmute.

Vugraph is delayed for 30 minutes or until all tables have completed play on a board, whichever is later.

Kibitzing Schedule (EDT)

For all KO days of the 2024 USBCs, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT; Segment 2: 1:45 pm EDT

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:00 pm EDT; Segment 4: 7:15 pm EDT

For Round Robin days, each kibitzing segment will start 30 minutes after play starts. No voice for RR's. To listen to commentary, search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentators. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

Deep Involvement: Choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into 4 small screens – 2 of them showing the 2 tables of the match you choose, the other 2 having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can 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.

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, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

Navigation icons:

While surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is 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.



Today is the Mixed.
That's one of my
faves!
Most play quite
straight...
Very few saves!



Kibitzing...

2024 USBCs Hospitality

We are returning to our pre-pandemic hospitality, with the hospitality suite (room 2321) open most of the day for socializing, Vugraph, and snacks. We will be providing breakfast and lunch each **day of play**. Marie-France Benoit will be our lead hostess, with help from Jacob Morgan and Julie Arbit, who makes the best guacamole. If you're at the tournament and can volunteer to help with hospitality (pick up items at Costco or nearby stores or restaurants, preparing food) please let Jan or Marie-France know.

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be the usual breakfast food: cereal, bagels, toast, salmon, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. For those who prefer Keurig coffee, that will be available. So long as the suite doesn't become too crowded, you are welcome to eat there. No masking requirement.

Lunch: On the first four days of each event we will be serving a buffet lunch in a hotel banquet room, usually the Slate and Cyan rooms at the front of the hotel; we will have signs in the Player Break Room and Hospitality Suite with daily location. The hotel will be supplying what they do best: salads and chips. We will be bringing in 2 or 3 hot dishes from a local restaurant each day. There should be enough room for you to eat in the hotel banquet room, but you are welcome to take food from there to an outside table or to your hotel room. Lunch will be served from about half an hour before the morning session is supposed to end until about half an hour after the afternoon session starts. After the first 4 days of each event, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite at the break. There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, berries, cookies or other desserts. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators. As with breakfast, you are welcome to eat in the hospitality suite unless it is too crowded.

Let us know if you have specific needs. Our hosts will do their very best to accommodate you.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

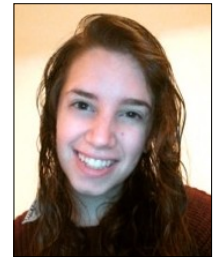
We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. Please keep your voices down in the Break Room where we are working.

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 for coffee, water or an escort outside to smoke.



Marie-France



Julie Arbit

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Why was math class so long?

The teacher kept going off on a tangent.

What do you call a crushed angle?

A wrecked angle

Why did the student do multiplication problems on the floor?

The teacher told him not to use tables.

Why was the equal sign so humble?

Because she knew she wasn't greater than or less than anyone else.

A farmer counted 397 cows in his field.

But when he rounded them up, he had 400.

What do you get when you cross geometry with McDonald's?

A plane cheeseburger.

What did the student say when the witch doctor removed his curse?

Hexagon.



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Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 14

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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

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Why did the math professor divide sin by tan?

Just cos.

There are three kinds of people in this world.

Those who can count and those who can't.

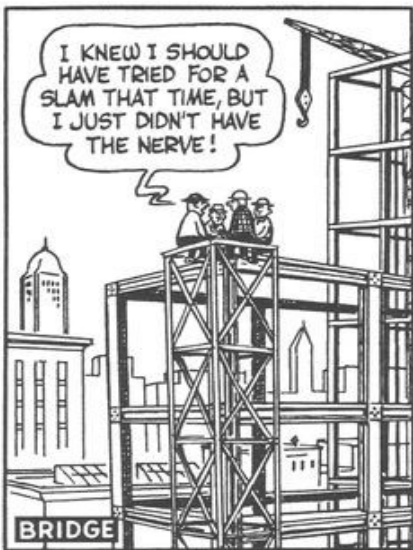
What's the one shape you should avoid at all costs?

A TRAP-ezoid.

Why did the Romans think algebra was so easy?

They knew X was always 10!

What is 2n plus 2n? I don't know. It sounds 4n to me



Why did the 30-60-90 triangle marry the 45-45-90 triangle?

They were right for each other.



Please be "scent" sitive! Many players have allergies and have trouble breathing when perfumed aromas are present! Thank you!!



Puzzle Page ...

Soccer

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 37 letters spell a secret message.

I N R S O C K S M T U O T O O H S E A
 R E P E E W S C T Y W S E E T B C N F
 W A L L D L Y H I O E T R R I I A O B
 F C C K U C R O R K U L O E T L R L U
 I E H O C O A L U T Y P L C K M A F L
 F S F E W I D R I E S T A O A I F O C
 A N H I E C R T D L R R L T W O R L G
 S E N O U R S T G K P O I A K C E T N
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| CLUB | GOALS | PRACTICE | SUBSTITUTE |
| COACH | GRASS | RED CARD | SWEeper |
| COIN TOSS | HALVES | REFEREE | THROW-IN |
| CORNER KICK | HAT TRICK | SCORE | TOUCHLINE |
| DEFENSE | HEADING | SHIN GUARD | WALL |
| FANS | JERSEY | SHOOT-OUT | WORLD CUP |
| FIELD | JUGGLING | SHORTS | YELLOW CARD |
| FIFA | KICK-OFF | SHOT | |



Play online
Or offline;
That is your
choice.
Do as you
wish.
You have a
voice!

According to a new report, adverse side effects occurred in over 3,000 women who used Botox last year—none of whom seemed surprised. —



A local lumberyard was having an open house, and my mother really wanted to go. Dad, though, had no interest. After badgering him with no luck, she finally said, "If you don't go, I'll be the only woman there." Dad shrugged. "If I go, you'll still be the only woman there."

The Bermuda Bowl victor is on the brink of elimination at the International Team Trials.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28 — An upset was in the making when play resumed today at the International Team Trials, which determine the American teams in the world championships in October in Greece.

Top-seeded is the team headed by Nick Nickell, including Dick Freeman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bob Wolff and Bob Hamman. They won the Bermuda Bowl eight months ago in Beijing, but here they face elimination. After 75 deals of a scheduled 120 in the semifinal, they trailed by 94 imps against Larry Robbins, Gary Cohler, Jerry Goldfein, Gerald Caravelli, Jack Oest and Steve Garner.

In the other semifinal, Zia Mahmood, Seymon Deutsch, Lew Stansby, Chip Martel and Michael Rosenberg led by 10 against Howard Weinstein, Ralph Katz, Peter Nagy, Bruce Ferguson, Fred Stewart and Steve Weinstein.

After 16 deals of a scheduled 96 in Women's Team play, a strong team headed by Kathie Wei-Sender led by 20 imps against a group including Dorothy Truscott. In the other match, two teams were in opposition. Juanita Chambers, Gail Greenberg, Jillian Blanchard, Irina Levitina and Shawn Quinn led by 17 against Judy Tucker, Karen Allison, Stasha Cohen, Lisa Berkowitz, Rozanne Pollack and Pam Wittes.

The Robbins team gained 47 imps in 15 deals, one of which is in the diagram. Wolff as East opened two clubs, a natural bid with limited values, and the bidding reached the five-level. He bid five no-trump to show a good hand, and his partner, Hamman, doubled six spades.

The lead was crucial. If Hamman had led a diamond, it would have been all over. But he made the nor-

		NORTH	
		♠ 8 7 6	
		♥ K J 8 5	
		♦ Q 7 6 5 3	
		♣ A	
WEST		EAST	
♠ K 2		♠ —	
♥ 10 4 3 2		♥ Q 7 6	
♦ J 4 2		♦ A K 10 9	
♣ K 9 4 2		♣ Q J 10 8 7 6	
		SOUTH	
		♠ A Q J 10 9 5 4 3	
		♥ A 9	
		♦ 8	
		♣ 5 3	

Both sides were vulnerable. The bidding:

East	South	West	North
2 ♣	4 ♠	5 ♣	5 ♠
5 N.T.	6 ♠	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the club two.

mal lead of a club and Robbins as South had a chance. He won with the club ace in dummy, led to the spade ace and cashed the heart ace. He concluded that Wolff was likely to have the heart queen, so he led to dummy's king, ruffed a heart and was rewarded. Dummy's jack was established, and a club ruff permitted him to lead that card and discard his diamond loser.

Making the doubled slam gained 14 imps. In the replay, the contract was five spades, making six.



Larry Robbins loves to play bridge but he is still worried about the future of the game. He is a world class neurologist, a specialist in headaches. He has a headache center just north of Chicago.

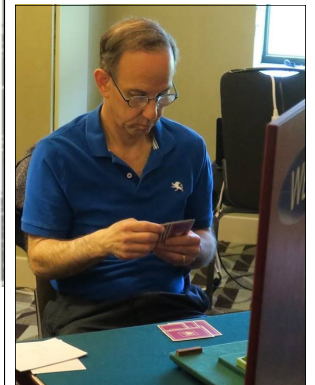
In his spare time, Larry is an avid hockey player.

Larry has won a number of national team titles (in bridge not hockey) including the 1996 USBC (then the Team Trials.) He was a member of the team that represented the USA in Rhodes, Greece that year.

Favorite Conventions
Robins Nest (he will need to tell us about that!)

BBO Username
lrobb98

Larry is playing in this Mixed USBC in partnership with Cheri Bjerkan on the Lewis Team.



Logic Puzzle Page

	Owners						Breeds						Dogs					
	Anita	Barbara	Chester	Douglas	Elsie	Fernando	beagle	bulldog	dalmatian	great dane	irish setter	maltese	Harley	Max	Princess	Riley	Samson	Shadow
Years	2006																	
	2007																	
	2008																	
	2009																	
	2010																	
	2011																	
Dogs	Harley																	
	Max																	
	Princess																	
	Riley																	
	Samson																	
	Shadow																	
Breeds	beagle																	
	bulldog																	
	dalmatian																	
	great dane																	
	irish setter																	
	maltese																	



**Answer
on page14**

Years	Owners	Breeds	Dogs
2006			
2007			
2008			
2009			
2010			
2011			

You want proof baseball players are smarter than football players? How often do you see a baseball team penalized for too many men on the field? — Jim Bouton, Yankees Pitcher

- Anita's canine isn't Samson.
- Of the canine that won in 2010 and the beagle, one is Anita's and the other is Riley.
- Of the irish setter and the dalmatian, one is Anita's and the other won in 2007.
- The great dane won 2 years before Chester's canine.
- Samson isn't the bulldog.
- The six dogs are Douglas's canine, the canine that won

- in 2007, the beagle, the canine that won in 2011, the irish setter and Princess.
- Fernando's canine won 2 years after the bulldog.
- The bulldog won 3 years after Barbara's canine.
- Of the dalmatian and the beagle, one is Chester's and the other is Max.
- Douglas's canine isn't Shadow

Playing Procedures Reviewed For Those Arriving for the Mixed, Seniors, Womens

You will be playing on Chromebooks using LoveBridge software. The Chromebooks all have wired mice, which you may choose to use or not. They also have touch screens if you prefer that, and of course integrated keyboards. You will not be able to go to any websites other than the LoveBridge playing site from the playing room Chromebooks.

There will be 2 players in each room, one from each team in the match - North & East together and South & West together. All of the NE rooms are on the first floor; all of the SW rooms are on the second floor.

Because some of you have said that you prefer the opponents' system information on paper in addition to being available on the Chromebooks, we are asking each player to bring a copy of their SSF, convention card, and if relevant the ACBL Multi defense to the table for their opponent. If you need help printing anything, come to room 1321 before you play and one of us will print for you.

After you have finished a segment and scored with your teammates, please check the score on LoveBridge and if you disagree with it, come to room 1321 and so we can sort it out.

Captains:

Your lineup sheet been shared with you. If you can't open it, or don't understand something about it, please let us know.

For the first segment of play each day, the Away team (the team that does not have seating rights for the segment) should tell the Home team their lineup (by email, text, or an entry on the lineup sheet) no later than 8:50 am (70 minutes before play starts), and enter the lineup on their lineup sheet no later than 9:00 am. If you enter your lineup on the lineup sheet before 8:50 am, that will satisfy both requirements. The Home team should give the Away team its lineup by 8:55 am, and should also enter it on the lineup sheet no later than 9:00 am. Of course, if the Away team doesn't communicate its lineup on time, the Home team has more time.

We ask you to enter the lineup on your lineup sheet because that may be the easiest way to give your lineup to your opponent. If you leave your lineup page open on your computer or other device, it will automatically update with the opponent's lineup when they enter it. Also, especially for the first segment of the day, there are often players who come to the office asking where they're supposed to sit and if the lineup is on the lineup sheet, we can direct them.

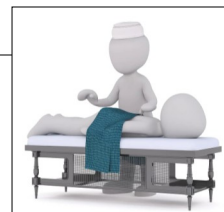
For subsequent segments, you need only notify each other of your lineups (10 minutes before the start of the segment for the Away team, 5 minutes for the Home team), although you are welcome to enter the lineup on the lineup sheet in case one of your players doesn't know where they are supposed to sit and comes to ask us.

Line-Up Procedures

For those of you who are interested, Ela has agreed to come to the Hyatt to provide massages any day that we have 3 or more people who want her. So if you want a massage, please let me know a day or two in advance, including what your timing is, and I'll try to make things work.

For now, Ela said she could come on April 30th for anyone who wants a post-flight, pre-tournament massage. So if you want one, please let me know and tell me what time(s) would work for you.

I think Ela still charges \$100 for an hour. She'll be setting her table up in my room (5117) and will have a key so she can get in and can let you in when it's your turn. Any questions, let Jan know!



**Massage Therapist
message from Jan**

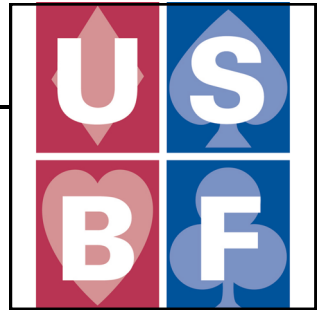
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2	4	8	5	1	7	3	9	8
1	8	3	7	9	4	2	5	6
5	4	2	9	8	3	6	7	1
9	1	8	3	7	6	5	4	2
6	3	7	5	4	2	8	1	9
8	5	7	2	9	4	6	3	1
4	8	5	9	7	6	3	1	2
3	6	9	3	8	1	5	4	7

1	6	3	7	4	8	9	2	5
8	7	5	9	3	2	1	6	4
4	9	2	1	5	6	3	7	8
3	4	9	2	8	5	7	1	6
7	2	8	6	1	9	5	4	3
6	1	5	3	7	4	8	9	2
9	8	4	5	2	1	6	3	7
5	2	3	6	4	7	1	8	9
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Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 9

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



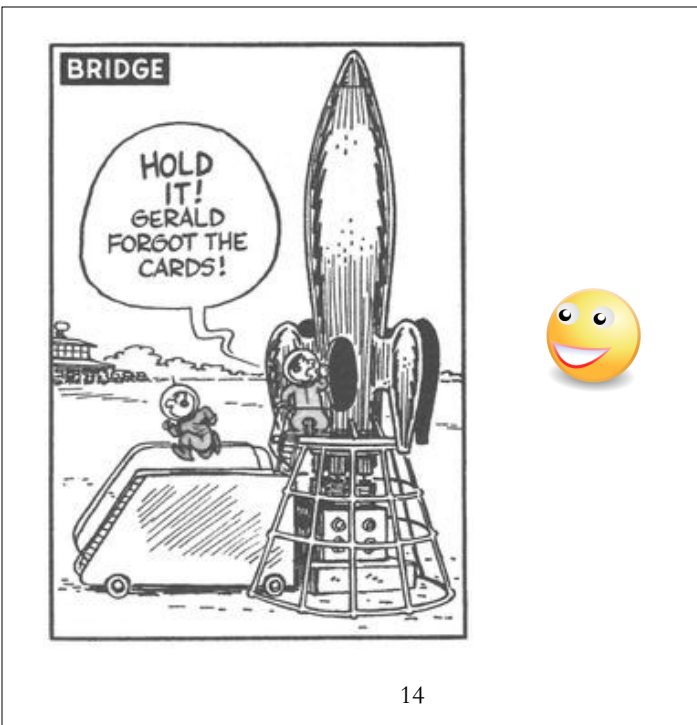
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Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 12

2011	Fernando	Maltese	Samson
2010	Anita	Irish setter	Shadow
2009	Douglas	Bulldog	Harley
2008	Chester	Beagle	Riley
2007	Elsie	Dalmatian	Max
2006	Barbara	Great dane	Princess

BOARD: 4
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ 9432
♥ T42
♦ Q6
♣ 8642

♠ KQ5
♥ AKJ9
♦ 94
♣ AT95

♠ AJ86
♥ 865
♦ K73
♣ QJ3

♠ T7
♥ Q73
♦ AJT852
♣ K7

Par: -1440

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N5	1	5	1	1	1
E	12	8	12	12	12
W	10	7	10	11	7

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting	IMP
Rosenthal	Ivatury	Open	3N	W	♠4	+3			690
		Closed	3N	W	♠4	+2			660
Rubenstein	Pollack	Open	3N	W	♠4	+2			660
		Closed	3N	W	♥4	+2			660
Millens	Ding	Open	3N	W	♣4	+2			660
		Closed	3N	W	♦Q	-2	200		660
Zhang	Lewis	Open	3N	E	♦T	+2			660
		Closed	3N	W	♣6	+3		1	690

Board 4 is one of those hands (and it's in the extreme) where declarer if East will bring in 12 tricks in 3NT, but if West, can only take 7 on best lead from North.

At the tables, seven pairs played 3NT from West. Only one declared from East. Six of those seven who declared from West succeeded with overtricks. One failed!

The only lead to defeat 3NT is the DQ from North.

In Millens/Ding where 3NT was defeated by Lin-Huan Chen and Ding-Hwa Hsieh, the opponents employed a puppet stayman bid of 3D that allowed South to double and made it easy for North to find the DQ!

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
1NT	PASS	3♦	DBL
PASS	PASS	3NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

1NT=15-17
3D=ask for 5 card major

Score card >
Frequency >
Live scores >

LoveBridge

♠ 9432
♥ T42
♦ Q6
♣ 8642

N Lin-Huan Chen

♠ KQ5
♥ AKJ9
♦ 94
♣ AT95

W Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt

♠ AJ86
♥ 865
♦ K73
♣ QJ3

E Cecilia Dwyer

♠ T7
♥ Q73
♦ AJT852
♣ K7

S Ding-Hwa Hsieh

WEST 3NT

Many would not have bid 3D on this 4-3-3-3 hand even if it were in their arsenal, thinking that a 9-trick game might be easier than a 10-trick game with no ruffing values.

To that point, Kislitsyna/Chan in the Rosenthal/Ivatury had a simple 1NT-P-3NT-All Pass auction where Michael Rosenberg led a "normal" spade. Giorgia Botta and Zach Grossack had the same auction in Pollack/Rubenstein and Bill Pollack led the H4.

Without help from South, it is very difficult for North to find the lead of the DQ.

On many hands this would have been moot because South would not hold a decent 6-card diamond suit and would have no double. On this hand, it was a perfect storm for Millens... N/S held the magic lie in diamonds AND they had a convention that fit their hands but gave the opponents a chance to exchange information they never could have without it.

13 IMPs to Ding

15

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★
					NS EW
Rosenthal	Ivatury	Open	6♥ S	♥7 =	1430
		Closed	6♥ S	♦6 =	1430
Rubenstein	Pollack	Open	4♥ S	♠3 +2	680
		Closed	4♥ S	♠3 +3	710
Millens	Ding	Open	4♥ S	♠3 +2	680
		Closed	4♥ N	♦5 +2	680
Zhang	Lewis	Open	4♥ S	♠3 +2	680
		Closed	4♥ S	♠3 +3	710

Looking at the scoresheet, the lack of swings makes Board 7 look flat. it really isn't. Six pairs played in the heart game N/S while two bid and made the cold slam.

Declarer was destined to take 12 tricks with hearts splitting 3-2 and both the DK and SQ onside.

Hand details:
 N: Michael Rosenberg (♠ 54, ♥ KQ942, ♦ AT4, ♣ J97)
 W: Irina Kislitsyna (♠ 32, ♥ 76, ♦ K9876, ♣ 8642)
 S: Debbie Rosenberg (♠ AKJT8, ♥ A83, ♦ QJ3, ♣ KQ)
 E: Lapt Chan (♠ Q976, ♥ JT5, ♦ 52, ♣ AT53)

Bidding history:
 W: 2NT, 3♦, 4NT, 5NT
 N: PASS, PASS, PASS, PASS
 E: PASS, PASS, PASS, PASS
 S: PASS, PASS, PASS, PASS

3D=hearts
5NT=NF

The Rosenbergs in Rosenthal/Ivatury reached the 6H slam after Debbie opened 2NT; Michael transferred; Debbie accepted the transfer and Michael evaluated his hand strength well, bidding 4NT and checking for keycards.

When Debbie showed what she had, Michael made one last ditch try with 5NT. With less than 3-card support, or minimum values, Debbie could pass 5NT and play it there.

As it was, her values looked prime and she accepted the slam try.

At the other table in that same match, Quinn also opened 2NT. Graves also transferred. Quinn superaccepted by jumping to 4H and Graves asked for keycards.

Shawn showed 2 without the queen and Graves bid the slam.

Percentage-wise, slam isn't a great contract requiring so much to be right, however, aggressive vulnerable games and slams win matches!

In this case, bidding it at both tables in the same match pushed the board preventing a loss!

Hand details:
 N: Allan Graves (♠ 54, ♥ KQ942, ♦ AT4, ♣ J97)
 W: Chris Willenken (♠ 32, ♥ 76, ♦ K9876, ♣ 8642)
 S: Shawn Quinn (♠ AKJT8, ♥ A83, ♦ QJ3, ♣ KQ)
 E: Jenny Wolpert (♠ Q976, ♥ JT5, ♦ 52, ♣ AT53)

Bidding history:
 W: 2NT, 3♦, 4NT, 5NT
 N: PASS, PASS, PASS, PASS
 E: PASS, PASS, PASS, PASS
 S: PASS, PASS, PASS, PASS

3D=hearts
4H=Cheerful acceptance, may be 3 trump
5H=2 w/o the queen

BOARD: 9
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ 97542
 ♥ KJ
 ♦ Q8763
 ♣ 2

♠ AQ6
 ♥ 3
 ♦ AJT952
 ♣ T98

♠ KJT3
 ♥ AQ86
 ♦ K4
 ♣ 543

♠ 8
 ♥ T97542
 ♦
 ♣ AKQJ76

Par: 140

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	8	2	9	2	4
EW	3	8	3	8	7

		Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	IMP
		NS	EW	Home	Visiting				
1	Rosenthal	Ivatury	Open	5♦x	W	♣2	-3	800	12
			Closed	3N	E	♣A	-2	200	
2	Rubenstein	Pollack	Open	5♦x	E	♣K	-3	800	14
			Closed	4♥x	S	♣T	-1	100	
3	Millens	Ding	Open	3N	E	♣A	-2	200	12
			Closed	5♥x	N	♦K	-3	500	
4	Zhang	Lewis	Open	3N	E	♣K	-2	200	9
			Closed	4♥x	S	♦A	=	590	

Board 9 is one of the swingiest boards in the event so far.

In every match, one or two tables played doubled.

There were no legitimately makeable games.

Seven declarers went down in whatever they played. Only one declarer in the field was successful!

Defending 3NT, South was licking their chops, anxious to lead a club. They couldn't and shouldn't consider a double for fear the opponents would run. As we can see, N/S scored +200 consistently vs. the NT game!

At the two tables where 5D was played, the contract went down 3 doubled and vulnerable. At the tables playing in hearts, 5H fared the same. 4HX went down one in Rubenstein/Pollack while in Zhang/Lewis, Larry Robbins became the only declarer to get a positive score. Korbel led the DA and Robbins ruffed in hand.

Robbins played the H4 to the 3, J, and Q. Sylvia won and could play any non-heart card to defeat 4HX! A non heart switch taps declarer and prevents him from getting to hand to enjoy his clubs.

Alas, Sylvia played the HA and switched to a club. Robbins won it, stripped Shi of her hearts and ran his clubs for +590.

It is easier for us to play a non-heart when seeing all four hands. Without knowing declarer's clubs were solid, Shi's play is reasonable. 9 IMPs to Lewis

W	N	E	S
	PASS	1♦	1♥
2♦	PASS	2♥	4♣
PASS	4♥	DBL	PASS
PASS	PASS		

- 1D=2+, 10-15 HCP
- 2D= 1 round force; 5+ diamonds
- 2H=11-13 balanced

LoveBridge

♠ 97542
 ♥ KJ
 ♦ Q8763
 ♣ 2

N Cheri Bjerkan

♠ AQ6
 ♥ 3
 ♦ AJT952
 ♣ T98

W Daniel Korbel

♠ KJT3
 ♥ AQ86
 ♦ K4
 ♣ 543

E Sylvia Shi

♠ 8
 ♥ T97542
 ♦
 ♣ AKQJ76

S Larry Robbins

DDS

SOL 4

BOARD: 15
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ KT6
♥ KQ82
♦ K75
♣ AQ6

♠ 975
♥ 9765
♦ T32
♣ 953

♠ J3
♥ JT4
♦ QJ984
♣ J84

♠ AQ842
♥ A3
♦ A6
♣ KT72

Par: 2220

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N5	13	10	12	13	13
EW	0	3	1	0	0

Everyone loves a grand slam. On Board 15, four tables bid and made 7NT. One table bid and made 7S.

Two tables stopped in 6NT... no swing since both tables were in Millens/Ding.

The only swing occurred in Zhang/Lewis where Zhang and Wold bid 7S in the Open Room while Robbins and Bjerkan stopped in 6S in the Closed Room.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
					NS EW Home Visiting
Rosenthal	Ivatury	Open	7N N	♥J =	2220 - -
		Closed	7N S	♠5 =	2220 - -
Rubenstein	Pollack	Open	7N N	♦J =	2220 - -
		Closed	7N N	♦Q =	2220 - -
Millens	Ding	Open	6N N	♦Q +1	1470 - -
		Closed	6N N	♦Q +1	1470 - -
Zhang	Lewis	Open	7♠ S	♦2 =	2210 13
		Closed	6♠ S	♦2 +1	1460 - -

Clearly, both Bjerkan and Robbins were considering a grand.

When did the wheels come off the bus?

Was it possible for them to intelligently get beyond 6S without risk of getting too high?

It would seem that South could have saved the day by bidding 5NT over North's 5H response to his ace-ask. This would ask for kings and at the same time, tell North that their side had all the controls.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W N E S

1♠

PASS 2♣ PASS 3♣

PASS 3♠ PASS 4NT

PASS 5♥ PASS 6♣

Table: CL 4, Round: 1
N-S: Lewis 15 IMP
E-W: Zhang 45 IMP

OTHER ROOM
S 7♠ = 2210

Score card >
Frequency >
Live scores >

LoveBridge

♠ KT6
♥ KQ82
♦ K75
♣ AQ6

N Cheri Bjerkan

♠ 975
♥ 9765
♦ T32
♣ 953

W Daniel Korbel

♠ J3
♥ JT4
♦ QJ984
♣ J84

E Sylvia Shi

♠ AQ842
♥ A3
♦ A6
♣ KT72

S Larry Robbins

DDS

6

That is: **UNLESS, South was not sure whether partner's response pertained to spades or to clubs.** This is a situation all serious partnerships should define. Is keycard about the first agreed upon suit or the last? If Robbins knew from Cheri's response that N/S had all the keycards, bidding 5NT would keep her in the picture. As it was, she had no idea if they were off an ace! 13 IMPs to Zhang

Cross IMPs

1.	Giorgia Botta - Zach Grossack	Rubenstein	1.82	82.00	45
2.	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg	Rosenthal	1.76	79.14	45
3.	Adam Grossack - Emma Kolesnik	Rubenstein	1.69	50.57	30
4.	Eddie Wold - Janice Molson	Zhang	1.14	34.14	30
5.	Chris Willenken - Jenny Wolpert	Rosenthal	0.97	43.57	45
6.	Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt - Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt	Millens	0.80	48.29	60
7.	Disa Eythorsdottir - Mark Itabashi	Lewis	0.62	27.86	45
8.	Sandra Rimstedt - Shan Huang	Millens	0.49	7.29	15
9.	Andrew Rosenthal - Migry Campanile	Rosenthal	0.23	6.86	30
10.	Eddie Wold - Susan Zhang	Zhang	0.16	4.86	30
11.	Daniel Korbel - Sylvia Shi	Zhang	0.13	7.57	60
12.	Ding-Hwa Hsieh - Lin-Huan Chen	Ding	0.09	3.86	45
13.	Joan Millens - Shan Huang	Millens	-0.07	-3.14	45
14.	Chris Compton - Hong Ding	Ding	-0.09	-4.14	45
15.	Linda Lewis - Paul Lewis	Lewis	-0.11	-5.00	45
16.	Anam Tebha - Stewart Rubenstein	Rubenstein	-0.35	-15.71	45
17.	Anne Brenner - Dave Caprera	Pollack	-0.60	-35.86	60
18.	Christal Henner - Uday Ivatury	Ivatury	-0.70	-31.71	45
19.	Allan Graves - Shawn Quinn	Ivatury	-0.97	-43.57	45
20.	Bill Pollack - Rozanne Pollack	Pollack	-1.35	-81.00	60
21.	Adam Wildavsky - Donna Compton	Ding	-1.74	-52.14	30
22.	Irina Kislitsyna - Lapt Chan	Ivatury	-1.81	-54.29	30
23.	Cheri Bjerkan - Larry Robbins	Lewis	-2.31	-69.43	30

What do the following words have in common?

Assess
Banana
Dresser
Grammar
Potato
Revive
Uneven
Voodoo

Puzzle

Answer

If you take the first letter and move it to the rear of the word, you get the same word when read backwards.

BOARD: 6
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ A9
 ♥ KQJ963
 ♦ K65
 ♣ T2

♠ QT72
 ♥ A75
 ♦ A83
 ♣ 743

♠ J8543
 ♥ T
 ♦ 942
 ♣ KJ65

Par: 450

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	9	9	11	7	10
EW	3	3	2	6	2

♠ K6
 ♥ 842
 ♦ QJT7
 ♣ AQ98

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP				
						NS	EW	Home	Visiting	
1	Rosenthal	Ivatury	Open	4♥	N	♠3	+1	450	-	-
			Closed	4♥	N	♠3	+1	450	-	-
2	Rubenstein	Pollack	Open	4♥	S	♥5	+1	450	-	-
			Closed	4♥	N	♣6	+1	450	-	-
3	Millens	Ding	Open	4♥	N	♠5	+1	450	-	-
			Closed	4♥	N	♠3	+1	450	-	-
4	Zhang	Lewis	Open	4♥	N	♠3	+1	450	-	-
			Closed	4♥	N	♠3	+1	450	-	-

Board 5 was yesterday's flat board!! Everyone in 4H and everyone scoring 11 tricks.

Only Rubenstein declaring from South on an auction where North's 1D response to Rubenstein's 1C showed hearts.

Nothing matters on this hand ... no clever way to fool either side! There are 2 losers: the DA and the HA and it's over!!

