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“Trials” and Tribulations
UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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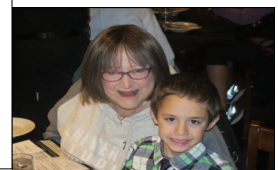
Mixed USBC - 2024

- * Pollack slow play penalty 1 imp
- * Pollack 2nd slow play penalty 0.5 imps total 1.5 imps
- * Pollack 3rd slow play penalty 0.5 imps total 2.0 imps
- * Pollack 4th slow play penalty 1.0 imp total 3.0 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	261	46	40	26	83	21	45					
8	Ivatury - wins tie	105	7	26	28	22	6	16	w/d				
2	Rubenstein - wins tie	259	30	31	86	33	12	14	53				
7	Pollack	190	12	39	3	24	47	35	33	w/d	-3		
3	Millens - wins tie	320	26	60	41	50	30	15	44	54			
6	Ding	246	48	21	31	29	42	30	17	28			
4	Zhang - wins tie	299	58	43	45	25	5	20	55	48			
5	Lewis	221	15	38	47	30	31	36	7	17			

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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!

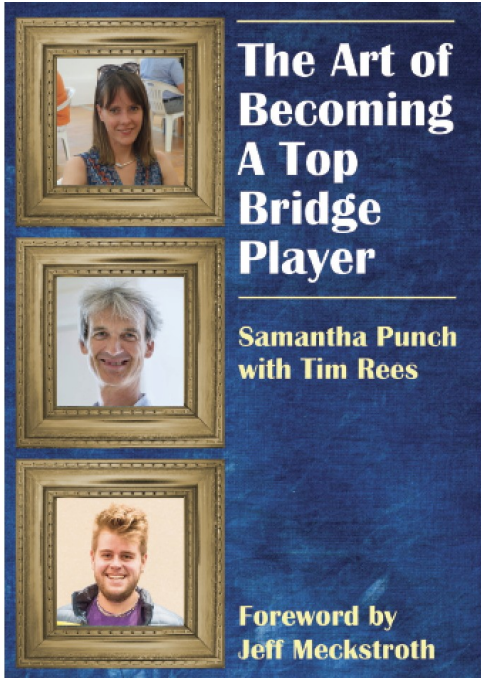


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This year, as we did last year, we will be tracking time used by each pair and penalizing a team if their pairs use significantly more than their allotted time. Each pair is allotted half of the session time, which is actually more time than they should 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 Adam Parrish	Jenni Carmichael Julie Arbit
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Ding Chen	Donna Compton, Capt Hong Ding Hsieh	Chris Compton Adam Wildavsky
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Ivatury	Uday Ivatury, Capt Shawn Quinn Lapt Chan	Allan Graves Irina Kislitsyna Christal Henner
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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



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.

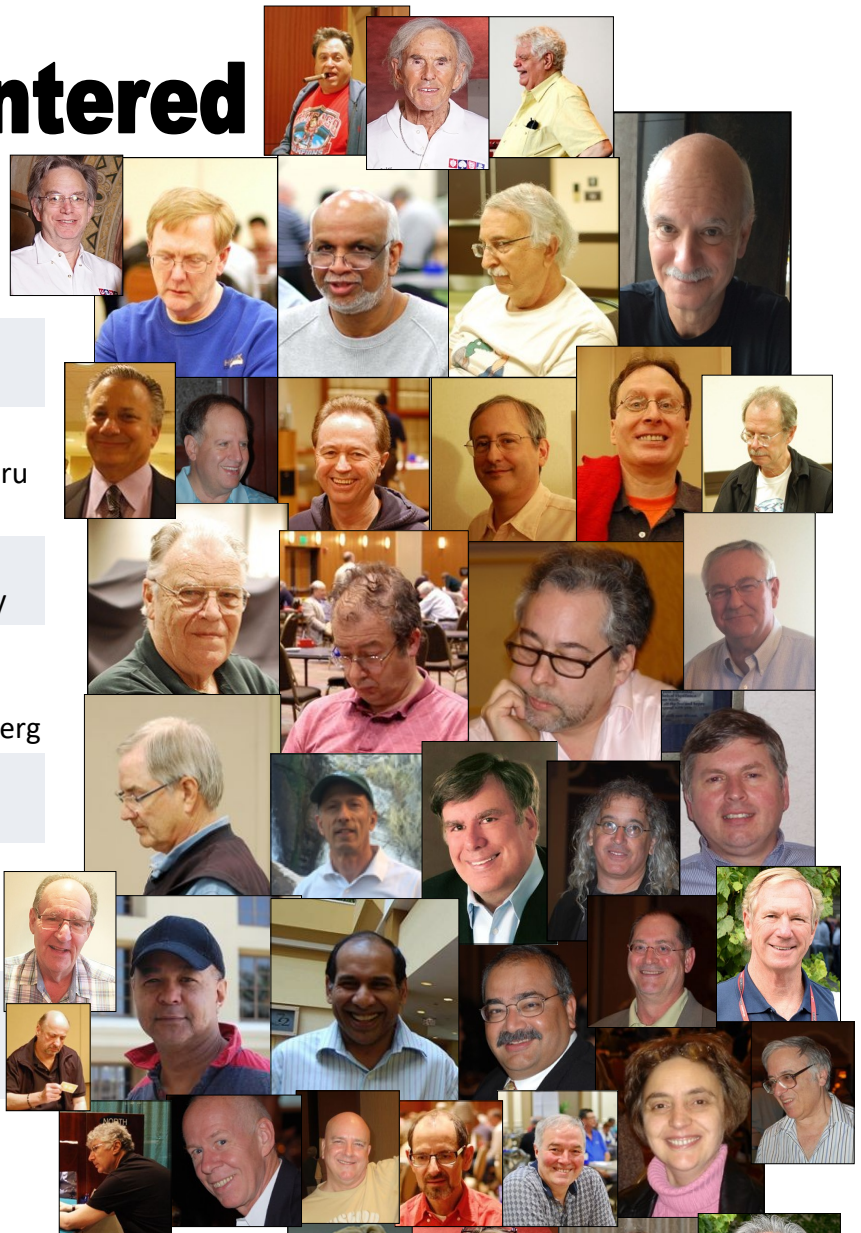
Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.

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



Senior Teams Entered

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	Neil Chambers
Schermer	Doug Doub Silverman	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 Michael Kamil



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



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

Tom Swifties

"Would you like some soda?" asked Tom caustically.
 "That's price-fixing!" said Tom caustically.
 "Have you seen my collection of ancient Chinese artifacts?" asked Tom charmingly.
 "It's twelve noon," Tom chimed in.
 "I've got to stop this motor," Tom choked.
 "Another plate of seafood for me!" Tom clamored.
 "We're off to Scotland," said Tom clandestinely.
 "Pretend we were in the days before railways," Tom coached.
 "Okay, you can switch on the electric chair now," said Tom conceitedly.
 "Don't add too much water," said Tom with great concentration.
 "The prisoner escaped down a rope," said Tom condescendingly.
 "The prisoners set up a company," the warden confirmed.
 "All right, I will allow the prisoners to wear perfume," the warden consented.
 "I wonder if there's a number between seven and nine," said Tom considerately.
 "Now, how can I trick Sidney?" Tom considered.
 "I have a delivery of shoes for the prisoners," said Tom consolingly.
 "Hey, what's it worth if I help you escape from prison?" asked Tom contemptuously.
 "The escaped prisoner is camping out in the woods," said Tom contentedly.
 "I'm mentioned in this book," said Tom contentedly.
 "Europe needs more self-restraint," said Tom continently.
 "I have writer's block," said Tom contritely.
 "I find you guilty," said the judge with conviction.
 "I'd like to be a Chinese labourer," said Tom coolly.

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

"Those cobs are amazing!" said Tom cornily.
 "My friend and I steal things together," Tom corroborated.
 "I manufacture tabletops for shops," said Tom counterproductively.
 "Why is this telephone flex always tangled?" asked Tom coyly.
 "How do you start a model-T Ford without a battery?" asked Tom crankily.
 "I admire East End gangsters," said Tom crazily.
 "I dropped the toothpaste," said Tom, crestfallen.
 "I've struck oil!" said Tom crudely.
 "The situation is grave," Tom said cryptically.
 "Who discovered radium?" asked Tom curiously.
 "I wonder where the next character is going to appear," said Tom with a cursory glance.
 "I'm the butcher's assistant," said Tom cuttingly.

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 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 22	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			
Thursday	May 23	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
Friday	May 24	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			
Saturday	May 25	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
Sunday	May 26	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

Why does everybody sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" when they're already there?

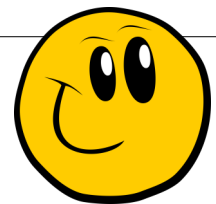
A scientist who made contact with aliens said, "They're nothing like us—all they keep saying is 'Err. Err.'" "Why should that mean they aren't like us?" his colleague replied. "To err is human."

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?"

Six-year-old Ned's mother was looking through an old family Bible when an oak leaf fell out. Ned said, "I guess that must be Adam's shorts."

Q: How are a cat and a sentence different? A: A cat has claws at the end of its paws; a sentence has a pause at the end of its clause!

A blonde and a brunette worked in a factory. The brunette says, "I know how to get some time off from work!" "How?" asks the blonde. "Watch this," says the brunette. She climbs up to the rafter and hangs upside down. The boss walks in, sees her and says, "What on earth are you doing?" "I'm a light-bulb," she answers. "I think you need some time off," says the boss so she jumps down and walks out. The blonde starts walking out, too. "Where are YOU going?" says the boss. The blonde replies, "I can't work in the dark!"



Beth Palmer WOMEN'S SCHEDULE			
Round Robin or Quarterfinal if 5-8 teams enter - schedule will depend on number of teams			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Tuesday	May 21		
Wednesday	May 22		
Semifinal			
Thursday	May 23	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
Friday	May 24	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			
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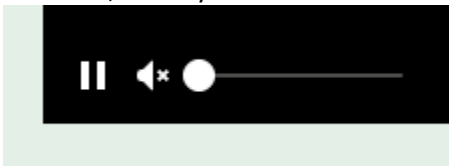
A butcher accidentally backed into his meat grinder and got a little behind in his work!

Two ships collided. One was carrying a load of red paint, the other a load of blue paint. All the passengers were marooned.

Q: What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?
A: A stick.

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.



Watching the
VuGraph
Can really be cheery.
But day after day
Will likely get weary!



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

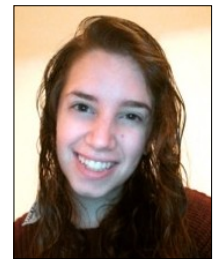
We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

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

Q: What do you call four bullfighters in quicksand?

A: Quattro sinko.

Ed: The same bike tries to run me down every day.

Fred: Sounds like a vicious cycle...

Q: Why should you never date tennis players?

A: Love means nothing to them.

Q: How do you weigh a millennial?

A: In Instagrams.

Jenny: I can tell if someone is lying just by looking at him.

Penny: Really?

Jenny: Yep. I can tell if he is standing too.

Fred: Can you tell me about that new do-it-yourself orthodontist?

Ted: Brace yourself.



Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 14

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

Sudoku 1

Q: What happened to the guy who sued over his missing luggage? A: He lost his case.

Babies born on March 31 are the easiest "April Fools." They were literally born yesterday!

Marriage Counselor: So, what brings you here today?
 Wife: He takes everything literally. I can't stand it.
 Husband: My truck.

Q: What weighs more, a gallon of water or a gallon of butane?
 A: The water. Butane is lighter fluid.

Mike: Someone stole the wheels off of all the police cars!
 Spike: The cops are working on it—tirelessly.

Q: What kind of tree has a hand?
 A: A palm tree.

Q: What kind of shoes does a lazy person wear?
 A: Loafers.

Q: Why should you save your pennies?
 A: It makes good cents.



Q: What has T in the beginning, T in the middle, and T at the end?
 A: A teapot.

Sudoku 2

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

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



Puzzle Page ...

Alice in Wonderland

Find and circle all of the Alice's Adventures in Wonderland words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a quote by the Mock Turtle, from the book.

H S E N O N R E T T A H D A M W I C E E
 A S T L I S F I S H F O O T M A N A P L
 N E T R T T E U Q O R C F N I H G T E O
 I P G R A R S S Y H S W A W E L Y E P H
 D O D O A T U T O G P M A D E R T R P T
 B O T T L E R T I G T I G T O O A P E I
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| BABY | EAGLET | KNAVE | PUPPY |
| BILL | EAT ME | LEWIS CARROLL | QUEEN OF HEARTS |
| BOTTLE | FAN | LITTLE DOOR | RABBIT HOLE |
| CATERPILLAR | FISH FOOTMAN | LIZARD | SMALL CAKE |
| CAUCUS RACE | FLAMINGOS | LORY | TARTS |
| CHESHIRE CAT | FROGFOOTMAN | MAD HATTER | TEA PARTY |
| COOK | GLASS BOX | MARCH HARE | TEARS |
| CROQUET | GOLDEN KEY | MOCK TURTLE | THIMBLE |
| DINAH | GRIN | MUSHROOM | WATCH |
| DODO | GRYPHON | PEPPER | WHITE RABBIT |
| DORMOUSE | GUINEA PIGS | PIG | WONDERLAND |
| DRINK ME | HEDGEHOGS | PIGEON | |



I know that
I'm in great
demand.
'Cause I turn
up
In every hand!

Q: What do you call a penguin in the desert?
A: Lost

Q: What is a tree's favorite soda?
A: Root Beer.



A guy gets pulled over by a cop. The cop asks, "You're speeding! Didn't you see the speed limit sign?" The man replied, "Yeah I saw the speed limit sign, but I didn't see you."

The last year I entered a marathon. The race started and immediately I was the last of the runners. It was embarrassing. The guy who was in front of me, second to last, was making fun of me. He said, "Hey buddy, how does it feel to be last?" I replied, "You really want to know?" Then I dropped out of the race.

Meet the Players

From May 23, 1991 ... New York Times

In the Pan-American Pairs in Memphis, Tenn., last week, which generated one of two teams to represent the United States in the world championships in Yokohama, Japan, in October, the most experienced pairs were fighting for the crucial top three spots. But there was one pair of upstarts challenging them.

Jeff Ferro, 23 years old, from San Francisco, is to represent the United States in the World Junior Championships in Ann Arbor, Mich., in August. He played in Memphis with Alex Ornstein, 27, of Roslyn, L.I., who returned to the card-tables after three months devoted to his legal studies. They were among the leaders throughout, and in an exciting finish snatched the crucial third spot in the standings.

They will go to Yokohama, together with Fred Stewart of Accord N.Y., Steve Weinstein of Upper Montclair N.J., and Bart Bramley and Mark Feldman, both of Chicago, forming the youngest American team in 37 years.

Their bidding to seven spades on the diagramed deal was a desperate attempt, and a successful one, to make up lost ground in the closing stages of the event. The grand slam would probably have failed if West had chosen the club king or the heart jack as his opening lead, but he selected a trump.

Ferro as South won with the seven when East withheld his queen. He led a diamond from the dummy, and East erred by playing the ace: He should have reasoned that South would not have ventured into seven without having first round control of all four suits.

South took full advantage of this donation. He ruffed, ruffed a heart, and threw a club on the diamond king. He then ruffed a diamond with the spade ace, led to the spade king dropping the queen, and cashed the jack. That took care of his remaining club loser, and he was able to return to the club ace and run the hearts to make the grand slam.

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

Both sides were vulnerable. The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2N.T.	Pass	3♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the spade two.

Favorite Bridge Memory

Being on the first winning U.S. team in the World Junior Championships on home soil. First player to play in two World Championships the same year.

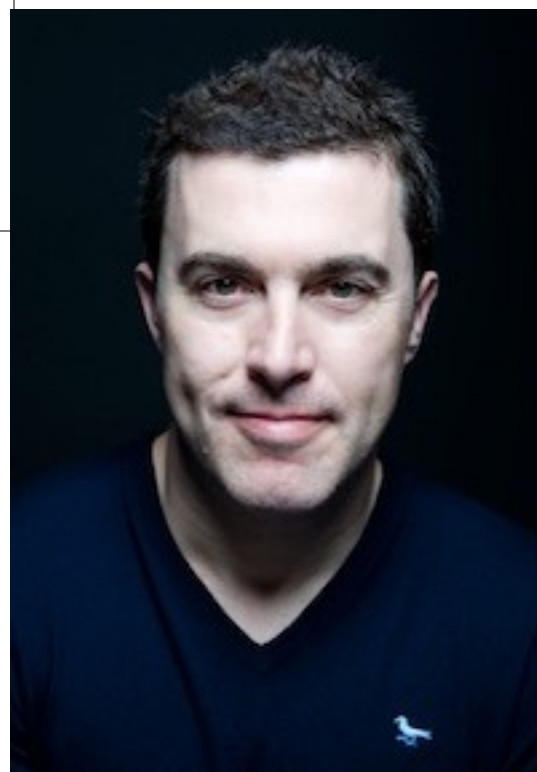
Bridge Accomplishments

World Junior Champion 1991, Bermuda Bowl Quarterfinalist 1991, Bronze World Junior Championship 1993, Grand National Teams Champion 1993, Master Mixed Team Champion 2000, 2 Day National Open Pairs 2021

BBO Username
ferrocious

From Jeff's BridgeWinners Profile

Jeff is playing in this Mixed USBC as a member of the Dinkin team.



Logic Puzzle Page

		Woodworkers						Woods						Pieces					
		Antoinette	Dianne	Hope	Marilyn	Nadine	Yvette	ash	chestnut	mahogany	oak	poplar	sandalwood	barstool	bench	bookshelf	coffee table	end table	footstool
Dollars	\$250																		
	\$275																		
	\$300																		
	\$325																		
	\$350																		
	\$375																		
Pieces	barstool																		
	bench																		
	bookshelf																		
	coffee table																		
	end table																		
	footstool																		
Woods	ash																		
	chestnut																		
	mahogany																		
	oak																		
	poplar																		
	sandalwood																		

**Answer
on page14**

Dollars	Woodworkers	Woods	Pieces
\$250			
\$275			
\$300			
\$325			
\$350			
\$375			

- The \$350 piece wasn't made of sandalwood.
- Of the \$375 piece and Hope's item, one was made of chestnut and the other is the end table.
- Neither Nadine's item nor the item made of sandalwood is the end table.
- Marilyn's item costs 25 dollars more than the item made of mahogany.
- The \$275 piece is either the barstool or Marilyn's item.
- Of the \$350 piece and the piece made of poplar, one is the bookshelf and the other was crafted by Antoinette.

- The piece made of oak is either Yvette's item or the \$325 piece.
- The barstool wasn't made of chestnut.
- Yvette's item isn't the bench.
- Yvette's piece isn't the coffee table.
- The item made of oak costs 50 dollars less than the barstool.
- Nadine's piece isn't the coffee table.
- Marilyn's piece is either the piece made of poplar or the \$250 piece.

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.

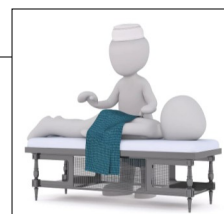
For subsequent segments, you need only notify each other of your lineups (10 minutes before the start of the segment for the Away team, 5 minutes for the Home team), although you are welcome to enter the lineup on the lineup sheet in case one of your players doesn't know where they are supposed to sit 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 the let you in when it's your turn. Any questions, let Jan know!



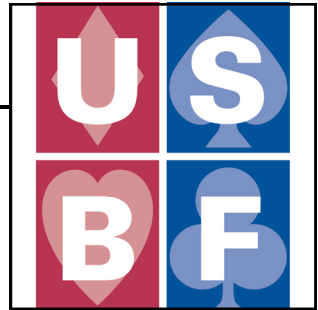
**Massage Therapist
message from Jan**

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

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

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 9

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.

Our base's Army Exchange Service carried a particular brand of underarm deodorant that I liked and bought for years. Then one day I couldn't find it. I asked an employee whether they still carried my deodorant. "No, we don't," she said. "It was always selling out, and I could never keep it in stock. So I quit ordering it."

Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were dining in New York. Ginger was resplendent in a ball gown and pearls, and Fred also sported evening wear. But the meal was marred when the waiter bringing their desserts tripped and covered Fred from head to toe in food.

"I'm terribly sorry," said the waiter. "

So you should be," replied Fred. "Thanks to you, I've pudding on my top hat, pudding on my white tie, pudding on my tails."



"This is your great-grandma and great grandpa," I told my grandson as I handed him a photo of my parents. "Do you think I look like them?" He shook his head. "Not yet."

Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 12

Bench	Chestnut	Nadine	\$375
Barstool	Ash	Antoinette	\$350
Coffee table	Sandalwood	Dianne	\$325
Footstool	Oak	Yvette	\$300
Bookshelf	Poplar	Marilyn	\$275
End table	Mahogany	Hope	\$250

On Board 1 of segment 5 of the head-up Quarterfinal, most tables played in game in hearts.

Henner/Ivatury tried for slam but stopped short at the five-level after keycard.

Most declarers scored 11 tricks after a diamond lead on the same line Shi took in Zhang/Lewis:

Shi won the DA in hand, played a club to dummy, led the SK and ruffed when West covered. She played the HQ to West's king, ruffed the diamond switch in dummy, cashed the HA and HJ and claimed 11 tricks.

BOARD: 1
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ Q95
 ♥ A753
 ♣ Q97642

♠ A7654
 ♥ K72
 ♦ K8
 ♣ 853

♠ Q32
 ♥ 4
 ♦ QJ9642
 ♣ KJT

♠ KJT98
 ♥ AJT863
 ♦ T
 ♣ A

Par: 450

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	6	11	7	7
E	4	6	2	6	6
W	6	:	:	:	:

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP			
					NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Rosenthal	Ivatury	Open	3♠x	W	♥5	-3	500	
		Closed	5♥	S	♦K	=	450	2
Rubenstein	Pollack	Open	4♥	S	♦K	-1	50	11
		Closed	4♥	N	♣J	+1	450	
Millens	Ding	Open	4♥	S	♥2	=	420	1
		Closed	4♥	N	♦Q	+1	450	
Zhang	Lewis	Open	4♥	N	♦Q	+1	450	-
		Closed	4♥	N	♦Q	+1	450	-

♠ Q95
 ♥ A753
 ♣ Q97642
 N Anam Tebha

♠ A7654
 ♥ K72
 ♦ K8
 ♣ 853
 W Anne Brenner

♠ Q32
 ♥ 4
 ♦ QJ9642
 ♣ KJT
 E Dave Caprera

♠ KJT98
 ♥ AJT863
 ♦ T
 ♣ A
 S Stewart Rubenstein

SOUTH 4♥

Pollack/Rubenstein was the only match with a real swing. Rubenstein found himself declaring 4H after an auction where West over-called spades and North showed a 3 card limit raise in hearts.

West led the DK, Rubenstein winning the ace in dummy. Rubenstein ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade and played a club to the ace.

He went into crossruff mode: spade ruff, diamond ruff, **OVERRUFF!**, club ruff, spade ruff, club ruff.

At this point, he needed to pull East's last trump to prevent an spade ruff by East.

♠ Q95
 ♥ A753
 ♣ Q97642
 N Anam Tebha

♠ A7654
 ♥ K72
 ♦ K8
 ♣ 853
 W Anne Brenner

♠ Q32
 ♥ 4
 ♦ QJ9642
 ♣ KJT
 E Dave Caprera

♠ KJT98
 ♥ AJT863
 ♦ T
 ♣ A
 S Stewart Rubenstein

SOUTH 4♥

♣ 6
 ♣ 8
 ♣ K
 ♥ T

Instead, he played the SK which Brenner won with her ace. She continued spades and gave Caprera a ruff with his lowly trump four. Caprera led back the DQ which Rubenstein ruffed with the jack and Brenner overruffed with the king. Contract failing one trick. 11 IMPs to Pollack

No one is sleeping on the couch tonight!

BOARD: 2 DEALER: EAST VULNERABLE: N-S		♠ T98532 ♥ 9853 ♦ A ♣ J3																			
		♠ Q7 ♥ J64 ♦ K542 ♣ 8754	♠ K ♥ 2 ♦ QJ973 ♣ AQT962																		
Par: 500 <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>♣</td> <td>♦</td> <td>♥</td> <td>♠</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NS</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>11</td> <td>11</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EW</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>6</td> </tr> </table>			♣	♦	♥	♠	N	NS	3	3	11	11	7	EW	8	9	2	2	6	♠ AJ64 ♥ AKQT7 ♦ T86 ♣ K	
	♣	♦	♥	♠	N																
NS	3	3	11	11	7																
EW	8	9	2	2	6																
Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP															
					NS	EW	Home	Visiting													
Rosenthal	Ivatury	▶ Open	5♠	S	♣8	=	650	11													
		▶ Closed	5♣x	E	♥K	-1	100														
Rubenstein	Pollack	▶ Open	5♠	N	♥2	=	650	8													
		▶ Closed	6♣x	E	♥K	-2	300														
Millens	Ding	▶ Open	5♦x	E	♥A	-1	100	11													
		▶ Closed	5♠	N	♦Q	=	650														
Zhang	Lewis	▶ Open	5♣x	E	♥K	-1	100	11													
		▶ Closed	5♥	S	♦4	=	650														

Board 2 was a perfect example of how being in the right place at the right time matters. In each of the four matches, one N/S pair played in five of a major making the predictable 11 tricks (losing one spade and one club). And the other table in each of those matches took the sac at favorable in one of the minors.

At three of the tables, 5S making created an 11 IMP swing for Rosenthal, Ding, and Lewis. In Rubenstein/Pollack, the Pollacks bid to 5H and Botta/Z Grossack were forced to take the push to the six-level for an 8 IMP swing to Rubenstein.

Had the matchups gone differently, there could have been three pushes and one small swing!

Who you play and when you play them is simply a matter of luck! And, no matter how you think of it, both skill and luck factor into this game.

								NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Rosenthal	Ivatury	Open	3N	N	♦8	-1		50		-	-
		Closed	4♥	S	♣4	-1		50			
Rubenstein	Pollack	Open	2♠	N	♦2	=	110				10
		Closed	2♥x	S	♠T	+1	570				
Millens	Ding	Open	3N	N	♦6	-1		50		-	-
		Closed	3N	N	♦2	-1		50			
Zhang	Lewis	Open	3N	N	♠4	=	400				1
		Closed	3N	N	♠4	+1	430				

LoveBridge interface showing a hand. West (Chris Compton) has ♠T7, ♥A9852, ♦QT3, ♣K94. East (Hong Din) has ♠KJ54, ♥4, ♦J9862, ♣862. The bidding sequence is: 1NT=forcing, 1NT, 2♣, 3NT, 3NT.

There are nine tricks available for N/S in 3NT on Board 3, yet 3 pairs failed to take them all.

In the Open Room of Ding/Millens, Huang declared 3NT.

Ding led the D6 and Shan won his king. To come to nine tricks, he needed to play on clubs while he has the DA to get to his hand.

Instead of playing on clubs, he chose to play on hearts. That was fatal. Compton ducked his ace, won the HK with the HA and played back the DT. Ding overtook with the jack and con-

firmated a spade entry if needed by playing the D9. Shan won his ace and NOW he played on clubs. He led the C5 to the queen. Compton ducked. Shan cashed the HQ, HT, and CA. The CT went to Chris's king. Chris cashed the H9 and played a spade to the Q, K, A. Hong scored the setting trick at trick 13 with her SJ!

In the Closed Room of Ding/Millens, where Lin-Huan Chen was declarer, the play went similarly with the same result.

In Rosenthal/Ivatury, Michael Rosenberg declared. A diamond was led to his ace and he played on clubs. He finessed against the CK and Kislitsyna ducked. Michael played a heart to his jack, Kislitsyna ducking again. Michael needed to continue working on clubs. Instead he played a heart to the king and Irina's ace. Irina played the DT; Michael won his king; He played the C5 to the ten. Irina surprised him by winning the king. She played a diamond to her partner who cashed out the diamonds. Rosenberg claimed 8 tricks.

The one-off result was in Rubenstein/Pollack where Botta/Grossack had this auction:
 Roseanne played it well, losing only the HQ, the SJ, a spade ruff, and the CK. After Zach's shapely but light reopening double, one could not blame Botta for penalizing 2H holding five trump to the ace.
 +570 for Pollack was worth 10 IMPs when Rubenstein/Tebha played in 2S making two in the other room.

Botta	Bill	Zach	Rozanne
W	N	E	S
			1♥
PASS	1NT	PASS	2♣
PASS	PASS	DBL	PASS
PASS	2♥	PASS	PASS
DBL	PASS	PASS	PAS

BOARD: 4
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ JT64
♥ AQT2
♦ 93
♣ QT6

♠ 972
♥ K6
♦ Q8752
♣ AK4

♠ AKQ3
♥ 9753
♦ KT6
♣ 32

Par: -600

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	3	6	4	4
EW	5	10	6	9	9

♠ 85
♥ J84
♦ AJ4
♣ J9875

The Frequency Chart indicates that there are nine tricks for N/S in 3NT... yet only one declarer out of seven made it.

Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt found an endplay to bring home nine tricks.

Chen led the S6. Dwyer won the ace in dummy.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting	IMP
Rosenthal	Ivatury	Open	3N	W	♠4	-1	100	-	-
		Closed	2♠	E	♠5	-1	100	-	-
Rubenstein	Pollack	Open	3N	W	♠T	-1	100	-	-
		Closed	3N	W	♣6	-1	100	-	-
Millens	Ding	Open	3N	W	♠4	-1	100	12	
		Closed	3N	W	♠6	=	600	12	
Zhang	Lewis	Open	3N	W	♠4	-2	200	-	-
		Closed	3N	W	♠4	-2	200	-	-

He played a diamond to his queen, ducked by South. He continued with the DT, losing to Hsieh's jack.

The S8 went to the spade jack and dummy's king. The DK went to Hsieh's ace.

Hsieh could have defeated 3NT with a through at this point, however, he played a club to Kevin's king and Kevin cashed the D8 and D7 and the CA. The S2 went to the queen leaving this position:

Dwyer played the S3 to North's four resulting in three fours and a three!



And endplaying North who now has to lead from their HAQ into Kevin's HK6 for his ninth trick!

12 IMPs to Millens.

♠ JT64
♥ AQT2
♦ 93
♣ QT6

N Lin-Huan Chen

♠ 972
♥ K6
♦ Q8752
♣ AK4

W Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt

♠ T
♠ 2
♠ Q
♣ J

♠ AKQ3
♥ 9753
♦ KT6
♣ 32

E Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt

♠ 85
♥ J84
♦ AJ4
♣ J9875

S Ding-Hwa Hsieh

WEST NS
3NT 2

Cross IMPs

1.	Eddie Wold - Janice Molson	Zhang	1.45	86.81	60
2.	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg	Rosenthal	1.34	100.71	75
3.	Chris Willenken - Jenny Wolpert	Rosenthal	0.98	58.57	60
4.	Adam Grossack - Emma Kolesnik	Rubenstein	0.94	56.54	60
5.	Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt - Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt	Millens	0.67	80.27	120
6.	Giorgia Botta - Zach Grossack	Rubenstein	0.62	55.60	90
7.	Sandra Rimstedt - Shan Huang	Millens	0.42	25.32	60
8.	Andrew Rosenthal - Migry Campanile	Rosenthal	0.42	18.71	45
9.	Daniel Korbel - Sylvia Shi	Zhang	0.31	36.78	120
10.	Ding-Hwa Hsieh - Lin-Huan Chen	Ding	-0.02	-1.52	90
11.	Disa Eythorsdottir - Mark Itabashi	Lewis	-0.07	-6.07	90
12.	Linda Lewis - Paul Lewis	Lewis	-0.13	-9.86	75
13.	Anne Brenner - Dave Caprera	Pollack	-0.25	-25.74	105
14.	Chris Compton - Hong Ding	Ding	-0.26	-23.61	90
15.	Joan Millens - Shan Huang	Millens	-0.27	-16.14	60
16.	Eddie Wold - Susan Zhang	Zhang	-0.38	-23.00	60
17.	Bill Pollack - Rozanne Pollack	Pollack	-0.51	-53.40	105
18.	Anam Tebha - Stewart Rubenstein	Rubenstein	-0.55	-33.00	60
19.	Christal Henner - Uday Ivatury	Ivatury	-0.78	-46.71	60
20.	Allan Graves - Shawn Quinn	Ivatury	-0.92	-55.43	60
21.	Adam Wildavsky - Donna Compton	Ding	-1.07	-64.31	60
22.	Cheri Bjerkan - Larry Robbins	Lewis	-1.13	-84.67	75
23.	Irina Kislitsyna - Lapt Chan	Ivatury	-1.26	-75.86	60

Semi-Final Matches:

Rosenthal versus Zhang

Rubenstein vs Millens

Limey Jack...

Blimey Yanks:

This is shaping up to be the cat's whiskers of a final four.

Limey Jack is honour bound to inform you that he picked all winners. It is not too late to jump on the lorry and make a few quid from the punter. Howie Dung will have you wandering the desert for nigh on 40 years. Beware of that twit.

Rosenthal-Zhang: Zhang has a nice supporting cast but Rosenthal is solid at all three positions and thus gets the nod here.

Rubenstein-Millins: Experience rules Britania and Rubenstein is chock-a-bloc full of it.

Limey Jack returns two days hence.



Howie Doing...

Rosenthal/Zhang's a tough match to call.

One will succeed; the other will fall!

Both have experience, talent and style.

Neither will win by as much as a mile.

If all goes smoothly and there is no flaw,

All will play through without a withdraw!

Rosenthal nails it... stay here on site,

Zhang team goes quietly into the night!

Rubenstein/Millens is five versus six,

Playing 5-handed may lead to less tricks!

Players get tired and don't concentrate

While playing 6-handed will likely go great!

And teams are always less likely to lose,

When one hasn't two systems that one can confuse.

Millens did well but now they can pack.

My final prediction is Andrew v Zach!

Till later... Howie Doing!