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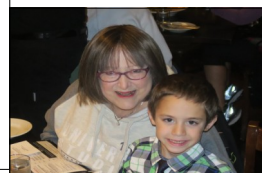
# “Trials” and Tribulations

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Results:

Round of 16 (120 boards)											
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	
2	Lebowitz	352	29	26	58	34	36	63	73	33	
15	Han	220	40	41	21	33	23	17	10	35	
3	Fleisher	422	60	80	52	31	60	45	68	26	
14	Petrov	181	22	17	24	27	20	41	15	15	
4	Rosenthal	343	54	27	40	50	53	55	36	28	
13	Balleisen	222	18	45	33	33	22	14	36	21	
5	Bramley	330.25	50	11	51	26	68.25	38	66	20	
12	Schireson	208	11	42	17	19	40	48	26	5	
6	Robinson	246	42	8	20	11	44	41	51	29	
11	Bailey	247	15	67	14	19	26	37	36	33	
7	Simson	278	29	25	19	13	52	33	59	48	
10	Hamman	194	17	19	62	18	32	29	12	5	
8	Juster	308	35	47	35	39	52	23	51	26	
9	Gu	258	34	32	30	29	18	68	37	10	

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](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net). Thank you!



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# Open Teams Entered

<b>Nickell</b>	Nick Nickell Bye to QF Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Eric Greco
<b>Lebowitz</b>	Adam Grossack, Capt Zach Grossack Zia Mahmood	Larry Lebowitz Michael Rosenberg Daniel Korbel
<b>Fleisher</b>	Marty Fleisher, Capt Brad Moss Kevin Bathurst	Chip Martel Joe Grue John Hurd
<b>Bailey</b>	Bill Bailey, Capt Aaron Jones Arti Bhargava	Josh Donn Owen Lien
<b>Balleisen</b>	Aaron Balleisen, Capt Nicole Qian	Zhiyu Cheng Philip Wang
<b>Bramley</b>	Bart Bramley, Capt Brian Platnick	Kit Woolsey Kevin Rosenberg
<b>Gu</b>	Jiang Gu, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Josh Sher	Walter Lee Alex Kolesnik Ron Smith
<b>Hamman</b>	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Doug Doub John Schermer	Bob Hamman Neil Chambers Greg Hinze
<b>Han</b>	Yanong Han, Capt Qiang Zhang	Ming Sheng Brian Zhang
<b>Juster</b>	Jeff Juster, Capt Andy Goodman Shan Huang	Jacob Morgan Mike Passell Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt
<b>Petrov</b>	Dian Petrov, Capt Matthew Haag	Val Kovachev Rumen Dimitrov
<b>Robinson</b>	Eric Robinson, Capt Ish DelMonte David Berkowitz	Michael Kamil Finn Kolesnik Steve Garner
<b>Rosenthal</b>	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken John Kranyak	Aaron Silverstein Gavin Wolpert Vince Demuy
<b>Schireson</b>	Max Schireson, Capt John McAllister Olivia Schireson	Debbie Rosenberg Will Watson
<b>Simson</b>	Doug Simson, Capt Eddie Wold David Grainger	Eric Rodwell Joel Wooldridge Venkatrao Koneru





# 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



**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.**





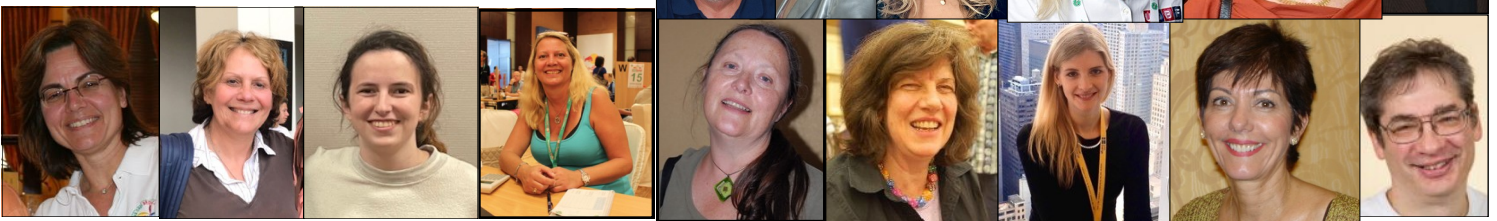
# Senior Teams Entered

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 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

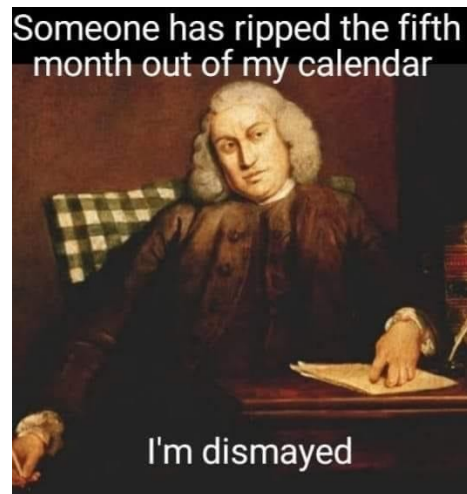
## PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS

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

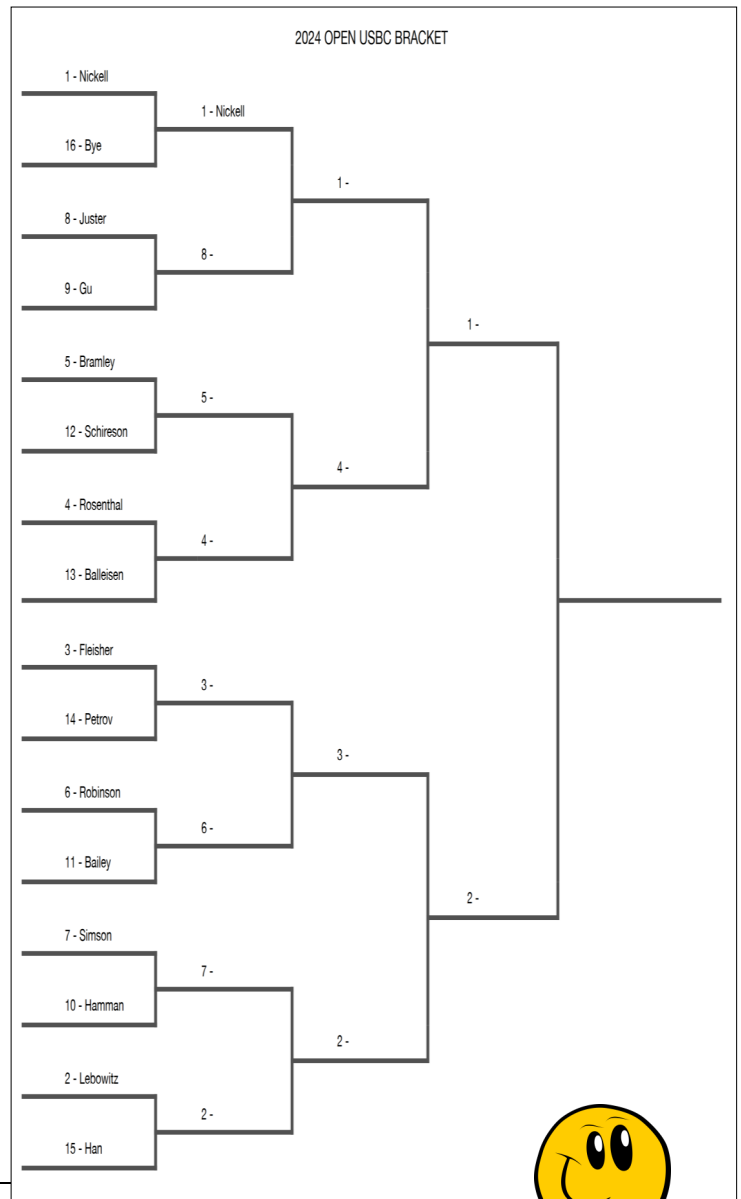


I'm searching for a singing partner, but so far, no luck. Looks like another duet yourself project for me.



# 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		
<b>Quarterfinal</b>			
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
<b>Semifinal</b>			
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
<b>Final</b>			
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



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		
<b>Semifinal</b>			
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
<b>Final</b>			
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

**Beth Palmer Women's Schedule**

Her: What happened?  
 Him: A trampoline accident  
 Her: I hope you bounce back quickly!!

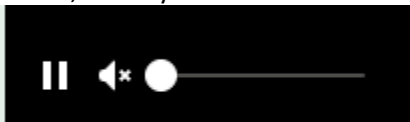
Libraries: Where the SH happens!

NASA launched cows into orbit around earth!  
 It was the herd shot around the world!

The Black Eyed Peas can sing us a song but the chickpeas can only hummus one!

## 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.



I'd have finessed  
But Zia played played  
ace.

The stiff king off side  
Fell with great grace!

I'd have made less.  
Zia made more.  
That clearly explains  
How he gets a big  
score!



# 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: 8:30-10:30** 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

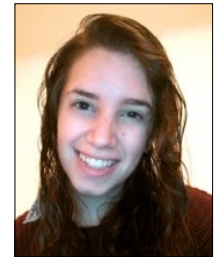
We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

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



**The Balleisen Squad of Juniors:  
Nicole Qian, Balleisen, Philip Wang, Zhyiu Cheng**



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

Sudoku 1

I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene!

There was a fire drill at IKEA today... everyone assembled in the car park!

Adult peer pressure is seeing your neighbor mow his lawn.

I like to use "defenestrate" in casual conversation whenever a window of opportunity presents itself!

I had a happy childhood. My dad used to put me in tires and roll me down hills. Those were Goodyears!

Guy 1: Security is what most women are looking for in a relationship.

Guy 2: How do you know that?

Guy1: Because that's what they yell when I start flirting with them!

I bought a wig today... only \$1.  
It was a small price toupee!

How do you get down from an elephant?  
You don't! You get down from a goose!!

How many ears does Captain Kirk have?  
Three: The right ear, the left ear, and the Final Front-ear!



# Hard Sudoku

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 16

Sudoku 2

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

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



# Puzzle Page ...

## Beatles Songs 1

Find and circle all of the songs by The Beatles that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell the name of an additional Beatles song.

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

ANOTHER GIRL  
ASK ME WHY  
BIRTHDAY  
BLACKBIRD  
CRY BABY CRY  
DAY TRIPPER  
DEAR PRUDENCE  
DIG A PONY  
ELEANOR RIGBY  
FIXING A HOLE

FLYING  
GET BACK  
GETTING BETTER  
HELLO GOODBYE  
HEY BULLDOG  
HEY JUDE  
HONEY PIE  
I ME MINE  
I WILL  
IF I FELL

IN MY LIFE  
JULIA  
LADY MADONNA  
LOVELY RITA  
MICHELLE  
NO REPLY  
OH DARLING  
PLEASE PLEASE ME  
POLYTHENE PAM  
SEXY SADIE

SOMETHING  
SUN KING  
TAXMAN  
TELL ME WHY  
THE END  
TICKET TO RIDE  
TWO OF US  
WAIT  
YER BLUES  
YESTERDAY







Following Louisville ... an update to yesterday's story... The leaders between Louisville and Cali!

As predicted, the three Tour events at the NABC in Louisville altered the standings quite dramatically. Giovanni Donati & Giacomo Percario leapt directly into first place thanks to winning the Jacoby Swiss Teams and making it to the semifinals in the Vanderbilt. They take the outright lead in spite of playing with the same teammates in both events, by virtue of having played enough boards in both events to qualify for the full TRP awards.

They are followed very closely by Sabine Auken & Roy Welland after coming in second in the Jacoby and reaching the quarterfinals in the Vanderbilt. They were teammates in both with father and son Jerome & Leo Rombaut, now in sixth place, but had scored good TRPs also earlier this year in Reykjavik.

Sharing third place is Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson and Bobby Levin & Steve Weinstein thanks to their win in the Vanderbilt.

Rounding out the top six are Simon de Wijs & Bauke Muller in fifth place and, as mentioned above, the Rombauts in sixth.

Overall, the top of the rankings already looks like a "who's who" of international bridge, with only 8 of the Tour's 29 events being played.

This should have preceded the news about Cali but it was unavailable at the time... therefore, we update you today and include the missing piece!

# Tough Decisions on RealBridge

Practicing against his teammates before this USBC, Levin faced a difficult decision on Board 32.

Weinstein led the CJ against 4H. Katz ducked in dummy ... to win or not to win the ace... that is the question. Unfortunately for him, the lead of the club honor gave Levin no count on the suit.

He knew he'd collect a trick in spades, a trick in diamonds and a trick in clubs, but where was the 4th trick he needed to defeat the game.

It was possible for Katz to hold the singleton CQ in which case, Levin's club trick could evaporate if he ducked. Fearing the position, he rose with the ace.

The screenshot shows a bridge board with the following cards:

- North (N): ♠ 105, ♥ A432, ♦ A1085, ♣ K64
- West (W): ♠ J94, ♥ Q105, ♦ J763, ♣ J105
- East (E): ♠ AQ87, ♥ 8, ♦ K92, ♣ A9732
- South (S): ♠ K632, ♥ KJ976, ♦ Q4, ♣ Q8

Player names: Steve Weinstein (W), Robert Levin (E), Ralph Katz (S). A score table is visible in the bottom right of the board area:

	W	N	E	S
P	1♦	P	1♥	
P	2♥	X	4♥	
P	P	P		

Sadly for Bobby, this was an all or nothing decision! Rising let Katz win the club return, play a diamond to dummy's ace, and cash the CK discarding his diamond loser. Katz still needed to have the SA onside (likely from Levin's delayed take-out double) or to pick up the trump queen. He led a small spade from dummy, Levin ducked and when the king won, Ralph was home free. Sometimes bridge is not an easy game even for the experts!

I want to open a restaurant that fuses Chinese and Middle Eastern cuisine. I will call it Wok like an Egyptian!

I ate a kid's meal at McDonalds today. His parents weren't too happy about it!

I told the doctor that I thought I was a pair of curtains. He told me to pull myself together!

I am trying out a new recipe of ground beef and Yorkshire Peppermint Patties. It's called mintsmeat!

Someone threw a bottle of Omega-3 at me. Luckily, my injuries are only super fish oil!

My friend was a struggling artist until he decided to create sculptures. He made six figures last year!

Which nut is the angriest? The pissed achio!

My wife said, "That's the 9th time you've gone back for more dessert. Doesn't it embarrass you?"  
Me: "No way. I keep telling them it's for you!"



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



# Logic Puzzle Page

		Diplomats					Durations					Capitals				
		Case	Ingram	Owens	Pickett	Underwood	10 day	2 day	4 day	8 day	9 day	Brussels	Helsinki	Madrid	Skopje	Zagreb
Months	March															
	April															
	May															
	June															
	July															
Capitals	Brussels															
	Helsinki															
	Madrid															
	Skopje															
	Zagreb															
Durations	10 day															
	2 day															
	4 day															
	8 day															
	9 day															

**Answer to Puzzle  
on page 16**

Months	Diplomats	Durations	Capitals
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			

1. The diplomat going to Brussels will leave for the 8 day visit..
2. Pickett will leave 2 months after the diplomat going to Skopje..
3. The ambassador with the 9 day visit will leave sometime after Ingram..
4. Owens will leave 3 months before the person going to Brussels..
5. Underwood will go to Zagreb..
6. The diplomat leaving in June will leave for the 2 day visit..
7. Of the ambassador with the 10 day visit and the person going to Madrid, one is Mr. Pickett and the other will leave in May..

# Meet the Players

**Adam Grossack**, aka NeverEast, has a Twitch page (excerpted) where he says:

There is more to me than just bridge - Family: I am very lucky to have a close family. I have 2 brothers, one older, one younger. Sam, my older brother is a lawyer and Zach, my younger brother is a pro bridge player like me. We live in the greater Boston area. My mom, Jori, is a bridge teacher and used to practice law. She is the one who got me into bridge... I still love playing bridge with my mom and our last win was at the NYC Regional a few years ago. My dad, Rocky, is a lawyer and die-hard Red Sox fan. He took me to many games growing up including game 4 of the ALCS vs the Yankees in 2004 when David Ortiz hit a walk off HR in the 13th inning to turn around a 3-0 series and eventually break the curse of the Bambino to win the first World Series since 1918.

Hobbies: 1. Mountain Biking: About 2 years ago, my long-time friends convinced me to buy a mountain bike and it was a great decision. I am not particularly athletic but I went from a low level to now going to 4-different bike parks this year and owning 3 different mountain bikes. Biking was a saving grace during covid times. 2. Chess: I learned chess at a very young age from my dad. I have always had an affinity for games and playing rather than, let's say, reading. I was co-captain of my chess team in high school and went to college at Brandeis University where I had the privilege of meeting many excellent chess players. One of them was my friend Sam Shankland, who in 2018 won the US Closed Chess Championship (beating Hikaru Nakamura, Wesley So, Gata Kamsky and others). I studied chess from Sam and he improved my game. I love to play chess on chess.com and occasionally will stream myself playing! My current USCF rating is 1692 3. Barbu. Barbu is a trick-taking card-game comprised of 7 different mini-games. I first learned barbu from one of my teenage bridge mentors and now good friend, Lew Gamerman. My first barbu game was at the Cromwell Connecticut regional when I was 16 years old. It featured, Lew, Bob McCaw, my brother and myself. You might call it beginner's luck... I still play the global card game, now mostly online.

My Bridge Accomplishments:

- 1) 3-Time NABC+ Champion -Fast Pairs 2014 (with Zachary Grossack) -Grand National Teams 2016 (with Zachary Grossack, Doug Doub, Frank Merblum) -North American Pairs 2018 (with Zachary Grossack)
- 2) 4-Time International Junior Gold-Medalist (Lyon 2017 x2 & Atlanta-2013 & Philadelphia-2010)
- 3) 2-Time International Junior Silver-Medalist (TaiCang- 2012 & Opatija -2011)
- 4) (ACBL) Teen King of Bridge - 2010

Adam has continued winning major events following the time this was written and posted. He has also become engaged to an excellent bridge player in her own right: Emma Kolesnik, daughter of Alex Kolesnik.

Adam is playing in this tournament as a member of the Lebowitz squad.





# Tom Swifties...

"I know what herb would taste nice with this," said Tom **sagely**.  
"You resemble a goat," said Tom **satirically**.  
"The seesaw is upside down," said Tom **saucily**.  
"So only one person arrived at the party before I did?" Tom **second-guessed**.  
"I won't tell you anything about my salivary glands," said Tom **secretively**.  
"Would you like to buy some cod?" asked Tom **selfishly**.  
"Boy, that's a bright star," said Tom **seriously**.  
"I just bought a woollen sweater," said Tom **sheepishly**.  
"Ought I to do this?" asked Tom with a **shudder**.  
"This looks like the fruit of the blackthorn," said Tom **slowly**.  
"I can take photographs if I want to!" Tom **snapped**.  
"Angel dust? Me? Never touch it!" Tom **snorted**.  
"Yes, I'm amazingly strongly built," said Tom **soberly**.  
"My bicycle wheel is melting," Tom spoke **softly**.  
"Some day, people will be able to file lawsuits against computers," said Tom **soothingly**.  
"The optician probably doesn't have my glasses ready yet," Tom **speculated**.  
"You don't see the point, do you?" asked Tom, **stabbing in the dark**.  
"Hey, you're on my foot!" said Tom **standoffishly**.  
"Boy, I wish the elevator were working," said Tom, **staring up to the top**.  
"Monaural and quadraphonic systems are exceptions," said Tom **stereotypically**.  
"I can see through the window," said Tom **stiltedly**.  
"Consult an investment broker," was Tom's **stock** answer.  
"I'm putting on my T-shirt, shorts, and sunglasses," Tom **summarised**.  
"That's especially stupid!" said Tom **superciliously**.  
"This salmon is excellent," said Tom **superficially**.  
"Don't you know my name?" asked Tom **swiftly**. - T -  
"I work at a bank," said Tom **tellingly**.  
"I shall see to it well in advance," said Tom **tenderly**.  
"I have no idea," said Tom **thoughtlessly**.  
"Parsley, sage, rosemary," said Tom **thymelessly**.  
"I was adopted," said Tom **transparently**.  
"I'm testing this boomerang," said Tom **triflingly**.  
"I punched him in the stomach three times," said Tom **triumphantly**.  
"The bank doesn't want me as a customer," said Tom **unaccountably**.  
"It's homemade soup," said Tom **uncannily**.  
"I don't know any shanties," said Tom **unceasingly**.  
"Have some shampoo," was Tom's **unconditional offer**.  
"I won't stand for painting," said Tom **uneasily**.  
"Don't nobody go teasin' he momma's momma with feather," said Tom **ungrammatically**.  
"Your trousers have come apart!" was Tom's **unseemly** comment.  
"I want to date other women," said Tom **unsteadily**.  
"Henry the Eighth!" said Tom **unthinkingly**.  
"No, I won't give you a note saying you're excused," said Tom **unwaveringly**.  
"I'm going to be intestate," said Tom **unwillingly**.  
"If I let go of the ceiling it will collapse," Tom **upheld**.  
"The lion has its head caught in the skylight," said Tom **uproariously**.



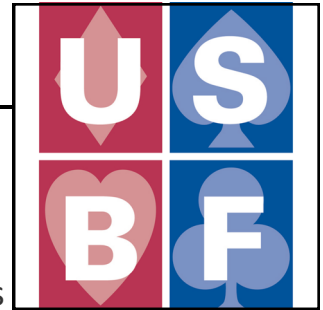
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4	8	2	1	6	5	3	9	7	4
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# Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 9

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



## USBF Supporting Membership

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How often do I tell chemistry jokes?

Periodically.

why did the turtle cross the road?

to get to the shell station

### Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 13

Brussels	8 day	Case	July
Madrid	2 day	Pickett	June
Zagreb	10 day	Underwood	May
Skopje	9 day	Owens	April
HelSinki	4 day	Ingram	March



As a brain wave technologist, I often ask postoperative patients to smile to make sure their facial nerves are intact. It always struck me as odd to be asking this question right after brain surgery, so a colleague suggested I ask patients to show me their teeth. Armed with this new phrase, I said to my next patient, "Mr. Smith, show me your teeth." He shook his head. "I can't... The nurse has them."

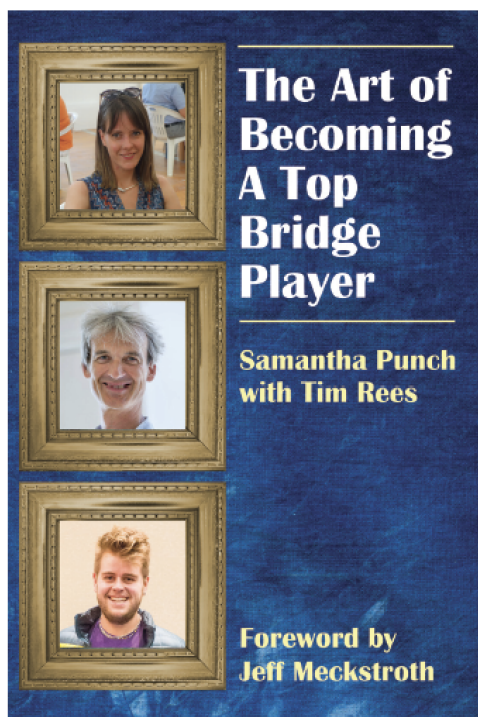
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BOARD: 2  
DEALER: EAST  
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ 532  
♥ 6  
♦ A852  
♣ AQ974

♠ AT98  
♥ A85  
♦ T76  
♣ KJ3

♠ K76  
♥ QJ42  
♦ KQ943  
♣ 6

Par: -200

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	9	4	6	5	4
E	4	9	6	8	8
W	:	:	7	:	9

♠ QJ4  
♥ KT973  
♦ J  
♣ T852

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

On Board 2 of Day 2 of the Round of 16, E/W can make 3NT from West but only 2NT from East. Interestingly, the two tables that reached the game from East were in Rosenthal/Balleisen for a push board. The auctions were identical:

Wolpert	Qian	Willenken	Wang
Balleisen	Demuy	Cheng	Kranyak
W	N	E	S
		1♦	1♥
DBL	PASS	1NT	PASS
3NT	PASS	PASS	PASS

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
						NS EW Home Visiting
1	Lebowitz	Han	Open	3N	W ♣7 =	400 - -
			Closed	3N	W ♣7 =	400 - -
2	Fleisher	Petrov	Open	4N	W ♣7 -1	50 5
			Closed	3♦	E ♣8 +1	130 5
3	Rosenthal	Balleisen	Open	3N	E ♣2 -1	50 - -
			Closed	3N	E ♣2 -1	50 - -
4	Bramley	Schireson	Open	3N	W ♣7 =	400 - -
			Closed	3N	W ♣7 =	400 - -
5	Robinson	Bailey	Open	4♠	W ♥6 -3	150 11
			Closed	3N	W ♣7 =	400 11
6	Simson	Hamman	Open	3N	W ♣7 =	400 6
			Closed	2N	E ♥T +1	150 6
7	Juster	Gu	Open	3♣x	N ♠6 =	670 14
			Closed	3N	W ♣7 =	400 14

At both tables, South led the C2 through the KJ3. In the Open Room, North won the queen, cashed the ace and cleared the clubs. A diamond was ducked to the king followed by a small diamond to the ten and ace. North cashed 2 clubs and declarer claimed down one!

In the Closed Room, North won the CQ and played the C4 to the king. A diamond went to the ace and the clubs were

cashed. A heart was led and again, declarer claimed down one!

Where 3NT was played by West, North led either the C7 or C8 into the KJ3. In Lebowitz/Han, Zhang won the CJ, played a diamond to the king, a diamond to the ten, and a third diamond on which A Grossack took his ace. Adam played a heart to the J, K, A. Zhang led the ST to the king, continued with the S6 to the queen and ace followed by a small heart to the queen. The diamonds were cashed and declarer claimed 9 tricks. It was similarly played at the other 5 tables in this contract from this side.

In an outlier in the Robinson/Bailey match, Bailey/Donn found the moysian spade game and went light 3 tricks for an 11 IMP swing to Robinson when the other table played 3NT scoring it up from West.

In Juster/Gu, Passell/Goodman played in the making 3NT from West while Dwyer/Huang found 3CX. The auction:

Dwyer didn't know how lucky he was that his opponents hadn't reached their NT game or he might have passed out 2S... He'd have won IMPs by passing but he won more by bidding! Kevin balanced with 3C. Alex K doubled.

Smith led a spade to Alex's ace and the C3 was won by the 7. The H6 went to the 2, K, A; a diamond to the ace and a spade to Smith's king; HQ ruffed; diamond ruffed; heart ruffed; diamond ruffed; club to the jack and queen; CA felling the CK; spade to the queen and Smith took last with the HJ. +670 ... 14 IMPs to Juster

Alex	Dwyer	Smith	Huang
W	N	E	S
		1♦	PASS
1♠	PASS	2♠	PASS
PASS	3♣	PASS	PASS
DBL	PASS	PASS	PASS

BOARD: 6  
 DEALER: EAST  
 VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ 752  
 ♥ 853  
 ♦ JT98  
 ♣ 876

♠ AJ964  
 ♥ QJ974  
 ♦ K3  
 ♣ A

♠ KQ8  
 ♥ A2  
 ♦ AQ654  
 ♣ J32

Par: -1430

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	6	2	1	1	1
EW	7	11	12	12	11

♠ T3  
 ♥ KT6  
 ♦ 72  
 ♣ KQT954

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Lebowitz	Han	Open	6♠	W	♦J	=	1430	-	-
			Closed	6♠	E	♣K	=	1430	-	-
2	Fleisher	Petrov	Open	7♠	E	♣Q	-1	100		17
			Closed	6♠	E	♣K	=	1430		
3	Rosenthal	Balleisen	Open	6♠	E	♣Q	=	1430	-	-
			Closed	6♠	E	♣K	=	1430	-	-
4	Bramley	Schireson	Open	7N	E	♣K	-2	200		17
			Closed	6♥	W	♣8	=	1430		
5	Robinson	Bailey	Open	6♠	E	♣K	=	1430	-	-
			Closed	6♠	W	♣6	=	1430	-	-
6	Simson	Hamman	Open	6♠	E	♣K	=	1430		13
			Closed	4♠	E	♣K	+2	680		
7	Juster	Gu	Open	4♠	E	♣Q	+2	680		13
			Closed	6♠	E	♣K	=	1430		

Board 6 looks like a not-too-tough to bid 6S and 9 out of the 14 tables bid it and made it. One table found 6H on the 5-2 fit and with the hearts 3-3, that was successful even with the HK offside. Two tables disdained slam creating 13 IMP swings for Hamman and Gu. And two tables got frisky and bid grands... one in spades and one in NT creating 17 IMP swings for Fleisher and Bramley. In both of those matches, the side bidding the grand was down a lot in the match and taking an aggressive shot for a big gain could have paid off... Had diamonds split 3-3, the gamble would have worked.

This was an amusing segment, pitting Debbie Rosenberg ,of the Schireson team, against her son, Kevin, of the Bramley team. Playing against one's children is never easy. There is one good thing, though: Debbie can be proud whichever way it works out in the end!



BOARD: 7  
 DEALER: SOUTH  
 VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ 2  
 ♥ KQ9763  
 ♦ T85  
 ♣ K64

♠ QJ74  
 ♥ J5  
 ♦ AQJ732  
 ♣ 7

♠ 863  
 ♥ T842  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ AQJ83

Par: -120

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	5	5	6	5	5
S	:	:	7	:	:
EW	6	6	5	7	8

♠ AKT95  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ K96  
 ♣ T952

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting	IMP
1	Lebowitz	Han	▶	Open	3♥	N ♦4	-3	300			3
				Closed	2♥	N ♦4	-2	200			
2	Fleisher	Petrov	▶	Open	2N	S ♣7	-3	300			3
				Closed	2♠	S ♥J	-2	200			
3	Rosenthal	Balleisen	▶	Open	2♥	N ♦4	-2	200		7	
				Closed	3N	S ♦Q	-5	500			
4	Bramley	Schireson	▶	Open	3♥	N ♦4	-3	300			15
				Closed	2♦x	W ♠2	-3	800			
5	Robinson	Bailey	▶	Open	2♥	N ♦4	-2	200		3	
				Closed	2N	S ♦Q	-3	300			
6	Simson	Hamman	▶	Open	3♥	N ♦4	-3	300		-	-
				Closed	2♠	S ♣7	-3	300			
7	Juster	Gu	▶	Open	2♦	W ♠2	-2	200		11	
				Closed	3♥	N ♦4	-3	300			

Here is an example of a complete failure of a board! Look at the scores!

Not one of the experts could make a contract... no matter how low they stayed. No one got over the 3-level.

The best score was +800 North/South achieved by Watson/McAllister when McAllister passed out 2DX on this auction against Woolsey/Bramley:

Woolsey Watson Bramley McAllister

W	N	E	S
			1♠
2♦	DBL	PASS	PASS
PASS			

This resulted in a 15 IMP swing for Schireson when McAllister's teammates played in 3H down three!

Not often does a hand score better as a pass-out at every table!

BOARD: 49  
 DEALER: NORTH  
 VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ KQ  
 ♥ QJ852  
 ♦ KT  
 ♣ KJ72

♠ AJT42  
 ♥ A94  
 ♦ 92  
 ♣ T65

♠ 9876  
 ♥ T6  
 ♦ AQJ75  
 ♣ Q4

Par: -100

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	9	5	9	3	5
EW	4	8	4	9	5

♠ 53  
 ♥ K73  
 ♦ 8643  
 ♣ A983

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP				
						NS	EW			
1	Lebowitz	Han	Open	1N	N	♠9	-2	100	-	-
			Closed	4♥	N	♠7	-2	100	-	-
2	Fleisher	Petrov	Open	4♠	E	♥3	-1	50		6
			Closed	1N	N	♠6	-4	200		
3	Rosenthal	Balleisen	Open	1N	N	♦Q	+3	180		8
			Closed	3♠	W	♥Q	=	140		
4	Bramley	Schireson	Open	1N	N	♦Q	+3	180		8
			Closed	3♠	W	♥Q	=	140		
5	Robinson	Bailey	Open	1N	N	♠8	-3	150	-	-
			Closed	3♠	W	♥Q	=	140		
6	Simson	Hamman	Open	3♥	N	♠9	-1	50		3
			Closed	4♠	W	♥J	-1	50		
7	Juster	Gu	Open	2♥	N	♠7	=	110		7
			Closed	3♠	W	♠K	+1	170		

Board 49 from the 4th segment of play produced some strange results. According to the DoubleDummy analysis, 1NT by North fares the same as 1NT by East or West... it should always go down 2! However, in practice, looking at the above, it scored anywhere between and including making 4 to down 4!

When Petrov played it from North, Grue led the S6 and his side came to 4 spades, 1 heart, and 5 diamonds. Moss won the 1st spade and continued the suit. Petrov won in hand and led a heart. Moss won the ace and cashed 3 rounds of spades followed by a diamond through the KT to Grue who cashed five rounds of diamonds. Down 4!!

In Rosenthal/Belleisen, when Demuy played it from North, Wang led the DQ. Vince won and played a heart to the king and Qian's ace. Qian shifted to the SJ. Demuy won the SQ and cashed four rounds of hearts. He played a club to the ace and a club to the king and cashed two more clubs... He conceded the rest. Contract making +3!

No one did anything unreasonable... Just an example of how much opening leads matter!

# CROSS IMPS

1.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	2.12	127.00	60
2.	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	Lebowitz	1.72	154.53	90
3.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Fleisher	1.13	101.47	90
4.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Rosenthal	1.01	90.45	90
5.	Chris Willenken - Gavin Wolpert	Rosenthal	0.92	82.38	90
6.	Brian Platnick - Kevin Rosenberg	Bramley	0.79	94.57	119
7.	Doug Simson - Eric Rodwell	Simson	0.78	69.35	89
8.	Kevin Dwyer - Shan Huang	Juster	0.75	89.76	120
9.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	0.63	47.57	75
10.	David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge	Simson	0.55	49.72	90
11.	Daniel Korbel - Zia Mahmood	Lebowitz	0.53	48.12	90
12.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Bramley	0.48	57.08	120
13.	David Berkowitz - Steve Garner	Robinson	0.40	35.20	89
14.	Olivia Schireson - Will Watson	Schireson	0.34	15.08	45
15.	Josh Donn - William Bailey	Bailey	0.30	18.19	60
16.	Joe Grue - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	0.28	4.20	15
17.	Eric Robinson - Michael Kamil	Robinson	0.25	14.89	60
18.	Aaron Jones - Owen Lien	Bailey	0.23	27.14	120
19.	Ming Sheng - Yanong Han	Han	0.22	26.00	120
20.	Debbie Rosenberg - John McAllister	Schireson	0.06	0.97	15
21.	Alex Kolesnik - Ron Smith	Gu	0.02	2.24	90
22.	Adam Wildavsky - Doug Doub	Hamman	0.01	0.85	75
23.	Aaron Balleisen - Zhiyu Cheng	Balleisen	-0.10	-11.99	120
24.	Ai-Tai Lo - Joshua Sher	Gu	-0.18	-13.62	75
25.	Andy Goodman - Mike Passell	Juster	-0.27	-16.47	60
26.	Eddie Wold - Venkatrao Koneru	Simson	-0.39	-23.57	60
27.	Jiang Gu - Walter Lee	Gu	-0.43	-32.10	75
28.	Jacob Morgan - Jeff Juster	Juster	-0.50	-29.82	60
29.	Greg Hinze - John Schermer	Hamman	-0.53	-39.69	75
30.	Finn Kolesnik - Ish DelMonte	Robinson	-0.59	-52.73	90
31.	Bob Hamman - Neil Chambers	Hamman	-0.64	-56.66	89
32.	Aaron Silverstein - Andrew Rosenthal	Rosenthal	-0.67	-39.92	60
33.	Debbie Rosenberg - Olivia Schireson	Schireson	-0.70	-20.23	29
34.	Arti Bhargava - Josh Donn	Bailey	-0.72	-42.69	59
35.	Debbie Rosenberg - Max Schireson	Schireson	-0.72	-54.08	75
36.	Matthew Haag - Valentin Kovachev	Petrov	-0.77	-92.93	120
37.	John McAllister - Will Watson	Schireson	-0.92	-41.35	45
38.	Nicole Qian - Philip Wang	Balleisen	-1.01	-120.92	120
39.	Max Schireson - Olivia Schireson	Schireson	-1.13	-16.89	15
40.	Adam Grossack - Larry Lebowitz	Lebowitz	-1.14	-68.34	60
41.	Brian Zhang - Qiang Zhang	Han	-1.34	-160.31	120
42.	Dian Petrov - Rumen Dimitrov	Petrov	-1.56	-187.32	120
43.	John McAllister - Olivia Schireson	Schireson	-2.34	-35.15	15



# Limey Jack...

Hallo Yanks:

Limey Jack here from the other side of the pond. Helping you to make a shilling or two off your favourite punter, whilst Howie Dung nauseates us all with his ill rhyming blather.

In the round of 16 Bailey pulled a rather large upset of Robinson by a cat's whiskers at the 16<sup>th</sup> pole. Enjoy it for now lads.

Nickell-Juster: As long as Nickell-Katz stay away from their down 50 set coming in cold, they should be able to see under Juster's kilts in short order.

Lebowitz-Simson: Lebowitz is oft the bridesmaid, but Limey Jack is getting them to the Semis as sure as the Parson's Wife has designs on the chap who fixes their telly on the regular.

Fleisher-Bailey: Fleisher has no sympathy for the Cinderella team of Bailey. A fine try gone for naught.

Rosenthal-Bramley: This match could easily go the distance. Two fine teams. Rosenthal has tasted blood recently and blood begets blood, but Bramley is squad of experienced brawlers. As Bramley has finally shagged the Boyd-Robinson anchor, they have the likelihood of moving into the Premier League.

Limey Jack will return on the morrow. Beware of listening to the buffoonery of M. Dung.

Ta

# Howie Doing...

Nickell's had rest and they're clearly the best,  
But they've missed the practice on site.  
Is Juster lack luster or up to the muster,  
He's gonna need strength in this fight!

Things are on track now that Eric is back  
And he's anxious to prove he's in form.  
He'll get lots of flack from the brothers Grossack  
So he best be prepared for a storm!

Team Marty is ready and feeling quite heady,  
They pounded their opps yesterday.  
But Bailey is mean and they've got Owen Lien,  
And he's rarin' and darin' to stay!

If Andrew plays smart, he just may beat Bart,  
Woolsey's preempts may get them in trouble.  
He preempts whenever and thinks that it's clever,  
Remember those RED cards say double!

**What is money called in space?**

Star bucks.



**What do you call a Frenchman in sandals?**

Phillipe Floppe.



**Why did the deer get braces?**

He had buck teeth.

**Why was the artichoke so generous?**

It had a big heart!



# Math

# Humor!

**What did the zero say to the eight?**

Nice belt!

**Which king loved fractions?**

Henry the  $\frac{1}{8}$ .

**What's a math teacher's favorite season?**

SUM-mer.

**Why can't a nose be 12 inches long?**

Because then it would be a foot.

**How are a dollar and the moon similar?**

They both have four quarters.

**Why can you never trust a math teacher holding graph paper?**

They must be plotting something!

**What did the triangle say when he got mad at the circle?**

You're pointless!