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Results: USA1 Semi Final

1	Lewis	141	49	5	26	25	14	22	
4	Kasle	180	30	13	53	30	32	22	
2	Wolfson	144	18	7	28	23	30	38	

Senior United States Bridge Championship - USA2 2019 2nd Round Robin

Team Name	Total	Carry Over	5	9	7	10	8	6
5. Brod	125.19	62.46		6.88	18.68	18.53	6.22	12.42
9. Mahaffey	106.25	44.13	13.12		11.27	13.78	14.39	9.56
7. Hamman	101.10	63.33	1.32	8.73		1.47	17.11	9.14
10. Simson	91.43	43.91	1.47	6.22	18.53		10.44	10.86
8. Jacobs	88.21	38.50	13.78	5.61	2.89	9.56		17.87
6. Cappelli	87.82	47.67	7.58	10.44	10.86	9.14	2.13	



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Limey Jack...

Ta Colonials:

It is winding down and none too soon.

In USA 1 please congratulate Kasle on a wonderful tournament to this point and be happy for them that they will have another oppo in USA 2. Zia has ordered the bubbly and has booked his aeroplane for Friday. Welcome home, olde sod

In USA 2, it was just as Limey Jack predicted of course, but as the Parson expects porridge for breakfast, warm bread for dinner, and mince pie at supper, so should you expect to make the most bob off these events.

Wolfson-Simson: Simson is already out of undergarments but will luckily be able to sort that out in just a couple more days.

Lewis-Hamman: Hamman has one more arrow to his quiver and will send Lewis back home.

Brod-Mahaffey: This magical mystery tour continues for one more chucker as Brod sends a very tired Mahaffey team back to the Capitol of the Colonies. Brod defies convention and makes dogs bollocks of partnerships, but harbours hope of crossing the finish line upright. The last Filly crews them in a straight line.

Howie Dung is on holiday and needed it badly.

Cheers.

Kasle's on fire with flames rising high. Skillful and daring right up to the sky.

All of their swings appear double digit, Proving good judgment by guys some term midget!

With help from Bart Bramley and help from Dan Morse, They've righted their ship and they're staying on course.

> No unlucky experts, they'll take not a flyer... Celebration on Thursday at Chez Wildfire!

Simson came back, albeit was late.
But we'd hate to lose him 'cause he will take Kate!

Team Wolfson is tired and that is no lie. The Open, the Mixed not even one bye!

Simson prevails. Wolfson is fixed.
Garner and Rosenberg play in the Mixed!

Lewis's motive is totally sound. He, like his wife, should be China bound!

Having a couple competing is nice; Sharing bridge tales while eating fried rice!

Then, on the flip side, all I can say...
Weinstein quit repping just so he could play.

This match will be slow but when it is through, Lewis continues in USA2.

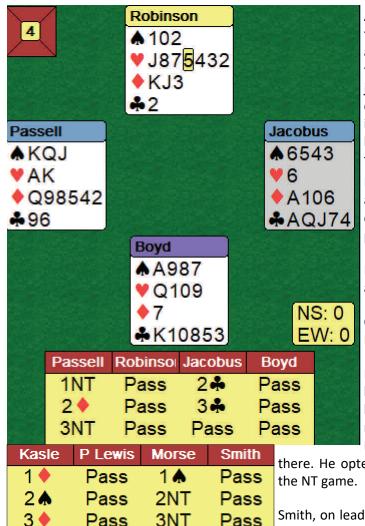
Brod started out in a definite sag. Perhaps they were showing signs of jet lag?

Now they're adjusted and playing quite well. Mahaffey is toast ... he's under their spell.

Howie Doing... quite fine!

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One in Every Crowd....



At three tables in the USA1 segment 3, 3NT was defeated 4 tricks when played from West. In all those cases, North led a heart. Declarer's hope is that he can collect six diamond tricks. He either needs singleton king on his left or singleton jack on his right. In the alternative, he hopes to take five diamond tricks and get his ninth trick with a club finesse. It is slightly better to play a diamond to the ace since if South holds D:KJxx, declarer can still take five diamond tricks. In these cases, a diamond to the ace is the favored play.

Declarer won the opening lead and played a diamond to the ace and a diamond to the jack. North continued hearts and declarer knocked out the SA. South still had a heart to reach partner.

In the end, the defense collected five hearts, two diamonds and a spade...

Only one declarer was successful... and that would be Dan Morse. Dan, however, was sitting East!

Kasle opened 1D. Lewis, holding a 7 card heart suit headed by the jack, decided to remain silent. He certainly was not looking to have that suit led. Morse responded 1S and Kasle made a wise choice to raise spades instead of bidding 1NT. Morse checked for four card support and found it wasn't

there. He opted for 2NT and when Kasle rebid his diamonds, Morse bid the NT game.

Smith, on lead with 5 clubs, led his fourth best club. Morse won the C9 in dummy. This gave Dan the extra entry to dummy ... an entry he needed... to play for at least one diamond honor on his right.

Zia	Berkowit	Cheek	Sontag
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2 🄷	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Garner	H Lall	Lair	Milner
Garner 1 ♦	H Lall Pass	Lair 2♣	Milner Pass
1 🔷	Pass	2♣	Pass

Pass

Pass

He knew that RHO was short in clubs, probably a singleton when the nine held at trick one. This made it highly likely that RHO held the length in diamonds. Backing up his reasoning, Dan led the DQ! This was covered by the king to the ace. The DT went to the jack, but the defense had lost its tempo. Dan brought home five diamond tricks, two club tricks, two heart tricks, and he could still knock out the SA to take 11 tricks. Contract making 5!

14 IMPs to Kasle

Note that Dan was not out of the woods when Smith led a club and the nine held in dummy. Had he played the proverbial diamond to the ace and

another, Lewis could switch to hearts and when the DJ were cleared, the defense would continue hearts, establishing the suit.

Dan would still need to eliminate the SA in order to come to nine tricks. When he played on spades, the defense could cash out the hearts and defeat the contract one trick... better for them than the table result.

2019 Senior USBC TEAMS

Teams are listed in alphabetic order & will be numbered in alphabetic order for the Round Robin

		JoAnna Stansby
Brod	Geoffrey Brod, Capt	Jon Greenspan
	Karen McCallum	Victor King
Cappelli	Robert Cappelli, Capt	Robert Bitterman
	David Caprera	Anne Brenner
	Kenneth Kranyak	Phil Becker
Denison	Daniel Denison, Capt	Richard Unger
	Albert Shrive	Michael Ranis
Hamman	Robert Hamman, Capt	Peter Weichsel
	Howard Weinstein	Mark Feldman
	Neil Chambers	John Schermer
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt	Claude Vogel
	Jeffry Mandell	Jon Sorkin
	David Lehman	Richard Melson
Kasle	Gaylor Kasle, Capt	Dan Morse
	Peter Boyd	Steve Robinson
	Bart Bramley	Kit Woolsey
Lall	Hemant Lall	Reese Milner
	Zia Mahmood	Curtis Cheek
	Dennis Clerkin	Jerry Clerkin
	Petra Hamman, NPC	
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt	Ron Smith
	Mike Passell	Marc Jacobus
	Mark Itabashi	Eddie Wold
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt	Sam Lev
	Drew Casen	Alan Graves
	Matthew Granovetter	Lew Stansby
Reynolds	W. Thomas Reynolds, Capt	Lance Kerr
	David Pelka	William Hall
	Ellen Kent	Robert Kent
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt	Jeff Aker
	Allan Falk	John Lusky
	Steve Beatty	Fred Stewart
Wolfson	Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt	Michael Rosenberg
	Mark Lair	Steve Garner
	David Berkowitz	Alan Sontag
1	1	

I have a photographic memory. Unfortunately, it no longer offers same day service.

You know you are getting old when you look forward to a DULL evening. Have you ever tried to eat a clock? It's very time consuming.

The girl quit her job at the doughnut factory because she was fed up with the hole business.

Butchers link sausage to make ends meat.

I wanted to take home the left-overs from the BBQ, but someone else foiled my plans.

Why would an hour glass only take half an hour to finish? It was filled with quick sand.

When I opened the first snow-pea pod, one fell out and rolled under the fridge. One might say it was an escapea.

My best friend and I attended culinary school together and then opened our own restaurant. I guess we are taste buds.

I went to a buffet dinner with my neighbor, who is a taxidermist. After such a big meal, I was stuffed.

Did you hear the one about the woman who threw her toaster away because it kept burning the bread? She was black toast intolerant.

My mom ran out of poultry seasoning so she winged it.

The British cannibal enjoyed snacking on fish and chaps.

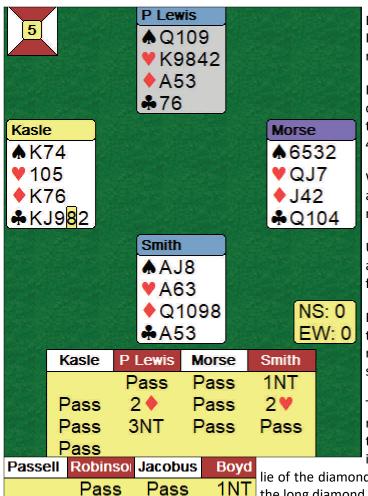
In order to have a successful luau, you have to go whole hog!

There was a sale at the fish market today. I went to see what was the catch.

I invented some new cookware but the critics panned it.

I have invented crockery that comes to me when I whistle. My cup runneth over.

hen I suggested that my wife should alphabetize her recipes, she would have nothing of the sort.



Board 5 produced no swing in Wolfson/Lall and another 14 IMP swing for Kasle in Kasle/Lewis. We ask, "Are they really playing the same boards?"

In all four rooms, South opened 1NT on his balanced 15 count and North transferred to hearts. When faced with the choice of games, three of the four South players chose 4H, holding Axx. Only Ron Smith elected to play in 3NT.

We sympathize with Ron's decision. He is 3-3-4-3 with literally stoppers in every suit... and 3NT only requires 9 winners, not 10 like the heart game.

Unfortunately for Ron, Kasle had a natural club lead against 3NT. Ronnie ducked two rounds of clubs and was forced to win the third, discarding a heart from dummy.

Ron played the D8 to the jack with Morse and Morse returned a small spade. Ron finessed and it was over. The run of the clubs made for tough pitches and when the smoke cleared, the contract failed three tricks for –300!

The defense to four hearts was far more interesting. In two rooms, the opening leader chose a trump and declarer had tempo on his side. He pulled two rounds of hearts ending in hand and double hooked diamonds. With the favorable

lie of the diamond suit, he was able to discard a losing club from dummy on the long diamond and collect 10 tricks.

Only Zia found the killing lead of a club. Cheek played the queen and declarer ducked. Cheek continued clubs. Declarer won and played two rounds of hearts ending in dummy.

Milner Garner H Lall Lair Pass Pass 1NT 2 🍁 Pass 2♥ Pass 3NT 4♥ Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Sontag Zia Berkowit Cheek 1NT Pass Pass Pass 2 🔷 Pass 2♥ 2 🛦 2NT Pass Pass Pass 3 💑 Pass 3 🄷 3♥ 4 🖤 Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass

2 🄷

3NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

2♥

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He took the spade finesse, losing to Zia's king. Zia has flair but sometimes it backfires. Rather than exiting with a neutral black suit, Zia attacked diamonds. He led the D6. Dummy followed low and Cheek was faced with a really tough dilemna: **He had to decide what Zia's diamond holding was**.

If Zia has led from the DK, Cheek could play low and declarer would still have to lose a diamond. However, if Zia has led from QT or Q9, Cheek has to play the jack.

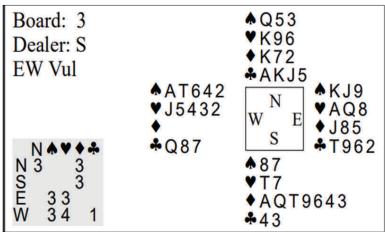
Cheek guessed wrong and played the jack. Once he did this, Sontag had ten tricks, finessing Zia's diamond king.

A man was ambidextrous, he could eat sugar with both hands.

The meat market had a special on pork prices, the sign said ham me downs.

Can a Free-Range chicken be cooked on a stove you bought?

Looking at USA2...



On Board 3 from the USA2 Round of 16 1st Session, Cappelli/Brod match, David Caprera, North, declared 3NT on the following auction:

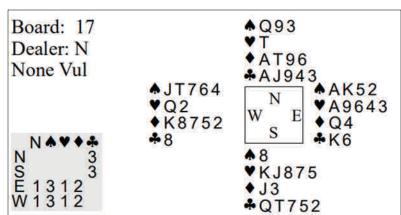
South	West	North	East
Brenner	Greenspan	Caprera	Brod
3D	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Brod found an inspired lead: THE SJ!

Greenspan won his ace and promptly returned a spade. Caprera made the normal play of the queen. Brod won his king and when Greenspan overtook the nine with the ten, he was able to cash two more

spades and put a heart through Caprera's king to his partner's ace/queen. In the end, David finished down three for – 300.

At the other table, East also found the spectacular lead of the SJ! However, West thought it was from Jx. Dutifully, he won his SA and shifted to a club! 14 IMPs to Brod for a great defense!



By Board 17 of third match, Caprera and Brenner had switched directions and were now sitting East/West.

Caprera became declarer in 4S on the following auction:

South	West	North	East
Graves	Brenner	Drewski	Caprera
		1C	1H
3C	Double	4C	4 S
All Pass			

Holding five cards in declarer's second suit, Graves decided to attempt to limit dummy's ruffs by leading

his singleton trump. This should have made Caprera's life easy... but things are not always as they seem! David says, "Cover the N/S cards and plan your play from here. It looks simple... like you have a play for five!" Don't read on until you've planned your play!

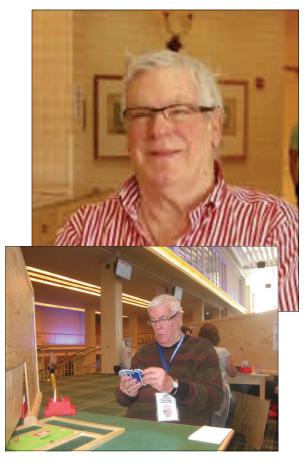
At the table: The SJ held trick one. David had visions of overtricks. He led a club toward his king; North rose with the ace and played a second trump. David won this in hand, cashed the CK pitching a heart from dummy. He cashed the HA and trumped a heart which Casen overruffed with his carefully preserved SQ! Caprera lost one trick in each suit. Says David, "Oops, another cold game in the cooler. The winning line for 10 tricks was simply to pull the 3rd trump and lead up to the HQ. Doing so gives you the additional chance of HK onside but gives up on the overtrick when hearts are 3-3.

And that is why I end up sleeping on the couch!

Speaking of "Sleeping on the Couch," that is the title of David's great new book filled with entertaining bridge stories and the hands that accompany them. It is an excellent read and we will include a full review in tomorrow's Oldies but Goodies Daily Bulletin.

David has books available for sale here in Schaumburg ... ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE USBF JUNIOR TRAINING PRO-GRAM... A POSITIVE STEP TOWARD THE FUTURE OF THE GAME! If you are interested in purchasing a book, see David at the site. Along with the review, we will include more information on how to obtain your copy if you are not local at this time.

Meet the Players...



From Orlando Florida, **Jim Mahaffey** is a successful businessman who specializes in large apartment developments. He has won many national and regional events, his last national win the Mitchell BAM in 2013

Bridge accomplishments

Wins

North American Bridge Championships

Grand National Teams 2004
Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1989
Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 2013
Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 1987
Spingold 1988

Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships

Grand National Teams 2005
Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 2013
Reisinger 1992
Spingold 1990

Hospitality Suite

The hospitality suite for the 2019 Senior USBC will be room 2321. Our wonderful hostess, Martha Katz will be in Schaumburg to welcome you, with a lot of help from other volunteers.

The hospitality suite will be open starting on Thursday evening and continuing throughout the event. Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch each day from about 1:00-4:00. Players, kibitzers, friends, spouses and children are welcome to join us in the hospitality suite.

The hospitality suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan & McKenzie's office) is room 1321. It will be available for the entire tournament. We will have coffee, soft drinks and some snacks available in that room while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

Special Thanks to Martha's mom, Chris Benson, and aunt, Carol Hillard, for helping in the Suite.

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.



SEMIFINAL & US	A2 ROUND OF	16 (CLICK FOR ROUND	ROBIN SCHEDULE IF 12 TEAMS IN USA1)
MONDAY	JUNE 3	4:00 - 6:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
	30.112.0	6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
TUESDAY	JUNE 4	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
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			85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		4:00 - 6:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
	FINAL &	USA2 QUARTERFINAL	. (6 USA2 TEAMS)
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			85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		4:00 - 6:10	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
THURSDAY	JUNE 6	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
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THURSDAY	JUNE 6	4:00 - 6:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
FRIDAY	JUNE 7	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
			85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		4:00 - 6:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		USA2 FINAL	
SATURDAY	JUNE 8	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
			85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		4:00 - 6:10	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY	JUNE 9	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
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Remaining Schedule



All four tables in Lall/Wolfson and Lewis/Kasle played in 6SX from South of course.

How often do you see a hand where one side can make 7D missing the ace of their 4-4 side suit?

The answer: The probability of a 5-0 split with the void on lead is approximately 2%! In fact, you can go down in SIX any time clubs split 4-1 and the opponents can negotiate a ruff. (about a 20% chance)

Here, South is hopeless on both counts... no singleton and no trump!

Then again, how often does one pick up a ten card suit?

The answer: approximately .002% of the time! (rounded)

Just another push board!

(Percentages referenced from Borel... Mathematical Theory of Bridge by Emile Borel and Andre Cheron)

All About Kibitzing

WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?



You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event, except in the Closed Room during the final sequestered matches of the Round Robin, subject to the following regulations:

Kibitzers may enter the room ONLY at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed.

A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next segment.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

SCREENS

All of the USBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBC KIBITZING RULES

The USBF <u>General Conditions of Contest</u> contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

GENERAL RULES

- a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
- b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
- c. Kibitzers must enter the playing room before play commences. Kibitzers are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
- d. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
- e. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.
- f. These rules may be revised in specific instances by the DICs for the orderly running of the event.

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9						2		
		7						
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	4	3					1	

Sudoku 1

What kind of pumpkin protects castles? A royal gourd! Even covered in salad dressing my lettuce looked bare, so I put some cloves on it.

The food they serve to guards can last for sentries.

Eating breakfast in front of the TV at the same time every day turns the meal into a serial.

Where do witches bake their cookies? In a coven.

Two loaves of bread wanted to get married, so they eloafed.

His beard is so thick, when he eats food he mustache some of it away for later.

The deer grabbed the gun and gave the hunter a taste of his own venison.

'I agree with you wholeheartedly,' said the artichoke grower.

Answers to Puzzle on Page 11:

6 əloH	38	tseW	Steven
Gt aloH	77	Larriot	aol
St əloH	tt	Rich	Лепу
Hole 3	07	Grant	toill∃
9 əloH	97	Stewart	Aaron
9no-ni-əloH	Final Score	Last Name	First Name



Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku Solutions on Page 12

Puzzle Page ...

Grant Larriot Rich Stewart West 38 40 42 44	Hole 3
Aaron	
Elliot	
Jerry	
Joe	
Steven	
Hole 3	
Hole 6	
Hole 9	
Hole 12	
Hole 15	
38	
40	
42	-
44	
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Jerry and four friends spent yesterday afternoon playing miniature golf. It was a gorgeous day and the five friends had a great time. Par for the course was 42 and all of them had decent scores at the end of the course. Each one also got a hole-in-one at a different hole in the 18-hole course. Determine the full name of each friend, what their final score for the course was (38 to 46), and at what hole each got their hole-in-one.

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Hole 12

Answer

on

page 10

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Hole Hole

> Hint: In golf, a lower score is better than a high score. The goal is to make the course par or lower.

- 1. Steven, whose last name wasn't Rich, was under par for the course. Mr. West got his hole-in-one at hole 9.
- 2. The person who matched the course par got a hole-in-one at hole 15, but it wasn't Aaron.

First Name Last Name **Final Score** Hole-in-one Aaron Elliot Jerry Joe Steven 38 Grant Hole 3 40 Hole 6 Larriot Rich 42 Hole 9 44 Hole 12 Stewart

46

- 3. Mr. Rich's score was four points higher than Elliot's score. Jerry's last name wasn't Grant.
- 4. Elliot got his hole-in-one three holes before Mr. Stewart, who got his hole-in-one three holes before the person who had a final score of 38, who got his hole-in-one three holes before Jerry.
- 5. The two people who scored under par for the course were Mr. Grant and the person who got a hole-in-one at hole 9.
- 6. Joe Larriot didn't get his hole-in-one at hole 3.

Today's matchups:

USA1 Finals: Kasle vs. Lall

USA2 QuarterFinals: Wolfson vs. Simson

West

Lewis vs. Hamman Brod vs. Mahaffey

Hole 15

Vugraph

The 2019 Senior USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Quarterfinals, in which we will try to cover all of the tables in play. The Quartrfinal starts Sunday, June 2nd.

To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or use the download version of the BBO software to run BBO on your computer (only available if you already have it, not to new users). If you choose the latter approach, from the Lobby, click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the matches you want to watch.

To watch on your smartphone or tablet, install the BBO app and watch using that.

There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:00-12:10

12:25-2:35

3:45-5:55

6:10-8:20

All of the teams will play the same boards throughout the event.



Hints for BBO viewers

Useful information is available to browser BBO users [and perhaps some mobile bbo users]

if you click on the name of the table/event you will get a pop-up that:

- * displays the BBO Schedule for the specific vugraph event calculated for the time zone of the viewer's electronic device
- * has a link to the home page for the event

if you click on a player name you will usually get a pop-up that

- * displays a picture of the player
- * shows links to System Summary Forms (SSFs), Convention Cards (CCs), and biographical information VIDEO: Live video streaming is not available for this event.

Video from the event tables will be uploaded to YouTube as soon as we can manage.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2019 Open USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on this site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2019 Senior USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

If you are going to be in the Chicago area during the Senior USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please **email Jan Martel**.

Sudoku 1 Solution

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Sudoku 2 Solution

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Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, is available again this year. She has agreed to come to the Hyatt after 1:00 pm on the following days. People who want a massage should sign up with Jan.

Thursday, 6/6

Relaxation Therapy!





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. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

- 1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
- 2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
- 3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
- 4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. 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.

We hope you will join us.

Before the 1998 Chicago NABC, the ACBL commissioned an artist named Jim Harrington from Waukegan, IL, to do a painting called "Our Game." The lithos were sold at the '98 NABC and the original was auctioned off as a fund raiser for the tournament. Leo and Pat Perez from Garden Grove. CA, won the drawing and the winners were named at the Orlando NABC that year and awarded their painting. The picture was prominently displayed during both the Chicago and Orlando NABCs. The lithos are numbered editions. Mr. Harrington's widow, Sue, donated the remaining lithos to the USBF when she moved from her Waukegan home last year. We have several here at the tournament. If you would like one, please see either Jan Martel or Suzi Subeck. From the July 26, 1998, Daily Bulletin at the Chicago NABC:

Our Game

The ACBL Educational Foundation is happy to welcome artist Jim Harrington who is here in Chicago this morning to personalize limited edition prints of his painting "Our Game". This is the only day he will be here. Harrington will be at the Educational Foundation's booth which is located near the NorthEast Exhibit Hall on the lower level.

Harrington is a well-known artist listed in *Who's Who of Living American Artists* and is well represented in the collections of many corporate and private collections. Proceeds from the project will be split evenly between the Educational Foundation and Art Etc. Inc.



FYI:

These are not for sale. We are giving them to those who want them.



Jerry Clerkin

Several Committees of the USBF meet online as Forums on BridgeWinners. These groups impact future United States Bridge Championships. Among these committees are the USBF Tournament Policy Committee, the USBF Technical Committee, and the USBF Systems Committee. These committees formerly known as the ITT committees make decisions that impact you as participants in our Competitions.

All of these committees and more are active as Forums on BridgeWinners. If you, as a member of the USBF, would like to be involved in our future decision making process, you are welcome to visit there, participate, and read up on the current outlook.

For access to the BW Forums, email Jan to request your access at marteljan@gmail.com.

We encourage your involvement. Your input and your interest is important to us.

Our pens, though not feather, Perhaps need a tether? To keep them from flying away?

We always reuse them So please don't abuse them, And leave on the table today!

We clearly assert Your need to alert So use when explaining a call!

But leave at the site So others can write.

Should they need to explain Lebensohl!!



