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UNITED STATES WOMEN'S AND SENIORS' BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oldies and Goodies

USA2 Final

2	Lynch	197	45	35	60	12	18	27
3	Meltzer	163	22	19	35	7	31	49

**Congrats
Team Lynch!
USA2 Seniors**



Thanks Everyone!

The USBF wishes to thank everyone who attended these Championships. It was a great success because you were here.

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See you next year in Phoenix!

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Down to the Wire ... the final 60 Boards

Board 33
Dealer: N
None Vul.

♠ J
♥ JT962
♦ QJT5
♣ K94

♠ 7
♥ K74
♦ K87
♣ AJ8652

♠ A95432
♥ 3
♦ 9632
♣ T7

♠ KQT86
♥ AQ85
♦ A4
♣ Q3



West	North	East	South
Passell	Cohen	Jacobus	Beatty
	Pass	2S	All pass

Meltzer	Bates	Mohan	Hayden
	Pass	2D (multi)	2NT
3C	3D (transfer)	Pass	3S
Pass	3NT	All pass	

Beatty and Cohen were saved from playing in 4H light one with both red kings offside. Once Beatty opted to pass rather than bid 2NT directly over the preempt, they were shut out of the auction. 2S went down one.

At the other table, Mohan opened a multi 2D. Hayden overcalled 2NT; Meltzer made an aggressive 3C call; Bates bid 3D (presumably a transfer looking at his hand); Hayden bid 3S; Bates bid 3NT, and there they rested.

Meltzer got off to the lead of a fourth best club. Hayden won his CQ and played ace of hearts, a heart to dummy's jack and another heart, forcing out the king.

Meltzer cashed her CA and continued with a club to the king in dummy. Hayden cashed dummy's good hearts and exited with the jack of spades. Mohan rose and Hayden claimed ten tricks for +430 and 9 IMPs to Meltzer.

Board 39
Dealer: S
All Vul.

♠ J84
♥ J
♦ KO2
♣ KJT942

♠ Q9
♥ AKQ98764
♦ 975
♣

♠ AKT73
♥ T532
♦ 83
♣ 53

♠ 652
♥
♦ AJT64
♣ AQ876



19 IMP swings are rare. What a diabolical hand!

Passell	Cohen	Jacobus	Beatty
			1D
4H	Double	Pass	5C
Pass	Pass	5H	Pass
Pass	6C	Double	All pass

Meltzer	Bates	Mohan	Hayden
			1D
4H	Double	Pass	5C
Pass	Pass	5H	All pass

The play in 6C was swift and accurate. Passell led the HA and Beatty claimed 12 tricks. +1540 for North/South. Obviously the slam would have failed on the lead of a spade, but how was Passell to guess that?

In the other room, the play went almost as quickly in 5H. Bates led the diamond king followed by the diamond queen, overtaken by Hayden.

Hayden attempted to cash his CA. Meltzer ruffed this and claimed 11 tricks.

Meltzer was down quite a bit at this point. This was exactly the kind of board she needed.

19 IMPs to Meltzer

Puzzle Page ...

Sudoku

<i>T</i>	<i>E</i>		<i>B</i>				<i>D</i>	
	<i>A</i>			<i>T</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>E</i>		
		<i>B</i>					<i>T</i>	
			<i>E</i>			<i>A</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>T</i>
<i>E</i>				<i>A</i>				<i>X</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>A</i>			<i>T</i>			
	<i>H</i>					<i>L</i>		
		<i>T</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>			<i>E</i>	
	<i>B</i>				<i>L</i>		<i>A</i>	<i>S</i>

Here's a Sudoku challenge with a different spin. Instead of using numbers, the puzzle is made with letters! Can you solve the puzzle so that each of the nine letters are present in each 9x9 grid only once, and also each letter only appears once in each column and row?

Answer on page 6

Don't Miss the Hall of Fame Induction at the Atlanta NABC:

Patron Members: \$37.50

Other Guests: \$75.00

Honoring: *Max Hardy, the Blackwood Award*
Gail Greenberg, the von Zedwitz Award
Benedicte Cronier & Sylvie Willard, Sidney Lazard Sportsmanship Award



Sunday, August 4th, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia

Featuring Emcee George Jacobs and Celebrity Presenters Black Tie Optional, Hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar

World Youth Bridge Open Championship in Atlanta

The WBF, with support from the ACBL, the USBF, the MABC, ACBL District 7, ACBL District 9, the Common Club, as well as private donors, will hold the 3rd World Youth Bridge Open Championship in Atlanta this summer. The complete schedule of play is posted on the WBF website. All participants will be provided with lunch and dinner each day. All players must have been born in or after 1988.

Board 42
 Dealer: E
 All Vul.
 ♠ J
 ♥ 84
 ♦ T86
 ♣ QT98754

♠ Q7653
 ♥ KQJT5
 ♦ 4
 ♣ A6



♠ 84
 ♥ A32
 ♦ J9732
 ♣ K32

♠ AKT92
 ♥ 976
 ♦ AKQ5
 ♣ J

West	North	East	South
Meltzer	Bates	Mohan	Hayden
		Pass	1C (strong)
Double (majors)	Pass	1H	Pass
2H	3C	All pass	

Passell	Cohen	Jacobus	Beatty
		Pass	1S
2H	Pass	3H	4D
Pass	Pass	Double	All pass

Playing a strong club system worked very well on this hand for Hayden and Bates. Hayden made the strong, artificial opening bid, and Meltzer doubled to show the majors. That told Hayden he was facing a bad spade split. His opponents bid to 2H and he never took another call. When his partner bid 3C, he felt confident passing. His partner showed long clubs and the auction revealed that he couldn't hold many HCP.

Meltzer led the king of hearts and a heart to the ace. A diamond came back to the ace, and the jack of clubs was led to the queen and king. Mohan continued diamonds which Meltzer ruffed with her ace of trump. She exited with the HQ, ruffed in dummy. Hayden played a high club from dummy, drawing the outstanding trump and claimed nine tricks.

If Meltzer leads her singleton diamond, it matters not. Hayden can use his ace/king of spades to pitch a heart from dummy and Meltzer's diamond ruff is no more than a trick trade.

Beatty, playing a standard style system, opened 1S on the 17 HCP and five card suit. Passell overcalled 2H and Jacobus raised him to three. Beatty should have passed, realizing that his partner could not hold much in strength. Instead, he boldly bid 4D. With J9xxx, it was easy for Jacobus to double.

The defense took two high hearts and two high clubs off the top. Then they sat back and waited for their trump tricks. Beatty went down three for -800 and 14 IMPs to Lynch.

Board 52
 Dealer: W
 All Vul.
 ♠ 97632
 ♥ T653
 ♦ A6
 ♣ Q2

♠ AK
 ♥ AQJ972
 ♦ 4
 ♣ KT94



♠ QT8
 ♥ 8
 ♦ JT9732
 ♣ 865

Wold	Feldman	Jacobus	Pollack
1C (strong)	Pass	1D (negative)	Pass
1H	Pass	1NT	Pass
2H	All pass		

Cohen	Passell	Beatty	Lynch
1H	Pass	1NT (semi-forcing)	Pass
3C	All pass		

Wold and Jacobus had a good auction to stop in 2H. Feldman led a spade to Wold's ace. Wold cashed his spade jack, played a small diamond to the jack and king, ruffed the diamond return, and played ace of hearts, queen of hearts. Pollack won his king and played a third diamond, ruffed with the nine from Wold and overruffed with the ten from Feldman. All roads lead to seven tricks... contract down one.

In the other room, things were different. Cohen thought his hand good enough to jump shift. Beatty was sorry he ever responded and passed the jump shift. Three clubs was a miserable spot. Passell led the DA and another diamond to the queen, ruffed by Cohen, shortening his already anemic trump holding. The heart ace and queen followed. Lynch won her king, Cohen pitching a diamond from the dummy. Carolyn exited her hand with a low diamond, ruffed with Passell's trump deuce. Passell played a heart which was ruffed with the five in dummy and overruffed with the seven by Lynch. Cohen claimed five tricks, conceding down four. -400 and 7 IMPs to Lynch... Clearly Steve should have passed in the first place if he was going to pass the jump shift. Segment 2 qualifies as one of the lowest scoring segments on record. Going into board 60, the score is Lynch 11, Meltzer 7! Meltzer, down nearly 70, needs some volatility to stay alive in the match.

Board 81
 Dealer: N
 None Vul.
 ♠ KT7
 ♥ J
 ♦ AJ6
 ♣ AKQT76

West	North	East	South
Feldman	Bates	Pollack	Hayden
	1C (strong)	Pass	1S
4H	4NT	5H	Double
Pass	5S	All pass	

♠ 862
 ♥ AKQT865
 ♦
 ♣ 832



♠ A9
 ♥ 9742
 ♦ T9732
 ♣ 94

Passell	Cohen	Jacobus	Beatty
	1C	Pass	1S
2H	Double	3H	4S
5H	6S	All pass	

♠ QJ543
 ♥ 3
 ♦ KQ854
 ♣ J5

What a hand ... slam off 2 aces and a diamond ruff... But wait! Passell didn't imagine his partner held the ace of spades. He wanted to defeat the contract so made an inspired lead: the H8!! Beatty must have been amazed when the singleton jack in dummy held the trick. But he wasn't out of danger yet... He still had to hope that Passell held the spade ace and couldn't give himself the ruff.

He played the ST off dummy. Jacobus flew with the ace... He was poised to beat the hand, however, he just could not believe his partner had a diamond ruff coming. Looking at all the clubs in dummy, he was certain the ruff was in clubs. Dutifully, he led back a club.

Passell followed suit and Beatty pulled trump and claimed... Making 980.

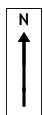
At the other table, Bates asked for aces. Pollack interfered with 5H, Hayden doubled showing none and they calmly settled in five spades, thinking it was a likely push. 11 IMPs to Meltzer

Meltzer had been down a lot coming into the final segment. At this point she had regained 35 of the deficit and was rolling along quite well... and then board 82 reared its ugly head.

Board 82
 Dealer: E
 N/S Vul.
 ♠ J
 ♥ K82
 ♦ AKJ
 ♣ AKQJT2

Passell	Cohen	Jacobus	Beatty
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	3C	Pass	3H
Pass	4H	Pass	4S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5C
Pass	5D	Pass	5S
Pass	6C	Pass	7H
All pass			

♠ KQ85
 ♥ 43
 ♦ QT62
 ♣ 753



♠ 97643
 ♥ Q76
 ♦ 754
 ♣ 98

♠ AT2
 ♥ AJT95
 ♦ 983
 ♣ 64

Feldman	Bates	Pollack	Hayden
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1C (strong)	Pass	1H (positive)
Pass	2C	Pass	2H
Pass	3H	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	Pass	5D
Pass	6C	All pass	

Bates had no difficulty making thirteen tricks in clubs. The opening lead was a diamond, picking up the queen. He said he was pulling trump and taking the heart finesse through Pollack.

The other table was far more exciting. First, Cohen/Beatty arrived in 7H, not 7C. Both grands are cold so long as you take the percentage plays. Passell led the SK. Beatty won in hand, and drawing the inference, that the non-trump lead indicated an honor, he ran the H9 to Jacobus' queen. Down one! 16 IMPs to Lynch. Had Beatty made the hand, it would have been 13 IMPs to Meltzer. The good news is that they still would have fallen short of winning. Steve's play really is mathematically inferior. He could handle the 4-1 AND the singleton queen the other way (a heart to the king and the finesse). That's percentage and it would have worked.

A man is driving along a highway and sees a rabbit jump out across the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid hitting it, but unfortunately the rabbit jumps right in front of the car. The driver, a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulls over and gets out to see what has become of the rabbit. Much to his dismay, the rabbit is dead. The driver feels so awful that he begins to cry. A beautiful blonde woman driving down the highway sees a man crying on the side of the road and pulls over. She steps out of the car and asks the man what's wrong. "I feel terrible," he explains, "I accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it."

The blonde says, "Don't worry." She runs to her car and pulls out a spray can. She walks over to the limp, dead rabbit, bends down, and sprays the contents onto the rabbit. The rabbit jumps up, waves its paw at the two of them and hops off down the road. Ten feet away the rabbit stops, turns around and waves again, he hops down the road another 10 feet, turns and waves, hops another ten feet, turns and waves, and repeats this again and again and again, until he hops out of sight. The man is astonished. He runs over to the woman and demands, "What is in that can? What did you spray on that rabbit?"

The woman turns the can around so that the man can read the label. It says:

"Hair Spray - Restores life to dead hair, and adds permanent wave."

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy:

'So I hear you're getting married?'

'Yep!'

'Do I know her?'

'Nope!'

'This woman, is she good looking?'

'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?'

'Naw, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?'

'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well, then, is she good in bed?'

'I don't know.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife

was meeting him. 'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

Since more and more Seniors are texting and tweeting... there appears to be a need for a STC (Senior Texting Code):

- ATD: At The Doctor's
- BFF: Best Friend Fainted
- BTW: Bring The Wheelchair
- BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth
- CBM: Covered By Medicare
- CUATSC: See You At The Senior Center
- DWI: Driving While Incontinent
- FWB: Friend With Beta Blockers
- FWIW: Forgot Where I Was
- FYI: Found Your Insulin

Senior Laughs

A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she says, 'I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today...'

The bartender says, 'Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink. In fact, this one is on me.'

As the woman finishes her drink, the woman to her right says, 'I would like to buy you a drink, too.'

The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of water.'

'Coming up,' says the bartender

As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says, 'I would like to buy you one, too.'

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Answer to Puzzle on page 3

S	A	T	L	H	D	E	B	X
H	E	X	S	B	A	L	D	T
B	D	L	X	E	S	T	H	A
E	L	B	L	X	H	A	S	D
X	H	B	D	A	S	L	T	E
L	S	A	D	L	E	H	X	B
A	L	S	E	X	D	B	L	H
B	X	E	H	T	L	D	A	S
L	D	H	A	S	B	X	E	T

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The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want another Scotch with two drops of water.'
'Coming right up,' the bartender says.

As he gives her the drink, he says, 'Ma 'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?'

The old woman replies, 'Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor. Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue.'

Laughter doesn't require teeth.

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

The trouble with class reunions is that old flames have become even older. ~Doug Larson

Time and tide wait for no man, but time always stands still for a woman of thirty. ~Robert Frost

Huh? My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Revision of 60s and 70s songs...
They just don't make the songs like they used to any more!!!!!!

Some of the artists of the 60's and 70's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers who can remember doing the "Limbo" as if it were yesterday. They include:

Bobby Darin - Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' A Flash

Herman's Hermits - Mrs. Brown, You've Got A Lovely Walker

Ringo Starr - I Get By With A Little Help From Depends

The Bee Gees - How Can You Mend A Broken Hip

Roberta Flack - The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face

Johnny Nash - I Can't See Clearly Now

Paul Simon - Fifty Ways To Lose Your Liver

The Commodores - Once, Twice, Three Times To The Bathroom

Leo Sayer - You Make Me Feel Like Napping

The Temptations - Papa's Got A Kidney Stone

Abba - Denture Queen