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**Congrats
Team
Rosenthal!
Well played
Team Donner!**

Knockout Results:

USBF Invitational #2 - 2020							
Final (60 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.				
16-AUG-2020			The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.				
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Donner	128	30	39	38	21	
2	Rosenthal (wins tie)	183	45	54	51	33	

Thanks to Those Who Made This Tournament Possible:

Jan Martel—Somehow you always adapt to any obstacle thrown in our midst. Without you, the Organization would surely collapse! We hope you know how much we appreciate you and your attention to all matters bridge!

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Will Watson-You keep running smoothly. You are engaging with the players and everyone appreciates your approachability and helpfulness. You are really good at what you do!

Suzi Subeck-The bulletins brand us and keep the Organization in the limelight. They inform the membership and the world of who we are and what we're doing. They keep our players engaged... especially in this difficult time!

Participants— Without you there would be no event! Thanks for playing and entertaining us... even on a "delayed" basis.

Commentators, Proof-readers, VG staff, Appeals Panel- It wouldn't be the same without you. Thanks for your willingness to work hard for bridge.

Stay safe Everyone! "See" you at INV3!?!

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Pandemic Competition Number II

Teams Entered...

Bishel	Thomas Bishel, Capt Ronald Mullins	John Bishel Charley Seelbach
Brenner	Anne Brenner, Capt Chris Compton Steve Beatty	David Caprera Andy Goodman Fred Stewart
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Giorgia Botta Anam Tebha	Sandra Rimstedt Zachary Grossack Adam Grossack
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Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions! Pandemic Pleasures...

Bacon Roll-Ups

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 3 cups cubed day-old bread
- 1/4 teaspoon celery salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 10 bacon strips



Directions

- In a small skillet, saute onion in butter until tender. In a large bowl, combine the bread cubes, celery salt, garlic powder, salt, pepper and onion mixture; toss to mix evenly. Add egg; toss to coat bread cubes. Roll into ten 1-1/4-in. balls. Wrap a bacon strip around each ball. Secure with a toothpick. Repeat with remaining ingredients.
- In a large skillet, cook bacon roll-ups on all sides over medium heat for 18 minutes or until bacon is crisp and a thermometer inserted into stuffing reads at least 160°. Drain on paper towels.

Nutrition Facts

2 each: 348 calories, 30g fat (11g saturated fat), 79mg cholesterol, 613mg sodium, 12g carbohydrate (2g sugars, 1g fiber), 7g protein.

Skillet Cabbage

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 cups shredded cabbage
- 1 green pepper, cut into thin strips
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3 ounces cream cheese, cubed and softened



Directions

- Melt butter in a large cast-iron or other heavy skillet; add cabbage and green pepper and toss to coat. Stir in water, salt and pepper. Cover; simmer until cabbage is tender, 8-10 minutes. Add cream cheese; stir until melted.

Nutrition Facts

1/2 cup: 100 calories, 9g fat (5g saturated fat), 26mg cholesterol, 286mg sodium, 4g carbohydrate (2g sugars, 1g fiber), 2g protein.

(Recipes continued on page 4)

Irish Spiced Beef

Ingredients

- 1 fresh beef brisket (6 pounds)
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup coarse sea salt
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 4 bay leaves, crushed
- 3 teaspoons pepper
- 2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crushed
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground allspice
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cloves
- 4 medium onions, sliced
- 4 medium carrots, sliced
- 2 celery ribs, sliced
- 2 cups stout or beef broth
- Optional: Rye bread, Swiss cheese slices and Dijon mustard



Directions

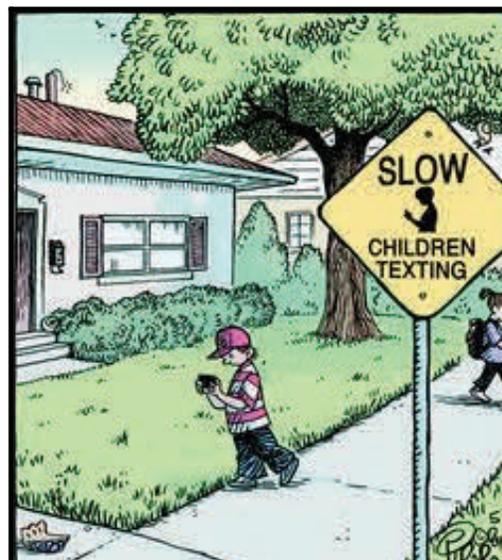
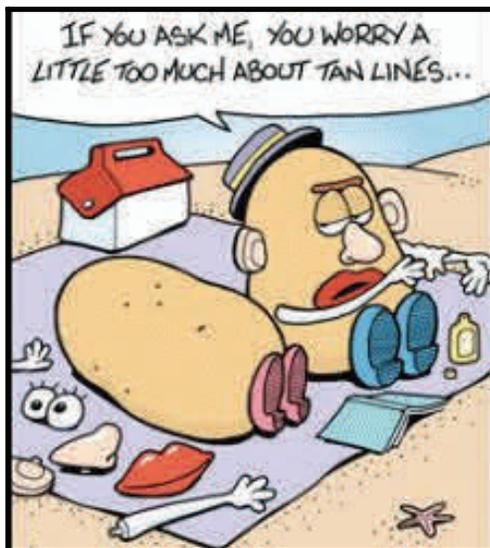
- Place beef in a 15x10x1-in. baking pan; rub with brown sugar. Refrigerate, covered, 24 hours.
- In a small bowl, mix salt, chopped onion, bay leaves and seasonings; rub over beef. Refrigerate, covered, 3 days, turning and rubbing salt mixture into beef once each day.
- Preheat oven to 325°. Remove and discard salt mixture. Place beef, onions, carrots, celery and stout in a roasting pan. Add water to come halfway up the brisket. Roast, covered, 4-4-1/2 hours or until meat is tender. Cool meat in cooking juices for 1 hour.
- Remove beef; discard vegetables and cooking juices. Transfer beef to a 13x9-in. baking dish. Refrigerate, covered, overnight.
- Cut diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Serve with rye bread, cheese and mustard.

Editor's Note

This is a fresh beef brisket, not corned beef.

Nutrition Facts

4 ounces cooked beef (calculated without bread, cheese and mustard): 268 calories, 8g fat (3g saturated fat), 83mg cholesterol, 560mg sodium, 6g carbohydrate (5g sugars, 0 fiber), 40g protein.



Spiedis



Ingredients

- 1 cup canola oil
- 2/3 cup cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- 2-1/2 pounds boneless lean pork, beef, lamb, venison, chicken or turkey, cut into 1-1/2- to 2-inch cubes
- Italian rolls or hot dog buns

Directions

- In a glass or plastic bowl, combine the first 9 ingredients. Add meat and toss to coat. Cover and let marinate for 24 hours, stirring occasionally.
- Drain and discard marinade. Thread meat onto metal or soaked wooden skewers. Grill, covered, over medium heat until meat reaches desired doneness, 10-15 minutes, turning occasionally. Remove meat from skewers and serve on long Italian rolls or hot dog buns.

Nutrition Facts

4 ounces cooked meat: 205 calories, 12g fat (0 saturated fat), 42mg cholesterol, 104mg sodium, 1g carbohydrate (0 sugars, 0 fiber), 22g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 2 lean meat, 1 fat.

A husband stood in front of the bathroom mirror, carefully flossing his teeth. "Ooh!" he would sigh every once in a while, or "Aaah!" as the little thread did its work.

Suddenly and seemingly without provocation, his wife stomped into the bathroom and gave him a swift kick.

Bewildered, the husband demanded, "What was that for?"

I'm sorry, "his wife replied stiffly, ... "but I just don't believe in sighing flossers."

Paints were a very precious quantity in the good old days, and British merchants could make a young fortune supplying paints to the colonies.

One company sent a clipper ship full of red paint across the ocean. It had the very bad luck to collide with another ship full of blue paint.

As a result of this disaster, both crews were... marooned.

A man goes into a bar and orders a beer. He takes a sip of the beer and a small voice says "Nice tie!!".

The man looks around and doesn't see anyone. A little puzzled he takes another sip, and again the voice says "Nice shirt too!!!".

Now the man calls the bartender back and complains that everytime he takes a sip of beer he hears a small voice.

The bartender says "Oh never mind that! That's just the peanuts, they're complimentary!!"

**Very
Punny**

Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 11

In surgery for a heart attack, a middle-aged woman has a vision of God by her bedside. "Will I die?" she asks.

God says, "No. You have 30 more years to live."

With 30 years to look forward to, she decides to make the best of it. So since she's in the hospital, she gets breast implants, liposuction, a tummy tuck, hair transplants, and collagen injections in her lips. She looks great! The day she's discharged, she exits the hospital with a swagger, crosses the street, and is immediately hit by an ambulance and killed. Up in heaven, she sees God. "You said I had 30 more years to live," she complains.

"That's true," says God.

"So what happened?" she asks.

God shrugs. "I didn't recognize you."



YOUTH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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8 Saturdays starting on Sat. August 15
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Warren Buffett ~ "Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail if I had three cellmates who were decent players."

Interested in learning the world's most fascinating game? Sign up for the free class for students in grades 1-12, where basic bidding and card play techniques will be taught. This class is hosted by the Youth Bridge Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting bridge to middle and high-school students, founded by members of the US junior bridge team.

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Register @ <https://bit.ly/introtobridge>

The USBF supports and encourages any and all Junior Bridge Programs. Some of the organizers of this event are participants of the USBF Junior Training Program under the excellent direction of Michael Rosenberg.

Joe Stokes, Chairman of the USBF Junior Committee applauds this effort of "juniors teaching juniors." The classes rate to be fun for all.

A recording of their Bridge Introductory Workshop from last week is on their website.

As always, check there to learn more about the organization!

<https://www.youthbridgeassociation.org/>

Sign up your children, grandchildren or yourself if you qualify today or tomorrow so you don't miss any classes!

The organizers are Michael Xu, Michael Hu, Arthur Zhou, and Jonathan Yue.

Write youthbridgeassociation@gmail.com for more information.

Virtual Vacation is the [newest online regionally rated event](#) and will be held **August 27-30, 2020** on [Bridge Base Online](#). That's four days of chances to compete with players across the continent from your couch (the next best thing to a seaside hammock).

[See the schedule](#) for pair events all day, every day, including side series. Also be sure to check out the [Daily Bulletins posted in BridgeFeed](#). Intermediate and Newcomer players will be invited to view special mini-lessons, also posted daily on BridgeFeed. You can come, too!

More details, including a [FAQ](#) and [online tournament checklist](#) are available at acbl.org/virtual.



Harry Potter World

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- Ollivanders
- Forbidden Journey
- Hogwarts
- Knockturn Alley
- Leaky Cauldron
- Butter Beer
- Kings Cross Station
- Honeydukes
- Hogsmeade Village
- Flying Car
- Gringotts
- Flight Of The Hippogriff
- Dragon
- Mermaid
- Wands
- Three Broomsticks





	Teas						Temperatures						Steep Times						
	Ali Shan	Dan Cong	Gold Turtle	Iron Monk	Red Robe	White Comb	190 degree	195 degree	200 degree	205 degree	210 degree	220 degree	1 minute	1.5 minutes	2 minutes	2.5 minutes	3 minutes	3.5 minutes	
Prices	\$5.50																		
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	210 degree																		
	220 degree																		

Logic Puzzle

Answer on page 12

Prices	Teas	Temperatures	Steep Times
\$5.50			
\$6.50			
\$7.50			
\$8.50			
\$9.50			
\$10.50			

- The tea that requires 220 degree water costs more than the tea that steps for 3 minutes.
- The variety that steps for 3.5 minutes costs 1 dollar more than the variety that requires 190 degree water.
- The tea that steps for 1.5 minutes shouldn't brew with 220 degree water.
- Of the White Comb and the tea that steps for 2 minutes, one costs \$5.50 and the other needs 205 degree water.
- The Gold Turtle costs more than the variety that steps for 3.5 minutes.
- The Gold Turtle doesn't steep for exactly 1 minute.
- The tea that steps for 2 minutes costs 1 dollar less than the tea that requires 210 degree water.
- The variety that steps for 2 minutes costs 2 dollars less than the tea that requires 190 degree water.
- The Iron Monk, the variety that requires 195 degree water, the tea that steps for 1 minute, the variety that costs \$7.50 and the tea that costs \$8.50 are all different teas.
- The Ali Shan costs 3 dollars less than the tea that requires 200 degree water.
- The Red Robe costs 1 dollar more than the tea that steps for 2 minutes.
- The Gold Turtle doesn't cost \$10.50.



Aaron Silverstein is a well-known and popular New York area bridge teacher, player, and club manager. He has managed, directed and played in numerous New York bridge clubs for the past 15 years.

Aaron has won numerous tournaments at all levels, including the prestigious Long Island regional open pairs.

He is a National Champion with over 20 years experience teaching bridge both privately and in classroom settings.

He is a Grand Life Master with over 20,000 master points. He has been a certified director since 1987.

Aaron has served on the National Appeals Committee and the National Laws Commission of the American Contract Bridge League and on the Board of Directors for the Greater New York Bridge Association.

He is married to Gennifer Binder, also a bridge player, with whom he shares a daughter, Avery, a bridge player in the making. Avery has taken part in the USBF Junior Training Program and someday we will see her name in lights!

Meet the Players

Did you hear the one about the mathematician who was afraid of negative numbers? He would stop at nothing to avoid them!

A poodle and a collie are walking together when the poodle suddenly unloads on his friend. "My life is a mess," he says. "My owner is mean, my girlfriend ran away with a schnauzer, and I'm as jittery as a cat."

"Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?" suggests the collie.

"I can't," says the poodle. "I'm not allowed on the couch."

A ventriloquist is performing with his dummy on his lap. He's telling a dumb-blonde joke when a young platinum-haired beauty jumps to her feet. "What gives you the right to stereotype blondes that way?" she demands. "What does hair color have to do with my worth as a human being?"

Flustered, the ventriloquist begins to stammer out an apology.

"You keep out of this!" she yells. "I'm talking to that little jerk on your knee!"

A young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old laws of the church by hand. He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the head monk to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up! In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk, says, "You make a good point, my son." He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held in a locked vault. Hours go by and nobody sees the head monk. The young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the wall and wailing.

"We missed the R! We missed the R! We missed the R!"

"Father!" cries the young monk. "What's wrong?"

The head monk with tears in his eyes replies, "The word is *celebrate!*"



Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku

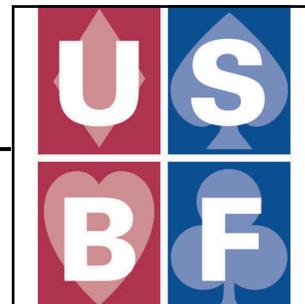
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

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.

Board 12

N junior
 ♠ 104
 ♥ AQ875
 ♦ A87
 ♣ 953

W nevereast
 ♠ J763
 ♥ 109
 ♦ K9
 ♣ AK1084

E AnamTebha
 ♠ A85
 ♥ J32
 ♦ 10654
 ♣ Q62

S gcohler
 ♠ KQ92
 ♥ K64
 ♦ QJ32
 ♣ J7

2♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0

On Board 12 in the final segment, Cohler/Willenken stopped short of game while Z Grossack and Botta bid it at the other table. As the cards lie, declarer starts with 9 tricks: 2 diamonds, 2 spades and 5 hearts.

Berkowitz led a small club against the game. Once a club is led, declarer has time to establish a 10th trick by ruffing a third club. In an effort to defeat the contract, Migry won her king and cashed a second top club and switched to the DK at trick 3.

Mig Zach Berk Botta

W N E S

1♣ 1♥ P 2♣

P 2♥ P P

P

If her partner held the DA instead of the SA and declarer was 2-2 in the pointed suits, she needed to cash the diamonds before declarer could discard a diamond on the third round of spades. As it was, declarer took ten tricks.

At the other table, Cohler/Willenken should have been rewarded for staying out of game. Tebha found the killing lead of a trump. Declarer won and played a spade toward dummy. Tebha ducked and dummy's king won. Willenken led the S2 to his ten. If Tebha wins the SA, declarer will be held to nine tricks. As it was, Tebha, defending only 2H, ducked the SA and declarer took ten tricks. 10 IMPs to Donner

The View From the VuGraph... Delayed Broadcast

Back Home Teamgame Table 2 - #1512 Teams USBF INV2 Final Q1 Log off Help BB\$ lone_kib2

Board 3

N aarons
 ♠ 2
 ♥ KQJ6
 ♦ Q643
 ♣ 9762

W nevereast
 ♠ Q97
 ♥ 972
 ♦ J109
 ♣ J853

E AnamTebha
 ♠ AK854
 ♥ A843
 ♦ AK2
 ♣ 10

S andrewr 5
 ♠ J1063
 ♥ 105
 ♦ 875
 ♣ AKQ4

(NS) Rosenthal: 0 IMPs
 (EW) Donner: 2 IMPs

Pass Pass 1♠

usbfi (Private): match has started
 aarons→Table: sorry didnt notice it was my bid
 AnamTebha→Table: glp

History

Board	Result	NS	EW	NS	EW
1	4♠E+1		450	--	--
2	2♥W-1	50			2
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 9

\$10.50	Iron Monk	200 degree	1.5 minutes
\$9.50	Gold Turtle	220 degree	2.5 minutes
\$8.50	White Comb	205 degree	3.5 minutes
\$7.50	Alli Shan	190 degree	3 minutes
\$6.50	Red Robe	210 degree	1 minute
\$5.50	Dan Cong	195 degree	2 minutes

From the First Quarter of the Final...

D 12	N sandria	W	N	E	S
	♠ KQJ62	P	P	3♣	X
	♥ 73	5♣	X	P	5♥
	♦ 976432	P	5♠	P	P
	♣	P			
W mikeyb	Open Room		E migry		
♠ 1087			♠ 54		
♥ J864			♥ K92		
♦ K8			♦ 10		
♣ K984			♣ QJ107653		
	S gdonnersc1			5♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0	
	♠ A93				
	♥ AQ105				
	♦ AQJ5				
	♣ A2				

The match started on time and after the first several hands, it didn't look terribly news-worthy.

Then came Board 12!

Both East players opened 3C in third seat. Both South players doubled. Both West players bid 5C.

In the Open Room, Sandra Rimstedt made a responsive double showing two of the three suits. Migry passed and Donner bid 5H. That not being one of Sandra's suits, she corrected to 5S and they played it there.

D 12	N aarons	W	N	E	S
	♠ KQJ62	P	P	3♣	X
	♥ 73	5♣	5♠	P	6♠
	♦ 976432	P	P	P	
	♣				
W nevereast	Closed Room		E AnamTebha		
♠ 1087			♠ 54		
♥ J864			♥ K92		
♦ K8			♦ 10		
♣ K984			♣ QJ107653		
	S andrewr			6♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0	
	♠ A93				
	♥ AQ105				
	♦ AQJ5				
	♣ A2				

There was little to the play. Migry led her singleton diamond. Sandra won in dummy with the ace, pulled trump and claimed 12 tricks. +680

In the Closed Room, Silverstein disdained a responsive double and bid 5S. Tebha passed and Rosenthal bid the spade slam.

The play was the same in the Closed Room as in the Open Room.

13 IMPs to Rosenthal

Two guys were out walking their dogs on a hot day when they pass by a bar. The first guy says, "Let's go in there for a pint."

The second guy says, "They won't let us in with our dogs."

First guy: "Sure they will, just follow my lead."

He goes up to the pub, and sure enough, the bouncer says, "I can't let you in here with that dog."

He replies, "Oh, I'm blind and this is my seeing-eye dog."

The bouncer says, "Ok then, come on in."

The second guy sees this and does the same thing. The bouncer says, "You can't come in here with a dog."

He replies, "I'm blind and this is my seeing-eye dog."

The bouncer responds, "You have a Chihuahua for a seeing-eye dog?"

The second guy exclaims, "They gave me a Chihuahua?"

The Rosenthal team had a 3 IMP lead going into the last board of the first quarter. In third seat, Donner/Rimstedt play aggressive preempts and frequently open six-card suits at the 3-level and five-card suits at the 2-level. Accordingly, in the Open Room, after two passes, Sandra Rimstedt opened 3H on the North hand. Since Migry had only two spades and her partner was a passed hand, she “stayed safe,” bidding 3NT with her 22 HCP.

The opening lead was a heart. Migry won and played a diamond to the queen. Rimstedt won the DA and cleared the hearts. Migry cashed the CA and finessed the CT, Rimstedt discarding a heart. Migry played dummy’s CQ and North tossed a diamond. Three rounds of diamonds followed. When declarer played the CK, Rimstedt discarded a spade and declarer took the rest of the tricks for +490.

“I come from a stupid family. During the Civil War, my great uncle fought for the west!”—Rodney Dangerfield.

A man is struggling to find a parking space. “Lord,” he prays. “I can’t stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I’ll give up the drink and go to mass every Sunday.”

Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the man says: “Never mind, I found one!”

The village blacksmith finally found an apprentice willing to work hard for long hours. The blacksmith instructed the boy, “When I take the shoe out of the fire, I’ll lay it on the anvil; and when I nod my head, you hit it with this hammer.”

The apprentice did just as he was told. Now he’s the village blacksmith.

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	♠ Q75	P 3♥ 3NT P
	♥ QJ10943	P P
	♦ A1032	♣
W mikeyb	Open Room	
♠ KJ842	E migry	
♥ 65	♠ A9	
♦ Q84	♥ AK	
♣ Q108	♦ KJ97	
	♣ AK752	
	S gdonnersc1	
	♠ 1063	
	♥ 872	
	♦ 65	
	♣ J9643	3NT E NS: 0 EW: 0

In the Closed Room, Aaron Silverstein opened a standard -style weak 2H. This afforded Tebha the space she needed to double and bid 3NT at her next turn, revealing the strength of her hand.

Over the double, A Grossack jumped to 3S, indicating invitational values and a five-card spade suit. Rather than cue 4H, Tebha jumped to 5NT and Adam bid 6S.

North led a heart. Adam won in dummy and played a diamond to the queen and North’s ace. Silverstein returned a diamond. Grossack won the heart in dummy and played king and another spade, taking the finesse and losing to North’s queen. Silverstein returned a diamond and Rosenthal trumped and returned a club returning the favor. Silverstein ruffed. 6S was defeated three tricks for -150.

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	♥ QJ10943	3♣ P 5NT P
	♦ A1032	6♣ P P P
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	♣ J9643	6♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0

12 IMPs to Rosenthal

Pandemic Revelation: Heard on the VuGraph

Aaron Silverstein: At this particular time, I don’t want to play against Germs!
 (If you’ve been paying attention, you know: Germs is Zach Grossack’s BBO handle!)