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**We
Remember:**



Letter to Players from Jan Martel...

You can find information about the event on the USBF website:
<https://usbf.org/>

On the home page, click on JLall Online Teams #1 under the tournament menu - that will take you to the main page where there is general information and will also open the submenus, which include:

Results - links to the cross-table for the Round Robin and to brackets for the KO matches.

Teams entered has the list of teams with links to players' SSFs.

Event schedule has the time each segment starts.

Daily Bulletin - links to the Daily Bulletins - if a link gets you a 404 error ("we can't find that page") that daily bulletin hasn't yet been posted.

Kibitzing - We will have delayed kibitzing on RealBridge - this menu item has information about where and how to get to it.

First Captains Meeting

Our DIC, Will Watson, will meet with all of the team captains and any players who want to participate on Zoom at 12:45 EDT today. Subjects for the meeting include RealBridge procedures, scoring, and answers to any ques-

tions you may have. We hope that this will be a short meeting. We will be using Zoom only for Captains' meetings for this event. In order not to clutter your inboxes, I will send the Zoom link to captains, not to all players, but captains are welcome to pass the link on to any players who want to attend the captains' meetings.



RealBridge Procedures

How to Log in: You will each receive an email with your link to log into RealBridge. The link will remain the same throughout the event. It includes your name and your team's name. The link will take you to a log in page that has been completely filled in for you. **Don't change your name or it won't work.** Just click on "Log In" and you will be taken directly to your seat at your team's table for the coming match. If you are taken to the lobby instead, that means you aren't scheduled to play the next match.

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams**

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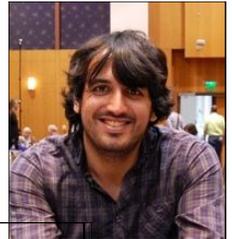
Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

Teams in Alphabetical Order within RR Groups:

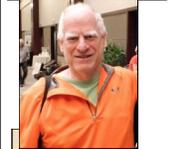
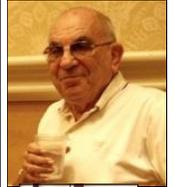
Indians

Cowboys



Bjerkan	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt Pam Wittes Janice Seamon-Molson	Rozanne Pollack Ljudmila Kamenova Tobi Sokolow
Caprera	David Caprera, Capt JoAnn Sprung Steve Beatty	Anne Brenner Danny Sprung Fred Stewart
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Lynn Baker Jacob Freeman	Michael Shuster Karen McCallum Finn Kolesnik
Harris	Marty Harris, Capt Mike Massimilla Emma Kolesnik	Miriam Harris-Botzum Lou Glasthal Amber Lin
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Jenny Wolpert	Joyce Hill Anam Tebha Lukasz Lebioda
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Reese Milner John Diamond	Bob Hamman Peter Weichsel Brian Platnick
Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Adam Grossack Michael Rosenberg Joel Wooldridge
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Ifti Baqai	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Mitch Dunitz
Meyers	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Allan Graves Mike Becker	Jill Meyers Steve Sanborn Michael Kamil
Nadel	Julie Nadel, Capt Leo Bell Daniel Korbel	Billy Miller Bruce Ferguson
Nickell	Nick Nickell Geoff Hampson Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Eric Greco Steve Weinstein
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Rick Roeder	Lance Kerr John Jones Joe Viola
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Marty Fleisher	Peter Boyd Bart Bramley Chip Martel
Silin	Maxim Silin, Capt Jim Rasmussen Mark Aquino	Carrie Liu Parul Jain Selen Hotamisligil
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Glenn Milgrim Sid Brownstein	Jeff Aker Barry Rigal Ed Davis
Stoltz	Eric Stoltz, Capt Jim Johnsen Mike Day	Roger McNay Paul Darin Dorn Bishop

Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt Charley Seelbach Chris Compton	John Bishel Blaine Mullins Andy Goodman
Bitterman	Bob Bitterman, Capt Gloria Bart	Bob Cappelli Les Bart
Donn	Sheri Winestock, Capt Josh Donn Steve Garner	Uday Ivatury Christal Henner Jeff Wolfson
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Reese Koppel	Marley Cedrone Olivia Schireson
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Joe Grue Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Brad Moss Iulian Rotaru
Feldman	Jason Feldman, Capt Mark Feldman Walter Lee	Jerry Stamatov Adam Wildavsky Frank Merblum
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt John Stiefel John Rengstorff	Glenn Eisenstein Geof Brod Greg Woods
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Ash Gupta Mark Moss	Vinita Gupta Zia Mahmood Bob Thomson
Hung	Eugene Hung, Capt Ari Greenberg Adam Kaplan	Howard Liu Tom Carmichael Ron Smith
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Drew Becker Dick Bruno	Claude Vogel Larry Robbins Bob Gardner
Levine	Michael Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mark Lair	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mike Passell
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Andrew Stark Alex Kolesnik	Harrison Luba Franco Baseggio Jiang Gu
Moss	Roger Lee, Capt Ish Delmonte Gary Cohler	Sylvia Moss Eldad Ginossar Billy Cohen
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Jacob Morgan
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Randal Burns Sarah Youngquist	Cadir Lee Geeske Joel Debbie Rosenberg
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt Kevin Bathurst Vince Demuy	Gavin Wolpert John Hurd John Kranyak



Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 1			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EST	BOARDS
FRIDAY	NOV 6	12:45 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	NOV 6	1:00 - 2:15 2:30 - 3:45 4:45 - 6:00 6:15 - 7:30 7:45 - 9:00	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20 BREAK ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
SATURDAY	NOV 7	1:00 - 2:15 2:30 - 3:45 4:45 - 6:00 6:15 - 7:30 7:45 - 9:00	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 51-60 ROUND 7 - BOARDS 61-70 BREAK ROUND 8 - BOARDS 71-80 ROUND 9 - BOARDS 81-90 ROUND 10 - BOARDS 91-100
SUNDAY	NOV 8	1:00 - 2:15 2:30 - 3:45 4:45 - 6:00 6:15 - 7:30 7:45 - 9:00	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 101-110 ROUND 12 - BOARDS 111-120 BREAK ROUND 13 - BOARDS 121-130 ROUND 14 - BOARDS 131-140 ROUND 15 - BOARDS 141-150
ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2			
MONDAY	NOV 9	1:00 - 2:15 2:30 - 3:45 4:45 - 6:00 6:15 - 7:30 7:45 - 9:00	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20 BREAK ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	NOV 13	1:00 - 2:45 2:55 - 4:40 5:30 - 7:15 7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	NOV 14	1:00 - 2:45 2:55 - 4:40 5:30 - 7:15 7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	NOV 15	1:00 - 2:45 2:55 - 4:40 5:30 - 7:15 7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	NOV 16	1:00 - 2:45 2:55 - 4:40 5:30 - 7:15 7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

USBF 10 Board victory Point Scale

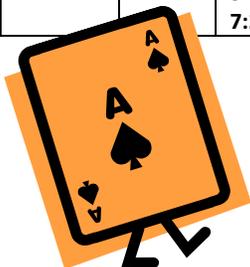
10 Boards (Blitz is 48 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	17	15.29	4.71	34	18.44	1.56
1	10.39	9.61	18	15.52	4.48	35	18.58	1.42
2	10.77	9.23	19	15.75	4.25	36	18.71	1.29
3	11.14	8.86	20	15.97	4.03	37	18.84	1.16
4	11.50	8.50	21	16.18	3.82	38	18.97	1.03
5	11.85	8.15	22	16.39	3.61	39	19.10	0.90
6	12.18	7.82	23	16.59	3.41	40	19.22	0.78
7	12.51	7.49	24	16.78	3.22	41	19.33	0.67
8	12.83	7.17	25	16.97	3.03	42	19.44	0.56
9	13.14	6.86	26	17.16	2.84	43	19.55	0.45
10	13.43	6.57	27	17.34	2.66	44	19.66	0.34
11	13.72	6.28	28	17.51	2.49	45	19.76	0.24
12	14.00	6.00	29	17.68	2.32	46	19.86	0.14
13	14.28	5.72	30	17.84	2.16	47	19.96	0.04
14	14.54	5.46	31	18.00	2.00	48	20.00	0.00
15	14.80	5.20	32	18.15	1.85			
16	15.05	4.95	33	18.30	1.70			

Ethics Statement

We're not trying to provide security for this event, as we do when we sometimes have "real" events online. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties still apply to this event. The USBF has appointed an Ethics Investigation Committee that will review any complaints about ethics violations. If the EIC concludes that a player or pair was acting unethically, they will report to the USBF COO, who may refer it to the USBF Recorder. Either the COO or Recorder may bring a Charge against the player to the Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

System Regulations & Conditions of Contest

- Normal USBF System regulations apply to this event.
- This event is governed by the USBF General Conditions of Contest and Special Conditions of Contest for this event.
- The ACBL Open+ Convention Chart applies to this event.



I am ace-pecially pleased to be here with such experts!

Kibitzing on VuGraph...

There will be delayed kibitzing for all of the JLall1 event.

To kibitz, go to <https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>, enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz (*we do not know whether there will be events with delayed kibitzing other than the JLall1 running concurrently*).

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #1, you will be taken to a lobby where you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table, as well as the board and trick that table is on (that's in the middle of the table, immediately under the table number). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happens. You will not hear or see the players.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen (if your browser window isn't large enough to show it, you can click on the "chat" icon immediately above the UNDO button to open the chat window. For now, anyone can type chat into the chat window. We may have designated commentators for late stages of the event.

Some things you can do to get more information:

If there is an asterisk next to a bid, that means it was Alerted or Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation if there was one.

-- "Rewind" the play using the slider underneath the "table" with hand diagram. just move the vertical handle on the slider to the left to go to earlier tricks.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name, you will get a scorecard for the match so far. You can use this to get lots of information:

----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all of the tables.

----You can also click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.

----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.

--In the upper left corner:

----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and will not include scores from previous rounds).

----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right, in case you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.



Watching online,
Even delayed,
Is the best way to see
How a hand's bid and played!

WBF NEWS...

The WBF Congress has elected Fernando Lima, Helen Kruger from South Africa and Wang Yannan from China to fill the three new positions on the WBF Executive Council for the biennium 2020-2022.

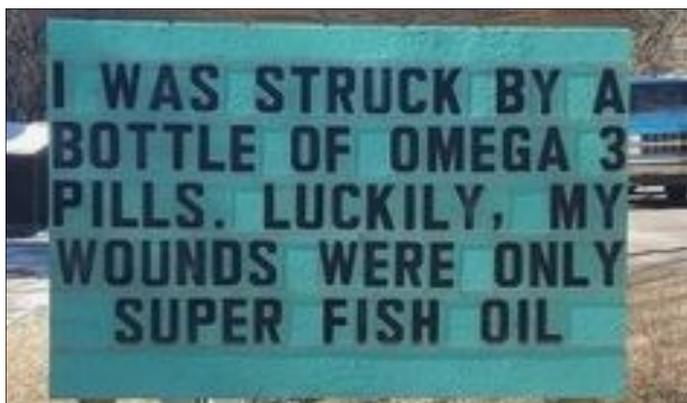
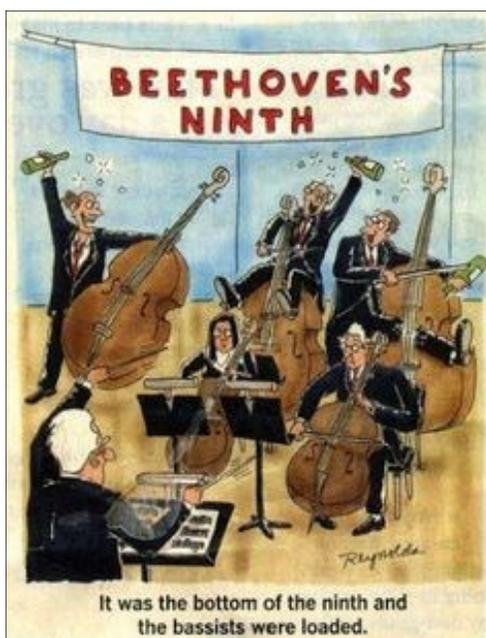
We congratulate them all and wish them the best.



Fernando Lima



Wang Yunnan



Lineups: For the Round Robin we are using “blind” lineups as we do for USBCs. You submit your lineup before you know which team you’re playing. **Lineups for the first 2 matches each day are due no later than noon EST.** After that, before each match starts, you need to submit your lineup for the following match. If you have not submitted a new lineup for a match, it means your lineup remains the same as for the current match. Lineups are submitted on a team lineup spreadsheet, which we have shared with your team's designated lineup person or people.

Starting Matches: Each match will be started as soon as everyone has logged in and is in their seats. When the match starts, EW players will automatically be moved to the opponents’ table.

Finishing Matches: When both tables have finished play, the EW players will be returned to their home tables and can go over the hands with their teammates. We need to close all of the tables from one round before setting up for the next one, so if your table goes away and you see a notice that says “Server Rebooted by Director” the time for the match and a brief comparison is over. If you are playing in the next segment, please wait until 5 minutes before that segment is scheduled to start to reload the web page, so your seating assignment will have been loaded and you will go to the correct seat.

Timing: We expect to be able to start each Round Robin match at the scheduled time, but there may be problems that mean we’ll be late - please bear with us!

Alerting & Explaining: You should self-alert & explain your own bids, and as with screens, should explain any bid if you have an agreement about it. If you explain a bid, it will show as being alerted, so you do not need to click on the Alert strip unless you want to alert but not explain. Note that your explanations appear in your “library” so you only have to type each explanation once; after that, you can just click on it. You can also provide additional information about bids orally to your screenmate. We hope that by game time you will be able to click on a bid and then on another button to ask the bidder for more information.

Undo’s: Undo’s for misclicks are allowed, and must be accepted. You need to ask for an undo before your partner acts. Both opponents must accept an UNDO request. If there is any issue about whether an UNDO should be accepted, please call the Director.

System Information: Use the Teams Entered page on the USBF website to access the opponents’ System Summary Form and Convention card. You can open those in a separate browser window or tab and have them available during play.

Asking questions of opponents: You may ask questions of either opponent by directing chat to them. You may ask your screenmate questions orally. PLEASE do not ask questions of the entire table, as that might give your partner UI. You may ask either opponent about any bid that was made by them or their partner.

Help during play: If you have a problem, click on the DIRECTOR tab and someone will appear at your table. That may be your real Director, Will Watson, or it may be me or Al Hollander - we’ll answer calls when Will is at another table and may be able to help or may have to tell you to wait for Will.

Scores: We will be entering scores into the USBF scoring software using the output from RealBridge, so we hope they will appear promptly and be accurate. In addition, you will see the scorecard at your table when you finish play, and you can also go to the lobby and click on the Scores button there to see the scorecard. Finally, the scores will be archived on the Kibitzer server, so you can go there to see the scorecards, bidding & play for everyone, travelers, and Butlers.

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions! Pandemic Pleasures...

Pumpkin Spice Bread

Ingredients

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 can (15 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin
- 3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 cup water



Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine sugar, oil and eggs; add pumpkin and mix well. In second bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking powder, cloves and allspice; add to the pumpkin mixture alternately with water, beating well after each addition.
- Pour into two greased 9x5-in. loaf pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 60-65 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

Nutrition Facts

1 slice: 197 calories, 8g fat (1g saturated fat), 27mg cholesterol, 128mg sodium, 30g carbohydrate (19g sugars, 1g fiber), 2g protein.



Pumpkin Apple Muffins

Ingredients

- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups finely chopped peeled tart apples



Directions

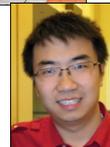
- In a large bowl, combine the first seven ingredients. In a small bowl, combine eggs, pumpkin and oil; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in apples. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until muffins test done. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan.

Nutrition Facts

1 muffin: 221 calories, 7g fat (1g saturated fat), 24mg cholesterol, 143mg sodium, 38g carbohydrate (24g sugars, 1g fiber), 3g protein.



The last time my team played,
We totally stunk!
Next time we play,
Our name won't be "SKUNK!"



Turkey Pot Pie

Ingredients

- 2 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 medium carrots, cut into 1-inch slices
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 celery rib, diced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 4 cups cubed cooked turkey
- 2/3 cup frozen peas
- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon heavy whipping cream, divided
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 package (15 ounces) refrigerated pie pastry
- 1 large egg



Directions

- Preheat oven to 375°. In a Dutch oven, saute potatoes, carrots, onion and celery in butter and oil until tender. Stir in flour until blended; gradually add broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in turkey, peas, 1/2 cup cream, parsley, garlic salt and pepper.
- Spoon into two ungreased 9-in. pie plates. Roll out pastry to fit top of each pie; place over filling. Trim, seal and flute edges. Cut out a decorative center or cut slits in pastry. In a small bowl, whisk egg and remaining cream; brush over pastry.
- Bake 40-45 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.
Freeze option: Cover and freeze unbaked potpies up to 3 months. To use, remove from freezer 30 minutes before baking (do not thaw). Preheat oven to 425°. Place pie on a [baking sheet](#); cover edge loosely with foil. Bake 30 minutes. Reduce oven setting to 350°; remove foil. Bake 55-60 minutes longer or until golden brown and a thermometer inserted in center reads 165°.

Nutrition Facts

1 piece: 287 calories, 15g fat (7g saturated fat), 78mg cholesterol, 542mg sodium, 21g carbohydrate (3g sugars, 2g fiber), 17g protein.



Sudoku

Answers on Page 14

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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	2		7	3				
4								
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		1			4	7		
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Current Humor...

Toilet paper companies have decided against increasing production to meet current demands. They said it would make business plunge.

All children born within the next year or two will be part of the group known as "Coronnials".

In light of current events, I've been doing some self-reflection and I came to the conclusion that I need to be more like a German child.

I need to be kinder.

If I intend to buy an electric car, do I need a current driving license?

I told my boss that three companies were after me, and I needed a raise to stay at my current job. "Which companies are after you?" my boss asked. "Gas, electric and cable" I responded.

Texas Cities

O	N	E	A	S	T	L	A	N	D	H	I	C	O
Y	A	H	E	L	S	N	S	L	P	A	M	P	A
N	O	T	S	E	W	T	O	M	O	J	D	N	A
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M	O	J	T	N	I	A	S	E	J	V	O	R	L
R	A	Y	M	O	N	D	V	I	L	L	E	I	T
A	L	I	T	T	L	E	F	I	E	L	D	N	A

- ZAPATA
- JACKSBORO
- OMAHA
- RAYMONDVILLE
- EASTLAND
- BELLMEAD
- CLEBURN
- SAINT JO
- PAMPA
- DENISON
- NOONDAY
- TAYLOR
- MCALLEN
- QUITMAN
- WEST
- VICTORIA
- ATLANTA
- LITTLEFIELD
- HICO

There are 5 flies in a kitchen. Which one is the cowboy?

The one on the range.

What do you call a happy cowboy?

A jolly rancher.

Why did the cowboy pinstripe his truck?

He needed a pickup line.

Cowboy 1: Can you think of anything worse than being scalped alive?

Cowboy 2: Not off the top of my head.



I'm a card carrying member of the USBF!

	Allen	Chris	Jeremy	Mark	Rick	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March	May	July	August	October	birthday	dinner	hospital	opera	wedding
Amy																				
Ellen																				
Kristin																				
Marcia																				
Sally																				
birthday																				
dinner																				
hospital																				
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Logic Puzzle

Five couples got engaged during this past year, each in a different month. Coincidentally, each couple met originally through a dating service and had no prior experience with each other. A year later, all five couples got engaged! Each man asked his girlfriend to marry him (and each was quite relieved when she agreed!) at a special event on a different day of the week. Although technically, Mark didn't plan his proposal ahead of time for a special event. His girlfriend was rushed to the hospital for emergency appendix surgery and he asked her when she came out of recovery (he thought it would help take her mind off the surgery). Determine the first name of each couple, the day of the week (Monday through Friday) and the month that each got engaged, and where each engagement took place.

1. One couple got engaged in May at a friend's wedding. Jeremy asked his girlfriend in March. Mark didn't propose to his girlfriend on Wednesday.
2. Chris asked Amy to marry him two months before the couple who got engaged at the opera.
3. Sally's boyfriend asked her to marry him on a Friday. Ellen wasn't dating Allen. One couple got engaged on a Monday night in July but it wasn't Kristin and her boyfriend.
4. One couple got engaged in October at a family birthday party but not on a Tuesday night. Marcia got engaged at the opera but Jeremy wasn't her boyfriend.
5. Rick asked his girlfriend, who wasn't Kristin, to marry him two days after Marcia was asked but the day before the couple who were engaged in August.
6. The five couples, in no particular order, were the couple who went to dinner, Kristin and her boyfriend, the couple who got engaged on Wednesday, Allen and his girlfriend, and the couple who got engaged in May.

First Name	First Name	Day of the Week	Month	Location
Amy				
Ellen				
Kristin				
Marcia				
Sally				
-----	Allen	Monday	March	birthday
-----	Chris	Tuesday	May	dinner
-----	Jeremy	Wednesday	July	hospital
-----	Mark	Thursday	August	opera
-----	Rick	Friday	October	wedding



Meet the Players

Jenny Wolpert née Ryman (born mid-1980s) is a Swedish American professional bridge player and teacher. Before emigrating to North America she played as Jenny Ryman (to 2007). Wolpert is a world champion winning the Venice Cup in 2013. Jenny Ryman was born in Sweden. She played for the Sweden women in two world championship tournaments, the 2004 World Team Olympiad and the 2005 Venice Cup. In the European Bridge League championships she played for Sweden teams from 2002 (Schools, or under-21) to 2006 (Women). She is married to Gavin Wolpert, also a professional bridge player.

Wins

- Venice Cup 2013
 - North American Bridge Championships
- Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 2011
- Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 2011, 2012
- Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 2009, 2010
- Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 2009

Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships

- Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 2013



Gavin Wolpert is one of the founders of bridgewinners.com. More than half of his life has been spent travelling the world playing bridge. He and Jenny have settled in Florida and have three adorable children, Danielle, Brandon, and Ryan. They are both professional bridge players and met at the 2003 Bermuda Bowl in Monte Carlo.

Originally Gavin lived in Canada. He comes from a big bridge-playing family. His mom, Hazel, a fine player in her own right, runs a club in the Toronto area... and his brother, Darren, is also an accomplished player. Bridge is a family pastime!

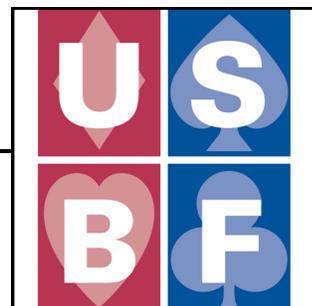


Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku
on page 10
Puzzle 1 on left
Puzzle 2 on right

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



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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.

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Why Do Ghosts
Like to Ride
elevators?
Because it Lifts
Their Spirits

Alerts & Explanations

When it is your turn to bid, your bidding box appears above your hand. It looks like this:

For the Contestants

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To Alert the bid you want to make click on the "ALERT" flag before you bid. To explain the bid you are about to make, type the explanation into the box that says "Explain bid here." The line below the explanation box has suit symbols - click on one of them to include it in the explanation or type ! and the initial letter of the suit. If the explanation you are about to make is one you made previously (for practice "previously" means during this session of play; we hope that for the real event it will include all previous sessions), you do not have to re-type it. Click on that square to the right of the club symbol to get to a library of previous explanations. Click on one to put it in the explanation box. Once you have explained and/or alerted, click on a bidding card to make your bid. You only need to alert if your are not explaining - an explanation without an alert will look the same to your opponents and in the bidding record as an explanation with an alert.

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting and the use of the Round Robin, it will be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.



SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 12

First Name	Day of the Week	Month	Location
Sally	Friday	March	dinner
Marcia	Monday	July	opera
Kristin	Thursday	August	hospital
Ellen	Wednesday	October	birthday
Amy	Tuesday	May	wedding
Chris	Tuesday	May	wedding
Rick	Wednesday	October	birthday
Mark	Thursday	August	hospital
Allen	Monday	July	opera
Jeremy	Friday	March	dinner

Sometimes It's Their Day... Sometimes It's Yours

Experts know that playing keeps your game sharp. Katz and Nickell play online most evenings, in or out of isolation! Lucky for us, when their teammates are unavailable, we are their fallback opponents. We had two practice sessions this week with a couple of interesting hands. The scoring on BBO is somewhat random. It seems that when you reach a "normal" game or slam which is successful with the "normal" play, you are handsomely rewarded, and likewise, when your opponents reach that game or slam, you are punished. That accepted, it is always fun to play.

Board 8

P531753
 ♠ 74
 ♥ 1075
 ♦ 643
 ♣ K9532

fnickell
 ♠ AKJ93
 ♥ 94
 ♦ J85
 ♣ A104

ralphk
 ♠ 82
 ♥ 8632
 ♦ Q1072
 ♣ 876

p531745
 ♠ Q1065
 ♥ AKQJ
 ♦ AK9
 ♣ QJ

NS: 0
EW: 0

fnickell	P531753	ralphk	p531745
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Board 8 on Wednesday night presented Stan (South) with tough decisions in both the bidding and the play. When 1S was passed around to him, he could balance with 2NT or double and then bid 2NT over North's response... or he could double, bid 3NT and play it there. IMPs is not for the timid and Stan is never timid. He doubled and when I bid 2C, he jumped to game.

Nick (West) showed his prowess on defense. He lead the SA and shifted to a small diamond. Ralph played the DQ and Stan won his ace. The CQ was ducked around and Katz gave count with the C6. The CJ was led and Nick accurately won the ace and exited with the DJ. Stan won the trick, cashed his hearts and exited with the D9. Katz won this trick, cashed the D2 and played a spade to Nick's king/jack, defeating 3NT two tricks. Accurate defense and slightly inaccurate declarer play combined for an 8 IMP loss.

3NT cannot be made once Nickell finds the diamond shift. Stan does best to cash his hearts first and then play on clubs. He can duck the second diamond and ultimately endplay West in spades for a one trick set. With BridgeBase IMP Pairs scoring, it would save one IMP.

Board 15 on October 28th is an offset to the hand above.

Stan declared 4S and won 7 IMPs with good card reading at trick one.

Nickell's opening lead was the C7. Dummy played the CJ and Katz played the CQ. Stan won his CK. He played four rounds of trump, putting pressure on East.

The opening lead looked to Stan to be a doubleton. This would mean that Katz held five clubs.

Katz pitched a club on the fourth spade. Stan played the ace of hearts and followed with a heart to the king and a third heart, trumping in hand. Ralph pitched a diamond. Stan played his last trump and Ralph was forced to part with a club. At this point, Stan led a club to endplay Katz. There was no need to guess the diamond!

Note that a 4H contract would have been easier because of the minor suit position. Declarer is able to draw two trumps and follow with three rounds of spades discarding a diamond when West trumps the third spade. The CK provides an entry to South's good spades.

BBO scoring: 7.1 IMPs to North/South

Board 15

P531753
 ♠ K8
 ♥ K108762
 ♦ KJ
 ♣ J105

fnickell
 ♠ 73
 ♥ Q94
 ♦ 1087543
 ♣ 72

ralphk
 ♠ J96
 ♥ J5
 ♦ AQ2
 ♣ AQ964

p531745
 ♠ AQ10542
 ♥ A3
 ♦ 96
 ♣ K83

NS: 0
EW: 0

fnickell	P531753	ralphk	p531745
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	