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We Remember:



USBF J Lall Online Teams #1 2020 1st Round Robin - Cowboys

Team Name	Total	31	26	33	36	25	30	32	34	29	28	27	22	23	21	35	24
31. Levine	186.63		10.00	4.25	16.59	15.52	18.30	13.72	12.83	7.82	18.58	3.03	7.82	15.05	17.84	6.57	18.71
26. Feldman	185.79	10.00		6.00	0.34	14.54	17.51	11.14	11.50	15.29	16.18	4.48	15.29	15.29	16.18	14.54	17.51
33. Moss	185.16	15.75	14.00		7.49	2.00	5.20	17.16	7.49	13.43	15.05	17.16	18.15	11.85	10.00	18.58	11.85
36. Spector	175.22	3.41	19.66	12.51		5.46	7.82	15.05	15.97	17.51	5.72	17.16	2.16	8.50	17.34	16.18	10.77
25. Donner	166.08	4.48	5.46	18.00	14.54		3.41	8.86	9.23	4.48	16.78	6.57	10.00	15.97	10.39	18.58	19.33
30. Jacobs	166.07	1.70	2.49	14.80	12.18	16.59		2.32	16.59	8.15	12.83	5.72	17.68	16.18	11.14	8.15	19.55
32. Lo	164.99	6.28	8.86	2.84	4.95	11.14	17.68		12.83	15.29	6.86	14.54	10.39	13.14	14.00	15.05	11.14
34. Rosenthal	160.28	7.17	8.50	12.51	4.03	10.77	3.41	7.17		11.85	12.51	14.54	13.72	2.66	17.68	15.05	18.71
29. Hung	152.35	12.18	4.71	6.57	2.49	15.52	11.85	4.71	8.15		17.34	3.82	17.84	12.18	10.39	7.82	16.78
28. Gupta	149.20	1.42	3.82	4.95	14.28	3.22	7.17	13.14	7.49	2.66		15.75	15.52	7.82	14.28	17.68	20.00
27. Greenspan	145.51	16.97	15.52	2.84	2.84	13.43	14.28	5.46	16.18	4.25		3.22	9.23	10.00	8.86	16.97	
22. Bitterman	137.05	12.18	4.71	1.85	17.84	10.00	2.32	9.61	6.28	2.16	4.48	16.78		10.39	10.77	13.14	14.54
23. Donn	128.68	4.95	4.71	8.15	11.50	4.03	3.82	6.86	17.34	7.82	12.18	10.77	9.61		6.28	16.18	4.48
21. Bishel	124.97	2.16	3.82	10.00	2.66	9.61	8.86	6.00	2.32	9.61	5.72	10.00	9.23	13.72		19.76	11.50
35. Schireson	98.14	13.43	5.46	1.42	3.82	1.42	11.85	4.95	4.95	12.18	2.32	11.14	6.86	3.82	0.24		14.28
24. Donnelly	73.88	1.29	2.49	8.15	9.23	0.67	0.45	8.86	1.29	3.22	0.00	3.03	5.46	15.52	8.50	5.72	

Team Name	Total	7	11	10	13	6	2	8	16	14	5	9	4	3	1	15	12
7. Lebowitz	213.12		11.50	17.68	4.25	6.57	16.97	19.55	11.85	12.18	6.28	14.54	19.86	18.97	19.55	16.59	16.78
11. Nickell	200.33	8.50		4.25	16.78	16.78	14.54	20.00	10.77	11.14	12.51	12.18	15.29	12.51	12.51	16.18	16.39
10. Nadel	188.35	2.32	15.75		6.28	15.52	7.82	10.00	5.72	12.51	14.28	12.51	18.44	15.05	18.71	14.00	19.44
13. Robinson	176.98	15.75	3.22	13.72		9.61	17.34	8.15	16.78	18.84	4.03	11.50	5.46	16.18	7.82	15.75	12.83
6. Lall	171.99	13.43	3.22	4.48	10.39		9.61	4.71	13.72	9.61	8.15	13.43	15.97	18.97	19.33	10.00	16.97
2. Caprera	171.58	3.03	5.46	12.18	2.66	10.39		8.86	12.18	13.43	16.97	12.51	17.51	15.05	11.14	10.77	19.44
8. Lewis	160.86	0.45	0.00	10.00	11.85	15.29	11.14		3.82	4.48	14.54	12.83	15.29	18.00	15.75	13.14	14.28
16. Stoltz	154.99	8.15	9.23	14.28	3.22	6.28	7.82	16.18		4.03	16.59	10.00	4.71	7.49	15.75	15.29	15.97
14. Silin	149.35	7.82	8.86	7.49	1.16	10.39	6.57	15.52	15.97		15.97	11.50	5.72	15.52	4.03	6.86	15.97
5. Hill	138.48	13.72	7.49	5.72	15.97	11.85	3.03	5.46	3.41	4.03		0.34	0.90	20.00	17.51	14.00	15.05
9. Meyers	133.07	5.46	7.82	7.49	8.50	6.57	7.49	7.17	10.00	8.50	19.66		3.03	5.46	15.29	13.14	7.49
4. Harris	126.77	0.14	4.71	1.56	14.54	4.03	2.49	4.71	15.29	14.28	19.10	16.97		2.49	3.03	13.43	10.00
3. Dinkin	122.28	1.03	7.49	4.95	3.82	1.03	4.95	2.00	12.51	4.48	0.00	14.54	17.51		15.97	14.00	18.00
1. Bjerkan	111.89	0.45	7.49	1.29	12.18	0.67	8.86	4.25	15.97	2.49	4.71	16.97	4.03			14.28	14.00
15. Simson	111.41	3.41	3.82	6.00	4.25	10.00	9.23	6.86	4.71	13.14	6.00	6.86	6.57	6.00	5.72		18.84
12. Reynolds	68.55	3.22	3.61	0.56	7.17	3.03	0.56	5.72	4.03	4.03	4.95	12.51	10.00	2.00	6.00	1.16	

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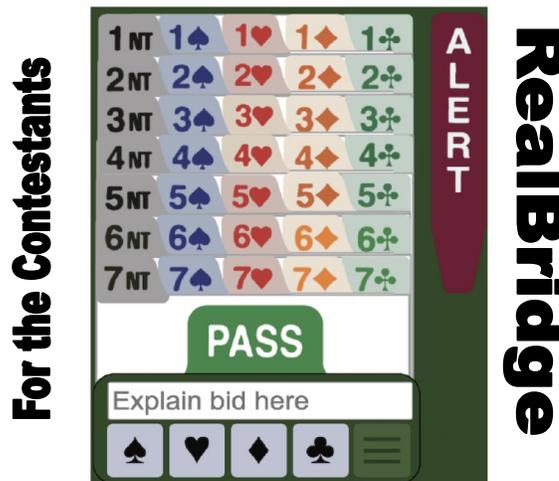
**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams**

Indians

Results:

Alerts & Explanations

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



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 you 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.

Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN



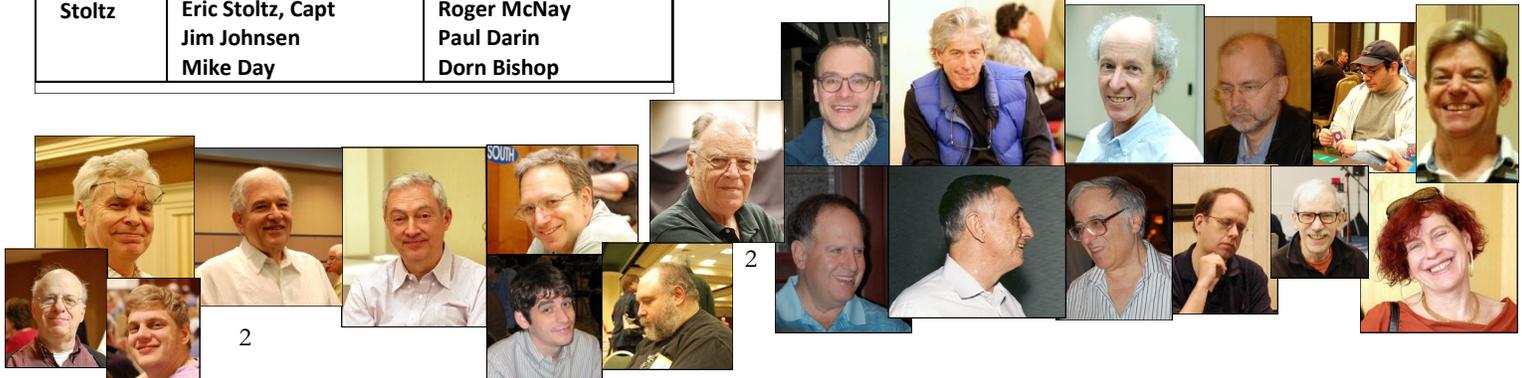
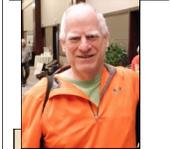
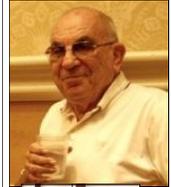
Teams in Alphabetical Order within RR Groups:

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 Korbelt	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 Kevin 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.



Trying to concentrate:
Kids, Wife, TV!
If I screw up the play,
It isn't all me!

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!


N Ifti Baqai

Bd 44, Dir W
 3NT+2 E

W Geoff Hampson

♠ Q64
 ♥ 10976
 ♦ 873
 ♣ Q82

Round 13

Eric Greco E

♠ 87
 ♥ A82
 ♦ K64
 ♣ A10643

♠ KJ10
 ♥ Q3
 ♦ A1052
 ♣ KJ75



W N E S
 1♦* P 2♣* P
 2♥* P 3NT P
 P P

Mitch Dunitz S ♠ A9532
 ♥ KJ54
 ♦ QJ9
 ♣ 9

In the Nickell/Lewis match, both tables reached 3NT on Board 44.

Greco/Hampson play a strong club system. 1D could have been a 2-card suit. 2C showed a natural four + card suit forcing one round. 2H was artificial and showed 10-13 balanced. 3NT was game.

Dunitz led a fourth best spade to the queen and king. Greco, counting on 2 spade tricks, 1 heart trick, 2 diamond tricks, knew he needed only 4, not 5 tricks from the club suit.

He also knew he did not want a heart coming through his Q3. Dutifully, he played a club to the ace and a club back to his jack. When this held, he had more tricks than he needed. He cashed the CK, led a club to the ten and ducked a diamond around in case that suit was split 3-3. He was handsomely rewarded for his play. Contract making 5 for +460.


N Bobby Levin

Bd 44, Dir W
 3NT-1 E

W Disa Eythorsdottir

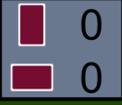
♠ Q64
 ♥ 10976
 ♦ 873
 ♣ Q82

Round 13

Linda Lewis E

♠ 87
 ♥ A82
 ♦ K64
 ♣ A10643

♠ KJ10
 ♥ Q3
 ♦ A1052
 ♣ KJ75



W N E S
 P P 1NT* P
 2♠* P 3♣* P
 3NT P P P

Steve Weinstein S ♠ A9532
 ♥ KJ54
 ♦ QJ9
 ♣ 9

At the other table, Disa and Linda Lewis also reached 3NT from East.

Weinstein led a fourth best spade. Lewis won the spade in hand and immediately cashed the CK!! She played a second club and when Weinstein pitched a spade, she was in trouble.

She played Dummy's CT losing to the queen. As anticipated, the HT was returned through the HQ to the king. Weinstein continued hearts. The ace was ducked and Levin won his nine. Another heart established the setting trick. The S8 went to South's ace... one last heart and the contract was defeated a trick!

11 IMPs to Nickell

Last night, I dreamed I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda. But it was just a Fanta sea.

My boss yelled at me the other day, "You've got to be the worst train driver in history. How many trains did you derail last year?" I said, "Can't say for sure, it's so hard to keep track!"

A man sued an airline company after it lost his luggage. Sadly, he lost his case.

Atoms are untrustworthy little critters. They make up everything!

An atom loses an electron... it says, "Man, I really gotta keep an ion them."

Did you hear about the man who was accidentally buried alive? It was a grave mistake.

5 I cleaned out my spice rack and found everything was old and had to be thrown out. What a waste of thyme.

6:30 is the best time on a clock... hands down.



Monday, Nov. 9
Monday, Nov. 23 – Midnight (EST)
Wednesday, Nov. 25 – Noon (EST)
Wednesday, Nov. 25 – Midnight (EST)
Saturday, Dec. 5 – 11:00 AM (EST)
Saturday, Dec 5. 11:10 AM (EST)
Saturday, Dec. 5, 11:20 AM (EST)

Premier KO Team Entries open on BW for all Flights
Entries close for Premier KO Team Entries for Open Flight
Deadline for convention cards for Premier KO Open Flight
Entries close for Team Entries for Premier KO Limited Flights
Entries open for Premier Pairs 0-1500 Flight
Entries open for Premier Pairs 0-5000 Flight
Entries open for Premier Pairs Open Flight

OPEN KNOCKOUT SCHEDULE (FRIDAY, NOV. 27-SUNDAY, DEC. 6)

0-5000 & 0-1500 KNOCKOUT SCHEDULES (SATURDAY, NOV. 28-SUNDAY, DEC. 6)

PREMIER PAIR EVENT, 0-5000 & 0-1500 PAIR EVENT SCHEDULE (SATURDAY, DEC. 5-SUNDAY, DEC. 6)

Open Knockout: \$300 / team for the entire event. NABC Junior discounts apply*

0-5000 Knockout and 0-1500 Knockout: \$240 / team for the entire event. A team may consist of four, five, or six players. NABC Junior Discounts apply.*

Open Pairs: \$100 / pair / event. Players who qualify for the final play free. NABC Junior discounts apply.**

0-5000 and 0-1500 Pairs: \$80 / pair / event. Players who qualify for the final play free. NABC Junior discounts apply.**

*Discount = \$45 per Junior, maximum four discounts per team

**Discount = \$30 per Junior player

Open Knockout: 1st place 200MP, 100% Gold.

0-5000 Knockout: 1st place 64MP, 100% Gold.

0-1500 Knockout: 1st place 36MP, 100% Gold.

Open Pairs: 80% of NABC rating per formula. If there are 50 tables, 1st place = 61.70 MP. 100% Gold

0-5000 Pairs: 80% of NABC rating per formula. If there are 50 tables, 1st place = 49.36 MP. 100% Gold

0-1500 Pairs: 80% of NABC rating per formula. If there are 50 tables, 1st place = 37.02 MP. 100% Gold

The NAOBC Knockouts are open to all ACBL members in good standing. The matches will be held according to the [schedule](#). Each full match in the Open Knockout will be 56 boards. Each full match in the 0-5000 and 0-1500 Knockouts will be 48 boards. All matches will be played on Bridge Base Online.

Convention cards: Each partnership on every team in the Open flight of the Premier KO **MUST** submit a complete convention card to the tournament by Wednesday, November 25th, at noon EST. Instructions for submitting convention cards will be posted soon. Failure to submit Convention Cards in a timely manner may result in loss of seating rights. Convention cards will be made publicly available for inspection.

NAOBC Premier Flighted Pairs

The NAOBC Premier Flighted Pairs (Open, 5000, 1500) is open to all ACBL members in good standing (and are not playing in the concurrent semifinal / final KO matches). This is a four-session pair event on Dec 5 2020 and Dec 6 2020, with 24 boards played per session. The top 50% of the Saturday field qualifies to play in the Sunday final.

Registration

Pre-registration for the NAOBC Premier Knockouts is mandatory and is limited to the first 256 teams in each knockout (Open, 0-5000, 0-1500). Entries will be sold on BridgeWinners.com starting Monday, Nov. 9. For the Open Flight, entry sales close at midnight Eastern time, Monday Nov 23, 2020. For the other flights, entry sales close at midnight Eastern time, Wednesday Nov 25, 2020.

Entries for the NAOBC Premier Flighted Pairs will be sold on Bridge Base Online. Pre-registration is not needed. Entries go on sale Dec 5 2020 two hours before game time for each flight.

We will endeavor to start every session of every event on time. All players in every pair/team who are scheduled to play in a given session **MUST** be online in BBO and ready to play at the scheduled start time of each session. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the event. Be warned that if you are inactive in BBO for an extended period of time, BBO will automatically consider you to be off-line. It is recommended that you do something active in BBO a few minutes before game time.

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

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 pound sliced fresh button mushrooms
- 1/2 pound coarsely chopped fresh oyster mushrooms
- 1/2 pound coarsely chopped fresh chantrelle mushrooms
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup dry red wine or vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup vegetable stock
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon butter, softened
- **TOPPING:**
- 6 medium red potatoes, cubed
- 1/4 cup 2% milk
- 2 to 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese



Directions

- Preheat oven to 425°. In a Dutch oven, heat butter and 2 tablespoons oil over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms; cook and stir 4-6 minutes or until browned. Remove and set aside.
- In the same pan, heat remaining oil. Add onion; cook and stir 3-4 minutes or until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Add wine, stirring to loosen browned bits from pan. Bring to a boil; cook 2-3 minutes or until wine is almost evaporated. Stir in stock, parsley, thyme, salt, pepper and mushrooms. Bring to a boil; cook 3-4 minutes longer or until liquid is reduced by half.
- In a small bowl, mix flour and softened butter until blended; stir into mushroom mixture until thickened. Transfer to a greased 11x7-in. baking dish.
- Meanwhile, place potatoes in a large saucepan; add water to cover. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cook, uncovered, 10-15 minutes or until tender. Drain; return to pan. Mash potatoes, gradually adding milk, butter, garlic powder, salt and pepper.
- Spread potatoes over mushroom mixture; sprinkle with cheese. Bake 15-20 minutes or until heated through. If desired, top with additional thyme or parsley.

Nutrition Facts

1.500 cups: 354 calories, 22g fat (10g saturated fat), 40mg cholesterol, 636mg sodium, 30g carbohydrate (6g sugars, 5g fiber), 11g protein.

Mushroom Shepherd's Pie

Spiced Upside Down Apple Pie

Ingredients

- 2 cups pecan halves
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- Pastry for double-crust pie (9 inches)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon apple pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 6 cups thinly sliced peeled tart apples
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Directions

- Arrange pecans, with rounded sides facing down, on the bottom of a 9-in. deep-dish pie plate; drizzle with butter. Sprinkle with brown sugar; press lightly.
- Roll out dough to fit the pie plate; place over brown sugar. Press the crust firmly against brown sugar and sides of pie plate. Trim edges.
- In a large bowl, combine the sugar, flour, pie spice and nutmeg. Add the apples, lemon juice and vanilla; toss to coat. Fill crust. Roll out remaining dough to fit top of pie; place over filling. Trim, seal and flute edges. Cut slits in crust.
- Place a foil-lined baking sheet on a rack below the pie to catch any spills. Bake pie at 450° for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°. Bake until top is golden brown and apples are tender, 40-45 minutes longer. Cool for 10 minutes before inverting onto a serving plate. Serve warm.

Kitchen tips

☐ Don't wait too long before inverting the pie onto a serving plate. If it cools off too much, it might be difficult to remove from the pan.

Nutrition Facts

1 piece: 825 calories, 53g fat (23g saturated fat), 91mg cholesterol, 409mg sodium, 87g carbohydrate (50g sugars, 5g fiber), 7g protein.



Quick Chicken Piccata

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (4 ounces each)
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1/4 cup white wine or chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Minced fresh parsley, optional



Directions

- In a shallow bowl, mix flour, salt and pepper. Pound chicken breasts with a meat mallet to 1/2-in. thickness. Dip chicken in flour mixture to coat both sides; shake off excess.
- In a large skillet, heat butter over medium heat. Brown chicken on both sides. Add wine; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, until chicken is no longer pink, 12-15 minutes. Drizzle with lemon juice. If desired, sprinkle with parsley.

Test Kitchen Tips

Unless otherwise specified, Taste of Home recipes are tested with lightly salted butter. Unsalted, or sweet, butter is sometimes used to achieve a buttery flavor, such as in shortbread cookies or buttercream frosting. In these recipes, added salt would detract from the buttery taste desired.

Lemon juice in this zesty marinade is an acid, which breaks down the tough proteins in the pork and helps to tenderize it.

Nutrition Facts

1 chicken breast half with about 1 tablespoon sauce: 265 calories, 14g fat (8g saturated fat), 93mg cholesterol, 442mg sodium, 7g carbohydrate (0 sugars, 0 fiber), 24g protein.

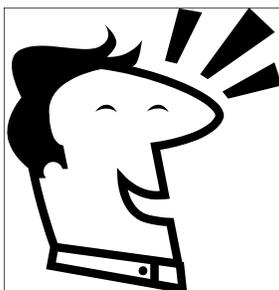


Sudoku

Answers on Page 14

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

Sudoku 1



Studies show that cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them.

It's a case of in one ear and out the udder.

NOT ALL MATH PUNS ARE TERRIBLE. JUST SUM.



Sudoku 2

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

Fun and Games Page

W	I	L	S	O	N	C	A	R	T	E	R	EISENHOWER
H	K	H	Y	E	L	N	I	K	C	M	L	MONROE
M	L	A	N	O	T	N	I	L	C	R	C	VANBUREN
T	O	Y	C	L	E	V	E	L	A	N	D	OBAMA
A	P	E	D	R	O	B	A	M	A	O	E	CLINTON
E	I	S	E	N	H	O	W	E	R	R	M	MCKINLEY
H	H	A	G	V	P	I	E	R	C	E	R	TAYLOR
M	A	K	T	A	Y	L	O	R	R	H	M	MADISON
A	R	E	S	N	R	L	O	N	A	O	A	CLEVELAND
D	R	N	R	B	A	F	R	O	N	O	R	CARTER
I	I	N	E	U	D	A	I	R	L	V	T	GARFIELD
S	S	E	L	R	A	M	O	E	U	E	H	ADAMS
O	O	D	Y	E	M	E	H	N	L	R	U	KENNEDY
N	N	Y	T	N	S	T	A	F	T	D	R	HARRISON

PunDemic Reading

Q. Why was King Arthur's army too tired to fight? A. It had too many sleepless knights.

I asked my French friend if she likes to play video games. She said, "Wii."

Yesterday, a clown held the door open for me. It was such a nice jester!

The machine at the coin factory just suddenly stopped working, with no explanation. It doesn't make any cents!

I was going to make myself a belt made out of watches, but then I realized it would be a waist of time.

Did you hear about the auto body shop that just opened? It comes highly wreck-a-mended.)

Q. What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo? A. A hippo is really heavy, and a Zippo is a little lighter.



	Bartley	DeForest	Fairview	Gray	Ohio	Montana	Texas	Washington	anniversary	birthday	house warming	wedding	cousin	father	friend	sister	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ellen																				
Heather																				
Rick																				
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Logic Puzzle

Yesterday, Greg was very busy packing up some gifts to send out to family and friends. It was a busy month. He had a birthday, an anniversary, a wedding, and even a house warming to send gifts out for...and the events all took place in the same week! Because he moved away from his home area when he took his new job, he lived across the country from most of his family and friends now. As a result, he always tried to find something locally for each person to make each gift more personal and interesting. Determine the full name of each person he shipped a gift to, what state each lived in, what each event was, each person's relationship to Greg, and what day of the week each event was taking place (Wednesday through Saturday).

1. Greg's friend wasn't Ellen Fairview, who didn't live in Ohio. The birthday girl didn't have her party on Friday.
2. Rick's last name wasn't Bartley but his event was on Saturday night.
3. Greg's father wasn't getting married, but his last name was Gray.
4. The friend having a house warming didn't live in Ohio.
5. The wedding was for Greg's cousin. Heather, who didn't live in Texas, was Greg's sister but her event wasn't on Wednesday night.
6. Walter's event was one day earlier than the person whose last name was DeForest but after the person who lived in Washington. The anniversary was held in Montana.

First Name	Last Name	State	Event	Relationship	Day of Week
Ellen					
Heather					
Rick					
Walter					
-----	Bartley	Ohio	anniversary	cousin	Wednesday
-----	DeForest	Montana	birthday	father	Thursday
-----	Fairview	Texas	house warming	friend	Friday
-----	Gray	Washington	wedding	sister	Saturday



John Hurd, also known as "Johnny" or "Jimmy", to distinguish him from his roommate and junior teammate, [John Kranyak](#), was born on January 2nd, 1979. John was born and raised in Charleston, South Carolina. He learned bridge from his parents as did his brother Andy, who represented the United States in the World Junior Championships as a member of USA 2 in 2005.

John exhibited his talents from an early age and represented the United States on multiple junior teams, including winning gold medals in the 2001 and 2005 World Junior Championships. John's regular partner for the past 12 years has been Joel Wooldridge, with whom he has already achieved stunning success at the North American Bridge Championships and internationally.

John studied geology at the College of Charleston, and moved to New York City a couple of years later to become a full-time professional bridge player, where

he and several others live in the infamous Murray Hill brownstone.

- BBO name: johnhurd
- Lives in New York, NY
- Born 01/02/1979

Meet the Players

From an article in the Wall Street Journal, June 22, 2011:

In her day job, Blackstone Group partner **Sylvia Moss** advises hedge funds, venture-capital funds and private equity firms on how to raise billions of dollars of fresh capital. But over five days in Detroit earlier this month, Moss spent upwards of 12 hours a day huddled not around a boardroom table, but around a bridge table. A foursome including Moss, the chief operating officer of Blackstone's Park Hill Group, left Detroit with the trophy as winners of the North American women's bridge championship.

Taking home the trophy, in this case, is just an expression. Winners of bridge tournaments typically get no prize money, no metallic trinkets, nothing but points towards their player rankings and the joy of victory. That's not very Wall Street, is it? But Moss and other bridge experts said there are similarities between working in finance and playing high-level bridge. Concentration, memory, zeal for competition and a strong rapport with your bridge partners are considered key qualities for top-flight bridge players.

'It's a wonderfully challenging, intellectually stimulating, in-the-moment kind of game,' Moss said about bridge, which she first started playing as a teenager because her older brother needed a partner. 'I believe that bridge has made me better at work, and work has made me better at bridge,' she said.

Poker seems more of an apt hobby for rough-and-tumble Wall Street, and indeed hedge fund mavens Steven Cohen and David Einhorn are known for their poker playing. Bridge, however, has a long -- and occasionally checkered -- connection to finance. Harold Vanderbilt, a scion of the American industrialist family, created the modern bridge scoring system in the 1920s. Warren Buffett and Bill Gates are serious bridge players. (The Oracle of Omaha plays bridge online, under the handle 'Tbone.')

Former Bear Stearns CEO Jimmy Cayne took heat for traveling to bridge tournaments and playing golf while his firm was on the rocks.

And besides the required zeal for concentration and competition, there may be a reason for Wall Street types to gravitate towards bridge, said Jay Baum, chief executive of the American Contract Bridge League, the sanctioning body for bridge in North America. 'Bridge is viewed as an intellectual game -- which it is -- but you don't have to be a super intellect to play it or to be good at it,' said Baum. 'don't think you have to be a super intellect to succeed on Wall Street.'

As for Moss, she traces her love of bridge back to her card-playing family. As a seven-year-old, Moss learned to play gin rummy from her mother. Moss said she took up bridge at age 16, because her college-aged brother needed a partner. 'I was very excited,' Moss said about her first foray into the game. She became a competitive player in her early 30s, as she and her bridge-playing husband plunged deeply into the bridge world.



Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku

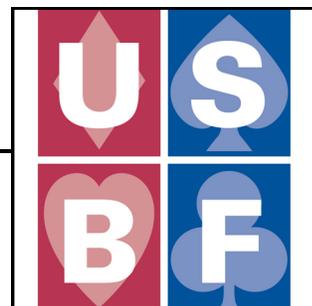
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

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 24 of Round 11 was played in a heart contract by N/S at every table. Six pairs bid and made 4H. Six pairs bid 4H but failed by one, two or three tricks.

The almost universal defense commenced with E/W cashing three rounds of clubs, ending in the East hand. East exited with a diamond.

At several tables, declarer ducked the diamond, hoping for the DK with East!! This is playing for East to have made a defensive error.

From East's standpoint, if West held the diamond ace, he should have cashed it before the third club was played so that if East held the DK, he could either signal (or not) for a diamond continuation. This protects the partnership from making a silly error in IMPs. Therefore, when East returns a diamond, he should not be underleading the king.

In the same spirit of IMPs play, rather than concede defeat, declarer **must** rise with DA. Declarer needs to bring home the spade suit for three winners. In the absence of other information, finessing for the spade king seems favored as opposed to playing for Kxx in either hand.

At Jacob Freeman's table, he took full advantage of the bidding and demonstrated excellent declarer skill.

West's 1NT bid showed 10-12 HCP. If West held the DK and club AK, there was no room for the SK. Freeman rose with DA and played a spade to the ace. He trumped a spade and played two high trumps ending in dummy. A second spade was trumped and when the SK fell, he claimed ten tricks.

At the other table, Kamenova/Wittes stopped in 3H. Three rounds of clubs were played followed by a diamond ducked to West's king. West exited with a diamond. Since West had shown 12-14 HCP, declarer decided to go against the odds (eight ever-nine never) and she banked on the HQ being with West.

A heart to the ace, followed by a heart to the ten, sealed declarer's fate – down one in 3H.

10 IMPs to the Dinkin team.

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 12

Friday	father	anniversary	Montana	Gray	Walter
Saturday	friend	house warming	Texas	DeForest	Rick
Thursday	sister	birthday	Ohio	Bartley	Heather
Wednesday	cousin	wedding	Washington	Fairview	Ellen
Day of Week	Relationship	Event	State	Last Name	First Name

Board 34, Dir E
7♣ = E

W Michael

♠ AKQ108
♥ 97
♦ A10
♣ K1043

Round 12

N Bob Hamman

♠ 7
♥ KJ8543
♦ 7432
♣ J9

Zach Grossack E

♠ 42
♥ AQ106
♦ 95
♣ AQ752

Peter Weichsel S

♠ J9653
♥ 2
♦ KQJ86
♣ 86

W	N	E	S
1♠	2♥	P	P
X	3♦	X	P
3♥	P	4♣	P
4NT	P	5♠	P
7♣	P	P	P

Twelve pairs bid slam on Board 34.

Even though spades did not split, the HK outside with clubs two-two produced thirteen tricks. The grand slam is not a bad proposition... yet only one pair bid it.

In the Lebowitz/Lall match, Michael Rosenberg and Zach Grossack found their way to the cold grand slam despite interference by both opponents.

This hand is a good illustration of Zach's aggressive style.

The DK was led. When clubs split 2-2, Zach tested the spades. When the spades failed to break, he took the heart finesse and was able to score seven club tricks, three spade tricks, two heart tricks and one diamond trick.

Contract making for +1440!

Board 34, Dir E
5♣ +2 E

W Reese Milner

♠ AKQ108
♥ 97
♦ A10
♣ K1043

Round 12

N Larry Lebowitz

♠ 7
♥ KJ8543
♦ 7432
♣ J9

Hemant Lall E

♠ 42
♥ AQ106
♦ 95
♣ AQ752

Adam Grossack S

♠ J9653
♥ 2
♦ KQJ86
♣ 86

W	N	E	S
1♠	2♦	1♠	1♦
3♦	P	3♥	P
4♣	P	5♠	P
P	P		

At the other table, Millner/Lall stopped in 5C.

Had Rosenberg/Grossack bid and played in the small slam, it would have produced an 11 IMP pick-up as opposed to the actual 14 IMP pick-up for the grand.

The moral of the story:

Where lies the King determines the swing!

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.

Suzi



I hate how funerals are always at 9 a.m. I'm not really a mourning person.

I lost my job at the bank on my very first day. A woman asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.

Ray's friends claim he's a baseball nut. He says they're way off base.



JLall1 RR1 - Round 14 of 15

80

[5] Hill
Anam Tebha
Jenny Wolpert
Kevin Dwyer
Shan Huang

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[3] Dinkin
Karen McCallum
Lynn Baker
Michael Shuster
Sam Dinkin

Bd	Table 6	Lead	NS	EW	Table 5	Lead	NS	EW	IMP	
51	2♣-1 E	♠A	100		4♥-3 S	♦3		150	6	
52	6♥+1 W	♣2		1460	7♥= W	♥7		2210	13	
53	3♠+1 S	♣3	170		4♠-1 S	♣3		100	7	
54	2♥= N	♣4	110		1NT-1 S	♠2		50	4	
55	4♠-1 W	♦Q	100		4♠+1 W	♦3		650	13	
56	4♥+1 S	♣8	450		3♥+2 S	♣8	200		6	
57	2♠+1 N	♦6	140		2♠-3 N	♠10		150	7	
58	2♥-1 E	♦10	100		3♦-3 S	♣A		300	9	
59	2♠= W	♥5		110	2♠= W	♠K		110	-	
60	4♥= S	♠K	620		4♠X= W	♠10		590	15	
Total									80	0

How often do you see a 10 board set with one push board and an 80-0 result?

Limey Jack...

Gadzooks, what a show you Yanks have put on so far.

Limey Jack is pleased to see that he got one wrong by the chin whiskers of the Parsons wife. Zia was on life support but managed to cling to the final position and has the oppo to make it another day. Caprera will have the most carryover and got there with a late kick at the 16th pole. Jacobs was well qualifying all day and had very clear hopes only to lose by 100th of a VP. They will have the 2nd most carryover.

The top bananas in Indians stayed the same all throughout, whilst the Cowboys played musical chairs in that bracket.

10 play today and six survive. The Dungmeister spoke in tongue before the matches where none who speak the King's English had any proper way to decipher his nonsense short of using the Enigma Code. Limey Jack as always sits you in the parlour in style. You need not be a chancer to profit a tidy sum from your favourite punter.

These benighted souls are put paid to and can head back to their flats.

Silin, Stoltz, Hill, and Hung

Limey Jack will have more good joy 4 days hence.

Howie Doing...

Monday's a fun day with five rounds to play!
Six teams survive at the end of the day.

Jacobs will stay. Gupta will go,
Along with team Lewis, team Stoltz and team Lo.

Hung is a fighter; Caprera's no slouch.
Unless he is restless from nights on the couch.

Silin and Hill and Hung hang around.
Their defense and card play are all very sound!

Friday the winners will meet and compete.
And a week from today, it will all be complete!

Howie Doing? Quite well, thank you!

Board 60, Dlr W
4♥ = S

W Michael Shuster

N Jenny Wolpert

Sam Dinkin E

Round 14

Hand 1 (North): ♠ 10, ♥ AJ103, ♦ Q87, ♣ AQ974

Hand 2 (South): ♠ AKJ62, ♥ —, ♦ AJ63, ♣ K1062

Hand 3 (North): ♠ 953, ♥ 54, ♦ K1095, ♣ J853

Hand 4 (South): ♠ Q874, ♥ KQ98762, ♦ 42, ♣ —

Score: 0-0

Anam Tebha S

W	N	E	S
1♦*	P	1♠*	2♥
X*	4♥	P	P
P			

Dinkin/Shuster play an unusual home-brew system. Shuster's 1D showed 15+ HCP, forcing one round.

Dinkin's 1S response showed 0-4 HCP, no aces and was NF.

Shuster's X was takeout.

Sometimes a partnership has such a fine-honed system that they find themselves with too much information.

On this hand, Shuster knows his side has a max of 20 HCP. He might like defending 4H, but he cannot be sure 4S will succeed and he is looking at strong defensive values. The opponents who bid 4H knew far less about their combined holdings, jumped to the game and were rewarded with a 15 IMP swing when their teammates played 4SX and making. It appears 4S can always be made but the lead of the ST made it easy. It was a double game swing for Hill when 4H and 4SX each produced 10 tricks.

Board 60, Dlr W
4♠ X = W

W Kevin Dwyer

N Karen McCallum

Shan Huang E

Round 14

Hand 1 (North): ♠ 10, ♥ AJ103, ♦ Q87, ♣ AQ974

Hand 2 (South): ♠ AKJ62, ♥ —, ♦ AJ63, ♣ K1062

Hand 3 (North): ♠ 953, ♥ 54, ♦ K1095, ♣ J853

Hand 4 (South): ♠ Q874, ♥ KQ98762, ♦ 42, ♣ —

Score: 0-0

Lynn Baker S

W	N	E	S
1♣*	1NT*	P*	2♠*
P	3♣	P	3♥
3♠	P	P	4♥
P	P	4♠	P
P	X	P	P
P			

On the same Board, in the Robinson/Stoltz match, Kit Woolsey declared 4S. The opening lead was the HA. Kit ruffed in his hand and laid down a high spade.

He led a diamond to dummy's ten and a club to his king, losing to the ace. Another heart came back and he took the tap in his hand. He drove out the CQ.

North persisted with hearts, giving Kit a ruff and sluff which he won in the dummy. He led a diamond off dummy. South ruffed. Kit unblocked his ace under the ruff. South played another heart. Kit pitched the DJ and ruffed in dummy. He played the DK and South was couped! See the 4-card end position below:

Board 60, Dlr W
4♠ = W

W Kit Woolsey

N Eric Stoltz

Bart Bramley E

Roger McNay S

Hand 1 (North): ♠ —, ♥ —, ♦ Q, ♣ 974

Hand 2 (South): ♠ AJ, ♥ —, ♦ —, ♣ 102

Hand 3 (North): ♠ —, ♥ —, ♦ K9, ♣ J8

Hand 4 (South): ♠ Q8, ♥ 92, ♦ —, ♣ —

Score: 3-6

W	N	E	S
1♣*	P	1♦*	2♥
2♠	4♥	P	P
X	P	4♠	P
P	P		