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We Remember:



Welcome to the **2021 Justin Lall Online Teams 2**. The USBF has run three highly successful Online Knockout Events since the start of the Pandemic and the JLall Teams 2 will most certainly follow suit! This event marks the second of many to be named in memory of Justin Lall. Justin was an amazingly talented young player and great friend of the game. While we mourn his loss, with this event like the one before, we celebrate his life.

JLall2 will be held from **February 12-15 and February 26-March 1**.

- Play each day will start at 1:00 pm EST and end no later than 9:30 pm EST. Time per board will be 7-1/2 minutes, and in response to the exit poll following JLall1, we will schedule longer breaks.

Round Robin Stage 1, Feb. 12-14:

Everyone will play 3 days of a "split field" Round Robin with 10 board matches; there are two Round Robin groups named Red Sox and Yankees. Teams have been assigned to the groups based on a "draft" by the top two teams (chosen by a vote of all teams). The top 5 teams in each group will qualify for the KO Round of 16. The bottom 6 teams in each group will be eliminated. The five teams in the middle of each group ("bubble teams") will play in Stage 2 of the Round Robin.

Round Robin Stage 2, Feb. 15th (Presidents' Day):

Each bubble team plays a 10 board match against each bubble team from the other group, scored at VPs with carryover from the first 3 days. The top 6 teams qualify for the Round of 16. The bottom 4 teams are eliminated.

Knockouts, Feb. 26-Mar. 1:

One match/day. 56 boards/match. If both finalists request a longer match, 60 or 64 boards for the final, it will be done.

There will be a Captains' meeting on Feb. 23rd to set the KO bracket. The precise method of setting the bracket will be set forth in the Special Conditions of Contest. Summary: the top 4 teams from Round Robin Stage 1 will select their opponents for the Round of 16 from the bottom 8 qualifiers. The remaining qualifiers will be shuffled in groups to fill the bracket.

The matches will be played on RealBridge. During the bidding & play, each player will see & hear their screenmate - (N&E, S&W). Before and after each match, teammates will be seated at one table.

RealBridge will archive bidding, play & score information for the event. Scores will be posted on site.

Online play presents challenges. While the USBF Board and the tournament organizers do their best to make our events the fairest Competitions, maintaining this standard will always be the responsibility of the players. We count on you to uphold the high ideals of ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which United States bridge is known worldwide.

I will do my part to uphold these standards and I know you will do yours. Please keep this in mind as you participate in this event.

Let the games begin!

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This Just In... Justin Lall Online Teams 2 - Pre-Bulletin

The Prez Says ...



Teams Entered...

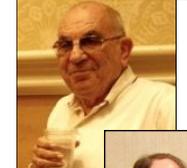
"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

Teams in Alphabetical Order within RR Groups:

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Sam Dinkin Tobi Sokolow	Karen McCallum Michael Shuster David Sokolow
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt Bill Harker Bob Thomson	Cris Barrere Mark Ralph Bob Etter
Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt Blaine Mullins	John Bishel Charley Seelbach
Bitterman	Bob Bitterman, Capt Phil Becker Jerry Helms	Bob Cappelli Ken Kranyak Ed Schulte
Blanchard	Bob Blanchard, Capt Fred Chang Gary Cohler	Sam Lev Dan Lev
Compton	Andy Goodman Kay Enfield Ish DelMonte	Chris Compton Greg Hinze Brian Glubok
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Leon Lowe	Charlie Wilkins Ifti Baqai
Donn	Josh Donn, Capt Uday Ivatury Jenni Carmichael	Sheri Winestock Christal Henner Greg Humphreys
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Harrison Luba	Cornelius Duffie Olivia Schireson
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Radu Nistor Jacob Freeman	Sandra Rimstedt Iulian Rotaru Finn Kolesnik
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Bart Bramley	Chip Martel Brad Moss Kit Woolsey
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt Geof Brod John Rengstorff	Glenn Eisenstein John Stiefel Bob Feller
Hill	Joyce Hill Shan Huang Anam Tebha	Kevin Dwyer Roger Lee
Joel	Geeske Joel, Capt Sarah Youngquist Fred Stewart	Kevin Rosenberg William Watson Steve Beatty
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Naren Gupta Bob Hamman	Reese Milner Zia Mahmood Peter Weichsel
Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Adam Grossack Michael Rosenberg Joel Wooldridge
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mark Lair
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Ron Smith Mitch Dunitz	Marc Jacobus Billy Cohen Paul Lewis
Lin	Amber Lin, Capt Cynthia Huang Brent Xiao	Emma Kolesnik Ilan Wolff

Liu	Howard Liu, Capt Ari Greenberg Adam Kaplan	Eugene Hung Tom Carmichael Christian Jolly
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Jiang Gu Andrew Stark	Alex Kolesnik Alex Perlin Franco Baseggio
Merblum	Frank Merblum, Capt Doug Doub Venkatrao Koneru	Adam Wildavsky Walter Lee John Schermer
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein
Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Carrie Liu	Maxim Silin Anton Tsyppin
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Joe Viola	Lance Kerr Randy Howard John Jones
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken David Berkowitz	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Migry Campanile
Sanborn	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Jill Meyers Steve Garner	Steve Sanborn Allan Graves Jeff Wolfson
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Randal Burns John Miller	Cadir Lee Lynn Shannon
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Allan Falk Drew Casen	Jeff Aker John Lusky Jim Krekorian
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt John Hurd Vince Demuy	Gavin Wolpert Kevin Bathurst John Kranyak
Sprung	Danny Sprung Anne Brenner Brian Platnick JoAnn Sprung, NPC	Gerry Seixas Dave Caprera John Diamond
Wu	Weishu Wu, Capt Brian Zhang Jiang Chen	Qiang Zhang Peter Sun Jane Wang

RED SOX	YANKEES
Baker	Bell
Bishel	Bitterman
Compton	Blanchard
Dawson	Donnelly
Donn	Fleisher
Donner	Hill
Greenspan	Joel
Levine	Lall
Lo	Lebowitz
Merblum	Lewis
Nickell	Lin
Rasmussen	Liu
Reynolds	Schireson
Rosenthal	Simson
Sanborn	Spector
Sprung	Wu



Tournament Schedule

USBF 10 Board victory Point Scale

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 1			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EST	BOARDS
FRIDAY	FEB 12	12:45 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	FEB 12	1:00 - 2:15	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		2:35 - 3:50	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		4:10 - 5:25	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 BREAK
		6:20 - 7:35	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
		7:55 - 9:10	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
SATURDAY	FEB 13	1:00 - 2:15	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 51-60
		2:35 - 3:50	ROUND 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		4:10 - 5:25	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 71-80 BREAK
		6:20 - 7:35	ROUND 9 - BOARDS 1-10
		7:55 - 9:10	ROUND 10 - BOARDS 11-20
SUNDAY	FEB 14	1:00 - 2:15	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 21-30
		2:35 - 3:50	ROUND 12 - BOARDS 31-40
		4:10 - 5:25	ROUND 13 - BOARDS 41-50 BREAK
		6:20 - 7:35	ROUND 14 - BOARDS 51-60
		7:55 - 9:10	ROUND 15 - BOARDS 61-70
ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2			
MONDAY	FEB 15	1:00 - 2:15 2:35 - 3:50 4:10 - 5:25 6:20 - 7:35 7:55 - 9:10	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20 ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 BREAK ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	FEB 26	1:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:30 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	FEB 27	1:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:30 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	FEB 28	1:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:30 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:15	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	MAR 1	1:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:45 5:30 - 7:15 7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

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

Ethics - We're not trying to provide the same security for this event as we have for online events to select USBF International teams. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties 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 Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

2021 Committee is: **Dana Berkowitz, Eugene Hung, Roger Lee, Chip Martel, Steve Weinstein, Jenny Wolpert**

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.



Kibitzing on VuGraph...

THERE WILL BE DELAYED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE JLALL2 EVENT.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EST)

The schedule will be the same each day:

Round 1: 2:30 pm

Round 2: 4:05 pm

Round 3: 6:15 pm

Round 4: 7:50 pm

Round 5: 9:25 pm

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EST)

Quarter 1: 1:15 pm

Quarter 2: 3:15 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 7:15

Quarter 4: 9:15



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

To kibitz, go to [the RealBridge kibitzing website](#), enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz.

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #2, 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 happened.

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.

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 the tables.

----You can 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 (for this match only).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right.

TIMING OF DELAY

The Round Robin matches will be delayed until after each round is completed.

The first half KO matches will be delayed until each board has been played at all tables, so there may sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown. **The second half of the KO matches will be delayed until the quarter has been completed. 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:15 EST.**

USBF NEWS...

USBF Board Vacates Invitational 1 Title

At its meeting on February 3, the USBF Board of Directors voted unanimously to vacate the Invitational 1 Title because of the finding that Huub Bertens, a player on the winning team, had illegally possessed and used information about other players' hands.

The positions of other teams in the event remain unchanged.

USBF Adjudicatory Committee Decision Regarding Huub Bertens

In accordance with the **USBF Guidelines for Conduct ing Adjudicatory Proceedings**, the USBF Board appointed an Adjudicatory Committee to hear charges against Huub Bertens relating to the USBF Invitational 1 Tournament in May & June of 2020. The conclusion of the Adjudicatory Committee's Report is:

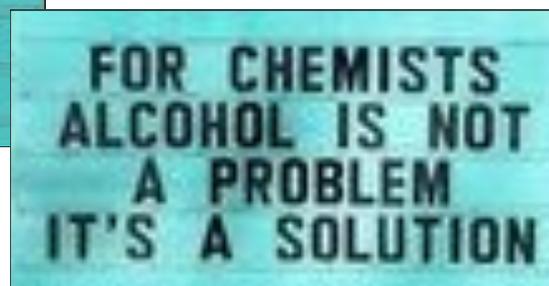
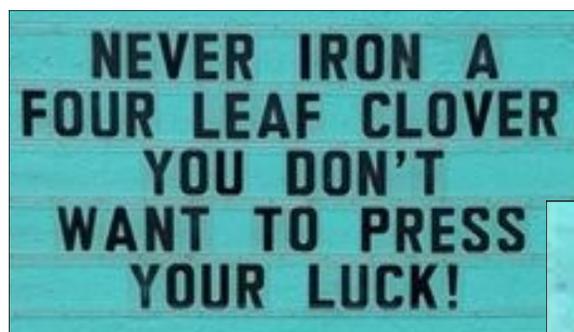
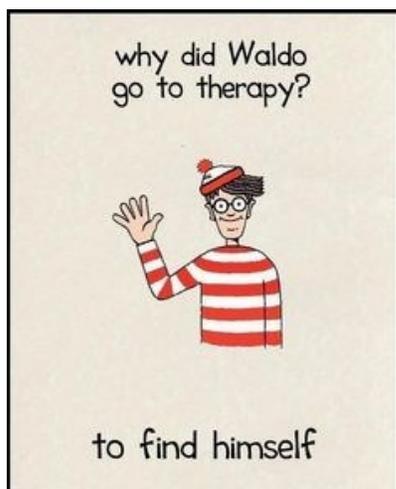
"The USBF Adjudicatory Committee, after full and careful consideration of all the subject USBF Invitational hands and all of the other evidence, arguments, and testimony presented by the Parties and their Attorney-Advocates, unanimously finds, to its comfortable satisfaction, that Mr. Bertens is guilty as charged.

DISCIPLINE

The Adjudicatory Committee of the USBF imposes the following sanctions.

Effective immediately, Mr. Huub Bertens is:

1. Barred from membership in the USBF until January 1, 2028, at which time he may re-apply for membership in the USBF;
2. On probation for a three-year period commencing on the date, if any, that he is re-admitted as a member of the USBF; and
3. Barred for life from serving on the Board of Directors of the USBF."



In the Transatlantic Senior Teams, all four USBF teams made it to the Quarterfinals. For the Quarterfinal matches, Simson was matched against Levine and Wolfson was matched against Lall. Levine and Wolfson were victorious in these matches and met in the Semifinals. Levine went on to the Final match but lost a low scoring (81-76) Championship to Turkey. The losers of the Quarterfinals played in the Third-Place Swiss. In the final match of this Swiss, the Simson team was matched against the Maril team from France.

From the Transatlantic Senior Teams

19 D	N grimreaper	W N E S
	♠ KJ	1♦ 1♥ P 2♦
	♥ AK9764	P 3♥ P 3NT
	♦ 104	P P P
	♣ Q96	
W phisou9	E Iglou	
♠ Q842	♠ A765	
♥ J2	♥ 83	
♦ AK972	♦ 653	
♣ K3	♣ 10754	
	S barryrigal	
	♠ 1093	
	♥ Q105	
	♦ QJ8	
	♣ AJ82	
	3NT S	NS: 0 EW: 0
	Bridge Base	

Rigal/Milgrim (grimreaper) used good judgement to play in 3NT rather than playing in their nine-card heart fit. 4H always has four losers. Against 3NT, Soulet led a small spade, Rigal played the jack and Bompis won the SA. Bompis returned a diamond, Rigal played the jack. Soulet won the DK and exited with a spade to dummy's king. Rigal played six rounds of hearts. Soulet tried to disguise the position by discarding a club on fifth round of hearts and a diamond on the last heart. This was the actual four-card end position:

19 D	N grimreaper	W N E S
	♠	1♦ 1♥ P 2♦
	♥ 10	P 3♥ P 3NT
	♦ Q96	P P P
	♣	
W phisou9	E Iglou	
♠ Q8	♠	
♥	♥	
♦ A	♦ 3	
♣ K	♣ 1074	
	S barryrigal	
	♠	
	♥	
	♦ Q8	
	♣ AJ	
	3NT S	NS: 7 EW: 2

Rigal led the CQ from dummy and rose with the ace to drop West's now singleton king.

While not at all obvious, 3NT could be defeated on the actual spade lead. West must duck the SA so the count cannot be rectified for the squeeze.

In the other room Abecassis/Levy reached the unmakeable 4H contract (the club king is offside), on the auction below:

19 D	N mik22	W N E S
	♠ KJ	1♦ 1♥ X 2♦
	♥ AK9764	2♠ 4♥ P P
	♦ 104	P
	♣ Q96	
W pachyderms	E Allan Falk	
♠ Q842	♠ A765	
♥ J2	♥ 83	
♦ AK972	♦ 653	
♣ K3	♣ 10754	
	S evil	
	♠ 1093	
	♥ Q105	
	♦ QJ8	
	♣ AJ82	
	4♥ N	NS: 0 EW: 0

10 IMPs to Simson, who won the match by a single IMP.

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

Mushroom Corn Chowder

Ingredients

- 1-1/4 cups sliced fresh carrots
- 1 cup chopped celery with leaves
- 3/4 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1-1/3 cups 2% milk
- 1-1/2 cups frozen corn, thawed
- 1/2 cup cubed fully cooked ham
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1/2 cup cubed Velveeta
- Additional chopped celery leaves, optional



Directions

In a large saucepan, saute the carrots, celery, mushrooms and onions in butter until tender. Stir in the soup, milk, corn, ham and seasoned salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; stir in cheese. Cook and stir 3-5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. If desired, serve with additional celery leaves.

Nutrition Facts

3/4 cup: 184 calories, 12g fat (6g saturated fat), 31mg cholesterol, 652mg sodium, 15g carbohydrate (5g sugars, 2g fiber), 6g protein.



Creamy Bacon Mushroom Soup

Ingredients

- 10 bacon strips, diced
- 1 pound sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 quart heavy whipping cream
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken broth
- 1-1/4 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 tablespoons cold water
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Directions

- In a large saucepan, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Using a slotted spoon, remove to paper towels; drain, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings. In the drippings, sauté mushrooms and onion until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in cream and broth. Gradually stir in cheese until melted.
- In a small bowl, combine the cornstarch, salt, pepper and water until smooth. Stir into soup. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Garnish with bacon.



Ham and Corn Chowder

Ingredients

- 2 celery ribs, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 cups whole milk
- 2 cups cubed fully cooked ham
- 2 cups cubed cooked potatoes
- 1-1/2 cups fresh or frozen corn
- 1 can (14-3/4 ounces) cream-style corn
- 3/4 teaspoon minced fresh thyme or 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

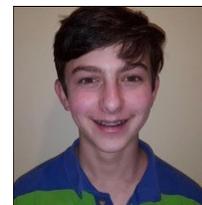


Directions

- In a large saucepan, saute the celery, onion and jalapeno in butter until vegetables are tender. Stir in flour until blended; gradually add milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until heated through.

Nutrition Facts

1 cup: 245 calories, 9g fat (5g saturated fat), 39mg cholesterol, 722mg sodium, 30g carbohydrate (8g sugars, 2g fiber), 12g protein.



18 ^p		N p531753		E ralphk	
W Fnickell		W N E S		E ralphk	
♠ 108		1♣ Pass		♠ J965	
♥ J96542		1♥ Pass 3♦ Pass		♥ A987	
♦ 108632		4♣ Pass 4♥ Pass		♦ A	
		5♣ Pass Pass Pass		♣ KQJ7	
		S p531745			
		♠ K73			
		♥ K532			
		♦ KQ8			
		♣ 954			
				5♣ East	
				0 0	

Beware of the "psych"o

On January 31st, Stan and I played a practice session on BBO with Ralph Katz and Nick Nickell. We were not doing badly when Nick picked an opportune time to psych... keeping us out of game!

Ralph opened 1C. Stan passed. Nick, without breaking tempo, bid 1H!!

I had a fine 13... both cards and points, but I had no bid. I passed and Ralph splintered in diamonds. Stan passed and Nick made what sounded like a club cuebid. Ralph bid 4H and I was considering what to lead. Before I'd decided, Nick bid 5C and Ralph realized,

with his excellent club holding, that Nick could not be cuing a singleton CA. Ralph correctly took 5C as a place to play.

Stan led the DK... not best for our side. We all looked at dummy and laughed at the psych.

Ralph won the DA, played the HA discarding a spade, and ruffed a spade in dummy. He ruffed a diamond with the C7. If he had visualized the trump position, he could have ruffed high in hand, and exited with a club honor. I would win, cash the SA and exit with a small spade. Ralph would trump this in dummy and trump a diamond with his last high club. He could then use the C7 to finesse Stan's C9!! This, of course, is all pie in the sky!! In real life, Ralph trumped a heart with the C3 and trumped a second diamond and continued with a club to my ace. I cashed the SA and played the S2. Ralph trumped in dummy. He played the DJ. Stan trumped this and led the nine of clubs. Ralph was left with two more major suit losers. Contract failing three tricks!

The moral: A contract that could have been made on impossible play went down three tricks and we still lost 5 IMPs because of Nick's thoughtful psych. Had Nick passed like most would, we would have found the cold vulnerable heart game. Most pairs made 5H!

Perfect timing, Nick!

Kibitzer Activities:

Normally we would feature local sports happenings, golf courses, and shopping centers in this space. For this event, since all online, we suggest you consult your local restaurants and shopping venues for curbside pick-up and delivery! If you choose outdoor dining where available or beaches where open, please remember to socially distance and bring your mobile device and wi-fi to be able to watch the matches while enjoying the beautiful outdoors!



And as Sadie Shopper will tell you, online shopping is available in your area (wherever that is) 24 hours a day for your enjoyment.

We recommend you stock up on popcorn and snacks, put your feet on your desk and enjoy the matches.

Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14

14	Delia	Yellow	Velusha
12	Emma	Lime green	Danus
10	Michelle	Crimson	Essburn
8	Tracey	Red	Perond
6	Olive	Magenta	Kinucia
4	Wanda	Indigo	Motochi
2	Harriet	Silver	Zhale

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku 1

Answers on Page 16

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

I tried to catch some fog... I mist!

When chemists did, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst!

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

The girl said she knows me from the vegetarian club. I know I never met herbivore.

Puns...

Cheerio Colonials:

Seems yonks since we have had a sit together. Limey Jack is here to help you make sense of this long process where 32 teams have entered and only Zia will remain. Limey Jack also wishes you tidings of the new year and has made a resolution to not speak ill of that daft and gormless Howie Dung. Limey Jack will also not make any off colour remarks about that buffoon.

In this initial round robin, there are two brackets of 16 teams each. The top 5 finishers move right smart, doing battle with the other top 5 teams, while the bottom 6 say toodle pip. The remaining 5 from each bracket join together for a new round robin.

Limey Jack is so confident in helping you make a flutter and collect some serious dosh, that he will not only tell you the favourites, but the honourable mentions as well. Onward:

Red Sox:

Qualifiers are Donner, Levine, Nickell, Rosenthal, Sanborn.

2nd round robin is Compton, Greenspan, Lo, Merblum, Sprung. Merblum could possibly oust Sanborn.

Those with hard lines are Baker, Bishel, Dawson, Donn, Rasmussen, Reynolds. Watch for Baker or Dawson to make a final fling.

Yankees:

Qualifiers are Fleisher, Lall, Lebowitz, Simson, Spector.

2nd round robin is Bitterman, Blanchard, Hill, Lewis, Liu,

Hard lines are Bell, Donnelly, Joel, Lin, Schireson, Wu.

Limey Jack will take you all the way through this lengthy event.

Cheers.

Limey Jack

A Bishel, a Baker,
Perhaps a tie-breaker,
Who all will survive?
A Sanborn, a Sprung?
I'm NOT Howie Dung!
Here's my Sox TOP FIVE...

Rosenthal, Nickell,
By more than a trickle...
They will do just fine.
Greenspan goes on,
With Merblum and Donn...
Upsetting team Levine!

There's been hanky panky
If Woolsey's a Yankee...
Sally is throwing a fit!
Boston's her team,
Their win is her dream,
Still, she's pulling for Kit!

Howie Doing...



Yanks would be clearer.
With Mr. Rivera.
But he's not on the field!
Of Bitterman, Bell?
Will either do well?
Or are they set to yield?

Fleisher and Joel
Share the same goal...
Fleisher will succeed.
Blanchard holds firm.
Liu and Wu squirm.
While Simson takes the lead!

I want to pick Lo,
But he's gonna go,
Who's a team with glitz?
Spector perhaps
If time doesn't lapse...
That leaves Lebowitz!

Fun and Games Page

SEARCH THE PUZZLE AND TRY AND FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS!

- BOSTON
- WALLY
- TESSIE
- RED SOX
- GREEN
- GREEN MONSTER
- FENWAY
- HOT DOG
- NAVY
- NINETY SEVEN
- PLAY BALL
- DIRTY WATER
- HOME RUN

Red Sox Bracket!



G P I R Y J B A V J S H O T D O G G F E W I G X N
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Find Wally!





		Customers						Colors						Designers								
		Delia	Emma	Harriet	Michelle	Olive	Tracey	Wanda	crimson	indigo	lime green	magenta	red	silver	yellow	Danus	Essburn	Kinucia	Motochi	Perond	Velusha	Zhale
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1. The silver garment is smaller than the Motochi dress.
2. Of the Danus dress and the size 4 garment, one is indigo and the other is lime green.
3. The size 4 dress isn't by Perond.
4. The Kinucia garment is 2 sizes larger than Wanda's dress.
5. Harriet's dress is 4 sizes smaller than Olive's dress.
6. Neither the crimson garment nor the yellow garment is the size 2 garment.
7. The Perond garment is larger than Harriet's dress.
8. The size 12 dress is either Harriet's dress or Emma's garment.
9. Neither the size 8 garment nor the lime green dress is Wanda's garment.

Sizes	Customers	Colors	Designers
2			
4			
6			
8			
10			
12			
14			

10. Michelle's garment isn't the size 8.
11. Delia's garment isn't red.
12. Michelle's garment is crimson.
13. The size 6 garment is either Harriet's garment or the magenta dress.
14. Michelle's dress is by Essburn.
15. Delia's garment isn't the size 8.
16. Of the size 14 garment and Harriet's dress, one is silver and the other is by Velusha

Logic
Puzzle



Meet the Players

Born in the Big Apple, **Marty Fleisher** learned to play bridge at the age of eight by observing his parents and uncle. His biggest bridge thrill was either winning the 2017 Bermuda Bowl, the 2010 Team Trials, the 2011 Vanderbilt, the 2013 Platinum Pairs or the 2016 Spingold.

However, he considers his "greatest achievement" a toss up between his marriage to his wife of twenty-eight years and getting to the finals of the Grand Nationals in 1976 (at age 17 still the youngest player to reach a National Championship final).

But there was a famine of over twenty-eight years until he won the Swiss Teams at the 2004 Fall Nationals. It is interesting to note it may have been the longest stretch between 1st and 2nd for anyone.

Indeed, it took Marty's teammates in the National Swiss (Gavin Wolpert and Vince Demuy) only one National to transcend from bridesmaid to bride!

Marty enjoys few leisure moments for hobbies other than bridge as his professional commitments as a manager of life insurance investments and attorney are very time-consuming. Marty is the most recent past President of the USBF. His most frequent partner is Chip Martel.



Michael Brad Moss, Marty's successor as current USBF President, was born in 1971 in New York City. It should come as no surprise to find that he took to bridge like a duck to water - his parents are Mike Moss and Gail Greenberg.

Brad was named the ACBL King of Bridge at the age of 18. Two years later, he became the youngest player ever to win the New York Player of the Year title. Also in 1991, he was a member of the USA team that just missed out on a medal at the World Junior Teams in Ann Arbor, Michigan, finishing fourth, and won his first National title - the Master Mixed Teams. In 1993, he added to his tally by winning the Grand National Teams and the Life Masters Open Pairs.

His successful partnership with Fred Gitelman included wins in the 1998 NABC Board-a-Match Teams, a third in the 1998 Cavendish Invitational Pairs, first in the 2005 & 2010 Spingolds, the 2010 Roth Open Swiss, the 2012 Jacoby Open Swiss, the Bronze medal in the 2005 Bermuda Bowl and gold in the 2010 Rosenblum teams.

With Joe Grue he finished second in the 2013 Spingold (tied at the end of regulation play) and won the 2016 Spingold and 2017 Bermuda Bowl. Brad is a member of the Fleisher team in this event.

Puzzle Answers:

6	9	2	8	3	7	3	4	5
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Sudoku

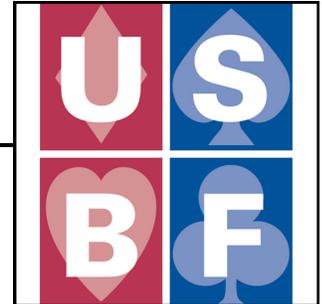
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

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.

Hey girl!! Are you a newspaper?
Because there's a new issue with you everyday.

Ran out of toilet paper and had to resort to using old newspapers...
Gotta say... these are rough Times.

The doctor told me I probably won't be able to walk again after getting into an accident with a newspaper delivery truck.
I was crushed by the news.

SON: "Hey, Dad! This newspaper says the moon is going broke."
DAD: "Why is it going broke?" SON: "The paper says it's going into its last quarter."

Thanks to our mutual dislike of newspaper puzzles, my wife and I have enjoyed a long and happy marriage. Thirty years and...
...never a crossword...

The local newspaper just hired me as the sports editor.
My pen name is Jim Shortz.

I don't think I'm well-suited for this job as a newspaper editor.
Even my blood is a Type O!

My uncle worked for a newspaper's crossword puzzle team, but only contributed one awesome clue in his career...
He was a one-hint wonder!

My family complains that I never talk during breakfast because I still read a newspaper.
You can say.... I'm behind The Times.

I saw a guy on the train holding a newspaper in front of his face.
He was behind The Times.

Every morning on my way to work, I slip on the frozen newspaper on our front porch.
I'm fallen on some hard Times.

What do u call a sad newspaper company?
DePRESSed

What do you call a newspaper column that gives advice about fashion wear?
Article of clothing

My neighbor saw me naked grabbing the newspaper early this a.m. Embarrassing.
Now he knows I'm taking his paper.

I saw an ad in the newspaper for burial plots
Then I thought to myself "This is the last thing I need."

Newspaper Puns

Excerpted Letter from Jan Martel to the Players:

Thank you for entering the USBF JLall2 event. We hope you will enjoy it. This email is going to all players, to make them aware of how the event will work and what they'll need to do. For players who are unfamiliar with USBF events on RealBridge, things may not be obvious.

A Significant Change from JLall1

Players can no longer use the same log in link for all sessions of play. I will send you an email one day in advance with 5 (Round Robin) or 4 (KO) links for the next day's play. At the break, I will send a second email with the two remaining links. You will have to use the correct link for each segment.

If you click on a link and are taken to the results page (it will look like this):



That means you have used a link for a completed segment.

If you click on a link and you get this message:

"play.realbridge.online says
Director has not opened the session yet"

It means either we have not yet loaded the information for the next segment or you have clicked on a link for a future segment. Please double check that you are clicking on the link for the correct segment and if so, wait a minute or two - we will try to open the playing room no later than 5 minutes before the scheduled start time. Be patient. Sometimes there are problems that mean we aren't able to do so.

Find information about the event on the USBF website.

On the home page, click on JLall Online Teams #2 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 & the round by round pairings for the Round Robin and to brackets for the KO matches.

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

Event schedule - the time each segment starts. Remember to be logged into RealBridge about 5 minutes before you are due to play.

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. Scores, hand records, etc are also on the RealBridge Kibitzing site.

First Captains Meeting

Our DIC, McKenzie Myers, will meet with all of the team captains, and any players who want to participate, on Zoom at 12:45 EST on Friday, Feb. 12th. Subjects for the meeting include RealBridge procedures, scoring, and answers to any questions you may have. We hope that this will be a short meeting. In order not to clutter your inboxes, I will send the Zoom link only to captains, who are welcome to pass the link on to any players who want to attend.

RealBridge Procedures

Make sure your camera & microphone work ahead of time: Go to

<<https://play.realbridge.online/camera.html>> before the first time you play just to make sure your camera and microphone will work on RealBridge. Sometimes computer updates mess things up!

How to Log in: See above re log in links - you will have a different link for each segment of play each day. You will get an email the day before with all of your links for the next day. The link will take you to a log in page that has been completely filled in for you. 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, or there is some issue with your name.

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. We now have pretty efficient methods to set up matches, so we have set the deadlines for lineup submission later than before. **You need to submit your lineup for the first match each day no later than 11:00 am EST.** After that, you need to submit your lineup for each match **30 minutes before the match is scheduled to start.** If you have not submitted a new lineup for a match, it means your lineup remains the same as for the previous match. Lineups are submitted on the team lineup spreadsheet. Your captain should know how that works

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 a match: 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. If you finish ahead of your teammates, you will get a scorecard at your table and can see the results from the other table on the boards they have completed. We will close the rooms from each segment when the next segment starts - at that time if you log in, you will get the scores from the completed segment.

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!

Kibitzers: We will not allow online real time kibitzing for any part of this event. We will have Delayed Kibitzing and will try to arrange commentary for some of it. For the Round Robin, delayed kibitzing will be delayed by one round - kibitzers can watch the bidding and play from Round 1 while you are playing Round 2, and so on. We do it that way because the kibitzers can see the scores from boards that have been played at both tables and we don't want players to know the current score when they are playing late boards.

For the first half of KO matches, the Delayed Kibitzing will show each board immediately after it has been completed at all tables. For the second half of KO matches, when state of match might be relevant to the players, the Delayed Kibitzing will show each segment when the next one starts.

Alerting & Explaining: You should alert & explain your own bids, and as with screens, should explain any bid if you have an agreement about it that might be a surprise to your opponents. 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.

Undo's: Undo's are allowed for misclicks. You need to ask for an undo before your partner acts. Both opponents must accept an UNDO request for the bid or play to be undone. When the first player to bid on one side of the screen asks for an undo, the opponent on the other side of the screen (who hasn't seen the bid) should automatically accept; it is up to the bidder's screenmate to make the decision of whether to accept or reject. 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.

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

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 go to the lobby and click on the Scores button there to see the scores from all completed matches.

Jan Martel



Chief Operating Officer, USBF

Be part of the solution, not part of the problem

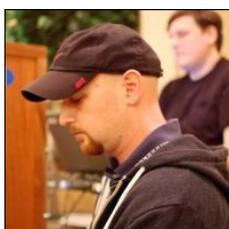
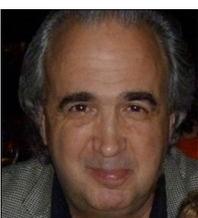


Ed. Note:

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'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about pun. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type A-blood, but it was a Type-O.

PMS jokes aren't funny. Period!

The Energizer bunny was charged with battery!!

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I dropped out of Communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in NY's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Earthquake in Washington DC? Obviously government's fault!

