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RR 2 Results

We Remember:



USBF JLaI Online Teams #2 2021 2nd Round Robin
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Team Name	Total	Carry Over	8	26	4	28	6	3	30	5	27	32
8. Levine	183.08	126.58		6.57	rr1	15.75	rr1	rr1	8.86	rr1	18.15	7.17
26. Hill	174.88	114.07	13.43		7.17	rr1	10.00	13.43	rr1	16.78	rr1	rr1
4. Dawson	173.94	118.15	rr1	12.83		10.39	rr1	rr1	5.46	rr1	14.28	12.83
28. Lall	169.87	117.37	4.25	rr1	9.61		11.85	12.51	rr1	14.28	rr1	rr1
6. Donner	169.47	112.54	rr1	10.00	rr1	8.15		rr1	15.75	rr1	3.03	20.00
3. Compton	167.43	114.85	rr1	6.57	rr1	7.49	rr1		8.50	rr1	13.43	16.59
30. Lewis	161.56	115.18	11.14	rr1	14.54	rr1	4.25	11.50		4.95	rr1	rr1
5. Donn	157.63	119.54	rr1	3.22	rr1	5.72	rr1	rr1	15.05		6.28	7.82
27. Joel	156.79	111.96	1.85	rr1	5.72	rr1	16.97	6.57	rr1	13.72		rr1
32. Liu	147.53	111.94	12.83	rr1	7.17	rr1	0.00	3.41	rr1	12.18	rr1	

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At the Captain's Meeting

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 2

Teams Entered...

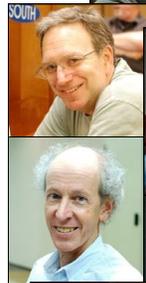
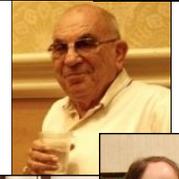
"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

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
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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



Don't Forget...

Captain's Meeting:

Today at 1:00pm Eastern Time

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.



Tournament Schedule

ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	FEB 26	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	FEB 27	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	FEB 28	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	MAR 1	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56



One tectonic plate bumped into another and said, "Sorry, my fault."

Why is quantum mechanics the original "original hipster"? It described the universe before it was cool.

How many forensic scientists does it take to change a light bulb? Two – one to screw it in and one to check for fingerprints.

What's the difference between a mathematician and a forensic scientist? A mathematician thinks that two points are enough to define a straight line while a forensic scientist wants more data.

Did you hear about the neutron who was arrested? He was released without charge.

What do computers like to eat? Chips!

A neutrino walks through a bar.

Why did Werner Heisenberg detest driving cars? Because, every time he looked at the speedometer he got lost!

An interesting paradox: Noses run but feet smell.

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.**

Board 1, Dir N
*3NT-4 N

W Julian Rotaru

♠ K8
♥ KJ42
♦ AKQ
♣ J742

N Kevin Dwyer

♠ QJ107632
♥ A75
♦ 9
♣ Q10

♠ A4
♥ 1063
♦ J865432
♣ 8

Joyce Hill S

♠ 95
♥ Q98
♦ 107
♣ AK9653

W	N	E	S
1NT	P	P	3NT
P	P	P	

On Board 1 in the Donner/Hill match, Radu Nistor and Julian Rotaru found a great defense to defeat 3NT.

Rather than leading his anemic seven-card diamond suit, Radu led the H6, hoping to find his partner's major suit. Rotaru won the HA. If the H6 was a fourth best lead, his partner's holding would have to be KJT6. Based on their lead agreements, Nistor would have led the HT from that holding.

Julian, fearful that the heart suit could not produce enough tricks to defeat 3NT, switched to the SQ, hoping for the position that actually existed. This thoughtful return was rewarded.

Kevin Dwyer had no reason to visualize the 7-2 split. He hoped that Rotaru was holding something like AQJTxx and dutifully covered with the SK. Nistor won the ace and continued spades. 3NT was defeated four tricks. E/W +200

Board 1, Dir N
4♥ = N

W Roger Lee

♠ K8
♥ KJ42
♦ AKQ
♣ J742

N Finn Kolesnik

♠ QJ107632
♥ A75
♦ 9
♣ Q10

♠ A4
♥ 1063
♦ J865432
♣ 8

Jacob Freeman S

♠ 95
♥ Q98
♦ 107
♣ AK9653

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

At the other table in this match, Freeman/F. Kolesnik found their way to the Moysian 4H game. Shan Huang led the SA and switched to a diamond. Finn won the diamond in his hand and played a heart to dummy's queen and Roger Lee's ace. A spade was returned.

Kolesnik drew trumps and made ten tricks, playing East for QTxx of clubs. N/S +420

12 IMPs to Donner.

Five other pairs played this hand in 3NT. All succeeded.

One other pair, Joel/Watson, played in 4H. Joel/Watson went light one when the opponents scored ruffs in both diamonds and clubs. Declarer erred by playing a diamond before pulling trump.

In two matches, pairs took the 4S sacrifice and won 4 IMPs.

- Three logicians walk into a bar. "You all want a beer?" the bartender asks.
"I don't know," says the first logician.
"I don't know either," says the second logician.
Says the third logician, "If that's the case, then we all want a beer."
- Unknown Fact: You can be cooled to -273.15C and be OK.
- Many people ask me why I chose Forensic Medicine as a career, and I tell them that it is because a forensic man gets the honor of being called when the top doctors have failed!
- Three statisticians go hunting for deer. They spot one off in the distance. The first one shoots about a meter too high, the second one, about a meter too low, the third one yells, "We got it!"



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

SEABASS WITH LEEKS & POTATOES

Servings: 4

4 pieces skinless sea bass fillet or skinless cod fillet (about 6 ounces each (170 grams each) and 1 to 1-1/2 inches thick)

Salt

1 pound (454 grams, or .45 kg) Yukon gold potatoes. peeled, and chopped into ½ inch wedges

1-1/2 cups (138 grams) diced or thinly sliced leeks, white parts only

Fresh thyme, a few sprigs

1-1/4 (300 ml) cups chicken stock

1/4 (60 ml) cup white wine

6 tablespoons (90 ml) cold unsalted butter, sliced and chilled

1 teaspoon (5 ml) Champagne vinegar



Directions:

Season the fish lightly and evenly with salt. Cover loosely and refrigerate. Try not to skip this step as it really helps keep the fish nice and juicy.

Gently simmer the potatoes in salted water until fork tender and soft on the edges. Don't worry if a few potatoes seem to be too tender as they will diffuse into the sauce.

Drain the potatoes well and place them, still steaming, in a 12 or 14-inch ovenproof skillet. Add the leeks, thyme, chicken stock, and wine. Set skillet over medium heat and stir as the broth comes to a simmer. Add 4 tablespoons of the butter and give it a gentle stir. Taste a potato to see if the dish needs more salt and pepper. Reduce the heat to low and add the 4 pieces of fish (evenly spaced in skillet).

Using a spoon or pastry brush, baste the surface of the fish with the buttery broth. Make sure no bits of leek are stuck on top of the fish or edges of the skillet. Place the skillet under the broiler. Cook until the surface of the fish and potatoes are lightly golden, about 5 to 6 minutes.

The liquid at the top of the pan should be bubbling. Turn off broiler and reduce the oven temperature to 500 degrees F. Cook for another 1 to 5 minutes until fish has an internal temperature of 130 degrees F.

While the fish is cooking, set a small, shallow platter and four plates to warm in the oven for a minute or so, then remove.

Transfer the skillet to the stovetop. Using a fish slice or spatula, lift the fish, tilt a little to drain any broth, then place on the warm platter and tent with foil. Please don't stack fish, as fish will fall apart.

Swirl the skillet gently over medium heat to encourage the potatoes to thicken the sauce as it simmers. If potatoes are being stubborn, mash a couple with a fork. Add the remaining butter and stir in.

Once the sauce has a nice body, take another taste, feel free to add a splash or two (1 teaspoon) of Champagne vinegar to add brightness.

Transfer the fish to warmed plates or bowls, and spoon the potatoes and sauce over.

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING

Servings: 6-8

3 tablespoons (45 ml) cold unsalted butter, diced, plus more for buttering pan

18 pitted dates, chopped preferably Medjool

1 cup (240 ml) water

1 teaspoon (5 ml) baking soda

½ cup (107 grams) packed light brown sugar

2 large eggs, at room temperature

1 teaspoon (5 ml) vanilla extract

Grated zest of 1 small orange

1 cup (120 grams) all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon (5 ml) baking powder

½ teaspoon (2 ml) kosher salt

Caramel Sauce:

1 cup (240 ml) heavy cream (divided), at room temperature

¼ cup (53 grams) sugar

1 tablespoon (15 ml) light corn syrup

1 tablespoon (15 ml) pure maple syrup

1 tablespoon (15 ml) unsalted butter

½ teaspoon (2 ml) kosher salt



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Butter an 8-inch square cake pan.

Combine the dates and water in a small saucepan and cook until the dates are softened, about 10 minutes. Mash dates with a fork or potato masher and stir in baking soda and let cool for 15 minutes. In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream the brown sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing well between additions. Add the vanilla and orange zest and mix well. Scrape down the bowl.

Sift the flour and baking powder together and add salt. With the mixer turned off, add the dry ingredients and mix until just combined.

Add the cooled date mixture and mix well until combined. Transfer the batter to the prepared cake pan. Place a piece of paper towel in the center of a larger roasting pan and set the filled pan inside a roasting pan or. Fill the large pan with hot water until it reaches halfway up the sides of the cake pan. Cover the large pan tightly with aluminum foil. This creates a steam method for cooking the cake.

Bake the cake for 30 minutes. Remove the pan and let the cake cool for 15 minutes in the water bath, covered.

Whilst cake is baking, make caramel sauce. Place ½ cup of cream, sugar, corn syrup, maple syrup, butter and salt into a medium saucepan and stir well. Bring the mixture to a boil over medium-high heat. Whisk frequently for 15-25 minutes, until the mixture turns a golden chestnut brown color. Add the remaining ½ cup of cream and whisk well to dissolve any lumps. Continue cooking over low heat for about 10 minutes, until deep golden brown. Remove from the heat.

Carefully lift the cake pan from the water bath, use a knife to release the cake from the sides of the pan if necessary. Invert the cake onto a cutting board.

Pour about half of the caramel sauce into the bottom of the pan. Using 2 large spatulas, return the cake to the pan, and pour the remaining sauce over the cake. Let the cake cool completely before serving or refrigerate for up to 3 days.

Cut into slices and serve with any extra caramel sauce.

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BEEF RENDANG **Servings: 6**

Spice Paste:

2 lemongrass stalks, dry outer leaves removed, roughly chopped
3 medium-sized red onions, quartered
6 garlic cloves, peeled
3.5 oz. (100 grams) fresh root ginger, peeled and roughly chopped
3 red chilies, roughly chopped (feel free to remove ribs and seeds)
3 tablespoons (45 ml) olive oil
1/4 teaspoon (2 ml) ground nutmeg
1 tablespoon (15 ml) ground cumin
1 tablespoon (15 ml) ground coriander
1 teaspoon (5 ml) ground turmeric
3 lb. (1.4 kg) boneless beef chuck, cut into 2-inch pieces
1 - 14 fl. oz. (400 ml) can coconut milk
2 3/4 (660 ml) cups chicken stock
4 fresh Markrut (Kaffir) Lime leaves, or two 3-inch strips each of lemon zest and lime zest
1 cinnamon stick
2 tablespoons (15 grams) light brown sugar
Juice of 1 lime freshly squeezed
2 tablespoons (30 ml) dark soy sauce
Salt and pepper

Directions:

Place all the Spice Paste ingredients in a food processor and pulse until everything is blended to a fine paste. You may have to remove lid and scrape down the bowl a couple of times.

Heat a Dutch oven to medium high and add the spice paste. Fry and gently stir for 3 - 4 minutes.

Add the boneless beef chuck to the pan and stir to coat in the paste and spices. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly until the meat starts to change color. Add the coconut milk and chicken stock into the Dutch oven. Add the lime leaves, cinnamon stick, brown sugar, lime juice, soy sauce, and salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer.

Gently simmer uncovered for about 2 ½-3 hours, or until the meat is meltingly tender and the sauce is thickened (it will have a nice gloss to it). Fish out the lime leaves and cinnamon stick. Take a taste and season with salt and pepper (if needed).

Garnish with coconut flakes and chopped peanuts.

COCONUT CILANTRO RICE **Servings: 6-8**

1 - 14 fl. oz. (400 ml) can light coconut milk

1 3/4 cups (420 ml) chicken stock

2 teaspoons (10 ml) kosher salt, or to taste

1/2 teaspoon (2 ml) ground ginger

1 bay leaf

2 tablespoons (30 ml) coconut oil

3 - 1/4 inch coin sized slices of fresh ginger

1 garlic clove

2 cups (420 grams) basmati rice, rinsed clean

2 tablespoons (2 grams) chopped cilantro

1/4 cup (22 grams) chopped almonds

Garnish:

1/4 cup (15 grams) dried coconut flakes, toasted

1/3 cup (38 grams) unsalted dry-roasted peanuts, chopped fine

Directions:

Heat oven to 425 F.

Place coconut milk, chicken stock, bay leaf, and ground ginger in a saucepan and bring it to a simmer. While the coconut milk is heating up, heat a Dutch oven to medium-high. Add the coconut oil. When the oil shimmers, add the fresh ginger, garlic clove and cook for 1 minute more, or until the garlic clove browns. Add the rice to the Dutch oven and stir to coat the grains of rice. Now add the warmed coconut milk. Cover the dish tightly with aluminum foil, place the lid on top and place in the oven for 25 minutes.

Remove the dish from the oven and allow it to sit on the stovetop for another 5 to 10 minutes. Fish out the sliced ginger, garlic clove and bay leaf. Take a taste of the rice, and feel free to add more salt and pepper. Once seasoned, gently fluff the rice with a fork.

When ready to serve, top with chopped cilantro and toasted almonds.



Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 11

40 inches	Thursday	2-1/2 inches	Montana	Walter
70 inches	Monday	3 inches	Vermont	Matthew
80 inches	Tuesday	1-1/2 inches	Michigan	Harold
50 inches	Wednesday	2 inches	Massachusetts	Eddie
60 inches	Friday	1 inch	New York	Alan
Forecasted Snowfall	Day of Week	First Snowfall	State	First Name

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku 1

Answers on Page 13

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

How many biologists does it take to change a light bulb? Four. One to change it and three to write the environmental-impact statement.

Why did the amoeba cross the road? It was time to split.

Why did the bacteria fail the math test? He thought multiplication was the same as division.



Presidents of the United States

J D R P U B U C H A N A N W A O B A M A
 E T A Y L O R C L E V E L A N D P S K T
 F A R F P P E J O H N S O N H O O V E R
 F P T O C I H C B U S H H A R R I S O N
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 M X T E V A G J X D I R H O G H O D X S
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Find the last names of America's presidents:

Washington	Pierce	Taft	Reagan
Adams	Buchanan	Wilson	Bush
Jefferson	Lincoln	Harding	Clinton
Madison	Johnson	Coolidge	Bush
Monroe	Grant	Hoover	Obama
Adams	Hayes	Roosevelt	
Jackson	Garfield	Truman	
Van Buren	Arthur	Eisenhower	
Harrison	Cleveland	Kennedy	
Tyler	Harrison	Johnson	
Polk	Cleveland	Nixon	
Taylor	McKinley	Ford	
Fillmore	Roosevelt	Carter	



	Massachusetts	Michigan	Montana	New York	Vermont	1 inch	1-1/2 inches	2 inches	2-1/2 inches	3 inches	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	40 inches	50 inches	60 inches	70 inches	80 inches
Alan																				
Eddie																				
Harold																				
Matthew																				
Walter																				
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First Name	State	First Snowfall	Day of Week	Forecasted Snowfall
Alan				
Eddie				
Harold				
Matthew				
Walter				

Logic Puzzle
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Eddie and four of his friends chatted on Facebook last night about the first snowfalls of the season. Each of the friends lived in a different northern state and all of them had already gotten a snowstorm, each on a different day of the week. While the storms were small so far, only one to three inches, they speculated on how much snow each area would get during the whole winter. After all, there was still plenty of winter to come! Determine the name of each friend, the state each lived in, how much snow each got and on which weekday from this first storm, and what each friend's speculated total snowfall for the winter was (40, 50, 60, 70, or 80 inches).

1. Eddie lived in Massachusetts but he didn't get snow on Thursday. Harold got snow on Tuesday but not 2 inches.
2. Walter got half an inch less snow than the friend who got snow on Monday but he got an inch more than the friend who estimated his area would get 80 inches.
3. The friend who lived in Michigan, who wasn't Matthew, guessed 20 inches more snow for his area than the friend who got snow on Friday guessed.
4. The five friends, in no particular order, were Alan, the friend who estimated his area would get 80 inches, the friend who lived in Vermont, the friend who already got 2 inches of snow, and the friend who got snow on Thursday.
5. Matthew got 3 inches of snow but not on Thursday. Alan lives in New York but he didn't get snow on Wednesday.
6. The friend from Montana estimated his area would get 30 inches less than Matthew guessed. The friend that guessed 50 inches of snow didn't get snow on Thursday.

Meet the Players



Brian Glubok (born 1959) is a professional American bridge player. Glubok is from New York City and graduated from Amherst College.

Glubok finished second in the World Mixed Pairs Championship in Philadelphia in 2010. Glubok has won 5 North American Bridge Championships.

Bridge accomplishments

Wins

North American Bridge Championships

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1996, 1997, 1999

Reisinger 1990

Spingold 1987

Runners-up

World Mixed Pairs Championship 2010

North American Bridge Championships

Blue Ribbon Pairs 1990

Grand National Teams 1981, 2009, 2012, 2013

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 2007

Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1994, 2003

Reisinger 2008

Spingold 1980, 1983, 1986, 2008



Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? He didn't have the guts!

The optimist sees the glass half full. The pessimist sees the glass half empty. The chemist sees the glass completely full, half with liquid and half with air.

What's 2 times 2? Physicist: "After some measurements I am fairly sure it is somewhere between 3.81 and 4.13!" Mathematician: "After some consideration I can now prove that the solution exists!" Engineer: "4, obviously, but let's make it 5, just to be on the safe side."

When the astronomy department found out their famous professor was not going to get the Nobel prize this year, they decided to hold a party for him anyway and give him a constellation prize.

The doctor tells a woman that she has only six months to live. He advises her to marry a chemist and move to Toledo. The woman asks, "Will this cure my illness?" "No," replies the doctor, "but it will make six months seem like a very long time."

Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku

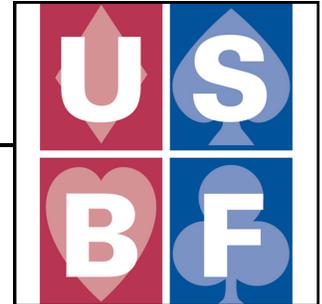
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

USBF Supporting Membership



If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. Your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators. The USBF is an all-volunteer organization. Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.

Board 12, Dir W
6♣ = N

W Mitch Dunitz

N Sheri Winestock

E Paul Lewis

S Josh Donn

♠ 7653	♥ AQ	♦ KQ10	♣ A764
♠ KJ1084	♥ KJ862	♦ 43	♣ Q
♠ —	♥ 10753	♦ AJ92	♣ KJ1053

♠ AQ92	♥ 94	♦ 8765	♣ 982
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W	N	E	S
P	1NT*	P	3♥*
P	4♣	P	4♠
P	4NT	P	5♥*
X	6♣	P	P
P			

The big swing of the day came on Board 12 in the Donn/Lewis match. Sheri Winestock opened 1NT with the North hand. Josh Donn bid 3H, game forcing with short spades. This made it easy for Winestock to discern the club fit, and ultimately North/South bid to 6C.

The opening lead was a heart into North's tenace. Sheri drew trumps and claimed twelve tricks at trick two. N/S +1370

Board 12, Dir W
4♥ - 2 S

W Christal Henner

N Ron Smith

E Uday Ivatury

S Billy Cohen

♠ 7653	♥ AQ	♦ KQ10	♣ A764
♠ KJ1084	♥ KJ862	♦ 43	♣ Q
♠ —	♥ 10753	♦ AJ92	♣ KJ1053

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W	N	E	S
1♠	P	3♠*	P
P	X	P	4♥
P	P	P	

At the other table in this match, Christal Henner opened 1S with the West hand. Ron Smith had no convenient bid, so he passed. Uday bid 3S (mixed raise) with the East hand.

This was passed around to Smith, who doubled. Billy Cohen bid 4H which was not a roaring success.

Cohen won the opening club lead with the king and played a club to dummy's ace, Christal discarding a diamond. Declarer ruffed a spade in hand, played a diamond to dummy's king and trumped a second spade. Billy led a diamond. Henner ruffed and exited with a trump, won by dummy's queen. A spade was ruffed by declarer and a club was led. Henner trumped the club and exited with a trump, before claiming the last three tricks. N/S +200

17 IMPs-Donn

In the Compton/Joel match Fred Stewart opened 1S with the West hand. Chris Compton assumed the four spades to the seven was a spade stopper and overcalled 1NT. Steve Beatty bid 3S (mixed raise) with the East hand. Andy Goodman made a negative double and Compton cuebid 4S. When Goodman bid 5C, Compton took advantage of the opponent's bidding. Since he was nearly certain that Goodman had a spade void, he raised to 6C. Goodman trumped the opening spade lead and finessed a heart. A second spade was ruffed, and a heart was led to dummy to trump a third spade. At this point, declarer can cash the king and jack of trumps, lead a diamond to dummy, draw the last trump and claim thirteen tricks on a well-played dummy reversal.

At the other table, Kevin Rosenberg, S, used Stayman to reach 3NT. Since Youngquist, N, had shown four spades, Delmonte, E, chose a diamond lead and declarer collected ten tricks.

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

Board 12, Dir W
6♣ = S

W Fred Stewart

N Chris Compton

E Steve Beatty

S Andy Goodman

♠ 7653	♥ AQ	♦ KQ10	♣ A764
♠ KJ1084	♥ KJ862	♦ 43	♣ Q
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W	N	E	S
1♠	1NT	3♠*	X'
P	4♣	P	5♣
P	6♣	P	P
P			

Board 26, Dir E
4♠-1 N

W Mike Passell

N Peter Weichsel

♠ 8543
♥ Q105
♦ 865
♣ AQ4

♠ Q2
♥ K862
♦ 72
♣ J10863

♠ A96
♥ J743
♦ 94
♣ K952

Bob Hamman S

♠ KJ107
♥ A9
♦ AKQJ103
♣ 7

W	N	E	S
		P	1♦
P	1♠	P	4♣
P	4♠	P	P
P			

Board 26 produced a 13 IMP swing in the Levine/Lair match.

Lair/Passell had really good defense to defeat 4S. Lair led the H4, ducked to Passell's king. Passell returned the CJ, Weichsel winning in hand with the ace. Weichsel tried a spade to the ten which lost to the queen. Passell continued his attack on clubs. Weichsel covered the C6 with the queen and Lair played his king. Dummy ruffed.

The SK lost to the ace. Lair played the C2 and promoted his nine of spades for the setting trick!

Board 26, Dir E
4♠+1 N

W Zia Mahmood

N Eddie Wold

♠ 8543
♥ Q105
♦ 865
♣ AQ4

♠ Q2
♥ K862
♦ 72
♣ J10863

♠ A96
♥ J743
♦ 94
♣ K952

Mike Levine S

♠ KJ107
♥ A9
♦ AKQJ103
♣ 7

W	N	E	S
		P	1♦
P	1♠	P	4♠
P	P	P	

At the other table, Wold/Levine also reached 4S.

Gupta led the S6 to the king, deuce, four. Wold tried the SJ from dummy and Zia won his queen. The C6 was won by the ace.

With the HA still in dummy as an entry, Wold could play diamonds until Gupta ruffed in with his ace and take the rest of the tricks.

Contract making with an overtrick!

13 IMPs to Levine ... leading the event coming into this board

News from the Irish Bridge Union... a letter to the WBF

I write to inform you of the outcome of a recent disciplinary case.

Following on his own admission, the Conduct Panel of the Contract Bridge Association of Ireland has found Mr Richard Elvin guilty of unethical behaviour and has suspended him from membership of the Contract Bridge Association of Ireland and the Irish Bridge Union for a period of 5 years commencing on 15 January 2021.

Dr. Martin Brady, Joint Honorary Secretary, Irish Bridge Union

		N Gary Donner ♠ Q86 ♥ AQ952 ♦ 765 ♣ 82																
♠ K42 ♥ KJ7 ♦ Q8 ♣ AQJ107	♠ AJ73 ♥ 43 ♦ AKJ2 ♣ K95	E Hemant Lall																
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Board 31 was easy for some and not so easy for others!

After a strong 1NT opening bid, slam is in the offing.

Half of the field stopped in game. Two pairs played in 6NT. Both declarers tried to guess hearts early in the play and were defeated when both heart honors were offside.

Three pairs (Chambers/Lall, Beatty/Stewart, and Lair/Passell) reached 6C from the East. While this is an excellent contract from the West hand, it is not so good from the East.

Fortunately for these 6C bidders, none of the South players found a heart lead.

Two defenders led the ST, and when the spades broke, declarer collected 13 tricks.

In the Donner/Lall match, Sandra Rimstedt did not make it so easy on declarer. She led the DT.

Lall won the DQ in dummy and played two high clubs. Two high diamonds followed, on which Lall discarded a spade from dummy.

A spade to the king followed by a spade to the ace and a spade ruff set up the SJ for the 12th trick.

+920 was good for 9 IMPs to Lall.

At the other table E/W played 3NT and took 13 tricks on a heart lead when North was caught in a major suit squeeze.

**Look for Howie and Jack
to return
with their picks
in the
February 26th edition
of this newsletter!**