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**We  
Remember:**



UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## This Just In... Justin Lall Online Teams 2

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Fleisher (wins tie)</a>	201	50	37	41	73	
4	<a href="#">Lebowitz</a>	64	9	31	8	16	
2	<a href="#">Rosenthal (wins tie)</a>	125	30	22	15	58	
3	<a href="#">Levine</a>	114	21	37	38	18	

Bd 56, Dlr W 7♣ = S		N Migry Campanile	
W Mike Passell	♠ K8765 ♥ K983 ♦ Q6 ♣ K4	E Mark Lair	♠ 432 ♥ 742 ♦ K10932 ♣ J10
David Berkowitz S	♠ QJ109 ♥ Q1065 ♦ J75 ♣ 87		♠ A ♥ AJ ♦ A84 ♣ AQ96532
		W	N E S P 1♠ P 2♠ P 2♥ P 3♠ P 4♠ P 4♥ P 4♥ P 7♠ P P

The Rosenthal team was down 29 IMPs going into the fourth quarter of their semi-final match against the Levine team. Rosenthal picked up 26 IMPs on the first two boards of the fourth quarter. The match was a back-and-forth affair after that. With one board to play, Rosenthal had a 2 IMP lead.

On the last board of the day Meckstroth/Rodwell bid to 6NT and made an overtrick on the lead of a low diamond from the king.

Berkowitz/Migry made it exciting when they bid the grand slam in clubs. Mike Passell led the SQ. Berkowitz won the SA and played CA and a low club to dummy's king. The SK was cashed, and a spade was trumped to isolate the spade threat. Declarer ran three more clubs followed by the DA. Passell was doomed, he could discard a diamond on the sixth club, but the last club squeezed him in the majors.

9 IMPs to Rosenthal, who won a hard-fought match 125-114 and will face Fleisher in the finals.

Notice 7C was just enough to assure a win for Rosenthal. If Levine bid 7NT, they would gain two IMPs to tie the match, but Rosenthal had the tie-breaker on their side of the card.

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# Teams Entered...

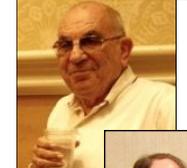
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Teams in Alphabetical Order within RR Groups:

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

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



A Group of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Switzerland. As they stopped at a farm, a young guide led them through the process of Swiss Cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was the main ingredient. She showed them a lovely hillside with many goats casually grazing. "These," she explained, "are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce."

She then asked, "What do you do in America with your old goats?" A spry old gentleman in the back of the van answered, "They send us on bus tours!"

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](mailto: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 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

## 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.**

# Looking Ahead to Team Trials...

## 2021 USBC Formats and Schedules

IN THE EVENT THE WBF CANCELS OR POSTPONES THE 2021 WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE USBCs, ALL USBF SELECTION TRIALS WILL BE CANCELED OR POSTPONED.

### OVERVIEW OF FORMATS AND SCHEDULES

For all of the events, the Round Robin and Round of 16 stages will be played online; The Women's (if more than 4 teams enter) will start on May 5th; the Open will start on May 7th; The Mixed will start on May 15th; the Seniors will start on May 23rd. Each event will be played on consecutive days. The full schedule is on the USBF website. (note there are two possibilities, depending on the number of teams entered in each event; the schedules might change if there is a surprisingly large or small entry in any event, but the starting dates will remain the same).

Any team that does not qualify for the Quarterfinal stage will be eliminated.

The face-to-face format of USA1 and USA2 events will be: (Full calendar on USBF site) (And on page 15)

Day/date	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
<b>USA1 Stage</b>		Quarterfinal (8 teams) Losers to USA2 R16	Semifinal (4 teams) Losers to USA2 QF		Final (2 teams) Winner is USA1, Loser to USA2 F			
<b>USA2 Stage</b>		NONE	Round of 16 (4 teams)	Quarterfinal (4 teams)	Semifinal (2 teams)	Final (2 teams) Winner is USA2		

Entry fee will be \$500 per team for the online stage of each event. Online play will be on RealBridge, using virtual screens and self-alerts. For online play **only**, players will be allowed to consult their notes during the bidding.

The **Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, IL** is host to all the face to face stages, where the entry fee will be \$400 per team per day. Playing will be on individual tablets assigned to each player using the LoveBridge software.

There will be 2 players (normal screenmates) in each playing room.

When available, playing rooms will have outdoor access.

The USBF will take precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19 which may include taking temperatures, wearing masks and sanitizing surfaces.

We will be unable to offer our usual hospitality due to CoVid restrictions.

Teams that play only 3 days online will receive a credit of \$200 for future 2021 JLall entry fees; teams that play only 4 days online will receive a credit of \$100 for future 2021 JLall entry fees.

**AT THE MOMENT OUR WEBSITE SOFTWARE IS ACTING UP AND ENTRIES DON'T WORK - AS SOON AS WE'VE FIGURED OUT WHAT THE PROBLEM IS, WE'LL REMOVE THIS MESSAGE AND YOU CAN ENTER**

Entries are now open for all events and will close as follows:

- Women's - March 31, 2021
- Open - April 2, 2021
- Mixed - April 10, 2021
- Seniors - April 18, 2021

**USBF News**

# Chicken and Rice Casserole

## Ingredients

- 4 cups cooked white rice or a combination of wild and white rice
  - 4 cups diced cooked chicken
  - 1/2 cup slivered almonds
  - 1 small onion, chopped
  - 1 can (8 ounces) sliced water chestnuts, drained
  - 1 package (10 ounces) frozen peas, thawed
  - 3/4 cup chopped celery
  - 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of celery soup, undiluted
  - 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
  - 1 cup mayonnaise
  - 2 teaspoons lemon juice
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 2 cups crushed potato chips
  - Paprika
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## Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°. In a greased 13x9-in. baking dish, combine first 7 ingredients. In a large bowl, combine soups, mayonnaise, lemon juice and salt. Pour over chicken mixture and toss to coat.
- Sprinkle with potato chips and paprika. Bake until heated through, about 1 hour.

## Nutrition Facts

1 cup: 439 calories, 26g fat (5g saturated fat), 51mg cholesterol, 804mg sodium, 31g carbohydrate (3g sugars, 3g fiber), 19g protein.

What's the difference between a golfer and a skydiver?  
A golfer goes \*whack\* "darn" and a skydiver goes "darn" \*whack\*.

# Deep Dish Pizza

## Ingredients

- 1-3/4 cups whole wheat flour
  - 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 packages (1/4 ounce each) quick-rise yeast
  - 4 teaspoons sugar
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1-1/2 cups warm water (120° to 130°)
  - 1/4 cup olive oil
  - 1 can (8 ounces) pizza sauce
  - 8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced
  - 2 cups shredded Italian cheese blend
  - 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
  - 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
  - Optional: Sliced red onion and chopped green pepper
  - Optional: Fresh oregano leaves and crushed red pepper flakes
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## Directions

- In a large bowl, combine wheat flour, 1 cup all-purpose flour, yeast, sugar and salt. Add water and oil; beat until smooth. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. Press dough onto the bottom and up the sides of a greased 13x9-in. baking dish.
- Top with pizza sauce. Place mozzarella slices over sauce. Sprinkle with shredded cheese, oregano and Italian seasoning. If desired, top with red onion and green pepper. Bake, uncovered, at 400° for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. If desired, top with fresh oregano leaves and crushed red pepper flakes.

## Nutrition Facts

1 slice: 449 calories, 20g fat (9g saturated fat), 42mg cholesterol, 646mg sodium, 47g carbohydrate (4g sugars, 5g fiber), 19g protein.

**I told my physical therapist that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.**

**Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know and don't really care.**

# Herbed Seafood Casserole

## Ingredients

- 1-1/2 cups uncooked long grain rice
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 celery ribs, thinly sliced
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 medium carrot, shredded
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 1-1/2 teaspoons snipped fresh dill or 1/2 teaspoon dill weed
- **SEAFOOD:**
- 1 pound uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 pound bay scallops
- 1 can (16 ounces) crabmeat, drained, flaked and cartilage removed
- 5 tablespoons butter, cubed
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups half-and-half cream
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cubed
- 1-1/2 teaspoons snipped fresh dill or 1/2 teaspoon dill weed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- **TOPPING:**
- 1-1/2 cups soft bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted

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## Directions

- Preheat oven to 325°. Cook rice according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add celery, onion and carrot; cook and stir until crisp-tender. Add garlic, salt and pepper; cook 1 minute longer.
- Add to cooked rice. Stir in parsley and dill. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking dish.
- Fill a large saucepan two-thirds full with water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium. Add shrimp; simmer, uncovered, 30 seconds. Add scallops; simmer 2-3 minutes longer or just until shrimp turn pink and scallops are firm and opaque. Drain, reserving 1 cup cooking liquid. Place seafood in a large bowl; stir in crab.
- In a small saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in flour until blended; gradually stir in cream and reserved cooking liquid. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat. Stir in cream cheese, dill and seasonings until smooth. Stir into seafood mixture.
- Pour over rice mixture. Toss bread crumbs with melted butter; sprinkle over top. Bake, uncovered, 50-55 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

## Nutrition Facts

1 cup: 404 calories, 20g fat (12g saturated fat), 150mg cholesterol, 616mg sodium, 29g carbohydrate (3g sugars, 1g fiber), 26g protein.

# Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers on Page 12

Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road.

I asked him,  
“What’s the word  
on the street?”

A man tells his doctor,  
“Doc, help me. I’m  
addicted to Twitter!”

The doctor replies,  
“Sorry, I don’t  
follow you...”

# Limey Jack...

Cheerio Yanks:

Only Limey Jack could have told you that Rosenthal could derail Team Levine Howie Dung has to be honking (Ed. Note-violently sick) over his codswallop that he has been attempting to flog (Ed. Note-sell) all week.

Fleisher-Rosenthal: Fleisher has improved tremendously since adding St Kitt and St. Barth. It is rare to see a blowout in the semi-final, even with Fleisher being the favourite.

This is the original #1 V the original #2. This joust rates to be the dog's bollocks. Limey Jack will clearly have the winner but gets narked by the barmy swill that comes from the Dung one. His shilling flip may serve him well with but nary one to go.

Fleisher is the better team, but Rosenthal nips them at the 16th pole.

Til JLa13 then.

LJ

# Howie Doing...

Rosenthal's luck  
Is totally spent.  
Migry gives up  
On winning for lent!

Fleisher accepts.  
His teammates agree,  
Looking ahead to  
To Justin lall 3!

Thanks to the staff,  
The players and Jan!!  
You all are the best...  
I'm your number one fan!

Howie doing... great thanks!

The man who invented Velcro died... RIP

Dogs cannot operate X-rays... but cats can

What do you call the wife of a hippie? Mississippi!

Don't spell  
Part  
backwards

It's a trap.

May, 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
OPTION 1 - Assumes 30-34 teams in the Open, 12-18 teams in Mixed & Seniors						
2	3	4	5 Women's RR (if needed)	6 Women's RR (if needed)	7 Open RR1	8 Open RR1
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Open RR1	Open RR2	Open R16	Open R16			
16	17	18	19 Mixed RR (if a 4th day is needed)	20	21	22
Mixed RR	Mixed RR	Mixed RR	Mixed RR (if a 4th day is needed)			
23	24	25	26 Senior RR (if a 4th day is needed)	27	28	29
Senior RR	Senior RR	Senior RR	Senior RR (if a 4th day is needed)			
30	31					

# Online Trials Schedules

May, 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
OPTION 2 - Assumes 30-34 teams in the Open, 19-34 teams in Mixed & Seniors						
2	3	4	5 Women's RR (if needed)	6 Women's RR (if needed)	7 Open RR1	8 Open RR1
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Open RR1	Open RR2	Open R16	Open R16			Mixed RR1
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Mixed RR1	Mixed RR1	Mixed RR2	Mixed R16	Mixed R16		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Senior RR1	Senior RR1	Senior RR1	Senior RR2	Senior R16	Senior R16	
30	31					



# Face to Face Schedule



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Open USA1 Quarterfinal		Open USA1 Semifinal		Open USA1 Final	
			Open USA2 R16 (4 teams)		Open USA2 QF (4 teams)	Open USA2 SF (2 teams)
						Women's USA1 Semifinal
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Open USA2 Final					Mixed USA1 Quarterfinal	
Women's USA1 Semifinal	Women's USA1 Final & USA2 Semifinal		Women's USA2 Final			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mixed USA1 Semifinal		Mixed USA1 Final				Seniors QF
Mixed USA2 R16 (4 teams) Women's USA1 Final & USA2 Semifinal		Mixed USA2 QF (4 teams)	Mixed USA2 SF (2 teams)	Mixed USA2 Final		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Seniors QF	Seniors USA1 Semifinal		Seniors USA1 Final			
	Seniors USA2 R16 (4 teams)		Seniors USA2 QF (4 teams)	Seniors USA2 SF (2 teams)	Seniors USA2 Final	

# Puzzle Answers:

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

## Sudoku

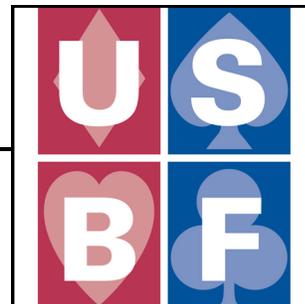
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

## 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.

## 2021 JLall Online Teams #3

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The third USBF JLall Online Teams event (JLall3) will be held from April 9-12 and April 16-19 on RealBridge. It will be very similar to JLall2, with a few minor changes suggested by the players in JLall2. JLall3 is open to all Active USBF members. An Active member is one who has paid USBF dues. All players must have paid 2021 dues on or before April. 1.

### Event Schedule and Format

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- JLall3 will be held from April 9-12 and April 16-19.
- Play each day will start at 1:00 pm EDT and end no later than 9:30 pm EDT.
- There will be no more than 32 teams, each with 4-6 players, all of whom are USBF Active members.
- The entry fee for the event is \$300 per team.
- DIC for the event is McKenzie Myers. Tournament Organizer is Jan Martel. Software guru is Al Hollander.
- The event format will be:

#### **Round Robin Stage 1, April 9-11:**

Everyone plays 3 days of a "split field" Round Robin with 10 board matches; there are two Round Robin groups, to be named by the winners of JLall2. Teams will be assigned to the two 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, April. 12th:**

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, April 16-19:**

- One match per day. 56 boards per match. If both of the finalists want a longer match (60 or 64 boards), we will have that.

• **There will be a short Captains' meeting on April 20th to set the KO bracket.** The precise method of setting the bracket is 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, and RealBridge is working on a way to allow the players who were sitting out to join you (players who sat out can see & hear their teammates and be heard but not seen).

• There will be no real-time online kibitzing allowed for any match. Kibitzers will be able to watch after a delay. For the Round Robin, the delay will be until each match is over so kibitzing does not provide "state of the match" information. For the first half of each KO match, each board will be shown when all tables have completed it. For the second half of each KO match, kibitzing will start at the end of the segment. We will try to have voice commentary, and perhaps may limit chat at the tables late in the event to approved commentators.

• RealBridge will archive bidding, play & score information for the event. We will also post scores on this website.

• Players may consult their bidding notes, SSF, and convention card **during the bidding only**. Other aids to memory (for example, lists of percentages, calculators, notes about carding) are not allowed.

- Entries are now open. Entries will close on the earlier of March 12th or when 32 teams (and 2 alternates) have entered. You must be logged in to this website to enter. After you have logged in, click on "Enter 2021 JLall3" under the User Menu and complete the entry form.
- Your entry is not complete until you have 4 players. You cannot "save" a place in the event by entering a team with fewer than 4 players.
- Any player who has not paid 2021 USBF dues by April 1 will not be allowed to play.
- Teams can freely change their rosters until April 17th, when the division of teams into Round Robin groups will start. After April 17th, a team may change its roster only if the change does not substantially strengthen or weaken the team. Roster changes are made by **email to the Tournament Organizer** (Jan: marteljan@gmail.com). If an added player or pair is not able to meet the deadlines for system filing, they may not play any unusual method unless it is played by another pair in the event.

# Bid 'Em Again Chip

♠ AKQ543 ♥ Q6 ♦ — ♣ AQJ96		N Adam Grossack ♠ 97 ♥ A873 ♦ KJ7 ♣ K742	
Bd 15, Dlr S 7♦ X-3 W W Chip Martel ♠ 62 ♥ 2 ♦ AQ986532 ♣ 85		E Marty Fleisher ♠ J108 ♥ KJ10954 ♦ 104 ♣ 103	
S Larry Lebowitz 0 0		W N E S P P P X 3♦ 4♠ 5♦ 5♠ 6♦ 6♠ P P 7♦ P P P P	
W N E S 4♦ 4♠ 5♦ P P 5♠ 6♦ 6♠ P P P		W=Wooldridge N= Grue E= Grainger S= Moss	

Generally, one does not preempt and bid again unless forced by partner. Chip Martel opened a conservative 3D bid with an eight-card suit and a six-loser hand at favorable vulnerability. Apparently, Chip was leaving a little gas in the tank to use later in the auction. Adam Grossack showed his good hand by jumping to 4S with the North hand. Marty Fleisher sacrificed in 5D and South, Larry Lebowitz, bid 5S.

Assume correctly that if his partner could raise to 5D, he should rebid diamonds. Chip bid 6D and Adam bid 6S. When this was passed around to Martel, he made a wise judgement to take out insurance. 7DX might actually be a better score than defending even a spade game, let alone a spade slam.

Chip took a third bid by saving in 7D. Grossack led the CA followed by the CQ, hoping that South could ruff the second club. Declarer won the CK, drew trumps and conceded two spade tricks for E/W -500.

In the other room, Grue/Moss bid and made 6S. This contract can be defeated on the AH lead and a ruff, but that was unlikely. The opening lead was the D7. Grue trumped in hand, drew two rounds of trumps, and conceded the HA to score N/S +1430.

14 IMPs to Fleisher

# HOW HIGH CAN I GO

Bd 43, Dir S 4♠ = E		♠ 962 ♥ K98 ♦ — ♣ AQ97542	N Jeff Meckstroth
W Chris Willenken ♠ A873 ♥ A63 ♦ KQ107 ♣ K10		E Eldad Ginossar ♠ KQJ104 ♥ J ♦ J843 ♣ J63	
0 0	♠ 5 ♥ Q107542 ♦ A9652 ♣ 8	W N E S 2♥ 2♥ X 2NT* 3♠ P 4♠ P P P	
Eric Rodwell S			

Eric Rodwell was showing his age when he opened a weak 2H bid on the first board of the final quarter. Chris Willenken doubled Jeff Meckstroth bid 2NT to transfer to clubs. Eldad Ginossar competed with 3S and Willenken was happy to raise to 4S. Rodwell led the C8 to Meck's CQ. Jeff could not tell if the C\* was a singleton or a doubleton. He cashed the CA and exited with a heart. Eldad won the HA, drew trumps and conceded the DA for E/W +450.

It's easy to see that the DA lead could result in five defensive tricks, but that's a tough lead to find.

On the other hand, maybe North should be able to work out that the best hope to beat 4S was for South to hold a singleton club and the DA. It appears that cashing the CA and playing a heart only works if South opened a five-card weak two bid with QTxxx of hearts and Axxx(x) of diamonds.

At the other table in the Levine/Rosenthal match, David Berkowitz opened 3H with the South hand. A spirited auction ended in 5HX. Declarer won the DA, finessed in clubs, discarding his spade. A crossruff in spades and diamonds established declarer's long diamond and the defense was held to just two heart tricks for N/S +650

The combined favorable club and heart positions make it very tough, if not impossible, to defeat 5HX.

14 IMPs to Rosenthal

Bd 43, Dir S 5♥ X= S		♠ 962 ♥ K98 ♦ — ♣ AQ97542	N Migry Campanile
W Mike Passell ♠ A873 ♥ A63 ♦ KQ107 ♣ K10		E Mark Lair ♠ KQJ104 ♥ J ♦ J843 ♣ J63	
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David Berkowitz S			

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Zach Grossack showed his bravado by opening 4H on the same hand that Rodwell opened only 2H. Grossack/Rosenberg bought the contract in 5HX. Kit Woolsey led the HA followed by the SA. This was followed by a second spade. Zach trumped the spade and finessed a club. When the clubs worked, he was able to claim the rest for N/S +650

At the other table of the Fleisher/Lebowitz match, Brad Moss opened 3H and played in 5HX. The opening lead was the DK. Brad won in his hand and finessed to the CQ. The AC was cashed for a spade discard. Moss led a third club from dummy and trumped with the HQ. David Grainger refused to overruff and discarded the S3. Brad led a heart to the king. Moss continued with clubs from dummy and Grainger was only able to take his two trump tricks. Another N/S +650

A PUSH board

Bd 43, Dlr S 5♥X= S	♠ 962 ♥ K98 ♦ — ♣ AQ97542	N Joe Grue																
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