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**We  
Remember:**



# Results:

## USBF JLall Online Teams #3 - 2021

Final (56 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.					
19-APR-2021		<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>					
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Lall</a>	20	7	8	5	wd	
2	<a href="#">Nickell</a>	97	35	21	41		

## Congrats Team Nickell!

## J Lall 3 Online Teams Winners

## Great Final...Great Finish

## Thank You All!

The third successful J Lall Online Teams event is officially in the books! The players loved it. The kibitzers are getting used to the protocol on RealBridge and loved it too. What could be better for the game?

Thanks Jan Martel. You are the glue that holds this whole organization together. You put enormous effort into the planning and execution of these events and it shows.

Thanks Al Hollander for your technical skill... both with IT and with VG commentary. Thanks "Z" for keeping the event running smoothly and on schedule. Thanks Chris. You are a great addition to the team. Thanks Suzi for the Bulletins. Thanks Stan for proofing! Thanks to the Appeals Panel for standing by. Thanks to all the commentators. You were all GREAT!

It takes a village and we have a village... and that village includes the players. It would be nothing without all of you. Thank you all for your enthusiasm, participation, and support.

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<p><b>28 June: Benefits of bridge as a sport</b>                  Welcome: World Bridge Federation President  <b>[1A] Bridge as a MindSport</b>                  13:00 (BST UK) / 08:00 (EDT)  <b>[1B] Wellbeing &amp; Bridge</b>                  16:30 (BST UK) / 11:30 (EDT)                  Keynote: Prof Martin Seligman (USA)  <i>Bridge at the Top</i> (Jill Levin &amp; Chip Martel)</p>	<p><b>30 June: How can bridge be more inclusive?</b>  <b>[3A] Ageing, Intergenerationality &amp; Bridge</b>                  10:00 (BST UK) / 05:00 (EDT)  <b>[3B] Gender, Sexism &amp; Bridge</b>                  15:00 (BST UK) / 10:00 (EDT)                  Panel 1 Women's Bridge: Pros &amp; Cons                  Panel 2 Sexism within the Game: Solutions?</p>
<p><b>29 June: The future hybrid of F2F &amp; online</b>  <b>[2A] Covid Impacts on Bridge</b>                  11:30 (BST UK) / 06:30 (EDT)  <b>[2B] Digital Bridge &amp; Cheating</b>                  19:30 (BST UK) / 14:30 (EDT)                  Panel: Jan Kamras (EBL), Eric Laurant (WBF)                  Boye Brogeland &amp; Steve Weinstein</p>	<p><b>1 July: How to transform the image of bridge?</b>  <b>[4A] New Approaches to Recruitment</b>                  13:00 (BST UK) / 08:00 (EDT)                  Panel 1 Teaching &amp; Retaining Learners                  Panel 2 How to get more Bridge into Schools  <b>[4B] Marketing Bridge</b>                  16:30 (BST UK) / 11:30 (EDT)</p>

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Board 1 was a one IMP overtrick to Nickell. The real action started on Board 2.

Both tables played in 3NT. Zia played it from South against Nickell/Katz. Weinstein played it from North against Hamman/Weichsel.

Nick made a great lead of the S2, logical because it was unbid suit and deceptive because the deuce made it look like spades were splitting 4-4.

Zia put up dummy's queen and it held. The DT was finessed to Nick's queen. Nick played the SK to Zia's ace, clearing the suit. Zia played the C9 to the queen in dummy. Knowing he had a club loser and wanting to set up a third club trick, Zia led the CT off dummy to Nick's king.

<p>Bd 2, Dlr E 3NT-1 S W Nick Nickell</p>	<p>♠ Q105 ♥ A842 ♦ J10 ♣ AQ104</p>	<p>N Naren Gupta</p> <p>Ralph Katz E</p>																				
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Nick played the S8 to Katz's jack. Katz cashed out the spades for down one!

At the other table, Weichsel led the S6 from East. Weinstein ducked in dummy and Hamman won the king. The S2 was continued to dummy's ace.

Weinstein successfully finessed the CT. He ran the DJ to Hamman's queen and Hamman cleared the spades. Weinstein played the DJ to the DA and DK. When diamonds split, Weinstein cashed out the suit, finessed the CQ and collected 11 tricks.

13 IMPs to Nickell

<p>Bd 2, Dlr E 3NT+2 N W Bob Hamman</p>	<p>♠ Q105 ♥ A842 ♦ J10 ♣ AQ104</p>	<p>N Steve Weinstein</p> <p>Peter Weichsel E</p>																
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**Buddy and his wife Edna went to the state fair every year...**

... and every year Buddy would say, 'Edna, I'd like to ride in that helicopter'

Edna always replied, 'I know Buddy, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks'

One year Buddy and Edna went to the fair, and Buddy said, 'Edna, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance'

To this, Edna replied, "Buddy that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks.'

The pilot overheard the couple and said, 'Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word it's fifty dollars.'

Buddy and Edna agreed and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word...

When they landed, the pilot turned to Buddy and said, 'By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!'

Buddy replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Edna fell out, but you know..."

"Fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

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

## Grilled Lemon Garlic Salmon

### Ingredients

- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 4 salmon fillets (6 ounces each)



### Directions

- In a small bowl, mix the first five ingredients; rub over fillets. Let stand 15 minutes. Moisten a paper towel with cooking oil; using long-handled tongs, rub on grill rack to coat lightly.
- Place salmon on grill rack, skin side up. Grill, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 in. from heat 4 minutes. Turn; grill 3-6 minutes longer or until fish just begins to flake easily with a fork.

### Nutrition Facts

1 salmon fillet: 268 calories, 16g fat (3g saturated fat), 85mg cholesterol, 381mg sodium, 1g carbohydrate (0 sugars, 0 fiber), 29g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 5 lean meat.

## Grilled Brown Sugar and Mustard Chicken

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup yellow or Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 8 boneless skinless chicken thighs (about 2 pounds)



### Directions

- In a large bowl, mix mustard, brown sugar, allspice and pepper flakes. Remove 1/4 cup mixture for serving. Add chicken to remaining mixture; toss to coat.
- Grill chicken, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 in. from heat 6-8 minutes on each side or until a thermometer reads 170°. Serve with reserved mustard mixture.

### Nutrition Facts

1 chicken thigh with 1-1/2 teaspoons mustard mixture: 224 calories, 9g fat (2g saturated fat), 76mg cholesterol, 597mg sodium, 13g carbohydrate (9g sugars, 1g fiber), 22g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 3 lean meat, 1 starch.

## Tandori-Style Chicken with Melon Relish

### Ingredients

- 1-1/2 cups reduced-fat plain yogurt
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice, divided
- 1-1/2 teaspoons garam masala or curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (6 ounces each)
- 1-1/2 cups chopped cantaloupe
- 1/2 cup chopped seeded peeled cucumber
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh mint
- 1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds, optional



### Directions

- In a small bowl, whisk yogurt, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, garam masala, salt and pepper flakes until blended. Pour 1 cup marinade into a large bowl. Add chicken; turn to coat. Cover; refrigerate up to 6 hours. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade.
- For relish, in a small bowl, mix cantaloupe, cucumber, green onions, cilantro, mint and remaining lemon juice.
- Drain chicken, discarding marinade in bowl. Grill chicken, covered, on a lightly oiled rack over medium heat or broil 4 in. from heat until a thermometer reads 165°, 6-8 minutes on each side. Serve with relish and reserved marinade. If desired, sprinkle with almonds.

To toast nuts, bake in a shallow pan in a 350° oven for 5-10 minutes or cook in a skillet over low heat until lightly browned, stirring occasionally.

### Nutrition Facts

1 serving (calculated without almonds): 247 calories, 5g fat (2g saturated fat), 98mg cholesterol, 332mg sodium, 10g carbohydrate (9g sugars, 1g fiber), 38g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 5 lean meat, 1/2 starch.

		♠ J6 ♥ A85 ♦ J73 ♣ KQ832	N Naren Gupta Ralph Katz E
♠ 1092 ♥ J10764 ♦ 52 ♣ AJ5		♠ KQ75 ♥ K3 ♦ AQ98 ♣ 764	
	♠ A843 ♥ Q92 ♦ K1064 ♣ 109	W N E S P P 1♦ P 1♥ P 1NT P P P	
Zia Mahmood S			

The Nickell team declared 1NT from East and North on Board 13. Both Zia and Weichsel led spades!! Needless to say, someone must have made the wrong decision! Was it in the bidding or the play?

With a balanced hand, Katz/Nickell bypass a major to rebid 1NT. Zia led the his third best spade, the four, contrary to his 4<sup>th</sup> best partnership agreement. Katz played the ST, covered by the SJ and won with the SK. Ralph returned the S5. Zia played the S3 and dummy won with the nine. Since Gupta followed to the second spade, Katz knew Zia had not led 4<sup>th</sup> best. He dutifully played for 3-3 spades and exited dummy with the S2. Naren discarded the discouraging D3, and Zia took the trick with the S8. Zia shifted to the CT, which held. The C9 was ducked to Gupta's queen. The CK (suggesting a heart entry) cleared the suit. Katz led a diamond to the nine. Zia won with the DT, cashed the SA and led a heart to Gupta's ace. Naren cashed two clubs to defeat 1NT two tricks for N/S. +200 for Lall

		♠ J6 ♥ A85 ♦ J73 ♣ KQ832	N Steve Weinstein Peter Weichsel E
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Bobby Levin S			

When Hamman/Weichsel held the E/W cards, Weichsel rebid 1S with the East hand. This was passed around to Steve Weinstein, who balanced with 1NT, passed out.

Weichsel led his fourth best spade. Weinstein won the SJ and led the C2 to dummy's ten and Hamman's jack. Hamman switched to the H6, won by Weichsel's king. Peter returned the SK.

Weinstein won the SA and drove out the CA. Hamman cashed the ST and played a heart. Declarer took two more hearts and two clubs to make his contract.

3 IMPs to Lall

**An American couple was being shown around Moscow one day, when the man felt a drop hit his nose.**

"I think it's raining," he said to his wife.

"No, that felt more like snow to me," she replied.

"No, I'm sure it was just rain," he said.

Well, as these things go, they were about to have a major argument about whether it was raining or snowing.

"Let's not fight about it!" the man said. "Let's ask our guide, Rudolph, whether it's officially raining or snowing."

As their tour guide approached, the man said, "Tell us, Comrade Rudolph, is it officially raining or snowing?"

"It's raining, of course," he replied officiously.

But the woman insisted, "I know that it felt like snow!"

The man quietly replied,

"Rudolph, the Red, knows rain, dear!"

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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Sudoku 1

## Sudoku Answers on Page 10

A local bar was so sure that its bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1,000 bet. The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and then give the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze another drop of juice out would win the money.

Many people tried but nobody was able to do it.

One day a scrawny, little man came in, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit.

He said in a squeaky voice, "I'd like to try the bet."

After the laughter died down, the bartender grabbed a lemon and squeezed it. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man who clenched it in his small fist.

Soon the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as six drops of juice fell into the glass.

As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1,000 and asked the little man, "What do you do for a living?"

The little man replied with a winning smile,

"I work for the IRS!"



## SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 9

11:50am	pastrami	Mercedes	Wheat	Nathan
12:15pm	club turkey	Toyota	Parker	Harold
12:00pm	cheeseburger	Saturn	Smith	Greg
11:45am	ham & cheese	Ford	South	Elliot
12:10pm	seafood salad	Honda	Heart	Allan
Time	Sandwich	Car Type	Last Name	First Name

## Fun and Games Page

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**APPLES**

**BANANAS**

**BEEF ROAST**

**BREAD**

**BROCCOLI**

**CANNED SOUP**

**CARROTS**

**CEREAL**

**CHEESE**

**CHICKEN**

**COFFEE**

**COOKIES**

**CORN**

**EGGS**

**ICE CREAM**

**MILK**

**ORANGES**

**PEAS**

**PORK CHOPS**

**POTATOES**

**RICE**

**TOILET PAPER**

**TOMATOES**

**YOGURT**

	Heart	Parker	Smith	South	Wheat	Ford	Honda	Mercedes	Saturn	Toyota	cheeseburger	club turkey	ham & cheese	pastrami	seafood salad	11:45am	11:50am	12:00pm	12:10pm	12:15pm
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Answers on  
page 7

# Logic Puzzle

First Name	Last Name	Car Type	Sandwich	Time

For Jack and four of his friends, the last weekend in June traditionally heralds the start of camping season. Each year, five friends pack up their camping and hiking gear in preparation for a five-day jaunt in the woods. They meet at the same place every year in the mountains – The Woods Diner – a little out-of-the-way place they stumbled across deep in the mountains with great food. From there, they drive to a state park where they leave their cars and hike into the mountains for a five-day camping trip. Determine the full name of each friend, the

type of car each drove, the type of sandwich each had for lunch in The Woods Diner, and what time each arrived at the diner (between 11:45am and 12:15pm).

1. The friend who drove the Mercedes arrived just before Greg but just after Mr. South.
2. Allan, whose last name wasn't Wheat, got the seafood salad sandwich but he didn't drive a Saturn.
3. The friend who drove the Toyota got a club turkey sandwich but he

didn't arrive at 12:10pm.

4. Harold Parker didn't arrive at 11:50pm. Mr. Smith, whose first name wasn't Elliot, ordered a cheeseburger but didn't drive the Honda.
5. The two friends who arrived before 12:00pm were Nathan and the friend who got the ham & cheese sandwich. Allan didn't drive the Ford.
6. The friend who drove the Saturn arrived ten minutes before the friend whose last name was Heart but ten minutes after the friend who got a pastrami sandwich.

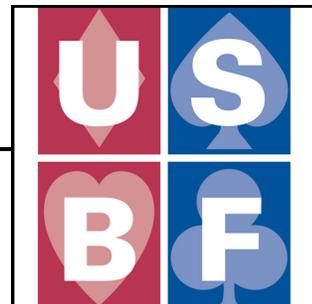
# Puzzle Answers:

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

**Sudoku**  
**on page 7**  
**Puzzle 1 on left**  
**Puzzle 2 on right**

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

## 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.
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4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

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We hope you will join us.

**Reese Milner** lives in Sarasota, Florida. He ranks number 1 in the World Bridge Federation Seniors List as of December 2020 .

### Bridge accomplishments

#### Wins

World Senior Teams Championship 2010

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Vanderbilt 2002

#### Runners-up

World Transnational Open Teams Championship 2000

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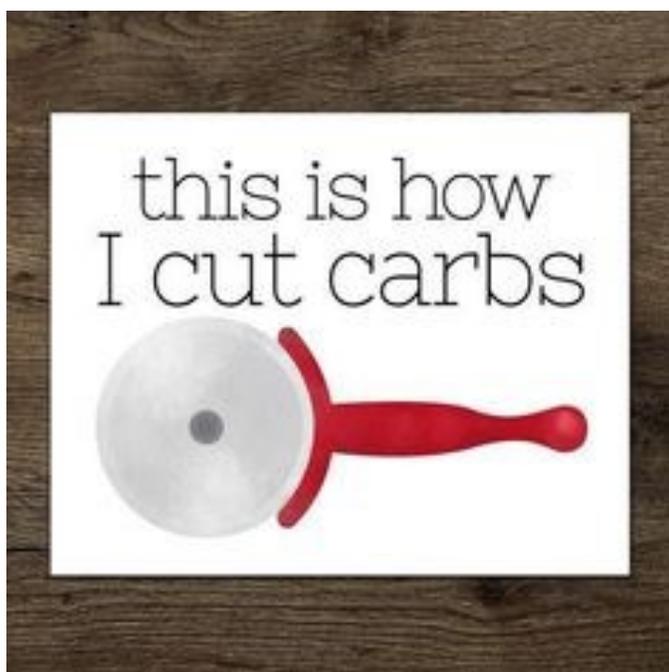
North American Bridge Championships

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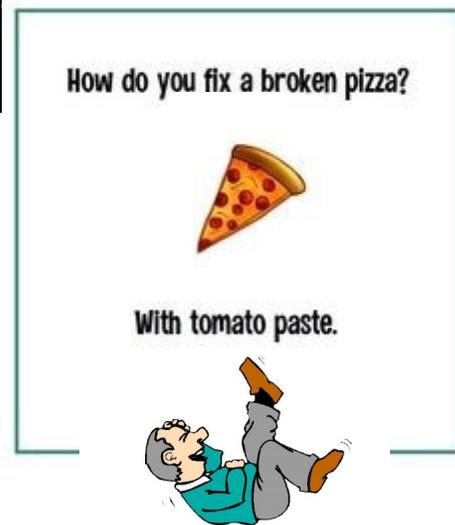
von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 2004



## Meet the Players



Is a rivalry between two vegetarians still called a beef?



Board 27, Dlr S  
4♠ X-1 S

W Nick Nickell

N Naren Gupta

Ralph Katz E

Zia Mahmood S

♠ AJ8  
♥ J62  
♦ AKJ1064  
♣ 2

♠ 4  
♥ AKQ1043  
♦ Q5  
♣ Q1087

♠ 106532  
♥ 8  
♦ 7  
♣ A96543

W	N	E	S
P	P	3♥	3♠
X	4♠	P	P
X	P	P	P

On Board 27, Zia opened his anemic 5-6 in the blacks 3C. There were two passes and Katz reopened with 3H. Zia caught up with 3S. Nick doubled. Naren bid 4S. Since Nick had doubled 3S expecting to defeat it, he thought it best to double 4S expecting to defeat it more. Nick knew his cards were sitting well ... over the hand that bid clubs and spades, and Katz had to have some values to have bid 3H in the pass out seat.

Nick led the H5, won with Ralph's ten. Ralph played the HQ. Zia ruffed. Zia took the losing diamond finesse. Ralph shifted to the C8 to the ace, jack and deuce. Zia played the C3, ruffing Nick's king. Zia played the DA, pitching a club. He continued with the DK, ruffed by Katz with the four and overruffed with the five.

Zia led the S3 to the queen and ace, Katz tossing a small heart. Zia played the DJ from dummy, discarding a club from his hand. He ruffed a heart, played a club which he ruffed with the SJ. Declarer now dummy-locked, conceded the last two tricks to Nick's K9 of trump.

Board 27, Dlr S  
4♠ X= S

W Bob Hamman

N Eric Greco

Peter Weichsel E

Geoff Hampson S

♠ AJ8  
♥ J62  
♦ AKJ1064  
♣ 2

♠ 4  
♥ AKQ1043  
♦ Q5  
♣ Q1087

♠ 106532  
♥ 8  
♦ 7  
♣ A96543

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

Contract down one.

In the other room, Hampson chose to pass rather than preempting clubs. When the auction got to Greco in third seat, he opened a nebulous diamond. Weichsel overcalled 1H; Hampson bid 1S; Hamman bid 2D showing constructive values.

Greco bid 3S; Weichsel bid 4H; Hampson bid the spade game. Like Nick, Hamman doubled.

Hamman led the H9. Weichsel won with the ace, not wishing to divulge the lie of the high cards. Weichsel played the CT to the ace, jack and deuce. The D7 went to the ace. Hampson cashed the DK, shedding a club from hand. The DJ was ruffed with the four and overruffed with the five. A spade was played to the queen and ace.

Declarer shed another club on the DT, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart and scored his 10th trick with the jack of spades ruffing a spade en passant.

12 IMPs to Nickell

Board 38, Dir E  
4♥X-2 S

W Bobby Levin

N Peter Weichsel

♠ Q76  
♥ J9  
♦ 6  
♣ AQ106543

♠ A10943  
♥ AQ7  
♦ Q109  
♣ 92

♠ KJ8  
♥ 10  
♦ 75432  
♣ KJ87

♠ 52  
♥ K865432  
♦ AKJ8  
♣ —

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

Bob Hamman S

Hamman/Weichsel bid to an aggressive 4H contract on Board 38.

Levin/Weinstein defended accurately to defeat 4H by two tricks.

Levin led the SA and continued with a spade to Weinstein's king. Weinstein switched to the HT. Levin won the HQ, cashed the HA and exited with a spade.

Declarer eventually conceded a diamond to Levin's queen. E/W +300

Board 38, Dir E  
3♥X=S

W Reese Milner

N Eric Greco

♠ Q76  
♥ J9  
♦ 6  
♣ AQ106543

♠ A10943  
♥ AQ7  
♦ Q109  
♣ 92

♠ KJ8  
♥ 10  
♦ 75432  
♣ KJ87

♠ 52  
♥ K865432  
♦ AKJ8  
♣ —

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

Geoff Hampson S

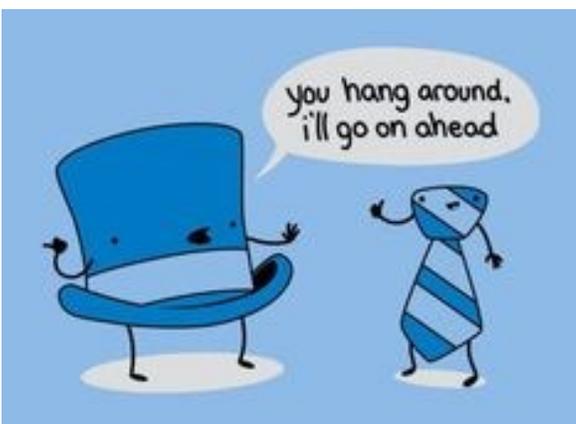
At the other table, Reese Milner made a game try by doubling Hampson's 3H bid. Lall decided to defend 3HX.

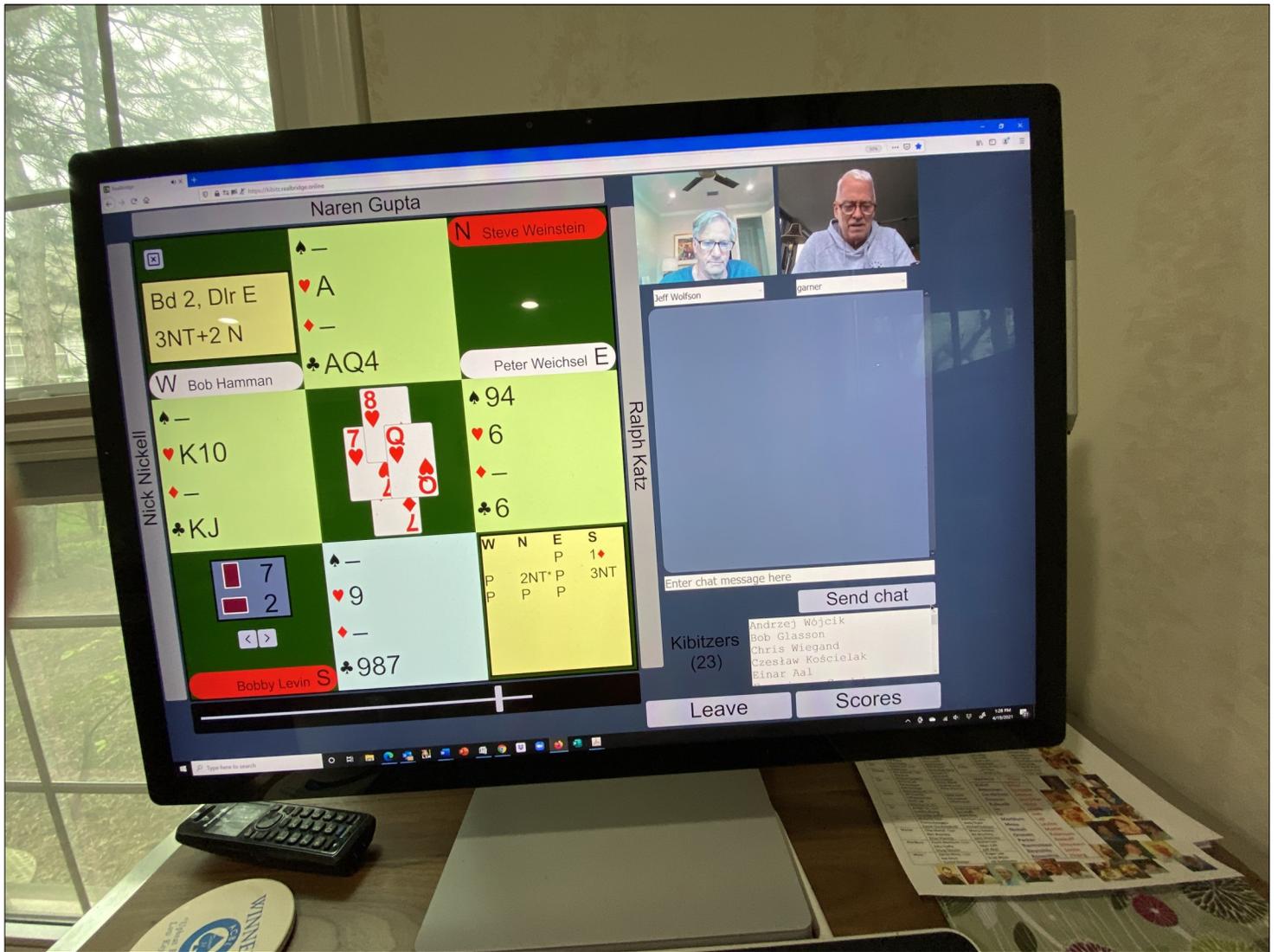
Milner led the C9. Hampson played the queen from dummy and ruffed Lall's king. Hampson cashed the DAK and trumped a diamond in dummy.

The CA provided a spade discard. Hampson led the HJ, losing to Milner's queen. Milner led a small spade to Lall, so he could score a minor suit ruff.

Lall returned a club. Hampson ruffed with the king and Milner discarded a spade in order to score the HA and H7, holding declarer to nine tricks. N/S +530

13 IMPs to Nickell.





Steve Garner and Jeff Wolfson doing the voice commentary on the VuGraph on RealBridge.

The VG was a RealHit at this tournament. The commentators were all really entertaining. They responded to the chat and kept the banter rolling.

The spectators who attended the broadcasts had nothing but good things to say.

It was especially great because some of the staff from RealBridge attended some of the broadcasts and were able to answer any technical questions that arose.

Looking forward to seeing even more of you at the J Lall 4 Online Teams that are being planned even as this newsletter goes to press.

Stay safe and healthy!

The Tournament Committee