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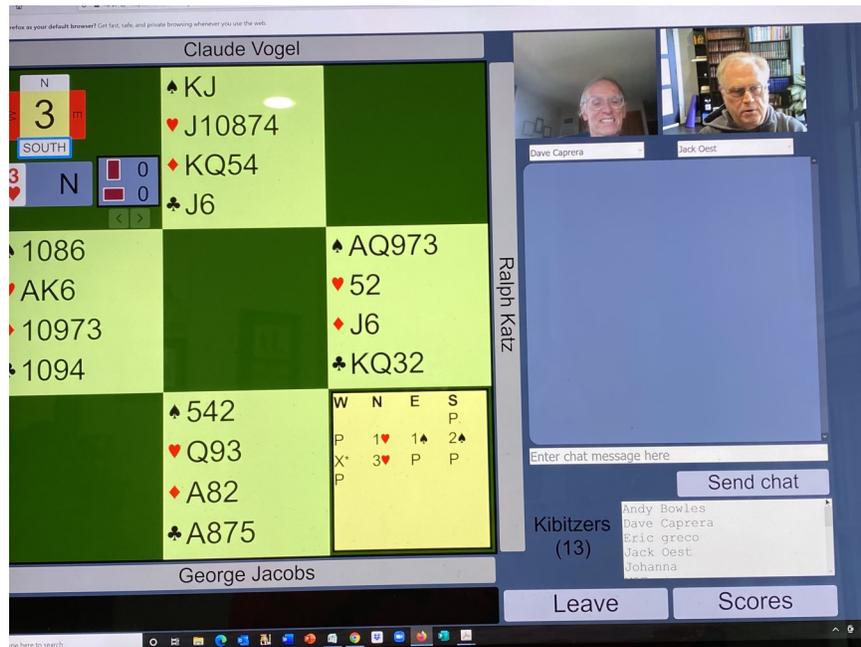
USBF JLall Online Teams #3 - 2021

SemiFinal (56 boards)				Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.			
18-APR-2021				The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.			
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	Lall	104	45	31	20	8	
4	Onstott	66	6	19	17	24	
2	Jacobs	55	12	31	0	12	
3	Nickell	153	4	30	50	69	

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**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 3**



David Caprera, USBF Board Member, and Jack Oest, USBF Recorder, Commentating in the Jacobs/Nickell match on RealBridge

Tournament Schedule

ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	APRIL 16	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	APRIL 17	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	APRIL 18	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	APRIL 19	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

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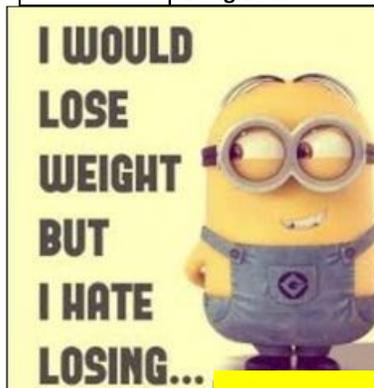
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Teams Remaining

Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Roger McNay	Charlie Wilkins Mitch Dunitz Eric Stoltz
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Jacob Freeman Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Finn Kolesnik Iulian Rotaru
Goodman	Andy Goodman Anam Tebha, Capt Shan Huang	Steve Zolotow Kevin Dwyer
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Dick Bruno Steve Beatty	Claude Vogel Kerry Smith Fred Stewart
Kolesnik	Alex Kolesnik, Capt Bob Etter Andrew Gumperz	Michael Xu Bill Harker Phil Clayton
Lall	Hemant Lall Naren Gupta Bob Hamman Petra Hamman, NPC	Reese Milner Zia Mahmood Peter Weichsel
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Kibitzing on VuGraph...

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

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 **kibitzrealbridge.online**, 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 JLaI Online Teams #3, 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 playing (that's in the middle of the table, immediately under the table number). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happens. You do not get to hear or see the players yet (that's coming).

There is a chat window on the right of the screen (if your browser window isn't large enough to show it, you can click on the "chat" icon immediately above the UNDO button to open the chat window. For now, anyone can type chat into the chat window.

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 also click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.

----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.

--In the upper left corner:

----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and for the Round Robin will not include scores from previous rounds).

----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right in case you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.

TIMING OF DELAY

The Round Robin matches will be delayed until 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 because one or two tables are slow to play the board. **For the second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter has been completed.**

That means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:15 EDT.

ALERT: We want to welcome Chris Wiegand to the USBF Tournament Team. Chris is taking over VuGraph Organization for this event and for future USBF Online Events. Starting today, Chris's plans include voice commentary on the VuGraph broadcast. There will be 2 voice commentators at each of 1 or 2 tables (or even more depending on the response to this message). Look for Chris's article on Bridge Winners explaining her plans in detail.

Anyone who would like to participate in the Voice Commentary is requested to contact Chris at mrsbing2005@gmail.com.

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Around the World of Bridge News...

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

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Limey Jack...

Cheerio Yanks:

Limey Jack is in much better spirits today.

Onstott and Jacobs put on a very respectable show for this tournament, but had to feel outgunned by the two remaining powerhouses in Nickell and Zia.

Zia-Nickell: While Limey Jack has Zia on a well deserved pedestal, they may get sent to the pub for an early P&Q. (Ed note: Pints and Quarts) Nickell has no leaks whilst Zia may feel like the little Dutch boy.

Nickell reigns in a well fought tilt.

Limey Jack and the ghastly Howie Dung will return when summoned.

Ta.

Howie Doing ...

Notice please
Before it's through...
Last night I picked
Both teams for you!

At the half
Team Lall was fine,
But Nickell was behind
By nine!

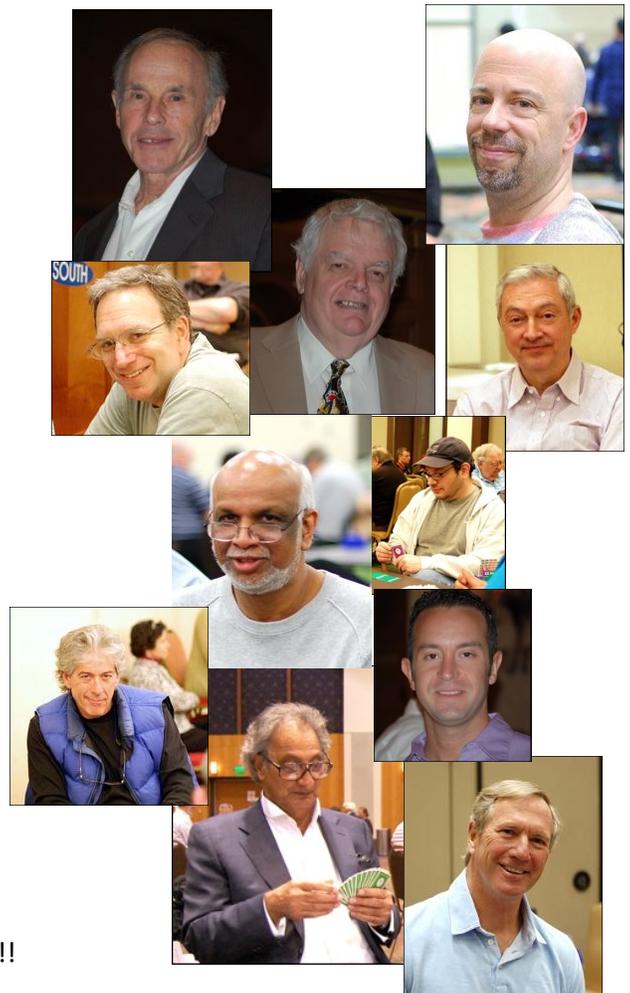
If Jacobs won,
I'd lose to Slimey,
He's a twit
Who's full of Blimey!

I would hate
To hear his schtick.
So thank you Ralph
And thank you Nick!

Tomorrow's match
Will be quite hard.
The players anguish
Every card!

Knowing how
These guys all play,
Koach's crew
Goes all the way!

Till J Lall 4... I remain Howie Doing!!



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

Three-Alarm Firecracker Chicken

With fresh jalapeño, dried chilies and chili garlic sauce, this dish is definitely hot and spicy! If you prefer, de-seed the jalapeño and dried chili to cut the heat some. This dish really provides a kick to the classic protein of chicken breast, and the stir-fry cooking method means it comes together in a snap.

Ingredients

MARINADE:

- 1 lb (454 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tsp (10 g) soy sauce
- 1 tsp (5 g) dark soy sauce
- 1 tsp (3 g) cornstarch

SAUCE:

- ¼ C (75 g) ketchup
- ¼ C (59 ml) chicken broth
- 1 T (15 g) chili garlic sauce
- 1 tsp (4 g) sugar
- 1 T (15 ml) vegetable oil
- 1 fresh jalapeño, seeded and cut into thin strips
- 8 sm dried red chilies
- 1 med red bell pepper, julienned
- ½ med onion, thinly sliced



Directions

Rinse chicken, pat dry and cut crosswise into ½-inch (13-mm) wide strips. Place in a bowl with remaining marinade ingredients, stirring to coat. Let stand 10 minutes. Make sauce by combining all sauce ingredients in a small bowl and mixing well. Place a stir-fry pan over high heat until hot. Add oil, swirling to coat sides. Add fresh and dried chilies and cook, stirring constantly, until dried chilies begin to brown, about 15 seconds. Add chicken, bell pepper and onion and cook, stirring constantly, until chicken is no longer pink in center, 2-3 minutes. Remove dried chilies if desired. Add sauce, stirring to coat. Bring to a boil, remove from heat and serve hot with rice or Chinese noodles.

- **Prep time: 10 minutes.**
- **Marinate time: 10 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 4 minutes.**
- **Makes 4 servings.**

**Remember when
plastic surgery was a
taboo subject?
Now you mention
Botox
and nobody raises
an eyebrow.**

**Had a bad mixup at
the store
today..when the
cashier said strip
down facing
me, apparently she
was referring to my
credit card.**

So after winning the game, I decided to throw the ball into the crowd, like they do on the T.V. Apparently, it's unacceptable in bowling.

No man has ever won a game of 'notice anything different about me?'

Would you believe it, my neighbour was knocking on my door at 2.30am this morning luckily I was still up playing my bagpipes

It seems unfair that the people who want to go to bed have to put the people to bed that don't want to go to bed.

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



Viennese Beef Goulash

Ingredients

- ½ C (118 ml) vegetable oil, divided
- 4 med onions, finely chopped
- 1 head garlic, cloves separated and minced
- 2 lbs (896 g) beef stew meat, cut into 1¼-in (32-mm) pieces
- ½ C (65 g) cornichons, minced
- Peel from ½ lemon, minced
- 1 tsp (2 g) caraway seeds
- 4 T (28 g) paprika
- 2 T (32 g) tomato paste
- 2 T (30 ml) red wine vinegar
- 2½ C (591 ml) low sodium beef broth
- 2 bay leaves
- Salt & pepper to taste



Directions

Heat ¼ C (59 ml) of oil in a medium pot and sauté onion and garlic over medium heat until golden brown, stirring to ensure garlic does not burn. Place remaining oil in a large skillet and sauté meat in batches until well browned. Transfer meat to pot with onion and garlic. Add all remaining ingredients, stirring well to combine. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 3 hours or until meat is tender. If needed, add a bit more beef stock. Before serving, discard bay leaves and adjust seasoning with additional salt and pepper.

Serving Suggestion

Serve with a dollop of sour cream, or over wide egg noodles, dumplings or potatoes.

- **Prep time: 22 minutes. Cook time: 3½ hours.**
- **Makes 6 servings.**

Rustic Fried Green Tomatoes with Cajun Beurre Blanc

Ingredients

TOMATOES:

- 6 med green tomatoes
- 1 tsp (15 g) salt
- 1 tsp (7 g) pepper
- 1 C (237 ml) buttermilk
- 2 lg eggs, beaten
- 2 C (250 g) flour
- 1 C (151 g) cornstarch
- 1 C (170 g) cornmeal
- 1 tsp (10 g) garlic powder
- Peanut or canola oil for frying

CRAWFISH:

- 2 T (30 ml) water
- Dash Worcestershire
- 1 tsp (2 g) lemon zest
- 2 T (29 g) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 lb (454 g) crawfish tails (or small shrimp)

CAJUN BEURRE BLANC SAUCE:

- 2 T (30 ml) dry white wine
- 2 tsp (10 ml) white wine vinegar
- 4 black peppercorns
- 1 shallot, minced
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tsp (10 ml) heavy cream
- 8 oz (227 g) unsalted butter, cold, cut into cubes
- 1 tsp (5 ml) lemon juice
- Dash Worcestershire
- Dash Crystal Hot Sauce
- Kosher salt to taste

GARNISH:

- Cajun spice

Directions

Tomatoes: Preheat oven to 200°F (93°C). Slice tomatoes ¼ inch (6 mm) thick; sprinkle with salt and pepper; set aside. Wash and drain crawfish; refrigerate. Stir together buttermilk and eggs in a shallow bowl; place flour in another bowl; stir together cornstarch, cornmeal and garlic powder in a third bowl. In a large frying pan, heat ½-inch-deep layer of peanut oil to 350°F (177°C) over medium heat. Lightly coat each tomato slice in flour; dip in buttermilk, then cornstarch mixture. In batches, gently cook tomatoes until golden brown, approximately 1-2 minutes; turn gently and cook another 1-2 minutes. Drain on paper towels; keep warm in oven until ready to serve.

Crawfish: Combine water, Worcestershire and lemon zest in a large sauté pan over medium heat. Slowly whisk in butter until incorporated. Bring to a simmer; add crawfish, tossing gently until cooked through, 5-7 minutes.

Cajun Beurre Blanc Sauce: Place wine, vinegar, peppercorns, shallots and bay leaf in a small saucepan over medium high. Bring to a boil; cook until very thick and reduced by ¾, about 3 minutes. Stir in cream; cook until thickened, about 3 minutes. Reduce to low; add butter, one cube at a time, whisking constantly until two pieces of butter remain. Remove from heat and continue whisking in last two cubes of butter. Add lemon juice, Worcestershire, hot sauce and salt to taste, stirring to combine. Pass through a fine sieve.

Plating: Place 3 or 4 slices of tomato on each plate. Spoon crawfish and sauce over the top, and dust entire plate lightly with Cajun spice.

- **Prep time: 45 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 60 minutes.**
- **Makes 6 servings.**



Just once, I want
a username and password
prompt to say, Close
Enough.

JLALL3 SemiFinal - 1 of 4

[4] Onstott
Venkatrao Koneru & Chris Compton
John Onstott & Jacob Morgan

6

[1] Lall
Naren Gupta & Zia Mahmood
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman

45

Bd	Table 2	Lead	NS	EW	Table 1	Lead	NS	EW	IMP
1	4♥+1 W	♦3		450	4♣-2 S	♥A		100	8
2	3NT= W	♦3		400	3NT= W	♦3		400	-
3	3♠= E	♥3		140	3♥-2 N	♣K		100	1
4	2♦+1 N	♠9	110		3NT= N	♥2	600		10
5	4♠-1 N	♥5		100	5♦X-2 E	♠A	300		9
6	3NT+1 W	♠5		630	3NT+1 E	♥7		630	-
7	4♠+1 E	♥A		650	4♠+1 E	♠8		650	-
8	5♦= N	♥2	400		5♦X= N	♥3	550		4
9	3NT= N	♦2	400		4♥+1 N	♥A	450		2
10	4♠+1 W	♥A		650	4♠+1 W	♥K		650	-
11	3NT+1 E	♠9		430	2NT-2 E	♠10	100		11
12	3♦= N	♥10	110		4♠-1 N	♠A		100	5
13	2NT-1 N	♠2		100	2NT-1 N	♠2		100	-
14	2♥+2 N	♦3	170		2♥+1 N	♠4	140		1
Total									6 45

It almost looks like the two semi-final matches played different hands... but they didn't! There were almost no swings in the Jacobs/Nickell match, while there the Lall/Onstott match had nothing but swings!

Board 7 is a perfect example of how important the matchups are. At both tables in Lall/Onstott, East declarer 4S making five for a push.

At both tables in Jacobs/Nickell, East declared 6S down one!

Had the matchups been different, it would have been a 13 IMP swing for all teams.

JLALL3 SemiFinal - 1 of 4

[3] Nickell
Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin
Ralph Katz & Nick Nickell

4

[2] Jacobs
Claude Vogel & George Jacobs
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty

12

Bd	Table 4	Lead	NS	EW	Table 3	Lead	NS	EW	IMP
1	4♥X+1 W	♦3		690	4♥X+1 W	♦3		690	-
2	3NT= W	♦3		400	3NT= W	♦3		400	-
3	3♥-1 N	♥2		50	3♥-1 N	♣K		50	-
4	3NT-1 N	♠9		100	1NT+1 N	♠9	120		6
5	4♠X-1 N	♥5		200	4♠-1 N	♥5		100	3
6	3NT= W	♠J		600	3NT= W	♠5		600	-
7	6♠-1 E	♠J	100		6♠-1 E	♥A	100		-
8	5♦X= N	♥3	550		5♦X= N	♥J	550		-
9	3NT= N	♦2	400		4♥+1 N	♦2	450		2
10	4♠= W	♥K		620	5♠= W	♥K		650	1
11	3NT-1 E	♠9	50		1♠-1 S	♠8		50	3
12	3♦= N	♠A	110		3♠= N	♠4	110		-
13	3♦= N	♠K	110		2♥+2 N	♠3	130		1
14					2♥+2 N	♦A	170		-
Total									4 12

Jacobs led the HA against Katz. He continued with the HT. Katz ducked and Vogel played the HK in an attempt to disguise the heart position. Katz played a spade the ace and cashed the CA. The SQ was led and Katz trumped the HJ. He cashed the SK, CK, CQ and led a diamond to dummy's king. He played the SJ, discarding a diamond from his hand. He led a diamond to ace and had to concede the C9 to Jacobs's CJ.

There was discussion on VG that there might be a red suit squeeze on North. As the cards lie, declarer is unable to time his hand entries to succeed. There appears to be a tricky way to generate a "bonus" hand entry: declarer may ruff the second heart, lead a spade to the ace, cash the CA, and lead a low spade to his EIGHT! When this works, he will be able to ruff a club in dummy and overtake the SJ with his king. On the run of the black cards, North will be squeezed in hearts and diamonds.

Of course, as with all well laid plans, there is a fly in the ointment. Even if declarer found this psychic play, North can counter it by covering the S4 with his ten. Declarer will be back where he was: One Entry Short!

All this means that tomorrow we can look forward to action with one team from the conservative match and one from the aggressive match pitted against one another!

♠ 1063
♥ KQ932
♦ J42
♣ 62

Bd 7, Dlr S
6♠-1 E

W Steve Beatty
S Bobby Levin

♠ AQJ4
♥ J74
♦ K8763
♣ A

N Steve Weinstein
E Fred Stewart

♠ K8752
♥ 5
♦ A95
♣ KQ93

0
0

W	N	E	S
1♦	P	1♠	P
3♠	P	4♣*	P
4♦	P	4NT	P
5♠	P	6♠	P
P	P		

♠ 1063
♥ KQ932
♦ J42
♣ 62

Bd 7, Dlr S
6♠-1 E

W Nick Nickell
S George Jacobs

♠ AQJ4
♥ J74
♦ K8763
♣ A

N Claude Vogel
E Ralph Katz

♠ K8752
♥ 5
♦ A95
♣ KQ93

0
0

W	N	E	S
1♦	P	1♠	P
3♠	P	4NT	P
5♠	P	6♠	P
P	P		

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku Answers on Page 13

I'm fairly certain that the person who put the first r in February also decided how to spell Wednesday.



If you wear your jeans 5 days in a row, they become all baggy and it looks like you're losing weight. Follow me for more quarantine life pro tips.

AS A YOUNG CHILD MY MOTHER TOLD ME I CAN BE ANYONE I WANT TO BE

URNS OUT THIS IS CALLED IDENTITY THEFT

Day	Time	Genre	Book Title	Last Name	First Name
Thursday	2:00 PM	Historical	On the Noon Tide	Lighting	Sara
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Science Fiction	Bound for Glory	North	Harvey
Friday	11:00 AM	Romance	Tomorrow	Bench	George
Monday	3:00 PM	Young Adult	Falling for Amy	Smith	Elliot
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Mystery	Don't Sneeze Yet	White	Barbara

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 12

Fun and Games Page

M O O R D R A O B O B M M C M Q Z
J I Q W B H M C W E M O U O F M C
N M V A C O R O D O O O O O O T C
B U M I M M I R O R R R O O S O P
A M O T O O O L N R H K R R U O L
T O O I I O O U E S W G R R C Q A
H O R N M R S R U R N O T O V E Y
R R L G I H R M K I R R B Y O I R
O D L R I C K Q V R O O B L A M O
O A A O R N Q I H O A Y O Q E Z O
M E B O L U L D M F I D V M O M M
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Logic Puzzle

	Bench	Lighting	North	Smith	White	Bound for Glory	Don't Sneeze Yet	Falling for Amy	On the Noon Tide	Tomorrow	Historical	Mystery	Romance	Science Fiction	Young Adult	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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First Name	Last Name	Book Title	Genre	Time	Day

The Millersville Bookshop is hosting local authors for book signings next week. They've chosen five authors with new releases and invited them to come in during the week. They posted a schedule on the door yesterday. Each author will visit on a different day at a different time. In an effort to have something for everybody, all of the invited authors wrote in different genres. Determine the full name of each author, the book title of each new release, the genre of each book, and the time and day of each author visit.

1. The five authors are represented by George, the author of "On the Noon Tide" which isn't a mystery, the author who came on Wednesday, the author who came at

- 10:00am, and the author whose last name was Smith.
- "Tomorrow" wasn't the name of the young adult novel but it was the novel talked about at 11:00am. Mr. Bench wrote the romance novel. The author who visited on Monday came at 3:00pm.
 - Sara, whose last name wasn't Smith, wrote the historical novel but she didn't visit the bookshop on Tuesday. At 1:00pm, the author who wrote the science fiction novel visited the bookshop but not on Friday and his last name wasn't White.
 - Elliot didn't write "Bound for Glory" but he did visit the bookshop two days before the author of the science fiction novel. Barbara, whose

- last name wasn't Smith, wrote the novel titled "Don't Sneeze Yet" but it wasn't a young adult novel. The novel "Falling for Amy" wasn't talked about at 2:00pm.
- Harvey North was at the bookshop the afternoon of the day before Ms. Lighting. The three authors who visited the shop in the afternoon were the author of "Bound for Glory", the author who visited the shop on Thursday, and the author who wrote the young adult novel.
- The author whose last name was White didn't write "Falling for Amy" but did visit the bookshop on Tuesday morning. Barbara didn't visit the bookshop on Thursday but she did come in the morning.

Puzzle Answers:

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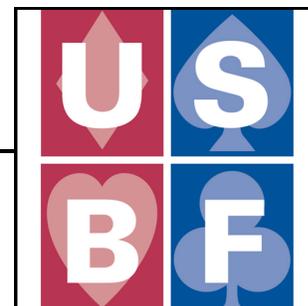
Sudoku

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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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We hope you will join us.

George Jacobs is more than an avid bridge player around Chicagoland. He's a big White Sox fan, known for the iconic yellow M&Ms jacket he wears to all Chicago sporting events ... and that means whether the weather is sizzling hot or freezing cold!

"I felt like I was in my team uniform, and if I didn't wear it, it would somehow be disrespectful to the team," Jacobs said in an interview. "I realize that's loony, but people count on me to wear it."

The story of the yellow M&Ms jacket began in 2003, when Jacobs' wife, Stacy, bought him a fantasy package at Joliet's Chicagoland Speedway, where he would get to drive a race car around the track. The present came with the NASCAR jacket made famous by champion driver Kyle Busch.

Later that year, Jacobs wore the jacket to a legendary Cubs playoff game.

"It turned out to be the Bartman game," said Jacobs, who grew up in Rogers Park.

Two weeks later and 90 miles away from Wrigley Field in Lake Geneva, somebody recognized Jacobs and his jacket from that devastating game.

"They remembered the jacket," Jacobs said... and the reference "M&M Guy" was coined!

The M&M Guy went to every game of the White Sox 2005 World Series run, and when the Sox clinched the series in Houston, President George Bush Sr. walked up to him and his wife and congratulated Jacobs like he was a team owner. He once got so close to the action on the field that he spoiled an easy pop-up foul for then Tampa Bay Rays catcher Dioner Navarro. Jacobs recalls the Sox announcers joking it was the "play of the game."

Jacobs has two daughters, Joanna and Kate. Kate is attending the University of Kansas which has naturally expanded Jacobs list of sports team favorites! Joanna plays bridge and when she was less busy with "a real life," could be seen playing in some of the Chicago-area Sectionals, Regionals, or even caddying at the games.

Jacobs, of course, loves bridge. He played for years with Ralph Katz, earning a variety of National titles. These days he plays mostly with his friend, the infamous, "Claude."

Jacobs runs Windy City Limousine. He plays bridge and attends sporting events when he can. He and Stacy, also a bridge player, live in Hinsdale, IL, and play bridge locally when possible.

Jacobs is a past president of the USBF and a past member of the ACBL Unit 123 Board of Directors. He has long written a monthly column about his bridge life in the ACBL Bulletin. He is a great volunteer, mentoring young players and playing in pro-am games when invited. His "celebrity status" has delighted his partners. George emceeds the Annual Chicago Unit Dinner and meeting, speaks at Regionals, and is an all-around nice guy... good for growing the game!



A Difference

in Hand Evaluation?

Board 4 in the Lall/Onstott match shows how differently even two experts can evaluate their hands.

Both Wests opened 1C. Both Norths overcalled 1D. Both Easts passed... and here we reach the fork in the road.

Zia thought his ten count and three card support was worth a cue bid.

Compton thought the same ten count and support was worth a simple raise.

Being vulnerable on this sort of hand can generate big swings in IMPs when close games make.

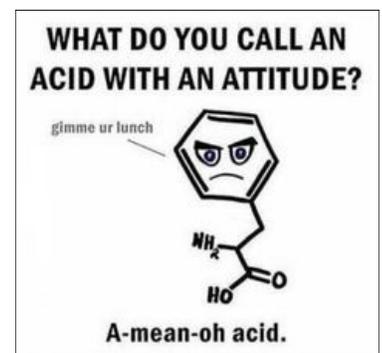
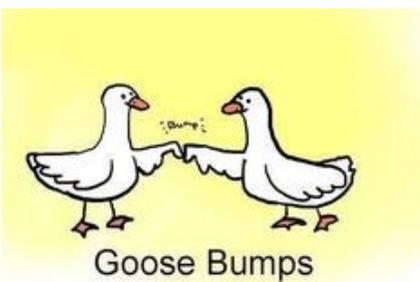
Over Compton's simple raise, Koneru passed and Compton played 2D making three for 110.

Over Zia's cue bid, Gupta bid 2NT and Zia raised to game. Onstott led the H2 to partner's jack and Gupta's king. Gupta played a small diamond to the nine and Morgan's queen. Morgan switched to the H8 which held. The H5 went to dummy's ace. The S3 was won with the king and the C2 put Gupta back on play. Gupta played the SJ to Morgan's ace. The club queen was won with the king. The DA was cashed and declarer claimed nine tricks.

10 IMPs to Lall

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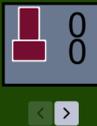
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 Bd 11, Dlr S 3NT+1 E	♠ J8 ♥ K963 ♦ 8432 ♣ 652	N Venkatrao Koneru																
W Bob Hamman	♠ K2 ♥ AJ8754 ♦ Q65 ♣ 84	Peter Weichsel E ♠ Q643 ♥ 10 ♦ AJ109 ♣ AQJ3																
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Board 11 in the Lall/Onstott semi-final match generated an 11 IMP swing to Lall. Looking at all four hands, it seems that there is no way for E/W to take nine tricks in 3NT... however, Peter Weichsel found a way to swindle his opponents in two suits, ending up with ten tricks to score +430.

The opening lead was the C9. Weichsel won with the CQ and advanced the HT. Both opponents ducked. Weichsel led the DJ, which Compton ducked. A spade was played to the king. At this point, Weichsel had taken one trick in each suit. The C8 was led from dummy and ducked to Compton's ten. Chris exited with the HQ to dummy's ace. Declarer led the DQ and overtook with the ace, felling South's king. The DJ and ten were cashed forcing Compton to discard spades to hold the S:AT and C:K7. Weichsel cashed his ninth trick, the CA, and exited with a club. Compton won the CK and was endplayed in spades.

 Bd 11, Dlr S 2NT-2 E	♠ J8 ♥ K963 ♦ 8432 ♣ 652	N Naren Gupta												
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At the other table East declared 2NT and was defeated by two tricks for -100 E/W

Zia led the CT to Onstott's jack. Onstott played the DT to Zia's king. The HQ went to the ace and a club was played to the queen and king. The C9 went to the CA and the D9 went to the DQ. The diamonds were cashed and the C3 was won with the seven. Gupta cashed three rounds of hearts and the SA took the last trick for down 2.

The longer I stay at home, the more homeless I look.

I'M GETTING TIRED OF BEING PART OF A MAJOR HISTORICAL EVENT

WIFE: I HAVE BLISTERS ON MY HANDS FROM THE BROOM.
 HUSBAND: NEXT TIME TAKE THE CAR, SILLY.

 Bd 35, Dlr S 4♥-2 N	♠ AKJ542 ♥ Q732 ♦ 9 ♣ Q8	N Claude Vogel																				
	W Geoff Hampson	E Eric Greco																				
♠ 1086 ♥ J108 ♦ 1064 ♣ A1092		♠ 73 ♥ A5 ♦ A8732 ♣ KJ73																				
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Both tables in the Jacobs/Nickell match arrived in 4S N/S on Board 35. Looking at all four hands, it is evident that the contract will fail. E/W are entitled to two red aces and the ace/king of clubs off the top.

Greco led a club to the Hampson's ace and Hampson returned a club to Greco's king. Greco tried the CJ which Vogel let hold, pitching the his diamond loser. Declarer was booked and the defense still had the trump ace. Vogel misguessed the trump and lost two trump tricks for -100.

At the other table, Smith didn't like leading from his diamond or club holding so he led the trump ace. It was unlikely he could cut down on ruffs, but it was really no harm since he could still cash out his side's top tricks for down one.

Kerry led the C7 to Bruno's ace and Bruno returned the CT to Kerry's king.

 Bd 35, Dlr S 4♥= N	♠ AKJ542 ♥ Q732 ♦ 9 ♣ Q8	N Steve Weinstein																								
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At this point, the defense has three tricks in and it would seem reasonable to try to cash the DA for the setting trick. Kerry wasn't sure the diamond was cashing. He played the CJ and figured he would wait for his diamond till later.

Weinstein ruffed the club, pulled trump, and tossed dummy away on the good spades.

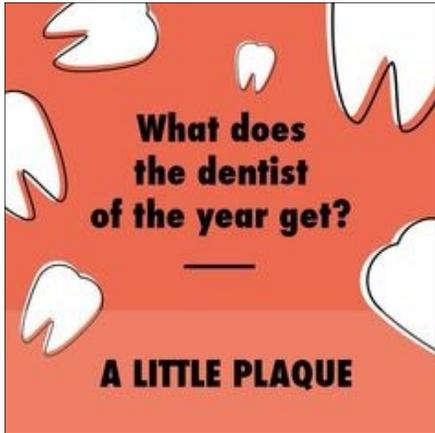
Contract making!

11 IMPs to Nickell

Yesterday I ate a clock.
 It was very time consuming...
 Especially when I went back for seconds!



What does the dentist of the year get?
 —
 A LITTLE PLAQUE



	♠ Q65	N Fred Stewart
Bd 49, Dlr N	♥ 963	
4♠+2 E	♦ AJ2	
W Geoff Hampson	♣ AKQ2	Eric Greco E
♠ K7		♠ AJ109432
♥ A5		♥ QJ742
♦ KQ10754		♦ —
♣ J75		♣ 8
	♠ 8	W N E S
	♥ K108	1NT 4♠ P
	♦ 9863	P P
Steve Beatty S	♣ 109643	

The Jacobs team, after leading by 9 at the half, had a disastrous second half (119-12!!)

They were running out of time when Board 49 appeared.

With seven spades and five hearts, Eric Greco overcalled 4S over Fred Stewart's strong 1NT opener. Greco knew he and Hampson might have a heart fit, but he knew he had a spade fit in his own hand and he didn't want to risk getting passed anywhere below game.

As long as spades or hearts behave reasonably, 4S is cold. In this case, the spades don't break, but the hearts did. Also, declarer may consider playing the opening NT bidder for the SQ and finesse.

	♠ Q65	N Steve Weinstein
Bd 49, Dlr N	♥ 963	
2♥+3 E	♦ AJ2	
W Dick Bruno	♣ AKQ2	Kerry Smith E
♠ K7		♠ AJ109432
♥ A5		♥ QJ742
♦ KQ10754		♦ —
♣ J75		♣ 8
	♠ 8	W N E S
	♥ K108	1NT 2♥ P
	♦ 9863	P P
Bobby Levin S	♣ 109643	

With the DA in the North and the HK in the South, Greco actually collected twelve tricks.

A heart was led. Greco won his jack and led a heart to the ace. He played the DK. Stewart covered and Greco ruffed. Greco ruffed a heart to dummy. He cashed the DQ, pitching a club. Eventually he conceded a spade trick to North for +480.

At the other table, Kerry Smith decided to show his hand as two-suited in the majors. He might have been ok had he played 2D as the major suits... however, he and Bruno play 2H is the takeout, and Bruno just didn't envision the sort of 2-suiter Kerry held.

Dick passed 2H and hoped Kerry could make it. Kerry collected eleven tricks for +200 and a loss of 7 IMPs.



While his teammate (above) played 2H making 5, Jacobs, (front row yellow jacket... see Meet the Players p.14) was live at the Cubs game!!

Aaron Jones and Chip Martel live commentating in the evening