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**We
Remember:**



Results...

<u>USBF JLall Online Teams #4 - 2021</u>							
Final (56 boards)				Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.			
21-JUN-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	Clayton	77	19	6	21	31	
2	Lall	121	18	34	36	33	

Thanks to everyone who made the JLall4 Online Teams possible.

Thanks to Jan Martel for being the best organizer on the planet! Thanks to Al Hollander for his technical expertise. Thanks to "Z" (McKenzie Myers) for his directing prowess. Thanks to Chris Wiegand for organizing the online Vu Graph commentators. Thanks to Suzi and Stan Subeck for writing and producing the Daily Bulletins.

Thanks to the Appeals Panel for standing on alert in case we needed them.

Thanks to the delayed VuGraph commentators for making it feel real and making it fun!!

Thanks to RealBridge for giving us a great platform and wonderful environment for our tournaments.

And above all, thanks to you, the players, for turning out on schedule and giving us a fine performance. Your enthusiasm is truly appreciated.

See you at the JLall5!?!

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**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 4**

**Congrats
Team Lall!!!**

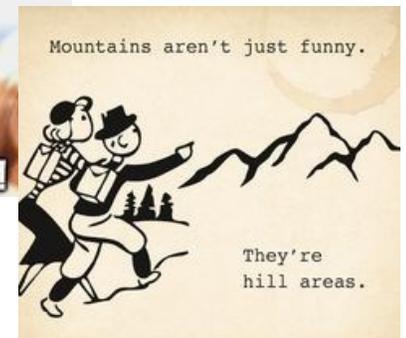
Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

There are 32 teams entered and listed in alphabetic order.



Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jim Foster Jenni Carmichael	Fred Stewart Bryan Howard Tom Carmichael	Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt David Chechelashvili Howard Liu	Bill Pettis Ahmed Soliman Eugene Hung
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt Mark Moss Mark Ralph	Cris Barrere Bob Thomson Bill Harker	Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt Charley Seelbach John Bacon	John Bishel Blaine Mullins Bernie Greenspan	Onstott	John Onstott, Capt Drew Casen Billy Cohen	Jacob Morgan Jim Krekorian Gary Cohler
Bitterman	Bob Bitterman, Capt Dave Caprera Mark Aquino	Bob Cappelli Anne Brenner Jon Green	Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Carrie Liu Alan Watson	Anton Tsyppkin Maxim Silin Rick Binder
Clayton	Phil Clayton, Capt Franco Baseggio Jeff Roman	Andrew Gumperz Alex Kolesnik Ralph Buchalter	Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Bill Hall John Jones
Compton	Chris Compton, Capt Ron Smith Billy Miller	Andy Goodman Tod Moses	Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Steve Garner
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Ross Grabel	Charlie Wilkins Ifti Baqai Mitch Dunitz	Sanborn	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Alex Ornstein Disa Eythorsdottir	Jill Meyers Bruce Rogoff Janice Molson
Delmonte	Ish DelMonte, Capt Jeff Ferro	Finn Kolesnik Leni Holtz	Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Stephen Tu Robbie Hopkins	John Miller Lynn Shannon Joan Lewis
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Kim Gilman Alex Hudson	Ethan Wood Dan Jablonski Cynthia Huang	Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Walter Lee Allan Falk	Jeff Aker Frank Merblum John Lusky
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Harrison Luba Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Joe Grue Iulian Rotaru	Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Farid Assemi Jessica Lai	Greg Vance Jim Slinger Drew Hoskins
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Zia Mahmood Kevin Bathurst	Daniel Korbel Jerry Stamatov John Hurd	Wu	Weishu Wu, Capt Ming Sheng Jane Wang	Peter Sun Winston Huang Jiang Chen
Harris	Marty Harris, Capt Louis Glasthal	Miriam Harris-Botzum Mike Massimilla	Xu	Yang Xu, Capt Avery Silverstein Jack Boge	William Scott Hengrui Xing Kai Eckert
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Roger Lee	Joyce Hill Vince Demuy	Zhang	Qiang Zhang, Capt Serena Guo Eric Xiao	Brian Zhang Victor Xiao Steve Chen
Joel	Geeske Joel, Capt Will Watson Debbie Rosenberg	Kevin Rosenberg Owen Lien Michael Rosenberg			
Juniors #1	Samuel Pahk, Capt Andrew Chen Jeff Xiao	Michael Haas Charlie Chen Olivia Schireson			
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt John Diamond Bob Hamman	Reese Milner Brian Platnick Peter Weichsel			
Lebowitz	Adam Grossack, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Larry Lebowitz Joel Wooldridge Gavin Wolpert			
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mark Lair			
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Josh Donn Bart Bramley	Linda Lewis Greg Hinze Kit Woolsey			





Bridge: A MindSport For All
Connects People, Challenges Minds

Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice Monday 28 June – Thursday 1 July 2021 (online)

Welcome to the BAMSA Conference 2021

At the end of June 2021, BAMSA is hosting **Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice**, an online international bridge conference that brings together more than 60 presenters and panelists from 20 countries. We are grateful to the University of Stirling, the American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation, the Scottish Bridge Union and the Leisure Studies Association for their support.

The conference is designed for academics, practitioners and policymakers. The sessions will provide a forum for presenters and participants to exchange ideas, review case studies and share good practice.

The event is open to anyone that cares about bridge and the sustainability of the game. Academics, bridge players, teachers and organisers are all welcome.

The conference will highlight the latest findings from BAMSA's research network. It will showcase the ways in which academic research can inform policy and influence the grass-roots development of bridge as a mindsport.

The programme is varied in terms of format and participant engagement, balancing academic rigour with practical examples. The overall aim of the conference is to push the boundaries of current academic thinking and shape a future research agenda.

Broadly speaking, the sessions on the first and third day are theoretical in focus, and those on the second and fourth day are practical. Having said that, there will be academics and non-academics at every session, and presentations will be tailored to a mixed audience.

In addition to the live sessions, speakers and panelists have prepared recorded presentations in advance. The recordings are available to view on the BAMSA website from May 2021. We strongly recommend participants watch the videos beforehand.

We very much hope you will join us for the BAMSA 2021 Conference. The success of the event will depend on the engagement of a wide range of people from the world of academia and the world of bridge.

Professor Samantha Punch & the BAMSA team

For More Info...

<https://bridgemindsport.org/bridging-academia-policy-practice-conference/>



Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions!

Grilled Peaches and Plums with Mascarpone

Ingredient Checklist

- 24 red or purple plums—halved and pitted, 4 plums thinly sliced
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 10 peaches, halved and pitted
- Mascarpone, for serving

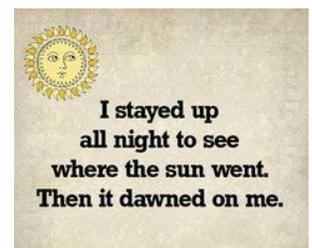
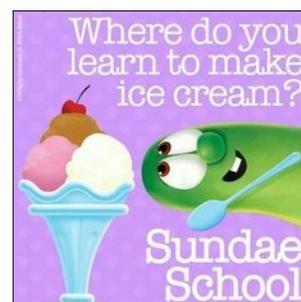
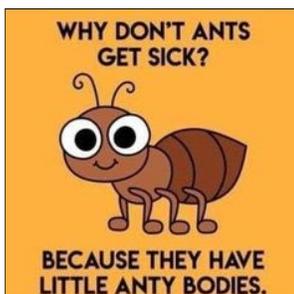
Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Light a grill. In a medium saucepan, combine the sliced plums with 3/4 cup of the sugar and the water and bring to a boil. Cover and simmer over moderately low heat until the plums are very soft, about 10 minutes. Transfer the plums to a food processor and puree until smooth. Scrape the plum sauce into a bowl, stir in the lemon juice and set aside.
- **Step 2**
In a small bowl, stir the melted butter with the remaining 1/4 cup of sugar. Grill the halved plums and peaches over moderate heat, turning once, until the fruit is tender, about 6 minutes. Baste the plums and peaches with the butter and continue to grill, turning once and basting again, until caramelized and slightly charred, about 2 minutes longer.
- **Step 3**
Transfer the grilled fruit to plates and spoon the plum sauce on top. Dollop the mascarpone alongside the fruit and serve.

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Make Ahead

The plum sauce can be refrigerated for up to 2 days. Serve warm or at room temperature.



Ingredient Checklist

- 2 pounds boneless leg of lamb, cut into 1-inch cubes, hard fat trimmed and discarded
- 6 tablespoons olive oil, divided, plus more for grill grates
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon paprika, divided
- ½ teaspoon black pepper, divided
- 1 medium-size white onion, peeled and root end trimmed
- 1 medium-size red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 medium-size yellow bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 medium-size green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 6 small white mushrooms, halved lengthwise
- 15 large grape tomatoes (about 10 ounces)
- 3 Lebanese-style pita rounds

Lamb Shish Kabobs

Step 1

Pat lamb dry using paper towels, and place in a large bowl. Add 3 tablespoons oil, 1 tablespoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper to lamb; toss until well combined. Cover bowl with plastic wrap; refrigerate at least 2 hours or up to 24 hours. Remove lamb from refrigerator, and let stand at room temperature 30 minutes.

- **Step 2**
Meanwhile, preheat grill to medium-high (400°F to 450°F). Cut onion in half lengthwise. Slice each half into 1-inch-thick wedges, slicing into only the first 3 or 4 outer layers; reserve remaining onion core for another use. Combine onion wedges, bell peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, remaining 3 tablespoons oil, remaining 1 tablespoon salt, remaining 1/2 teaspoon paprika, and remaining 1/4 teaspoon black pepper in a large bowl; gently toss to coat. Set aside until ready to use.
- **Step 3**
Thread about 5 lamb cubes onto each of 10 (8-inch) wooden skewers, making sure to keep at least 1/4 inch of space between cubes to promote even cooking. Thread onion wedges, bell peppers, and mushrooms evenly onto 4 (8-inch) wooden skewers. Thread tomatoes onto 2 (8-inch) wooden skewers. Place lamb skewers on lightly oiled grill grates; grill, uncovered, turning occasionally, until well browned on all sides and slightly pink in the middle, 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer grilled lamb skewers to a platter. Place vegetable skewers on lightly oiled grates; grill, uncovered, turning occasionally, until tender and lightly charred, 6 to 8 minutes for tomato skewers and 10 to 12 minutes for mixed vegetable skewers. Transfer grilled vegetable skewers to platter with lamb.
- **Step 4**
Cut each pita in half lengthwise, and split each pita half at the seam. Spread about 3 tablespoons muhammara over each pita piece, and top each with about 1/3 cup grilled lamb, about 1/4 cup grilled vegetables, and about 1/4 cup biwaz. Fold pitas in half, and serve.

Hangar Steak with Bok Choy

Ingredient Checklist

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons red miso paste
- 1 1/2 tablespoons grated lemon zest
- 5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 1 small clove garlic, grated on a microplane
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1 (1-pound) hanger steak, membrane removed
- 4 medium baby bok choy, halved lengthwise, rinsed, and thoroughly patted dry
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Stir together butter, miso paste, and lemon zest in a medium bowl until combined. Let stand at room temperature at least 20 minutes. (Mixture can be made ahead and stored in an airtight container up to 2 weeks.)
- **Step 2**
Whisk together 3 tablespoons olive oil, vinegar, garlic, and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a small baking dish. Add steak, and turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate 1 to 4 hours, flipping steak once or twice to ensure even coverage.
- **Step 3**
Preheat oven to broil with oven rack 8 inches from heat source. Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Rub with 1 tablespoon lemon-miso butter. Place steak on a rimmed baking sheet lined with aluminum foil. Broil 6 minutes. Flip steak; broil 5 to 6 minutes for medium-rare (depending on thickness of the steak) or until a meat thermometer registers 130°F. Place steak on a cutting board. Dollop steak with 2 tablespoons lemon-miso butter. Let meat rest 10 minutes, then thinly slice the meat against the grain, and transfer to a serving platter.
- **Step 4**
While steak rests, heat oven to 425°F. Place bok choy in a large bowl, drizzle with remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, and season with pepper and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt; toss to coat. Arrange bok choy in a single layer, cut sides down, on hot baking sheet. Roast until stems are crisp-tender and leaves are browned and crisp at edges, 9 to 10 minutes. Transfer bok choy to platter with steak. Serve remaining lemon-miso butter on the side.

Meet the Players

Marty Harris describes himself as an expert player but not a pro. He has been an attorney for over 30 years. His clients include the USBF. Marty, at one time, was pursuing a second career as a novelist. Active in bridge administration: USBF's lawyer, on ACBL's Anti-Cheating Committee, helped re-write ACBL's convention charts. Prefer to play my own complex bidding system.

From Marty's BridgeWinners Profile:

Bridge Information

Favorite Bridge Memory

On the last hand of the 2006 5k mini-Spangold, in a very close match, partner raised my non-vul invitation to 3NT with a dead minimum. As he tabled dummy, he said, "Prove me right." Later, I asked what new evaluation method led him to "upgrade" this hand. His answer: "When the stakes are highest, you raise your game and always seem to get things right, so I was betting on you." I made a difficult 3NT, and we won the title.

Bridge Accomplishments

Won 4 NABC events (e.g., 6k mini-Spangold). Second in NABC+ 2-day Swiss, reached semis in 2017 US Team Trials. Numerous regional wins.

Regular Bridge Partners

Jacob Morgan (for 10 years), my sister Miriam Botzum-Harris.

Favorite Tournaments

US Team Trials + Gatlinburg

Favorite Conventions

BLASTorSOR, RABs, and JMH. I invented them as part of my system; no one else plays them. :)

BBO Username

chimarty

ACBL Ranking

Gold Life Master



Harris and his sister, Miriam Harris-Botzum, entered this event as part of the Harris team.



Why did the ram run over the cliff?

He didn't see the ewe turn!

Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on
page 11

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

Sudoku 1

Rumba	Medera	Frank	Wish	Olivia
Waltz	Black	George	Trent	Mary
Tango	Heart	Karl	Park	Lauren
Foxtrot	Coon	Norman	Lambert	Evelyn
Cha-cha	Good	Percy	Smart	Brenda
Dance Style	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name

Sudoku 2

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

Answers on Page 13

Where did Noah
keep the old
bees?

In the Ark Hives.

How did the
barber win
the race?

He knew
a shortcut.

WHAT DO
DENTISTS
CALL THEIR
X-RAYS?

TOOTH-PICS

From Sunday's SemiFinals

 W Debbie Rosenberg ♠ J853 ♥ 107 ♦ A1072 ♣ A98 Brian Platnick S	♠ AQ104 ♥ K ♦ Q843 ♣ J742 ♠ 976 ♥ Q832 ♦ K5 ♣ KQ53	N John Diamond Will Watson E ♠ K2 ♥ AJ9654 ♦ J96 ♣ 106 W N E S P X P P P
 W Bob Hamman ♠ J853 ♥ 107 ♦ A1072 ♣ A98 Kevin Rosenberg S	♠ AQ104 ♥ K ♦ Q843 ♣ J742 ♠ 976 ♥ Q832 ♦ K5 ♣ KQ53	N Owen Lien Peter Weichsel E ♠ K2 ♥ AJ9654 ♦ J96 ♣ 106 W N E S P X P P P 3♣

The fourth quarter of the Joel/Lall match had seven double digit swings in fourteen boards. The last such swing occurred on Board 54 of the fifty-six board match. At both tables, East opened 2H (weak). This was passed around to North, who doubled at both tables.

Kevin Rosenberg bid 3C with the South hand and played there. The HT was lead and Weichsel won the HA. Peter switched to a trump. Rosenberg played the CQ, and Hamman ducked his ace. Kevin continued clubs. Hamman won the CA and exited with a third round of trumps.

Rosenberg played the S9, covered by the jack, queen and king. Weichsel exited with the S2. Declarer played the S7, West covered with the S8, and the trick was won by dummy's ST. Since the S6 was now established, declarer could trump one losing heart and discard a heart on the SA. He conceded the DA and took nine tricks for N/S +110.

At the other table, Brian Platnick was out for blood. Brian passed the takeout double and led the CK.

Declarer, Will Watson, won the CA in dummy and carefully led the H7! When Owen Lien played his singleton HK, Watson won the HA and played a heart toward dummy. Platnick ducked and the HT won in dummy. Watson came off dummy with a spade toward his king.

John Diamond won the SA and played a club to Platnick's queen. Brian exited with the DK, taken by dummy's ace.

Watson led a spade to his hand and played a high heart. Platnick won the heart, led a diamond to North's queen and trumped the third round of diamonds. Declarer claimed eight tricks for E/W +670

12 IMPs to Lall

Note that this match was very close... and in the end, the margin of victory was only 5 IMPs!

Fun and Games Page

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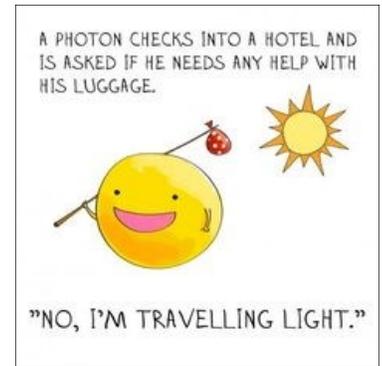
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Logic Puzzle

Answer on page 8

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	Dance Style

The local Singles Club had a special Dance Night event last Friday evening. Each person was matched at random with a different dance partner every hour and every hour the style of ballroom dancing changed. By midnight, the event was deemed a total success and each person had danced with five different people. As it happens, five of those random couples actually planned a second date with each other during the following week. Determine the full names of each couple planning a second date and the style of dance that they danced to when they were partnered with each other.

- Olivia didn't dance with Mr. Coon but she found her date during the rumba. Mr. Heart danced with his date during the tango.
- George Black didn't dance with Brenda. Mr. Good didn't dance with Ms. Lambert.
- Percy, who didn't dance with Evelyn, didn't meet his date during the tango. Ms. Smart didn't dance during the waltz.
- Mary Trent didn't find her date during the cha-cha.
- Lauren danced with Karl. Ms. Lambert found her date during the foxtrot but her date wasn't George. Frank didn't dance with Evelyn or Brenda.
- The five couples are represented by: Ms. Wish and her partner Mr. Medera, the couple who met during the waltz, Brenda, Norman Coon, and Ms. Park.

Not So Tough Puzzles

There is a lightbulb (incandescent, it's currently off) in an upstairs room. You are downstairs, standing next to a panel of three light switches (all of them in the off position). One of them controls the lightbulb. The other two don't do anything. You must figure out which switch controls the bulb, with some restrictions.

- 1) You can do whatever you want to the lightswitches, as long as it's either turning them on or turning them off.
- 2) After fiddling with the lightswitches, you can go upstairs and check the bulb.
- 3) You cannot see the bulb nor any light shining from it from where you're initially standing.
- 4) You cannot make multiple trips up and down the stairs.
- 5) The lamp is in the ceiling and you don't have a ladder.
- 6) You are a mutant with 15-foot-long arms, so #5 is moot.

So, you fiddle with the switches, you walk upstairs and check the bulb, and then you immediately decide which switch controls the bulb.

How do you do it?

Flick Switch A. Leave it on for ten minutes. Turn it off. Flick Switch B. Leave it on. Leave Switch C off. Go up to the room. If the bulb is off but warm, it is Switch A. If the bulb is on, it is Switch B. If it is off, and cold, it is C.

Two friends decide to get together; so they start riding bikes towards each other. They plan to meet halfway. Each is riding at 6 MPH. They live 36 miles apart. One of them has a pet carrier pigeon and it starts flying the instant the friends start traveling. The pigeon flies back and forth at 18 MPH between the 2 friends until the friends meet.

How many miles does the pigeon travel?

It takes 3 hours for the friends to meet; so the pigeon flies for 3 hours at 18 MPH = 54 miles.

Solution: 54.

A pot contains 75 white beans and 150 black ones. Next to the pot is a large pile of black beans.

A somewhat demented cook removes the beans from the pot, one at a time, according to the following strange rule: He removes two beans from the pot at random. If at least one of the beans is black, he places it on the bean-pile and drops the other bean, no matter what color, back in the pot. If both beans are white, on the other hand, he discards both of them and removes one black bean from the pile and drops it in the pot.

At each turn of this procedure, the pot has one less bean in it. Eventually, just one bean is left in the pot. What color is it?

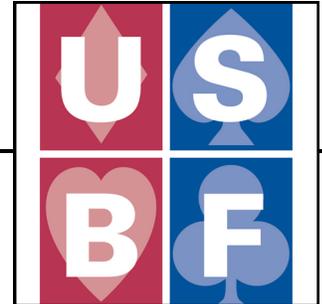
White. The cook only ever removes the white beans two at a time, and there are an odd number of them. When the cook gets to the last white bean, and picks it up along with a black bean, the white one always goes back into the pot.

Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku
on page 11
Puzzle 1 on left
Puzzle 2 on right

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



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.

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Owen Lien & Kevin Rosenberg	Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	6NT+1 S	♣10	1020
John Diamond & Brian Platnick	Will Watson & Debbie Rosenberg	6NT+1 N	♣6	1020
Bryan Howard & Jim Foster	Jeff Roman & Ralph Buchalter	4NT+2 N	♣6	490
Andrew Gumperz & Phil Clayton	Tom Carmichael & Jenni Carmichael	4♥-1 S	♠J	50

More from the hard-fought Semi-Final match between Beatty and Clayton...

You can judge from the traveler that something went awry at the Carmichaels' table... but this time the 3-3 fit belonged to Jenni's opponents!

Board 56, Deal W, 4♥-1 S

North (Andrew Gumperz): ♠64, ♥K93, ♦AKQ1074, ♣J2

East (Tom Carmichael): ♠Q10972, ♥Q84, ♦963, ♣63

South (Phil Clayton): ♠AK853, ♥AJ7, ♦5, ♣AQ84

West (Jenni Carmichael): ♠J, ♥10652, ♦J82, ♣K10975

Score Table:

	W	N	E	S
P	1♦	2♠	P	P
P	3♦	P	P	4♥*
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The Clayton team had a 16 IP lead going into the last board of their match against the Beatty squad. Andrew Gumperz opened 1D on the North hand. Tom Carmichael threw a monkey-wrench into the works by jumping to 2S on a five-card suit and only 4HCP. Phil Clayton passed, waiting for the reopening double from his partner. Note: 2S can be set five tricks which would score +1100 (more than the value of a slam).

Gumperz had very little defense and a good, long suit. He reopened with 3D rather than the hoped for double. Clayton jumped to 4H, which he explained as "Kickback, Let's Hope". Phil's hopes were dashed when Andrew passed.

According to the table on RealBridge (see above) 4H is makeable, but 3-3 fits are only successful for Jenni!!

Clayton was likely flustered and didn't work out the play. If Clayton had won the opening spade lead with the ace pulled three rounds of trump taking the heart finesse and run diamonds, discarding spades from his hand, Jenni can trump the 4th round of diamonds but she's endplayed into giving him his 12th trick when she creates an entry to dummy in clubs. Whether or not Jenni trumps the diamond, she will be endplayed when declarer plays the SK. Her three card end position will include the HT and the CKT. Declarer can play a spade and West can trump and be endplayed or pitch a club. The only way to hold declarer to 11 tricks is to lead a club at trick one and trump the 4th round of diamonds. Declarer will be left with a losing club at the end!

Instead, Clayton won the SA, played a diamond to the ace, ran the CJ to the king, and Jenni exited with a diamond. The CA and CQ followed, the queen ruffed by Tom. Things got tangled at this point and when the smoke cleared, the contract failed by a trick.

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On Board 11 of the Finals, Buchalter/Roman had a good auction to get to the cold diamond slam.

Roman made two good decisions: one to bid 2C (as a passed hand, he was safe overstating slightly his values) and two to bid 4D, going past 3NT and showing interest in slam.

Lall led a heart and there was nothing tricky to the play.

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At the other table, after two passes, Diamond opened a 19-21 2NT. Knowing nothing about his pattern except that he was balanced, Platnick bid 3NT and hoped the opponents couldn't take five tricks in hearts!

Baseggio led a spade. Diamond won the queen in dummy. He ran five rounds of diamonds, cashed the CK and SA and played a club to the ace to insure nine tricks.

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On Board 10, Diamond/Platnick had a good auction to reach a 4S game.

Bd 10, Dlr E 4♠ = S		♠ K9652 ♥ J87 ♦ — ♣ KJ542	N John Diamond																
W Alex Kolesnik		Franco Baseggio E																	
♠ AQ3 ♥ Q964 ♦ K7 ♣ A987	♠ 4 ♥ A52 ♦ 1085432 ♣ Q63																		
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Platnick opened a nebulous diamond. Kolesnik doubled. Diamond bid 1H showing 4+ spades. Platnick bid 2S showing four spades but not showing extras.

Diamond correctly analyzed that holding 5-5 in the black suits with a void in the suit he didn't know if partner really owned could not be bad. He jumped to game.

Kolesnik led a heart to Baseggio's ace. Baseggio continued the suit. Platnick won in hand, and cashed the DA, discarding dummy's HJ. The CT rode to the king and a club was ruffed in hand.... Heart ruff, club ruff, diamond ruff, club ruff followed. The DJ was ruffed and over-ruffed. A club was ruffed and Platnick claimed 10 tricks.

At the other table, Buchalter/Roman stopped short in 2S and made four. →

W	N	E	S
		P	1♦
X	1♠	P	2♠
P	P	P	

	♠ QJ32 ♥ 9764 ♦ 95 ♣ J94	N John Diamond																				
	W Jeff Roman	Ralph Buchalter E																				
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Jeff Roman and Ralph Buchalter showed good, aggressive, slam bidding instincts when they bid 6D on Board 40.

When Jeff cuebid 3H, he had either a game forcing spade fit (usually three card support) or, as was the case here, he was simply looking for a heart stopper to play 3NT.

Since Buchalter did not have a heart stopper, he bid 4C showing his second suit.

With an eight-card suit, Jeff jumped to 5D. Ralph held three quick tricks plus a second-round heart control, so he would not be denied. He raised to 6D.

Dummy's black controls covered declarer's black suit losers. Slam was cold unless the opponents could manage to play two rounds of trump before dummy ruffed a heart.

John Diamond led the SQ. Declarer won the spade and played a heart. Brian Platnick won the heart and played a trump, but it was too late.

Declarer was able to trump a heart in dummy and take twelve tricks.

Notice that there was no way to play two rounds of trump before dummy ruffed a heart. Even if North led a trump on opening lead, South would be unable to continue diamonds when he won a high heart...

At the other table Hamman/Weichsel stopped in 5D. Haman rebid 3D rather than bidding 3H on his second bid. Weichsel raised to 4D.

With nothing to cuebid, Hamman signed off in 5D.

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Team Lall: from left: Diamond, Platnick, Milner, Lall, Hamman, Weischel

