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We Remember:



Results... Bichons

Team Name	Total	7	4	10	6	1	5	3	12	11	9	15	14	8	13	2	16
7. Lebowitz	194.78		6.86	3.82	13.72	12.18	17.68	10.77	2.84	15.52	13.72	12.51	16.39	12.18	16.59	20.00	20.00
4. Dawson	173.18	13.14		4.95	9.23	6.28	11.85	14.80	12.18	13.72	19.10	14.28	9.23	18.30	5.46	8.15	12.51
10. Nickell	169.99	16.18	15.05		4.25	6.00	6.86	17.84	10.39	5.20	5.20	16.39	17.34	6.86	14.28	8.15	20.00
6. Joel	169.69	6.28	10.77	15.75		17.34	14.54	6.28	2.32	15.75	12.51	13.43	10.39	12.83	4.71	12.51	14.28
1. Bell	164.51	7.82	13.72	14.00	2.66		17.34	11.50	16.78	12.51	17.68	11.14	7.49	5.20	10.00	10.39	6.28
5. Gupta	163.83	2.32	8.15	13.14	5.46	2.66		13.43	14.80	11.14	12.18	8.15	18.58	6.57	19.44	8.15	19.66
3. Bitterman	155.78	9.23	5.20	2.16	13.72	8.50	6.57		15.29	9.61	7.17	9.61	12.83	14.28	13.72	11.50	16.39
12. Sanborn	155.19	17.16	7.82	9.61	17.68	3.22	5.20	4.71		9.61	4.95	18.44	15.75	5.46	9.61	7.82	18.15
11. Rasmussen	154.63	4.48	6.28	14.80	4.25	7.49	8.86	10.39	10.39		4.25	7.82	8.50	19.10	15.97	12.83	19.22
9. Lo	145.50	6.28	0.90	14.80	7.49	2.32	7.82	12.83	15.05	15.75		0.56	10.00	13.52	16.97	7.49	13.72
15. Wu	143.32	7.49	5.72	3.61	6.57	8.86	11.85	10.39	1.56	12.18	19.44		7.49	15.97	9.61	13.72	8.86
14. Simson	142.99	3.61	10.77	2.66	9.61	12.51	1.42	7.17	4.25	11.50	10.00	12.51		8.15	10.39	18.44	20.00
8. Lewis	139.74	7.82	1.70	13.14	7.17	14.80	13.43	5.72	14.54	0.90	4.48	4.03	11.85		2.32	17.84	20.00
13. Schireson	137.65	3.41	14.54	5.72	15.29	10.00	0.56	6.28	10.39	4.03	3.03	10.39	9.61	17.68		7.17	19.55
2. Bishel	133.68	0.00	11.85	11.85	7.49	9.61	11.85	8.50	12.18	7.17	12.51	6.28	1.56	2.16	12.83		17.84
16. Xu	53.54	0.00	7.49	0.00	5.72	13.72	0.34	3.61	1.85	0.78	6.28	11.14	0.00	0.00	0.45	2.16	

Retrievers

Team Name	Total	21	29	31	30	23	22	34	24	28	26	27	36	35	33	25	32
21. Beatty	199.47		5.72	13.14	18.71	14.00	15.52	0.45	9.61	16.18	18.71	8.50	18.44	17.51	16.18	8.50	18.30
29. Lall	179.55	14.28		7.49	11.85	3.61	17.51	6.00	16.59	6.57	5.46	17.51	10.39	19.86	14.28	10.00	18.15
31. Onstott	179.04	6.86	12.51		8.86	9.23	13.72	10.39	14.00	3.03	8.15	14.80	14.28	9.23	17.16	17.16	19.66
30. Levine	175.54	1.29	8.15	11.14		9.23	8.50	16.59	13.72	4.03	4.48	17.16	19.22	15.97	8.15	18.15	19.76
23. Compton	169.79	6.00	16.39	10.77	10.77		4.95	13.72	10.39	11.50	13.72	12.51	3.03	19.33	11.85	11.14	13.72
22. Clayton	167.11	4.48	2.49	6.28	11.50	15.05		6.86	11.14	14.54	17.51	10.00	1.56	18.15	15.97	13.43	18.15
34. Rosenthal	164.76	19.55	14.00	9.61	3.41	6.28	13.14		3.61	18.71	10.00	6.00	8.15	14.00	13.14	6.86	18.30
24. Delmonte	162.43	10.39	3.41	6.00	6.28	9.61	8.86	16.39		16.78	5.72	9.23	16.78	16.78	8.50	15.52	12.18
28. Hill	161.76	3.82	13.43	16.97	15.97	8.50	5.46	1.29	3.22		15.75	2.49	15.75	3.41	18.97	19.76	16.97
26. Donner	160.49	1.29	14.54	11.85	15.52	6.28	2.49	10.00	14.28	4.25		2.84	15.97	18.58	2.84	19.76	20.00
27. Harris	158.65	11.50	2.49	5.20	2.84	7.49	10.00	14.00	10.77	17.51	17.16		8.50	11.50	12.83	18.71	8.15
36. Zhang	135.29	1.56	9.61	5.72	0.78	16.97	18.44	11.85	3.22	4.25	4.03	11.50		3.61	16.18	8.86	18.71
35. Vance	114.72	2.49	0.14	10.77	4.03	0.67	1.85	6.00	3.22	16.59	1.42	8.50	16.39		10.39	15.29	16.97
33. Reynolds	112.71	3.82	5.72	2.84	11.85	8.15	4.03	6.86	11.50	1.03	17.16	7.17	3.82	9.61		13.43	5.72
25. Donnelly	100.40	11.50	10.00	2.84	1.85	8.86	6.57	13.14	4.48	0.24	0.24	1.29	11.14	4.71	6.57		16.97
32. Pahk	58.29	1.70	1.85	0.34	0.24	6.28	1.85	1.70	7.82	3.03	0.00	11.85	1.29	3.03	14.28	3.03	

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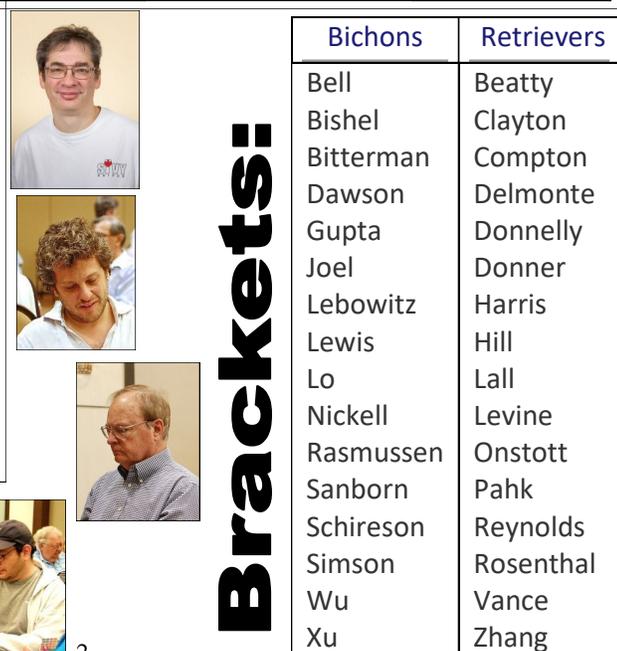
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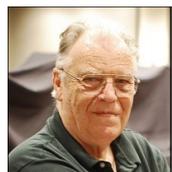
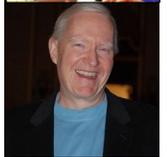
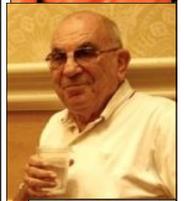
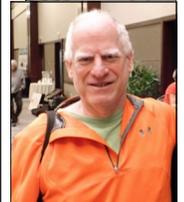
RR2 Starts and Ends Tomorrow!

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			
			Bichons	Retrievers	
			Bell	Beatty	
			Bishel	Clayton	
			Bitterman	Compton	
			Dawson	Delmonte	
			Gupta	Donnelly	
			Joel	Donner	
			Lebowitz	Harris	
			Lewis	Hill	
			Lo	Lall	
			Nickell	Levine	
			Rasmussen	Onstott	
			Sanborn	Pahk	
			Schireson	Reynolds	
			Simson	Rosenthal	
			Wu	Vance	
			Xu	Zhang	



Tournament Schedule

USBF 10 Board victory Point Scale

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 1			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS
FRIDAY	JUNE 11	12:15 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	JUNE 11	12:30 - 1:50	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		2:10 - 3:30	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		3:50 - 5:10	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30
		6:00 - 7:20	50 MINUTE BREAK
		7:40 - 9:00	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
			ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
SATURDAY	JUNE 12	12:30 - 1:50	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 51-60
		2:10 - 3:30	ROUND 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		3:50 - 5:10	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 71-80
		6:00 - 7:20	50 MINUTE BREAK
		7:40 - 9:00	ROUND 9 - BOARDS 1-10
			ROUND 10 - BOARDS 11-20
SUNDAY	JUNE 13	12:30 - 1:50	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 21-30
		2:10 - 3:30	ROUND 12 - BOARDS 31-40
		3:50 - 5:10	ROUND 13 - BOARDS 41-50
		6:00 - 7:20	50 MINUTE BREAK
		7:40 - 9:00	ROUND 14 - BOARDS 51-60
			ROUND 15 - BOARDS 61-70
ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2			
MONDAY	JUNE 14	12:30 - 1:50	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		2:10 - 3:30	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		3:50 - 5:10	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30
		6:00 - 7:20	50 MINUTE BREAK
		7:40 - 9:00	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
			ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
TUESDAY	JUNE 15	1:00 PM (TENTATIVE)	
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	JUNE 18	12:30 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:40 - 4:25	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:10 - 6:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	JUNE 19	12:30 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:40 - 4:25	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:10 - 6:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	JUNE 20	12:30 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:40 - 4:25	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:10 - 6:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	JUNE 21	12:30 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:40 - 4:25	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:10 - 6:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

10 Boards (Blitz is 48 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	17	15.29	4.71	34	18.44	1.56
1	10.39	9.61	18	15.52	4.48	35	18.58	1.42
2	10.77	9.23	19	15.75	4.25	36	18.71	1.29
3	11.14	8.86	20	15.97	4.03	37	18.84	1.16
4	11.50	8.50	21	16.18	3.82	38	18.97	1.03
5	11.85	8.15	22	16.39	3.61	39	19.10	0.90
6	12.18	7.82	23	16.59	3.41	40	19.22	0.78
7	12.51	7.49	24	16.78	3.22	41	19.33	0.67
8	12.83	7.17	25	16.97	3.03	42	19.44	0.56
9	13.14	6.86	26	17.16	2.84	43	19.55	0.45
10	13.43	6.57	27	17.34	2.66	44	19.66	0.34
11	13.72	6.28	28	17.51	2.49	45	19.76	0.24
12	14.00	6.00	29	17.68	2.32	46	19.86	0.14
13	14.28	5.72	30	17.84	2.16	47	19.96	0.04
14	14.54	5.46	31	18.00	2.00	48	20.00	0.00
15	14.80	5.20	32	18.15	1.85			
16	15.05	4.95	33	18.30	1.70			

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 DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE JLALL4 EVENT.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EDT)

The schedule will be the same each day:

Round 1: 2:00 pm

Round 2: 3:40 pm

Round 3: 5:20 pm

Round 4: 7:30 pm

Round 5: 9:10 pm

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Quarter 1: 1:00 pm

Quarter 2: 3:10 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 7:10

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 <https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>, enter your name and click on Log In. You will be taken to a screen where you select to kibitz the JLall4 event.

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #4, 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. In the middle of the table, immediately under the table number, you will see the board # and trick # in play. There will be information about the number of kibitzers at a table and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table. At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happened. 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. Anyone can type chat into the chat window.

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.

-- "Rewind" the play by moving the vertical handle on the slider underneath the table to the left.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name to 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 of the tables.

----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 for this match).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right.

TIMING OF DEFERRAL

The Round Robin matches will be deferred until each round is complete.

The first half KO matches will be deferred for half an hour or until each board has been played at all tables, so there may be a period when nothing new is being shown because one table is very slow to play the board. **For the second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter is complete. This prevents players from accessing useful state of match information. It also means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:10 EDT.**



		♠ J8 ♥ AKJ652 ♦ 3 ♣ K763	N Jerry Stamatov Alan Watson E																								
Bd 32, Dlr W 6♥-4 N		♠ K ♥ 73 ♦ K10762 ♣ QJ852	♠ 76543 ♥ 984 ♦ AJ985 ♣ —																								
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In the Gupta/Rasmussen match, Zia/Stamatov bid an aggressive 6H on Board 32. Basically, it required East to hold the SK and no more than four spades. Zia and Jerry Stamatov were the only pair to bid the slam. If East underleads the DA and gets a club ruff, the slam will be defeated one trick.

Alan Watson did not find the imaginative diamond lead. He led a pedestrian

fifth-best spade and it was Stamatov's turn to be double dummy. If Jerry rises with the SA, the king drops, and Jerry will claim all the tricks to score +1010. Eight declarers in 4H made the play, but they had nothing to lose.

Stamatov took what seemed to be the best play for twelve tricks. He ducked the spade to Rick Binder's singleton king. Binder returned a club, trumped by Watson. Still no diamond underlead, Watson cashed the DA and played a spade for Binder to ruff. Another club ruff and declarer was able to claim eight tricks only for -200.

In the other room of this match, Anton Tsytkin and Jim Rasmussen stopped in 4H after Kevin Bathurst showed both minors. The S3 was led and Tsytkin rose with ace, taking all the tricks. 12 IMPs to Rasmussen.

Strangely, had Watson found the diamond underlead at trick three, it would still have been effective in producing a six-trick set making this into a very rare ONE-or-SEVEN hand.

		♠ K84 ♥ 97432 ♦ Q63 ♣ 82	N Will Watson Joel Wooldridge E																
Bd 10, Dlr E 6♦ = E		♠ J10973 ♥ KJ8 ♦ A7 ♣ AQJ	♠ A2 ♥ AQ10 ♦ KJ109852 ♣ 7																
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Board 10 Saturday... Revisited

This hand appeared on page 18 of yesterday's Bulletin highlighting the Rasmussen/Nickell match. After the paper had gone to press, David Caprera wrote and suggested I look at the way Wooldridge declared 6D. Indeed, Wooldridge took an excellent line, affording himself every chance possible to make the slam.

Geeske Joel, like Rasmussen, did not preempt her clubs and led the CT.

Wooldridge rose with the ace as Greco did, but unlike Greco, he did not play immediately on trump. Instead, he ran the CJ discarding his S2. Geeske won the CK and played a spade. Wooldridge won the SA and played the DJ. When Geeske did not cover, he rose with the DA.

Wooldridge followed with the CQ, and when Watson pitched a heart, Wooldridge pitched one too. The absence of a preempt no longer mattered. Wooldridge had a count on clubs and the fact that Watson did not ruff the third club, suggested that the trump finesse would succeed. Wooldridge finessed against the DQ and claimed making six!

At the other table in this match, Michael Rosenberg declared 6D on the lead of the CT. He rose with the CA, cashed the DA, led a diamond to his king and exited with a diamond. When Adam Grossack won the DQ, he returned the C8 and Rosenberg took his only chance and tossed his losing spade for down one. 16 IMPs to Joel

Board 30
Dealer E
None Vul

♠ 97
♥ Q952
♦ K10532
♣ 82

♠ K5
♥ KJ10843
♦ A4
♣ AJ5

♠ J1086
♥ A
♦ 876
♣ Q10763

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	2	2	2	5	3
S	2	2	2	5	3
E	9	11	11	8	9
W	9	11	11	8	9

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Doug Simson & Jeff Aker	John Bishel & Tom Bishel	6♥-1 E	♦6	50
Mitch Dunitz & Ross Grabel	Janice Molson & Disa Eythorsdottir	6♥-1 E	♦6	50
Brian Zhang & Qiang Zhang	Ron Smith & Billy Miller	3NT-1 W	♦3	50
Jerry Stamatov & Zia Mahmood	Jane Wang & Jiang Chen	3NT= W	♦3	400
Grant Vance & Jessica Lai	Chris Donnelly & Alex Hudson	3NT= E	♣6	400
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Louis Glasthal & Mike Massimilla	3NT= W	♦3	400
Paul Lewis & Linda Lewis	Bill Harker & Mark Ralph	4♥= E	♣3	420
Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	4♥= E	♣3	420
Gavin Wolpert & Zach Grossack	Joan Lewis & Robbie Hopkins	4♥= E	♣3	420
Aaron Silverstein & Andrew Rosenthal	Ralph Buchalter & Jeff Roman	4♥= E	♣3	420
Ethan Wood & Dan Jablonski	Farid Assemi & Jim Slinger	4♥= E	♠J	420
Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	Eddie Wold & Mike Levine	4♥= E	♠J	420
Miriam Harris-Botzum & Marty Harris	John Jones & Randy Howard	4♥= E	♣3	420
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	John Diamond & Brian Platnick	4♥= E	♦8	420
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Gary Cohler & Billy Cohen	3NT+1 E	♣6	430
Bernie Greenspan & John Bacon	Frank Merblum & Walter Lee	4♥+1 E	♦8	450
Anne Brenner & Dave Caprera	Kai Eckert & Allie Clark	4♥+1 E	♦6	450
Avery Silverstein & Jack Boge	Bob Cappelli & Bob Bitterman	4♥+1 E	♣6	450
Winston Huang & Ming Sheng	John Hurd & Kevin Bathurst	4♥+1 E	♣6	450
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	4♥+1 E	♣3	450
Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	Michael Rosenberg & Debbie Rosenberg	4♥+1 E	♣3	450
Lynn Shannon & Stephen Tu	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	4♥+1 E	♣3	450
Bill Pettis & Ai-Tai Lo	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	4♥+1 W	♣8	450
Alan Watson & Rick Binder	Ahmed Soliman & David Chechelashvili	4♥+1 E	♣3	450
Steve Beatty & Fred Stewart	Roger Lee & Vince Demuy	4♥+1 E	♣3	450
Phil Clayton & Andrew Gumperz	Chris Willenken & Steve Garner	4♥+1 E	♦6	450
Andy Goodman & Chris Compton	Victor Xiao & Eric Xiao	4♥+1 E	♦6	450
Finn Kolesnik & Ish DelMonte	Jeff Xiao & Andrew Chen	4♥+1 E	♣3	450
Olivia Schireson & Charlie Chen	Jeff Ferro & Leni Holtz	4♥+1 E	♣6	450
Jeff Meckstroth & Eric Rodwell	Harrison Luba & Joe Grue	4♥+1 E	♦6	450
Mark Moss & Bob Thomson	Greg Hinze & Josh Donn	3NT+2 W	♣8	460

On Board 30, most of the field played in 4H on the 6-2 fit. Two pairs aggressively bid the failing heart slam. Six pairs chose to play 3NT instead of 4H. No trump was successful five times and failed once. What happened? In Compton/Zhang, Billy Miller chose to play in NT after Smith showed 6 hearts. Miller knew nine tricks were easier to collect than ten and he had all the side suits well protected. (see auction below)

B Zhang led the D3. Miller won with the nine. Miller could count three spades, two diamonds, and two clubs. He needed two more tricks. There were two reasonable chances: hearts and spades. Clearly, if spades were 3-3, nine tricks would be easy. Is it better to play on hearts or spades first? If a low heart to the jack forces the ace, declarer can repeat the finesse and succeed. If hearts don't work, declarer can still test spades. After much thought, Billy chose to play on spades. He played a spade to the king, a spade to the ace and tried the SQ. When the suit failed to divide, he played a fourth spade planning to fall back on clubs for his 9th trick. South won the spade and cleared diamonds. Since North had discarded two clubs, Miller played the CA and the CJ, hoping to smother the CT. 11 IMPs to Zhang

W	N	E	S
		1♥	P
1♠	P	3♥	P
3NT	P	P	P

Miller B Zhang Smith Q Zhang

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions!

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup packed fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 3/4 cup packed fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 medium scallions, chopped
- 2 drained canned anchovy fillets
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt, plus more to taste
- Black pepper, to taste
- Canola oil, for greasing baking dish
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons harissa (such as Mina)
- 1/2 cup dry breadcrumbs
- 1 pound ground lamb
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/3 cup minced shallot
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 2 garlic cloves, finely grated
- 2 teaspoons Hungarian hot paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground fennel

Directions

- **Step 1**
Process parsley, basil, sour cream, mayonnaise, scallions, and anchovies in a food processor until smooth, about 1 minute. Transfer mixture into a medium bowl; add salt and pepper to taste. Cover and refrigerate until chilled, about 1 hour.
- **Step 2**
Preheat oven to 400°F. Grease a 13- x 9-inch baking dish with canola oil. Whisk together 1/4 cup water and harissa in a medium bowl. Stir in breadcrumbs; let stand 5 minutes. Add lamb, cilantro, shallot, egg, garlic, paprika, cumin, coriander, fennel, and 2 teaspoons salt; stir well to combine. Shape mixture into 24 meatballs. Arrange meatballs in prepared baking dish so they are touching slightly.
(Continued on page 8)
- **Step 3**
Bake in preheated oven until meatballs are browned and a thermometer inserted in thickest portion of meat registers 160°F, 18 to 20 minutes. Transfer to a serving platter. Serve with dip.

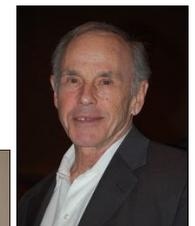
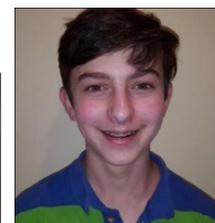
Make Ahead

Meatballs can be prepared through step 2 and frozen up to 1 month. Thaw overnight in refrigerator, and let come to room temperature before baking.



Spicy Lamb Meatballs

serve with Green Goddess dip



Ingredients

- 1 medium baking potato (8 ounces), peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon whole milk
- 1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon heavy cream
- 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons plain dry breadcrumbs
- 12 ounces ground beef
- 12 ounces ground pork
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 4 tablespoon unsalted butter
- Quick-Pickled Sweet Cucumbers
- Mashed potatoes and lingonberry jam, for serving

Directions

- **Step 1**
In a small saucepan, cook the potato in salted boiling water until tender, about 12 minutes. Drain well, then pass through a ricer into a bowl. Let cool.
- **Step 2**
Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 425°. In a large bowl, whisk the egg with the milk and cream. Stir in the breadcrumbs and let stand for 5 minutes to soften. Add the beef, pork, onion, salt, pepper and riced potato and mix just until combined. Shape the mixture into 18 meatballs.
- **Step 3**
In a large ovenproof nonstick skillet, melt 2 tablespoons of the butter. Add half of the meatballs and cook over moderate heat, turning, until golden all over, about 8 minutes. Transfer to a plate and wipe out the skillet. Repeat with the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter and meatballs.
- **Step 4**
Return all of the meatballs to the skillet and bake until cooked through, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a platter and serve with the Quick-Pickled Sweet Cucumbers, mashed potatoes and lingonberry jam.

Make Ahead

The uncooked meatballs can be refrigerated overnight.



Meatballs Like Grandma Used to Make

(Continued on page 9)

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards?

He was just going through a stage.

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut?

He just needed a little space.



Ingredients SAUCE:

- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 small onion, finely chopped
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 4 basil sprigs, plus chopped leaves for garnish
- One 15 ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar
- Kosher salt

MEATBALLS:

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 1/2 pounds ground pork
- 1 3/4 cup shredded Parmigiano-Reggiano, plus more for garnish
- 1 cup shredded Asiago cheese
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- 1/2 cup dried breadcrumbs
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup packed finely chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped oregano
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon
- 1 tablespoon of kosher salt
- Pepper
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

Directions

- Make the sauce in a medium saucepan, heat the olive oil. Add the onion and cook over moderate heat until tender, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the basil, tomatoes and sugar and simmer until thickened slightly, about 15 minutes. Add the vinegar and season with salt. Keep warm.
- **Make the meatballs** Line a small, rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. In a large bowl and using your hands, combine all of the ingredients except for the olive oil. Scrape the meat onto the baking sheet and press into a 9-by-13 inch single layer. Refrigerate for 20 minutes.
- Cut the ground meat into 2-by-2 inch squares. In a large nonstick pan, heat the olive oil. Cook the “meatballs”, turning once, until they are a deep brown and just cooked through, about 10 minutes.
- To serve, place a spoonful of the pomodoro sauce in 4 shallow bowls. Top with meatballs and garnish with chopped basil and more parmesan.



Square Meatballs With Pomodoro Sauce

Meet the Players



Andrew Gumperz (right) is a part-time bridge professional based in the SF bay area. He has numerous regional victories, but his proudest bridge accomplishment was upsetting the CAYNE team at the 2009 Spingold in Washington DC. In his spare time, Andrew enjoys musical theater, especially when his daughter is performing.

Andrew is playing in this event as a member of the Clayton team. Andrew and Phil Clayton won the Inaugural NAOBC Premier Pairs last year.

Andrew has a bridge blog focused on the “newer” player. It features instructional articles and tips for improving your game:
<http://andrew-gumperz.blogspot.com/>

Why can't you explain puns to kleptomaniacs?
 They always take things literally.

How do you keep a bagel from getting away?
 Put lox on it.

A man tells his doctor, "Doc, help me. I'm addicted to Twitter!"
 The doctor replies, "Sorry, I don't follow you..."

What kind of exercise do lazy people do?
 Diddly-squats.

Why don't Calculus majors throw house parties?
 Because you should never drink and derive.

Two handy cards:
 The ace of spades and the proof of Vaccination!




Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14

Manor	Wesley	Klein	Samuel	Rum Tum Tugger
Wells	Samuel	Parker	Clifford	Mr. Microteless
Brooks	Peter	Grant	Elliot	Macavity
Graves	Clifford	White	Peter	Gus
Sanford	Elliot	Cleft	Wesley	Bustopher Jones
Understudy's Last Name	Understudy's First Name	Lead's Last Name	Lead's First Name	Name of the Role

Sudoku 2

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

Answers on Page 16

Why did the chicken go to the séance?

To get to the other side.

Where are average things manufactured?

The satisfactory.



 Bd 34, Dlr E 2♦X-5 S	♠ 10653 ♥ 76 ♦ J65 ♣ 10965	N Sandra Rimstedt												
W David Berkowitz ♠ 4 ♥ KQJ54 ♦ Q93 ♣ QJ32	♠ AKQ872 ♥ 92 ♦ K107 ♣ K8	Migry Campanile E												
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At 29 out of 32 tables East opened 1S on Board 34 of the 12th round. South made a takeout double and if North bids, they can take four tricks in clubs, diamonds, spades or no-trump.

This means that if N/S declares 2CX or 2DX, their expected score is -1100. Declaring 1NT will produce -800. None of these are good results against E/W's non-vulnerable 3NT game.

Berkowitz/Migry defeated 2DX five tricks to score +1400 when declarer made a minor slip. This was a seven IMP gain for Rosenthal when Berkowitz/Migry's teammates held 2Dx to -1100.

The defense started by cashing two high spades. Migry switched to the CK, won by declarer, who led a low heart from his hand. Berkowitz won and cashed two clubs allowing Migry to shed her last heart. David continued with a low club. Migry trumped with the DT and declarer overruffed with DA. Donner tried to cash the HA, but Migry trumped and led the SA. Declarer trumped with the D8 and Berkowitz won the D9. The HK was trumped in dummy with the D5 and overtrumped with the DK. Migry played the S8. Declarer discarded a heart. Berkowitz trumped with the D3 and cashed the DQ. Some hands leave you feeling brutalized!

 Bd 42, Dlr E 6♣X=E	♠ AKQJ10984 ♥ A5 ♦ 92 ♣ 2	N Paul Lewis												
W Ifti Baqai ♠ 7 ♥ QJ107632 ♦ 5 ♣ AQJ10	♠ — ♥ 4 ♦ AJ643 ♣ K987653	Mitch Dunitz E												
 0 0 Linda Lewis S	♠ 6532 ♥ K98 ♦ KQ1087 ♣ 4	<table border="1"> <tr><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td>5♣</td><td>5♠</td><td>6♣</td><td>X</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>P</td></tr> </table>	W	N	E	S	5♣	5♠	6♣	X	P	P	P	P
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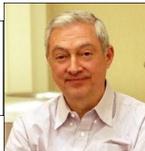
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On board 42 of the 13th round in the Lewis/Dawson match, Mitch Dunitz pre-empted 3C and bid again at the six-level. He was 7-5 in the minors!

It is hard for N/S to work out that they need to take a vulnerable 6S sacrifice on this auction. Holding the D:KQ and H:K, Linda Lewis doubled. It is hard to fault her! Dunitz was up to the play. He set-up dummy's heart suit to score twelve tricks for +1540 ... Fancy footwork to bid and make slam on a combined 18 HCP!!

At the other table Bart Bramley opened a Precision 2C bid showing 6+ clubs and 10-15 HCP. Kit Woolsey, with 100 honors in the club suit, raised to 5C. Itabashi, never dreaming his opponents were cold for slam, competed to 5S and played it there. 5S was defeated one trick when the opponents collected the obvious club trick and the DA and a diamond ruff.

Fun and Games Page



Z Q U M F O R E Z A R D G C K R C
 P H V S N Z F M L Z P R V D R R H
 R T P W Y O D S A G N I W B E Q I
 R G O H T S R L G K A V V K T M P
 Y O E Y A W R I A F R E O Q T L Z
 D O U J G N Q C J S K R E F U G W
 B X J G E G D E W V T D V T P N A
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BALL
 BIRDIE
 BOGEY
 CADDIE
 CHIP
 CLUB
 COURSE
 DIVOT

EAGLE
 FAIRWAY
 FORE
 GREEN
 HANDICAP
 IRON
 PUTTER
 ROUGH



SLICE
 STROKE
 SWING
 WEDGE
 WOOD

**How do you
 drown a hipster?**
 Throw him in the
 mainstream.



**What sits at the
 bottom of the sea
 and twitches?**
 A nervous wreck.

**Answer on
page 11**

		Lead							Understudy													
		Clifford	Elliot	Peter	Samuel	Wesley	Cleft	Grant	Klein	Parker	White	Clifford	Elliot	Peter	Samuel	Wesley	Brooks	Graves	Manor	Sanford	Wells	
Bustopher Jones																						
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	Klein																					
	Parker																					
	White																					



**Logic
Puzzle**

Name of the Role	Lead's First Name	Lead's Last Name	Understudy's First Name	Understudy's Last Name

The Community Artists Association, or CAA, is working on a new production for the winter theatre performance. Currently the shows are scheduled for late December and the actors are hard at work learning their parts. This year's production is going to be the musical show, "Cats", based on the poetry by T. S. Eliot. By some weird twist of fate, five of the lead actors each had the same first name as one of the understudies. Fortunately, however, for each individual role, the actor and understudy both had a different first name.

1. The understudy for Rum Tum Tugger shared the same first name as the lead role for Bustopher Jones. Mr. Klein did not play Mr. Mistoffelees.

2. Samuel did not play Macavity. Clifford was the understudy for Mr. White. Mr. Wells was the understudy for the role of Mr. Mistoffelees.

3. Mr. Graves and Mr. Parker had the same first name. Peter wasn't the understudy for Mr. Mistoffelees.

4. Mr. Manor wasn't the understudy for Bustopher Jones. The actor that played Gus was not Samuel Klein. Wesley was the understudy for Rum Tum Tugger.

5. The roles of Macavity and Bustopher Jones were both cast to actors named Elliot, one as the understudy and one as the lead role, in no particular order.

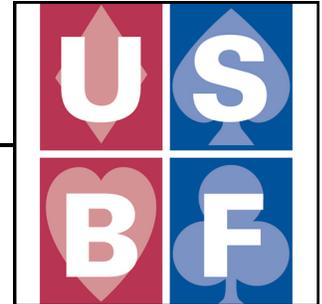
6. Mr. Brooks was the understudy for Mr. Grant. Peter wasn't the lead actor for the role of Mr. Mistoffelees. Mr. Cleft played the lead role of Bustopher Jones.

Puzzle Answers:

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



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.

What do you call a
parade of rabbits
hopping backwards?

**A receding
hare-line.**

What does Charles
Dickens keep in his
spice rack?

**The best of thymes,
the worst of thymes.**

You Colonials are putting on a fine show.

10 teams vie for 6 places on the morrow. Limey Jack will get you the Clubhouse leaders and make you a bob or two meantime. The punters fear Limey Jack as real poets fear Howie Dung. But tosh on that.

The beloved Zia missed the first qualifier by less than a gnat's eyelash but they will lead this field. Also favoured to make it are Rosenthal, Donner, Sanborn, Hill and Clayton. For the others it has been a bloody good go.

Stay upwind of the Dung One's prediction and we will reassemble 4 days hence.

Cheers.

**Limey
Jack**

We're about to embark
On Round Robin 2.
Ten teams are playing
Six will come through!

Rosenthal, Clayton,
Sanborn and Hill,
Gupta and Bitterman:
My picks who will!

Lebowitz, Beatty,
Each won a bracket.
Play went quite smoothly,
With nary a racket.

Howie Doing!!!

Friday's Head Up
Is sure to be tense.
Once both the winners
Pick opps that make sense.

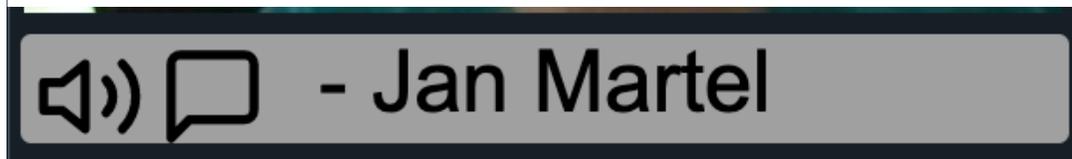
We will be watching
All through the day,
Cheering our favorites,
Critiquing their play!

Good luck to the group,
Play well and play fair.
And when the smoke clears,
We'll see who's still there!

How To Type Chat to Your Screenmate...

Jan and Al Hollander have received this question multiple times so here is the answer:

If there is a problem with someone's microphone or speaker and you need to communicate with your screenmate by typing, you can type just to them, instead of to the whole table. You do that by clicking on this symbol, which you can see to the left of your screenmate's name:



That will open a second chat window and the chat you type in that window will go only to that one person.

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In the Bell/Lo match, Cris Barrere took advantage of a slight defensive slip to bring home his unmakeable 4H contract. Twenty-six pairs played in 4H from the North hand. Barrere was the only one to take ten tricks.

Eugene Hung led the C3, which Barrere won in his hand. Cris led a club to dummy's ace and continued with a small heart. When Howard Liu played the

H8, Barrere played the H9, which held the trick. Cris cashed a high club discarding a diamond from dummy. When this held, declarer continued with another club, discarding dummy's last diamond. Liu trumped and played a diamond, which was trumped in dummy. Barrere led a heart to his ace and played a good club. East and West discarded diamonds while dummy shed a spade. Declarer led a spade to the ace and a spade to his queen. Dummy's long trump took the 10th trick.

+620 was worth 14 IMPs to Bell when his teammates earned 300 for defeating 4H three tricks at the other table.

At the other table, Bill Harker led a small club which declarer, Bill Pettis, won in hand. Bill led a heart to dummy's queen. And the hand collapsed. Mark Ralph won the HK and switched to diamonds. E/W cashed two diamond tricks, Harker exiting with a club. Pettis won the CA and played a heart. West split his honors and Pettis won the HA. Declarer cashed a club and played a fourth club. Ralph trumped the club, cashed his good heart and exited with a diamond. Dummy was endplayed and the defense scored the SK to defeat the contract three tricks.

West should be able to work out that splitting his heart honors could not cost a trick. North denied a four-card heart suit so the H9 would always bury out under West's KJT8 holding.