



LOGO SEAL REVERSED

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We Remember:



Results:

CEOs

JLall Online Teams #5 2022 Round Robin - CEOJLall

Team Name	Total	10	8	14	15	11	13	16	1	3	9	7	5	2	6	4	12
10. Naren Gupta Team	129.04		10.00		12.83	13.72	7.17				15.05	14.80		18.58	6.57	14.80	15.52
8. Lo	119.08	10.00		13.43	16.39	9.61	16.78		12.83		12.18			5.20	13.43	9.23	
14. Rosenthal	112.12		6.57			12.18	16.97	6.57		19.96	16.97	9.61	9.23	8.86		5.20	
15. Xiao	110.25	7.17	3.61	7.82				20.00		8.86		4.71		4.71	15.52	19.55	18.30
11. Nickell	107.48	6.28	10.39	3.03				12.18	15.29	16.97		8.86	17.34		11.14		6.00
13. Rasmussen	106.73	12.83	3.22	13.43				16.59		12.83	10.39		5.72		11.50	19.44	0.78
16. Zhang	105.35				0.00	7.82	3.41		8.15	10.77	15.97	17.34	9.61	18.00	14.28		
1. Bacon	99.35		7.17			4.71		11.85		15.05	4.95	10.77	6.86	17.68	13.14	7.17	
3. Beatty	96.30			0.04	11.14	3.03	7.17	9.23	4.95		11.14	14.00	17.16			18.44	
9. Lusky	94.10	4.95	7.82	3.03			9.61	4.03	15.05	8.86		11.14	12.83				16.78
7. Hill	91.39	5.20		10.39	15.29	11.14		2.66	9.23	6.00	8.86		7.82				14.80
5. Carmichael	91.38			10.77		2.66	14.28	10.39	13.14	2.84	7.17	12.18		3.41			14.54
2. Bauer	90.71	1.42	14.80	11.14	15.29			2.00	2.32				16.59		6.57	6.86	13.72
6. Fox	87.85	13.43	6.57		4.48	8.86	8.50	5.72	6.86					13.43		9.61	10.39
4. Bishel	81.20	5.20	10.77	14.80	0.45		0.56		12.83	1.56				13.14	10.39		11.50
12. Parker	77.67	4.48			1.70	14.00	19.22				3.22	5.20	5.46	6.28	9.61	8.50	

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Mayors

Team Name	Total	22	33	31	25	27	30	23	35	21	29	32	34	26	24	36	
22. Bramley	145.76				10.00		8.86		15.75	20.00		2.66	15.52	16.59	18.84	17.68	19.86
33. Rosenberg	126.11				4.25		13.72	13.72			7.49	15.05	14.28	16.39	16.78	6.28	18.15
31. Lewis	122.63				12.18	13.14	13.72	6.28		16.59		10.39	15.05	16.78	16.18		2.32
25. Dawson	119.47	10.00	15.75	7.82		7.82		18.71		14.54	7.17		15.05	15.75			6.86
27. Donner	109.21			6.86	12.18		15.52	17.84	9.61	10.00	3.41		8.86	13.43			11.50
30. Levine	106.55	11.14	6.28	6.28		4.48			15.97		16.97	11.50	4.71		12.83	16.39	
23. Brines	103.74		6.28	13.72	1.29	2.16			18.15	17.51	3.82			14.80		9.23	16.78
35. Tebha	103.20	4.25				10.39	4.03	1.85				18.97	13.14	5.20	11.50	15.29	18.58
21. Baseggio	102.37	0.00		3.41	5.46	10.00		2.49			18.44	11.50			16.97	16.59	17.51
29. Lall	100.06		12.51		12.83	16.59	3.03	16.18		1.56		2.66	14.00	4.95			15.75
28. Greenspan	93.64	17.34	4.95	9.61			8.50		1.03	8.50	17.34			3.41	4.25	18.71	
32. Reynolds	89.31	4.48	5.72	4.95	4.95	11.14	15.29		6.86		6.00				16.78	13.14	
34. Stokes	84.20	3.41	3.61	3.22	4.25	6.57		5.20	14.80		15.05	16.59				11.50	
26. Donnelly	75.11	1.16	3.22	3.82			7.17		8.50	3.03		15.75	3.22			13.72	15.52
24. Cappelli	61.47	2.32	13.72				3.61	10.77	4.71	3.41		1.29	6.86	8.50	6.28		
36. Vance	57.17	0.14	1.85	17.68	13.14	8.50		3.22	1.42	2.49	4.25				4.48		

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 5

Teams Entered...

J LALLS

There are 32 teams entered and listed in alphabetic order.

Bacon	John Bacon, Capt Fred Schenker Stelian Hritcu	Bernie Greenspan Ken Kranyak
Baseggio	Franco Baseggio, Capt Jeff Roman Alex Kolesnik	Andy Stark Ralph Buchalter Steve Price
Bauer	Tracey Bauer, Capt John McAllister	Nicolas Hammond Lilly Justman
Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Doug Doub Bob Blanchard	Fred Stewart Yiji Starr Bill Pollack
Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt John Hinton	John Bishel Jerry Clerkin
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Peter Boyd Chip Martel	Kit Woolsey Steve Robinson Mark Feldman
Brines	Tracy Brines, Capt Ethan Wood Peter Boyd-Bowman	Joyce Goldstein Jane McLaughlin Alix Taylor
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Gloria Bart	Mark Aquino Les Bart
Carmichael	Tom Carmichael, Capt Jenni Carmichael	Nathan Gong Arthur Gong
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Ifti Baqai	Charlie Wilkins Disa Eythorsdottir Mitch Dunitz
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Eric Genheimer Kyle Rockoff	Sarik Goyal Joe Veal Daniel Weiss
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Joe Grue	Sandra Rimstedt Brad Moss Janice Molson
Fox	Jim Fox, Capt Allan Graves Wayne Stuart	Jerry Helms Neil Chambers Jon Rice
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt Glenn Eisenstein Geof Brod	Phil Benner John Rengstorff Pat McDevitt
Hill	Joyce Hill, Capt Shan Huang John Hurd	Kevin Dwyer Kevin Bathurst
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Brian Platnick Jim Krekorian	Reese Milner John Diamond Drew Casen
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold David Berkowitz Mark Lair
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Ron Smith	Linda Lewis Josh Donn
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt David Yang JoAnna Stansby	David Chechelashvili Jonathan Weinstein Li-Chung Chen
Lusky	John Lusky, Capt Frank Merblum Doug Simson	Allan Falk Walter Lee Jeff Aker



Naren Gupta Team	Vinita Gupta Daniel Korbel Michael Rosenberg Ash Gupta, NPC	Zia Mahmood Roger Lee Zach Grossack
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
Parker	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Adam Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Chris Parker David Grainger
Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Melody Bi Maxim Silin	Anton Tsyarkin Alan Watson Carrie Liu
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Joe Viola Hank Youngerman
Rosenberg	Kevin Rosenberg, Capt Finn Kolesnik Brent Xiao	Cynthia Huang Ish DelMonte Cornelius Duffie
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Eldad Ginossar	Debbie Rosenberg Migry Campanile Dana Berkowitz
Stokes	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt Amber Lin Shawn Quinn	Emma Kolesnik Rozanne Pollack Pam Wittes
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Andy Goodman Christal Henner	Steve Zolotow Craig Ganzer Uday Ivatury
Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Farid Assemi Edward Wojewoda	Jessica Lai Jim Slinger Leszek Rabięga
Xiao	Victor Xiao, Capt Jeff Xiao Yaning Zhou	Eric Xiao Dawei Qi Meiyan Duan
Zhang	Qiang Zhang, Capt Jun Shi Serena Guo	Brian Zhang Steve Chen Ethan Liu

Brackets:

CEOS	MAYORS
Bacon	Baseggio
Bauer	Bramley
Beatty	Brines
Bishel	Cappelli
Carmichael	Dawson
Fox	Donnelly
Hill	Donner
Lo	Greenspan
Lusky	Lall
Naren Gupta Team	Levine
Nickell	Lewis
Parker	Reynolds
Rasmussen	Rosenberg
Rosenthal	Stokes
Xiao	Tebha
Zhang	Vance



Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 1			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS
FRIDAY	JAN 14	11:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	JAN 14	12:00 - 1:15	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		1:35 - 2:50	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		3:10 - 4:25	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 50 MINUTE BREAK
		5:15 - 6:30	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
		6:50 - 8:05	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
SATURDAY	JAN 15	12:00 - 1:15	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 51-60
		1:35 - 2:50	ROUND 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		3:10 - 4:25	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 71-80 50 MINUTE BREAK
		5:15 - 6:30	ROUND 9 - BOARDS 1-10
		6:50 - 8:05	ROUND 10 - BOARDS 11-20
SUNDAY	JAN 16	12:00 - 1:15	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 21-30
		1:35 - 2:50	ROUND 12 - BOARDS 31-40
		3:10 - 4:25	ROUND 13 - BOARDS 41-50 50 MINUTE BREAK
		5:15 - 6:30	ROUND 14 - BOARDS 51-60
		6:50 - 8:05	ROUND 15 - BOARDS 61-70
ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2			
MONDAY	JAN 17	12:00 - 1:15	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		1:35 - 2:50	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		3:10 - 4:25	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30 50 MINUTE BREAK
		5:15 - 6:30	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
		6:50 - 8:05	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
TUESDAY	JAN 18	12:00 NOON	
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	JAN 21	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 50 MINUTE BREAK
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	JAN 22	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 50 MINUTE BREAK
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	JAN 23	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 50 MINUTE BREAK
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL			
MONDAY	JAN 24	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 50 MINUTE BREAK
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

USBF 10 Board victory Point Scale

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.

2022 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 JLALL5 EVENT.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EST)

The schedule will be the same each day:

Round 1: 1:15pm

Round 2: 2:50 pm

Round 3: 4:25 pm

Round 4: 6:30 pm

Round 5: 8:05 pm

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EST)

Quarter 1: 12:30 pm

Quarter 2: 2:35 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 6:25 pm

Quarter 4: 8:30 pm



Watching online,
Even delayed,
Is the best way to see
How a hand's bid and played!

To kibitz, go to [the RealBridge kibitzing website](#), enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz.

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #5, you will be taken to a lobby with a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table, as well as the board being played. There will be information about the number of kibitzers and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happened.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen. You 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/Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation.

-- "Rewind" using the slider underneath the "table." Move the handle to the left to go to earlier tricks.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name to get a scorecard for the match.

----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all of 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).

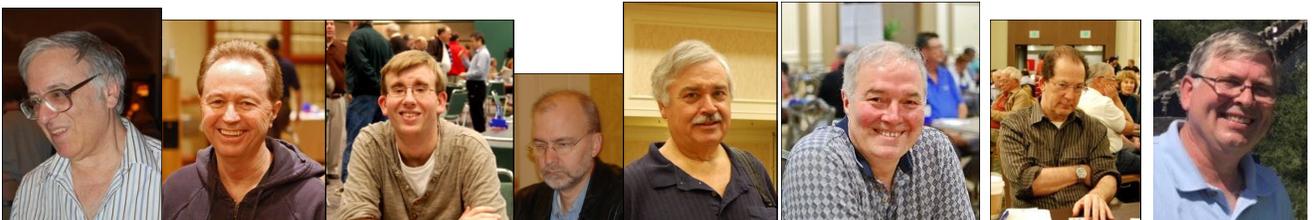
----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

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

TIMING OF DEFERRAL

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

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 sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown because one or two tables are very slow to play the board. **For the second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter is scheduled to be completed, so players will not be able to get useful state of match information. That means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 6:25 EST.**



Taking the Trap Out of the Trap Pass!

Hand 1 (S): ♠ J875, ♥ Q, ♦ 854, ♣ Q10854
 Bd 39, Dlr S, 4♥-4 E
 W Joe Veal, E Eric Genheimer

Hand 2 (S): ♠ K103, ♥ 764, ♦ J632, ♣ J72
 W Steve Zolotow

Hand 3 (S): ♠ Q92, ♥ KJ103, ♦ K7, ♣ AK93

Hand 4 (S): ♠ A64, ♥ A9852, ♦ AQ109, ♣ 6
 W N E S
 P P 1♥ P*
 2♦* P 3♥ P
 4♥ P P P

Steve Zolotow called attention to this hand from the fourth round of play on Friday.

His opponents must have wondered what was going on when he alerted his Pass and typed, "14-17!"

In Zolotow's words, "With a solid 16 HCP, I typed our NT range into the self alert box as 14-17. Then I inadvertently (*ed. Note: probably thinking since he'd clicked at all that he'd bid*), clicked Pass!!! By the time I realized my misclick, the bidding had proceeded P P P 1H. I doubled for takeout, since a 1NT overcall as a passed hand wouldn't be natural."

Steve's opponents, apparently undeterred by the explanation of his pass or his subsequent T/O double, carried on to bid a 4H game!

Steve was afraid to double for fear that this might be interpreted as looking for a sacrifice at favorable vulnerability.

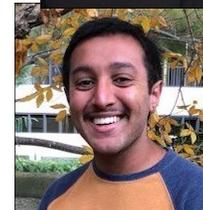
4H went down four undoubled.

Steve says, "It should have been down 5, but my partner was so shocked by the proceedings that she discarded a cashing club when I drew trumps. Our teammates eked out a small plus in 2D at the other table."

Steve led the CA followed by the CK which was ruffed by declarer. Declarer cashed the HA and played the H5 which Steve won with his ten. Steve cashed his king and jack of hearts. He exited his hand with a club to Tebha's queen. Tebha cashed her high club and played a diamond to Steve's king. While Anam was wondering well before this point why Steve hadn't opened, remember that she was unaware that he had alerted his Pass as 14-16! All's well that end's well for the Tebha team...

I would like to have been a fly on the wall for the post mortem! 10 IMPs to Tebha

Thanks Steve for sharing the details and for affording us some much needed comic relief during this Pandemic!





Meet the Players!

David Chechelashvili is a strategy-oriented, high-tech entrepreneur and futurist. David co-founded 5 global startups, mostly in the fields of immersive visualization and AI. His latest startup is now a well-known brand in cinema industry. Currently David is working on his most important startup – his family. He is a husband and a father of two little girls, Mariam and Anastasia. Upon return to Georgia in 2014, David is teaching Innovation-based Entrepreneurship at Ilia State University, soon at Academy of Arts and helping with Technology Commercialization efforts. He is also a mentor at Startup Braga in Portugal and is advising several startups. In addition, he is helping GITA (Georgian Innovation and Technology Agency) and World Bank to kick-off a world-class acceleration program in Georgia.

David is passionate about technology, specifically 3D/VR/AR/XR, AI, Computer Vision and Drones. David is also an avid bridge player (played for national team of Georgia, and professionally in U.S.).

David is playing in the JLall5 on the Lo team in partnership with Ai-Tai Lo.

"Owed" to AutoCorrect!

Eye halve a spelling checker.
It came with my pea sea.
It plainly marcs four my revue
Miss steaks that their may bee.
Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mist ache is maid,
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite.
Its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem threw it
I'm shore your pleased too no:
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My checker tolled me sew!

WHY ENGLISH IS SO HARD

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!



Board 54 Dealer E EW Vul		♠ 7 ♥ K3 ♦ AQJ9 ♣ AKQ964	♠ Q1082 ♥ 984 ♦ K653 ♣ 53	NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣			
♠ 96543 ♥ 62 ♦ 742 ♣ J87	♠ AKJ ♥ AQJ1075 ♦ 108 ♣ 102			N 13 9 13 12 13 S 13 9 13 12 13 E 0 4 0 1 0 W 0 4 0 1 0	Par +1520 7NT= NS		
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score			
Jon Rice & Wayne Stuart	Lilly Justman & John McAllister	7NT= N	♣5	1520			
Jenni Carmichael & Tom Carmichael	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	7NT= N	♥9	1520			
David Chechelashvili & Ai-Tai Lo	Victor Xiao & Jeff Xiao	7NT= S	♠4	1520			
Steve Robinson & Peter Boyd	Daniel Weiss & Kyle Rockoff	7NT= N	♣5	1520			
Brad Moss & Joe Grue	Grant Vance & Jessica Lai	7NT= N	♠2	1520			
Farid Assemi & Jim Slinger	Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	7NT= N	♥9	1520			
John Diamond & Brian Platnick	Pam Wittes & Shawn Quinn	7NT= S	♦2	1520			
Jerry Clerkin & John Hinton	Alfred Schenker & Bernie Greenspan	7♥= S	♥2	1510			
Brian Zhang & Qiang Zhang	Kevin Dwyer & Joyce Hill	7♥= S	♣7	1510			
Eric Xiao & Dawei Qi	David Yang & Jonathan Weinstein	7♥= S	♦2	1510			
Walter Lee & Frank Merblum	Eldad Ginossar & Dana Berkowitz	7♥= S	♦2	1510			
Chris Willenken & Migry Campanile	John Lusky & Allan Falk	7♥= S	♦2	1510			
Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	Adam Grossack & Chris Parker	7♥= S	♠3	1510			
Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	7♥= S	♣7	1510			
Ralph Buchalter & Jeff Roman	Mark Aquino & Bob Cappelli	7♥= S	♣7	1510			
Les Bart & Gloria Bart	Steve Price & Alex Kolesnik	7♥= S	♦7	1510			
Sarik Goyal & Chris Donnelly	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	7♥= S	♦4	1510			
Tracy Brines & Joyce Goldstein	Ifti Baqai & Mitch Dunitz	7♥= S	♥2	1510			
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Geof Brod & Pat Mcdevitt	7♥= S	♥2	1510			
Mike Levine & Eddie Wold	Finn Kolesnik & Brent Xiao	7♥= S	♦2	1510			
Kevin Rosenberg & Cynthia Huang	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	7♥= S	♦2	1510			
Paul Lewis & Linda Lewis	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	7♥= S	♥2	1510			
Glenn Eisenstein & John Rengstorff	Craig Ganzer & Andy Goodman	6NT+1 S	♠4	1020			
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Josh Donn & Ron Smith	6NT+1 N	♠2	1020			
John Bacon & Stelian Hritcu	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	6♥+1 S	♣7	1010			
Tracey Bauer & Nicolas Hammond	Neil Chambers & Allan Graves	6♥+1 S	♦7	1010			
John Hurd & Kevin Bathurst	Ethan Liu & Jun Shi	6♥+1 S	♦2	1010			
Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	Ethan Wood & Jane Mclaughlin	6♥+1 S	♠3	1010			
Bill Pollack & Bob Blanchard	Arthur Gong & Nathan Gong	6♣+1 N	♥4	940			
Michael Rosenberg & Vinita Gupta	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	6♣+1 N	♠2	940			
Melody Bi & Alan Watson	Zia Mahmood & Zach Grossack	6♣+1 N	♠8	940			
Cheri Bjerkan & Rozanne Pollack	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	6♣+1 N	♠8	940			

It is not surprising that with only 34 combined HCP, ten North/South pairs missed the grand slam.

On the other hand, it is always surprising when more than half the field bids a grand no matter how many points they hold!

It was easy for Clerkin and Hinton to bid to 7H in the Bishel/ Bacon match. Hinton opened the South hand 1C showing 16+ on his 15. Clerkin, looking at 19 of his own, took six rounds of bidding in which he established hearts as the strain of choice and asked for keycards.

On a non-diamond lead, hearts is a better grand than NT because declarer has the option to ruff out the club suit if the jack doesn't fall in three rounds. On a diamond lead, one of dummy's entries is removed and both NT and hearts depend on a favorable lie in clubs. There are squeeze possibilities in NT but they exist in hearts as well.

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

Hot and Spicy Chicken Breasts

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

- ½ C (75 g) ketchup
- ¼ C (59 ml) chicken broth
- 1 Tbsp (15 g) chili garlic sauce
- 1 tsp (4 g) sugar
- 1 Tbsp (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

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.



Directions

MARINADE

Rinse chicken, pat dry and cut crosswise into ½-in (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.**
- **Cook time: 4 minutes.**
- **Makes 4 servings.**

(Recipes, Continued on page 9)



Fruit Butter...

Ingredients

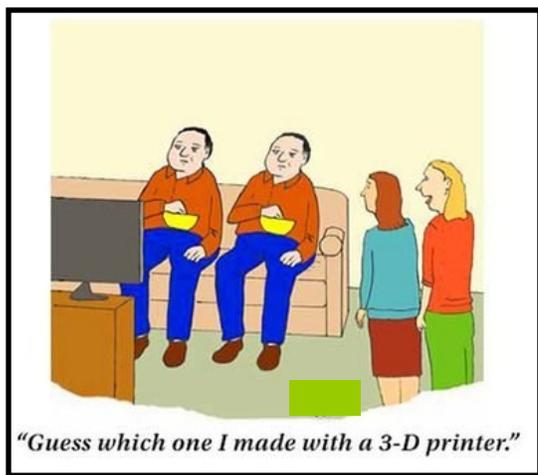
- 1 C (152 g) dried cherries
- 1 C (152 g) dried cranberries
- ½ C (96 g) sugar
- ¾ C (177 ml) water
- 1 Tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice
- ½ C (118 ml) orange juice

Directions

Combine all ingredients in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat; simmer 15 minutes. Transfer to a food processor; blend until mostly smooth (mixture will be thick). Cool to room temperature, place in an airtight container and refrigerate; lasts up to 10 days.

- **Prep time: 5 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 15 minutes.**
- **Makes 12 servings.**

(Recipes, Continued on page 10)



Cream of Chanterelle Soup with Arugula

Ingredients

- 2 tsp (10 ml) olive oil
- 1 Tbsp (13 g) onion, finely chopped
- ½ tsp (1.5 g) garlic, minced
- 8 oz (227 g) fresh chanterelle mushrooms, sliced
- 1 tsp (2.6 g) flour for dusting
- 2 Tbsp (30 ml) white wine
- 3½ C (828 ml) chicken broth
- 1 C (236 ml) heavy cream
- 4 oz (113 g) baby arugula
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tsp (1 g) fresh chives, chopped

Directions

In a medium saucepan, heat olive oil and sauté onion and garlic until transparent, about 4 minutes. Add chanterelles; sauté an additional 3 minutes. Sprinkle in flour; add white wine and chicken stock, stirring to combine; simmer 30 minutes. Stir in heavy cream; simmer another 5 minutes. Add arugula and gently fold in, cooking until just wilted. Season with salt and pepper and serve in pre-warmed bowls garnished with chives.

- **Prep time: 5 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 44 minutes.**
- **Makes 4 servings.**



Playing with humans
Just isn't fair.
They rotate the hands
So we can't declare!



Making a meal of every deal!

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

Sudoku

Answers on Page 16

Sudoku 2

		4	5			7	
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		3		6			5
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						4	2
5				7	6	9	



Slow play leads to boredom!

Today my son walked over and said "could I have a book mark"? I burst into tears. 11-years-old and he still doesn't know my name is Brian?

I'm working on a device that reads minds. I'd love to hear your thoughts.

What washes up on very small beaches?
Microwaves.

I have a speed bump phobia. I'm slowly getting over it.



**SOLUTION to Logic
Puzzle on page 14**



- Colleen Dobson, Lynne, 3:10 pm, ballet
- Donno Johnson, Capri, 3:30 pm, chess
- Josh Steinway, Cathy, 3:25 pm, football
- Margie Walsh, Ann, 3:00 pm, fencing
- Mary Holden, David, 3:20 pm, hiking

Bd 75, Dlr S 6♥ = E		♠ J872 ♥ — ♦ AJ743 ♣ Q963	N John Lusky																														
W Jun Shi ♠ AK654 ♥ Q73 ♦ Q985 ♣ 2		♠ Q10 ♥ AK98652 ♦ 10 ♣ KJ5	E Ethan Liu																														
Allan Falk S 0 0		♠ 93 ♥ J104 ♦ K62 ♣ A10874	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1♠</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td>2♥</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3♥</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td>3♠</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4♣</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td>4NT</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5♠</td> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td>6♥</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>P</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		W	N	E	S	1♠	P		2♥	P	3♥	P		3♠	P	4♣	P		4NT	P	5♠	P		6♥	P		P			P
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Ethan Liu and Jun Shi had an obvious misunderstanding to land in 6H off two cashing aces. Jun Shi answered quite strangely to 4NT. He did have two keycards if the suit was spades and he did have the trump queen if the suit was hearts. Their system summary shows RKC 1430!

Liu must have believed his partner had the minor suit aces and the heart queen when he bid 6H. He could have passed 5S and hoped for the best if he knew what had happened. 5S would probably have been defeated with the defense collecting two minor suit aces and probable trump trick.

As it was, Allan Falk led the CA against 6H. It went 2,3,5. Clearly Lusky thought this was suit preference for diamonds, however, Falk knew his opponents had asked for keycards so it was impossible for Lusky to hold the DA. What to do?? Allan thought a diamond from the king was too risky and he led a spade. Ethan let it run to his QT.

Ethan ruffed a club, cashed three rounds of hearts and claimed 12 tricks.

At the other table in this match, Simson, East, and Aker, West, had this auction: 3H showed exactly five spades and three hearts. 3S asked about spades. 4H showed short clubs and minimum values.

They, no doubt, expected this board to be a push.

Four hearts made five after Guo led a diamond and Simson had to lose two minor suit aces.

11 IMPs to Zhang

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

Helpful Information from RealBridge Personnel:

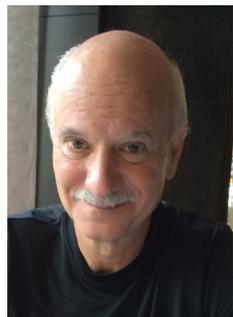
RealBridge has suggested that there are some problems caused by current Apple systems, and have given us instructions on what to do about them; you can ignore this if you're on a PC or an Android tablet:

If you are using a Macintosh computer with the Monterey OS, or Safari 15, and have had problems, please look at [this link](https://realbridge.online/media-support-macos-monterey.htm).

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Fun and Games Page



The Golden Girls

Find and circle all of the words and names from *The Golden Girls* TV show. The remaining letters spell the name of a spinoff of *The Golden Girls*.

C S O U T H E R N B E L L E
 H T S R U H T R A A E B H R
 E S T E L L E G E T T Y U E
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 S L N C R O H Y D B M O D R
 E D O O P C E D E C H S O I
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 S P I H S N O I T A L E R I
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 E N R E S H A D Y P I N E S

BEA ARTHUR	COMEDY	RUE MCCLANAHAN
BETTY WHITE	DOROTHY	RUSTY ANCHOR
BIG DADDY	ESTELLE GETTY	SHADY PINES
BLANCHE	FRIENDSHIP	SITCOM
CHARLEY	MIAMI	SOPHIA
CHEESECAKE	MILES	SOUTHERN BELLE
CLAYTON	RELATIONSHIPS	ST OLAF
COCO	ROSE	STAN



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

In Memory of Betty White...

Today at the store the cashier gave me two pennies in change and said have a good day, don't spend it all at once. I said thank you for your two cents.

I thought about becoming a witch so I tried it for a spell.

All the toilets in the NYPD Headquarters have been stolen. The police apparently have nothing to go on.

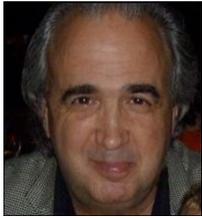
What do you call Dracula with hay fever? The pollen count.

What did Mars say to Saturn? Give me a ring sometime.

What do you call an attractive volcano? Lava-ble.

What do you call a happy cowboy? A jolly rancher.





	Dobson	Holden	Johnson	Steinway	Walsh	Ann	Capri	Cathy	David	Lynne	3:00	3:10	3:20	3:25	3:30	ballet	chess	fencing	football	hiking	
Colleen																					
Donno																					
Josh																					
Margie																					
Mary																					
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Ann																					
Capri																					
Cathy																					
David																					
Lynne																					

**Answer
on
Page 11**

Five parents pick-up their children at the Parkway Elementary School every Tuesday to take them to their afterschool activities. Colleen and the four other children all attended a different afterschool activity and their parents always arrive at different times (between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm). Determine each child's full name, the first name of the parent picking them up (all the parents' last names are the same as their child's), the time each was picked up, and the activity each child attends.

1. Margie's best friend's mother, Mrs. Dobson, arrived before Cathy came to pick up her son. Mrs. Walsh picked up her daughter for fencing.
 2. Josh Steinway loved football as much as Donno liked chess, and they both liked being the last two to be picked up.
 3. David Holden picked up his daughter for her hiking as soon as he could, but Lynne was always there before he was.
 4. Margie liked being the first one picked up but she didn't take ballet or hiking.
 5. Lynne's daughter was not Margie.
- In order of their departure from school: Ann, the girl who took ballet, Mary Holden, the boy who took football, and Capri Johnson.

Logic Puzzle

♠ J8		N John Diamond	
Bd 15, Dlr S	♥ 8532		
4♠ = E	♦ Q986		
W Cynthia Huang	♣ 1085	Kevin Rosenberg E	
♠ AK75	♠ Q9643		
♥ QJ96	♥ A1074		
♦ J5	♦ 104		
♣ 972	♣ A4		
		W N E S	
♠ 102	♥ K	X* P*	4♠ P
♦ AK732	♣ KQJ63	P P	
Brian Platnick S			

On Board 15 of the last set yesterday, Kevin Rosenberg took advantage of the opponents' bidding to make a vulnerable game thinking it through by turning an odds off play into an odds on play.



Platnick opened the South hand 1C showing 16+ HCP. Cynthia Huang doubled for the majors and John Diamond passed showing 0-5 HCP. Kevin jumped to 4S.



Platnick led the DA and switched to the CK. Kevin ducked and Platnick cashed his DK. The CJ followed to Kevin's ace. Kevin cashed two rounds of spades ending in dummy and trumped dummy's club loser.

Since South had not bid any natural suits, Rosenberg did not know South's distribution. He did, however, know that South showed 16+ HCP. Once North played the SJ, South could not get to 16 HCP without the HK. Rosenberg led a spade to dummy and led the HQ. When North followed small, Kevin backed up this thinking by rising with the HA and was rewarded when the king magically appeared.



At other tables, South opened 1D and rebid 3C revealing their distribution. Two declarers decided that South needed the HK to justify bidding freely at the three level. Both Ifty Baqai and Joel Wooldridge played as Kevin did and succeeded.



It is only fitting that on Sabbath, those who applied the Rabbi's Rule were rewarded!



News and Views...

For those actively following the Bridge Winners chain, **ACBL Seeks Candidate for WBF Rep**, four players have declared themselves as candidates:

- Georgia Heth
- Bill Pollack
- Brian Glubok
- AJ Stephani

The election will be held on Monday at a special meeting of the ACBL BOD.



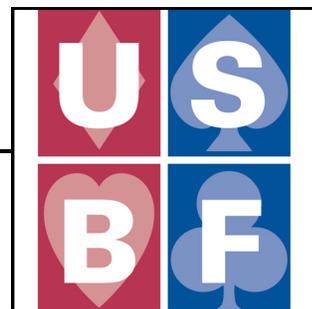
Puzzle Answers:

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

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

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

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We hope you will join us.





Board 60
Dealer W
NS Vul

♠ AQJ2
♥ 106
♦ Q1075
♣ Q62

♠ K87
♥ Q74
♦ J82
♣ AJ104

♠ 1096
♥ KJ93
♦ K64
♣ 873

♠ 543
♥ A852
♦ A93
♣ K95

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	9	9	7	9	7
S	9	9	8	9	8
E	4	4	5	4	4
W	4	4	5	4	5

Par +600 3NT= NS

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Eric Xiao & Dawei Qi	David Yang & Jonathan Weinstein	3NT= N	♠ 10	600
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Geof Brod & Pat Mcdevitt	3NT= N	♠ 10	600
Brian Zhang & Qiang Zhang	Kevin Dwyer & Joyce Hill	3♥-4 E	♥ 2	200
Jon Rice & Wayne Stuart	Lilly Justman & John McAllister	1NT+3 N	♠ 10	180
Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	Adam Grossack & Chris Parker	1NT+3 S	♣ 10	180
Ralph Buchalter & Jeff Roman	Mark Aquino & Bob Cappelli	2NT+2 S	♣ J	180
Jenni Carmichael & Tom Carmichael	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	2NT+1 S	♦ 2	150
John Hurd & Kevin Bathurst	Ethan Liu & Jun Shi	1NT+2 N	♠ 9	150
Michael Rosenberg & Vinita Gupta	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	1NT-3 W	♦ 5	150
Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	1NT-3 W	♦ 5	150
Cheri Bjerkan & Rozanne Pollack	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	1NT-3 W	♦ 5	150
Brad Moss & Joe Grue	Grant Vance & Jessica Lai	2♠+1 N	♠ 10	140
Paul Lewis & Linda Lewis	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	1♠+1 N	♦ 4	110
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Josh Donn & Ron Smith	2♠= N	♠ 9	110
David Chechelashvili & Ai-Tai Lo	Victor Xiao & Jeff Xiao	1NT-2 E	♠ 5	100
Chris Willenken & Migry Campanile	John Lusky & Allan Falk	1♥-2 W	♥ 10	100
Melody Bi & Alan Watson	Zia Mahmood & Zach Grossack	1NT-2 W	♦ 5	100
Les Bart & Gloria Bart	Steve Price & Alex Kolesnik	1NTX-1 W	♣ 2	100
Steve Robinson & Peter Boyd	Daniel Weiss & Kyle Rockoff	2♥-2 W	♦ 7	100
Farid Assemi & Jim Slinger	Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	1NT-2 W	♦ 5	100
Bill Pollack & Bob Blanchard	Arthur Gong & Nathan Gong	1NT-1 W	♠ Q	50
Walter Lee & Frank Merblum	Eldad Ginossar & Dana Berkowitz	1NT-1 W	♦ 5	50
Glenn Eisenstein & John Rengstorff	Craig Ganzer & Andy Goodman	1NT-1 W	♠ Q	50
Mike Levine & Eddie Wold	Finn Kolesnik & Brent Xiao	1NT-1 W	♦ 5	50
John Bacon & Stelian Hritcu	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	Passed out		—
Jerry Clerkin & John Hinton	Alfred Schenker & Bernie Greenspan	Passed out		—
Tracey Bauer & Nicolas Hammond	Neil Chambers & Allan Graves	Passed out		—
Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	Ethan Wood & Jane Mclaughlin	Passed out		—
John Diamond & Brian Platnick	Pam Wittes & Shawn Quinn	= / =		
Kevin Rosenberg & Cynthia Huang	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	Passed out		—
Sarik Goyal & Chris Donnelly	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	1NT= W	♦ 5	90
Tracy Brines & Joyce Goldstein	Ifti Baqai & Mitch Dunitz	1NT+1 W	♥ 10	120

It isn't often that one sees a Board where five tables passed the hand out and two tables bid the vulnerable 3NT game North/South!

In fact, NT was played at some level from North or South seven times. It was played at some level from East or West thirteen times!!

Below are the two tables where 3NT was bid and made:

Hand details for Eric Xiao (North) and David Yang (East):

- Eric Xiao (North):** ♠ AQJ2, ♥ 106, ♦ Q1075, ♣ Q62
- David Yang (East):** ♠ 1096, ♥ KJ93, ♦ K64, ♣ 873

Hand details for Jonathan Weinstein (West) and Dawei Qi (South):

- Jonathan Weinstein (West):** ♠ K87, ♥ Q74, ♦ J82, ♣ AJ104
- Dawei Qi (South):** ♠ 543, ♥ A852, ♦ A93, ♣ K95

Bidding summary:

W	N	E	S
P	1♦	P	1♥
P	1NT	P	2NT
P	3NT	P	P

At the first table, it is unclear why Eric Xiao accepted his partner's 2NT invitation since his 11 HCP would seem minimum.

On the other hand, Eric is a junior and juniors are known to be aggressive and optimistic. Eric was certainly right on this hand. David Yang led the ST, Eric winning Weinstein's king with the ace. Eric played a diamond to the ace and finessed against the DJ, Yang winning his king. Yang played the C8, ducked to Eric's queen and Eric played a club to the king and ace. Weinstein cashed his two high clubs and exited the S8 to Eric's queen. Eric had two high spades, two high diamonds, and one high heart to claim nine tricks... contract making!

11 IMPs to Xiao when Jeff Xiao and Victor Xiao played 1NT E/W going down two at the other table in this match. Their opponents never took a call:

W	N	E	S
1♣	P	1♦*	P
1♥*	P	1NT	P
P	P		

Jeff Chechelashvili Victor Lo

The other table where 3NT was played N/S was in the Tebha/Greenspan match. Anam Tebha was declarer. At the table, 3C was explained as "forced," however, 2NT was not explained as being a "force" so it appears there was a glitch in the bidding. Like the hand on page 5 where Zolotow had the lucky(?) misclick, Tebha/Zolotow again landed on their feet.

Brod led the ST, Tebha winning her ace. Tebha played a diamond to the nine, losing to McDevitt's jack. McDevitt returned a spade which Tebha won in hand. She played the DQ; Brod covered with the king and dummy won his ace. Tebha played a club to her queen and cashed the jack and another spade. She cashed the DT and another diamond and played a heart to the ace. With nine tricks in the bank, she scored up the game, conceding the last three tricks to East/West.

11 IMPs to Tebha when Goodman/Ganzer played 1S E/W at the other table making +80.

Hand details for Anam Tebha (North) and Geof Brod (East):

- Anam Tebha (North):** ♠ AQJ2, ♥ 106, ♦ Q1075, ♣ Q62
- Geof Brod (East):** ♠ 1096, ♥ KJ93, ♦ K64, ♣ 873

Hand details for Pat Mcdevitt (West) and Steve Zolotow (South):

- Pat Mcdevitt (West):** ♠ K87, ♥ Q74, ♦ J82, ♣ AJ104
- Steve Zolotow (South):** ♠ 543, ♥ A852, ♦ A93, ♣ K95

Bidding summary:

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

♠ 103		N Melody Bi	
Bd 68, Dir W		♥ A876542	
6♥ = N		♦ 1085	
W Doug Doub		♣ K	
Yiji Starr E			
♠ Q9862		♠ 5	
♥ 103		♥ QJ	
♦ J76		♦ AQ9432	
♣ J95		♣ Q1086	
♠ AKJ74		W N E S	
♥ K9		P 3♥ P 4NT	
♦ K		P 5♣ P P	
♣ A7432		P P	
Alan Watson S			

Melody Bi and Alan Watson were the only pair to reach 6H on Board 68 in the 7th round. Most North players chose to open 2H or Pass in first seat. With seven or eight losers and a mediocre suit, the North hand does not meet everyone's conventional requirements for a vulnerable three-level preempt.

Melody chose to be aggressive. With no real defense, going down 800 against the opponents' vulnerable game would not be a disaster.

Watson assumed that his hand could easily provide six winners. Watson calculated that slam would have a play so long as there were not two quick losers. Accordingly, he bid 4NT (RKC) and when Bi showed one keycard, he jumped to the slam.

Yiji Starr led her singleton spade. Bi won the SA and played the DK. Starr won the ace and played a heart, won by dummy's king. Declarer led a club to her king and trumped a diamond in dummy. Bi had the CA on which to discard a diamond. She

trumped a club, drew the remaining trumps and claimed 12 tricks for +1430.

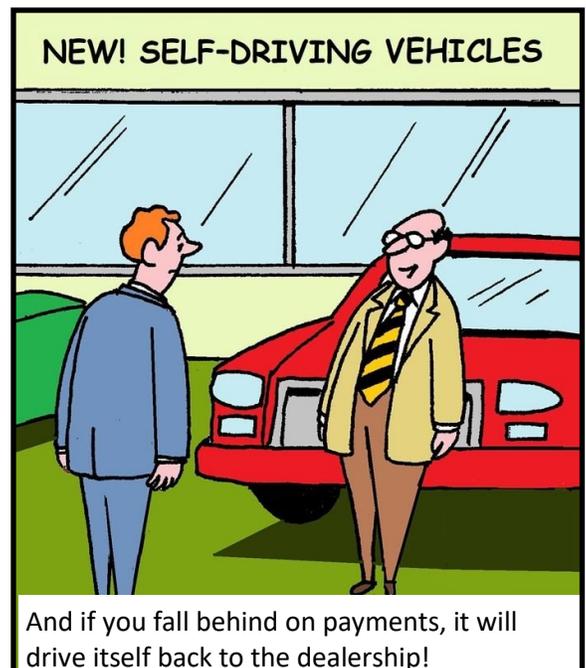
13 IMPs to Rasmussen

Looking closely at this hand, it first appears that a trump lead might present a problem in 6H. But since the clubs divide 4-3, declarer can win the trump in hand, cash the CK and cross to dummy with the HK to cash the CA and trump a club. A spade can follow for a second club ruff and declarer still has twelve tricks without trumping a diamond in dummy.

Of course, this assumes that declarer chooses to play for the club break rather than attacking spades.

♠ 103		N Sandra Rimstedt	
Bd 68, Dir W		♥ A876542	
4♥ + 2 N		♦ 1085	
W Reese Milner		♣ K	
Hemant Lall E			
♠ Q9862		♠ 5	
♥ 103		♥ QJ	
♦ J76		♦ AQ9432	
♣ J95		♣ Q1086	
♠ AKJ74		W N E S	
♥ K9		P 3♥ P 4♣*	
♦ K		P 4♥* P P	
♣ A7432		P P	
Janice Molson S			

When Sandra Rimstedt held the North cards, she also opened 3H. Janice Molson bid 4C (Special Keycard). Rimstedt responded 4H showing one keycard without the trump queen and Molson signed off in 4H.



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W	N	E	S
P	P	3♦	X
P	4♥	P	4♠
P	5♣	P	P
P			

The most unusual result on this board occurred in the Dawson/Lewis match.

Paul Lewis passed in first seat. While most players would open 1D with 11 HCPs and a singleton, Ifti Baqai opened 3D. His 6-4 distribution makes a preempt look attractive.

Linda Lewis made a takeout double and Paul jumped to 4H. Linda bid 4S. Paul assumed this was a cuebid (or kickback?).

Paul responded 5C. Linda passed!! And Paul found himself playing in his cuebid.

5C was defeated three tricks for a loss of 14 IMPs.

What do you call a ghost's true love? His ghoul-friend.

Why did the pun fail his English class? Because he didn't use proper pun-ctuation.

I saw an ad that said "television for sale, \$1, volume stuck on full" and I thought to myself, I can't turn that down.

How did the picture end up in jail? It was framed.

Where do pencils go on vacation? Pencil-vania.

Why did the book join the police? He wanted to go undercover.

Why did the police go to the daycare center? A three-year-old was resisting a rest.

What did the ghost teacher say to his class? Look at the board and I will go through it again.

Once, there was a lumberjack who wandered into a magical forest. As he swung his axe at a tree, the tree said "don't cut me down, I'm a talking tree!" The lumberjack replied, "and you will dialogue."

What kind of songs do the planets sing? Nep-tunes.

What did the judge say when the skunk came into the courtroom? Odor in the court.

Pun-tification!

jlall5 - Round Robin Stage 1 (thru R10 possible boards = 100)

played at least 40% of boards

<i>rank</i>	<i>partnership</i>	<i>totalimps</i>	<i>#boards</i>	<i>avg</i>
1	Anam Tebha - Steve Zolotow	75.25	60	1.25
2	Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson	91.55	80	1.14
3	David Berkowitz - Jeff Meckstroth	87.52	80	1.09
4	Meiyan Duan - Yaning Zhou	72.77	70	1.04
5	Josh Donn - Ron Smith	103.80	100	1.04
6	Cynthia Huang - Kevin Rosenberg	61.42	60	1.02
7	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	83.68	90	0.93
8	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	64.35	70	0.92
9	Kevin Dwyer - Shan Huang	44.42	50	0.89
10	Anton Tsympkin - Jim Rasmussen	70.82	80	0.89
11	Dawei Qi - Eric Xiao	53.04	60	0.88
12	David Yang - Jonathan Weinstein	61.54	70	0.88
13	Andy Stark - Franco Baseggio	52.63	60	0.88
14	Finn Kolesnik - Ish DelMonte	56.54	70	0.81
15	Alix Taylor - Peter Boyd-Bowman	43.11	60	0.72
16	Adam Grossack - David Grainger	30.47	50	0.61
17	Daniel Weiss - Kyle Rockoff	42.20	70	0.60
18	Daniel Korbel - Roger Lee	34.61	60	0.58
19	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	57.07	100	0.57
20	Dana Berkowitz - Eldad Ginossar	30.27	60	0.50
21	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	31.80	70	0.45
22	Andrew Rosenthal - Debbie Rosenberg	31.66	70	0.45
23	John McAllister - Lilly Justman	42.21	100	0.42
24	Alfred Schenker - Bernie Greenspan	37.56	100	0.38
25	Jenni Carmichael - Tom Carmichael	36.70	100	0.37
26	John Bacon - Ken Kranyak	12.61	40	0.32
27	Disa Eythorsdottir - Mark Itabashi	21.32	70	0.30
28	Jon Rice - Wayne Stuart	13.02	50	0.26
29	Ifti Baqai - Mitch Dunitz	24.20	100	0.24
30	Doug Simson - Jeff Aker	15.71	70	0.22
31	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	13.91	70	0.20
32	Hemant Lall - Reese Milner	12.88	70	0.18
33	Doug Doub - Yiji Starr	12.77	70	0.18
34	Christal Henner - Uday Ivatury	13.06	80	0.16
35	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	12.95	100	0.13
36	Drew Casen - Jim Krekorian	8.95	70	0.13
37	Ai-Tai Lo - David Chechelashvili	6.29	60	0.10
38	Jon Greenspan - Phil Benner	4.48	50	0.09
39	Serena Guo - Steve Chen	3.34	50	0.07
40	Lance Kerr - Tom Reynolds	4.05	80	0.05
41	Brent Xiao - Cornelius Duffie	1.53	40	0.04
42	Pam Wittes - Shawn Quinn	1.15	60	0.02
43	Allan Graves - Neil Chambers	-0.27	90	0.00
44	Joyce Goldstein - Tracy Brines	-1.83	70	-0.03
45	JoAnna Stansby - Li-Chung Chen	-4.92	70	-0.07

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46	Chris Willenken - Migry Campanile	-5.10	70	-0.07
47	Ethan Liu - Jun Shi	-4.52	60	-0.08
48	Bill Pollack - Bob Blanchard	-5.35	60	-0.09
49	Bill Hall - Joe Viola	-6.73	60	-0.11
50	Janice Molson - Sandra Rimstedt	-5.12	40	-0.13
51	Glenn Eisenstein - John Rengstorff	-11.50	70	-0.16
52	Cheri Bjerkan - Rozanne Pollack	-14.16	80	-0.18
53	Frank Merblum - Walter Lee	-11.30	60	-0.19
54	Alex Kolesnik - Steve Price	-15.14	80	-0.19
55	Mark Lair - Mike Passell	-16.53	70	-0.24
56	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	-16.25	60	-0.27
57	Gary Donner - Sandra Rimstedt	-16.28	60	-0.27
58	Linda Lewis - Paul Lewis	-29.61	100	-0.30
59	John Bishel - Tom Bishel	-30.31	100	-0.30
60	Fred Stewart - Steve Beatty	-22.80	70	-0.33
61	David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge	-14.16	40	-0.35
62	Adam Grossack - Chris Parker	-17.97	50	-0.36
63	Alan Watson - Melody Bi	-21.60	60	-0.36
64	Allan Falk - John Lusky	-28.34	70	-0.40
65	Ethan Wood - Jane Mclaughlin	-30.51	70	-0.44
66	Jeff Roman - Ralph Buchalter	-32.39	60	-0.54
67	Carrie Liu - Maxim Silin	-32.83	60	-0.55
68	Brian Platnick - John Diamond	-33.90	60	-0.57
69	Hank Youngerman - Randy Howard	-37.86	60	-0.63
70	Jerry Helms - Jim Fox	-38.37	60	-0.64
71	Gloria Bart - Les Bart	-64.65	100	-0.65
72	John Bacon - Stelian Hritcu	-38.80	60	-0.65
73	Geof Brod - Pat Mcdevitt	-38.88	60	-0.65
74	Amber Lin - Emma Kolesnik	-33.19	50	-0.66
75	Bob Cappelli - Mark Aquino	-76.40	100	-0.76
76	Arthur Gong - Nathan Gong	-81.97	100	-0.82
77	Jerry Clerkin - John Hinton	-82.05	100	-0.82
78	Edward Wojewoda - Ieszek rabiega	-65.82	80	-0.82
79	Andy Goodman - Craig Ganzer	-50.75	60	-0.85
80	Eddie Wold - Mike Levine	-42.80	50	-0.86
81	Farid Assemi - Jim Slinger	-52.48	60	-0.87
82	Jeff Xiao - Victor Xiao	-46.83	50	-0.94
83	Grant Vance - Jessica Lai	-58.15	60	-0.97
84	Nicolas Hammond - Tracey Bauer	-98.12	100	-0.98
85	Joel Wooldridge - Stewart Rubenstein	-65.81	60	-1.10
86	Eric Genheimer - Joe Veal	-48.52	40	-1.21
87	Chris Donnelly - Sarik Goyal	-95.59	72	-1.33
88	Joyce Hill - Kevin Dwyer	-70.72	50	-1.41
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