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We Remember:



Results:

JLall Online Teams #5 2022 2nd Round Robin

Teams are displayed in current ranking order. The first 6 teams have their totals in red (6 qualify). The team numbers are the ones used in this round robin. Click on the team name or number to see the team information page including team members, photos, and system summaries. Put your cursor on the team name to display its members.

NOTE: Yellow cells indicate matches from 1st Round Robin. Those VPs are included in the carryover

PDF Hand records matches 01-03

Team Name	Total	Carry Over	21	27	7	4	31	35	16	34	9	15
21. Baseggio	183.48	124.47		rr1	6.86	14.00	rr1	rr1	10.39	rr1	9.61	18.15
27. Donner	179.73	123.46	rr1		16.59	7.82	rr1	rr1	12.18	rr1	7.17	12.51
7. Hill	175.34	121.30	13.14	3.41		rr1	10.77	12.18	rr1	14.54	rr1	rr1
4. Bishel	170.33	107.48	6.00	12.18	rr1		14.00	14.28	rr1	16.39	rr1	rr1
31. Lewis	170.06	130.79	rr1	rr1	9.23	6.00		rr1	3.82	rr1	4.25	15.97
35. Tebha	165.69	112.63	rr1	rr1	7.82	5.72	rr1		9.23	rr1	14.54	15.75
16. Zhang	165.02	115.18	9.61	7.82	rr1	rr1	16.18	10.77		5.46	rr1	rr1
34. Stokes	157.32	101.83	rr1	rr1	5.46	3.61	rr1	rr1	14.54		16.59	15.29
9. Lusky	156.43	108.59	10.39	12.83	rr1	rr1	15.75	5.46	rr1	3.41		rr1
15. Xiao	138.12	115.79	1.85	7.49	rr1	rr1	4.03	4.25	rr1	4.71	rr1	

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Today at 1pm Central there is a team captains' meeting where Gupta, Rosenberg, Bramley & Rasmussen will choose their opponents! As soon as the meeting ends, the Round of 16 Brackets will be posted on the USBF site!

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**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 5**

Teams Entered...

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There are 32 teams entered and listed in alphabetic order.

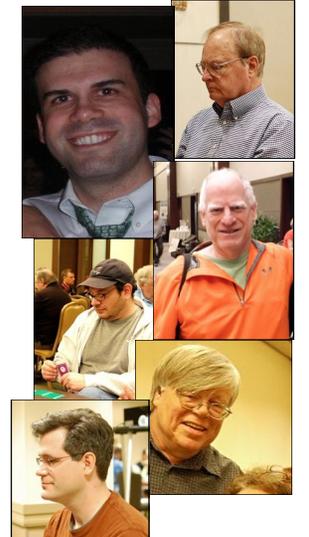
Bacon	John Bacon, Capt Fred Schenker Stelian Hritcu	Bernie Greenspan Ken Kranyak
Baseggio	Franco Baseggio, Capt Jeff Roman Alex Kolesnik	Andy Stark Ralph Buchalter Steve Price
Bauer	Tracey Bauer, Capt John McAllister	Nicolas Hammond Lilly Justman
Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Doug Doub Bob Blanchard	Fred 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

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

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.

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



Bridge News...

In the Special ACBL BOD meeting yesterday, AJ Stephanie was elected to be the ACBL candidate for WBF Representative starting later this year. AJ will replace Al Levy who has "aged out" of the position.



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)

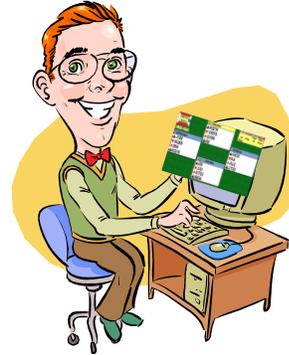
Quarter 1: 12:30 pm

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).

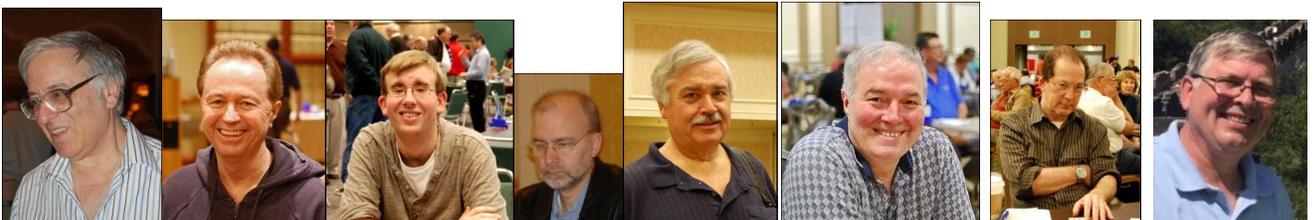
----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

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.**



On Monday, we showcased Board 23 on pages 17 and 18. It was a tough hand from both the standpoint of the defense and the offensive. We included stories from several tables but not all...

After reading his Sunday bulletin, Jerry Clerkin shared what happened at his table and it is well worth sharing here:

Bd 23, Dlr S 3NT-1 W		♠ A107 ♥ AJ3 ♦ J864 ♣ 1096	N Jerry Clerkin												
W Jeff Aker		♠ K4 ♥ Q62 ♦ AK105 ♣ AK73	Doug Simson E												
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Jerry led the CT against 3NT... as did several others. Aker won the queen in dummy and played a small heart to his queen. **Clerkin played his HJ!!!** Jerry hoped his partner held the HT and he could create an entry to Hinton's hand to get a spade through the Kx.

Aker abandoned hearts!

He tried three rounds of diamonds ending in dummy and played towards his SK for a ninth trick.

The defense cashed out its spades and defeated the hand one trick.

Jerry wrote, "I think he should have tried clubs and diamonds first and then led up to the heart K. If RHO has the A10 of hearts, Aker will still get a chance to play on spades and can try the K then..."

In the discussion, Jerry adds that he doesn't think "many would figure all that out at the table."

Both Bishel and Lusky made it into RR2. Luckily for Clerkin, they won't play the teams that were in their early bracket in the second RoundRobin.

False cards don't work as well when the opponents know you use them!

Revisiting Board 23 from Sunday's Play



Meet the Players!



Eldad “Gino” Ginossar, originally from Israel, is now living in Chicago, where his wife is teaching at the University of Chicago. Eldad and his wife share an adorable young son.

Ginossar, born June 14, 1981, is a professional bridge player and author. He won the European Open Teams Championship in Antalya, Turkey, in June, 2007, in partnership with Ron Pachtman with teammates, Michel and Thomas Bessis.

Ginossar won both the Israeli Open pairs Championship and the Israeli Interface Message Processor Pairs Championship in 2007, completing an unprecedented series of victories in a single year.

His greatest achievement in a world championship is 3rd place in the Rosenblum Cup in 2006.

Gino considers his greatest accomplishment winning the Mixed Championship in Israel 2 years in a row.

In 2011, Eldad explained that like some other young bridge professionals, he is taking the scenic route towards his college degree. At that time he was in the middle of his 7th year towards a BA in philosophy and history. Perhaps he has finished by now??

Eldad is a great contributor to the Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club, giving lessons and lectures and giving a portion of the sales of his book, *Power Up Your Bridge Game*, to the club.

He must be missed in Israel because is very much appreciated in Chicago!!

Pre-Pandemic, Eldad was awarded Chicago Bridge’s highest award: The Harmon Wilkes Award. This award is not given annually, only when a deserving candidate is selected. It is given to a local player who contributes above and beyond to the game, who exhibits exemplary bridge skills and exceptional ethics.



What kind of person
doesn't like pizza?

A weirdough

Did you hear about the
guy who took a second
job as a pizza chef?

**He kneaded
the dough.**



Board 5, Dir N
3NT-1 S

W Walter Lee

♠ K4
♥ A765
♦ 1086
♣ K1092

Brad Moss S

♠ Q986
♥ Q1082
♦ KJ42
♣ Q

N Joe Grue

Frank Merblum E

♠ 10752
♥ 43
♦ A953
♣ 763

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

1NT = 15-17
3D = 4-4 in the majors and 4-1 or 5-0 in the minors
3H = Asking for further description
3S = Short Clubs

At all ten tables in Round Robin 2, South opened 1NT and became the declarer in 3NT on Board 5. At all but one table, North bid Stayman and South denied a major. Most West players led the H5 and declarer had the timing to bring home nine tricks.

In the Donner/Lusky match, Brad Moss and Joe Grue employed a system that allowed North to fully describe his hand, while declarer's hand could only be inferred.

Walter Lee listened carefully to the auction and found the killing lead. Since South was willing to play 3NT opposite a singleton or void club, leading from West's strong club holding could easily blow a trick. Similarly, leading either major would be dangerous.

Lee led the D8 (second from top in a weak suit). Merblum (East) encouraged with the D5 and declarer won the DQ. Moss played the HK, ducked around. Moss continued with the HJ and overtook with dummy's queen. The S6 was led from dummy. Merblum covered with the seven. Declarer inserted the jack and Lee won the king. Lee continued with the DT. Dummy played the king. Merblum completed the echo, playing the three.

Moss played the HT from dummy. Lee won the ace and continued diamonds, finessing dummy's jack. Merblum cashed two diamonds and exited with a club. With the club king offside and spades not breaking, declarer was forced to concede the setting trick.

At the other table in this match, Lusky/Falk used a Puppet Stayman auction to reach 3NT.

Sandra Rimstedt also found the D8 lead. Her partner, Gary Donner, followed with the D3 (UDCA). Lusky won the queen and played the HK. Rimstedt won the ace and switched to the CK!!

Lusky collected nine tricks, scoring +600.

12 IMPs to Lusky

Board 5, Dir N
3NT= S

W Sandra Rimstedt

♠ K4
♥ A765
♦ 1086
♣ K1092

John Lusky S

♠ Q986
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N Allan Falk

Gary Donner E

♠ 10752
♥ 43
♦ A953
♣ 763

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

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

Russian Blini

Ingredients

CRÊPES

- 1½ C (166 g) unbleached flour
- 1 C (170 g) buckwheat flour
- 1 tsp (5 g) salt
- 2 tsp (6 g) active dry yeast
- ½ C (118 g) milk, warmed (80–100°F / 26–38°C)
- 4 tsp (19 g) unsalted butter, melted and slightly cooled
- 2 lg eggs, separated
- ¼ C (57 g) unsalted butter for frying

Directions

CRÊPES

Place flours, salt and yeast in a bowl, stirring to combine. Make a well in center; add milk. Mix until smooth; cover and proof about 1 hour. Stir in melted butter and egg yolks. Beat egg whites until stiff; fold in. Cover and let stand for 20 minutes. Melt some of butter in a nonstick skillet on medium high, dropping quarter-sized amounts of dough into skillet. Cook on 1 side about 1 minute; flip and cook for 30 seconds more, cooking a few at a time until batter is finished.

PLATING

Serve with caviar or smoked salmon, garnished with chopped hard-boiled eggs, minced onion, crème fraîche and dill.

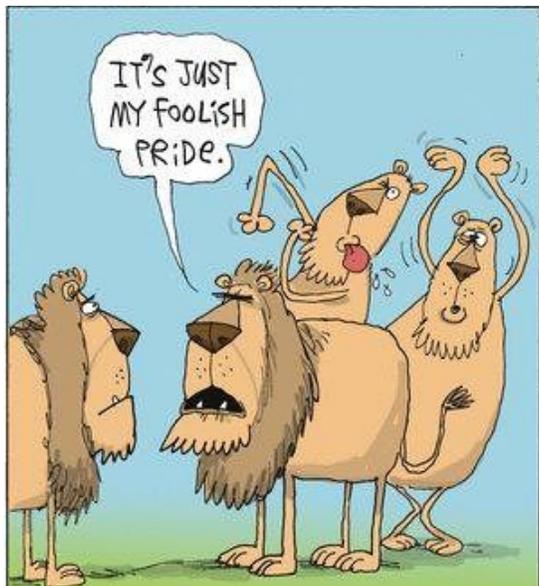
- **Prep time: 8 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 10 minutes.**
- **Makes 16 servings.**

(Recipes, Continued on page 9)

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.



Creamy Cognac Prawns

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp (14 g) unsalted butter
- 1 Tbsp (13 g) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ C (120 g) shallots, thinly sliced
- 1 lb (0.5 kg) prawns, peeled & deveined
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- ¼ C (38 g) sundried tomatoes, packed in oil, drained & diced
- ½ C (118 ml) Cognac
- ½ C (118 ml) half-and-half
- Salt and pepper to taste



Directions

Heat butter and olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and shallots and cook, stirring frequently, until golden. Increase heat to high; add prawns, red pepper flakes and sundried tomatoes and cook, stirring frequently, for 5 minutes or until shrimp is opaque and lightly golden. Transfer shrimp to a plate; cover to keep warm. Increase heat to high; add Cognac, stirring to loosen browned bits from bottom. Reduce heat to low and stir in half-and-half. Let simmer for 5 minutes or until sauce is slightly thickened. Fold in shrimp and serve immediately over pasta or rice.

- **Prep time: 5 minutes.**

- **Cook time: 15 minutes.**

- **Makes 4 servings.**

(Recipes, Continued on page 10)



Why did the balloon go near the needle? He wanted to be a pop star.

I was hoping to steal some leftovers from the party but I guess my plans were foiled.

My cousin, a magician, decided to incorporate the use of trapdoors in his shows. But I think it's just a stage he's going through.

Nurse to a doctor: Doctor, here's your list of heart, liver and kidney donors. I already sorted them alphabetically. Doctor: Seriously well organ-ized.



Salad Nicoise

Ingredients

VINAIGRETTE

- 1½ Tbsp (23 g) shallots, minced
- 1 Tbsp (16 g) Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp (2.5 g) salt
- ½ tsp (2.3 g) fresh ground pepper
- 1 Tbsp (15 ml) fresh lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
- ⅔ C (144–177 ml) extra virgin olive oil

SALAD

- ¾ lb (340 g) fresh green beans, blanched; still warm
- 1 sm red onion, thinly sliced
- 6 med Roma tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 6 sm potatoes, cooked and cut into wedges
- 1 head butter lettuce, coarsely chopped
- 2 3-oz (85-g) cans chunk white tuna, preferably oil-packed
- 6 lg eggs, hardboiled and cut into wedges
- 1 2-oz (56-g) can flat anchovy fillets
- 2 oz (56 g) small black brine-cured olives
- 3 Tbsp (26 g) capers, rinsed
- ¼ C (15 g) flat leaf parsley, minced

Directions

VINAIGRETTE

Place all ingredients in lidded jar; shake to combine.

SALAD

Place green beans, onion, tomatoes, potatoes, and 4 T (13.5 g) of the vinaigrette in a large bowl; toss gently. Divide lettuce among 4 shallow bowls; spoon salad mixture over lettuce. Arrange tuna, egg and olives on top and add capers, parsley and anchovy. Drizzle remaining vinaigrette over each bowl.

- **Prep time: 35 minutes.**
- **Makes 6 servings.**



What would you call an obese psychic? A four-chin teller.

37 consonants, 25 vowels, a question mark, and a comma went to court. They will be sentenced next Friday.

What do snowmen do in their spare time? Chill out, of course!

How do monsters prefer their eggs? Terrorfried

What kind of driver does not know how to drive? A screwdriver!

**Very
Punny!**

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Sudoku

Answers on Page 16

Sudoku 2

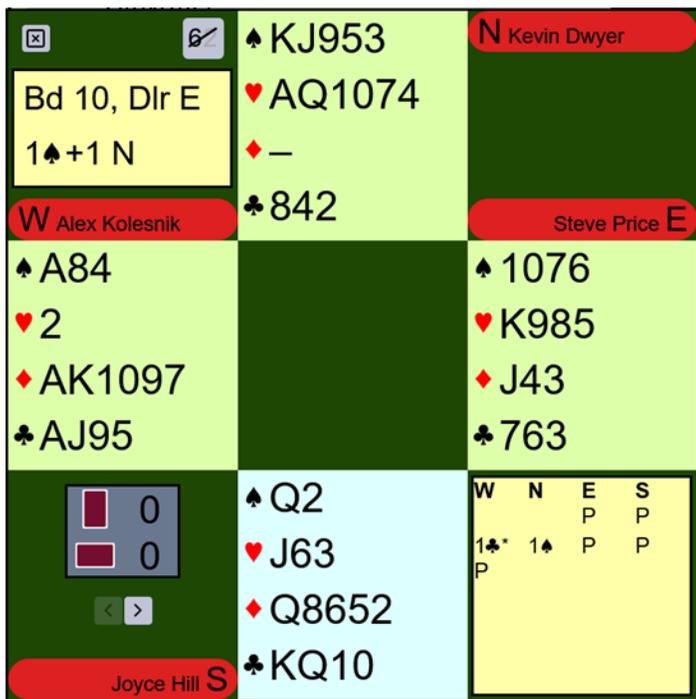
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**SOLUTION to Logic
Puzzle on page 14**



Number	Name	Time	Day	Type
#23	Wooster	3pm	Sunday	Soccer
#41	Scott	7pm	Sunday	Hockey
#58	Jansen	3pm	Saturday	Football
#34	Davis	7pm	Saturday	Basketball



With one board to go in the first match of the day, Baseggio had a 4 IMP lead over Hill. Board 10 was a distributional part-score hand, each side holding 20 HCP and a 5-3 fit in their best suit.

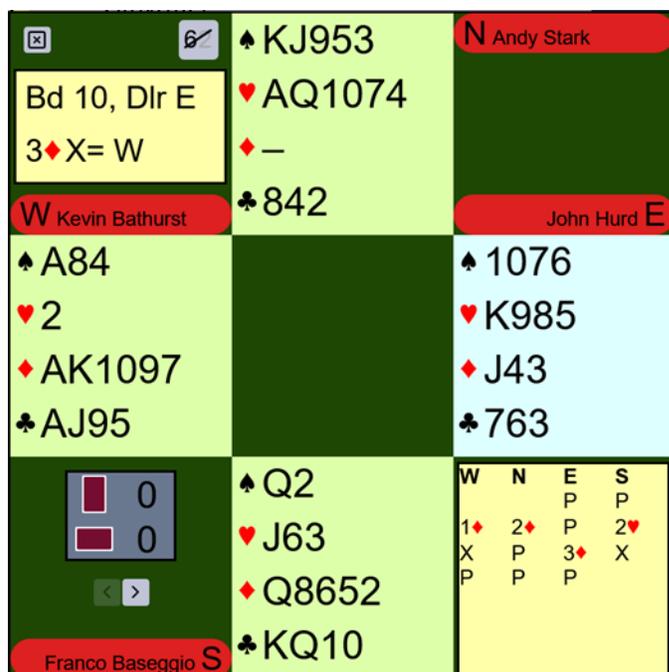
Alex Kolesnik opened 1C (strong). Dwyer overcalled 1S, rather than doubling to show the majors. This was passed around to Kolesnik. Since his partner had denied game-going values, Alex chose to defend.

Steve Price led the C3. Dummy played the king and Kolesnik won his ace. Alex shifted to his singleton heart, ducked to East's king. Price returned the H5 and Kolesnik trumped. Alex tried the DK and Dwyer ruffed. Kevin played a spade to dummy's queen. Kolesnik won the ace and exited a spade. Declarer drew the last trump, cashed two high hearts, and led a club to the ten and jack. West had 8 tricks for +110.

Things were more exciting at the other table. Bathurst opened 1D. Stark bid 2D showing his major 2-suiter. Franco Baseggio took a preference to 2H and Bathurst showed extra values by making a takeout double. This passed around to John Hurd, who bid 3D. Baseggio liked his trump stack opposite his partner's vulnerable Michaels call. Franco doubled and Stark led the C2 to South's queen and declarer's ace.

Bathurst led his heart and Stark won the ace. Andy played the C8 to South's ten and declarer's jack. Bathurst won the club and exited with a club. Baseggio led the S2 to his partner's jack. Stark played the HQ to dummy's king while declarer discarded a spade. The DJ was led from dummy and declarer claimed nine tricks for +670. 13 IMPs to Hill who won the match by 9 IMPs.

In IMPs, as opposed to matchpoints, the risk/reward factor comes into play. In matchpoints, defeating a partscore contract and earning 100 while your counterparts earn 110 is a disaster, but in IMPs, it is little difference... and when you slip a trick and let the contract make, it becomes a disaster in every situation... turning a whole match win into a loss!



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).

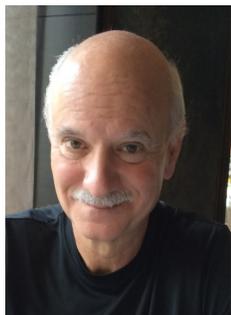
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Fun and Games Page

The Raven

Find and circle all of the words from the poem "[The Raven](#)" that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an Edgar Allan Poe quotation.



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D T W R M Y S T E R Y G I P R O P H E T
R N E B O N Y L T H N B U R N I N G G P
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G I P U A E A S A L L A P A P L N P E A
E T P L R D S L Q U O T H O U I A V A S
L O A P O N E P E N T H E R W Q A P S R
S R N W N E D I A M I O N C D R E A M S
    
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ANGELS	DOOR	GRIM	NAPPING	QUOTH
BEAK	DREAMS	HEART	NEPENTHE	RADIANT
BEGUILING	DREARY	HORROR	NEVERMORE	RAPPING
BIRD	EBONY	LATTICE	OMINOUS	RAVEN
BLACK	ENTRANCE	LENORE	PALLAS	RUSTLING
BLEAK	EYES	LORE	PALLID	SHADOW
BURNING	FEATHER	MAIDEN	PERCHED	SHUTTER
BUST	FIEND	MELANCHOLY	PLACID	SOUL
CHAMBER	FLITTING	MIDNIGHT	PLUME	TAPPING
CROAKING	FLUTTER	MORTAL	PLUTONIAN	VISITOR
DARKNESS	FOWL	MYSTERY	PROPHET	WEARY
DECEMBER	GHASTLY	NAMELESS	QUAFF	WIND



Two handy cards:

The ace of spades and the proof of Vaccination!

If I got 50 cents for every failed math exam, I'd have \$ 6.30 now.

Math book. The only place where it's normal to have 21 melons and suddenly eat twelve of them.

I went to see the doctor about my short term memory problems and the first thing he did was make me pay in advance!

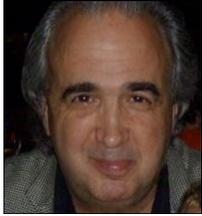
Women claim childbirth is the most painful thing in life... until they begin to step on legos three years later!

How many men were born in 2017? None. Only babies were born.

I don't think a woman should have kids after 40. 40 is already way too many!!

A man drops his phone on a concrete floor. The phone is fine, no damage. How come? He had it on airplane mode.





Logic Puzzle

	Saturday	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	3pm	3pm	7pm	7pm	Davis	Jansen	Scott	Wooster	#23	#34	#41	#58
Soccer																
#23																
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#58																
Davis																
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**Answer
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Type	Day	Time	Name	Number

Joe is all set for the weekend! His wife is going away for a girls' only weekend, so he figures he can have the guys over for the game Saturday... and Sunday! By a happy coincidence, their four favorite sports were all airing games this weekend and the schedule actually worked out so that they could watch all of them, none of the games overlapped. With food, extra chairs, and plenty of beer stocked up, he was ready for the games to begin. He was such a big sports fan that he even had a different team shirt to wear for each game! Each shirt was an accurate replica of his favorite player's uniform including the name on the back and the player's number. Determine the type of sport, day and time of each game, and the player name and number of each team shirt that Joe planned to wear.

1. The two games that aired at 3pm, in no particular order, were the football game and the one that Joe planned to wear his Wooster shirt for, though his number wasn't #34.

2. Jansen's number wasn't #41.

3. The basketball game was on the day before the game where Joe wore the Scott shirt but on the same day as the #58 shirt, which was for a different game.

4. The Davis shirt, which had a number lower than the Sunday at 7pm shirt, was worn for the second game on Saturday, which wasn't a hockey game.

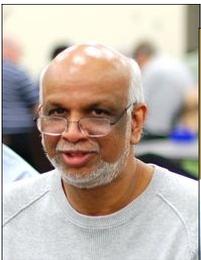
5. The soccer game wasn't watched with the #58 shirt.

6. Shirt #23 wasn't worn on Saturday. The hockey game was at 7pm.

jlall5 - Round Robin Stage 2 (thru R5 possible boards = 50)

played at least 40% of boards

<i>rank</i>	<i>partnership</i>	<i>total imps</i>	<i>#boards</i>	<i>avg</i>
1	Pam Wittes - Shawn Quinn	50.89	30	1.70
2	Gary Donner - Sandra Rimstedt	30.78	28	1.10
3	Jerry Clerkin - John Hinton	40.88	50	0.82
4	Christal Henner - Uday Ivatury	23.79	30	0.79
5	Jeff Roman - Ralph Buchalter	22.89	30	0.76
6	Andy Stark - Franco Baseggio	17.56	30	0.59
7	Linda Lewis - Paul Lewis	24.55	50	0.49
8	Brian Zhang - Steve Chen	17.66	40	0.44
9	Joyce Hill - Kevin Dwyer	7.78	30	0.26
10	John Bishel - Tom Bishel	12.66	50	0.25
11	Ethan Liu - Jun Shi	7.67	40	0.19
12	Kevin Dwyer - Shan Huang	3.78	20	0.19
13	Doug Simson - Jeff Aker	5.66	30	0.19
14	Frank Merblum - Walter Lee	5.34	40	0.13
15	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	5.66	50	0.11
16	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	1.79	50	0.04
17	Alex Kolesnik - Steve Price	0.56	40	0.01
18	Cheri Bjerkan - Rozanne Pollack	-1.45	30	-0.05
19	Janice Molson - Sandra Rimstedt	-3.33	22	-0.15
20	Andy Goodman - Craig Ganzer	-5.22	30	-0.17
21	Anam Tebha - Steve Zolotow	-12.77	40	-0.32
22	Qiang Zhang - Serena Guo	-14.78	20	-0.74
23	Jeff Xiao - Victor Xiao	-16.12	20	-0.81
24	Amber Lin - Emma Kolesnik	-33.77	40	-0.84
25	Allan Falk - John Lusky	-25.67	30	-0.86
26	Meiyan Duan - Yaning Zhou	-43.01	40	-1.08
27	Josh Donn - Ron Smith	-68.66	50	-1.37
28	Dawei Qi - Eric Xiao	-55.12	40	-1.38
29				



Puzzle Answers:

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

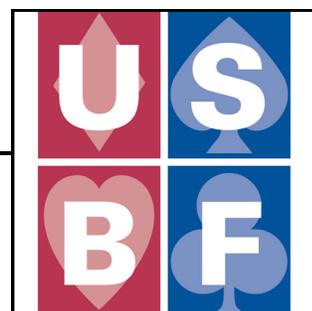
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

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Board 32, Dlr W
3NT-1 W

W John Bishel

N Cheri Bjerkan

Tom Bishel E

♠ J732
♥ Q87
♦ K9732
♣ 5

♠ KQ8
♥ KJ654
♦ A
♣ KJ104

♠ A54
♥ A9
♦ J108
♣ A9763

0
0

Rozanne Pollack S

♠ 1096
♥ 1032
♦ Q654
♣ Q82

W N E S
1♥ P 2♣* P
3NT P P P

Board 32 in Bishel/Stokes got more interesting as the hand was played. Both tables reached 3NT. John Bishel played it from West and Emma Kolesnik played it from East. In Bishel's auction, 2C was NON game forcing.

Bjerkan made the most threatening lead of the D3. John put up dummy's jack and Rozanne Pollack properly ducked. John won his singleton ace.

John played a small heart to the ace and a heart to the king hoping for a 2-2 or the queen coming down. When neither of those things happened, he cashed the CK and played the CJ toward dummy. When Bjerkan showed out, the contract was doomed.

Board 32, Dlr W
3NT+1 E

W Amber Lin

N Jerry Clerkin

Emma Kolesnik E

♠ J732
♥ Q87
♦ K9732
♣ 5

♠ KQ8
♥ KJ654
♦ A
♣ KJ104

♠ A54
♥ A9
♦ J108
♣ A9763

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0

John Hinton S

♠ 1096
♥ 1032
♦ Q654
♣ Q82

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

At the other table, Kolesnik's 2C was game forcing with 2+ clubs. Once Amber showed hearts and clubs, it would seem that Emma's 3D was "conveniently waiting." When Amber bid 3S, Emma bid 3NT.

Hinton, perhaps believing that 3D showed something in the suit, led the ST. Emma won dummy's king and played the CA and CJ. When Clerkin showed out, Emma ran the club to South's queen and collected 10 tricks.

Ironically these two tables were in the same match. Every other table (see below) played successfully in clubs; seven tables in the small slam and one in the grand slam.

Paul Lewis declared the grand. Shi led the D5. Lewis won and played a club to the ace and finessed against the CQ with South. It is not clear what prompted him to play for the finesse instead of the drop, but it certainly worked on this hand.

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Cheri Bjerkan & Rozanne Pollack	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	3NT-1 W	♦ 3	100
Jerry Clerkin & John Hinton	Emma Kolesnik & Amber Lin	3NT+1 E	♠ 10	630
Kevin Dwyer & Shan Huang	Craig Ganzer & Andy Goodman	6♣= E	♠ 9	1370
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	John Hurd & Kevin Bathurst	6♣= E	♠ 10	1370
Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	Ralph Buchalter & Jeff Roman	6♣= E	♦ 4	1370
Alex Kolesnik & Steve Price	Walter Lee & Frank Merblum	6♣= E	♦ 5	1370
Meiyan Duan & Yaning Zhou	Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	6♣= W	♠ 3	1370
Brad Moss & Joe Grue	Jeff Xiao & Victor Xiao	6♣= E	♦ 5	1370
Ron Smith & Josh Donn	Brian Zhang & Steve Chen	6♣= E	♦ 5	1370
Ethan Liu & Jun Shi	Linda Lewis & Paul Lewis	7♣= E	♦ 5	2140

Board 48, Dlr W
4♣-1 E

W Jeff Roman

N Ethan Liu

Ralph Buchalter E

Jun Shi S

Hand 1 (W): ♠AK84, ♥J8642, ♦10, ♣K65

Hand 2 (N): ♠J10, ♥AK7, ♦64, ♣AJ9874

Hand 3 (S): ♠53, ♥Q1095, ♦KJ985, ♣Q3

Hand 4 (E): ♠Q9762, ♥3, ♦AQ732, ♣102

Score: 0-0

Trick Record:

W	N	E	S
P	1♥	2♣	3♦
X	P	4♣	P
P			

Board 48 in the last match of RR2 is a typical part-score battle, both in the bidding and the play. Seven out of ten tables played in hearts. While nine tricks are available, in actual play the declarers took seven, eight or nine tricks, scoring between +140 and -100.

The Baseggio/Zhang match was a different story. At one table, Ethan Liu opened 1H and Ralph Buchalter overcalled 2C. Jun Shi bid 3D showing a mixed raise in hearts. Jeff Roman made a responsive double. Liu passed and Buchalter bid 4C.

Shi led the S5. Liu cashed the SK followed by the SA and played a third spade. Declarer trumped with the C7 and Shi overruffed with the queen. Shi exited with a heart to declarer's ace. Buchalter trumped his losing heart and played the CT. This held the trick, but North was still able to score his CK to defeat the contract one trick.

Board 48, Dlr W
3NT= E

W Steve Chen

N Alex Kolesnik

Brian Zhang E

Steve Price S

Hand 1 (W): ♠AK84, ♥J8642, ♦10, ♣K65

Hand 2 (N): ♠J10, ♥AK7, ♦64, ♣AJ9874

Hand 3 (S): ♠53, ♥Q1095, ♦KJ985, ♣Q3

Hand 4 (E): ♠Q9762, ♥3, ♦AQ732, ♣102

Score: 0-0

Trick Record:

W	N	E	S
P	1♥	2♣	3♥
X	P	3NT	P
P			

At the other table, Alex Kolesnik opened 1H and Brian Zhang overcalled 2C. Steve Price jumped to 3H and Steve Chen made a responsive double.

Kolesnik passed and Brian Zhang was not content to just bid 4C. With a double heart stopper and some values in partner's hand, Chen went for the gusto and ventured 3NT. As luck would have it, this contract is unbeatable. Price led the H9 and Chen ducked, winning the heart continuation. Chen played a diamond to dummy's queen and followed with the CT, ducked to South's queen. Declarer won the heart continuation and led a diamond to dummy's ace. This was followed by the club finesse. When that won, declarer claimed nine tricks for +600.

12 IMPs to Zhang

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Brad Moss & Joe Grue	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	3♥= N	♣A	140
John Lusky & Allan Falk	Emma Kolesnik & Amber Lin	3♥= N	♠J	140
Jerry Clerkin & John Hinton	Janice Molson & Sandra Rimstedt	2♠-1 W	♥2	100
Ethan Liu & Jun Shi	Ralph Buchalter & Jeff Roman	4♣-1 E	♠5	100
Pam Wittes & Shawn Quinn	Frank Merblum & Walter Lee	3♥-1 N	♠J	50
Kevin Dwyer & Shan Huang	Linda Lewis & Paul Lewis	4♥X-1 N	♠J	100
Ron Smith & Josh Donn	John Hurd & Kevin Bathurst	3♥-2 S	♣10	100
Uday Ivatury & Christal Henner	Meiyan Duan & Yaning Zhou	3♥-2 N	♠J	100
Eric Xiao & Dawei Qi	Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	3♥X-2 N	♠J	300
Alex Kolesnik & Steve Price	Brian Zhang & Steve Chen	3NT= E	♥9	600