

June 18, 2022


USBF Juniors Get Ready for the JUSBC

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At a recent USBF Junior practice session the defenders set a trap and declarer fell into it. Only five out of sixteen pairs in the BBO field reached 4H. One declarer took ten tricks when East led the very friendly DA.

At the Junior table, where Ava Donnellan was North; Helena Hsieh was East; Jessie Cai was South; Margot Donnellan was West, East led the C2 to West's ace. West returned the DJ. Declarer saw that she could discard a spade on this trick and later be able to discard a second spade on the DK. This is sensible logic. West had opened the bidding and East is likely to hold the DAQ since West had shifted to the DJ. Hence, West must certainly hold the HA and declarer should be able to lead twice toward her heart KQ.

Sadly, the fly in the ointment came when trumps broke 4-0 and declarer eventually lost two trump tricks in addition to the CA and DA. Since declarer is thinking that West holds the HA, she should be willing to lose two heart tricks and the CA, but not the DA.

To accomplish this, declarer must trump the diamond return, cash two high spades, and trump a spade in dummy. Declarer can then lead a club to her hand and play her last spade. When East discards, declarer trumps low in dummy and leads the HT. If West plays low declarer passes the HT. If this loses to the HJ, declarer will be able to drive out the HA and draw the last trump. When the HT holds the trick, declarer can cross to her hand and play a high trump, eventually conceding two trumps to West and making 4 H .
Glenn Milgrim and I have found that one of the best rewards of mentoring this Junior group on Monday nights is that they learn from their mistakes and grow in the process.

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## Teams Entered...

Eight teams ... in alphabetical order:

| Brines | Tracy Brines, Capt Tracey Bauer Peter Boyd-Bowman | Joyce Goldstein Mykaell McCarthy Alix Taylor |
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| Ferro | Jeff Ferro, Capt Alex Ornstein Andrew Gumperz | Leni Holtz Bruce Rogoff Anant Rathi |
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| Reynolds | Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Bernie Greenspan | Lance Kerr <br> Bill Hall <br> Fred Schenker |
| Rosenthal | Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Debbie Rosenberg Chris Willenken | Migry Campanile Michael Rosenberg Eldad Ginossar |

## Round Robin Tournament Schedule

| Round Robin - Day 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DAY | Date | TIME - EDT | Boards | Matchups |  |
| Saturday | June 18 | 11:30 | Captains' Meeting on Zoom |  |  |
| SATURDAY | June 18 | 12:00-1:00 | Round 1- Boards 1-8 | BRINES VS LALL's JUNIORS <br> Ferro vs Lo <br> Ge vs Reynolds <br> Lall vs Rosenthal |  |
|  |  | 1:15-2:15 | Round 2 - Boards 9-16 | BRINES vS Lo <br> Ferro vs Reynolds <br> Ge vs Rosenthal <br> Lall vs Lall's Juniors |  |
|  |  | 2:30-3:30 | Round 3 - Boards 17-24 | BRINES vS Reynolds Ferro vs Rosenthal Ge vs Lall's Juniors Lall vs Lo |  |
| 60 Minute Break |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 4:30-5:30 | Round 4 - Boards 25-32 | Brines vs Rosenthal <br> Ferro vs Lall's Juniors <br> Ge vs Lo <br> Lall vs Reynolds |  |
|  |  | 5:45-6:45 | Round 5 - Boards 33-40 | Brines vs Ge <br> Ferro vs Lall <br> Lall's Juniors vs Reynolds <br> Lo vs Rosenthal |  |
|  |  | 7:00-8:00 | Round 6 - Boards 41-48 | Brines vs Lall <br> Ferro vs Ge <br> Lall's Juniors vs Rosenthal <br> Lo vs Reynolds |  |
|  |  | 8:15-9:15 | Round 7 - Boards 49-56 | Brines vs Ferro <br> Ge vs Lall <br> Lall's Juniors vs Lo <br> Reynolds vs Rosenthal |  |
| Round Robin - Day 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday | June 19 | 12:00-1:00 | Round 8 - Boards 1-8 | Brines vs Ferro <br> Ge vs Lall <br> Lall's Juniors vs Lo Reynolds vs Rosenthal |  |
|  |  | 1:15-2:15 | Round 9 - Boards 9-16 | BRINES vs LALL <br> Ferro vs Ge <br> Lall's Juniors vs Rosenthal <br> Lo vs Reynolds |  |
|  |  | 2:30-3:30 | Round 10 - Boards 17-24 | Brines vs Ge <br> Ferro vs Lall <br> Lall's Juniors vs Reynolds <br> Lo vs Rosenthal |  |
| 60 Minute Break |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 4:30-5:30 | Round 11 - Boards 25-32 | BRines vs Rosenthal <br> Ferro vs Lall's Juniors <br> Ge vs Lo <br> Lall vs Reynolds |  |
|  |  | 5:45-6:45 | Round 12 - Boards 33-40 | BRINES vS REYNOLDS Ferro vs Rosenthal Ge vs Lall's Juniors Lall vs Lo |  |
|  |  | 7:00-8:00 | Round 13 - Boards 41-48 | BRINES vs Lo <br> Ferro vs Reynolds <br> Ge vs Rosenthal <br> Lall vs Lall's Juniors |  |
|  |  | 8:15-9:15 | Round 14 - Boards 49-56 | Brines vs Lall's Juniors Ferro vs Lo Ge vs Reynolds Lall vs Rosenthal |  |

KO Schedule on page 15

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 victory Point Scale

## NOTES:

In accordance with the USBF General Conditions of Contest, each player must play at least one 8 board segment against each other team.
There are no seating rights - teams must submit their lineups before seeing their opponent's lineup.

Lineups for the first match each day will be due by 11:00 am; lineups for subsequent matches will be due at the start of the preceding match.
The tournament organizer will send an email to the team captain with the lineup of their opponent for the next match as soon as all lineups have been submitted.

# Kibitzing on VuGraph... 

There will be deferred kibitzing for all of the JLall6 event.

Kibitzing Schedule for the Round Robin (EDT)
The schedule will be the same both days:
Round 1: 1:15 pm
Round 2: 2:30 pm
Round 3: 4:30 pm
Round 4: 5:45 pm
Round 5: 7:00 pm
Round 6: 8:15 pm
Round 7: 9:15 pm
Kibitzing Schedule For the Ko (EDT)


Watching online,
Even delayed,
Is the best way to see
How a hand's bid and played!
Quarter 1: 12:30 pm
Quarter 2: 2:35 pm
BREAK
Quarter 3: 5:10 pm
Quarter 4: 7:15 pm
To kibitz, go to the RealBridge kibitzing website, enter your name and click on Log In. Select event. After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams \#5, you will be taken to a lobby where you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team \& player names as well as the board being played. There will also be information about whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table to kibitz it.
There is a chat window on the right of the screen. Anyone can type chat into the chat window.

## Some things you can do to get more information:

If there is an asterisk next to a bid, that means it was Alerted or Explained. Click on bid for info.
To "rewind" the play using the slider underneath the "table" with hand diagram, just move the vertical handle on the slider to the left to go to earlier tricks.
-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of South's name to get a scorecard for the match.
You can use this to get lots of information:
----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all tables.
----You can click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.
-----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.
--In the upper left corner:
----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and for the Round Robin will not include scores from previous rounds).
----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).
The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right, in case you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.

## Timing of Deferral

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

The USBF Board has decided to continue to hold the face to face stages of the 2022 Junior USBC in Atlanta and the 2023 USBCs in Schaumburg using LoveBridge. Given the positive response in 2021 and 2022, the USBF foresees using an electronic environment for a minimum of another year. The USBF will be working with LoveBridge to solve some of the problems players have encountered. We welcome your constructive suggestions for improvements.

We have arranged for the hotel sites to provide more suitable tables in all of the playing rooms.

We have requested that LoveBridge improve the method of entering explanations, including development of a method for players to save frequently used explanations so such explanations require just one click to repeat.

We have started to explore the use of Chromebooks instead of tablets to offer more screen size. That will require more programming and if that is not possible, we will have external keyboards and mice for all players.

We have started working on a revision of the Time Sections of the General Conditions of Contest to clarify the use of electronic timing. In conjunction with that, we may ask LoveBridge to change some of the details of time-keeping, probably allowing some time to be "neutral" ... meaning not assigned to either pair.

## World Bridge News...

## New Presidents for WBF and EBL

10 JUNE 2022


Jan Kamras

Jan Kamras has run for president of the World Bridge Federation (WBF). The presidential election will take place at the WBF Congress during the World Bridge Series in August in Wrocław, Poland. So far, no other candidate has come forward. This represents the end of the era of Gianarrigo Rona; the Italian has been the top boss of global bridge since 2009.

Kamras is currently president of the European Bridge League (EBL). He will retire from that position during the European Championships to be held in Madeira from Sunday.

Two candidates have come forward so far to replace Kamras: the Dutchman Eric Laurant, the current treasurer of the EBL, and the German Josef Harsanyi. Laurant and Harsanyi are both members of the EBL Executive Committee.

Editor's Note: As one of the USBF's representatives to the WBF, having worked with Jan Kamras for the past few years, it is my opinion that Jan will do an excellent job following in Giannarigo's footsteps. He will work diligently to promote bridge and fair play in all corners of the world.

This move will leave the organization in good hands!

> At a party, a young wife admonished her husband, "That's the fourth time you've gone back for ice cream and cake. Doesn't it embarrass you?"
> "Why should it?" answered her spouse. "I keep telling them it's for you."

On a Miami to Chicago flight was a lively youngster who nearly drove everyone crazy. He was running up and down the aisle when the flight attendant started serving coffee. He ran smack into her, knocking a cup of coffee out of her hand and onto the floor.

As he stood by watching her clean up the mess, she glanced up at the boy and said, "Look, why don't you go and play outside?"

## You can't believe

 everything you hearbut you can repeat it.> Rushing up to a large airline's ticket counter, a man gasped, "Miss, please help me. I have to get to Chicago in the worst way!"

> The clerk calmly pointed to her left and said, "Sir, that would be the airline next to us."

## Ethics Statement

Ethics - 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 COO, who may refer it to the USBF Recorder. Either the COO or Recorder may bring a Charge against the player to the Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

## USBF Ethics Investigation Committee:

Dana Berkowitz
Eugene Hung
Roger Lee
Chip Martel
Steve Weinstein
Jenny Wolpert
"Nothing looks good on me anymore," wailed a customer modeling an outfit in front of the department store's mirror.
"Nonsense, ma'am," soothed the salesclerk. "That dress says it all."
"That's the problem," the woman replied.
"I need a dress that keeps its mouth shut."

> A man went into a seafood restaurant and asked for a lobster tail. The waitress smiled sweetly and said, "Once upon a time there was this handsome lobster..."

## System Regulations \& Conditions of Contest

- Normal USBF System regulations apply to this event.
- This event is governed by the 2022 USBF General Conditions of Contest and Special Conditions of Contest for this event.
- The ACBL Open+ Convention Chart applies to this event.


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

## THREE BEAN SALAD

## INGREDIENTS

- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons coriander seeds
- $11 / 4$ teaspoons salt, plus more as needed
- $1 / 4$ cup unsweetened rice vinegar, plus more to taste
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme leaves
- $1 / 2$ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- $\quad 1 / 4$ cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more to taste
- 1 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1 cup thinly sliced fennel, celery or a combination
- 8 ounces green beans, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 1 (15-ounce) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 (15-ounce) can cannellini or Great Northern beans, drained and rinsed
- $3 / 4$ cup chopped fresh soft herbs, such as parsley, mint, dill, cilantro or a combination
- Flaky sea salt, for serving


## PREPARATION

1. In a dry medium saucepan (one large enough to hold the green beans in Step 4), toast coriander seeds over medium heat, stirring frequently, until fragrant, 2 minutes. Transfer to a small bowl to cool. Once the seeds are cool enough to handle, use a mortar and pestle to crack them, or place them on a cutting board and crack with the flat side of a chef's knife. Set aside.
2. Fill the same saucepan you used for the coriander with salted water and bring to a boil.
3. While waiting for the water to boil, combine $1 / 4$ cup vinegar, thyme, $1 / 2$ teaspoon salt and $1 / 4$ teaspoon black pepper in large mixing bowl. Slowly whisk in olive oil. Add onion along with fennel or celery, or both, and toss. Set aside to marinate for at least 10 minutes while preparing the rest of the salad.
4. To the boiling water, add the green beans and blanch for 2 to 3 minutes, until they turn bright green and are crisp-tender. Immediately drain beans in a colander, then run cold tap water over them to stop the cooking. Once cool, pat them dry.
5. Add the blanched green beans, chickpeas, cannellini beans, herbs and toasted coriander seeds to the marinated onions. Season with remaining salt and pepper, and gently toss to evenly combine. Taste and add more salt and vinegar if needed. (Keep in mind that you'll also be adding flaky salt to finish.) Drizzle with olive oil and flaky sea salt, and serve.


## Zucchini with Fresh Mozzarella

Ingredients
Ingredient Checklist

- $\quad 3$ zucchini (about 1 pound), cut lengthwise into $1 / 4$-inch slices
- $\quad 2$ tablespoons olive oil
- $\Gamma$ Salt
- $\square$ Fresh-ground black pepper
- $\quad$ 1/4 teaspoon wine vinegar
- $\quad 1$ clove garlic, minced
- $\quad 1$ tablespoon chopped flat-leaf parsley
- $\quad 1 / 2$ pound salted fresh mozzarella, cut into thick slices

Directions
Instructions Checklist

- Г Step 1

Light the grill or heat the broiler. In a large glass or stainless-steel bowl, toss the zucchini with 1 tablespoon of the oil, $1 / 4$ teaspoon salt, and $1 / 8$ teaspoon pepper. Grill or broil the zucchini, turning once, until tender and golden, about 5 minutes per side. Put the zucchini back in the bowl.

- $\Gamma$ Step 2

Toss the zucchini with $1 / 2$ tablespoon of the oil, $1 / 8$ teaspoon salt, the vinegar, garlic, and parsley. Let cool.

- $\square$ Step 3

Put the mozzarella slices on a serving plate, fanning them out to form a circle. Drizzle them with the remaining $1 / 2$ tablespoon oil and sprinkle them with a pinch of pepper. Fold the zucchini slices in half and tuck them between the pieces of cheese.

## Notes

Fresh Mozzarella Soft mozzarella is shaped into balls and stored in water to keep it moist. It is available both salted and unsalted, but the latter is very bland indeed. We prefer the salted variety; salting brings out the mild, milky flavor of the cheese.


4 servings
4 hard-boiled eggs, coarsely chopped
$1 / 4$ medium onion, finely chopped
4 Tbsp. mayonnaise (preferably Kewpie)
2 Tbsp. ketchup
1 tsp. Diamond Crystal or $1 / 2$ tsp. Morton kosher salt, divided, plus more
12 oz. shrimp, peeled, deveined
2 tsp. potato starch or cornstarch
$1 / 2$ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
2 large eggs, beaten to blend, divided
Vegetable oil (for frying; about 4 cups), plus more
1 cup panko
1/3cup all-purpose flour
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
4 brioche buns, split
4 Tbsp. wasabi mayonnaise

## Crispy

$1 / 4$ medium head of savoy cabbage, cored, thinly sliced

## SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

## A deep-fry thermometer

Preparation

## Step 1

Mix hard-boiled eggs, onion, mayonnaise, ketchup, and $1 / 2$ tsp. Diamond Crystal or $1 / 4 \mathrm{tsp}$. Morton kosher salt in a small bowl until combined. Set egg salad aside.

## Step 2

Cut one third of shrimp into $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ pieces; finely chop remaining shrimp (or pulse in a food processor).
Transfer all shrimp to a medium bowl. Mix in potato starch, pepper, 1 Tbsp. beaten eggs, and $1 / 2$ tsp. Diamond Crystal or $1 / 4$ tsp. Morton kosher salt. Using oiled hands, divide mixture into 4 portions, then shape into $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$-thick patties. Place on an oiled baking sheet and chill 1 hour.

## Step 3

Place panko, flour, and remaining beaten eggs in 3 separate shallow bowls. Working with 1 patty at a time, dredge in flour, shaking off excess. Dip in eggs, letting excess drip back into bowl, then coat in panko, pressing to adhere before shaking off excess.

## Step 4

Pour oil into a large heavy skillet, preferably cast iron, to come 1" up sides. Clip thermometer to sides of pan. Heat oil over medium until thermometer registers $350^{\circ}$. Working in 2 batches, carefully slide patties into oil and fry, turning halfway through, until golden brown and cooked through, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a wire rack set inside a rimmed baking sheet; season with salt.

## Step 5

Melt 1 Tbsp. butter in another large skillet over medium heat. Working in 2 batches and adding remaining 1 Tbsp. butter between batches, toast buns, cut sides down, until golden brown, about 2 minutes. Transfer to plates.

## Step 6

Spread each bottom bun with 1 Tbsp. wasabi mayonnaise. Top each with some cabbage and a patty. Spoon reserved egg salad over and close burgers.
Do ahead: Egg salad can be made 1 day ahead; cover and chill. Patties can be formed 12 hours ahead; cover and keep chilled.


What word in the English language satisfies this? The first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great, while the entire word signifies a great woman?
Heroine.

A man drove from New York City to Los Angeles in four days. At the end of his trip, he discovered that one of his tires had been punctured. How was he able to make the drive?

The tire was the car's spare tire.

Trevor pointed to a girl in the street and said, "She is the daughter of my grandmother's only child." What is the girl's relationship with Trevor?
She is Trevor's sister.
What kind of fruit can you use as a straw?
A strawberry! (Ok, that one wasn't very complicated.)

How many apples grow on a tree?


All apples grow on trees.
What ancient invention still used in parts of the world today enables people to see through walls?
A window.
Which part of a boat does a shopaholic like the most?
The sail.

Name a 7 letter word, from which if you take out 4 letters, you will have 1 left?
Someone.
What can't be burned in a fire nor drowned in the water?
Ice. It melts instead of burning in a fire, and it floats in water.
If you are running a race and pass the person in second, what place are you in? Second place.

## Kibitzer Activities:

Normally we would feature local sports happenings, golf courses, and shopping centers in this space. For this event, since all online, we suggest you consult your local restaurants and shopping venues for curb-side pick-up and delivery! If you choose outdoor dining where available or beaches where open, please remember to socially distance and bring your mobile device and wi-fi to be able to watch the matches while enjoying the beautiful outdoors!


And as Sadie Shopper will tell you, online shopping is available in your area (wherever that is) 24 hours a day for your enjoyment.

We recommend you stock up on popcorn and snacks, put your feet on your desk and enjoy the delayed kibitzing of the RealBridge matches.

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Sudoku 1

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak
"I have a split personality," said Tom, being frank.
I Renamed my iPod The Titanic, so when I plug it in, it says "The Titanic is syncing."

A lady broke her finger today, but on the other hand she was completely fine

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane

The furniture store keeps calling me to come back. But all I wanted was one night stand

A mean crook going down stairs = A condescending con, descending

How does an attorney sleep? First he lies on one side, then he lies on the other

I lost my mood ring, and I don't know how I'm feeling about that

Sudokru

## Answers

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SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14

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## International friendly Junior Bridge Festival on RealBridge

Dates: 3 \& 10 July 2022
Junior players from around the world are welcome to play in this free event.
Please send an email to events@realbridge.online
The email needs to be from the captian or coach, not the players
Enter up to 48 hours before the start time. Details below the poster


# Why did it take so long for the pirates to learn the Alphabet? 

## They got stuck at C.

Q: WHY ARE ROBOTS NEVER AFRAID?


A: THEY HAVE NERVES OF STEE!

Special notices:

1. Please notice 2 dates.
2. Start times are not the same.
3. Categories are not the same.

Start times
3 July: 9am BST, 10am CEST, 3PM Thailand, 6pm Sydney 10 July: 4pm BST, 5pm CEST, 11 am EDT (New York)

| U16: between 16 and 18 boards |  |
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| No of boards | U32: between 18 and 20 boards |
| U26 and U31: 28 to 30 boards |  |

Why do seagulls fly over the sea?

If they flew over the bay, they would be bagels.

Conditions of contest
Friendly, but normal WBF regulations.

History of event Part of a series of events on RealBridge, having started in January 2021

We have a system-enforced delay at trick 1 :
Trick one delays

| Convention cards: players may refer to their own card |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Cell phone: must be switched off during play |  |
| Table rules | Video and audio: must be switched on all the time |
|  | Background noise: please take care to turn off TV, radio and close the door of your room |
| If the player needs to leave their computer, they must ask their opponents first |  |
| Arrival time | Players should arrive 20 minutes before start time. |

## What starts with T <br> Ends with T <br> And has Tin it?

A TEAPOT!

## Fun and Games Page

## Gardening

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 27 letters spell a Lady Bird Johnson quote.
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U P E G S P E T U N I A S S N F N R T
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| BEETS | GLOVES | PERENNIAL | SOIL |
| BIENNIAL | GNOME | PETUNIAS | SPADE |
| BROCCOLI | GREENHOUSE | PINWHEEL | SUNSHINE |
| CARROTS | GROW | PITCH FORK | TOMATOES |
| COMPOST | HOES | PLANTING | TROWEL |
| CULTIVATE | HORTICULTURE | RAIN | TULIPS |
| DAISIES | HOSE | RREE | VEGETABLES |
| DIGGING | HYDRANGEA | RELAXING | WATER |
| FERTILIZER | LILACS | ROSES | WEEDS |
| FLOWERS | LILIES | ROWS | WHEELBARROW |
| FUCHSIA | MARIOLDS |  |  |



Five people fly into town to attend a conference. Unfortunately, hotel space for the conference had filled up fast so even though they're from the same company, the five ended up in different hotels. The good news is that the hotels were all within walking distance of the convention center where the conference was being held. The odd thing about the hotels where they stayed is that all were individually-owned, rather than part of corporate chains. However, each was still a very wellrated and successful business. Determine the full name of each person, the name of the hotel each stayed at, and the hotel's rating.

1. The Outlook Inn had a higher rating than the hotel where Patricia stayed. The three-star hotel was not Peak's Inn.
2. Michael's last name was Ontheway but he didn't stay at the Wayside Lodge. Sarah, whose last name wasn't Spinner, stayed at the Outlook Inn.
3. Ms. Windswept and Joseph both stayed at four-star hotels.
4. Ms. Weatherby stayed at the Meadow Hotel, which wasn't a five-star hotel.
5. The Wayside Lodge was a fivestar hotel. Wendy's last name
wasn't Weaver.
6. The Fell Hollows Lodge was rated with one star less than the hotel where the person whose last name was Spinner stayed.


I try to solve puzzles Like everyone thinks But I just don't get it And I think that stinks!

## KO Schedule...



Ed. Note:
With the delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to find and write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!
Thanks.
Suzi

"I'm not insulting you, I'm describing you"

My son has been eating electrical cords. What do I do?
Ground him until he conducts himself properly!!

Dad: I'm not very hungry. I just want something simple.
Server: Maybe the chicken strips for \$6?
Dad: Maybe it does but that doesn't help with my hunger!

## Father's

 Day Humor...Dad: I got a job at Comcast and completed training so I could fix my own cable. It was faster than being on hold with customer service!

Dads hate shopping on road trips because then all of the cars they worked so hard to get ahead of get past them again!

Dad: My son had a good report card. I told him he could have a present. He chose 3 pounds of bacon... that's when I knew he was mine.

## Mark Twain Quotes:

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
Go to Heaven for the climate; Hell for the company!
It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool, than opening it and removing all doubt!

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter!
（Mark Twain，Continued from page 15）

A man is never more truthful than when he acknowledges himself a liar！

Be careful about reading health books．You may die of a misprint！
Life would be infinitely happier if we could be born at the age of 80 and gradually approach

It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them！

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## 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．

A Supporting Membership is $\$ 25$ for one year（ $\$ 75$ for 3 years）and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses：attorney fees，accounting fees，website support services， tournament directors，insurance，WBF dues，and vugraph operators．

The USBF is an all－volunteer organization．

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS．Board members and the organization＇s officers are not compensated for meetings，travel，or hotel expenses．

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Board 24
Dealer W
None Vul
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- 104
$\checkmark 65$
- AJ1042
- KQ83

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- KQ983
KJ987
K87
- -
- J5
- A10
- 95
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|  | NT |  |  |  |  |
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| N | 8 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| S | 8 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| E | 4 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 3 |
| W | 4 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 3 |

Par -450 5 = EW
NS: $10+10=20 \mathrm{HCP}$
EW: $8+12=20 \mathrm{HCP}$

On Board 24 from a RealBridge Practice Session, each side holds half the deck. East/West can make game in either major... taking 10 tricks in hearts and 11 tricks in spades.

The N/S pair of the team practicing bid 5C over the major suit game and the $\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W}$ pair passed, choosing to defend.
5C was down two for -100 and a very good score.


At this week's Monday night USBF Junior practice, Zach Posternak (chompyfish) and Brandon Fong (bcipher) bid a very solid heart slam on Board 9.

Many pairs stopped in game, and some pairs gambled and played in a highly inferior 6NT. The NT slam succeeds because the SQ and DK are both favorably placed. The heart slam is a much better proposition and the juniors did well to get there.

With 21 HCP including a singleton ace, Brandon opened 2 C . Zach responded with a semi-positive 2 D bid and Brandon made the key bid: He rebid 2 H on his weakish five-card heart suit. (This is a good time not to play a convention like Kokish, where 2 H would be a relay to 2 S and opener would only be able to show his heart suit at the three level.) Holding good trumps and a six-card side suit, Zach bid RKC and followed with the slam bid when Brandon showed four keycards.

There are many possibilities for twelve (or even thirteen) tricks in hearts, including a club split and various finessing and ruffing positions. Jessie Cai led the DJ and declarer won the queen. Brandon cashed the CA and led a heart to dummy. Dummy's CK was cashed, followed by a high heart. When both defenders followed to the second heart, declarer cashed the SAK and trumped a spade in dummy before returning to his hand with the DA to draw the last trump and claim twelve tricks.

## Meet the Players



Sarik Goyal is interested in GIS and Data Analysis, especially when applied to social and political issues. He has an extensive background in using quantitative methods to support voting rights and combat gerrymandering. He has research experience in related topics such as redistricting methods, communities of interest, and gerrymandering metrics.

Outside of my academic interests, I am an avid contract bridge player who places well in Regional and National events.

Sarik attended Northwestern University where he was a member of the Class of 2021.

He regularly partners Kyle Rockoff where they play a sophisticated, homebrew system.

His favorite conventions include transfers over 1C, Schuler Shift and Mexican 2D.

Sarik's BBO username is rick853 and he is an ACBL Bronze Life Master. He is playing this event as captain of the the Lall's Juniors Team.


This is an interesting RealBridge deal. The analysis is correct but seems faulty because "par" is so outlandish. Two world class pairs played this board in a practice round. North/South stopped in 2C making five. That seems far more reasonable than E/S bidding 7DX and going down SIX! Even if South opens a somewhat twisted weak 2S, it would be unlikely for $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{S}$ to bid slam off a keycard and the trump queen on a combined 9 -card trump holding.

In "real life," would you as E/W expect -1400 to be anything but a ZERO on this board?

And if you were E/W and had teammates, would you expect them to find the slam?


