



We Remember:



Round Robin Results:

Team Name	Total	6	5	11	7	10	4	8	3	1	13	12	14	9	2
6. Levine	189.30	10.44	16.46	6.55	8.33	14.96	10.44	18.37	20.00	17.31	17.50	19.62	12.42	16.90	
5. Lall	157.63	9.56	10.00	7.58	14.09	14.09	15.75	6.55	14.68	11.67	4.77	17.69	14.09	17.11	
11. Sprung	154.50	3.54	10.00	12.42	15.23	14.39	7.95	15.23	9.56	16.00	16.68	12.05	4.77	16.68	
7. Lewis	153.47	13.45	12.42	7.58	8.33	7.95	16.68	9.56	10.44	16.90	4.00	18.21	7.95	20.00	
10. Rogoff	150.26	11.67	5.91	4.77	11.67	6.55	17.87	17.87	14.96	12.77	6.22	3.77	20.00	16.23	
4. Ge	150.06	5.04	5.91	5.61	12.05	13.45	2.50	13.45	16.90	12.77	19.50	14.96	15.50	12.42	
8. Lo	134.32	9.56	4.25	12.05	3.32	2.13	17.50	5.61	8.33	14.68	13.12	16.90	17.31	9.56	
3. Brod	128.75	1.63	13.45	4.77	10.44	2.13	6.55	14.39	6.88	10.00	17.87	13.78	16.00	10.86	
1. Beatty	120.59	0.00	5.32	10.44	9.56	5.04	3.10	11.67	13.12	10.00	16.46	12.42	7.23	16.23	
13. Vance	111.30	2.69	8.33	4.00	3.10	7.23	7.23	5.32	10.00	10.00	8.73	14.96	18.04	11.67	
12. Tebha	107.58	2.50	15.23	3.32	16.00	13.78	0.50	6.88	2.13	3.54	11.27	2.89	11.67	17.87	
14. Xiao	96.90	0.38	2.31	7.95	1.79	16.23	5.04	3.10	6.22	7.58	5.04	17.11	5.32	18.83	
9. Reynolds	92.59	7.58	5.91	15.23	12.05	0.00	4.50	2.69	4.00	12.77	1.96	8.33	14.68	2.89	
2. Brines	72.75	3.10	2.89	3.32	0.00	3.77	7.58	10.44	9.14	3.77	8.33	2.13	1.17	17.11	

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RR1 ROUND 1 Beatty vs Reynolds Brines vs Tebha Brod vs Xiao Ge vs Rogoff Lall vs Vance Levine vs Lo Lewis vs Sprung	RR1 ROUND 2 Beatty vs Sprung Brines vs Lo Brod vs Rogoff Ge vs Levine Lall vs Tebha Lewis vs Xiao Reynolds vs Vance	RR1 ROUND 3 Beatty vs Tebha Brines vs Lewis Brod vs Lall Ge vs Reynolds Levine vs Sprung Lo vs Vance Rogoff vs Xiao
RR1 ROUND 4 Beatty vs Lewis Brines vs Vance Brod vs Sprung Ge vs Xiao Lall vs Reynolds Levine vs Tebha Lo vs Rogoff	RR1 ROUND 5 Beatty vs Levine Brines vs Rogoff Brod vs Tebha Ge vs Lo Lall vs Xiao Lewis vs Vance Reynolds vs Sprung	RR1 ROUND 6 Beatty vs Lall Brines vs Reynolds Brod vs Lewis Ge vs Sprung Levine vs Vance Lo vs Xiao Rogoff vs Tebha
RR1 ROUND 7 Beatty vs Brod Brines vs Lall Ge vs Lewis Levine vs Reynolds Lo vs Sprung Rogoff vs Vance Tebha vs Xiao	RR1 ROUND 8 Beatty vs Ge Brines vs Levine Brod vs Lo Lall vs Rogoff Lewis vs Tebha Reynolds vs Xiao Sprung vs Vance	RR1 ROUND 9 Beatty vs Xiao Brines vs Brod Ge vs Lall Levine vs Lewis Lo vs Reynolds Rogoff vs Sprung Tebha vs Vance
RR1 ROUND 10 Beatty vs Lo Brines vs Xiao Brod vs Vance Ge vs Tebha Lall vs Sprung Levine vs Rogoff Lewis vs Reynolds	RR1 ROUND 11 Beatty vs Brines Brod vs Ge Lall vs Levine Lewis vs Lo Reynolds vs Rogoff Sprung vs Tebha Vance vs Xiao	RR1 ROUND 12 Beatty vs Vance Brines vs Ge Brod vs Levine Lall vs Lo Lewis vs Rogoff Reynolds vs Tebha Sprung vs Xiao
RR1 ROUND 13 Beatty vs Rogoff Brines vs Sprung Brod vs Reynolds Ge vs Vance Lall vs Lewis Levine vs Xiao Lo vs Tebha		

These are the pairings from RR1.

Going forward, pairings for each round will be entered after the deadline for lineups to be submitted.

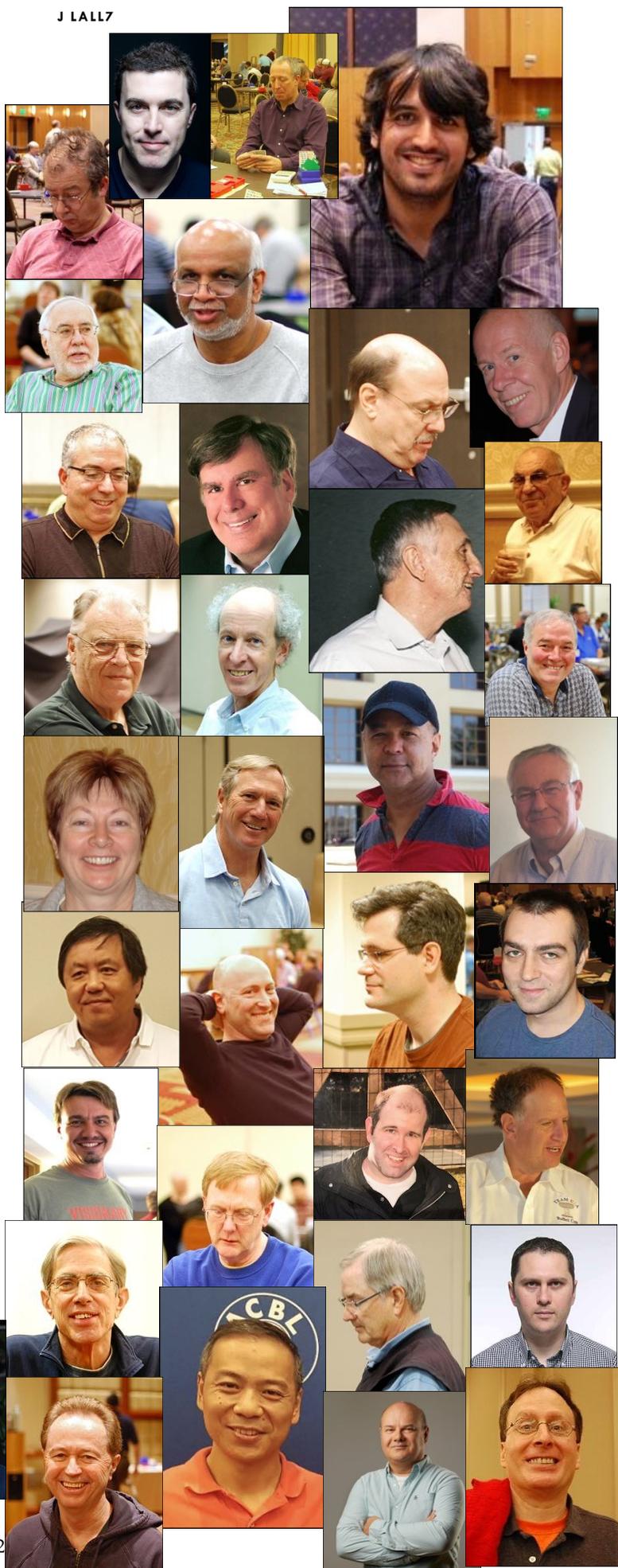
Today's head-ups:
 Levine versus Brod
 Lall versus Ge
 Sprung versus Lo
 Lewis versus Rogoff

Good luck to all!

14 Teams Entered (alphabetical order)

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Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Alan Watson Olin Hubert	Fred Stewart Rick Binder Kevin Collins
Brines	Tracy Brines, Capt Joyce Goldstein William Scott	Maureen Brines Chris Donnelly Ethan Wood
Brod	Geof Brod, Capt Doug Doub Bob Bitterman	John Stiefel Yiji Starr Bob Cappelli
Ge	Xin Ge, Capt Jun Shi Wanfeng Mou	Qiang Zhang Yanong Han Steve Chen
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Venkatrao Koneru Michael Penick	Reese Milner Jim Krekorian
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold David Berkowitz Eric Rodwell
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Iulian Rotaru	Disa Eythorsdottir Radu Nistor
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Barry Rigal Alex Kolesnik	Glenn Milgrim Ira Chorush David Chechelashvili
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Bill Hall Karen Allison
Rogoff	Bruce Rogoff, Capt Jeff Ferro Jerry Stamatov	Alex Ornstein Leni Holtz Jack Zhao
Sprung	Danny Sprung, Capt Bart Bramley Jacob Freeman	Phil Clayton Ira Hessel Franco Baseggio
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Ron Smith Andy Goodman	Steve Zolotow Tod Moses Kevin Dwyer
Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Greg Vance Bob Munson	Jessica Lai Dmitri Shabes Bruce Tuttle
Xiao	Victor Xiao, Capt Eric Xiao	Jeff Xiao Ming Sheng



Tournament Schedule

Round Robin			
Day	Date	Time - EDT	Boards
Saturday	Sept 17	11:45 AM	Captains' meeting with DIC (on Zoom)
Saturday	Sept 17	12:00 - 12:55 1:15 - 2:10 2:30 - 3:25 4:30 - 5:25 5:45 - 6:40 7:00 - 7:55	Round 1 - Boards 1-8 Round 2 - Boards 9-16 Round 3 - Boards 17-24 60 Minute Break Round 4 - Boards 25-32 Round 5 - Boards 33-40 Round 6 - Boards 41-48
Sunday	Sept 18	12:00 - 12:55 1:15 - 2:10 2:30 - 3:25 4:30 - 5:25 5:45 - 6:40 7:00 - 7:55 8:15 - 9:10	Round 7 - Boards 1-8 Round 8 - Boards 9-16 Round 9 - Boards 17-24 45 Minute Break Round 10 - Boards 25-32 Round 11 - Boards 33-40 Round 12 - Boards 41-48 Round 13 - Boards 49-54
Beacket 1 KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
Sunday	Sept 18	9:00 PM	Tentative Time
Bracket 1 Quarterfinal			
Monday	Sept 19	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60
Bracket 2 Stage 1 Round Robin (top 4 qualify)			
Monday	Sept 19	12:00 - 1:10 1:30 - 2:40 3:30 - 4:40 5:00 - 6:10 6:30 - 7:40	Round 1 - Boards 1-10 Round 2 - Boards 11-20 50 Minute Break Round 3 - Boards 21-30 Round 4 - Boards 31-40 Round 5 - Boards 41-50
Bracket 1 Semifinal & Bracket 2 Stage 2 KO (8 teams)			
Thursday	Sept 22	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60
Bracket 1 Final & Bracket 2 Quarterfinal (6 teams)			
Friday	Sept 23	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60
Bracket 2 Semifinal			
Saturday	Sept 24	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60
Bracket 2 Final			
Sunday	Sept 25	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60



USBF 8 Board victory Point Scale

		8 Boards (Blitz is 43 IMPs)													
		Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
Margin	0	10.00	10.00	15	15.23	4.77	30	18.37	1.63	3	18.83	1.17	33	19.62	0.38
	1	10.44	9.56	16	15.50	4.50	31	18.53	1.47	4	18.97	1.03	34	19.37	0.63
	2	10.86	9.14	17	15.75	4.25	32	18.68	1.32	5	19.11	0.89	35	19.24	0.76
	3	11.27	8.73	18	16.00	4.00	33	18.83	1.17	6	19.37	0.63	36	19.50	0.50
	4	11.67	8.33	19	16.23	3.77	34	18.97	1.03	7	19.37	0.63	37	19.37	0.63
	5	12.05	7.95	20	16.46	3.54	35	19.11	0.89	8	19.50	0.50	38	19.50	0.50
	6	12.42	7.58	21	16.68	3.32	36	19.24	0.76	9	19.62	0.38	39	19.62	0.38
	7	12.77	7.23	22	16.90	3.10	37	19.37	0.63	10	19.74	0.26	40	19.74	0.26
	8	13.12	6.88	23	17.11	2.89	38	19.50	0.50	11	19.85	0.15	41	19.85	0.15
	9	13.45	6.55	24	17.31	2.69	39	19.62	0.38	12	19.95	0.05	42	19.95	0.05
	10	13.78	6.22	25	17.50	2.50	40	19.74	0.26	13	20.00	0.00	43	20.00	0.00
	11	14.09	5.91	26	17.69	2.31	41	19.85	0.15	14	20.00	0.00	44	20.00	0.00
	12	14.39	5.61	27	17.87	2.13	42	19.95	0.05	15	20.00	0.00	45	20.00	0.00
	13	14.68	5.32	28	18.04	1.96	43	20.00	0.00	16	20.00	0.00	46	20.00	0.00
	14	14.96	5.04	29	18.21	1.79	44	20.00	0.00	17	20.00	0.00	47	20.00	0.00

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

Kibitzing on VuGraph...

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 (Sunday only)

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Quarter 1: 12:30 pm

Quarter 2: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 5:00 pm

Quarter 4: 7:00 pm



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

To kibitz, go to **kibitz.realbridge.online**. Select JLall Online Teams#7. You will be taken to a lobby where you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table. There will also be information about the number of kibitzers and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). At the table, you will see a hand diagram with the bidding and play as it happens.

There is a chat window on the right. You can type into that window.

If there is an asterisk next to a bid, that means it was Alerted or Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation if there was one.

-- "Rewind" play using the slider underneath the table with the hand diagram.

-- 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.

----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.

Board 44
Dealer W
NS Vul

♠ QJ42
♥ 43
♦ QJ85
♣ K93

♠ 9875
♥ 10985
♦ A
♣ Q1062

♠ A3
♥ AQ6
♦ 1093
♣ J8754

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 7 8 7 9 5
S 7 8 7 9 5
E 4 4 6 3 8
W 4 4 6 3 8

Par +110 3♦= NS

NS: 9 +14=23HCP
EW: 11 + 6 =17HCP

Be Warned...

♠ K106
♥ KJ72
♦ K7642
♣ A

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Jack Zhao & Jerry Stamatov	3NT= S	♥9	600
Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	Greg Vance & Grant Vance	1♠+3 N	♠A	170
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Hemant Lall & Michael Penick	3♦+1 N	♣4	130
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Kevin Collins & Olin Hubert	2♦+2 N	♣4	130
William Scott & Ethan Wood	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	3♦+1 S	♣6	130
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Joyce Goldstein & Tracy Brines	4♦= S	♣6	130
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Doug Doub & Yiji Starr	3♦+1 S	♥10	130
Barry Rigal & Glenn Milgrim	Jeff Xiao & Victor Xiao	3♦+1 N	♣5	130
Bob Bitterman & Bob Cappelli	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	3♣-1 E	♠6	50
Jessica Lai & Dmitri Shabes	Eddie Wold & Eric Rodwell	1♥-1 W	♦J	50
Steve Chen & Xin Ge	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	5♦-1 N	♣5	100
Phil Clayton & Danny Sprung	Qiang Zhang & Jun Shi	2♥-1 S	♠9	100
Eric Xiao & Ming Sheng	Alex Kolesnik & Ira Chorush	3NT-2 S	♣2	200
Jeff Ferro & Leni Holtz	Ron Smith & Tod Moses	4♠-2 N	♦9	200

There were a variety of contracts on Board 44 from Round 6 on Saturday. Most played partscores North/South in diamonds. Two pairs found their way to 3NT. One was successful and one failed by two tricks.

♠ QJ42	N Eric Xiao
♥ 43	Other table
♦ QJ85	3♦+1 N
♣ K93	Alex Kolesnik E
♠ 9875	♠ A3
♥ 10985	♥ AQ6
♦ A	♦ 1093
♣ Q1062	♣ J8754
♠ K106	W N E S
♥ KJ72	P P P 1NT*
♦ K7642	P 2♣ P 2♥
♣ A	P 3NT P P
Ming Sheng S	

In Lo/Xiao, Chorush "listened" carefully to the auction. He knew there were four hearts on his right and four spades on his left. Dutifully, he led a 4th best club and declarer had no chance!

Sheng won his singleton CA and played a diamond. Chorush won his singleton DA and continued clubs.

The defense was able to collect three aces and three clubs for +200!

8 IMPs to Lo when Rigal/Milgrim played 3D making four at the other table.

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Bd 44, Dir W 3NT= S		♠ QJ42 ♥ 43 ♦ QJ85 ♣ K93	N Anam Tebha Other table 4♠-2 N
W Jerry Stamatov ♠ 9875 ♥ 10985 ♦ A ♣ Q1062		E Jack Zhao ♠ A3 ♥ AQ6 ♦ 1093 ♣ J8754	
0 0 Steve Zolotov S	♠ K106 ♥ KJ72 ♦ K7642 ♣ A	W N E S P P 1♦* 1NT P 3NT P P P	

In Rogoff/Tebha, Jack Zhao opened a Precision 1D with the East hand in third seat. Zolotov was stuck for a bid and chose an imperfect but fairly descriptive 1NT with his singleton CA and 14 HCP. His bid showed 15-18!

Tebha disdained Stayman with her four spades and jumped to the no-trump game.

Stamatov had three 4-card suits from which to lead. The absence of Stayman made a major suit lead look attractive. Stamatov's hearts were a pip better than his spades (literally) so he chose the H9 (Rusinow).

Zhao was faced with a dilemma: Were his partner's hearts KT9x(x) or T9xx(x)?

If his partner held T9xx or T9xxx, he needed to win the HA and shift to a club so his partner could win the DA and clear the club suit before declarer knocked out the SA. Declarer could then come to no more than 8 tricks with the heart finesse.

If Stamatov held KT9x or KT9xx, Zhao needed to win the heart and continue the heart attack. At the table, he made the "discovery play" of inserting the HQ. Unlucky for him, this gave declarer the timing to drive out both the DA and SA to score nine tricks.

13 IMPs to Tebha when Smith and Moses collected 200 defending 4S at the other table.

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



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:

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- Eugene Hung
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- Steve Weinstein
- Jenny Wolpert

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...

Corn Casserole

Ingredients

- 4 ears white corn
- 4 ears yellow corn
- 3 Tbsp (43 g) unsalted butter
- 1 Tbsp (15 ml) bacon drippings, or vegetable oil
- 2 med yellow onion, finely diced
- 1 med green bell pepper, finely diced
- 1 med red bell pepper, finely diced
- 1 Tbsp (15 ml) water
- 2 med tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 1 Tbsp (10 g) crushed garlic
- ½ tsp (0.5 g) thyme leaves
- ½ tsp (2.5 g) celery salt
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Dash cayenne pepper, optional
- 1–2 Tbsp (15–30 g) cream, if needed



GARNISH

- 2 Tbsp (6 g) chives, cut into ½-in (13-mm) pieces
- 6 oz (170 g) tasso ham (Cajun-style ham), diced and cooked crisp
- Hot sauce

Directions

Shuck the corn, remove all silks and wash. Cut kernels from cob and transfer to a medium bowl. Use the back (dull side) of a knife to scrape off as much of remaining kernel pulp and juice as possible (this helps make the dish thick and creamy); add to kernels and set aside. In a large frying pan over medium low, melt butter and bacon drippings; add onions and peppers; cook, stirring often until tender. Add corn, water, tomatoes, garlic and seasonings, stirring to combine. Cook, stirring occasionally, 20–30 minutes or until corn is tender and the mixture is creamy. Add cayenne to taste and cream if needed to adjust consistency.

GARNISH

Garnish with chives and ham, and serve with hot sauce.

- **Prep time: 20 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 45 minutes.**
- **Makes 8 servings.**

Pot Stickers

Ingredients

DUMPLING

- ½ lb (227 g) ground pork or turkey
- 2 green onions, minced
- 2 Tbsp (25 g) bamboo shoots, minced
- 1 tsp (5 g) ginger, minced
- 1 Tbsp (9 g) cornstarch
- 2 tsp (10 ml) soy sauce
- ⅛ tsp (0.33 g) white pepper
- flour for dusting surface

DIPPING SAUCE

- 6 Tbsp (89 ml) soy sauce
- ¼ C (59 ml) Chinese black vinegar, or balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tbsp (30 ml) sesame oil
- 2 Tbsp (31 g) chili garlic sauce

COOKING

- 22 round pot-sticker wrappers
- 2 Tbsp (30 g) vegetable oil
- ⅔ C (148 ml) water

Directions

DUMPLING

Combine all ingredients thoroughly; set aside. Lightly dust surface with flour to lay assembled dumplings. To assemble dumplings, put 1 T (14 g) filling in center of a wrapper. Press lightly against work surface to form a flat bottom. Brush wrapper edges with water; fold in half; press to seal.

DIPPING SAUCE

Mix all sauce ingredients together well.

COOKING

Heat 1 T (15 ml) oil in a nonstick frying pan on medium high; swirling to coat bottom. Add half of the pot stickers seam side up and cook until bottoms are golden brown, about 3 minutes. Add ⅓ C (74 ml) water, cover, reduce heat and cook until water is absorbed, about 3 minutes. Remove from pan and repeat with remaining pot stickers. Serve with dipping sauce.

- **Prep time: 5 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 12 minutes.**
- **Makes 4 servings.**



Shrimp and Crab Wontons

Ingredients

- ½ C (170 g) finely shredded cabbage, preferably Savoy
- Kosher salt to taste
- 6 oz (170 g) shrimp and lump crabmeat, chopped
- 1 C (50 g) spring onions, finely chopped
- 1 Tbsp (14 g) ginger purée, or finely grated ginger
- 1 tsp (5 g) soy sauce
- 1 tsp (4 g) sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp (15 g) cream cheese
- 1 14-oz (398-g) pkg wonton wrappers
- 2–3 C (473–682 g) vegetable or peanut oil



Directions

Combine cabbage, salt, shrimp and crab, onions, ginger, soy sauce, sesame oil and cream cheese in a bowl and mix well. Separate wonton wrappers and arrange on a dry surface. Place a scant tsp of filling in center of each wrapper; wet edges and seal by bringing opposite corners together, forming a triangle. Bring 2 remaining corners together toward center and seal with a pinch.

Preheat oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Working in batches, fry wontons until golden brown, about 6 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon and transfer to paper towels. Serve hot with your favorite dipping sauce, such as hoisin; sweet and sour or Chinese mustard.

- **Prep time: 22 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 36 minutes.**
- **Makes 8 servings.**

Finally my winter fat is gone. Now I have spring rolls.
Why did the banana go to the doctor? He wasn't peeling well.
Why did the Viking buy a boat? There was a sail.
Why did the Viking buy a secondhand boat? He couldn't afford a new one.
Butterflies just aren't what they used to be.
A bossy man walks into a bar. He orders everyone a round.
Alcohol won't fix your problems, but it's worth a shot.
Whoever invented zero, thanks for nothing.
Vin Diesel starts his day with not one but two meals. Breakfast and breakfast.
I burned my Hawaiian pizza. I should have used aloha temperature.
Buying a belt that doesn't fit is a huge waist.
What happens after you eat alphabet soup? You have a vowel movement.
Why did the computer need a rest after its road trip? He had a hard drive.



Board 3
Dealer S
EW Vul

♠ 54
♥ KJ
♦ A
♣ AKJ108532

♠ J103
♥ A86
♦ 1098752
♣ 9

♠ KQ876
♥ 109
♦ QJ63
♣ Q6

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 10 5 9 5 11
S 10 5 9 5 11
E 1 7 3 8 1
W 1 7 3 8 1

♠ A92
♥ Q75432
♦ K4
♣ 74

Par +430 3NT+1 NS
NS: 16+9=25HCP
EW: 10+5=15HCP

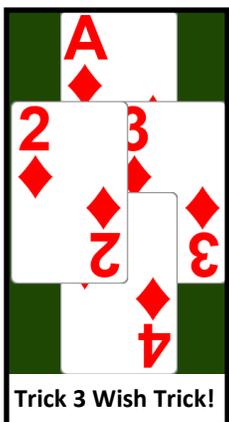
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Jessica Lai & Dmitri Shabes	Jack Zhao & Jerry Stamatov	3NT+3 S	♦ 9	490
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Chris Donnelly & Ethan Wood	4♥+2 S	♣ 9	480
Qiang Zhang & Jun Shi	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	4♥+2 S	♣ 9	480
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Bob Bitterman & Bob Cappelli	3NT+1 N	♠ K	430
Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	Greg Vance & Grant Vance	3NT+1 N	♠ 7	430
Jeff Xiao & Ming Sheng	Ron Smith & Tod Moses	3NT+1 S	♠ 10	430
Geof Brod & John Stiefel	Alan Watson & Rick Binder	5♣= N	♠ K	400
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Yanong Han & Wanfeng Mou	5♣= N	♠ K	400
Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	Alex Kolesnik & Ira Chorush	5♣= N	♠ Q	400
Maureen Brines & Tracy Brines	Hemant Lall & Michael Penick	3♣+2 N	♠ K	150
Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	4♥-1 S	♣ 9	50
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Mike Levine & Mike Passell	6♣-1 N	♠ K	50
David Chechelashvili & Ai-Tai Lo	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	4♥-1 N	♠ K	50
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Eric Xiao & Victor Xiao	4♥-1 S	♣ 9	50

On Board 3 from Sunday's Round 1, North/South have an easy play in 5C or 3NT. Only one pair, Kerr/Reynolds, bid the doomed club slam and they were defeated when Mike Levine led a spade, cutting off dummy, stranding the DK for the necessary spade discard!

Five pairs found game in their 6-2 heart fit. Four pairs declared from South where West led their singleton club. All four declarers won the opening lead and played the HK off dummy.

Lo opened a multi 2D and Chechelashvili became declarer from North and Bramley led the SK. West was faced with a critical decision... At two tables, West ducked the HA. Declarer continued hearts and had the SA still in hand as an entry to draw the last trump and claim 12 tricks.

At the two other tables, the defenders won the first heart and shifted to spades. Declarer won the spade. When they played a second trump to dummy's jack, they were stranded, losing two spades and a club ruff plus the earlier heart for down one!



In Sprung/Lo, 4H was declared from North after a multi 2D opening bid. Bramley led the SK. Declarer played a heart to the king, cashed the DA, cashed the CK and exited with the HJ. West won the HA, cashed the ST and continued spades to East's queen. Bramley, not certain of the club position, played another spade, ruffed by declarer with the H7 and overruffed by West with the H8 for down one.

10 IMPs to Sprung when Baseggio/Freeman played in 5C at the other table.

Board 3, Dlr S
4♥-1 N

W Ira Hessel
♠ J103
♥ A86
♦ 1098752
♣ 9

E David Chechelashvili
Other table
5♣= N

Bart Bramley
♠ KQ876
♥ 109
♦ QJ63
♣ Q6

♠ A92
♥ Q75432
♦ K4
♣ 74

W N E S
P 2NT* P 3♦*
P 4♥ P P
P

Ai-Tai Lo S

Sudoku

Answers

on Page 16

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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

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



SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14



\$700	Cober	MX-827	14 megapixels
\$675	Honwa	Tela G5	10 megapixels
\$650	Lirios	DM-5000	24 megapixels
\$625	Dayero	G-290	12 megapixels
\$600	Torvia	Lectra 6	26 megapixels
\$575	Nectron	FC-520	18 megapixels
\$550	Banion	Zenix 2C	15 megapixels

How do you cut an ocean in half? With a sea-saw.

I tried to phone the ladder company, but it just rung and rung.

Dad, can you tell me what a solar eclipse is? No sun.

Did you hear about the ATM that got addicted to money? It suffered from withdrawal symptoms.

Why does Daniel Craig have greying hair in the latest Bond film? He has No Time to Dye.

Dolphins have no sense of porpoise.

What do you call a short mother? A minimum.

Why wouldn't anyone want to buy a car made by Apple? It wouldn't have Windows.

"Pun"t!

Board 9
Dealer N
EW Vul

♠ 109765
♥ 1085
♦ 4
♣ K643

♠ J
♥ KQ
♦ AQ10986
♣ J985

♠ AQ84
♥ AJ9632
♦ —
♣ AQ10

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 1 3 1 2 1
S 1 3 1 2 1
E 12 10 12 11 12
W 12 10 12 11 12

Par -1440 6NT= EW
NS: 3 + 7 =10HCP
EW:17+13=30HCP

♠ K32
♥ 74
♦ KJ7532
♣ 72

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	7♥-2 E	♦7	200
Geof Brod & John Stiefel	Alex Kolesnik & Ira Chorush	*3NT+1 W	♣3	630
Chris Donnelly & Ethan Wood	Mike Levine & Mike Passell	4♥+2 E	♦7	680
David Chechelashvili & Ai-Tai Lo	Bob Bitterman & Bob Cappelli	4♥+2 E	♥4	680
Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	Greg Vance & Grant Vance	4♥+2 E	♣7	680
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Jack Zhao & Jerry Stamatov	3NT+3 W	♦4	690
Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	4♥+3 E	♣7	710
Qiang Zhang & Jun Shi	Alan Watson & Rick Binder	2♠X-4 N	♥A	800
Jeff Xiao & Ming Sheng	Joe Viola & Randy Howard	2♦X-4 S	♥K	800
Kevin Collins & Olin Hubert	Yanong Han & Wanfeng Mou	2♦X-5 S	♥K	1100
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Eric Xiao & Victor Xiao	3♦X-5 S	♥K	1100
Jessica Lai & Dmitri Shabes	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	3♦X-6 S	♥K	1400
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Kevin Dwyer & Andy Goodman	6♥= E	♣7	1430
Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	Maureen Brines & Tracy Brines	6NT= W	♦4	1440

Board 9 was played everywhere from 2DX North/South to 7H East/West. The normal contract is 4H E/W, collecting 12 tricks with the club finesse working and trumps dividing 3-2.

In the Tebha/Lewis match, Nistor/Rotaru, known to be very aggressive, bid the grand slam. The auction was largely natural. The 3NT bid showed a serious spade cue. 4NT was keycard for hearts. 5S showed two with the queen. When Rotaru bid 5NT, Nistor responded 6C. On the Nistor/Rotaru convention card, this is explained as specific kings! At the table, Nistor self-alerted that 6C showed no kings outside! Sometimes our misunderstandings work well in spite of the situation and sometimes we fall from grace. In this case, 7H may have been too much even if partner held the CK! As it is, the CK is onside and partner holds the valuable spade singleton, yet declarer cannot come to more than 12 tricks. 17 IMPs to Tebha when Dwyer/Goodman stopped in the making 6H!

On another note: Some E/W pairs did not need to bid slam to get their 1400. Bramley/Hessel collected nine tricks defending 3DX. While it is modern-style to preempt 6-card suits at the 3 level, this can be a dangerous practice... even at favorable... when the opponents have opened the bidding in first seat. Note the two 800's, two 1100's, and Bramley's 1400!!

♠ 109765
♥ 1085
♦ 4
♣ K643

♠ J
♥ KQ
♦ AQ10986
♣ J985

♠ AQ84
♥ AJ9632
♦ —
♣ AQ10

♠ K32
♥ 74
♦ KJ7532
♣ 72

W N E S
P 1♥ P
2♦ P 2♥ P
3♥ P 3NT* P
4♦ P 4NT P
5♠ P 5NT P
6♣* P 7♥ P
P P

Other table
6♥= E

Steve Zolotow S

Fun and Games Page

Old TV Shows 1

Find and circle all of the old TV shows that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of an additional old TV show.

S I L L I G E I B O D E E R A N N O D
W A L T O N S P E Y T O N P L A C E T
A F N G I X A T V H O D D C O U P L E
L L E A R M E R E H W E S L E T S O Y
A I R A M E M U R P H Y B R O W N V D
L P M E R E E Y L M I A M I V I C E O
J P A E T G L N Y S Y M N K S T Y B O
E E D V F N S F H L E C O O O P E O D
T R A I L I E R I O E R N D N J Y A Y
S E B T Y T M C L R R R C E S N A T D
O D O I I H I L L G R N A A G Q A K W
N I U G N G T A B A O I E D N R U C O
S H T U G I D S I E C M N T L E E A H
M W Y F N L O S L A N I E T E I E M D
P A O S U N O I L L O C D R I D K R E
O R U R N O G E I I E S A E P N U R G
E D I S N O R I E C H I P S M Y T A D
H Y N A P M O C S E E R H T E O L I M
O O R A G N A K N I A T P A C Y W E N

ALICE
BEN CASEY
BEVERLY HILLBILLIES
CHIPS
CANNON
CAPTAIN KANGAROO
DOBIE GILLIS
DONNA REED
DR. KILDARE
EMERGENCY
FLIPPER

FLYING NUN
FUGITIVE
GOMER PYLE
GOOD TIMES
GREEN ACRES
GREEN HORNET
HOWDY DOODY
I SPY
IRONSIDE
JETSONS
KOJAK

L.A. LAW
LASSIE
LOVE BOAT
MAD ABOUT YOU
MAUDE
MEDICAL CENTER
MIAMI VICE
MOD SQUAD
MOONLIGHTING
MURPHY BROWN

ODD COUPLE
PEYTON PLACE
RAWHIDE
RIFLEMAN
RIN TIN TIN
SOAP
ST. ELSEWHERE
TAXI
THREE'S COMPANY
WALTONS

Proving that there's no such thing as a truly flat board!

Board 21
Dealer N
NS Vul

♠ J4
 ♥ Q1063
 ♦ J982
 ♣ AJ10

♠ A952
 ♥ J72
 ♦ K43
 ♣ 952

♠ KQ86
 ♥ AK5
 ♦ Q107
 ♣ Q63

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
 N 5 5 6 6 6
 S 5 5 6 6 6
 E 8 8 6 6 7
 W 8 8 7 7 7

Par -120 1NT+1 EW
 NS: 9 +7=16HCP
 EW: 16+8=24HCP

♠ 1073
 ♥ 984
 ♦ A65
 ♣ K874

See auction at the "one-off" table...
 1NT=13+ to 16-
 2D showed diamonds and a major

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Jeff Xiao & Ming Sheng	Kevin Collins & Olin Hubert	1NT= E	♥9	90
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Yanong Han & Wanfeng Mou	1NT= E	♥9	90
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Mike Levine & Mike Passell	1NT= E	♣4	90
David Chechelashvili & Ai-Tai Lo	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	1NT= E	♥9	90
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Barry Rigal & Glenn Milgrim	1NT= E	♥9	90
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Greg Vance & Grant Vance	2♦-1 N	♣3	100
Tracy Brines & Maureen Brines	Geof Brod & John Stiefel	1NT+1 E	♣4	120
Eric Rodwell & Eddie Wold	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	1NT+1 E	♥8	120
Jeff Ferro & Leni Holtz	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	1NT+1 E	♣4	120
Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	1NT+1 E	♥8	120
Bob Munson & Bruce Tuttle	Kevin Dwyer & Andy Goodman	1NT+1 E	♥9	120
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Eric Xiao & Victor Xiao	1NT+2 E	♠7	150
Doug Doub & Yiji Starr	Chris Donnelly & Ethan Wood	1NT+2 E	♥9	150
Steve Chen & Xin Ge	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	1NT+2 E	♣4	150

Board 21
Dir N
2♦-1 N

♠ J4
 ♥ Q1063
 ♦ J982
 ♣ AJ10

W Grant Vance

♠ A952
 ♥ J72
 ♦ K43
 ♣ 952

♠ KQ86
 ♥ AK5
 ♦ Q107
 ♣ Q63

N Anam Tebha
 Other table
 1NT+1 E
 Greg Vance E

♠ 1073
 ♥ 984
 ♦ A65
 ♣ K874

W N E S
 P 1NT* P
 P 2♦* P P
 P

Steve Zolotow S

And two boards later, the exception that proves the rule! Everyone made 620!

Board 23
Dealer S
All Vul

♠ A
 ♥ A83
 ♦ 973
 ♣ KJ10542

♠ 8654
 ♥ KJ94
 ♦ 64
 ♣ A86

♠ KJ1092
 ♥ Q5
 ♦ AKJ105
 ♣ 3

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
 N 7 3 5 4 7
 S 7 3 5 4 7
 E 5 10 8 9 6
 W 5 10 8 9 6

Par -620 4♠= EW
 NS: 12+6=18HCP
 EW: 14+8=22HCP

♠ Q73
 ♥ 10762
 ♦ Q82
 ♣ Q97

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Eric Xiao & Victor Xiao	4♠= E	♣7	620
Jeff Xiao & Ming Sheng	Kevin Collins & Olin Hubert	4♠= E	♥6	620
Tracy Brines & Maureen Brines	Geof Brod & John Stiefel	4♠= E	♣7	620
Doug Doub & Yiji Starr	Chris Donnelly & Ethan Wood	4♠= W	♣J	620
Steve Chen & Xin Ge	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	4♠= E	♥2	620
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Yanong Han & Wanfeng Mou	4♠= E	♣7	620
Eric Rodwell & Eddie Wold	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	4♠= E	♣7	620
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Mike Levine & Mike Passell	4♠= E	♥6	620
David Chechelashvili & Ai-Tai Lo	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	4♠= E	♣7	620
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Barry Rigal & Glenn Milgrim	4♠= E	♣7	620
Jeff Ferro & Leni Holtz	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	4♠= E	♣7	620
Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	4♠= E	♥6	620
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Greg Vance & Grant Vance	4♠= E	♣7	620
Bob Munson & Bruce Tuttle	Kevin Dwyer & Andy Goodman	4♠= E	♣7	620

I called my dogs Rolex and Timex. They're watch dogs.
 Seven days without a pun makes one weak.
 Geology rocks, but Geography is where it's at.
 How many Mexicans does it take to change a lightbulb? Just Juan.
 Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
 I tried exercise, but it didn't work out.
 Learn sign language. It's pretty handy.

Never make your password 'beef stew'. It's not stroganoff.
 I haven't even managed to write my autobiography. That's the story of my life.
 I need a new masseuse. The one I have rubs me the wrong way.
 What do you call a pile of cats? A meowntain.
 The Lion King is full of hidden Simbalism.

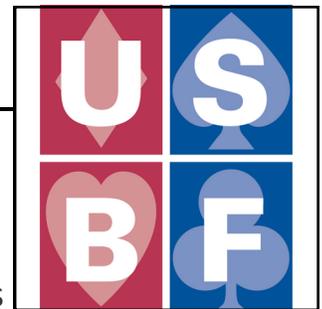
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6	2	7	8	9	3	1	5
8	4	9	5	2	1	7	6
9	7	2	4	1	8	5	3
3	5	6	9	7	2	4	1
1	8	4	6	3	5	9	7

Answer to Sudoku 1

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

Answer to Sudoku 2

I fired the guy I hired to mow my lawn. He just didn't cut it.
 Russian dolls are so full of themselves.
 What do you call 2 birds stuck together?
 Velcrows.



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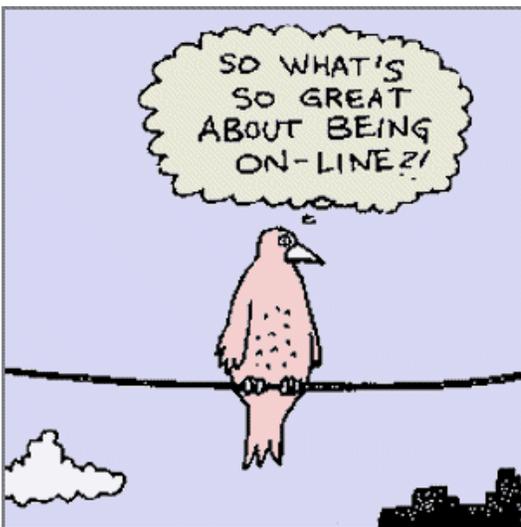
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Four people are trying to cross a sketchy rope bridge in the middle of the night. Only two can cross at a time. They only have one flashlight, and so one person must bring it back across the bridge to the starting side before anyone else can cross. One person takes one minute to cross, another takes two minutes to cross, another takes five minutes to cross, and the last person takes 10 minutes to cross. Hypothetically, if the two-minute person and the five-minute person crossed together, that would take a total of five minutes (but someone needs to bring the flashlight back, resulting in seven minutes spent if the two-minute person returns with the light). Everyone needs to get across in 17 minutes or less, otherwise they will be ripped apart and consumed by zombies.

Logic Riddle... Answer Below



**Why Don't
People Eat
Clocks?
It's Too Time
Consuming!**

Solution:

The key to solving this riddle is sending the 5-minute person (the janitor) and the 10-minute person (the professor) across together. This way you get the two slowest people across in 10 minutes instead of 15, and that 5 minutes saved is worth the hassle of not being able to send the 1-minute person (you) back with the flashlight every time. You don't want the 5- or 10-minute person going back across though, so you need to leave one of the faster people on the far side waiting.

So, you send the 1-minute person and the 2-minute person (the lab assistant) across first. 2 minutes have elapsed. Then send the 1-minute person back with the flashlight. 3 minutes have elapsed. Then send the 5-minute person and the 10-minute person across together. 13 minutes have elapsed. Then send the 2-minute person back with the flashlight. 15 minutes have elapsed. Finally, send the 1-minute and 2-minute person across together, and everyone is across in 17 minutes. Congratulations, you escaped the zombies and lived to tell.

Note: You can send the 2-minute person back across initially rather than the 1-minute person and still get everyone across in 17 minutes.

Eric Victor Rodwell (born May 1, 1957) is an American professional bridge player. He has won the Bermuda Bowl representing the United States five times and is one of ten players who have won the triple crown of bridge: the Bermuda Bowl, the World Open Pairs and the World Team Olympiad.

Rodwell was born in San Francisco, California and his family moved to West Lafayette, Indiana in 1965 where his father was a professor of biochemistry at Purdue University. He started playing bridge at the age of eleven by reading books and playing with his parents. Rodwell graduated from West Lafayette High School in 1974 and attended Purdue, graduating with a master's degree in finance in 1981. Rodwell is currently a full-time bridge professional and lives in Clearwater Beach, Florida with his wife Donna; each has two children from previous marriages, his being twins Jeffrey and Sara (b. 1984).

Bridge career

For decades Rodwell has been in a regular partnership with Jeff Meckstroth, and "Meckwell", for their surnames, is one of the most successful pairs of all time. They are well known for playing an aggressive and very detailed system called RM Precision (for Rodwell-Meckstroth), of which Rodwell is the principal theorist and author. Although he first learned basic Precision at the age of 14, he didn't get serious about developing his own version until 1982 after he and Meckstroth were already winning. Most of RM Precision was developed subsequently in the early '80s with adaptations following more slowly thereafter. As a bidding theorist, Rodwell has created several conventions and methods including the support double, conventional transfers in many situations, the pass-double inversion and the serious three notrump. Although the Unusual Major Jumps Over One Diamond Opening convention (UMJODO) is often credited to him, he denies inventing it.

Although he has not actively pursued masterpoints as a goal, he is one of the all-time top masterpoint holders in the American Contract Bridge League, and won the *Barry Crane Trophy* for winning the most masterpoints in a year in 2004. Possibly his most remarkable achievement was at the ACBL's 2008 fall championships, where with four major events available to be contested, he won three (Open Board-A-Match Teams, Blue Ribbon Pairs, Reisinger Teams) and finished second in the fourth (Life Master Open Pairs). The three wins were with Jeff Meckstroth, and the second place with John Diamond.

Bridge accomplishments

Awards

- ACBL Player of the Year 2008
- Barry Crane Top 500 2004
- Mott-Smith Trophy 1980
- Fishbein Trophy 1991, 1999, 2004, 2007
- Herman Trophy 1982, 1985, 1998
- Goren Trophy 2008

Wins

- Bermuda Bowl 1981, 1995, 2000, 2003, 2009
- World Open Team Olympiad 1988
- World Open Pairs 1986
- North American Bridge Championships
 - Vanderbilt 1980, 1982, 1985, 2000, 2003, 2014, 2017
 - Spingold 1984, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2004, 2006, 2007
 - Reisinger 1979, 1985, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009
 - Grand National Teams 1990, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
 - Open Board-a-Match Teams 2008
 - Men's Board-a-Match Teams 1984
 - Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1994, 2002, 2006, 2008, 2009
 - North American Men's Swiss Teams 1989
 - Blue Ribbon Pairs 1982, 1985, 2008
 - Life Master Pairs 1980, 1986, 1991
 - Life Master Men's Pairs 1979
 - Open Pairs 1979
 - Open Pairs II 1999
- United States Bridge Championships
 - Open Team Trials 1980, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2017
- European Open Bridge Championships
 - Open Pairs 2003

**From
Wikipedia**



**Meet
the
Players**

**Welcome
Back
Eric!
We
Missed
You!**

☒ ✍ ♠ 10 N Franco Baseggio
 Bd 18, Dlr E ♡ AQ107 Other table
 3NT+1 N ♢ J 6♣-1 N
 W Alex Ornstein ♣ KJ97653 E Bruce Rogoff
 ♠ 63 ♠ Q7542
 ♡ K96543 ♡ 82
 ♢ Q875 ♢ 1096
 ♣ 2 ♣ AQ4
 ♠ AKJ98 W N E S
 ♡ J P P 1♠
 ♢ AK432 P 2♣* P 3♦*
 ♣ 108 P 3NT P P
 Jacob Freeman S

At one table in Sprung/Rogoff, Baseggio/Freeman played a pedestrian 3NT.

The auction:

2C=2+

3D=4+ diamonds and extras

Rogoff led the H8 to the J,K,A. Baseggio cashed his three top hearts and led the ST to the ace in dummy. He cashed the SA and SK and with the ten having fallen, he played the SJ to Rogoff's queen, setting up two more spade tricks.

Rogoff played the DT to dummy's ace and Baseggio cashed the two high spades. The DK scored the 9th trick and the club position became moot.

☒ ✍ ♠ 10 N Jeff Ferro
 Bd 18, Dlr E ♡ AQ107 Other table
 6♣-1 N ♢ J 3NT+1 N
 W Ira Hessel ♣ KJ97653 E Bart Bramley
 ♠ 63 ♠ Q7542
 ♡ K96543 ♡ 82
 ♢ Q875 ♢ 1096
 ♣ 2 ♣ AQ4
 ♠ AKJ98 W N E S
 ♡ J P P 1♠
 ♢ AK432 P 2♣ P 2♦
 ♣ 108 P 2♥ P 3♦
 P 3NT P 4♣
 P 6♣ P P
 P
 Leni Holtz S

At the other table, it was much sadder for North/South. Every finesse was on except for the one that mattered!

Ferro/Holtz had a straightforward auction to 6C... not a great contract off the CA and CQ (roughly 30%). Had someone asked for keycards, it probably would have been avoided.

Once there, however, a favorable lie was required. As it was, it was hopeless. Bramley held both the club ace and queen over the king and the contract was doomed.

12 IMPs to Sprung

The traveler:

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Doug Doub & Yiji Starr	Chris Donnelly & Ethan Wood	3NT+2 N	♥8	660
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Yanong Han & Wanfeng Mou	3NT+1 N	♠4	630
Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	3NT+1 N	♥8	630
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Greg Vance & Grant Vance	3NT+1 N	♥8	630
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Eric Xiao & Victor Xiao	3NT= N	♥8	600
Jeff Xiao & Ming Sheng	Kevin Collins & Olin Hubert	3NT= N	♥8	600
Eric Rodwell & Eddie Wold	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	5♣= S	♦7	600
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Mike Levine & Mike Passell	5♣= N	♥8	600
David Chechelashvili & Ai-Tai Lo	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	3NT= N	♥8	600
Tracy Brines & Maureen Brines	Geof Brod & John Stiefel	6♣-1 N	♥8	100
Steve Chen & Xin Ge	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	6♣-1 N	♠5	100
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Barry Rigal & Glenn Milgrim	3NT-1 N	♥8	100
Jeff Ferro & Leni Holtz	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	6♣-1 N	♠2	100
Bob Munson & Bruce Tuttle	Kevin Dwyer & Andy Goodman	4NT-2 N	♥8	200

Board 41 Dealer N EW Vul		♠ 987653 ♥ AJ852 ♦ AK ♣ —	NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ N 10 11 8 7 9 S 10 11 8 7 9 E 3 1 5 5 4 W 3 2 5 5 4	
♠ 1042 ♥ Q1093 ♦ 876 ♣ K93	♠ Q ♥ K764 ♦ QJ53 ♣ QJ108	♠ AKJ ♥ — ♦ 10942 ♣ A76542	Par +450 4♠+1 NS NS: 12 + 12 = 24 HCP EW: 11 + 5 = 16 HCP	
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Steve Chen & Xin Ge	Joyce Goldstein & Tracy Brines	6♠ = N	♣Q	980
Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	Doug Doub & Yiji Starr	6♠ = N	♣Q	980
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Alex Kolesnik & Ira Chorush	6♠ = N	♣J	980
Phil Clayton & Danny Sprung	Eric Xiao & Victor Xiao	4♠+2 N	♣Q	480
Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	Jessica Lai & Dmitri Shabes	4♠+1 N	♣J	450
Bob Munson & Bruce Tuttle	Kevin Collins & Olin Hubert	4♠+1 N	♣J	450
Bob Bitterman & Bob Cappelli	Eddie Wold & Eric Rodwell	4♠+1 N	♦Q	450
Barry Rigal & Glenn Milgrim	Hemant Lall & Michael Penick	5♠ = N	♣Q	450
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Jeff Ferro & Leni Holtz	4♠+1 N	♣Q	450
Jack Zhao & Jerry Stamatov	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	4♠+1 N	♣J	450
Kevin Dwyer & Andy Goodman	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	4♠+1 N	♦Q	450
Chris Donnelly & Ethan Wood	Qiang Zhang & Jun Shi	4♠ = N	♦Q	420
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Ron Smith & Tod Moses	4♠ = N	♣Q	420
Jeff Xiao & Ming Sheng	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	6♠-1 N	♣Q	50

Three pairs bid and made a small slam on Board 41 of the 12th round. Looking only at the East hand, a high club lead seems natural, but as it turns out, it is the only lead to allow slam to succeed.

♠ 987653
♥ AJ852
♦ AK
♣ —

N Jeff Meckstroth

Bd 41, Dlr N
6♠ = N

W Yiji Starr

♠ 1042
♥ Q1093
♦ 876
♣ K93

♠ Q
♥ K764
♦ QJ53
♣ QJ108

E Doug Doub

Other table
4♠+1 N

♠ AKJ
♥ —
♦ 10942
♣ A76542

S David Berkowitz

W	N	E	S
1♠	P	2♠*	
P	2♥	P	2♣
P	3♠	P	3NT*
P	4NT	P	5♠*
P	5♠	P	6♠*
P	P	P	P

In Brod/Levine, Berkowitz/Meckstroth reached 6C. 2C is a natural 2/1 GF. It can be bid on a 2 or 3 card suit when responder has a GF without four card spade support and without a five-card heart or diamond suit. 3NT was a non-serious slam try. 4NT was keycard. 5C showed 0 or 3 keycards and 6S confirmed 3.

Although diamonds were the unbid suit at both tables, both Easts chose to lead from their C:QJT8, giving declarer the extra entry needed to set up the club suit!

Meckstroth won the CA and trumped a club. He led a spade to dummy and ruffed a second club. Another spade went to dummy and a third club was trumped. The clubs were good and Meckstroth drew the last trump to take his two discards.

In Lall/Lo, N/S had a similar auction. 5C was Exclusion Keycard and 5S showed two. With his 6-card spade suit, Krekorian gambled that spades would behave well enough for slam to succeed. Krekorian trumped the first club and then followed Meckstroth's line to draw trumps and establish the club suit. The Lall team and the Levine team both won 11 IMPs when 5S was bid and made at their teammates' tables.

♠ 987653
♥ AJ852
♦ AK
♣ —

N Jim Krekorian

Bd 41, Dlr N
6♠ = N

W Ira Chorush

♠ 1042
♥ Q1093
♦ 876
♣ K93

♠ Q
♥ K764
♦ QJ53
♣ QJ108

E Alex Kolesnik

Other table
5♠ = N

♠ AKJ
♥ —
♦ 10942
♣ A76542

S Venkatrao Koneru

W	N	E	S
1♠	P	2♠	
P	2♥	P	2♣
P	3♥	P	3♠
P	5♠*	P	5♠*
P	6♠	P	P

Limey Jack...

Yanks:

Limey Jack does not really have his heart in this event as today we lay Her Majesty to rest.

Levine-Brod: Levine gets a W/D

Lall-Ge: Lall prevails

Sprung-Lo: Sprung cannot be stopped

Lewis-Rogoff: Rogoff pulls off the minor upset.

In the RR 2, 4 squads move afore. They are Beatty, Tebha, Reynolds and Zaio.

Please keep a good thought for M 'Lady. Limey Jack will be back to himself when next he is met.

Rodwell and Meckstroth
On one, not two teams.
Playing like winners,
Or so it sure seems!

Brod got the worst,
Of the draws of the squads.
Strong they may be,
But facing poor odds!

Lall's played this game
Longer than Ge.
He'll pull this out,
Just wait and see!

Sprung versus Lo
Be the closest of matches.
Lo's gonna skid
On some slippery patches.

In Rogoff v Lewis,
Rogoff prevails.
If thin games go down though,
Team Rogoff fails!

Howie Doing!!!

I want to be honest.
I want to be true,
When picking survivors
Who play Bracket 2!

There's Beatty and Brines
And Reynolds and Vance,
Tebha and Xaio...
They all have a chance.

I like team Tebha,
And Beatty's ok.
All of their players
Know how to play.

Reynolds is next,
The team plays a lot...
And if Xaio gets in sync,
The team could get hot!

So good bye to Vance.
Good bye to Brines.
Watch on the VuGraph
While sipping fine wines!

Till next weekend... Howie Doing!!

jlall7 - Round Robin Stage 1 (thru R13 possible boards = 104)

played at least 40% of boards

rank	partnership	totalimps	#boards	avg
1	David Berkowitz - Jeff Meckstroth	128.48	87	1.48
2	Eddie Wold - Eric Rodwell	105.46	72	1.46
3	Jeff Ferro - Leni Holtz	71.85	64	1.12
4	Hemant Lall - Michael Penick	50.59	48	1.05
5	Disa Eythorsdottir - Linda Lewis	86.87	104	0.84
6	Jim Krekorian - Venkatrao Koneru	75.58	104	0.73
7	Alex Kolesnik - Ira Chorush	45.37	72	0.63
8	Bart Bramley - Ira Hessel	44.76	72	0.62
9	Franco Baseggio - Jacob Freeman	42.18	72	0.59
10	Eric Xiao - Victor Xiao	26.62	56	0.48
11	Fred Stewart - Steve Beatty	29.91	72	0.42
12	Barry Rigal - Glenn Milgrim	25.54	72	0.35
13	Steve Chen - Xin Ge	25.38	72	0.35
14	Wanfeng Mou - Yanong Han	21.98	64	0.34
15	Jun Shi - Qiang Zhang	21.78	72	0.30
16	Mike Levine - Mike Passell	9.09	48	0.19
17	Alex Ornstein - Bruce Rogoff	8.31	72	0.12
18	Jack Zhao - Jerry Stamatov	5.89	72	0.08
19	Iulian Rotaru - Radu Nistor	8.46	104	0.08
20	Bob Bitterman - Bob Cappelli	2.40	72	0.03
21	Andy Goodman - Kevin Dwyer	2.09	72	0.03
22	Grant Vance - Greg Vance	-3.40	72	-0.05
23	Geof Brod - John Stiefel	-5.74	64	-0.09
24	Doug Doub - Yiji Starr	-6.46	72	-0.09
25	Joyce Goldstein - Tracy Brines	-10.40	56	-0.19
26	Danny Sprung - Phil Clayton	-12.61	64	-0.20
27	Bob Munson - Bruce Tuttle	-19.38	64	-0.30
28	Anam Tebha - Steve Zolotow	-20.86	64	-0.33
29	Bill Hall - Joe Viola	-25.20	72	-0.35
30	Dmitri Shabes - Jessica Lai	-27.14	72	-0.38
31	Alan Watson - Rick Binder	-31.72	72	-0.44
32	Hemant Lall - Reese Milner	-35.28	56	-0.63
33	Eric Xiao - Ming Sheng	-34.93	48	-0.73
34	Kevin Collins - Olin Hubert	-51.08	64	-0.80
35	Ron Smith - Tod Moses	-59.18	72	-0.82
36	Ai-Tai Lo - David Chechelashvili	-54.83	64	-0.86
37	Karen Allison - Randy Howard	-48.88	53	-0.92
38	Lance Kerr - Tom Reynolds	-75.97	80	-0.95
39	Jeff Xiao - Ming Sheng	-53.94	56	-0.96
40	Maureen Brines - Tracy Brines	-52.34	48	-1.09
41	Chris Donnelly - Ethan Wood	-62.56	56	-1.12
42	Jeff Xiao - Victor Xiao	-63.92	48	-1.33

Cross IMPs... Thanks AI for Putting These Together!