

**We  
Remember:**



## Bracket 2 Stage 2

### Matchups...

5	Rogoff - wins tie
12	Brines
6	Ge - wins tie
11	Tebha
7	Brod - wins tie
10	Vance
8	Lo
9	Beatty - wins tie

## Bracket 1 Semi-Final

### Matchups...

1	Levine
4	Lewis - wins tie
2	Lall - wins tie
3	Sprung

It looks like a day with lots of swings,  
With games and slams and other things!!

Watch online and share a laugh  
Delayed on RealBridge VuGraph!

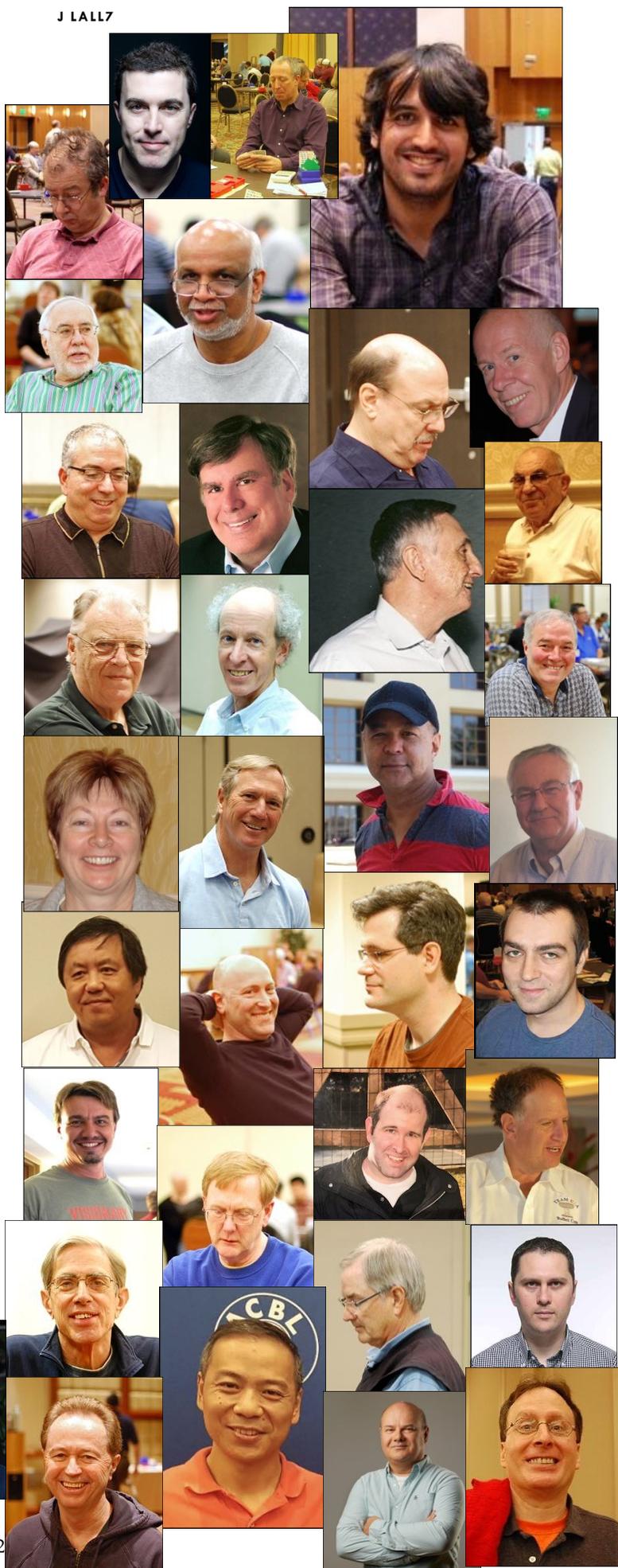
Enjoy at home while watching live,  
Check out how ... just read page 5!

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# 14 Teams Entered (alphabetical order)

J LALL7

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

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

I saw some red breasted birds out sunning. I think they were baskin' robins!

Some people don't know what a will is... it's a dead give-away!

A duck, a skunk and a deer went out to dinner at a restaurant one night. When it came time to pay the tab, the skunk didn't have a scent... the deer didn't have a buck... so they put the whole meal on the duck's bill!

A copy of "A Christmas Carol" fell off my bookshelf onto my toe. It hurt like the Dickens!

If you think of a better fish pun, please let minnow!

How did the farmer meet his wife? He tractor down!

If I had a nickel for every bread pun, I'd have a pun-per-nickel!

New Book: 50 Yards to the Outhouse by Willie Makeit  
Introduction by Betty Wont

I tried to come up with carpentry pun that woodwork. I think I nailed it!

The invention of the shovel was ground-breaking... but the invention of the broom really swept the nation!

Breaking News! Man gets hit by rental car! Says it HERTZ!

I dropped a margarine tub on my foot last week. It still hurts. I can't believe it's not better!

I thought of becoming a vegetarian. I could give up most meat, just not cold turkey!

I switched all the labels on my wife's spice rack. Don't tell her. I'm not in trouble yet but the thyme is cumin!

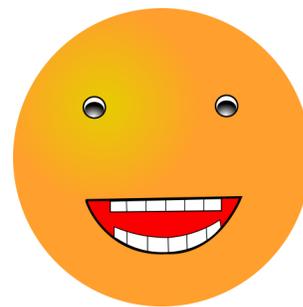
My boss asked why I break out in a rash every time he gives me my paycheck. I explained to him that I'm allergic to peanuts!

I didn't think wearing orthopedic shoes would help... but I stand corrected!

I kept running into ducks and chickens in the fog yesterday... it was truly fowl weather!

My friend composes ditties about sewing machines. She's a SINGER songwriter... or sew it seams!

It's a five minute walk to the bar from my house... It's a 45 minute walk from the bar going home... the difference is staggering!



# "PUN"ishment

# Kibitzing on VuGraph...

To kibitz, go to [kibitz.realbridge.online](http://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.

### 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



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



Board 53  
Dealer N  
NS Vul

♠ J43  
♥ 1098542  
♦ AJ10  
♣ 9

♠ Q9  
♥ QJ76  
♦ 65  
♣ KJ632

♠ 10876  
♥ 3  
♦ Q9432  
♣ A75

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

♠ AK52  
♥ AK  
♦ K87  
♣ Q1084

Par +620 4♥= NS  
NS: 6+19=25HCP  
EW: 6+9 =15HCP

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	Bob Cappelli & Bob Bitterman	4♥ = S	♦6	620
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Steve Chen & Xin Ge	4♥ = N	♦3	620
Jun Shi & Qiang Zhang	Hemant Lall & Michael Penick	4♥ = N	♠7	620
Phil Clayton & Danny Sprung	Glenn Milgrim & Barry Rigal	4♥ = S	♦6	620
Alex Kolesnik & Ira Chorush	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	4♥ = S	♦6	620
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Leni Holtz & Jeff Ferro	4♥ = S	♦6	620
Jack Zhao & Jerry Stamatov	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	4♥ = N	♦2	620
Doug Doub & Yiji Starr	Eddie Wold & Eric Rodwell	4♥ -1 N	♠7	100

On Board 53 of the Bracket 1 Semi-Final, finding the DQ is critical to succeed in 4H. Six players led diamonds, some from East and some from West. In any case, once a diamond is led, declarer's problems are solved since there is only one play available in the spade suit and with the favorable lie of the spade suit, the play just works! The queen falls doubleton!

♠ J43  
♥ 1098542  
♦ AJ10  
♣ 9

W Michael Penick

♠ Q9  
♥ QJ76  
♦ 65  
♣ KJ632

♠ AK52  
♥ AK  
♦ K87  
♣ Q1084

Qiang Zhang S

N Jun Shi  
Other table  
4♥ = N

Hemant Lall E

♠ 10876  
♥ 3  
♦ Q9432  
♣ A75

	W	N	E	S
P			P	1♣
P	1♥		P	2NT
P	3♥		P	3♠
P	3NT		P	4♦
P	4♥		P	P
P				

Two players led the S7 (third best.)

In Lall/Ge, Lall led the S7. Shi rose with the SA, cashed two high hearts, and played a small club off dummy to his nine and Lall's ace.

Lall had a problem. If he continues clubs, declarer will be able to ruff out Lall's partner's KJ, establishing the long club for a diamond or spade discard.

It seems that Lall's best play would be to exit with a spade, putting declarer to an immediate guess.

Instead, he chose to play a diamond, picking up his own queen ... and in the process, forcing declarer to drop his partner's SQ.

(Continued on page 6)

In Levine/Brod, like Lall, Wold led the S7.

Doub faced the same problem as Shi, but decided to play with the odds. The seven would be the normal lead from QT7, Q97, Q87, or T87... or maybe, T97.

Therefore, the opening leader has the queen more often than not.

Doub ducked at trick one and never had a chance to recover.

12 IMPs to Levine

Push for Ge/Lall

W Eric Rodwell

E Eddie Wold

♠ J43

♥ 1098542

♦ AJ10

♣ 9

♠ Q9

♥ QJ76

♦ 65

♣ KJ632

♠ 10876

♥ 3

♦ Q9432

♣ A75

♠ AK52

♥ AK

♦ K87

♣ Q1084

W N E S

P P P 1♣

P 1♥ P 2NT

P 4♥ P P

P P P P

0 0

Yiji Starr S

### 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



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

### 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...

# French Onion Soup

**Recipe Cuisine:** French

**Recipe Category:** Soups, Stews, Chili

**Yield:** 4 Servings

**Prep Time = 0:00 Cook Time = 0:00 Total Time = 0:00**

### Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp Margarine
- 6 c Sliced Onion
- 1/2 tsp Minced Garlic
- 1 Bay Leaf
- 1 c White Wine
- 6 c Beef Stock
- 1 Sprig Fresh Thyme
- 6 Thick Slices Of French Bread, cut into rounds
- 1 c Shredded Swiss Cheese
- 1 c Shredded Parmesan Cheese



### Instructions:

- Heat margarine in large skillet; add onions, garlic and bay leaf. Cook over low heat stirring occasionally until onions are golden brown, about 45 minutes. Add 1/2 c wine; cook until wine is evaporated, stirring to loosen brown bits. Add remaining wine stock and thyme. Season with salt and pepper. Bring mixture to a boil. Reduce heat to low, simmer until onions are very tender, about 1 hour. Remove bay leaf and thyme sprig.
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- Heat oven to 200 degrees F. Bake bread rounds until dry; then remove.
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- Increase oven to 400 degrees F. Mix Swiss and Parmesan cheeses. Place equal amounts of onions in ovenproof soup bowls; fill bowls with soup. Place bread slice in each bowl, sprinkle with cheese mixture. Bake until cheese is golden brown and soup is hot, about 20 minutes. Serve.

*(Recipe, Continued on page 8)*

Research shows that EXIT signs are on their way out!

Never trust a train... they have LOCO motives!

A guy told me to buy stock in a company that makes alcohol from apples... He's being investigated for in-cider trading!!

(Recipe, continued from page 7)

## CARAMEL PRALINE CRÈME BRÛLÉE

### INGREDIENTS:

See all the accent marks? This is recipe going to be exotic. Okay, brûlée time!

- 20 egg yolks
- 3 oz brown sugar
- 2 oz sugar
- 4 cups heavy cream
- 4 cups half & half
- A taste of vanilla essence (or vanilla extract)

To make the caramel praline mix, this is all you need:

- ½ cup praline paste
- ½ cup caramel sauce

You can't caramelize without sugar! In this case, you'll need two types:

- 1 oz brown sugar
- 2 oz sugar

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a double boiler, mix the milk, the cream and 1 oz of sugar. Warm this mixture.
2. Mix the egg yolk with the other half amount of sugar.
3. Combine the milk and egg yolk mixture. Add vanilla extract.
4. Add the caramel praline mix and strain it... twice, for good measure.
5. Taste before pouring it into the brûlée dish
6. Bake in a water bath at 340° F for 20 to 30 minutes.
7. Mix the sugar and brown sugar.
8. Generously sprinkle the brûlée with the sugar mix and caramelize the surface under a very hot broiler, or use a propane or butane cooking torch. (Careful with the torch!)
9. **Fancy bonus!** Garnish with fruit, mint leaf... or whatever you'd like!



(Recipes, Continued on page 9)

If we got rid of margarine, the world would be a butter place...

A sweater I bought was picking up static electricity. I returned it to the store and they exchanged it ... free of charge!

Knowing how to pick locks has opened a lot of doors for me!

When my phone battery died, I was angry and needed to find an outlet!

I didn't mean to gain weight. It happened by snaccident!

The girl in the middle of the tennis court is Annette!

Where do rabbits learn to fly? In the HARE force, of course!!



# LECHE FLAN

## INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup sugar (keep this one separate)
- 6 eggs, large (at room temperature)
- 14 oz sweetened condensed milk
- 26 oz evaporated milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 8-inch baking dish
- 1 baking tray with high sides
- Mixer



## HERE'S HOW YOU DO IT:

1. Everybody needs a warm-up. Preheat the oven to 325° F and maybe do a few light stretches.
2. Pour one cup of sugar into a warm, dry pan over medium heat. Constantly stir the sugar. Soon it will turn a deep golden color and caramelize.
3. Quickly pour the liquid sugar into the baking dish. It should cover the entire base of the baking dish before it cools.
4. Break the eggs and combine them together in a mixer until they look frothy and well-mixed.
5. Keep mixing the eggs, but now slowly pour in the condensed milk. Keep mixing as you add the evaporated milk. Then slowly mix in the vanilla and the remaining sugar (a half-cup).
6. Pour the mixture, which should be custard-like, into your caramel-lined baking dish. Place the baking dish on the baking tray.
7. Using an oven mitt, pull out the oven rack and place the tray on the rack and the dish on the tray. Fill the baking tray with about an inch of hot water, so that the baking dish is surrounded with water, but not floating. Push the tray back into the oven and close the door.
8. Bake the flan for 45 minutes and check with a knife, just to the side of the center. If the knife comes out clean, it's ready. If not, give it a few more minutes to cook.
9. Once it's done, remove the flan from the oven and let it cool in the baking tray. Once it reaches room temperature, place the whole baking dish in the refrigerator — overnight if you can, but for at least one hour.
10. When you're ready to serve, place a serving dish over the flan and turn the whole thing over so that the flan falls onto the serving dish. The caramel sauce will flow over the top of the custard.
11. Enjoy immediately and completely. You can refrigerate the leftovers for up to 48 hours... but why would you have leftovers?

Do they allow loud laughing in Hawaii? Or do they only allow a lo ha?

A pun had not completely matured until it's full groan!

If a bearded man makes vases, is he a Harry Potter?

When an escaped prisoner was caught camping out in a forest preserve, it was a clear case of criminal intent!

*I think I want a job cleaning mirrors. it's just something I could really see myself doing.*

**I've started investing in stocks: beef, chicken, and vegetable... One day I hope to be a bouillonnaire.**



Board 52  
Dealer W  
All Vul

♠ J98654  
♥ 1053  
♦ Q5  
♣ A2

♠ K3  
♥ K864  
♦ KJ6  
♣ Q874

♠ A107  
♥ A2  
♦ A8742  
♣ K103

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	
N	1	5	3	1	2
S	1	5	3	1	2
E	12	8	10	12	11
W	12	8	10	12	11

♠ Q2  
♥ QJ97  
♦ 1093  
♣ J965

Par -1440 6NT= EW

NS: 7 + 6 =13HCP  
EW:15+12=27HCP

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Alex Kolesnik & Ira Chorush	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	3NT-2 W	♠6	200
Jun Shi & Qiang Zhang	Hemant Lall & Michael Penick	3NT-1 W	♠6	100
Phil Clayton & Danny Sprung	Glenn Milgrim & Barry Rigal	3NT= W	♠6	600
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Steve Chen & Xin Ge	3NT+1 E	♥J	630
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Leni Holtz & Jeff Ferro	3NT+1 E	♥J	630
Jack Zhao & Jerry Stamatov	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	3NT+1 W	♠6	630
Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	Bob Cappelli & Bob Bitterman	3NT+2 W	♠6	660
Doug Doub & Yiji Starr	Eddie Wold & Eric Rodwell	3NT+2 W	♠6	660

On Board 52, timing is everything. Kolesnik led the S6 and Hessel inserted the ST from dummy, covered by the queen and king. Hessel attacked his long suit immediately, leading a diamond to the ace and finessed for the DQ. Kolesnik won his queen and cleared the spades.

Hessel won the spade, cashed the DK and led a club toward dummy. Kolesnik won the CA and cashed three spades... contract down two!

At the other table, Clayton led the S6 to the ten, queen and king.

Rigal had a little extra information... since Clayton had overcalled 1S on what

appeared to be Jxxxx. It was likely that Clayton held the CA since he lacked so much in spades. Rather than tackling diamonds immediately, Rigal led a small club toward dummy. Clayton ducked the ace and Rigal played on diamonds, establishing four diamond tricks, two heart tricks, two spade tricks, and a club for nine!

If Clayton had won his CA and cleared spades, Rigal would be able to duck a diamond into Sprung's hand, leaving Sprung with no exit.

Rigal would have two hearts, two spades and two clubs and would only need three tricks in diamonds. 13 IMP to Lo

# Sudoku

## Answers

### on Page 14

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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

**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](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net). I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

Suzi



**SOLUTION to Logic  
Puzzle on page 13**

1993	Blaster Boy	Lloyd	\$70
1992	Troop Seven	Frank	\$65
1991	AWOL Alert	Phillip	\$60
1990	Victorforce	Kyle	\$35
1989	Countershot	Clinton	\$80
1988	Gator Attack	Dave	\$75

What kind of milk comes from a forgetful cow? Milk of Amnesia!

Mix a four leaf clover with poison ivy and you get a rash of good luck!

The Pillsbury Doughboy is my roll model!

The electrician arrived home at 3AM!! His wife asked him, "Wire you insulate?"

I was going to watch the Origami World Championships for free before it folded but it was only on Paperview!

**"Pun"t!**



# Fun and Games Page

## Horse Breeds

Find and circle all of the Horse Breeds that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell a quote by Herman Melville.

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

AKHALTEKE  
ANDALUSIAN  
APPALOOSA  
ARABIAN  
ARDENNES  
AZTECA  
BARB  
BLACK FOREST  
CASPIAN  
CLYDESDALE  
CRIOLLO  
CURLY

FALABELLA  
FJORD  
FRIESIAN  
GYPSY  
HACKNEY  
HAFLINGER  
HANOVERIAN  
HOLSTEINER  
ICELANDIC  
IRISH SPORT  
JUTLAND  
KATHIAWARI

LIPIZZANER  
LUSITANO  
MARWARI  
MINIATURE  
MISAKI  
MONGOLIAN  
MORAB  
MORGAN  
MUSTANG  
OLDENBURG  
PAINT

PERCHERON  
QUARTER  
SADDLEBRED  
SENNER  
SHIRE  
STANDARD BRED  
SUFFOLK  
THOROUGHBRED  
TRAKEHNER  
WALER  
WELSH COB

# Logic Puzzle

		Video Games					Buyers					Prices							
		AWOL Alert	Blaster Boy	Countershot	Gator Attack	Troop Seven	Victorforce	Clinton	Dave	Frank	Kyle	Lloyd	Phillip	\$35	\$60	\$65	\$70	\$75	\$80
Years	1988																		
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	1990																		
	1991																		
	1992																		
	1993																		
Prices	\$35																		
	\$60																		
	\$65																		
	\$70																		
	\$75																		
	\$80																		
Buyers	Clinton																		
	Dave																		
	Frank																		
	Kyle																		
	Lloyd																		
	Phillip																		

Answers on page 11

Years	Video Games	Buyers	Prices
1988			
1989			
1990			
1991			
1992			
1993			

- Neither the game that came out in 1993 nor the video game bought by Dave is Victorforce.
- Victorforce wasn't bought by Phillip.
- The video game that sold for \$65 is either Countershot or the one bought by Frank.
- Of Countershot and the game bought by Phillip, one came out in 1989 and the other sold for \$60.
- Of the game that sold for \$80 and the video game that came out in 1990, one was purchased by Kyle and the other is Countershot.
- The game that sold for \$70 wasn't bought by Dave.
- The video game bought by Lloyd came out 2 years after the one that sold for \$60.
- The one that came out in 1988 didn't sell for \$35.
- The one bought by Dave came out 4 years before Troop Seven.
- The video game that came out in 1992, Countershot, AWOL Alert, Gator Attack and the one bought by Lloyd are all different video games.
- The video game that came out in 1993 didn't sell for \$35.
- Troop Seven is either the game that came out in 1990 or the video game that sold for \$65.
- AWOL Alert is either the one that sold for \$60 or the game bought by Kyle.

# Humor...

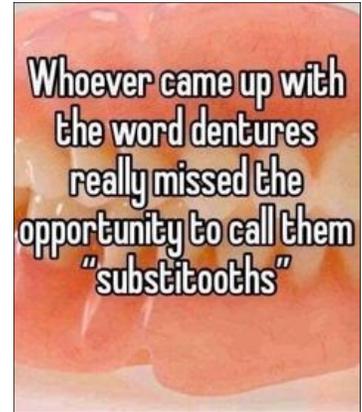


Where do you take  
someone who has been  
injured in a  
Peek-a-Boo accident?

To the I.C.U.

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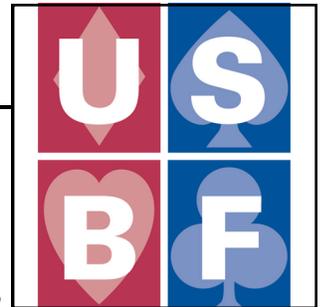
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3	2	8	9	6	5	7	4	1
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Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2

## 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.



# Logic Riddle...

Three passengers are sitting in a train car with the window open as they travel cross-country. Suddenly a freight locomotive laden with coal speeds by, knocking a cloud of soot straight into the passenger car's window. All three passengers' faces are covered in soot, but it happens so rapidly that none realize their own face is covered. When Miss Atkinson looks up from her book, she begins to laugh at how absurd the other two passengers look, who are also laughing.

Each passenger assumes that their own face is clean, and that the other two are laughing at each other. Then Miss Atkinson suddenly stops laughing and takes a handkerchief out of her purse to wipe her face clean.

How did she know she also had soot on her face?

**Hint:** In this puzzle, we can assume that all of the passengers are making logical assumptions, but Miss Atkinson is a bit quicker than her carriage companions.

## Solution:

Miss Atkinson knows that she has soot on her face because neither of the other two passengers stops laughing, or realizes their faces are sooty. If only two people had sooty faces, then they would see everyone laughing, one sooty face, and one clean face. Because the others are also laughing, they would know that their own face was sooty—if only two people had mucky faces.

Since neither of the other two realize their own face is dirty, Miss Atkinson realizes that her own must be as well, which would allow the other two passengers to believe their own faces clean and continue laughing.

Make sure to give this one to your fellow train car companions down the line, and make sure to come back for another riddle!

Solution

# Meet the Players



**Franco Baseggio** was a Managing Director of HBK's statistical arbitrage strategy, a position he had held for over 12 years.

Prior to that, Franco built a statistical arbitrage strategy at PCM, a hedge fund, and co-headed the fund-of-funds group at Commerzbank. Franco started his career with a 6 year stint at D. E. Shaw & Co. in a variety of programming, quant, and investing roles.

Franco received his Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Harvard.

When he gets the chance he likes to play tournament bridge, where he has one major national victory.

Franco is the father of twin boys, married to Rebecca Sokolovsky.

He hails from Concord, Massachusetts, now living in Manhattan, New York.

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*Regular Bridge Partners* Andy Stark

*Favorite Tournaments* Team Trials

*Favorite Conventions* reverse western cuebid

*BBO Username* baseggio



Franco is currently working as a volunteer on the new EDGAR project with AJ Stephani and others to better detect unethical activities in bridge.

At this event, Franco is playing as a member of the Sprung team.



Why can't the chicken find her eggs? Because she mislaid them!

What do chickens serve at birthday parties? Coop Cakes!

