

# Round Robin Results...

Team Name	Total	Carry Over	3	1	4	2
3. Hu	76.18	34.51		6.86	17.84	16.97
1. Eckert	61.02	25.25	13.14		4.95	17.68
4. Zhang	59.68	31.33	2.16	15.05		11.14
2. Gong	43.12	28.91	3.03	2.32	8.86	

**Congratulations  
Teams:  
Hu and Eckert!  
Good luck  
next year  
in the Final!!**

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**A  
Special  
Junior  
Pandemic  
Competition**

# Teams Entered...

There are four teams entered. listed here in alphabetical order by captain:

Eckert	<b>Kai Eckert, Capt</b> Sam Pakh Isaac Stone	<b>Evan Alexis</b> Alexandra Clark
Gong	<b>Nathan Gong, Capt</b> Jeff Xiao Kayden Ge	<b>Arthur Gong</b> Andrew Chen Charlie Chen
Hu	<b>Amber Lin, Capt</b> Jeff Hu	<b>Olivia Schireson</b> Henry Xing
Zhang	<b>Brian Zhang, Capt</b> Eric He	<b>Eric Xiao</b> Edward He



**Pre-Pandemic Junior Program Pics!**

# Tournament Schedule:

FINAL KNOCKOUT			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EST	SEGMENT - BOARDS
SATURDAY OR	JAN. 22	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45	QUARTER 1 - BOARDS 1-14 QUARTER 2 - BOARDS 15-28 60 MINUTE BREAK
SUNDAY (TEAMS' CHOICE)	JAN. 23	4:45 - 6:30 6:45 - 8:30	QUARTER 3 - BOARDS 29-42 QUARTER 5 - BOARDS 43-56

**People:** "You're so quiet, you never talk."  
**Me:** "Oh I talk, just not to you."

**the fact that you are still here is proof that whatever tried to beat you lost.**

We breathe air, trees make air, homework kills trees, therefore homework kills us.

I've never read a tombstone that said: "Died from not forwarding to 10 people".

## Teen Memes...

My parents say it's their house but when it's time to clean it magically becomes my house too.

"No offence" means "I am about to insult you, but don't get mad."

I either read for 4 hours straight or don't read for 4 months there is no in between.

Hearing my own voice on recording makes me want to apologize to every single person I've talked to like I'm really sorry.

# Upcoming Event from the USBF

## 2022 JLall Online Teams #5

The fifth **USBF JLall Online Teams** event (JLall5) will be held from January 14-17 and 21-24 on RealBridge.

JLall5 is open to all Active USBF members. An Active member is one who has paid USBF dues. All players must have paid 2022 dues on or before January 10, 2022.

### Event Schedule and Format

- JLall5 will be held from January 14-17 and 21-24.
- Play each day will start at noon EST and end at about 8:30 pm EST.
- There will be no more than 32 teams, each with 4-6 players.
- The entry fee for the event is \$400 per team.
- DIC for the event is McKenzie Myers. Tournament Organizer is Jan Martel. Software guru is Al Hollander. Vugraph Organizer is Chris Wiegand, who will again organize voice commentary for the KO stages.
- The event format will be:

#### Round Robin Stage 1, January 14-16:

Everyone plays 3 days of a "split field" Round Robin with 10 board matches; there are two Round Robin groups, named by the winners of JLall4 in honor of Justin's sister Jessica Mayor JLall (Jessica is running for Mayor of Los Angeles), and CEO JLall (Jessica is currently a CEO). Teams will be assigned to the two groups based on a "draft" by the top two teams (chosen by a vote of all teams). The top 5 teams in each group will qualify for the KO Round of 16. The five teams ranked 6-10 in each group ("bubble teams") will play in Stage 2 of the Round Robin. The remaining teams in each group will be eliminated.

#### Round Robin Stage 2, January 17th:

Each bubble team plays a 10 board match against each bubble team from the other group, scored at VPs with carryover from the first 3 days. The top 6 teams qualify for the Round of 16. The bottom 4 teams are eliminated.

#### Knockouts, January 21-24:

- One match per day. 56 boards per match.
- **There will be a short Captains' meeting on January 18th to set the KO bracket.** The precise method of setting the bracket is set forth in the Special Conditions of Contest. Summary: the top 4 teams from Round Robin Stage 1 will select their opponents for the Round of 16 from the bottom 8 qualifiers. The remaining qualifiers will be shuffled in groups to fill the bracket.
- The matches will be played on RealBridge. During the bidding & play, each player will see & hear their screenmate - (N&E, S&W). Before and after each match, teammates will be seated at one table.
- There will be no real-time online kibitzing allowed for any match. Kibitzers will be able to watch after a delay. For the Round Robin, the delay will be until each match is over so kibitzing does not provide "state of the match" information. For the first half of each KO match, kibitzing will start half an hour after play starts, and each board will be shown no sooner than when all tables have finished playing it. For the second half of each KO match, kibitzing will start at the end of the segment. We will try to have voice commentary, and perhaps may limit chat at the tables late in the event to approved commentators.
- RealBridge will archive bidding, play & score information for the event. We will also post scores on this website.
- Players may consult their bidding notes, SSF, and convention card **during the bidding only**. Other aids to memory (for example, lists of percentages, calculators, notes about carding) are not allowed.
- Play Requirements for teams that qualify after the first 3 days of play: if there are 32 teams (15 matches) each player must have played 7 of the 15 matches.
- Play Requirements for teams that qualify after the fourth day of play: each player must have played 50% of the boards played over all 4 days, rounded down if there are an odd number of boards.
- Any player who has not paid 2022 USBF dues by January 10 will not be allowed to play.
- Teams can freely change their rosters until January 7th, when the division of teams into Round Robin groups will start. After January 7th, a team may change its roster only if the change does not substantially strengthen or weaken the team. Roster changes are made by **email to the Tournament Organizer**. If an added player or pair is not able to meet the deadlines for system filing, they may not play any unusual method unless it is played by another pair in the event.

My level of sarcasm's gotten to a point where I don't even know if I'm kidding or not.

Trying to embarrass me is so unnecessary I do it to myself just fine.

# Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Delayed Kibitzing on RealBridge

THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE JUNIOR JLALL1 EVENT.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN ON DECEMBER 28, 2021 (EST)

- Round 1: 12:45 pm
- Round 2: 2:00 pm
- Round 3: 3:15 pm
- Round 4: 5:05 pm
- Round 5: 6:20 pm
- Round 6: 7:35 pm

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO FINAL (EST) - JANUARY 22 OR 23 AT THE TEAMS' CHOICE

- Quarter 1: 1:00 pm
- Quarter 2: 3:00 pm
- BREAK
- Quarter 3: 5:45
- Quarter 4: 7:45

To kibitz, go to [the RealBridge kibitzing website](#), enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz (we do not know whether there will be events with deferred kibitzing other than the JuniorJLall1).

After you select Kibitz Junior JLall Online Teams #1, 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 plus information about whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play

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. Click on the bid to see the explanation.

-- "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 the South player's name, you will get a scorecard for the match so far.

You can use this to get lots of information:

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

----You can also click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.

----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.

--In the upper left corner:

----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and for the Round Robin will not include scores from previous rounds).

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

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

### TIMING OF DEFERRAL

The Round Robin matches will be deferred by 15 minutes, and the Final will be deferred for an hour, but no board will be shown until it has been played at all tables, so there may sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown because tables are very slow. **For the fourth quarter of the Final, the delay will be until the match has been completed, so players will not be able to get useful state of match information. That means that the 4th quarter kibitzing will start at 8:30 EST.**



### There are five types of fear:

1. terror
2. Panic
3. 14 missed calls from mom
4. Username or password incorrect
5. We need to talk

Why do they even include 2021 as an option when selecting your birth year online...

Like you are fresh out of the womb and ready to join gmail??

It's really hard to stop watching netflix when it automatically plays the next episode for you.

## Some Suggestions For Snacking While Kibitzing ... Pandemic Pleasures...



### Ingredients

- 600 grams all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 500 grams unsalted butter, softened
- 500 grams brown sugar
- 80 grams dried coconut, shredded
- 100 milliliters coconut milk
- 6 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

# Coconut Cookies

### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 F (176 C)
- In a bowl, sift together the flour and baking soda
- In another bowl, beat butter with brown sugar until smooth
- Beat in eggs one by one until well blended
- Mix in the coconut milk and vanilla extract
- Fold in dry mixture of flour and baking soda, and then the dried coconut until evenly distributed throughout the batter
- Using an ice-cream scoop or 1/4-cup measure, scoop cookie dough onto a baking sheet and mold into a circular shape
- Bake until slightly puffed but barely colored, 9-12 minutes

We know it might be hard to resist, but make sure to let the cookies cool before digging in.

## Ingredients

- 20 chocolate cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies, divided
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar, divided
- 1 carton (16 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed, divided
- 15 miniature peanut butter cups, chopped
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1 package (3.9 ounces) instant chocolate fudge pudding mix

# Peanut Butter Chocolate Treats



## Directions

1. Crush 16 cookies; toss with the butter. Press into an ungreased 9-in. square dish; set aside.
2. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, peanut butter and 1 cup confectioners' sugar until smooth. Fold in half the whipped topping. Spread over crust. Sprinkle with peanut butter cups.
3. In another large bowl, beat the milk, pudding mix and remaining confectioners' sugar on low speed for 2 minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set. Fold in remaining whipped topping.
4. Spread over peanut butter cups. Crush remaining cookies; sprinkle over the top. Cover and chill for at least 3 hours.

1 piece: 365 calories, 20g fat (11g saturated fat), 20mg cholesterol, 273mg sodium, 39g carbohydrate (33g sugars, 1g fiber), 5g protein.

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H.o.m.e.w.o.r.k = Half  
of my energy wasted on  
random knowledge

Trying to do as many  
things as you can  
during commercials.

IF YOU COULD CHOOSE  
BETWEEN WORLD PEACE  
AND BILL GATES FORTUNE  
WHAT COLOR WOULD  
YOUR LAMBORGHINI BE?

# Strawberry Trifle

## Ingredients

- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream, whipped
- 8 cups cubed angel food cake
- 4 cups sliced fresh strawberries

## Directions

1. In a large bowl, beat the milk, sour cream, pudding mix and orange zest on low speed until thickened. Fold in whipped cream.
2. Place half of the cake cubes in a 3-qt. glass bowl. Arrange a third of the strawberries around sides of bowl and over cake; top with half of the pudding mixture. Repeat layers once. Top with remaining berries. Refrigerate for 2 hours before serving.

## Nutrition Facts

1 serving: 376 calories, 23g fat (14g saturated fat), 62mg cholesterol, 360mg sodium, 38g carbohydrate (30g sugars, 2g fiber), 6g protein.

**Me most of the year:**  
"I want everything!"  
**Me near christmas:**  
"I cannot think of a single thing I want."

I've always wanted to turn around in a big chair and say "I've been expecting you.."

That awkward moment when you're at a friend's house, and their parents start screaming at them. & you're just like.. That's a nice wall.

### Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting in a Round Robin event, it can be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please email it to me at stan-subeck@prodigy.net. Thank you.

Suzi



How come we never talk anymore since the grand-kids taught you FaceBook?



Considering cards  
To find the right lead...  
Trying to do it  
"In Tempo" with speed!

# Limey Jack... Howie Doing...

Cheerio Yanks:

But two remain in the Juniors. As Zia might say, Hu only hurt the ones you love.

Ta

In 2-0-2-2,  
It's Eckert v Hu.  
Schireson/Lin  
Have many a win!  
Still, I'm picking Kai,  
A really nice guy  
To come out on top  
When it comes to a stop!  
Howie Doing... not bad!!

## Hand Analysis Forum with the Rosenbergs...

After the game, the Rosenbergs (Debbie, Michael, and Kevin) conducted a truly wonderful discussion of the hands with whatever Juniors chose to attend. The Forum was held on Zoom. Chip Martel assisted and all in all, the players had an informative, educational, fun experience... and their appreciation was clear. Kevin Rosenberg pointed out the excellent auction by Brian Zhang and Eric Xiao to reach 6H on Board 50 in the fifth match.

The screenshot shows a bridge hand analysis interface. At the top, it indicates 'Bd 50, Dir E' and '6♥ = E'. The West hand (Brian Zhang) is shown as ♠ J10754, ♥ A743, ♦ K32, ♣ 10. The East hand (Eric Xiao) is shown as ♠ KQ, ♥ KQ85, ♦ A4, ♣ A9854. Below the hands is a bidding table:

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

At the bottom, a score display shows 0-0 and a name 'Sam Pahk S'.

The discussion centered around East's 3S call. Director, McKenzie Myers, thought that call was the key to reaching the slam. While others thought other calls were equally important, this fueled the discussion and encouraged group involvement... why we love bridge!

Once East reversed from clubs to hearts and West raised hearts, East knew that West held at least five spades (if he was 4-4 in the majors, he would have bid hearts up the line.) Eric knew his SKQ were very valuable and he wanted his partner to know about the high card fit. When he bid 3S, Brian cue bid 4D and Eric asked for keycards and placed the contract in 6H.

6H is a good slam... requiring 3-2 hearts and 4-2 or better spades.

Chip raised the issue during the Forum that 3S could be interpreted as showing a 3-card spade support IF 2H was an artificial reverse on a 3-3-1-6 powerhouse. If that is the case, East

should probably jump to 4S over 3H to clarify his holding.

As it was, all's well that end's well! Pahk led a spade to his partner's ace and there was no more to do.

Thanks to the Rosenbergs, Chip Martel, McKenzie Myers, and the many Juniors who attended the discussion. Debbie was the moderator and her patience and teaching skill really showed.

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

Sudoku 1

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers to Puzzles on Page 14!

### Online Ethics -

We're not trying to provide security for this event, as we do when we sometimes have "real" events online. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties still apply to this event. If an expert committee is convinced that any player covertly communicated with his/her partner or unethically obtained information about any other player's hand, the player will be subject to discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion from the USBF.

# Fun and Games Page

## Back to School

Find and circle all of the School related words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell a Mark Twain quotation.

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

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|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| ASSIGNMENTS | ERASER        | LUNCHROOM   | ROLL CALL      |
| BACKPACK    | EXAMS         | MATH        | RULES          |
| BATHROOM    | FIRST DAY     | NEW FRIENDS | SCHOOL BUS     |
| BELL        | GYMNASIUM     | NOTEBOOK    | SCHOOL OFFICE  |
| BINDER      | HALLWAY       | NURSE       | SCHOOLYARD     |
| CAFETERIA   | HOMEWORK      | OLD FRIENDS | SCIENCE        |
| CHALKBOARD  | INTERCOM      | PADLOCK     | SECRETARY      |
| CLASSROOM   | JANITOR       | PAPER       | SEPTEMBER      |
| CLOCK       | LANGUAGE ARTS | PENCILS     | SOCIAL STUDIES |
| COURSES     | LEARNING      | PENS        | STUDENT        |
| DESK        | LIBRARY       | PRINCIPAL   | STUDY          |
| DOORS       | LOCKER        | QUIZZES     | TEACHER        |
| ENROLL      |               |             |                |

Spades may be  
The highest suit,  
But I think HEARTS  
Are really cute!



My partner said  
He really thinks  
My Board 2 bid  
Just really stinks!

I told him  
That I don't care!  
Stink's a scent  
A skunk can wear!!



# Word Find Puzzle

# Logic Puzzle ...



		Teas							Temperatures							Steep Times						
		Dan Cong	Dong Ding	Gold Turtle	Iron Monk	Jin Xuan	Pouchong	White Comb	185 degree	190 degree	195 degree	205 degree	210 degree	215 degree	220 degree	1 minute	1.5 minutes	2 minutes	2.5 minutes	3 minutes	3.5 minutes	4 minutes
Prices	\$4.50																					
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- The Jin Xuan is either the variety that steeps for 1 minute or the tea that costs \$7.50.
- The tea that requires 210 degree water costs 5 dollars more than the White Comb.
- Of the variety that requires 190 degree water and the tea that steeps for 4 minutes, one costs \$6.50 and the other is the Dong Ding.
- The tea that requires 195 degree water costs more than the variety that requires 205 degree water.
- The tea that steeps for 2.5 minutes costs less than the variety that requires 190 degree water.
- The Dan Cong doesn't cost \$10.50.
- The Jin Xuan costs 4 dollars less than the variety that requires 185 degree water.
- The tea that costs \$8.50 doesn't steep for exactly 2 minutes.
- The variety that requires 190 degree water costs 4 dollars less than the tea that steeps for 3 minutes.
- The tea that requires 215 degree water costs 1 dollar more than the variety that requires 190 degree water.
- Of the Gold Turtle and the tea that steeps for 3.5 minutes, one costs \$5.50 and the other needs 205 degree water.
- The Dong Ding costs 2 dollars more than the Iron Monk.
- The Jin Xuan costs 1 dollar more than the tea that requires 195 degree water.

## Answer to Puzzle... No Peeking!

\$4.50	White Comb	205 degree	3.5 minutes
\$5.50	Gold Turtle	195 degree	2.5 minutes
\$6.50	Jin Xuan	190 degree	1 minute
\$7.50	Iron Monk	215 degree	2 minutes
\$8.50	Dan Cong	220 degree	1.5 minutes
\$9.50	Dong Ding	210 degree	4 minutes
\$10.50	Pouchong	185 degree	3 minutes

# Seattle kids win online tournament



*Jessie Cai, Nathan Gong, Arthur Gong and Helena Hsieh won a three-month online team tournament for youth who are part of the U.S. Overseas Chinese Bridge Association.*

## Meet the Players

From **Nathan Gong's** Bridge Winner's Profile:

### *Favorite Bridge Memory*

Played with McKenzie Myers one time

### *Regular Bridge Partners*

Rui Gong, Jeff Xiao, Kevin Cline

### *Member of Bridge Club(s)*

Eastside, Mercer Island

### *BBO Username*

nagong1

### *ACBL Ranking*

Non Life Master

**Nathan Gong and his brother, Arthur,** are an up and coming Junior players from the Seattle area...

The U.S. Overseas Chinese Bridge Association organizes online tournaments for their members in the U.S. along with players in China who are invited to participate. In May, four Seattle-area kids won a youth online team tournament that took place over three months.

Jessie Cai and Helena Hsieh, both 15, played with brothers Nathan Gong, 12, and Arthur Gong, 10. The tournament started after Chinese New Year in February with a round robin, with qualifiers advancing to a knockout phase. It was played on BBO. There were two divisions, and they won the one for non-Life Masters.

The girls have also been teaching a class of eight beginning bridge students ages 7 to 13 since April at Northwest Chinese School. They started out assisting Seattle youth bridge organizer Anne Farmer with a larger class, and then their students were selected for additional classes based on the potential they showed in the first class.

"We each have a topic and teach our topic," Helena said. And then each of the girls sits with one of the two tables. If someone is missing and there are only three kids at a table, they'll swap out for whoever is dummy.

They've taught lessons on topics such as hand evaluation and defense. "Different tricks to play defense better, signaling systems to communicate with partner," Helena explained.

The four are part of larger contingent of players from the Seattle area, and some of their students are playing in the cardroom games. Jessie's father, Roger Cai, is one of the volunteers assisting.

The online tournament was unusual because all the players were their age, she said. "Usually we play online with adults, but this time it was all kids."

Nathan had a lot of fun playing in the event. "I don't think it was as stressful as playing in person," he said. "It was exciting every time we won."

On Thursday, a director noticed that Nathan was thanking and complimenting his opponents at every table. He says it's a regular habit.

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# Puzzle Answers:

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

## Sudoku

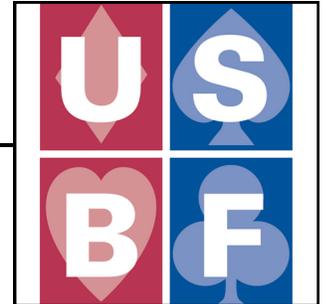
on page 10

Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

## 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.

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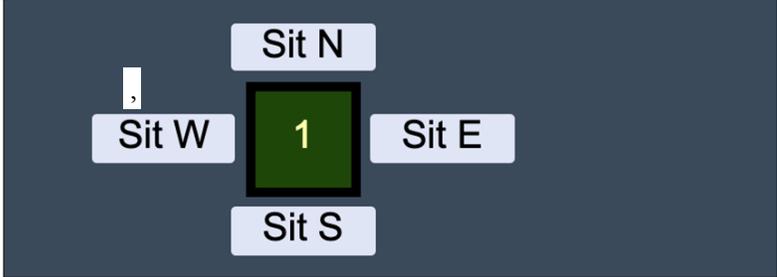
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When you know something doesn't fit in the fridge but you force the door shut and let it fall out on someone else.

That awkward moment when you are actually pulling a push door.

# Helpful Hints for RealBridge

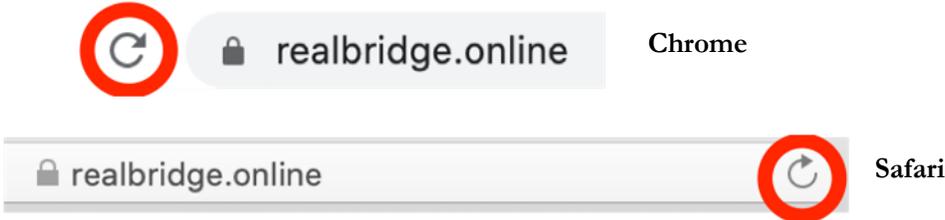
1. If when you log in if you are in the lobby & the area to the left looks like this, please don't sit at Table 1, that will cause future problems for the people who are supposed to be at Table 1.



2. If you want time to discuss systems or some carding starting to play and would prefer not to have the screen close before you have finished, you can click on "Pause" here to keep the screen from closing when the first board is loaded. When you're ready for the first board, whoever clicked on Pause should click OK.



3. If things have been going fine but all at once you are not able to play a card, something may have gone wrong with your connection to RealBridge. You can almost certainly fix it by reloading the browser window, which will take you back to the Log In page and the clicking Log In. To reload the browser window, click on the circled button in the URL bar:

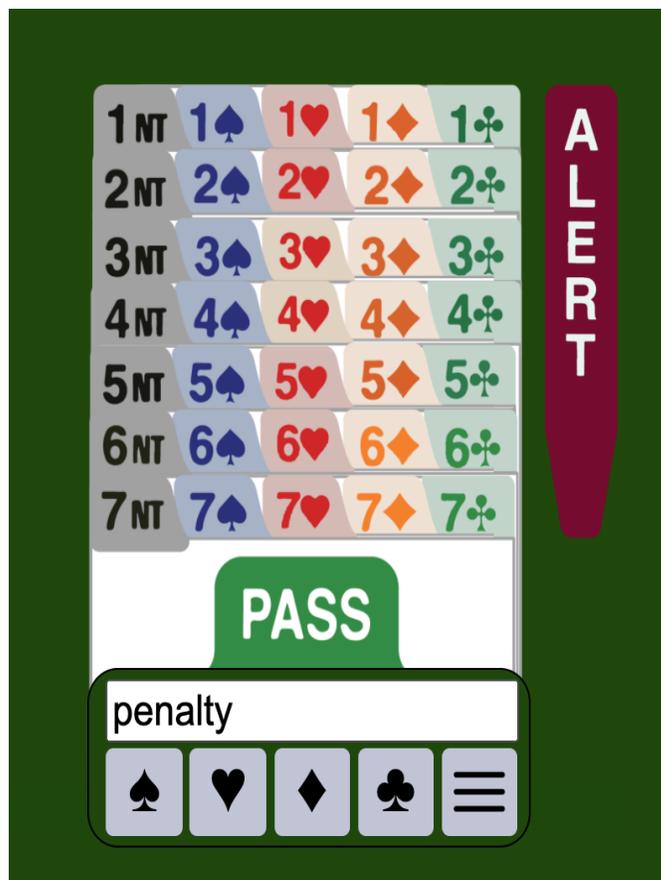


4. if you can't see someone, try clicking on the refresh button next to your name - it's a good idea to do that about every half hour. It refreshes your video feed and often fixes issues related to the cache:



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5. Before you bid, look at the “explain bid here” box and make sure it has what you want. For instance here I “accidentally” went to my library and clicked on “penalty” before I passed. So before passing, I need to select that “penalty” and delete it to get back to an empty “explain bid here” box:



☒ ✍ ♠ 75  
 Bd 24, Dlr W ♥ AK  
 6♦+1 S ♦ 9754  
 W Amber Lin ♣ A9764  
 Olivia Schireson E  
 ♠ K10986  
 ♥ 62  
 ♦ J32  
 ♣ 852  
 ♠ AJ432  
 ♥ J10984  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ J3  
 ♠ Q  
 ♥ Q753  
 ♦ AKQ106  
 ♣ KQ10  
 Eric Xiao S  
 W N E S  
 P 1♣ 2♣ 2♦  
 4♠ 5♦ P 6♦  
 P P P

On Board 24 from the third match, only Xiao and Zhang bid to the good 6D slam. Lin led the H6 and Xiao won dummy's king. He pulled three rounds of trump and cashed the CK and CQ and claimed 13 tricks.

At the other table, Stone and Alexis were allowed to play in 4SX when Alexis opened a weak two in spades that made some of Woolsey's opening two bids look intermediate!! Gong passed 2S and Stone jumped to game. North/South, cold for slam, was never able to take a call.

Nathan Gong led the HA/K. He cashed his CA and led a club to his brother's queen. Arthur cashed his DA, played his HQ, ruffed by dummy's SK. The ST lost to the queen and another heart was ruffed. The contract went down three tricks.

Par on this board was 6SX-4 ... This was as close as it got to that.

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Brian Zhang & Eric Xiao	Olivia Schireson & Amber Lin	6♦+1 S	♥6	940
Nathan Gong & Arthur Gong	Isaac Stone & Evan Alexis	4♠X-3 W	♥A	500
Sam Pahk & Kai Eckert	Jeff Xiao & Andrew Chen	5♦+1 S	♠10	420
Jeff Hu & Henry Xing	Edward He & Eric He	5♦+1 N	♠A	420

**Board 9**  
**Dealer N**  
**EW Vul**

♠ 8  
♥ AJ432  
♦ K986  
♣ J85

♠ A93  
♥ 976  
♦ AJ107  
♣ KQ2

♠ KJ10652  
♥ Q105  
♦ 42  
♣ A7

♠ Q74  
♥ K8  
♦ Q53  
♣ 109643

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣  
N 3 2 6 5 5  
S 3 2 6 5 5  
E 10 10 7 7 7  
W 10 10 7 7 7

Par -630 3NT+1 EW

On Board 9 from the first RR match, only Alexis and Stone found the cold spade game. Stone played it perfectly to guarantee his contract.

Stone opened an aggressive 1S with 10 HCP and two doubletons. Alexis responded 2D. Stone slowed things down with a minimum response of 2S, and when Alexis raised to 3S, Stone

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Nathan Gong & Arthur Gong	Edward He & Eric He	3♠+1 E	♣10	170
Brian Zhang & Eric Xiao	Kayden Ge & Charlie Chen	3♠+1 E	♥K	170
Sam Pahk & Kai Eckert	Olivia Schireson & Amber Lin	3♠+2 E	♣3	200
Jeff Hu & Henry Xing	Isaac Stone & Evan Alexis	4♠= E	♣10	620

Bd 9, Dlr N  
4♠ = E

W Evan Alexis

♠ 8  
♥ AJ432  
♦ K986  
♣ J85

Isaac Stone E

♠ A93  
♥ 976  
♦ AJ107  
♣ KQ2

♠ KJ10652  
♥ Q105  
♦ 42  
♣ A7

♠ Q74  
♥ K8  
♦ Q53  
♣ 109643

Henry Xing S

W N E S  
P 1♠ P  
2♦ P 2♠ P  
3♠ P 4♠ P  
P P

signed off in game.

Xing led the CT. Stone carefully won the ace, cashed the king and ace of spades, and played a heart to his ten and Xing's king. Xing cashed the spade queen and left his hand with a small club.

Stone cashed the CQ, pitching his diamond loser and collected his ten tricks, scoring up his vulnerable game!

Both Edward He and Kayden Ge opened the East hand 2S. Their partners raised to 3S and the auction ended. Both took 10 tricks to score +170.

Eric Xiao led the HK against Ge. Eric continued hearts to his partner's ace and scored a heart ruff. With the trump queen now falling, declarer had an easy 10 tricks.

Arthur Gong led the CT against Edward He. Edward played on the same line as Stone and took 10 tricks.

Olivia Schireson opened 1S as East, but she and her partner suffered interference from Pahk that made game harder to bid. After Schireson's opening 1S, Lin responded 2C (the partnership probably plays that 2D guarantees a five card suit). Pahk stuck in a take out double for hearts and diamonds on his meager 9-count!! Schireson bid 2S; Lin raised to the three level and the auction ended. Eckert led the C3. Schireson won her ace. Schireson cashed her SK and led the SJ!! Because of the T/O double, she had a glimmer more information than the other Easts. Predicated on the fact that North had shown diamonds and hearts, she played for the 3-1 spade split and was rewarded with an IMP when the SJ held the trick.

This board is interesting as is, but even more interesting on a diamond lead. If East receives the lead of a diamond, they must be careful to protect their dummy entries. On a diamond lead, declarer needs to win their DA, play a spade to their king in hand, play three rounds of clubs pitching their losing diamond and lead a heart from dummy toward their ten. When that loses to the king, whatever South returns, declarer will be able to use the SA as an entry to dummy to lead toward the HQ to collect 10 tricks.

Notice that declarer needs to preserve the SA in dummy in order to have the necessary second entry to lead toward the HQ in hand.

Board 14  
Dealer E  
None Vul

♠ Q93  
♥ 1075  
♦ K1075  
♣ J65

♠ 76  
♥ AJ  
♦ A863  
♣ AK1087

♠ AKJ10854  
♥ Q86  
♦ 94  
♣ 9

♠ 2  
♥ K9432  
♦ QJ2  
♣ Q432

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	
N	1	0	5	3	4
S	1	0	5	3	4
E	12	13	8	9	8
W	12	13	8	9	8

Par -1510 7♠= EW

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Sam Pahk & Kai Eckert	Edward He & Eric He	4♠ +1 E	♣3	450
Brian Zhang & Eric Xiao	Isaac Stone & Evan Alexis	4♠ +1 E	♥3	450
Nathan Gong & Arthur Gong	Olivia Schireson & Amber Lin	4♠ +3 E	♠2	510
Jeff Hu & Henry Xing	Jeff Xiao & Andrew Chen	6♠ = E	♣4	980

Bd 14, Dlr E  
6♠ = E

W Andrew Chen

♠ Q93  
♥ 1075  
♦ K1075  
♣ J65

N Jeff Hu

♠ AKJ10854  
♥ Q86  
♦ 94  
♣ 9

E Jeff Xiao

♠ 76  
♥ AJ  
♦ A863  
♣ AK1087

W N E S

2♣*	P	2♠	P
3♦	P	3♠	P
4NT	P	5♥*	P
6♠	P	P	P

Henry Xing S

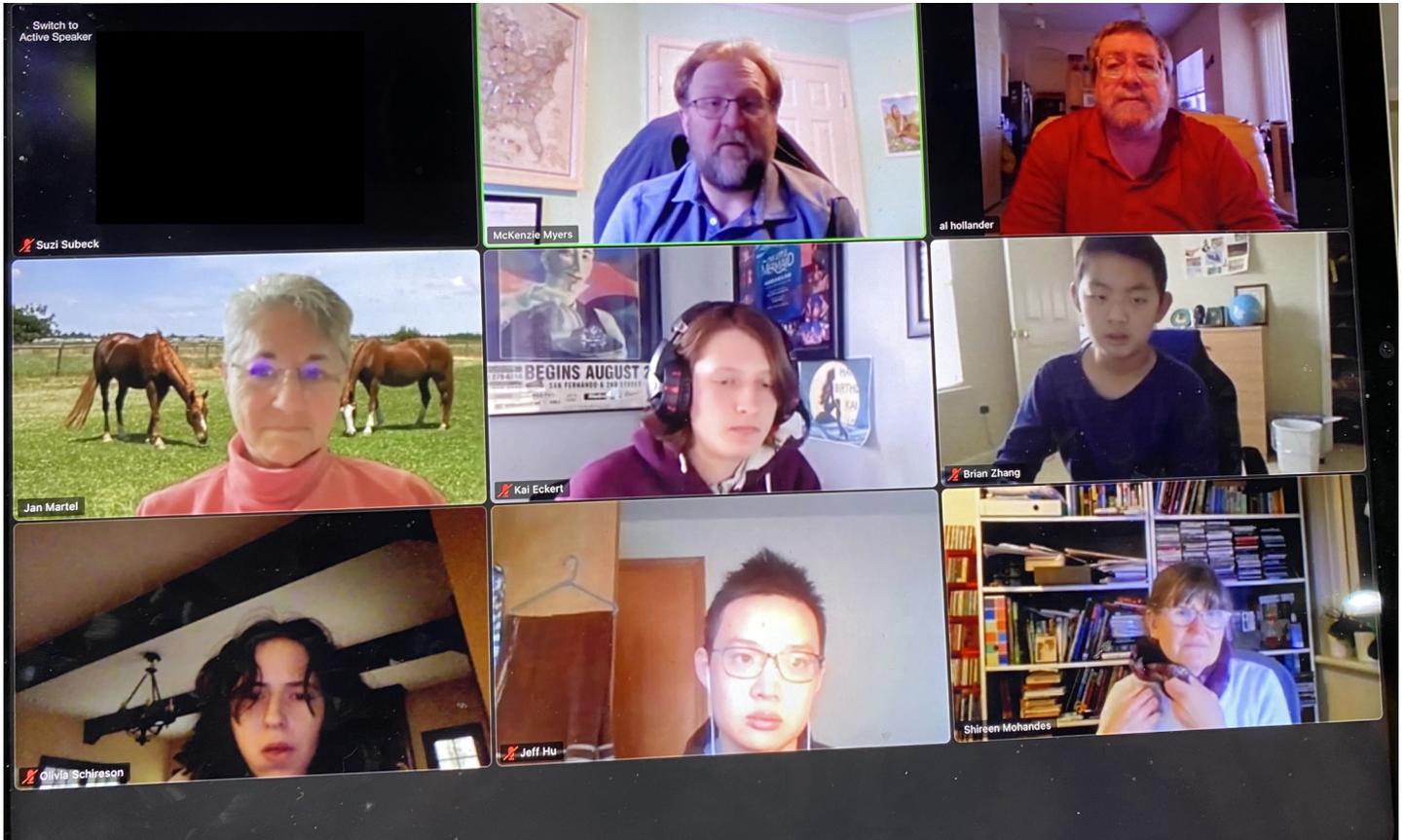
Again in the second match, only one pair of four bid the spade slam. Jeff Xiao and Andrew Chen had a thoughtful auction to get there. Xiao opened 1S. Chen bid a game forcing 2C. Xiao rebid his spades and Chen tried 3D. Xiao bid his spades a third time and staring at first round control of three side suits and second round control of one, Chen asked for keycards. Xiao showed two without the queen and Chen jumped to the slam.

Xing led the C4. Xiao won the ace in dummy, cashed the CK, tossing a diamond from hand. He played a spade to the king and successfully finessed the JH. He cashed the heart ace, ruffed a club in hand, ruffed a heart in dummy, played the DA and ruffed a diamond. Down to all trumps, he cashed the SA and conceded a spade to North's queen. Slam making.

Best play is to win the CA, ruff a club in hand, cash the SAK. If the queen appears, there's a play for 13 tricks, and there's 12 certain. If spades don't split, declarer must take the heart finesse and ruff another club. If clubs are 4-3, dummy's fifth club will afford declarer a discard of their last heart to collect 12 tricks.

If the CJ or CQ appear on the second round of clubs, declarer should not take an immediate heart finesse, instead, playing a diamond to the ace, cashing the second high club pitching a diamond... if the QJx have appears, declarer would not need the heart finesse.

# From the Captains' Meeting...



Junior J

[2] Gong  
Jeff Xiao & Andrew Chen  
Kayden Ge & Charlie Chen

Bd	Table 2	Lead	NS
51	4♥+1 W	♦9	
52	4♥+1 S	♦K	650
53	4♠X-2 N	♦A	
54	4♥= W	♠4	
55	4♥+2 S	♦4	680
56	3♠= W	♥9	
57	2♣+2 E	♦2	
58	6♠X-2 W	♥9	500
59	5♥+1 S	♠K	480
60	3♠X-3 E	♠A	500

Bd 54, Dir E  
3NT= W

W Charlie Chen E Kayden Ge

♠ 6  
♥ —  
♦ 109  
♣ —

♠ —  
♥ 87  
♦ —  
♣ 9

3  
7

♠ —  
♥ 106  
♦ —

W N E S  
P P P P  
1NT\* P 3NT P  
P P

Allie Clark

From the  
Rosenberg  
Discussion  
Forum

Board 35  
Dealer S  
EW Vul

♠ 8  
♥ A32  
♦ KQJ1065  
♣ K105

♠ KQ653  
♥ K54  
♦ A2  
♣ 932

♠ A1074  
♥ J1076  
♦ 3  
♣ QJ74

♠ J92  
♥ Q98  
♦ 9874  
♣ A86

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

Par -300 5♦X-2 NS

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Jeff Hu & Henry Xing	Isaac Stone & Evan Alexis	3♠-1 W	♦K	100
Kayden Ge & Charlie Chen	Eric Xiao & Brian Zhang	3♠ = W	♦K	140
Eric He & Edward He	Jeff Xiao & Andrew Chen	5♦X-2 N	♠A	300
Allie Clark & Kai Eckert	Olivia Schireson & Amber Lin	4♠ = W	♦K	620

Bd 35, Dir S  
4♠ = W

W Amber Lin

♠ 8  
♥ A32  
♦ KQJ1065  
♣ K105

N Allie Clark

E Olivia Schireson

♠ KQ653  
♥ K54  
♦ A2  
♣ 932

♠ A1074  
♥ J1076  
♦ 3  
♣ QJ74

♠ J92  
♥ Q98  
♦ 9874  
♣ A86

W N E S  
P P 2NT\* 3♦  
P P 4♠ P  
P P

Kai Eckert S

Only Lin and Schireson bid the makeable 4S game on Board 35 from fourth match. They did well to reach the game and once they were there, they had to play carefully to make it.

Lin had to play on clubs early in order to lead up to the QJ twice!

Clark led the diamond king to Lin's ace. Lin cashed the SK and led a club at trick three toward the board. Clark rose with the king and played a club to her partner's ace. Eckert returned a heart to Clark's ace. Clark played a heart to the jack, queen, king and the defense was helpless.

Lin pulled trump and claimed ten tricks.

In the other match, at the table where He and He were North/South, the brothers found the 5D save against Xiao/Chen's 4S. 5D went light two for -300, a good save on this hand.

Xiao led the SA followed by the CQ to dummy's ace. Eric He ruffed a diamond in hand with the ten and led a diamond toward dummy. Chen won his ace, played a club to Eric's king. Eric pulled the last trump, ruffed a spade in hand and conceded a club to East's jack. East played the HJ the HQ, K, A... a high wish trick!!

The H2 went to Xiao's ten and Eric claimed down two!

... Some good bidding judgment in both matches!

