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# **We Remember:**



# JLall5 Semi Final Results:

Results...

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	<u>Levine - wins tie</u>	85	15	14	36	20	
4	Lall	88	35	19	17	17	
2	Donner	137	25	40	55	17	
-	<u> Domer</u>	157		10	33	17	
3	Bramley - wins tie	129	50	28	10	41	
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#### **Junior JLall Final Result:**

Junior JLall Online Teams #1 - 2021											
Final (56 boards)  Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may chang											
				The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.							
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Adjustment (IMPs)				
1	<u>Hu</u>	172	32	48	52	40					
2	<u>Eckert</u>	117	35	15	31	36					

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Please check out bottom of page 14 for an important request from the tournament committee!

### **Junior Winners**

ustin Lall Online Teams 5 Semi Final and

he JLall Junior Final Combined

his Just In... All "Kid"ding Aside...

### Teams Entered... JLall 5 Open Team Event

Bacon	John Bacon, Capt	Bernie Greenspan
	Fred Schenker	Ken Kranyak
	Stelian Hritcu	,
Baseggio	Franco Baseggio, Capt	Andy Stark
Базсьыо	Jeff Roman	Ralph Buchalter
	Alex Kolesnik	Steve Price
Davies		Nicolas Hammond
Bauer	Tracey Bauer, Capt John McAllister	
		Lilly Justman
Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt	Fred Stewart
	Doug Doub	Yiji Starr
	Bob Blanchard	Bill Pollack
Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt	John Bishel
	John Hinton	Jerry Clerkin
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt	Kit Woolsey
	Peter Boyd	Steve Robinson
	Chip Martel	Mark Feldman
Brines	Tracy Brines, Capt	Joyce Goldstein
	Ethan Wood	Jane McLaughlin
	Peter Boyd-Bowman	Alix Taylor
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt	Mark Aquino
сарре	Gloria Bart	Les Bart
Carmichael	Tom Carmichael, Capt	Nathan Gong
Carrinchaei	Jenni Carmichael	Arthur Gong
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt	Charlie Wilkins
Dawson	Mark Itabashi	Disa Eythorsdottir
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	Ifti Baqai	Mitch Dunitz
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt	Sarik Goyal
	Eric Genheimer	Joe Veal
	Kyle Rockoff	Daniel Weiss
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt	Sandra Rimstedt
	Joe Grue	Brad Moss
		Janice Molson
Fox	Jim Fox, Capt	Jerry Helms
	Allan Graves	Neil Chambers
	Wayne Stuart	Jon Rice
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt	Phil Benner
	Glenn Eisenstein	John Rengstorff
	Geof Brod	Pat McDevitt
Hill	Joyce Hill, Capt	Kevin Dwyer
	Shan Huang	Kevin Bathurst
	John Hurd	
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt	Reese Milner
	Brian Platnick	John Diamond
	Jim Krekorian	Drew Casen
Levine	Mike Levine	Eddie Wold
LEVITIE	Jeff Meckstroth	David Berkowitz
	Mike Passell	Mark Lair
		IVIDIK LOII
	Bob Morris, NPC	Linda Lauria
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt	Linda Lewis
	Ron Smith	Josh Donn
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt	David Chechelashvili
	David Yang	Jonathan Weinstein
	JoAnna Stansby	Li-Chung Chen
Lusky	John Lusky, Capt	Allan Falk
	Frank Merblum	Walter Lee
	Doug Simson	Jeff Aker











VI BOOK II		
Naren Gupta Team	Vinita Gupta	Zia Mahmood
	Daniel Korbel	Roger Lee
	Michael Rosenberg	Zach Grossack
	Ash Gupta, NPC	
Nickell	Nick Nickell	Ralph Katz
	Bobby Levin	Steve Weinstein
	Eric Greco	Geoff Hampson
	Jill Levin, NPC	
Parker	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt	Chris Parker
	Adam Grossack	David Grainger
	Joel Wooldridge	
Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt	Anton Tsypkin
	Melody Bi	Alan Watson
	Maxim Silin	Carrie Liu
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt	Lance Kerr
•	Bill Hall	Joe Viola
	Randy Howard	Hank Youngerman
Rosenberg	Kevin Rosenberg, Capt	Cynthia Huang
	Finn Kolesnik	Ish DelMonte
	Brent Xiao	Cornelius Duffie
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt	Debbie Rosenberg
	Chris Willenken	Migry Campanile
	Eldad Ginossar	Dana Berkowitz
Stokes	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt	Emma Kolesnik
	Amber Lin	Rozanne Pollack
	Shawn Quinn	Pam Wittes
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt	Steve Zolotow
	Andy Goodman	Craig Ganzer
	Christal Henner	Uday Ivatury
Vance	Grant Vance, Capt	Jessica Lai
	Farid Assemi	Jim Slinger
	Edward Wojewoda	Leszek Rabiega
Xiao	Victor Xiao, Capt	Eric Xiao
	Jeff Xiao	Dawei Qi
	Yaning Zhou	Meiyan Duan
Zhang	Qiang Zhang, Capt	Brian Zhang
Ü	Jun Shi	Steve Chen
	Serena Guo	Ethan Liu

A son tells his father, "I have an imaginary girlfriend." The father sighs and says, "You know, you could do better." "Thanks Dad," the son says. The father shakes his head and goes, "I was talking to your girlfriend."

A kid decided to burn his house down. His dad watched, tears in his eyes. He put his arm around the mom and said, "That's arson."

Did you hear about Pillsbury Doughboy? He died of a yeast infection.



## Teams Entered... 2021 Junior JLall Teams

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

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





#### **Tournament Schedule JLall5 Open Teams**

	FINAL											
MONDAY	JAN 24	12:00 - 1:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14									
	5,	2:05 - 3:50	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28									
			50 MINUTE BREAK									
		4:40 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42									
		6:45 - 8:30	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56									

### System Regulations & Conditions of Contest

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

#### **Ethics Statement**

Ethics - We're not trying to provide the same security for this event as we have for online events to select USBF International teams. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties apply to this event. The USBF has appointed an Ethics Investigation Committee that will review any complaints about ethics violations. If the EIC concludes that a player or pair was acting unethically, they will report to the USBF Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

#### 2022 Committee is:

Dana Berkowitz, Eugene Hung, Roger Lee, Chip Martel, Steve Weinstein, Jenny Wolpert

"Welcome back to Plastic Surgery Anonymous. Nice to see so many new faces here today!"

"I have good and bad news," the doctor said to his patient. "Give me the good news first," the patient said. "Your test results are back," the doctor said, "and you have only two days to live." "That's the good news?" the patient exclaimed. "What's the bad news?" "I've been trying to reach you for two days."

I hate double standards. Burn a body at a crematorium, you're "being a respectful friend." Do it at home and you're "destroying evidence."

My favorite novel is *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. I love a protagonist with a twisted back story.

When ordering food at a restaurant, I asked the waiter how they prepare their chicken. "Nothing special," he explained. "We just tell them they're going to die."

My grief counselor died the other day. He was so good at his job, I don't even care.

I'd like to have kids one day. I don't think I could stand them any longer than that, though.





### **Kibitzing on VuGraph**

There will be deferred kibitzing in the KO as there was in the Round Robin:

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EST)

Quarter 1: 12:30 pm Quarter 2: 2:35 pm

**BREAK** 

Quarter 3: 6:25 pm Quarter 4: 8:30 pm Watching online,
Even delayed,
Is the best way to see
How a hand's bid and played!



To kibitz, go to the RealBridge kibitzing website, enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz.

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #5, you will be taken to a lobby with a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table, as well as the board being played. There will be information about the number of kibitzers and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happened.

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

Some things you can do to get more information:

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

- -- "Rewind" using the slider underneath the "table." Move the handle to the left to go to earlier tricks.
- -- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name to get a scorecard for the match.
- ----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all of the tables.
- ----You can also click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.
- ----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.
- --In the upper left corner:
- ----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and for the Round Robin will not include scores from previous rounds).
- ----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

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

#### **TIMING OF DEFERRAL**

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

The first half KO matches will be deferred for half an hour or until each board has been played at all tables, so there may sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown because one or two tables are very slow to play the board. For the second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter is scheduled to be completed, so players will not be able to get useful state of match information. That means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 6:25 EST.

#### **Pandemic Prattle:**

The world has turned upside down:

Nowadays, old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors.

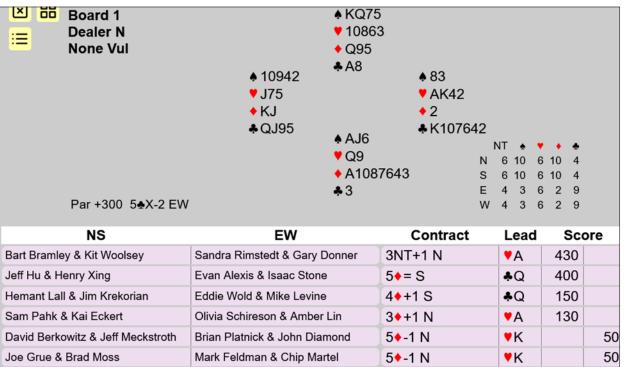












The only cold game on Board 1 is 4S by N/S. No pair found the magic Moysian. Two pairs did play game successfully ... Bramley/Woolsey in 3NT and Hu/Xing in 5D **from South.** Bramley/Woolsey succeeded because of misdefense by their opponents when East cashed the HAK and West unblocked the jack!! (see page 7 for story). Hu/Xing succeeded when West led the CQ (his partner's overcalled suit) instead of a heart and declarer was able to discard a heart on the 4th round of spades. From North, East would always lead a high heart.

Berkowitz/Meckstroth and Grue/Moss both went down in game. They both played 5D from North. East cashed two high hearts and eventually West scored a trump trick to defeat the contract.

In the Junior match, Eckert/Pahk stopped in 3D from North and took ten tricks on the heart lead.

In Lall/Levine, Krekorian/Lall played 4D from South, taking eleven tricks on the CQ lead. North passed in first seat and East opened 1C. The club lead was automatic. Declarer played as described above to collect 11 tricks.

5 IMPs to Lall

(Hand continued on page 7)

How can you tell if a tree is a dogwood tree?

By the bark.

When does a joke become a "dad joke?"

When it becomes apparent.











**♦** KQ75 N Jeff Hu  $\boxtimes$ **10863** Bd 1, Dlr N Q95 5**♦**= S **.**• A8 W Isaac Stone Evan Alexis E 10942 83 ♥AK42 ▼J75 KJ **+**2 QJ95 ⋆K107642 AJ6 3 **♥**Q9 0 A1087643 < >

(hand continued from page 6)

Jeff Hu and Henry Xing reached 5D from the South hand on Board 1. Hu opened 1C (2+ clubs) in first seat. Evan Alexis overcalled 3C natural. Xing bid 3D and Isaac Stone competed with 4C.

4C was passed around to Xing, who judged that his partner's values would be useful in a diamond contract. Henry jumped to 5D. The opening lead was the CQ and Xing took eleven tricks.

7 IMPs to Hu

The most unusual result occurred in the Bramley/Donner match.

Bramley opened 1NT (10-12) in first seat. Woolsey's 2D response was a game forcing relay and the 2NT rebid showed 4-4 in either the majors or the minors. Woolsey bid 3NT (relay). Bramley passed.

Rimstedt led the HA. Donner followed with the five and declarer contributed the three. Since Rimstedt could see all of the small hearts, the H5 was an encouraging signal (UDCA). Rimstedt cashed the HK. Thinking that his partner held four or five good hearts, Donner unblocked the jack! Rimstedt continued hearts. Bramley won the HT. He played a small diamond, ducked around to the jack. Donner returned the CQ, and Bramley claimed ten tricks.

Maybe Rimstedt should work out the heart position and discontinue the suit at trick three. If Donner held JTxx of hearts, he might not risk throwing away a trick by unblocking the jack. The

♦ KQ75 **10863** Bd 1, Dlr N Q95 3NT+1 N **♣**A8 W Gary Donner Sandra Rimstedt E 10942 **•** 83 ▼AK42 **♥**J75 KJ **+**2 **♣**QJ95 **.** K107642 AJ6 2 **♥**Q9 2NT\*P 3NT 0 A1087643  $\rightarrow$ **.**•3 Kit Woolsey S

N Bart Bramley

unblock is only necessary if partner started with AKxxx. In this JTxx-AKxxx hypothetical case, declarer's distribution is exactly 3-2-4-4 which leaves East with a two or three suited hand with a good heart suit. A pass over 1NT (10-21) might not be that likely.

Similarly, maybe Donner shouldn't unblock the jack. Unless East holds AKT8, the unblock blows a trick. This was a tough defensive position and E/W needed to work it out. Also, since South didn't search for a major suit fit, it is likely that declarer has both majors and "fourth from longest and strongest" might be the called for lead. This would hold declarer to six tricks.

The Donner team was down one in 5D at the other table. 10 IMPs to Bramley

# **Limey Jack**

Blimey Yanks:



Two fine teams have reach the conclusion of JLall5. Apparently one of the stalwarts on the Bramley sextet needed MASH and a pair withdrew. Limey Jack and Howie Dung both wish for a speedy recovery.

Lall-Donner: While Donner is clearly in stroke, they have a dreaded five handed pod. Lall has been dispatching friend and foe alike. Limey Jack says to ring up your punter and put a few quid on Lall. Limey Jack is headed back to the flat; and after a kip, perhaps to the local to meet up with Zia for a pint and hear why they should have won.

Howie Dung will return to the retiree's home and receive more therapy. Some play with snakes, some try to rhyme. Limey Jack will return for the USBF Trials.

Toodle pip, LJ

# **Howie Doing...**

In yesterday's session, Levine lost by three! That was an upset If you ask me.

Bramley's team suffered
A similar fate
Losing to Lall
By a margin of 8!

So Lall versus Donner, Who be the winner? Party with Donner, But don't stay for dinner!





#### Modern Living...

Be warned: If you needed 144 rolls of toilet paper for a month-long quarantine, you probably should've seen a doctor long before COVID-19.

My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands—that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a six-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!

I washed my hands so much because of COVID-19 that my exam notes from 1995 resurfaced.

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

#### **Dutch Cheese Soup**

#### Ingredients

- ¼ C (59 ml) vegetable oil
- ½ C (76 g) onions, diced
- 1 C (230 g) cauliflower, diced
- 2 med potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch (1.3-cm) cubes
- 2 med carrots, cut into 1/2-inch (1.3-cm) cubes
- 4 C (946 ml) low sodium chicken broth
- 2 Tbsp (29 g) butter
- 4 oz (113 g) Canadian bacon, diced
- 5 oz (142 g) Gouda cheese, thinly sliced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 8 ½-in (13-mm) slices sourdough baguette

#### Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting and the use of the Round Robin, it will be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.



#### Directions

Place oil in a 1½-quart (1420-ml) saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion; sauté until soft; add cauliflower, carrots and potatoes; sauté 5 minutes. Stir in chicken broth and simmer. Meanwhile, heat butter in a small skillet; add canadian bacon; sauté until lightly browned; add to soup. Reduce heat to low and cover, simmering until vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes. Pour soup into 4 individual ovenproof bowls, topping each with 2 bread slices and one quarter of cheese. Place under broiler until cheese is bubbly and serve immediately.

Prep time: 12 minutes.

Cook time: 30 minutes.

(Recipes, Continued on page 10)

Makes 4 servings.

#### We've Gone Viral...

In Germany, they prepared for the crisis by stocking up with sausage and cheese. That was the wurst käse scenario.

BREAKING: The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract COVID-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.



#### **Viennese Roast Beef with Onions**

#### Ingredients

- 4 Tbsp (57 g) unsalted butter
- 2 med onions, peeled & thinly sliced
- 1 tsp (2.4 g) sweet Hungarian paprika
- 6 8-oz (227-g) boneless beef sirloin steaks, pounded ¼-in (6.4-mm) thick
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 3 Tbsp (44 ml) vegetable oil
- 4 C (946 ml) low sodium beef stock or broth, fresh or canned, boiled down to 2 C (473 g)
- ½ C (60 g) sour cream

#### Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). In a large cast-iron skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Sauté onions until light brown, stirring often; add paprika; cook another minute. Remove onions from pan; set aside. Season steaks with salt and pepper. Add vegetable oil to same skillet and add steaks; brown on both sides. Turn off heat, add beef stock to skillet, arrange onions on top and cover. Bake until tender, about 2 hours–2 hours 30 minutes. To serve, place steaks on a prewarmed serving platter with onions arranged on top. Cover loosely to keep warm. Return skillet with remaining liquid to high heat and bring to a boil. Stir in sour cream; immediately remove from heat and pour over steaks. Serve immediately.

This dish is traditionally served with roast potatoes or buttered parsley potatoes; you can garnish with crispy fried onions if you like.

- Prep time: 5 minutes.
- Cook time: 2 hours-2 hours 30 minutes.
- Makes 6 large servings.

(Recipes, Continued on page 11)



# **Beef Pho**

#### Ingredients

#### **BROTH**

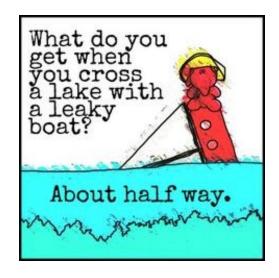
- 3 lb (1361 g) beef knuckle or hind shank
- 1 tsp (5 g) salt
- 1 onion, cut in half
- 2 pieces star anise
- ½ cinnamon stick
- 1 clove
- ½ tsp (1.5 g) peppercorns
- 1 slice fresh ginger root
- ½ Tbsp (10 g) sugar, preferably yellow rock sugar
- ½ Tbsp (15 ml) fish sauce

#### **SOUP**

- 1 lb (454 g) fresh or dried banh pho rice noodles
- 1½ lb (680 g) sirloin, partially frozen

#### **ACCOMPANIMENTS**

- 1 sm red onion, thinly sliced
- ½ C (20 g) cilantro, coarsely chopped
- 2 C (160 g) bean sprouts
- 1 C (40 g) sweet basil, coarsely chopped
- 1 bunch green onion, thinly sliced
- ¼ C (60 g) Sriracha
- 3 limes, quartered





#### Directions

#### **BROTH**

Place beef knuckle in a large stockpot. Add salt and a gallon of water. Bring to a boil; reduce heat; simmer 2 hours, skimming regularly. Add broth seasonings and simmer about 4 hours. Strain broth; discard bones, spices and onion.

#### **SOUP**

The last 20 minutes of broth cooking, soak rice noodles in water. Once broth is finished, drain noodles.

Place strained broth in stockpot and keep at a low boil. Slice frozen sirloin very thin—enough to cook instantly; set aside. Cook noodles in boiling salted water about 5 minutes, just until soft; distribute drained noodles among serving bowls; top with beef slices and ladle boiling broth over beef.

#### **ACCOMPANIMENTS**

Serve with accompaniments to be added to taste.

Prep time: 12 minutes.

Cook time: 6 hours 25 minutes.

Makes 8 servings.

What does Charles
Dickens keep in his
spice rack?

The best of thymes,
the worst of thymes.

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

### Sudoku

# Answers on Page 17

Sudoku 2

My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

I went to buy some camo pants but couldn't find any.

I failed math so many times at school, I can't even count.

I heard there were a bunch of break-ins over at the car park. That is wrong on so many levels.

When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.

Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.

My father has schizophrenia, but he's good people.

My wife just found out I replaced our bed with a trampoline. She hit the ceiling!

I used to think I was indecisive. But now I'm not so sure.

Russian dolls are so full of themselves.



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

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 15

opunbəs I3	Black	Patrick	25 minutes
Rossie	Maroon	Kelly	24 minutes
Vanceboro	Cyan	Billy	23 minutes
San Pedro	ogibnI	Jay	sətunim SS
Urbandale	Teal	Greg	21 minutes

#### **Helpful Information from RealBridge Personnel:**

RealBridge has suggested that there are some problems caused by current Apple systems, and have given us instructions on what to do about them; you can ignore this if you're on a PC or an Android tablet:

If you are using a Macintosh computer with the Monterey OS, or Safari 15, and have had problems, please look at this https://realbridge.online/media-support-macos-monterey.htm link.

If you are using an iPad that is running IOS 15, think you're an expert user, and are having problems, please look at this https://realbridge.online/settings-change-ios-15.html) link.

If you are using an iPad that is running IOS 15, don't think you're an expert user, and are having problems, please look at this link. https://realbridge.online/media-support-ios-15.html#ios\_15\_2\_update

You may have noticed that Boyd/Robinson did not play yesterday on the Bramley team. The pair had to withdraw from the event because Peter Boyd was taken to the hospital Saturday night with a kidney issue.

The USBF sends prayers for a speedy recovery. This is not the time anyone would choose to be hospitalized.

If we learn more, we will keep you informed in tomorrow's Daily Bulletin.



### **Runners Up** in the JLall **Junior Competition**





























#### fun and Games Page

#### **Through the Looking Glass**

Find and circle all of the Through the Looking Glass words that are hidden in the grid.

The remaining letters spell a quote by Humpty Dumpty from the book.



ALICE
BEETLE
BOAT
BROOCH
CARPENTER
CHESS
DAISIES
DINAH
ELEPHANT

FAWN FROG GARDEN GNAT GOAT GOLDEN CROWN GUARD HAIGHA

HATTA
HILL
HUMPTY DUMPTY
JABBERWOCKY
KITTY
LION

LION LOOKING GLASS OYSTERS
PAWNS
POETRY
RATTLE
RED KING
RED KNIGH

RED KNIGHT RED QUEEN ROSE SHAWL SNOWDROP SOLDIERS SQUARES TIGER-LILY
TRAIN
TWEEDLEDEE
TWEEDLEDUM
UMBRELLA
UNICORN
VIOLET
WALRUS
WHITE KING

WHITE KNIGHT WHITE QUEEN

Players: Please be advised that you may not log into RealBridge and sit in empty seats at play tables after a match finishes and others are still being played. While we believe that you are not doing anything untoward, this could be a way to see late boards and theoretically transmit results to others still playing. Not sitting in those seats removes any appearance of impropriety. Thank you.



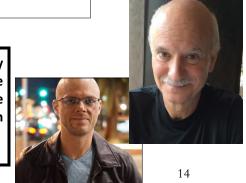




cards: The ace of spades and the proof of Vaccination!

Two handy







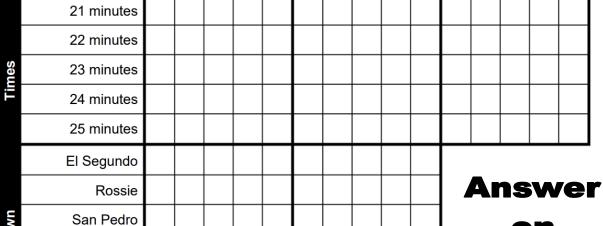
# Logic Puzzle

Runners			Shir	t Co	lors		

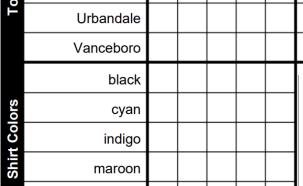












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Ti	mes	Runners	<b>Shirt Colors</b>	Town
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22 n	ninutes			
23 n	ninutes			
24 n	ninutes			
25 n	ninutes			

Town

Vanceboro

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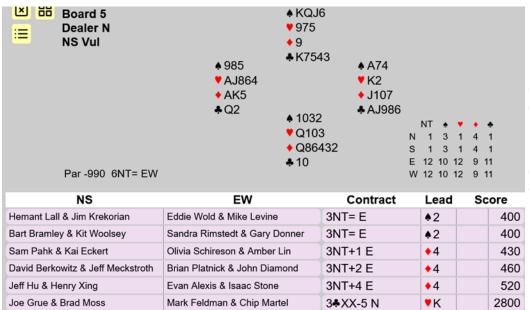


- Of the runner from Rossie and the contestant who finished in 21 minutes, one wore the maroon shirt and the other was Greg..
- 2. Jay was from San Pedro..
- 3. Kelly finished 1 minute after the contestant from Vanceboro..
- 4. The contestant who finished in 25 minutes wore the black shirt..
- 5. The competitor in the black shirt was either the contestant who finished in 24 minutes or Patrick.. Kelly was from Rossie..

- 6. Neither the runner from El Segundo nor the contestant who finished in 21 minutes was Billy..
- 7. The contestant from Vanceboro wore the cyan shirt..
- 8. The runner from Urbandale didn't wear the indigo shirt..
- Of Kelly and the competitor in the cyan shirt, one finished in 23 minutes and the other finished in 24 minutes..







Board 5 seems mundane. N/S have no bids. E/W invariably ends up in 3NT. The cards lie perfectly, and E/W can take twelve tricks on finesses in three suits.

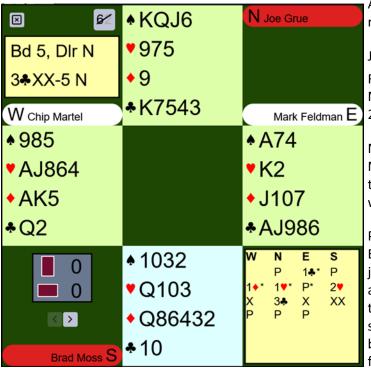
Five pairs played in 3NT from the East and took from nine to thirteen tricks.

Evan Alexis took all the tricks on the lead of the D4!!!

Evan won the DA and played the CQ. North covered, establishing five club tricks for declarer. When the hearts broke 3-3 with the queen onside, declarer had 13 winners!

Of course, there's always one in every crowd. And in this crowd, the one is Moss and Grue in Bramley/Donner!

At one table, Bramley/Woolsey found the spade lead against 3NT and did well to hold their opponents to nine tricks. But their score was of little import!



At the other table, Feldman opened 1C (2+) and Martel responded 1D (showing hearts).

Joe Grue bid 1H (intended as t/o for the black suits.)

Feldman passed (denying three card heart support) and Moss, who apparently assumed 1H was natural, raised to 2H.

Martel doubled and Grue ran to 3C. Feldman doubled. Moss made an SOS redouble. The wheels had come off the bus! Their best: Moss/Grue could have run to 3D, which could be defeated 5 tricks. Grue sat for 3CXX.

Perfect defense can hold declarer to one trick as follows: East leads the HK and continues with a heart to West's jack. West cashes the HA and leads the CQ. North ducks and West can continue clubs to East's nine. East cashes the CA and exits with a club. North wins the CK and plays a spade. East wins the SA and draws the last two trumps before playing the DJ through dummy's queen. The defense would score the rest of the tricks for +4800.

Alas, the defense wasn't perfect, but still... Feldman led the HK and continued with a heart to Martel's jack. Chip cashed the HA and shifted to S9. Grue played the SK and Feldman won the SA. Feldman played the DJ. When this held, he exited with a spade to dummy's ten. Grue trumped a diamond and played the SQ. Feldman ruffed the spade and played the CJ, which held the trick. Feldman cashed the CA and exited with a club to declarer's king. The defense took one more trick holding declarer to four tricks and scoring +2800.

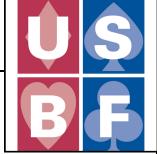
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# Meet the Players!

**Zach Grossack ... from his Bridge Winners Profile**about me

Recent college grad currently calling NYC home bridge professional has trouble with finesses

ACBLs Youngest GrandLifeMaster

Favorite Bridge Memory

My First National Win

**Bridge Accomplishments** 

Won 0-5000 LM's, Silver in China 2012, Gold in Atlanta 2013, 2nd in Silodor Pairs 2014, 1st and NABC+ Fast Pairs 2014, 3rd in Silodor in 2015, winner GNT open 2016, winner Silodor 2017

Regular Bridge Partners

Michael Rosenberg, Adam Grossack

**Favorite Tournaments** 

Junior team championships!

Favorite Conventions

Flannery, penalty doubles of 1nt

BBO Username

Germs345

**ACBL** Ranking

Grand Life Master

Zach is playing in the JLall5 as a member of the Naren Gupta team. He is partnering Michael Rosenberg.

**Zach Grossack** comes from a bridge-playing family and has been playing bridge himself since the age of 9. He became a Life Master at the age of 12.

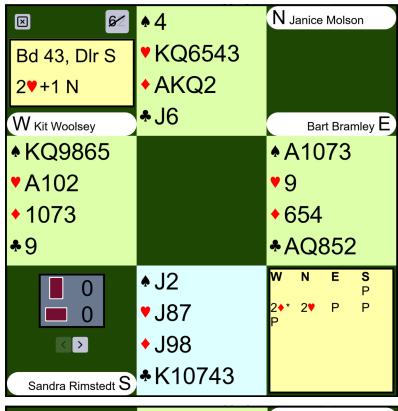
Zach was 17 when he and his brother Adam won their first Open National Championship in 2014, playing against the best players of all ages in the U.S and the world. Since then, he has won more national titles and at the age of 23 became the youngest Grand Life Master in ACBL history.

Zach both plays bridge professionally and teaches bridge to others.

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Zach with brother, Adam



Board 43 is a good example of how the most sophisticated of conventions does not always work as expected. For years, multi-2D showing a variety of hands including the most common: a weak two in one of the other major, was barred. It was barred because defending against it was so complex.

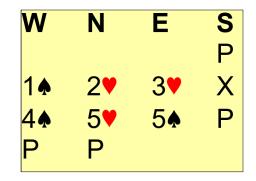
In Donner/Bramley yesterday, Woolsey opened 2D holding a weak two in spades. Molson, holding six good hearts and a side suit of AKQ2 in diamonds overcalled 2H hoping Sandra Rimstedt would have enough to raise to game. Sandra held three jacks and a king spread in all four suits, and rightly passed 2H.

Janice lost the expected four tricks: 1 heart, 1 spade, 1 club and 1 club ruff. +140

At the other table, Moss, playing strong club and employing light openers, opened 1S. Martel doubled and Grue jumped to 4S, described as Precision-style, wide ranging to play. This ended the auction.

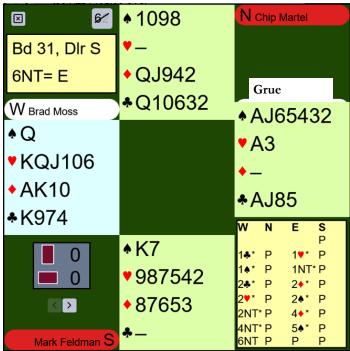
4S is cold. Declarer has only three losers... all in diamonds! +420

This hand got a little too high in the Junior match. Juniors like to bid and it shows.



The auction above put Alexis and Stone in 5S. Obviously doubling 5H would have been the winning call, achieving the par result.

Mark Feldman S	achieving the par result.							
NS	EW			Contract	Lead	Score		
Janice Molson & Sandra Rimstedt	Bart B	ramley & Kit Woolsey	2	2♥+1 N	<b>♦</b> 4	140		
Jeff Hu & Henry Xing Eva		Evan Alexis & Isaac Stone		5 <b>♠</b> -1 W	<b>♦</b> A	50		
David Berkowitz & Jeff Meckstroth		Jim Krekorian & Drew Casen		<b>!</b> ♠= W	♦K		420	
John Diamond & Brian Platnick	Mark L	air & Mike Passell	4	<b>!</b> ♠= W	<b>♦</b> Q		420	
Chip Martel & Mark Feldman	Joe Gr	rue & Brad Moss	4	<b>!</b> ♠= W	♦K		420	
Allie Clark & Kai Eckert	Olivia	Schireson & Amber Lin	4	<b>!</b> ♠= W	<b>♦</b> A		420	



Bramley held a 13 IMP lead over Donner at the halfway point of their semifinal match. On the Board 31, Donner took the lead and held on for the rest of the match to win by a narrow margin of 8 IMPs.

Moss/Grue had a strong club/relay auction to reach the making 6NT contract.

1C was strong and artificial.

1H was artificial and showed 12+ HCP.

1S asked and 1NT showed 5+ spades and not 5-3-3-2

2C asked and 2D showed 4+ clubs

2H asked and 2S showed 6+ spades and exactly 4 clubs

2NT asked and 4D showed 7 spades and a diamond void

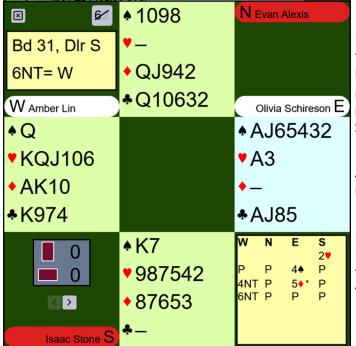
4NT asked controls and 6S showed 6 control points (A=2, K=1)

Moss knew that Grue held three aces and did not hold the SK. With 18HCP opposite 12+HCP and double stoppers in clubs, diamonds and hearts, Moss judged that 6NT would

only depend on East holding a second honor (queen or jack) in spades or clubs and a black suit break.

Feldman led the D6. Grue won the ace and finessed the SQ losing to South's king. Since the spades broke 3-2, 12 tricks were there for the taking.

At the other table, Woolsey /Bramley had a similar strong club/relay auction. Woolsey was able to check on queens and when Bramley denied the CQ, Woolsey chose 6H. 6H was defeated by the 6-0 trump split. 14 IMPs to Donner



In the Junior event, Amber Lin and Olivia Schireson also found the PAR 6NT contract. Isaac Stone opened a weak 2H bid in first seat. Amber Lin could see stars in her eyes if her partner balanced with a double. On this hand 2HX would produce an 1100 point set. That was not to be. Olivia Schireson balanced with 4S.

Amber bid Keycard Blackwood. Olivia showed 0 or three keycards and Lin reasoned 6NT would have a good play.

Evan Alexis led the DQ. Lin won the ace and finessed the SQ. Isaac Stone won the SK and continued diamonds. Lin won the DK, led a heart to dummy's ace and claimed twelve tricks when spades divided 3-2.

At the other table of this Eckert/Hu match, E/W played in 6C and were defeated two tricks, again by a gruesome trump split. 14 IMPs to Hu