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MICHAEL SEAMON JUNIOR UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

All Kidding Aside

Results...

Michael Seamon Junior USBC - U26 USA1 - 2022							
SemiFinal (60 boards)				Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.			
28-Dec-2022				<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>			
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Kolesnik	175	48	41	31	55	
4	Goyal - wins tie	85	8	25	23	29	
2	Chen	79	46	6	15	12	
3	Xiao - wins tie	144	50	18	40	36	

U21 RR SECOND HALF RESULTS...

Team Name	Total	Carry Over	6	8	2	3	5	7	1	4
6. M Xu	227.51	109.45		11.67	15.75	20.00	12.42	18.37	19.85	20.00
8. Zhou	199.33	95.77	8.33		12.42	18.04	13.12	19.37	13.45	18.83
2. Derman	181.32	89.30	4.25	7.58		20.00	5.61	15.75	18.83	20.00
3. Gong	142.50	70.92	0.00	1.96	0.00		20.00	13.78	18.53	17.31
5. Klein	134.11	66.06	7.58	6.88	14.39	0.00		4.50	14.96	19.74
7. Zhao	105.74	53.51	1.63	0.63	4.25	6.22	15.50		20.00	4.00
1. A Zhang	68.89	41.39	0.15	6.55	1.17	1.47	5.04	0.00		13.12
4. Hu	60.60	33.60	0.00	1.17	0.00	2.69	0.26	16.00	6.88	

Team Name	Total	5	9	8	6	7	10
5. Berk	74.78		10.71	12.61	16.73	16.73	18.00
9. Y Xu	63.55	9.29		13.71	10.71	19.13	10.71
8. Scott	57.99	7.39	6.29		15.37	11.38	17.56
6. Hallerman	52.34	3.27	9.29	4.63		15.15	20.00
7. Johnstone	34.16	3.27	0.87	8.62	4.85		16.55
10. Yeung	17.18	2.00	9.29	2.44	0.00	3.45	

U26 USA2 STAGE 1 RR

Welcome Ladies!

The RONA UABC Starts Today!

- USBF President**
Aaron Silverstein
- USBF Vice President**
Lynn Baker
- USBF COO & Secretary**
Jan Martel
- USBF CFO & Treasurer**
Stan Subeck
- USBF Recorder**
Jack Oest
- Directors**
McKenzie Myers, DIC
Ken Horwedel
Chris Wiegand
- Tournament Organizer**
Jan Martel
- Software Expert**
Al Hollander
- Online VuGraph Organizer**
Adam Grossack
- Appeals Administrators**
Suzi Subeck, Chairman
- Appeals Panel:**
Dana Berkowitz
Cheri Bjerkan
Rich DeMartino
Marty Fleisher
Ron Gerard
Marty Hirschman
George Jacobs
Ralph Katz
Chip Martel
Kerri Sanborn
Stan Subeck
Adam Wildavsky
- Bulletin Editor**
Suzi Subeck
- Photographer**
Peg Kaplan
- Junior Committee Chair**
Joe Stokes
- Junior Program Co-Ordinator**
Alex Kolesnik



Michael Seamon

Teams Entered

ALL KIDDING ASIDE

RONA (GIRLS):

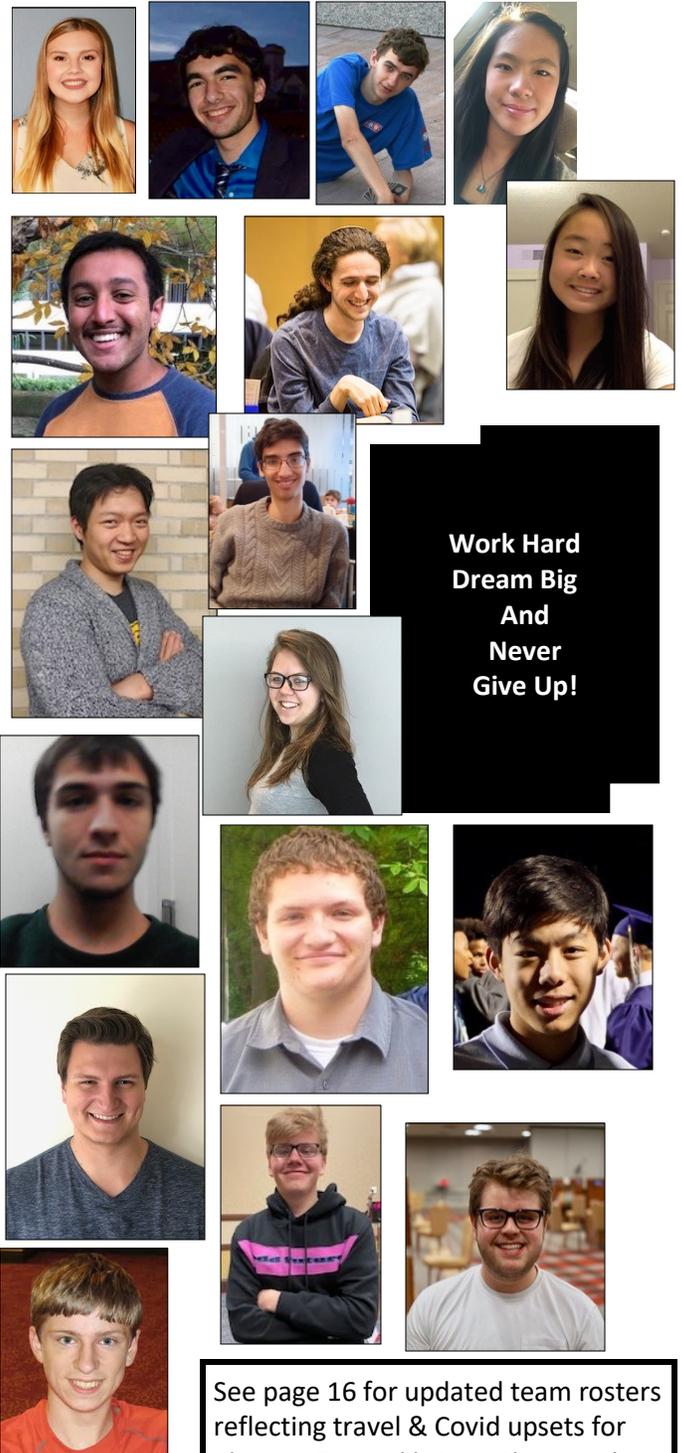
U26:

Berk	Hakan Berk, Capt Sophia Chang	David Soukup Lucy Zhang
Chen	Tianyang Chen, Capt Jiahe Shen Zhenling Wang	Fangqing Yuan Qian Sun Yifu Ouyang
Goyal	Sarik Goyal, Capt Derek Wong	Sheldon Tan Gan Yang
Hallerman	Raphael Hallerman, Capt Sean McNally	Ilan Wolff Isaac Stephani
Johnstone	Morgan Johnstone, Capt Isaac Stone	Vincent Zhu Robert West
Kolesnik	Finn Kolesnik, Capt Ben Kristensen Emma Kolesnik	Zach Grossack Kevin Rosenberg Jacob Freeman
Scott	William Scott, Capt Luke Williams	Reese Koppel Jake Williams
Xiao	Brent Xiao, Capt Stella Wan Cynthia Huang	Richard Jeng Cornelius Duffie Amber Lin
Y Xu	Yuchen Xu, Capt Jeff Hu Nathan Finkle	Zhiyu Cheng Dingjia Mao Henry Xing
Yeung	Alan Yeung, Capt Handi Yang Jakob Reinke	Ian Dunbar Victor Xu Patrick Delos Reye

Farley	Abbie Farley, Capt Khanh Tran Nguyen	Jessica Udomsriunguang Laura Chen
Hsieh	Helena Hsieh, Capt Ava Donnellan	Jessie Cai Margot Donnellan
Linkel	Lorelei Linkel, Capt Cecilia Ehrlichman Jay Sullivan	Katie Sullivan Kyra Helmbold
Qian	Nicole Qian, Capt Katherine Hwang	Helen Chow Helen Levy

U21:

A Zhang	Andy Zhang, Capt Ethan Xie Tiger Li	Matthew Rippin Zach Posternak Darwin Skalski
Derman	Ethan Derman, Capt Michael Haas Daniel Balof	Levi Katriel Sam Pahk Kai Eckert
Gong	Nathan Gong, Capt Edward He	Arthur Gong Eric He
Hu	Michael Hu, Capt Andrew Jin Luke Tong	Jerry Yao Oliver Que
Klein	Aidan Klein, Capt Owen Jiang Cedric Xiao	Kevin Jiang Philip Wang
M Xu	Michael Xu, Capt Harrison Luba	Olivia Schireson Bo Han Zhu
Zhao	Derrick Zhao, Capt Avery Silverstein	Caroline Zhao Jack Boge
Zhou	Arthur Zhou, Capt Rory Xiao	Michael Hu Jonathan Yue



See page 16 for updated team rosters reflecting travel & Covid upsets for players. Original lists on this page!

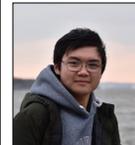
Tournament Schedules

Lovebridge practice sessions			
Day	Date	Time	
Monday	Dec. 26	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Tuesday	Dec. 27	10:00 AM	
Wednesday	Dec. 28	9:00 PM	
Thursday	Dec. 29	10:00 AM	

PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS
 first two will be Both in the Playing Area & on Zoom
 Rona Captains' meeting 12/29 will be in the Playing area

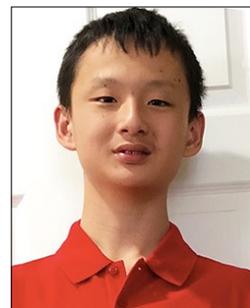
Day	Date	Time	
Monday	Dec. 26	9:00 PM	
Tuesday	Dec. 27	10:00 AM	
Thursday	Dec. 29	10:00 AM	

U26 Schedule			
Round Robin			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Tuesday	Dec. 27	11:00 - 11:45	Match 1 - Boards 1-7
		12:00 - 12:45	Match 2 - Boards 8-14
		1:00 - 1:45	Match 3 - Boards 15-21
		2:00 - 2:45	Match 4 - Boards 22-28
			75 minute Break
		4:00 - 4:45	Match 5 - Boards 29-35
		5:00-5:45	Match 6 - Boards 36-42
		6:00-6:45	Match 7 - Boards 43-49
		7:00-7:45	Match 8 - Boards 50-56
	8:00-8:45	Match 9 - Boards 57-63	
<i>Short Captains Meeting For Round Robin Winner to Choose Opponents after play Tuesday</i>			
USA1 Semifinal			
Wednesday	Dec. 28	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		4:00 - 5:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	6:00 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60	
USA2 Stage 1 (6 team Round Robin)			
Wednesday	Dec. 28	11:15 - 12:40	Match 1 - Boards 1-12
		12:55 - 2:20	Match 2 - Boards 13-24
			75 minute Break
		3:45 - 5:10	Match 3 - Boards 25-36
		5:25 - 6:50	Match 4 - Boards 37-48
	7:05 - 8:30	Match 5 - Boards 49-60	
USA1 Final & USA2 Quarterfinal (6 teams)			
Thursday	Dec. 29	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		4:00 - 5:45	75 minute Break
		6:00 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
		Segment 4 Boards 46-60	
USA2 Semifinal			
Friday	Dec. 30	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		4:00 - 5:45	75 minute Break
		6:00 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
		Segment 4 Boards 46-60	
USA2 Final (Subject to Adjustment at Teams' Option)			
Saturday	Dec. 31	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		4:00 - 5:45	75 minute Break
		6:00 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
		Segment 4 Boards 46-60	



Tournament Schedules... continued from page 3

U21 Schedule			
<i>Round Robin</i>			
<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Boards</i>
Tuesday & Wednesday	Dec. 27	11:30 - 12:25 12:40 - 1:35	Match 1 - Boards 1-8 Match 2 - Boards 9-16
	Dec. 28	1:50 - 2:45 4:15 - 5:10 5:25 - 6:20 6:35 - 7:30 7:45 - 8:40	Match 3 - Boards 17-24 90 minute Break Match 4 - Boards 25-32 Match 5 - Boards 33-40 Match 6 - Boards 41-48 Match 7 - Boards 49-56
Each player must play against each other team			
<i>Short Captains Meeting For Round Robin Winner to Choose Opponents after play Wednesday</i>			
<i>USA1 Semifinal</i>			
Thursday	Dec. 29	11:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 2:45 4:00 - 5:45 6:00 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
<i>USA1 Final & USA2 Semifinal</i>			
Friday	Dec. 30	11:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 2:45 4:00 - 5:45 6:00 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
<i>USA2 Final</i>			
Saturday	Dec. 31	11:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 2:45 4:00 - 5:45 6:00 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Rona Schedule			
<i>Round Robin</i>			
Thursday & Friday	Dec. 29 & Dec. 30	11:15 - 1:30 3:00 - 5:15 5:30 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-20 90 minute Break Segment 2 Boards 21-40 Segment 4 Boards 41-60
<i>KO</i>			
Saturday	Dec. 31	11:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 2:45 4:00 - 5:45 6:00 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60



ALERT!!! Earn a Berth in an Exhibition Match against ACBL Staff ...

Amy Casanova at ACBL and Dave Caprera are arranging a match between the juniors who qualify to represent the USA next year in each of the four categories (26, 21, Rona and 16) and representatives of the ACBL staff and management. The event will occur on Sunday, January 8th, at 8 pm eastern time on RealBridge. George Jacobs and Larry Cohen have agreed to do the commentary (none better). There will be four tables and ~16 boards (2 hours). It should be fun for the participants and a great show for the kibitzers. Watch for more information in later bulletins this week!

Speak Easy...



-COUGH -THROUGH
-ROUGH -THOUGH
NONE OF THESE WORDS RHYME.
BUT FOR SOME
GODFORSAKEN REASON
PONY AND BOLOGNA DO.
ENGLISH IS WEIRD.

WHY ENGLISH IS SO HARD TO LEARN...

We'll begin with BOX; the plural is BOXES!
But the plural of OX is OXEN not OXES!
One fowl is GOOSE, and two are called GEESE,
Yet the plural of MOOSE is never call MEESE!

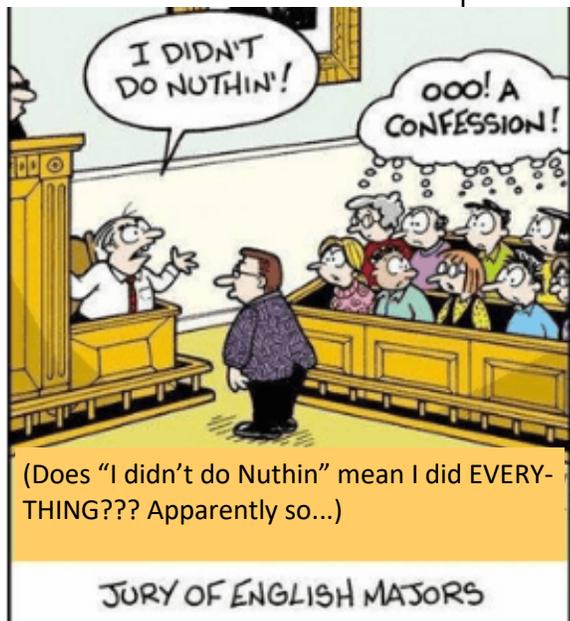
You may find a lond MOUSE or a house full of MICE;
But the plural of HOUSE is HOUSES, not HICE.
The plural of MAN is always MEN,
But the plural of PAN never is PEN.

If I speak of a FOOT, and you show me two FEET,
And I give you a BOOK, would a pair be a BEEK?
If one is a TOOTH, and whole set are TEETH,
Why shouldn't two BOOTHS be call BEETH?

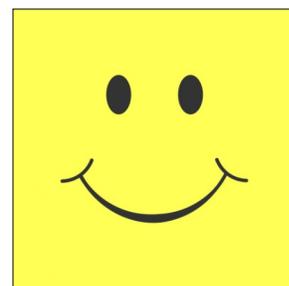
If the singular is THIS and the plural is THESE,
Should the plural of KISS be ever called KEESE?

We speak of a BROTHER and also of BRETHREN,
And though we say MOTHER, we never say METHREN.
Then the masculine pronouns are HE, HIS, and HIM;
But imagine the feminine... SHE, SHIS, AND SHIM!

ANONYMOUS



Sign in a Fast Food Restaurant:



No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.
This applies to players AND kibitzers.
Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.
Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.
The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



20 Board VP Scale (Rona)

20 Boards (Blitz is 68 IMPs)											
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	18	14.20	5.80	35	16.93	3.07	52	18.82	1.18
1	10.28	9.72	19	14.39	5.61	36	17.06	2.94	53	18.91	1.09
2	10.55	9.45	20	14.58	5.42	37	17.19	2.81	54	19.00	1.00
3	10.82	9.18	21	14.76	5.24	38	17.32	2.68	55	19.09	0.91
4	11.08	8.92	22	14.94	5.06	39	17.44	2.56	56	19.17	0.83
5	11.34	8.66	23	15.11	4.89	40	17.56	2.44	57	19.25	0.75
6	11.59	8.41	24	15.28	4.72	41	17.68	2.32	58	19.33	0.67
7	11.83	8.17	25	15.45	4.55	42	17.79	2.21	59	19.41	0.59
8	12.07	7.93	26	15.61	4.39	43	17.90	2.10	60	19.49	0.51
9	12.30	7.70	27	15.77	4.23	44	18.01	1.99	61	19.57	0.51
10	12.53	7.47	28	15.93	4.07	45	18.12	1.88	62	19.65	0.35
11	12.76	7.24	29	16.08	3.92	46	18.23	1.77	63	19.72	0.28
12	12.98	7.02	30	16.23	3.77	47	18.33	1.67	64	19.79	0.21
13	13.20	6.80	31	16.38	3.62	48	18.43	1.57	65	19.86	0.14
14	13.41	6.59	32	16.52	3.48	49	18.53	1.47	66	19.93	0.07
15	13.61	6.39	33	16.66	3.34	50	18.63	1.37	67	19.99	0.01
16	13.81	6.19	34	16.80	3.20	51	18.73	1.27	68	20.00	0.00
17	14.01	5.99									

World Bridge News... World Bridge Tour

In 2019 the WBF decided to launch a yearly “World Bridge Tour”, consisting of existing face-to-face international events, culminating in a Tour Final among the top ranked partnerships. Covid happened – ending most international face-to-face events. As face-to-face events are coming back, the WBF plans to launch the Tour with a “dry-run” in the 2023 season to fine-tune the ranking methods and classification of events. It would officially go live in 2024. More will be posted as available, but some key points are:

The ranking is of PARTNERSHIPS, not individuals, and a player can be ranked in several partnerships.

Some events will be pre-qualified by the Tour Organizing Committee (such as the Transnationals at World and Zonal Championships and the main events at the NABCs).

Other event organizers can apply for their event to be included, and such applications are welcome already as of now. Applications should be sent by email to Jan Kamras – jankamras@gmail.com, with a copy to Arianna Testa – arianna.testa@worldbridgefed.com

A “sanctioning fee” will be required, depending on the category of the event, to support the costs of the Tour Final. No such fee will be charged for the 2023 “dry-run” season.

Both Pairs and Teams events will be included.

Participating events will be divided into 3 categories with different ranking point scales.

The ranking points are independent of WBF Master Points, but some WMPs will also be awarded.

The current ranking will be continuously updated and published on the WBF website.

One or more sponsors will be sought to allow participants in the Tour Final free room and board as well as some prize money and possibly a travel allowance. No entry fee will be charged.

The default requirements for an event to be included are:

- (1) events must be open to all members of a WBF affiliated NBO,
- (2) events must have a substantial international participation,
- (3) events must be a minimum of 3 days length (or about 150+ boards) and
- (4) organizers must be able to furnish information on the number of boards or sessions played by a partnership in Team events.

Exceptions can be made at the sole discretion of the committee.

The WBF hopes that the Tour will foster interest among the bridge community, adding the status inherent in being a WBF World Tour event. Awarding WBF Master Points should be attractive, especially for players not usually able to play in WBF championships. The Tour Final should be a great promotional event.



Meet the Players:



Kai Eckert, of Half Moon Bay, California, has been obsessively playing Bridge for four years. As a connoisseur of everything Bridge, he has traveled through casual, club, and tournament play in addition to recently becoming a club director.

Having been trained in the USBF Jr. Training Program with some of the best players that Bridge has to offer, he wants to share his knowledge of the game and all that he learned from his mentors and hard fought Bridge games with others.

Kai established **“Bridgin' Online With Kai !”**

Whether it be a casual Game or Club Game, Kai wants you to choose a date and time on the schedule when you would like

to play with him on Bridge Base Online.

Clubs Included: PABC, San Mateo Bridge Club and BAND

Free 2/1 Class

Watch Kai's free class on 2/1. In this class, he covers 2/1, and some very helpful conventions that go very well with 2/1: Inverted Minors, Jacoby 2NT, and New Minor Forcing. After watching this, he wants you to join him and others also practicing 2/1 in his 2/1 Study Sessions.

2/1 Study Sessions

After understanding the basics of 2/1, join him in study Sessions held every Tuesday at 1:00 P.M. PST.

He puts together 2/1 specific hands via SharkBridge. You bid, play, and talk about the hands so that you gain 2/1 targeted practice.

Kai touts a Weekly Free Instant Tournament

Join Kai every Thursday at 5:00 PST as he plays the Weekly Free Instant Tournament on BBO. If you have already completed in the Tournament, feel free to share your score and what you did on all of the boards!

Kai is playing in this event as a member of the Derman team in the U21 Bracket.

To find out more about Kai's bridge lessons, contact Kai at

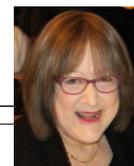
kai.eckert@comcast.net.

From the Editor:

I am happy to have hand submissions from the event and any stories of interest to our readers. If you have something to contribute, please email me at: stansubeck@prodigy.net. I am also happy to have “recent” pics of players at or away from the competition.

Thanks.

Suzi



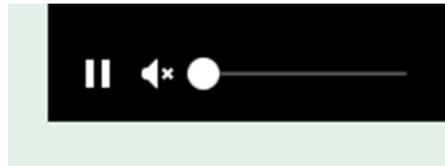
THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2022 MICHAEL SEAMON JUNIOR USBC ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the MSJUSBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. Some sessions will have voice commentary. If you get to the commentary and there is no sound, you need to "unmute" it. When you first get to the page, there is a small icon of a speaker in the middle of your screen with an x on it:



Just click on it to unmute.

If you miss that icon, you can still unmute - just move your cursor to the bottom left of the screen and you should see a similar icon:



Click on the speaker to unmute.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)

With 3 separate events going on at once, and both USA1 and USA2 brackets of the U26 and U21 events, the kibitzing schedule is a little confusing. In general:

Kibitzing of Round Robin matches will be delayed until each match is over, so you can watch Round 1 of a Round Robin when Round 2 is scheduled to start, etc.

On Day 1 U26 Round Robin kibitzing times will be:

- Round 1: 11:45 am;
- Round 2: 12:45 pm
- Round 3: 1:45 pm
- Round 4: 2:45 pm
- Round 5: 4:45 pm
- Round 6: 5:45 pm
- Round 7: 6:45 pm
- Round 8: 7:45 pm
- Round 9: 8:45 pm

On Days 1 & 2 U21 Round Robin kibitzing times will be:

- Round 1: 12:25 pm;
- Round 2: 1:35 pm
- Round 3: 2:45 pm
- Round 4: 5:10 pm
- Round 5: 6:20 pm
- Round 6: 7:30 pm
- Round 7: 8:40 pm

Kibitzing of KO matches will start half an hour after the start of the match.

The KO kibitzing times will be:

- Segment 1: 11:30 am
- Segment 2: 1:30 pm
- BREAK
- Segment 3: 4:30 pm
- Segment 4: 6:30 pm

NAIL BITING!

DO YOU WANT TO BE DEEPLY INVOLVED? CHOOSE THE "MATCH VIEW" AT THE STARTING PAGE OF YOUR EVENT. YOUR SCREEN WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR SMALL SCREENS – TWO OF THEM SHOWING THE TWO TABLES OF THE MATCH YOU CHOOSE, THE OTHER TWO HAVING THE SCORESHEET FOR YOUR MATCH AND THE CURRENT SCORES OF THE OTHER MATCHES. IN THE 2X2 VIEW YOU CAN ALSO PERSONALIZE THE CONTENT IN ALL YOUR WINDOWS. (THE 2X2 VIEW IS NOT AVAILABLE ON MOBILES.)

THINK TOGETHER!

Kibitzing...





The World Bridge Federation
International Sport Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee

To the WBF Zonal Presidents
WBFF NBO Presidents
WBFF Executive Council
WBFF Youth Committee
31 August 2022

Dear Presidents and Friends

18th WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Due to the disruption created by the pandemic over the past couple of years causing, amongst other things, difficulties in recruiting and training young players, the WBF has decided to make an exception to the age restrictions **for the 2023 WYTC only**.

In each Series - U31, U26, U26 Women, U21 and U16 - each qualified team will be allowed to include up to 2 players who are each one year too old compared to the usual restriction. To be clear the following regulations will apply

The general regulation for 2023 will be:

- Under 31: for players born on or after 1st January 1993
- Under 26 Open: for players born on or after 1st January 1998
- Under 26 Women: for players born on or after 1st January 1998
- Under 21: for players born on or after 1st January 2003
- Under 16: for players born on or after 1st January 2008

However, for a **maximum of two players in each team** the following ages will be permitted:

- Under 31: for players born on or after 1st January 1992
- Under 26 Open: for players born on or after 1st January 1997
- Under 26 Women: for players born on or after 1st January 1997
- Under 21: for players born on or after 1st January 2002
- Under 16: for players born on or after 1st January 2007

For the avoidance of doubt we repeat that this is a one-time exception due to extraordinary circumstances, and will not apply as of 2024 events.

As soon as the venue and dates are known we will send you the information.

Yours sincerely

Jan Kamras
President Elect

Gilad Ofir
Chairman WBF Youth Committee



Headquarters : Maison du Sport International – 54 av. de Rhodanie – 1007 Lausanne – Switzerland
Email: arianna.testa@worldbridgefed.com

World Bridge News...

Dining in Atlanta...



CHAI PANI

DECATUR

406 W Ponce de Leon Avenue

chaipani.com 404-378-4030

To get a sense of Chai Pani's appeal, just stop by on a weeknight, when the place is persistently packed with local folks who know what a neighborhood treasure this place really is. Chef-owner Meherwan Irani keeps 'em coming back with an eclectic menu of Indian street food like kale pakoras, Bengali fried-fish sandwiches, and corn bhel and other exuberant veg-forward fare.

THE CHASTAIN

CHASTAIN PARK

4320 Powers Ferry Road

404-257-6416

Try your luck at any time of day: In the morning, you'll encounter a coffee shop with a shaded patio, beans from Brash, and some of the best croissants, danishes, and cinnamon rolls around, with many pastries incorporating flour from Georgia's DaySpring Farms; at night, chef Christopher Grossman's smart menu boasts approachable but impeccably prepared New American fare: turkey wing with blue cheese and Fresno chili buffalo sauce, ricotta cavatelli with lamb Italian sausage, curry-glazed black grouper, and a famously excellent cheeseburger.

CHE BUTTER JONEZ

PERKERSON

757 Clevela

404-919-4061

The metro doesn't lack for quality food in gas station plazas, but even in that crowded field, Che Butter Jonez—attached to a Chevron just off I-85—distinguishes itself, serving chef Malik Rhasaan's interpretations of the street foods he grew up surrounded by in Queens, New York: for instance, bodega-style breakfast sandwiches, halal-cart chicken and rice, and a lamb burger with an herby sauce that's one of CBJ's signature items. The endless banter between Rhasaan and his wife, Detric Fox-Quinlan, aka Bae Butter Jonez—she typically runs the register—is half the fun.

COM GA HOUSTON

DULUTH

3350 Steve Reynolds Boulevard

678-691-3143

This place is named after the dish it specializes in, a Vietnamese relative of Hainanese chicken rice: skin-on chicken, poached delicately in chicken broth and served cold over rice with a panoply of accoutrements—various veg and pickled cabbage, onion oil and ginger and Vietnamese coriander leaves, served with ginger sauce and a cup of chicken broth on the side. It's splendid, but just the beginning of owner Khoa Do's bird-centric menu: There's also chicken or duck congee with cubes of pork blood, noodle soups and chicken pho, and magnificent salads built on cabbage or banana blossoms and featuring a whole landscape of torn chicken, herbs, and crispy bits of fried shallot.

PIEDMONT/MORNINGSIDE

2127 Liddell Drive NE

404-600-4155

Julia Kesler Imerman calls her adorable spot off Cheshire Bridge Road a “holistic” cafe—I call it a joyous refuge from the vicissitudes of everyday life. Born Jewish in South Africa and raised in Atlanta, the young owner is a proponent of intuitive or mindful eating. Not denying the body what it craves is her philosophy, so on her daily menus, you can find French fries and latkes—in addition to things like rotisserie chicken (or cauliflower), salmon pitas with lemony labneh, shakshuka, and “brekkie bowls” with quinoa, avocado, and soft-boiled eggs.

There’s more to this tiny whitewashed building than meets the eye. Your first impression is of a calm respite with two distinct zones: one set up like a living room with books to read and comfy rugs to muffle the sounds; the other more commercial but still peaceful and communal, with a counter for ordering and a handful of grab-and-go items. But in the back, there’s also a large production facility, where Imerman’s staff assembles the above-mentioned dishes in addition to distinctive shelf-stable products sold on the premises as well as in local groceries: cumin-scented cauliflower Bolognese, various soups and dressings. I find her combination of physical and mental nourishment irresistible, and the obvious success of this young business gives me faith that—given enough moxie and goodwill—the good can triumph over the mediocre. —CL

DEER & THE DOVE**DECATUR**

155 Sycamore Street

404-748-4617

Three years after opening, Terry Koval’s casually elegant celebration of our regional foodshed is firing on all cylinders: soulful entrees from the familiar (beef burger with thyme aioli and foraged chanterelles, whole trout over farro verde) to the literal deep cuts (sweetbreads au poivre, beef-heart pastrami with beet and potato rosti); vegetables that get at least as much love in the kitchen (Koval’s ever-changing Harvest Plate doubles as a work of art); cocktails that also make thoughtful use of seasonal and foraged ingredients; gorgeous desserts; and, if that weren’t enough, a daytime auxiliary cafe, B-Side, that serves a mean wood-fired bagel.

EMPIRE STATE SOUTH**MIDTOWN**

999 Peachtree Street

404-541-1105

Hugh Acheson grew up in Ottawa and worked in kitchens in San Francisco before lighting up the culinary landscape of another region of North America altogether: At two Athens restaurants, Five & Ten and the National, Acheson’s careful interpretations of the foods of the Southeastern soil became an important contribution to their broad reemergence in the national conversation. In 2010, he added an outpost in Atlanta that’s still going strong, with its wonderful terrace with Adirondack chairs and bocce court, its early happy hour (*it’s three o’clock somewhere . . .*), and, of course, its consistently excellent prix fixe menus, ever changing and filled with careful studies of regional ingredients: filet beans with tomato concassé, glazed pork belly over DaySpring Farms grits. It might be good to get your reservations in now: Over the summer, Acheson put the restaurant up for sale.

FEEDEL BISTRO**NORTH DRUID HILLS**

3125 Briarcliff Road NE

404-963-2905

Siblings Tamar Telahun and Simon Gebru are behind this stylish eatery, [which opened in 2018](#) and demonstrated that the crowded corner of Clairmont and Briarcliff could profitably benefit from yet another East African restaurant; in 2022, Feedel further distinguished itself from the competition (venerable Desta across the street, Bahel right next door) when it announced a new menu with an enhanced focus on vegetarian, vegan, and pescatarian dishes. That includes the wonderfully spiced lentils and split peas you'd find at any other place serving Ethiopian or Eritrean cuisine (already very vegan-friendly), in addition to specialty creations like tibs—traditionally a sauteed-meat dish, made instead with tofu, mushrooms, or chickpeas—and a show-stopping whole branzino.

FISHMONGER**PONCEY-HIGHLAND**

674 North Highland Avenue

678-705-9538

From 8Arm (RIP) impresarios Nhan Le and Skip Engelbrecht and chef Bradford Forsblom, this jewel box of a storefront has the potential to be many things to many people: a lunchtime destination for a bowl of chowder and one of the city's best new sandwiches (a blackened grouper that'll knock your socks off); a retail market with superfresh cuts of fish you can take home and prepare yourself; and a BYOB raw bar serving immaculately prepared oysters, crudo, shrimp cocktail, and more, to be enjoyed in the open air on a few charming sidewalk tables. A second location has opened in Kirkwood.

FOOD TERMINAL**CHAMBLEE**

5000 Buford Highway

678-353-6110

Normally, if you're dining along some six-lane highway and you're handed a glossy menu approximately the thickness of a magazine, you're at a Cheesecake Factory. The single exception: this hip, roomy BuHi staple, where chef Amy Wong's voluminous menu reflects the cuisine of Malaysia, which itself combines a vast array of influences, from Indian to Hakka Chinese and beyond. So: roti canai with curry spare ribs, curry laksa chicken soup, Hainanese chicken rice, garlic noodles, Sichuan pig ears? Here's your hookup for all that and much more. Wong and partner Howie Ewe have since added Westside, Sandy Springs, and Alpharetta outposts.



Dining 'tween sessions
Can make quite a mess,
When pards disagree
On the final finesse!

More About Atlanta...

Over 70 streets named 'Peachtree' in Atlanta

A fun Atlanta fact to pleasantly get lost by



Amusingly, a great number of streets in Atlanta have 'Peachtree' or a variation of it in their name. The actual Peachtree Street serves as the main hub. It runs from the financial district of Five Points through Midtown and up to Buckhead. From here, it swerves hard to become Peachtree Road. Past Brookhaven, you'll end up choosing between heading down Peachtree-Dunwoody Road or Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.

Peachtree Battle Avenue was where the first attack in the 1864 Battle of Peachtree Creek took place during the American Civil War. Now, it's home to pretty mansions. Here's a fun catch: those Peachtree streets hardly bear any peach trees!

Atlanta's Musical Heritage...

Soul prodigy Ray Charles recorded what eventually became Georgia's official state song – *Georgia on My Mind* – back in the '60s, and the state and its capital have flourished with a colorful musical heritage ever since. Its musical scene has made great cultural contributions, ranging from rhythm n' blues and soul to Southern rock and hip-hop.

Some of the country's most iconic musicians and bands of various genres hail from Atlanta. These include John Mayer, Usher, TLC, and Arrested Development. The city's colorful line-up of music festivals celebrating this heritage include SweetWater 420 Fest in April and Atlanta Jazz Festival in May.

Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

Sudoku 2 Solution

**Answers to Puzzles
No Peeking!**

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

Answer to Logic Puzzle on Page 17

June	Tamara	Finch	Linda Mar
May	Celia	Macaw	Upton
April	Pam	Parakeet	Camden
March	Natalie	Lovebird	Fairbank
February	Sara	Parrot	Rolling Hills

Sudoku 2

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

How do you know when you're desperate for an answer?
You look at the second page of Google search results.

What do you call security guards working outside Samsung shops?
Guardians of the Galaxy.

What animal is the worst at hiding?
The leopard — he's always spotted.

What kind of tea is hard to swallow? Reali-tea.

Why are spiders such know-it-alls?
They're always on the web.



Puzzle 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
Y E P B S L D C O E R C E E C R W P I L
A S Z S E S I O O H T R S R T H D M Y E
W A A Z D N H B T L C E E T N E D U T S
L R D E I C R A R O C T R R E H C A E T
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

ASSIGNMENTS
BACKPACK
BATHROOM
BELL
BINDER
CAFETERIA
CHALKBOARD
CLASSROOM
CLOCK
COURSES
DESK
DOORS
ENROLL

ERASER
EXAMS
FIRST DAY
GYMNASIUM
HALLWAY
HOMEWORK
INTERCOM
JANITOR
LANGUAGE ARTS
LEARNING
LIBRARY
LOCKER

LUNCHROOM
MATH
NEW FRIENDS
NOTEBOOK
NURSE
OLD FRIENDS
PADLOCK
PAPER
PENCILS
PENS
PRINCIPAL
QUIZZES

ROLL CALL
RULES
SCHOOL BUS
SCHOOL OFFICE
SCHOOLYARD
SCIENCE
SECRETARY
SEPTEMBER
SOCIAL STUDIES
STUDENT
STUDY
TEACHER

U26...

Berk	Hakan Berk, Capt Sophia Chang	Victor Xu Lucy Zhang
Chen	Tianyang Chen, Capt Jiahe Shen Zhenling Wang	Fangqing Yuan Qian Sun Yifu Ouyang
Goyal	Sarik Goyal, Capt Derek Wong	Sheldon Tan Gan Yang
Hallerman	Raphael Hallerman, Capt Sean McNally	Ilan Wolff Isaac Stephani
Johnstone	Morgan Johnstone, Capt Isaac Stone	Vincent Zhu Robert West
Kolesnik	Finn Kolesnik, Capt Ben Kristensen Emma Kolesnik	Zach Grossack Kevin Rosenberg Jacob Freeman
Scott	William Scott, Capt Luke Williams	Reese Koppel Jake Williams
Xiao	Brent Xiao, Capt Stella Wan Cynthia Huang	Richard Jeng Cornelius Duffie Amber Lin
Y Xu	Yuchen Xu, Capt Jeff Hu Nathan Finkle	Zhiyu Cheng Dingjia Mao Henry Xing
Yeung	Alan Yeung, Capt Jakob Reinke	Ian Dunbar Patrick Delos Reyes

U21...

A Zhang	Andy Zhang, Capt Zach Posternak	Matthew Rippin Owen Jiang
Derman	Ethan Derman, Capt Michael Haas Daniel Balof	Levi Katriel Sam Pahk Kai Eckert
Gong	Nathan Gong, Capt Edward He	Arthur Gong Eric He
Hu	Michael Hu, Capt Andrew Jin	Jerry Yao Oliver Que
Klein	Aidan Klein, Capt Cedric Xiao	Kevin Jiang Philip Wang
M Xu	Michael Xu, Capt Harrison Luba	Olivia Schireson Bo Han Zhu
Zhao	Derrick Zhao, Capt Avery Silverstein	Caroline Zhao Jack Boge
Zhou	Arthur Zhou, Capt Rory Xiao	Michael Hu Jonathan Yue

Coming Together:

What you see here are the updated Team Rosters for U26 and U21... hopefully there will be no changes in the Rona later this week.

Some U26 and U21 players were stranded in Buffalo because of the storms... others could not get viable flights through Chicago or San Francisco...

Three players took a bus to the site at the last minute from Upstate New York ... One took a bus from Chicago ...

One team gave up a player to play on another team...

One player tested positive for Covid and will not be here.

The cooperation among the players was gratifying. Thanks to the positive attitudes and great working relationship between the players and the staff, all's well that end's well and we are commencing on schedule. You are the BEST!!

Your dedication shows and we THANK YOU all!!



		Celia	Natalie	Pam	Sara	Tamara	finch	lovebird	macaw	parakeet	parrot	Camden	Fairbank	Linda Mar	Rolling Hills	Upton
Months	February															
	March															
	April															
	May															
	June															
		Camden														
Towns	Fairbank															
	Linda Mar															
	Rolling Hills															
	Upton															
		finch														
Birds	lovebird															
	macaw															
	parakeet															
	parrot															

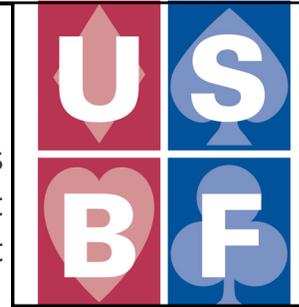
Fiendishly Hard Logic Puzzle...

Months	Names	Birds	Towns
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			

- Natalie's pet was bought 1 month after the bird purchased in Rolling Hills..
- The parakeet was bought sometime after the bird purchased in Rolling Hills..
- The bird purchased in Camden was bought 2 months before Tamara's pet..
- The bird purchased in Rolling Hills isn't the macaw..
- The bird bought in June isn't the lovebird..
- Neither the macaw nor the parrot is the bird bought in June..
- The bird bought in March isn't the parrot..
- Natalie's pet isn't the macaw..
- The bird purchased in Camden is either the parakeet or the bird bought in June..
- The bird purchased in Camden was bought 1 month before Celia's pet..
- The bird bought in March wasn't purchased in Upton..
- Of the bird bought in June and Pam's pet, one was purchased in Linda Mar and the other was purchased in Camden..

Answers to puzzle on page 14

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.

We hope you will join us.

What is Santa's job at the store? Stocking the Sh"elves."

I was dating a lawyer ... until she lost her appeal!

The claim that I'm incontinent doesn't hold water!

What are you if you drive a Subaru backwards? U R A BUS!



A fisherman once made a Faustian deal. He sold his sole to the Devil.

I went to a stage performer who sacrifices a celebrity at the end of the show. I gave him 5 stars!

What do you get when you cross a Christmas tree with a Macintosh? A pineapple!

Planning to use a character from Friends in a Shakespearean play? Phoebe or not Phoebe? That is the question!



"Save Me!" U26 USA1 KO

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP	
1	Kolesnik(U26)	Goyal(U26)	Open	5♦	S ♠A	= 600	-
			Closed	5♦	S ♠A	= 600	
2	Chen(U26)	Xiao(U26)	Open	5♦	S ♠A	= 600	7
			Closed	5♠x	E ♦K	-2 300	

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface. At the top, there are navigation buttons: HOME, CARDS, SPLIT, and a back arrow. Below these are buttons for W, N, E, and S. A table of results is shown: 3♠ DBL, 4♠ DBL PASS 5♦, 5♠ DBL PASS PASS, and PASS. The main area shows a hand with cards: ♠ 85, ♥ 942, ♦ 853, ♣ AK754. The dealer is Richard Jeng. The hand is shown in four positions: North (Richard Jeng) with ♠ QJT7632, ♥ J873, ♦ 9, ♣ T; East (Tianyang Chen) with ♠ K, ♥ KQT, ♦ AKQJT642, ♣ J; South (Brent Xiao) with ♠ A94, ♥ A65, ♦ 7, ♣ Q98632; and West (Fangqing Yuan) with ♠ A94, ♥ A65, ♦ 7, ♣ Q98632. The table below the hand shows: Table: CL 2, Round: 1; N-S: Xiao(U26) 0 IMP; E-W: Chen(U26) 0 IMP. Other room information: OTHER ROOM S 5♦ = 600. A score card section shows NORTH 2, WEST DEALER, SOUTH. There are also buttons for DDS, Score card, Frequency, and Live scores.

In the SemiFinals of the U26 KO, there was only one "first responder." At three tables, N/S played in the cold vulnerable versus not 5D while at one lone table, Fangqing Yuan "saved" the day by taking the favorable sacrifice in 5SX. It couldn't be easy to save holding two aces. However, Fangqing reasoned that even with the cashing HA, it was quite possible that the SA would not cash. In experienced bridge circles, this is called "taking insurance."

Yuan did the math. He partner showed at least seven spades when he opened 3S, so as declarer, Chen could likely collect seven spades (opposite Yuan's Axx) and the heart ace. Down three would be a good save at favorable.

Xiao led the DK followed by the CJ. Jeng won his CA and made a well reasoned shift to the H4. This play is key to defeating the hand three tricks instead of only two. Looking at the distribution, it is notable that the heart shift kept Xiao off a later endplay!! (Ed. Note: At the table, this became irrelevant because there was a slight later slip in defense, but it was really quite brilliant at the time.)

Chen won Xiao's HT with the ace in dummy. He played the C9 off dummy and ruffed with the ST in hand. Xiao over-ruffed with his SK.

(Herein lies the slip...) Xaio should have cashed a high heart getting the perfect count and then cashed the other high heart to defeat the hand three tricks. Instead, Xaio tried a high diamond before cashing the hearts. Declarer was able to discard one of dummy's losing hearts on the diamond while he ruffed in his hand. Contract failed two tricks.

7 IMPs to Chen (Had the hand gone down the possible three, it would have been 3 IMPs to Chen... still a good save)

"Taking insurance" frequently pays off ... especially in IMPs where every IMP matters!

BOARD: 4
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ K64
♥ AKJT9
♦ KT643
♣

♠ AJT73
♥ 64
♦ 952
♣ AJ6

♠ 952
♥ 87
♦ AQJ
♣ QT852

♠ Q8
♥ Q532
♦ 87
♣ K9743

Par: 200

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	5	8	10	4	6
E	8	5	3	8	7
W	:	:	:	9	:

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★
Kolesnik(U26)	Goyal(U26)	Open	4♥ N	♣2 =	620
		Closed	4♥ N	♣2 =	620
Chen(U26)	Xiao(U26)	Open	4♥ N	♠2 =	620
		Closed	4♥ N	♣2 =	620

Proving there's no such thing as a "truly" flat board! Or... there's one in every crowd!!

All four tables played in the heart game from North. All four tables collected ten tricks... a push for the field...

All four players led a black deuce...

However!! One player led the S2 while the others led the C2!

Thank you Cynthia Huang! You are the exception that proves the rule!!

(Note: You did have help from partner, Amber Lin. Amber was the only West to overcall.)

Board 5 created a 10 IMP swing in both head-up matches. All West players declared 3NT. One in each match succeeded while one in each match failed.

Both successful declarers won the heart lead. In Kolesnik/Goyal, Freeman led a diamond to dummy's king, played a second diamond to his ace and ran 4 rounds of clubs, N/S pitching hearts, producing this position:

BOARD: 5
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ KQ9
♥ AT9643
♦ 83
♣ 83

♠ A5
♥ KQ5
♦ A752
♣ AJ54

♠ J8762
♥
♦ KT94
♣ KQT7

♠ T43
♥ J872
♦ QJ6
♣ 962

Par: -920

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	1	2	6	3	3
E	12	11	6	10	8
W	11	:	7	:	9

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
Kolesnik(U26)	Goyal(U26)	Open	3N W	♥6 -1	50	10
		Closed	3N W	♥6 =	400	
Chen(U26)	Xiao(U26)	Open	3N W	♥4 +1	430	10
		Closed	3N W	♥6 -1	50	

♠ KQ9
♥ AT9643
♦ 83
♣ 83
N Derek Wong

♠ A5
♥ KQ5
♦ A752
♣ AJ54
W Jacob Freeman

♠ J8762
♥
♦ KT94
♣ KQT7
E Emma Kolesnik

♠ T43
♥ J872
♦ QJ6
♣ 962
S Gan Yang

Jacob played the DT. South won the queen and played a spade. Jacob won the ace, cashed the D7 and claimed 9 tricks.

In Chen/Xiao, Amber Lin, like Freeman, played the hand very well to take 10 tricks. Lin won the heart and immediately ran 4 round of clubs. North pitched 2 diamonds and South pitched 1 heart. Amber led a diamond to the king and a diamond to the ace, North discarding a spade. She cashed the SA and played a second spade to North's queen. North,

down to S:Q H:AT96 was endplayed. He won the spade and was forced to lead a heart from his AT96 into Lin's Q5. Nice read, Amber!

In Kolesnik/Goyal, Goyal won the opening lead, played a club to the king and a diamond to the ace. He cashed the three clubs, North pitching 1 heart and 1 spade. Goyal cashed a high diamond and conceded a diamond to South on which North tossed the SQ. South played hearts through declarer's Q5 and the contract easily failed a trick. In Xiao/Chen, Yuan won the opening heart, played a club to the king, a diamond to the ace and a diamond to the king. He ducked a spade to North's nine and Jeng continued with the SQ to Yuan's ace. Yuan played 3 rounds of clubs ending in dummy!! Oops! Had he played a spade at this point, he would have made the hand, endplaying North. Instead he played a diamond. South won & played a heart through declarer to take the last three tricks for down one!

BOARD: 6
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ JT97
 ♥ Q62
 ♦ J64
 ♣ KT4

♠ 54
 ♥ AT9753
 ♦ AQ83
 ♣ 2

♠ 863
 ♥ K8
 ♦ T752
 ♣ 9753

Par: 400

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	9	4	5	9	9
EW	4	8	8	3	4

♠ AKQ2
 ♥ J4
 ♦ K9
 ♣ AQJ86

Home team Visiting team Room By = ★

										NS	EW
1	Kolesnik(U26)	Goyal(U26)	▶	Open	4♠	S	♣2	=	420		
			▶	Closed	4♠	S	♣2	=	420		
2	Chen(U26)	Xiao(U26)	▶	Open	4♠	S	♣2	=	420		
			▶	Closed	4♠	N	♦T	-1		50	10

On Board 6, 4S can always be defeated. If played from South, West must lead a heart... either cash the ace and lead a heart to East or underlead the HA to put East in with the HK. East can exit a diamond through South's K9 to collect two hearts and two diamonds off the top. The failure to lead the red suits off the bat will allow declarer to discard losers on the long clubs and collect ten tricks. At the three tables where South was declarer, West predictably led their singleton club and South brought home their game.

At the one table where North declared (see below), 1D was single suited. 1H asked. 2D was natural and North stole the contract.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
	PASS	1♣	1♠
1♦	PASS	1♥	DBL
2♦	2♣	PASS	4♣
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Table: CL 2, Round: 1
 N-S: Xiao(U26) 23 IMP
 E-W: Chen(U26) 7 IMP

OTHER ROOM: S 4♠ = 420

NORTH WEST 6 DEALER SOUTH

Score card, Frequency, Standings

♠ JT97
 ♥ Q62
 ♦ J64
 ♣ KT4
 N Richard Jeng

♠ 863
 ♥ K8
 ♦ T752
 ♣ 9753
 E Tianyang Chen

♠ 54
 ♥ AT9753
 ♦ AQ83
 ♣ 2
 W Fangqing Yuan

♠ AKQ2
 ♥ J4
 ♦ K9
 ♣ AQJ86
 S Brent Xiao

NORTH NS
 4♠ 0

Chen had an easy time leading his partner's diamond suit through the K9.

Yuan cashed the two high diamonds and shifted to the HA. When that held, he continued hearts and the contract failed before declarer could gain the lead.

10 IMPs to Chen

BOARD: 9
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ AKQ76
♥ QJ7
♦ JT7
♣ 65

♠ 43
♥ K98654
♦ 65
♣ J87

♠ 52
♥ A3
♦ AQ83
♣ AKQ32

♠ JT98
♥ T2
♦ K942
♣ T94

Par: -500

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	2	6	3	8	5
EW	11	7	9	5	8

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	IMP
Kolesnik(U26)	Goyal(U26)	Open	5♥ W ♠K -2	200
		Closed	4♠x N ♣A -2	300
Chen(U26)	Xiao(U26)	Open	5♣ E ♠J =	600
		Closed	2♦ S ♠4 -1	50

What an interesting hand! Four tables and each played in a different strain from a different seat!

In Kolesnik/Goyal, both declarers playing for Goyal went down two... Against 5H, Rosenberg, North, cashed 2 rounds of spades and shifted to a diamond. Goyal, West, finessed. Kristensen won his king and exited a diamond, dummy winning. Rosenberg waited for his trump trick.

At the other table where Wong, North, declared 4SX, Emma Kolesnik cashed two high clubs and switched to hearts, enabling her side to take two clubs and two hearts off the top and a diamond trick later. 11 IMPs to Kolesnik

In Chen/Xiao, Xiao/Jeng played an improbable 2D on the North/South cards. Jeng, North opened 1NT 13-16; Chen doubled; Xiao passed forcing a XX and when Jeng redoubled, Xiao showed diamonds and spades with his 2D call. Apparently Jeng did not realize that Xiao showed both suits or he likely would have corrected to spades!! 2D went down one

Chen, East, could have balanced with 3C or double but with all the bidding by his opponents, it was clear that his partner might not hold even the king and jack that he did!!

The real story on this hand is at the other table in this match. Cynthia Huang, holding the East cards, made a great decision to pull her partner's 4H bid to 5C.

4H is not a bad contract, but it fails because the diamond king is offside and the defenders own a trump trick!!

5C is a perfect contract and is always cold. Shen led the SJ and a spade to Sun's queen. Sun played a club, won with the ace in dummy. Huang cashed the HA and CK and played a small heart to dummy's king. She ruffed a heart with the trump queen and led a trump to dummy's jack, getting the children off the street. She pitched three diamonds on her three high hearts and claimed eleven tricks. Game making.

Lin	Sun	Huang	Shen
W	N	E	S
	1♠	DBL	3♠*
PASS	PASS	DBL	PASS
4♥	PASS	5♣	PASS
PASS	PASS		

3S was weak

Good decision in the bidding combined with good play ... 11 IMPs to Xiao.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Zhou	A Zhang	Open	3N	S	♣2	=	400	10
		Closed	3N	S	♣2	-1	50	
Gong	Derman	Open	3N	S	♣2	-1	50	10
		Closed	3N	S	♣2	=	400	
Klein	Hu	Open	3N	S	♣2	=	400	1
		Closed	3N	S	♦K	+1	430	
Zhao	M Xu	Open	3♣	E	♥K	-2	100	7
		Closed	3N	N	♠3	=	400	

Seven N/S pairs declared 3NT on Board 24. At 6 tables the auction was 1NT-3NT from South.

Five out of six West players led the normal club deuce. In all cases, declarer won in dummy and led a heart. In all cases, East played small and to make the hand, declarer must finesse to the H9 (finessing for the JT). None of the declarers found this play. They all played the HK.

In the Zhou/Zhang match, Rory Xiao and Johnathan Yue found the killing defense. Xiao ducked the heart and declarer played three rounds of clubs. Yue discarded the S6 followed by the S3. Declarer discarded the S2. A heart was led from dummy to the ten, queen and ace. Xiao exited with the DK.

Declarer won the DA and played a heart to East's jack. Yue returned a diamond to West's queen and Xiao exited with a diamond. Declarer won the DJ and played a spade. Yue won the SA and cashed the DT for the setting trick.

At the other table of this match, the play was similar except that East pitched the D7 and the S6 on the last two clubs. When West won the HA, they needed to exit with a major. They did not work this out and exited with the DK. Declarer won and played a heart to East's jack. The defense was helpless. East tried switching to a low spade. Declarer played the SK and cashed two hearts for nine tricks and 10 IMPs to Zhou.

In the Gong/Derman match Sam Pahk and Michael Haas found a similar defense. Pahk won the first heart with the ace and continued clubs. East discarded S3 and S6 on the clubs, while declarer discarded the D9. When Haas won the HJ, he was able to lead a diamond, establishing two diamond tricks for the defense. 10 IMPs to Derman

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There is always an outlier. In the Zhao/Xu match, Michael Xu opened 1C with the North hand and Schireson/Xu declared 3NT from the North hand. Caroline Zhao led the S3 to the jack and queen, and Xu took nine tricks without guessing the heart position.

2C=relay
2D=obligatory
3NT=5-3-3-2 shape

2S=spades and a minor
(According to their convention card, this should be a 5 card major and a 4 card minor. 4-10 HCP)

At the other table in this match, the auction was eclectic. Harrison Luba opened 2S showing a weak hand with spades and a minor as described above!!

Jack Boge overcalled 3H and Bo Han Zhu competed to 3S. N/S was awkwardly placed and they sold out to 3S. According to the Double Dummy Analysis, perfect defense will defeat 3S by four tricks.

Unfortunately, N/S could not envision East's 4-3-4-2 distribution and settled for a two trick set. 7 IMPS to Xu

Cross IMPs...

1.	Michael Haas - Sam Pahk	Derman	6.63	53.00	8
2.	Arthur Zhou - Michael Hu	Zhou	4.09	32.71	8
3.	Harrison Luba - Bo Han Zhu	M Xu	3.16	25.29	8
4.	Cedric Xiao - Philip Wang	Klein	2.30	18.43	8
5.	Eric He - Edward He	Gong	1.82	14.57	8
6.	Nathan Gong - Arthur Gong	Gong	1.43	11.43	8
7.	Jonathan Yue - Rory Xiao	Zhou	1.30	10.43	8
8.	Zach Posternak - Owen Jiang	A Zhang	1.23	9.86	8
9.	Kai Eckert - Daniel Balof	Derman	-1.23	-9.86	8
10.	Avery Silverstein - Jack Boge	Zhao	-1.30	-10.43	8
11.	Michael Hu - Jerry Yao	Hu	-1.43	-11.43	8
12.	Oliver Que - Andrew Jin	Hu	-1.82	-14.57	8
13.	Olivia Schireson - Michael Xu	M Xu	-2.30	-18.43	8
14.	Kevin Jiang - Aidan Klein	Klein	-3.16	-25.29	8
15.	Caroline Zhao - Derrick Zhao	Zhao	-4.09	-32.71	8
16.	Andy Zhang - Matthew Rippin	A Zhang	-6.63	-53.00	8

U21

1.	Lucy Zhang - Sophia Chang	Berk	2.71	19.00	7
2.	Alan Yeung - Ian Dunbar	Yeung	1.47	14.65	10
3.	Jeff Hu - Henry Xing	Y Xu	0.94	9.40	10
4.	Reese Koppel - William Scott	Scott	0.94	7.55	8
5.	Hakan Berk - Victor Xu	Berk	0.56	4.50	8
6.	Raphael Hallerman - Sean McNally	Hallerman	0.22	2.00	9
7.	Jake Williams - Luke Williams	Scott	-0.22	-2.00	9
8.	Robert West - Isaac Stone	Johnstone	-0.56	-4.50	8
9.	Jakob Reinke - Patrick Delos Reyes	Yeung	-0.94	-9.40	10
10.	Isaac Stephani - Ilan Wolff	Hallerman	-0.94	-7.55	8
11.	Zhiyu Cheng - Dingjia Mao	Y Xu	-1.47	-14.65	10
12.	Vincent Zhu - Morgan Johnstone	Johnstone	-2.71	-19.00	7

U26 RR2

1.	Zach Grossack - Finn Kolesnik	Kolesnik(U26)	1.22	55.00	45
2.	Emma Kolesnik - Jacob Freeman	Kolesnik(U26)	1.08	32.33	30
3.	Stella Wan - Cornelius Duffie	Xiao(U26)	0.92	27.67	30
4.	Kevin Rosenberg - Ben Kristensen	Kolesnik(U26)	0.77	34.67	45
5.	Cynthia Huang - Amber Lin	Xiao(U26)	0.73	32.67	45
6.	Richard Jeng - Brent Xiao	Xiao(U26)	0.72	32.33	45
7.	Yifu Ouyang - Zhenling Wang	Chen(U26)	-0.49	-14.67	30
8.	Tianyang Chen - Fangqing Yuan	Chen(U26)	-0.70	-31.67	45
9.	Sheldon Tan - Sarik Goyal	Goyal(U26)	-0.93	-56.00	60
10.	Qian Sun - Jiahe Shen	Chen(U26)	-1.03	-46.33	45
11.	Derek Wong - Gan Yang	Goyal(U26)	-1.10	-66.00	60

U26 Semi-Final

Limey Jack...

Blimey Yanks:

You have gobs of action happening here. Howie Dung is whirling around lost as per usual but even he will get USA1 correct.

Kolesnik takes the measure of Xiao.

In the U26 USA2:

Chen beats Scott, Goyal loses to Hu, and Hallerman wins at the wire against Berk.

In the U21, Zhou outlasts Derman, whilst Xu bests Gong.

In the Rona, Hsieh and Qian make the Semis.

Limey Jack feels like Sir Robin of Luxley after attempting to dislodge Friar Tuck from the bridge. Time for some fish and chips, take the lift to the flat and settle in with a cozy.

Ta



Howie Doing...

The dames come today
To give the place class.
Qian/Hsieh bid bodily.
The other two Pass!

Xu versus Gong,
Xu's got the wood,
But on the right day,
Gong plays really good.

In Zhou versus Derman,
I'm not sure why...
Both teams could do it
But I'm picking Kai!

Hallerman? Berk?
To put your money?
Hallerman shines
With Isaac Stephani!

Goyal v Xu?
Here's what I chose:
Though painfully close,
It's Xu by a nose!

Tossing the names
Into a pot...
Will it be Chen
Or will it be Scott?

With so many Williams,
Scott is my choice.
Chen is a Chevy;
Scott, a Rolls Royce!

Now for the final:
Team K versus Xiao,
Picked K at day one,
And picking them now!!!

Howie Doing?? Not bad!