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# All Kidding Aside

## U26 USA2 Quarterfinal

3	<a href="#">Chen</a>	147	34	36	29	48
8	<a href="#">Scott - wins tie</a>	99	11	34	39	15
4	<a href="#">Goyal</a>	205	54	42	29	80
7	<a href="#">Y Xu - wins tie</a>	103	35	25	23	20
5	<a href="#">Berk - wins tie</a>	120	4	42	13	61
6	<a href="#">Hallerman</a>	92	33	8	23	28

## U26 USA1 Final

1	<a href="#">Kolesnik</a>	177	37	45	27	68
2	<a href="#">Xiao</a>	172	68	42	19	43



### Congratulations Team Kolesnik MSJUSBC USA1

Ben Kristensen,  
Zach Grossack,  
Finn Kolesnik,  
Emma Kolesnik,  
Jacob Freeman,  
Kevin Rosenberg

## U21 USA1 SemiFinal

1	<a href="#">M Xu - wins tie</a>	228	56	83	33	56
4	<a href="#">Gong</a>	91	7	24	25	35
2	<a href="#">Zhou - wins tie</a>	136	33	42	33	28
3	<a href="#">Derman</a>	115	19	59	16	21

## Rona RR first half

Team Name	Total	2	4	1	3
2. <a href="#">Hsieh</a>	<b>43.02</b>		8.17	19.57	15.28
4. <a href="#">Qian</a>	<b>28.79</b>	11.83		9.72	7.24
1. <a href="#">Farley</a>	26.94	0.43	10.28		16.23
3. <a href="#">Linkel</a>	21.25	4.72	12.76	3.77	

Results...

**USBF President**  
Aaron Silverstein  
**USBF Vice President**  
Lynn Baker  
**USBF COO & Secretary**  
Jan Martel  
**USBF CFO & Treasurer**  
Stan Subeck  
**USBF Recorder**  
Jack Oest  
**Directors**  
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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  
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Stan Subeck  
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Suzi Subeck  
**Photographer**  
Peg Kaplan

**Junior Committee Chair**  
Joe Stokes

**Junior Program Co-Ordinator**  
Alex Kolesnik

See Finn Kolesnik's great trump coup on page 26 to take the title USA1!



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

“Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.”  
— Will Rogers

See page 9 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	

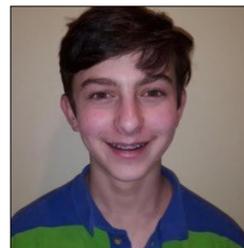
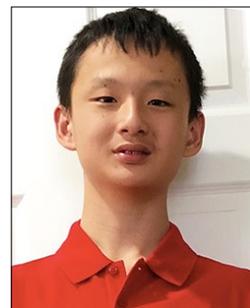
PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS			
first two will be Both in the Playing Area & on Zoom			
Rona Captains' meeting 12/29 will be in the Playing area			
Day	Date	Time	
Monday	Dec. 26	9:00 PM	
Tuesday	Dec. 27	10:00 AM	
Thursday	Dec. 29	10:00 AM	

U26 Schedule			
Round Robin			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Tuesday	Dec. 27	11:00 - 11:45 12:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 2:45  4:00 - 4:45 5:00-5:45 6:00-6:45 7:00-7:45 8:00-8:45	Match 1 - Boards 1-7 Match 2 - Boards 8-14 Match 3 - Boards 15-21 Match 4 - Boards 22-28 75 minute Break Match 5 - Boards 29-35 Match 6 - Boards 36-42 Match 7 - Boards 43-49 Match 8 - Boards 50-56 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 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
USA2 Stage 1 (6 team Round Robin)			
Wednesday	Dec. 28	11:15 - 12:40 12:55 - 2:20  3:45 - 5:10 5:25 - 6:50 7:05 - 8:30	Match 1 - Boards 1-12 Match 2 - Boards 13-24 75 minute Break Match 3 - Boards 25-36 Match 4 - Boards 37-48 Match 5 - Boards 49-60
USA1 Final & USA2 Quarterfinal (6 teams)			
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
USA2 Semifinal			
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
USA2 Final (Subject to Adjustment at Teams' Option)			
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



## 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 &amp; 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! **See page 16 for flyer!!**

46th WORLD BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy, Wuhan Cup  
13th WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP  
Organized by the WBF in cooperation with the Fédération Royale Marocaine de Bridge



**Movenpick Mansour Eddahbi Palais des Congrès Marrakech**  
**Marrakech, Morocco**  
**20th August – 2nd September 2023**

#### Format of the Championships

All four Championships will be played as a single complete RR. At the end of the RR, the top 8 teams will qualify for the KO stages; Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final.

Right to enter: Zonal Qualified teams for all four championships (in addition to the Host Teams):

- Zone 1 – 8 teams
- Zone 2 – 3 teams
- Zone 3 – 2 teams
- Zone 4 – 2 teams
- Zone 5 – 1 team
- Zone 6 – 3 teams
- Zone 7 – 2 teams
- Zone 8 – 2 teams



If any Zone does not fill its quota the first berth will be offered to Zone 1, the second to Zone 6 and from the third onwards to Zone 1. Each participating member NBO must play against all other participating member NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.

To be eligible for participation in the 2023 World Bridge Teams Championships, each player, NPC, coach, trainer and other team official must have filled out and signed the Competitors Commitment Form and comply with the WBF Laws, the WBF Eligibility Code and other Rules & Regulations.

Players competing in the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy must reach at least the age of 63 during 2023.

#### 13th World Transnational Open Teams Championship (WTOTC)

The WTOTC will take place during the 2nd week, starting August 28th and ending on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The WTOTC is prestigious and enjoyable. It is open to teams of players coming from different NBOs, in good standing with their Federations, and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee.

**More detailed information concerning both the World Teams Championship and World Transnational Championship will follow in due time.**

**World Bridge News...**

**Players and Kibitzers: No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.**  
**Please turn off all cell phones and leave them outside the arena.**  
**The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.**



# 20 Board VP Scale (Roma)

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									

What is a snake's favorite subject? Hissssstory

Why did the dog do so well in school? Because he was teacher's pet!

Why was the broom late for school? It overswept!

What do elves do after school? GNOME-work

What's the difference between a teacher and a train? A teacher says, "Spit out that gum!" and a train says, "Chew! Chew!"

What did the paper say to the pencil? You have a good point!

Why was the music teacher stuck outside his classroom? Because his keys were on the piano!

Why did the students eat their homework? Because the teacher told them that it was a piece of cake.

Did I tell you the joke about the broken pencil? No? There's no point.

What are ten things you can always count on? Your fingers!

What did 50 do when she got hungry? 58

Which tool do you use for math? MultiPLIERS!

What happened when 50 ran a race? 51

What do you call an empty parrot cage? A polygon.

What's a tornado's favorite game to play? Twister.

Why is the moon like a dollar? Because it has four quarters

How does a scientist freshen his breath? With experi-mints!



# Bad "Dad" Puns...

# Meet the Players:



**Kevin Rosenberg** recently won the Soloway and earned second place in the Reisinger at the Fall 2022 Phoenix NABC. He is a multi-time winner of the Youth World Open Championships (2022 Salsomaggiore, 2019 Opatija, 2017 Lyon) and recipient of the 2019 IBPA Junior Deal of the Year Award for a hand he defended in the Platinum Pairs.

Kevin plays professional bridge part-time and works full time as a software engineer at Pure Storage. He lives in Millbrae, CA, with his girlfriend, Amber Lin, also a semi-professional bridge player.

Bridge doesn't run in Kevin's family... It gallops! His parents, Debbie and Michael, are bridge professionals, World Champions and bridge legends.

Working with his parents, Kevin is heavily involved in promoting youth bridge. He is one of the founders of Silicon Valley Youth Bridge and he frequently mentors young players.

Outside of bridge, Kevin plays tennis with Amber and pickleball with his mother. He has started playing golf and running (first 5K in July), and has been a pretty big Warriors fan since moving to California in 2011. He also played a lot of competitive chess before playing competitive bridge, and still watches chess videos online.

Kevin's latest accomplishments include a trip "In the Well" for BridgeWinners. You can read all about it at

<https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/in-the-well-kevin-rosenberg/>



## 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](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net). I am also happy to have "recent" pics of players at or away from the competition.

Thanks.

Suzi



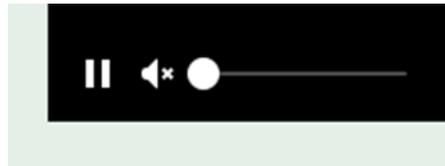
THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2022 MICHAEL SEAMON JUNIOR USBC ON LOVEBRIDGE

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...



# U26...

Berk	Hakan Berk, Capt Sophia Chang	Victor Xu Lucy Zhang
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## 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!!



# Dining in Atlanta...

## **FOX BROS. BAR-B-Q**

**CANDLER PARK 1238 DeKalb Avenue**

404-577-4030

The fact that this roadhouse-style joint sits next to the absolute worst stretch of DeKalb Avenue and still attracts a stampede of diners is testament to just how good Jonathan and Justin Fox's barbecue really is—or maybe it's the other way around, and the endless flow in and out of the parking lot is what turned this patch of DeKalb into the equivalent of a dirt road after heavy flooding. Regardless, the pinnacle of the twin brothers' Texas barbecue is their brisket—sliced or chopped, with just the right amount of smokiness: judicious but not overwhelming—but don't overlook the housemade jalapeño-cheddar sausages, smoked wings, or fun Lone Star-style sides like Frito pie. This is the flagship; Fox Bros. also has locations at Armour Yards and Chattahoochee Food Works.

## **GENERAL MUIR**

**EMORY POINT AND SANDY SPRINGS 1540 Avenue Place**

678-927-9131

From breakfast to dinner, Todd Ginsberg's loving ode to the classic Jewish deli does many things—all of them well. Start with compact New York-style bagels that strike a balance between nostalgic and slightly dressed-up: On an open-faced sandwich called the Avenue A, for instance, chunks of grapefruit and avocado offer a fresh and very pretty addition to the tried-and-true combo of nova smoked salmon, red onion, and dill. Towering sandwiches make hearty lunches—whether you choose a corned-beef Reuben or a beguiling vegetarian version, made with thinly sliced smoked beets—and there's something for the in-between times, too, in a bakery and coffee bar that features black-and-white cookies, rugelach, and much more.

## **GIGI'S ITALIAN KITCHEN**

**CANDLER PARK 1660 McLendon Avenue NE**

404-371-0889

Checkered-tablecloth nostalgia meets modern technique at Gigi's, which has recently made the transition to full-time restaurant in the same Candler Park space where, several nights a week since last year, it's been in a pop-up residency. Two young chefs, Eric Brooks and Jacob Armando, are behind it, offering a tightly curated, seasonally driven Italian menu with dishes like fried polenta cake with creme fraiche and caviar, brassicas cooked over a yakitori grill and seasoned with Calabrian chilis, and artfully plated housemade pastas and classic preparations like chicken Milanese. Replacing Nicholas Stinson's beloved Gato, Gigi's promises to be just as integral to the fabric of the neighborhood.

Gunshow

**GLENWOOD PARK 924 Garrett Street**

404-380-1886

Kevin Gillespie broke the mold with this one, and still today—nearly a decade after it opened—there's nothing else like it in Atlanta. As they finish a batch of dishes, cooks roam the dining room, presenting them dim sum-style to diners who then say yea or nay; The room is raucous. The food is fascinating: an ever-changing array of small plates that may contain anything from corn creme brulee topped with smoked chicken liver, shishito granita, and blueberries to pasta filled with Sichuan-style cumin lamb and topped with eggplant, smoked and dried tofu, and basil.

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**GU'S KITCHEN****CHAMBLEE** 4897 Buford Highway

470-299-2388

In 2015, Yiquan Gu and his family decided to close Gu's Bistro, which they'd opened five years before just outside the Perimeter on Buford Highway. Gu, the chef, was nearing retirement age; the lease was up; and the Gu brand would live on at Krog Street Market, where the chef's daughter, Yvonne Gu Khan, oversees a counter specializing in the restaurant's famous dumplings. But Gu grew tired of retirement, and soon enough, the family was back in business—this time closer to town, in this polished, superaccessible dining room that would swiftly emerge as one of the jewels of the Chamblee food scene. It continues to specialize in the gorgeous Sichuan-style noodles, dumplings, and other dishes—exquisitely spicy but not incinerating—with which the Gu family made its name. Always look at the posted menu by the entrance for daring specials (sometimes featuring organ meats) before filling up on signature platefuls of pork or vegetable Zhong-style dumplings (boiled, sauced, topped with minced garlic and toasted sesame seeds), dramatically presented cold Chengdu noodles (a huge Instagram hit), or my absolute favorite: handmade sweet and spicy thick noodles, curling peacefully in a deep bowl. The input of the younger family members has been crucial to the success of a restaurant that looks pleasantly modern, even a bit flashy. Gu's has also eschewed an endless menu in favor of easy-to-order hits that include Sichuan po'boys, beautifully fried eggplant dishes, and legit ma po tofu that, for me, is always a must.

**HEIRLOOM MARKET****CUMBERLAND** 2243 Akers Mill Road

770-850-1008

Cody Taylor is from the American South, and Jiyeon Lee is from South Korea; together, the pair share a marriage license and the ownership of this roadside stand, whose huge flavors belie its humble digs: This is some of the best 'cue in Atlanta, with a familiar assortment of smoked meats—brisket, pulled pork, etc.—getting a Korean-style upgrade so fantastic that it makes you wonder why every rack of ribs isn't rubbed with gochujang. As at every barbecue place worth its salt, the sides bear paying special attention to—only here they include kimchi slaw, Korean sweet potatoes, and sweet and spicy tofu.

**HEN MOTHER COOKHOUSE****JOHNS CREEK** 11705 Jones Bridge Road

770-417-8404

Soraya Khoury was an executive chef at Rumi's before launching this Johns Creek restaurant in 2018, and she's since become famous for two things: her highly entertaining Instagram feed (@hen.mother\_cookhouse) and the enormous culinary range she displays at breakfast and lunch, in finely wrought renditions of the morning hits—shakshuka, yeasted waffles, gravlax on bialys—but most especially for her gorgeous pastries. Her quiches are stunning, her cinnamon rolls are famous for miles around, and her creative riffs—"stromboli" danishes for Father's Day, packed with mortadella, prosciutto, pepperoncini, and so forth—leave most of the flashier ITP brunch spots in the dust.

**HOW CRISPY EXPRESS****SUMMERHILL** 71 Georgia Avenue SE

678-705-3531

The latest—and perhaps the last—word in Atlanta's fried-chicken-sandwich wars, this cheery counter-service cafe existed as a pop-up for several years before landing on Summerhill's main street. The Southern-style sandwich at the heart of the menu is everything you want it to be—a generous piece of juicy dark meat, fried twice for extra crunch, with an herby spread and bread-and-butter pickles—but don't sleep on the variations, including Lemon Pepper Wet, doused in buffalo sauce, lemon pepper, and ranch. Tangy, sloppy, and sublime, the sandwich screams Atlanta.

**JAMROCK JERK CENTER****PITTSBURGH** 1232 Metropolitan Parkway SW

678-973-2532

With “jerk” right there in the name, this restaurant only really has to do one thing well: get a serious level of char on some spiced, smoked chicken without drying out the tender meat inside. But, happily, that’s not the only area in which Jamrock excels; the restaurant, its exterior painted in the colors of the Jamaican flag, also serves amazing stewed proteins, including beef, curried shrimp or goat, and brown stewed chicken that balances soul-warming spice with an amazing depth of flavor.

**JANG SU JANG****DULUTH** 3645 Satellite Boulevard

678-475-9170

In this part of Duluth, you can’t throw a rock without hitting some brilliant restaurant, bakery, or tea house, but esteemed Jang Su Jang is among the very best, offering the full battery of Korean barbecue dishes along with just about anything else you might be looking for: tofu soups, naengmyun cold noodles, stone-bowl bibimbap, Spam-studded army stew, spicy acorn soup, dumplings, rice cakes—and, to go with it all, banchan of such high quality that Jang Su Jang’s owners opened a market nearby, JS Kitchen, where you can buy it by the pound.

**JUNIPER CAFE****BOLTON** 2260 Marietta Blvd NW

470-427-3057

Ron Hsu and co. step down from the multicourse extravagance of their James Beard–nominated prix fixe restaurant Lazy Betty with this casual cafe, which transitions over the course of the day from a breakfast hang (serving baker Chao Wen’s winning Turkish egg bread and Portuguese egg tarts) to a casual lunch spot (banh mi, fragrant pho in both beef and vegan versions) to a dinner destination with carefully wrought, Vietnamese-influenced entrees (the savory coconut-shrimp crepes banh xeo, lemongrass-marinated pork with tomato and corn succotash). It’s kid-friendly, too, with a line of housemade sodas flavored with ingredients like calamansi, passionfruit, and Buddha’s hand.

**K&K SOUL FOOD****ENGLISH AVENUE** 881 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway NW

404-685-1073

Some soul food restaurants are more historic, some are better known, some are more gentrified; many no longer serve pork products. Opened in 1968, K&K resists many of the prevailing trends—but persists as one of Atlanta’s homiest restaurants. From early in the morning till closing time at five, there’s no more comfortable place to be than in the cafeteria-style line here, where customers come and come again for the amazing fatback, country bacon, and fried whiting for breakfast; lunch cuts (or “dinner,” in the parlance) like neck bones, turkey wings, and baked chicken; glossy collards and black-eyed peas on the side; and cobblers and banana pudding for dessert.

**KEVIN RATHBUN STEAK****INMAN PARK** 154 Krog Street NE

404-524-5600

Polished but not stuffy, the atmosphere is as inviting as the food. We recommend the dry-aged cowboy rib-eye if you’re looking to go big, but don’t forget to appreciate the versatility of this menu, including Rathbun’s famous eggplant fries, voluminous seafood options, Southern sides like grits au gratin, and—the final flourish—peanut butter banana cream pie with toasted meringue.

# About the Atlanta Hawks...



**Atlanta Hawks**, The Hawks were one of the original franchises of the National Basketball Association (NBA) when the league was established in 1949. The team won its only championship in 1958.

Originally founded in Moline and Rock Island, Illinois, and Davenport, Iowa, as the Tri-Cities Blackhawks in 1946, the team played in the National Basketball League for three seasons before the founding of the NBA. They relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, before the 1951–52 season and shortened their nickname to the “Hawks.” After years of middling success, the Hawks drafted future Hall of Famer Bob Pettit with the second overall pick of the 1954 NBA draft, and the team’s fortunes began to improve. The Hawks moved to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1955 and advanced to the NBA finals during the 1956–57 season, where they lost to the Boston Celtics in seven games. The Hawks defeated the Celtics in their finals rematch the following season, earning the first title in franchise history. Although the Hawks returned to the play-offs in all but one of the following 15 seasons, they advanced to the finals only twice, losing to the Celtics on both occasions.

The Hawks were sold to a Georgia-based group in 1968 and relocated to Atlanta. The early Atlanta teams featured such stars as Pete Maravich, Walt Bellamy, and Lou Hudson. In 1982 the Hawks acquired the most recognizable superstar of its Atlanta years in a post-draft trade that brought rookie Dominique Wilkins into the fold. Wilkins—known as “the Human Highlight Film” because of his impressively acrobatic slam dunks—led the Hawks to four consecutive 50-win seasons in the 1980s and made his mark as one of the most prolific scorers in NBA history. His individual accomplishments did not lead to postseason success for his team, however, as Atlanta did not advance past the second round of the NBA play-offs in any of his 12 seasons with the Hawks. The 1999–2000 season was the beginning of the longest play-off drought in Atlanta’s history, but the Hawks returned to postseason play during the 2007–08 season with a young team that pushed the eventual-champion Celtics to seven games in their first-round series. The Hawks remained a perennial postseason presence through the remainder of the first decade of the 21st century, but they did not advance past the second round of the play-offs during that time.

The team had a breakthrough season in 2014–15, winning a franchise-record 60 games and advancing to the Eastern Conference finals (where the Hawks lost to the Cleveland Cavaliers) for the first time since relocating to Atlanta. However, that proved to be a one-season turnaround as the Hawks returned to the pattern of having a second-round ceiling in 2015–16. The team lost many of its key players in the following off-season and limped to a 24-win season and last-place divisional finish in 2017–18.

**Bob Pettit**, byname of **Robert E. Lee Pettit, Jr.**, (born December 12, 1932, Baton Rouge, LA) was the first to score 20,000 points in the National Basketball Association (NBA). A clumsy player in high school, Pettit turned himself into a graceful 6-foot 9-inch (2.06-metre) athlete, and today is considered to be the first really agile player of exceptional height in professional basketball. After getting cut from his high school basketball team as both a freshman and a sophomore, Pettit began a single-minded practice regimen that resulted in his playing a starring role in his high school’s state title win during his senior year. He attended LSU in Baton Rouge, where he was a 2-time consensus All-American (1953, 1954). In 1953 he led the Tigers to a berth in the Final Four. Pettit was selected by the Milwaukee Hawks with the 2<sup>nd</sup> overall pick of the 1954 NBA draft.

In 792 NBA regular season games, Pettit scored 20,880 points (an average of 26.4 points a game) and captured 12,851 rebounds, both of which were NBA records at the time of Pettit’s retirement in 1965. During his 11-year career, he garnered 10 All-NBA first team selections and was named to 11 All-Star Games. Pettit was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1970 and was named one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history in 1996.

**Fun Fact: Bob Pettit is a casual bridge player & attended the 2015 NOLA NABC! He partners his wife at the table!!**

# Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

Sudoku 2 Solution

**Answers to Puzzles  
No Peeking!**

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

Answer to Logic Puzzle on Page 17

Last Name	Task	Day of Week	Time Taken	Money Earned
Mr. Summer	tree limb removal	Saturday	4 hours	\$36
Mr. Numen	hedge pruning	Sunday	3-1/2 hours	\$32
Mrs. Fields	babysitting	Friday	2-1/2 hours	\$24
Mr. Compton	raking leaves	Wednesday	2 hours	\$20
Mrs. Agnew	garden tilling	Thursday	3 hours	\$28

Sudoku 2

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

- What did one snowman say to the other snowman? I smell carrots
- What do you get if you cross a vampire and a snowman? Frostbite
- What do elves learn in school? The elf-abet
- What type of Mexican food do snowmen like? Brrrrrr-itos!
- What is a snowman's favorite drink? Ice Tea
- What treat should you make for the Snowman Holiday Party? Ice Krispy Treats
- What do they sell at McDonald's at the North Pole? **Brrrrrrr-gers!**
- What do you give a sick lemon? Lemon-aid.
- What do you call a sad strawberry? A blueberry
- What do you call cheese that doesn't belong to you? Nacho cheese
- Why did the Oreo go to the dentist? Because it lost its filling!
- What are twins' favorite fruit? Pears



# Puzzle Page

## Electronics

Find and circle all of the Electronics related terms that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell the name of a common electronic component.

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

AMPERE	CURRENT	INDUCTANCE	SOLDER
ANALOG	DIGITAL	INSULATORS	SWITCHES
ANODE	DIODE	LEAD	THYRISTOR
CAPACITOR	ELECTRICITY	NEGATIVE	TINNING
CATHODE	ELECTRODE	OHMS	TRANSFORMER
CELLS	ELECTRON	POSITIVE	TRANSISTOR
CHIP	FARADS	POWER	VACUUM TUBE
CIRCUIT	FLUX	RESISTANCE	VOLTAGE
CONDUCTOR	GATE	RESISTOR	WATT
CONTACTS	IMPEDANCE	SILICON	WIRE

# USBF JUNIORS v ACBL STAFF



**Vugraph commentary by  
Larry Cohen & George Jacobs**

USBF Junior team trials winners challenge the  
ACBL staff to a 16-board match.

## **SUNDAY JANUARY 8TH**

8pm Eastern

5pm Pacific

<https://kibitz.realbridge.online>



**RealBridge**

	Bartley	DeForest	Fairview	Gray	Ohio	Montana	Texas	Washington	anniversary	birthday	house warming	wedding	cousin	father	friend	sister	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ellen																				
Heather																				
Rick																				
Walter																				
Wednesday																				
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Friday																				
Saturday																				
cousin																				
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# Answers to puzzle on page 14

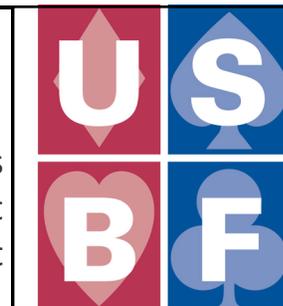
First Name	Last Name	State	Event	Relationship	Day of Week
Ellen					
Heather					
Rick					
Walter					

Yesterday, Greg was very busy packing up some gifts to send out to family and friends. It was a busy month. He had a birthday, an anniversary, a wedding, and even a house warming to send gifts out for...and the events all took place in the same week!

Because he moved away from his home area when he took his new job, he lived across the country from most of his family and friends now. As a result, he always tried to find something locally for each person to make each gift more personal and interesting. Determine the full name of each person he shipped a gift to, what state each lived in, what each event was, each person's relationship to Greg, and what day of the week each event was taking place (Wednesday through Saturday).

- Greg's friend wasn't Ellen Fairview, who didn't live in Ohio. The birthday girl didn't have her party on Friday.
- Rick's last name wasn't Bartley but his event was on Saturday night.
- Greg's father wasn't getting married, but his last name was Gray.
- The friend having a house warming didn't live in Ohio.
- The wedding was for Greg's cousin. Heather, who didn't live in Texas, was Greg's sister but her event wasn't on Wednesday night.
- Walter's event was one day earlier than the person whose last name was DeForest but after the person who lived in Washington. The anniversary was held in Montana.

# 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.

Did you hear about the fire at the circus? It was in tents!

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other's a little lighter.

What does a nosey pepper do? It gets jalapeño business.

Why should you never trust stairs? They're always up to something.

When does a joke become a 'dad' joke? When it becomes apparent.

Why did the bullet end up losing his job? He got fired.

How do you measure a snake? In inches—they don't have feet.

Where does a waitress with only one leg work? IHOP.

What does a house wear? Address!

Why are toilets always so good at poker? They always get a flush

You know, it was so cold in D.C. the other day, I saw a politician with his hands in his *own* pockets.

How many tickles does it take to get an octopus to laugh? Ten tickles

Why doesn't Dracula have any friends? He's a real pain in the neck.

My teachers told me I'd never amount to much since I procrastinate so much. I told them, "Just you wait!"

Why were they called the "dark ages?" Because there were a lot of knights.

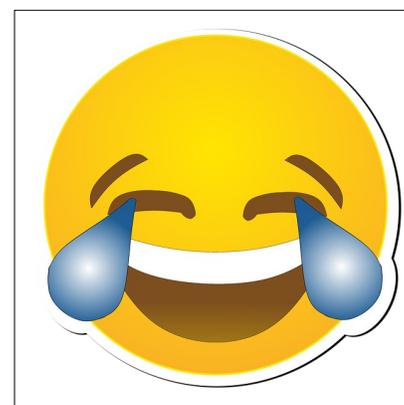
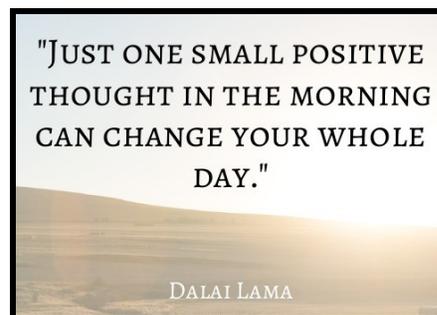
Want to hear a joke about a roof? The first one's on the house.

What's a pirate's favorite letter? You probably think it's "R" but it be the "C".

Where should you go in the room if you're feeling cold? The corner—they're usually 90 degrees.

I can never take my dog to the park because the ducks keep trying to bite him. I guess that's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.

You know why you never see elephants hiding up in trees? Because they're really good at it.



BOARD: 3  
DEALER: SOUTH  
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ T942  
♥ QJT986  
♦ 3  
♣ T5

♠ 63  
♥ A74  
♦ AKQT5  
♣ AQJ

♠ AJ5  
♥ 3  
♦ J962  
♣ K7643

Par: -1400

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	1	0	7	6	1
EW	12	13	5	7	12

♠ KQ87  
♥ K52  
♦ 874  
♣ 982

Amber Lin and Cynthia Huang are the stars on Board 3. Where nine pairs missed slam completely and two reached only the small, Amber and Cynthia found the cold grand even after their all-star opponents interfered in their auction. It is good strategy to bid aggressive vulnerable games and slams in IMPs when pitted against the arguably best team in the field... but it takes courage and good judgment to time it right!

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP			
					NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Kolesnik(U26)	Xiao(U26)	Open	7♦	W ♥Q =	2140			16
		Closed	3N	W ♥J +3	690			
Chen(U26)	Scott(U26)	Open	4♠	W ♦3 -2	200			17
		Closed	6♦	W ♥Q +1	1390			
Goyal(U26)	Y Xu(U26)	Open	6♦	W ♥Q +1	1390			13
		Closed	5♦	W ♥Q +2	640			
Berk(U26)	Hallerman(U26)	Open	3N	W ♥Q +3	690			-
		Closed	3N	W ♥Q +3	690			-
M Xu(U21)	Gong(U21)	Open	3N	W ♥J +3	690			-
		Closed	3N	W ♥Q +3	690			-
Zhou(U21)	Derman(U21)	Open	3N	W ♥Q +3	690			-
		Closed	3N	W ♥Q +3	690			-

There were no alerts in the auction.

Amber opened 2NT and Kevin bid 3H (he's learned from his dad that putting pressure on the opponents often lands them in the wrong spot!)

Cynthia made a key call. She bid 5NT asking Amber to pick a slam.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

Table: OP 1, Round: 1  
N-S: Kolesnik(U26)  
4 IMP  
E-W: Xiao(U26)  
1 IMP

OTHER ROOM  
W 3N +3 -690

Score card  
Frequency  
Live scores

NORTH  
WEST 3 EAST  
DEALER

DDS

♠ T942  
♥ QJT986  
♦ 3  
♣ T5

N Kevin Rosenberg

♠ 63  
♥ A74  
♦ AKQT5  
♣ AQJ

W Amber Lin

♠ AJ5  
♥ 3  
♦ J962  
♣ K7643

E Cynthia Huang

♠ KQ87  
♥ K52  
♦ 874  
♣ 982

S Ben Kristensen

WEST  
7♦

Amber, willing to play the grand slam in diamonds, cue-bid 6H. When Cynthia bid a searching 6S, Amber bid 7D and ended the auction.

Kevin led the HQ. Amber won and pulled two rounds of trump. She ruffed a heart in dummy, played a club to the ace and claimed 13 tricks.

16 IMPs to Xiao

Interestingly enough, the 16 IMP swing in Kolesnik/Xiao was not the largest swing on this board... In Chen/Scott, Chen collected 17 IMPs when he and Yuan bid 6D making seven at their table while their counterparts at the other table had an obvious misunderstanding playing in their 3-2 spade fit at the four level.

BOARD: 4  
DEALER: WEST  
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ J9  
♥ AQ84  
♦ J85  
♣ QT98

♠ A8  
♥ T65  
♦ KQT964  
♣ A3

♠ K653  
♥ J92  
♦ A732  
♣ 76

Par: 130

NS	10	4	8	7	4
EW	3	9	4	6	9

♠ QT742  
♥ K73  
♦  
♣ KJ542

Two pairs, one in the U26 and one in the U21, bid the lucky game on Board 4.

Had hearts gone out 5-3, the contract would fail a trick off the top.

Freeman/E Kolesnik (U26) had a reasonable auction to reach the game:

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	IMP
Kolesnik(U26)	Xiao(U26)	Open 4♣ S ♠A =	130	12
		Closed 3N W ♣9 =	600	
Chen(U26)	Scott(U26)	Open 2♦ W ♣T +2	130	-
		Closed 2♦ W ♦5 +2	130	
Goyal(U26)	Y Xu(U26)	Open 3♦ W ♠J +1	130	
		Closed 3♥ N ♦A +1	170	
Berk(U26)	Hallerman(U26)	Open 3♦ W ♣T =	110	-
		Closed 3♦ W ♣T =	110	
M Xu(U21)	Gong(U21)	Open 3♦ W ♣T =	110	10
		Closed 3N W ♥4 =	600	
Zhou(U21)	Derman(U21)	Open 2♥ N ♣7 +2	170	7
		Closed 3♦ W ♠J =	110	

Freeman		Kolesnik	
W	N	E	S
1♦	PASS	1♠	PASS
2♦	PASS	3♦	PASS
3NT	PASS	PASS	PASS

Once Kolesnik invited with her 3D call, Freeman judged well to bid the game, knowing it would have at least a fighting chance. Jeng led a club and Freeman claimed nine tricks!

12 IMPs to Kolesnik

Michael Xu      Schireson

W	N	E	S
1NT	PASS	2♣	PASS
2♦	PASS	2NT	PASS
3NT	PASS	PASS	PASS

In Gong/Xu (U21), the auction was more challenging:

Xu opened a 14+-17 1NT on his 13 HCP and 6-card diamond holding.

Olivia checked for four spades. Xu showed no 4-card major.

Olivia invited the NT game... and Xu accepted!!

Eric He led the H4, likely causing Xu to hold his breath until trick 3 the H3 was played by South. When hearts split 4-3, Xu claimed the rest of the tricks.

10 IMPs to Xu

Table: OP 1, Round: 1  
N-S: Kolesnik(U26) 16 IMP  
E-W: Xiao(U26) 17 IMP

OTHER ROOM N 3N = 600

DEALER WEST 5 EAST SOUTH

Score card, Frequency, Standings

DDS

Hand 1 (Kevin Rosenberg): ♠ 85, ♥ 53, ♦ KQJ42, ♣ AT98

Hand 2 (Amber Lin): ♠ Q9763, ♥ J96, ♦ T76, ♣ K3

Hand 3 (Cynthia Huang): ♠ AJT2, ♥ QT, ♦ 5, ♣ QJ6542

Hand 4 (Ben Kristensen): ♠ K4, ♥ AK8742, ♦ A983, ♣ 7

SOUTH 6♦

Kevin Rosenberg and Ben Kristensen used the tools in their arsenal to best advantage on Board 5. They were the only pair in the field to bid 6D.

Kevin's double of 1S was snapdragon, more or less a one-suited responsive double for diamonds.

3S showed a strong playing hand, likely game forcing somewhere.

4C was undiscussed  
6D was SDAM (something I learned in my old age from Al Hollander: Six Diamonds Always Makes!!)

Amber Lin led the CK. Kristensen won the ace in dummy. He played the king and queen of diamonds and the H3 to the HA. The HK followed. When everyone played hearts, Kristensen cashed the DA and ruffed a heart in dummy. He ruffed a club in hand, cashed his three good hearts and conceded a spade for +1370 and 13 IMPs.

Table: OP 1, Round: 1  
N-S: Kolesnik(U26) 34 IMP  
E-W: Xiao(U26) 35 IMP

OTHER ROOM W 5♣ +2 -440

DEALER NORTH 12 EAST SOUTH

Score card, Frequency, Standings

DDS

Hand 1 (Kevin Rosenberg): ♠ Q8432, ♥ AJT32, ♦ T4, ♣ J

Hand 2 (Amber Lin): ♠ T6, ♥ 6, ♦ AKJ52, ♣ KQ854

Hand 3 (Cynthia Huang): ♠ AKJ5, ♥ K5, ♦ 63, ♣ A7632

Hand 4 (Ben Kristensen): ♠ 97, ♥ Q9874, ♦ Q987, ♣ T9

WEST 6♣

Getting even for the slam above, Lin and Huang countered with a slam of their own... and had an excellent auction to boot!

Rosenberg's 2D was Michaels showing both majors

Huang's Double showed values

Kristensen jumped to 4H with his five card heart holding, and Lin showed her 2-suiter.

Huang, holding the best hand at the table raised 5C to six, fully expecting Lin to bring it home.

Rosenberg led the HA and a heart to dummy's king, Lin discarding a diamond.

Lin claimed the rest of the tricks, winning 10 IMPs when Jeng and Xiao played 5C in the other room on this auction

		Jeng		Xiao	
W	N	E	S	W	S
1♦	1♠	PASS	PASS	1♦	1♠
2♣	PASS	2♠	PASS	2♣	PASS
3♣	PASS	4♣	PASS	3♣	PASS
4♥	PASS	5♣	PASS	4♥	PASS

4H was described as a cue maybe?  
5C was described as 2 without the queen  
... An obvious misunderstanding!!

		NS	EW	Home	Visiting				
R1	Farley	Hsieh	Open	4♠	E	♦K	-1	50	
			Closed	4♣	N	♠Q	-1		100
R2	Linkel	Qian	Open	4♥x	N	♠Q	=	790	
			Closed	2♠	E	♥3	+2		170

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
	1NT	PASS	
2♥	3♥	3♠	4♥
PASS	PASS	DBL	PASS
PASS	PASS		

Table: OP R2, Round: 1  
N-S: Linkel 13 IMP  
E-W: Qian 15 IMP

OTHER ROOM  
E 2♠ +2 -170

NORTH WEST 18 DEALER SOUTH

Score card, Frequency, Standings

♠ 65  
♥ KT7542  
♦ KJT63  
♣ KJT63

N Katie Sullivan

♠ 987432  
♥ 8  
♦ J743  
♣ Q5

W Helen Chow

♠ QJT  
♥ AQ9  
♦ AT865  
♣ A7

E Nicole Qian

DDS

♠ AK  
♥ J63  
♦ KQ92  
♣ 9842

S Jay Sullivan

NORTH  
4♥x

In the Rona USBC, looking at the traveler, it is interesting to see no "same" results on Board 18.

This is a Grant Baze, Six/Five Come Alive hand! Grant always believed in the power of distribution and he was always right!

2H=transfer to spades  
3H=natural

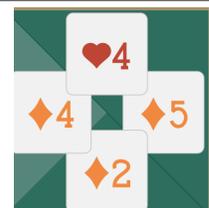
In the Linkel/Qian match, the Sullivans reached 4H in the face of the no-trump opener... never an easy feat. Qian doubled. Who can blame her, holding the AQ9 of trump and two outside aces!

Qian led the SQ. Declarer won the spade and led a heart to the ten, losing to Qian's queen. With no future in continuing spades, Qian shifted her focus to clubs. She cashed the CA and continued clubs. Declarer won and drove out the HA to claim ten tricks for +790.

At the other table, East/West (Ehrlichman/Helmbold) played 2S on this auction:

Helen Levy, South, led a small heart. Ehrlichman won the king with the ace. This is significant because declarer could not take the heart finesse on her own since she had no entries to dummy. The heart hook afforded her a pitch for dummy's losing club. Ehrlichman led the SQ, Levy winning the king. Levy shifted to the DK. Hwang did not know if this was from king/queen or ace/king. She discarded a club and Ehrlichman won her ace. Ehrlichman cleared trump, Levy winning her ace and leading a club through the queen. Ehrlichman cashed the HQ discarding dummy's CQ played a diamond toward dummy, ducked by South, producing this trick:

W	N	E	S
		1NT	PASS
2♥	DBL	2♠	PASS
PASS	PASS		



Ehrlichman conceded a diamond and claimed ten tricks. 14 IMPs to Linkel

# The Start of the Rona...

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	IMP
Linkel	Farley	Open 3♠ S ♥2 -3	300	3
		Closed 3N W ♠4 =	400	
Qian	Hsieh	Open 4♥ E ♦T =	420	10
		Closed 3N W ♠Q -1 50		

On Board 28, a piddly three IMPs swung in Linkel/ Farley while a more impressive game swing occurred in Qian/Hsieh.

Helen Chow opened 1D on the West cards. Yichen (Jessie) Cai made an off-shape takeout double... something that she and Helena have agreed to play. Qian bid 1H and Hsieh bid 2H, transferring to spades. Cai took the transfer and Qian bid 3C. Hsieh passed and with S:KT8, Chow bid 3NT.

Cai led the SQ, ducked to Chow's king. Declarer ran the clubs and

cached the DA and DK. The defense claimed the last five tricks for down one.

At the other table, North/South passed throughout.

2D = artificial game force

Ava Donnellan showed her heart/club two-suiter and revealed her great instincts, when looking at a spade void, she pulled 3NT to 4H.

This contract was unstoppable.

South led the DT. Ava won dummy's king and played the H2 to her queen. She led a club to her ace and played a second heart to the king. Ava played the HT to North's jack. North played the DQ and Ava won the ace. She drove out the last trump. North cashed the DJ and Donnellan claimed ten tricks.

Perhaps Ava should have shown her 5th club over 3NT by bidding 4C. This would likely have resulted in playing 5C which would have made six for the same score as 4H making... but it would have been a "safer" spot. 10 IMPs to Hsieh

# Cross IMPs

1.	Ava Donnellan - Margot Donnellan	Hsieh	1.31	78.67	60
2.	Jessica Udomsriungruang - Khanh Tran Nguyen	Farley	0.58	34.67	60
3.	Yichen Cai - Helena Hsieh	Hsieh	0.46	27.33	60
4.	Nicole Qian - Helen Chow	Qian	0.14	8.33	60
5.	Cecilia Ehrlichman - Kyra Helmbold	Linkel	-0.07	-4.33	60
6.	Katie Sullivan - Jay Sullivan	Linkel	-0.10	-4.00	40
7.	Katie Hwang - Helen Levy	Qian	-0.32	-19.00	60
8.	Laura Chen - Abbie Farley	Farley	-1.38	-82.67	60
9.	Katie Sullivan - Lorelei Linkel	Linkel	-1.95	-39.00	20

1.	Olivia Schireson - Michael Xu	M Xu(U21)	1.29	77.67	60
2.	Sheldon Tan - Sarik Goyal	Goyal(U26)	1.23	74.05	60
3.	Bo Han Zhu - Harrison Luba	M Xu(U21)	1.17	70.05	60
4.	Gan Yang - Derek Wong	Goyal(U26)	1.00	60.13	60
5.	Tianyang Chen - Fangqing Yuan	Chen(U26)	0.90	27.09	30
6.	Zach Grossack - Finn Kolesnik	Kolesnik(U26)	0.83	36.73	44
7.	Victor Xu - Hakan Berk	Berk(U26)	0.59	35.24	60
8.	Arthur Zhou - Michael Hu	Zhou(U21)	0.53	31.98	60
9.	Michael Haas - Sam Pahk	Derman(U21)	0.52	23.47	45
10.	Yifu Ouyang - Zhenling Wang	Chen(U26)	0.50	30.05	60
11.	Stella Wan - Cornelius Duffie	Xiao(U26)	0.31	9.32	30
12.	Kevin Rosenberg - Ben Kristensen	Kolesnik(U26)	0.07	3.09	45
13.	Isaac Stephani - Ilan Wolff	Hallerman(U26)	-0.04	-2.13	60
14.	Qian Sun - Jiahe Shen	Chen(U26)	-0.08	-2.32	30
15.	Cynthia Huang - Amber Lin	Xiao(U26)	-0.13	-3.91	30
16.	Jonathan Yue - Rory Xiao	Zhou(U21)	-0.15	-8.92	60
17.	Lucy Zhang - Sophia Chang	Berk(U26)	-0.24	-14.42	60
18.	Sean McNally - Raphael Hallerman	Hallerman(U26)	-0.31	-18.69	60
19.	Ethan Derman - Levi Katriel	Derman(U21)	-0.37	-16.72	45
20.	Richard Jeng - Brent Xiao	Xiao(U26)	-0.37	-21.82	59
21.	Reese Koppel - William Scott	Scott(U26)	-0.41	-24.77	60
22.	Arthur Gong - Nathan Gong	Gong(U21)	-0.43	-25.58	60
23.	Jeff Hu - Henry Xing	Y Xu(U26)	-0.46	-13.95	30
24.	Jake Williams - Luke Williams	Scott(U26)	-0.50	-30.05	60
25.	Emma Kolesnik - Jacob Freeman	Kolesnik(U26)	-0.78	-23.41	30
26.	Daniel Balof - Kai Eckert	Derman(U21)	-0.99	-29.82	30
27.	Zhiyu Cheng - Dingjia Mao	Y Xu(U26)	-1.30	-58.33	45
28.	Nathan Finkle - Yuchen Xu	Y Xu(U26)	-1.38	-61.91	45
29.	Eric He - Edward He	Gong(U21)	-2.04	-122.14	60

**Rona**

**U26 and U21**

# Limey Jack...

Hallo Colonials.

Limey Jack doesn't just pick the favourites. He meticulously researches the players and matchups. That twit Howie Dung spins around thrice and blindly places the tail. Stick with Limey Jack to make a shilling or two.

In U26 semis

Xiao-Berk. Berk wins by a neck at the 15th furlong.

Chen-Goyal. Chen leads wire to wire.

U21 Final. Xu runs over Zhou like a lorry over porridge.

USA2 U21 Semi.

In a tight match Gong defeats Derman.

Limey Jack will be back forthwith.

Ta.



# Howie Doing...

Congrats Team Kolesnik  
We knew you'd survive...  
But thought we'd see more  
Than a margin of FIVE!

To get within five,  
Xiao's gotta be great...  
Sorry team Berk,  
Trip home is your fate!

Goyal v Chen?  
Who will be best?  
The 6 handed squad  
Gets more time to rest.

Goyal goes night-night,  
Chen energizes.  
Picking team Chen  
To take home the prizes...

Xu versus Zhou?  
Both teams play fine...  
Zhou will come close  
But Xu team will shine.

Now my last pick,  
Derman or Gong.  
Derman succeeds  
And I'm never wrong!

Good luck everybody.  
That is my pitch.  
Hope we continue  
With nary a glitch!

Howie Doing...

1	Kolesnik(U26)	Xiao(U26)	Open	6♥	W	♣J	-1	100	17
			Closed	6♥	W	♦Q	=	1430	
2	Chen(U26)	Scott(U26)	Open	4♥	W	♦Q	+1	650	-
			Closed	4♥	W	♣J	+1	650	
3	Goyal(U26)	Y Xu(U26)	Open	6♥	W	♣T	-1	100	13
			Closed	4♥	W	♣J	+1	650	
4	Berk(U26)	Hallerman(U26)	Open	6♥	W	♦Q	-1	100	13
			Closed	4♥	W	♣J	+1	650	
5	M Xu(U21)	Gong(U21)	Open	5♥	W	♥7	+1	680	13
			Closed	6♥	W	♦J	-2	200	
6	Zhou(U21)	Derman(U21)	Open	3N	W	♣J	+2	660	1
			Closed	3N	E	♣2	+1	630	

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface with the following details:

- Navigation:** HOME, CARDS, SPLIT, and a back arrow.
- Bidding:** W, N, E, S. Bids: 1♥ PASS, 1♠ PASS, 3NT PASS, 5NT PASS, 6♥ PASS, PASS.
- Table Info:** Table: CL 1, Round: 4. N-S: Xiao(U26) 140 IMP. E-W: Kolesnik(U26) 131 IMP.
- Other Room:** W 6♥ -1 100. Other table >
- Score Card:** NORTH 51, WEST 51, EAST 51, DEALER.
- Frequency:** -1-
- DDS:** A button at the bottom.
- Hands:**
  - North (Brent Xiao):** ♠ Q975, ♥ 7, ♦ QJ64, ♣ JT86.
  - West (Finn Kolesnik):** ♠ AJ, ♥ KQT964, ♦ A92, ♣ K4.
  - East (Zach Grossack):** ♠ K432, ♥ A5, ♦ KT8, ♣ Q975.
  - South (Richard Jeng):** ♠ T86, ♥ J832, ♦ 753, ♣ A32.
- West:** 6♥

6H depends on picking up the heart suit for no losers.

Five pairs bid the slam but only one declarer found the winning line of play.

Finn Kolesnik won the DQ lead with the ace in his hand. If hearts were 3-2, there would be no story. If not, declarer needs to play carefully.

Kolesnik cashed the HK and led a heart to the ace getting the bad news. He

played a small club from dummy. Jeng won the CA and **Finn made the key play of unblocking his king to create an extra dummy entry!!**

Jeng returned the S6. Finn won the ace. He led the SJ to dummy's king. Finn trumped a spade in hand and led the C4 to dummy's queen. He trumped a club.

He played a diamond to the ten and cashed the DK.

The last two tricks were the queen and ten of hearts.

The Kolesnik team won the USA1 Final by FIVE IMPs. They were trailing by 30 IMPs going into the last segment. Finn's a hero!!