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“Trials” and Tribulations—MUSBC

Results: Congrats Kolesnik and Ivatury into the USA1 Finals!

Mixed United States Bridge Championship 2019 2nd half of Round Robin

Team Name	Total	5	3	6	2	8	4	7
5. Kolesnik	101.13		9.69	7.97	19.85	10.00	17.97	16.88
3. Ivatury	96.00	10.31		8.52	10.00	16.09	17.72	14.39
6. Pszczola	73.11	12.03	11.48		15.74	11.20	7.45	9.39
2. Donner	70.30	0.15	10.00	4.26		15.92	15.92	11.76
8. Rosenthal	61.41	10.00	3.91	8.80	4.08		6.48	13.75
4. Kent	58.78	2.03	2.28	12.55	4.08	13.52		12.29
7. Radin	49.78	3.12	5.61	10.61	8.24	6.25	7.71	
1. Byrnes	49.49	1.23	1.03	14.18	7.71	5.61	7.97	11.76

Good Luck to All

Several Committees of the USBF meet online as Forums on BridgeWinners. These groups impact future United States Bridge Championships. Among these committees are the **USBF Tournament Policy Committee, the USBF Technical Committee, and the USBF Systems Committee.** These committees formerly known as the ITT committees make decisions that impact you as participants in our Competitions.

All of these committees and more are active as Forums on BridgeWinners. If you, as a member of the USBF, would like to be involved in our future decision making process, you are welcome to visit there, participate, and read up on the current outlook.

For access to the BW Forums, email Jan to request your access at marteljan@gmail.com.

We encourage your involvement. Your input and your interest is important to us.

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Limey Jack...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

Blimey, Yanks:

You never give a bloke time for a proper kip.

As only Limey Jack could have predicted, Ivatury made the first final along with Kolesnik. At least 5 members of the Ivatury squad were pulling for Zia to lose the final of the Open as that allowed their team to stay intact. What would they have done without Garner? Kolesnik led the field in the Round Robin and the gap after 2nd was a near abyss.

As Ivatury has less flaws, they become USA 1 while Kolesnik will need to rejoust.

Pepsi-Kent: Pepsi could field a quality 4 handed European team from this lot. With that in their favour, one could hardly fail to place a bob or two on the nose.

Donner-Radin: If seniority counted Radin would win without ever using the spurs, but this game belongs to the youth. Those Grossack lads will lead Radin on a merry chase, always struggling to fathom what is apace. With one European on each sextet, call that a draw. Donner at the wire.

Rosenthal-Byrnes: Rosenthal is much stronger and will prevail for now, but sure as Aunt Tilly burnt the kidney pie, 5 handed is a bad recipe.

Howie Dung will make some ill fated attempt at being Robert Frost and will fail miserably, being the addle headed twit that he is, but Limey Jack has the goods. Ring up the Punter and cash a cheque straight away.

Cheers, LJ

Howie Doing... MUSBC Teams Entered Alphabetical Order

No pair inspires
Like Garner and Meyers
And that is Cristal clear.
With Uday and Henner
They're sure to trounce Brenner
Of that I have no fear!

Pepsi and May
Came to play and will stay,
Making short work of Bob and of Ellen.
My thoughts for a penny?
I'm picking Jenny,
Good bye to Mark and to Selen.

Both Adam and Zach
Next year will be back.
This year they're all done dueling.
Radin is wise,
Her eyes on the prize,
She won't need no "oh shit" ruling.

With his 5 person crew,
Andrew stomps Gu.
The Rosenbergs once again reign,
Byrnes fire fizzles
While Migry, she sizzles,
The picks here are perfectly plain!

Howie Doing!

Byrnes	Dori Byrnes, Capt Matthew Granovetter Les Bart	Jiang Gu Pam Granovetter Gloria Bart
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Sheila Gabay Adam Grossack	Yoko Sobel Giorgia Botta Zachary Grossack
Ivatury	Uday Ivatury, Capt Steve Garner Howard Weinstein	Christal Henner Jill Meyers Cheri Bjerkan
Kent	Robert Kent, Capt Mark Aquino Carl Nelson	Ellen Kent Selen Hotamisligil Abigail Nichols
Kolesnik	Alex Kolesnik, Capt David Caprera Kit Woolsey	Irina Kislitsyna Anne Brenner Cheryl Mandala
Pepsi	Jacek Pszczola, Capt Gary Cohler Jenny Wolpert	May Sakr Anam Tebha Eldad Ginossar
Radin	Judi Radin, Capt Lew Stansby Sam Lev	Jim Mahaffey JoAnna Stansby Janice Seamon-Molson
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Michael Rosenberg Migry Zur Campanile	Debbie Rosenberg Chris Willenken

Tournament Schedule

USA1 FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL			
FRIDAY	MAY 24	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SATURDAY	MAY 25	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
			SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 SEMI-FINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 26	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY	MAY 27	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
			SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 28	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
WEDNESDAY	MAY 29	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
			SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30



Steve Garner



Carl Nelson

Lionel Messi:

"There are more important things in life than winning or losing a game."

Kobe Bryant:

"Winning takes precedence over all. There's no gray area. No almos'ts."

A man placed some flowers on the grave of his dearly departed mother and started back toward his car when his attention was diverted to another man kneeling at a grave. The man seemed to be praying with profound intensity and kept repeating, "Why did you have to die? Why did you have to die?"

The first man approached him and said, "Sir, I don't wish to interfere with your private grief, but this demonstration of pain is more than I've ever seen before. For whom do you mourn so deeply? A child? A parent?"

The mourner took a moment to collect himself, then replied, "My wife's first husband."

RR Day Two

Board 2 ♠ J
 Dealer: E ♥ AT
 N/S Vul ♦ AJT62
 Match 8 ♣ QT754

♠ Q83 ♠ AKT642
 ♥ Q976 ♥ J5
 ♦ 743 ♦ KQ5
 ♣ 832 ♣ J9

♠ 975
 ♥ K8432
 ♦ 98
 ♣ AK6



Jill Meyers

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Lev	Migry	Molson
		1S	Pass
1NT	2D	2S	Double
Pass	3C	Pass	3D
All Pass			

Aquino	Garner	Hotamisliligil	Meyers
		1S	Pass
Pass	2D	2S	Pass
Pass	3C	Pass	Pass
3S	Pass	Pass	4C
All Pass			

Rosenthal/Radin/Kent/Ivatury

Board 2 presented an interesting bidding problem for the North hand. Hotamisliligil opened 1S. This was passed around to North. Garner could do nothing more than bid 2D without an unusual 2NT available in this position. Opener rebid 2S which was again passed around to Garner who now bid 3C. This was passed around to Aquino who tried 3S. Following the pattern, this was passed around to Meyers who balanced with 4C. With diamonds breaking favorably, declarer was able to take eleven tricks.

In Rosenthal/Radin, Migry opened 1S and, at favorable, Willenken responded 1NT. Lev could have bid 2NT so show both minors. Instead, he chose 2D. Migry competed with 2S. Molson doubled to show her heart suit and values. When Lev bid 3C, Molson did not know this was a 5 card suit and corrected to 3D where Lev took 10 tricks.

5C is a little lucky but some pairs should get there..

Pun Fun!

What happened after an explosion at a French cheese factory? All that was left was de brie.

What is a cannibal's favourite cheese? Limburger.

What did the blind man say after being handed a cheese grater? "That's the most violent book I've ever read."

A friend and I were standing in line at a fast-food restaurant, waiting to place our order. There was a big sign posted. "No bills larger than \$20 will be accepted." The woman in front of us, pointing to the sign, remarked, "Believe me, if I HAD a bill larger than \$20, I wouldn't be eating here."

Q: Why did the Hobbit get a job at Burger King?

A: He wanted to be "Lord of the Onion Rings".

Where do burgers like to dance? At a meat ball!

Where did the fortune teller go on her vacation? To Palm Beach.

"Five dollars for one question!" said the woman to the fortune teller. "That's very expensive, isn't it?" "Next question!"

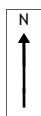
A friend started a career as a psychic but gave it up. Couldn't see any future in it.

If it's the Psychic Network why do they need a phone number?

What do you call a fat psychic? A four chin teller.

Board 9 ♠ QJ98542
 Dealer: N ♥
 E/W Vul. ♦ A5
 Match 9 ♣ QT92

♠ T6 ♠ K3
 ♥ AK ♥ 98754
 ♦ KQJ863 ♦ T742
 ♣ AK7 ♣ 86



♠ A7
 ♥ QJT632
 ♦ 9
 ♣ J543

West	North	East	South
Caprera	Lev	Brenner	Molson
Mahaffey	Mandala	Radin	Woolsey
	4S	Pass	Pass
5D	Pass	Pass	5S
Double	All Pass		

The second match of the day got off to a fast start. In the Radin/Kolesnik match, both North players chose to open 4S. This was passed around to West who balanced with 5D on the 20 HCP and good 6-card suit. While 5D could be defeated 2 tricks if North is able to negotiate a heart ruff, neither pair was allowed to play there. West might have chosen to balance with double which could have ended with -590 or worse if East pulls to 5H. That goes for 1100. At both tables, 5D

was passed to South who bid 5S. West doubled. A diamond was led. Declarer won the DA and trumped a diamond, cashed the SA, trumped a heart and played a second spade. East won the SK and the defense took 2 club tricks for -100 and a push board. 5S was insurance in IMPs!

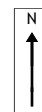
Radin	Woolsey	Mahaffey	Mandala
		1C	1D
1S	Pass	2C	2H
5C	5H	All Pass	

Caprera	Lev	Brenner	Molson
		2C (Precision)	Double
5C	5S	Pass	6D
Pass	6H	All Pass	

Board 10 ♠ Q98752
 Dealer: E ♥ J96543
 All Vul. ♦
 Match 9 ♣ J

♠ AJT3 ♠ K6
 ♥ ♥ ♥ QT7
 ♦ J752 ♦ 96
 ♣ QT752 ♣ AK9863

♠ 4
 ♥ AK82
 ♦ AKQT843
 ♣ 4



No one knows how to handle a 6-6 hand... and this hand may be the worst 6-6 ever! Both Norths avoided bidding as long as possible.

When Brenner opened a Precision 2C, Molson had a tough decision. She held a one-suited hand too good to simply overcall diamonds... and if she needed them, she had four good hearts. She chose to double hoping to describe her hand below the six level. When Caprera jammed the auction with 5C, she was in trouble. Lev presumed a normal t/o double and bid his better 6-card suit. Molson corrected 5S to 6D and Lev diagnosed a two-suited and bid 6H. Brenner led the CK, drawing the CQ from her partner. She dutifully switched to spades. Dummy ruffed the second round of spades. Declarer cashed the HA, ruffed a diamond, crossed to the HK, and ran diamonds until Brenner ruffed in. Lev might have tried the trick play of ruffing a diamond in hand and leading the HJ. It's easy to make the mistake of covering with the queen especially holding the QT, not knowing declarer has a 6-card trump suit. Lev took 10 tricks... -200.

At the other table, should you notice, this board was played "upside down." (note player names!) The auction started slowly and Mandala was able to show both red suits at the 2-level. When Radin jumped to 5C, Woolsey had no problem showing his 6 card support for pard's second suit. They played a level lower than their opponents and finished down one for a 3 IMP gain.

Vugraph

The 2019 Mixed USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the SemiFinals , in which we will cover both matches. The Semifinal starts Friday, May 24th.

To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or use the download version of the BBO software to run BBO on your computer (only available if you already have it, not to new users). If you choose the latter approach, from the Lobby, click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the matches you want to watch.

To watch on your smartphone or tablet, install the BBO app and watch using that.

There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:00-12:10

12:25-2:35

3:45-5:55

6:10-8:20

All of the teams will play the same boards throughout the event.



Hints for BBO viewers

Useful information is available to browser BBO users [and perhaps some mobile bbo users]

if you click on the name of the table/event you will get a pop-up that:

- * displays the BBO Schedule for the specific vugraph event – calculated for the time zone of the viewer's electronic device

- * has a link to the home page for the event

if you click on a player name you will usually get a pop-up that

- * displays a picture of the player

- * shows links to System Summary Forms (SSFs), Convention Cards (CCs), and biographical information

VIDEO: Live video streaming is not available for this event.

Video from the event tables will be uploaded to YouTube as soon as we can manage.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2019 Open USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on this site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2019 Open USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

If you are going to be in the Chicago area during the Mixed USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please **email Jan Martel**.

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 2

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

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Hospitality Suite...

The hospitality suite for the 2019 Mixed USBC will be room 2321. Our wonderful hostess, Molly O'Neill will be in Schaumburg to welcome you to the Hospitality Suite, with a lot of help from other volunteers.

The hospitality suite will be open starting on Tuesday evening and continuing throughout the event. Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch each day from about 1:00-4:00. Players, kibitzers, friends, spouses and children are welcome to join us in the hospitality suite.

The hospitality suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan & McKenzie's office) is room 1321. It will be available for the entire tournament. We will have coffee, soft drinks and some snacks available in that room while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

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.



First Name	Last Name	Winning Place	Cookie Type
Charlie	Stevens	1st	double chocolate
Eileen	Crofter	2nd	chocolate chip
Elliot	Green	4th	multigrain
Marion	Stewart	Favorite	white chocolate macadamia nut
Sally	Field	3rd	oatmeal raisin

Puzzle Page ...

	Crofter	Field	Green	Stevens	Stewart	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Favorite	chocolate chip	double chocolate	multigrain	oatmeal raisin	white chocolate macadamia nut
Charlie															
Eileen															
Elliot															
Marion															
Sally															
chocolate chip															
double chocolate															
multigrain															
oatmeal raisin															
white chocolate macadamia nut															
1st															
2nd															
3rd															
4th															
Favorite															

Answer on page 7

First Name	Last Name	Winning Place	Cookie Type
Charlie			
Eileen			
Elliot			
Marion			
Sally			

Over Labor Day weekend, the 52nd Annual Cookie Challenge was held by the Tastefully Sweet Bakery Shop. The Cookie Challenge traditionally signaled the end of summer for Millersville, but was also greeted with great enthusiasm by the townspeople. Each year, the town's aspiring bakers brought in their best-ever cookie recipes and on Labor Day, the official Bake-off challenge was held, complete with prizes awarded to the winners. Dozens of cookies were made from the ten finalist recipes and were open to all for judging. The final four winners were determined by the official judges of the event and a fifth prize was awarded to the favorite cookie chosen by the attending townspeople. This year the favorite cookie was not one of the four contest winners, a phenomenon that seldom occurred. Determine the full name of each cookie challenge winner as well as the winning place and type of cookie of each recipe.

1. Marion's cookie, which wasn't oatmeal raisin, didn't win first place. The person whose last name was Green submitted the multigrain cookie recipe.
2. Charlie Stevens didn't submit a chocolate chip cookie recipe.
3. The favorite cookie wasn't Eileen's recipe. The fourth place winner wasn't the double chocolate cookie.
4. The oatmeal raisin cookie beat Elliot's cookie by one place. Ms. Stewart's cookie, which wasn't chocolate chip, was voted the favorite cookie of the event.
5. The person whose last name was Crofter won second place, but not with a double chocolate cookie. The white chocolate macadamia nut cookie wasn't the first place winner.
6. The oatmeal raisin cookie, which wasn't Eileen's recipe, was made by the person whose last name was Field. Sally's cookie, which wasn't the multigrain, won third place.

What do you call sad coffee? Despresso.

What do Chocolate, men, and coffee have in common? They are all better rich!

A man went to his doctor and said, "Every time I drink my coffee, I get a stabbing pain in my right eye," The doctor said, "well, have you tried taking the spoon out?"

Meet the Players...

Sam Lev is an American Bridge player from Israel. He and his son, Dan, play.

Bridge accomplishments

Wins

Cavendish Invitational Pairs 1992, 2004

North American Bridge Championships

Senior Knockout Teams 2008

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1999, 2004

Reisinger 1989, 1991

Vanderbilt 2002

von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 1999

Runners-up

World Olympiad Seniors Teams Championship 2008, 2012

Cavendish Invitational Pairs 1994, 2008

North American Bridge Championships

Grand National Teams 2012, 2013

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 2013

Blue Ribbon Pairs 1990

Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 2000, 2003, 2005

Spingold 1991

Vanderbilt 1993, 2001

von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 2000



Dan Lev

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

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Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, is available again this year. She has agreed to come to the Hyatt after 1:00 pm on the following days. People who want a massage should sign up with Jan.

Monday, 5/27

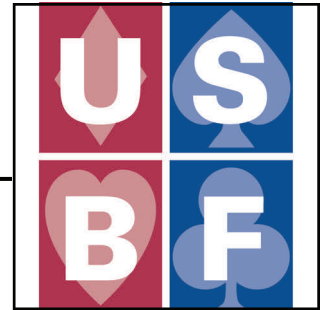
Thursday, 5/30 (between Mixed & Seniors)

Monday, 6/3

Thursday, 6/6



Relaxation Therapy!



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. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. 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.