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Results at the Halfway Point

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
2	Kolesnik	176	44	38	64	30	
5	Donner	119	21	37	25	45	9
3	Pepsi	120	31	40	19	30	
4	Rosenthal	95	21	20	48	6	

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Our pens, though not feather,
Perhaps need a tether?
To keep them from flying away?

The Seniors are coming,
And they will be humming,
If there are no pens when they play!

We clearly assert
Your need to alert
So use when explaining a call!

But leave at the site
So others can write.
Should they need to explain Lebensohl!

!

Alert!



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.

MUSBC Teams Entered

Alphabetical Order

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

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



Alert!

Before the 1998 Chicago NABC, the ACBL commissioned an artist named Jim Harrington from Waukegan, IL, to do a painting called "Our Game." The lithos were sold at the '98 NABC and the original was auctioned off as a fund raiser for the tournament. Leo and Pat Perez from Garden Grove, CA, won the drawing and the winners were named at the Orlando NABC that year and awarded their painting. The picture was prominently displayed during both the Chicago and Orlando NABCs.

The lithos are numbered editions.

Mr. Harrington's widow, Sue, donated the remaining lithos to the USBF when she moved from her Waukegan home last year. We have several here at the tournament. If you would like one, please see either Jan Martel or Suzi Subeck. From the July 26, 1998, Daily Bulletin at the Chicago NABC:

These are not for sale. We are giving them to those who want them.

Our Game

The ACBL Educational Foundation is happy to welcome artist Jim Harrington who is here in Chicago this morning to personalize limited edition prints of his painting "Our Game". This is the only day he will be here. Harrington will be at the Educational Foundation's booth which is located near the NorthEast Exhibit Hall on the lower level.

Harrington is a well-known artist listed in *Who's Who of Living American Artists* and is well represented in the collections of many corporate and private collections. Proceeds from the project will be split evenly between the Educational Foundation and Art Etc. Inc.



Tournament Schedule

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
MONDAY	MAY 27	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
		6:10 - 8:20	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
WEDNESDAY	MAY 29	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30

The Pentagon was originally going to be a square, but the contractor kept cutting corners.

A week after Mozart died, his ghost was discovered trying to erase his music. When asked why, it replied, "I'm decomposing."

What's the difference between swine flu and bird flu? Bird flu needs tweetment while swine flu requires oinkment.

Is it me or are circles pointless?

Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive.

Elbert Hubbard

"A magician may step out without a purse, but he should never step out without a pack of playing cards."

— Amit

Kalantri, Wealth of Words

I, for one, like Roman numerals.

Pun indented

Why didn't the lifeguard save the hippie? Because he was too far out, man.

You'll never guess who I bumped into on the way to the opticians! ...Everyone.

What do wooden whales eat? Plankton.



7

Migry
 ♠ A74
 ♥ QJ743
 ♦ A43
 ♣ K5

Sakr
 ♠ 10865
 ♥ K82
 ♦ Q2
 ♣ Q764

Pepsi
 ♠ K92
 ♥ 9
 ♦ 10865
 ♣ AJ982

Willenken
 ♠ QJ3
 ♥ A1065
 ♦ KJ97
 ♣ 103

NS: 0
EW: 0

Sakr	Migry	Pepsi	Willenke
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Both tables in Rosenthal/Pepsi reached 4H from North on Board 7 in the first segment. Both Easts led a diamond, Pepsi, the 8 (2nd and 4th leads) and Debbie R, the 6 (third and fifth).

In the Open Room where Cohler declared, he played the D9 from dummy to the queen and the ace. The H3 went to the ace and a small heart won by Rosenthal's king followed, Debbie pitching a small club (upside down).

Andrew led a club to the king and ace. Debbie faltered. Instead of cashing her CJ, she played the DT. Cohler won dummy's jack, pulled the last trump, and played the D4 to the five, and SEVEN in dummy! Now he cashed the DK jettisoning his small club. The SQ went to the king and Cohler had ten tricks and vulnerable game.

In the Closed Room, where Migry was declarer, she won the D8 with the nine and played a small heart toward her hand. Sakr won her king, played the C4 to the king and ace, and Pepsi cashed his CJ. He exited a diamond and when the hand finished, Migry lost 2 clubs, one heart and one spade. 12 IMPs to Pepsi

In the Kolesnik/Donner match, both tables played in 4H, Caprera went light two after receiving a spade lead and yielding a trick on a finesse to the DQ. Sobel went down one after a diamond lead from Mandala. 3 IMPs to Donner

Rosenth	Cohler	DRosent	Tebha
			Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

On the very next board, in Rosenthal/Pepsi, Rosenberg/Rosenthal had a fast auction to 4H. Cohler accurately led a diamond. Tebha ruffed, played a spade to Cohler's ace, got a second ruff, played a club to Cohler's ace and it was over. Down one!

In the other room, Sakr did not open a weak two with six hearts and four spades. Pepsi opened 1D; Willenken and Migry competed in spades; Pepsi made moves toward a possible slam and the auction ended in 5D.

Willenken led the SK followed by the CQ to Migry's ace. No one could ruff anything and Pepsi happily brought home 5D. 10 IMPs to Pepsi... ahead at this point, 27-1

In Kolesnik/Donner, it was another 3 IMP swing, this time to Kolesnik, when Gabay bid and made 5D while Mandala bid 4H and made seven on a heart lead from Sobel.

Rosenth	Cohler	DRosent	Tebha
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

8

Migry
 ♠ A84
 ♥ 64
 ♦ 10952
 ♣ A1062

Sakr
 ♠ J1096
 ♥ AJ10873
 ♦ J3
 ♣ J

Pepsi
 ♠ 7
 ♥ KQ
 ♦ AKQ8764
 ♣ K54

Willenken
 ♠ KQ532
 ♥ 952
 ♦
 ♣ Q9873

NS: 0
EW: 0

Sakr	Migry	Pepsi	Willenke
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Board 9 was another swing hand... this time for Rosenthal. Debbie Rosenberg passed in second seat on a hand many would open in today's modern style of aggressiveness. When Tebha rebid her diamonds at the three level, Rosenthal had no visions of grandeur opposite a passed hand partner.

A high spade was led and a second spade ruffed by declarer. Two high rounds of trump followed. Tebha led a small heart toward dummy and Andrew won the queen. He played a club, won by dummy's ace. The HT was led and Debbie played low. Declarer won her ace. When hearts failed to split 3-3, declarer conceded two heart tricks to Debbie and the contract failed by a trick.

In the other room, Pepsi opened 1C in second seat. Willenken overcalled 1D. Sakr responded 1S; Pepsi bid 1NT; Willenken bid 3D. Sakr doubled. Pepsi bid 3H; Sakr bid 4C and the doubling started. Pepsi/Sakr settled in 4S doubled'

Migry led her singleton diamond. Willenken won and returned his singleton club. Migry covered the C9 with the ten and the king won in dummy. Declarer pulled 3 rounds of trump. The DT followed, Migry ruffing. The CAQ were cashed and the contract finished light two.

Board 9

Cohler
 ♠ 10754
 ♥ 1093
 ♦ 7
 ♣ AQ1085

Rosenthal
 ♠ AKJ83
 ♥ Q4
 ♦ 105
 ♣ J962

DRosenberg
 ♠ Q96
 ♥ KJ62
 ♦ QJ4
 ♣ K43

Tebha
 ♠ 2
 ♥ A875
 ♦ AK98632
 ♣ 7

NS: 0
EW: 0

Rosenth	Cohler	DRosent	Tebha
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	3♦

Sakr	Migry	Pepsi	Willenke
1♠	Pass	1♣	1♦
Dbl	Pass	1NT	3♦
4♣	Dbl	4♠	Dbl

There was no swing in the Donner/Kolesnik match where both tables bid and made 3D. The first six tricks went as in Rosenthal/Pepsi, but at trick seven, when declarer played the HT from dummy, the East players in this match split their honors!

On Board 19, both tables in Rosenthal/Pepsi bid to 2D. By redoubling, Migry promised another call. When the auction came back to her, she chose to double with her excellent five card diamond holding while Pepsi, having not redoubled, chose to simply defend 2D.

At both tables, the contract failed three tricks for an 11 IMP gain to Rosenthal.

In Kolesnik/Donner, Caprera/Brenner played in 2S N/S scoring +110 while, in the other room, Kolesnik/Kislitsyna played in 2D undoubled down three for -300.

5 IMPs to Donner

Board 19

Migry
 ♠ K6
 ♥ 73
 ♦ K9632
 ♣ K1086

J Wolpert
 ♠ 93
 ♥ AKQ4
 ♦ A104
 ♣ Q753

Ginossar
 ♠ J875
 ♥ J85
 ♦ QJ87
 ♣ J2

Willenken
 ♠ AQ1042
 ♥ 10962
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A94

NS: 0
EW: 0

Rosenth	Pepsi	DRosent	Sakr
Dbl	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

J Wolper	Migry	Ginossar	Willenke
Dbl	Rdbl	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			1♠

Vugraph

The 2019 Mixed USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the 1/4 final , in which we will cover both matches. The 1/4 final 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

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

Sudoku 2

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

**Sudoku
Solutions
on Page 9**

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.



Ice Cream	Air Hockey	Park	Walter
Popcorn	Miniature Golf	Sawyer	Mark
Nachos	Bowling	Forrest	Larry
Pizza	Pool	Reading	Blair
Snack	Game	Last Name	First Name

Answer to Puzzle on Page 9:

Puzzle Page ...

	Forrest	Park	Reading	Sawyer	Air Hockey	Bowling	Miniature Golf	Pool	Ice Cream	Nachos	Pizza	Popcorn
Blair												
Larry												
Mark												
Walter												
Ice Cream												
Nachos												
Pizza												
Popcorn												
Air Hockey												
Bowling												
Miniature Golf												
Pool												

Answer on page 7

Larry and three of his friends spent one Saturday afternoon in the local arcade. They discovered that they were pretty evenly matched in the games that they played. So it wasn't too surprising that they took turns at winning. What was unusual was that each of them ended up being the overall winner in one of the game types that they'd played. From the clues below, determine each boy's full name, which game each was the clear winner of, and what each boy had for a snack (one snack was ice cream).

- Larry didn't win at air hockey but he did get the nachos.
- Mr. Sawyer had popcorn. Walter's last name wasn't Forrest.
- The boy who won at pool had pizza, but it wasn't Walter.
- Blair's last name was Reading.
- Mark's last name wasn't Park but he won at miniature golf.
- The friend who won at bowling didn't have a last name of Park.

First Name	Last Name	Game	Snack
Blair			
Larry			
Mark			
Walter			
-----	Forrest	Air Hockey	Ice Cream
-----	Park	Bowling	Nachos
-----	Reading	Miniature Golf	Pizza
-----	Sawyer	Pool	Popcorn

We had an argument about which vowel is the most important. I won.

What happens if the average number of bullies at a school goes up? The mean increases.

Chinese takeout: \$15.00. Fuel to get there: \$1.50. Getting home to find out they've forgotten one of your dishes: Rice-less.

If your iPhone runs out of charge, does that mean you're out of apple juice?

Meet the Players...

Jill J. Meyers (born February 13, 1950) is an American bridge player from Santa Monica, California. Sometime prior to the 2014 European and World meets (summer and October), she ranked 7th among 73 Women World Grand Masters by world masterpoints (MP) and 1st by placing points that do not decay over time.

Meyers was born in New York City and earned a B.A. from Tulane University. She and her sister Nina moved to Los Angeles in 1972 and started to play duplicate bridge there, where Ed Davis was her first teacher (they still have a partnership). From 1979 she studied law at University of West Los Angeles and she passed the California bar in 1983, after which she played bridge more seriously. She is married to Sid Brownstein and is a self-employed "Music Consultant for Motion Picture, TV and Advertising industries". Before 1988 she worked in music departments within the film industry. Meyers was inducted by the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2014.

Awards and honors

- Herman Trophy 1987
- Mott-Smith Trophy 2001

ACBL Hall of Fame, 2014

North American Bridge Championships

- Blue Ribbon Pairs 1999
- Nail Life Master Open Pairs 2000, 2005
- Smith Life Master Women's Pairs 1987
- Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match 2010
- Grand National Teams 2001
- Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 1991, 1993, 2001, 2009, 2011
- Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 1989, 1997
- Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 1991, 1999, 2003, 2011



Runners-up

- North American Bridge Championships
- Silodor Open Pairs 2011
- North American Pairs 2001
- Grand National Teams 1999, 2010
- Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 1987, 1995, 1999, 2003
- Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 1990, 1993, 2003, 2007, 2012
- Keohane North American Swiss Teams 1987
- Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 2001, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012



Sudoku 1 Solution

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

**Sudoku
Solutions
from page 7**

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

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

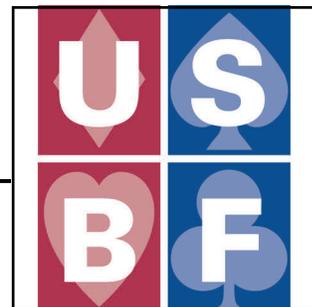
Thursday, 5/30 (between Mixed & Seniors)

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.

Board 18

Migry
 ♠ 87632
 ♥ 96
 ♦ 98
 ♣ AK73

J Wolpert
 ♠ K4
 ♥ KJ8732
 ♦ KJ32
 ♣ 8

Ginossar
 ♠ Q9
 ♥ AQ10
 ♦ 1075
 ♣ J10964

Willenken
 ♠ AJ105
 ♥ 54
 ♦ AQ64
 ♣ Q52

NS: 0
EW: 0

J Wolper	Migry	Ginossa	Willenke
		Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♦	3♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

On Board 18, in both matches, one table played in 3S making three North/South while their teammates found the lucky heart game.

3S is easy. Declarer loses one spade, two hearts and a diamond.

4H is also easy. Declarer loses only one spade, one club, and with the favorable diamond position, one diamond.

11 IMPs to Pepsi and Donner

A Grossack Caprera Gabay Brenner

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♦
2♥	Dbl	3♥	3♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Irina Botta Kolesnik Z Grossack

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♦
1♥	Dbl	2♥	2♠
3♥	3♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Rosenth	Pepsi	DRosent	Sakr
		Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	2♦	2♠
3♥	3♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Board 20 illustrates how dangerous it is to double vulnerable partscores into game at IMPs.

While Rosenthal/Rosenberg played 2S going down three vulnerable tricks with the poor spade break in one room, their teammates Willenken/Migry doubled Ginossar's 3D in the other. No question Willenken has reason to double... good diamonds and enough values opposite his partner's opener, however, passing would have resulted in a 5 IMP gain where doubling resulted in a 14 IMP loss.

Willenken led the H8 to Migry's ace. If Migry returns a heart, Willenken will ruff and defeat the hand, however, Migry returned the CJ to declarer's king. Declarer took his SK and played the DQ to Migry's ace. This presented a second chance to give Willenken his ruff. Migry played the CT to dummy's ace and the SA followed, declarer discarding a heart. The D8 went to the H4, D9, and DJ. Willenken exited his CQ and Ginossar claimed 9 tricks.

Board 20

Migry
 ♠ J6
 ♥ AJ764
 ♦ A
 ♣ J10984

J Wolpert
 ♠ A10754
 ♥ 1052
 ♦ 83
 ♣ A73

Ginossar
 ♠ K
 ♥ KQ93
 ♦ Q109752
 ♣ K2

Willenken
 ♠ Q9832
 ♥ 8
 ♦ KJ64
 ♣ Q65

NS: 0
EW: 0

J Wolper	Migry	Ginossa	Willenke
Pass	1♥	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Dbl
Pass			

Rosenth	Pepsi	DRosent	Sakr
Pass	1♥	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Board 5 of the 3rd segment was played in four different high level contracts.

In the Kolesnik/Donner match, the auction at both tables started with 1H-4S.

At one table, Woolsey bid 5H and Sobel bid 5S. Mandala introduced her club suit at the six-level and this ended the auction. With the diamond ace onside, 6C was an easy make.

At the other table, Zack Grossack bid 4NT over 4S. Botta bid 5C and Grossack pulled to 5H, making six.

10 IMPs to Kolesnik

In the Rosenthal/Pepsi match, Debbie and Michael Rosenberg found the par contract of 6S N/S. While par, this went light two for a loss of 7 IMPs.

Ginossar opened 1H and Michael Rosenberg jumped to 4H, showing a strong 4S bid. Wolpert cuebid 4S and Debbie upped the ante, bidding 5S.

Ginossar decided not to show his club suit. He simply bid 6H and Michael took out insurance by bidding 6S. This was doubled and defeated two tricks.

At the other table in this match, Tebha jumped to 4S over the 1H opening. Not having the four-level cuebid available, Migry doubled to show her good hand. Willenken bid 5C. Tebha doubled to confirm a serious 4S bid based on values and length. Migry redoubled and Cohler happily bid 5S. Willenkin doubled and this contract was defeated by one trick when E/W took two heart tricks and a diamond.

7 IMPs to Pepsi.

5		Kolesnik		
		♠ 87532		
		♥ 1084		
		♦ Q8		
		♣ 643		
Z Grossack		Botta		
♠		♠ 4		
♥ A65		♥ KQJ92		
♦ K10962		♦ 43		
♣ KQ852		♣ AJ1097		
		Kislitsyna		
		♠ AKQJ1096		
		♥ 73		
		♦ AJ75		
		♣		
		NS: 0		
		EW: 0		
Z Grossack	Kolesnik	Botta	Kislitsyna	
	Pass	1♥	4♠	
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass	
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	

Migry	Cohler	Willenke	Tebha
	Pass	1♥	4♠
Dbl	Pass	5♣	Dbl
Rdbl	5♠	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Woolsey	Sobel	Mandala	Donner
	Pass	1♥	4♠
5♥	5♠	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

J Wolper	DRosen	Ginossar	MRosen
	Pass	1♥	4♥
4♠	5♠	6♥	6♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

Michael Rosenberg

