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Results:

**penalty

2	Kolesnik	291	44	38	64	30	59	24	18	14	
5	Donner	293	21	37	25	45	47	60	34	33	9**
3	Pepsi	197	31	40	19	30	30	7	28	12	
4	Rosenthal	278	21	20	48	6	40	54	24	65	

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.

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MUSBC Teams Entered

Alphabetical Order

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

Howie Doing...

Donner by 2?
How is that true?
Down to the wire
And then it was through.

Things have gone silly,
Mixed up in the mixed.
Please wave a wand
And get it all fixed.

Good for bridge, maybe,
But I'm not sure why.
The match was so close
It was almost a tie.

Rosenthal wins,
But it will be steaming.
Donner fights back,
Kicking and screaming!

Donner's done great.
I give them their due.
But Rosenthal's got
An experienced crew!

Howie Doing... very well, thanks!

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

Limey Jack...

Gads, but Kolesnik has the luck of a flounder on opening day off the Gloucester coast. Up by 10 with naught but two to play and done in by children. Of course, all as predicted by Limey Jack. Steady as she goes.

Rosenthal won their match but are playing tired.

Rosenthal-Donner: Limey Jack thinks 5 handed is sinful, but 3 youngsters and a lot of others who have never been anointed is too much to overcome. Even the fatuous Howie Dung finds a way to rhyme Rosenthal.

Next up in the never ending Colonial Trials is the Seniors.

Cheers, LJ

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
		70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		6:10 - 8:20	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
		70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
		6:10 - 8:20	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
		70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		6:10 - 8:20	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
		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
		70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		6:10 - 8:20	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
		70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30

To whoever stole my broken bathroom scale, you'll never get a weigh with it.

I burnt my Hawaiian pizza last night. I should have put it on aloha setting.

Did you hear about the thieves who robbed a theatre during a performance? They really stole the spotlight.

If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.

"For a professional magician, a stack of playing cards is as good as a stack of money."

— Amit Kalantri,
Wealth of Words

"All the magicians have 52 mutual friends."

— Amit Kalantri,
Wealth of Words

Got a new job as a guillotine operator. I'll beheading there shortly.

I used to work at an unemployment office. When they fired me, I still had to show up the next day.

Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.

If you accidentally put salt instead of sugar in your tea, it becomes saltea.

I'm trying to organise a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.



20

Caprera
 ♠ QJ10
 ♥ AJ106
 ♦ J852
 ♣ 82

A Grossack
 ♠ A943
 ♥ K932
 ♦ Q109
 ♣ Q9

Gabay
 ♠ K762
 ♥ Q
 ♦ 763
 ♣ AJ1073

Brenner
 ♠ 85
 ♥ 8754
 ♦ AK4
 ♣ K654

NS: 0
EW: 0

A Grossack	Caprera	Gabay	Brenner
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Woolsey	Z Grossack	Mandala	Botta
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Behind every good man there's a good woman...

Annie Brenner recovered for her husband on Board 20 when he effectively ducked the setting trick against 3S on Board 20 in the 4th segment of the USA2 SemiFinal on Sunday afternoon.

Annie led the H5 to the three, TEN, queen. Had David risen with the ace, the defense would automatically collect one heart, two diamonds, one spade, and one club.

Once David let the heart trick escape, Annie went into recovery mode and brought it back.

Gabay won the HQ, played a spade to the ace and finessed the CQ. Brenner won the king. She was at the crossroads!

With the clubs set up for pitches, she had to go right or the contract would succeed. She tracked the D4!!! Gabay called for the ten. David didn't duck now... he won his jack and N/S grabbed three diamonds, one spade and one club to defeat 3S.

In the other room, Botta led the DA, king and another won by the queen in dummy. Mandala played a small heart from the board and Zach Grossack ducked! There was no longer hope of defeating 3S. 6 IMPs to Kolesnik

Pepsi was ahead by 25 IMPs coming into play yesterday. After 4 boards of the 5th segment, Pepsi led by 10. Board 2 generated a 13 IMP swing to Rosenthal. On similar auctions, both N/S pairs reached 4H. Willenken led the SQ won in dummy with the ace. Tebha played a club toward her hand. Migry won the CA, cashed the SK and led a spade to Willenken's queen. Chris exited with a heart. Tebha won in dummy, cashed a second heart and played a high club, discarding a diamond. Willenken ruffed and later collected a diamond trick to defeat 4H by two tricks. -200

In the other room, Pepsi led his C4 to Sakr's ace. While a spade switch would have defeated the hand, Sakr decided to try for an extra trick in the trump suit by continuing clubs. Debbie R trumped with the HT and Pepsi could not overruff. Rosenberg played a heart to dummy's king and followed with the HJ. She returned to her hand with a diamond, drew trumps and played a spade to dummy's ace. The clubs provided four discards for a score of +680 and 13 IMPs to Rosenthal.

In Kolesnik/Donner, both Wests defeated 4H with the lead of a spade.

Pepsi	Rosenth	Sakr	DRosent
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Dbl	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥

2

Cohler
 ♠ A84
 ♥ KJ
 ♦ J10
 ♣ KJ10732

Willenken
 ♠ QJ3
 ♥ 8764
 ♦ K9754
 ♣ 4

Migry
 ♠ K752
 ♥ 9
 ♦ Q86
 ♣ A9865

Tebha
 ♠ 1096
 ♥ AQ10532
 ♦ A32
 ♣ Q

NS: 0
EW: 0

Willenke	Cohler	Migry	Tebha
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

Board 6

Rosenthal
 ♠ J10642
 ♥ J6
 ♦ 1065
 ♣ 1093

Pepsi
 ♠ AQ7
 ♥ A543
 ♦ 2
 ♣ AK762

Sakr
 ♠ 85
 ♥ K1082
 ♦ AQJ93
 ♣ Q5

DRosenberg
 ♠ K93
 ♥ Q97
 ♦ K874
 ♣ J84

NS: 0
EW: 0

Pepsi	Rosenth	Sakr	DRosent
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

The lead in the Rosenthal/Pepsi match switched hands on Board 6 of the 5th segment when Rosenthal gained a slam swing. This board completed a 28-0 run and gave Rosenthal a 3 IMP lead.

Debbie Rosenberg led the S3 against 6H. Sakr rose with the ace in dummy and played a diamond to the ace in her hand. She trumped a diamond and led a club to the queen. She trumped a diamond and played the CA and CK to discard a spade.

Sakr trumped a spade in her hand and tried to trump a diamond in dummy. This was overruffed by Rosenthal and declarer had to concede a second heart trick for down one.

At the other table, Willenken declared 4H from the West hand, a positional positive, but since they didn't bid the slam, there was less edge.

Cohler led a spade into Willenken's AQ. Willenken played to set up his club suit and when this worked, he took 12 tricks for +680 and 13 IMPs to Rosenthal.

In the Kolesnik/Donner match. Both tables played in 6H by East. Declarers - Gabay, at one table and Mandala at the other, both played two high hearts and then played on clubs to take twelve tricks for a push board.

Willenke	Cohler	Migry	Tebha
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

On Board 18 of the final segment, Migry shined for good declarer play and her teammate, Debbie, shined for her excellent defense.

Debbie was defending 5DX. She opening led the SA and switched rightly to a small heart. She needed to kill dummy's entries to defeat the hand. Cohler won the heart in dummy and played a club to the king and ace. Debbie continued hearts. Cohler could not make the hand by rising. His timing was tangled. He ducked and hoped for the best. Michael won his HQ and the defense had their 3 tricks. Down one! Great switch Debbie!

At the other table, Ginossar also led the SA, but now he fell from grace and shifted to a diamond. It looks right but it's not. Migry won the king with the ace and played the CK to the CA. Ginossar continued the attack on diamonds but he didn't see what was coming. Migry ruffed a spade, ruffed a club, cashed the SK shedding the losing club, ruffed a spade establishing dummy's SJ for a heart pitch WITH the HK there for the entry! Well done Migry!

13 IMPs to Rosenthal

MRosenl	Cohler	DRosenl	Tebha
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	3♦	Pass	3♠
4♣	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

Board 18

Migry
 ♠ 8
 ♥ J64
 ♦ AQ10972
 ♣ K65

J Wolpert
 ♠ 3
 ♥ Q1085
 ♦ K3
 ♣ Q109432

Ginossar
 ♠ AQ1092
 ♥ 732
 ♦ 65
 ♣ AJ7

Willenken
 ♠ KJ7654
 ♥ AK9
 ♦ J84
 ♣ 8

NS: 0
EW: 0

J Wolper	Migry	Ginossar	Willenke
		1♠	Pass
1NT	2♦	Pass	2♠
3♣	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	4♣	Pass
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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

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

Sudoku 2

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

**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.



Wendy	Joe	Mary	4th	prize
Sally	Tim	Gary	2nd	no prize
Ralph	Greg	Sherry	1st	prize
Heidi	Cindy	Scott	3rd	prize
Bob	Martin	Julie	5th	no prize
First Name	First Name	First Name	Order	Prize

Answer to Puzzle on Page 8:

Puzzle Page ...

	Cindy	Greg	Joe	Martin	Tim	Gary	Julie	Mary	Scott	Sherry	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	no prize	no prize	prize	prize	prize
Bob																				
Heidi																				
Ralph																				
Sally																				
Wendy																				
no prize																				
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2nd																				
3rd																				
4th																				
5th																				
Gary																				
Julie																				
Mary																				
Scott																				
Sherry																				

Answer on page 7

First Name	First Name	First Name	Order	Prize
Bob	Cindy	Gary	1st	no prize
Heidi	Greg	Julie	2nd	no prize
Ralph	Joe	Mary	3rd	prize
Sally	Martin	Scott	4th	prize
Wendy	Tim	Sherry	5th	prize

After lunch, Mrs. Fields rearranged her fourth grade class into groups of three children each for a special project. The day's lessons had revolved around Geography and the use of maps. She had a special project planned for this afternoon which involved road maps. The children would be plotting a driving route from Millersville to Springtown, a town roughly to the east and about 100 miles away. Mrs. Fields had decided to turn the project into a small contest - there were five different routes that could be taken to Springtown, each using different roads - the groups of student's who correctly plotted all five routes would win a prize! Determine the names of the children in each group, the order in which they submitted their answers, and which groups got prizes.

1. Three groups contained two boys and one girl. Two groups contained one boy and two girls. None of the groups had children with names that began with the same letter.
2. The group who turned in their answers first was one of the three groups that won a prize. Scott was in the same group as Heidi, but they were not the fourth group to turn in their answers. Joe, whose group contained two girls, won a prize.
3. Sherry wasn't in a group with Wendy. Martin wasn't in a group with Sally. Bob and Julie were in the same group, along with one other boy. Greg was in a group with Ralph.
4. Cindy and one other girl were in the group that turned in their project answers before Mary's group did. Bob's group, which didn't include Tim, didn't win a prize.
5. The two groups that didn't get a prize were the group that were last to turn in their answers and the group containing Sally and two boys.
6. Gary's group, which had more boys than girls, turned in their answers before Cindy's group but after Ralph's group.

My friends and I have named our band "Duvet". It's a cover band.
 I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
 What do you get when The Doctor goes back in time and meets himself? A pair of dox (a paradox)
 I lost my partner's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.
 Why didn't Elsa's parents teach her the full alphabet? They got lost at C.

Meet the Players...



David Caprera's Bridge Winners Profile...

I am a lawyer in Denver, Colorado, married to Anne Brenner, my partner in life as well as bridge.

I am on the USBF board, the District 17 disciplinary chair, coach of the USA under 26-2 junior team, and write a monthly column, "Sleeping on the Couch". A collection of my columns is now available in book form from Master Point Press.

My 17,000 master points aren't worth a damn without a national championship and my dream is that some day I win the "Italian-American, pony-tailed tax specialist playing with the Francophile, retired pathologist four session senior mixed BAM."

I got fired from my job as an Uber driver. It turns out my customers didn't like it when I tried to go the extra mile.

The first floor of my house is a complete disaster. The second floor – well, that's a different story.

Bono and The Edge walk into a bar. The bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."

Just so everybody's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.

When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stair.



Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Sudoku Solutions from page 7

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

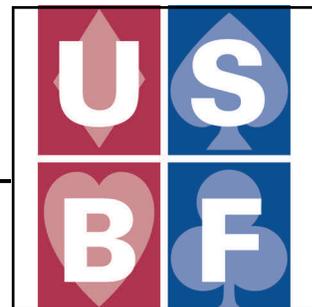
Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, is available again this year. She has agreed to come to the Hyatt after 1:00 pm on the following days. People who want a massage should sign up with Jan.

Relaxation Therapy!

Thursday, 5/30 (between Mixed & Seniors)

Monday, 6/3

Thursday, 6/6



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.