



Mixed USBC 2021 Round Robin

Team Name	Total	9	7	10	12	8	4	2	6	11	5	3	1
9. Rosenthal	139.47		10.81	14.18	11.94	6.11	17.93	2.97	12.63	19.10	18.25	10.81	14.74
7. Lewis	130.96	9.19		13.59	10.81	3.37	12.96	14.46	11.20	13.28	16.83	10.81	14.46
10. Rubenstein	130.66	5.82	6.41		2.97	10.81	9.59	15.74	19.10	10.81	16.83	18.69	13.89
12. Xu	129.56	8.06	9.19	17.03		12.96	17.22	11.94	10.00	9.19	10.81	11.58	11.58
8. Moss	127.02	13.89	16.63	9.19	7.04		9.59	8.42	4.50	14.18	19.58	16.63	7.37
4. Henner	115.50	2.07	7.04	10.41	2.78	10.41		15.26	11.58	11.20	13.28	15.50	15.97
2. Donner	113.48	17.03	5.54	4.26	8.06	11.58	4.74		18.83	11.94	4.26	10.41	16.83
6. Kolesnik	107.02	7.37	8.80	0.90	10.00	15.50	8.42	1.17		11.58	11.58	16.20	15.50
11. Watson	93.98	0.90	6.72	9.19	10.81	5.82	8.80	8.06	8.42		11.20	8.80	15.26
5. Hinze	92.05	1.75	3.17	3.17	9.19	0.42	6.72	15.74	8.42	8.80		18.25	16.42
3. Hammond	70.38	9.19	9.19	1.31	8.42	3.37	4.50	9.59	3.80	11.20	1.75		8.06
1. Bauer	69.92	5.26	5.54	6.11	8.42	12.63	4.03	3.17	4.50	4.74	3.58	11.94	

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“Trials” and Tribulations—Mixed USBC

Mask Requirements for F2F Play in Schaumburg:

Masks are required in all public areas of the hotel: the lobby, corridors, elevators, as well as the **Hospitality Suite** and the **Office/Break Room** where masks must be worn at all times. Therefore, there will be no eating or drinking in those rooms.

Our attorney has advised us that the Cook County Mask Mandate forces us to require masks in the playing rooms. Therefore:

Masks are required in playing rooms. If you are observed not wearing a mask in a playing room, there will be a 2 IMP penalty for the first offense, a 4 IMP penalty for the second offense, an 8 IMP penalty for the third offense, and a 16 IMP penalty for the fourth and subsequent offenses; If you and your opponent agree to something other than both wearing masks, any IMP penalties for not wearing a mask will apply to both of you equally and there will be no other penalties. You may remove your mask briefly to eat or drink. **However, if you call for a director (for any reason), and you are not wearing a mask when the director enters the room, the penalty will apply to your team for your next match in the event.** There is no eating or drinking in the playing room when the Director is present.

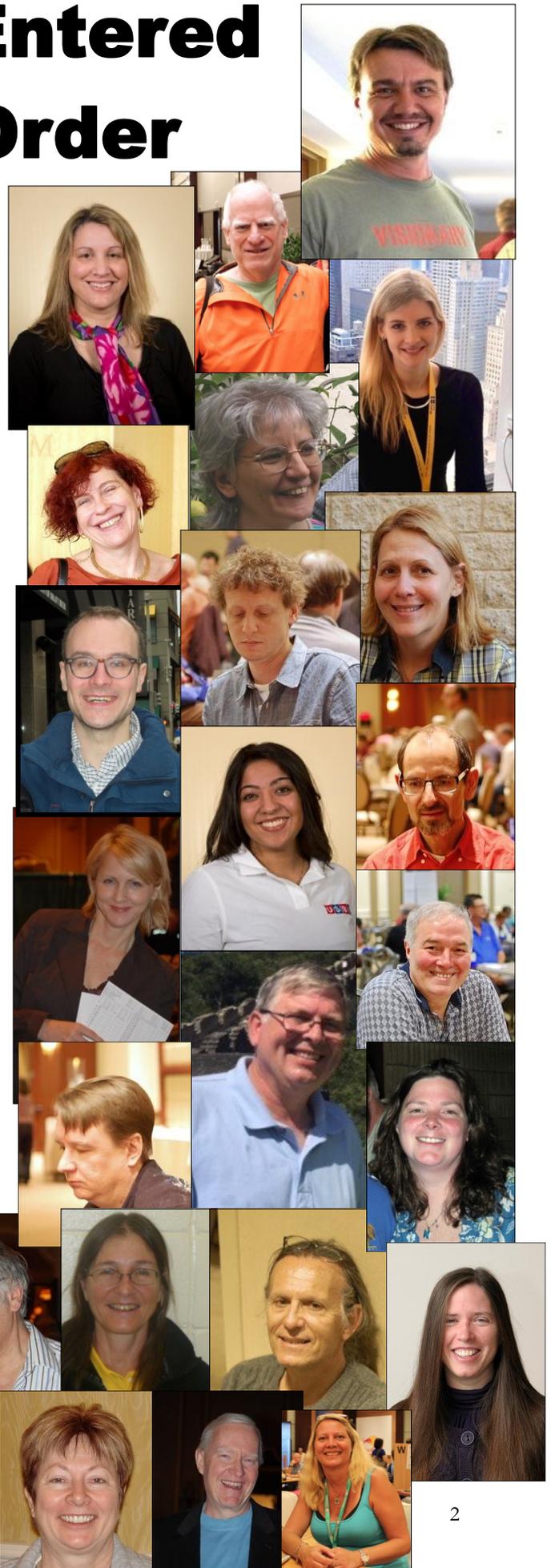
In addition, anyone who is penalized more than twice (over the course of the entire event) in situations where their opponent was wearing a mask while they weren't, or where the director was called, may be subject to additional conduct penalties.

You should bring masks to the tournament with you; We will not be supplying masks.

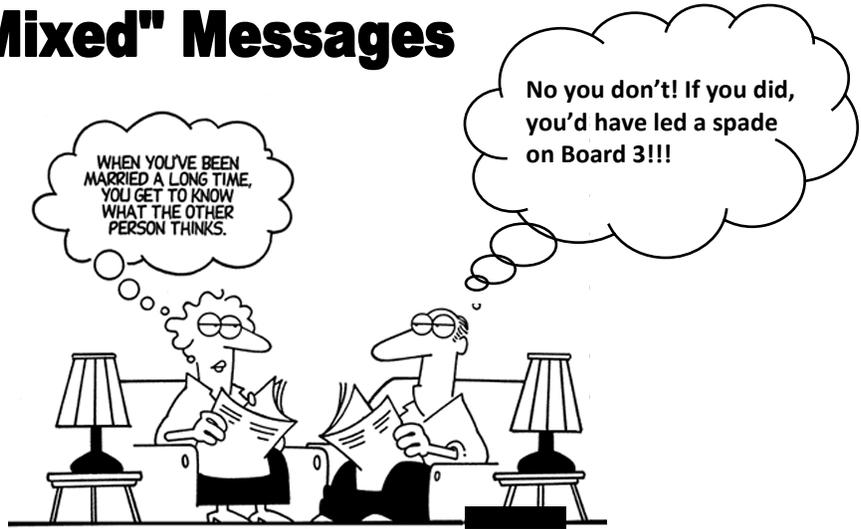
MUSBC Teams Entered

Alphabetical Order

Bauer	Tracey Bauer, Capt John McAllister George Jacobs	Howard Parker Lilly Justman
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Zachary Grossack Joe Grue	Sandra Rimstedt Georgia Botta Anam Tebha
Hammond	Nicolas Hammond, Capt Jacqueline Chang	Kristen Onsgard Eric Gettleman
Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Adam Wildavsky Doug Doub	Sheila Gabay Yiji Starr Uday Ivatury
Hinze	Greg Hinze, Capt Allison Howard	Kay Enfield Mike Cappelletti
Kolesnik	Alex Kolesnik, Capt Cheryl Mandala Sally Woolsey	Lynne Feldman Yul Inn Kit Woolsey
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Ljudmila Kamenova	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Ron Smith
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt Brad Moss John Hurd	Roger Lee Bronia Jenkins Jenny Wolpert
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Eldad Ginossar	Debbie Rosenberg Migry Campanile Dana Berkowitz
Rubenstein	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Adam Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Chris Parker Irina Levitina Janice Molson
Watson	Will Watson, Capt Mark Aquino	Geeske Joel Selen Hotamisligil
Xu	Finn Kolesnik Amber Lin Anne Brenner Michael Xu, NPC	Kevin Rosenberg JoAnna Stansby Dave Caprera



"Mixed" Messages



Face-to-Face Schaumburg

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
<i>QUARTER-FINAL</i>			
THURSDAY	Oct. 14	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	Oct. 15	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 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SATURDAY	Oct. 16	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1</i>			
SUNDAY	Oct. 17	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 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
MONDAY	Oct. 18	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL</i>			
TUESDAY	Oct. 19	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 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
WEDNESDAY	Oct. 20	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			
THURSDAY	Oct. 21	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 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
FRIDAY	Oct. 22	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120



You answered Key Card wrong!! I didn't think I should let someone who couldn't count their aces and kings place the final contract!



The best part of online bridge? I don't need to shave and she can leave the curlers in her hair!

General Face-to-Face Tournament Information to Players

The USBF Board of Directors met earlier this week and confirmed:

1. Face-to-face play in Schaumburg will be with 2 players per room.
2. Players will not be required to get Covid tests, but will be provided with information about where they can be tested (in Woodfield Mall) if they want to be. Staff will be tested approximately once a week.
3. We will comply with the Illinois mask requirements, which currently require masks in public areas indoors. Our default will be for both players in the playing rooms to wear masks, but if the 2 players in a room agree on a different rule we will allow whatever they agree on, assuming that is in compliance with the Illinois requirements.
4. We will ask each player to sign a Covid-related waiver of liability form before they start play. Jan will be sending the text of the waiver to all of you in the next day or so, and will have printed forms in her office (room 1321) at the Hyatt for participants to sign.
5. Hospitality will be limited - "grab & go" breakfast and lunch will be distributed in our usual hospitality suite (room 2321), but everyone will have to go someplace else to eat. We will allow only 6 players in the suite at any one time. The suite will not be open for socializing at other times. We will have water, soft drinks, coffee and snacks in the Players' Break Room (1321), and there also, we will limit the number of people in the room at any one time. Eating in the Break Room is not allowed. Masks will be required in the hospitality suite and in the Players' Break Room.
6. There will be air purifiers in each playing room and in 1321 and 2321.

THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2021 MIXED USBC.

ROUND ROBIN KIBITZING ON REALBRIDGE KIBITZ SITE

To kibitz, go to **the RealBridge kibitzing website**, enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz.

After you select Kibitz 2021 Mixed USBC, you will be taken to a lobby with a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing reflects the team & players at the table + the board number and trick at that point. There is also information about the # of kibitzers and whether audio/video commentary is active (a picture of a TV means there is). Click table to kibitz.

You will see a hand diagram with the bidding and play as it happened.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen. Anyone can type chat into the chat window.

Above the chat window are two dropdowns for video commentary. If you want to hear someone who is commenting, select their name from one of the dropdowns. If two people are commenting **one from each dropdown**. The option "BROADCAST MY VIDEO" is for commentators - if you select this, your commentary will be available to anyone who wants to listen to you.

For more information, go to the RealBridge **help page for spectators**:

KIBITZ TIMES RR STAGE- ALL TIMES ARE EDT

SATURDAY, 9/25

Round 1: 1:00 pm

Round 2: 2:30 pm

Round 3: 4:00 pm

break

Round 4: 6:00 pm

Round 5: 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, 9/26

Round 1: 1:00 pm

Round 2: 2:30 pm

Round 3: 4:00 pm

break

Round 4: 6:00 pm

Round 5: 7:30 pm

Round 6: 8:30 pm

KO KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE-F2F PLAY IN SCHAUMBURG

More information on page 7 of this Bulletin...

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Segment 1: 12:00 noon

Segment 2: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 6:00 pm

Segment 4: 8:00 pm

NEXT DAY

Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 8:00 pm

Segment 8: 10:15 pm

**For Health Reasons:
There will be
NO LIVE Kibitzing
during any stage
of the event!**



It's time to watch
The experts play.
I could do this
Night and day!

What they'll do
I wait and see...
Though sometimes
I do not agree!

But why they did it
At their turn
Has helped my game
When I discern!

KO KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. The stream is delayed; go to the schedule (Page 6) for starting times for each segment.

Popcorn time! Do you want to listen to commentary? Search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentary. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

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 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! When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do and see whether your chosen player agrees.

More Information: Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you the scoresheet, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

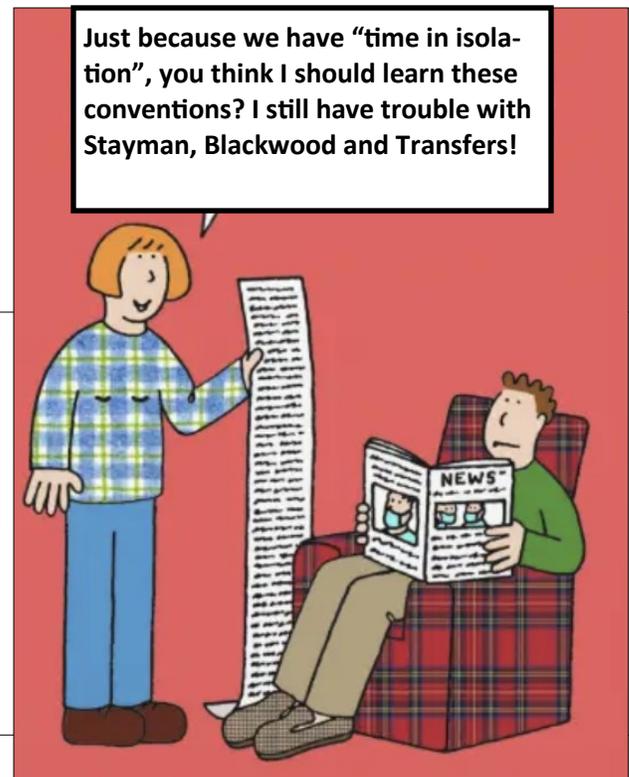
Navigation icons: while surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue where you were.

Replay: After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board then the same buttons move you through list. Push every button and enjoy!

For All Events (Open, Mixed, Seniors, Womens) F2F from Schaumburg, IL



Retirement will improve our bridge game. At 10 I am doing a PowerPoint presentation for you on "practice fitnesses!"



Just because we have "time in isolation", you think I should learn these conventions? I still have trouble with Stayman, Blackwood and Transfers!

VuGraph Munching Ideas!

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 1 cup almond creamer
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup ground flax seeds
- 1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon pure maple syrup, plus more for serving
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- Six 1/2-inch-thick slices of day-old sourdough bread
- Sliced bananas, for serving

Vegan French Toast

Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
In a medium bowl, whisk the almond creamer with the flour, ground flax, brown sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, salt and the 1 tablespoon of maple syrup until a thick batter forms. Let stand at room temperature for 10 minutes.
- **Step 2**
In a large nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil over moderate heat. Dip 2 slices of the bread in the batter, coating both sides and letting some of the excess batter drip off. Add to the skillet and cook, turning once, until golden brown, 5 to 6 minutes per side. Transfer the French toast to a platter and keep warm. Repeat with the remaining bread, batter and oil. Serve with maple syrup and sliced bananas.

(more recipes on page 9)



Love means never having to go to the partnership desk !



Can a human and her dog play in a "mixed" event?

Boursin Omelet

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon unsalted butter, divided
- 1 cup finely chopped yellow onion
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, divided, plus more to taste
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon garlic-and-herb spreadable cheese (such as Boursin), at room temperature
- 1/2 teaspoon thinly sliced fresh chives



Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Heat 1 tablespoon butter in an 8 1/2-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high. Add onion, and spread in an even layer. Cook, undisturbed, until onions begin to brown, about 4 minutes. Add 2 tablespoons water and 1/8 teaspoon salt; cook, stirring constantly, until onions are golden brown and softened, 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer onions to a bowl. Wipe skillet clean.
- **Step 2**
Using a fork, stir together eggs, cream, and remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt in a medium bowl until well combined, being careful not to incorporate too much air.
- **Step 3**
Heat same skillet over medium-high. Add 1 tablespoon butter (it should melt almost immediately); swirl to evenly coat bottom of skillet. Just as butter stops foaming but before it begins to brown, add egg mixture all at once. Cook, stirring constantly with a heatproof rubber spatula, until mixture thickens slightly into very soft scrambled eggs with thin ribbons of set curd running throughout, 10 to 20 seconds. Gently shake skillet to form an even sheet of eggs on bottom of skillet.
- **Step 4**
Reduce heat to low. Crumble cheese over eggs. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon caramelized onions in a straight line separating the upper third from the bottom two-thirds of omelet. (Reserve remaining onion for another use.) Cook omelet, undisturbed, until filling heats and cheese melts, about 1 minute. Using spatula and starting with upper third side, gently fold omelet over, just covering filling. Starting at top of folded side, roll up entire omelet. Turn off heat, and let stand 10 seconds. Transfer to a warm plate, and rub hot omelet with remaining 1 teaspoon butter. Sprinkle with chives, and add salt to taste. Serve immediately.

My doctor took one look at my gut and refused to believe that I work out. So I listed the exercises I do every day: jump to conclusions, climb the walls, drag my heels, push my luck, make mountains out of molehills, bend over backward, run around in circles, put my foot in my mouth, go over the edge, and beat around the bush.

We need a 12-step group for compulsive talkers. They could call it On Anon Anon. *Paula Poundstone*

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- ¾ cup buttermilk
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ¼ cup whole milk
- 1 large egg (separated)
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Pure maple syrup (for serving)

Light and Crispy Waffles

Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Preheat the oven to 200°. In a medium bowl, combine the flour, cornstarch, salt, baking powder and baking soda. In a glass measuring cup, blend the buttermilk, vegetable oil and milk. Beat in the egg yolk.
- **Step 2**
In a medium bowl, beat the egg white to soft peaks. Add the sugar and beat until firm and glossy. Beat in the vanilla.
- **Step 3**
Pour the liquid ingredients into the dry ingredients and whisk until just blended. Using a rubber spatula, gently fold in the beaten egg white until just incorporated.
- **Step 4**
Preheat an 8-inch square waffle iron and oil it lightly. Pour about 1 1/2 cups of the waffle batter into the preheated waffle iron and gently smooth the surface with a spatula. Bake for 4 minutes, or until browned and crisp. Transfer the waffles to the oven rack to keep warm and repeat with the remaining batter. Serve at once with maple syrup.

“What’s wrong, Bubba?” asked the pastor. “I need you to pray for my hearing,” said Bubba. The pastor put his hands on Bubba’s ears and prayed. When he was done, he asked, “So how’s your hearing?” “I don’t know,” said Bubba. “It isn’t until next Tuesday.”

Just found the worst page in the entire dictionary. What I saw was disgraceful, disgusting, dishonest, and disingenuous.

My neighbor is in the Guinness World Records. He has had 44 concussions. He lives very close. A stone’s throw away, in fact.

Where are average things manufactured? At the Satisfactory!

Pun-tificating!

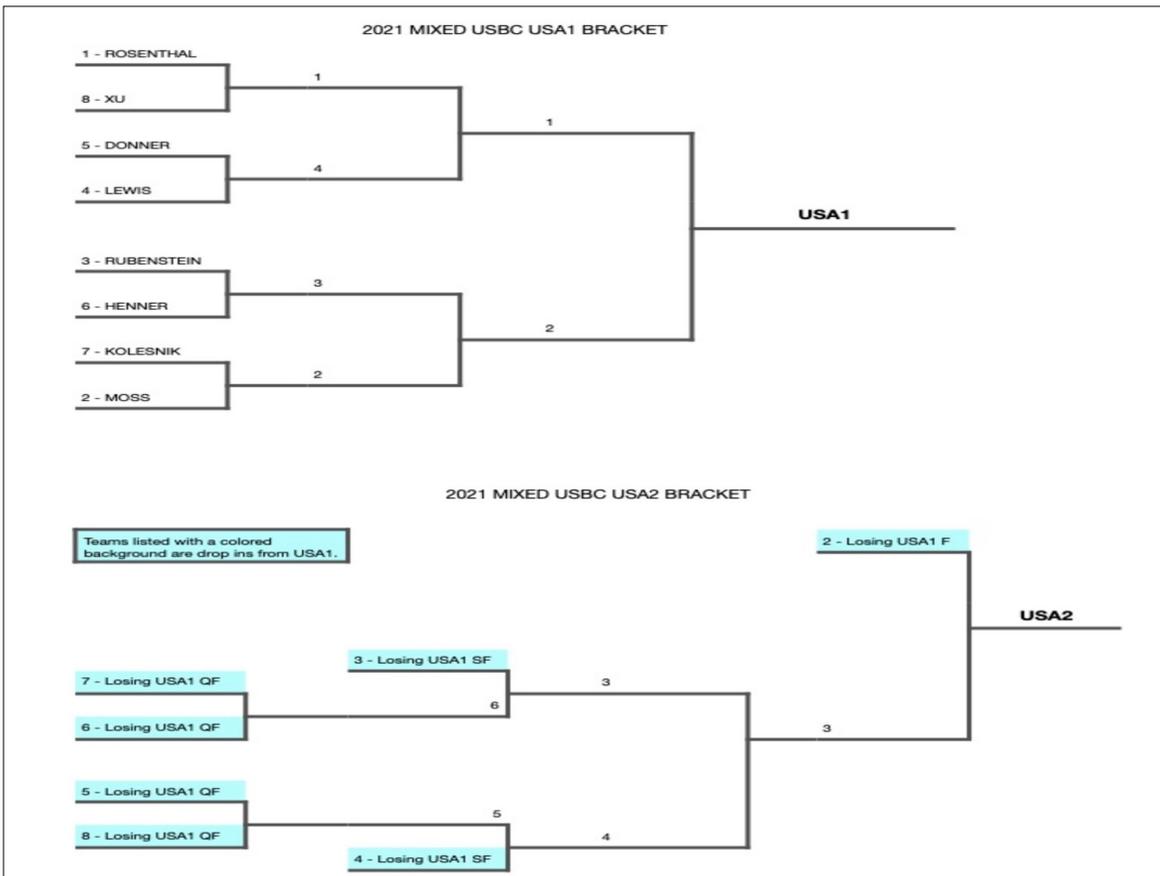
Paul and Linda Lewis were the only pair to reach slam on Board 59. Linda's 3C jump shift showed a variety of hands. 3D asked and 3NT showed 20+ balanced.

Onsgard led the DT and Hammond overtook with the DJ. If the spade suit split, Paul had eleven winners. Missing all the spots in the diamond suit, his twelfth winner would likely have to come from hearts or clubs.

Paul ducked the first trick to rectify the count. Hammond switched to the C9, won by the ace in dummy. Lewis ran five rounds of spades to produce this position:

Paul cashed the HA and led a diamond to dummy. Onsgard discarded the C7. Lewis cashed the DK and Onsgard was squeezed. Onsgard discarded the H8. Lewis cashed the CK and led a heart to his king and nine, taking twelve tricks. At the other table Chang/Gettleman stopped in 4S. 11 IMPs to Lewis

Two other declarers, Kit Woolsey and Lilly Justman, played in 3NT and took twelve tricks on the same squeeze line of play. Each of these declarers won 1 IMP for their skillful play.



**Get Ready
for
The Knockouts!**

Hospitality Information for Face-toFace in Schaumburg, IL

Because of Covid, we won't be able to provide the full, wonderful hospitality we have in the past, but we will do what we can.

Hosts Evvie Gilbert and Maya Alela for the Open and Women's and Julie Arbit and Christian Jolly for the Mixed and Seniors will be in our usual hospitality suite (Room 2321). They will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch each day, starting on Tuesday, Oct. 5th.

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and some hot options. Also individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. They will be making coffee and will have individual packages of sugar, sweetener, and dairy & non-dairy creamers. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. We are limiting access to 6 players at any one time, so we ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that to take with you as quickly as you can, and then go someplace else to eat. **Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be always worn in the Hospitality Suite.** There will be a hand sanitizer station near the door and we encourage you to sanitize your hands before choosing what to take.

Lunch: From 2-4 pm (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early). There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as individually packaged tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, and berries. Also all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

Let us know what you want: If there is a menu for a future day's lunch hanging on the wall outside the Hospitality Suite, please mark what you want, so we have a better idea of what to order.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room, we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit.

Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be always worn in the Player's Break Room, so you may not eat and drink in the room.



Julie Arbit



Christian
Jolly



Pard made a bid
I thought was funny
Turned out my pard
Was right on the money!

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

Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 18

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 16:

Treat	Day of the Week	Author	Book Title
Ice cream sundae	Wednesday	Todd Williams	The Bold Soldier
computer game	Thursday	Buster White	Captain Red
favorite dinner	Tuesday	Michael Keefe	Fight Night
sleepover	Friday	Beverly Sharp	Haunting Mason Manor
movie night	Monday	Isaac Smith	Toby's Revenge

I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

When people hear that my husband and I just celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary, they inevitably ask us the secret to our long, successful marriage. In response, my husband will smile sweetly, nod my way, and explain, "We both love me."

A husband and wife were dining at a 5-star restaurant. When their food arrived, the husband said: "Our food has arrived! Let's eat!" His wife reminded him: "Honey, you always say your prayers at home before your dinner!" Her husband replied: "That's at home, my dear. Here the chef knows how to cook..."

Puzzle Page ...

Oliver Twist

Find and circle all of the words and names from *Oliver Twist*.
The remaining letters spell the title of the first chapter of *Oliver Twist*.

D T R E A E E N I W D E B S R M S N E K C I D
L T A S L L I O Y G F L M T E H E L P U L A C
E R E G D O D L R L O D F R E K B W N R T H E
I R S A N E N I Y S L E R T S M I D O O H L S
F I E Y V E M D B A I A E O U M E S B S A T U
M B T E E W S E O H M K S B F R A Y R E O A R
A T A W I N R F C N C Y E D T E C N I M N O G
G S B G D N R R L O M S R A L R E T N A W C E
A Y Y S E O E O P E U A K R A O C L S Y F T O
B T E O B K C K C O M E G C A W N R W L F S N
R O L N D L C T H S R I K I I H A N O I U I A
E M R N R I A K O C R I N L S A T N L E D A N
T C A S P A R T O R T M L G D T I F L O S W C
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O I C U W H R E C E G N A F R M E A G G L I R
B T O L C T S I W T R E V I L O H U T M I S T
C L R L P I S T O L A S N C M O N K S E G N E
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BROWNLOW	GRIMWIG	MR. FANG	SURGEON
BULL'S-EYE	GRUEL	MRS. BEDWIN	TOBY CRACKIT
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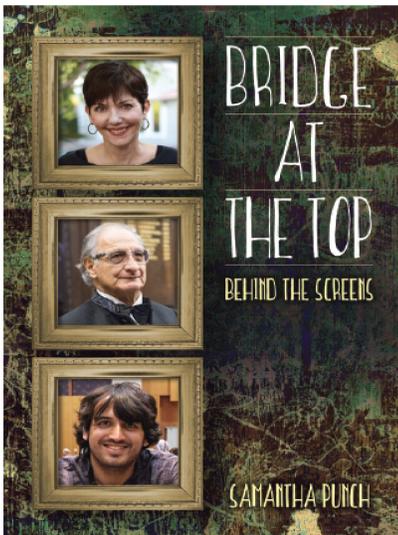
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Editor



Samantha

	Michael Keefe	Beverly Sharp	Isaac Smith	Buster White	Todd Williams	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	computer game	favorite dinner	ice cream sundae	movie night	sleepover
The Bold Soldier															
Captain Red															
Fright Night															
Haunting Mason Manor															
Toby's Revenge															
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Answers on page 13 Puzzle Mania...

Book Title	Author	Day of the Week	Treat

On the last day of school before summer break, the Junior High school gave each student in the 6th and 7th grade a reading list for required summer reading. Over the summer, each student had to read at least five books from the list. Jerry picked one hot week in July and read one book each day. To encourage his studious behavior, his mom rewarded him after he finished each book with a different treat. Determine the title (one was "Toby's Revenge") and author (one was Beverly Sharp) of each book he read, what day of the week he read each book, and what he got for a treat each day.

- Jerry read the book by Todd Williams after he read "Fright Night" but before the day his mom got him a new computer game.
- "Captain Red" wasn't read on Monday or Wednesday. On Tuesday, Jerry read "Fright Night".
- On Friday, since all his schoolwork was done, Jerry's mom let him invite some friends for a sleepover.
- The day Jerry read the book by Michael Keefe, his mother made his favorite dinner.
- Jerry read "Haunting Mason Manor", which wasn't written by Isaac Smith, two days after he got an ice cream sundae.
- "The Bold Soldier" was read the day before the book by Buster White but two days after the night Jerry got to go see a movie

Meet the Players...



John Hurd, born January 2,

John Hurd, also known as "Johnny" or "Jimmy", to distinguish him from his roommate and junior teammate, John Kranyak, was born on January 2nd, 1979. John was born and raised in Charleston, South Carolina. He learned bridge from his parents as did his brother Andy, who represented the United States in the World Junior Championships as a member of USA 2 in 2005.

John exhibited his talents from an early age and represented the United States on multiple junior teams, including winning gold medals in the 2001 and 2005 World Junior Championships. John's regular partner for the past 12 years has been Joel Wooldridge, with whom he has already achieved stunning success at the North American Bridge Championships and internationally.

John studied geology at the College of Charleston, and moved to New York City a couple of years later to become a full-time professional bridge player, where he and several others live in the infamous Murray Hill brownstone.

- BBO name: johnhurd
 - Lives in New York, NY
 - Born 01/02/1979
 - Favorite Convention: None
 - Regular Partner: Joel Wooldridge
- Hurd-Wooldridge Convention Card

John is playing in the MUSBC on the Moss team.



Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting in the Round Robin, it is especially challenging to review and write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please alert me by email at stansubeck@prodigy.net. Human interest stories, news or gossip are also welcome!! Thanks. Also, you might want to keep this issue handy. It contains all-purpose information on tournament format and kibitzing for both the online and F2F events. Thanks.



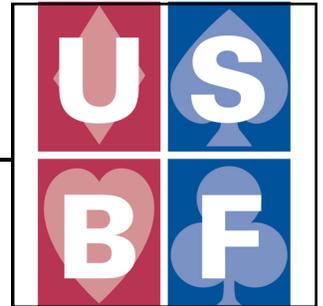
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**Answer to Sudokus 1 & 2
found on page 13**

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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My husband and I were daydreaming about what we would do if we won the lottery. I started: "I'd hire a cook so that I could just say, 'Hey, make me a sandwich!'" Thomas shook his head. "Not me. I already have one of those."

Marriage Counselor: So, what brings you here today?

Wife: He takes everything literally. I can't stand it.

Husband: My truck.



Covid Waiver

We are going to ask each player in these events to sign a COVID-19 Waiver of Claims. Jan will be sending it to you. You may sign it electronically and return it to her (jan@usbf.org), but you do not have to do so. Jan will have printed Waivers for you to sign in room 1321 starting Oct. 5th at 9:00 am. Before you start to play, you must sign the form. See below for actual waiver!

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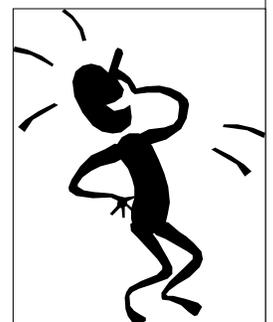
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Name (print) Signature Oct. ____, 2021

After a married couple’s long, arduous bridge career together, the wife suddenly drops dead.

The graveside service was simple and lovely. It had just ended when there was a frightening clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning accompanied by even louder thunder.

The little old man looked at the pastor and said calmly, “Don’t worry... she’s there!”



In Sunday's Bulletin on page 21, there is a write-up of Board 19 (see hand diagram on the left). This is the hand where the Woolseys took the theoretically-good advanced sacrifice against their opponents' vulnerable 6H slam.

The defense was accurate and 5DX was set five tricks for -1100.

As described in the article, this result produced an unfortunate 9 IMP loss for the Kolesnik team when the Woolsey's teammates stopped in 4H at the other table.

It's almost playoff time in baseball... and who better to quote than the always memorable Casey Stengel?

" It's DÉJÀ VU All Over Again."

In the last round of the event yesterday, Kit and Sally's teammates, sitting North/South, Mandala and Inn, did exactly the same thing the Woolseys did on Board 19 above, taking an advanced sacrifice in 5DX against Molson/Wooldridge's 6H slam on Board 89.

Mandala opened 1D with the North hand. Wooldridge doubled and Inn preempted 3D. Molson bid 3H and Mandala jumped to 5D, blocking E/W from scientifically bidding 6H. Wooldridge doubled.

Wooldridge led the HK and Molson followed with the HQ. Wooldridge led the H9 to Molson's HJ. Molson played the S3 through Mandala's king to Wooldridge's ace.

Wooldridge cashed the SQ and played a third spade trumped by dummy's DT and overruffed with Molson's DJ. Molson returned the C5. Declarer won the CA and later conceded the DA and a club trick. +1100 for the defense.

At the other table the Woolseys stopped in 4H making 680.

Once again, the Kolesnik squad was a 9 IMP loser... this time to Rubenstein.