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# Mixed QuarterFinal Results USA2

5	<a href="#">Lewis - wins tie</a>	232	36	51	42	10	40	37	16		
8	<a href="#">Xu</a>	156	39	8	37	31	22	6	13	wd	
6	<a href="#">Henner - wins tie</a>	240	44	41	54	9	8	59	9	19	-3
7	<a href="#">Kolesnik</a>	236	27	25	13	55	28	16	44	28	

# USA1

1	<a href="#">Rosenthal</a>	229	9	44	23	34	19	25	37	38	
4	<a href="#">Donner - wins tie</a>	192	31	2	46	27	28	18	9	31	
2	<a href="#">Moss</a>	277	47	34	38	49	48	34	27		
3	<a href="#">Rubenstein - wins tie</a>	203	21	58	33	4	14	55	18	wd	

Christian Jolly, Chris Wiegand, McKenzie Myers



How do you guys do such a good job with all that clutter?  
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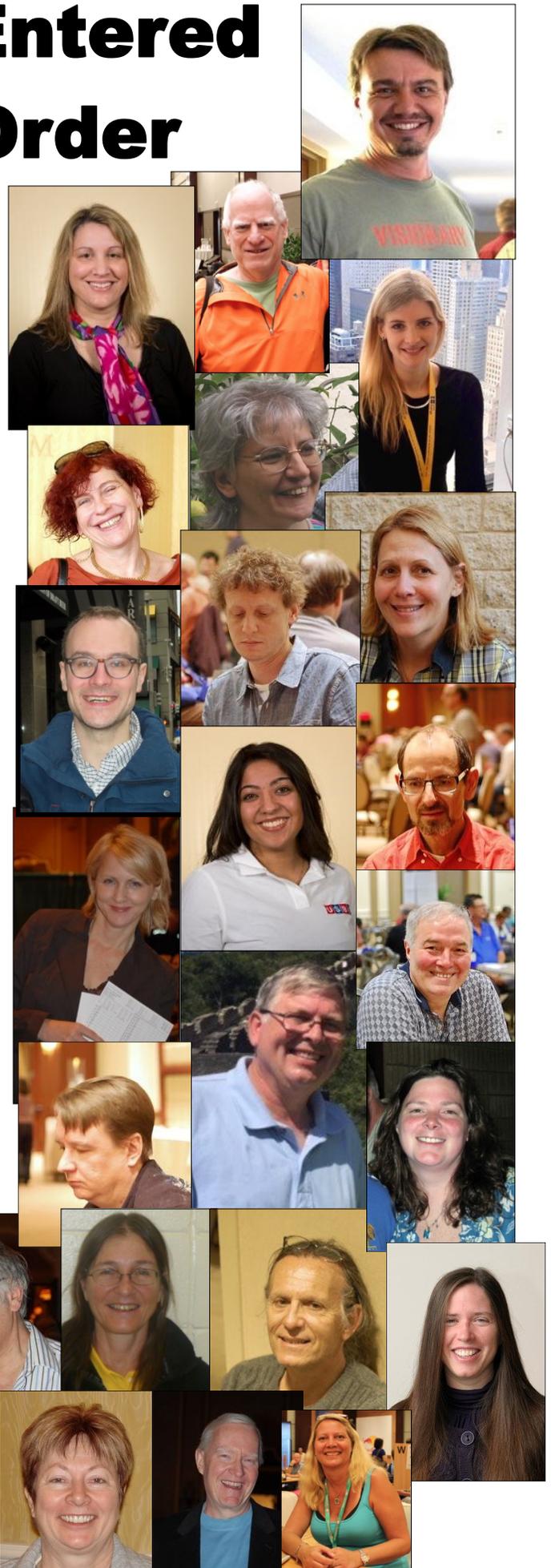
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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
“Trials” and Tribulations—Mixed USBC

# MUSBC Teams Entered

## Alphabetical Order

<b>Bauer</b>	Tracey Bauer, Capt John McAllister George Jacobs	Howard Parker Lilly Justman
<b>Donner</b>	Gary Donner, Capt Zachary Grossack Joe Grue	Sandra Rimstedt Giorgia Botta Anam Tebha
<b>Hammond</b>	Nicolas Hammond, Capt Jacqueline Chang	Kristen Onsgard Eric Gettleman
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<b>Hinze</b>	Greg Hinze, Capt Allison Howard [KO] Owen Lien	Kay Enfield Mike Cappelletti [KO] May Sakr
<b>Kolesnik</b>	Alex Kolesnik, Capt Cheryl Mandala Sally Woolsey	Lynne Feldman Yul Inn Kit Woolsey
<b>Lewis</b>	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Ljudmila Kamenova	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Ron Smith
<b>Moss</b>	Sylvia Moss, Capt Brad Moss [KO] Kevin Dwyer	Roger Lee Bronia Jenkins Jenny Wolpert [RR] John Hurd
<b>Rosenthal</b>	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Eldad Ginossar	Debbie Rosenberg Migry Campanile Dana Berkowitz
<b>Rubenstein</b>	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Adam Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Chris Parker Irina Levitina Janice Molson
<b>Watson</b>	Will Watson, Capt Mark Aquino	Geeske Joel Selen Hotamisligil
<b>Xu</b>	Finn Kolesnik Cynthia Huang (KO) Anne Brenner [KO] Karen McCallum Michael Xu, NPC	Kevin Rosenberg Dave Caprera [RR] JoAnna Stansby



# Face-to-Face Schaumburg I

## Tournament Schedule

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 &amp; USA2 STAGE 1</i>			
SUNDAY	OCT. 17	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
MONDAY	OCT. 18	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
TUESDAY	OCT. 19	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 20	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
THURSDAY	OCT. 21	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
FRIDAY	OCT. 22	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
SATURDAY	OCT. 23	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
SUNDAY	OCT. 24	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
MONDAY	OCT. 25	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
TUESDAY	OCT. 26	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 27	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
THURSDAY	OCT. 28	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
FRIDAY	OCT. 29	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
SATURDAY	OCT. 30	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
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
SUNDAY	OCT. 31	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
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Said about a bidding misunderstanding between East and West:

You're not completely useless, you can always serve as a bad example.

You don't need a parachute to go skydiving. You need a parachute to go skydiving twice.



## Hospitality Suite

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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'

**Breakfast:** From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and surprise treats. 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 worn in the Hospitality Suite at all times.** 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 worn in the Player's Break Room at all times, so you may not eat and drink in the room.**



Julie Arbit



Christian  
Jolly

A month of this  
Is quite a lot.  
But we keep giving  
All we've got!

# 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.

Working in a mirror factory  
is something I can totally  
see myself doing.

My friend gave me his Epi-Pen as  
he was dying.  
It seemed very important to him  
that I have it.

"What happened when the  
strawberry attempted to  
cross the road?"  
"There was a traffic jam!"

You can never lose a homing  
pigeon - if your homing pigeon  
doesn't come back, what you've  
lost is a pigeon.

What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?

A stamp!

## Riddle...



## KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. The stream is delayed; go to the schedule below 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 the match you choose, the other two having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can also personalize the content in all your windows. (The 2x2 view is not available on mobiles.)

### Think together!

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!

### KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Segment 1: 12:00 noon

Segment 2: 2:25 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:45 pm

Segment 4: 8:00 pm

NEXT DAY

Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:25 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 7:00 pm

Segment 8: 9:30 pm



*Ed. Note: See page 7 for the link to Tracey Bauer's video interview with Peter Talyigas at Love-Bridge explaining "How to Get the Most from Kibitzing on the site"*

## The Austin NABC will be held as scheduled.

After much consideration, the decision has been made to move forward for the [2021 Fall North American Bridge Championships](#) scheduled for Nov. 25-Dec. 5 in Austin.



While we are excited to bring players back to the bridge table, we will still approach the tournament with an abundance of caution. We will hold the event as carefully as possible to protect the health and safety of players, volunteers and staff. Because of this, meetings and other large social gatherings outside of gameplay will be very limited (details are available on the [Austin NABC website](#)). We hope to hold these events during NABCs in 2022.

**All NABC attendees, staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated to attend the Austin NABC and have face masks properly worn when present in the tournament areas.** We have procured VOW Digital Health to manage the verification process for vaccinations. Further details on all health and safety requirements are available on the Austin NABC page of our website

Please do not attend the Fall NABC if you are not prepared to follow the safety protocols. They are in place to protect all attendees, and no exceptions will be made.



In the Daily Bulletin from the Senior Online Championships on October 3, you may have seen the **In Memoriam** for Jeff Goldsmith. Jeff lost his battle with cancer last week.

Jeff's family has designated the **USBF Junior Fund**, a 501C(3) charity, for donations in his memory. Donations may be made through the USBF website (USBF.org) and will be properly acknowledged. This was a very kind gesture by Jeff and his family who recognized how important bridge was to Jeff.

### **ALERT!! PLAYERS WHO PLAYED IN SCHAUMBURG SO FAR...**

**Please return any styluses you may have in your possession. We need them for the Mixed and the Seniors! Thank you. No questions asked!!**

LoveBridge computes some interesting statistics on each player each day. Today you can see yesterday's statistics and tomorrow you can see the stats from today. To view, you must go to [https://stats.lovebridge.com/statistics/usbc\\_2285](https://stats.lovebridge.com/statistics/usbc_2285) and enter your username. Each player has an individual username and password. Anyone can view a complete set of stats by clicking the tournament link and selecting USBC Open All.

Your personal stats are only available when you're logged in.

Tracy Bauer put together a U-Tube video interview with Peter Talyigas at LoveBridge and if you are having trouble figuring out how to kibitz, please access the link below... it may help:

<https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1176199382>

One side note: The format is not supported on Google Chrome. It does work on Edge!!

## Mask Rules

Attendees are required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth in all public areas in the hotel. That means the hotel lobby, corridors, and elevators, as well as the **Hospitality Suite** and the **Office/Players' Break Room, where masks must be worn at all times. Therefore, there is no eating or drinking in those rooms.**

Our attorney has told us that the Cook County Mask Mandate forces us to require masks in the playing rooms. Therefore, we have adopted the following policy about that:

*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 in a segment, 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; however, 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 properly 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 present.*

In addition, anyone who is penalized more than twice (over the course of the entire event) in situations where his/her opponent was wearing a mask while s/he wasn'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.

## Covid Waiver

We are going to ask each player in these events to sign a COVID-19 Waiver of Claims. It is being sent to you by email and you may sign it electronically and return it to Jan ([marteljan@gmail.com](mailto:marteljan@gmail.com)) or you can sign a printed waiver at the site. Waivers will be available to sign in room 1321 starting Oct. 5th at 9:00 am. **Everyone is required to sign the form before the start of play!**

On a train, S, R, and J are the fireman, brakeman, and the engineer, but may NOT be in order. Also aboard the train are three businessmen who have the same names: a Mr. S, a Mr. R, and a Mr. J. Using the clues below, can you determine the identity of the Engineer?

- Mr. R lives in Dehradun.
- The brakeman lives exactly halfway between Noida and Dehradun.
- Mr. J earns exactly Rs. 4,00,000 per year.
- The brakeman's nearest neighbor, one of the passengers, earns exactly three times as much as the brakeman.
- S beats the fireman in badminton.
- The passenger whose name is the same as the brakeman's lives in Noida.

## Logic Puzzle

Name	City	Occupation	Earning
S	Noida	Engineer	
R	Dehradun	Fireman	
J	B/w Noida & Dehradun	Brakeman	
Mr. S	B/w Noida & Dehradun		
Mr. J	Noida		4,00,000
Mr. R	Dehradun		

(a) Mr. R lives in Dehradun and the brakeman's nearest neighbor earns exactly 3 times as much as the brakeman. Therefore, neither Mr. R nor Mr. J is the brakeman's nearest neighbor, so it must be Mr. S.

(b) S beats the fireman at badminton and the passenger whose name is the same as the brakeman's lives in Noida. Mr. R lives in Dehradun and Mr. S lives between Noida and Dehradun. Therefore, it must be Mr. J who lives in Noida and J is the brakeman.

(c) S is not the brakeman and he is not the fireman. He must be the engineer.

**Lynn Feldman** lives in Southern California and has played bridge since her junior year in college. Now that her kids are through college, she hopes to play more Regionals and up her game to a higher level.

Lynn is an Immigration attorney in practice with her son, Jason Feldman, an excellent bridge player in his own right. Lynn's daughter-in-law, Erin Feldman, daughter of Dick and Janice Anderson (bridge players from Canada), also plays.

Lynn has several adorable granddaughters and grandsons.

### **Bridge Information**

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*Favorite Bridge Memory*

Beating Katz and Cohen team in the Spingold

*Bridge Accomplishments*

4 national wins, 5 national seconds

*Regular Bridge Partners*

Sam Madison-Jammal, Kitty Cooper, Mark Perlmutter, Rick Roeder, Chris Benson

*Member of Bridge Club(s)*

Adventures in Bridge

*Favorite Tournaments*

Puerta Vallarta

*Favorite Conventions*

1Mm-2C (LR or better); 2D -- weak 2 in both majors with no more than a one card discrepancy

*BBO Username*

lfeldman

*ACBL Ranking*

Grand Life Master



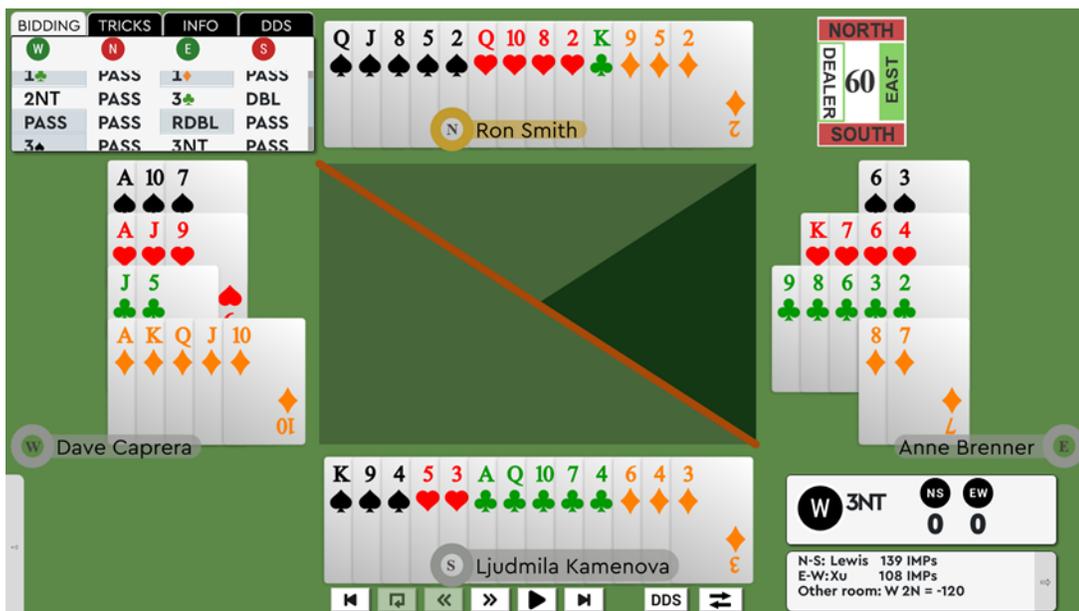
Lynne Feldman is an EB-5 immigration attorney at Feldman Feldman & Associates, located in San Diego, who has been practicing immigration law for more than 25 years. She has extensive experience with investment, business, and family-based immigration. Attorney Feldman has even taught immigration law as a professor at the University of Illinois and has published numerous articles pertaining to immigration law.

Attorney Feldman earned her undergraduate degree from Mills College and her law degree from the University of California Hastings College of the Law. She has practiced immigration law in California and Illinois since 1974. She has concentrated her practice solely on immigration law since 1990.

# Meet the Players

Lynn and son, Jason





In the 4th Segment of the Mixed on Sunday, in Lewis/Xu, Anne Brenner and Dave Caprera were the only pair to bid and make 3NT on Board 60. Most others stopped in a NT partscore.

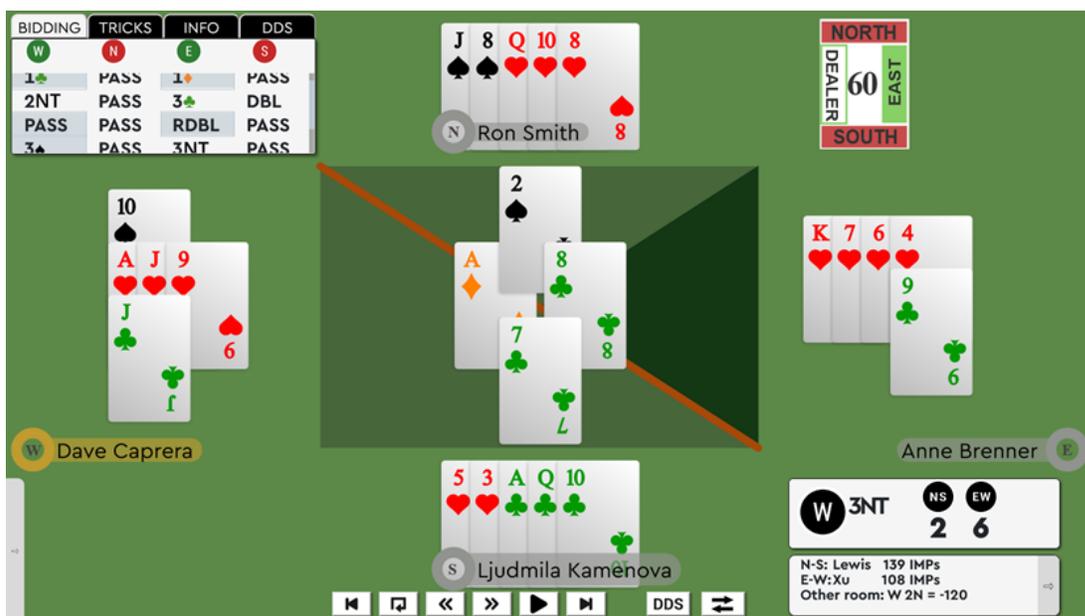
Caprera opened 1C strong; Brenner responded 1D negative; 2NT showed 21-23 HCP; 3C was Stayman; pass over 3CX denied a club stopper; XX was “transfer Stayman” and 3S denied a four card major.

Brenner placed the contract in 3NT.

Smith led the CK, which held the trick. He switched to the SQ which was also allowed to win. Smith continued with the S5. Kamenova played the SK and Caprera won the SA. Caprera cashed five rounds of diamonds on which Smith discarded a heart and a spade to produce this position:

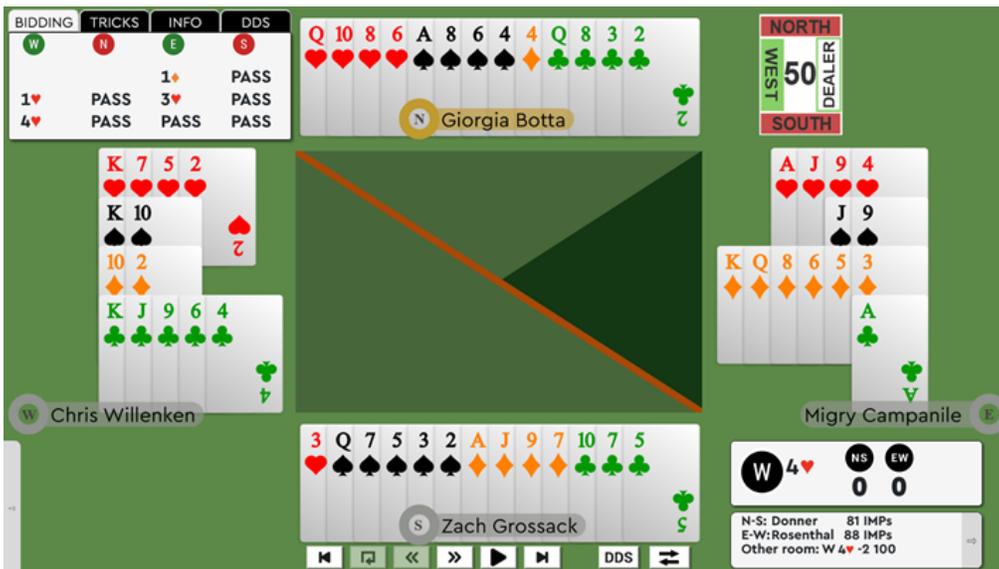
Caprera exited with the ST and Smith was endplayed. Caprera took nine tricks and scored +400, winning 7 IMPs, when, at the other table, Disa and Itabashi stopped in 2NT, collecting the obvious eight tricks, when a fourth best spade was led.

Smith can defeat the contract by continuing with the SJ at trick three. This will keep him off the endplay and will setup an entry to Kamenova’s hand, if Caprera wins the trick.



Perhaps Smith could have worked this out. Since Caprera denied a four card major, Smith knows that Kamenova has at least three spades. Caprera’s denial of a club stopper tells Smith that Kamenova’s club holding is strong. Kamenova must hold at least two or three high club honors with length in the suit. If Kamenova gets the lead, the defense will prevail, by taking two spades and three or more club tricks.

<https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/screen/usbc/2301?screen=replay&ns=26046&board=60&round=4>



In Sunday's Mixed events, every E/W pair played in 4H. Six declarers were defeated one or two tricks. One declarer succeeded when the defense erred. Only Chris Willenken (Rosenthal) found the foolproof line of play.

Botta led the C3, won by dummy's ace. Willenken had work to do in every suit. Rather than trying to cross to his hand to play a diamond toward the KQ, Willenken played the DK from dummy.

Zach Grossack won the ace and returned the C5. Willenken won the king. Botta followed with the deuce and Willenken discarded the S9 from dummy. Willenken played the DT, on which Botta discarded the S4. Willenken won the DQ and led the SJ from dummy. Grossack covered with the SQ. Willenken played the SK and Botta won the ace.

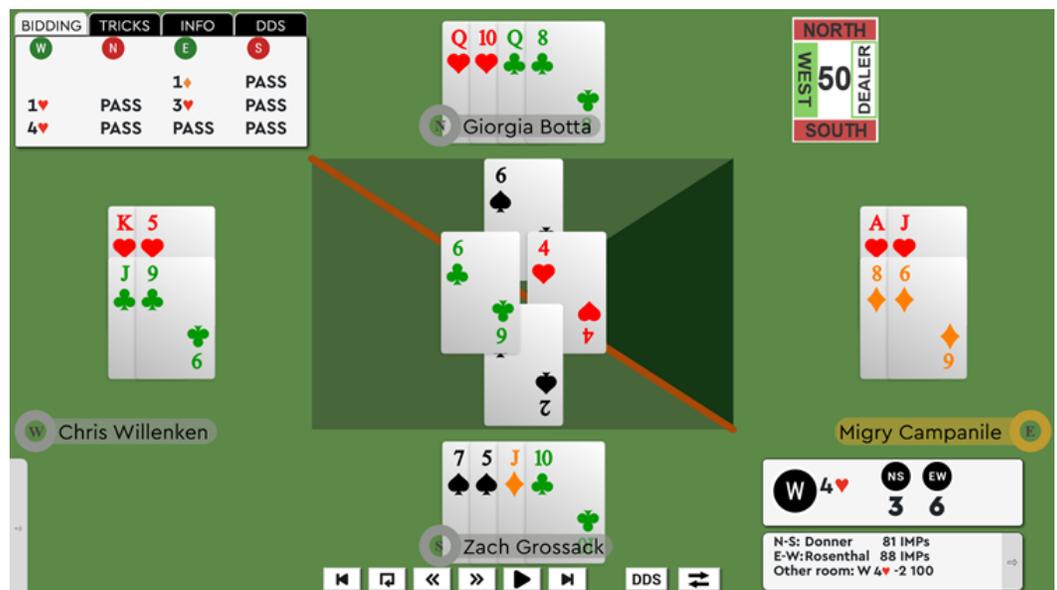
Botta exited with the S8. Grossack followed with the three and Willenken won the ten. By this time, Willenken had a pretty good count of the hand. If the opponent carding was honest (so far it had been), North was known to have started with four clubs, four spades and one diamond. This left her with four hearts. Also, the fact that Botta did not lead her singleton diamond might suggest that she holds long trumps. Willenken led the H2. Botta followed with the six and Willenken played dummy's H9!

Willenken led a diamond from dummy and trumped with the H7. Botta overruffed and returned the S6. Willenken trumped in dummy with the H4 and discarded the C6 from his hand. This was the four card end position:

Willenken led a diamond from dummy and trumped with the HK!

He led the H5 to dummy's jack, cashed the HA drawing the last trump and scored his tenth trick with the D8.

11 IMPs to Rosenthal when Grue/Tebha played 4H down two at the other table.



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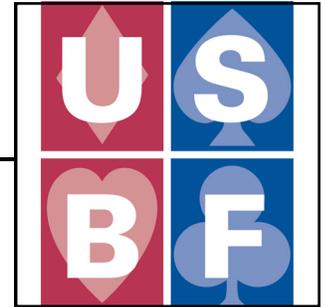


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6	8	7	2	1	9	5	3	4
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7	6	3	8	9	2	1	4	5
8	9	5	1	4	7	3	2	6
9	1	2	3	5	6	4	7	8
4	5	8	9	7	1	2	6	3
3	7	6	4	2	8	9	5	1

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

# Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1    Answer to Sudoku 2



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We hope you will join us.



Ask for aces  
In partner's hand.  
That way you'll know  
If you might make a GRAND!



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

# Hard Sudoku

**From the Editor:**

Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. While team lists and schedules will be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions, other information may not.

Thank you!!

Suzi

If you have a great hand or bridge news or gossip you think would be of interest to our readers, you can email me at [stansubeck@prodigy.net](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net)



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

## Answer to Puzzle on Page 15

Friday	father	anniversary	Montana	Gray	Walter
Saturday	friend	house warming	Texas	DeForest	Rick
Thursday	sister	birthday	Ohio	Barley	Heather
Wednesday	cousin	wedding	Washington	Fairview	Ellen
Day of Week	Relationship	Event	State	Last Name	First Name

## Sudoku Answers on page 13

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

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

Yesterday, Greg was very busy packing up some gifts to send out to family and friends. It was a busy month. He had a birthday, an anniversary, a wedding, and even a house warming to send gifts out for...and the events all took place in the same week! Because he moved away from his home area when he took his new job, he lived across the country from most of his family and friends now. As a result, he always tried to find something locally for each person to make each gift more personal and interesting. Determine the full name of each person he shipped a gift to, what state each lived in, what each event was, each person's relationship to Greg, and what day of the week each event was taking place (Wednesday through Saturday).

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

# Sports

Find and circle all of the Sports that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Vince Lombardi quotation.

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

ARCHERY  
 BADMINTON  
 BASEBALL  
 BASKETBALL  
 BILLIARDS  
 BOCCE  
 BOWLING  
 BOXING  
 CRICKET

CROQUET  
 CYCLING  
 DARTS  
 FENCING  
 FISHING  
 FOOTBALL  
 GOLF  
 HANDBALL  
 HOCKEY

JAI ALAI  
 LACROSSE  
 POLO  
 RACQUETBALL  
 RUGBY  
 RUNNING  
 SKATEBOARDING  
 SKATING  
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 SOFTBALL  
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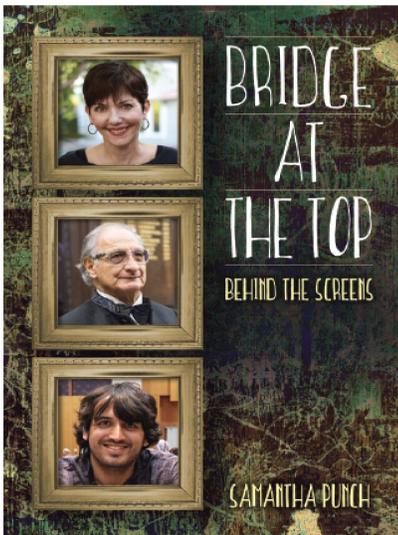
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Editor



Samantha

# Questions asked by Players in the Open and the Mixed... FAQ's from Jan Martel

## Chat

- **My physical keyboard isn't working!** Make sure to click/put focus into the chat box before attempting to type in the box. (The blinking cursor makes it seem as though focus is there, but it may not be.) This seems to only occur with an external keyboard, not the virtual keyboard.
- **What does that number on the left side mean?** You have unread chat message(s). Click on left gray arrow to open chat and right gray arrow to close the chat. (If you actually type and send a message, the chat will close automatically. Reopen with left gray arrow.)
- **Why can't I chat to my partner?** For security reasons, chat to partner is not available while cards for a new hand are on display. Since there is no "between round down time," there is no real partner chat.

## Bidding

- **The system won't let me pass!** If you have the level (1 through 7) highlighted, you will be unable to pass/double/redouble. Click on the highlighted numeral to remove the highlight, then make the desired call.
- **My explanation keeps disappearing!** If you alert your bid as you make it but go back later to explain, there is a bug in the system where subsequent table actions will erase any text that you have typed into the explanation box. If you include your explanation with your call or when it is your turn to act, then this will not occur. (We have reported this issue to LoveBridge.)
- **Where is the undo button?** While there is no undo button, every call made is followed by a brief cancellation time period. A cancel button will appear immediately below the call selected in the top center portion of the screen. If you cancel within the time period, your bidding panel will reappear for you to select the intended call. If you do not cancel within the time period, summon a director (hit red TD whistle) to request an undo.

## Play

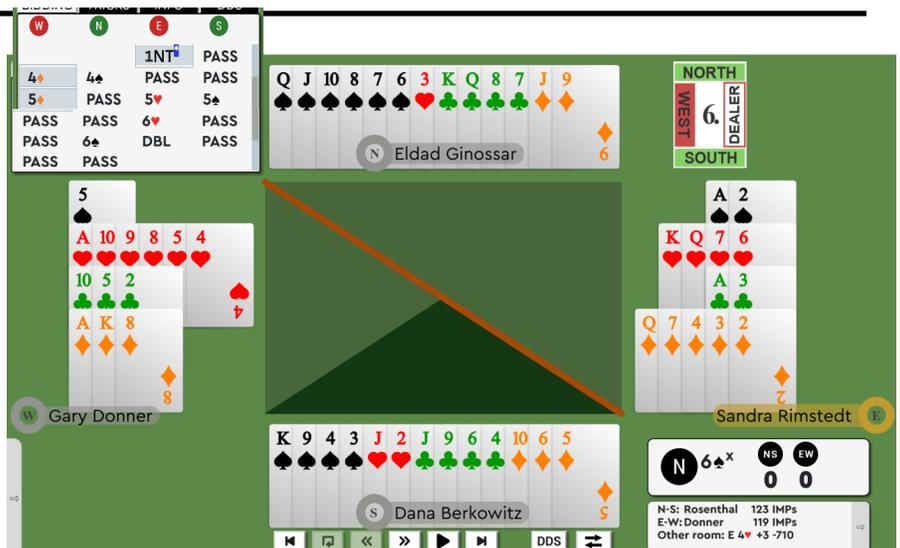
1. **Why can't I click on a card?** The default setting for LoveBridge is neither a tap/click nor a double tap/click. The default setting is a drag-and-drop motion where the player pulls a card to the gray box in the center of the screen and releases to play the card. If the "pulled" card is not the intended one, the player can drag it back to the hand and select another card. **We recommend this setting while players are getting accustomed to the system.** Players may change this setting to double tap/click if desired, but we strongly discourage single tap/click settings.
2. **Whose turn is it?** In the bidding or play of the hand, the player's direction letter (N S E W) will be white inside of the circle when it is the player's turn. This is a very subtle change from the normal pale blue letter.
3. **How do I claim?** During the play, you may click the larger red box below the TD whistle to claim. If the claim button is grayed out (not available), you either already contributed a card to the current trick or you are dummy.

**How do I see the bidding once play has started?** A player is not entitled to the entire auction once they have played to trick 1. If you have not yet played to trick one, the auction will be in the lower left corner. Click on it to enlarge to the center area. Click the double gray arrows in the bottom right of the center area to send it back to the corner. Similarly, this is how a player may see the cards from the previous trick (prior to playing to current trick).

Ginossar/Berkowitz faced all losing options on Board 6. Their teammates stopped in 4H cold for slam. Their opponents bid 6H.

Defending would have resulted in -1430. Dana and Eldad cut their losses, taking the save in 6S for -800. They had one spade, one heart, one club, and two diamonds to lose off the top at favorable vulnerability.

-800 was only a 3 IMP loss in a close match when their teammates took all the tricks in 4H for +710



40  
WEST  
NONE

♠ T 9 2  
♥ Q T 3  
♦ K 8 5  
♣ A Q 5 3

♠ A 8  
♥ A 8 6  
♦ Q 9 3 2  
♣ J 6 4 2

♠ K 7 3  
♥ K 2  
♦ A J T 7 6  
♣ T 9 8

♠ Q J 6 5 4  
♥ J 9 7 5 4  
♦ 4  
♣ K 7

Par: -400

	♠	♥	♦	♣	N
NS	4	3	7	7	4
EW	9	10	5	5	9

In both USA2 and USA1, only one pair found the cold 3NT on Board 40.

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	I	=	*	P
				NS	EW	Home	Visiting		
3	Lewis	Xu	USA2	Open	2N	E	♠5	+1	150
				Closed	4♥	S	♦Q	-3	150
4	Henner	Kolesnik		Open	3♦	E	♠Q	+1	130
				Closed	3N	E	♠5	=	400

1	Rosenthal	Donner	USA1	Open	3N	W	♠T	=	400
				Closed	3♦	W	♠9	+1	130
2	Moss	Rubenstein		Open	3♠	N	♣T	-1	50
				Closed	3♥	N	♦A	-1	50

Playing weak no-trumps, Doub, USA2, opened a 12-14 NT on his 11 count.

Inn showed the majors and Starr jumped to game.

With the DK in the pocket, nine tricks were easy.

7 IMPs to Henner

In USA1, Botta opened 1D showing 4+ diamonds. Zach Grossack responded 3C showing a game forcing diamond raise. Botta wisely signed off in 3NT and took her nine tricks!

7 IMPs to Donner

BIDDING	TRICKS	INFO	DDS
W	N	E	S
PASS	1♠	DBL	
RDBL	2♠	PASS	PASS
3♠	PASS	4♣	PASS
4♠	PASS	5♣	PASS
5♠	PASS	PASS	PASS

The key to Board 37 from the 7<sup>th</sup> segment of the Mixed event is to avoid 3NT.

At both tables of the Donner/Rosenthal USA1 Semifinal match, East opened 1D and South made a takeout double. West redoubled and North preempted 2S. This was passed around to West. Both West players bid 3S. When Migry Campanile held the East cards, she bid the obvious 4D. Her partner, Chris Willenken, cuebid 4S and Migry cooperated by cue-bidding 5C. Willenken bid 5D, which ended the auction.

A club lead will defeat 5D when North is able to win the DA, lead a spade to South and score a club ruff. This is a highly unlikely lead from South, holding the ace/king of spades. Joe Grue led the SA and continued spades. Migry won the spade continuation, drove out the DA and eventually took the heart finesse for eleven tricks, scoring +400.

At the other table in this match, Zach Grossack held the East cards. Zach opened 1D. Berkowitz doubled; Botta redoubled; Ginossar bid 2S and it passed back to Botta.

BIDDING	TRICKS	INFO	DDS
W	N	E	S
PASS	1♠	DBL	
RDBL	2♠	PASS	PASS
3♠	PASS	4♣	PASS
5♣	PASS	PASS	PASS

When Giorgia Botta cuebid 3S, Grossack got creative. Zach bid 4C, his good three card suit. Botta was unsure what Grossack was showing, but she had good support so she raised to 5C, which became the final contract.

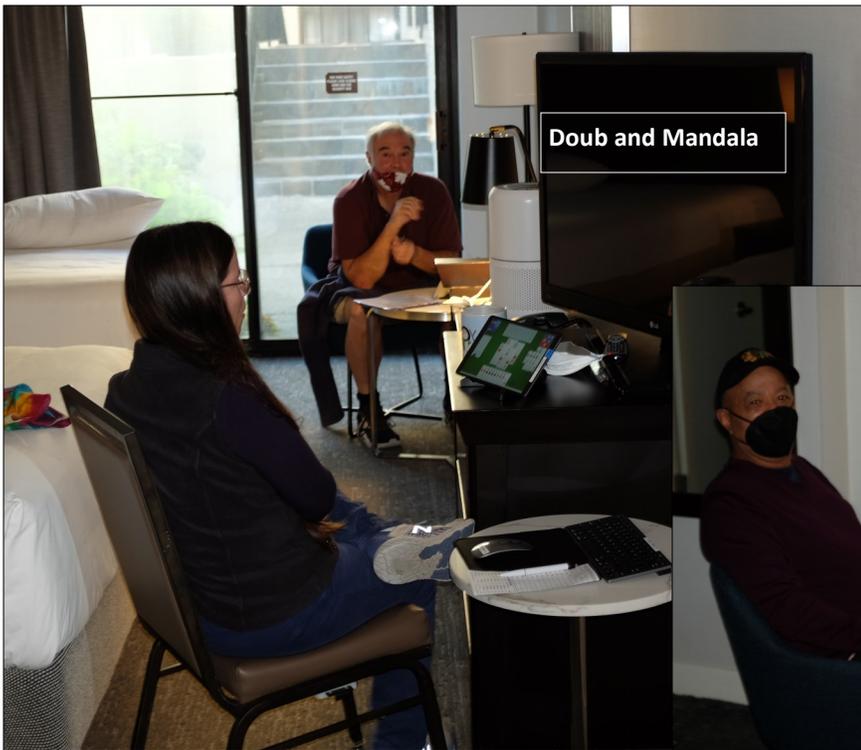
5C was doomed from the start. Dana Berkowitz led the SA and continued with the SK. Grossack trumped the spade in dummy and led a diamond to his queen.

Berkowitz trumped and played another spade. Grossack won the SJ and played the HJ.

Berkowitz covered and Grossack won the ace in dummy. Grossack led a club to the ace and played a diamond toward dummy. Ginossar won the DA and gave Berkowitz a diamond ruff.

Grossack claimed nine tricks for -100.

11 IMPs to Rosenthal



## Limey Jack...

Cheerio Colonials:

Limey Jack has been chock-a-block keeping you informed and putting some quid in your poke so you can have an extra pint at the corner pub.

In the USA1 final, it will be Rosenthal-Moss. Moss got a concession as predicted while Rosenthal nearly lost their entire lead and had to claw back. Moss has a decided advantage and becomes the first to reach the paddock.

In the USA2 we have 2 semi-final matches. It would be hard lines if Howie Dung even gets one of these right. He knows nowt, but worse is he doesn't know that he knows nowt.

Donner-Henner: Donner had to lose to get here while Henner had to win. Both are fair squads but Henner has a bit of the Queen's Guards in them and prevail.

Lewis-Rubenstein: Lewis has tonnes of experience and will be gutted and narked to lose this match. They have their eyes on a bigger prize.

Limey Jack will be back tomorrow as per but will catch a kip and be right as rain.

## Howie Doing...

Nothing here to surprise or to stun...

Rosenthal/Moss in USA1!

Rosenthal's ladies are strongest by far.

While Moss's guys are way over par!

Playing each other, how will they fare?

Depends on who gets the cards to declare!

If you want to go for the prized chicken dinner,  
Money's on Andrew to come out the winner!

Donner v Henner: Henner takes prize!

Score will be close, but New England will rise!

Lewis v Rubinstein: Rubinstein reigns.

Lewis goes home; Stewart remains!

A fight to the finish and finish we will.

Hoping the VuGraph will be quite a thrill!

Howie Doing... just grand!

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### Midday Two-Session Event Schedule

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|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>1:15 pm &amp; 4:45 pm ET</b> | <b>Golden Ghoul Gold Rush Pairs</b> (750/400/200)<br>No player may have more than 750 masterpoints |
| <b>1:15 pm &amp; 4:45 pm ET</b> | <b>Candy Corn Mid-Flight Pairs</b> (3000/1250)<br>No player may have more than 3000 masterpoints   |
| <b>1:15 pm &amp; 4:45 pm ET</b> | <b>Jack O' Lantern Top-Flight Pairs</b> (unlimited/4000)   |



## Daily Single-Session Events

Awards red points

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Events - \$15 per player, per session

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|--|---|
| <b>10:15 am, 1:30 pm,<br/>5:00 pm &amp; 8:00 pm ET</b> | <b>Great Pumpkin 499er Pairs</b> (500/300/100)<br>No player may have more than 500 masterpoints |
|--|---|

## Daily Side Games

Play in two sessions of the same series for a chance to win gold!

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Sessions - \$15 per player, per session



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| <b>10:15 am ET</b> | <b>Creaking Staircase Side Game Series</b><br>(unlimited/1500/500)      |
| <b>1:30 pm ET</b>  | <b>Rattling Chains Side Game Series</b><br>(unlimited/1500/500)         |
| <b>5:00 pm ET</b>  | <b>Flickering Lights Side Game Series</b><br>(unlimited/1500/500)       |
| <b>8:00 pm ET</b>  | <b>Howling Wind Side Game Series</b><br>(unlimited/1500/500)(No Sunday) |



Stratification for all events is by the average masterpoint holding of the pair. In any event with an upper masterpoint limit, neither player may exceed the limit for the event. Masterpoint awards for all single-session events are red points