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# Results... Round of 16 Day One

1	<a href="#">Nickell</a>	158	41	44	33	40				
16	<a href="#">Yang</a>	83	16	15	40	12				
2	<a href="#">Spector</a>	168	37	37	47	47				
15	<a href="#">Reynolds</a>	34	5	15	3	11				
3	<a href="#">Rosenthal</a>	170	7	49	63	51				
14	<a href="#">Dinkin</a>	81	15	32	16	18				
4	<a href="#">Fleisher</a>	136	41	23	54	18				
13	<a href="#">Tebha</a>	111	35	39	20	17				
5	<a href="#">Lebowitz</a>	123	48	24	40	11				
12	<a href="#">Simson</a>	123	23	32	31	37				
6	<a href="#">Moss</a>	151	19	35	41	56				
11	<a href="#">Stark</a>	106	38	14	54	0				

7	<a href="#">Jenkins</a>	97	18	39	27	13				
10	<a href="#">Beatty</a>	95	12	29	39	15				
8	<a href="#">Wildavsky</a>	70	9	26	26	9				
9	<a href="#">Kolesnik</a>	180	68	26	31	55				

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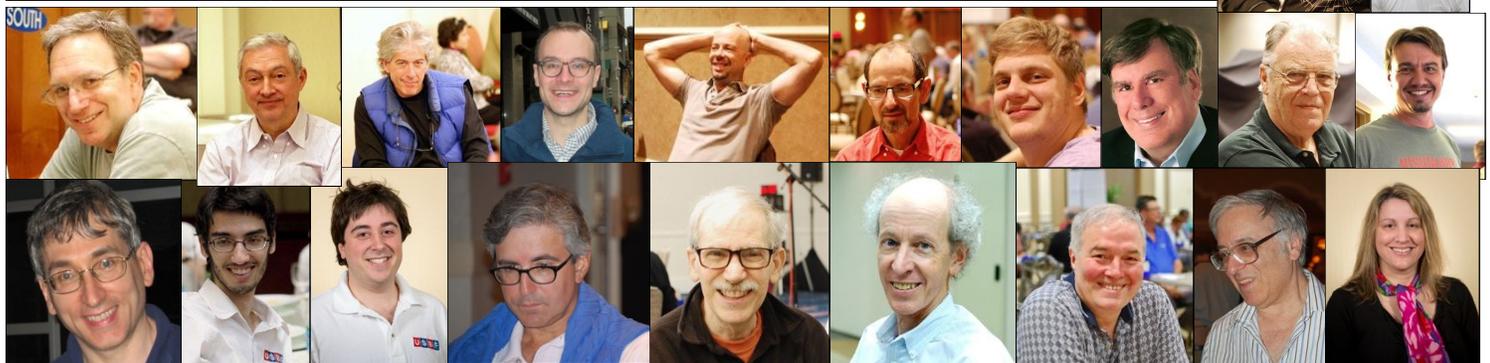
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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

# Teams Entered-Alphabetical

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Marc Jacobus	Fred Stewart Jeff Juster
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt George Jacobs	Michael Shuster Craig Gardner
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Bart Bramley	Chip Martel Brad Moss Kit Woolsey
Jenkins	Sheri Winestock Billy Cohen Ron Smith Bronia Jenkins, NPC	Josh Donn Gary Cohler
Kolesnik	Finn Kolesnik, Capt Jerry Stamatov	Ish DelMonte Kevin Rosenberg
Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zach Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Adam Grossack Michael Rosenberg David Grainger
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt Jeff Meckstroth Daniel Korbel	Roger Lee Eddie Wold Zia Mahmood
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Eric Greco
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola John Jones	Lance Kerr Bill Hall Claude Vogel
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Kevin Dwyer	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Shan Huang
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Glenn Milgrim Jiang Gu	Jeff Aker Barry Rigal Ai-Tai Lo
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt Vince Demuy Kevin Bathurst	Gavin Wolpert John Hurd John Kranyak
Stark	Andy Stark Alex Kolesnik, Capt Radu Nistor	Franco Baseggio Aaron Jones Iulian Rotaru
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Max Schireson John McAllister	Debbie Rosenberg Stewart Rubenstein Will Watson
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Peter Boyd Mark Lair	Doug Doub Steve Robinson Mike Passell
Yang	Tien-Chun Yang, Capt Hua Yang Jian-Jian Wang	Yanong Han Steve Chen Jun Shi



# Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
ROUND OF 16			
SUNDAY	MAY 15	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
MONDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:45 - 3:05	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		4:15 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:50 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
TUESDAY	MAY 17	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 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
QUARTERFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 18	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 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
THURSDAY	MAY 19	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 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
SEMIFINAL			
FRIDAY	MAY 20	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 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SATURDAY	MAY 21	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 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
FINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 22	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 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
MONDAY	MAY 23	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 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



**VACCINATION REQUIRED:**  
**All players in the 2022 Open USBC MUST be vaccinated against CoVid19.**  
**Players must submit proof of vaccination to the USBF Secretary (Jan Martel) before play commences in the event.**  
**There are no exceptions to this rule.**



# Hospitality Suite...

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

Hosts **Maya Alela** and **Marie-France Benoit** will be in our hospitality suite (Room 2321). They will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch each day, except that on Monday and Tuesday, lunch will be a buffet in the hotel restaurant.

**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. Maya & Marie-France 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:** Monday, from 2:30-5:00 and Tuesday from 2:00-4:30 there will be a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. You will need to show a convention card or SSF to prove you're with the bridge tournament. Please tell the hotel staff if you see someone who isn't one of us, since we are paying for each lunch. From Wednesday on, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite 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 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.

**AGAIN: 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.**



You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. (See Schedule Below)

### Popcorn time!

If you want to listen to commentary, search for the TV icon to choose from the available live commentary. If it doesn't respond, no one is commenting.

### Nail biting!

You can choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event and your screen will split into four small screens – two 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 your windows. (The 2x2 view is not available on mobile devices.)

### 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 player agrees.

### More Information:

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 to 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.

### 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 the list. Push every button and enjoy!

### KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)

On the first day of play, we added some time to the first segment to allow the players to get familiar with the tablets. Kibitzing times on May 16th will be:

Segment 1: 11:45 am

Segment 2: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 6:00 pm

Segment 4: 8:35 pm

For all other days, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:45 am

Segment 2: 2:10 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:30 pm

Segment 4: 7:55 pm



# Kibitzing...

**FIRST FLOOR**

**HOTEL ROOM NUMBERS - MONDAY-TUESDAY, 5/16-5/17**

TEAM	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	WEST
<b>1 - NICKELL</b>	1322	1326	1330	1210
<b>16- YANG</b>	1330	1210	1322	1326
<b>2 - SPECTOR</b>	1324	1328	1332	1208
<b>15 - REYNOLDS</b>	1332	1208	1324	1328
<b>3 - ROSENTHAL</b>	1317	1323	1214	1206
<b>14 - DINKIN</b>	1214	1206	1317	1323
<b>4 - FLEISHER</b>	1319	1325	1212	1204
<b>13 - TEBHA</b>	1212	1204	1319	1325

1334	1332	1330	1328	1326	1324	1322	1320	
1235	1325	1323	1321 Office	1319	1317			
1234	COURTYARD							
1233								
1232								
1231								
1230								
1229								
1227								
1225							1214	1212

**Playing Room Maps  
for the Round of 16**

**Seeding Info:** The teams in the USBC are seeded based on ACBL Performance Points, including masterpoints, but adjusted by removing any seeding points earned on a team with a player who has confessed to or been convicted of cheating. The seeding points for an individual player are capped at 70. Teams are seeded based on the average seeding points for the team. These are the teams and their seed positions. On May 7th, teams were shuffled in pairs to determine their bracket positions.

SEED	TEAM NAME	TEAM AVERAGE SEEDING POINTS
1	Nickell	67.25
2	Spector	46.79
3	Rosenthal	45.80
4	Fleisher	44.85
5	Moss	40.56
6	Lebowitz	32.34
7	Wildavsky	21.45
8	Jenkins	18.11
9	Kolesnik	15.94
10	Stewart	13.99
11	Simson	13.06
12	Stark	10.35
13	Dinkin	8.80
14	Tebha	7.91
15	Reynolds	7.83
16	Yang	5.43

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**SECOND FLOOR**

**HOTEL ROOM NUMBERS - MONDAY-TUESDAY, 5/16-5/17**

TEAM	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	WEST
<b>5 - LEBOWITZ</b>	2330	2233	2229	2225
<b>12 - SIMSON</b>	2229	2225	2330	2233
<b>6 - MOSS</b>	2332	2232	2228	2214
<b>11 - STARK</b>	2228	2214	2332	2232
<b>7 - JENKINS</b>	2235	2231	2227	2212
<b>10 - BEATTY</b>	2227	2212	2235	2231
<b>8 - WILDAVSKY</b>	2234	2230	2226	2210
<b>9 - KOLESNIK</b>	2226	2210	2234	2230

2334	2332	2330	2328	2326	2324	2322	2320	
2235	2325	2323	2321HOSPITALITY	2319	2317			
2234	COURTYARD							
2233								
2232								
2231								
2230								
2229								
2228								
2227								
2226								
2225	2214	2212	2210	2208				





In Wildavsky/Kolesnik & Fleisher/Tebha, East/West created major swings by bidding slam at one table.

Kolesnik/DelMonte auction:

W	N	E	S
1♥	P	1♠	P
3♥	P	4♣	P
4♥	P	4NT	P
5♦	P	6♥	P



Fleisher/Tebha auction:

W	N	E	S
1♥	2NT <sup>+</sup>	DBL <sup>+</sup>	3♦
4♥	P	5♣	P
5♦	P	6♥	P
P	P		

Both North players led the DA. Boyd followed with the D9 and Robinson continued diamonds. Kolesnik won the DK and discarded the SK to score +1430 and 14 IMPs when his teammates took the save in 5S X-2.

Moss followed with the DJ. Grue easily read this as a signal to shift to spades. He played the S5 to Moss's ace and the contract was defeated. Fleisher scored 13 IMPs when Woolsey/Bramley played 4H making five in the other room.

In discussion following the hand, one observer claimed they would double 6H to get a spade lead. That is not unreasonable holding the AQ.

Moss made an easier-to-read play with the DJ in his match than Boyd did with the D9 in his. And, in fairness, Grue might have shifted to spades no matter what diamond Moss played as his only chance for defeat looking at dummy. Since South had freely bid 3D, he could not hold a diamond singleton. It was tougher for Robinson whose opponents had gone through an ace asking sequence. It was impossible for Steve to imagine DelMonte jumping to slam after finding out he was off two aces. He might have continued diamonds no matter what Boyd played hoping to defeat the hand with a diamond ruff!

Had Robinson taken a call of either 2D or unusual NT over 1H, it might have made the defense easier when Boyd either doubled a diamond cue or showed a preference for diamonds.

7 SOUTH ALL

♠ J T 8  
♥ 7 6 4  
♦ A 6 4 3  
♣ 9 8 7

♠ K Q 6 5 4 2  
♥ A K  
♦ J 9 8 2  
♣ 5

♠ A 7 3  
♥ Q T 9 5 3  
♦  
♣ A K Q J T

♠ 9  
♥ J 8 2  
♦ K Q T 7 5  
♣ 6 4 3 2

Par: -2210

NS	0	5	0	0	N
EW	13	0	13	13	0

Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	I	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Nickell	Yang	Open	7♣	W	♦A	=		2210		
		Closed	7♣	W	♠8	=		2210		
Wildavsky	Kolesnik	Open	7♣	W	♦4	=		2210		13
		Closed	6♣	W	♦4	+1		1460		
Lebowitz	Simson	Open	7♣	W	♦4	=		2210		
		Closed	7♣	W	♠8	=		2210		
Fleisher	Tebha	Open	7♣	W	♠T	=		2210		20
		Closed	5N	W	♦3	-1	100			
Rosenthal	Dinkin	Open	6♣	W	♥4	+1		1460		
		Closed	6♣	W	♠T	+1		1460		
Moss	Stark	Open	7♣	W	♦A	=		2210		13
		Closed	6♣	W	♦A	+1		1460		
Jenkins	Beatty	Open	7♣	W	♦A	=		2210		
		Closed	7♣	W	♦A	=		2210		
Spector	Reynolds	Open	6♣	W	♦A	+1		1460		13

On Board 7, Yang/Nickell and Jenkins/Beatty swung no IMPs with all tables bidding and making the spade grand. In Wildavsky/Kolesnik and Moss/Stark there were 13 IMP swings when only one table reached the spade grand while the other played the small slam.

It isn't often we see a 20 IMP swing, however, the wheels came off the bus in Fleisher/Tebha where Woolsey/Bramley missed slam entirely. Apparently, there was a misunderstanding over a relay response:

W	N	E	S
			P
1♠	P	2♣	P
2♦	P	2♥	P
2NT	P	3♣	P
3NT	P	4♣	P
4♠	P	4NT	P
5♦	P	5NT	P
P	P		

- 2C=GF relay
- 2D=some 4 card suit
- 2H=relay
- 2NT=4 diamonds
- 3C=relay
- 3NT=6-2-4-1
- 4C=control asking
- 4S=4 controls
- 4NT=which controls?
- 5D=SK and NOT the DA or DK
- 5NT= to play

Apparently Bramley thought 5D showed the SK and no heart ace or king making 5NT the exact right place to play. In recent events, Bramley/Woolsey have consistently used this system to reach winning slams that have been missed by their opponents. Sometimes an accident just happens!

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

Sudoku 1

A mathematician wanders home at 3 am and proceeds to get an earful from his wife:

“You’re LATE!” she screams. “You said you’d be home by 11:45!!!”

“Actually,” the mathematician replies coolly, “I said I’d be home by a quarter of 12!”

C, E-flat, and G walk into a bar.

The bartender shows them the door and says, “Sorry, we don’t serve minors here!”

Sign in a music shop:

Gone Chopin.

Bach in a minuet!

A photon is going through security at the airport. The TSA agent asks if they have any luggage...

“No,” says the photon. “I’m travelling light!”

The bartender says, “We don’t serve time travelers in here.”

A time traveler walks into a bar!

It’s hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs. They always take things literally.

How does a penguin build a house?  
Igloos it together!



# Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 16



**“God, how long is a million years?”**

**“To me, it’s about a minute.”**

**“God, how much is a million dollars?”**

**“To me, it’s a penny.”**

**“God, may I have a penny?”**

**“Wait a minute.”**

**René Descartes walks into a bar. The bartender says, “Would you like a beer?”**

**Descartes replies, “I think not” and Poof! He disappeared!**

**If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you’d be in Seine.**

**I finally decided to sell my vacuum cleaner.**

**All it was doing was gathering dust!**

**A German walks into a bar and asks for a martini. The bartender asks, “Dry?”**

**The German replies, “Nein, just one.”**

**How do mathematicians scold their children?**

**“If I’ve told you  $n$  times, I’ve told you  $n+1$  times ...”**

# Word Find...

## Songs From the Year 2000

Find and circle all of the songs from the year 2000 that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining 29 letters spell an additional song title from 2000.

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

AMAZED  
 AMERICAN PIE  
 BACK AT ONE  
 BACK HERE  
 BAG LADY  
 BE WITH YOU  
 BEAUTIFUL DAY  
 BENT  
 BREATHE  
 BROADWAY  
 BYE BYE BYE

CALIFORNICATION  
 DESERT ROSE  
 FADED  
 GIRL ON TV  
 HIGHER  
 HOT BOYZ  
 I LIKE IT  
 I NEED YOU  
 I TRY  
 I WANNA KNOW  
 I WISH

INCOMPLETE  
 JUMPIN JUMPIN'  
 KRYPTONITE  
 LUCKY  
 MARIA MARIA  
 MEET VIRGINIA  
 MINORITY  
 MOST GIRLS  
 MUSIC  
 NO MORE  
 OTHERSIDE

PINCH ME  
 SAY MY NAME  
 SEPARATED  
 SHE BANGS  
 SMOOTH  
 STAN  
 STRONGER  
 THERE YOU GO  
 TRY AGAIN  
 WIFEY  
 WONDERFUL



# Day One

## Cross IMPS

1.	Gavin Wolpert - Warren Spector	Spector	1.63	49.00	30
2.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Spector	1.49	65.54	44
3.	Joel Wooldridge - David Grainger	Lebowitz	1.47	44.13	30
4.	Kevin Dwyer - Shan Huang	Rosenthal	1.34	60.33	45
5.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	1.26	37.80	30
6.	Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein	Rosenthal	1.24	37.27	30
7.	Daniel Korbel - Zia Mahmood	Moss	1.05	47.20	45
8.	Kevin Rosenberg - Jerry Stamatov	Kolesnik	1.01	57.80	57
9.	Ish DelMonte - Finn Kolesnik	Kolesnik	0.96	57.55	60
10.	Glenn Milgrim - Barry Rigal	Simson	0.85	38.06	45
11.	John McAllister - Will Watson	Tebha	0.73	32.74	45
12.	Steve Weinstein - Bobby Levin	Nickell	0.56	16.93	30
13.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Fleisher	0.51	23.00	45
14.	Josh Donn - Ron Smith	Jenkins	0.50	14.98	30
15.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Spector	0.47	21.14	45
16.	Tien-Chun Yang - Yanong Han	Yang	0.40	12.07	30
17.	Alex Kolesnik - Aaron Jones	Stark	0.29	13.14	45
18.	Eddie Wold - Jeff Meckstroth	Moss	0.22	9.38	42
19.	Chris Willenken - Eldad Ginossar	Rosenthal	0.19	8.43	45
20.	Marty Fleisher - Chip Martel	Fleisher	0.16	4.80	30
21.	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	Lebowitz	0.13	5.39	43
22.	Gary Cohler - Billy Cohen	Jenkins	0.12	6.70	58
23.	Marc Jacobus - Jeff Juster	Beatty	0.09	5.69	60
24.	Max Schireson - Debbie Rosenberg	Tebha	-0.10	-4.18	44
25.	Steve Beatty - Fred Stewart	Beatty	-0.12	-6.70	58
26.	Joe Grue - Brad Moss	Fleisher	-0.21	-9.22	44
27.	Radu Nistor - Iulian Rotaru	Stark	-0.29	-12.38	42
28.	Doug Simson - Jeff Aker	Simson	-0.34	-14.65	43
29.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	-0.40	-12.07	30
30.	Lance Kerr - Tom Reynolds	Reynolds	-0.47	-21.14	45
31.	Jun Shi - Jian-Jian Wang	Yang	-0.56	-16.93	30
32.	Josh Donn - Sheri Winestock	Jenkins	-0.69	-20.67	30
33.	George Jacobs - Craig Gardner	Dinkin	-0.76	-45.73	60
34.	Roger Lee - Sylvia Moss	Moss	-0.78	-23.33	30
35.	Adam Grossack - Larry Lebowitz	Lebowitz	-0.85	-38.06	45
36.	Mike Passell - Mark Lair	Wildavsky	-0.85	-38.41	45
37.	Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd	Wildavsky	-0.85	-35.87	42
38.	Sam Dinkin - Michael Shuster	Dinkin	-1.00	-60.29	60
39.	Bill Hall - Joe Viola	Reynolds	-1.07	-48.33	45
40.	Andy Stark - Franco Baseggio	Stark	-1.13	-34.00	30
41.	Jiang Gu - Ai-Tai Lo	Simson	-1.16	-34.87	30
42.	Hua Yang - Steve Chen	Yang	-1.26	-37.80	30
43.	Doug Doub - Adam Wildavsky	Wildavsky	-1.37	-41.07	30
44.	Anam Tebha - Stewart Rubenstein	Tebha	-1.57	-47.13	30
45.	Claude Vogel - John Jones	Reynolds	-2.28	-66.21	29

		Ages										# in US					# in Other Countries				
		12	13	14	15	16	Battlefield	Grab It	Karate Master	Mystifying	Space Patrol	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Jeremy																					
Louis																					
Michael																					
Nathaniel																					
Steven																					
# in Other Countries	1																				
	2																				
	3																				
	4																				
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**Answer  
on Page 15**

# Logic Puzzle

Name	Age	Favorite Game	# in the US	# in Other Countries

Louise’s five sons love computer games and playing with their friends online. Each played with five to seven other boys and the great thing about the World Wide Web was that none of their gaming friends were within easy driving distance to them. Many of them even lived in other countries. Each of the boys had a favorite online game and a bunch of friends that they gamed with on a regular basis. Determine the name and age (12 to 16) of each son, the name of each one’s favorite online game, the number of each son’s friends that live in the US (from 1 to 5), and the number of each son’s friends that live in another country (from 1 to 5).

1. Michael was two years younger than the brother who loved “Battlefield”. Steven was two years younger than the brother with four US friends but he was only one year older than the brother with four friends in other countries.
2. The brother who loved “Karate Master” was a year older

3. Louis, who didn’t like “Grab It”, was fifteen and he had more than three gaming friends in the US. The brother who loved “Mystifying” had one more friend living in the US than outside the US.
4. The 12-year-old had two less US friends than Nathaniel but three more friends living outside the US than the brother who loved “Karate Master”.
5. Steven, who didn’t like “Space Patrol”, had the most friends in the US. The brother who loved “Grab It” played with four friends who lived outside the US.
6. One brother, who wasn’t Jeremy, played with five friends who lived in other countries and two friends who lived in the US. The 14-year-old, who wasn’t Nathaniel, loved “Space Patrol”

# Meet the Players



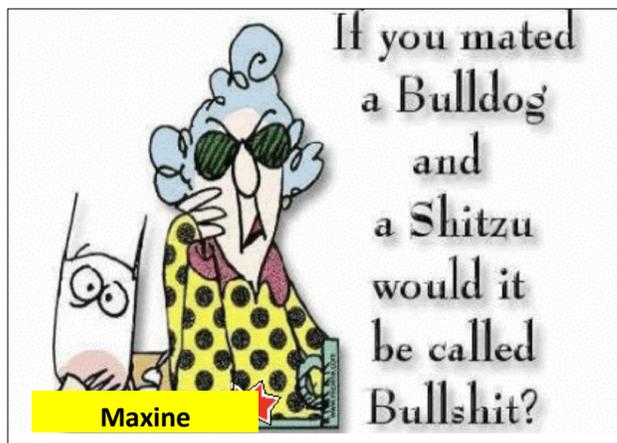
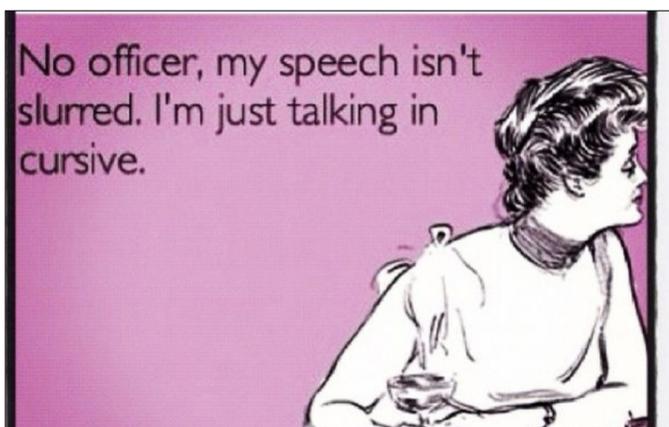
According to his Bridge Winners profile, **Tien-Chung Yang** received a PhD from Stanford University.

He is a member of ACBL District 6, encompassing Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia.

His favorite bridge memory involves making 3NT on a combined 18 HCP where his opponents were National Mixed Pair champions. The Mixed Pair needed to develop three more defensive tricks to defeat the contract and were unable to succeed.

Tien-Chung is an ACBL Gold Life Master.

He is the playing captain of the Yang team in this event. He and his teammates are new to USBF competition. We welcome them to Schaumburg and look forward to seeing them at many events in the future.



Maxine

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to write up hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stan-subeck@prodigy.net. I welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip as well!!

Thanks.

Suzi



## Answer to Puzzle on Page 14

Name	Age	Favorite Game	# in the US	# in Other Countries
Steven	13	Karate Master	5	1
Nathaniel	16	Battlefield	3	2
Michael	14	Space Patrol	2	5
Louis	15	Mystifying	4	3
Jeremy	12	Grab It	1	4

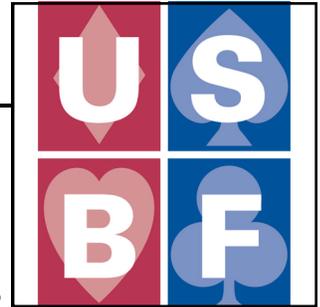
4	7	3	6	5	9	2	8	1
9	6	2	7	8	1	3	4	5
1	5	8	3	2	4	6	9	7
5	2	7	8	9	6	1	3	4
6	3	4	2	1	5	9	7	8
8	9	1	4	3	7	5	6	2
2	8	5	9	4	3	7	1	6
7	1	9	5	6	8	4	2	3
3	4	6	1	7	2	8	5	9

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

## Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



## 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.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and 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.

## In Case Your Partner's Bidding "Rubs" You Wrong... Massage, Anyone?



Ella, our wonderful massage therapist, will arrange to visit the Hyatt during the USBC between 10 am and 8 pm if scheduled.

Ella charges \$100 per hour, including tip.

If players wish to schedule a massage, please alert Jan Martel in the Breakroom and she will organize the times.

Ella has served the USBCs in the past and it has been much appreciated by players sitting on less than comfortable chairs during play.



Sabine Auken posted on FaceBook (Meta) yesterday:

“Things have been quite hectic lately. The pace of life definitely has picked up again in the after-lockdown era. But I was determined to take it easy today and enjoy the beautiful sunny morning with a cup of cappuccino on my sunny terrace. To my delight I discovered during my reading routine that today the 2022 OPEN USBC will start (for the uninitiated that is an event organized by the United States Bridge Federation to determine one of two teams to represent the United States in the 2023 Bridge World Championships). I rejoiced Tonight I would exchange my cappuccino with a glass of champagne and watch ingenious bids and plays by some of the world’s best players in an attempt to win the right to represent their country at the World Championship Luckily the whole thing will be online.

There also will be bulletins online reporting about the results and the exciting deals. The Pre-Bulletin is up already. <https://usbf.org/docs/Bulletins/OpenUSBC2022news0.pdf>. The morning was still early and the cappuccino was still hot, I read through the bulletin. A few lines down on the front page I read:

There are 16 (teams) entered so the entire event will be held face-to-face. Proof of vaccination is required.

I nodded sadly knowing that in light of this not all the best players will participate. At least bridge has found something in common with tennis now. I read on. A few lines further down:

A player who has tested positive for Covid-19 will be allowed to continue to play, but will be required to play in a separate room. Both the Covid-positive player and his or her screenmate will be recorded on video during play.

I spilled what was left of my cappuccino at this point. So someone that tested positive for Covid-19 and may be infectious, will be allowed to participate in the event, as long as they are vaccinated. On the other hand someone that is totally healthy, has no Covid symptoms and has provided a negative Covid-19 test result will not be allowed to participate, if they are not vaccinated.

What exactly could be the objective of such a policy? The possible answers that come to my mind make me very sad.”

## Editorial Response...

In order to be as socially responsible as possible, the USBF is maintaining the safest possible playing conditions at this event. Matches are being played on LoveBridge tablets with two players (screenmates) in each room.

A player who tests positive during the tournament is allowed to continue play **in isolation**. They will be in a room with a camera alone. They will not expose fellow players or staff and they will remain isolated until they test negative or until they are eliminated from the competition (local laws apply).

The objective of this policy is to keep the event intact without risking the health of the participants or staff.

Vaccination is scientifically proven to minimize spread and severity of the disease. There is nothing political in the USBF decision. It is meant to offer the best possible experience for everyone and our promise to uphold this policy made the decision to attend easier for some with underlying health conditions.



8  
WEST  
NONE

♠ K T  
♥ A K 7 5  
♦ Q T 4  
♣ Q J 6 3

♠ Q 7 6 5 4 2  
♥ 2  
♦ J 6 3  
♣ 8 7 4

♠ J 8 3  
♥ Q J 9 4 3  
♦ A 8 5  
♣ A 2

♠ A 9  
♥ T 8 6  
♦ K 9 7 2  
♣ K T 9 5

Par: 110

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	9	9	8	6	7
EW	3	3	5	7	3

On Board 8, eleven N/S pairs bid and made 3NT from North on a heart lead. If East leads a high heart on opening, they cannot later continue the suit from the honor/nine combination that remains.

Board	North	South	Contract	Result	Score	IMP		
1	Nickell	Yang	Open 3N	N	♠3	-2	100	11
			Closed 3N	N	♥J	+2	460	
2	Wildavsky	Kolesnik	Open 4♣	N	♠3	-1	50	10
			Closed 3N	N	♥4	+1	430	
3	Lebowitz	Simson	Open 3N	N	♥3	+1	430	11
			Closed 3N	N	♥Q	-2	100	
4	Fleisher	Tebha	Open 3♠	W	♥K	-2	100	6
			Closed 3N	N	♠3	-3	150	
5	Rosenthal	Dinkin	Open 3N	N	♥Q	+1	430	
			Closed 3N	N	♥J	+1	430	
6	Moss	Stark	Open 3N	N	♥Q	+1	430	1
			Closed 3N	N	♥J	+2	460	
7	Jenkins	Beatty	Open 3N	N	♥J	+1	430	
			Closed 3N	N	♥4	+1	430	
8	Spector	Reynolds	Open 3N	N	♥Q	=	400	1
			Closed 3N	N	♥J	+1	430	

If East leads a fourth best heart, declarer easily has a triple stopper.

And in either case, time to knock out both minor suit aces to score nine tricks.

In Nickell/Yang (N/Y) and Fleisher/Tebha (F/T), the West player opened a weak two spades (or its equivalent.)

Woolsey opened 2D multi in F/T and Bramley knew Kit's suit was spades. Bramley led a spade and defeated the contract.

Shi (N/Y) opened 2S and Wang, like Bramley, led his partner's suit defeating the game.

At the other table in both of these matches, West was silent and East led a heart!

After the heart lead, North won trick one and had time to knock out both minor suit aces to score their nine tricks.

11 IMPs to Yang

11 IMPs to Fleisher



4H was played 15 times on Board 9. Anam Tebha was the only declarer to take ten tricks.

Tebha opened a 14-16 NT. Her partner used Stayman and when she showed four hearts, he jumped to game.

At eleven tables, a club was led. At her table, Anam won the club in dummy with the queen and assessed the situation. She likely hoped to collect two diamonds, four clubs and four trump tricks. She played the heart deuce at trick two to the ace, felling the singleton king! She played a diamond to the ace and needed to play the C3 to legitimately succeed. She fell from grace and played the S5 to the king and ace. Moss won the ace and any spade or diamond would defeat the game... He played

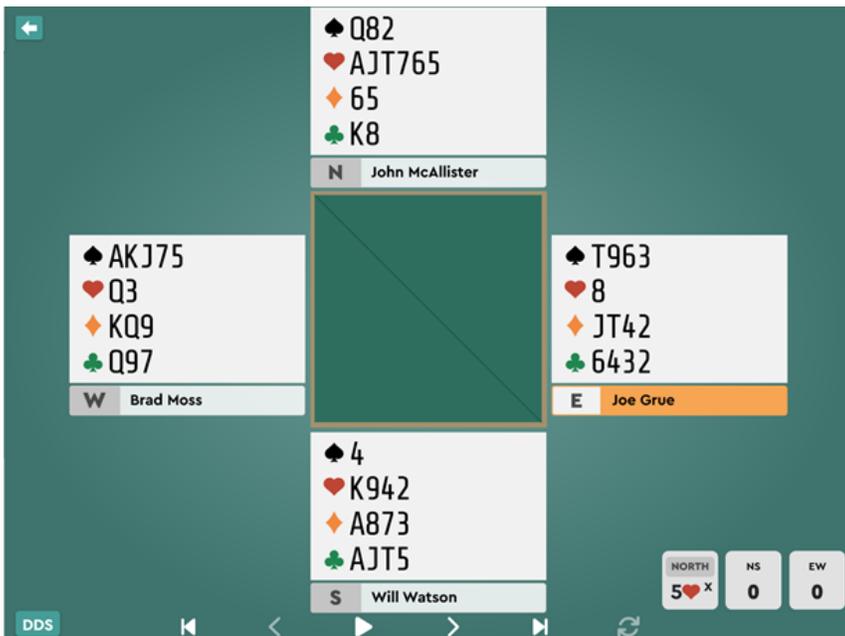
the D8. Tebha won the king and played the C3. Grue had to ruff with one of his small trumps to take four tricks. He pitched a diamond and Tebha was back on track. She won the club ace, cashed the club king, discarding a diamond from dummy while Grue ruffed... too late!

Grue played a heart. Anam won it. She ruffed a diamond in dummy, ruffed a spade in hand, ruffed a club with dummy's jack, ruffed another spade and conceded trick 13. Nice recovery, Anam!

# Board 9

1	Nickell	Yang		Open	4♥	W	♣7	-1	100
				Closed	4♥	E	♣J	-1	100
2	Wildavsky	Kolesnik		Open	4♥	W	♠Q	-1	100
				Closed	4♥	W	♣7	-2	200
3	Lebowitz	Simson		Open	4♥	E	♣J	-1	100
				Closed	4♥	E	♣J	-2	200
4	Fleisher	Tebha		Open	4♥	E	♣T	=	620
				Closed	4♥	W	♣7	-1	100
5	Rosenthal	Dinkin		Open	3N	E	♣J	-1	100
				Closed	4♥	W	♠Q	-1	100
6	Moss	Stark		Open	4♥	E	♣J	-1	100
				Closed	4♥	E	♣J	-1	100
7	Jenkins	Beatty		Open	4♥	W	♣7	-1	100
				Closed	4♥	W	♣7	-1	100
8	Spector	Reynolds		Open	4♥	W	♣7	-1	100
				Closed	4♥	W	♠Q	-1	100

The underdog Tebha team (#13) was holding its own against the #4 seed, Marty Fleisher. The score after two segments was 73-64 in Tebha's favor. Board 27 shows how unexpected swings can occur even against the best competition. Will Watson and John McCallister bid to 5HX with the well fitting N/S cards. Brad Moss's balanced 17 count was only able to take one trick!! Tebha scored +750.



The opening lead was a spade to the king and Moss switched to the DK. Declarer won the diamond, drew trump, cashed the CK, led a club to the ace and ruffed out the CQ for 12 tricks.

W	N	E	S
			1♦
1♠	2♥	2♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	P	P
DBL	P	P	P

At the other table, Debbie Rosenberg chose to overcall 1NT rather than bidding 1S. Fleisher doubled and Max Schireson redoubled for run-out. Rosenberg bid 2C as directed by the XX. This passed around to Martel, who doubled.

Perfect defense (e.g., a trump lead) would hold declarer to three tricks and N/S would score +1100. However, it's never easy to find perfect defense.

Fleisher led the D6 and down three was the best the defense could do. Martel won the DA, declarer unblocking the king. Martel switched to his singleton spade. Rosenberg won the SA and played the DQ and a diamond toward dummy. Fleisher trumped the diamond and tried the SQ... At this point, the best the defense could do is to defeat the contract two tricks! Martel was out of spades. He needed to ruff to collect the down two set, but he discarded a heart allowing declarer to score the SK and limit her eventual loss to only six tricks.

Rosenberg won and played the C9. North won and exited with a spade. South trumped with the CT and played a diamond to dummy's jack. A club was led from dummy. Martel won the CA and played a heart to North's ace. The HJ was trumped in dummy and declarer claimed seven tricks for down one and a twelve IMP win for the Tebha team.



W	N	E	S
			1♦
1NT	DBL	RDBL	P
2♣	P	P	DBL
P	P	P	



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