

# Results... Round of 16 Day Two

## Open USBC USA1 - 2022

Round of 16 (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
16-May-2022		The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.									
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Nickell</a>	278	41	44	33	40	11	54	44	11	
16	<a href="#">Yang</a>	213	16	15	40	12	66	6	34	24	
2	<a href="#">Spector</a>	273	37	37	47	47	56	49			
15	<a href="#">Reynolds</a>	83	5	15	3	11	38	11	WD		
3	<a href="#">Rosenthal</a>	266	7	49	63	51	41	26	29		
14	<a href="#">Dinkin</a>	147	15	32	16	18	11	16	39	WD	
4	<a href="#">Fleisher</a>	262	41	23	54	18	36	21	53	22	-6
13	<a href="#">Tebha</a>	243	35	39	20	17	47	36	19	30	
5	<a href="#">Lebowitz</a>	225	48	24	40	11	21	23	22	36	
12	<a href="#">Simson</a>	242	23	32	31	37	28	35	37	19	
6	<a href="#">Moss</a>	300	19	35	41	56	22	32	65	30	
11	<a href="#">Stark</a>	217	38	14	54	0	61	23	19	8	
7	<a href="#">Jenkins</a>	170	18	39	27	13	37	5	13	18	
10	<a href="#">Beatty</a>	233	12	29	39	15	28	21	51	38	
8	<a href="#">Wildavsky</a>	207	9	26	26	9	16	46	43	32	
9	<a href="#">Kolesnik</a>	310	68	26	31	55	39	22	26	43	

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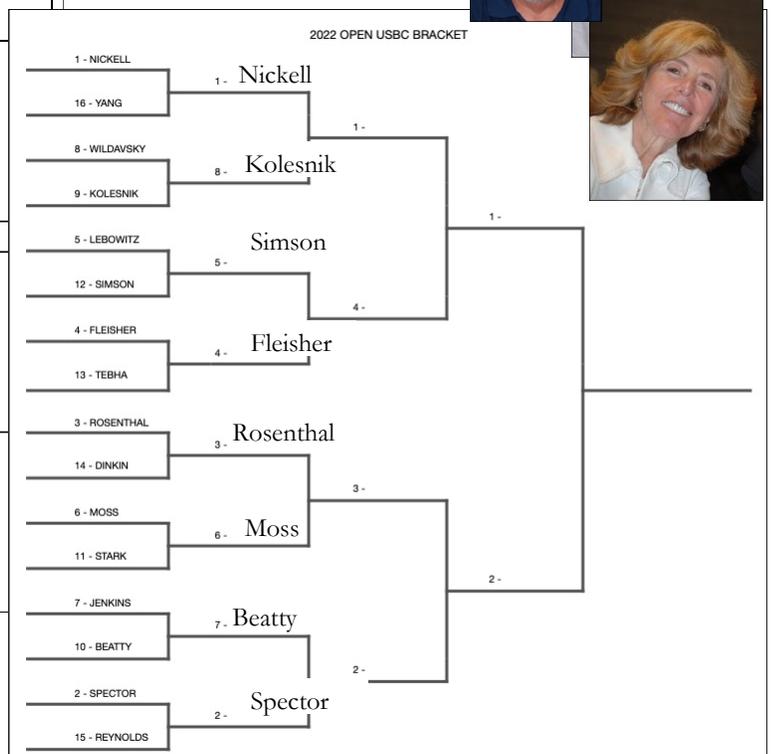
# Teams Entered-Alphabetical

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Marc Jacobus	Fred Stewart Jeff Juster
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt George Jacobs	Michael Shuster Craig Gardner
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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...**

Q. How much money does a pirate pay for corn? A. A buccaneer.

Don't interrupt someone working intently on a puzzle. Chances are, you'll hear some crosswords.

Q. Why was King Arthur's army too tired to fight? A. It had too many sleepless knights.

Yesterday, a clown held the door open for me. It was such a nice jester!

Shout out to the people who ask what the opposite of "in" is.

Want to hear something terrible? Paper. See? I told you it was tear-able.

I wanted to learn how to drive a stick shift, but I couldn't find a manual.

Q. How much room should you give fungi to grow? A. As mushroom as possible.

I had to clean out my spice rack and found everything was too old and had to be thrown out. – What a waste of thyme.

Did you hear the news about that Chinese restaurant that got vandalized? It was an act of wonton destruction.

I work in a paper factory, where my responsibilities are twofold.

Last week I called someone a watering hole but I meant well.

Thanks to autocorrect, 1 in 5 children will be getting a visit from Satan this Christmas.

Q: What do you call an iPhone that isn't kidding around? A: Dead Siri-ous

Q: Why was the cell phone wearing glasses? A: It lost its contacts.

You know you're texting too much when... ..you say LOL in real life, instead of just laughing.

Texting acronyms can stump even the best parents: Mom: Your great-aunt just passed away. LOL. Son: Why is that funny? Mom: It's not funny, David! What do you mean? Son: Mom, LOL means Laughing Out Loud. Mom: I thought it meant Lots of Love. I have to call everyone back. ~ Daughter: I got an A in Chemistry. Mom: WTF! Daughter: Mom, what do you think WTF means? Mom: Well That's Fantastic. ~ Mom: What do IDK, LY & TTYL mean? Son: I don't know, love you, talk to you later. Mom: OK, I will ask your sister.

**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

# Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure

## CAPITAL GRILLE -- SCHAUMBURG - SCHAUMBURG

The Capital Grille in Schaumburg maintains the sterling reputation of this international restaurant group, serving up superb steak, hand-cut by pros their in-house butcher shop.



As at other Capital Grille locations in Downers Grove, Rosemont and Lombard, the Schaumburg location of Capital Grille creates the right ambiance for enjoying exceptional red meat. The dining room combines casual comfort with elegant appointments, cushiony upholstered chairs, lots of wood and polished metal. The service is exactly what you'd expect: when you visit The Capital Grille in Schaumburg, you feel like you're special because you're treated like someone special.

After enjoying a beautifully crafted cocktail, you can start with Capital Grille favorites like clam chowder or lobster bisque, two classic soups, well made, setting the tone for what's to come. And what is to come is steak, like an eighteen-ounce bone-in dry-aged New York strip or a twenty-two-ounce bone-in dry-aged ribeye. Of course, there are other protein options like roasted chicken breasts with sherry jus and pan-seared seabass with miso butter.

If going casual is more of what you're in the mood for, there are a number of very satisfying sandwiches including a fried chicken sandwich with fries, as well as mini-tenderloin sliders. One salad you will most definitely want to consider is the mixed greens salad with sliced tenderloin: simple and fantastic.

To accompany your meal, enjoy a glass or a bottle from The Capital Grille's extensive and well-curated wine cellar, with selections "from nearly every wine-growing region on Earth."

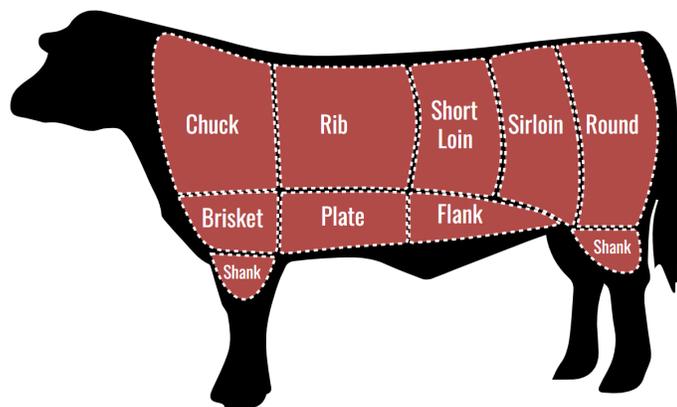
Sample Menu on Page 8

## Different Cuts of Beef for Steak

### The beef sections

What cut of steak is the best? Top prime steak connoisseurs agree that the taste, texture, and overall quality of a steak depends largely on the breed of cattle, cut of the beef and the journey that it went through including the aging.

And that's no bull!!



Prices

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without notice!

**Capital Grill continued from page 7**

**STARTERS**

(soups are 16 oz or 1 quart)

Shrimp Cocktail (5) 16

Clam Chowder 9 | 18

Lobster Bisque 12 | 24

Field Greens Salad 10

Caesar Salad 10

**SANDWICHES AND ENTRÉE SALADS**

The Capital Grille Cheeseburger with Fries 16

Mini Tenderloin Sliders (3) with Fries 18

Fried Chicken Sandwich with Fries 16

Dry Aged Sirloin Steak Caesar Salad 16

Mixed Greens Salad with Sliced Tenderloin 19

**ENTRÉES** 8 or 10 oz Filet Mignon 35 | 40

18 oz Bone-In Dry Aged NY Strip 43

22 oz Bone-In Prime Ribeye 46

Roasted Chicken Breasts with Sherry Jus 27

Pan-Seared Sea Bass with Miso Butter 39

**SIDES**

(large or small)

Sam's Mashed Potatoes 5 | 10

Creamed Spinach 5 | 10

Grilled Asparagus 5 | 10

Lobster Mac 'N' Cheese 8 | 16

**DESSERT**

Double Chocolate Chip Cookies (4) 10

**FAMILY STYLE DINNER**

(serves 4) **SALAD CHOICE**

(select one) Field Greens Salad

Caesar Salad

**ENTRÉE CHOICE**

(select one) Sliced Beef Tenderloin 150

Shrimp Scampi with White Wine and Garlic 140

Roasted Chicken Breasts with Sherry Jus 130

**SIDE CHOICE**

(select two) Sam's Mashed Potatoes

Creamed Spinach

Grilled Asparagus

**DESSERT** Double Chocolate Chip Cookies

**BUTCHER SHOPPE HAND-CARVED STEAKS**

Cut daily by our in-house butcher for cooking at home.

Custom sizes available upon request. 18 oz Bone-In Dry Aged NY Strip 35

8 or 10 oz Filet Mignon 25 | 30

22 oz Bone-In Prime Ribeye 40

8 oz Burgers (6) 45

**CAPITAL GRILL**

**SCHAUMBURG**

2000 E Golf Road

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Dinner 4:00PM - 9:00PM

Lounge Hours 11:30AM - 9:00PM

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**No Electronic Devices (except LoveBridge tablets)  
are permitted in the Playing Areas.**

**Severe, increasing penalties will be assessed.**

**The USBF reserves the right to wand  
anyone entering the playing field.**



## Why did the man name his dogs Rolex and Timex?

Because they were watch dogs.



Police arrested a bottle of water because it was wanted in three different states: solid, liquid, and gas.

What do you call a lazy kangaroo? Pouch potato.

Why is grass so dangerous? Because it's full of blades.

A couple of cups of yogurt walk into a country club. "We don't serve your kind here," the bartender says. "Why not?" one yogurt asks. "We're cultured."

A ham sandwich walks into a bar and orders a beer. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve food here."

A pirate walks into a bar with a paper towel on his head. The bartender says, "What's with the paper towel?" The pirate says, "Arrrr! I've got a Bounty on me head!"

A guy walks into a bar and there's a horse serving drinks. The horse asks, "What are you staring at? Haven't you ever seen a horse tending bar before?" The guy says, "It's not that. I just never thought the parrot would sell the place."

If you see a robbery at an Apple Store does that make you an iWitness?

What did the drummer call his twin daughters? Anna one, Anna two...

What's a bad wizard's favorite computer program? Spell-check.

I was just reminiscing about the beautiful herb garden I had when I was growing up. Good thymes.

I begin to read a horror novel in Braille. Something bad is about to happen, I can feel it.

My friend wants to become an archaeologist, but I'm trying to put him off. I'm convinced his life will be in ruins.

Why did the raisin go out with the prune? Because he couldn't find a date.

A steak pun is a rare medium done well.

## Why are goats from France more musical than ones from America?

They have French horns.



## Why do pandas save money printing photos?

Most of their pics are black and white.



	4						
		9				2	
2		5	9			1	
		1		3			
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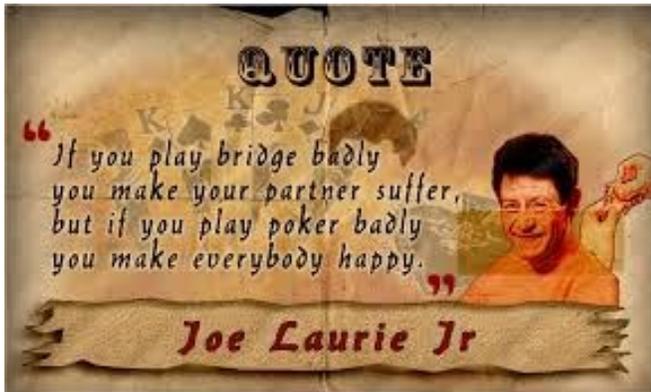
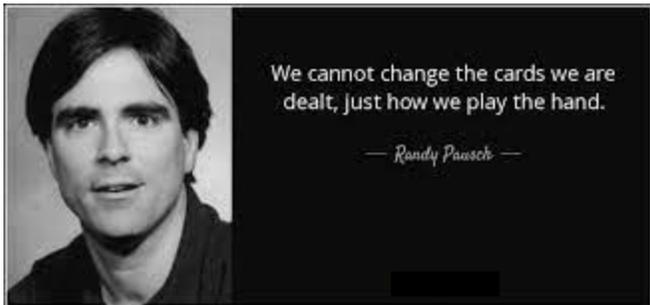
Sudoku 1

# 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



IT'S NOT WHETHER YOU  
WIN OR LOSE THAT  
COUNTS.  
IT'S WHETHER I WIN OR  
LOSE....



# Off and Running ... Day 2 Round of 16... Board 1...

Table	North	South	Contract	Score	IMP	Points
1	Nickell	Yang	Open 4♣ S ♥Q =	420		10
			Closed 3♣ S ♥Q -1		50	
2	Wildavsky	Kolesnik	Open 2♣ N ♥A +1	140		1
			Closed 3♣ S ♥Q =	110		
3	Lebowitz	Simson	Open 2♥ E ♦T -2	100		
			Closed 3♣ S ♥Q =	110		
4	Fleisher	Tebha	Open 2♣ S ♥Q +1	110		
			Closed 2♥ E ♦T -2	100		
5	Rosenthal	Dinkin	Open 3♣ S ♥Q =	110		
			Closed 3♣ S ♥Q =	110		
6	Moss	Stark	Open 2♣ S ♥Q +1	110		1
			Closed 3♣ N ♥A =	140		
7	Jenkins	Beatty	Open 4♣ N ♥K =	420		11
			Closed 4♣ S ♥Q -2		100	
8	Spector	Reynolds	Open 4♣ N ♥A =	420		11
			Closed 5♣ S ♥Q -3		150	

**North: Bobby Levin**  
 ♠ AQJ5  
 ♥ 8754  
 ♦ KT73  
 ♣ 6

**West: Jun Shi**  
 ♠ 764  
 ♥ QJ  
 ♦ 9842  
 ♣ K752

**South: Steve Weinstein**  
 ♠ T98  
 ♥ 92  
 ♦ AJ  
 ♣ AQJT93

**East: Jian-Jian Wang**  
 ♠ K32  
 ♥ AKT63  
 ♦ Q65  
 ♣ 84

SOUTH: 4♣ NS: 0

W	N	E	S
	P	1♥	2♣
P	2♥	P	3♠
P	4♠	P	P

Three pairs found the Moysian spade game on Board 1 for swings of 10 or 11 IMPs. Levin and Weinstein's auction is shown here.

Levin's 2H bid showed spades.

Shi led two rounds of hearts, the second overtaken by his partner, and hearts were continued. Weinstein ruffed with the ten and took the losing spade finesse. Wang continued spades and Weinstein cleared the trump suit.

A club to the ace followed and a ruffing finesse against the CK. Weinstein pitched dummy's losing heart when Shi ducked the first round of clubs and claimed when Shi covered the second.

Donn/Winestock in Beatty/Jenkins had the auction below to find the Moysian from North. 1D was Precision (nebulous). Jacobus started a high heart, and when Juster played the queen, Marc underled his top heart to Juster and got a diamond through, pickling Jacobus's queen. It was irrelevant since ten tricks were always available on the friendly lie of the cards.

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

**North: Josh Donn**  
 ♠ AQJ5  
 ♥ 8754  
 ♦ KT73  
 ♣ 6

**West: Jeff Juster**  
 ♠ 764  
 ♥ QJ  
 ♦ 9842  
 ♣ K752

**South: Sheri Winestock**  
 ♠ T98  
 ♥ 92  
 ♦ AJ  
 ♣ AQJT93

**East: Marc Jacobus**  
 ♠ K32  
 ♥ AKT63  
 ♦ Q65  
 ♣ 84

NORTH: 4♣ NS: 0 EW: 0

Good, aggressive bidding by these pairs as well as Kranyak/Demuy to reach the game on this hand!

# Word Find...

## The Raven

Find and circle all of the words from the poem "[The Raven](#)" that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an Edgar Allan Poe quotation.

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

ANGELS	DOOR	GRIM	NAPPING	QUOTH
BEAK	DREAMS	HEART	NEPENTHE	RADIANT
BEGUILING	DREARY	HORROR	NEVERMORE	RAPPING
BIRD	EBONY	LATTICE	OMINOUS	RAVEN
BLACK	ENTRANCE	LENORE	PALLAS	RUSTLING
BLEAK	EYES	LORE	PALLID	SHADOW
BURNING	FEATHER	MAIDEN	PERCHED	SHUTTER
BUST	FIEND	MELANCHOLY	PLACID	SOUL
CHAMBER	FLITTING	MIDNIGHT	PLUME	TAPPING
CROAKING	FLUTTER	MORTAL	PLUTONIAN	VISITOR
DARKNESS	FOWL	MYSTERY	PROPHET	WEARY
DECEMBER	GHASTLY	NAMELESS	QUAFF	WIND



# Day Two

## Cross IMPS

1.	Gavin Wolpert - Warren Spector	Spector	1.50	67.34	45
2.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Spector	1.43	86.00	60
3.	Kevin Dwyer - Shan Huang	Rosenthal	0.92	69.19	75
4.	Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein	Rosenthal	0.74	44.22	60
5.	Daniel Korbel - Zia Mahmood	Moss	0.67	60.63	90
6.	Eddie Wold - Jeff Meckstroth	Moss	0.66	59.50	90
7.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Spector	0.64	47.38	74
8.	Kevin Rosenberg - Jerry Stamatov	Kolesnik	0.62	74.27	120
9.	Joel Wooldridge - David Grainger	Lebowitz	0.49	43.09	88
10.	Marc Jacobus - Jeff Juster	Beatty	0.48	57.98	120
11.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	0.43	37.85	89
12.	John McAllister - Will Watson	Tebha	0.35	31.52	90
13.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Fleisher	0.27	24.21	90
14.	Glenn Milgrim - Barry Rigal	Simson	0.26	19.33	75
15.	Doug Simson - Jeff Aker	Simson	0.24	17.99	74
16.	Ish DelMonte - Finn Kolesnik	Kolesnik	0.24	29.15	120
17.	Jun Shi - Jian-Jian Wang	Yang	0.23	20.74	89
18.	Gary Cohler - Billy Cohen	Jenkins	0.16	19.19	118
19.	Max Schireson - Debbie Rosenberg	Tebha	0.14	10.01	74
20.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	0.14	8.49	59
21.	Tien-Chun Yang - Yanong Han	Yang	0.13	9.67	74
22.	Chris Willenken - Eldad Ginossar	Rosenthal	0.13	10.08	75
23.	Steve Weinstein - Bobby Levin	Nickell	0.10	9.24	89
24.	Steve Beatty - Fred Stewart	Beatty	0.07	8.27	118
25.	Mike Passell - Mark Lair	Wildavsky	0.03	2.02	75
26.	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	Lebowitz	-0.05	-4.39	90
27.	Marty Fleisher - Chip Martel	Fleisher	-0.16	-9.63	59
28.	Joe Grue - Brad Moss	Fleisher	-0.16	-14.08	90
29.	Radu Nistor - Iulian Rotaru	Stark	-0.17	-15.57	90
30.	Alex Kolesnik - Aaron Jones	Stark	-0.25	-18.76	75
31.	Jiang Gu - Ai-Tai Lo	Simson	-0.25	-22.41	88
32.	Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd	Wildavsky	-0.36	-32.70	90
33.	Lance Kerr - Tom Reynolds	Reynolds	-0.41	-24.51	60
34.	George Jacobs - Craig Gardner	Dinkin	-0.52	-54.60	105
35.	Anam Tebha - Stewart Rubenstein	Tebha	-0.56	-42.03	75
36.	Andy Stark - Franco Baseggio	Stark	-0.59	-44.00	75
37.	Josh Donn - Ron Smith	Jenkins	-0.59	-35.27	60
38.	Sam Dinkin - Michael Shuster	Dinkin	-0.66	-68.89	105
39.	Roger Lee - Sylvia Moss	Moss	-0.70	-41.80	60
40.	Josh Donn - Sheri Winestock	Jenkins	-0.84	-50.16	60
41.	Adam Grossack - Larry Lebowitz	Lebowitz	-0.91	-53.61	59
42.	Doug Doub - Adam Wildavsky	Wildavsky	-0.97	-72.74	75
43.	Hua Yang - Steve Chen	Yang	-1.16	-85.99	74
44.	Bill Hall - Joe Viola	Reynolds	-1.19	-89.34	75
45.	John Jones - Tom Reynolds	Reynolds	-1.63	-22.87	14
46.	Claude Vogel - John Jones	Reynolds	-2.13	-64.00	30

# Answer on Page 15

		First Names					Rooms					Cocktails									
		Grant	Leon	Phillip	Reagan	Reid	basement	bathroom	bedroom	dining room	kitchen	daiquiris	lime rickeys	margaritas	martinis	tequila sunrises					
Times	12 noon																				
	1:30pm																				
	4:00pm																				
	8:30pm																				
	11:00pm																				
Cocktails	daiquiris																				
	lime rickeys																				
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		11:00pm																			

- The person who arrived at 12 noon drinks martinis.
- The homeowner who is renovating their bathroom is not Phillip.
- Leon arrived later than the person who drinks lime rickeys.
- The person who arrived at 12 noon isn't renovating their bedroom.
- The person who drinks margaritas arrived later than the homeowner who is renovating their basement.
- The person who drinks lime rickeys is renovating their bathroom.
- Of Reid and Reagan, one arrived at 8:30pm and the other drinks martinis.
- The homeowner who is renovating their bedroom arrived earlier than Reid.
- The person who drinks tequila sunrises isn't renovating their kitchen.
- Either the person who arrived at 4:00pm or the person who arrived at 8:30pm is renovating their bathroom.
- The 5 people were the homeowner who is renovating their bathroom, Reid, the person who arrived at 12 noon, the person who drinks margaritas, and the homeowner who is renovating their kitchen.

# Logic Puzzle

# Meet the Players

**Joshua Samuel Donn** (born June 1, 1982 in Knoxville, Tennessee) is a multi national champion and a gold medal world junior champion in contract bridge. He is known as a bridge lecturer as well as author. He is the all-time leader of Richard Pavlicek's monthly polls that ran from 2000-2006 and had thousands of participants from over 90 countries. He currently resides in Las Vegas, Nevada with his daughter.

## Awards

Finalist, International Bridge Press Association "Yeh Bros. 2014 Best Bid Deal of the Year" for Josh Donn & Adam Kaplan in "Grand Bidding" by Sue Munday

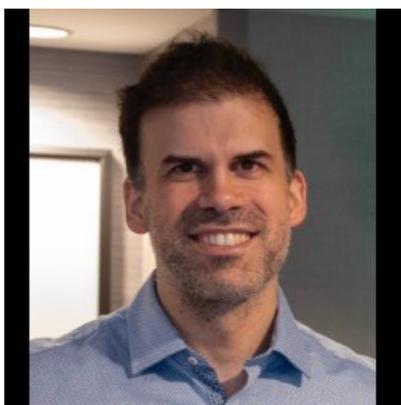
Finalist, International Bridge Press Association "2014 Master Point Press Book of the Year" for *More Breaking the Rules - Second-Hand Play* by Barry Rigal and Josh Donn

## Runners-up

NABC+ Mixed Swiss Teams 2016

In Josh's own words... "I have made my living exclusively from bridge since 2014. I have been a frequent contributor for Bridgebase Online and Bridge Winners. I currently have a column in the ACBL bulletin and work for BBO, but playing is my first love. I always treat my partners respectfully and try to get the best out of them."

Josh's mom and dad are also bridge players and have been active in local bridge administration in ACBL District 17.



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

11:00pm	Leon	Kitchen	Daquiris
8:30pm	Reid	Dining room	Tequila sunrises
4:00pm	Grant	Bathroom	Lime rickcys
1:30pm	Phillip	Bedroom	Margaritas
12 noon	Reagan	Basement	Martinis

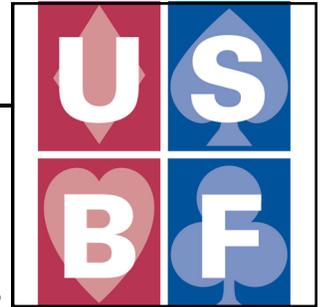
4	8	2	9	6	3	4
9	6	7	8	7	6	9
1	5	8	3	2	4	6
5	2	7	8	9	6	1
6	3	4	2	1	5	9
8	9	1	4	3	7	5
2	8	5	9	4	3	7
7	1	9	5	6	8	4
3	4	6	1	7	2	8

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

## 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.

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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.

2  
EAST  
N-S

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

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

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

♠ 9 7 4 2  
♥ Q 9 7 5  
♦ A Q 8  
♣ K 7

Par: 630

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	10	7	10	9	10
EW	2	5	2	4	2

1	Nickell	Yang	Open	1N	E	♥5	-2	100	
			Closed	2N	N	♠Q	+2	180	
2	Wildavsky	Kolesnik	Open	3N	N	♥2	+1	630	12
			Closed	Passed out					
3	Lebowitz	Simson	Open	2N	N	♠Q	+1	150	
			Closed	2N	N	♣9	+1	150	
4	Fleisher	Tebha	Open	3N	N	♠Q	=	600	11
			Closed	1Nx	E	♥5	-5	1100	
5	Rosenthal	Dinkin	Open	1N	E	♥5	-4	200	3
			Closed	2♦	E	♣K	-2	100	
6	Moss	Stark	Open	1Nx	E	♠2	-3	500	8
			Closed	2♥	W	♦T	-3	150	
7	Jenkins	Beatty	Open	3N	N	♠Q	=	600	10
			Closed	1♥	S	♦2	+2	140	
8	Spector	Reynolds	Open	1♥	S	♦5	+2	140	
			Closed	3N	S	♦5	=	600	

Board 2 produced some wild results. Most notable, in Wildavsky/Kolesnik, Finn and Ish passed out the N/S hands while their much more senior counterparts, Robinson/Boyd, reached the cold vulnerable game for 12 IMPs. Stamov passed, Robinson opened 1D, K Rosenberg passed and Boyd made a passed hand (explained as) forcing bid of 2NT. Robinson relied on Boyd when he bid 3NT on his 11 count and Boyd was right! Every card is placed perfectly for N/S!!

Second most notably, in Fleisher/Tebha, Bramley opened the East hand a non-vulnerable 10-12 NT! This was not a success when North balanced with double and South sat it. Down five for 1100!! At the other table, Bramley's teammates bid and made the game for an 11 IMP loss!

The action continues with Board 3...

3  
SOUTH  
E-W

♠ K Q 6 4 3  
♥ 3  
♦ A K J  
♣ A Q J 4

♠ A J 7  
♥ K J T 9 8 6  
♦ 8 5  
♣ 8 3

♠ T 9 8 5  
♥ 4 2  
♦ 9 7 4 2  
♣ 9 7 6

A common auction resulting in +790/East/West

W	N	E	S
			P
2♥	DBL	4♥	P
P	DBL	P	P
P			P

Nickell	Yang		Open	4♠x	N	♥A	-2	300	4
			Closed	4♠	S	♣8	-3	150	
Wildavsky	Kolesnik		Open	4♠	N	♥A	-2	100	
			Closed	4♠	S	♥T	-2	100	
Lebowitz	Simson		Open	4♠	S	♦8	-2	100	2
			Closed	4♠	S	♥K	-1	50	
Fleisher	Tebha		Open	4♥x	W	♦K	=	790	14
			Closed	5♥x	E	♠T	-1	200	
Rosenthal	Dinkin		Open	4♠x	S	♥J	-2	300	10
			Closed	4♥x	W	♠K	=	790	
Moss	Stark		Open	4♠x	N	♥A	-1	100	7
			Closed	5♥x	W	♥3	-1	200	
Jenkins	Beatty		Open	5♥x	W	♦K	-1	200	6
			Closed	4♠	S	♥J	-1	50	
Spector	Reynolds		Open	4♥x	W	♥3	=	790	12
			Closed	4♠	S	♥T	-1	50	

It must have been frustrating to hold the North cards not vul against vul, double the heart game holding 20 HCP lots of quick tricks and not be able to defeat 4HX.

In Fleisher/Tebha, Rubenstein, W, and Tebha, E, had the auction above. Grue doubled. Grue led the DK followed by the CA. He played the CQ and Rubenstein won dummy's king. Rubenstein pulled trump and claimed. 14 IMPs to Tebha

In Dinkin/Rosenthal, Willenken and Ginossar had the same auction and Gardner/Jacobs suffered the same fate as Grue/Moss after Gardner led the SK.

In Reynolds/Spector, there was a slight twist to the auction when Hall splintered spades over Viola's opening 2H. Kran-yak led a small heart against the game and again declarer wrapped it up.

Board 4 seemed tame, producing no significant swings, after the first three boards.

On Board 5, Bathurst/Hurd reached the spade game on this auction:

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1♥
1♠	2♦	4♠	P
P	P		

Kerr led the DA and after seeing dummy, shifted to the H6. Reynolds won the HA and shifted to the CA, He continued with the CK and Bathurst ruffed with the S8. Bathurst played the SK and a spade to the ace and jack in dummy, felling trump. He cashed the three good clubs and claimed.

Rotaru and Nistor reached the spade game against Sylvia Moss/Lee on this auction:

W	N	E	S
	2♦	P	P
2♠	P	4♠	P
P	P		

The defense was similar and the result was the same.

Kevin Rosenberg and Stamatov reached the game against Robinson/Boyd on this auction:

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

Boyd and Robinson started the defense much like Rotaru and Nistor.

When the smoke cleared, same result...

8 IMPs to Kolesnik and Stark when their teammates played in diamonds going light one at the other table.

11 IMPs to Spector when Viola/Hall did not draw all the trumps in time and Demuy was able to overruff the S9 with the ST to defeat 4SX one trick!

6  
EAST  
E-W

♠ A 9 7 6 5  
♥ 8  
♦ A 6 4 2  
♣ J T 5

♠ Q 7 5  
♦ K Q J T 8 7 3  
♣ 9 4 2

♠ J T 4 3 2  
♥ K 9 4 3 2  
♦ 9  
♣ A Q

♠ K Q 8  
♥ A J T 6  
♦ 5  
♣ K 8 7 6 3

Par: -100

NS	8	10	8	3	6
E	5	2	5	10	7
W	:	:	:	9	:

Board 6 was interesting at several tables. Perhaps the most interesting were Stark/Moss and Jenkins/Beatty where there was a double game swing.

In both matches, E/W successfully played game in spades, while N/S played in game in diamonds (one doubled) making... a 15 IMP swing for Stark and a 14 IMP swing for Beatty.

Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	1	=	*	P
					NS	EW	Home	Visiting		
1	Nickell	Yang	Open	5♦x	N	♠J	-1	100		
			Closed	5♦x	N	♠T	=	550	12	
2	Wildavsky	Kolesnik	Open	5♠x	E	♦5	-2	500		2
			Closed	5♦x	N	♠2	=	550		
3	Lebowitz	Simson	Open	5♠x	E	♦5	-2	500		2
			Closed	5♦x	N	♠J	=	550		
4	Fleisher	Tebha	Open	4♦	S	♥8	=	130		13
			Closed	4♠	E	♦5	=	620		
5	Rosenthal	Dinkin	Open	5♦x	N	♠J	-1	100		
			Closed	5♦x	N	♠2	-1	100		
6	Moss	Stark	Open	4♠	E	♦5	=	620		15
			Closed	5♦x	N	♠J	=	550		
7	Jenkins	Beatty	Open	4♠	W	♦K	=	620		14
			Closed	5♦	N	♠J	=	400		
8	Spector	Reynolds	Open	5♦	N	♠J	=	400		7
			Closed	4♠	E	♦5	-1	100		

East MUST lead a heart to legitimately defeat the diamond game. Following the heart opening, West can win the trump ace and reach partner with a club to secure a heart ruff.

The more common spade lead establishes a high spade for a club pitch. This allows declarer to hold his losers to one club and one diamond.

The double dummy possible results at the top of the hand record indicates that 4S can only be made by East, Jeffrey Juster made it from

West in Jenkins/Beatty.

Donn led the DK. Juster won his ace and played his singleton heart to the 7,2,T. Winestock played the SK, covered by the ace while Donn discarded a diamond. Juster ruffed a diamond with dummy's SJ and Winestock overruffed with the queen. Winestock tracked her last spade, Juster winning the ten in dummy. He ruffed a heart and took the losing club finesse.

Q: What do planets like to read? A: Comet books!

Q. Why couldn't the astronaut book a room on the moon? A. It was full!

Q. What do scientists use to freshen their breath? A. Experi-mints!

Q. Did you hear the one about the astronaut who stepped in gum? A. He got stuck in Orbit.

Q. What does Earth say to tease the other planets? A. "You guys have no life."

In 1905, Albert Einstein published a theory about space. And it was about time.



# Limey Jack...

Cheerio Mates:

Only Limey Jack could have given you doubles on Kolesnik having their way against the six professional players on Wil-davsky.

As surely as MacDougal has stolen a kiss from the Parson's wife, will Limey Jack fetch you some bob from your favourite punter.

To the round of eight.

Nickell-Kolesnik: The young lads, while well intentioned, come a cropper against the vaunted Nickell sextet.

Spector-Beatty: Beatty trailed the entirety of the match until the final furlong when it mattered. Four handed lads will not be able to top the Spector juggernaut. It will be a Pyrrhic victory if they last until the cinema ends and the credits roll.

Rosenthal-Moss: Moss was in trouble early but came to the fore. Rosenthal has been at the paddocks by sunup daily and taking the waters. They are in good stead here. Howie Dung will obviously pick Moss, but Limey Jack is who brought you to the dance.

Fleisher-Simson: Per the racing sheet, Fleisher should lap Simson. Limey Jack thinks it will be closer than Friar Tuck trying to cross the bridge past Sir Robin of Luxley.

Til the morrow.

Ta.

Simson, Beatty,  
Kolesnik prevailed.  
In each of their matches  
The favored team failed.

Upsets will happen  
Once in a while...  
But two in a row,  
Not in this Trial!

Finn is a hero,  
But taking on Nick...  
Four handed to boot,  
Is too random to pick.

Spector v Beatty,  
I'm going with "flair!"  
Four-handed Beatty  
Departs in despair!

## Howie Doing...

Rosenthal, Moss?  
Who goes away?  
Moss has upgraded  
And she's gonna stay!

Now she has Zia,  
Meckstroth and Wold,  
Rosenthal's silver  
And Sylvia's gold!

Fleisher v Simson,  
Both teams of great guys...  
Simson could do it,  
But it would surprise.

Good luck to you all.  
Stay focused on track.  
Rely on my choices.  
Ignore Limey Jack!

7  
SOUTH  
ALL

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

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

♠ K 8  
♥ A 4  
♦ A J T 9 7 6 5  
♣ T 5

♠ T 7 5 2  
♥ T 9 8 5  
♦ Q 3  
♣ 9 8 2

1	Nickell	Yang		Open	6♦	W	♥K	=	1370	12
				Closed	3N	W	♥K	+1	630	
2	Wildavsky	Kolesnik		Open	5♦	E	♥T	+1	620	
				Closed	5♦	E	♥T	+1	620	
3	Lebowitz	Simson		Open	3N	E	♥T	-1	100	12
				Closed	5♦	E	♥T	+1	620	
4	Fleisher	Tebha		Open	5♦	E	♥8	+1	620	
				Closed	5♦	W	♦8	+1	620	
5	Rosenthal	Dinkin		Open	6♦	W	♥K	-1	100	12
				Closed	5♣	W	♥K	=	600	
6	Moss	Stark		Open	5♦	E	♥T	+1	620	12
				Closed	3N	E	♥T	-1	100	
7	Jenkins	Beatty		Open	3N	W	♥3	+2	660	1
				Closed	5♦	E	♥T	+1	620	
8	Spector	Reynolds		Open	3♦	E	♥T	+3	170	15
				Closed	6♦	E	♥9	=	1370	

On Board 7, aggressive E/W pairs could successfully bid a touch and go small slam. Declared from the West hand, 6D is unbeatable. From the East hand, a club lead is killer. In Nickell/Yang, Shi and Wang found the route to win 12 IMPs.

Their auction:

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

2NT was a transfer to diamonds. 3C showed bad diamonds. 3S was shortness and 3NT, natural. 4H was intended as RKC for diamonds. Shi responded 4S to show his spade control. Apparently, Shi believed Wang's sign-off in 4NT was keycard and he responded 5H showing two keycards without the queen. The tangled auction forced the players to bid the lucky slam!!

A heart was led to dummy's ace. Shi cashed the DA and played three rounds of spades to discard dummy's losing heart. A second diamond was played and when the diamond honors crashed, Shi claimed twelve tricks, discarding dummy's second club on the last spade!

If East declares the hand, South can lead a club. Declarer will have no choice but to take the club finesse. If he wins the club ace and plays three rounds of spades to discard a club, there will be no entry to discard a heart on West's fourth spade once trumps are drawn. The one small possibility that a defender holds 4+ spades & honor third of diamonds is not as good as taking the club finesse. Also, if the club finesse works, declarer will be able to make the best play in diamonds of double finessing for the high honors.

While this is not a great slam, when your team is the underdog, contracts like this may afford you your best chance to win the match!

27  
SOUTH  
NONE

♠ A 8 4  
♥ T 6 5 3  
♦ Q 2  
♣ A 9 5 3

♠ 6  
♥ 7 2  
♦ K J 5  
♣ K Q J 8 7 6 2

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

♠ K T 5 3  
♥ J 8 4  
♦ A T 7 4  
♣ T 4

1	Nickell	Yang		Open	4♣x	S	♥5	-2	300	3
				Closed	4♥	E	♣T	=	420	
2	Wildavsky	Kolesnik		Open	4♣	E	♣T	-1	50	11
				Closed	3♣x	N	♥K	+1	570	
3	Lebowitz	Simson		Open	4♣x	E	♣T	-1	100	
				Closed						
4	Fleisher	Tebha		Open	4♣x	N	♥A	-1	100	8
				Closed	4♥	W	♣Q	=	420	
5	Rosenthal	Dinkin		Open	4♥	W	♠6	-2	100	2
				Closed	4♥	W	♠6	-1	50	
6	Moss	Stark		Open	3N	W	♣K	-2	100	
				Closed	3N	W	♣K	-2	100	
7	Jenkins	Beatty		Open	3♣x	N	♥K	+1	570	2
				Closed	4♣x	N	♥K	=	510	
8	Spector	Reynolds		Open	4♣	E	♣T	-1	50	11
				Closed	4♣x	N	♥K	-3	500	

E/W can make 4H on board 27, but the play is not simple. Assuming that a club is led, declarer must time the hand perfectly. Declarer must cash two rounds of trumps and then advance the SQ. South must not cover the spade. Declarer must lead a small spade and South must duck again. Declarer wins the S8, cashes the SA and leads a trump to dummy. A spade is ruffed, setting up East's last spade. A club is trumped in dummy and dummy's last spade is cashed for the tenth trick.

In the four matches where 4H was the contract, all four declarers drew three rounds of trump and were destined to fail. One declarer, Bobby Levin, was saved when his opponent covered the SQ, and 4H succeeded.

Against Brad Moss, Stewart Rubenstein ducked the SQ, but inserted the ST on the second round of the suit and again 4H was successful.

In the Rosenthal/Dinkin match, 4H failed at both tables. Both North players led their singleton spade. This should have been a giveaway to declarer. A spade lead by a club preemptor (good enough to bid but not good enough to lead?) was very likely a singleton, resulting in an entry problem to establish dummy's spades.

For Dinkin, Craig Gardner played the SQ and Aaron Silverstein ducked, playing the S5. Gardner drew trumps and led the S2. Silverstein played low and Gardner won the SA, resulting in a two trick set.

For Rosenthal, Shan Huang played the SQ, and Michael Shuster ducked. Huang drew three rounds of trumps and played the SJ. Shuster ducked again and 4H was defeated one trick.

But this hand wasn't just about hearts. Six E/W pairs declared a doubled club part-score. As the cards lie declarer can take nine tricks in clubs by guessing the DQ. Once East makes a takeout double of the club pre-empt and then shows up

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with a club void, East is marked with diamond length and the odds favor finessing East for the DQ.

In fact, that is exactly how Ralph Katz declared 4CX in Nickell/Yang. Ralph's opponents cashed two hearts and shifted to the SQ. This held the trick. A third round of hearts was played. Katz forced out the CA and eventually lost the diamond finesse for a two trick set

At three tables, the West defender got in a hurry. After winning the CA, the defenders switched to the DQ and declarer took nine or ten tricks in the doubled partscore.

The screenshot shows a bridge hand interface. The cards are as follows:

- North (John McAllister): ♠ KJ6, ♥ A6, ♦ 943, ♣ T9642
- West (Kit Woolsey): ♠ Q732, ♥ T82, ♦ KJ, ♣ AKQJ
- East (Bart Bramley): ♠ AT954, ♥ KJ7, ♦ 86, ♣ 753
- South (Will Watson): ♠ 8, ♥ Q9543, ♦ AQT752, ♣ 8

The score table on the right shows the bidding sequence:

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

At the bottom right, the score is shown as WEST 4♠, NS 0, EW 0.

1C was strong and artificial

1H showed 4+spades and game forcing values

The Fleisher/Tebha match was close all the way. Fleisher eventually prevailed by 12 IMPs. A major gain came on this board where Kit Woolsey demonstrated his well-tuned skill as declarer.

North led the D3 to South's ace and South returned the C8. Kit won the club and played the SQ, covered by the king and ace. The ST was led to John McAllister's jack. McAllister made the fine play of underleading his HA. But Kit was up to the test and gave McAllister credit to find this play. Kit rose with the HK and took ten tricks.

Was Kit's heart play a lucky guess? Likely not. South had passed in first seat with a six-card diamond holding, presumably headed by the AQ. Since South held a singleton spade, he would probably have opened in first seat if he also held the HA.

At the other table, declarer mis-guessed the heart position and was defeated in 4S.

10 IMPs to Fleisher