

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 | Nickell | 278 | 41 | 44 | 33 | 40 | 11 | 54 | 44 | 11 | |
| 16 | Yang | 213 | 16 | 15 | 40 | 12 | 66 | 6 | 34 | 24 | |
| 2 | Spector | 273 | 37 | 37 | 47 | 47 | 56 | 49 | | | |
| 15 | Reynolds | 83 | 5 | 15 | 3 | 11 | 38 | 11 | WD | | |
| 3 | Rosenthal | 266 | 7 | 49 | 63 | 51 | 41 | 26 | 29 | | |
| 14 | Dinkin | 147 | 15 | 32 | 16 | 18 | 11 | 16 | 39 | WD | |
| 4 | Fleisher | 262 | 41 | 23 | 54 | 18 | 36 | 21 | 53 | 22 | -6 |
| 13 | Tebha | 243 | 35 | 39 | 20 | 17 | 47 | 36 | 19 | 30 | |
| 5 | Lebowitz | 225 | 48 | 24 | 40 | 11 | 21 | 23 | 22 | 36 | |
| 12 | Simson | 242 | 23 | 32 | 31 | 37 | 28 | 35 | 37 | 19 | |
| 6 | Moss | 300 | 19 | 35 | 41 | 56 | 22 | 32 | 65 | 30 | |
| 11 | Stark | 217 | 38 | 14 | 54 | 0 | 61 | 23 | 19 | 8 | |
| 7 | Jenkins | 170 | 18 | 39 | 27 | 13 | 37 | 5 | 13 | 18 | |
| 10 | Beatty | 233 | 12 | 29 | 39 | 15 | 28 | 21 | 51 | 38 | |
| 8 | Wildavsky | 207 | 9 | 26 | 26 | 9 | 16 | 46 | 43 | 32 | |
| 9 | Kolesnik | 310 | 68 | 26 | 31 | 55 | 39 | 22 | 26 | 43 | |

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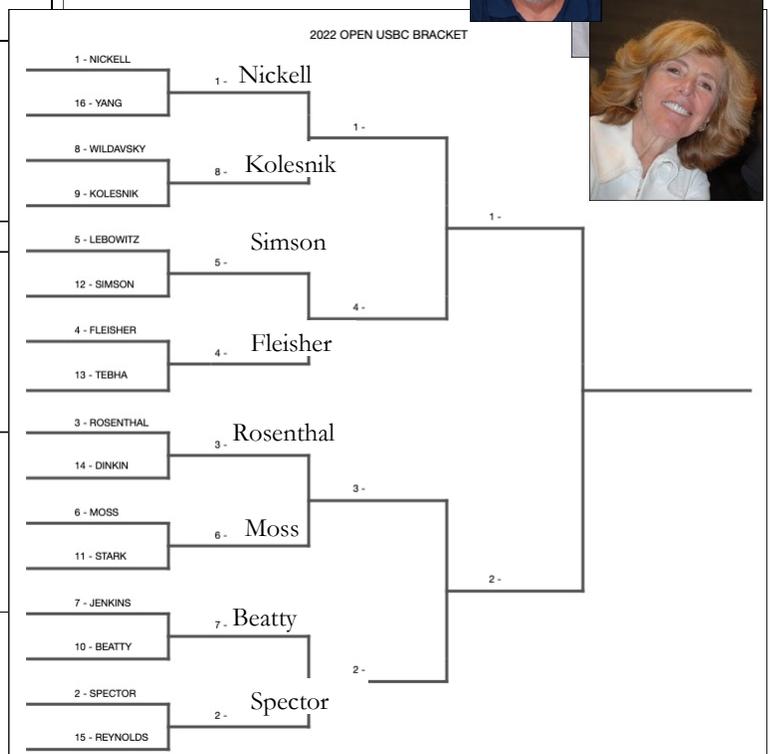
Teams Entered-Alphabetical

| | | |
|-----------|--|---|
| Beatty | Steve Beatty, Capt Marc Jacobus | Fred Stewart Jeff Juster |
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| Stark | Andy Stark Alex Kolesnik, Capt Radu Nistor | Franco Baseggio Aaron Jones Iulian Rotaru |
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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.

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 |

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.

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."

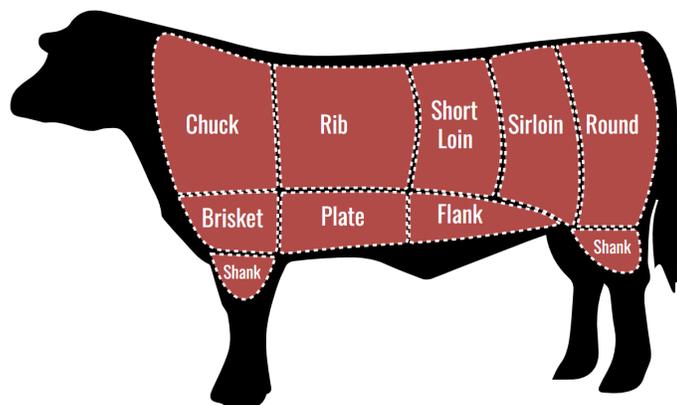
Sample Menu on Page 8

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

Subject to Change
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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Lunch 11:30AM - 4:00PM

Dinner 4:00PM - 9:00PM

Lounge Hours 11:30AM - 9:00PM

Curbside 11:30AM - 8:00PM



**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.



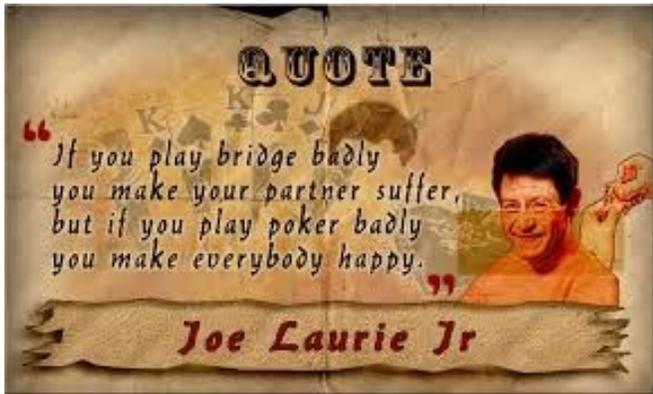
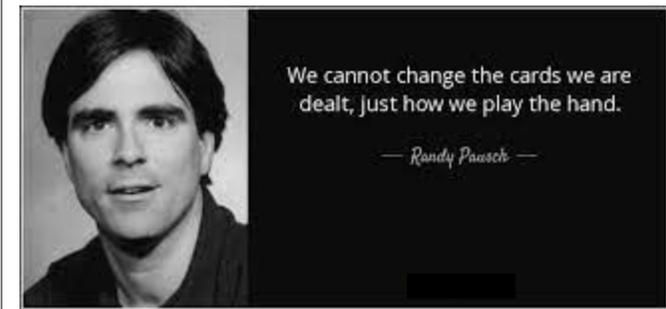
Why do pandas save money printing photos?

Most of their pics are black and white.



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| 5 | | 7 | | | | | 4 |
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| 4 | 7 | | | 5 | | 2 | 8 |

Sudoku 1



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



Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| 4 | | | | | | | 3 | |
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| | 3 | | 9 | | | | 5 | |

Sudoku Solutions on Page 16

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | margaritas | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | martinis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | tequila sunrises | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rooms | basement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | bathroom | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | bedroom | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | dining room | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | kitchen | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Times | | First Names | | | Rooms | | Cocktails | | | | | | | |
| | | 12 noon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1:30pm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 4:00pm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 8:30pm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 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

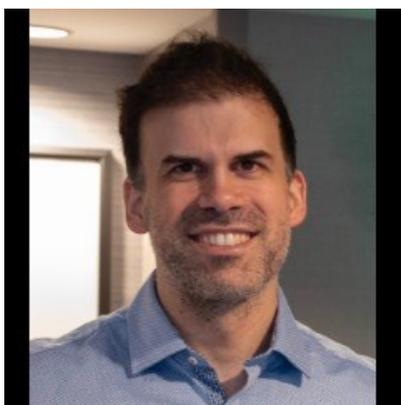
Finalist, International Bridge Press Association "2014 Master Point Press Book of the Year" for *More Breaking the Rules - Second-Hand Play* by Barry Rigal and Josh Donn

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 |

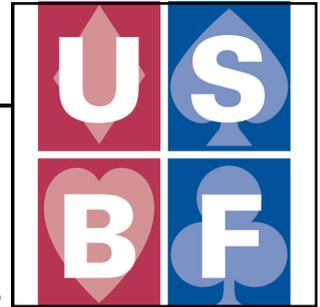
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| 9 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| 5 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| 2 | 8 |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

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

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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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

♠ 2
♥ A Q 7 5
♦ Q T 6 3
♣ K T 5 2

♠ 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

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|---|-----------|----------|--|--------|----|---|----|----|------|----|
| 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!

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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

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|---|-----------|----------|--|--------|-----|---|----|----|-----|----|
| 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 with the following details:

- Score: 47
- 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
- Trick Table:

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

At the bottom, the current trick is 4♠, with NS and EW scores both at 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