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# **Results: QuarterFinal Day One**

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| 18 | 3-May-2022          |               | The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.   |             |           |           |              |            |           |           |                      |  |
| #  | TEAM                | IMPs<br>Total | SET<br>#1   | SET<br>#2   | SET<br>#3 | SET<br>#4 | SET<br>#5    | SET<br>#6  | SET<br>#7 | SET<br>#8 | Adjustment<br>(IMPs) |  |
| 1  | <u>Nickell</u>      | 125           | 25  | 13          | 32        | 55        |              |            |           |           |                      |  |
| 8  | <u>Kolesnik</u>     | 77            | 21  | 35          | 17        | 4         |              |            |           |           |                      |  |
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| 2  | Spector             | 166           | 54  | 50          | 41        | 21        |              |            |           |           |                      |  |
| 7  | Beatty              | 116           | 29  | 25          | 26        | 36        |              |            |           |           |                      |  |
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| 3  | Rosenthal           | 151           | 46  | 14          | 47        | 44        |              |            |           |           |                      |  |
| 6  | Moss                | 119           | 10  | 60          | 49        | 0         |              |            |           |           |                      |  |
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| 4  | Fleisher            | 114           | 37  | 58          | 5         | 24        |              |            |           |           | -10                  |  |
| 5  | Simson              | 145           | 17  | 25          | 51        | 52        |              |            |           |           |                      |  |

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If you are in need or a massage, see bottom of page 16 for information!

# **Trials**" and **Tribulations**

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This Board is flat!

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Home team

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Visiting team

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Simson

Moss

Beatty

# **Teams Entered-Alphabetical**

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





| DAY                                | Date      | TIME - CDT            | Boards                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                                    | 1         | 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              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| WEDNESSDAY                         | MAY 18    | 10:00 - 12:10         | SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                    |           | 12:25 - 2:35          | SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                                    |           | 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              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                                    |           | 6:10-8:20             | SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 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               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| e                                  |           | 12:25 - 2:35          | SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                    |           |                       | 70 Minute Lunch break               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                                    |           | 6:10-8:20             | SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| SUNDAY                             | May 22    | 10:00 - 12:10         | SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                                    |           | 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               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Tournament Schedule** 





#### **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 wil 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 <u>https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/</u> 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 Kibitzing BREAK Segment 3: 5:30 pm Segment 4: 7:55 pm





#### Why do we tell actors to "break a leg?"

Because every play has a cast.

#### Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar.

"Get out of here!" shouts the bartender. "We don't serve your type!"

**Seeding Info:** The teams in the USBC are seeded based on ACBL Performance Points, including masterpoints, but adjusted by removing any seeding

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|   | Rosenthal | 45.80          | of         |
|   | Fleisher  | 44.85          | see        |
|   | Moss      | 40.56          | for        |
|   | Lebowitz  | 32.34          | pla        |
|   | Wildavsky | 21.45          | cap        |
|   | Jenkins   | 18.11          | Tea        |
|   | Kolesnik  | 15.94          | ed         |
|   | Stewart   | 13.99          | ave        |
|   | Simson    | 13.06          | poi        |
|   | Stark     | 10.35          | tea        |
|   | Dinkin    | 8.80           | the        |
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|   | Reynolds  | 7.83           | tio        |
|   | Yang      | 5.43           | 7th        |
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to determine their bracket positions.

Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road.

#### I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"

A woman in labor suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!"

"Don't worry," said the Doc. Those are just contractions."

A bear walks into a bar and says, "Give me a whiskey and...cola."

> "Why the big pause?" asks the bartender. The bear shrugged. "I'm not sure; I was born with them."

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards?

He was just going through a stage.

#### Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure

LUNCH & DINNER

DAILY SPECIALS SEASONAL SANGRIA (PINEAPPLE) Glass- 9.00Pitcher- 34.00white wine infused with fresh pineapple THAI ICED COFFEE4.95sweet cream CRISPY CHICKEN DUMPLINGS (6)10.95spicy sriracha aioli FIRECRACKER SHRIMP LETTUCE WRAPS12.95asian slaw, fresnos, scallions, cucumbers THAI BASIL CHICKEN18.95wok-tossed chicken, snow peas, blackened chilis, fried egg PAN-FRIED NOODLES & CRISPY CARNITAS19.95 braised pork, cabbage, carrots, celery, shiitake mushrooms, sichuan garlic-chili oil CARAMEL APPLE SPRING ROLLS7.95vanilla ice cream MANGO CHEESECAKE6.95 fresh whipped cream **APPETIZERS** STEAMED EDAMAME6.95served warm with coarse salt HOMEMADE CHICKEN & PEANUT EGG ROLLS (2)8.95hand rolled daily; sweet & sour, mustard sauces SPICY SICHUAN GREEN BEANS 8.95 carrots, ginger, fresno peppers SESAME PEANUT NOODLES 8.95 tossed with homemade peanut sauce, cucumber, cilantro CHICKEN LETTUCE WRAPS10.95bibb lettuce, hoisin sauce, crispy rice noodles THAI HERB FRESH CALAMARI10.95 lightly fried; lemon-thai dipping sauce STREETS OF WOODFIELD, CRAB RANGOON (5) 10.95 sweet & sour sauce 1950 EAST HIGGINS RD., **CANTONESE RIBS**12.95teriyaki glaze, scallions SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173 POTSTICKERS OR DUMPLINGS 847-517-8881 \$9.95. Ginger-soy dipping sauce **The Big Bowl VEGETABLE (6) CHICKEN (6) COMBINATION**vegetable (3), chicken (3) SOUPS & SALADS CHICKEN WONTON SOUPS (Serves 1)- 5.95L (Serves 2-3)- 9.95housemade chicken broth, noodles, vegetables, dumplings VEGETABLE WONTON SOUPS (Serves 1)- 5.95L (Serves 2-3)- 9.95housemade vegetable broth, noodles, vegetables, dumplings CHINESE HOT & SOUR SOUPS (Serves 1)- 5.95L (Serves 2-3)- 9.95world-renowned classic; pork, chicken, mushrooms HOUSE MIXED GREENS 5.95 cilantro-lime vinaigrette BIG BOWL'S CHOPPED CHICKEN SALAD14.95sliced chicken, greens, edamame, peanuts, corn, cucumbers, scallions, crispy wontons, rice sticks, tossed with cilantro-lime vinaigrette & peanut sauce MAIN DISHES all of our dishes are served with your choice of jasmine or brown rice; sub vegetable fried rice or cauliflower "rice" for \$1 CHICKEN

sliced, all-natural fresh white meat

CASHEW CHICKEN16.95 crispy golden chicken, fresno peppers, cilantro, scallions, chili sauce

**ORANGE CHICKEN**16.95golden chicken, ginger, scallions, red peppers

**PANANG CURRY CHICKEN**16.95 peanut-coconut-curry sauce, peas, fresno peppers, snow peas

SESAME CHICKEN16.95sesame-crusted chicken, red onions, scallions

KUNG PAO CHICKEN16.95wok-tossed chicken, wrinkled green beans, spinach, blackened chilies, chopped peanuts PRIME BEEF

**MONGOLIAN BEEF**18.95shiitake & button mushrooms, green & red onions

BEEF & BROCCOLI18.95shiitake mushrooms, garlic sauce

YELLOW CURRY BEEF18.95baby bok choy, green beans, carrots, peas, seasonal vegetables, yellow coconut-curry sauce SPICY SICHUAN BEEF18.95shiitake & button mushrooms, carrots, spicy garlic sauce

KUNG PAO BEEF18.95 wrinkled green beans, spinach, blackened chilies, peanuts

FRIED RICE & NOODLES

VEGETABLE FRIED RICE10.95napa cabbage, snow peas, carrots, mushrooms, red peppers, scallions, sprouts, peas, eggs TERIYAKI CHICKEN FRIED RICE16.95napa cabbage, snow peas, mushrooms, red peppers, scallions, sprouts, eggs TERIYAKI SHRIMP FRIED RICE17.95 pineapple, red peppers, napa cabbage, snow peas, mushrooms, scallions, sprouts, eggs

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GINGER BEEF & CHOW FUN NOODLES 19.95 broccoli, mushrooms, fresno peppers, garlic sauce

PAD THAI Big Bowl Signature: Thailand's famous dish; ours has the clean, bright taste of fresh lemon, thai basil, cilantro, eggs, sprouts, peanuts & rice noodles VEGETABLE14.95 **TOFU**16.95 **CHICKEN16.95 SHRIMP**17.95 SEAFOOD CLASSIC SWEET & SOUR SHRIMP17.95golden shrimp, pineapple, snow peas, red peppers, red onions, carrots, scallions THAI HOT PEPPER SHRIMP17.95 fresno peppers, thai basil, peanuts, red onions, cilantro, tangy lemon sauce AHI TUNA POKÉ BOWL\*18.95avocado, edamame, cucumbers, seaweed, pickled ginger, sliced jalapeños, scallions, crispy shallots, greens, brown rice, spicy aioli, sweet soy TERIYAKI-GLAZED FRESH ATLANTIC SALMON\*22.95wrinkled green beans, jasmine rice VEGETARIAN all of these dishes are carefully prepared to be vegetarian SPICY THAI GREEN VEGETABLE CURRY WITH TOFU16.95seasonal vegetables, baby bok choy, green beans, peas, green curry sauce KUNG PAO TOFU16.95spinach, green beans, blackened chilies, chopped peanuts CASHEW TOFU16.95 fresno peppers, cilantro, scallions, chili sauce **TOFU & BROCCOLI**16.95shiitake mushrooms, garlic sauce CHEF'S CHOICE STIR FRY snow peas, broccoli, green beans, red onions, baby bok choy, carrots, red peppers, bean sprouts CHOOSE YOUR PROTEIN VEGETABLE16.95 **TOFU**18.95 SLICED CHICKEN18.95 PRIME FLANK STEAK20.95 **SHRIMP**19.95 **SALMON24.95** CHOOSE YOUR SAUCE ORANGE, TERIYAKI, YELLOW CURRY, KUNG PAOwith peanuts, PANANG CURRY, SHANGHAI GINGER GARLIC, SPICY **GREEN CURRY, SICHUAN, SWEET & SOUR** CHOOSE RICE OR NOODLES Prices **JASMINE RICE BROWN RICE** Subject VEGETABLE FRIED RICE add \$1 CHINESE NOODLES add \$1 to Change PAD THAI NOODLES CHOW FUN NOODLES add \$1 Without Notice CAULIFLOWER RICEadd \$1 **KIDS' MENU** DESSERT

CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE6.95caramel ice cream, chocolate sauce

SEASONAL CHEESECAKE6.95 fresh whipped cream

Information - A 3% processing fee is added to all guest checks. This fee may be removed upon request. \*Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness. Please alert your server if you have special dietary restrictions due to a food allergy or intolerance. Spicy - Some of our spicy dishes can be prepared mild



|   | Home team | Visiting team |                                     | Room   | C            | Ву | 1           |    |       | Р             |
|---|-----------|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------|----|-------------|----|-------|---------------|
|   |           |               |                                     |        |              |    |             |    | NS EW | Home Visiting |
| 1 | Nickell   | Kolesnik      | $\textcircled{\black}{\black}$      | Open   | 4 <b>∲</b> x | S  | ♥K          | -1 | 100   | 7             |
| 1 | NICKEII   | Kolesnik      | $\textcircled{\black}{\black}$      | Closed | 2♠           | Ν  | ♥5          | +2 | 170   | 7             |
| 2 | Fleisher  | Simson        | $\textcircled{\black}{\black}$      | Open   | 4            | W  | <b>\$</b> 5 | -1 | 100   | 7             |
| 2 | FIEISIIEI | 51115011      | $\textcircled{\black}{\black}$      | Closed | 3♥           | W  | <b>*</b> 8  | +1 | 170   | /             |
| 3 | Rosenthal | Mass          | $\textcircled{\black}{\black}$      | Open   | 4 <b>∲</b> x | Ν  | ♥5          | =  | 590   | 1 <b>2</b>    |
| 5 | Rosenthal | Moss          | $\textcircled{\black}{\black}$      | Closed | 3♥           | Е  | •6          | =  | 140   | 12            |
|   | Chaotar   | Deathy        | ۲                                   | Open   | 4♠           | S  | ♥K          | -1 | 50    |               |
| 4 | Spector   | Beatty        | $\textcircled{\begin{time}{0.5ex}}$ | Closed | 4♠           | Ν  | ♥5          | -1 | 50    |               |



The first major swing of the quarterfinals occurred on Board 3 in Rosenthal/Moss. Andrew Rosenthal was the only declarer to bring home ten tricks in the doubled spade game. Jerry Stamatov also took ten but he was playing in a partscore. The key to the play was finding the CQ.

Against Rosenthal, Wold led the H5. Rosenthal won the ace in dummy, ruffed a heart and took the spade finesse. He cashed the SA and when Meckstroth discarded, Rosenthal abandoned trump. He cashed the CA and followed with the CJ, successfully picking up Meck's queen and insuring himself three clubs, one heart,

and six spades. Wold could ruff in whenever but Andrew would emerge successful.

In Nickell/Kolesnik, Levin and Weinstein also played in 4SX... this time from South **DelMonte Levin** following a transfer sequence. DelMonte showed one major; Levin transferred to spades; Weinstein showed at most 3 spades; Ish showed hearts and Levin forced the transfer to 4S.

Ish led the HK. Weinstein won the ace, ruffed a heart, finessed against the SK, cashed the SA and ruffed a second heart to hook the CQ through East. When this lost to the king, Weinstein was down one.



It would seem that once West showed heart length, it would be percentage to finesse East for the CQ, but I cannot argue with success! 12 IMPs to Rosenthal; 7 IMPs to Kolesnik 9

| 7 |        |   |   |   | 4 |        |   |        |
|---|--------|---|---|---|---|--------|---|--------|
|   | 3      |   | 9 | 1 |   |        | 2 |        |
|   | 3<br>8 |   | 7 |   |   | 4      |   | 3      |
|   |        |   | 1 |   |   |        | 7 |        |
|   |        |   |   |   |   | 9      |   |        |
|   |        | 7 |   |   |   | 9<br>8 |   | 1      |
|   |        | 4 |   | 8 |   |        |   | 7      |
|   |        |   |   |   |   | 1      |   | 2<br>6 |
| 2 | 1      | 9 |   | 7 |   |        |   | 6      |

sudoku

Sudoku 2

Sudoku 1

"I'm telling you one last time," a doctor yells at his nurse, "when you're filling out a death certificate, you put the name of the illness under cause of death, not the name of the supervising physician!"



A guy in a mental hospital, placed two stones in his ears ..

The doctor asked him, "What are you doing?"

he replied, "I'm listening to ROCK music!"

|        | 4 |   | 6 |   |   | 1 |        | 9 |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|---|
|        |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |        | 7 |
| 5      |   |   | 8 |   | 2 |   |        |   |
| 5<br>6 |   |   |   |   |   |   |        |   |
|        | 7 |   |   |   | 9 |   | 1      |   |
|        |   | 9 |   |   |   |   | 4      |   |
|        | 6 |   | 2 |   | 4 |   |        |   |
|        |   |   |   |   |   |   | 9      | 8 |
| 1      |   | 5 |   |   | 6 |   | 9<br>2 | 4 |

### Sudoku Solutions on Page 16



In Simson/Fleisher, Ai-Tai Lo reached 3NT from East, while Woolsey played 3NT from West.

Simson led a fourth best spade and Woolsey won the queen. Woolsey played a diamond toward the jack and Simson rose with the queen. Unable to see the stiff CA, Simson switched to the HT. Woolsey won the king and continued hearts to the jack. He cashed the DA and led the D6. Aker won. Aker shifted to clubs but Woolsey had ten tricks!

At the other table, Moss led the H6. Lo sailed the DJ to the queen. Grue, like Rosenthal, had no difficulty shifting to a low club. Lo won the ace, cashed the DA and cleared diamonds. Moss won, cashed his HA... and in the process, cre-

ated a wish trick:



Moss played a club to Grue's KQ and again, the game was light one! 10 IMPs to Fleisher

In Rosenthal/Moss, both tables reached 3NT from East. Both Lee and Silverstein led the H6. Wold won in hand with the king and Eldad won in dummy with the queen.

Eldad played a diamond toward the jack, losing to South's king, while Wold played the DJ to Rosenthal's queen.

Letting North in proved fatal for Wold. Rosenthal found the killing switch. He played a low club from his KQ86 to dummy's singleton ace. Wold countered with a small diamond off dummy, won by Silverstein's D8. Silverstein cashed a high heart and played a club to Rosenthal to defeat 3NT one trick.

Lee had no idea his partner held the CKQ. He won the DK and shifted to spades. Eldad won the SK in dummy and cashed the DA. He cleared diamonds, Moss winning her DQ. It was not too late to switch to clubs since Lee still held the HA, but, alas Sylvia played the HT to Lee's ace and Eldad collected 10 tricks and 10 IMPs!



# Word Find...

#### **Computer Jargon 1**

Find and circle all of the computer words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an additional word.

| Т | Ρ | Ι | R | С | S | А | V | А | J | L | Е | Х | Ι | Ρ | Ι | G | Е |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| L | Ι | А | М | Е | М | 0 | R | Υ | М | М | 0 | U | S | Е | Ν | Ι | L |
| С | R | А | В | Κ | S | А | Т | Х | Ι | Ν | U | Υ | Н | S | Т | F | G |
| D | Ν | D | Ι | R | Е | С | Т | 0 | R | Υ | Е | Т | А | 0 | Е | 0 | 0 |
| Ρ | 0 | W | Е | R | S | U | Ρ | Ρ | L | Υ | Ν | Ι | R | F | R | L | 0 |
| U | С | 0 | А | S | А | Е | V | А | S | S | С | R | Е | Т | Ν | D | G |
| Κ | Ι | R | 0 | Ρ | Κ | Т | Υ | Ρ | S | Н | R | U | W | W | Е | Е | L |
| С | D | D | Е | С | Ρ | R | Е | Е | А | Н | Y | С | А | А | Т | R | М |
| А | Ν | R | Ι | М | А | L | L | Т | D | R | Ρ | Е | R | R | Е | А | Т |
| В | 0 | L | Е | Ν | М | Е | Ι | Е | Κ | Е | Т | S | Е | Е | Ρ | Н | Н |
| R | С | Κ | Ι | Ρ | R | А | F | С | V | R | Ι | Ι | R | S | U | L | Μ |
| Е | Е | В | Е | Ι | А | R | R | Ι | А | В | 0 | 0 | Т | М | В | 0 | R |
| Ν | S | Т | W | R | А | Ρ | R | G | R | Т | Ν | W | В | Ι | Ν | G | 0 |
| Ν | 0 | 0 | S | G | Ν | D | L | 0 | 0 | D | Ι | Ν | Т | Ι | 0 | Ι | S |
| А | Ν | G | М | А | Κ | А | U | L | А | R | А | 0 | Т | Е | А | Ν | R |
| С | А | Е | А | S | Ρ | Т | L | Т | А | Ι | Ρ | 0 | Ν | R | Ν | D | U |
| S | Ν | F | Ι | R | Е | W | А | L | L | W | R | Е | Ι | Κ | 0 | 0 | С |
| Т | F | D | Ρ | R | D | Н | Т | 0 | 0 | Т | Е | U | L | В | Υ | Т | Е |



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| 1.  | Gavin Wolpert - Warren Spector       | Spector   | 1.26  | 37.94  | 30 |  |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|--------|----|--|
| 2.  | Doug Simson - Jeff Aker              | Simson    | 0.98  | 41.29  | 42 |  |
| 3.  | John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst           | Spector   | 0.96  | 43.01  | 45 |  |
| 4.  | Eldad Ginossar - Chris Willenken     | Rosenthal | 0.86  | 38.78  | 45 |  |
| 5.  | Geoff Hampson - Eric Greco           | Nickell   | 0.85  | 37.23  | 44 | 9  |
| 6.  | Daniel Korbel - Zia Mahmood          | Moss      | 0.76  | 33.99  | 45 |  |
| 7.  | Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein | Rosenthal | 0.54  | 16.23  | 30 | $\rightarrow$ $\overline{z}$   |
| 8.  | Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher         | Fleisher  | 0.20  | 8.71   | 43 | <b>Day Three</b><br><b>Cros</b>  |
| 9.  | Ralph Katz - Nick Nickell            | Nickell   | 0.12  | 3.51   | 30 | 2 X  |
| 10. | Finn Kolesnik - Ish DelMonte         | Kolesnik  | 0.04  | 2.20   | 59 | ree Q<br>Cross   |
| 11. | Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein        | Nickell   | -0.09 | -3.86  | 44 |  |
| 12. | Glenn Milgrim - Barry Rigal          | Simson    | -0.20 | -8.71  | 43 | QuarterFinal<br>S IMPs   |
| 13. | Marc Jacobus - Jeff Juster           | Beatty    | -0.27 | -16.45 | 60 |  |
| L4. | John Kranyak - Vince Demuy           | Spector   | -0.28 | -12.38 | 45 |  |
| 15. | Joe Grue - Brad Moss                 | Fleisher  | -0.31 | -13.14 | 43 |  |
| 16. | Sylvia Moss - Roger Lee              | Moss      | -0.37 | -11.20 | 30 | a de la constante de la consta |
| L7. | Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey           | Fleisher  | -0.42 | -11.86 | 28 |  |
| 18. | Ai-Tai Lo - Jiang Gu                 | Simson    | -0.56 | -16.29 | 29 |  |
| 19. | Shan Huang - Kevin Dwyer             | Rosenthal | -0.57 | -25.46 | 45 | (through 59 boards)  |
| 20. | Jerry Stamatov - Kevin Rosenberg     | Kolesnik  | -0.66 | -39.09 | 59 |  |
| 21. | Steve Beatty - Fred Stewart          | Beatty    | -0.87 | -52.12 | 60 |  |
| 22. | Eddie Wold - Jeff Meckstroth         | Moss      | -1.16 | -52.34 | 45 |  |

# What sits at the bottom of the sea and twitches?

A nervous wreck.

Why don't Calculus majors throw house parties?

Because you should never drink and derive.

|           | French | Heart | Mincer | Summer | Willow | Ţ | 2   | 3       | 4  | 5 | arcanum | egregious | endue | fructuous | pervade |    |                 |
|-----------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---|-----|---------|----|---|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|---------|----|-----------------|
| Alice     |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           |         |    |                 |
| Barbara   |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           |         |    |                 |
| Mindy     |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           |         |    |                 |
| Rhonda    |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           |         |    | Logic           |
| Tara      |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           |         |    | Logic<br>Puzzle |
| arcanum   |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           |         |    | Puzzie          |
| egregious |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           |         |    |                 |
| endue     |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           | Ar      | 15 | wer             |
| fructuous |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           |         |    |                 |
| pervade   |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       | 0         | n F     | Pa | ge 15           |
| 1         |        |       |        |        |        |   | Fir | rst Nan | าย |   | _ast Na | ame       |       |           | Misse   |    | Guessed Word    |
| 2         |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           |         |    |                 |
| 3         |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           |         |    |                 |
| 4         |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           |         |    |                 |
| 5         |        |       |        |        |        |   |     |         |    |   |         |           |       |           |         |    |                 |

Thursday morning the students of Redwood High School walked into their English class to be greeted by a pop quiz. The quiz was on this week's twenty vocabulary words. Alice and her friends did all right on the quiz. They each made a complete guess on one of the definitions and were quite surprised to find out that their guess was right. Determine the full name of Alice and her friends, how many words each missed, and what word each guessed correctly.

- 1. Rhonda Mincer didn't guess correctly on the word pervade. The girl who correctly guessed the definition of arcanum was Mindy.
- 2. The girl whose last name was Heart, which wasn't Alice, guessed correctly on the word endue.
- 3. The one whose last name was Summer missed one word fewer than Mindy, who didn't miss five words.
- 4. Tara's last name wasn't French but she only missed one word.

- The girl who missed three words did guess correctly on the word fructuous. Barbara's last name wasn't Heart and she missed more words than the girl whose last name was Summer.
- Alice missed one more word than the girl who guessed the correct definition for egregious. Mindy's last name wasn't Willow.



# **Meet the Players**



A former Washingtonian, now living in Kensington, California with his wife, Sally, an excellent bridge player in her own right, and several kitty cats, **Kit Woolsey** received a Bachelor's Degree from Oberlin and a Master's in Math from University of Illinois. He learned the rudiments of bridge from his parents at age eight.

Backgammon and gambling games are among his hobbies and he is quite proficient at the computer and beyond.

Kit worked in programming for eight years and as an options trading for thirteen.

His partnerships include Steve Robinson (1960-1978), Eddie Manfield (1978 till his death in 1999); Fred Stewart, and currently, Bart Bramley.

Kit serves as Moderator and Technical Editor of The Bridge World Magazine. He holds many major NABC titles but his greatest thrill was the 1986 Rosenblum.

His achievements also abound in the writing field, authoring Partnership Defense, Matchpoints, Modern Defensive Signals, How to Play Tournament Backgammon, etc. In recognition of his success at the table and other outstanding contributions to the game, Kit was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2005.

Kit is currently an active contributor to BridgeWinners.

He believes in preempts of any strength and he like to create action at the table.

Kit is a fan of the Oakland Athletics and goes to games when time permits. Every year he and Sally have a baseball party in a skybox at the Athletics field. Several bridge players attend when they can.

Kit and Sally have several adorable grandchildren.

#### 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 stansubeck@prodigy.net. I welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip as well!!

Thanks.

Suzi



#### **Answer to Puzzle on Page 14**

| ənpuə        | L            | Неаң      | Тага       |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| egregious    | 5            | Mincer    | врполЯ     |
| arcanum      | 4            | Ггепсћ    | YbniM      |
| pervade      | 9            | wolliW    | Barbara    |
| fructuous    | 3            | Summer    | Alice      |
| Guessed Word | Words Missed | emeN teeJ | First Name |

| 9        | 8 | G | 3        | L | 4 | 6 | ŀ | 7        |
|----------|---|---|----------|---|---|---|---|----------|
| 2        | 4 | ٢ | 6        | G | 9 | З | L | 8        |
| Z        | 6 | 3 | <u>ب</u> | 8 | 7 | 4 | 9 | G        |
| L        | 3 | 8 | 2        | 6 | G | L | 4 | 9        |
| G        | 9 | 6 | Z        | 4 | 3 | 8 | 2 | L        |
| <b>7</b> | L | 2 | 8        | 9 | L | G | 6 | 3        |
| 3        | ç | 4 | 9        | 2 | L | ٢ | 8 | 6        |
| 8        | 7 | L | G        | ŀ | 6 | 9 | 3 | <b>7</b> |
| 6        | ŀ | 9 | 4        | 3 | 8 | 7 | G | L        |

| - |   |   | _ |          |          |   |   |              |
|---|---|---|---|----------|----------|---|---|--------------|
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 9 | Z        | 6        | 9 | 8 | F            |
| 8 | 6 | 9 | 3 | L        | G        | 4 | 2 | L            |
| L | L | G | 4 | 8        | 2        | 3 | 9 | 6            |
| 9 | 4 | L | G | 7        | ٢        | 6 | 3 | 8            |
| G | ŀ | 8 | 6 | 9        | 3        | 2 | L | $\mathbf{b}$ |
| 2 | 3 | 6 | 8 | <b>7</b> | L        | ŀ | G | 9            |
| 3 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 6        | 8        | L | ŀ | ß            |
| L | 8 | 7 | L | G        | <b>7</b> | 9 | 6 | 3            |
| 6 | G | ŀ | L | 3        | 9        | 8 | 4 | 7            |



Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2

# **USBF Supporting Membership**



If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

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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.



| Home team | ome team Visiting team |                                | Room        | С           | Ву |         |    | *     | P             |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----|---------|----|-------|---------------|
|           |                        |                                |             |             |    |         |    | NS EW | Home Visiting |
| Nickell   | Kolesnik               | $\textcircled{\bullet}$        | Open        | 1N          | W  | <b></b> | -2 | 200   | 6             |
|           |                        | $\textcircled{\bullet}$        | Closed      | 2♠          | S  | ♣J      | -1 | 50    | 0             |
| Fleisher  | Simson                 | $\textcircled{\bullet}$        | Open        | 2♠          | S  | ♣J      | =  | 110   | 10            |
| rieisner  |                        | $\textcircled{\bullet}$        | Closed      | 3Nx         | S  | ♣T      | =  | 550   | 10            |
| Decenthel | Moss                   | $\textcircled{\bullet}$        | Open        | 2♠          | S  | ♣J      | -1 | 50    | 4             |
| Rosenthal |                        | $\textcircled{\bullet}$        | Closed      | 3♣          | W  | ¢Q      | -1 | 100   | 4             |
| Spector   | Beatty                 | $\textcircled{\bullet}$        | Open        | <b>2</b> ♥x | W  | ¢Q      | -2 | 500   | 11            |
|           |                        | $\textcircled{\black}{\black}$ | Closed      | 2♠          | S  | ♣T      | -1 | 50    | 11            |
|           |                        |                                | <b>▲</b> 06 |             |    |         |    |       |               |



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Seven partscores and a doubled game!! What a lucky lie of the cards for Jeff Aker in 3NTX!

Woolsey led the CT. Aker won in hand with the king. Aker played the HQ, Woolsey pitching a spade and Bramley, winning his ace. Bramley played the C3 to dummy's queen. Aker played a heart to his jack and cashed the high club. He played the S9 to the queen and cashed the HK and HT. He played the S6 to his hand and claimed 9 tricks for +550 and 10 IMPs.

 $\frac{1}{x}$  Poor E/W ... they have the HA + four diamond tricks and the suit is

blocked... Is it intriguing that Woolsey doubled with nary a peep from Bramley? Not really... he was likely hoping that N/S would retreat to hearts and he knew that suit was breaking badly!



At three tables, E/W reached 4H on the following auction to score +650.

| W  | N | E  | S  |
|----|---|----|----|
| 1♣ | Ρ | 1♥ | 2♦ |
| Р  | Ρ | 3♥ | Ρ  |
| 4  | Ρ | Ρ  | Ρ  |

In the Nickell/Kolesnik match, Ralph Katz & Finn Kolesnik held the East cards and took extremely different views. When 2D was passed around to Finn, he took the "junior" view and jumped directly to 4H, even though West's pass over 2D likely showed a singleton or doubleton heart. Ralph took the "senior," more pessimistic view...HE PASSED! He defended 2D for a five trick set: +250.

Katz is arguably one of the most thinking players in bridge. Is there logic to his position? Based on the bidding, it was likely that Nickell (West), held a lot of clubs (Ralph's void). After all, Katz knew that East and South held ten or eleven diamonds and Nickell likely would have bid a five-card spade suit over 2D. If Nick's distribution was 4-1-2-6 or even 4-2-1-6, defending 2D (even undoubled) might be the best choice. 10 IMPs to Kolesnik



W Ν Е S 1 Ρ 19 Ρ 1 Ρ 2 DBL Ρ Ρ Ρ 4♣ 5 Ρ 6 Ρ Ρ 7 Ρ 6 7 Ρ Ρ Ρ

1D Precision 2C = artificial game force

Meanwhile at Zia's table:

Zia wisely chose not to overcall his mediocre 5-card diamond suit. Instead, he made a lead-directing double of 2C. If E/W had doubled 4C for penalty, it would have been defeated 2 tricks and Moss would

win 8 IMPs against the 4H contract played at the other table.

It's not clear what Dwyer was trying to do when he bid 5C, but his partner's two club cuebids forced E/W to choose among non-making grand slams. No one doubled and 7D was defeated two tricks. 13 IMPs to Moss



It is always dangerous to double a partscore into game at IMPs without the requisite tricks in one's own hand. But who wouldn't double with Martel's hand? His partner opened the bidding in 4th seat and Chip holds 11 HCP including two bullets.

Martel led the S7. Fleisher won the SQ and cashed the DA and continued diamonds. Milgrim guessed correctly. He rose with the king, dropping East's queen. He played a club to the ace and a heart to the king and ace. Martel played a spade. Milgrim ruffed in hand. He played a club to the king and trumped a spade and claimed ten tricks for +510 and 9 IMPs.

At the other table, Gu/Lo played 3H down 2... a common result on this board (see below).

| Nickell    | Kolesnik              | $\odot$                 | Open   | 3♠        | W | <b>♠</b> 8  | -2<br><b>**</b> * | 100 | 0 |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------|-----------|---|-------------|-------------------|-----|---|
|            |                       | $\odot$                 | Closed | 4         | Е | ♣A          | -3                | 150 | 2 |
| Fleisher S | <b>C</b> <sup>1</sup> | $\textcircled{\bullet}$ | Open   | 3🎔        | Е | ♣K          | -2                | 100 | 9 |
|            | Simson                | $\textcircled{\bullet}$ | Closed | 4 <b></b> | Ν | <b>7</b>    | =                 | 510 | 9 |
| Rosenthal  | Masa                  | $\odot$                 | Open   | 4         | W | <b>\$</b> 5 | -2                | 100 | 2 |
|            | Moss                  | $\odot$                 | Closed | 4         | W | <b>♦</b> 8  | -3                | 150 | Z |
| Spector    | Deathy                | $\textcircled{\bullet}$ | Open   | 3♥        | Е | ♣A          | -2                | 100 | 2 |
|            | Beatty                | $\bigcirc$              | Closed | 4         | Е | ♣A          | -3                | 150 | Z |



Bramley/Woolsey had an excellent auction to get to 6D on Board 11:



1D=Precision 1NT=13-15 2D= artificial game force 2NT=5-3-3-2 with a doubleton heart 3C=artificial ask 3S=3-2-5-3 with 3 controls 4C=where are your controls? A/K of diamonds no A/K of spades

(Ed. Note: 6D is explained as SDAM... not sure what that means... perhaps: Six Diamonds Appears Makeable??)

Woolsey cashed and king and queen of amonds and claimed 12 tricks.

Fleisher won 10 IMPs when Gu/Lo stopped in 3NT making six.

In Nickell/Kolesnik, 6D was bid and made at both tables for a push.

In Spector/Beatty, Hurd/Bathurst also bid the slam for a 10 IMPs when their counterparts played in 3NT making five.

Four out of eight ain't bad!

| Nickell   | Kolesnik | $\bigcirc$                  | Open   | 6♦ | W | <b>\$</b> 2 | =  | 920 |    |
|-----------|----------|-----------------------------|--------|----|---|-------------|----|-----|----|
|           |          |                             | Closed | 6♦ | W | <b>\$</b> 2 | =  | 920 |    |
| Fleisher  | Simson   | $\bigcirc$                  | Open   | 3N | W | <b>♣</b> 6  | +3 | 490 | 10 |
|           |          | $\odot$                     | Closed | 6🔶 | W | <b>\$</b> 2 | =  | 920 | 10 |
| Rosenthal | Mara     | $\odot$                     | Open   | 3N | W | <b>\$</b> 2 | +2 | 460 | 1  |
|           | Moss     | $\odot$                     | Closed | 3N | W | <b>4</b> 6  | +3 | 490 | 1  |
| Spector   | Deathur  | $\odot$                     | Open   | 3N | W | <b>¢</b> 2  | +2 | 460 | 10 |
|           | Beatty   | $\mathbf{\mathbf{\hat{b}}}$ | Closed | 6♦ | W | <b>\$</b> 2 | =  | 920 | 10 |

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|   | Home team   | Visiting team | D | Room   | C                | Ву | 0           |       | ۲       | P             |
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| 1 | Nickell     | Kolesnik      | ۲ | Open   | 4🎔               | Е  | <b>\$</b> 3 | -5    | 500     | 13            |
| - | T NICKEII   | Kolesilik     | ۲ | Closed | 5∳x              | Ν  | <b>+</b> 5  | -2    | 300     | 10            |
|   |             |               | ۲ | Open   | 5♣               | W  | ♥Т          | -2    | 200     |               |
| 2 | Fleisher    | Simson        | ۲ | Closed | 5 <b>♣</b><br>x  | w  | ♥Т          | -2    | 500     | 7             |
| - | Describel   | Masa          | ۲ | Open   | 6 <b>ф</b> x     | Ν  | ♥3          | -2    | 300     | F             |
| 3 | 3 Rosenthal | Moss          | ۲ | Closed | 5∳x              | Ν  | ♣A          | -1    | 100     | 5             |
|   |             |               | ۲ | Open   | 5 <del>¢</del> x | Е  | <b>\$</b> 3 | -5    | 1400    | 16            |
| 4 | Spector     | Beatty        | ۲ | Closed | 4♠               | Ν  | ♣A          | -1 44 | 50      | 10            |

In the Nickell/Kolesnik match, Nickell opened 3S on the North hand and Finn Kolesnik overcalled 4H. Katz was happy to defend with his 6-card trump holding. Accurate defense produced a five-trick set for N/S +500. At the other table, Jerry Stamatov opened 4S with the North hand. This was passed around to Eric Greco, who bid 5C with the West hand. 5C can be defeated, but Kevin Rosenberg took the push to 5S. Greco doubled, and Geoff Hampson led the D5. Stamatov won the DA. To make his contract, declarer needed to play a small spade at trick two. Not knowing about the bad heart split, Stamatov played the HT to dummy's ace and Greco trumped. Greco switched to a club and the defense ultimately took four tricks, scoring E/W +300 and 13 IMPs to Nickell.

The real excitement came in the Spector/Beatty match. Marc Jacobus opened 4S on the North hand and played there. John Kranyak, East, led the CA and switched to a heart. Jacobus played dummy's ace and Vince Demuy trumped. Demuy exited with the C3. Jacobus discarded a diamond and won the CK in dummy. A diamond was led to the ace, followed by a diamond ruffed in dummy. If Jacobus plays a heart and trumps in his hand, he can trump his last diamond in dummy and concede the SA. Instead, Marc, tried to return to his hand with a club ruff. Kranyak over-ruffed and cashed the SA to defeat 4S and score E/W +50. Failing to make 4S turned out to be only a 2 IMP error when...

At the other table, Gavin Wolpert, North, opened 4S and Steve Beatty balanced with 4NT on the West cards. Fred Stewart declared 5DX from the East hand. Warren Spector led the S3 to declarer's ace. If Stewart knew the vile lie of the cards, he could get out for down-1 by cashing the CA at trick two. However, this was not obvious. Stewart led the DT and finessed to Wolpert's DJ. A spade was returned and trumped in dummy. Stewart led a club to his jack and South won the king and returned a spade. Stewart trumped in his hand and played the CA. Wolpert allowed the CA to hold the trick. Stewart led his last diamond and the roof caved-in. The contract was defeated by five tricks. N/S +1400 and 16 IMPs to Spector.







Mike Kamil, Michael Berkowitz, and Kitty Cooper all did an excellent job entertaining the audience of kibitzers during the day yesterday. They were joined much of the time by the ever knowledgeable Al Hollander.

For this tournament, Mike Kamil and Maya Alela are arranging and organizing the commentators.

We thank the staff and the commentators for bringing the players into their homes while they analyze the hands for us.

Having the ability to see and hear the commentary makes the experience much more real.

## Two Comments from the USBF FB website...

#### From Michael Schuster (Dinkin team):

"The ergonomics of the small tablets on small low tables was AWFUL. This absolutely needs to improve. We need tablets/screens at least 4x the size of those and full size keyboards. They need to be closer to eye level (we hacked some tables to use ice buckets to elevate the tablets.) The hotel chairs were the wrong height as well (could be alleviated somewhat with pillows) and just about everyone I spoke with was suffering from back pain by the end of day one."

#### From Perry Van Hook:

"Just wanted to provide some feedback on watching the current USBF tournament on Love Bridge. Not nearly as good as it used to be or the other provider. Several times a card played was just missing from the picture. Also the alert system is very poor - not alerting several bids that should be alerted. Most of these happened this morning watching Fleisher vs Simson . - Perry"

Perry would like to know if anyone else had the same experience??