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Results: Finals Day One

Open USBC USA1 - 2022											
Final (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
22-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	93	24	32	22	15					
2	Spector	129	44	28	30	27					

Oh me, oh my...
Four segments that tie!

That's strange to see ...
A New Symmetry?

Table		Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IMP Corr.
1	Nickell	314	28	35	35	71	49	27	13	56	0
	Fleisher	231	38	29	42	23	7	44	13	35	0
Table		Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IMP Corr.
2	Spector	249	46	32	33	36	9	27	35	31	0
	Rosenthal	191	14	15	22	27	9	38	35	31	0

JLALL6... ALERT

POSSIBLE RESCHEDULING

A few days before the closing date for this event, there were only 2 teams entered... closing date extended to 5/25. If no more than 8 teams enter, we will not hold the event in June. we will refund the entry fees, or give a credit for future events, for teams that have entered and paid an entry fee. We will probably reschedule JLall6 to September or October, after reviewing Regional schedules. For more information, go to USBF.org.

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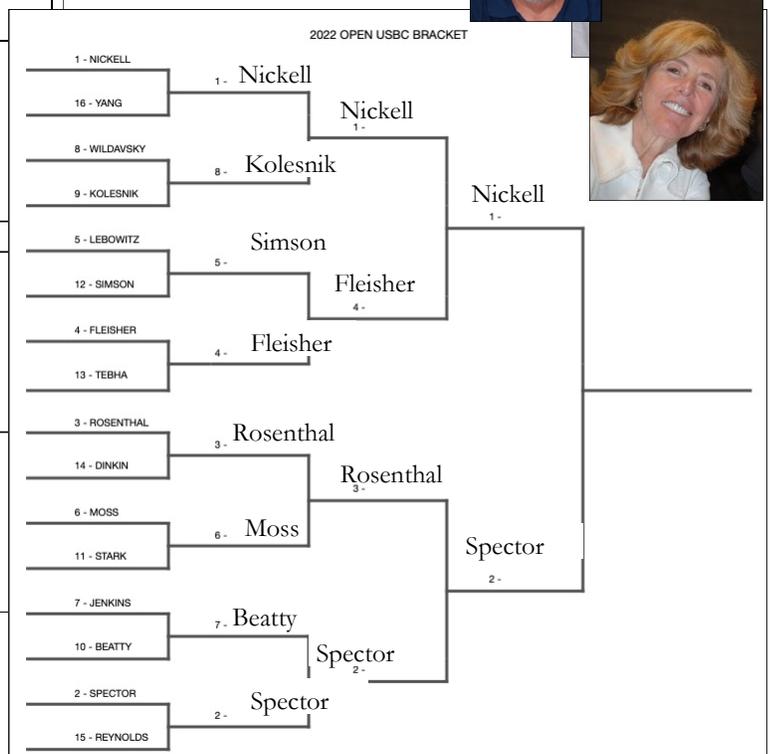
Teams Entered-Alphabetical

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Marc Jacobus	Fred Stewart Jeff Juster
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt George Jacobs	Michael Shuster Craig Gardner
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Bart Bramley	Chip Martel Brad Moss Kit Woolsey
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Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola John Jones	Lance Kerr Bill Hall Claude Vogel
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Kevin Dwyer	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Shan Huang
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Glenn Milgrim Jiang Gu	Jeff Aker Barry Rigal Ai-Tai Lo
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt Vince Demuy Kevin Bathurst	Gavin Wolpert John Hurd John Kranyak
Stark	Andy Stark Alex Kolesnik, Capt Radu Nistor	Franco Baseggio Aaron Jones Iulian Rotaru
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Max Schireson John McAllister	Debbie Rosenberg Stewart Rubenstein Will Watson
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Peter Boyd Mark Lair	Doug Doub Steve Robinson Mike Passell
Yang	Tien-Chun Yang, Capt Hua Yang Jian-Jian Wang	Yanong Han Steve Chen Jun Shi



Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
ROUND OF 16			
SUNDAY	MAY 15	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
MONDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:45 - 3:05	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		4:15 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:50 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
TUESDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
QUARTERFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
THURSDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
SEMIFINAL			
FRIDAY	MAY 20	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SATURDAY	MAY 21	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
FINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 22	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
MONDAY	MAY 23	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



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



Hospitality Suite...

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

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

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and some hot options. Also individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. Maya & Marie-France will be making coffee and will have individual packages of sugar, sweetener, and dairy & non-dairy creamers. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. We are limiting access to 6 players at any one time, so we ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that to take with you as quickly as you can, and then go someplace else to eat. **Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Hospitality Suite at all times.** There will be a hand sanitizer station near the door and we encourage you to sanitize your hands before choosing what to take.

Lunch: Monday, from 2:30-5:00 and Tuesday from 2:00-4:30 there will be a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. You will need to show a convention card or SSF to prove you're with the bridge tournament. Please tell the hotel staff if you see someone who isn't one of us, since we are paying for each lunch. From Wednesday on, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite from 2-4 pm (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early). There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, and berries... Also all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

Let us know what you want: If there is a menu for a future day's lunch hanging on the wall outside the Hospitality Suite, please mark what you want, so we have a better idea of what to order.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit.

AGAIN: Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Player's Break Room at all times, so you may not eat and drink in the room.



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

Popcorn time!

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

Nail biting!

You can choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event and your screen will split into four small screens – two showing the two tables of the match you choose, the other two having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can also personalize the content in your windows. (The 2x2 view is not available on mobile devices.)

Think together!

When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do and see whether your player agrees.

More Information:

The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you to the scoresheet, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

Navigation icons:

While surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue.

Replay:

After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board then the same buttons move you through the list. Push every button and enjoy!

KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)

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

Segment 1: 11:45 am

Segment 2: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 6:00 pm

Segment 4: 8:35 pm

For all other days, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:45 am

Segment 2: 2:10 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:30 pm

Segment 4: 7:55 pm



Kibitzing...



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.



“All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt.”
 —CHARLES M. SCHULZ

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

What do you call a Frenchman in sandals?
 Phillipe Floppe.

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Fish & Chips	\$19.99	Jambalaya	\$18.99
Crispy battered cod filets with tartar sauce, fresh cut fries and cole slaw. Malt vinegar upon request		Spicy tomato rice stew with sauteed chicken, Andouille sausage, bell peppers and onions.	

SANDWICHES

Served with homemade kettle potato chips and cole slaw

BBQ Pulled Pork	\$13.99	Santa Fe Chicken	\$15.99
Smoked pork loin, slow roasted for 7 hours. Served on a toasted sesame seed bakery bun with onion strings and an assortment of BBQ sauces		Wood-grilled chicken breast topped with Swiss cheese, Applewood smoked bacon and fresh guacamole. Served on a toasted sesame seed bakery bun with lettuce, tomato and onion	
Pot Roast Sandwich	\$16.99	Reuben	\$15.99
Tender, slow cooked pot roast with melted cheddar cheese and sweet caramelized onions. Served on a toasted sesame seed bakery bun with horseradish mayonnaise on the side		Lean corned beef, slow simmered and sliced deli-thin. Piled on grilled rye bread with sauerkraut, thousand island dressing and Swiss cheese	
Blackened Tilapia Sandwich	\$13.99	Nashville Hot Chicken	\$13.99
Seared blackened Tilapia, lettuce and sliced tomato on a toasted sesame seed bun. Served with lime cilantro aioli on the side.		Hand breaded, crispy fried, tossed in our Nashville hot sauce, & topped with coleslaw. Served on a toasted sesame seed bun with lettuce, tomato, & pickles	
BBQ Chicken Sandwich	\$14.29	Carolina Chicken	\$13.99
Wood-grilled chicken breast smothered in our sweet BBQ sauce and topped with cheddar cheese and onion strings. Served on a toasted sesame seed bakery bun with lettuce and tomato.		Hand breaded, crispy fried, & topped with our Carolina sauce. Served on a toasted sesame seed bun with lettuce, tomato, & pickles.	

WOOD GRILLED BURGERS

Premium Blend Of Chuck, Short Rib And Beef Brisket. Grilled Over Hickory Wood. Toasted sesame seed bun, with lettuce, tomato, red onions and dill pickles. Served with fresh cut fries.

Ale House Cheeseburger	\$13.79	BBQ Burger	\$14.29
Smothered with cheddar cheese.		Basted with our special sweet BBQ sauce, then topped with cheddar cheese and onion strings	
Mushroom Burger	\$14.79	Bacon Cheeseburger	\$15.79
Topped with fresh, sauteed mushrooms and melted Swiss cheese		Premium Applewood smoked bacon and smothered with cheddar cheese	
Bacon & Egg Burger	\$15.99	Black Bean Veggie Burger	\$14.49
Applewood smoked bacon, cheddar cheese and two fried eggs		A blend of Southwest spices, black beans, chipotle peppers, onions, tomatoes, green chiles and corn. Topped with pepper jack cheese and roasted red peppers. Served with lime cilantro aioli	
Bistro Burger	\$15.79	Southwestern Burger	\$14.99
Smoked Gouda cheese, roasted red peppers, crispy onion strings and garlic mayo		Topped with fresh homemade guacamole and pepper jack cheese	
Patty Melt	\$14.59	The Works	\$15.99
Served on grilled rye bread, cheddar cheese and sweet onions caramelized in butter and StoneWood Amber Ale		Blend of jack and cheddar cheeses, Applewood smoked bacon, sautéed mushrooms, caramelized onions, lettuce, tomato and pickles	
Black & Bleu Burger	\$15.79	Smokehouse Burger	\$15.99
Cajun spices, Danish bleu cheese crumbles, creamy bleu cheese dressing and Applewood smoked bacon		Topped with our slow smoked pulled pork, sweet BBQ sauce, cole slaw and onion strings.	
Turkey Burger	\$13.99	Elvis Burger	\$14.99
Lean, seasoned, hand packed ground turkey, wood-grilled. Topped with Applewood smoked bacon and cheddar cheese. Served with cranberry mayo on the side.		Slathered with chunky peanut butter, sweet ripe bananas and Applewood smoked bacon.	
Inferno Burger	\$15.49		
Topped with pepper jack cheese and homemade habanero pepper relish. Very spicy			

SOUPS & SALADS

Freshly Prepared Dressings: Balsamic Vinaigrette, Bleu Cheese, Honey Mustard, Ranch, Creamy Italian, Thousand Island, Chipotle Ranch, Vinegar & Oil and Asian Sesame Ginger

Baked French Onion Soup		Chicken Noodle Soup	
Caramelized onions, crostini with melted Swiss, mozzarella and parmesan cheese		Homemade with roasted chicken, savory broth, and fresh vegetables.	
Bowl	\$6.99	Cup	\$4.99
		Bowl	\$5.99
Chili		Bleu Cheese Wedge	\$8.99
Topped with cheddar cheese, sour cream and onions.		Crisp iceberg wedge, Danish bleu cheese crumbles, Applewood smoked bacon, tomatoes and creamy bleu cheese dressing.	
Cup	\$5.99		
Bowl	\$7.99	House Salad	\$6.99
		Crisp mixed greens with tomatoes, cucumbers, Monterey jack and cheddar cheese, red onions, carrots and seasoned croutons. Served with your choice of dressing on the side	
Side Caesar Salad	\$6.99	Chopped Salad	\$14.99
Crisp romaine, seasoned with croutons and parmesan cheese		Chopped chicken, lettuce, Applewood smoked bacon, ditalini pasta, diced tomatoes, cucumbers, green onions and Danish bleu cheese crumbles. Tossed in our special creamy Italian dressing	
Grilled Chicken Caesar	\$13.99	Thai Chicken	\$14.99
Sliced wood-grilled chicken breast on crisp romaine lettuce. Tossed with Caesar dressing, seasoned croutons and parmesan cheese		Warm slices of teriyaki glazed wood-grilled chicken breast with mixed greens, cucumbers, tomatoes, cilantro, red onions, wonton strips, tri color peppers and water chestnuts. Tossed in Asian dressing.	
Buffalo Chicken Salad	\$14.99		
Chopped lettuce, roasted sweet corn, red beans, green onions, tomatoes and cilantro tossed with bleu Cheese dressing. Topped with slices of crispy BBQ chicken tossed in buffalo sauce and tortilla strips.			
BBQ Chicken Salad	\$14.29		
Chopped lettuce, roasted sweet corn, red beans, green onions, tomatoes and cilantro tossed with chipotle ranch dressing. Topped with slices of crispy BBQ chicken and tortilla strips			

WOOD FIRED

Add a House or Caesar salad for \$4.99. Load your Mashed Potatoes with Applewood bacon, cheddar cheese and chives for \$1.29

Bourbon Apple Glazed Pork Chops	\$25.99	Pork Chops	\$24.99
Two boneless center cut pork chops wood-grilled and glazed with our bourbon apple sauce. Served with homemade Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, sautéed vegetables and cinnamon spiced apples		Two boneless center cut pork chops wood-grilled. Served with homemade Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, sautéed vegetables and cinnamon spiced apples	
Skirt Steak	\$35.99	Rib Eye Steak	\$33.99
Marinated and wood-grilled. Served with homemade Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, sautéed vegetables and onion strings		Seasoned with herbs, then grilled to perfection. Served with homemade Yukon Gold mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables	
New York Strip Steak	\$32.99	BBQ Ribs	\$21.99
Wood-grilled USDA center cut. Served with homemade Yukon Gold mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables.		Half slab of tender pork baby back ribs, wood-grilled. Served with cole slaw and fresh cut fries + Full Slab Available, Add \$8.00	
BBQ Ribs & Chicken	\$28.99	BBQ Ribs & Crispy Shrimp	\$28.99
Wood-grilled boneless chicken breast glazed with our sweet BBQ sauce. Served with a half slab of our tender baby back ribs, coleslaw and fresh cut fries.		Four crispy Panko breaded jumbo shrimp and a half slab of baby back ribs. Served with cocktail sauce, cole slaw and fresh cut fries.	
Grilled Chicken Bruschetta	\$24.99		
Two boneless chicken breasts topped with tomato Bruschetta. Served with sauteed spinach, onions, bell peppers and homemade mashed potatoes.			

**Prices
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to Change
Without Notice**

SEAFOOD & PASTA

Add a House or Caesar salad for \$4.99

Grilled Salmon	\$23.99	Chicken Pasta Carbonara	\$17.99
Fresh Atlantic Salmon grilled over wood and basted with orange ginger sesame sauce. Served with basmati rice and sautéed spinach		Sautéed chicken breast in a classic cream sauce of garlic, Asiago cheese and Applewood smoked bacon mixed with fettuccine noodles	
Louisiana Chicken Pasta	\$17.99	Crispy Fish Tacos	\$16.99
Sautéed chicken breast, penne pasta, mushrooms, peppers and onions in a zesty New Orleans cream sauce.		Three soft flour tortillas stuffed with beer battered cod filets, Baja Slaw and shredded cheese. Served with fire roasted salsa and crispy rainbow tortilla chips.	
Blackened Tilapia Tacos	\$16.99	Crispy Jumbo Shrimp	\$19.99
Three soft flour tortillas stuffed with blackened tilapia, Baja Slaw and shredded cheese. Served with fire roasted salsa and crispy rainbow tortilla chips.		Jumbo shrimp lightly breaded in our specially seasoned Panko bread crumbs. Serve with fresh cut fries, cole slaw and cocktail sauce.	

Hands from Saturday's SemiFinal

In the Nickell/Fleisher match, both tables declared 6D from the North hand. Both Easts led the H2. Not knowing about the foul heart break, both declarers cashed the CA and trumped a club in dummy. To score one spade, two clubs, and six trump tricks, declarer needs the hearts for communication. On this line of play, in both rooms, East was able to trump a heart to defeat the slam. The only line that works is to take the club finesse and that is inferior without any information.

Hand details from the screenshot:

- North (Gavin Wolpert):** ♠ K8643, ♥ J54, ♦ AK64, ♣ 7
- West (Chris Willenken):** ♠ A975, ♥ T9863, ♦ 7, ♣ T43
- East (Eldad Ginossar):** ♠ QT2, ♥ 2, ♦ T983, ♣ Q9852
- South (Warren Spector):** ♠ J, ♥ AKQ7, ♦ QJ52, ♣ AKJ6

Score: SOUTH 6♦, NS 0, EW 0

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

3D = GF

4H = RKC for diamonds

5D = 2 with the queen

In the Spector/Rosenthal match, Warren Spector and Gavin Wolpert reached 6D from the South hand after Spector opened 1D on his strong 1-4-4-4 distribution.

Willenken led the C3, picking up East's queen. Declarer could count seven tricks in hearts and clubs. He needed only five tricks from the trump suit. Spector drew three rounds of trumps ending in his hand. A club was ruffed in dummy and a heart was used to return to his hand. He drew the last trump and scored up the slam. N/S +1370.

In the other room of this match, Dwyer/Huang stopped in 3NT and took eleven tricks for N/S +660.

12 IMPs to Spector



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

Sudoku 1

Pickle Humor

Every day, the pickle sees a green vegetable at the jar who is waiting for his turn. It must be the queue-cumber.

I accidentally dropped some pickle in my Hawaiian punch; I guess it is now trop-pickle.

I had to choose between a gherkin and Vlasic; I was in a dill-emma.

Cucumber is one vegetable that is always in a pickle.

A gas station was selling pickles two-for-one; It was the dill of the day.

Brining pickles makes them last much longer than fresh cucumbers, but packing them in an air-tight container—that's what really seals the dill.

You hear about that crazy pickle who thought he was a flower? What a daff-o-dill!

You are such a dill-light

Don't forget to relish the moment!

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 16

Sudoku 2

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

I watched a documentary last night about how pickles are made.

It was jarring.



Fleisher v Nickell SemiFinals

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
	1♣	P	P
1♦	1♠	P	P
P			

1C = Precision
1D = 0-8

**Thanks to
Al Hollander
for suggesting
this hand for
the Bulletin.**

♠ KT765
♥ J4
♦ AK6
♣ KJ4
N Geoff Hampson

♠ 42
♥ T9
♦ Q9843
♣ Q862
W Brad Moss

♠ AQJ8
♥ AQ753
♦ J7
♣ A5
E Joe Grue

♠ 93
♥ K862
♦ T52
♣ T973
S Eric Greco

NORTH	NS	EW
1♠	0	0

At one table in Nickell/Fleisher, Bramley declared 2S from the North hand. He had no play and was set two tricks.

At the table above, Geoff Hampson declared 1S. This hand is an interesting test of expert declarer/defender play.

If Grue leads the HA, the defense can prevail. Sadly for him, he didn't find the lead. Instead, Joe led the H3 to declarer's jack. Declarer can prevail by cashing the DAK. That would strip exits from the East hand and result in a slow death by repeated endplays of the strong hand.

Hampson did not cash the diamonds. Instead, he quite reasonably played to pull trump. Geoff led the SJ and Grue won the queen. Again, Joe was at the point where the HA is the killing play. This time he found it. Grue cashed the HA and continued with the H7. Hampson played dummy's H8. Brad Moss trumped with the S4 and Hampson overruffed.

Hampson played the S7, and Grue won the SJ. To defeat the contract at this point, Grue must exit with a diamond. Instead, Joe cashed the SA and followed with the S8 to Hampson's king.

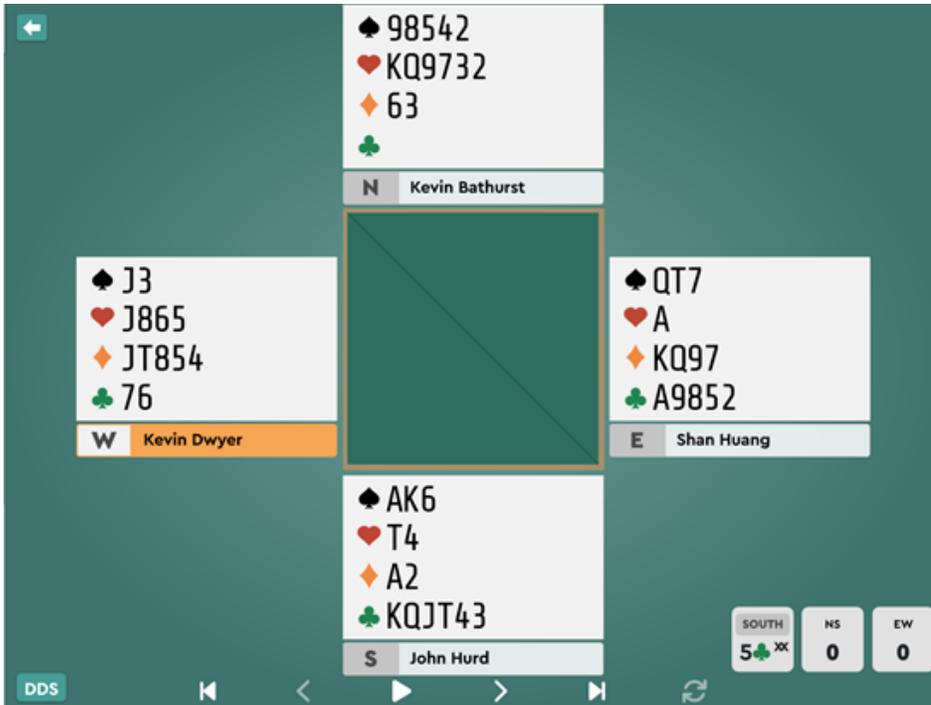
Hampson could make the contract by playing either a high diamond or the CJ! Geoff found the play of the CJ. Grue won the CA! (Note: It does no good for him to duck to Brad's queen.)

Grue exited with the DJ. Hampson won the DA, cashed the DK and exited with a diamond to the West hand. Moss was endplayed in clubs and Hampson took seven tricks scoring +80 for 7 IMPs to Nickell.

Note that, in the Rosenthal/Spector match, Kevin Bathurst declared 1SX on a similar auction, where Kevin Dwyer balanced with a double on the West hand. Shan Huang led the DJ. Bathurst could have made the hand by cashing a second diamond and exiting with a low spade. However, Kevin led a heart toward dummy and eventually failed by a trick. Rosenthal gained 6 IMPs on the board, when Kranyak/Demuy were defeated in 2D at the other table.

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Rosenthal v Spector SemiFinals



P	P	1NT	DBL
RDBL	P	2♣	3♣
P	4♥	P	4♠
P	5♣	DBL	P
P	RDBL	P	P
P			

1NT = 11-15

XX = relay to 2C (one suited runout)

2C = forced

5C = 1 keycard if 4S was RKC in hearts

N/S are cold for 4H or 4S on Board 56. But there's always action at the table when Dwyer/Huang face Bathurst/Hurd.

Huang's opening 11-15 NT seems like a substantial underbid for a 3-1-4-5 hand that has 15 HCP including a singleton ace. Dwyer/Huang play a strong club system with 2C showing a six-card club suit so that bid was out of the question. Still some players might consider the East hand to be good enough for a strong 1C bid. It is certainly a maximum for an off-shape weak 1NT opening.

Hurd doubled 1NT for penalties and Dwyer tried to runout to his diamond suit by relaying to 2C. Rather than simply doubling Huang's forced 2C bid, Hurd bid 3C, taking E/W off the hook prematurely (It is true that E/W can make 2D, but that is simply a lucky coincidence.) Dwyer was happy to pass, and Bathurst jumped to 4H.

Hurd bid 4S. Bathurst assumed this was RKC for hearts. He answered 5C, showing one keycard and Huang made a sporting double. When this came around to Bathurst, he redoubled to suggest that he had at least one place to play outside the heart suit. Huang did not run from 5CXX. The contract was set three tricks for +1000 E/W

At the other table Ginnosar/Willenken played a calm 4H and took eleven tricks for +450 N/S.

16 IMPs (the biggest swing of the day) to Rosenthal

What's a pickle's favorite book? To Dill A Mockingbird.

What's a cucumber's favorite musical instrument? A pickle-o.

Why is the pickle container always open? Because it's ajar.

What did the pickle do when it won the championship? He stood there to relish the moment.

What did the pickle say when he walked into the casino and sat down at the card table? Dill me in.

What do you call a pickle you got at a cheap price? A sweet dill.

Where do pickles go to buy a car? The dillership.

What do you call a genius pickle? A brine-iac.

Who's a pickle's favorite artist? Salvador Dilli.

Silly Dilly...

Word Find...

90's Songs

Find and circle all of the 1990's songs that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional song.



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

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|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| ALL STAR | HOLE HEARTED | MY ALL | SOMEDAY |
| ALWAYS | I WISH | NEVER EVER | SUMMERTIME |
| BLACK VELVET | IESHA | ONLY YOU | TENNESSEE |
| CARNIVAL | INVISIBLE MAN | PUSH | THA CROSSROADS |
| COME UNDONE | JOYRIDE | RHYTHM NATION | THE ONE |
| DO ANYTHING | JUMP | ROAM | TOM'S DINER |
| EVERY HEARTBEAT | LITHIUM | ROMANTIC | TORN |
| FREAK ME | LOSER | RUN AWAY | VOGUE |
| GLYCERINE | MACARENA | RUSH RUSH | WICKED GAME |
| HAZARD | MMMBOP | SCAR TISSUE | WONDER |
| HEARTBREAKER | MOVE THIS | SENSITIVITY | YOU LEARN |
| HEY LOVER | MR. WENDAL | SHOOP | |

Day Six Finals Cross IMPs

1.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Spector	0.89	40.00	45
2.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Spector	0.62	28.00	45
3.	Gavin Wolpert - Warren Spector	Spector	0.13	4.00	30
4.	Ralph Katz - Nick Nickell	Nickell	-0.13	-4.00	30
5.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	-0.62	-28.00	45
6.	Geoff Hampson - Eric Greco	Nickell	-0.89	-40.00	45

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Katz/Nickell were the only pair to bid the slam.

Nickell's bid of 3H showing 0 or 1 diamond was helpful. Katz knew his partner had to hold length somewhere, hoping it wasn't spades, he bid his 4-card heart suit. Nick showed his club length and Katz was pleased to bid slam. And, coincidentally, playing it in clubs had the added bonus of putting the strong hand on play after the 2C opening bid! Fleisher hoped his kings were well placed and doubled... The score at that point was Fleisher: 142/Nickell: 232...

Marty knew his team needed some positive swings. Unfortunately for Fleisher, the hand was cold from the start.

Martel led a small club. Katz put up dummy's jack and Fleisher ducked. Katz played a club to the ace, clearing trump. Katz played the ace, king, and queen of diamonds, tossing two spades and a heart from dummy. He trumped a diamond and took the losing heart finesse. Martel played a spade and Katz won the ace in dummy. Katz ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart and claimed 12 tricks.

As you see below, the three other tables all played in 3NT making four or five. 12 IMPs to Nickell

Nickell	Fleisher		Open	4N	W	♦3	=	430	12
			Closed	6♣x	E	♣4	=	1090	
Spector	Rosenthal		Open	3N	E	♠T	+2	460	
			Closed	3N	E	♥6	+2	460	

						Original					Sale				
	4	6	8	10	12	57 cents	60 cents	63 cents	66 cents	69 cents	49 cents	50 cents	53 cents	58 cents	60 cents
apples															
bananas															
oranges															
peaches															
pears															
Sale	49 cents														
	50 cents														
	53 cents														
	58 cents														
	60 cents														
Original	57 cents														
	60 cents														
	63 cents														
	66 cents														
	69 cents														

Logic Puzzle

Answer on Page 15

Type of Fruit	# of Fruit	Original Price	Sale Price

Cindy went grocery shopping yesterday and was delighted to find an excellent selection of fruit available. All of it was fresh, and even better all of it was on sale! She ended up buying a bit more than she expected to, but was quite pleased with her purchases. Determine what fruits she bought, how many of each fruit (from four to twelve), the original price of each fruit (priced by item, NOT weight), and yesterday's sale price.

1. Cindy bought two more apples than the fruit that cost 49 cents on sale. The peaches were on sale for 53 cents, but their original price was three cents less than the original price of oranges.

2. Cindy bought twice as many bananas as the fruit that was originally 69 cents.
3. The pears originally cost 60 cents, but Cindy didn't buy ten of them.
4. The oranges were on sale for 58 cents but their original price was more than 63 cents.
5. Cindy bought eight peaches. Cindy got ten of the fruit that was originally priced at 66 cents.
6. The fruit, which wasn't the apples, with an original price of 57 cents was on sale for 50 cents.

Meet the Players



John Kranyak is an Ohio native currently living with his beautiful wife Allison in Greenville, SC. Bridge has been his passion since he was a child and lucky for him, he has been able to make it his profession for the last 20 years.

John's mother, Laurie, was a great player in her own right. She played many tournaments with John when he was growing up, and he inherited her love of the game. John's dad, Kenny, also plays and is an excellent player.

John has multiple national championships and is a three-time junior teams champion.

John was a member of the USBF team that represented the USA at the World Championships in 2015 in Chennai, India.

John's wife, Allison, is also a bridge player... that is, when her medical studies afford her the time to be at the tables.

Besides bridge, John enjoys playing poker.

From John's BW Profile:

Favorite Bridge Memory

Winning the Junior World Championships

Bridge Accomplishments

3 World Junior Championships, Won the Mixed Pairs with my mom.

Regular Bridge Partners

Vincent Demuy

Favorite Tournaments

The Nationals and the Team Trials

BBO Username

jkran5



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

49 cents	60 cents	4	pears
53 cents	63 cents	8	peaches
58 cents	66 cents	10	oranges
50 cents	57 cents	12	bananas
60 cents	69 cents	6	apples
Sale Price	Original Price	# of Fruit	Type of Fruit

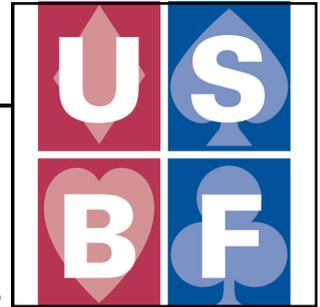
4	9	7	1	3	8	2	6	5
8	1	5	2	4	6	3	7	9
2	3	6	9	5	7	1	4	8
9	2	8	5	6	3	4	1	7
7	6	1	8	9	4	5	2	3
3	5	4	7	1	2	8	9	6
5	4	9	3	7	1	6	8	2
6	7	2	4	8	5	9	3	1
1	8	3	6	2	9	7	5	4

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

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

The USBF is an **all-volunteer** organization.

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

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



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

Ella charges \$100 per hour, including tip.

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

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

The Start of the Finals: Nickell v Spector

It is always good to see the one and two seeds in the Finals. It vindicates the seeding and pretty much insures that the United States will have at least one of its top two teams representing it in Marrakesh next year.

Board 1 was the first swing of the Final with Kranyak/Demuy pushing Levin/Weinstein to the five level in hearts and doubling. Levin/Weinstein could have doubled 4S and collected one club, one diamond, and two spades for down one, but that would still have been an adverse swing for their side when their teammates never took a call and defended 4H making four.

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface with the following elements:

- Top Navigation:** HOME, CARDS, SPLIT, and a back arrow.
- Left Panel (Bidding/Play Log):**

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1♥
P	2♥	DBL	4♣
4♥	P	4♠	5♥
DBL	P	P	P
- Center Panel (Cards):**
 - North (Bobby Levin):** ♠ 73, ♥ 843, ♦ AT964, ♣ K72
 - West (Vince Demuy):** ♠ JT65, ♥ AT6, ♦ KQ752, ♣ 5
 - East (John Kranyak):** ♠ K9842, ♥ K, ♦ J83, ♣ QT83
 - South (Steve Weinstein):** ♠ AQ, ♥ QJ9752, ♦ AJ964
- Bottom Left Panel (Other Table):**

Other Table:
Greco Hurd Hampson Bathurst

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1♥
P	2♣	P	4♥
P	P	P	

2C=constructive + with 3 card support
- Bottom Right Panel:** SOUTH 5♥

Against 5H, Demuy led the C5. Weinstein won the ace and ran the HQ to the Kranyak's king. Kranyak played the CT and Demuy ruffed. Demuy exited the SJ and Weinstein conceded down one.

The play and defense were the same at the other table.

Perhaps Hurd's "constructive +" 2C bid deterred Hampson from making a takeout double. 2H sounded weaker in the other room and Kranyak had "shape." Whatever the reason, Kranyak's aggressive takeout worked to put pressure on his opponents, always a good way to start a match.

11 IMPs to Spector

Finals ... continued on page 21)

Board 42

42
EAST
ALL

♠ K Q J 8 4
♥ Q 7 5
♦ A Q 7 5 3
♣

♠ A 2
♥ 6
♦ 6 2
♣ K Q 9 8 7 6 5 4

♠ 7 6
♥ T 9 8 4 3 2
♦ K J T 9 8
♣

♠ T 9 5 3
♥ A K J
♦ 4
♣ A J T 3 2

Board 42 from the third segment of the Semifinals generated the two largest swings of the day.

Par: 650

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	8	7	11	10
EW	6	5	6	1	3

Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	I	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Nickell	Fleisher	Open	6♠xx	N	♥2	-2	1000			
		Closed	4♣x	W	♠Q	-4	1100			19
Spector	Rosenthal	Open	6♠	N	♦8	=	1430			17
		Closed	6♠	N	♥2	-1	100			

Looking first at the Spector/Rosenthal match.

1NT = H & D
3NT asked shortness
4D = D shortness

Hand 1 (West): ♠ A 2, ♥ 6, ♦ 6 2, ♣ K Q 9 8 7 6 5 4

Hand 2 (East): ♠ 7 6, ♥ T 9 8 4 3 2, ♦ K J T 9 8, ♣

Hand 3 (North): ♠ K Q J 8 4, ♥ Q 7 5, ♦ A Q 7 5 3, ♣

Hand 4 (South): ♠ T 9 5 3, ♥ A K J, ♦ 4, ♣ A J T 3 2

Bidding Log:

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

South opened 1C showing at least three clubs and West passed rather than bid his eight-card club suit. With little interference and all the bidding room they needed, Spector/Wolpert found their way to 6S. East led a diamond into declarer's AQ! Wolpert won the DQ and trumped a diamond in dummy before leading the S3. Dwyer won the SA and returned the C4. Wolpert trumped the club return and claimed twelve tricks scoring N/S +1430.

At the other table in Spector/Rosenthal, East opened a weak 2H bid and West responded 3C (forcing and natural). North overcalled 3S and North/South eventually reached the spade slam. Kranyak led the H2. Eldad won in dummy and played the S3. Demuy won the SA and returned the C8. Eldad trumped the club return and played a spade to dummy. He cashed the CA and led a diamond to the queen. When this lost to East's king, the contract was set one trick. E/W +100 and 17 IMPs to Spector.

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

Hand Cards:

- North (Eldad Ginossar): ♠ KQJ84, ♥ Q75, ♦ AQ753, ♣
- West (Vince Demuy): ♠ A2, ♥ 6, ♦ 62, ♣ KQ987654
- East (John Kranyak): ♠ 76, ♥ T98432, ♦ KJT98, ♣
- South (Chris Willenken): ♠ T953, ♥ AKJ, ♦ 4, ♣ AJT32

Score: NORTH 6♣, NS 0, EW 0

In Nickell/
Fleisher, South
opened 1C...
could be a 2
card suit.

W	N	E	S
4♣	DBL	P	1♣
P		P	P

Hand Cards:

- North (Marty Fleisher): ♠ KQJ84, ♥ Q75, ♦ AQ753, ♣
- West (Nick Nickell): ♠ A2, ♥ 6, ♦ 62, ♣ KQ987654
- East (Ralph Katz): ♠ 76, ♥ T98432, ♦ KJT98, ♣
- South (Chip Martel): ♠ T953, ♥ AKJ, ♦ 4, ♣ AJT32

Score: WEST 4♣^x, NS 0, EW 0

1C = could be 2

Hoping that
Chip indeed
held only two
clubs, Nickell
took a reason-
able chance
and jumped to
4C. Fleisher
made a nega-
tive double,
which was
passed out.

Fleisher led the SK to Nickell's ace. Nick played the CK and got the bad news. Martel won the club, played a diamond to Fleisher's ace and trumped the diamond return. Martell cashed the HK and Nick claimed six tricks... down four... for N/S +1100.

If Nickell's teammates could bid and make 6S, this could actually be a winning position... read on...

(hand, continued on page 20)

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

Dble ReDble

♠ KQJ84
♥ Q75
♦ AQ753
♣

N Geoff Hampson

♠ A2
♥ 6
♦ 62
♣ KQ987654

W Kit Woolsey

♠ 76
♥ T98432
♦ KJT98
♣

E Bart Bramley

♠ T953
♥ AKJ
♦ 4
♣ AJT32

S Eric Greco

NORTH
6♠^{xx}

2D = short diamonds
2NT asked
3H = max 4-3-1-5
4NT = RKC for spades
5H = 2 w/o the queen

South opened 2D (Precision: three suited with short diamonds). Knowing Greco was 3-suited, Woolsey surmised that Greco held four or five clubs.

Accordingly, Kit PASSED with his good eight-card club suit!! Greco/Hampson bid their way to 6S.

BUT, the auction wasn't over.

Certain that his partner had a club void, Woolsey doubled 6S and Hampson redoubled! If Hampson could bring home his contract, he would score +2070 and win 14 IMPs against his teammates -1100.

Bramley led the H2.

Hampson won the HA in dummy and played the D4 to his ace in hand. The D7 was trumped in dummy. Hampson led the C2 from dummy and trumped with the S4! Bramley overruffed and played a heart for Woolsey to ruff. 6S was defeated two tricks scoring E/W +1000

19 IMPs to Fleisher

Where's a pickle's favorite place to go in London? Pickle-dilly Square.

What do you say to a pickle in the morning? Rise and brine.

On what radio station would you hear Bob Dill-on? Vlasic rock.

What do you call a pickle that got run over on the road? Road dill.

What's a pickle's life philosophy? Never a dill moment.

What's a pickle's favorite TV show? Dill or No Dill.

Who is a pickle's national treasure? Picolas Cage.

**More
Silly
"Dilly"**

Board 4

♠ J
♥ 87
♦ JT987432
♣ 64

N John Hurd

♠ KQ962
♥ KJT95
♦
♣ KT8

W Eric Greco

♠ A853
♥ A32
♦ AQ5
♣ AJ9

E Geoff Hampson

♠ T74
♥ Q64
♦ K6
♣ Q7532

S Kevin Bathurst

WEST 6♠

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

2C = Artificial Game Force
2S = Fit for one major and asks more
2NT = 10+ major cards and void
3C asks
3H = Diamond void
3S = Spade fit
3NT = Serious
4NT = RKC spades
5D = 1 or 4 keycards

Greco/Hampson used eight rounds of bidding to reach a solid 6S contract. John Hurd led the C6 to South's queen and declarer's king. Greco led a spade to dummy's ace and continued to draw trumps. Greco cashed the HK and finessed North for the HQ. When this lost, he claimed twelve tricks. Presumably Greco took the heart finesse in this direction because North revealed short holdings in the black suits. His C6 looked like a clear doubleton and he showed out on the second round of spades. E/W +1430

♠ J
♥ 87
♦ JT987432
♣ 64

N Bobby Levin

♠ KQ962
♥ KJT95
♦
♣ KT8

W Vince Demuy

♠ A853
♥ A32
♦ AQ5
♣ AJ9

E John Kранyak

♠ T74
♥ Q64
♦ K6
♣ Q7532

S Steve Weinstein

WEST 7♠

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

2C = could be two
2S = Fit with one major
2NT = any minimum
3D = Spade fit
3S = 5S-5H
4NT = RKC spades
5D = 1 or 4 keycards
5H = Queen ask
5NT = SQ and HK

Levin led the DJ to the Q, K, and ruffed. A spade to the ace followed and trumps were drawn. Demuy cashed the HK, and took the losing heart finesse for down one! 17 IMPs to Nickell

Did Demuy fall from grace when he played the DQ at trick one? It is doubtful that North is leading from the DK against a grand slam. Why wouldn't he lead a trump? The diamond finesse is useless unless trumps are 4-0 and declarer can't take five tricks in the heart suit. In the actual case, if Demuy rises with the DA and trumps a diamond at trick 2, he will discover that North eight diamonds when South's DK falls on the second round. With North holding eight diamonds, one spade and two clubs, the odds are 3-2 in favor of South holding the HQ!

A screwdriver rolls into a bar.

The bartender says, “Hey, we have a drink named after you!”

The screwdriver squeals, “You have a drink named Philip??”

A tennis ball walks into a bar.

The barman says, “Have you been served?”

Infinitely many mathematicians walk into a bar.

*The first says, “I’ll have a beer.”
The second says, “I’ll have half a beer.”
The third says, “I’ll have a quarter of a beer.”*

Before anyone else can speak, the barman fills up exactly two glasses of beer and serves them. “Come on, now,” he says to the group. “You guys have got to learn your limits.”

Bar Jokes!

A weasel walks into a bar.

The bartender says, “Wow, I’ve never served a weasel before. What can I get you?”

“Pop,” goes the weasel.

A man runs into a bar. Panting, he tells the barkeep, “Give me ten shots of your best whiskey—quick!” So the barkeep sets them up and the man knocks them all back in seconds.

“Why you drinking so fast?” asks the barkeep.

“You’d drink fast too, if you had what I have,” says the man.

“Why, what do you have?”

“Only twelve cents.”

A five-dollar bill walks into a bar.

The bartender says, “Hey. This is a singles bar.”