

## Results: USA2 SemiFinal

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6
2	Lall	177	41	88	39	9		
5	Brod	137	12	10	57	58	WD	
3	Wolfson	194	42	55	12	54	31	
4	Lewis	106	23	41	16	4	22	WD

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Board 10

**Wold**  
♠ KQ87  
♥ J10542  
♦ A107  
♣ 5

**Lair**  
♠ A5  
♥ AQ8  
♦ KJ632  
♣ K102

**MRosenberg**  
♠ J9  
♥ K76  
♦ Q9854  
♣ J76

**Itabashi**  
♠ 106432  
♥ 93  
♦  
♣ AQ9843

NS: 0  
EW: 0

Lair	Wold	MRosen	Itabashi
3NT	Pass	Pass	3♣

Sometimes preempts work and other times they don't. On Board 10, Mark Itabashi "took a view." He preempted his 6 card club suit, holding a side 5 card spade suit and ended up preempting himself out of game. To make matters worse, when he opened 3C, LHO was endplayed into bidding 3NT. When Wold led a fourth best spade from KQ87, Lair put up dummy's jack and collected 2 spades, 3 hearts, and 4 diamonds to make it. At the other table, N/S bid the spade game. A diamond was led and Sontag collected 11 tricks. Double game swing = 15 IMPs to Wolfson

Passell	Berkowit	Jacobus	Sontag
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♦	3♦	4♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

## 2019 Senior USBC TEAMS

Teams are listed in alphabetic order & will be numbered in alphabetic order for the Round Robin

<b>Brod</b>	<b>Geoffrey Brod, Capt Karen McCallum</b>	<b>JoAnna Stansby Jon Greenspan Victor King</b>
<b>Cappelli</b>	<b>Robert Cappelli, Capt David Caprera Kenneth Kranyak</b>	<b>Robert Bitterman Anne Brenner Phil Becker</b>
<b>Denison</b>	<b>Daniel Denison, Capt Albert Shrive</b>	<b>Richard Unger Michael Ranis</b>
<b>Hamman</b>	<b>Robert Hamman, Capt Howard Weinstein Neil Chambers</b>	<b>Peter Weichsel Mark Feldman John Schermer</b>
<b>Jacobs</b>	<b>George Jacobs, Capt Jeffry Mandell David Lehman</b>	<b>Claude Vogel Jon Sorkin Richard Melson</b>
<b>Kasle</b>	<b>Gaylor Kasle, Capt Peter Boyd Bart Bramley</b>	<b>Dan Morse Steve Robinson Kit Woolsey</b>
<b>Lall</b>	<b>Hemant Lall Zia Mahmood Dennis Clerkin Petra Hamman, NPC</b>	<b>Reese Milner Curtis Cheek Jerry Clerkin</b>
<b>Lewis</b>	<b>Paul Lewis, Capt Mike Passell Mark Itabashi</b>	<b>Ron Smith Marc Jacobus Eddie Wold</b>
<b>Mahaffey</b>	<b>Jim Mahaffey, Capt Drew Casen Matthew Granovetter</b>	<b>Sam Lev Alan Graves Lew Stansby</b>
<b>Reynolds</b>	<b>W. Thomas Reynolds, Capt David Pelka Ellen Kent</b>	<b>Lance Kerr William Hall Robert Kent</b>
<b>Simson</b>	<b>Doug Simson, Capt Allan Falk Steve Beatty</b>	<b>Jeff Aker John Lusky Fred Stewart</b>
<b>Wolfson</b>	<b>Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt Mark Lair David Berkowitz</b>	<b>Michael Rosenberg Steve Garner Alan Sontag</b>

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called David, the 11 year old next door whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over.

David clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?"

He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An ID Ten T error?"

What's that? In case I need to fix it again."

David grinned, "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?"

"No", I replied.

"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So I wrote down: I D 1 0 T

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. 'One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me,' said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, 'One for you, one for me, one for you, One for me...'

He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along.

'Come here quick,' said the boy, 'you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls!'

The man said, 'Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk.' When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery.

Standing by the fence they heard, 'One for you, one for me. One for you, One for me.'

The old man whispered, 'Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord...'

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.

At last they heard, 'One for you, one for me. That's all.. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done....'

## Remaining Schedule

USA2 FINAL			
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 8</b>	<b>10:00 - 12:10</b>	<b>SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15</b>
		<b>12:25 - 2:35</b>	<b>SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30</b>
		<b>4:00 - 6:10</b>	<b>85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK</b>
		<b>6:25 - 8:35</b>	<b>SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15</b>
			<b>SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 9</b>	<b>10:00 - 12:10</b>	<b>SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15</b>
		<b>12:25 - 2:35</b>	<b>SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30</b>

Board 20

**Wold**  
 ♠ J6  
 ♥ 73  
 ♦ 8643  
 ♣ 97432

**Wolfson**  
 ♠ 2  
 ♥ 652  
 ♦ QJ102  
 ♣ AQ1086

**Garner**  
 ♠ 1087543  
 ♥ A8  
 ♦ 75  
 ♣ KJ5

**Itabashi**  
 ♠ AKQ9  
 ♥ KQJ1094  
 ♦ AK9  
 ♣

NS: 0  
EW: 0

Wolfson	Wold	Garner	Itabashi
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣
Dbl	Pass	3♣	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Board 20 from Segment 4 of the USA2 SemiFinal produced a 17 IMP swing in Lall/Brod and a 13 IMP swing in Wolfson/Lewis.

In Brod/Lall, King opened a third seat weak two in spades. Lall doubled and when Milner bid 2NT Lebensohl, Lall jumped to 5H hoping his partner would have enough to bid a slam. Milner passed and Brod predictably led his singleton deuce of spades... the suit partner opened ... hoping for a ruff to defeat the hand.

Lall won and immediately played the HK. King won and gave Brod his spade ruff. Brod exited with a heart. Lall ran the hearts. Brod discarded carefully on the hearts and spades. Eventually, he discarded the CA and held the D:QJT. When he collected his diamond trick, the contract failed.

In the other room of this match, Zia opened 2D, multi, showing a weak 2 in one of the majors. Joanna Stansby doubled. Cheek bid 2S, pass or correct, showing better tolerance for hearts than for spades. When this was passed to Stansby, she asked for aces. McCallum showed none and Stansby, with her massive values, bid 6H.

Disregarding Zia's preempt, Cheek disdained the lead of his singleton spade and chose to lead a trump instead. This removed Zia's entry and a ruff was no longer possible.

Passell	MRosenl	Jacobus	Lair
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Zia continued hearts and Joanna ran off all her trumps. Three rounds of spades followed. Cheek was feeling the heat. He had come down to three diamonds and the CA. On the fourth spade, he had to decide what to keep. Playing upside down signals, Zia had pitched the five and then the seven of diamonds and held all his clubs. Probably Curtis should have worked out the position, however, all the players are tired and in a sequence of plays like this, sometimes they lose track. Curtis threw his DT and Joanna brought home the slam.

Brod	Milner	V King	H Lall
Pass	Pass	2♠	Dbl
Pass	2NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In the Wolfson/Garner match, Itabashi, like Stansby bid 6H. Garner did not open a weak two. Itabashi opened a strong 2C; Wolfson doubled; Wold passed and Itabashi jumped to the slam.

Cheek	McCallur	Zia	J Stansb
Pass	Pass	2♦	Dbl
2♠	Pass	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Wolfson led the DQ. Itabashi won in hand and played a trump to Garner's ace. Garner played a second diamond. Itabashi won in hand and played a spade to the jack and a spade to his ace. Wolfson happily ruffed and cashed his high diamond. Contract down two.

Rosenberg and Lair were the only pair to stop in the legitimately makeable contract of 4H. Lair started with a strong 2C bid. Rosenberg bid 2H double negative. Presumably 4C confirmed a strong two in hearts. Rosenberg bid 4H, played it there, taking 11 tricks.

At the tables where East showed a weak two in spades, perhaps South should have started with a 3S cuebid to show their massive heart hand. When South bids 3S knowing that partner will be responding 4C having no spade stopper. The 4H rebid by South shows a strong game forcing hand. North will be able to pass comfortably. It is important to show the strength of this hand without getting too high.

Board 22

**Wold**  
 ♠ AQ42  
 ♥ 83  
 ♦ J843  
 ♣ KQ4

**Wolfson**  
 ♠ J7  
 ♥ KJ104  
 ♦ 976  
 ♣ A532

**Garner**  
 ♠ 108653  
 ♥ Q97652  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ 9

**Itabashi**  
 ♠ K9  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ AKQ102  
 ♣ J10876

NS: 0  
 EW: 0

Wolfson	Wold	Garner	Itabashi
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Passell	MRosenl	Jacobus	Lair
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Dbl	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Brod	Milner	V King	H Lall
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Cheek	McCallur	Zia	J Stansb
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Board 22 was the third big swing of the session for the Brod team... and they needed it. They entered the day down 107 and they entered this session down 88.

On Board 22, McCallum and Stansby bid conservatively to 5D and made six on the HJ lead.

In the other room, Milner/Lall reached took six rounds of bidding to reach 6D. Unfortunately for them, their bidding provided Brod with the information he needed to defeat the slam. It wasn't a certainty but after clubs were bid and supported by his opponents, Brod decided his best chance was to find his partner with a singleton club. He led the CA and gave King a ruff ... contract down one.

10 IMPs to Brod

In Wolfson/Lewis, Wold and Itabashi bid to 5D and made six on the heart lead.

In the other room, Lair and Rosenberg bid to the slam. Lair had shown club length in the auction but Rosenberg never supported him... AND, more importantly, Jacobus had doubled 2H.

For all those reasons, Passell led a heart. He thought that was what his partner wanted.

Lair collected 12 tricks.

11 IMPs to Wolfson

# Meet the Players



**Fredrick M. "Fred" Stewart** (born 1948) is an American bridge player from Bloomington, New York. Stewart has won the Cavendish Invitational Pairs three times and has won 8 North American Bridge Championships .

## Wins

Cavendish Invitational Pairs 1993, 1996, 2011  
North American Bridge Championships  
von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 1981  
Wernher Open Pairs 1995  
Blue Ribbon Pairs 1987  
Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1992, 2012  
Senior Knockout Teams 2012  
Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1995  
Reisinger 1984

## Runners-up

Cavendish Invitational Pairs 1986  
North American Bridge Championships  
Wernher Open Pairs 2004  
Blue Ribbon Pairs 1994, 2002  
Grand National Teams 1991  
Vanderbilt 1999  
Senior Knockout Teams 2010  
Reisinger 1995

## Hospitality Suite

The hospitality suite for the 2019 Senior USBC will be room 2321. Our wonderful hostess, Martha Katz will be in Schaumburg to welcome you, with a lot of help from other volunteers.

The hospitality suite will be open starting on Thursday evening and continuing throughout the event. Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch each day from about 1:00-4:00. Players, kibitzers, friends, spouses and children are welcome to join us in the hospitality suite.

The hospitality suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan & McKenzie's office) is room 1321. It will be available for the entire tournament. We will have coffee, soft drinks and some snacks available in that room while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

Special Thanks to Martha's mom, Chris Benson, and aunt, Carol Hillard, for helping in the Suite.



**No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.**

**This applies to players AND kibitzers.**

**Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule. Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door. The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.**



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**McCallum**  
 ♠ A  
 ♥ QJ54  
 ♦ J5  
 ♣ AQJ952

**D Clerkin**  
 ♠ 7542  
 ♥ 108  
 ♦ 109743  
 ♣ 104

**J Clerkin**  
 ♠ QJ106  
 ♥ AK3  
 ♦ Q862  
 ♣ K7

**J Stansby**  
 ♠ K983  
 ♥ 9762  
 ♦ AK  
 ♣ 863

NS: 0  
 EW: 0

D Clerkin	McCallum	J Clerkin	J Stansby
Pass	1 ♣	Dbl	Rdbl
1 ♦	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

All four tables arrived in 4H. Interestingly, both tables in Brod/Lall played the hand from South, while both tables in Lewis/Wolfson played the hand from North!

Both Easts in Lewis/Wolfson led a high spade. Declarer won in hand and played a diamond to dummy and a heart toward the QJ54. When East won the heart, he returned another spade. Declarer won in dummy and finessed the CK, losing to East who then returned a diamond. At this point, declarer needs to lead a second heart or he's hand locked. Both declarers got it right and made their vulnerable games.

Push board!

Both Wests led a diamond. Declarer won in hand and played a heart toward the dummy. When East won the heart, he continued diamonds. Declarer won in dummy and needed to lead the heart again to avoid being hand locked.

Joanna Stansby did that and made the game.

Brod	Milner	V King	H Lall
Pass	1 ♣	Dbl	Rdbl
1 ♦	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

In the other room where Lall was declarer, he won the diamond and finessed the CK. When this lost to East, East returned a spade and Lall found himself in a bad position. He could not get to dummy to lead toward his heart.

Berkowit	P Lewis	Sontag	Smith
Pass	1 ♣	Dbl	Rdbl
1 ♦	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

He chose to play for the remaining high heart to be singleton at this point. Accordingly, he played the H4 off of dummy. Jerry Clerkin wisely ducked and his brother won his ten.

Lall lost three heart tricks and one club for down one.

Wold	Wolfson	Itabashi	Garner
Pass	1 ♣	Dbl	Rdbl
1 ♦	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

12 IMPs to Brod

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

Sudoku 1

# Moderate Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Howie Doing...

Thank you for having me.  
 It has been fun.  
 But after a month,  
 I'm glad it's near done!

If you've never been here,  
 You really should try it.  
 Great restaurants, great shopping,  
 A bar at the Hyatt!

Wolfson v Lall,  
 It's easy to choose...  
 If the Wolfson team wants it,  
 It's their match to lose.

They won't be defeated  
 Unless they play tired,  
 The Lall team takes risks  
 And their luck has expired!

### Answers to Puzzle on Page 8:

dinner	March	Friday	Jeremy	Sally
opera	July	Monday	Allen	Marcia
hospital	August	Thursday	Mark	Kristin
birthday	October	Wednesday	Rick	Ellen
wedding	May	Tuesday	Chris	Amy
Location	Month	Day of the Week	First Name	First Name

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 9

# Puzzle Page ...

	Allen	Chris	Jeremy	Mark	Rick	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March	May	July	August	October	birthday	dinner	hospital	opera	wedding
Amy																				
Ellen																				
Kristin																				
Marcia																				
Sally																				
birthday																				
dinner																				
hospital																				
opera																				
wedding																				
March																				
May																				
July																				
August																				
October																				
Monday																				
Tuesday																				
Wednesday																				
Thursday																				
Friday																				

Five couples got engaged during this past year, each in a different month. Coincidentally, each couple met originally through a dating service and had no prior experience with each other. A year later, all five couples got engaged! Each man asked his girlfriend to marry him (and each was quite relieved when she agreed!) at a special event on a different day of the week. Although technically, Mark didn't plan his proposal ahead of time for a special event. His girlfriend was rushed to the hospital for emergency appendix surgery and he asked her when she came out of recovery (he thought it would help take her mind off the surgery). Determine the first name of each couple, the day of the week (Monday through Friday) and the month that each got engaged, and where each engagement took place.

1. One couple got engaged in May at a friend's wedding. Jeremy asked his girlfriend in March. Mark didn't propose to his girlfriend on Wednesday.
2. Chris asked Amy to marry him two months before the couple who got engaged at the opera.
3. Sally's boyfriend asked her to marry him on a Friday. Ellen wasn't dating Allen. One couple got engaged on a Monday night in July but it wasn't Kristin and her boyfriend.
4. One couple got engaged in October at a family birthday party but not on a Tuesday night. Marcia got engaged at the opera but Jeremy wasn't her boyfriend.
5. Rick asked his girlfriend, who wasn't Kristin, to marry him two days after Marcia was asked but the day before the couple who were engaged in August.
6. The five couples, in no particular order, were the couple who went to dinner, Kristin and her boyfriend, the couple who got engaged on Wednesday, Allen and his girlfriend, and the couple who got engaged in May

## Answer on page 7

First Name	First Name	Day of the Week	Month	Location
Amy				
Ellen				
Kristin				
Marcia				
Sally				
-----	Allen	Monday	March	birthday
-----	Chris	Tuesday	May	dinner
-----	Jeremy	Wednesday	July	hospital
-----	Mark	Thursday	August	opera
-----	Rick	Friday	October	wedding

## Vugraph

The 2019 Senior USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Quarterfinals, in which we will try to cover all of the tables in play. The Quarterfinal starts Sunday, June 2nd.

To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or use the download version of the BBO software to run BBO on your computer (only available if you already have it, not to new users). If you choose the latter approach, from the Lobby, click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the matches you want to watch.

To watch on your smartphone or tablet, install the BBO app and watch using that.

There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages.

Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:00-12:10

12:25-2:35

3:45-5:55

6:10-8:20

All of the teams will play the same boards throughout the event.



### Hints for BBO viewers

Useful information is available to browser BBO users [and perhaps some mobile bbo users]

if you click on the name of the table/event you will get a pop-up that:

- \* displays the BBO Schedule for the specific vugraph event – calculated for the time zone of the viewer's electronic device

- \* has a link to the home page for the event

if you click on a player name you will usually get a pop-up that

- \* displays a picture of the player

- \* shows links to System Summary Forms (SSFs), Convention Cards (CCs), and biographical information

VIDEO: Live video streaming is not available for this event.

Video from the event tables will be uploaded to YouTube as soon as we can manage.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2019 Open USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on this site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2019 Senior USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

If you are going to be in the Chicago area during the Senior USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please **email Jan Martel**.

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

**Sudoku  
Solutions  
from page 8**

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

# Limey Jack...

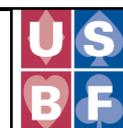
Alas Yanks; this is the final missive for you. If you want to make a few quid follow Limey Jack for one more match. If you follow Howie Dung, he is all over the Shoppe. Seems prob that he will pick Wolfson, but as is known all the way to the fens, he is balmy and daft as a brush.

Lewis just had a bad hair day and submitted or all fours, but Wolfson was the better team. In the other match something strange occurred this aftly which gave Limey Jack the abdabs. The Brod Team, which Zia toyed with, was within sight of the stern of Lall, when they bailed.

It is a dead cert that Zia is the favourite to win USA2. Congratulations to both squads for a wonderful sequel to the longest double fortnight one can recall. Fine bridge, great organisation, superb commentators, amazing prognosticators. Even the mad Dr. Dung did faire. The USBF and the Colonies get a right spot of thanks.

Cheers, LJ

## 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. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. 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.

We hope you will join us.

Before the 1998 Chicago NABC, the ACBL commissioned an artist named Jim Harrington from Waukegan, IL, to do a painting called "Our Game." The lithos were sold at the '98 NABC and the original was auctioned off as a fund raiser for the tournament. Leo and Pat Perez from Garden Grove, CA, won the drawing and the winners were named at the Orlando NABC that year and awarded their painting. The picture was prominently displayed during both the Chicago and Orlando NABCs. The lithos are numbered editions. Mr. Harrington's widow, Sue, donated the remaining lithos to the USBF when she moved from her Waukegan home last year. We have several here at the tournament. If you would like one, please see either Jan Martel or Suzi Subeck. From the July 26, 1998, Daily Bulletin at the Chicago NABC:



## Our Game

The ACBL Educational Foundation is happy to welcome artist Jim Harrington who is here in Chicago this morning to personalize limited edition prints of his painting "Our Game". This is the only day he will be here. Harrington will be at the Educational Foundation's booth which is located near the NorthEast Exhibit Hall on the lower level.

Harrington is a well-known artist listed in *Who's Who of Living American Artists* and is well represented in the collections of many corporate and private collections. Proceeds from the project will be split evenly between the Educational Foundation and Art Etc. Inc.

**FYI:**

These are not for sale. We are giving them to those who want them.

**Congratulations. I knew the record would stand until it was broken.**

**Yogi Berra**

**A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore.**

**Yogi Berra**

Several Committees of the USBF meet online as Forums on BridgeWinners. These groups impact future United States Bridge Championships. Among these committees are the **USBF Tournament Policy Committee**, the **USBF Technical Committee**, and the **USBF Systems Committee**. These committees formerly known as the ITT committees make decisions that impact you as participants in our Competitions.

All of these committees and more are active as Forums on BridgeWinners. If you, as a member of the USBF, would like to be involved in our future decision making process, you are welcome to visit there, participate, and read up on the current outlook.

For access to the BW Forums, email Jan to request your access at [marteljan@gmail.com](mailto:marteljan@gmail.com).

We encourage your involvement. Your input and your interest is important to us.

**USBF Committees**

Our pens, though not feather,  
Perhaps need a tether?  
To keep them from flying away?  
We always reuse them  
So please don't abuse them,  
And leave on the table today!

We clearly assert  
Your need to alert  
So use when explaining a call!

But leave at the site  
So others can write.  
Should they need to explain Lebensohl!!!

**Alert!**



## ACBL Collegiate 04-15-2019, All Hand 8s

**Board 8a**  
West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q 6  
♥ Q 9 5  
♦ 9 7 5  
♣ 10 9 7 2

♠ 10 8 5 4  
♥ A K 10 7 2  
♦ J 4  
♣ J 6

♠ J  
♥ 8 4  
♦ K 10 8 6 3 2  
♣ K Q 4 3

7  
9 9  
15

♠ A 9 7 3 2  
♥ J 6 3  
♦ A Q  
♣ A 8 5

N			
W	E		
		S	

S 2N; NS 2♠; EW 3♦; N 1N; Par -100;  
NS 3♠x-1; S 3N-1

In Notrump, or Spades, due to the lucky layout in black suits, NS can win 2 ♣, 5 ♠ and 1 ♥. Against 1 NT, GIB will most likely lead the ♠ J (they lead passively). There is no need to rush to take the Diamond finesse, eventually someone will be forced to lead Diamonds. It is better to try an avoidance play in Clubs, hoping to set up a Club trick without losing a trick to East. Win the Spade at trick one and play a Club to the ♣ 8. This line might result in 9 tricks for NS.

Result	#	Points	Score
1NS+2	10	150	2.46
2♠+1	1	140	2.46
1NS+1	10	120	1.74
2♠=	1	110	1.44
1NS=	6	90	0.72
1NS-1	1	-50	-2.87
2♠-1	3	-50	-2.87
2♠-2	2	-100	-4.13
1NS-2	1	-100	-4.13
3♠-2	1	-100	-4.13
4♠-2	1	-100	-4.13
4♠-3	1	-150	-5.33
3♠-3	1	-150	-5.33
1NS-5	1	-250	-7.46

**Board 8c**  
West Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 9 6  
♥ A  
♦ Q J 10 9 8 6  
♣ Q 10 2

♠ 10  
♥ K Q 9 7 5  
♦ 7 3 2  
♣ 8 6 5 3

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

10  
10 5  
15

♠ A K 8 5 2  
♥ J 10 4  
♦ A 5 4  
♣ K 4

N			
W	E		
		S	

NS 5♠; NS 3N; NS 5♦; EW 1♥; EW 1♣;  
Par +450

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	

5♦ are all possible contracts), and making game should be worth a nice IMP pickup, because each contract can be tricky to make. Those in 4♠ by South are likely to be gifted with the ♦ K opening lead, after which the ♠ AKx or perhaps better ♠ A and then low Spade when the ♠ 10 drops from East (allowing you to win 11 tricks) will be a top IMP score.

Result	#	Points	Score
3NS+2	3	460	5.08
4♠S+1	3	450	5.08
3NS+1	2	430	4.16
4♠S=	2	420	4.12
5♦N=	2	400	3.52
3NS=	3	400	3.52
3♦N+1	2	130	-2.64
3♦N=	1	110	-3.16
4♦N-1	1	-50	-6.52
4♠S-1	4	-50	-6.52
4♠S-2	2	-100	-7.6
4♠S-3	1	-150	-8.4

South will open in 4th seat. His two options are 1 NT and 1♠. Most players will open 1 NT, which is the most descriptive bid for this hand and the auction will end there. If South opens 1♠, North will raise to 2♠ which South should pass. Why? South has the worse distribution, a poor spade suit, and even if his partner has a 10 point maximum, there will be only 25 points. However, some Souths will take another bid and get much too high.

At IMPs it doesn't matter if you make 2♠ or 2 NT, but +110 or +120 should score well, especially if too many NS get to 3♠ or higher.

## More ACBL Collegiate Hands

This time, North WILL open with a weak 2♦ bid. GIB plays 2 NT over weak two as a feature ask and a new suit as FORCING. Since 2♠ is forcing, I would bid 2♠ as South. North will jump to 4♠, ending the auction.

If South responds 2 NT, the Spade suit will be lost, and 3 NT or 5♦ will be reached. North will show his Club feature (by bidding 3♣) and when South rebids 3♠, North will rebid 3 NT, ending the auction.

3 NT is in trouble on a heart opening lead (unless South guesses the ♦ K singleton), but on any other lead, South can easily make 3 NT. NS should bid game (3 NT, 4♠ and

**Board 8b**  
West Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 8 6 5 4  
♥ 8  
♦ A 10 8 7  
♣ 9 8

♠ 7  
♥ Q 10 9 5 2  
♦ Q 6 5 4  
♣ J 7 2

5  
5 8  
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♠ —  
♥ A J 7 6 4 3  
♦ J 9 3 2  
♣ Q 5 4

♠ A K Q 9 3 2  
♥ K  
♦ K  
♣ A K 10 6 3

N			
W	E		
		S	

NS 6♠; N 5♣; S 4♣; NS 1N; EW 1♥;  
EW 1♦; Par +980

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	2♥	3♥
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All pass	

Another option is to double 2♥ then cue-bid 4♥ after West's 3♥ is passed back to you. North is likely to just jump to 6♠ on that auction. With this strong a hand and an easy 12 tricks, not bidding slam will score negative IMPs.

Result	#	Points	Score
6♠N=	10	980	6.0
6♠S=	7	980	6.0
4♠N+3	2	510	-4.09
4♠+2	15	480	-5.09
5♠+1	1	480	-5.09
7♠-1	1	-50	-12.46

**Board 8d**  
West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 10 9 7 6  
♥ 10 9 5  
♦ 9 4  
♣ Q J 3

♠ 8 5 3  
♥ K J 6 3 2  
♦ J 10 6 2  
♣ 5

6  
5 9  
20

♠ 4  
♥ A 8 7  
♦ Q 8 5  
♣ K 9 7 6 4 2

♠ A Q J 2  
♥ Q 4  
♦ A K 7 3  
♣ A 10 8

N			
W	E		
		S	

NS 5♠; NS 2N; EW 1♥; NS 1♣; Par +450

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4♠
All pass			

As he has ruffing value (that is, not 4333 shape). So there probably will be a lot of players jumping to 4♠ directly over the transfer. Either way, four Spades by South will be the final contract. Against 4♠, West will lead his singleton Club and NS should win 11 tricks (five ♠s, one ♥-ruff, three ♣s, and two ♦s). There will be few IMPs to win or this board, but anyone failing to bid game or going minus as NS can lose a lot of IMPs.

Result	#	Points	Score
4♠S+1	17	450	1.28
4♠N+1	1	450	1.28
4♠S=	11	420	0.28
4♠N=	1	420	0.28
2♠N+1	1	140	-6.25
4♠S-1	2	-50	-10.09

After two passes, East will open a weak two Hearts. Playing with your favorite partner, you might have a very effective convention for this South hand: Leaping Michaels.

Leaping Michaels occurs after a weak two in a major, where a jump overall of four in a minor shows a hand with at least 5-5 shape with the minor bid and the unbid major. The major disadvantage of Leaping Michaels is it removes 3 NT as a possible contract, but with 6-5 shape, but South is not considering playing in Notrump. However, GIB doesn't play Leaping Michaels, so South is forced to choose another option. Fortunately, GIB plays 3♥ cue-bid as Michaels, so I would use that. The auction would end up in 6♠ by momentum as shown in the

## With Analysis



Not too long ago, the auction at all the tables would have been identical to the one shown in below the hand diagram. Slowly overtime, super accepts have become more and more common (and liberal). Now, after a 2 NT opening bid and 3-of-a-red suit transfer to a major, completing the transfer (ie, bidding 3♠) has begun denying four card support, and with 4-card support opener jumps to game. More recently, some players have begun super-accepting with three card support, suggesting a doubleton when the opener doesn't super-accept this transfer.

I am perfectly happy with South super-accepting with four card support and minimum values as