

Oldies but Goodies—TASR Pre-Bulletin



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The Prez Says ...

Welcome to the 2020 USBF Transatlantic Senior Qualification Tournament (TASR). This event will qualify four teams for an online Senior Tournament sponsored by the Polish Bridge Union and Canadian Bridge Federation to be held from January 18-February 8, 2021.

The TASR will be a 3 day complete Round Robin with 9-board matches held on RealBridge from December 11-13.

There are fourteen teams and one alternate entered. Two of the teams may have conflicts and may not be able to play. If one team drops out, the alternate will replace them. If both teams drop out, there will be 12 teams in the TASR.

Basic Conditions:

Undo's for misclicks will be allowed.

Players will self alert and explain their bids. Explanations should be provided for any bid about which a pair has information and their opponents may not. Explanations can be up to 300 characters, and will be saved in the player's "Explanation Library" on RealBridge, so that a second use of the same explanation will only require one click.

Players may consult their notes during the bidding.

Please note: Online play presents challenges. The USBF is grateful to have RealBridge and its many conveniences as a platform for our Competitions during this Pandemic.

While the USBF Board and the tournament organizers do their best to make the USBF events the fairest Competitions year after year, only you, the participants, can maintain this standard. We are counting on you to uphold the high ideals of ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which United States bridge is known worldwide.

I am not old enough to qualify for this tournament, but I will be watching from home.

Good luck everyone!

Let the games begin!

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Another Special Pandemic Competition

Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

There are 14 teams and 1 alternate entered. They are in alphabetical order:

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Gloria Bart	Fred Stewart Les Bart
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt Mark Ralph Bob Thomson	Cris Barrere Bill Harker Bob Etter
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Phil Becker Jerry Helms Dave Caprera	Bob Bitterman Ken Kranyak Ed Schulte Anne Brenner
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Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Bob Hamman Naren Gupta Michael Rosenberg	Reese Milner Peter Weichsel Zia Mahmood Ash Gupta
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mark Lair
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Billy Cohen Ifti Baqai	Marc Jacobus Ron Smith Mitch Dunitz
Nadel	Julie Nadel, Capt Dennis Clerkin Billy Miller	Bruce Ferguson Jerry Clerkin
Parker	Howard Parker, Capt Drew Casen Venkatrao Koneru	John Onstott Jim Krekorian
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Bill Hall	Lance Kerr Randy Howard Gary Donner
Sanborn	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Bart Bramley Neil Silverman	Jill Meyers Kit Woolsey Allan Graves
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Glenn Milgrim Allan Falk	Jeff Aker Barry Rigal John Lusk
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Mike Becker Bruce Rogoff	Steve Garner Larry Cohen Howie Weinstein Bob Sartorius
Tudor [Alternate]	Harry Tudor, Capt Janice Molson Brian Glubok	Jeff Mandell Tobi Sokolow Lee Rautenberg



Tournament Schedule

SCHEDULE <i>(4 MATCHES ON EACH OF FRIDAY & SUNDAY, 5 MATCHES ON SATURDAY)</i>			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EST	BOARDS
FRIDAY	DEC 11	12:45 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	DEC 11	1:00 - 2:05 2:20 - 3:25 3:40 - 4:45 5:00 - 6:05	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-9 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 10-18 ROUND 3 - BOARDS 19-27 ROUND 4 - BOARDS 28-36
SATURDAY	DEC 12	1:00 - 2:05 2:20 - 3:25 3:40 - 4:45 5:00 - 6:05 6:20 - 7:25	ROUND 5 - BOARDS 37-45 ROUND 6 - BOARDS 46-54 ROUND 7 - BOARDS 55-63 ROUND 8 - BOARDS 64-72 ROUND 9 - BOARDS 73-81
SUNDAY	DEC 13	1:00 - 2:05 2:20 - 3:25 3:40 - 4:45 5:00 - 6:05	ROUND 10 - BOARDS 1-9 ROUND 11 - BOARDS 10-18 ROUND 12 - BOARDS 19-27 ROUND 13 - BOARDS 28-36

Age Appropriate Humor!!

The old man was sitting on the examining table in the doctor's office having his hearing checked. The doctor poked his light scope in the old man's ear and said, "Hey, you have a suppository in your ear!"

"Rats," said the old man. "Now I know where my hearing aid went."

After my 91-year-old mother finished having her hair cut and shaped, the stylist announced, "There, now you look ten years younger." My mother, unimpressed, replied, "Who wants to look 81 years old?"

"This is your great-grandma and great grandpa," I told my grandson as I handed him a photo of my parents. "Do you think I look like them?" He shook his head. "Not yet."

The other day I got carded at the liquor store. While I was taking out my ID, my old Blockbuster card fell out. The clerk shook his head, said, "Never mind," and rang me up.

While taking a clinical history from an elderly patient, I asked, "How's your love life?" "I don't know," he said. "I'll ask my wife." He got up, walked into the hallway where his wife was sitting, and shouted, "Hey, the doctor wants to know if we still have sex." His wife shouted back, "No, the only thing we have is Medicare and Blue Cross."

"Poor Old fool," thought the well-dressed gentleman as he watched an old man fish in a puddle outside a pub. So he invited the old man inside for a drink. As they sipped their whiskeys, the gentleman thought he'd humor the old man and asked, "So how many have you caught today?" The old man replied, "You're the eighth."

USBF 9 Board VP Scale

9 Boards (Blitz is 45 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	16	15.26	4.74	31	18.25	1.75
1	10.41	9.59	17	15.50	4.50	32	18.40	1.60
2	10.81	9.19	18	15.74	4.26	33	18.55	1.45
3	11.20	8.80	19	15.97	4.03	34	18.69	1.31
4	11.58	8.42	20	16.20	3.80	35	18.83	1.17
5	11.94	8.06	21	16.42	3.58	36	18.97	1.03
6	12.29	7.71	22	16.63	3.37	37	19.10	0.90
7	12.63	7.37	23	16.83	3.17	38	19.22	0.78
8	12.96	7.04	24	17.03	2.97	39	19.34	0.66
9	13.28	6.72	25	17.22	2.78	40	19.46	0.54
10	13.59	6.41	26	17.41	2.59	41	19.58	0.42
11	13.89	6.11	27	17.59	2.41	42	19.69	0.31
12	14.18	5.82	28	17.76	2.24	43	19.80	0.20
13	14.46	5.54	29	17.93	2.07	44	19.90	0.10
14	14.74	5.26	30	18.09	1.91	45	20.00	0.00
15	15.00	5.00						

After trick-or-treating, a teen takes a shortcut home through the cemetery. Halfway across, he's startled by a tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, he spots an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at a headstone. "I thought you were a ghost," says the relieved teen. "What are you doing working so late?" "Oh, those idiots," grumbles the old man. "They misspelled my name!"

Upcoming Event from the USBF

2021 JLall Online Teams #2

The second USBF JLall Online Teams event (JLall2) will be held from February 12-15, 2021 and February 26-March 1, 2021 on RealBridge. It will be similar to JLall1, with a few minor changes suggested by the players in JLall1. JLall2 is open to all Active USBF members who have paid their USBF dues on or before February 1, 2021.

Event Schedule and Format - **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

- Play each day will start at 1:00 pm EST and end no later than 9:30 pm EST. Time per board will remain 7-1/2 minutes, but we will have longer breaks, based on responses to the JLall1 Exit Poll.
- There will be no more than 32 teams, each with 4-6 players.
- The entry fee for the event is \$300 per team.
- DIC for the event is McKenzie Myers. Tournament Organizer is Jan Martel. Software guru is Al Hollander.
- The event format will be:

Round Robin Stage 1, Feb. 12-14:

Everyone plays 3 days of a "split field" Round Robin with 10 board matches; there are two Round Robin groups, to be named later (**suggestions welcome**). Teams will be assigned to the two groups based on a "draft" by the top two teams (chosen by a vote of all teams). The top 5 teams in each group will qualify for the KO Round of 16. The bottom 6 teams in each group will be eliminated. The five teams in the middle of each group ("bubble teams") will play in Stage 2 of the Round Robin.

Round Robin Stage 2, Feb. 15th (Presidents' Day):

Each bubble team plays a 10-board match against each bubble team from the other group, scored at VPs with carryover from the first 3 days. The top 6 teams qualify for the Round of 16. The bottom 4 teams are eliminated.

Knockouts, Feb. 26-Mar. 1:

- One match per day. 56 boards per match. If both finalists want a longer match (60 or 64 boards), we will have that.
- There will be a Captains' meeting on Feb. 23rd to set the KO bracket. The precise method of setting the bracket will be set forth in the Special Conditions of Contest. Summary: the top 4 teams from Round Robin Stage 1 will select their opponents for the Round of 16 from the bottom 8 qualifiers. The remaining qualifiers will be shuffled in groups to fill the bracket.
- The matches will be played on RealBridge. During the bidding & play, each player will see & hear their screenmate - (N&E, S&W). Before and after each match, teammates will be seated at one table. We are trying to find a way to allow the players who were sitting out to join you with audio (players who sat out can see & hear their teammates and be heard but not seen).
- There will be no real-time kibitzing allowed for any match. Kibitzers will be able to watch after a delay. For the Round Robin, the delay will be until each match is complete so kibitzing does not provide "state of the match" information. For the first half of each KO match, each board will be shown when all tables have completed it. For the second half of each KO match, kibitzing will start one hour after play starts. We will try to have voice commentary, and may limit chat at the tables late in the event to approved commentators.
- RealBridge will archive bidding, play & score information for the event. We will also post scores on this website.
- We will take a vote of all teams entered in the event to determine whether to continue to have "open notes."

How to Enter

- Entries are now open. Entries will close on the earlier of January 15th or when 32 teams (and 2 alternates) have entered. You must be logged in to this website to enter. After you have logged in, click on "Enter 2021 JLall2" under the User Menu and complete the entry form.
- Your entry is not complete until you have 4 players. You cannot "save" a place in the event by entering a team with fewer than 4 players.
- Teams can freely change their rosters until January 29th, when the division of teams into Round Robin groups will start. After January 29th, a team may change its roster only because of unexpected occurrences and only if the change does not substantially strengthen or weaken the team. Roster changes are made by **email to the Tournament Organizer**. If an added player or pair is not able to meet the deadlines for system filing, they may not play any unusual method unless it is played by another pair in the event.

Playing Online...

Hand 11

P531753
 ♠ A5
 ♥ 953
 ♦ Q9
 ♣ AKQJ98

fnickell
 ♠ 1096
 ♥ AKQ8
 ♦ AJ65
 ♣ 72

ralphk
 ♠ K8732
 ♥ J64
 ♦ K2
 ♣ 1054

p531745
 ♠ QJ4
 ♥ 1072
 ♦ 108743
 ♣ 63

NS: 0
EW: 0

fnickell	P531753	ralphk	p531745
			Pass
1♦	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

On Tuesday night, Katz and Nickell played us in a practice match online. We were struggling (a not infrequent happenstance when playing in a BBO IMP Pairs game against a really great pair). When either side bids a close vulnerable game or slam and succeeds, it seems like the opposition loses a large number of IMPs!

Katz made an aggressive try for game and found himself in 3S on Board 11.

Stan, South, led the C6 to my jack. I continued with the CA and the CQ. Stan ruffed with his SJ and Ralph discarded a diamond from dummy. Stan led the D4 to dummy's ace.

Ralph played the ST off dummy. I worked out that if Stan had the SQ, I could hope Ralph misguessed and duck the ace, or I could take the sure play of rising with my ace and giving Stan an uppercut. Hoping Stan held the card I needed him to hold, I rose with the SA and played the CK. Ralph pitched his DK. Stan ruffed with his SQ and we defeated the contract one trick. The gain was miniscule, but scores compress in BBO IMP Pair fields and even +2.5 IMPs feels good!

Hand 1

N joest
 ♠ KQ1083
 ♥ QJ
 ♦ K74
 ♣ 653

W umpire2220
 ♠ J54
 ♥ K10982
 ♦ Q5
 ♣ K84

E wlscca
 ♠ 72
 ♥ A3
 ♦ 109862
 ♣ QJ102

S dendac1
 ♠ A96
 ♥ 7654
 ♦ AJ3
 ♣ A97

3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0

W	N	E	S
	1♠	P	2♣
P	2NT	P	3NT
P	P	P	

Entering the final day of the ACBL Premier Pairs last weekend, Jack Oest and Dave Caprera were in 18th place out of the 140 qualifiers. They were well-positioned but had many strong national champions ahead of them in the standings.

Caprera/Oest got off to a strong start by scoring 80% of the matchpoints on the first two boards. Board 1 was the big winner. The partnership collected 63 matchpoints, a stone cold top, on this board.

Most pairs played in spade games or partscores on this hand. 4S has no chance. Declarer must lose two hearts and two clubs off the top, with a possible diamond loser in addition.

Against 3NT, East led the CQ. Not knowing that the opponents could cash five rounds of hearts, Jack ducked the first trick! East continued with the C2; Oest won in dummy and West unblocked his CK. Oest played five rounds of spades on which West discarded three diamonds and East discarded the H2 followed by the H9.

Jack cashed the DK and led a diamond toward the dummy. Based on the first two tricks, it appeared that East started with exactly four clubs. Jack noted that East had discarded three diamonds and followed to two rounds of the suit. If East started with a six-card diamond suit headed by the QT98, he might well have lead diamonds rather than clubs. Backing up this thinking, Oest rose with the DA and took nine tricks when the DQ fell... a well-earned top on the Board.

Oest and Caprera continued their solid performance and climbed to 6th place at the end of the first final session. They followed with a 61% game in the second final session to win the National Premier Pairs event, nipping Ralph Katz and Geoff Hampson by 0.40%. This was Caprera's first National win. He probably slept in the bed that night!

To kibitz, go to <https://kibitz.realbridge.online/> , enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz.

After you select to Kibitz the Senior Teams, you will be taken to a lobby where you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table, as well as the board and trick that table is on (that's in the middle of the table, immediately under the table number). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happens. You will not hear or see the players.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen (if your browser window isn't large enough to show it, you can click on the "chat" icon immediately above the UNDO button to open the chat window.) For now, anyone can type chat into the chat window. We may have designated commentators for late stages of the event.

Some things you can do to get more information:

If there is an asterisk next to a bid, that means it was Alerted or Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation if there was one.

-- "Rewind" the play using the slider underneath the "table" with hand diagram. just move the vertical handle on the slider to the left to go to earlier tricks.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name, you will get a scorecard for the match so far. You can use this to get lots of information:

----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all of the tables.

----You can also click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.

----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.

--In the upper left corner:

----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and will not include scores from previous rounds).

----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right, in case you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Delayed Kibitzing on RealBridge

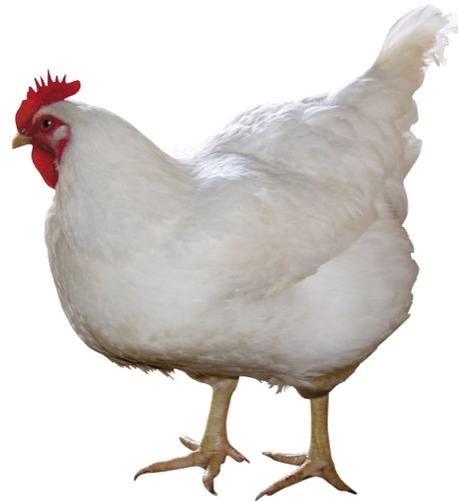


Some Suggestions For Your Nearby Dining Pleasure (Home?) Pandemic Pleasures...

CRISPY PORTUGUESE CHICKEN

Servings: 6-8

6 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs, trimmed
5 tablespoons (75 ml) freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 cup (240 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon (15 ml), plus 1 teaspoon (5 ml) smoked paprika
2 tablespoons (30 ml) dried oregano
3 tablespoons (45 ml) brown sugar
2 garlic cloves, finely minced
1 teaspoon (5 ml) kosher salt
1 teaspoon (5 ml) freshly ground black pepper
2 lemons, cut into wedges for serving



Directions:

In a large mixing bowl combine all the marinade ingredients. Remove 1/4 cup marinade, plastic wrap and place in fridge. Submerge 1 piece of chicken in bowl at a time and gently smear the marinade into both the skin and the flesh. Plastic wrap bowl and let marinade set for at least 1 hour (or overnight).

For Grill:

Turn all burners to high, cover, and heat grill until hot, about 15 minutes. Leave primary burner on high and turn off other burner(s). Adjust primary burner (or, if using 3-burner grill, primary burner and second burner) as needed to maintain grill temperature around 350 degrees. This is called indirect cooking.

Clean and oil cooking grate with swath of paper towel dipped in oil. Place chicken, skin side down, on cooler side of grill (not over flame). Place grill lid down and cook for 20 minutes. Alternate chicken pieces keeping skin side down, so that pieces that are closest to edge are now closer to heat source and vice versa. Cover and continue to cook until chicken registers 185 degrees F to 190 degrees F (approximately 15 to 20 minutes).

Move all chicken, skin side down, to hotter side of grill and cook until skin is nicely charred (about 5 minutes). Flip chicken and cook until flesh side is lightly browned (1 to 2 minutes). Transfer to a clean platter, tent with aluminum foil, and let the chicken rest for 10 minutes.

For Oven:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place chicken, skin side down, on a cooling rack sprayed with cooking spray. Cook until chicken registers 185 to 190 degrees F. (20-30 minutes)

For Grill Pan:

Heat a heavy-duty grill pan to high heat for about 2-3 minutes on top of stove. Lower the heat to medium-high and add the oil to the pan and make sure the entire pan is coated with oil. Add chicken and brown both sides. Transfer to a clean platter, tent with aluminum foil, and let the chicken rest for 10 minutes.

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GRILLED POTATO SALAD WITH BACON

Servings: 4-6

1 1/2 pounds (680 grams or .7 kg) baby red potatoes, cut in half
1 tablespoons (15 ml) olive oil
1/2 teaspoon (2 ml) salt
1 teaspoon (5 ml) ground pepper
1/2 cup (120 ml) mayonnaise
2 tablespoons (30 ml) chopped basil
2 teaspoons (10 ml) Champagne vinegar
2 teaspoons (10 ml) honey
1 teaspoon (5 ml) Dijon mustard
1/4 cup (36 grams) finely diced red onion
2 ounces (57 grams) parmesan cheese, finely grated
3 bacon slices, cooked and crumbled



Directions:

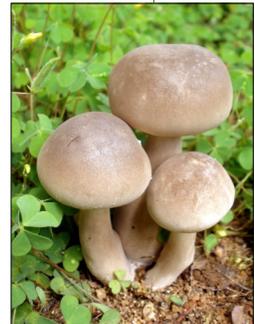
Preheat grill to 350 degrees F. Place potatoes in a single layer in center of a large piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Drizzle with olive oil; season with salt and pepper. Bring up foil sides over potatoes; double fold top and side edges to seal, making 1 large packet.

Grill potatoes, in foil packet, covered with grill lid, 15 minutes on each side. Remove packet from grill. Let sit for 5 minutes. Carefully open packet, using tongs, and let potatoes cool 5 minutes.

While potatoes are cooling, whisk together mayonnaise and next 4 ingredients in a large bowl. Add potatoes, tossing gently to coat. Stir in onion, parmesan cheese and bacon.

FOREST MUSHROOM SOUP Servings: 4-6

3/4 cup dried or 1 cup fresh morel mushrooms
3/4 cup fresh portobello mushrooms, sliced with no skin
3/4 cup fresh white button mushrooms, sliced
1 cup dried or 3/4 cup fresh porcini mushrooms
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
3 shallots, finely minced
2 garlic cloves, finely minced
1/2 cup dry white wine
4 cups chicken or vegetable broth
1/2 cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons mixed fresh herbs (parsley, thyme, oregano and basil leaves)
4 to 6 bread loaves, individual-sized



Directions:

If using dried mushrooms, wash thoroughly to remove excess soil; soak for 10 minutes in warm water. Remove stems and discard. Cut caps into bite-sized pieces. Heat medium saucepan over medium heat with olive oil; add all mushrooms and sauté for 3 minutes. Add shallots and garlic; sauté for 2 minutes. Season to taste, add white wine and let simmer until reduced by half. Add broth and bring to a simmer; add cream and simmer again. Reduce heat and let cook for 25 minutes. In blender or food processor, purée half of soup until smooth, then return purée to pan; stir in the fresh herbs and cook for another minute. Adjust seasoning as desired and keep warm.

Preheat oven to 180°F (82°C). Remove tops of bread and hollow out to create bread bowls. Place bowls on a baking sheet and heat for 3 minutes. Remove bread from oven and pour hot soup into bowls. Garnish with parsley and serve.

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SUMMER BERRY TRIFLE Servings: 6-8

Pastry Cream:

1 3/4 cups (420 ml) whole milk; divided
1/2 cup (115 grams) sugar
3 tablespoons (24 grams) cornstarch
small pinch salt
3 large egg yolks
2 tablespoons (30 ml) unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces and chilled
2 teaspoons (10 ml) vanilla extract
1 teaspoon (5 ml) orange zest

Summer Berry Filling:

10 ounces (250 ml) raspberry jam
1 teaspoon (5 ml) vanilla extract
1/2 pound (227 grams) strawberries, hulled and cut into 1/4-inch pieces,
6 ounces (170 grams) blackberries, large berries halved crosswise
6 ounces (170 grams) raspberries

Vanilla Whipped Cream:

1 cup (240 ml) heavy cream
1 tablespoon (14 grams) confectioner's sugar
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon (20 ml) vanilla extract
1 Pound cake, diced into small squares (your favorite recipe or store bought)

Directions:

For Pastry Cream:

Heat 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) milk in medium saucepan over medium heat until just simmering. While milk is heating up, whisk sugar, cornstarch, and salt together in medium bowl. Whisk remaining 1/2 cup (120 ml) milk and egg yolks into sugar mixture until smooth. Remove milk from heat. Whisking constantly, slowly add hot milk to sugar mixture to temper. Return saucepan to medium heat and cook, whisking constantly. The mixture will start to become very thick after 4 to 7 minutes. Remove pan from heat; whisk in butter, vanilla, and orange zest until butter is melted and incorporated. Strain pastry cream through fine-mesh strainer set over medium bowl. Press lightly greased parchment paper directly on surface and refrigerate until set, at least 2 hours. Mixture can be made the night before.

For Berry Filling:

Place jam in small saucepan and bring to a gentle simmer. Add vanilla and mix in. Let cool. Place prepared fruits in a bowl and pour cooled jam mixture over and gently fold to mix.

For Vanilla Whipped Cream:

Using stand mixer fitted with whisk, combine heavy cream, sugar, and vanilla extract on medium-low speed until foamy (about 1 minute). Increase speed to high and whip until soft peaks form (1 to 2 minutes).

Trifle Assembly:

When it comes to assembling, you can use a large trifle bowl or individual glasses (as pictured above). Start assembly with a layer of fruit, top with a layer of pastry cream, then a layer of cake. Repeat. Finish with a layer of the vanilla whipped cream. Garnish with toasted coconut or toasted sliced almonds.



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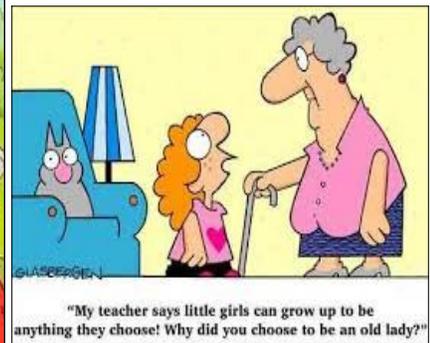
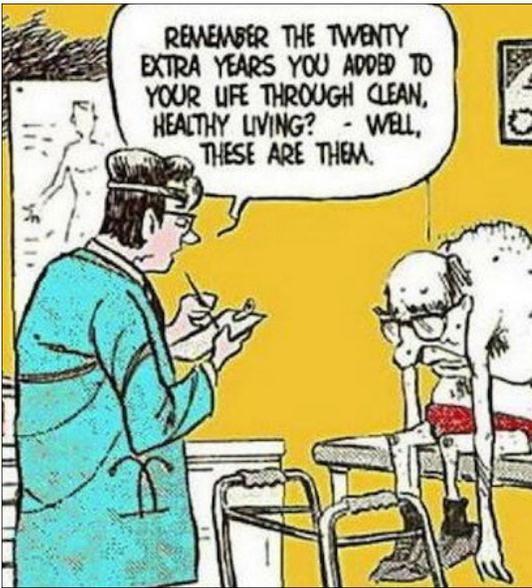
With the delayed broadcasting in a Round Robin event, it can be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please email it to me at stan-subeck@prodigy.net. I welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip that arises during the event!!

Thank you.

Suzi



I can only go down
If they get a ruff,
So pulling the trump
Should be just enough!



Kibitzer Activities:

Normally we would feature baseball happenings, golf courses, and shopping centers here. For this event, we are suggesting you consult your local restaurants and shopping venues for curb-side pick-up and delivery! If you choose outdoor dining where available or beaches where open, please remember to socially distance and bring your mobile device and wi-fi to be able to watch the matches while enjoying the beautiful outdoors!



And as Sadie Shopper will tell you, online shopping is available in your area (wherever that is) 24 hours a day for your enjoyment.

We recommend you stock up on popcorn and snacks, put your feet on your desk and enjoy the matches.

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 16:

Online Ethics -

We're not trying to provide security for this event, as we do when we sometimes have "real" events online. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties still apply to this event. If an expert committee is convinced that any player covertly communicated with his/her partner or unethically obtained information about any other player's hand, the player will be subject to discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion from the USBF.

Blimey Yanks; you are at it again. This time the codgers dodder around the table for the oppo to compete in the International foray.

There is a complete round robin with but 3 survivors Some of these people haven't been seen or heard from in donkey's years. There are some names here that have been swept into the dustbins but have emerged from hibernation to participate, if briefly.

This event should start early and allow for elevenses (Ed note: Like an afternoon tea but in the morning). It is a perfect event for Howie Dung as he only has to pick one time and that is like flipping a shilling for him. He could get jammy. Limey Jack is here to help you win some bob and maybe make a parley.

Levine has been on quite a roll and it feels like Rodwell and Meckstroth feel they have something to prove. They will be one of the four survivors.

Sanborn has 2 fillies and they will be there at the finish provided Silverman can keep his hair on.

Lall should get the bronze, but there is a lot of chaff amongst the wheat. Nonetheless, they are a favourite with Zia and Monsieur Hamman on the squad. If Weichsel does not get too gobby, this should work out.

2 squads with aspirations are Wolfson and Onstott.

Later, LJ

Limey Jack

'Cause the players are Seniors,
They all tire early.
And once past their bedtime
They'll surely get surly!

Come Sunday night,
You'll find that the winners,
Are eating together
At Early Bird Dinners!

Of course that's on Zoom,
But then what the heck,
They won't need two hours
To split up the check!

Wolfson's a lock.
He's got Larry Cohen.
And there's not a field
That Larry don't own!

Howie Doing...

Levine was on top
Last weekend when done,
But how many times
Can his team win by ONE?

I'm picking the teams
With rosters expanded...
I like they get rest
When playing 8-handed!

Capelli and Lall
And Wolfson will score.
While 6-handed Greenspan
Is team number four!

See you next time...
Face to Face on the scene??
Looks like we're close
To a brand new vaccine!

Howie Doing? Pretty well, thanks!

Fun and Games Page

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 O R C L A S S R O O M S U L X T B



Because you are old,
 And might have to squint,
 We picked out a puzzle
 That's all in "big print!"



That king of hearts
 Just says what he thinks:
 We're old but smart
 And his poetry "stinks!"

BALLROOM
 BATHROOM
 BEDROOM
 BOARDROOM
 BOILER ROOM
 CHATROOM
 CLASSROOM
 COURTROOM

DARKROOM
 ELBOWROOM
 HEADROOM
 LIVING ROOM
 LUNCHROOM
 MAILROOM
 MUSHROOM
 PLAYROOM

REC ROOM
 SUNROOM
 WAITING ROOM
 WASHROOM
 WORKROOM

Room for More!
Word Find Puzzle



Logic Puzzle ...

	French	Heart	Mincer	Summer	Willow	1	2	3	4	5	arcanum	egregious	endue	fructuous	pervade	
Alice																
Barbara																
Mindy																
Rhonda																
Tara																
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First Name	Last Name	Words Missed	Guessed Word
Alice			
Barbara			
Mindy			
Rhonda			
Tara			

-----	French	1	arcanum
-----	Heart	2	egregious
-----	Mincer	3	endue
-----	Summer	4	fructuous
-----	Willow	5	pervade

Answer to Puzzle

endue	1	Heart	Tara
egregious	2	Mincer	Rhonda
arcanum	4	French	Mindy
pervade	5	Willow	Barbara
fructuous	3	Summer	Alice
Guessed Word	Words Missed	Last Name	First Name

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.
5. 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.
6. Alice missed one more word than the girl who guessed the correct definition for egregious. Mindy's last name wasn't Willow.

Brian Glubok (born 1959) is a professional American bridge player. Glubok is from New York City and graduated from Amherst College.

Glubok finished second in the World Mixed Pairs Championship in Philadelphia in 2010. Glubok has won 5 North American Bridge Championships.

BRIDGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Wins

- North American Bridge Championships
 - Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1996, 1997, 1999
 - Reisinger 1990
 - Spingold 1987



Runners-up

- World Mixed Pairs Championship 2010
- North American Bridge Championships
 - Blue Ribbon Pairs 1990
 - Grand National Teams 1981, 2009, 2012, 2013
 - Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 2007
 - Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1994, 2003
 - Reisinger 2008
 - Spingold 1980, 1983, 1986, 2008

Meet the Players

Dennis E. Clerkin (born 1950) is a professional American bridge player. Clerkin is from Bloomington, Indiana.

Bridge accomplishments

Wins

- North American Bridge Championships
 - North American Pairs 1989
 - Grand National Teams 1990, 2010
 - Senior Knockout Teams 2007
 - Keohane North American Swiss Teams 2010
 - Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 1992

Runners-up

- North American Bridge Championships
 - Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 2008
 - Keohane North American Swiss Teams 1977



Denny, left... brother Jerry, right

Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku

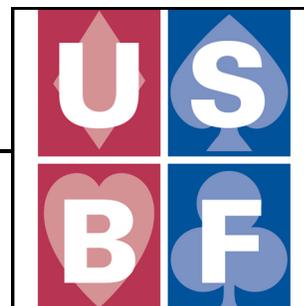
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

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:

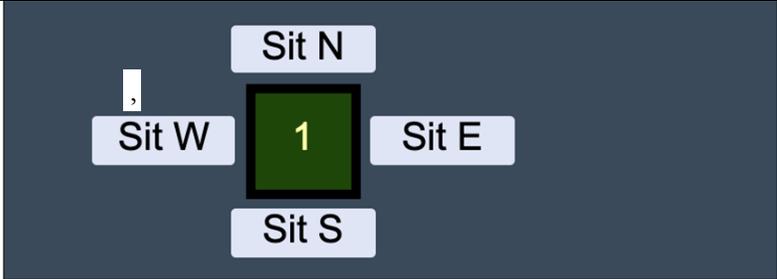
1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC 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.

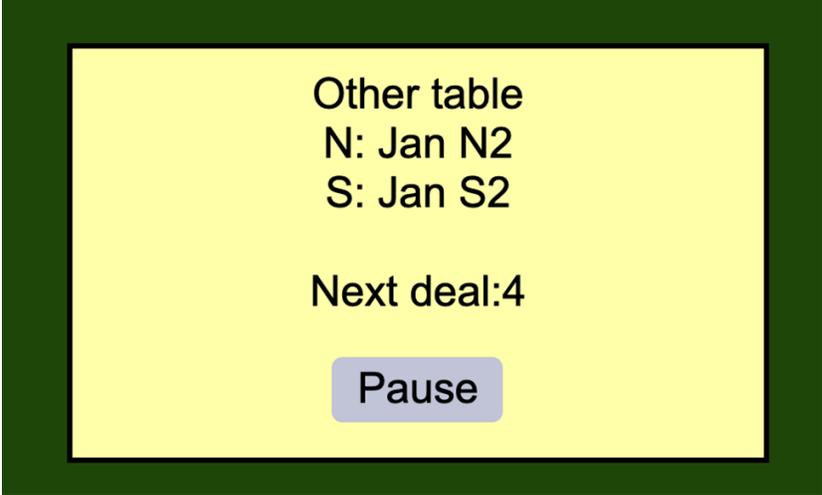
We hope you will join us.

Helpful Hints for RealBridge

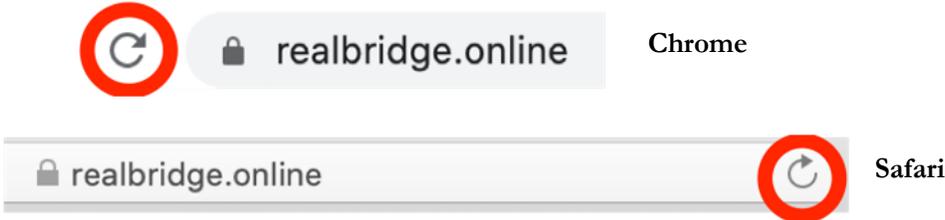
1. If when you log in if you are in the lobby & the area to the left looks like this, please don't sit at Table 1, that will cause future problems for the people who are supposed to be at Table 1.



2. If you want time to discuss systems or carding before starting to play and would prefer not to have the screen close before you have finished, you can click on "Pause" here to keep the screen from closing when the first board is loaded. When you're ready for the first board, whoever clicked on Pause should click OK.



3. If things have been going fine but all at once you are not able to play a card, something may have gone wrong with your connection to RealBridge. You can almost certainly fix it by reloading the browser window, which will take you back to the Log In page and the clicking Log In. To reload the browser window, click on the circled button in the URL bar:

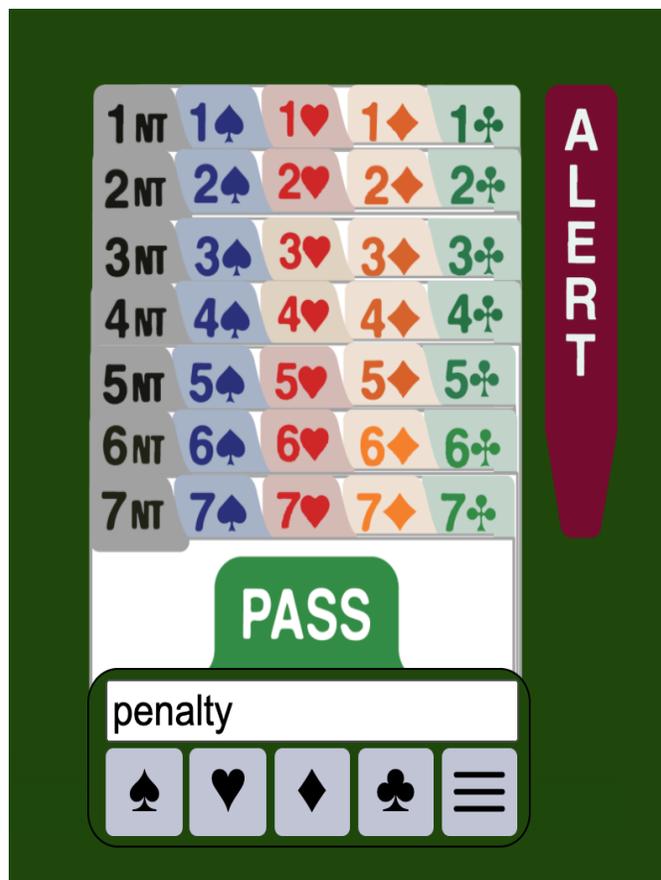


4. if you can't see someone, try clicking on the refresh button next to your name - it's a good idea to do that about every half hour. It refreshes your video feed and often fixes issues related to the cache:



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5. Before you bid, look at the “explain bid here” box and make sure it has what you want. For instance here I “accidentally” went to my library and clicked on “penalty” before I passed. So before passing, I need to select that “penalty” and delete it to get back to an empty “explain bid here” box:



Dwight Eisenhower

(1890 - 1969) - WWII General and 34th President of the United States. Eisenhower had a reputation as an excellent bridge player in a 2009 NY Times article.



Famous ... but not necessarily for bridge!



Yes, **Snoopy** is a bridge player too. Peanuts cartoonist Charles Schulz, a long-time player, occasionally penned comic strips in which Snoopy, Woodstock (and Woodstock's buddies) play bridge. Alan Truscott once wrote an article about Snoopy's bridge game for the New York Times.

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