

Results after day One:

		Trans	satlan	tic Se	nior G	Qualific	cation	Trials	2020	Round	Robi	n			
Team Name	Total	13	14	7	8	12	6	10	2	11	9	1	5	4	3
13. Simson	55.58						4.50				17.93	18.69	14.46		
14. Wolfson	53.60							11.94	14.18	13.89	13.59				
7. Levine	50.80					10.81	12.96			12.29					14.74
8. Lewis	49.9 8					16.63	6.41						15.00	11.94	
12. Sanborn	48.53			9.19	3.37							16.63			19.34
6. Lall	47.33	15.50		7.04	13.59			11.20							
10. Parker	43.25		8.06				8.80			8.80				17.59	
2. Bell	39.75		5.82							12.63		7.71	13.59		
11. Reynolds	32.39		6.11	7.71				11.20	7.37						
9. Nadel	31.76	2.07	6.41											13.28	10.00
1. Beatty	30.25	1.31				3.37			12.29						13.28
5. Greenspan	28.15	5.54			5.00				6.41					11.20	
4. Goodman	25.99				8.06			2.41			6.72		8.80		
3. Cappelli	22.64			5.26		0.66					10.00	6.72			

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Goodies

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Dan Korbel generated this position in his team's match win over Team Spector, November 29th in the recent ACBL National KO. His opponents were Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd.

Korbel's team included David Grainger, Greg Hinze, Joel Wooldridge, and Richie Coren.

You probably won't see this position again for a very long time!



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Another Special Pandemic Competition

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Teams Entered...

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

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt	Fred Stewart		
	Gloria Bart	Les Bart		
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt	Cris Barrere		
	Mark Ralph	Bill Harker		
	Bob Thomson	Bob Etter		
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt	Bob Bitterman		
	Phil Becker	Ken Kranyak		
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	Dave Caprera	Anne Brenner		
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt	Steve Zolotow		
	John Schermer	Neil Chambers		
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt	Glenn Eisensteir		
·	Geof Brod	John Stiefel		
	John Rengstorff	Greg Woods		
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt	Reese Milner		
	Bob Hamman	Peter Weichsel		
	Naren Gupta	Zia Mahmood		
	Michael Rosenberg	Ash Gupta		
Levine	Mike Levine	Eddie Wold		
	Jeff Meckstroth	Eric Rodwell		
	Mike Passell	Mark Lair		
	Bob Morris, NPC			
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt	Marc Jacobus		
	Billy Cohen	Ron Smith		
	, Ifti Baqai	Mitch Dunitz		
Nadel	Julie Nadel, Capt	Bruce Ferguson		
	Dennis Clerkin	Jerry Clerkin		
	Billy Miller			
Parker	Howard Parker, Capt	John Onstott		
	Drew Casen	Jim Krekorian		
	Venkatrao Koneru			
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt	Lance Kerr		
•	Joe Viola	Randy Howard		
	Bill Hall	Gary Donner		
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Sanborn	Kerri Sanborn, Capt	Jill Meyers		
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	Bart Bramley Neil Silverman Doug Simson, Capt Glenn Milgrim Allan Falk	Kit Woolsey Allan Graves Jeff Aker		
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"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS-PRE-BULLETIN

Tournament Schedule

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

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9 Boards (Blitz is 45 IMPs)										
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser		
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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								

For years my sister's husband tried unsuccessfully to persuade her to get a hearing aid. "How much do they cost?" she asked one day after he had pitched the idea to her again.

"They're usually about \$3,000," he said.

"Okay, well, if you say something worth \$3,000," she replied, "I'll get one."

Age Appropriate Humor!!

An attorney I know once drafted wills for an elderly husband and wife who had been somewhat apprehensive about discussing death. When they arrived to sign the documents, he ushered the couple into his office.

"Now," he said to them, "which one of you wants to go first?"

When a woman called 911 complaining of difficulty breathing, my husband, Glenn, and his partner—both EMTs rushed to her home. Glenn placed a sensor on her finger to measure her pulse and blood oxygen. Then he began to gather her information. "What's your age?" he asked.

"Fifty-eight," answered the patient, eyeing the beeping device on her finger. "What does that do?"

"It's a lie detector," said Glenn with a straight face. "Now, what did you say your age was?"

"Sixty-seven," answered the woman sheepishly.

One day at the office of the orthopedic specialist I work for, we had to make arrangements for an elderly patient with spinal arthritis to have a special injection. We said we would phone him with the information.

Two days later, the patient called us, concerned that he had missed our call because of his poor hearing. "I can barely hear, barely see and barely walk," he told me.

Then he added cheerfully, "Things could be worse, though. At least I can still drive."

2021 JLall Online Teams #2

2 Upcoming Event from the USBF

The second USBF JLall Online Teams event (JLall2) will be held from February 12-15, 2021 and February 26-March1, 2021 on RealBridge. It will be similar to JLall1, with a few minor changes suggested by the players in JLall1. JIall2 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 <u>email to the</u> <u>Tournament Organizer</u>. 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.

Law of Symmetry Between Hands?

☑ Bd 6, DIr E 4♠ = S W John Schermer	 ◆ 10954 ◆ AK10 ◆ 973 ◆ 932 	N Jon Greenspan	B Se C(ru
◆62		◆Q	O
▼Q652		▼J9873	di
◆4		◆A10652	ce
◆AKJ765		◆Q4	to
Glenn Eisenstein S	◆ AKJ873	W N E S	C
	▼4	P 1+	o
	◆ KQJ8	2+ 2+ X 4+	al
	◆ 108	P P P	ca

Both Board 1 and Board 6 in the first round of the TASR were played in 4S at several tables: Board 1 E/W and Board 6 N/S. In both cases, the contract could be easily defeated if the defender holding a singleton diamond got his ruff.

On Board 6 in the Goodman/Greenspan match, Schermer led his singleton diamond before cashing his high clubs. Chambers won his DA and not being certain whether Schermer had a diamond ruff coming or was simply trying to force Chambers in to put a club through to his C:AKJ, he played back the C4 from his Q4 doubleton! While Schermer could not be expected to work out that his partner held the Q4 doubleton for this return, he could reasonably surmise that the 4 was from either QT4 or it could be a singleton. Because he might need the diamond ruff to defeat the contract an extra undertrick, his best play at this point might be a low club hoping Chambers

can ruff it. In this case, Chambers would win the CQ and give Schermer his diamond ruff for down one!

Instead, Schermer won his club jack; cashed the CA and tried the CK. Chambers ruffed with his SQ but nothing could create an uppercut for the S6 and Eisenstein collected ten tricks.

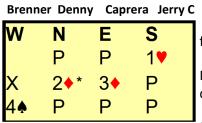
In the other room of this match, John Stiefel led his C:AK followed by his singleton diamond against Goodman's 4S. Brod won the DA and had no problem returning a diamond for Stiefel to ruff, defeating the hand off the top. 13 IMPs to Greenspan.

☑ Bd 1, Dlr N 4♠ = W W Bruce Ferguson	 ◆52 ◆A975 ◆A74 ◆J1042 	N Bob Cappelli Julie Nadel E	B h n
 ▶KQJ974 ♥KJ6 ▶KQ2 ▶5 		 ▲3 ♥2 ◆ J109863 ★ A9873 	lı d t
Bob Bitterman S	◆A1086 ▼Q10843 ◆5 ◆KQ6	W N E S P P 1♥ 1♠* 2♠ X P 4♠ P P P	B s t

Board 1 was another hand played in 4S at most tables where one defender held a singleton diamond; his partner held the DA; and still they had trouble negotiating their ruff.

In the Cappelli/Nadel match, Cappelli led a club which Ferguson won with dummy's ace. He played a heart to Cappelli's ace and Cappelli switched to the S5. Bitterman inserted the ST, Ferguson winning in hand. Ferguson continued the S9 ducked and the SQ won by South with the ace.

Bitterman switched to his singleton diamond. Cappelli won his ace and instead of giving his partner the ruff to defeat 4S, he led his CJ and Ferguson took 10 tricks.



In the other room, Brenner was declarer in 4S. Denny Clerkin made the somewhat uninspired lead of the D4!!! He got lucky when his side held enough aces to recover from this lead!

Denny probably hoped that since his LHO had bid diamonds, he could catch the king in dummy and the jack in declarer's hand. That wasn't to be.

Brenner won the diamond king and played the SJ which Jerry Clerkin won with the ace. He played the H3 to his brother's ace. NOW Denny cashed his DA, noting the pitch from his partner. He continued diamonds and gave Jerry his ruff to defeat 4S. 11 IMPs to Nadel

For the record, several other teams duplicated the result on board 1 where one table made game and the other did not.

THERE WILL BE DELAYED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE TRANSATLANTIC SENIOR QUALIFYING TRIALS

KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EST)

FRIDAY: Round 1: 2:10 Round 2: 3:30 Round 2: 3:30 Round 3: 4:50 Round 4: 6:10 SATURDAY: Round 5: 2:10 Round 5: 2:10 Round 6: 3:30 Round 7: 4:50 Round 8: 6:10 Round 9: 7:20 SUNDAY: Round 10: 2:10 Round 11: 3:30 Round 12: 4:50

Round 13: 6:10

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Delayed Kibitzing on RealBridge



To kibitz, go to **the RealBridge kibitzing website**, enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz (we do not know whether there will be events with delayed kibitzing other than the TransAtlantic Senior Trials).

After you select Kibitz TransAtlantic Senior Trials, 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 do not get to 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. Anyone can type chat into the chat window.

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.

TIMING OF DELAY

The Round Robin rounds will be delayed until the start of the next round.

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

Apple Tart

One of my go-to dessert dishes, this is easy to make, looks beautiful, and is quite light. My secret is to use ready-rolled dough (which I keep in the freezer). I use any apples, but experts say that cooking apples will break apart and become too floury, so dessert apples with a little acidity such as Braeburn or Pink Lady are best. Serve with a scoop of good vanilla ice cream and you have just ended dinner on a high!

INGREDIENTS:

All-purpose (plain) flour, for dusting 11 ¼ oz (320g) all-butter puff pastry 4-6 apples 1 lemon 2 tbsp butter 4 tbsp superfine (caster) sugar

STEP 1

Preheat the oven to 400°F/200°C. On a flour-dusted surface, roll out the pastry as thinly as you can (around 3-5mm is ideal) and cut out a 22cm circle using an upturned cake tin or plate as a template. Place on a baking sheet lined with baking paper and chill in the refrigerator until you're ready to assemble the tart.

STEP 2

Peel, core and thinly slice the apples. To prevent them going brown, place the slices into a bowl of cold water to which a squeeze of lemon has been added.

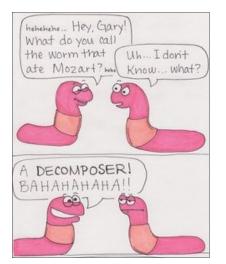
STEP 3

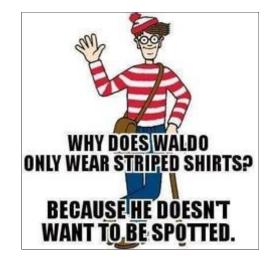
Arrange the apple slices in overlapping, concentric circles around the pastry base, leaving a small border. In a small saucepan, melt the butter and 3 tbsp sugar together and brush generously all over the apples and pastry border.

STEP 4

Bake for 20 minutes, then brush again with the butter and sugar mixture and dust with the remaining tablespoon of sugar. Bake for another 5-10 minutes, or until golden on top. Serve at room temperature.

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Welcome to plastic surgery addicts anonymous. I see a few new faces here this week and I must say I'm disappointed.



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Easy Chicken Parmesan

Prep time: 10 minutes; Cooking time: 2 hours; Total time: 2 hours, 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 6 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 3 large garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
- 1/2 tablespoon tomato paste
- One 28-ounce can whole tomatoes
- Salt
- Pepper
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut in half lengthwise and pounded to 1/4-inch thickness
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 egg, whisked
- 1/2 cup unseasoned breadcrumbs
- 10 large basil leaves, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup Parmesan, grated
- One 8-ounce fresh mozzarella ball, thinly sliced

1. Add 2 tablespoons olive oil, garlic and tomato paste to a large Dutch oven and heat over medium high for 3 to 5 minutes, stirring often, until garlic is lightly browned. Add canned tomatoes, including juices, and bring to a simmer as you gently break up the tomatoes with a wooden spoon. Reduce heat to medium low, cover almost entirely and simmer for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Season with salt and pepper.

2. Meanwhile, prepare the chicken. Arrange three medium-sized rimmed plates on an uncluttered surface. Place the flour on one, the whisked egg on the second and the breadcrumbs on the third. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Dip each piece in flour, lightly coating both sides, then dip it in the egg and finally in the breadcrumbs, gently shaking off any excess in between dips. Set aside on a large plate at room temperature.

3. Once the sauce has simmered for 45 minutes, remove cover and let simmer for 15 minutes more until it has slightly thickened and the flavor has mellowed out. Stir in basil and season with more salt and pepper if needed. Transfer to a blender and blend until mostly smooth, or transfer to a plastic bowl (to avoid scratching a non-stick surface) and blend with an immersion blender. Set aside. Preheat the oven to 500° F, or its highest broil setting.

4. Preheat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering, about 3 minutes. Add two of the breaded chicken breasts, making sure they're not touching, and fry until the exterior is a deep golden-brown and the chicken is cooked through, about 5 minutes on each side. Be careful, as you'll likely get some splatter. Lower heat slightly if it gets too aggressive. Transfer to a baking sheet lined with paper towels to drain the excess oil. Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil in the skillet and repeat frying process with the remaining chicken breasts. (If you don't have a large enough pan to fit two pieces, fry them one at a time in a small skillet with 1 tablespoon of oil each, discarding the oil and lightly wiping out the pan in between batches to avoid burning.)

5. Using a spatula or tongs, reposition the chicken breasts so they're directly on the baking sheet, discarding the paper towels. For each piece of chicken, spoon on a layer of tomato sauce followed by a sprinkle of Parmesan, then cover with a few slices of mozzarella. Transfer to the oven and broil for 5 minutes, until the cheese is melted and browned in spots, and serve immediately. *Serves 4.*



Roasted Chicken

- 1 whole chicken, 5 1/2–6 pounds
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 tablespoons thyme, chopped, plus 4 sprigs
- Splash lemon juice
- 1 lemon, peeled and halved
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and halved
- 2 small onions, halved
- 2 celery stalks, halved
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 4 parsley sprigs
- 1/2 cup white wine
- Salt and pepper

Ed. Note:

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 stansubeck@prodigy.net. I welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip that arises during the event!!

Thank you. Suzi



1. Preheat the oven to 450° F.

2. Mix the butter, chopped thyme, and splash of lemon juice together until well combined. Set aside.

3. Wash and pat dry the chicken. Remove wings. Season with salt and pepper, making sure to cover both the outside and inside of the chicken well. Insert the lemon along with half the onions, carrots, celery, and the sprigs of thyme and parsley into the cavity.

4. Rub the herb butter evenly under the skin of the chicken. Truss the bird with butcher's twine, keeping the breast plump and all limbs close to the body. (The point of trussing is to keep the bird compact, so that it cooks more evenly. It also makes it easier to move and manipulate the chicken.)

5. Heat a small amount of olive oil over medium-high heat in a large, oven-safe sauté pan. Once the pan is hot, add the chicken. Sear chicken on all sides until skin is nice and golden.

6. Transfer chicken to a roasting pan. (If you have a rack insert, place the chicken on that to keep it elevated. If you don't have a rack, you can keep the chicken raised by twisting aluminum foil into a large ring and resting the chicken on the ring.) Add the remaining pieces of onions, carrots, celery, and thyme to bottom of the roasting pan, along with the 1/2 c of wine.

7. Put the chicken in the oven. After 15 minutes drop heat to 350° F. Cook until the chicken reaches an internal temperature of 160° F. (Cooking time will be roughly 45 minutes, but using an instant-read thermometer will give you much better results.)

8. Once the right temperature is achieved, remove from oven, tent with foil and allow the chicken to rest while you roast the vegetables.



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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.

Fun and Games Page



Logic Puzzle

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Rich	Shore	25 min	snacks	sunblock
Steve	Thorn	30 min	sodas	volleyball set

Answer to Puzzle

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sublock	sepos	nim 01	Shore	Greg
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Equipment Supplies	seilqqu& boo7	emi⊺	emeN tseJ	First Name

.Last weekend, Jason and four of his friends had their first beach trip of the season. They left their home places at the same time planning to meet at noon, but because of different traffic everyone had a different amount of travel time. Everyone brought different supplies, though towels and swim trunks were on everybody's list. Determine each person's full name, how long it took each to arrive, and what supplies each brought.

1. Jason brought the cooler and had the longest drive, which was 30 minutes.

2. Steve Laird didn't bring live bait or sodas.

3. Aaron arrived before the man who brought the sandwiches and after the one who brought the ice.

4. Mr. Hart, who didn't bring the volleyball set, only needed to drive for five minutes, which was the shortest drive.

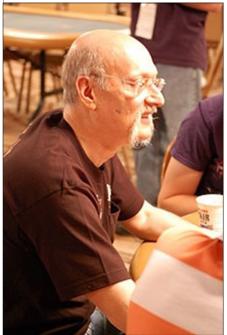
5. The order of arrival is: the one who brought live bait, Mr. Shore, Aaron, the one who brought the volleyball set, Mr. Thorn.

6. Greg, whose last name isn't Mann, didn't bring the Frisbee.

7. Rich, who didn't arrive in 10 minutes, didn't bring sodas.

8. The man who brought the snacks arrived 10 minutes after the one who brought the sun block but 10 minutes before the one who brought the fishing poles.

Meet the Players



Steve Zolotow is an American businessman and professional poker player from Las Vegas, Nevada. He has won two bracelets at the World Series of Poker. He was one of the regulars at the famed Mayfair Club while he lived in New York City.

Zolotow lived in New York City for many years before becoming a professional poker player and moving to Las Vegas. He worked as a businessman, and owns several bars and restaurants in New York City.

Zolotow has been on the poker circuit since 1988, when he finished in 5th place in that year's World Series of Poker \$2500 Pot Limit Omaha tournament.

In the years to come, he would earn bracelets for winning the 1995 Chinese Poker tournament (which also featured Doyle Brunson and Howard Lederer), and for winning the 2001 \$3000 Pot Limit Hold'em tournament (which also featured John Juanda, Tom McEvoy, Kathy Liebert, Chris Ferguson and Scotty Nguyen.)

Apart from his successes at the World Series, his biggest cash win to date came for a 4th place on the World Poker Tour's Season 2 PartyPoker.com Million

Cruise, which saw him sharing a final table with Scotty Nguyen, Barry Greenstein, Daniel Negreanu and eventual winner Erick Lindgren. Zolotow won \$259,684 from the tournament's prize pool.

In 2008, Zolotow competed on NBC's Poker After Dark show which reunited six players from the Mayfair Club. The tournament included Zolotow and fellow professional poker players Howard Lederer, Mickey Appleman, Dan Harrington, Jay Heimowitz, and former Mayfair club owner, Mike Shichtman. Zolotow finished in fourth place, and Heimowitz won the tournament and winner-take-all prize of \$120,000.

As of 2013, his total live tournament winnings exceed \$2,200,000. His 49 cashes at the WSOP account for over \$1,100,000 of those winnings.

"Shout out to the people that don't know what the opposite of in is!"

> the invention of the shovel was ground breaking

but the invention of the broom was the one that truly swept the nation.

come on, it was the invention of the wheel that really got things rolling. russia coming 15 minutes late to the 1917 revolution holding a tsarbucks

15 minutes late they clearly weren't

russian

looks like they were

stalin

you guys are putin way too much time into this

If this is to be a pun war, soviet

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USBF Supporting Membership

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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:

Puzzle 2 on right

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.

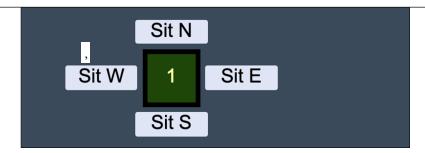
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

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.



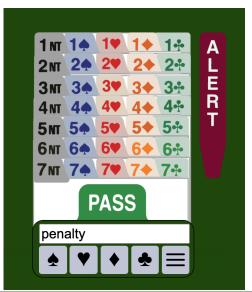
3. If things have been going fine but all at once you are not able to play a card, something may have gone wrong with your connection to RealBridge. You can almost certainly fix it by reloading the browser window, which will take you back to the Log In page and the clicking Log In. To reload the browser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





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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:

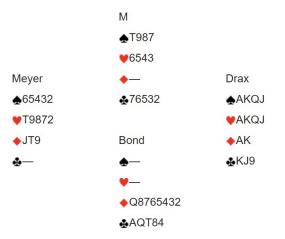




Famous ... but not necessarily for bridge!

007 plays bridge against the evil multi-millionaire Sir Hugo Drax in Ian Fleming's "Moonraker." In the story, M asks Bond to investigate Sir Hugo's substantial winnings at M's favorite bridge club. There, Bond discerns that Drax is a cheat. When dealing the cards, Drax peeks at the card reflections in his polished cigarette case.

When playing with M, Bond fixes the deck against Drax in the final deal of the session:



Bond, South, deals and opens 74! This is passed around to Drax, who doubles. Bond naturally redoubles.

Bond ruffs a diamond in dummy, finesses Drax's clubs, ruffs another diamond, and finesses clubs again. Now Bond's hand becomes good, and Drax is apoplectic.

This deal is based on the Duke of Cumberland deal from the 19th century.

from bridgebum.com

×	* 7	N Dennis Clerkin				
Bd 10, Dlr E	▼AJ6					
6 ♣ X-1 N	◆J9					
W Jeff Aker	∗ KQJ9852	Doug Simson E				
• 10843		♦KQ962				
* 9542		♥8				
106543		• AK87				
♣		∗ 763				
0	♦AJ5	W N E S 1♠ 1NT				
0	▼KQ1073	2♠ 3♣* P 3♥ P 3♠ P 3NT				
	◆Q2	P 5♣ P 5♦ P 6♣ X P				
Jerry Clerkin S	 ▲A104	РР				

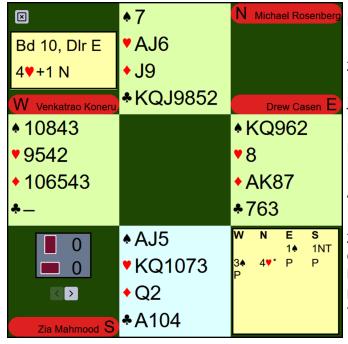
The results on Board 10 of the 2nd round bore little resemblance to what one might expect looking at all four hands. But then again, the players do not get to look at all four hands.

At every table, East opened 1S. Ten of the fourteen South players chose to overcall 1NT. The other four South players overcalled 2H.

The four players who overcalled 2H ended up declaring 4H. Three of the West players led a spade against 4H. Declarer won and claimed thirteen tricks. Chris Barrere found the killing lead of a diamond. Leo Bell won the DK. Had Bell shifted to a club, Barrere could have ruffed and returned a diamond to score a second club ruff. Alas, Bell did not find the killing club shift and declarer took eleven tricks.

Four pairs played in the hopeless(?) 3NT contract. All four declarers received a spade lead and quickly claimed thirteen tricks.

Two pairs, Zolotow/Goodman and Meckstroth/Rodwell found the cold club game. Three pairs (the Clerkins, the Barts, Falk/Lusky) gambled on the club slam not having two diamond losers. They bid 6C and were quickly defeated when East cashed the D:A/K. The first two of those pairs randomly gambled on the slam while Jerry Clerkin cleverly tried to give himself an extra chance for success. He cued diamonds in the hopes of warding off the diamond lead. Unfortunately for him, Simson held both DA and DK and had no trouble both doubling the slam and leading his ace/king.



So much for science... and "open notes!"

No write-up would be complete without a "Zia hand".

Zia played this hand against Casen/Koneru. Drewsky opened 1S and Zia overcalled 1NT. Koneru preempted the bidding by jumping to 3S on the West cards.

Rosenberg bid 4H, which he described as "Clubs, I think".

And here comes the "Zia hand..."

Zia thought otherwise. He passed and let Michael declare 4H. Casen led two high diamonds and shifted to a spade. Rosenberg claimed eleven tricks and lost 2 IMPs, when his counterparts in the other room declared 3NT and took all the tricks following the ever popular spade lead.



Mama Mia! Leave it to Zia!

×	κ	N Lance Kerr
Bd 24, Dlr W	▼KJ97	
3NT-2 N	• KQ9	
W Jim Krekorian	∗ K7543	
W Jim Krekorian ◆ A832		Drew Casen E ▲ J964
▼A632		♥Q105
• A65		• 8432
		1
* J2		*108
0	♦ Q1075	W N E S 1♦ 1NT P 2♣
— 0	♥84	P 2♥ P 3NT P P P
< >	◆J107	
Tom Reynolds $ {\sf S} $	* AQ96	

×	♦K	N Glenn Eisenstein
Bd 29, Dlr N	♥J754	
6♥= S	◆ AJ	
W Mitch Dunitz	* AQ9753	Ifti Baqai E
◆QJ53		♦ 87642
♥Q86		* 10
• K75		109863
∗ K82		♣ J10
0	◆A109	W N E S 1♣ P 1♥
— 0	▼AK932	P 3♥ P 3♠ P 4♣ P 4♥
< >	• Q42	P 4NT P 5♦ P 6♥ P P
Jon Greenspan S	* 64	Р

Everyone knows that women have intuition. Kerri Sanborn and Jill Meyers duplicated the first four bids of the Eisenstein/ Greenspan auction, Kerri explaining 3S as, "... may be conventional but if it is, I don't remember what it is". No problem for Jill, she bid 4D and explained, "I think she asked short, I show short spades."

All's well that ends well. A spade was led. Jill won the SK, drew two rounds of trumps and finessed the club to take twelve tricks and win 13 IMPs.

Board 24 of the third round was played in 3NT from North at both tables in the Reynolds/Parker match. Both tables had identical auctions and both Easts led a diamond. Both Wests rose with the DA and played a second diamond. Both Norths won their king and played a club to dummy to lead heart toward their hand.

Where Krekorian was West, he ducked and Kerr played the HJ losing to the HQ. He won the diamond return and played a club to the dummy to lead another heart. When Krekorian again ducked, Kerr inserted the NINE and lost to the ten! Drewsky cashed his last diamond and Casen/Krekorian defeated the game two tricks!

At the other table where Randy Howard was West, he flew with the HA on the first round of hearts to clear the diamonds and the hand became easy. Declarer won the diamond and drove out the spade ace. 11 IMPs to Parker

Four N/S pairs, Falk/Lusky, Krekorian/Parker, Eisenstein/ Greenspan, and Meyers/Sanborn found their way to a good 6H contract. If hearts break 2-2, any 3-2 club break will result in 12 or 13 tricks. If hearts do not break 2-2, as is the case here, declarer can fall back on the club finesse. All four of the slam bidders gained 13 IMPs when their counterparts missed slam.

The slam auctions varied, but typically started as shown, where Glenn Eisenstein opened 1C and jumpraised to 3H after Jon Greenspan responded 1H. This is the Senior teams, so Eisenstein/Greenspan used "Old-

Fashioned" bidding to reach the slam.

⊠ Bd 29, DIr N 6♥ = S W Ken Kranyak	◆K ♥J754 ◆AJ ◆AQ9753	N Kerri Sanborn Phil Becker
◆QJ53 ◆Q86 ◆K75 ◆K82		 ♦ 87642 ♥ 10 ♦ 109863 ₱ J10
y e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	 ▲ A109 ♥ AK932 ◆ Q42 ◆ 64 	W N E S 1♣ P 1♥ P 3♥ P 3♠* P 4♠* P 4♠ P 5♠ P 6♥ P P P