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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations ... Oldies but Goodies!

Results:

2023 May 2023 The colored score boxes indicate the team finishing right for that segment of play.

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
2	Hamman	215	21	60	18	29	9	20	44	14	
3	Wolfson	178	23	4	18	47	19	17	27	23	

Jeff Wolfson and Steven Garner

Enjoying the Chicago sunshine at half time.

Chicago bridge misses Jeff!



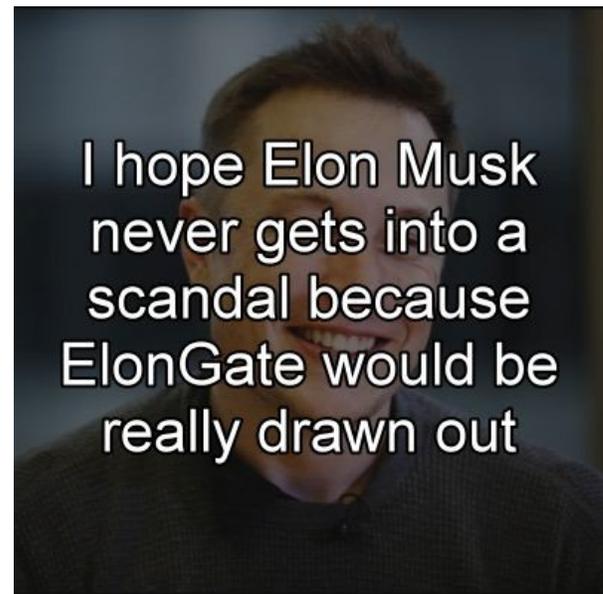
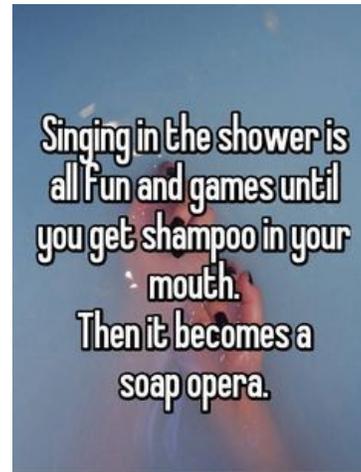
Bob Hamman and David Berkowitz

Clearly Friendly Opponents... at the half time today!

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- Bulletin Editor**
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- Hospitality**
Maya Alela
Marie-France Benoit

Senior Teams Entered

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jeff Aker Dennis Clerkin	Fred Stewart Doug Simson Jerry Clerkin
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Ken Kranyak Mark Aquino	Bob Bitterman Phil Becker Pat McDevitt
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Drew Casen Venkatrao Koneru	Mike Passell Jim Krekorian Pratap Rajadhyaksha
Hamman	Bob Hamman Neil Chambers Mitch Dunitz, Capt	Peter Weichsel John Schermer Ross Grabel
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Bart Bramley Eddie Wold	Reese Milner Kit Woolsey Marc Jacobus
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Doug Doub	Linda Lewis Neil Silverman Adam Wildavsky
Lusky	John Lusky, Capt Jim Foster Jeff Roman	Allan Falk Mark Jones Robbie Hopkins
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall George Jacobs	Lance Kerr Joe Viola Craig Gardner
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Larry Cohen	Steve Garner Mike Becker Bobby Levin



Someone stole my coffee cup. Now I have to go down to the police station and look at mugshots. 😊

Just visited the birthplace of the founder of modern dentistry

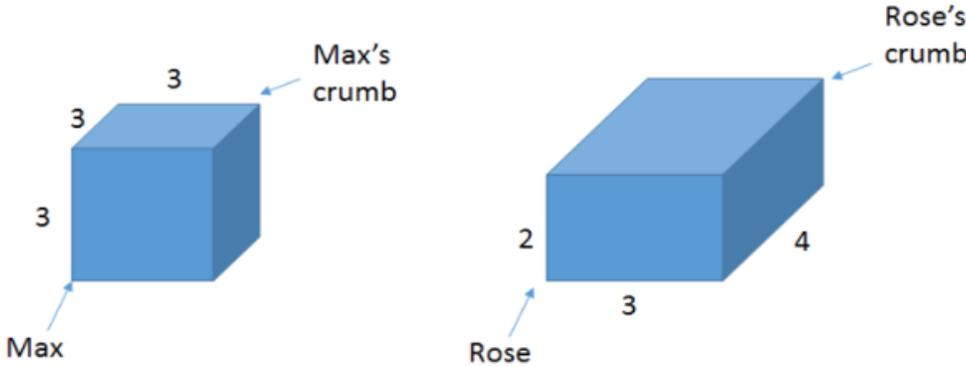
Surprised there isn't some kind of plaque on the wall...

Watch for the release of David Caprera's Book, The Cutting Edge!
It's all about game theory...
Dave generously donates the profits to the USBF Junior Fund!

Tough Puzzle...

Max and Rose are ant siblings. They love to race each other, but always tie, since they actually crawl at the exact same speed. So they decide to create a race where one of them (hopefully) will win.

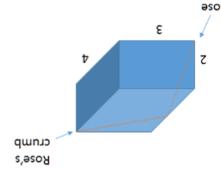
For this race, each of them will start at the bottom corner of a cuboid, and then crawl as fast as they can to reach a crumb at the opposite corner. The measurements of their cuboids are as pictured:



If they both take the shortest possible route to reach their crumb, **who will reach their crumb first?** (Don't forget they're ants, so of course they can climb anywhere on the edges or surface of the cuboid.)

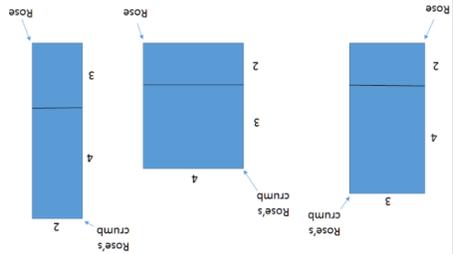
Question!

Since 6.40 is less than 6.71, Rose will get to her crumb first!



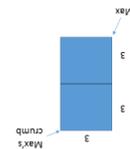
(unseen surface) and then onto the top: is the shortest at $\sqrt{41}$ inches, or 6.40 inches. So Rose will achieve this route if she crawls on the left most

Laura Feiveson



cuboid:

Rose's is slightly trickier to figure out, as there are three possible ways that you could "unfold" her graph paper and a good ruler), you can determine that his shortest path is $\sqrt{45}$ inches, or 6.71 inches.



The key to solving this problem is to come up with the length of their shortest routes. The simplest way to find this shortest route is to *flatten the box*. Once the box is flattened, it's very easy to find the shortest route between the ant and their crumb: **The shortest route between two points is a straight line!** In Max's case, flattening the box is straightforward. Since it's a cube, it doesn't matter which way you flatten it. If you flatten the top front fold, you'll see the following rectangle:

Answer to puzzle above!

WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN SWISS AND KNOCKOUT TEAMS

August 28 – September 2

MARRAKECH GRAND PRIX TRANSNATIONAL BOARD-A-MATCH (BAM) TEAMS

August 30 – September 1



PLAY FOR WBF TITLES, MEDALS AND MASTERPOINTS AGAINST PLAYERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

PLAY PRESTIGIOUS CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS AGAINST THE WORLD'S BEST PLAYERS

ENJOY WORLD CLASS PLAYING CONDITIONS IN A UNIQUE LOCATION

5 OR 6 DAYS OF PLAY ACROSS BOTH EVENTS FOR ONE ENTRY FEE

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Marrakech, Morocco



Check details on the back →

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WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN SWISS KO TEAMS

August 28 – September 2

- ♣ WBF titles, medals and Masterpoints
- ♣ 2 Days of Swiss Qualifying followed by 3 (4 if reaching the Final) days of KO
- ♣ A "stand-alone" championship, including non-qualifiers from the Bermuda Bowl (BB), Venice Cup (VC), D'Orsi Trophy (DOT) and Wuhan Cup (WC)
- ♣ Players eliminated on day 2 or 3 can enter the Marrakech GP Transnational BAM Teams free of charge

MARRAKECH GRAND PRIX TRANSNATIONAL BAM TEAMS

August 30 – September 1

- ♣ WBF titles, medals and Masterpoints
- ♣ 2 Days of Qualifying followed by Finals A and B (everyone plays for 3 days)
- ♣ A "stand-alone" championship, including players eliminated in the Quarterfinals of the Bermuda Bowl (BB), Venice Cup (VC), D'Orsi Trophy (DOT) and Wuhan Cup (WC)

ENTRY FEES - BOTH EVENTS TOGETHER

♣ Players from the BB, VC, DOT and WC	Free
♣ New players (per player)	350 €
♣ Moroccan BF members (per player)	250 €
♣ Youth players - U26 (per player)	175 €

ENTRY FEES - BAM ONLY

♣ Players from the BB, VC, DOT and WC	Free
♣ New players (per player)	250 €
♣ Moroccan BF members (per player)	150 €
♣ Youth players - U26 (per player)	100 €

The total Entry Fee for a Team is the sum of the 4 highest paying players, i.e. a maximum of € 1,400 respectively € 1,000.



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The **Bermuda Bowl**, **Venice Cup**, **d'Orsi Senior Bowl** and the **Wuhan Cup** are for national teams, respectively Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed, representing their countries, qualified from the 8 WBF Zonal Conferences.

The **World Transnational Open Teams** is open, without any qualification, to all teams, national or transnational, which want to participate, accordingly to the conditions of contest.

The **World Bridge Teams Championships**, the oldest WBF Championship, grew out of private initiatives principally by the late Norman Bach. The first world championship for the Bermuda Bowl was held in 1950, in Bermuda, 8 years before the World Bridge Federation itself was formed. After the first event of the series, the Bermuda Bowl developed into a regular challenge match between the USA and the winners of the European Championship, but in 1957 the contest widened to included teams representing other zones of the WBF.

In 1974, in Venice, Italy, a new event was launched, the Venice Cup. It started as a challenge match between women's teams from the USA and Italy (Europe's representative) and today it is the equivalent of Bermuda Bowl for women, organized under the same laws and format.

A third series, the Senior Bowl, for senior players was added in 2001. Ernesto d'Orsi, Past President of the WBF and a member of the WBF Committee of Honor and the WBF Executive Council, presented the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy for the winners of this Championship at the World Teams Championships held in Brazil in 2009.

In March 2018 in Philadelphia the Executive Council added a fourth series for Mixed Teams starting from 2019 in Wuhan, China. This new event was named after the City of Wuhan which presented the prestigious trophy and provided, and will provide for the future editions, replicas for the winners.

Bob Hamman is one of the greatest bridge players of all time. His resume includes 12 world titles for the United States, along with 50 North American Bridge Championships.

Born August 6, 1938, Hamman had a self-described middle-class upbringing in Pasadena, California. His parents, a salesman and a telephone operator, allowed him to play money poker as well as chess in high school. Although Hamman was particularly interested in chess, bridge became his obsession during college. At UCLA, Hamman played rubber bridge incessantly. He ultimately dropped out of school and became a regular at the L.A. Bridge Club to earn his living expenses.

In 1964, Hamman played with Don Krauss in the World Team Olympiad. Bridge guru Charles Goren penned a writeup of the pair in *Sports Illustrated*, a noteworthy achievement in itself. Although the American team (including notable players like Sam Stayman) eventually lost to Italy, the event was Hamman's first taste of world competition.

1964 also saw Hamman playing with Lew Mathe, a preeminent American expert. The two won the Blue Ribbon Pairs in 1966, but the partnership was turbulent and ended poorly. In 1967, wealthy businessman Ira Corn invited Hamman to join a new bridge team named the Dallas Aces. Corn had the vision of an American squad that would dominate the global bridge scene, and he had the finances to support his dream.

Hamman eventually accepted Corn's offer in 1969. The other original Aces included Billy Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, Jim Jacoby (son of Oswald Jacoby), Mike Lawrence and Bobby Wolff. The Aces trained in Dallas full-time under the coaching of Joe "Moose" Musemuci, a retired Air Force officer. Ira Corn paid all salaries and expenses for the team.

The Aces won the Bermuda Bowl world title in Stockholm in 1970, and again in Taipei in 1971. The Aces attempted to defend their title in 1972, with Paul Soloway replacing Billy Eisenberg as Hamman's partner. The world championship event that year was the World Team Olympiads, meant to emulate the 4-year recurrence of the Olympics. But the Italian Blue Team (Squadra Azzurra) beat the Aces in the final, and also won the ensuing Bermuda Bowl championships in 1973, 1974 and 1975.

Meet the Players... Saving the Best for Last

Losing annually to the Italians stung the Aces, especially in 1975. In that final, the Italian pair Gianfranco Facchini and Sergio Zucchelli were accused of cheating by the American contingent. Bitter feelings naturally ensued between the American and Italian factions. Hamman called it "my worst bridge experience... the third Italian pair was clearly cheating and the whole team should have been thrown out of the event."

Hamman did not represent the U.S. in the 1976 Bermuda Bowl. However, he finally captured the title for the third time in 1977. That year, the Aces won the 1977 Bermuda Bowl against the defending U.S. champions. The other Aces included John Swanson, Bobby Goldman, Bobby Wolff, Billy Eisenberg and Eddie Kantar.

In 1982, Ira Corn passed away of a heart attack. Hamman continued to play professionally with Bobby Wolff, and the pair represented America in the 1983 Bermuda Bowl. Hamman and Wolff, alongside teammates Peter Weischel and Alan Sontag, battled against Italy in a dramatic final. Hamman later described it as "the best of all wins... it was the first time we had beaten the Italians. The way it unfolded, it was a 176-board match and it was a dogfight throughout. Finally, it came down to the last four hands, and when the music stopped, we were ahead."

Since then, Hamman has continued to play bridge at the highest level. He has won additional Bermuda Bowl titles (1985, 1987, 1995, 2000, 2003, 2009) and a slew of national titles. Many team victories were earned while playing for sponsor Nick Nickell, an excellent player in his own right. Hamman's capture of the 2009 Bermuda Bowl was with Team Nickell, while playing with fellow expert Zia Mahmood.

Hamman's Law is one of Hamman's popular contributions to bridge. The adage says, "If you have a bidding decision to make, bid 3NT if it's a plausible choice."

Away from bridge, Hamman created his own prize promotion company, SCA Promotions, in 1986. The company is now one of the world's largest companies for prize insurance.⁴ Hamman has also written an auto-biography with Brent Manley entitled "At the Table My Life and Times".

Notable Quotes

"There are four great mind games: Chess, backgammon, poker, and bridge."

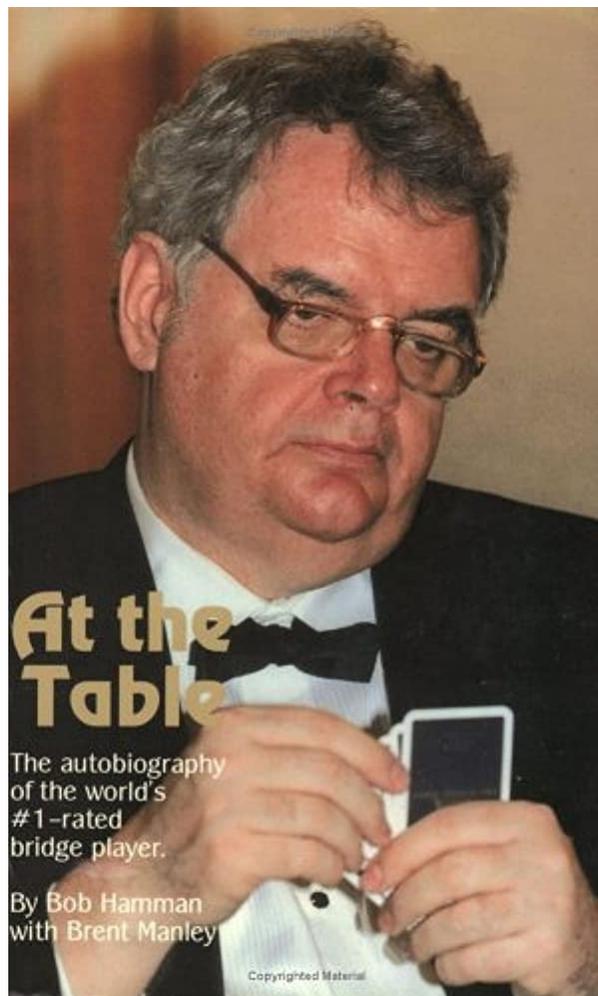
"Sometimes Ralph [Clark] and I would start on the double-dummy problems [in college] at 7 in the night and work on them until 8 the next morning."

Books

- At the Table My Life and Times (1994)
- .

Victories

- Bermuda Bowl, 1970, 1971, 1977, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1995, 2000, 2003, 2009
- World Open Team Olympiad, 1988
- North American Bridge Championships
 - Vanderbilt, 1964, 1966, 1971, 1973, 2000, 2003
 - Spingold, 1969, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2004, 2006, 2007
 - Chicago (now Reisinger), 1962
 - Reisinger, 1970, 1978, 1979, 1988, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2004, 2005, 2008
 - Grand National Teams, 1975, 1977, 1986, 2006
 - Open Board-a-Match Teams, 2008
 - Men's Board-a-Match Teams, 1988
 - Jacoby Open Swiss Teams, 1990, 2006, 2009
 - Master Mixed Teams, 1987
 - Blue Ribbon Pairs, 1964, 1986, 1991, 1993
 - Life Master Pairs, 1980, 1983, 1992
 - Men's Pairs, 1986
 - Platinum Pairs, 2012



(From the BridgeBum.com ... updated arund 2012)

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 12

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

Sudoku 1

I met this bloke with a didgeridoo and he was playing dancing queen on it.

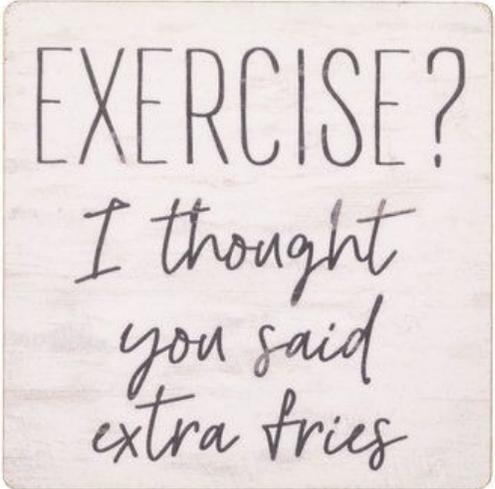
I thought that's abba-riginal...

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

Sudoku 2



I've decided to become a math teacher that only teaches subtraction. I just want to make a difference.



Puzzle Page ...

Dance crazes

Find and circle all of the dance crazes that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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

BALLROOM	HAND JIVE	QUICKSTEP	TEXAS TWO-STEP
BOLLYWOOD	HIP HOP	RIVER	THE BUNNY HOP
CALYPSO	HOKEY POKEY	ROBOT	THE HUSTLE
CHA CHA SLIDE	JITTERBUG	RUMBA	THE JERK
CHARLESTON	JUMP ON IT	SALSA	THE RUNNING MAN
CHICKEN DANCE	LIMBO	SAMBA	THE TWIST
DA DIP	LINDY HOP	SHIMMY	THRILLER
DISCO	LINE	SINGLE LADIES	VOGUE
ELECTRIC SLIDE	MACARENA	SQUARE DANCE	WALTZ
FLAMENCO	MAMBO	SUZIE Q	WATUSI
FOOTLOOSE	MERENGUE	SWING	YMCA
FOXTROT	MODERN	TANGO	ZUMBA
GANGNAM STYLE	MOONWALK	TAP	



Bridge: A MindSport For All

Connects People, Challenges Minds

Sam Punch is an amazingly hard worker and a wonderful promoter of our game! She has worked wonders in the last several years organizing and heading BAMSA. We support her wonderful work and hope you support it too!

Bridge, Youth and Schools



Who am I? My name is Samantha Punch, Professor of Sociology at the University of Stirling, UK. I lead the international work of BAMSA.

What is BAMSA? *Bridge: A MindSport for All* (BAMSA) is a research project working collaboratively with bridge organisations to increase the number of players and transform the image of the mindsport.

BAMSA believes that bridge can be promoted as a potential solution to tackle big societal issues of social isolation, loneliness, mental health problems, inclusivity and healthy ageing.

BAMSA's new study

The new project aims to develop academic evidence that demonstrates the skills and wide-ranging benefits that bridge, as a mindsport, can offer young people. The study will investigate the benefits and challenges of teaching bridge in schools. The goal is to encourage schools to take bridge as seriously as chess, and mindsport education as seriously as physical education.

How can donating help?

By donating, you enable BAMSA to conduct this work in the USA as well as Europe. The funding pays for the researchers to interview school teachers, bridge teachers, pupils and parents to explore what helps and hinders learning bridge. The funds are used to develop practical resources from the findings to enable growth of youth bridge communities in USA and Europe.

How can I donate? ***All donations will be doubled* (matched by Levine Foundation)**

Online via the University website: www.stir.ac.uk/carddonate Scroll to the bottom of the page and choose single gift, this will direct you to our donation form where you can select "Bridge Research Project" as your designated cause.

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Thank You! Need more information?

Contact Sam with any queries – s.v.punch@stir.ac.uk

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BAMSA: BRIDGE: A Mindsport for All

BOARD: 3
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ J973
 ♥ 3
 ♦ AKQ96
 ♣ Q65

♠ Q842
 ♥ K972
 ♦ J7
 ♣ KJ8

♠ AK5
 ♥ 8654
 ♦ 85432
 ♣ T

Par: 130

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	10	8	6	7	8
S	:	:	:	8	:
E	2	4	6	5	4
W	:	:	:	:	5

♠ T6
 ♥ AQJT
 ♦ T
 ♣ A97432

Home team Visiting team Room By = ★ IMP

NS EW Home Visiting

		⏪	Open	5♣	S	♠4	-1	50	
5	Hamman		Wolfson						10
		⏪	Closed	5♣	S	♦J	=	400	

Board 3 of Segment 5 of the Senior USA2 Final was the first and only double digit swing in that set. At both tables, North/South played in 5C from South. While the auctions varied, it was universally known that North held diamonds and spades and South held clubs and hearts.

Success depended on the opening lead.

In the Open Room, Larry Cohen used good logic leading a spade through dummy's second suit. He was rewarded when he found Berkowitz with the SAK. The defense collect two spades off the top and waited patiently for the CK. Contract failing one trick.

In the Closed Room, Mitch Dunitz led the DJ through dummy's first bid suit. Levin, South, won the ace, cashed the king and queen, throwing away his losing spades. Dunitz ruffed the DQ with the CJ and exited with a spade which declarer ruffed in hand, producing this wish trick:



Levin cashed the CA and conceded a trick to Mitch's CK. Contract making.

10 IMPs to Wolfson

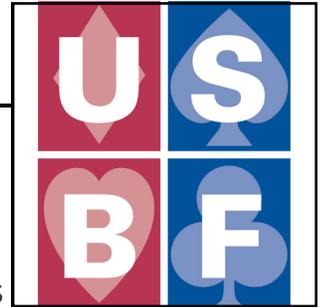
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7	3	1	2	8	4	5	6	9	6	9
4	6	8	9	3	5	1	2	7	4	3
9	2	5	6	1	7	8	3	4	2	1
6	3	5	7	9	8	4	1	2	5	3
8	7	1	4	3	2	6	5	9	8	3

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

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 7

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



USBF Supporting Membership

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

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

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.

What's the
difference
between a
fish and
a piano?

You can't tuna fish.



8:30 pm	Inez	Oman	Guinea
7:30 pm	Olga	Ukraine	Angola
6:30 pm	Gabriel	South Africa	Barbados
5:30 pm	Willbur	Taiwan	Denmark
4:30 pm	Jeanne	Vietnam	Finland
3:30 pm	Scott	New Zealand	Costa Rica
2:30 pm	Pablo	Zambia	Ireland

Answer to Puzzle on page 10

**Please pick up a Chicago NABC flyer before you leave Schaumburg.
We want to see you there!!
Rooms are filling.
We have engaged the Intercontinental as our overflow hotel!**

Also, grab a Chicago NABC Convention Card Sticker from the table in the Break Room where the newsletters are.

**Join ABC
ACBL BIDDING CONTEST**

Bid these Bidding Box hands on your phone or tablet!

ABC is a *free*, ongoing weekly bidding contest organized by the ACBL using the app **bid72**. Enter the contest with your partner and automatically receive 5 hands on your phone/tablet every week. Compare your results with hundreds of other pairs. Monthly promotion/relegation ensures an exciting challenge for everyone. Please visit www.bid72.com/abc for more details and registration.

Register here → 

Extra: Bidding Box hands will be included in ABC two weeks before the Bridge Bulletin is published.



**THEY SAY
"DON'T TRY
THIS AT HOME"
SO I'M COMING
OVER TO
YOUR HOUSE
TO TRY IT.**



The World Bridge Federation has been invited to the **Olympic Esports Week** ("OEW") in Singapore, June 19-25, organized by the International Olympic Committee.

The WBF, together with the platform providers, BBO and Funbridge, will have a pavilion at the Free-To-Play Zone ("FTPZ") that the IOC is providing, June 22-25, for a limited number (10-15) of its recognised "International Federations" during the OEW. It is a great achievement for Bridge to have been selected to exhibit our progress in the field of electronic sports.

The FTPZ will be a large exposition at the Suntec Convention Centre, and tens of thousands of visitors are expected. It is an important opportunity to showcase Bridge as a modern sport, adopting the latest technology, including Artificial Intelligence.

At our pavilion, we will live-stream tournaments on both platforms with local and international competitors, provide "MinibrIDGE" demonstrations, show play on Lovebridge tablets and various other promotional activities. Many activities can be followed online on YouTube, and possibly Twitch.

Leading up to the tournaments in Singapore we are arranging qualification events on both BBO and Funbridge.

The overall winner on each platform will be invited (travel and accommodation) to the Transnational week (August 28 - September 2) during the World Championships in Marrakech, and there will be a ranking by country with prizes in the form of the platform's "currencies".

Programme for Online Bridge Olympic Esports Week, June 19/25

Qualification phase

19/21, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - Tournaments of 6 boards (100 tournaments available)

(0.50 Babydollars BB\$ on BBO) (25 diamonds on Funbridge) per tournament

Best five tournaments to qualify with a minimum average of 55 %

Thursday off

Final

23/25 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, free of charge, 8 Tournaments of 6 boards

Ranking according to the average of the best five.



Players should register on the sites and may play on either one or both. They should follow the online instructions, stating to which Federation they belong.

Registration implies complete acceptance of the BBO, Funbridge and WBF rules.

More Information

[Additional information about this event will be available on the BBO and Funbridge websites:](https://www.bridgebase.com/)

<https://www.bridgebase.com/>

<https://www.funbridge.com/>

The first two sets of hands have been perfect for a team with a lead. Very few IMPs are swinging, both teams bidding and making their games and slams... or both teams missing the same games and slams.

On Board 26, there was a chance for a swing but both teams missed the making slam in either clubs, spades, or NT, East/West.

To make the grand slam (never close to biddable), declarer would need to finesse the spots off the spades! Becker played it that way in 3NT (of course it was no risk in game!) Taking all 13 tricks was worth an IMP when Dunitz took one less finesse in the other room playing at the 4-level.

BOARD: 26

DEALER: EAST

VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ KT82

♥ QJ65

♦ Q93

♣ 43

♠ J65

♥ A8

♦ K4

♣ AKQT82

♠ AQ97

♥ T32

♦ A865

♣ J6

Par: -2220

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	0	3	5	0	0
EW	13	10	8	13	13

♠ 43

♥ K974

♦ JT72

♣ 975

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP		
		NS	EW	Home	Visiting					
Hamman	Wolfson			Open	3N	W	♥5	+4	720	1
				Closed	4N	W	♣4	+2	690	

I HAVE BEEN PROMOTED
DIRECTOR AT OLD
MACDONALD'S FARM

I AM NOW THE CIEIO

PEOPLE WHO TAKE
CARE OF CHICKENS
ARE LITERALLY
CHICKEN TENDERS

I KEEP TELLING THIS
GUY IT'S WRONG TO
SHOPLIFT

BUT HE JUST
DOESN'T BUY IT

BOARD: 31
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ K7
♥ JT98643
♦ 82
♣ Q5

♠ T9643
♥ 7
♦ KQT53
♣ J4

♠ Q
♥ K
♦ J764
♣ AKT7632

Par: 300

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N5	3	3	11	8	6
EW	10	10	2	5	2

♠ AJ852
♥ AQ52
♦ A9
♣ 98

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

3	Hamman	Wolfson	Open	5♦x	W	♠K	-1	100	
			Closed	4♥	S	♣J	+1	650	11

Everyone was ready to play after lunch... and the 1st board out of the box generated an 11 IMP swing to Wolfson.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
			1♠
PASS	1NT	2♣	2♥
PASS	4♥	4NT	DBL
5♦	PASS	PASS	DBL

1NT=forcing

OTHER ROOM
S 4♥ +1 650

Score card
Frequency
Live scores

♠ K7
♥ JT98643
♦ 82
♣ Q5

N Mitch Dunitz

♠ T9643
♥ 7
♦ KQT53
♣ J4

W Jeff Wolfson

♠ Q
♥ K
♦ J764
♣ AKT7632

E Steve Garner

♠ AJ852
♥ AQ52
♦ A9
♣ 98

S Boss Grabel

WEST 5♦x

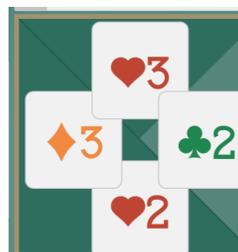
In the Open Room, Grabel opened 1S; Dunitz bid a forcing NT; Garner overcalled 2C; Grabel bid 2H and Wolfson passed. Dunitz jumped to the heart game and Garner made a key call in this auction:

He bid 4NT showing both likely four diamonds and longer clubs!

Wolfson had an easy pick. He bid 5D. It passed around to Grabel. He knew he was pretty sure to defeat 5D with two aces and a partner who'd bid.

What he didn't know was that Dunitz held SEVEN hearts. Grabel doubled. Perhaps Mitch should have pulled the double to 5H given the likelihood that the vulnerable game could succeed on this auction? 650 would be worth significantly more than a one or two trick set in 5D.

Mitch led the SK and shifted to the HJ. Grabel won and continued with the H2. It wasn't a wish trick, but trick four was pretty good looking... 2 pair!



At the other table, 4H made five, declarer losing only two club tricks with hearts splitting 1-1 with the king onside and the SQ coming down singleton, turning the SJ good to pitch the losing diamond.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
PASS	1NT	PASS	2♣
PASS	2♦	PASS	3♥
PASS	3♠	PASS	4♠
PASS	PASS	PASS	

1NT=15-17

OTHER ROOM N 3♣ +2 150 Other table >

Score card >
Frequency >
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DEALER 44 EAST SOUTH

DDS

♠ 532
♥ Q8
♦ AQ
♣ KQJ963
N Mitch Dunitz

♠ QJ
♥ 963
♦ T8632
♣ T54
W Jeff Wolfson

♠ KT8
♥ K754
♦ KJ74
♣ A2
E Steve Garner

♠ A9764
♥ AJT2
♦ 95
♣ 87
S Ross Gabel

NORTH NS EW
4♠ 0 0

Mitch Dunitz made a great decision to open a 15-17 1NT on Board 44. Not only did he make it easier for his side to bid a game, but he protected his tenaces when Gabel bid Stayman followed by Smolen over Mitch's 2D response to 2C.

It is not easy to reach game in spades from the North hand unless you have this edge! A diamond lead will defeat 4S if played from South.

Garner led the CA and shifted to heart at trick two. Dunitz won the queen in hand and played a spade to the ace and a spade off dummy to West's jack and East's king. Garner played the HK, attempting to strand dummy. Mitch won the high heart and pulled the last trump, claiming ten tricks.

At the other table, Dunitz and Gabel's counterparts, Berkowitz and Cohen, had a handy opening bid available and used it. Berkowitz opened 2C (Precision). Weichsel doubled with the East hand and Cohen upped the ante with 3C. Everyone passed.

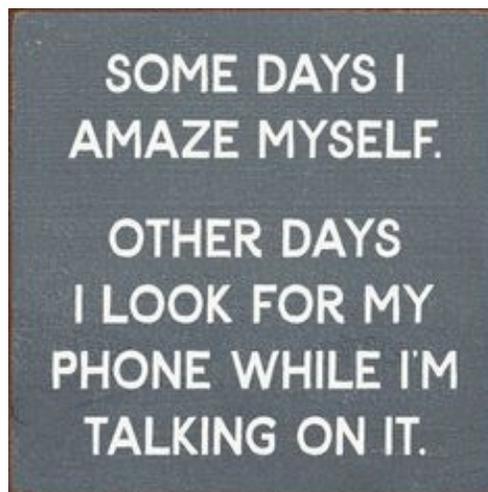
3C made five.

10 IMPs to Hamman

Par: 630

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	10	6	8	10	10
S	:	:	7	9	6
EW	2	6	4	3	2

The Frequency Chart:





USA2 Senior Winners: Neil Chambers, Peter Weischel, Bob Hamman, Mitch Dunitz, Ross Gabel
Not shown: John Schermer



USA2 Runners Up:
Berkowitz, Cohen, Garner, Wolfson, Becker, Levin

BOARD: 53

DEALER: NORTH

VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ AJ83

♥ A984

♦ A

♣ KJ95

♠ 97

♥ T62

♦ 7654

♣ Q873

♠ Q2

♥ KJ3

♦ KQJ83

♣ T62

Par: 1430

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	10	8	12	12	11
EW	2	5	1	1	1

♠ KT654

♥ Q75

♦ T92

♣ A4

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
					NS	EW

Hamman	Wolfson	Open	6♠	N	♦Q	-1	100	
		Closed	4♠	S	♦7	+2	680	13

	<p>♠ AJ83</p> <p>♥ A984</p> <p>♦ A</p> <p>♣ KJ95</p> <p>N Peter Weichsel</p>	
<p>♠ 97</p> <p>♥ T62</p> <p>♦ 7654</p> <p>♣ Q873</p> <p>W David Berkowitz</p>		<p>♠ Q2</p> <p>♥ KJ3</p> <p>♦ KQJ83</p> <p>♣ T62</p> <p>E Larry Cohen</p>
<p>♠ KT654</p> <p>♥ Q75</p> <p>♦ T92</p> <p>♣ A4</p> <p>S Bob Hamman</p>	<p>NORTH</p> <p>6♠</p>	

On Board 53, in the Open Room, Hamman/Weichsel bid 6S. In the Closed Room, Becker/Levin stopped in game.

With spades 2-2 and the HK onside, it looked as if 6S would be an easy make and would put the event out of reach for Team Wolfson.

Weichsel won the opening diamond lead and drew two rounds of trump ending in dummy. He tested clubs by playing the ace, king and ruffing a third club. He trumped a diamond in hand and trumped his last club in dummy.

He trumped a diamond to hand and led the H4. **Larry Cohen created an illusion when he played the HJ!!** Weichsel ducked. Cohen exited with a diamond. When the HK did not fall doubleton, the contract failed by a trick.

13 IMPs to Wolfson

Both teams put on a great show on VuGraph. Good luck in Marrakech Team Hamman!