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UNITED STATES JUNIOR BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Jive

WELCOME TO ATLANTA AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

George Jacobs, USBF President, wants to welcome all of you to Atlanta, Georgia, for the 2013 Junior Bridge Championships. A lot of preparation has gone into the planning of this event and we are looking forward to an exciting finish.

To this end, we offer special thanks to Michael Rosenberg for his amazing fund raising efforts. Michael raised tens of thousands of dollars over the past several months from several generous sources to bring this competition to Atlanta. The USBF is most grateful for his assistance.

Thanks also to Joe Stokes and his team of mentors who have been working with these and other Juniors under the guidance of Joe's USBF Junior Committee for two years plus. The program progress in that time has been astounding.

THE PRIZE

The World Youth Team Bridge Championships will be held August 13-23, 2014, in Istanbul, Turkey. With funding from the ACBL, the United States Bridge Federation (USBF) plans to send 5 teams to this championship: two open under-26 (U26) teams, two open under-21 teams (U21), and one team of young women under 26 (Rona). U26 includes players born in 1989 or later; U21, born 1994 or later.

BACKGROUND: ONLINE COMPETITION

The first stage of our selection process was an online competition in October 2013. Four teams in each of the U21 & U26 Divisions and 2 teams in the Rona Division advanced from the online competition.

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U-26 Qualifiers

Kaplan	Adam Kaplan, Capt Owen Lien Adam Grossack	Zachary Brescoll Marius Agica Zachary Grossack
Wang	Zhuo Wang, Capt Edmund Wu	Erli Zhou William Zhu
Herman	Gregory Herman, Capt Alex Hudson	Anam Tebha Drew Cavalier
Kaye	Jordan Kaye, Capt John Altman	Xu Wang Isaac Stephani

U-21 Qualifiers

Kriegel	Oren Kriegel, Capt Benjamin Kristensen	Christopher Huber Kevin Rosenberg
Harper	Brandon Harper, Capt Hakan Berk	Ryan Miller David Soukup
Dhir	Arjun Dhir, Capt Burke Snowden	Christian Jolly Allison Hunt
Weingarten	Matthew Weingarten, Capt Cole Spencer	Nolan Chang Evan Berman

Rona Qualifiers

Goyal	Rachna Goyal, Capt Mili Raina Asya Ladyzhensky	Alice Kaye Ruth Ng
Thapa	Isha Thapa, Capt Marianna Linz	Julie Arbit Rebecca Wernis



Goyal



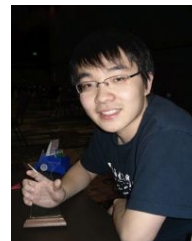
Thapa



Weingarten



Kaplan



Wang

Play Cards!

schedule of Play

U26 & U21 USA1 SemiFinals

Captains' Meeting in Playing Area at 10:15 AM

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31ST	10:30 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-12
	12:25 - 2:05	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 13 - 24 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
	3:15 - 4:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 25 - 36
	5:10 - 6:50	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 37 - 48

U26, U21 & Rona USA1 Final & U26 & U21 USA2 SemiFinal

WEDNESDAY JAN 1ST	10:30 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-12
	12:25 - 2:05	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 13 - 24 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
	3:15 - 4:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 25 - 36
	5:10 - 6:50	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 37 - 48

U26 & U21 USA2 & Rona Final (Rona plays Boards 49 - 96)

THURSDAY JAN 2ND	10:00 - 11:40	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-12
	11:55 - 1:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 13 - 24 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
	2:45 - 4:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 25 - 36
	4:40 - 6:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 37 - 48

It's my wife's birthday tomorrow. Last week I asked her what she wanted as a present. "Oh, I don't know," she said. "Just give me something with diamonds." That's why I'm giving her a pack of playing cards

People with small minds talk about other people. People with ordinary minds talk about events. People with great minds talk about ideas. People with warped minds talk about bridge hands.

Do you know what the difference is between a mad psycho serial-killer and a bridge partner? You can reason with the serial killer.

Sudoku

Happy New Year



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

This Training & Trials week is being held at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, GA, starting about 4:00 PM on December 28, 2013 (Saturday) and ending about 6:00 PM on January 2, 2014 (Thursday).

USBF is paying a substantial portion of expenses for players participating in the in-person competition. Many thanks to ACBL and the **generous individual donors** who provided the funds necessary for this first-ever stand-alone Junior USBC and to donors of prizes to be distributed to the players. The Bridge World has generously donated 6 month subscriptions and copies of ALL IN THE GAME to each participant in the T&T Week. Larry Cohen, Eddie Kantar and others have donated books and CDs and BridgeWinners has donated hoodies to be distributed as prizes during the training portion of the event. Thank you all.

The T&T Week starts with 3 days of training and continues with 3 days of competition to select the 2014 World Championship teams. The competition will be shown on BBO Vugraph on Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 & 2. In person kibitzers are welcome also. If you live in the Atlanta area and are interested in helping us show more tables on Vugraph by being a Vugraph operator, please email Jan Martel.

Assisting with the T&T Week will be Debbie & Michael Rosenberg, without whose tireless efforts to organize the event this wouldn't be happening, mentors Marty Fleisher, Barry Goren, Karen McCallum, Jan & Chip Martel, Patty Tucker, Joe Stokes and Howie Weinstein, and ACBL Director Jay Bates. Many thanks to all of them for spending part of their holiday helping with this event. None of the mentors is being paid for his or her participation and we are very thankful to all of them for their help.

Answers to puzzle

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

D		N gkhsieh	W N E S			
1		♠ 7	5♦	P	4♦	P
		♥ KQ765	P	P	P	P
		♦ 9				
		♣ Q106532				
W cooper1931		E cotondog				
♠ J109652		♠ K8				
♥ A109		♥ 42				
♦ J76		♦ AKQ108532				
♣ 8		♣ A				
S littleguy9						
♠ AQ43						
♥ J83						
♦ 4						
♣ KJ974						
		5♦ E		NS: 0 EW: 0		

From the Final Sunday Practice Session

This hand was played during the final Sunday practice prior to the Atlanta Trials. It was played sixteen times on BBO. 3NT makes four. No pair played in the simple 3NT contract. In fact, only one player even attempted to play 3NT, and his partner pulled to diamonds. East should probably open 1D and rebid 3NT at his first opportunity. If N/S bids over 3NT, E/W will probably land in 5D. Six of the sixteen pairs played in 5D or 5DX. Only one pair was defeated. 5D should be defeated, unless South makes an aggressive spade lead.

Only one E/W pair found the difficult-to-defeat contract of 4S. To beat 4S, North must lead a spade or a diamond. On a diamond lead, declarer will likely win and play a heart, ducking to North. North then leads a spade to South and South continues hearts. Declarer will be able to ruff a heart in dummy, but will be stranded there and forced to give South a diamond ruff.

On a spade lead, declarer will play the king and South must be careful not to make the instinctive play of winning the AQ of spades and shifting to a heart. Declarer will simply win, draw trumps and run the diamonds.

What if South wins the first spade trick and shifts to a heart? Declarer ducks to North. If North continues hearts, declarer wins the heart, trumps a heart, cashes the ace of clubs, plays a diamond to hand and forces out the spade queen. If North switches to diamonds, declarer wins and forces out the high trump. Now declarer can use the ace of hearts as an entry to draw trumps. A club shift produces the same result.

If South wins the ace of spades and shifts to a diamond or a club at trick two, declarer wins and forces out the high trump. A low spade continuation will produce the same result. So nothing appears to work.

How does a spade lead defeat 4S? South must duck the first trick! If declarer plays a heart to North at trick two, North must switch to a diamond. Now declarer will be able to ruff a heart in dummy, but will again be forced to concede a diamond ruff to South. If declarer continues spades at trick two, South wins and plays hearts setting up two tricks in that suit.