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U-26 USA2

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-12	13-24	25-36	37-48
2	Wang	124	5	34	34	51
3	Herman	99	32	21	35	11

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U-21 USA2

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-12	13-24	25-36	37-48
2	Harper	74	31	6	22	15
3	Dhir	127	43	32	20	32

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#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	49-60	61-72	73-84	85-96
1	Goyal	188	38	27	5	2	31	16	34	35
2	Thapa	244	24	23	27	20	28	39	29	54

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

BEST OF LUCK IN TURKEY!

UNITED STATES JUNIOR BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Jive

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

Thanks to all of the volunteers who have made this Junior Training Program what it is today. The program has evolved over the past few years under the direction of Joe Stokes and his USBF Junior Committee from small weekly online coaching sessions to full-blown, well-staffed, well-supported twice a week teaching and training projects.

The addition of Michael Rosenberg as co-ordinator has generated greater commitment on the part of the players, as well as a great boost in the number of dedicated mentors.

Today the program is thriving... and it shows! Thanks everyone!

Sudoku

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

Happy New Year



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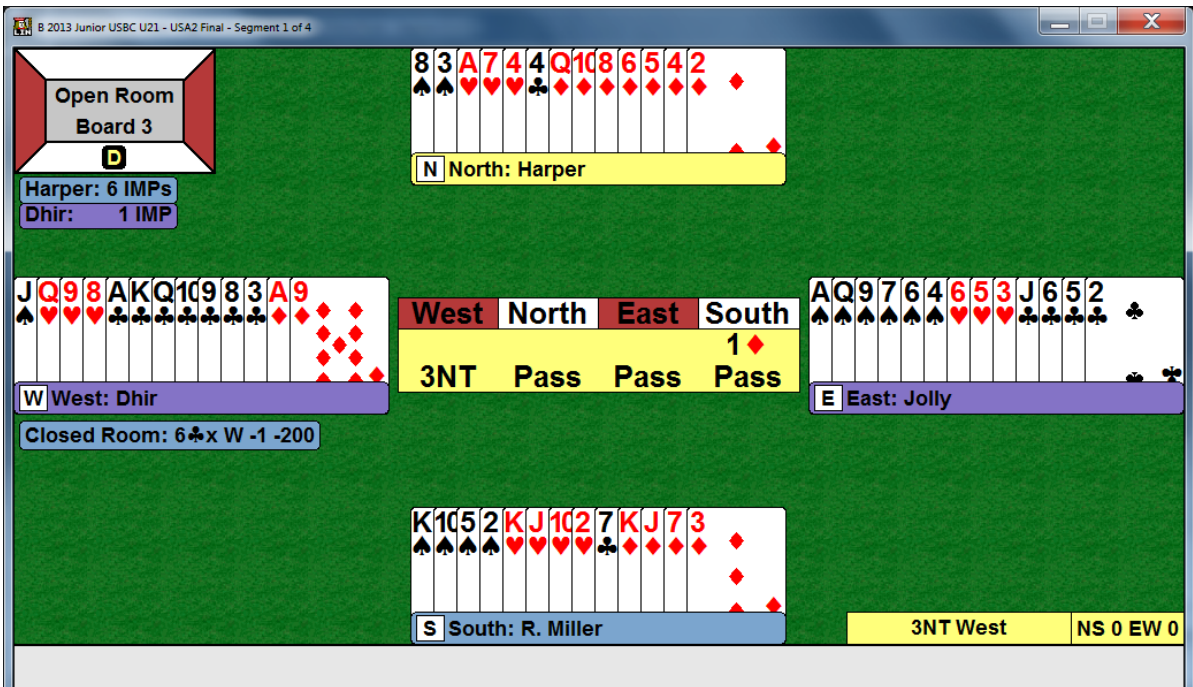


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Answers to puzzle

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



Arjun Dhir made a gutsy, but wise call on Board 3. South opened 1D and Arjun, holding the running club suit and the diamond ace, jumped to three no-trump. No matter what is led, there are nine tricks for the taking.

In every match, one or the other or both tables arrived in a freely bid 6C contract! (Note result in the Closed Room here) Even with the exhuberance of youth, there must be a way to avoid slam off a cashing side AK.

In most rooms where slam was bid, North led the heart ace and a heart to South's king to defeat the contract one trick.

13 IMPs to Dhir

In the Wang/Herman match, however, Zhu chose to lead his 7th best diamond after South passed in first seat and West opened 1C. Zhu preempted 3D and after East's 3S bid, Wu furthered the preempt by jumping to the diamond game.

West was endplayed into bidding 6C.

Zhu should have led the heart ace on the assumption that his opponents were prepared for a diamond lead and he could buy a look at dummy before leading to trick two.



As you can see, Zhu's chosen lead was a massive failure.

18 IMPs to Herman when 6C was defeated in the Closed Room.

C 2013 Junior USBC Rona Finals - Segment 6 of 8

Closed Room Board 20

Goyal: 105 IMPs
Thapa: 134 IMPs

North: Wernis

West North East South

Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West: A. Kaye

Open Room: 5♣ E = +600

East: Goyal

South: Linz

6♣ East NS 0 EW 0

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Open Room Board 20

Goyal: 105 IMPs
Thapa: 134 IMPs

North: Ladyzhensk

West North East South

Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West: Thapa

Closed Room: 6♣ E -1 -100

East: Arbit

South: Ng

5♣ East NS 0 EW 0

In the Rona match, Goyal and Kaye bid a reasonable 6C slam on Board 20 (near 50%). They were the only pair in any of the matches to arrive at that level.

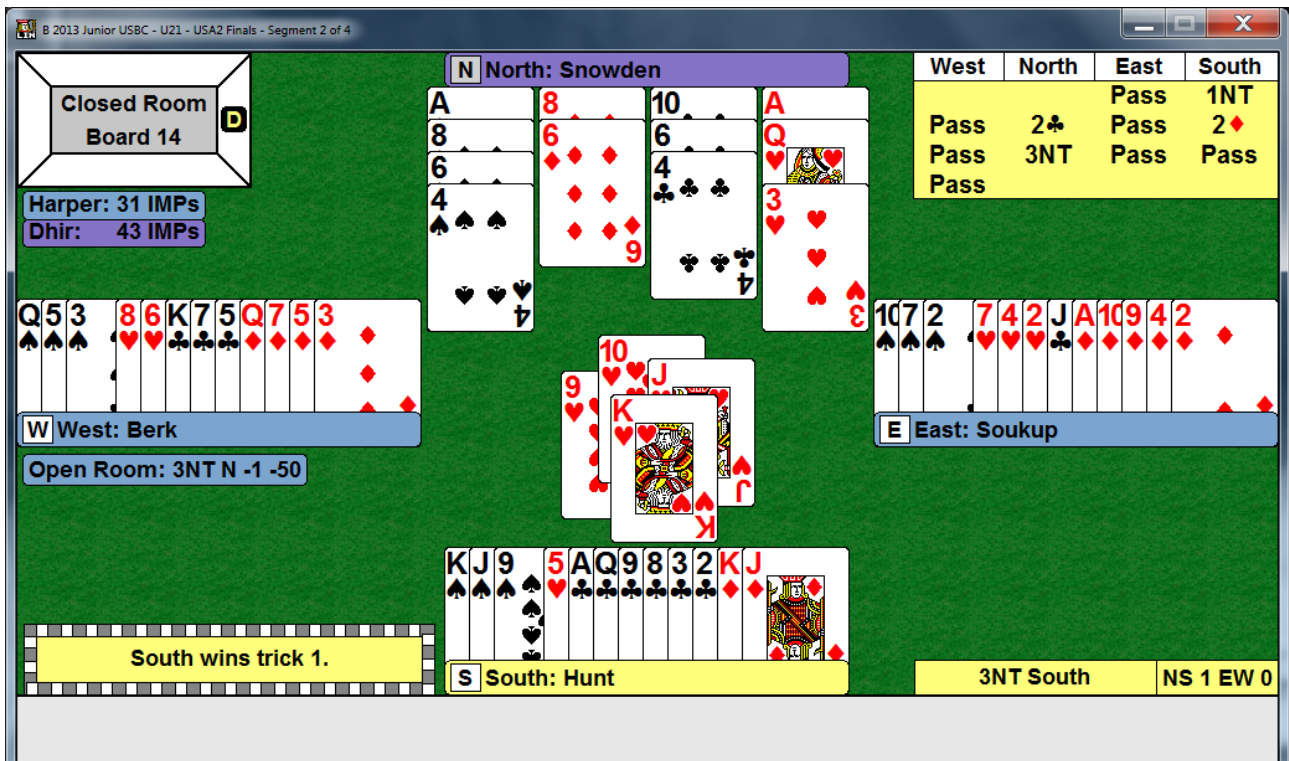
In the U-21 match, both tables played in 3NT.

In the U-26 match, both tables played in 5C.

No significant IMPs in either of those events...

Speaking from experience, female players tend to underbid and when close contracts fail, you get punished. Still, bidding to a most logical contract as E/W did here, should be acknowledged. They got unlucky when clubs broke 4-1 and the one was not the jack or the ten.

12 IMPs to Thapa but credit for bidding to Goyal!



The bridge world is fraught with axioms.

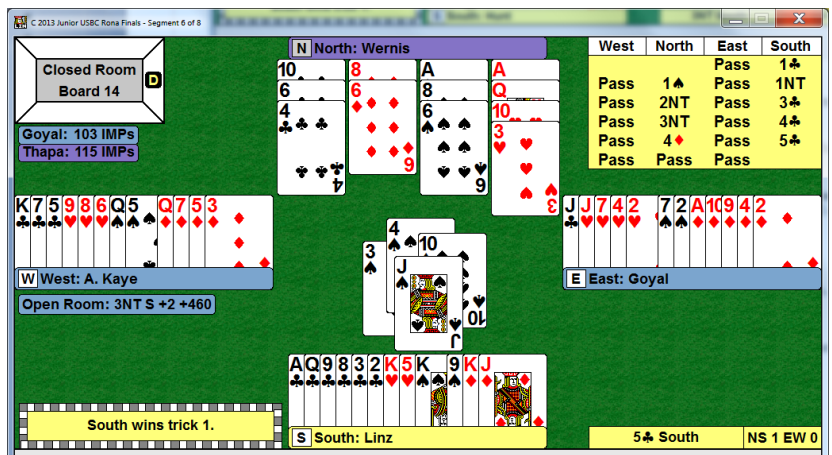
In the U-21 match, Hakan Berk learned the hard way that “4th from your longest and strongest” is tried and true.

On Board 14 above, he tried “lead through strength” instead, leading a heart through the Stayman bidder, in deference to a diamond from his length.

The heart lead afforded declarer the timing to make the hand even when the club finesse lost. Alison Hunt won the heart, cashed the heart ace, and took the losing club finesse. Berk won his CK and tried a spade, picking up his queen, and allowing Hunt to collect ten tricks. 10 IMPs to Dhir

In the U-26 match, both tables arrived in 3NT.

Herman led the heart as Berk did, but his team lost 11 IMPs when his opponents, Zhou and Wu, brought home 11 tricks. (Notice how the IMPs are the same as the tricks taken in both cases!)



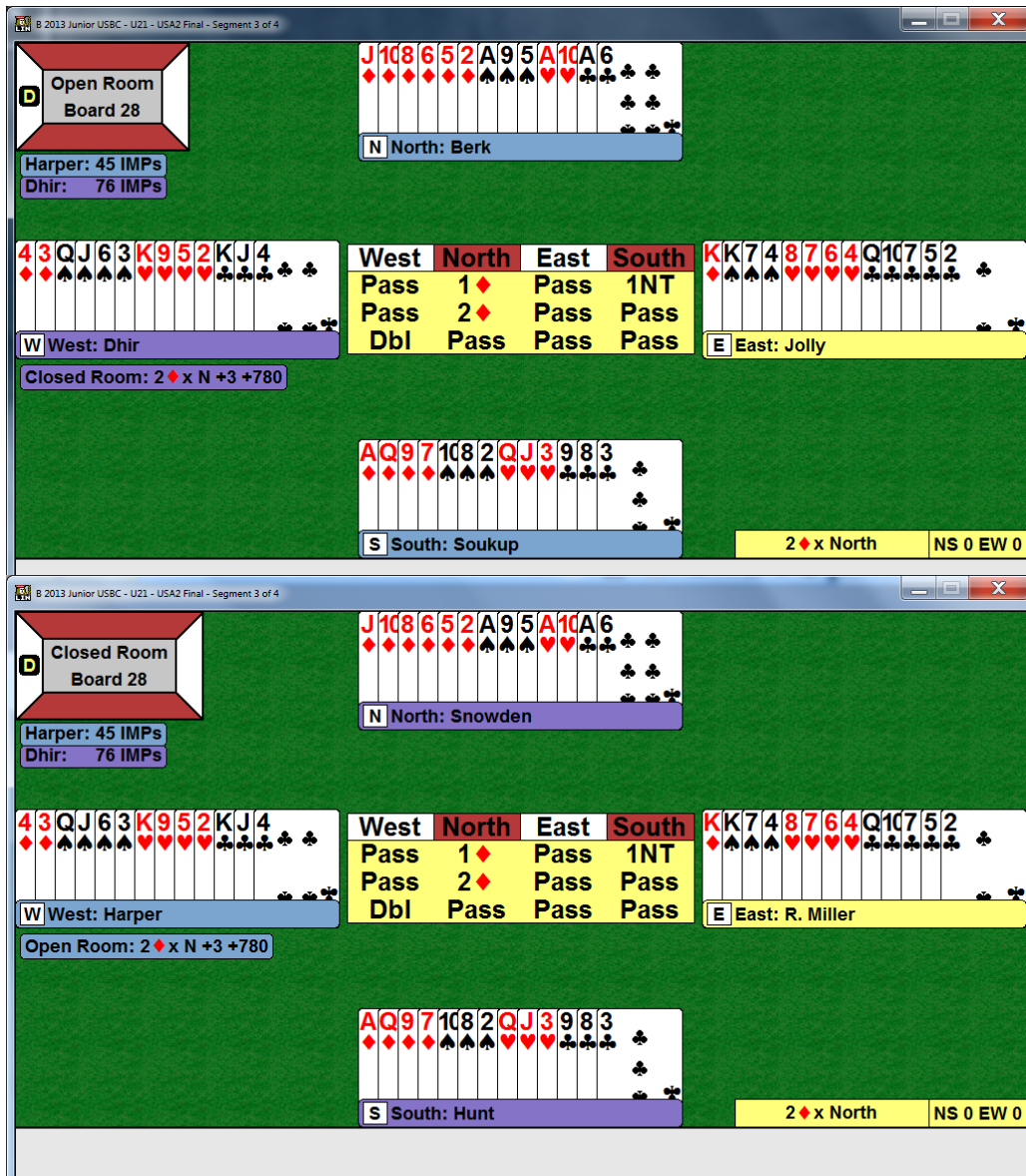
In the Rona Final, one table reached 3NT and made 5 on a spade lead by Thapa.

The other table reached 5♣ making easily after Kaye chose a spade lead, picking that suit for her side.

2 IMPs to Goyal

A CONFESSION: If you found typos in these bulletins, it could be because I am typing them Lefty. I broke my right hand, wrist and arm at the zoo in Sydney, Australia, last week...

Suzi



At this early date, I would venture that it is safe to say that this is the oddest push ... not only of the tournament, but of the year!!

It is not clear what either East was thinking when he passed the double, but it is always a good idea in IMPs to bid unless you are certain you are defeating the contract. Turning a part score into a game swing ... especially vulnerable ... is never a good result!

In the other two matches, life was far less exciting. In Wang/Herman, Zhou and Wang found the cold 3NT, making 5 at one table, while Cavelier and Hudson played 3D making four at the other. 11 IMPs to Wang

In the Rona, both tables played 3D making 5 for a push.

**HOPE YOU ALL HAD FUN!
HAVE SAFE TRAVELS HOME
WHEREVER THAT MAY BE!**