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## News

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The Lo team has changed in composition. Claude Vogel had an unexpected medical issue and is unable to play. Jeff Schuett will be playing in his place. In accordance with the USBF regulations, Jeff will be a replacement, not a substitute.

Also, it is with sadness that we report the passing of Dave McGee, longtime player from District 14, and past president of the ACBL.

**Team Photos:** USBF Photographer, Peggy Kaplan, is arriving at the site today. She would like to schedule team photos of each team. Captains, please contact Peggy to arrange a time on either Sunday or Monday to have your team photo taken. Thank you.

## Results:

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Danny Sprung

Team Name	Total	2	8	7	12	3	9	6	1	11	4	13	14	18	17	16	10	5	15
2. Gordon	109.99		14.59		16.89	5.41	12.33				7.25	10.00	11.90		15.24				16.38
8. Borker	105.72	5.41		13.53		13.53		5.75	19.78				8.10	6.47			20.00	13.15	
7. Fireman	104.79		6.47		4.76	11.46					12.33				15.24	9.50	15.24	15.54	14.25
12. Cappelli	100.26	3.11		15.24		2.87	13.15			14.92	17.79			8.10		12.33	12.75		
3. Bramley	99.97	14.59	6.47	8.54	17.13					2.21		14.92	7.25	16.11		12.75			
9. Milner	97.92	7.67			6.85				9.01			16.11	13.15	11.46	15.83	6.85			10.99
6. Gupta	97.87		14.25						8.10	19.37	8.10	11.90		10.50	2.01		8.10		15.54
1. Cayne	96.34		.22				10.99	11.90			14.25		2.21		10.00	15.83		13.15	17.79
11. Rigal	95.16				5.08	17.79		.63			10.50		17.36		14.59	5.75	8.54	14.92	
4. Mahaffey	88.35	12.75		7.67	2.21			11.90	5.75	9.50				15.83				6.10	16.64
13. Ivatury	86.59	10.00				5.08	3.89	8.10					13.90			6.47	17.58	7.67	13.90
14. Denison	85.07	8.10	11.90			12.75	6.85		17.79	2.64		6.10		13.53			5.41		
18. Becker	84.33		13.53		11.90	3.89	8.54	9.50			4.17		6.47		15.83		10.50		
17. Dinkin	83.89	4.76		4.76			4.17	17.99	10.00	5.41				4.17		18.73		13.90	
16. Ganzer	82.78			10.50	7.67	7.25	13.15		4.17	14.25		13.53			1.27				10.99
10. Lo	79.24		0.00	4.76	7.25			11.90		11.46		2.42	14.59	9.50					17.36
5. Harris	75.79		6.85	4.46					6.85	5.08	13.90	12.33			6.10		2.64		17.58
15. Ware	45.94	3.62		5.75			9.01	4.46	2.21		3.36	6.10				9.01		2.42	

# Teams in Order by Seeding

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

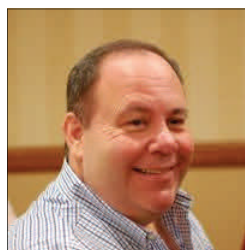
<b>Diamond</b> Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>John Diamond, Capt</b> Eric Greco Justin Lall	<b>Brian Platnick</b> Geoff Hampson Kevin Bathurst
<b>Hamman</b> Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>Robert Hamman, Capt</b> Ross Grabel Ron Rubin	<b>Roger Lee</b> Howard Weinstein Peter Weichsel
<b>Fleisher</b> Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>Martin Fleisher</b> Brad Moss Michael Rosenberg Jan Martel, NPC	<b>Chip Martel</b> Ishmael Delmonte Chris Willenken
<b>Cayne</b>	<b>Jimmy Cayne, Capt</b> Curtis Cheek Michael Kamil	<b>Michael Seamon</b> Joe Grue Zia Mahmood
<b>Gordon</b>	<b>Mark Gordon, Capt</b> Alan Sontag Jacek Pszczola	<b>Pratap Rajadhyaksha</b> David Berkowitz Kevin Dwyer
<b>Bramley</b>	<b>Bart Bramley, Capt</b> Kit Woolsey Matthew Granovetter	<b>Lew Stansby</b> Fred Stewart Roger Bates
<b>Mahaffey</b>	<b>Jim Mahaffey, Capt</b> Gary Cohler Mike Passell	<b>Sam Lev</b> Billy Cohen Brian Glubok
<b>Harris</b>	<b>Martin Harris, Capt</b> Neil Chambers	<b>Jacob Morgan</b> John Schermer
<b>Gupta</b>	<b>Vinita Gupta, Capt</b> Steve Garner Adam Kaplan	<b>Billy Miller</b> Ron Smith
<b>Fireman</b>	<b>Paul Fireman, Capt</b> John Kranyak John Hurd	<b>Gavin Wolpert</b> Vincent Demuy Joel Wooldridge
<b>Borker</b>	<b>Jay Borker</b> Larry Robbins	<b>Doug Doub</b> Adam Wildavsky
<b>Milner</b>	<b>Reese Milner, Capt</b> Mark Lair David Grainger	<b>Hemant Lall</b> Ira Chorush
<b>Lo</b>	<b>Ai-Tai Lo, Capt</b> Jeffrey Miller George Jacobs	<b>David Caprera</b> Steve Beatty Claude Vogel
<b>Rigal</b>	<b>Barry Rigal, Capt</b> Allan Falk	<b>Jeff Aker</b> John Lusky
<b>Cappelli</b>	<b>Robert Cappelli, Capt</b> Robert Bitterman Joe Harris	<b>Frank Treiber III</b> Jerry Helms Leon Lowe
<b>Ivatury</b>	<b>Uday Ivatury, Capt</b> Jon Sorkin	<b>Christal Henner</b> Lapt Chan
<b>Denison</b>	<b>Daniel Denison, Capt</b> Jason Feldman	<b>Richard Unger</b> Greg Hinze
<b>Ware</b>	<b>Peggy Ware, Capt</b> Greg Humphreys	<b>Spencer Jones</b> Adam Parrish
<b>Ganzer</b>	<b>Craig Ganzer, Capt</b> Franco Baseggio William Watson	<b>Robert Brady</b> Brady Richter Howard Liu
<b>Dinkin</b>	<b>Sam Dinkin, Capt</b> Adam Grossack	<b>Kenk Tunçok</b> Zachary Grossack
<b>Becker</b>	<b>Drew Becker, Capt</b> Kenneth Zuckerberg	<b>Jason Rosenfeld</b> Daniel Wilderman

One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than a hundred teaching it.

Knut Rockne



Gupta



Miller



Garner



Ron Smith

# Be a Sport!

I know I am getting better at golf because I am hitting fewer spectators.

**Gerald R. Ford**

Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer.

**Ted Williams**

Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records.

**William Arthur Ward**

Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers.

**Herbert Hoover**

If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf.

**Bob Hope**

It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling.

**Mark Twain**

If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score?

**Vince Lombardi**

All hockey players are bilingual. They know English and profanity.

**Gordie Howe**

When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro.

**Hunter S. Thompson**

I'm a competitive person and I love the challenge of mastering new things.

**Sasha Cohen**

People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring.

**Rogers Hornsby**

Just be patient. Let the game come to you. Don't rush. Be quick, but don't hurry.

**Earl Monroe**

A lifetime of training for just ten seconds.

**Jesse Owens**

Winning is habit. Unfortunately, so is losing.

**Vince Lombardi**

You don't suffer, kill yourself and take the risks I take just for money. I love bike racing.

**Greg LeMond**

Champions keep playing until they get it right.

**Billie Jean King**

I'm tired of hearing about money, money, money, money, money. I just want to play the game, drink Pepsi, wear Reebok.

**Shaquille O'Neal**

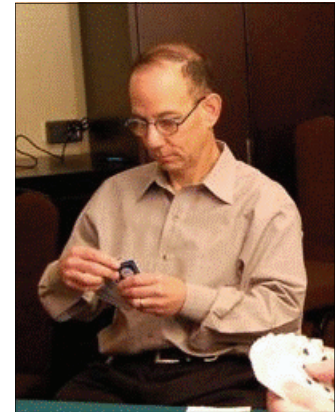


# Round Robin Schedule



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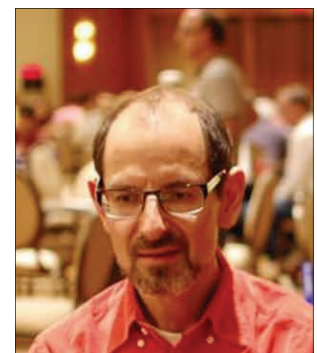
Round Robin		
Captains' Meeting in Playing Area at 9:45 AM		
FRIDAY MAY 8TH	10:00-10:55	BOARDS 1-6
	11:00-11:55	BOARDS 7-12
	12:00-12:55	BOARDS 13-18
		80 MINUTE LUNCH
	2:15-3:10	BREAK
	3:15-4:10	BOARDS 19-24
	4:15-5:10	BOARDS 25-30
		BOARDS 31-36
		BREAK
	5:30-6:25	BOARDS 1-6
	6:30-7:25	BOARDS 7-12
	7:30-8:25	BOARDS 13-18
SATURDAY MAY 9TH	10:00-10:55	BOARDS 19-24
	11:00-11:55	BOARDS 25-30
	12:00-12:55	BOARDS 31-36
		80 MINUTE LUNCH
	2:15-3:10	BREAK
	3:15-4:10	BOARDS 1-6
		BOARDS 7-12
		BREAK
	4:30-5:25	BOARDS 13-18*
	5:30-6:25	BOARDS 19-24*
	6:30-7:25	BOARDS 25-30*
* FINAL 3 MATCHES WILL BE SEQUESTERED, NO SUBSTITUTIONS IN CLOSED ROOM & NO COMPARISONS ALLOWED.		



Robbins

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	13	15.24	4.76	26	18.38	1.62
1	10.50	9.50	14	15.54	4.46	27	18.56	1.44
2	10.99	9.01	15	15.83	4.17	28	18.73	1.27
3	11.46	8.54	16	16.11	3.89	29	18.9	1.10
4	11.90	8.10	17	16.38	3.62	30	19.06	0.94
5	12.33	7.67	18	16.64	3.36	31	19.22	0.78
6	12.75	7.25	19	16.89	3.11	32	19.37	0.63
7	13.15	6.85	20	17.13	2.87	33	19.51	0.49
8	13.53	6.47	21	17.36	2.64	34	19.65	0.35
9	13.90	6.10	22	17.58	2.42	35	19.78	0.22
10	14.25	5.75	23	17.79	2.21	36	19.91	0.09
11	14.59	5.41	24	17.99	2.01	37	20	0
12	14.92	5.08	25	18.19	1.81			

## USBF 6 Board VP Scale



Wildavsky

### A Mother's Day Quote...

A suburban mother's role is to deliver children obstetrically once,  
and by car forever after.

**Peter De Vries**

# Attention Seniors: Entries for the SUSBC close on May 11th. Please reserve your spot accordingly!

## VuGraph Information

The 2015 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16, in which we will cover 2 or 3 matches. The Round of 16 will start Sunday, May 10th. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or download the BBO software to run BBO on your computer. If you choose the latter approach, after downloading, install the software on your computer, log on, follow the directions to become a BBO member and you'll be magically transported to the Lobby of the largest bridge club in the world. Click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch. There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:00-12:10  
12:25-2:35  
3:45-5:55  
6:10-8:20

During the Semifinals and Finals, all of the teams will play the same boards.

During the Round of 16, each team will play a different set of boards.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on the USBF site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2015USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page

**No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.**

**This applies to players AND kibitzers.**

**Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.**

**Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.**

**The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.**



# Knockout Schedule

<b>Round of Sixteen</b>		
<b>Captains' Meeting in Playing Area at 9:45 AM</b>		
<b>SUNDAY MAY 10TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 45-60
<b>MONDAY MAY 11TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<b>Quarterfinals</b>		
<b>TUESDAY MAY 12TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
<b>WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<b>Semi-Finals</b>		
<b>THURSDAY MAY 14TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
<b>FRIDAY MAY 15TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<b>Final</b>		
<b>SATURDAY MAY 16TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
<b>SUNDAY MAY 17TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

## History of Mother's Day

Origin of Mother's Day goes back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. But the roots of Mother's Day history can also be traced in UK where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in US. However, the celebration of the festival as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon and not even a hundred years old. Thanks to the hard work of the pioneering women of their times, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis that the day came into existence. Today the festival of Mother's day is celebrated across 46 countries (though on different dates) and is a hugely popular affair. Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and well-wisher.

### Earliest History of Mothers Day

The earliest history of Mother's Day dates back to the ancient annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to maternal goddesses. The Greeks used the occasion to honor Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many deities of Greek mythology.

Ancient Romans, too, celebrated a spring festival, called Hilaria dedicated to Cybele, a mother goddess. It may be noted that ceremonies in honor of Cybele began some 250 years before Christ was born. The celebration made on the Ides of March by making offerings in the temple of Cybele lasted for three days and included parades, games and masquerades. The celebrations were notorious enough that followers of Cybele were banished from Rome.

Early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day of sorts during the festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ. In England the holiday was expanded to include all mothers. It was then called Mothering Sunday.

### History of Mother's Day: Mothering Sunday

The more recent history of Mother's Day dates back to 1600s in England. Here a Mothering Sunday was celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter) to honor mothers. After a prayer service in church to honor Virgin Mary, children brought gifts and flowers to pay tribute to their own mothers.

On the occasion, servants, apprentices and other employees staying away from their homes were encouraged by their employers to visit their mothers and honor them. Traditionally children brought with them gifts and a special fruit cake or fruit-filled pastry called a simnel. Yugoslavs and people in other nations have observed similar days.

Custom of celebrating Mothering Sunday died out almost completely by the 19th century. However, the day came to be celebrated again after World War II, when American servicemen brought the custom and commercial enterprises used it as an occasion for sales.

# Seeding Information

The teams in the USBC are seeded based on a combination of Individual Positioning Points & ACBL Performance Points, including masterpoints. The seeding points for an individual player are capped at 65. Teams are seeded based on the average seeding points for the team, except that the three teams with byes are seeded on the basis of their PPs. The teams and their seed positions are listed in the table below. Note that the top 4 finishers in the Round Robin receive additional seeding points, which may change the seeding order for the Knockout stage. Teams may also add or drop players before the USBC, which would change their seeding points.

Seed	Team Name	Team Average Seeding Points
1	Diamond	70 PPs
2	Hamman	46 PPs
3	Fleisher	41 PPs
4	Cayne	52.13 SPs
5	Gordon	43.56 SPs
6	Bramley	36.72 SPs
7	Mahaffey	30.82 SPs
8	Harris	28.54 SPs
9	Gupta	25.90 SPs
10	Fireman	23.05 SPs
11	Borker	17.41 SPs
12	Milner	16.00 SPs
13	Lo	13.58 SPs
14	Rigal	11.59 SPs
15	Cappelli	8.74 SPs
16	Ivatury	8.21 SPs
17	Denison	7.32 SPs
18	Ware	5.36 SPs
19	Ganzer	4.82 SPs
20	Dinkin	4.51 SPs
21	Becker	3.38 SPs



## Hospitality Suite Information

The hospitality suite for the 2015 USBC will be room 3321. Our wonderful hostess, Lisa Berkowitz will make the "trek" to Chicago, where she will be joined by Martha Katz & Phyllis Cheek, to welcome you to the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. They will serve breakfast each day from 8:00 -10:30 and lunch from Sunday-Sunday from 2:30-4:00. Lunch will be served in the hotel restaurant on Friday and Saturday.

The hospitality suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

We will also have a "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan's office) near the playing rooms starting on Tuesday. We will have coffee, soft drinks and some snacks available in that room while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.



Martha Katz

Lisa Berkowitz



### Session Entry Fees

In addition to the \$360 entry fee for this event, which all of the teams pay in advance, there is an entry fee of \$150 per session (there are two sessions a day). This entry fee is to be paid for each stage of competition before the start of that stage. Thus the following amounts will be due for the following stages of competition on or before the following times:

1. 4 sessions of the Round Robin: fees of \$600, due with the event entry fee.
2. Round of 16 entry fee of \$600 for 4 sessions, due before 10:00 on Sunday, May 10th.
3. Quarterfinals session fees of \$600 for 4 sessions, due before 10:00 on Tuesday, May 12th.
4. Semifinals session fees of \$600 for 4 sessions, due before 10:00 on Thursday, May 14th.
5. Finals session fees of \$600 for 4 sessions, due before 10:00 on Saturday, May 16th

# Round Robin Review...

Board 26  
Dealer: E  
All Vul.

♠ KQJ832  
♥ J  
♦ J73  
♣ JT2

♠ 764  
♥ AQ94  
♦ K94  
♣ 743



♠ KT762  
♥ 2  
♣ AKQ9865

♠ AT95  
♥ 853  
♦ AQT865  
♣

East	South	West	North
Wildavsky	Rosenfeld	Robbins	Becker
1C	Double	1H	3S
4S	5D	6C	Pass
6H	Double	All Pass	

Larry Robbins did well to bid 6C in the midst of a highly competitive auction. Unfortunately, Adam Wildavsky could not envision a time when it would be better to play clubs than hearts once Robbins responded 1H to 1C. Rosenfeld jumped on 6H, and Becker had no trouble leading the jack of clubs. Rosenfeld ruffed the club and cashed his diamond ace for down one.

There were several interesting results on this board.

At the other table in the Robbins/Becker match, East/West bid to 6H, got doubled, and ran to 7C. 7C was doubled and the board was a push!

In the Ware match, Ware and her partner reached 6C and would have played it there, however, her opponents took the save in 6S. 6S was doubled and went light one when the diamond king was off-side.

It was pointed out by Ron Smith that had Boyd and Robinson been here, they'd have had a field day with this hand. They cannot open a minor when holding a five card major. Accordingly, East would have opened 1H, right-siding the contract.

Next board...

Board 19  
Dealer: S  
E/W Vul.

♠ KQ  
♥ A2  
♦ AKT532  
♣ K94

♠ JT7532  
♥ T853  
♦ 8  
♣ 53



♠ 984  
♥ KJ976  
♦  
♣ QJ862

Board 19 presented a bidding problem for many pairs. In the Bramley/Gordon match, Dwyer and Pepsi reached 7NT after Dwyer, South, opened 1NT (14-16) on his 13 point hand and six-card diamond suit. Pepsi transferred to diamonds and when Dwyer super accepted, Pepsi decided that 7NT was as good as 7D and bid it. In hindsight, he was wrong... 7NT was as BAD as 7D! Neither grand-slam had a chance... but needless to say, Pepsi had lots of company floundering at the seven level on this deal.

The hand is a mirror... Soooo... Mirror Mirror On the wall, who's the fairest of them all? Vinita is the answer. Billy Miller, Vinita Gupta's partner, reported this hand to the Bulletin.

The pair incorporated two bidding gadgets to reach a reasonable 6D contract.

South	West	North	East
Gupta		B. Miller	
1D	Pass	2D (inverted)	Pass
3D (minimum)	Pass	4H (RKC)	Double
Pass (no 2nd round heart control)	Pass	Redouble (more RKC)	Pass
5D (2 KC + DQ)	Pass	6D	All Pass

Knowing that partner held two or more hearts without the king, Miller made the wise decision to stop in six diamonds.

It's not easy to bring this home, but Gupta was up to it. A heart was led and she rose with the ace, drew trumps and cleared the spades. Now she led a heart and East's goose was cooked, He led the club jack from his "quack". No problem for Gupta. She won the king in dummy and returned a club to her ten scoring up the slam. Well done.



				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				

Sudoku 1

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

# Puzzle Page ... Brain Teasers!

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{W A T E R} \\
 + \text{W A V E S} \\
 + \text{B O A T} \\
 \hline
 = \text{V E S S E L}
 \end{array}$$

1. In this puzzle, each letter represents a different number. Can you work out what number (0-9) each letter stands for? The leftmost letter cannot be zero in any word.

2. Adrian is an accountant, Arthur is a lawyer, Darren is a carpenter. Who is an engineer - George or Daniel and why?

3. ABSORB, DIVIDE, GLITCH, MARGIN, RECESS.

Which one of the following words belongs in the list above and why?  
 QUIVER, SHAKEN, SHIVER, TINGLE, TREMOR.

4. Phillip is 12 years old, Norman is 13, Harold is 15. Who is 16 - Ralph or Barry and why?

5. Each of these people has a birthday today. Tom is three times older than Del, who is twice the age of Amy, who is ten years younger than Gus, who is half the age of Zac, who is half the age of Ben, who is ten years older than Mel. How old is each person if their combined ages total 220 years?

## Answers to Puzzles:

5. Ben 64, Mel 54, Tom 36, Zac 32, Gus 16, Del 12, Amy 6.

4. The fourth letter of each name has a numerical value (A-Z=1-26), so Ralph is 16.

3. The first and last letters of each of the first set of words are consecutive, so QUIVER.

2. The last letter of each man's name is the sixth letter of his occupation, so George is a carpenter.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 8 \ 2 \ 4 \ 8 \ 7 \\
 + \ 8 \ 2 \ 1 \ 8 \ 9 \\
 + \ 5 \ 3 \ 2 \ 4 \\
 \hline
 = \ 1 \ 8 \ 9 \ 8 \ 0
 \end{array}$$

A=2 B=5 E=6 L=0 O=3 R=7 S=9 T=4 V=1 W=8



**DAY ONE**  
**at the**  
**Championships!**



Board 24  
Dealer: W  
None Vul.

- ♠ Q5
- ♥ QT5
- ♦ QJ32
- ♣ AKQ2

- ♠ KJ92
- ♥ AJ86
- ♦ K84
- ♣ 84



- ♠ 763
- ♥ K94
- ♦ 97
- ♣ JT953

- ♠ AT84
- ♥ 732
- ♦ AT65
- ♣ 76

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Pepsi	Bramley	Dwyer
1D (2+)	1NT	Pass	2C (Stayman)
Pass	2D	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT		

The trick on Board 24 is to avoid the unmakeable 3NT...not easy to do.

Bramley led the jack of clubs. Pepsi won the king. After determining that East/West's notrump range would have been 14-16, Pepsi took a diamond finesse, losing to Stansby's king. The six of hearts was returned.

On the surface, one would expect Pepsi to make the mechanically favored play of inserting the ten, playing West for the AJxx or KJxx of hearts. Instead, he rose with the queen and lost four heart tricks and a later spade trick, going down two tricks.

Why did Pepsi play the HQ? Because it was his only chance. If he played the ten of hearts, the opponents would continue with three rounds of hearts. When Stansby won the king of spades, he would have a heart to cash and the contract would be defeated.

On the other hand, if the queen of hearts held, declarer could cash the diamonds and a second round of clubs before exiting with a heart, playing West for the spade jack and the AK96 of hearts, for his 11-13 point opener. Assuming this, neither player will be able to break spades successfully. The best defense might be for West to win the first heart and play a heart to East's hypothetical jack. East can exit with a club, but then he can be end-played with a club since he will have been forced to discard a spade and a club on the run of the diamonds. A remote chance, but worth a try.