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All Mixed Up!

UNITED STATES MIXED TEAMS BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congrats Team Moss... Good Luck in Poland!

#	TEAM	TOTAL	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalties
1	Manfield	114	11	22	31	50	
2	Moss	124	38	19	25	42	

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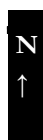
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The Dreaded 4-2 Fit ... or Game?

Board 22
Dealer: E
E/W Vul.
Segment 2

♠ A
♥ JT87
♦ AK76
♣ A743

♠ Q93
♥ Q2
♦ QJ85
♣ K952



♠ JT64
♥ A43
♦ T32
♣ JT6

♠ K8752
♥ K965
♦ 94
♣ Q8

West	North	East	South
S Moss	K Woolsey	Seamon	S Woolsey
Pass	1D	Pass	Pass
Pass	2C	Pass	1S
D Rosenberg	B Moss	M Rosenberg	Winestock
Pass	1C	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	1S
Pass	3H	Pass	2H
All Pass		Pass	4H

The 4-2 fit played surprisingly well. Seamon led a small trump to the king and ace. Woolsey cashed his SA, played the DA and K and ruffed a diamond in dummy. The SK took care of a diamond loser and a spade was ruffed. Kit played the HJ to the HK, and claimed 8 tricks.

Unfortunately for Kit and Sally, 4H played well in the other room. Debbie led the D5, Sheri winning the A in dummy. A club to the Q lost to the K and Debbie led a heart to Michael's ace, pickling her heart trick when a heart was returned and declarer rose. Now spade to the A, DK, diamond ruffed and the SK. Club to the ace, happy with ten tricks.

8 IMPs to Moss

Upcoming United States Bridge Championships

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The USBF holds tournaments to select United States International Teams. The USBC, which selects teams for Open World Championships, is held every year; the USBC held each even numbered year that is not divisible by four selects one team for the next year's Bermuda Bowl. The Women's USBC, which selects teams for Women's World Championships, is held in three out of four years; there is no Women's USBC in even numbered years that are not divisible by four. The Senior USBC, which selects teams for Senior World Championships, is held in three out of four years; there is no Senior USBC in even numbered years that are not divisible by four. The Junior USBC, which selects teams for the World Junior Championships, is held in each odd numbered year, to select the teams for the following even numbered year.

2017

The 2017 Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi (Senior) Bowl will be held in Lyons, France from August 12 through August 26. Because those dates are earlier than usual, all of the USBCs will also be earlier than usual. We will be returning to the **Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg** where the room rate will be \$129 a night, including internet, for all three 2017 events.

2017 OPEN USBC

The Open USBC will be selecting two teams in 2017. The ITTC has not yet decided the exact length of the event, but it will start on Friday, April 28th and finish either on Monday, May 8th or Tuesday, May 9th.

2017 WOMEN'S USBC

The Women's USBC will also select 2 teams in 2017. The Women's USBC will be held starting opposite the Semi-Finals of the USA1 bracket of the Open USBC, on Wednesday, May 3 and ending on Tuesday, May 9.

2017 SENIOR USBC

The Senior USBC will also select 2 teams in 2017. It will be held starting on Wednesday, May 17th and ending on Thursday, May 25th.

2018

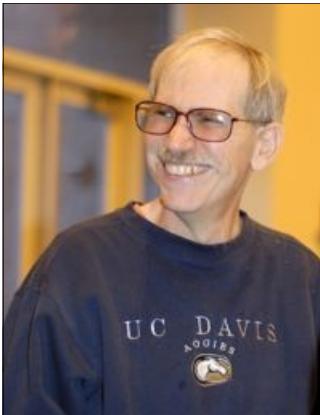
In 2018, the World Bridge Series will be held in Orlando, FL from September 22 to October 6. The Rosenblum (Open), McConnell (Women) and Rand (Senior) team events are open to anyone who wants to play in them. Therefore, the USBF does not hold selection events for Women or Senior teams. The 2018 Open USBC will select USA1 for the 2019 Bermuda Bowl (we do not yet know where or when that will be).

2018 OPEN USBC

The 2018 Open USBC will be held at the **Houston Marriott Westchase**, where USBF first held a USBC at a site other than Memphis back in 2005. For those of you who play in Texas Regionals, this is the site of Houston Regionals. The tournament will start on Friday, May 11 and end on Sunday May 20. Room rate at the Marriott is \$129 and includes internet.



Behind the Scenes at the USBF!



Thanks everyone for making the first ever Mixed United States Bridge Championships a success. The faces you see are only some of the many volunteers who, in one way or another, work on a daily basis to make bridge and the United States Bridge Federation a better and better organization.



There are many more volunteers. They come in all shapes, sizes and colors. They serve on committees; they run errands; they organize tournaments; they fill in as players; they caddy; they put up tables and take down bidding boxes; they write newsletters; they take photos; they act as presidents, vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers; they are COO's, CFO's, Junior Program Coordinators, VuGraph operators and/or commentators and more! Without any one of them, bridge would be less fun.

Safe trips home to all!

Into the Finals... Good plays and Bad Plays...

Board 3
 Dealer: S
 E/W Vul.
 Segment 1

♠ Q986
 ♥ 986
 ♦ AT74
 ♣ 43

♠ AKJ7
 ♥ KO2
 ♦ 82
 ♣ AQJ6

♠ T432
 ♥ AJ3
 ♦ Q9653
 ♣ 2

♠ 5
 ♥ T754
 ♦ KJ
 ♣ KT9875

West	North	East	South
S Moss	M Rosenberg	Seamon	D Rosenberg
2NT	Pass	3C	Double
3H!!	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Pettis	Ornstein	Manfield	Picus
2NT	Pass	3C	Double
3S	Pass	4S	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Moss apparently meant to bid 3S, but bid 3H. When asked at the table, she apologized.

3NT is not the best spot, however... Following Debbie's double of the Stayman bid, Michael led the C4. Dummy played the deuce and Debbie put up the king.

This was fatal. It gave declarer her ninth trick. Moss won the club in hand, played a heart to dummy, ran the ST, and was home with three hearts, three spades and three clubs.

In the Open Room, Pettis and Manfield reached the "normal" 4S. Ornstein led the C4 and Picus ducked to declarer's queen. The C6 was ruffed in dummy, and Pettis took the losing spade finesse. Ornstein led another spade. Pettis won and played a diamond to the nine and jack. Picus led a small club, giving Pettis the club finesse to come to ten tricks. Picus could have cashed the DK and exited a heart to defeat the hand.

1 IMP to Moss and lost opportunities for both teams

Board 13
 Dealer: N
 All Vul.
 Segment 1

♠ K72
 ♥ AJ4
 ♦ 2
 ♣ QJ8754

♠ QJ65
 ♥ Q8
 ♦ AT865
 ♣ K6

♠ A8
 ♥ K9632
 ♦ KQJ7
 ♣ T3

♠ T943
 ♥ T75
 ♦ 943
 ♣ A92

S Moss	M Rosenberg	Seamon	D Rosenberg
2D	1C	1H	Pass
Pass	Pass	3C	Double
3NT	Pass	3D	Pass
4H	Pass	4D	Pass
		5D	All Pass

Pettis	Ornstein	Manfield	Picus
1NT	1C	1H	Pass
	All Pass		

Manfield, in the Open Room, could have bid 2D over 1NT and likely reached the 5D game played in the Closed Room. Of course, Pettis could have several less values, and bidding on could be unsuccessful.

In the other room, Moss bid 2D over Seamon's 1H overcall. Seamon happily cued in support of that bid. He pulled 3NT to 4D and Sylvia bid the minor suit game. Michael led his CQ to Debbie's ace. Debbie played the ST to the Q, K, A. Sylvia led a heart from dummy to her queen and Michael's ace. Michael played the CJ to declarer's king. A diamond to the king followed with HK, heart ruff... home with 11 winners.

10 IMPs to Moss

			9	F	1				2	3					C
	5	D	6	9		7					C		3		4
			0	B				A					F	9	
	7	2				C	3		8	6					
		3				6			E	D		8	2		
F	C		E						9		7		D	0	
		B				0			1					E	
		A		E	B	D	F	4				C			
			A				4	1	C	5	2		9		
	D				3				B				5		
B	3		4		7							F		0	6
	1	0		C	D				9				B		
					8	2		6	E				D	B	
	0	4					5				3	6			
9		E		1					0		A	3	7	4	
D					C	9				4	B	1			

Big Sudoku

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

D	A	6	8	3	C	9	7	2	5	4	B	1	0	F	E
9	2	E	5	1	6	F	B	D	0	C	A	3	7	4	8
7	0	4	B	D	A	E	5	F	1	8	3	6	2	C	9
C	F	1	3	4	8	2	0	6	E	7	9	5	D	B	A
5	1	0	2	C	D	A	E	3	9	F	6	4	B	8	7
B	3	9	4	5	7	1	2	8	D	A	E	F	C	0	6
E	D	F	C	6	3	8	9	7	B	0	4	A	5	1	2
6	8	7	A	0	F	B	4	1	C	5	2	E	9	3	D
8	9	A	7	E	B	D	F	4	3	2	0	C	1	6	5
2	6	B	D	8	5	0	A	C	7	1	F	9	4	E	3
F	C	5	E	2	4	3	1	B	6	9	8	7	A	D	0
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4	7	2	F	A	0	C	3	9	8	6	1	D	E	5	B
3	E	C	0	B	2	5	6	A	4	D	7	8	F	9	1
1	5	D	6	9	E	7	8	0	F	B	C	2	3	A	4
A	B	8	9	F	1	4	D	E	2	3	5	0	6	7	C

Puzzle Page ...

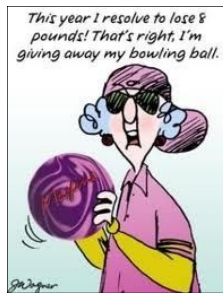
Puzzle Details:

Five patients, all potential blood donors, are waiting in the doctor's surgery and are sitting on the bench from left to right. Can you determine the position of each patient along with their blood group, age, height and weight? Their ages are 5, 9, 30, 46 and 60. Their heights are 40, 48, 60, 65 and 74. Their weights are 40, 75, 96, 125 and 165.

- The person on the far right is 37 years older than Jason, and is 60 inches tall.
- Jason weighs 56 pounds more than his height.
- Alan weighs 75 pounds and is 74 inches tall.
- John is type AB and weighs 56 pounds less than Jason.
- The person in the centre is 9 years old, is blood type AO and weighs 96 pounds.
- Adam, who is the first, is 65 inches tall, and weighs 100 pounds more than his height.
- The person who is blood type O, is 25 years older than the person to the left of them.
- Kevin is 60 years old.
- The person who is blood type A, is 55 years younger than Kevin and is not next to the person who is type AO.
- The person who is next to the 9 year old but not next to the person who is 65 inches tall, is blood type B, and weighs 125 pounds.



"How long did you intern with Grandma before you became a full-fledged Mom?"



"This year I resolve to lose 8 pounds! That's right, I'm giving away my bowling ball."



"The end of the year is a good time to get rid of stuff. I started weeks ago by cleaning out my checking account."

Hint and Answers: No Peeking!

#	Name	Type	Age	Height	Weight
1	Adam	A	5	65	165
2	Alan	O	30	74	75
3	Jason	AO	9	40	96
4	Kevin	B	60	48	125
5	John	AB	46	60	40

Answer:

Hint: John is 46.