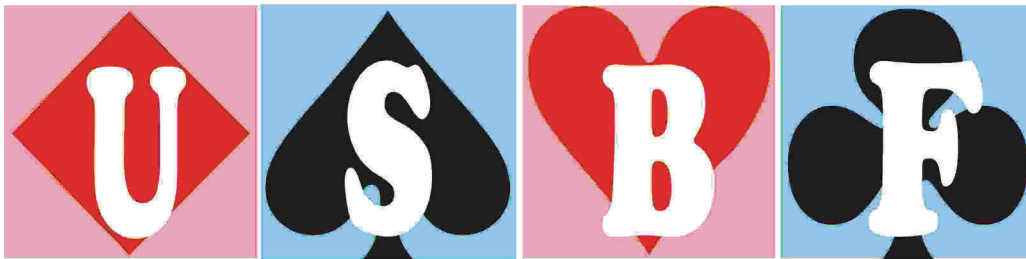


All Kidding Aside...



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Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship U21 2017

Team Name	Total	2	6	1	3	5	4
2. Xiao	66.62		12.86	8.25	10.27	16.84	18.40
6. Xu	61.67	7.14		10.53	8.02	19.27	16.71
1. Stephani	57.79	11.75	9.47		5.77	13.47	17.33
3. Wan	57.19	9.73	11.98	14.23		9.73	11.52
5. Koppel	28.94	3.16	.73	6.53	10.27		8.25
4. Chai	27.79	1.60	3.29	2.67	8.48	11.75	

Michael Seamon United States Bridge Championship - U26 2017 Round Robin

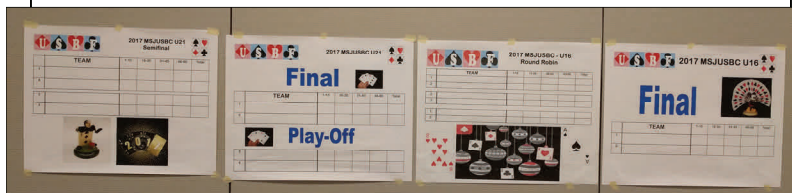
Team Name	Total	3	2	4	6	7	1	5	BYE
3. Kaplan	109.06		19.50	20.00	20.00	16.23	6.22	17.11	10.00
2. Rockoff	76.49	.50		17.31	7.58	12.42	10.00	18.68	10.00
4. Berk	73.16	0.00	2.69		17.31	12.09	16.68	14.39	10.00
6. Wei	68.21	0.00	12.42	2.69		14.09	15.23	13.78	10.00
7. Dhir	67.47	3.77	7.58	5.91	5.91		14.68	19.62	10.00
1. Kompa	64.09	13.78	10.00	3.32	4.77	5.32		16.90	10.00
5. Baumel	29.52	2.89	1.32	5.61	6.22	.38	3.10		10.00

(Note that the Berk team was penalized 2 VP's in its match against the Dhir team, therefore rendering a total of 18 instead of 20 VP's in that match.)



Twass the night 'fore the Trials and all through the site,
The players all practice to get it just right.
The scoreboards are hung by Ms. Jan with great care,
In hopes all goes smoothly once everyone's there!
Thanks Debbie and Michael and Joe and the others...
Thanks to the juniors who brought with their mothers.
Good luck to the teams; In our eyes, all winners.
You've come a long way, no longer beginners!!!

(today's photo credits to Debbie Rosenberg)



Competing at the highest level is not about winning.
It's about preparation, courage, understanding and nurturing your people, and heart. Winning is the result.

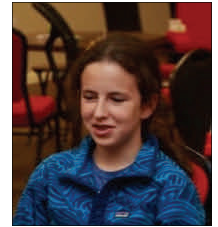
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Teams Entered...

U26:

Kompa	Benjamin Kompa, Capt Brandon Harper	David Yoon Jeffrey Schwartz
Rockoff	Kyle Rockoff, Capt Daniel Sonner	Ilan Wolff Cyrus Hettle
Kaplan	Adam Kaplan, Capt Kevin Rosenberg Oren Kriegel	Christian Jolly Benjamin Kristensen Zachary Grossack
Berk	Hakan Berk, Capt Samuel Goldberg	David Soukup Matthew Weingarten
Baumel	Jonathan Baumel, Capt Ninad More	Gianni Hsieh Alexander Frieden
Wei	Hongji Wei, Capt Nian Si Chang Liu	Yewen Fan Yichen Yin Che Shen
Dhir	Arjun Dhir Samuel Amer Burke Snowden	William Zhu Gregory Herman



Schireson



Miller

U21:

Stephani	Isaac Stephani, Capt John Taylor	Julian Kurtzman Victor Xu
Xiao	Brent Xiao, Capt Cornelius Duffie Richard Jeng	Kevin Huang Sarah Youngquist
Wan	Stella (Qinqin) Wan, Capt Jacob Williams	David Zheng Luke Williams
Chai	Eric Chai, Capt Vincent Zhu	Kyle Lui Michael Zheng
Koppel	Reese Koppel, Capt Jack Donaghue Cooper Smith	Kunal Vohra Hunter McClain Caleb Colburn
Xu	Yuchen Xu, Capt Di Wu	Dian Qi Lingyi Ma



Liu



Hsieh

U16:

Schireson	Olivia Schireson, Capt Jerry Xia Calix Tang	Miranda Schuyler Aman Desai
Xiao	Rory Xiao, Capt Michael Hu Harrison Luba	Jonathan Yue Arthur Zhou
Xie	Ethan Xie, Capt Marley Cedrone	Michael Xu Zacharia Posternak



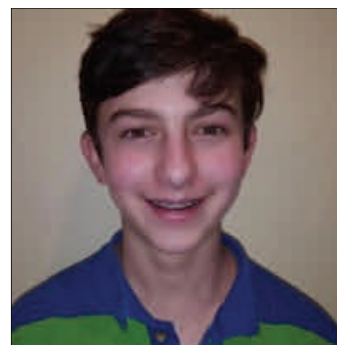
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RONA (GIRLS):

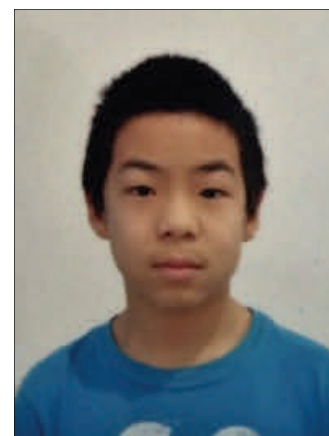
Fashingbauer	Ellie Fashingbauer, Capt Emma Kolesnik Helena Hsieh	Emma Miller Lauren Liu Morgan Johnstone
Thapa	Isha Thapa, Capt Lucy Zhang	Amber Lin Sophia Chang

Tournament Schedule

U26 SCHEDULE			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 27	11:15 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
<i>ROUND ROBIN</i>			
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 27	11:30 - 12:40 12:50 - 2:00 2:10 - 3:20 3:30 - 4:40 6:30 - 7:40 7:50 - 9:00 9:10 - 10:20	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-8 MATCH 2 - BOARDS 9-16 MATCH 3 - BOARDS 17-24 MATCH 4 - BOARDS 25-32 110 MINUTE BREAK MATCH 5 - BOARDS 1-8 MATCH 6 - BOARDS 9-16 MATCH 7 - BOARDS 17-24
EACH TEAM WILL SIT OUT ONE MATCH.			
<i>USA1 SEMIFINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 16 (3-WAY)</i>			
THURSDAY	DEC. 28	11:30 - 1:40 1:50 - 4:00 5:45 - 7:55 8:05 - 10:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 (1-14 IN 3-WAY) SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 (15-28 IN 3-WAY) 105 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 (1-14 IN 3-WAY) SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 (15-28 IN 3-WAY)
<i>USA1 FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL</i>			
FRIDAY	DEC. 29	11:30 - 1:40 1:50 - 4:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 105 MINUTE BREAK
AND	&	5:45 - 7:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
SATURDAY	DEC. 30	8:05 - 10:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			
SUNDAY	DEC. 31	11:30 - 1:40 1:50 - 4:00 5:45 - 7:55 8:05 - 10:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 105 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
U21 SCHEDULE			
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 27	11:15 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
<i>ROUND ROBIN</i>			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 27	11:30 - 1:05 1:15 - 2:50 3:00 - 4:35	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-11 MATCH 2 - BOARDS 12-22 MATCH 3 - BOARDS 23-33 115 MINUTE BREAK
AND	&		
THURSDAY	DEC. 28	6:30 - 8:05 8:15 - 9:50	MATCH 4 - BOARDS 1-11 MATCH 5 - BOARDS 12-22
<i>SEMIFINAL</i>			
FRIDAY	DEC. 29	11:30 - 1:40 1:50 - 4:00 5:45 - 7:55 8:05 - 10:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 105 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30



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(Schedule continued on page 4)

FINAL & PLAYOFF FOR THIRD PLACE			
SATURDAY	DEC. 30	11:30 - 1:40	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		1:50 - 4:00	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 105 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		8:05 - 10:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
RONA SCHEDULE			
FRIDAY	DEC. 29	11:15 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
FINAL			
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY	DEC. 29 & DEC. 30	11:30 - 1:40	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		1:50 - 4:00	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 105 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		8:05 - 10:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
U16 SCHEDULE			
THURSDAY	DEC. 28	11:15 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
ROUND ROBIN			
THURSDAY & FRIDAY	DEC. 28 & DEC. 29	11:30 - 1:40	BOARDS 1-14
		1:50 - 4:00	BOARDS 15-28 110 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:55	BOARDS 1-14
		8:05 - 10:15	BOARDS 15-28
FINAL			
SATURDAY	DEC. 30	11:30 - 1:40	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		1:50 - 4:00	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 105 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		8:05 - 10:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30

Swedish Junior Bridge Camp and Tournament...

March 28-April 1, 2018

The grandparents of one of our Juniors (Marley Cedrone) are going to be in Sweden in the spring and plan to take him to this event. For others who may be interested in attending, please go online to:

<http://www.eurobridge.org/events/2018-nordic-junior-pair-championship-junior-camp/>

The camp + tournament costs 3800 Swedish Kroners (about \$455), which includes room & board for 5 days as well as the cost of the camp and tournament.

Technology Puns...

The dead batteries were given out free of charge.

I should have been sad when my flashlight batteries died, but I was delighted.

Why did the capacitor kiss the diode? He just couldn't resistor.

The lumberjack loved his new computer. He especially enjoyed logging in.

If a Norwegian robot analyzes a bird, it's Scandinavian.

Trust your calculator. It's something to count on.

I shouldn't have plugged my iPhone into the PC at the kitchen. It's now in the sync.

Yesterday I was on the computer, I couldn't find the Esc and I lost Ctrl.

My phone has to wear glasses ever since it lost its contacts.

People who plug their computer keyboards into hi-fi systems aren't idiots. That would be stereotyping.

U21 Round Robin Schedule

NOTES:

There are 6 teams in the Round Robin. Teams have been numbered in random order:

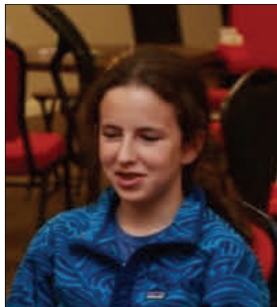
- Team 1 - Stephani
- Team 2 - Xiao
- Team 3 - Wan
- Team 4 - Chai
- Team 5 - Koppel
- Team 6 - Xu

ORDER OF PLAY ON DEC. 28TH IS OPPOSITE OF THAT ON DEC. 27TH.

EVERY PLAYER ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY AGAINST EACH OTHER TEAM
(USBF General Conditions of Contest Section VIII B).

Time	Pairings	Seeded Team*	Boards
<i>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH</i>			
11:30-1:05	1 v 4 (1 is NS @ D6), 2 v 6 (2 is NS @ C5), 3 v 5 (3 is NS @ C4)	1, 2, 3	1-11
1:15-2:50	1 v 5 (1 is NS @ C6), 2 v 4 (2 is NS @ C5), 3 v 6 (3 is NS @ C4)	5, 4, 6	12-22
3:00-4:35	1 v 2 (1 is NS @ D5), 3 v 4 (3 is NS @ D4), 5 v 6 (5 is NS @ C6)	1, 3, 5	23-33
<i>BREAK</i>			
6:30 - 8:05	1 v 3 (1 is NS @ C4), 2 v 5 (2 is NS @ D6), 4 v 6 (4 is NS @ C5)	3, 5, 6	1-11
8:15 - 9:50	1 v 6 (1 is NS @ C6), 2 v 3 (2 is NS @ D4), 4 v 5 (4 is NS @ C5)	1, 2, 4	12-22
<i>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH</i>			
11:30-1:05	1 v 6 (1 is NS @ C6), 2 v 3 (2 is NS @ D4), 4 v 5 (4 is NS @ C5)	6, 3, 5	1-11
1:15-2:50	1 v 3 (1 is NS @ C4), 2 v 5 (2 is NS @ D6), 4 v 6 (4 is NS @ C5)	1, 2, 4	12-22
3:00-4:35	1 v 2 (1 is NS @ D5), 3 v 4 (3 is NS @ D4), 5 v 6 (5 is NS @ C6)	2, 4, 6	23-33
<i>BREAK</i>			
6:30 - 8:05	1 v 5 (1 is NS @ C6), 2 v 4 (2 is NS @ C5), 3 v 6 (3 is NS @ C4)	1, 2, 3	1-11
8:15 - 9:50	1 v 4 (1 is NS @ D6), 2 v 6 (2 is NS @ C5), 3 v 5 (3 is NS @ C4)	4, 6, 5	12-22

Meet the Players...



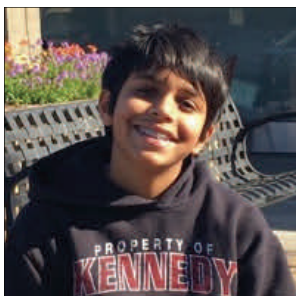
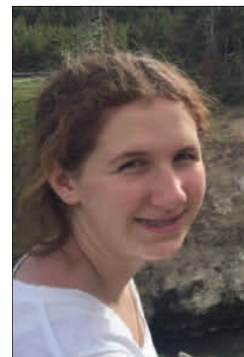
Olivia Schireson lives in Stanford, CA and attends 7th grade at Menlo School, where math is her favorite subject.

When Olivia isn't playing bridge with her regular partner Miranda Schuyler, her dad, or robots, she enjoys playing basketball with her older brother and skiing. She roots for the Warriors, especially Steph, and roots against LeBron.

Miranda Schuyler is a freshman at Liberty High School in Brentwood, California. She started playing bridge in 3rd grade, when her parents started a bridge club at her elementary school in Vienna, VA.

Her family moved to California before Miranda started middle school and she now enjoys playing bridge with her regular partner, Olivia Schireson.

In addition to bridge, Miranda enjoys writing, skiing, singing, and performing in school plays.



Aman Desai lives in Cupertino, CA, and is a freshman at Monta Vista High School.

He loves playing bridge with SIVY, and has played in local and national bridge tournaments.

He is an avid reader and enjoys playing tennis, as well as spending time with his friends.

Calix Tang is from San Jose, California (currently living in Sunnyvale).

He is in 9th grade at Homestead High school, where he is involved with the robotics, FBLA, and math clubs (he missed out on Science Olympiad).



Many of the participants in the Michael Seamon Junior Championships this year herald from the Silicon Valley Youth Bridge Program organized and run by Debbie Rosenberg. The Program is arguably the most successful of its sort and both Debbie and Kevin Rosenberg deserve the credit for its success! Thank you both!

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.



USBF 22 Board VP Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	21	14.04	5.96	42	16.83	3.17	63	18.77	1.23
1	10.23	9.77	22	14.20	5.80	43	16.94	3.06	64	18.85	1.15
2	10.45	9.55	23	14.35	5.65	44	17.05	2.95	65	18.92	1.08
3	10.67	9.33	24	14.50	5.50	45	17.16	2.84	66	18.99	1.01
4	10.89	9.11	25	14.65	5.35	46	17.26	2.74	67	19.06	0.94
5	11.10	8.90	26	14.80	5.20	47	17.36	2.64	68	19.13	0.87
6	11.31	8.69	27	14.95	5.05	48	17.46	2.54	69	19.20	0.80
7	11.52	8.48	28	15.09	4.91	49	17.56	2.44	70	19.27	0.73
8	11.72	8.28	29	15.23	4.77	50	17.66	2.34	71	19.34	0.66
9	11.92	8.08	30	15.37	4.63	51	17.75	2.25	72	19.41	0.59
10	12.11	7.89	31	15.50	4.50	52	17.84	2.16	73	19.47	0.53
11	12.30	7.70	32	15.63	4.37	53	17.93	2.07	74	19.53	0.47
12	12.49	7.51	33	15.76	4.24	54	18.02	1.98	75	19.59	0.41
13	12.67	7.33	34	15.89	4.11	55	18.11	1.89	76	19.65	0.35
14	12.85	7.15	35	16.02	3.98	56	18.20	1.80	77	19.71	0.29
15	13.03	6.97	36	16.14	3.86	57	18.29	1.71	78	19.77	0.23
16	13.21	6.79	37	16.26	3.74	58	18.37	1.63	79	19.83	0.17
17	13.38	6.62	38	16.38	3.62	59	18.45	1.55	80	19.89	0.11
18	13.55	6.45	39	16.50	3.50	60	18.53	1.47	81	19.94	0.06
19	13.72	6.28	40	16.61	3.39	61	8.61	1.39	82	19.99	0.01
20	13.88	6.12	41	16.72	3.28	62	18.69	1.31	83	20.00	0.00

USBF 56 Board VP Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	30	14.20	5.80	60	17.04	2.96	90	18.98	1.02
1	10.17	9.83	31	14.31	5.69	61	17.12	2.88	91	19.03	0.97
2	10.34	9.66	32	14.42	5.58	62	17.20	2.80	92	19.08	0.92
3	10.50	9.50	33	14.53	5.47	63	17.28	2.72	93	19.13	0.87
4	10.66	9.34	34	14.64	5.36	64	17.35	2.65	94	19.18	0.82
5	10.82	9.18	35	14.75	5.25	65	17.42	2.58	95	19.23	0.77
6	10.98	9.02	36	14.86	5.14	66	17.49	2.51	96	19.28	0.72
7	11.13	8.87	37	14.96	5.04	67	17.56	2.44	97	19.33	0.67
8	11.28	8.72	38	15.06	4.94	68	17.63	2.37	98	19.38	0.62
9	11.43	8.57	39	15.16	4.84	69	17.70	2.30	99	19.43	0.57
10	11.58	8.42	40	15.26	4.74	70	17.77	2.23	100	19.48	0.52
11	11.73	8.27	41	15.36	4.64	71	17.84	2.16	101	19.53	0.47
12	11.88	8.12	42	15.46	4.54	72	17.91	2.09	102	19.58	0.42
13	12.02	7.98	43	15.56	4.44	73	17.98	2.02	103	19.63	0.37
14	12.16	7.84	44	15.66	4.34	74	18.05	1.95	104	19.67	0.33
15	12.30	7.70	45	15.76	4.24	75	18.11	1.89	105	19.71	0.29
16	12.44	7.56	46	15.85	4.15	76	18.17	1.83	106	19.75	0.25
17	12.58	7.42	47	15.94	4.06	77	18.23	1.77	107	19.79	0.21
18	12.71	7.29	48	16.03	3.97	78	18.29	1.71	108	19.83	0.17
19	12.84	7.16	49	16.12	3.88	79	18.35	1.65	109	19.87	0.13
20	12.97	7.03	50	16.21	3.79	80	18.41	1.59	110	19.91	0.09
21	13.10	6.90	51	16.30	3.70	81	18.47	1.53	111	19.95	0.05
22	13.23	6.77	52	16.39	3.61	82	18.53	1.47	112	19.99	0.01
23	13.36	6.64	53	16.48	3.52	83	18.59	1.41	113	20.00	0.00
24	13.48	6.52	54	16.56	3.44	84	18.65	1.35			
25	13.60	6.40	55	16.64	3.36	85	18.71	1.29			
26	13.72	6.28	56	16.72	3.28	86	18.77	1.23			
27	13.84	6.16	57	16.80	3.20	87	18.83	1.17			
28	13.96	6.04	58	16.88	3.12	88	18.88	1.12			
29	14.08	5.92	59	16.96	3.04	89	18.93	1.07			

I got angry when my cell phone battery died. My counselor suggested I find an outlet.

I crossed a cell phone with a skunk, and now the service stinks.

Over the years elevators have had their fair share of ups and downs in terms of popularity, but thankfully the idea has not been shafted.

My idea for a hovercraft robot vacuum cleaner never really took off.

It's tough to be in the computer business when the chips are down.

We are out of light bulbs. Our home faces a dim outlook.

If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.

They came out with a GPS device for bird watchers that has tern by tern directions.

An online poker tournament ended suddenly when the computer cached in its chips.

Some computer equipment got shot. It was a graphic display.

I tried to update my computer this morning but it wouldn't work. After several attempts, I had that syncing feeling.

I bought a computer from The Nero Company. It comes with a CD/Rome burner.

The phone call interrupted my nap, and I never did get the rest.

The way solar panels take energy from sunlight is so absorbing.

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Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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					6	5		

Sudoku 2 Solution

Answers to Puzzles No Peeking!

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Puzzle Page

	Brown	Manor	Rand	Smart	Forest Ridge Camp	Lakeside Camp	Wild River Camp	Woodland Park Camp	blue	green	purple	red	1-mile race	diving competition	freestyle race	relay race
Bill																
Dan																
Mark																
Sam																
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Wild River Camp																
Woodland Park Camp																

Team Captain's First	Team Captain's Last	Team's camp	Team's colors	Event
Bill	Brown	Forest Ridge Camp	blue	1-mile race
Dan	Manor	Lakeside Camp	green	diving competition
Mark	Rand	Wild River Camp	purple	freestyle race
Sam	Smart	Woodland Park Camp	red	relay race

Last weekend, the Woodland Boys summer camp hosted their annual swim meet with their rivals, the Lakeside Boys camp, the Wild River camp, and the Forest Ridge camp. The swim meet lasted all day and involved a number of events, which each camp team participated in. This particular meet was very exciting since each team broke a meet record for a different event. In the history of the camp event, never before had four records been broken at a single meet. From the clues below, determine the full name of each team captain, the camp each team was from, the team's colors, and the event each team broke the record for.

1. Sam Brown wasn't the team captain from the Woodland Park Camp and his team wasn't wearing purple. The Forest Ridge camp, which Dan wasn't with, was Mr. Smart's camp.
2. The Woodland Park Camp team colors were red.
3. Mark, whose last name wasn't Manor or Smart, was the captain of the purple team. The Lakeside camp team didn't win the diving competition.
4. The Forest Ridge camp colors weren't red or blue. The Wild River Camp team won the 1-mile race.
5. Bill's team didn't win the freestyle race.
6. The four camps are represented by: the camp that won the relay race, Mr. Rand's team, the green team, and Dan's team.

Answer to Puzzle

relay race	blue	Lakeside Camp	Brown	Sam
1-mile race	purple	Wild River Camp	Rand	Mark
freestyle race	red	Woodland Park Camp	Manor	Dan
diving competition	green	Forest Ridge Camp	Smart	Bill
Team Captain's First	Team's colors	Team's camp	Team Captain's Last	Team

IMP's: It's all about Bidding Games, Defeating Games, Achieving Plus Scores!

Closed Room
Board 3
D

MERD: 17 IMPs
CAMV: 0 IMPs

A 7 3 2 J 10 8 2 Q 9 8 K 10
♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦ ♦ ♦

N North: CalixTang



J 5 K Q A K 7 4 3 A 8 7 5
♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

W West: rhallerman

Open Room: 4♠ S = +420

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♣	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♦	3♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

10 8 9 7 6 5 10 6 5 2 Q 4 2
♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦ ♦ ♦

E East: ihave37hcp



K Q 9 6 4 A 4 3 J J 9 6 3
♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♦ ♦

S South: infinity16

3♠ South NS 0 EW 0

Open Room
Board 3
D

MERD: 17 IMPs
CAMV: 0 IMPs

A 7 3 2 J 10 8 2 Q 9 8 K 10
♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦ ♦ ♦

N North: michaelimp

J 5 K Q A K 7 4 3 A 8 7 5
♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

W West: tnecniv123

Closed Room: 3♠ S +1 +170

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Dbl	2NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

10 8 9 7 6 5 10 6 5 2 Q 4 2
♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦ ♦ ♦

E East: fid333



K Q 9 6 4 A 4 3 J J 9 6 3
♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♦ ♦

S South: Heart_Jack



4♠ South NS 0 EW 0

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Closed Room Board 3
D
MERD: 17 IMPs
CAMV: 0 IMPs

North: CalixTang
♠ A 7 3 2 ♠ J 10 8 2 ♠ Q 9 8 ♠ K 10

West: rhallerman
♠ J 5 ♠ K Q A K 7 4 3 ♠ A 8 7 5

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♦	3♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

East: ihave37hcp
♠ 10 8 ♠ 9 7 6 5 ♠ 10 6 5 2 ♠ Q 4 2

South: infinity16
♠ K Q 9 6 4 ♠ A 4 3 ♠ J J 9 6 3

Open Room: 4♠ S = +420

3♠ South NS 0 EW 0

The hand diagram is repeated for ease of reading...

In the Closed Room, North/South stopped in a reasonable part score. South has a marginal opener ... eleven high card points including a singleton jack of clubs, but still two quick tricks (the HA and the SKQ). The decision to open or not to open is close. Most players these days will choose the aggressive route... but again, it's not vulnerable and it's borderline. The win/loss ratio is 6 IMPs either way.

Infinity16 (Aman Desai) chose the low road and passed. Hallerman opened 1C and it passed back to Desai. Desai bid 1S; Hallerman bid 2D showing 16+ HCP and 5/4 in clubs/diamonds... a very descriptive bid that still did not thrill his partner holding a practical Yarborough, even with a four card fit in clubs.

Tang jumped to 3S, invitational, and bought the contract there.

To make four, declarer has to get the diamond suit right. The SJ was led to the queen and trump were extracted. Desai ran the HJ to the queen with West. West continued hearts, declarer winning the king with the ace and continuing a heart to the ten in dummy, West discarding a small club. The H8 went to the H9 and was ruffed, West discarding a diamond. The CJ was won with the king and West, trying to defeat 3S, cashed his diamond ace. At this point, declarer had ten tricks and scored up 170.

In the Open Room, Ethan Xie, heart_jack, opened the South hand 1S. West doubled (flawed because of his doubleton heart but too many values to sit idly by); North bid 2NT (Jordan... limit or better in spades); East passed; and South, in a leap of faith, jumped to the game.

The opening lead was the CK. Even after a discouraging signal, the CA was continued and ruffed. Trumps were drawn and a small heart was led toward the JT82. West won his king and continued with the HQ. Declarer won the HA and played a heart to the ten and jack, discarding a small diamond. The CQ was cashed discarding another diamond... Declarer was at the crossroads. In game, he had to get it right. Ethan led the S7 to his S9... both opponents pitched diamonds. He led the D9 and West hopped with the ace, making Ethan's life easy. On the auction, he might very well have figured it out on his own, however, there are no guarantees.

In IMPs, you always want to give declarer the problem, not solve it for him. Ducking is the better part of valor here. Had it resulted in an overtrick, it would not have mattered to the scoring, however, defeating the contract is paramount. A sigh of relief from declarer and on to the next hand!