



“Trials” and Tribulations—Pre-Bulletin

The Prez Says ...



Welcome to the 2018 United States Bridge Championships in Houston, Texas, where we will be selecting our USA1 team for the 2019 Bermuda Bowl scheduled to be held in Sanya, China, from October 19-November 2, 2019.

There are 21 teams entered in the USBC. The Fleisher and Nickell teams have byes to the Quarter Finals and the

Rosenthal team has a bye to the Round of 16.

The format:

There will be 5 stages:

First: a 2-day Round Robin on Friday, May 11th, and Saturday, May 12th, among the 18 non-bye teams to select the 11 teams that will join Rosenthal in the Round of 16.

Next: a series of 120 board Knockout matches, starting with the Round of 16 on Sunday, May 13th, and Monday, May 14th, and ending with the Finals on Saturday, May 19th, and Sunday, May 20th.

I am proud that the United States Bridge Federation is viewed as running the best championships in the world. I credit the superb organization (in particular the long matches) and high ethical standards of our players and staff. Jan and crew work tirelessly, putting player satisfaction at the forefront of every decision.

You, the players, uphold the ethics, friendship, and sportsmanship for which United States bridge is known worldwide. I know I will do my part to uphold these standards and ask that each of you do the same for the next ten days.

Marty Fleisher, President, USBF

Junior Hakan Berk has created a Wikipedia page for the Open USBC. It was a time-consuming project and he did an excellent job. We thank him for his work. In the future, we will have pages for all of the USBC's.

Please examine this page and make edits if you see something that requires updating. Please add sources for any of the information.

You can find the Wikipedia page at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Bridge_Championships_-_Open

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Teams Entered... listed in seeding order

Fleisher	Martin Fleisher, Capt Eric Greco	Chip Martel Geoff Hampson
Bye to Rnd of 8	Joe Grue	Brad Moss
Nickell	Nick Nickell, Capt Bobby Levin	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein
Bye to Rnd of 8	Jeff Meckstroth	Eric Rodwell
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Robert Hamman	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz
Bye to Rnd of 16	Eldad Ginossar	Chris Willenken
Petra Hamman, NPC	Reese Milner Justin Lall Zia Mahmood	Hemant Lall Kevin Bathurst Jacek Pszczola
Borker	Jay Borker, Capt Roger Lee	Michael Rosenberg Daniel Korbel
Morris, NPC	Michael Levine Mike Passell Greg Hinze	Eddie Wold Marc Jacobus David Grainger
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt John Schermer Billy Cohen	Sam Lev Neil Chambers Gary Cohler
Gupta	Vinita Gupta, Capt Huub Bertens Oren Kriegel	Billy Miller Ron Smith
Fireman	Paul Fireman, Capt John Kranyak Joel Wooldridge	Gavin Wolpert Vincent Demuy John Hurd
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Bart Bramley Mark Feldman	Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey Ross Grabel
Meltzer	Rose Meltzer, Capt Steve Garner Kevin Dwyer	Nik Demirev Owen Lien Shan Huang
Harris	Martin Harris, Capt Matthew Granovetter Miriam Harris-Botzum	Jacob Morgan Pam Granovetter John Botzum
Ozdil	Melih Ozdil, Capt Drew Casen	Brian Glubok Jim Krekorian
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Alex Kolesnik Ira Hessel	William Pettis Bob Etter Dan Morse
Juster	Jeffrey Juster Adam Grossack Howard Weinstein	Franklin Merblum Zachary Grossack Adam Wildavsky
Doub	Doug Doub, Capt Karen McCallum Vic King	John Stiefel Geoffrey Brod
Molson	Janice Seamon-Molson, Capt Kerri Sanborn Beth Palmer	Tobi Sokolow Stephen Sanborn Sylvia Shi
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Danny Sprung Robert Cappelli	Linda Lewis JoAnn Sprung Robert Bitterman
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Geeske Joel	Debbie Rosenberg William Watson
Sam Dinkin, NPC	Tom Reynolds David Pelka	Lance Kerr William Hall
Cohen	Seth Cohen, Capt James Glickman	Howard Einberg Bill St Clair



Do not hold the delusion that your advancement is accomplished by crushing others.

Marcus Tullius Cicero



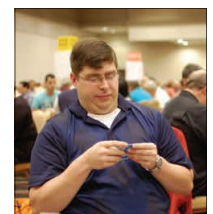
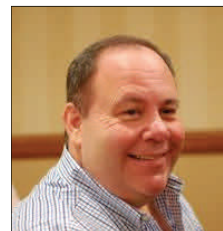
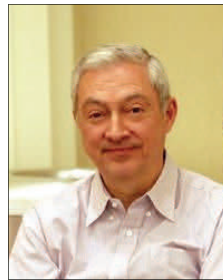
SEED	TEAM NAME	TEAM AVERAGE SEEDING POINTS
1	Fleisher	142 PPs
2	Nickell	136 PPs
3	Rosenthal	48 PPs
4	Hamman	44.35 SPs
5	Borker	34.08 SPs
6	Morris	32.60 SPs
7	Mahaffey	31.94 SPs
8	Gupta	30.03 SPs
9	Fireman	25.61 SPs
10	Robinson	22.66 SPs
11	Meltzer	21.86 SPs
12	Harris	15.13 SPs
13	Ozdil	14.28 SPs
14	Lo	13.27 SPs
15	Juster	11.54 SPs
16	Doub	11.44 SPs
17	Molson	9.62 SPs
18	Lewis	8.81 SPs
19	Schireson	6.34 SPs
20	Dinkin	4.50 SPs
21	Cohen	4.48 SPs

Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
FRIDAY	MAY 11	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
FRIDAY	MAY 11	10:00 - 10:55 11:05 - 12:00 12:10 - 1:05 1:15 - 2:10 3:30 - 4:25 4:35 - 5:30 5:40 - 6:35 6:45 - 7:40	MATCH 1, BOARDS 1-6 MATCH 2, BOARDS 7-12 MATCH 3, BOARDS 13-18 MATCH 4, BOARDS 19-24 80 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 5, BOARDS 1-6 MATCH 6, BOARDS 7-12 MATCH 7, BOARDS 13-18 MATCH 8, BOARDS 19-24
SATURDAY	MAY 12	10:00 - 10:55 11:05 - 12:00 12:10 - 1:05 1:15 - 2:10 3:20 - 4:15 4:25 - 5:20 5:20 - 5:25 5:35 - 6:30 6:35 - 7:30 7:35 - 8:30	MATCH 9, BOARDS 1-6 MATCH 10, BOARDS 7-12 MATCH 11, BOARDS 13-18 MATCH 12, BOARDS 19-24 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 13, BOARDS 1-6 MATCH 14, BOARDS 7-12 SHORT CAPTAINS' MEETING * MATCH 15, BOARDS 13-18 * * MATCH 16, BOARDS 19-24 * * MATCH 17, BOARDS 25-30 *

* THE FINAL 3 MATCHES ARE SEQUESTERED - ONE PAIR ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY ALL 3 MATCHES & MUST REMAIN IN THE CLOSED ROOM FOR ALL 3 MATCHES. NO SCORE COMPARISON ALLOWED.

ROUND OF 16			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
SUNDAY	MAY 13	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
SUNDAY	MAY 13	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY	MAY 14	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
QUARTER-FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 15	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
WEDNESDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
SEMI-FINAL			
THURSDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
FRIDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
FINAL			
SATURDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY	MAY 20	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30



Vugraph

The 2018 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16, in which we will probably cover 3 or 4 matches. The Round of 16 starts Sunday, May 13th. 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 either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or use the download version of the BBO software to run BBO on your computer (only available if you already have it, not to new users).

If you choose the latter approach, from the Lobby, click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the matches you want to watch.

To watch on your smartphone or tablet, install the BBO app and watch using that.

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.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Houston 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



All of the teams will play the same boards throughout the event.

Hints for BBO viewers

Useful information is available to browser BBO users [and perhaps some mobile BBO users]... click on the name of the table/event name will provide a pop-up that:

- * displays the BBO Schedule for the specific VuGraph event – calculated for the time zone of the viewer's electronic device
- * has a link to the home page for event

click on a player name will usually provide a pop-up that

- * displays a picture of the player
- * shows links to System Summary Forms (SSFs), Convention Cards (CCs), and biographical information

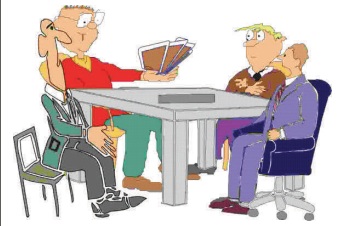
There may be live video of 2-4 tables each session, depending on the speed of our internet connection. Video from the other tables will be uploaded to YouTube as soon as we can manage.

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.

Round Robin Info

USBF 6 Board Victory Point Scale

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	18.90	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	17.12	2.88	33	19.51	0.49
8	13.53	6.47	21	17.35	2.65	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			



I can tell from Partner's face...

I never should have trumped his ace!

Hate it when he looks so mean...

Wish he was behind a screen...

Round Robin

The 2018 USBC Round Robin will be a 2-day complete Round Robin, with 6 board matches, scored using the **USBF 6 board Victory Point scale** (see above). The Round Robin schedule is set forth on page 3 of this Bulletin.



SCORE SUBMISSION

After each match, you must turn in a form showing your score (in IMPs) for the match; please enter the IMPs for each team, not the net IMPs. If you have time to confirm the score with your opponent before submitting it, please do so. If you don't have time, turn the score in anyway. Write your lineup for the next match on the back of the score ticket and turn in the score ticket to receive your assignment for the next match.



SEQUESTERED MATCHES

The final 3 matches on Saturday will have the Closed Room sequestered. One pair on your team must play all 3 matches in the Closed Room. No score comparison is allowed during the 3-match clump. You cannot choose which pair will sit in which direction for these 3 matches - you must designate which pair is going to be in the Closed Room for all 3 matches and they will sit whichever direction your team is assigned in the Closed Room.



For the first two sequestered matches, the NS pair at each table will be asked to complete a score sheet & have the EW pair verify that it is correct. We will pick up those score sheets and enter the scores into the computer in order to have your scores for those matches completed by the time you finish the third match. Those scores will be posted on a wall in the Players' Break Room. You will be asked to confirm that those scores are correct when you turn in your score for the final match. We hope that this procedure will help speed up the determination of which teams have qualified.

All About Kibitzing

WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event, except in the Closed Room during the final sequestered matches of the Round Robin. However, you will be subject to the following regulations: Kibitzers may enter the room ONLY at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed.

A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next segment.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

SCREENS

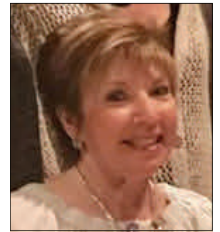
All of the USBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see much, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBC KIBITZING RULES

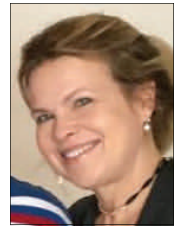
The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

GENERAL RULES

- a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
- b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
- c. Kibitzers must enter the playing room before play commences. Kibitzers are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
- d. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
- e. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.
- f. These rules may be revised in specific instances by the DICs for the orderly running of the event.



**Lisa
and
Martha**



Hospitality Information...

The hospitality suite for the 2018 USBC will be room 1068-70. Our wonderful hostesses, Lisa Berkowitz and Martha Katz will make the "trek" to Houston to welcome you to the Suite, with a lot of support from Nancy Strohmer, Betty Starzec, Shawn Quinn and other local volunteers. Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch starting on Sunday from 1:00-4:00.

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.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan's office) will be in the playing area (room 862, around the corner from most of the playing rooms, all of which are on the 8th floor). It will be available for the entire tournament. We will have coffee, soft drinks and snacks available while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

On Friday and Saturday, we will be serving a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. More details about that after we work them out with the hotel.



Unique little shopping complex located within walking distance of the hotel where you'll find a variety of restaurants, a sports bar, hair salons, plus several specialty shops.

Restaurants

Outback Steakhouse
713-978-6283

Marini's Empanadas House
713-266-2729 Sandwich/Empanada

Thai Cottage Thai
713-266-0701

La Madeleine..... French bakery and
713-266-7686 café

Marble Slab Creamery... Ice cream &
713-783-2283 frozen yogurt

Chili's Restaurant/bar & grill
713-780-8254

Masala Wok Indian /Chinese
713-784-8811

Forno's of Italy..... Italian food
713-789-5552

Subway Sandwich shop
713-783-7827

Schlotsky's Deli, Pizza, Wraps, Sandwiches
713- 974-6462

Specialty Shops:

Vintropolis..... City of wine
713-532-9463

Sherlock's Pub Sports bar with live
713-977-2228 entertainment Thu-Sat

Tom's Tailor Shop..... Alterations
713- 784-3339

Kaviani Family Dental.... Family Dental Practice

713-781-9444

Premier America Credit Union..... Banking, Atm
713-972-9800 Notary,

Supercuts..... Hair Salon 713-783-3141

Carillon Center



Pizza

-New York Pizzeria
11660 Westheimer Rd

281.497.4992

-Papa John's Pizza
2535 S Gessner Rd

713.978.7272

-Pizza Hut
9369 Richmond Ave

713.266.6161

-Domino's Pizza
9296 Westheimer

713-266-0660



Delivery

Chuy's Mexican 9350 Westheimer 713-278-2489
Jenny's Chinese 2939 walnut bend 7 13-783-9440

Jimmy John's (Sandwiches) 10335 Westheimer 713-244-9900

24-Hour Restaurants

Ruchi's Grill

6410 Westheimer Rd Houston TX 77057---- 713.974.0795

-House of Pies Restaurant & Bakery

6142 Westheimer Rd Houston TX 77057---- 713.782.1290

-IHOP - International House of Pancakes

2940 Sam Houston Pkwy Houston TX 77042---- 713.977.9908

---Denny's Restaurant

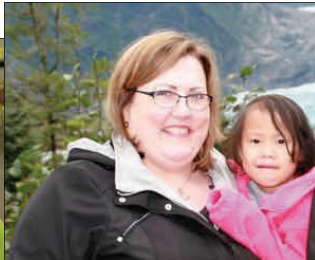
8990 Richmond Ave Houston TX 77063---- 713.783.5619

-Chacho's
6006 Westheimer Rd Houston TX 77057---- 713.975.9699

Marriott/ 2900 Briarpark Drive* Houston, Texas 77042 *713-978-7400



**Info courtesy of the Locals!
Thanks Nancy, Betty, Shawn!**



**Don't Forget
Sunday is
Mother's Day!
Call Your Mother!**



**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
(excepting those with pace makers or like equipment)
entering the playing field.**



More Dining Suggestions from the Locals!

AMERICAN/CONTINENTAL CUISINE

Republic -Grill	2900 Etiarpark	713-978-7400	No Res	\$\$
Jonathan's	9061Gaylord Dr (7mi)	713-465-8200	ResRec	\$\$
RDG Bar Annies	1800 Post Oak (7mi)	713-840-1111	ResRec	\$\$\$
Rainbow Lodge	2011Ella (14mi)	713-861-8666	ResRec	\$\$\$\$
Tony's	3755 Richmond (7mi)	713-622-6778	ResRec	\$\$\$
Asian SUSHI	12860 Queensbury (4 mi)	713-331-2792		
Benihana (Sushi)	9707 Westheimer (1mi)	713-789-4962		
Kaneyama (Sushi)	9527 Westheimer (1mi)	713-784-5168	No	\$\$
Miyako(Sushi)	6345 Westheimer (3.3mi)	713-781-6300	No	\$
PF Chang's	11685Westheimer (2.5mi)	281-920-3553	No	\$\$
Yao Restaurant	9755 Westheimer (1mi)	832-251-2588	ResRec	\$\$
Nit Noi (Thai)	11807 Westheimer (2.5mi)	281-597-8200	No	\$\$
Korea Garden	9501Long Point (74mi)	713-468-2800	No	\$\$
Thai Gourmet Inc	6324 Richmond (5mi)	713-780-7955	No	\$\$

SEAFOOD CUISINE

Truluck's	5350 Westheimer (5mi)	713-783-7270	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Mc:Cormick/Schmic	791Town and country (4 mil)	713-465-3685	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Eddie V'S	12848Queesbury Lane (4mi)	832-200-2380	Rese1v. Rec.	\$\$
Pappadeaux	12109 Westheime1· (3.1mi)	281-497-1110	No	\$\$
Willie G's	1605 Post Oak (6.3mi)	713-840-7190	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$
Goode Co	10211Katy FRY (5.1mi)	713-464-7933	Reserv. Rec	\$\$

STEAKHOUSE CUISINE

The Palm	6100 Westheimer (3.1mi)	713-977-2544	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Brenner's	10911 Katy Freeway (7mi)	713-465-2901	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Fleming's	788 W. Sam Houston(4mi)	713-827-1120	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Smith & Wollensky	4007 Westheimer (7.2mi)	713-621-7555	Reserv. Rec	\$\$\$
Taste of Texas	10505 Katy Freeway (4.7mi)	713-932-6901	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$
Mark's American	1658 Westheimer (10mi)	713-523-3800	Rese1v. Rec.	\$\$\$
Morton's	5000 Westheimer (5.5mi)	713-629-1946	Rese1v. Rec.	\$\$\$
Pappas Brothers	5839 Westheimer (4.2mi)	713-917-0090	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Ruth's Chris	5433 Westheimer(5mi)	713-789-2333	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Vic & Anthony's	1510 Texas Ave. (15mi)	713-228-1111	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Capital Grille	5365 Westheimer (5mi)	713-623-4600	Rese1v. Rec.	\$\$\$
Peny's	9827 Katy Freeway (5mi)	832-358-9000	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Del Frisco's	5061 Westheimer (5.5mi)	713-355-2600	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$

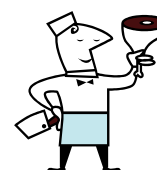
DIFFERENTETHNIC CUISINE

Fogo de chao	8250Westheimer (2mi)	713-978-6500	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Churrascos(Latin)	9705 Westheimer (1mi)	713-952-1988	Resetv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Chama Gaucha(5865 Wertheime1· (4mi)	713-244-9500	Resetv. Rec.	\$\$\$
J.Alexander's	11103 Westheimer (1.5mi)	832-200-0955	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$
Bistro Le Cep(French)	11112 Westheimer (1.5mi)	713-783-3985	No	\$\$

ITALIAN CUISINE

Atcodoro	5000 Westheimer (5.5mi)	713-621-6888	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Carmello's	14795 Memorial (6.2mi)	281-531-0696	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Maggiano's	2019 Post Oak (6mi)	713-961-2700	Resetv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Arturo's	1180 Uptown park (6.5mi)	713-621-1180	Rese1v. Rec.	\$\$\$
Grotto	4715 Westheimer (6.5mi)	713-622-3663	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Carrabba's	1399 S Voss (4.2mi)	713-468-0868	Reserv. Rec.	\$\$\$
Olive Garden	9750 Katy freeway (5mi)	713-973-6287		

\$='Inexpensive (Most Entrees Under \$10.00)
 \$\$ =' Moderate (Most Entrees Under \$20.00)
 \$\$\$ "" Expensive (Most Entrees Over \$20.00)



Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure



CASUAL DINING Cafe Pita Westchase,

10852 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: European, Mediterranean COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (M, Tue, Wed, Thu, Sun), 11AM to 10PM
MINIMUM ORDER: No Minimum Order
DELIVERY FEES: No Delivery Fees

CASUAL DINING Kasra Persian Grill Westchase,

9741 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Iranian COST FOR TWO: \$50
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (Mon-Thu), 11AM to 11PM

CASUAL DINING Rudi Lechner's Briar Meadow,

2503 S Gessner Road, Houston
CUISINES: German COST FOR TWO: \$60
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (Mon), 11AM to 10PM (Tu-Sa), Closed (Su)

CASUAL DINING The Original Marini's Empanada House West-

chase, 10001 Westheimer Road, Suite 2570, Houston
CUISINES: Latin American COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (Mon-Thu), 11AM to 10PM (Fri-Sat), Closed

FINE DINING Churrascos Westchase,

9705 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Latin American, Seafood, Steak COST FOR TWO: \$70
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (M), 11AM to 9:30PM (Tu-Th), 11AM to...
MINIMUM ORDER: No Minimum Order
DELIVERY FEES: No Delivery Fees

CASUAL DINING Blue Nile Ethiopian Restaurant Richmond Sq,

9400 Richmond Ave, Houston
CUISINES: Ethiopian HOURS: 11AM to 11PM M-F, 9A - 11P S-S

CASUAL DINING Kaneyama Japanese Briar Meadow,

9527 Westheimer Road # D, Houston, TX
CUISINES: Japanese, Sushi COST FOR TWO: \$100
HOURS: 11:30AM to 10PM (Mon-Fri), 12Noon to 10PM (Sat-Sun)

CASUAL DINING Rio Ranch Steakhouse Westchase.

9999 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Southwestern, Steak COST FOR TWO: \$75
HOURS: 6AM to 10PM (Mon-Fri), 7AM to 10PM (Sat-Sun)

CASUAL DINING Chuy's Galleria,

9350 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Tex-Mex COST FOR TWO: \$40
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (M, Tu, Wed, Thu, Sun), 11AM to 11PM...
MINIMUM ORDER: \$20
DELIVERY FEES: No Delivery Fees

CASUAL DINING Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen Westchase

10601 Westpark Drive, Houston
CUISINES: American COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 10:30AM to 10PM (M, Su), 10:30AM to 11PM (Tu-)

CASUAL DINING Masala Wok Westchase,

10001 Westheimer Road, Suite 1060, Houston
CUISINES: Asian, Indian COST FOR TWO: \$35
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (M, Tu, W, Thu, Sun), 11AM to 11PM...
MINIMUM ORDER: \$10 DELIVERY FEES: \$6.99

CASUAL DINING Becks Prime Westchase,

11000 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: American, Burger COST FOR TWO: \$75
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Sun), 11AM to 11PM...

CASUAL DINING Yao Restaurant and Bar Westchase,

9755 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Chinese COST FOR TWO: \$65
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (Mon-Fri), 12Noon to 10PM (Sat-Sun)
MINIMUM ORDER: \$15 DELIVERY FEES: \$2.00

CASUAL DINING Ragin' Cajun Briar Meadow,

9600 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Southern, Cajun COST FOR TWO: \$40
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (Mon, Tue, Wed, Sun), 11AM to 10PM...
MINIMUM ORDER: \$20 DELIVERY FEES: No Delivery Fees

CASUAL DINING Saldivia's South American Grill Westchase,

10850 Westheimer Road
CUISINES: South American, Steak COST FOR TWO: \$150
HOURS: 11AM to 2:30PM, 5PM to 9PM (Mon-Thu), 11AM to 2:30PM...

BAKERY La Madeleine Westchase,

10001 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: French COST FOR TWO: \$40
HOURS: 6:30AM to 10PM (Mon-Thu), 6:30AM to 11PM...

CASUAL DINING Pho One Westchase,

11148 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Sandwich, Vietnamese COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 10AM to 9PM (Mon-Sat), Closed (Sun)

CASUAL DINING Bistro Le Cep Westchase,

11112 Westheimer Rd, Houston
CUISINES: French COST FOR TWO: \$100
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (Mon-Fri), 5PM to 10PM (Sat), 5PM to 9PM...

CASUAL DINING Benihana Westchase,

9707 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Japanese, Steak, Sushi COST FOR TWO: \$105
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (M, Tue, W, Thu, Sun), 11AM to 11PM...

CASUAL DINING Pradaria Westchase, 10694 Westheimer Road

CUISINES: Brazilian, Latin American, Steak COST FOR TWO: \$275
HOURS: 11AM to 2:30PM, 5:30PM to 10PM (Mon-Fri), 12Noon to...

CASUAL DINING Bangkok Thai Cuisine Galleria,

9296 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Thai COST FOR TWO: \$35
HOURS: 11AM to 3PM, 5PM to 9:30PM (Mon-Thu), 11AM to...
MINIMUM ORDER: \$25 DELIVERY FEES: \$10.00

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CASUAL DINING Jenivi's Seafood Shoppe & Restaurant WChase

10555 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Seafood, Cajun
HOURS: Closed (Mon),11:30AM to 9PM (Tue-Fri),12pm to 9PM...

Mi Pueblito Restaurant Galleria

9425 Richmond Ave, Houston
CUISINES:Latin American, Colombian COST FOR TWO:\$75
HOURS: 6:30AM to 10PM (Mon-Thu),6:30AM to 11PM...

Cantina Laredo Authentic Mexican Westchase

11129 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Mexican COST FOR TWO:\$75
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (Mon-Wed),11AM to 11PM (Thu),11AM-
MINIMUM ORDER:\$10 DELIVERY FEES:\$6.99

CASUAL DINING La Vina Briar Meadow

9419 Richmond Avenue, Houston
CUISINES:Cuban COST FOR TWO:\$30
HOURS: 10AM to 8PM (Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat, Sun), 10AM to 6PM...

CASUAL DINING Thai Cottage Westchase

10001 Westheimer Road, Suite 2124, Houston
CUISINES:Thai COST FOR TWO:\$50
HOURS: 11AM to 3PM, 5PM to 9:30PM (M-Th),11AM to 3PM...

CASUAL DINING Texas Hamburger Palace Sharpstown

5757 Ranchester Drive, Suite 1700, Houston
CUISINES:Burger COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 10:30AM to 7PM (M-F),10:30AM to 5PM (Sat) closed...

CASUAL DINING Blake's BBQ & Burgers Galleria

2916 Jeanetta Street, Houston
CUISINES:BBQ, Burger, Sandwich COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (Mon-Sat),Closed (Sun)
FEATURED IN: Best BBQ
MINIMUM ORDER:\$35 DELIVERY FEES:\$25.00

CASUAL DINING Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet Westchase

10811 Westheimer Road
CUISINES:Mediterranean, Greek COST FOR TWO:\$75
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (M, T, W, T, Su), 11AM to 10PM...

CASUAL DINING Le Peep Westchase

11199 Westheimer Rd, Houston
CUISINES:American COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 6:30AM to 2:30PM (Mon-Fri),7AM to 2:30PM (Sat-Sun)

CASUAL DINING Yaal Tiffins Westchase

10928 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Indian, Sri Lankan COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: Closed (Mon),11AM to 2PM, 5:30PM to 9PM...
MINIMUM ORDER:\$10 DELIVERY FEES:\$7.99

CASUAL DINING Koto Japanese Restaurant & Bar Westchase

10842 Westheimer Rd, Houston
CUISINES:Japanese COST FOR TWO:\$75
HOURS: 11AM to 3PM, 5PM to 9:30PM (M-Th),11AM to 3PM...

CASUAL DINING Fornos of Italy Westchase

10001 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Italian COST FOR TWO:\$65
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (M-Th),11AM to 11PM (F-Sat),12Noon...
MINIMUM ORDER:\$10 DELIVERY FEES:\$6.99

CASUAL DINING Agu Ramen Galleria

9310 Westheimer Rd, Houston
CUISINES:Ramen COST FOR TWO:\$35
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (Mon-Sun)

CASUAL DINING Pappas Bar-B-Q Westchase

9797 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:BBQ COST FOR TWO:\$40
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (M, Tu, W, Th, Sun), 11AM to 11PM...

BAKERY,DELI Eatwell Bakery Cafe Westchase

11150 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Italian, Mediterranean, Deli COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 7AM to 7PM (Mon-Fri),8AM to 4PM (Sat-Sun)

CASUAL DINING Ramen Jin Westchase

11181 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Ramen, Japanese COST FOR TWO:\$40
HOURS: Closed (Mon),11AM to 2PM, 5PM to 9:30PM...

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers Westchase

10465 Richmond Ave, Houston
CUISINES:Burger COST FOR TWO:\$75
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (M, TU, Wed, Thu, Sun), 11AM to 11PM...

CASUAL DINING Lucky Village Westchase

310755 Westheimer Rd, Houston
CUISINES:Chinese COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (M, Tu, W, Thu, Sun), 11AM to 11PM...

CASUAL DINING Palazzo's Trattoria Westchase Westchase

10455 Briar Forest Dr, Houston
CUISINES:Italian COST FOR TWO:\$150
HOURS: 11AM to 9:30PM (Mon-Thu),11AM to 10PM...
MINIMUM ORDER:\$15 DELIVERY FEES:\$2.99

WINE BAR Nick's Place Italian Sports Bar & Pizzeria Galleria

2713 Rockyridge Drive
CUISINES:Pizza COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 11AM to 1AM (Mon-Fri),10AM to 1PM (Sat-Sun)
MINIMUM ORDER:\$20 DELIVERY FEES:\$5.00

CASUAL DINING The Egg & I Briar Meadow

9099 Westheimer Road
CUISINES:American COST FOR TWO:\$30
HOURS: 6AM to 2PM (Mon-Sun)

CASUAL DINING Moderno Tacos + Tex-Mex Westchase

10455 Briar Forest Dr Ste 150, Houston
CUISINES:Mexican, Tex-Mex COST FOR TWO:\$75
HOURS: 7AM to 9:30PM (M-Thu),7AM to 10PM (Fri),8AM to...

BAKERY,DELI Manena's Pastry Shop & Deli Westchase

11018 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Desserts, Latin American, Deli COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 8AM to 8PM (Mon-Sat),Closed (Sun)

CASUAL DINING Tokyo One at Westchase

2934 W Sam Houston Parkway South, Houston
CUISINES:Japanese, Seafood COST FOR TWO:\$150
HOURS: 11AM to 9:30PM (M, Tue, Wed, Thu, Sun), 11AM to...

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CASUAL DINING Caribbean Jerk Cuisine Briar Meadow

9334 Richmond Avenue, Houston
CUISINES:Caribbean
HOURS: 11AM to 3PM (M-Tue,11AM- 8PM (W-Th),11AM to...

CASUAL DINING Los Tios Mexican Briar Meadow

9527 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Mexican COST FOR TWO:\$55
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (M, Tu, W, Th, Sun), 11AM to 11PM...

CASUAL DINING Feng Ling Westchase

11010 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Chinese COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 11:30AM to 9:30PM (M, Tu, W, Thu, Sun), 11:30AM...
MINIMUM ORDER:\$15 DELIVERY FEES:Free

CASUAL DINING El Palenque Westchase

10803 Westheimer Rd, Houston
CUISINES:Tex-Mex, Cajun COST FOR TWO:\$75
HOURS: 11AM to 9:30PM (M, Tue, Wed, Thu, Sun), 11AM to...

FAST CASUAL Dodo's Chicken Briar Meadow

9431 Richmond Avenue, Houston
CUISINES:American COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (M, Tu, W, Thu, Sun), 11AM to 10PM...

CASUAL DINING Brookstreet BBQ Westchase

10705 Westheimer Rd, Houston
CUISINES:American, BBQ, Fast Food COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (Mon-Sat),12Noon to 6PM (Sun)
MINIMUM ORDER:\$10DELIVERY FEES:\$6.99

PIZZERIA Blaze Pizza Briar Meadow

9650 Westheimer Road
CUISINES:Pizza COST FOR TWO:\$20
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (Mon, Tue, Wed, Sun), 11AM to 10PM...

CASUAL DINING Chili's Grill & Bar Westchase

10001 Westheimer Road Suite 127, Houston
CUISINES:American COST FOR TWO:\$40
HOURS: 11AM to 11PM (Mon-Thu),11AM to 12Midnight...

CASUAL DINING Thai Choice Westchase

11161 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Thai COST FOR TWO:\$75
HOURS: 11AM to 3PM, 5PM to 9:30PM (M-Th),11AM to 3PM...

CAFÉ Snowflake Cafe & Bakery Westchase

11191 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Desserts, Sandwich, Cafe COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (M-Th),11AM to 10PM (F-Sa),11AM to...
MINIMUM ORDER:\$10 DELIVERY FEES:\$6.99

FAST CASUAL Avesta Persian Grill Westchase

2691 Wilcrest Road Suite A Houston
CUISINES:Iranian
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (Mon-Thu),11AM to 11PM...
MINIMUM ORDER:\$10 DELIVERY FEES:\$6.99

FAST CASUAL Brenda's Taqueria Briar Meadow

3766 S Gessner Road, Houston
CUISINES:Mexican COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 24 Hours (Mon-Sun)

FAST FOOD Hot Toppings Pizza Briar Meadow

7705 Westheimer Road, Suite 200
CUISINES:Fast Food, Pizza
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (Mon-Sat),11AM to 8PM (Sun)

FAST CASUAL Salata Westchase

10898 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Healthy Food COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (Mon-Sat),11AM to 5PM (Sun)

FAST CASUAL Uberrito Briar Meadow

Suite 300, 7705 Westheimer Road
CUISINES:Mexican, Southwestern, Tex-Mex COST FOR 2:\$25
HOURS: 10:45AM to 10PM (Mon-Sat),10:45AM to 9PM (Sun)

FAST CASUAL Jason's Deli Westchase

11081 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Sandwich, Deli COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 8AM to 10PM (Mon-Sun)

CASUAL DINING Thai Style Fast Food Sharpstown

5712 S Gessner Drive, Suite D, Houston
CUISINES:Thai COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 11AM to 8PM (Mon-Sat),Closed (Sun)

CASUAL DINING China Sichuan Cuisine Westchase

3758 S Gessner Road, Houston, Westchase
CUISINES:Chinese COST FOR TWO:\$30
HOURS: 11AM to 10:30PM (Mon-Thu),11AM to 11PM...

FOOD TRUCK Muiishi Makirritos Galleria

Location Varies, Houston
CUISINES:Japanese, Fusion COST FOR TWO:\$25

CASUAL DINING El Tiempo Cantina Briar Meadow

2605 S Gessner Road
CUISINES:Mexican, Tex-Mex COST FOR TWO:\$60
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (M-Tu),11AM to 10PM (W-Th),11AM -

PIZZERIA Verona Flying Pizza & Italian Westchase

3995 S Gessner Road, Houston
CUISINES:Italian, Pizza COST FOR TWO:\$50
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (M-F),12Noon to 9PM (Sat),Closed (Sun)

CASUAL DINING Outback Steakhouse Westchase

10001 Westheimer Road, Suite 1010, Houston
CUISINES:Steak COST FOR TWO:\$75
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (M, Tu, W, Thu, Sun), 11AM to 11PM...

FAST CASUAL Tropical's Briar Meadow

9430 Richmond Avenue, Houston
CUISINES:Latin American COST FOR TWO:\$35
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (M, Sun), 11AM - 10PM (Tu-Th),11AM...

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CAFÉ, CASUAL DINING Shisha Express & Deli Briar Meadow
9511 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Desserts, Middle Eastern COST FOR TWO: \$35
HOURS: Lunch, Dinner, Late (Sun, M, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat)

FAST FOOD Burger King Westchase
10414 Richmond Avenue, Houston
CUISINES: Fast Food COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 6AM to 12Midnight (M-Sat), 7AM to 12Midnight (Sun)

CASUAL DINING Kaung Kaung San Restaurant Sharpstown
5757 Ranchester Drive, Houston
CUISINES: Burmese, Thai, Sushi, Asian COST FOR TWO: \$75

CASUAL DINING Pho 21 Sharpstown
5700 S Gessner Drive, Houston
CUISINES: Vietnamese COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 9AM to 9PM (Mon-Sun)

SANDWICH SHOP Jimmy John's Westchase
10535 Westheimer Road, Suite 102, Houston
CUISINES: Sandwich COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (Mon-Sun)

DESSERT SHOP Marble Slab Creamery Westchase
10001 Westheimer Road, Suite 1050, Houston
CUISINES: Ice Cream COST FOR TWO: \$15
HOURS: 11:30AM to 10:30PM (Mon-Thu), 11AM to 11PM...

FAST CASUAL Five Guys Burgers and Fries Briar Meadow
9668 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Burger COST FOR TWO: \$20
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (Mon-Sun)

**Sherlock's Baker St. Pub
Westchase**
10001 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Bar Food COST FOR TWO: \$50
HOURS: 4PM to 2AM (Mon-Fri), 5PM to 2AM (Sat-Sun)

**CASUAL DINING Republic, a Texas Grill- Houston Marriott
Westchase**
Houston Marriott Westchase, 2900 Briarpark Drive, Houston
CUISINES: American
COST FOR TWO: \$75

FAST FOOD Taco Cabana Westchase
11079 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Mexican COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 24 Hours (Mon-Sun)

DINER: Waffle House Westchase
11240 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: American, Breakfast COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 24 Hours (Mon-Sun)

CAFÉ Starbucks Westchase
10001 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Cafe COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 9AM to 3PM (Mon-Fri), 6AM to 8PM (Sat-Sun)

FAST FOOD Frenchy's Chicken Westchase
10414 Richmond Avenue, Houston
CUISINES: Fast Food COST FOR TWO: \$15
HOURS: 10AM to 10PM (M, Tu, W, Thu, Sun), 10AM to 11PM...

SANDWICH SHOP Pita Pit Westchase
11081 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Sandwich
HOURS: 10:30AM to 9:30PM (Mon-Sun)
MINIMUM ORDER: \$10 DELIVERY FEES: \$6.99

LA Crawfish Shack Sharpstown
5858 S Gessner Dr, Houston
CUISINES: Seafood COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (Mon-Sat), 11:30AM to 9:30PM (Sun)

FAST FOOD General Joe's Chopstix Westchase
10820 Westheimer Rd, Houston
CUISINES: Asian, Chinese COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (M-Thu), 11AM to 11PM (F-Sa) Noon...
MINIMUM ORDER: \$10 DELIVERY FEES: \$6.99

FAST FOOD Dunkin' Donuts Westchase
10705 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Fast Food, Donuts COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 5AM to 10PM (Mon-Fri), 6AM to 10PM (Sat-Sun)

Go Hyang Jib Korean Restaurant Sharpstown
5860 Ranchester Dr, Houston
CUISINES: Asian, Korean COST FOR TWO: \$75
HOURS: 9AM to 9PM (Mon-Sat), Closed (Sun)

DINER IHOP Westchase
2940 W Sam Houston Parkway S, Houston 77042
CUISINES: American, Breakfast COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 24 Hours (Mon-Sun)

FAST CASUAL Pollo Bravo Westchase
10434 Richmond Avenue, Suite B, Houston
CUISINES: Peruvian, Mexican COST FOR TWO: \$25
HOURS: 11AM to 9PM (M-Th), 11AM to 10PM (Fri-Sat), Closed...

CASUAL DINING New Yang Chinese Restaurant Galleria
9275 Richmond Avenue, Houston
CUISINES: Chinese COST FOR TWO: \$75
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (M-Th), 11AM to 11PM (F-Sat), Closed...

SANDWICH SHOP Schlotzsky's Deli Westchase
10001 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Sandwich, Desserts COST FOR TWO: \$20
HOURS: 10AM to 9PM (Mon-Sat), 10AM to 4PM (Sun)

QUICK BITES Shipley Do-Nuts Briar Meadow
9643 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES: Donuts COST FOR TWO: \$10
HOURS: 9AM to 8PM (Mon-Sun)

FOOD TRUCK Las Tarascas #1 Meat & Grocery Briar Meadow
9222 Richmond Avenue, Houston
CUISINES: Mexican COST FOR TWO: \$20
HOURS: 7AM to 9PM (Mon-Sun)

BAR Molly's Pub Westchase 11128 Westheimer Rd, Houston
CUISINES: Bar Food, Sandwich COST FOR TWO: \$75
HOURS: 11AM to 2AM (Mon-Sat), 12Noon to 2AM (Sun)

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FAST FOOD Frenchy's Chicken Westchase

3455 Dairy Ashford Road, Houston
CUISINES:American COST FOR TWO:\$15
HOURS: 10:30AM to 10PM (M, Tu, Wed, Thu, Sun), 10:30AM...

BAKERY Kolache Factory Westchase

10455 Briar Forest Drive, Suite 140, Houston
CUISINES:Bakery, Desserts COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 6AM to 2PM (Mon-Sat),7AM to 2PM (Sun)

BAKERY Tiff's Treats Westchase

10455 Briar Forest Drive, Suite 130, Houston
CUISINES:Desserts COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 9AM to 9PM (Mon-Fri),10AM to 9PM (Sat-Sun)

CASUAL DINING Logan Farms Honey Glazed Ham Westchase

10560 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:American, Sandwich, Cajun COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 10AM to 6PM (Mon-Sun)

CASUAL DINING China Cottage Westchase

10535 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINE:Chinese
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (Mon-Sat),12Noon to 10PM (Sun)
MINIMUM ORDER:\$15 DELIVERY FEES:\$2.00

CASUAL DINING Hunan Emperor Briar Meadow

9013 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Chinese COST FOR TWO:\$30
HOURS: 11AM to 9:30PM (M, Tue, Wed, Thu, Sun), 11AM to...
MINIMUM ORDER:\$15 DELIVERY FEES:\$2.00

DELI J S Deli Westchase

2825 Wilcrest Dr, Houston
CUISINES:Sandwich, Deli COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 7:30AM to 3PM (Mon-Fri),Closed (Sat-Sun)

SANDWICH SHOP Subway Westchase

10001 Westheimer Road, Houston, Westchase, Houston
CUISINES:Sandwich COST FOR TWO:\$20
HOURS: 7AM to 10PM (Mon-Fri),8AM to 10PM (Sat),9AM to 9PM...

CASUAL DINING Genji Japanese Restaurant & Karaoke WChase

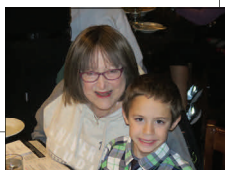
11124 Westheimer Road, Houston
CUISINES:Japanese, Sushi COST FOR TWO:\$25
HOURS: 7PM to 2AM (Mon-Sun)

From the Editor:

Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. While team lists and schedules will be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions, other information will not. We do this to make room for new content at a substantial print savings to the organization.

Thank you!!

Suzi



Kibitzer Activities...

La Porte's 125th anniversary | Friday, May 12 to Sunday, May 14 – Celebrate 125 years of the Coastal City of La Porte with a weekend full of fireworks and food featuring a family-friendly 5k, car and air show, dinner gala, parade, and a concert headlined by Clay Walker.

AsiaFest at Asia Society Texas Center | Saturday, May 13 – Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at this family-friendly event featuring hands-on activities, food, musical and dance performances and more.

J.J. Watt Charity Classic at Minute Maid Park | Saturday, May 13 – Houston Texan J.J. Watt will host his home run derby and softball game again this year to raise money for the J.J. Watt Foundation. Tickets start at \$5, but you may find cheaper or better seats on TicketNetwork's resale marketplace. 4pm.

Houston Whiskey Social at HSR Event Center | Friday, May 19 – Sip on specialty single barrel whiskeys from around the world – including an exclusive private barrel bottled specifically for this event – and enjoy hors d'oeuvre pairings at this fundraising event.

Houston Greek Fest at St. Basil The Great Greek Orthodox Church | Friday, May 19 through Sunday, May 21 – Say "opa!" with thousands of other festival-goers at Greek Fest where you'll nosh on authentic dishes, shop goods from vendors, tour the church, let the kids play, watch cultural dances and more.

Houston Press BrewFest at Silver Street Station | Saturday, May 20 – Sample more than 150 beers while you fill up on grub from local food trucks and live music fills the air at Houston Press' BrewFest. Tickets start at \$25, not including ticket fees. 3pm to 7pm.

Minefaire: A Minecraft Fan Experience at NRG Center | Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 – Immerse yourself in the world of Minecraft at this two-day exhibit where you'll meet YouTubers, participate in build battles, attempt world records, learn from the world's top Minecraft experts and more. Tickets start at \$89 for Saturday and \$79 for Sunday, not including ticket fees.

John Legend in Concert at The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion | Sunday, May 21 – Hear singer-songwriter John Legend perform songs from his latest album *Darkness and Light* live at this show in The Woodlands.

The World Champion Houston Astros play the Rangers at home from the 11th to the 13th, and Cleveland from the 18th to the 20th. Friday night games include fireworks.



Practice Makes Perfect

Who says it doesn't matter how much room you need to lay down an 8 card suit since it will never be dummy? Not true!

Fleisher chose to open 1D instead of preempting. As a result, he and Martel found themselves in the NT game as opposed to the diamond game... or the diamond part score as indicated by most of the field datum!

Greco led a 4th best spade. Martel won the spade in hand. He played a heart to the queen. Hampson ducked. Martel followed with the heart jack. Had Hampson ducked this, Martel would have overtaken the heart to play a third heart. If hearts were 3-3, he would simply have needed the diamond finesse to make his game. If hearts were not 3-3, he would need Greco to hold the DKx.

As it was, Hampson rose with the HA and shifted to the CK. Martel won the ace, cashed the hearts, cashed the high spade and finessed against the DK. He collected 2 spades, 4 hearts, 2 diamonds and 1 club for nine tricks and 10 IMPs when most comparative pairs stopped in the diamond part score... presumably following a preemptive opening bid.

If you are going to bid game on this hand, which game is the better percentage? Clearly, 5D is superior. It makes about 70% of the time: any 2-2 diamonds, diamond king third in the pocket, singleton diamond jack or king with East. To make 3NT, one needs either the diamond king doubleton with East or 3-3 hearts AND the DK any length with East... roughly 30%...

Board 2 from the same set was interesting. Hampson/Greco found their spade fit and Martel/Fleisher competed to 3H. Greco could have bid 3S ... But who could blame him for doubling? KJ93 of trump looks great on defense and partner opened the bidding. While Greco's SK964 looked good on offense, 3S fails on a club ruff.

3HX is cold on any lead... Greco chose the D4. Martel won in hand and played the S8, losing to Greco's nine. Greco played the CT, Martel winning the ace in dummy. A diamond was led to the nine, Greco ruffing. The C6 went to the jack and king. The diamond ace was played; Greco pitching a club. A spade was ruffed in dummy and a diamond was ruffed by Martel and overruffed by Greco. A club to Hampson's queen was ruffed by declarer who continued with a heart to dummy's ace.

Greco had his high trump, however declarer was home free with a crossruff.

Another ten IMPs for +730!

In retrospect, bidding 3S would have been much better. The commentary that followed was cute... Hampson said: Your teammates will do better in the Trials.

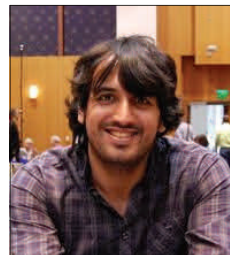
Greco added: I'll make a better lead next time!

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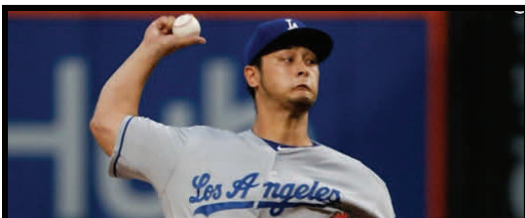
Extreme Sudoku



A father and son are outside Minute Maid Park, and the young son is asking his father to buy him a "Rangers Suck" T-shirt.
 The father hesitates, but finally tells his son, "You can have the shirt if you promise never to say that word."
 "That's right," says the T-shirt vendor, wanting to make the sale. "'Suck' isn't a very nice word."
 "No," replies the father. "I meant the word 'Rangers'."



Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!



Houston Houmor

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

Puzzle Page ...

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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.

Answers to Puzzle on page 17

Limey Jack...

Cheerio, Yanks:

Limey Jack is back to keep you au fait with the high level information you crave about the U.S. Open Trials. The buffoon known as Howie Dung will keep you well informed of the low levels to be sure.

Eleven will survive this first chucker of Round Robins. Limey Jack will make sure you can make a few bob at the Punter and avoid some shaky favourites; to wit, Robinson. Known as the wee folks, they are in total disarray There is no Stewart and thus no partner that can handle the load which is Woolsey. All fine players to be sure, but flunked their A Level exams in chemistry. Likely to fail here as well.

On the side of the Upset Angels, an all Distaff team of Seamon-Molson. Truth told actually five Lasses and a guardian. Watch this team blitz through this RR and put paid to some who thought their place was due them by showing up. Limey Jack does not care for short handed squads, but Ozdil breaks that mould. This team will survive and do so handily. Doub, 5 handed, fares poorly. Milner has Zia; enough said. Gupta brought a small cheque, as they are playing 5 all. She does not expect to last long and neither does Limey Jack. The Dung one will most assuredly have Gupta sailing along with some horrid prose such as "Gupta Whooped ya".

Schireson and Cohen are here for the experience only, while Dinkin has experience. Dinkin has a lot of bottle (ED Note: Courage) and could well put a sleeper hold on one or another teams. Lewis is just marking time, while Fireman breezes through. In easily the largest upset, the Levine Senior team gets their ears boxed. Borker escapes for now, but 4 handed, really!

Mahaffey wheels through, as does Meltzer. Harris lives on the bubble and is ne'er far from being asked to clear off. Lo has a weird team of 6, but has chances, while Juster will gobsmack us all if they move on. And so you have it. Another fortnight in the offing of listening to the dulcet tones of Limey Jack assisting you through the Fens, and the high decibel screeching of the gormless Howie Dung, who leaves you with an assault on your poetic senses.

Cheers.

Howie Doing...

Y'all gotta know that I'm here for ten days...
To follow the action and cheer on the plays.

Since Limey writes British, I've worked on my drawl,
And I'll be the one who dazzles "y'all"!

No one in Texas dares say "Where's the beef?"
You eat it for dinner or get big time grief!

On to the pickins while pickins are good...
Seven get two days to spend in the 'hood.

The other 11 will meet up with Andy...
Some may play Ripstra while others play Landy.

While Glickman predicts his chance of survival,
Actuarially speaking, I choose for his rival.

And Lance will in "kerr" way major sinkin'
Even with coachin' from Texan Sam Dinkin.

Gupta/Bertens will fall in a thriller,
Taking down Kriegel with Smith and with Miller.

Lo wanted "lo" calcs thus Hessel and Morse,
Lo captains the vessel, but steers it off course.

Gary be wary... It's not GNT,
If you're down a big number, then out you will be!

Schireson falls quickly; Harris falls slow.
Ozdill's the last of the seven to go.

More from the head-ups! Till then, keep on Q-ing!
Jack is a Quack... I'm the Great Howie-Doing!

Puzzle Answer:

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

Pun-ishment!

Why did the watch make a quick trip to the dry cleaners? It was pressed for time!

Quite a few people left the office to attend Ash Wednesday services at lunch - it was a mass exodus!

A solitary farmer is a lone granger.

When it comes to dancing, no one can just waltz in and learn instantly. Sometimes it takes a quick-step, or sometimes you need to hustle around. But eventually anyone can get the swing of it.

Beware of lumberjacks bearing dull tools. They usually have an axe to grind!

If your computer doesn't work, I might have some Bits and PCs that could help.

My dog has an attitude. He is a cocky spaniel.

Where do bulls exchange their messages? On a bulletin board.

A ghoulish diner who eats kangaroos is a hop goblin.

I sent my baby off to the army. They put him in the infantry.

If someone fails doing the Heimlich, is it fair to say that he choked?

Did you hear about the man who got killed by a bear? It was a grizzly death.

For me, the ringing of bells has appeal.

Divers work under pressure.

My wife found a twenty in my pants pocket after she washed and dried them. I had to turn her in to the authorities for money laundering.

What thrill ride does a drink go on? A coaster!

My pot belly pig was running and slipped on ice. Wound up injuring a hamstring.

An acupuncturist keeps you on pins and needles.

A graveyard shift is a cemetery in an earthquake.

I know a lot of jokes about bad pole-vaulters, but none of them seem to go over very well.

Grocery store workers must let the customers decide if they want paper or plastic because baggers can't be choosers.

The farmer who got arrested couldn't make bale so he asked his best friend to combine his money with his so he could be set free.

Electricians go with the flow, never against the current!

Sadly my teacher, who could use two typewriters at one time, got fired for stereotyping.

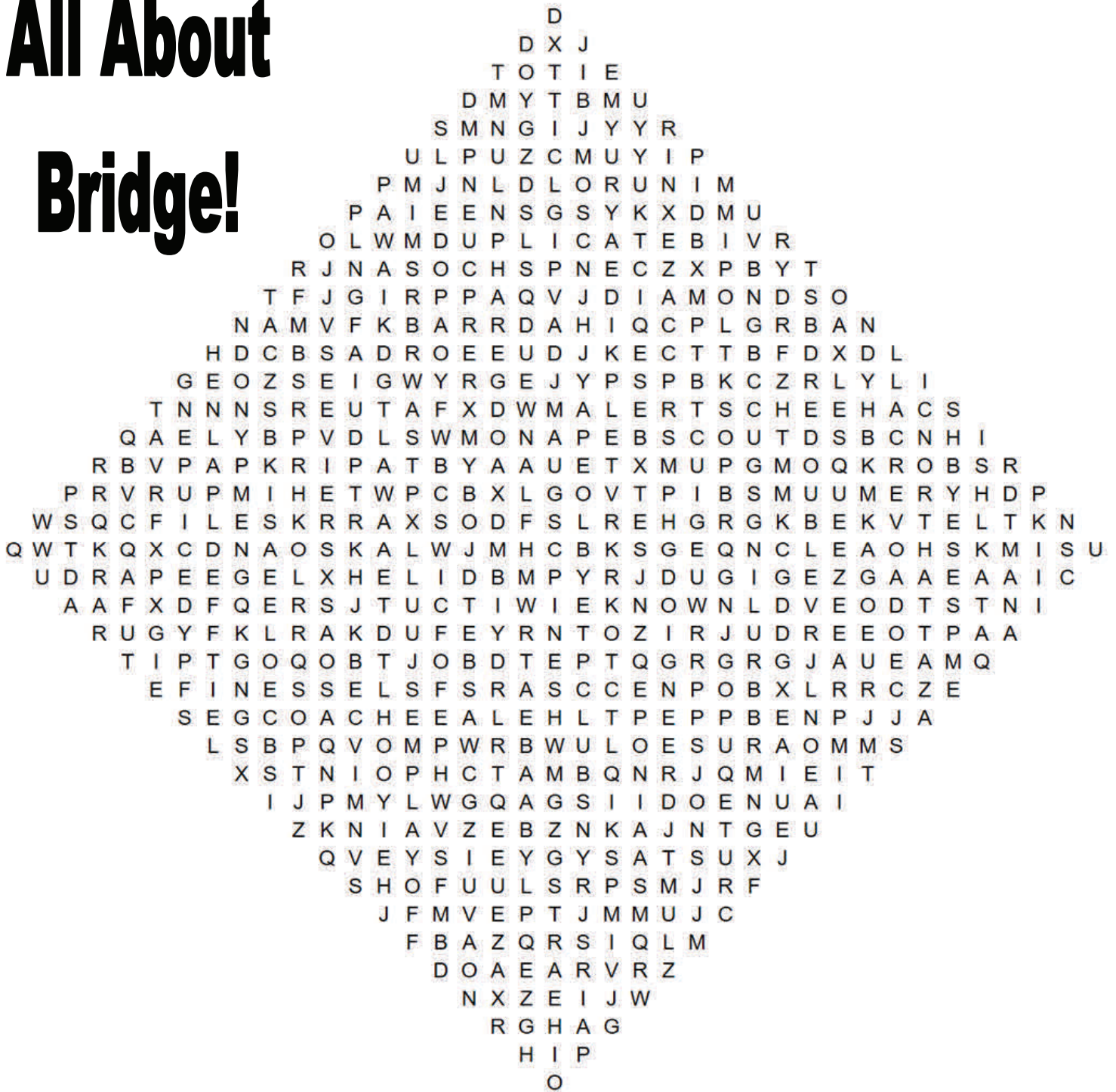
I spilled my drink in one fluid motion.

When the two magicians liked each other on their first date, it was love at first slight.

Eating like a pig is a porcine of etiquette.



All About Bridge!



The Words:

ALERT
APPEALS
BID
BREAK ROUND
BRIDGE
BYES
CADDY
CAPTAIN
CLUBS
COACH
COMMITTEES

COUPE
DEALER
DECLARER
DIAMONDS
DIRECTOR
DUPLICATE
EAST
FINESSE
GAME
HEARTS
HOSPITALITY
IMPS
19 MASTERPOINTS

MATCHPOINTS
NORTH
NOTRUMP
OPENINGLEAD
OVERCALL
PAIRS
PARTNERSHIP
PLAYER
PLAYOFF
PREEMPT
REDOUBLE
RESPONDER
ROUND ROBIN

RULINGS
SKIP
SLAM
SOUTH
SPADES
SQUEEZE
SUPPORT
TEAMS
TOURNAMENTS
USBC
VUGRAPH
VULNERABLE
WEST

Practice in the Afternoon...

Board 19

Meltzer
 ♠ 9654
 ♥ KJ86
 ♦ J10
 ♣ 743

Pepsi
 ♠ 82
 ♥ A10742
 ♦ 9874
 ♣ K8

Blas
 ♠ A1073
 ♥ Q
 ♦ AQ65
 ♣ AQ105

Demirev
 ♠ KQJ
 ♥ 953
 ♦ K32
 ♣ J962

NS: 0
EW: 0

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT			

Before the Championships, many pairs practice online on BBO. They hope to have good opponents to simulate actual conditions at the USBC. Here, we see Meltzer and Demirev practicing against Pepsi and Joseph Blas on April 17.

Board 19 was interesting.

Demirev started with SK. Blas ducked and Demirev found the best shift for his side... a heart! The five of hearts drew the deuce from dummy, the king from Meltzer and the queen from Blas.

Meltzer knew from the lead that her partner had a spade entry to put through another heart. Accordingly, she returned a low spade. Blas rose with his ace and played a club to the king. He finessed the DQ, Demirev ducking. Blas cashed the DA and led a small diamond to Demirev's king.

Demirev returned the H9, won by the ace in dummy, Blas pitching the S7.

Blas played the D9 off dummy. Meltzer discarded the C7. Blas followed ... and poor Demirev was helpless.

The position:

Demirev couldn't throw the SJ or the ten would be a winner. He couldn't throw the H3 or he wouldn't have a heart to put through the T7. He couldn't throw a club because declarer's long club would turn good.

At the table, Demirev threw the C2. Blas collected one spade, one heart, three diamonds, and four clubs for nine tricks.

Well bid, well defended and well played.

Timing was everything and Blas timed it perfectly ... 6.5 IMPs for East/West.

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15th World Bridge Series

The **World Bridge Series** is an incredibly exciting and challenging tournament, with many different Championships available to participants.

It is made even more interesting due to the fact that all the events are transnational, so that players from across the world, from different National Bridge Organisations, can come together as team-mates or in partnership to compete.

The venue is the magnificent Marriott Orlando World, where we have obtained special rates for all participants – please see below for how to make your reservation.

There are several restaurants and lounges within the complex, and excellent amenities that we feel sure you will enjoy ... and if you are bringing the family there is even a shuttle service to Walt Disney World®! Orlando is, of course, a very well-known and popular resort, with plenty to see and do in the area. It's not all Disney – there is the Epcot Centre and Universal Studio as well as other museums and galleries. For the golfers among you there are golf courses, and there are several parks and lakes to enjoy.

The **Opening Ceremony** will be held on Friday 21st September.

The following is the outline schedule of the main events. A full detailed schedule will be published here in due course.

The first events are the **Open, Women's** and **Senior** Teams Championships: the Rosenblum Open Teams will start on Saturday 22nd September, the McConnell Women's Teams and the Rand Senior Teams start a day later on Sunday 23rd September.

The Teams Championships are followed by the **Open, Women's**, and **Senior Pairs** – the Open Pairs starts on Monday 24th September, the Women's and Seniors on Tuesday 25th September. Players eliminated from the KO stages of the Teams, up to and including the semi-finals, will be able to drop into the Pairs events, following the regulations that will be specified in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the Championships which will be published here in due course.

The **Mixed Teams** will start on Monday 1st October and the **Mixed Pairs** on Wednesday 3rd October. Players eliminated from the KO stages of the Teams, not including the semi-finals, will be able to drop into the Pairs events, following the regulations that will be specified in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the Championships which will be published here in due course.

Junior Players will also be able to enter the **Youth Triathlon** event starting on Saturday 22nd September. In addition there will be the **Joan Gerard Cup** – a pairs event – starting on Saturday 29th September, a **Seniors Triathlon** starting on Monday 1st October, as well as a **Short Track Pairs** starting on Friday 28th September and an IMP Pairs starting in the morning of Friday 5th October.

The Prize-Giving and the Closing Ceremony will close the event on Saturday 6th October.

Alongside all these tournaments there will be a number of other WBF events of one or two days (pairs or swiss) available for those wishing to participate in shorter tournaments. Details of these will be announced on the website in due course.

Players in good standing with their National Bridge Organisations are eligible to compete in any of these events, providing of course they meet all the WBF Eligibility requirements (including those relating to the ages of Senior or Youth players).

Registration must be made through the WBF Website.

We look forward to welcoming many players to Orlando where we are sure it will be an enormously successful Championship!



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Meet the Players

Hemant Lall (born 1951 India) is an American bridge player from Nottingham and Dallas, Texas. Heralding from Dallas, Hemant is a "local" here in Texas. He has a great bridge playing family including son Justin, a champion in his own right.

Taken from Wikipedia, Hemant's Bridge accomplishments:

Wins

North American Bridge Championships

von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 1992

- Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match 2011
- Grand National Teams 2006
- Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 2003, 2005
- Spingold 2007

Runners-up

- North American Bridge Championships
 - von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 2009
 - Rockwell Mixed Pairs 1980
 - Nail Life Master Open Pairs 2009
 - Keohane North American Swiss Teams 2009
 - Spingold 1993



Every day, we will feature a bio or two on one or more of the players...

For today, we feature Hemant Lall. Hemant and his son, Justin, are playing on the Petra Hamman team, along with Reese Milner, Zia, Kevin Bathurst & Pepsi

Good luck everyone!

FANTASY BRACKET ... All You Need to Know...

BridgeWinners will be running a Fantasy Bracket for the 2018 USBC.

Because the NABC Knockout events, for which the BW Fantasy Bracket is designed, start with the round of 64, this year's USBC Fantasy Bracket will also start with the Round of 64, in which there will be 14 "real" teams and 50 fake teams (probably they will be called Bye followed by a number for their bracket position).

The results of the first two rounds will be that the "real" teams beat the "Bye" teams, which will get to the Round of 16 where there will be 12 real teams playing each other and Fleisher and Nickell beating Bye 16 and Bye 15.

The easiest way to get started completing your bracket will be to choose the "Favorites Bracket" - that will do the first two round correctly, as well as the Fleisher and Nickell matches in the Round of 16. You can then change the results for the real matches in the Round of 16, Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final to what you think will happen. Next year we hope we'll have a Fantasy Bracket starting with the Round of 16, but this year we didn't have time to create one and so we're using this workaround.

The Fantasy Bracket winner will win the right to play an online match against the winner of the USBC, or to go to a "team dinner" with the USBC winner at a future NABC - your choice!

