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United States Bridge Championship 2018 Round Robin

Team Name	Total	5	9	10	4	7	15	11	14	16	19	12	8	17	21	13	6	20	18
5. Borker	116.65		6.10				16.89			14.25		16.64		13.90		9.50		20.00	19.37
9. Fireman	112.98	13.90			13.53			12.75		19.65	16.89				20.00	3.11		13.15	
10. Robinson	109.42				16.64		10.99		12.75		10.99	17.79			4.76		17.12	18.38	
4. Lall	99.36		6.47	3.36		15.83	19.22	11.90		10.00		17.99	14.59						
7. Mahaffey	91.80				4.17		15.24	17.58	10.50						5.41	11.46		15.54	11.90
15. Juster	91.11	3.11		9.01	.78	4.76								15.24	20.00	19.65	18.56		
11. Meltzer	89.91		7.25		8.10	2.42					17.35			16.11	16.38		16.89		5.41
14. Lo	82.92			7.25		9.50				4.46	5.75		17.58				10.50	9.50	18.38
16. Doub	81.59	5.75	.35		10.00				15.54				6.47		10.99		16.11		16.38
19. Schireson	72.53		3.11	9.01				2.65	14.25				14.59	6.47		10.99	11.46		
12. Harris	70.61	3.36		2.21	2.01								13.15	6.85	12.33			14.59	16.11
8. Gupta	69.44				5.41				2.42	13.53	5.41	6.85		16.89	1.81	17.12			
17. Molson	68.32	6.10					4.76	3.89			13.53	13.15	3.11			15.24	8.54		
21. Cohen	68.32		0.00	15.24		14.59	0.00	3.62	9.01			7.67	18.19						
13. Ozdil	68.17	10.50	16.89			8.54	.35				9.01		2.88	4.76				15.24	
6. Morris	54.35			2.88		1.44	3.11	9.50	3.89	8.54				11.46					13.53
20. Reynolds	47.13	0.00	6.85	1.62		4.46			10.50			5.41				4.76			13.53
18. Lewis	45.39	.63				8.10		14.59	1.62	3.62		3.89					6.47	6.47	

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# “Trials” and Tribulations

Atheists don't solve exponential equations because they don't believe in higher powers.

I couldn't quite remember how to throw a boomerang, but eventually it came back to me.

The other day I held the door open for a clown. I thought it was a nice jester.

Police were called to a daycare where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Never discuss infinity with a mathematician, they can go on about it forever.

The shoemaker did not deny his apprentice anything he needed. He gave his awl.

The one who invented the door knocker got a No-bell prize.

Something about subtraction just doesn't add up.

I'm glad I know sign language, it's pretty handy.

What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing - but it let out a little whine.

Smaller babies may be delivered by stork but the heavier ones need a crane.

## "Pun"ishment

# 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	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

**WHAT DID THE BALD MAN  
EXCLAIM WHEN HE RECEIVED  
A COMB FOR A PRESENT?**

**THANKS— I'LL  
NEVER PART WITH IT!**

**WHY SHOULD THE NUMBER  
288 NEVER BE MENTIONED?**

**IT'S TWO GROSS.**

**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN A CAT AND  
A COMMA?**

**A CAT HAS CLAWS AT THE END  
OF PAWS; A COMMA IS A PAUSE  
AT THE END OF A CLAUSE.**

**Risk comes from  
not knowing  
what you're  
doing.**

# 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			
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

## Hospitality Information...

The hospitality suite for the 2018 USBC will be in room 1068-70. Our wonderful hostesses, Lisa Berkowitz and Martha Katz have made the "trek" to Houston to welcome you to the Suite. They will be joined by 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.

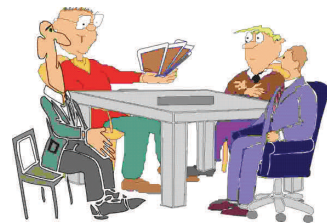
On Friday and Saturday, we will be serving a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. More details about that after we work them out with the hotel.



# 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			



## 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

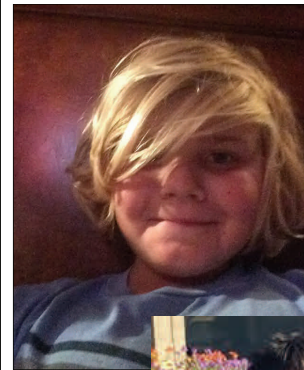
After each match, you must turn in a form showing your score (in IMPs) for the match; please enter the IMPs for each team, not the net IMPs. If you have time to confirm the score with your opponent before submitting it, please do so. If you don't have time, turn the score in anyway. Write your lineup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

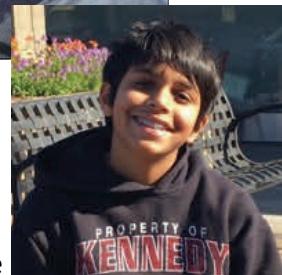
The final 3 matches on Saturday will have the Closed Room sequestered. One pair on your team must play all 3 matches in the Closed Room. No score comparison is allowed during the 3-match clump. You cannot choose which pair will sit in which direction for these 3 matches - you must designate which pair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

Board 15 D	<b>N</b> Finn Kolesnik ♠ QJ532 ♥ A8643 ♦ A52 ♣ A52	West   North   East   South Pass 1♥ 1♠ 3♦ Pass 4♠ Dbl 5♦ Pass 6♦ Pass Pass Pass
<b>W</b> Calix Tang ♠ 10753 ♥ K109 ♦ 97 ♣ Q984	<b>E</b> Ethan Xie ♠ AQJ864 ♥ 764 ♦ ♣ KJ63	
	<b>S</b> Aman Desai ♠ K92 ♥ A8 ♦ KQJ1052 ♣ 107	6♦ South   NS 0 EW 0



**Finn**



**Aman**

Michael Rosenberg of the Borker Team runs a highly successful Junior Training Program for the USBF. The many enthusiastic participants ranging in age from roughly 12 to 26 play under direction of mentors on Sunday and Monday nights. The hand above was played in one of the younger groups last Sunday. Finn Kolesnik, son of Alex Kolesnik of the Lo Team, 14 years old was North. His partner, Aman Desai, 15, was South.

Finn and Aman had a good auction to reach 6D. Finn's 4S bid was a splinter in support of diamonds, and Ethan's Double was explained as lead directing. Without a club lead, 6D is easy. On a club lead, the HK would need to rest with East. After the spade overcall, it was highly unlikely anything but a spade would be led... even without the lead directing double.

As expected, Calix led a spade. Aman ruffed in dummy, played a diamond to the king, ruffed another spade, played another diamond to the queen, ruffed the last spade, played the HA and a heart and claimed 10 tricks when Calix won his HK.

Kolesnik/Desai won 11.8 IMPs from the IMP Pairs field.

Tang/Xie would have been pleased had they taken the 6S save. It is likely to go down three on a diamond lead.

In point of fact, the best defensive score against slam or game either way would be generated with the lead of a club. The hand was played 16 times, four times in 3NT, four times in spades, eight times in diamonds, and no opening leader found the club lead. Against spades, the club lead from South would need to be ducked so when South wins his SK, he could get to his partner for the ruff. Against 3NT, the club lead sets up three clubs, a heart and a spade for down one. And, last but not least, against diamonds, a club lead sets up a club trick which combined with the HK defeats the slam.

Knowing Finn as I do from playing him at the Philly NABC where he scored well in the IMP Pairs with Daniel Sonner, Alex must be very proud of his son.

**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.**



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

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

# Excrutiating Sudoku

**WHAT DO YOU CALL  
A PARADE OF RABBITS  
HOPPING BACKWARDS?**

**A RECEDING HARE-LINE.**

**WHY DON'T CALCULUS  
MAJORS THROW HOUSE  
PARTIES?**

**BECAUSE YOU SHOULD  
NEVER DRINK AND DERIVE.**

**WHAT DOES CHARLES  
DICKENS KEEP IN HIS  
SPICE RACK?**

**THE BEST OF THYMES,  
THE WORST OF THYMES.**

## Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

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

# Puzzle Page ...

	Manning	Park	Pennant	Stewart	Sullivan	bicycle	bus	car	subway	walking	20 min	25 min	30 min	35 min	40 min	
Chris																
Clyde																
David																
Earl																
Ed																
20 min																
25 min																
30 min																
35 min																
40 min																
bicycle																
bus																
car																
subway																
walking																

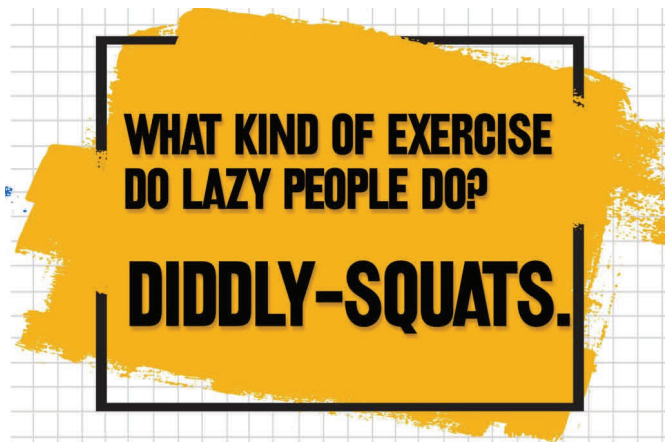
First Name	Last Name	Mode of Transportation	Time to Arrive
Chris			
Clyde			
David			
Earl			
Ed			

-----	Manning	bicycle	20 min
-----	Park	bus	25 min
-----	Pennant	car	30 min

Five roommates met last Wednesday to celebrate Louis' birthday, another mutual friend. During the birthday festivities, the roommates ended up in a cheerful debate about how best to travel in the traffic-clogged city. While many creative suggestions were offered by other birthday guests, the roommates decided to try a little test on their way home that evening. Each would use a different mode of transportation to get back home. Since their departure and arrival destinations were the same, it would be a good test of actual transportation times. Determine the full name of each roommate, the mode of transportation each chose for the return trip home, and how long it took each of them to arrive (20 to 40 minutes).

1. Ed didn't use the bus. Mr. Sullivan's first name was Chris.
2. Mr. Manning spent ten minutes longer to arrive home than it took Clyde but he was back five minutes faster than the roommate who took the bus.
3. The roommate who walked spent 20 minutes getting home. Earl came home in a car.
4. David didn't use the subway to get home but he arrived five minutes before Mr. Park, whose first name wasn't Ed.
5. Mr. Stewart arrived home in 30 minutes.
6. The roommate who used a bicycle returned ten minutes earlier than Earl but his last name wasn't Pennant.

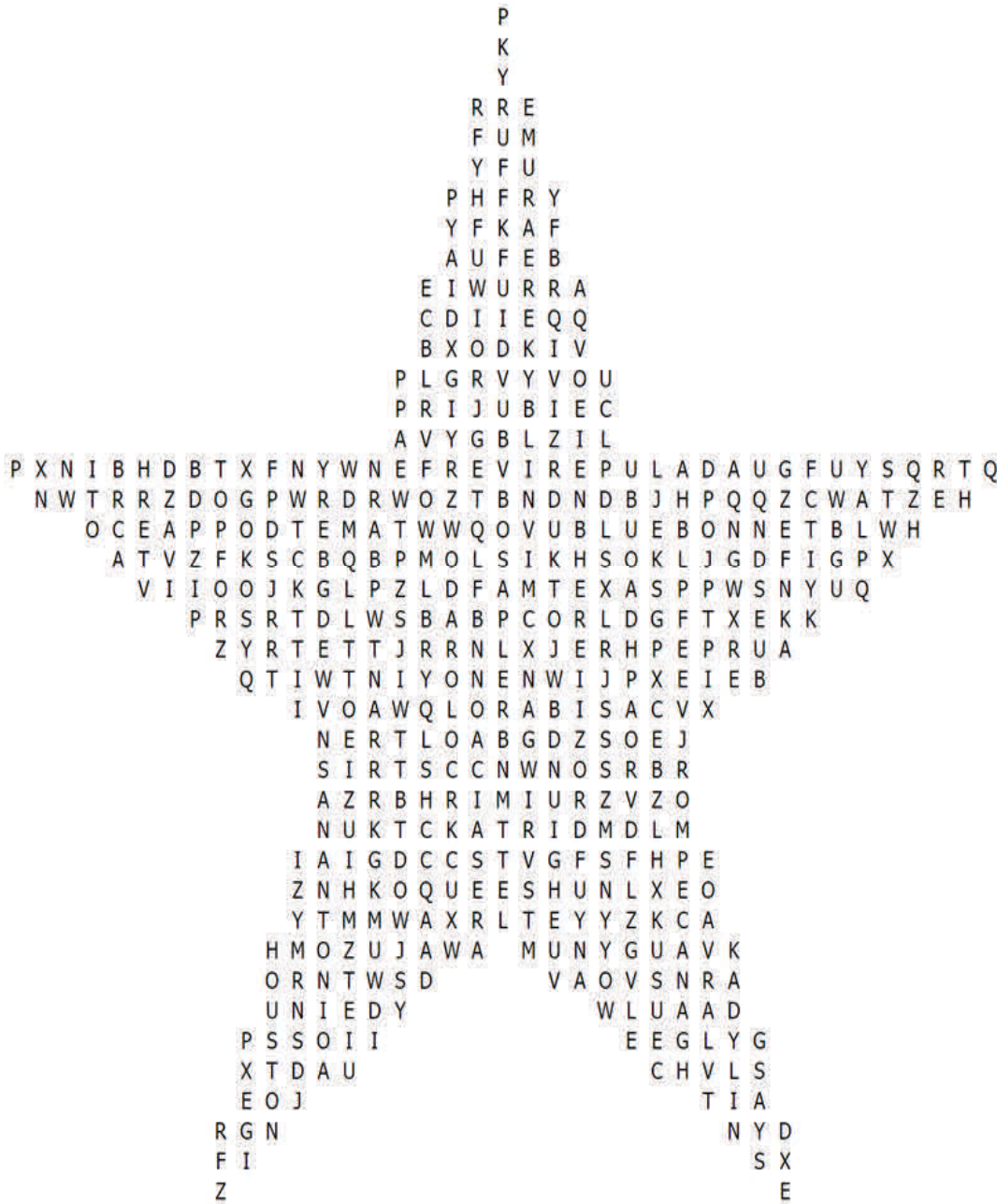
**Answer  
on  
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# Texas

## Texas Word Search Puzzle



### WORD LIST:

AUSTIN  
 BLUEBONNET  
 BRAZOS RIVER  
 COLORADO  
 DALLAS  
 EL PASO  
 FORT WORTH  
 GUADALUPE RIVER  
 HOUSTON  
 MOCKINGBIRD  
 PECAN  
 PECOS RIVER  
 RED RIVER  
 RIO GRANDE  
 SABINE RIVER  
 SAN ANTONIO  
 TEXAS  
 TEXAS OUR TEXAS  
 THE LONE STAR STATE  
 TRINITY RIVER  
 TX

## Answer to Puzzle on Page 7

30 min	subway	Stewart	Ed
35 min	car	Manning	Earl
20 min	walking	Pennant	David
25 min	bicycle	Park	Clyde
40 min	bus	Sullivan	Chris
Time to Arrive	Mode of Transportation	Last Name	First Name



# Meet the Players



Bridge accomplishments

## Awards

**Fishbein Trophy 2000**

## Wins

Bermuda Bowl 2001

North American Bridge Championships

Grand National Teams 2003<sup>1</sup>

Senior Knockout Teams 2011

Keohane North American Swiss Teams 2013

Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 2001

Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 2001

Spingold 2000

## Runners-up

### North American Bridge Championships

Grand National Teams 2000, 2001

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 2000<sup>1</sup>

Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 2004

Spingold 2003, 2009, 2010

**Rose Meltzer** has an amazing list of accomplishments in the bridge world. She achieved her many championships with a variety of players, always carrying her share of the load. For a woman player, her success is amazing. In addition to being a formidable opponent, she is a kind, ethical, and warm person.

**Nikolay Demirev** is an American bridge player living in the northwestern suburbs of Chicago. Originally from Bulgaria, Nick's wife, Darina, is also an excellent player. When the Championships are held in the Schaumburg, IL, area, you can even catch a glimpse of Nick's adorable daughter!

Bridge accomplishments

## Wins

### North American Bridge Championships

North American Pairs 2005

Lebhar IMP Pairs 2004, 2009

Nail Life Master Open Pairs 2008

Wernher Open Pairs 2009

## Runners-up

### North American Bridge Championships

North American Pairs 2010

von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 2009



Darina and Beni... As Nick points out on FB, Beni was the best dancer in the cast!!



# Preparing for the Championships...

<b>Board 2</b>		<b>N</b> Martel	
		♠ K84	
		♥ J986	
		♦ 94	
		♣ 10532	
<b>W</b> Hampson			<b>E</b> Greco
♠ 3			♠ AJ76
♥ 42			♥ AKQ107
♦ AK107532			♦ QJ
♣ QJ6		<b>S</b> mfleisher	♣ A9
		♠ Q10952	
		♥ 53	
		♦ 86	
		♣ K874	
			7♦ East
			NS 0 EW 0

While the teams in Houston were playing in the Round Robin yesterday, the Fleisher team was at work on BBO, practicing against one another.

On Board 2 of their IMP Pairs match, Hampson and Greco had a good strong club auction to arrive in the diamond grand slam.

West	North	East	South
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

- 1C=16+
- 1H=8-11 any shape, GF, denies 5+spades
- 2NT=22-23 HCP
- 3S=minor suit Stayman
- 4H=RKC in diamonds
- 4S=3
- 4NT=queen ask
- 5H=HK and DQ

No one else bid the grand slam. Hampson/Greco won 14.3 IMPs on the board. No wonder they have a big bye!

## The Mixed Teams will join the World Bridge Teams Championships

By WBF In Archive, Event update, News On 16th March 2018

The Executive Council of the WBF at its meeting held in Philadelphia from 9/11 March 2018 unanimously agreed that, starting from 2019 a Mixed Teams Championship should be added alongside the Open (Bermuda Bowl), Women's (Venice Cup) and Seniors (d'Orsi Trophy) at the World Bridge Teams Championships. The Zonal Conferences will hold qualifying Championships/Trials as they do for the other categories.

At the same meeting the Executive Council, on the proposal of the President, approved with two abstentions that the number of teams participating in the World Bridge Teams Championships should be raised from 22 to 24 in each category, by giving Europe an additional two places: the duration of the championship will not change, being 8 days of round robin and 6 days of KO (Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final) played as 96 board matches.

## A Lesson in Negativity...

S Deals	♠ J1092		
E-W Vul	♥ 1064		3
	♦ 1064		
	♣ K84		
♠ A843		♠ KQ7	
♥ J32		♥ AK7	
♦ Q75		♦ J82	
♣ J97		♣ 10532	
	♠ 65		
4	♥ Q985		
8 13	♦ AK93		
15	♣ AQ6		
E 1♠; NS 1♥; NS 1♦;			
EW 1♣; Par -80			

Board 3 from the evening session yesterday is a sad, sad hand. E can make 1S. N/S can make one of either red suit. E/W can make 1C. Whoever buys the hand is destined to go down on good defense.

And poor South... a flat 15 count and no one can make 1NT! Certainly, that's the most likely contract one way or the other.

The law of total tricks says that the total number of tricks available on a hand is equal to the sum of the longest suits held by the two sides. This hand is a perfect example... and frequently, the number of tricks that a side can take is exactly equal to the length of its trump suit.

Here, N/S has two seven cards fits and can make one of either suit.

E/W have two seven card fits and can make one of either of those suits.

Similarly, both sides have two six card fits and can take six tricks in either of those fits.

It's a Larry Cohen Special!!

My job at the concrete plant seems to get harder and harder.

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was a nurse said 'No change yet'.

Is old rope good enough for a hanging? Frayed knot. That stuff is bad noose.


The first time I used an elevator it was really uplifting, then it let me down.

The roundest knight at king Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.

## A Little About the First Set...

The Team Championships got off to an exciting start. In the Round Robin, every other board of the first six board set, starting with Board one was a slam. How often do you see that?

Boards 1,3, and 5 were slams.

 <p>1st Friday 3:45 PM May 11, 2018 2018 Open United States Bridge Championship - Houston, TX</p>		<p>N Deals None Vul</p> <p>♠ 1082 ♥ 86 ♦ J109 ♣ A9875</p> <p>1</p>	<p>E Deals N-S Vul</p> <p>♠ 842 ♥ J963 ♦ K102 ♣ 1096</p> <p>2</p>	
<p>Set 1805077-05-11-1545(217241) Printed using BridgeComposer (<a href="http://bridgecomposer.com">http://bridgecomposer.com</a>) Page 1</p>		<p>♠ J53 ♥ AKQ542 ♦ A7 ♣ 64</p> <p>5 14 16 5</p> <p>♠ 96 ♥ J103 ♦ Q8632 ♣ Q102</p> <p>♠ AKQ74 ♥ 97 ♦ K54 ♣ KJ3</p>	<p>♠ Q5 ♥ A72 ♦ J875 ♣ 8543</p> <p>4 7 15 14</p> <p>♠ A97 ♥ KQ108 ♦ A63 ♣ J72</p> <p>♠ KJ1063 ♥ 54 ♦ Q94 ♣ AKQ</p>	
<p>S Deals E-W Vul</p> <p>♠ KQ92 ♥ 10972 ♦ K7 ♣ 1076</p> <p>3</p>		<p>W Deals Both Vul</p> <p>♠ KQ109 ♥ 43 ♦ K106 ♣ KJ64</p> <p>4</p>	<p>N Deals N-S Vul</p> <p>♠ 5 ♥ AKQ9843 ♦ 1032 ♣ J9</p> <p>5</p>	<p>E Deals E-W Vul</p> <p>♠ KJ7 ♥ J94 ♦ 9643 ♣ Q92</p> <p>6</p>
<p>♠ 7 ♥ KQ63 ♦ 653 ♣ AJ952</p> <p>8 10 5 17</p> <p>♠ 643 ♥ J854 ♦ Q94 ♣ Q43</p> <p>♠ AJ1085 ♥ A ♦ AJ1082 ♣ K8</p> <p>S 6♠; S 5N; N 5♠; N 4N; NS 5♦; S 1♥; Par +980</p>	<p>♠ A532 ♥ 9 ♦ AJ954 ♣ 953</p> <p>12 9 8 11</p> <p>♠ 876 ♥ AK10876 ♦ 83 ♣ A10</p> <p>NS 4♥; NS 3♠; NS 2N; NS 2♣; NS 1♦; Par +620</p>	<p>♠ AJ743 ♥ 75 ♦ 75 ♣ K1062</p> <p>10 8 8 14</p> <p>♠ 862 ♥ 2 ♦ AKQJ8 ♣ A743</p> <p>NS 6♥; NS 6♦; NS 2N; EW 2♠; NS 1♣; Par +800; EW 6♠x-4</p>	<p>♠ AQ8 ♥ Q1075 ♦ AK85 ♣ 43</p> <p>7 15 8 10</p> <p>♠ 953 ♥ K83 ♦ 107 ♣ AK1076</p> <p>EW 2♥; EW 2♦; NS 2♣; EW 1♠; Par -100; NS 3♣x-1</p>	

It's a lengthy article on Japanese Sword Fighters but I can Samurais it for you.

What is the difference between a nicely dressed man on a tricycle and a poorly dressed man on a bicycle? A tire.

I don't know if I just got hit by freezing rain, but it hurt like hail.

The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.  
A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.

My friend's bakery burned down last night. Now his business is toast.

The store keeps calling me to come back and buy more bedroom furniture, but all I really wanted was one night stand.

What do dogs do after they finish obedience school? They get their masters.

Need an ark to save two of every animal? I noah guy.