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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

Round of 16...

#	TEAM	TOTAL	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4
3	Rosenthal	88	12	22	23	31
14	Schireson	91	35	22	19	15
4	Lall	151	30	31	42	48
13	Molson	77	7	24	16	30
5	Morris	125	44	47	16	18
12	Lo	78	16	27	6	29
6	Borker	101	40	21	27	13
11	Juster	137	15	44	30	48
7	Mahaffey	93	32	2	24	35
10	Meltzer	142	27	20	46	49
8	Robinson	99	33	23	28	15
9	Fireman	139	33	55	12	39

John Sutherlin, 1936-2018, was a great bridge player and a wonderful gentleman. He and his wife, Peggy, of Dallas, TX, were the ACBL Honorary Members of the Year in 2008. He won the World Senior Teams in 2000. John served as ACBL National Recorder from 1986-1996. In 2015, he worked tirelessly for the ACBL behind the scenes to analyze hands from tournaments around the world to assist in catching the cheaters.

John never said no. He did whatever he could to make the game better. He is missed at these Championships and he will be missed for years to come.

Fishbein Trophy 1993

Mott-Smith Trophy 1990

Wins

North American Bridge Championships
 von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 1993
 Nail Life Master Open Pairs 1995
 Grand National Teams 2006
 Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1990
 Truscott Senior Swiss Teams 2013
 Vanderbilt 1990, 1993
 Senior Knockout Teams 1994, 2003
 Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1983
 Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 1976
 Spingold 1981

Runners-up

World Mixed Pairs 1982
 North American Bridge Championships
 Rockwell Mixed Pairs 1962, 1994
 Blue Ribbon Pairs 1999
 Grand National Teams 1998
 Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1991
 Truscott Senior Swiss Teams 2001, 2005
 Vanderbilt 1985
 Senior Knockout Teams 2010
 Keohane North American Swiss Teams 1982, 1996
 Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1967, 1997
 Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 2005



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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
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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	Hemant Lall Kevin Bathurst
	Zia Mahmood	Jacek Pszczola
Borker	Jay Borker, Capt Roger Lee	Michael Rosenberg Daniel Korbel
Morris	Michael Levine Mike Passell	Eddie Wold Marc Jacobus
	Greg Hinze	David Grainger
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt John Schermer	Sam Lev Neil Chambers
	Billy Cohen	Gary Cohler
Gupta	Vinita Gupta, Capt Huub Bertens	Billy Miller Ron Smith
	Oren Kriegel	
Fireman	Paul Fireman, Capt John Kranyak	Gavin Wolpert Vincent Demuy
	Joel Wooldridge	John Hurd
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Bart Bramley	Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey
	Mark Feldman	Ross Grabel
Meltzer	Rose Meltzer, Capt Steve Garner	Nik Demirev Owen Lien
	Kevin Dwyer	Shan Huang
Harris	Martin Harris, Capt Matthew Granovetter	Jacob Morgan Pam Granovetter
	Miriam Harris-Botzum	John Botzum
Ozdil	Melih Ozdil, Capt Drew Casen	Brian Glubok Jim Krekorian
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Alex Kolesnik	William Pettis Bob Etter
	Ira Hessel	Dan Morse
Juster	Jeffrey Juster Adam Grossack	Franklin Merblum Zachary Grossack
	Howard Weinstein	Adam Wildavsky
Doub	Doug Doub, Capt Karen McCallum	John Stiefel Geoffrey Brod
	Vic King	
Molson	Janice Seamon-Molson, Capt Kerri Sanborn	Tobi Sokolow Stephen Sanborn
	Beth Palmer	Sylvia Shi
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Danny Sprung	Linda Lewis JoAnn Sprung
	Robert Cappelli	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

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

Motivation is the art of getting people to do what you want them to do because they want to do it.
Dwight D. Eisenhower



Mirror, Mirror On the Wall
Is the Club Jack gonna fall?
If it does, I'll make my grand.
If not, it's just another hand!

Off and Running...

1

Watson
 ♠AQ84
 ♥5
 ♦932
 ♣K8765

Berkowitz
 ♠KJ72
 ♥KJ9
 ♦1086
 ♣A109

Hamman
 ♠109653
 ♥107
 ♦QJ5
 ♣J43

Joel
 ♠
 ♥AQ86432
 ♦AK74
 ♣Q2

NS: 0
 EW: 0

Berkowitz	Watson	Hamman	Joel
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Board 1 created 10 IMP swings in both the Rosenthal/Schireson match and the Lall/Molson match. Both teams bid to 4H by South.

Both Berkowitz and Sokolow led small spades and both declarers played the queen from dummy, pitching small diamonds. The declarers lost only two hearts and one club.

In the other room of these matches, both Wests led diamonds. This resulted in these declarers losing two hearts, one club AND one diamond for down one!

In Rosenthal/Schireson, Watson may have responded 1NT to Joel's 1H because they play Flannery. Had Will shown spades, it is unlikely Berkowitz would have led that suit.

In the Lall/Molson match, Tobey made a flat hand takeout double. When Pepsi didn't bid his spades and Molson did, a spade lead became automatic.

In the Morris/Lo match, both tables reached 4H. Grainger/Hinze, declared from North after a strong club auction. Kolesnik, East, made the natural lead of the DQ to defeat the hand easily.

In the other room of this match, Hessel, South, opened 1H and Morse responded 1S. Hessel bid 3H, Morse bid 3NT, and Hessel bid 4D. Morse bid 4H. Passell led the CA from the unbid suit.

Passell continued clubs at trick two. Hessel won the king, cashed the SA, pitching a diamond, and hoped for a favorable trump lie. At both tables, declarer was left with four losers.

Push board!

Sokolow	Pepsi	Molson	Zia
	Pass	Pass	1H
Double	Pass	1S	4H
All Pass			

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.



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Watson
 ♠AK3
 ♥AK2
 ♦A5432
 ♣93

Berkowitz
 ♠J4
 ♥10976543
 ♦96
 ♣107

Hamman
 ♠Q65
 ♥QJ
 ♦KJ107
 ♣KJ64

Joel
 ♠109872
 ♥8
 ♦Q8
 ♣AQ852

NS: 0
 EW: 0

Berkowitz	Watson	Hamman	Joel
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Board 5 in the Rosenthal/Schireson match produced a 12 IMP swing for Schireson.

Watson/Joel reached 4S on their 8-card fit. Berkowitz led the CT to Joel's queen. Joel cashed the CA and led a spade to dummy's ace and king. She cashed the HA and HK and pitched the D8. The H2 was ruffed; the C2 was ruffed, Berkowitz tossing a heart. Joel played the DA and ruffed a diamond. She claimed 10 tricks for +620.

In the other room, Ginossar opened 1C... either natural or balanced 11-14 or 17-19. 1H was a transfer to spades. Schireson muddied the waters with his 3H preempt, and Ginossar realized that if NT was the right strain, he had to bid it now. He bid 3NT and played it there.

Debbie Rosenberg led the HQ, ducked, and continued with the HJ. Ginossar won his king and led a small diamond toward the queen. Debbie hopped with the king and played the C6 to the 5, T, 9. Having no entries, Schireson knew it was futile to continue hearts.

He switched to the SJ. Ginossar won his ace, played a diamond to the queen and a spade to his king. He cashed the HA, Rosenberg contributing the CJ! Ginossar tossed the C8 from dummy and Schireson followed. The S3 was led, Debbie winning her queen. She exited with the C4.

Maybe the clever order of Rosenberg's club plays made it look like Schireson started with the CKT doubleton. Backing up this thinking, Ginossar rose with dummy's CA and emerged one trick short for his game. Had it worked, it would have looked brilliant. As it was, it was simply frustrating.

Schireson	Ginossar	D Rosenberg	Willenken
	1C	Pass	1H
3H	3NT	All Pass	

When the first segment ended, it was interesting... All the small swings went to Rosenthal... but all the big swings went to Schireson.



Tobey Sokolow
 And
 Janice Molson

The Rest of the Field

More Players...

USBC Houston, Texas

BITTERMAN
 BOTZUM
 BROD
 CAPPELLI
 CASEN
 COHEN
 DEMIREV
 DINKIN
 DOUB
 DWYER
 EINBERG
 ETTER
 GARNER
 GLICKMAN
 GLUBOK
 GRANOVETTER
 GROSSACK
 HALL
 HARRIS
 HESSEL
 HUANG
 JOEL
 JUSTER
 KERR
 KING
 KOLESNIK
 KREKORIAN
 LEWIS
 LIEN
 LO
 MCCALLUM
 MELTZER
 MERBLUM
 MOLSON
 MORGAN
 MORSE
 OZDIL
 PALMER
 PELKA
 PETTIS
 REYNOLDS
 ROSENBERG
 SANBORN
 SCHIRESON
 SHI
 SOKOLOV
 SPRUNG
 STCLAIR
 STIEFEL
 WATSON
 WEINSTEIN
 WILDAVSKY

J V P B G L U B O K D S Q A O D A H H P A A I M T K P S H R D N D S L A S E G G
 D D E O U A L P D U D E M I A G T O G U H R E T L L U S D G L P U N K S K R F Q
 Q T V B T F Q V E L I W G E L J N B U Y A K H W F D O J R S C O H E N J A U M L
 H X P I C E B B O T G H G H V L L N N B D N A K M I B Z V Z A I V J F N M A B O
 H G B Q V C R N X E T H A D Q X E L K A G U G I Q O T O Z P V P S N O C E F R Z
 N E G M K E Y D I U M I A F B E J P A G S P J E V C L J W P D I R V C L I G E D
 G P O V Z E Y N M O A G S L N M Y H P H P O Q Y J N E S P Z X P E A P E D G X I
 F V R T R N B O A W D H D W A A Y F E A E R H H W E J E O P N T L R Z N O L P L
 C Q L G M E N S N F H R K I M O P G G L C P H M I I H U P N T L F E H G U I J Q
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 K A E X K E U T Z B R R G A U B Q R A V Z A E N Q W R M V E R W E A D B E F N G
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 H N L W P L N S B G R Q T R I S G K B R T D Q D B G A V E X J A J S P E R S B H
 Y I F B U Z I E Q O L Q W E O J Y O U N P S P D U J Z D E F A I O S G P E T E O
 I J R I Q B W S O X V B F N V H U L V I O C T O H S P T R R E R H O W Z A S O O
 T G Q H S D X W Q Q G E N J V E Q E I E G E N M G Q O R S R I L T R B W S X N F
 X F J Y J B S X Q A K M O W V X U S F T L K N P V K E D A I D M C G T E R H D A
 Q X X Z O S Z T M U L B R E M O U N G S N M N E D M M W R I W H E B L S S K E T
 P B Z I H K Q S F A J W N O S A C I P N S F Y I L P F Q E A K E E D Z P J J Y P
 N M X Q R J L M N K W G C R R E K K V I F L A A N R N L W L Y C L U J Y F X N O
 P P K J V H Y D F T K A W L X L W R T E U Z P W O Y N K O N Q K Q H O S N A K U
 Y S S W M Z S V P B C R C M G O Z O M W S F L I S X R T W N J Y T H B E K D S B
 F N G F I H Q Q M F E O Q W F Q D N W Y A X L D V D K R E K O R I A N Q J H N X
 F F W C D S X H D S P N Z F I V I R R T W H Q R N C Z B I T T E R M A N U T Z A
 P Q K H M I H H X Y C J N M N H H A F E Q O X O T H Y B G N T B H M C J F C K R
 B W G J H F A V E C K B Y P D Y S P G D M Z V A F F Z C E Z X E D T G K Q D R E
 A S P P X V G B P A C C B W W G A M D C F V Y W P T J S H Z B W N E S A C P M M

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.



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

Evil Sudoku



Ron Smith



Joel Wooldridge



Rose Meltzer

Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

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

Puzzle Page ...

	DeGaines	Flock	Grant	Trent	Whey	gymnastics	field hockey	soccer	swimming	tennis	12	12	13	14	14	Mrs. Booth	Mr. Harding	Mrs. Kelly	Mr. Toomey	Mr. Webb	
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Andrea																					
Elliot																					
Heather																					
Kristin																					
Mrs. Booth																					
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First Name	Last Name	Sport	Age	Coach
Adam				
Andrea				
Elliot				
Heather				
Kristin				
-----	DeGaines	gymnastics	12	Mrs. Booth
-----	Flock	field hockey	12	Mr. Harding
-----	Grant	soccer	13	Mrs. Kelly
-----	Trent	swimming	14	Mr. Toomey
-----	Whey	tennis	14	Mr. Webb

Beverly Trent was one of the neighborhood's assigned taxis this week for the kids' afternoon activities. She and several of the other mothers in their neighborhood took turns picking their kids up after school. Only one of the five she was picking up today was her child. The other four belonged to four other families. One of the other mothers was picking up two more kids from karate practice. All of them had multiple children so scheduling who picked which of the kids up where was sometimes a major challenge. Determine the full name of each child Beverly picked up today, which sport each played (one was gymnastics), the age of each child, and the name of each child's coach.

1. Mr. Toomey was Elliot's coach. The girl whose last name was Whey had Mr. Harding for a coach, but wasn't involved in swimming.
2. The two 12-year-olds were Andrea and the girl who was coached by Mr. Webb.
3. Kristin Flock played tennis but Mrs. Kelly wasn't her coach. Adam's last name wasn't Grant.
4. One boy and one girl were 14 years old; one played soccer while the other swam, in no particular order.
5. The boy whose last name was DeGaines had Mrs. Booth for a coach and he was one year younger than Heather.
6. The girl who played field hockey was Beverly's daughter.

I'm a big fan of whiteboards. I find them quite re-markable.

Q. Why was King Arthur's army too tired to fight? A. It had too many sleepless knights.

Did you hear about the semi-colon that broke the law? He was given two consecutive sentences.

Do you think glass coffins will be a success? -Remains to be seen.

Mother: (noun) One person who does the work of 20. For free

Cleaning with kids in the house is like brushing your teeth with Oreos.

Q. Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? A. Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.

I asked my French friend if she likes to play video games. She said, "Wii."

Answer to Puzzle

First Name	Last Name	Sport	Age	Coach
Kristin	Flock	tennis	12	Mr. Webb
Heather	Whey	soccer	14	Mr. Harding
Elliot	Grant	swimming	14	Mr. Toomey
Andrea	Trent	field hockey	12	Mrs. Kelly
Adam	DeGaines	gymnastics	13	Mrs. Booth

D Closed Room Board 17 Lall: 30 IMPs Molson: 7 IMPs	N Sokolow ♠ 105 ♥ Q106 ♦ 976 ♣ AKJ43	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>Milner</th> <th>Sokolow</th> <th>H Lall</th> <th>Molson</th> </tr> <tr> <th>West</th> <th>North</th> <th>East</th> <th>South</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Pass</td> <td>1♦</td> <td>2♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3♦</td> <td>3♥</td> <td>4♦</td> <td>4♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Milner	Sokolow	H Lall	Molson	West	North	East	South		Pass	1♦	2♦	3♦	3♥	4♦	4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	
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Open Room: 4♥ S -1 -50		<table border="1"> <tr> <th>Palmer</th> <th>J Lall</th> <th>Shi</th> <th>Bathurst</th> </tr> <tr> <th>West</th> <th>North</th> <th>East</th> <th>South</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1♦</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>2♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♥</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Palmer	J Lall	Shi	Bathurst	West	North	East	South		1♦	1♠	2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Palmer	J Lall	Shi	Bathurst																			
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Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥																			
Pass	Pass	Pass																				

Both tables in the Lall/Molson match played in 4H despite very different auctions. As a result, in the Closed Room, North became declarer, while in the Open Room, South won the honors.

Justin and Kevin play Precision. Their opening bids (apart from 1C) can be quite light. Justin opened the North hand 1 nebulous diamond. Shi, holding an opening hand herself, overcalled 1S on her 4-bagger. Bathurst bid 2H. He had shortness in both minors and his partner was likely to be short in spades. Lall raised to 3H and Bathurst bid the game.

At the other table, Sokolow did not consider North's 10 count an opener. She passed. H Lall opened 1D (notice the symmetry: Both father and son Lalls opened the hand 1D!) Molson bid Michaels for the majors. Milner raised diamonds on his 5-card holding; Sokolow bid 3H; Hemant bid 4D and Molson bid the game.

Palmer led the SQ... an easy choice after her partner's overcall. Beth continued spades to Shi's king and Shi cashed her DA. Eventually Palmer collected her HA for down one. Looks simple... four tricks off the top in aces and kings.

However, as is so often the case... in the other room, Hemant, wanting to protect his spade length after the Michaels bid, chose the lead of the H7. Milner had no idea Hemant held great spades, so he continued hearts! This was fatal. Sokolow won in hand with the ten, played a club to the queen, a heart to her queen, and ran clubs pitching away the losing diamond and three of dummy's spades. She lost two spades and a heart to score up her game. 10 IMPs Molson

The USBF Board of Directors has approved the following teams who will represent USBF at the 2018 World Junior Championships in China this August: For the Patiño Cup (Players Under Age 26): USA1 Zach Grossack-Oren Kriegel, Christian Jolly-Adam Kaplan, Ben Kristensen-Kevin Rosenberg NPC Michael Rosenberg USA2 Sam Amer-Yichen Yin, Arjun Dhir-Will Zhu, Greg Herman-Burke Snowden NPC David Caprera For the Damiani Cup (Players Under Age 21) Cornelius Duffie-Stella Wan, Kevin Huang-Brent Xiao, Richard Jeng-Sarah Youngquist NPC Sylvia Shi For the Rona Cup (Women Under Age 26) Sophia Chang-Lucy Zhang, Emma Kolesnik-Lingyi Ma, Amber Lin-Isha Thapa NPC Kent Mignocchi For the Koç University Cup (Players Under Age 16) Harrison Luba-Michael Xu, Michael Hu-Arthur Zhou, Rory X -Jonathan Yue NPC Jim Munday
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Meet the Players



Aaron Silverstein is a well-known and popular New York area bridge teacher and player. He has managed, directed and played in numerous New York bridge clubs for the past 15 years. Aaron has won several tournaments at the national, international, regional and local level, most recently winning the Long Island regional open pairs this past May. He is a National Champion with over 20 years experience teaching bridge both privately and in classroom settings. He is a Grand Life Master with over 16,000 master points. He has been a certified director since 1987. Aaron is also on the National Appeals Committee and the National Laws Commission of the American Contract Bridge League and on the Board of Directors for the Greater New York Bridge Association. Aaron is married to Gennifer Binder, also a bridge player, with whom he has a 3 year old daughter, Avery, a bridge player in the making.

Andrew Rosenthal:

Bridge Accomplishments

Won Red Ribbons, Won Goldman Pairs in NYC, 3rd in Reisinger, semi-finalist in Vanderbilt 3 times

Regular Bridge Partners

Aaron Silverstein, David Moss

Member of Bridge Club(s)

Aces Bridge Club, Cavendish Bridge Club (both in NYC)

ACBL Ranking

Platinum Life Master



Yesterday, a clown held the door open for me. It was such a nice jester!

The machine at the coin factory just suddenly stopped working, with no explanation. It doesn't make any cents!

Two fish are in a tank. One says to the other, "Do you know how to drive this thing?"

The pastor asks his flock, "What would you like people to say when you're in your casket?"

One congregant says, "I'd like them to say I was a fine family man."

Another says, "I'd like them to say I helped people."

The third responds, "I'd like them to say, 'Look! I think he's moving!'"

Why don't skeletons ever go trick or treating? Because they have no body to go with.

What do you call an elephant that doesn't matter? An irrelephant



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Lien
 ♠ 104
 ♥ AJ842
 ♦ 1074
 ♣ K102

Schermer
 ♠ AKQ
 ♥ Q75
 ♦ AKQJ5
 ♣ J9

Chambers
 ♠ J97
 ♥ K1096
 ♦ 98
 ♣ AQ54

Garner
 ♠ 86532
 ♥ 3
 ♦ 632
 ♣ 8763

NS: 0
EW: 0

Scherme	Lien	Chambe	Garner
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6NT	All Pass

On Board 22, Schermer and Chambers had an excellent auction to reach slam, but they weren't out of the woods... They still had to play it well to maximize his chances and minimize his risk ... and the opponents weren't going to make it easy on them.

Schermer and Chambers play 2NT is 23-24 HCP. With 22 HCP and a solid suit, Schermer upgraded his hand and opened 2NT. With 10 HCP facing this opener, Chambers had no trouble driving to slam.

Lien led the ST. Schermer realized that if he could score three heart tricks, he would insure his contract. He led the HQ, his best play. Anytime the HJ was with North, he was home free. Lien won the HA and switched to a club.

Schermer disdained the practice finesse and rose with dummy's ace. He played a spade to his hand and took the heart finesse. When this worked he had 12 tricks and 13 IMPs.

At the other table, Dwyer opened a strong club. Cohler overcalled 1H. Huang bid 1NT and Dwyer raised him to game. The opening lead was a heart and declarer easily took 12 tricks.

Out of the eight tables that played this board on VuGraph, only three bid the slam. And only Schermer and Wooldridge made it. Nice play, gentlemen!

From Friday's Round Robin:

Board 12 ♠ Q965432
 Dealer: W ♥ A8
 N/S Vul. ♦ Q2
 Round 14 ♣ J3
 RoundRobin

♠ JT ♠ K87
 ♥ QJ7654 ♥ 92
 ♦ 2 ♦ AT9875
 ♣ A742 ♣ K9

♠ A
 ♥ KT3
 ♦ KJ64
 ♣ QT865



West	North	East	South
Etter	Korbel	Kolesnik	Borker
2H	2S	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Both tables in the Lo/Borker match on Friday night reached 3NT on Board 12. Etter and Kolesnik produced a fine defense to defeat the contract and win 13 IMPs.

Etter led the C2 to Kolesnik's king. Kolesnik switched to the H9. This went to the ten and jack, which was ducked. Etter continued with a small heart to dummy's ace. The CJ was led from dummy, and when the nine appeared, declarer overtook with the queen and continued clubs.

Etter won the CA and Kolesnik made the key play. **He discarded the S8 telling his partner that he held three spades (upside down)!** That removed all room for error... a good practice in IMPs.

Etter played the SJ which was ducked to declarer's ace, but when Kolesnik won the DA, he was able to cash the setting trick in spades!

Great defense!