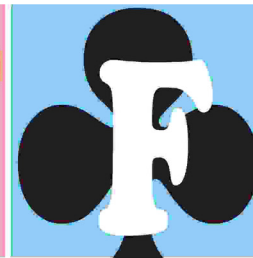
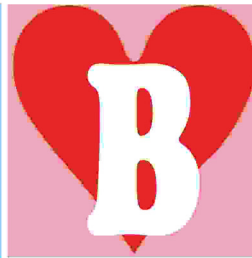


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Day Three Results

USBF Invitational #2 2020 Round Robin

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7. McAllister	196.60	13.85		12.41	13.58	3.43	16.18	14.37	2.89	13.30	13.85	7.91	17.28	13.01	19.44	15.10	20.00
13. Rosenthal	166.52	4.03	7.59		10.37	13.30	4.45	11.77	6.70	3.07	12.09	11.43	10.74	18.62	18.99	15.76	17.61
6. Lusky	158.51	6.15	6.42	9.63		6.42	10.00	16.57	17.77	19.54	9.63	5.89	10.74	4.24	4.67	12.09	18.75
3. Donner	155.07	2.72	16.57	6.70	13.58		17.77	12.09	3.07	6.70	13.30	9.63	1.13	9.63	12.71	14.37	15.10
8. Meyers	154.75	4.03	3.82	15.55	10.00	2.23		4.03	15.97	5.89	14.86	11.43	16.93	3.82	13.58	17.28	15.33
15. Seligman	151.31	4.90	5.63	8.23	3.43	7.91	15.97		9.26	16.75	15.33	6.99	8.57	10.00	16.18	4.24	17.92
12. Robinson	150.72	0.26	17.11	13.30	2.23	16.93	4.03	10.74		5.38	5.63	12.71	5.38	15.97	14.86	11.09	15.10
9. Moss	146.15	4.67	6.70	16.93	0.46	13.30	14.11	3.25	14.62		4.24	13.01	16.18	12.09	7.91	11.09	7.59
16. Spector	142.25	5.14	6.15	7.91	10.37	6.70	5.14	4.67	14.37	15.76		12.09	10.37	13.85	12.41	5.89	11.43
5. Levine	141.43	11.77	12.09	8.57	14.11	10.37	8.57	13.01	7.29	6.99	7.91		6.70	13.58	4.03	11.77	4.67
2. Brenner	138.14	2.08	2.72	9.26	9.26	18.87	3.07	11.43	14.62	3.82	9.63	13.30		10.00	9.63	4.90	15.55
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Pandemic Competition Number II

Teams Entered...

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Brenner	Anne Brenner, Capt Chris Compton Steve Beatty	David Caprera Andy Goodman Fred Stewart
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Levine	Michael Levine Mike Passell Jeff Meckstroth Robert Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Mark Lair Eric Rodwell
Lusky	John Lusky, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Franklin Merblum	Allan Falk Franco Baseggio Walter Lee
McAllister	John McAllister, Capt Oren Kriegel	Kevin Rosenberg Ronald Smith
Meyers	Jill Meyers, Capt Janice Seamon-Molson Ross Grabel	Kerri Sanborn Tobi Sokolow Mitch Dunitz
Moss	Joe Grue, Capt Sylvia Moss David Grainger	Brad Moss Roger Lee Joel Wooldridge
Nickell	Frank Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt John Jones Leo Bell	Lance Kerr William Hall Cris Barrere
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Bart Bramley Martin Fleisher	Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey Chip Martel
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Zur Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Gary Cohler
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Geeske Joel Cadir Lee	Debbie Rosenberg Michael Rosenberg Yehudit Hasin
Seligman	Martin Seligman Robert Hamman Petra Hamman, NPC	Hemant Lall Jacob Morgan
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Vincent Demuy Kevin Bathurst



Tournament Schedule

QUARTERFINAL - SEGMENTS ON BBO HAVE TO START WITH BOARD 1			
FRIDAY	AUGUST 14	12:45 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING (ZOOM)
FRIDAY	AUGUST 14	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:50 - 4:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 1-14 BREAK
		5:05 - 6:50	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-14
		6:55 - 8:40	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 1-14
SEMIFINAL - SEGMENTS ON BBO HAVE TO START WITH BOARD 1			
SATURDAY	AUGUST 15	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:50 - 4:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 1-14 BREAK
		5:05 - 6:50	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-14
		6:55 - 8:40	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 1-14
FINAL - SEGMENTS ON BBO HAVE TO START WITH BOARD 1			
SUNDAY	AUGUST 16	1:00 - 2:55	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		3:00 - 4:55	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 1-15 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		7:30 - 9:25	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 1-15

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System Regulations & Conditions of Contest

- Normal USBF System regulations apply to this event.
- This event is governed by the USBF General Conditions of Contest and Special Conditions of Contest for this event.
- The ACBL Open+ Convention Chart applies to this event.

Knowing how to pick locks has really opened a lot of doors for me.

I'm an archaeologist and my life is in ruins.

A good artist knows where to draw the line.

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, I'll serve you, but don't start anything.

Met this girl on a dating site. We just clicked.

She had a photographic memory but never developed it.

Whiteboards are so remarkable!

Rest in peace boiling water, you will be mist.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A Thesaurus.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

I hate negative numbers and will stop at nothing to avoid them...

I wish people would stop asking me where I think I'm going to be in 1 years, I don't have 2020 vision let alone 2021!

How do you comfort a grammar fanatic? Their, they're, there.

When he proposed to her, she found it very engaging.

A rubber band slingshot was confiscated in algebra class for being a weapon of math disruption.

My grandma told me her joints are getting weaker, so I told her to roll them tighter.

When life gives you melons, you're probably dyslexic.

I'm going to buy some velcro for my shoes instead of laces. Why knot?

Did you hear about the deaf guy who got a speeding ticket? Neither did he!

I never understood odorless chemicals, they never make scents.

Velcro, what a rip-off.

"Pun"tificating!

Excerpted from the USBF Invitational 2 advance email to players... Or Everything You Wanted to Know About This Event Beyond the Round Robin!

Information about the event can be found on the USBF website (USBF.org). Click on USBF Invitational 2 under the tournament menu - that will take you to the main page where there is general information and will also open the sub-menus, which include:

Results - link to the brackets for the KO matches. We will have our usual “web vugraphs” linked to the scores, so you can access a scorecard with links to the hands, bidding & play by clicking on a score.

Teams entered has the list of teams with links to players’ System Summary Forms (SSFs).

Event schedule has the time each segment starts. Remember to be logged into the “competitive” area of BBO at least 5 minutes before you are due to play.

Daily Bulletin - links to the Daily Bulletins - if a link gets you a 404 error (“we can’t find that page”) that means that the daily bulletin has not yet been posted.

BBO Procedures

Where to go: The event will be played in the Competitive section of BBO, which is where you will be when you log in to BBO. If you go to the Casual section to play or kibitz at a table there, you will need to return to the Competitive section, which sometimes requires logging off and back on. Please be logged into the Competitive section at least 5 minutes before you are scheduled to play.

Starting: If all of the players are on BBO in a timely manner, you should be automatically taken to the appropriate table and seat when the matches start.

Kibitzers: We will not be allowing kibitzers for any part of this event. After each round, we will link the bidding & play records to the Cross-Table as quickly as we can, so people who want to see what happened can do so.

Alerting: You should self-alert your bids, and as with screens, should alert if you have any question about whether or not to alert. You can also provide additional information about bids orally to your screenmate in the Zoom session.

Undo’s: Undo’s for misclicks are allowed and must be accepted. You need to ask for an undo before your partner acts.

BBO profile: Please make sure that your profile includes your real name.

System Information: Some of you created BBO convention cards with links to your SSF and ACBL convention card for the USBF INV1. We are not asking those of you who did not do so to create BBO convention cards for this event, because we found there was a problem with the convention cards loading, and it is probably easier to get your opponents SSF and ACBL convention card from the Teams Entered list on the USBF website.

Asking questions of opponents: You may ask questions of one or both opponents by directing chat to them. You may ask your screenmate questions orally on Zoom. PLEASE do not ask questions of the entire table, as that might give your partner UI. You may ask only the person who made a bid the meaning of his or her bid.

Help during play: Jan will be on BBO as USBF, Al Hollander will be on as USBF2, as well as some ahollan# accounts, and Will Watson will be on as willwats. If you have any problems, please message one of us and we’ll try to solve them.

Scores: Jan will be entering the scores into the USBF scoring program based on the BBO results. She will try not to have to ask you for scores, but she may sometimes miss the end of a match and have to do so.

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Any questions, please ask!

Pleading the 5th (match on Sunday)

D		N jillm	W N E S
1		♠ QJ976	1♠ P 1NT
		♥ KQ	2♥ X P 2♠
		♦ A975	P 3♥ P 4♣
		♣ AK	P 4♠ P P
W kit		E bbramley	
♠ K54		♠ 832	
♥ A87653		♥ 942	
♦ J104		♦ K2	
♣ Q		♣ 108765	
S kerri		4♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0	
♠ A10			
♥ J10			
♦ Q863			
♣ J9432			

On Board 1 of the final match Sunday, the key was getting to 4S ... a 5-2 fit... and avoiding 3NT with every suit stopped!

Jill Meyers and Kerri Sanborn had a good bid in their arsenal that landed them in the best spot.

Jill opened 1S; Kerri responded a semi-forcing NT; Kit overcalled 2H and Jill doubled to show heart shortness!! With 3NT now looking bleak, Sanborn judged well to bid 2S on her ace-doubleton. Jill cued 3H; Sanborn bid 4C; Jill bid 4S, ending the auction.

Bramley led a heart. Woolsey won and shifted to his singleton club. Meyers won and took the losing finesse for the SK.

D		N robinswr	W N E S
1		♠ QJ976	1♠ P 1NT
		♥ KQ	P 2NT P 3NT
		♦ A975	P P P
		♣ AK	
W rossg		E dunitz	
♠ K54		♠ 832	
♥ A87653		♥ 942	
♦ J104		♦ K2	
♣ Q		♣ 108765	
S pab1		3NT S NS: 0 EW: 0	
♠ A10			
♥ J10			
♦ Q863			
♣ J9432			

Woolsey played a heart, Meyers winning her king. She led a spade to dummy's ace; a diamond to her ace; extracted the last trumps; played a diamond toward the queen, Bramley winning his king and claimed 10 tricks. 11 IMPs to Meyers

In the other room, Grabel did not overcall, concealing his six card heart suit. Robinson raised Boyd's semi-forcing 1NT to 2NT and Boyd bid the game.

Grabel led a heart, Robinson winning his queen. He cashed the CA, noting the fall of the queen from West. He took a losing spade finesse and had a "heart" attack!! Grabel cashed his winners and 3NT went two down.

On the same board in the alliterative Bishel/Brenner match, Charley Seelbach opened 2NT on his 5-2-4-2 19 count. Mullins raised to 3NT and Compton had no reason to lead a heart. He led a 4th best club and Seelbach brought home the game.

In the other room of that match, J Bishel, West, neglected to double or overcall over South's artificial 1H (see auction on bottom of diagram →) Brenner/Caprera (N/S) landed in 3NT from North where Tom Bishel (E) would have been in the same boat as Compton. However Brenner/Caprera bid scientifically, showing spades, clubs and diamonds naturally, convincing Tom to lead the unbid suit! Again, 3NT failed by two tricks.

D		N babushkka	W N E S
1		♠ QJ976	2NT P 3NT
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		♣ AK	
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♥ A87653		♥ 942	
♦ J104		♦ K2	
♣ Q		♣ 108765	
S rblainemul		W 16+	E S
♠ A10		1♣ P 1♥	
♥ J10		P 1♠ P 2♣	
♦ Q863		P 2♦ P 3♦	
♣ J9432		P 3NT P P	

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions! Pandemic Pleasures...

TOMATO & ROSEMARY FOCACCIA

Servings: 6-8

Focaccia:

3 1/3 cups (415 g) bread flour
2 teaspoons (10 g) instant yeast
1 tablespoon (13 g) rosemary, minced
3 cups (705 ml) water, room temperature
1/4 cup (2 oz. or 60 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
2 1/2 teaspoons (12 g) table salt
Olive oil spray

Toppings:

24 cherry tomatoes
2 teaspoons (10 g) rosemary, minced
3/4 teaspoon (4 g) coarse sea salt, or 1-1/4 teaspoons (6 g) kosher salt



Directions:

- 1) Whisk flour, yeast and rosemary together in large bowl. Add room-temperature water and oil and stir with spatula until dough forms. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and let sit for 10 minutes. Sprinkle salt over dough and mix until fully incorporated. Cover bowl with a towel or plastic wrap and let dough rest for 20 minutes.
- 2) Using your wet hands or spatula sprayed with vegetable oil, fold dough over itself by gently lifting and folding edge of dough toward middle. Turn bowl 90 degrees; fold again, rotate 90 degrees and fold again (total of four folds). Cover bowl with towel or plastic wrap and let dough rest for 20 minutes. Repeat folding technique another 3 times, letting the dough rest for 20 minutes each time.
- 3) Add two tablespoons olive oil to a 13 by 9-inch (23 by 33 cm) baking pan and brush to coat all the inside of the pan. Transfer dough to prepared pan and gently press the dough towards corners. Spray or brush with olive oil and wrap with plastic wrap. Refrigerate overnight.
- 4) Remove from fridge 1 hour before baking. Dough should have doubled in height and be jiggly when shaken.
- 5) Press tomatoes into dough and spray or brush top with a little olive oil. Top with rosemary and sea salt.
- 6) Heat oven to 400 degrees F (205 degrees C). Uncover and bake for 35 to 40 minutes, until nicely browned.

MARGHERITA PIZZA Servings: 1

1 portion individual pizza dough
Generous 1/3 cup (100 g) tomato sauce
3 fresh basil leaves, torn in half
1 tablespoon (15 ml) olive oil
1/2 cup (4 oz. or 115 g) fresh whole-milk mozzarella cheese

Pizza Dough: Servings: 3 individual or 2 large pizzas

3 1/2 cups (420 g) bread flour
2 teaspoons (10 g) fine sea salt
1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon (60 ml) warm water (80 degrees F to 85 degrees F or 27 degrees C to 29 degrees C)
1 teaspoon (5 g) extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon (15 g) honey
1 1/2 to 2 cups water (355 ml), plus more as needed



(Recipes continued on page 7)

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Directions:

- 1) At least 45 minutes before baking pizza, put stone or pizza steel in preheated 500 degrees F (260 degrees C) oven.
- 2) Put the sauce in the center of the stretched dough and use the back of a spoon to spread it evenly across the surface, stopping approximately 1/2 inch (1.25 cm) from the edges.
- 3) Drizzle a little olive oil over the pizza dough. Break the cheese into large pieces and place these gently on top of the sauce. Scatter basil leaves over the top.
- 4) Using a pizza peel, pick up the pie and slide it onto the heated stone or steel in the oven. Bake until the crust is golden brown, and the cheese is bubbling, approximately 4 to 8 minutes.

For the Pizza Dough:

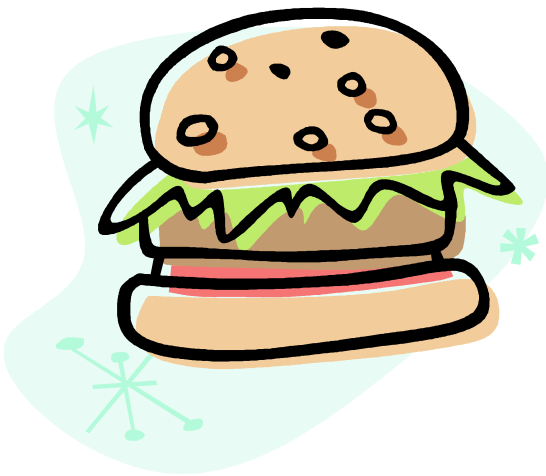
- 1) Place the flour, yeast and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer. With the mixer running, pour the oil, honey and water in a steady stream. Continue to mix for 2 to 3 minutes. The finished dough should be soft, slightly sticky and elastic. If too dry, add a bit more water; if too wet, a tablespoon or so more flour.
- 2) Move the dough to the work surface and cut the dough into halves or thirds.
- 3) Form the dough into balls and refrigerate for 24 -72 hours.

SMASH BURGER WITH BACON & CHEESE Servings: 4

- 1 lb. very cold ground beef
- Potato buns
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 8 slices cooked thick-cut bacon, broken in half
- 4 slices cheese

Directions:

- 1) Divide meat into 4 portions, about 4 ounces each.
- 2) Heat a cast-iron griddle over medium-low heat until warm.
- 3) Brush cut sides of buns with butter. Place buns cut side down on griddle. Toast 2-3 minutes or until golden brown.
- 4) Increase heat to medium. Sprinkle 1 side of each of the beef patties generously with salt and a pinch of pepper. Place seasoned side down on griddle. Top with a piece of parchment or wax paper. Using a sturdy metal spatula, firmly smash each patty into a 1/2-inch-thick slab. Pressing down on spatula with another stiff spatula helps flatten the burger quickly. Let cook for 30-60 seconds and remove parchment paper. Season top with another generous pinch of salt and small pinch of pepper.
- 5) Cook 2 minutes or until edges beneath are brown and crisp and juices on surface are bubbling hot. Turn and cook 1 minute for medium or until desired degree of doneness. Top bottom half of each bun with 1 patty, 1 slice of cheese, 2 bacon slices and 1 bun top.
- 6) Serve with ketchup.



I prefer to play
But watching is fine
Thanks BBO
For the setup online!

LEMON AND BLUEBERRY CAKE WITH VANILLA GLAZE

3 cup All Purpose flour
1 (3.4 oz) package instant vanilla pudding
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp baking soda
1½ cup butter softened
2¾ cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
6 large eggs
1 (8 oz.) package sour cream
2 Tbsp fresh lemon zest
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

Glaze:

1 ½ cups powdered sugar
2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice, more if needed to thin
1 Tbsp butter melted
1 tsp vanilla extract or paste

Directions:

- 1) Preheat the oven to 325°F. Butter and flour a bundt or cake pan. Set aside.
- 2) Place two tablespoons flour in a separate bowl for blueberries.
- 3) Sift together the rest of the flour, vanilla pudding mix, salt and baking soda.
- 4) Cream together the softened butter, granulated sugar and vanilla. Beat for 2-3 minutes until light and pale yellow in color.
- 5) Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stop and scrape the sides of the bowl as needed.
- 6) Lower the speed of the mixer and add the sifted dry ingredients alternately with the sour cream. Mix until fully combined.
- 7) Toss blueberries with the reserved 2 tablespoons flour. Add blueberries and fresh lemon zest to batter by hand and fold until evenly mixed.
- 8) Pour into the prepared cake pan and place into the oven.
- 9) Bake for 1 hour 20 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes back clean.
- 10) Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove cake from pan.
- 11) To prepare the glaze: Mix together the powdered sugar, lemon juice, melted butter and vanilla extract. Drizzle over the cooled cake.

Let Them Eat Cake

my mom always told me i wouldn't accomplish anything by staying in bed all day long. look at me now mom, im saving the world!



From the 1st Match on Monday...

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There were two potential slam swings in the first set on Monday.

In Schireson vs. Spector, on Board 11, D Rosenberg and Yehudit Hasin bid to 6H on a keycard auction where Yehudit showed two without the queen.

Kranyak led the CJ, Yehudit discarding a diamond from dummy while Demuy won his ace. Demuy did the best he could, returning a trump. Yehudit won her ace, played a spade to the ace in dummy and ruffed a spade. She cashed the CK, tossing another diamond from dummy. A club was ruffed; a spade was ruffed; and a diamond was played to dummy's ace. Dummy's last spade was ruffed with declarer's last trump. A club was ruffed; trumps were drawn, 12 tricks in the bag!

At the other table, Spector/Wolpert used as many rounds of bidding to reach the heart game! Gaeske Joel led a spade and Wolpert, like Yehudit, collected 12 tricks. 11 IMPs to Schireson

The same board in the top match, Nickell (in first) vs McAllister (in second), produced a boring 1IMP swing. Nickell, North, (*see auction on right*) passed Katz's opening 1C. McAllister balanced with a double and K Rosenberg ... I want to say, less aggressive than his mother but he didn't hold her cards... cuebid. Nickell doubled the cue and E/W landed in 4H making six.

W	N	E	S
P	P	X	1♣
2♣	X	2♥	P
4♥	P	P	P

W	N	E	S
1♥	P	4♣	1♣
4♥	P	P	P

At the other table, Steve Weinstein and Bobby Levin (E/W respectively) (*see auction on left*) bid only game not slam even after Levin overcalled 1H on his 4 card suit. Over Levin's 1H bid, Weinstein showed short clubs and it still wasn't enough.

Levin took 13 tricks when at trick ten he took the backwards finesse, leading the DJ from dummy. When Kriegel didn't cover, Levin ran the jack. 1 IMP to Nickell (

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

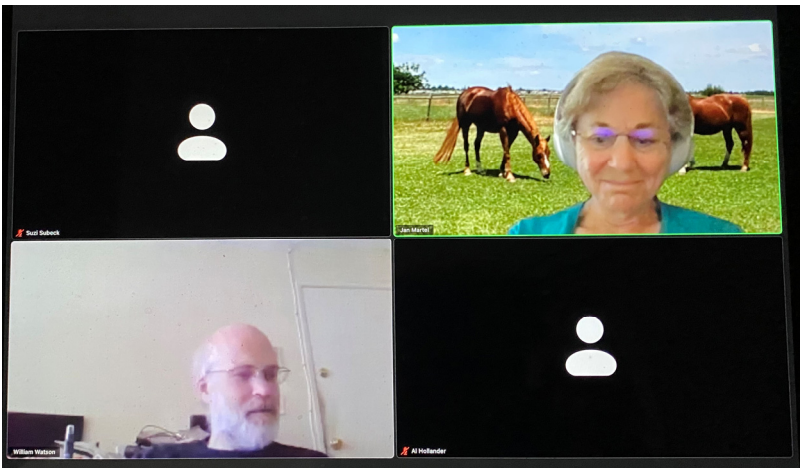
Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 15



Behind the scenes...
 Between matches,
 Jan works administratively.
 Will directs.
 I write the newsletters.
 AI works on IT
 ... and we talk about you!
 (just kidding!!)

Board 11, the last board of the day on Sunday, produced several double-digit swings. N/S can make 4D and E/W can make 4S.

At six tables E/W played in 4S doubled. Four of the six declarers found a way to make ten tricks and collected 590 for their efforts. Two tables played in 4S undoubled and both declarers collected nine tricks. Three N/S pairs found the sacrifice and played in 5D doubled, taking nine or ten tricks.

11 D	N jgm7x	W N E S
	♠ Q1085	P 1♣ 3♣ X
	♥ AQ87	P P P
	♣ K10983	
W passell	E mslair	
♠ Q108742	♠ A63	
♥ A962	♥ KJ	
♦ 105	♦ 6	
♣ 5	♣ AQJ7642	
	S kevsters	
	♠ KJ95	
	♥ 743	
	♦ KJ9432	
	♣	3♣ E NS: 0 EW: 0

In the Levine/McAllister match, Mark Lair found himself in 3CX. McAllister (North) opened 1C and Lair overcalled a natural 3C. Kevin Rosenberg made a negative double and McAllister chose to defend. The opening lead was the D9 to North's ace. North returned a heart and Lair won in dummy with the ace. The C5 was led and when North followed small, Lair took the deep finesse; he inserted the C7! Now Lair drove out the trumps and lost only three more tricks for +470. At the other table E/W reached 4S which failed by one trick. 11 IMPs to Levine.

11 D	N scotty	W N E S
	♠ Q1085	P 1♣ P 1♣
	♥ AQ87	P 2♣ P P
	♣ K10983	P
W gio 89	E germs345	
♠ Q108742	♠ A63	
♥ A962	♥ KJ	
♦ 105	♦ 6	
♣ 5	♣ AQJ7642	
	S yoshka	
	♠ KJ95	
	♥ 743	
	♦ KJ9432	
	♣	2♣ N NS: 0 EW: 0

The most unusual result on this board occurred in the Schireson/Donner match. Michael Rosenberg opened 1C on the North hand. Adam Grossack had no convenient bid with the East hand. He passed. Geeske Joel bid 1S on the South hand and Rosenberg surprised LHO, Zach Grossack by rebidding 2C! Grossack led the D6 and Rosenberg won the DA and led the C9. Grossack won the club and underlead his SA. Rosenberg tried the SJ and Botta covered with the SQ; Rosenberg ruffing. Rosenberg played his CK, and the hand imploded! The contract failed by 5 tricks scoring -250. At the other table, E/W played in 4Sx and took only eight tricks for -300 and 11 IMPs to Donner.

Heard in the "Break Room" (as opposed to the "Breakout Room")

at this USBF tournament ONLY during a Pandemic:

"Jan, Please put me in the smoking room!"



Fun and Games Page

★ Zoo

All the words are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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

FISH
 GORILLA
 HAWK
 HIPPOPOTAMUS
 JAGUAR
 KANGAROO
 KOALA
 LION
 LLAMA
 LOOK
 MACAQUE
 MARABOU
 OSTRICH
 OTTER
 PARK
 PLANTS
 SEAL
 SNAKES
 SPIDERS
 SQUIRREL
 STORK
 TROPICAL
 VISITORS
 WILDEBEEST

AFRICA
 APES
 AQUARIUM

ASIA
 BABOON
 BAT

BEARS
 CROCODILE
 ELK

Word Find Puzzle



		Players						Colors						Numbers					
		Alford	Dean	Ellison	Jacobson	Levy	Oliver	blue	green	purple	red	white	yellow	19	24	28	30	42	49
Sizes	7																		
	8																		
	9																		
	10																		
	11																		
	12																		
Numbers	19																		
	24																		
	28																		
	30																		
	42																		
	49																		
Colors	blue																		
	green																		
	purple																		
	red																		
	white																		
	yellow																		

Logic Puzzle

Sizes	Players	Colors	Numbers
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			

- Of number 30 and the size 8 shirt, one is Oliver's and the other is yellow.
- Number 49, the yellow shirt, the size 7 shirt, the purple shirt and Alford's shirt are all different jerseys.
- Levy's jersey isn't number 49.
- Jacobson's jersey is either number 30 or the white jersey.
- Of Dean's jersey and the size 9 shirt, one is number 30 and the other is number 28.
- Ellison's jersey is 3 sizes smaller than the green jersey.
- Of the size 12 jersey and number 19, one is white and the other is Dean's.
- Ellison's shirt isn't a size 7.
- Levy's jersey isn't number 42.
- The blue shirt is larger than Levy's jersey.

Answer on page 16



John McAllister with Zia

Meet the Players

John McAllister is not only a bridge player but a filmmaker from Charlottesville, Virginia. In 2019, he was invited to compete in the Gold Coast Congress by Sartaj Hans.

Before concentrating on film making and bridge, John worked in investor relations for a hedge fund. Shortly after finishing up at his former job in 2012, he was playing at his first North American Bridge Championships (think Spingold, Vanderbilt etc.) and was part of a brainstorming session about how to get more young people into the game.

John realized he could play a role in bringing young people into bridge if he could show off the allure that bridge has for so many youth players around the world. What better way to do this than a movie?

John's film, Double Dummy, follows the USA under-21 team at the 2012 World Youth Championships and their journey through the tournament, while also talking to their families and friends. It contains segments with ma-

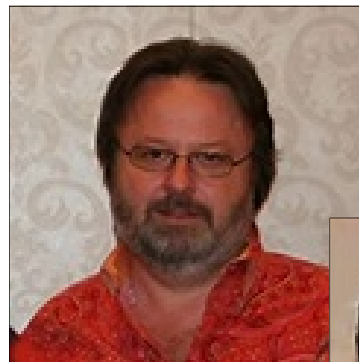
Chris Compton is an American bridge player married to also bridge player and teacher, Donna Compton. Chris and Donna share two beautiful and talented daughters, Morgan and Taylor, as well as a highly successful bridge club in Dallas.

Both Donna and Chris work tirelessly to promote and strengthen bridge.

Awards

- Fishbein Trophy 2016
- North American Bridge Championships
 - Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 2008
 - Reisinger 1989
- North American Bridge Championships
 - Keohane North American Swiss Teams 1998
 - Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1994
 - Roth Open Swiss Teams 2014
 - Vanderbilt 1986, 2005
 - Wernher Open Pairs 1987

Chris has notably won the Barry Crane Masterpoint Race several times in the last ten years.



Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku

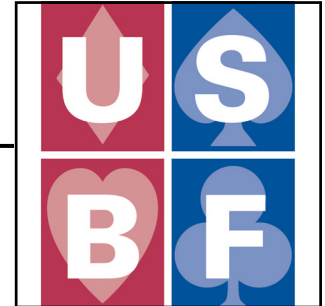
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

USBF Supporting Membership



If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

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We hope you will join us.

From the Last Day RR...

D 9		N GymMom ♠ 75 ♥ 7643 ♦ A3 ♣ AQ863	W N E S P P 1♠ P 2NT P 3♣ P 4♠ P P P
W junior ♠ AK92 ♥ QJ ♦ Q98 ♣ J742			E gcoher ♠ Q10643 ♥ AK10 ♦ 754 ♣ K9
		S chimarty ♠ J8 ♥ 9852 ♦ KJ1062 ♣ 105	4♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

Openings leads matter!

Board 9 of the first set on Monday was all about timing. North/South had to collect their four tricks before letting declarer take control... or that one critical trick got away.

In Harris/Rosenthal, both East/Wests bid to 4S on identical auctions. 2NT showed a forcing raise with generally 4+ trump and 3C showed a minimum.

Marty Harris led the H5, Cohler winning his king. Gary played a spade to the ace and a spade to the queen felling trumps, and played on hearts to shed a diamond loser. Contract making for +620.

D 9		N migry ♠ 75 ♥ 7643 ♦ A3 ♣ AQ863	W N E S P Any min P 2NT P 3♣ P 4♠ P P P
W mjmassi ♠ AK92 ♥ QJ ♦ Q98 ♣ J742			E louisg ♠ Q10643 ♥ AK10 ♦ 754 ♣ K9
		S mikeyb ♠ J8 ♥ 9852 ♦ KJ1062 ♣ 105	4♠ E NS: 0 EW: 0

At the other table, Berkowitz chose to lead the CT. Migry won her ace, shifted to the ace of diamonds and a diamond to David's king... and lo and behold, a diamond ruff defeated 4S.

12 IMPs to Rosenthal

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 13

28	Green	Dean	12
42	Blue	Alford	11
24	Purple	Levy	10
30	Yellow	Ellison	9
49	Red	Oliver	8
19	White	Jacobson	7

		N mseligman ♠ Q1093 ♥ 2 ♦ 765 ♣ Q10743	
		W kit ♠ K54 ♥ KQ93 ♦ AJ8 ♣ J65	E bbramley ♠ A7 ♥ A10754 ♦ K32 ♣ AK8
		S jpmnbr ♠ J862 ♥ J86 ♦ Q1094 ♣ 92	6NT E NS: 0 EW: 0

West	East
Kit	Bramley
	1C (16+)
2D (bal 8-10 or 14+)	2H (art ask)
2S (2 suits same color or 4-3-3-3 w/4 major)	2NT (ask)
3C (4-3-3-3)	3D (ask)
3H (3-4-3-3)	4D (signoff signal)
4S (14+ 4 controls)	6C (queens?)
6D (no DQ)	6NT

		N chip ♠ Q1093 ♥ 2 ♦ 765 ♣ Q10743	
		W TGBH3 ♠ K54 ♥ KQ93 ♦ AJ8 ♣ J65	E hemantlall ♠ A7 ♥ A10754 ♦ K32 ♣ AK8
		S mfleisher ♠ J862 ♥ J86 ♦ Q1094 ♣ 92	7♥ E NS: 0 EW: 0

West	East
Hamman	Lall
	1H
2NT (FR)	3NT (undiscussed but I have a big NT)
4D	4NT
5S	5NT
7H	

With the diamond finesse working, Bramley had no trouble making 6NT. Morgan led a spade. Bramley went about cashing his winners: five rounds of hearts followed by two rounds of clubs, a spade to the king and with four tricks remaining, a diamond to the king, a diamond to the jack and a sigh of relief! +1440

In the other room, Fleisher led a heart against 7H. Hemant pulled two more rounds of trump ending in dummy with the queen; he led a spade to the ace, a spade to the king and ruffed a spade; He cashed the CA and the CK, and when the queen did not fall, he conceded down one.

It is interesting to note that all the science employed by Kit and Bart was huge in this auction. The relay sequence defined the exact distribution and the lack of a necessary queen allowed them to "stay safe" ... most important in this insane Pandemic!

Board 6 from Match 4 on Monday

17 IMPs to Robinson

D 1		N bhall	W N E S
		♠ AQJ63	2♦ P 2♥
		♥ 873	P 2♠ P P
		♦ Q83	3♥ P 4♥ P
		♣ QJ	P P
W Allan Falk		E pachyderms	
♠ K109		♠ 4	
♥ KQJ109		♥ 642	
♦ K5		♦ AJ10962	
♣ 432		♣ A76	
	S johnjones		
	♠ 8752		
	♥ A5		
	♦ 74		
	♣ K10985		
		4♥ W NS: 0 EW: 0	

On Board 1 from the second match on Sunday, in Reynolds vs Lusky, both tables arrived in 4H.

Hall opened 2D showing a weak (5-9 ?) one major (multi). Jones responded 2H pass or correct. Hall showed spades, and when 2S came around to Falk, he balanced with 3H and Lusky raised to game.

Hall did not want to lead from his spade tenace, so he wisely chose the CQ. Falk won the CA and played dummy's singleton S4 to the ten and jack. Hall continued with the CJ, overtaken by Jones with the king. Jones cashed his C8. Declarer trumped the CT with the HK, shedding a diamond from dummy.

D 1		N aitail	W N mixed raise
		♠ AQJ63	1♠ 2♦ 3♥
		♥ 873	4♥ P P P
		♦ Q83	
		♣ QJ	
W leobell711		E crispinb	
♠ K109		♠ 4	
♥ KQJ109		♥ 642	
♦ K5		♦ AJ10962	
♣ 432		♣ A76	
	S baseggio		
	♠ 8752		
	♥ A5		
	♦ 74		
	♣ K10985		
		4♥ W NS: 0 EW: 0	

A spade was ruffed and a diamond was led from dummy to the DK. The SK went to the ace and was ruffed. Dummy last heart was won by South's ace. Declarer claimed nine tricks, contract failing by a trick.

In the other room, Ai-Tai Lo opened 1S. Crispin Barrere overcalled 2D. Baseggio bid 3H showing a mixed raise in spades and Leo Bell bid the heart game.

Lo had only one piece of information. He knew his partner had a four card spade raise. Did this make it more likely that his partner held the SK than the CK?

In a vacuum, the CQ stands out as a lead, but knowing four of his partner's cards are spades...

Lo led the SA. He saw dummy and shifted to the CQ, but it was one beat too late. Bell ducked the CQ and won the CJ. He played a diamond to the king and discarded a club on the SK. From there, it was smooth sailing.

The defense took one spade, one club and one heart. Contract making. 10 IMPs to Reynolds

Friday's Quarterfinal Matchups:
 Nickell v Donner
 McAllister v Meyers
 Rosenthal v Seligman
 Lusky v Robinson

**Predictions
 from
 Howie and Jack
 on Friday!!**