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# Knockout Results:

USBF Invitational #2 - 2020							
SemiFinal (56 boards)				Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.			
15-AUG-2020				The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.			
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Donner (wins tie)</a>	127	41	37	31	18	
4	<a href="#">Lusky</a>	67	14	26	9	8	
2	<a href="#">Meyers (wins tie)</a>	88	11	41	27	9	
3	<a href="#">Rosenthal</a>	108	30	31	15	32	

## Good Luck to Both Teams Today!



## Put on Your Game Face!

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# Pandemic Competition Number II

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Homewords Bound

# Teams Entered...

<b>Bishel</b>	Thomas Bishel, Capt Ronald Mullins	John Bishel Charley Seelbach
<b>Brenner</b>	Anne Brenner, Capt Chris Compton Steve Beatty	David Caprera Andy Goodman Fred Stewart
<b>Donner</b>	Gary Donner, Capt Giorgia Botta Anam Tebha	Sandra Rimstedt Zachary Grossack Adam Grossack
<b>Harris</b>	Martin Harris, Capt Howard Liu Louis Glasthal	Miriam Harris-Botzum Eugene Hung Michael Massimilla
<b>Levine</b>	Michael Levine Mike Passell Jeff Meckstroth Robert Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Mark Lair Eric Rodwell
<b>Lusky</b>	John Lusky, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Franklin Merblum	Allan Falk Franco Baseggio Walter Lee
<b>McAllister</b>	John McAllister, Capt Oren Kriegel	Kevin Rosenberg Ronald Smith
<b>Meyers</b>	Jill Meyers, Capt Janice Seamon-Molson Ross Grabel	Kerri Sanborn Tobi Sokolow Mitch Dunitz
<b>Moss</b>	Joe Grue, Capt Sylvia Moss David Grainger	Brad Moss Roger Lee Joel Wooldridge
<b>Nickell</b>	Frank Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
<b>Reynolds</b>	Tom Reynolds, Capt John Jones Leo Bell	Lance Kerr William Hall Cris Barrere
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<b>Spector</b>	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

### VuGraph ...

The KO stage of the USBF INV2 tournament continues today at 1:00 Eastern time. We will show delayed Vugraph. The Vugraph will begin 30 minutes after the scheduled start of play. (*see schedule in column to the left*).

We will have voice commentary during some of the segments. Please join us for some great fun and friendly bridge.

It's almost like being there and you will feel the excitement as you watch from home in your jammies!

### Ethics Statement

We're not trying to provide security for this event, as we do when we sometimes have "real" events online. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties still apply to this event. The USBF has appointed an Ethics Investigation Committee that will review any complaints about ethics violations. If the EIC concludes that a player or pair was acting unethically, they will report to the USBF Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

### 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.

Virtual Vacation is the [newest online regionally rated event](#) and will be held **August 27-30, 2020** on [Bridge Base Online](#). That's four days of chances to compete with players across the continent from your couch (the next best thing to a seaside hammock).

[See the schedule](#) for pair events all day, every day, including side series. Also be sure to check out the [Daily Bulletins posted in BridgeFeed](#). Intermediate and Newcomer players will be invited to view special mini-lessons, also posted daily on BridgeFeed. You can come, too!

More details, including a [FAQ](#) and [online tournament checklist](#) are available at [acbl.org/virtual](http://acbl.org/virtual).





## 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!

On Friday Night’s Late Night  
Jeopardy Rerun!



# From the 2nd Segment of Friday's Quarterfinals...

Board 7 from the second segment of Friday's Quarterfinal illustrates how difficult it is to bid a truly strong flat hand opposite a good distributional hand with a void.

Three of the eight N/S pairs (Cohler/Willenken, Z Grossack/Botta, Boyd/Robinson) reached the making contract of 3NT. Each of these pairs was rewarded with a twelve or thirteen IMP swing.

Four of the eight N/S pairs (Seligman/Morgan, Greco/Hampson, K Rosenberg/McAllister, Baseggio/Lo) reached 6D off the cashing ace/king of hearts!

The eighth N/S pair (Seamon-Molson/Sokolow) reached 4S.

The 3NT bidders all opened 2C and searched for a major suit fit. When no such fit could be found, they settled in the no-trump game.

Seligman/Rosenthal

7 D	N gcohler	W N E S
	♠ K3 ♥ Q3 ♦ AKQ7 ♣ AKQ102	P 2♣ P 2♦ P 2NT P 3♣ P 3♦ P 3♥ P 3NT P P
W TGBH3	E hemantall	
♠ Q954 ♥ 10985 ♦ 1092 ♣ 83	♠ 102 ♥ AK7 ♦ 54 ♣ J97654	
S junior		
♠ AJ876 ♥ J642 ♦ J863 ♣		3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0

Seamon-Molson/Sokolow used Smolen to reveal five spades and four hearts in the South hand. When Sokolow bid 3NT, Molson made one more move toward slam by bidding her four-card diamond suit. Given the choice of games, Sokolow chose the 5-2 spade fit over the 4-4 diamond fit. In spite of the fact that 4S went down one, this was a 5 IMP gain for Meyers when their counterparts played in the hopeless 6D slam from South going down three in an effort to make after a non-heart opening lead.

3NT was easy. Most of the time, it produced ten tricks.

7 D	N mseligman	W N E S
	♠ K3 ♥ Q3 ♦ AKQ7 ♣ AKQ102	P 2NT P 2♦ P 3♦ P 3♥ P 3NT P 4♦ P 6♦ P P
W andrewr	E aarons	
♠ Q954 ♥ 10985 ♦ 1092 ♣ 83	♠ 102 ♥ AK7 ♦ 54 ♣ J97654	
S jpmnbr		
♠ AJ876 ♥ J642 ♦ J863 ♣		6♦ S NS: 0 EW: 0

When North declared 6D, the HAK was on lead and the slam fell one trick short each time.

## McAllister/Meyers

7 D	N Tobiness	W N E S
	♠ K3 ♥ Q3 ♦ AKQ7 ♣ AKQ102	P 2NT P 2♦ P 3♦ P 3♥ P 3NT P 4♦ P 4♦ P P
W kriegel	E ronsmithsf	
♠ Q954 ♥ 10985 ♦ 1092 ♣ 83	♠ 102 ♥ AK7 ♦ 54 ♣ J97654	
S janicem		
♠ AJ876 ♥ J642 ♦ J863 ♣		4♦ S NS: 0 EW: 0

7 D	N kevsters	W N E S
	♠ K3 ♥ Q3 ♦ AKQ7 ♣ AKQ102	P 2NT P 2♦ P 3♦ P 3♥ P 3NT P 4♦ P 5NT P 6♦
W jillm	E kerri	
♠ Q954 ♥ 10985 ♦ 1092 ♣ 83	♠ 102 ♥ AK7 ♦ 54 ♣ J97654	
S jgm7x		
♠ AJ876 ♥ J642 ♦ J863 ♣		6♦ S NS: 0 EW: 0

7 D	N gio 89	W N E S
	♠ K3 ♥ Q3 ♦ AKQ7 ♣ AKQ102	P 2♣ P 2♦ P 2NT P 3♣ P 3♦ P 3♥ P 3NT P P
W ralphk	E fnickell	
♠ Q954 ♥ 10985 ♦ 1092 ♣ 83	♠ 102 ♥ AK7 ♦ 54 ♣ J97654	
S germs345		
♠ AJ876 ♥ J642 ♦ J863 ♣		3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0

7 D	N baseggio	W N E S
	♠ K3 ♥ Q3 ♦ AKQ7 ♣ AKQ102	P 2♣ P 2♦ P 2NT P 3♣ P 3♦ P 3♥ P 3NT P 4♦ P 6♦ X P
W chip	E mfleisher	
♠ Q954 ♥ 10985 ♦ 1092 ♣ 83	♠ 102 ♥ AK7 ♦ 54 ♣ J97654	
S aitail		
♠ AJ876 ♥ J642 ♦ J863 ♣		6♦ S NS: 0 EW: 0

7 D	N robinswr	W N E S
	♠ K3 ♥ Q3 ♦ AKQ7 ♣ AKQ102	P 2♣ P P P 2NT P 3♣ P 3NT P P P 3NT P P
W Allan Falk	E pachyderms	
♠ Q954 ♥ 10985 ♦ 1092 ♣ 83	♠ 102 ♥ AK7 ♦ 54 ♣ J97654	
S pab1		
♠ AJ876 ♥ J642 ♦ J863 ♣		3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0

## Lusky/Robinson

## Nickell/Donner

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

## Sea Scallops with Capers-Ground Cherries-Browned Butter Sautéed Eggplant, Carmen Peppers & Gold Cipollini Onions Featuring a Celebration of Tomatoes!

### Sea Scallops

2 ounces Clarified butter  
Sea salt (pinch)  
Fresh ground white pepper (pinch)  
3 ounces ground cherries cleaned and cut in half  
1 tablespoon capers  
2 tablespoons Whole butter  
Lemon



In a medium size pan over medium high heat put the clarified butter. Season the scallops with salt and pepper on both sides. Place the scallops into a hot pan about an inch apart. Allow to sear until golden brown. Turn the scallops over and sear on the other side. Remove the scallops from the pan and place on a baking dish. Add butter into the pan. Wait for it to bubble then add the ground cherries and the capers. Allow to cook for a few minutes. Turning cherries and capers in the pan. Add lemon and season to taste.  
Place the scallops on the top of the sautéed vegetables and spoon the sauce over the top.

### Sautéed Eggplant, sliced Carmen peppers & golden Cipollini onions

1 cup diced eggplant  
2-4 tablespoons Olive oil  
Sea salt & fresh ground black pepper  
1 cup Carmen peppers, thinly sliced  
1 cup Cipollini onions, peeled and quartered

In a medium size Sauté pan over medium/high heat, cook the eggplant in 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Add more oil if necessary. Season the eggplant generously with salt and pepper. Add the onions and continue to sauté. Reduce the heat. Stir frequently.

### Tomatoes

1 pint Mixed cherry tomatoes: sunsugar, sungreen, purple bumblebee, black cherry indigo baby, atomic grape, Jasper

Ok, now it's the peek season for tomatoes. They are beyond delicious. Cut them in half. Add salt and pepper. Splash of olive oil. Basil & mint optional

Chef: Sarah Stegner, Prairie Grass Café, Northfield, IL

*(Recipes continued on page 7)*

## Mushroom-Thyme Toast with Goat Cheese and Sherry Vinegar

**Prep time:** 15 minutes

**Cooking time:** 40 minutes (or less without batches)

**Total time:** 55 minutes

### Ingredients

- 12 cups small cremini and shiitake mushrooms, stems trimmed
- 4 slices hearty bread
- 5 tablespoons salted butter, divided, at room temperature
- Salt
- Pepper
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves, chopped (about 4 sprigs)
- 2 tablespoons Sherry vinegar
- 4 ounces fresh, soft goat cheese
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons high quality olive oil for drizzling (optional)



1. Add mushrooms to a large bowl and rinse with a few changes of water, then gently wipe with a kitchen towel. Cut each mushroom into quarters, or sixths for any slightly larger ones, aiming for bite-sized pieces.

2. Butter both sides of the bread slices, using about 1/2 tablespoon of butter per side. Preheat a large skillet over medium-high heat for 1 minute. Add the bread to the skillet and toast until crispy and golden with some charred spots, about 3 minutes each side, pressing with a spatula every 30 seconds or so. (If you do not have a large enough skillet to hold all 4 slices, do this part in two batches or in two skillets.) Transfer to a plate or cutting board and set aside.

3. Melt 1/2 tablespoon of butter in the same skillet, still set over medium-high heat. Add half the mushrooms to the skillet with 2 tablespoons of water and season with salt and pepper. Stir to coat in the butter and let cook undisturbed until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Stir and let cook for another 2 minutes. Reduce heat to medium, stir in garlic and thyme, add 1 tablespoon of Sherry vinegar to the pan and let cook for 3 more minutes until the liquid is evaporated and the mushrooms are slightly browned. Transfer to a bowl and repeat with the rest of the mushrooms. Taste and adjust seasoning if needed.

4. Spread goat cheese on each cooled slice of bread, top with the cooked mushrooms and lightly drizzle with balsamic vinegar and, if desired, olive oil. *Serves 4.*

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## Shavings of Ham with Parmigiano, Apples and Pine Nuts

*Courtesy of chef Patrick O'Connell*

- 1/2 pound block of best-quality Parmigiano cheese
- 12 very thin slices of ham (preferably Virginia country ham, but can substitute prosciutto) cut into wide ribbons
- 1 ripe apple, halved and cored (unpeeled)
- 1 bunch baby arugula, washed and stemmed
- 1/4 cup toasted pine nuts
- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Cracked black pepper to taste

Using a vegetable peeler or cheese slicer, shave the Parmigiano into ribbons. Intertwine a few ribbons of cheese and ham on each of six plates to form a small, fluffy mound. Using a mandolin or sharp knife, slice the apple as thinly as possible. Add a few apple slices to each mound of cheese and ham. Over each plate, toss a few leaves of baby arugula, sprinkle pine nuts and drizzle extra-virgin olive oil. Garnish with cracked black pepper. *Serves 6.*

## Baeckeoffe

### For the casserole

- 1 pound boneless pork shoulder, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 pound boneless lamb shoulder, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 pound boneless beef chuck-eye, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes
- Salt and pepper
- 5 small to medium yellow onions
- 1 medium carrot, peeled and sliced 1/8-inch thick
- Whites of 2 medium leeks, halved lengthwise and chopped 1/2-inch thick
- 1 sprig thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 parsley branches
- 2 whole cloves
- 1 1/2 bottles dry white wine, such as Alsatian Sylvaner or Riesling
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 5 pounds medium Yukon Gold potatoes
- 3 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
- 1 marjoram branch
- 1 tablespoon coriander seeds, crushed
- Chopped fresh chives, for garnish

### For the dough seal (optional)

- 1/2 pound all-purpose flour
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- Poppy seeds
- Salt



1. Season the meat with salt and pepper and place it in a very large plastic or glass container. Slice 1 onion 1/8-inch thick. Add the carrot, leek and sliced onion, followed by the thyme, bay leaf, parsley and cloves. Pour the wine over. Cover and let marinate overnight in the refrigerator.
2. Preheat the oven to 300° F with a rack in the bottom-third position. Butter the bottom and sides of a large Dutch oven. Peel the potatoes and slice them 1/8-inch thick. Place in a large bowl and season with salt and pepper.
3. Slice the remaining onions 1/8-inch thick. Remove the meat and vegetables from the refrigerator. Set a colander with a bowl underneath and strain the solids, reserving the liquid. Separate the meat from the vegetables and set the meat aside. Add the vegetables to the potatoes, followed by the garlic, remaining onions, marjoram and coriander, and stir to combine. Discard the parsley.
4. Spread half the vegetable mixture evenly on the bottom of the pot. Next, add all of the meat. Spread the rest of the vegetable mixture evenly on top, pressing down gently. Pour the reserved marinade over so that it is almost level with the top of the ingredients. If necessary, add a bit of water or chicken stock. Cover with a tight-fitting lid.
5. *Optional:* To make the dough seal, in a small bowl, combine the flour with 1/2 cup water, mixing thoroughly. Transfer to a floured surface and knead briefly. Roll into a rope long enough to tightly encircle the pot. (Alternatively, thaw frozen puff pastry and form it into a roll in the same way.) Brush egg wash onto the rim where the pot and the lid meet, then press the dough into the egg wash to seal the pot. Brush the dough seal with more egg wash and, if desired, sprinkle with salt and poppy seeds.
5. Place the pot in the oven and bake for about 4 hours. Let rest 10 minutes. Discard bay leaves and marjoram. Serve family-style, garnished with chives. If you made the dough seal, serve pieces of the baked crust alongside. *Serves 8 to 10.*

I knew a mathematician who couldn't afford lunch. He could binomial.

I wanted to learn to drive a stick shift. Thing is, I couldn't find a manual.

Where do robots go for fun? The circuits.

What do you call a turtle who takes up photography? A snapping turtle.

What happened when the semi-colon broke grammar laws? He was given two consecutive sentences.

Why do math teachers make good dancers? Because they have algorithm.

**Very  
Punny**



# Into the SemiFinals...

It's not often that one wants to bid Exclusion Keycard in partner's first-bid suit. All four tables in the SemiFinals reached 6H on Board 10 of the first segment.

Adam Grossack and Anam Tebha had an excellent auction that gave them the chance to reach the grand.

10 D		N pachyderms	
		♠ AJ109	
		♥ 93	
		♦ K65	
		♣ 8654	
W nevereast		E AnamTebha	
♠ KQ864		♠ Q1064	
♥ AKJ82		♥ Q10743	
♦ A		♦ KQ73	
♣ A9			
		S Allan Falk	
		♠ 7532	
		♥ 75	
		♦ J982	
		♣ J102	
		6♥ W	NS: 0 EW: 1

W	N	E	S
		P	P
2♣	P	2♦	P
2♥	P	2♠	P
3♦	P	3♥	P
3♠	P	4♣	P
4♦	P	5♠	P
6♣	P	6♥	AP

While the grand slam can succeed on this hand, it is not a great contract.

It is simply a perfect lie of the cards.

While no one bid it, thirteen tricks are there for the taking because the DK is tripleton and trumps are 2-2.

We know Murphy's Law: When you bid it, the cards mysteriously move and the slam fails! When you don't, the cards are all in the right place and the contract comes home!

Nice auction, Adam and Anam!!



2C strong and artificial.

2D was waiting

2H was Kokish forcing partner to bid 2S

3D showed 5+ hearts and 4+ spades

3H set trumps

3S, 4C & 4D were cuebids

5S was Exclusion Keycard

6C showed 1 or 4 heart keycards excluding the spade ace

6H set the final contract but suggested that a grand-slam was possible since 5S forced the small slam and West had all four keycards.

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

Sudoku 1

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers to Puzzle on Page 15

It's OK to borrow a book from the public library once in a while, but try not to overdue it.

What do you call a neighborhood where several authors live? A writers' block.

Why do some people hate puns? Because they are laughtose intolerant!

I didn't use to care much for most puns but over time some of them have groan on me.

What did the sock puppet say to the sock? Looks like you could use a hand.

I listen to the radio with such frequency that my ear Hertz.

**If desperate times breed desperate wordplay, we need to prepare for a pundemic.**

# Pun-demic!

# YOUTH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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8 Saturdays starting on Sat. August 15  
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*Warren Buffett ~ "Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail if I had three cellmates who were decent players."*

Interested in learning the world's most fascinating game? Sign up for the free class for students in grades 1-12, where basic bidding and card play techniques will be taught. This class is hosted by the Youth Bridge Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting bridge to middle and high-school students, founded by members of the US junior bridge team.

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Register @ <https://bit.ly/introtobridge>

The USBF supports and encourages any and all Junior Bridge Programs. Some of the organizers of this event are participants of the USBF Junior Training Program under the excellent direction of Michael Rosenberg.

Joe Stokes, Chairman of the USBF Junior Committee applauds this effort of "juniors teaching juniors." The classes rate to be fun for all.

A recording of their Bridge Introductory Workshop from last week is on their website.

As always, check there to learn more about the organization!

<https://www.youthbridgeassociation.org/>

Sign up your children, grandchildren or yourself if you qualify today or tomorrow so you don't miss any classes!

The organizers are Michael Xu, Michael Hu, Arthur Zhou, and Jonathan Yue.

Write [youthbridgeassociation@gmail.com](mailto:youthbridgeassociation@gmail.com) for more information.



## Fun and Games Page

### ★ Picnic

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

T T E K S A B H E I S D E F A  
S N A C K S L S T W H T E R A  
S S O A S B N T A I E A O E G  
T O F M E S U O E N E E T N C  
R R O E C N E T H E T M O C A  
A E L M I L K S T S A P M H N  
W P D B P I B A S E I C A B O  
B P I E S M E E P A R D T R P  
E E N R C S A T V P L N O E E  
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Y S H S S U M N D A N A I M R  
J C A E R A D C T W R A G T W  
A H I E N A U T O R I I L E E  
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S L S A U S A G E O L A H E T  
I N S E C T S S O S F E I E S  
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COOLER  
COUNTRY AIR  
DISH  
FOLDING CHAIRS  
FRENCH BREAD  
GLASSES  
HEAT  
INSECTS  
MARGARINE  
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COFFEE

# Word Find Puzzle





	Runners					Shirt Colors					Town				
	Anthony	Eduardo	Franklin	Herman	Ted	aquamarine	maroon	pink	red	white	Idyllwild	Janesville	Norway	Pierson	Yorba Linda
22 minutes															
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pink															
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white															

# Logic Puzzle

Times	Runners	Shirt Colors	Town
22 minutes			
23 minutes			
24 minutes			
25 minutes			
26 minutes			

- The contestant who finished in 26 minutes wasn't from Yorba Linda..
- Franklin finished 1 minute after the contestant in the maroon shirt..
- Eduardo was from Janesville..
- The runner from Norway didn't wear the white shirt..
- Franklin was from Idyllwild..
- Ted didn't wear the red shirt..
- Eduardo finished in 23 minutes..
- Anthony was either the runner from Yorba Linda or the competitor in the aquamarine shirt..
- Anthony wore the pink shirt..
- Of the contestant in the white shirt and the contestant in the maroon shirt, one finished in 22 minutes and the other was Eduardo..
- Herman finished in 22 minutes..

Answer on page 16

## Honors & Awards

**Sandra Rimstedt** is a professional bridge player and teacher. She is also a wife and mother. Originally from Sweden, Sandra is now living in the United States.

### Honors & Awards

#### European Champion

Jul 2015

Winner of the European Bridge Championships for Women Pairs, held in Tromsø in July 2015

#### Swedish Junior Champion in Team Gymnastics

Sep 2002

Gold medal in Swedish Championships for juniors

#### Bridge Medals and Accomplishments

Several Top 10 Bridge Results in World Championships and Olympiads 2006-2013

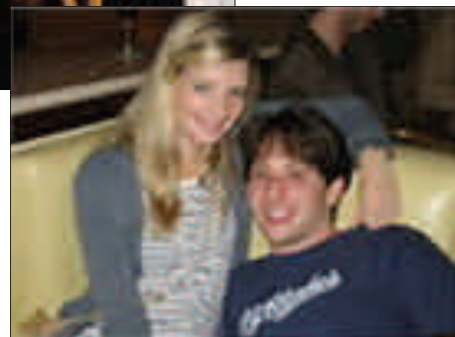
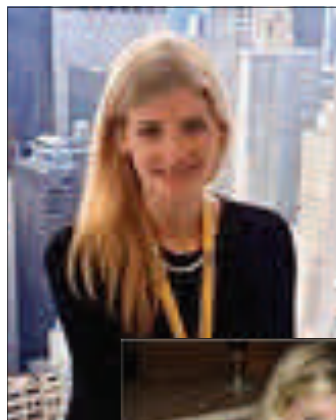
Bronze Medal in European Bridge Championship 2010

Gold Medal in Nordic Bridge Junior Championship for teams 2011

Gold Medal in Nordic Bridge Junior Championship for pairs 2010

Two Silver Medals and 1 Bronze Medal in European Bridge Championship 2003-2007

# Meet the Players



**Anam Tebha** is an American born and raised professional bridge player. She learned bridge in 2008 as a teenager, while in summer school in Pakistan. Soon afterwards and only “knowing keycard”, Anam and three of her equally green Pakistani classmates went to China to play in the junior world championships.



In spite of, “not knowing anyone,” when Anam returned she “spent at least five hours a day on BridgeBase, like every day” throughout 2008-2012. Clearly, she was hooked.

Her first big, NABC+ win came in the 2016 Fall Mixed Swiss partnering Pakistani legend Zia Mahmood. Zia’s team had gotten eliminated on the first day of the Reisinger, and Anam was in her words, “loitering around the playing area with no game.” When Billy Miller came up to her and said, “Do you want to play with Zia?” She joked, “am I supposed to say no to that?”

Anam also won both the Team and BAM events in 2017 at the 5th Youth Bridge Open Championships in Lyon, France. In the words of junior star, Finn Kolesnik, Anam “is a beast”.

# Puzzle Answers:

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## Sudoku

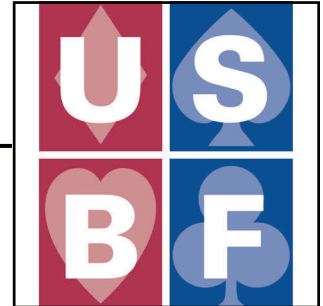
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

## 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.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. Your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators. The USBF is an all-volunteer organization. Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCs. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.

Colonials:

As per usual, you have put on a bang-up show. While the poor twit, Howie Dung, tries to rhyme awful guesses, Limey Jack is where you go to make a few quid.

Donner continues to endeavour to set the bridge world on its ear with his carrier bag of twins, lassies, and multiple countries. But they will need more than Elastoplast (Ed note: band aid) to bind the wound that they will suffer at the hands of Rosenthal. For team Rosenthal, they are one day away from a safe harbour and by no means are they care-worn. Very cheeky this lot of Donner castabouts, but they will have a myriad of chances afore their time is done. To Limey Jack, it looks like they are setting up for a Mixed Teams tilt next.

Even though Limey Jack has to keep oppo hours to assess these matches, protecting one and all from the blatherings of Howie Dung is its own reward.

Cheers til then.



# Limey Jack...



Yesterday's match  
Went by really fast...  
With Kit on the sidelines,  
No team finished last!

Today's hands were easy...  
At least from my view.  
They made or went down  
So what else is new?

Down to two teams  
Both playing well...  
Who will emerge,  
It's time that will tell.

## Howie Doing

The teams that remain  
Can both be some scary.  
Donner has Zach,  
While Andrew has Gary!

If one gets ahead,  
As their wisest protection,  
Seat Gary and Zach  
In the same seat direction!

Luck to you both,  
Only one team will fall...  
In my estimation,  
It's not Rosenthal!

**SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on  
page 13**

26 minutes	Ted	Aquamarine	Norway
25 minutes	Anthony	Pink	Yorba Linda
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# From the Third Quarter of the SemiFinals...

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♥ 864	♥ AQJ93			
♦ J9832	♦ 4			
♣ A8	♣ 532			
	S fmerb			
	♠ A6			
	♥ 1072			
	♦ KQ65			
	♣ KQ74			
	3NT S NS: 0 EW: 0			

Board 11 was interesting. Three of the four tables played in 3NT; One was successful. Two were not.

Gary Donner made an unusual lead that shouldn't have mattered and it wouldn't have, had he been able to read his partner's play at trick one.

Gary led the CA!! His partner, playing upside down, played her C5. Gary couldn't see any of the relevant spots so it was unclear if this was intended as high or low.

Had he shifted to a heart, he would have immediately defeated the contract two tricks, collecting five hearts and one club. Instead, he continued clubs. With the SJT falling, declarer scored 4 spades, 3 diamonds, and 3 clubs for +430.

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The early club lead looked brilliant but turned devastating.

On any other lead, Gary would know to switch to a heart when his club ace was knocked out. On the early play of the club, he'd removed his entry before he knew what switch was right.

10 IMPs to Lusky

In the Meyers/Rosenthal match, Rosenthal/Silverstein, like Botta/Z Grossack, went light two tricks in 3NT on the lead of a 4th best diamond.

Meyers' teammates, Grabel and Dunitz, holding the North/South cards, found 5CX from South.

Willenken led a heart through the king to the ace and Cohler cashed his jack. Cohler shifted to his singleton diamond. When Willenken won his CA, he gave Cohler a diamond ruff and defeated 5CX two tricks. 5 IMPs to Rosenthal

# From Segment Four of the Semi Finals...

D 1	N dunitz	W	N	E	S
	♠ Q1098 ♥ K3 ♦ 9742 ♣ A52	3NT	P	1♦	1♥
W mikeyb		E migry			
♠ K6 ♥ AQ109 ♦ Q5 ♣ 98764		♠ J753 ♥ 6 ♦ AKJ86 ♣ J103			
	S rossg				
	♠ A42 ♥ J87542 ♦ 103 ♣ KQ				
		3NT W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

David Berkowitz (mikeyb) belongs to the camp that believes if you bid 3NT often enough, you will make nine tricks more than your share of the time.

On Board 1 of the final segment in the Rosenthal/Meyers semifinal match, Migry decided to open 1D on minimal values. She had a good suit and an easy rebid over any response from her partner. Ross Gabel overcalled 1H. Berkowitz felt that 3NT would have a play and the likely heart opening lead certainly wouldn't hurt his chances. Backing up his thinking, he bid 3T. Dummy was a bit of a disappointment.

With a partnership total of 21 high card points and only six top tricks (provided diamonds ran), David was going to need a "little help from his friends".

Dunitz led his HK. In retrospect, he would have been better off ignoring Gabel's 1H bid... however, not leading the suit partner overcalled holding the Kx is the surest way to destroy partnership confidence.

Berkowitz could see seven tricks. Double dummy play will bring home nine tricks, but "How?" It isn't obvious. Berkowitz won the HA and played the C4 to Gabel's queen. At this point, a black suit return would defeat 3NT, but Gabel persisted in hearts. Berkowitz won the HT, pitching a club from dummy. Eight tricks were in the bag.

David played a second round of clubs. If North ducks, South will win the CK and return a small spade. Berkowitz will be put to a guess because South's spade return is a forced play. His overcall might suggest the right guess, but this is by no means a certain thing. Unfortunately for N/S, Dunitz rose with the CA and crushed his partner's queen. He exited with a diamond and Berkowitz claimed eleven tricks for +460

At the other table, Kerri Sanborn passed the East hand. Gary Cohler opened 1H on the South hand. Jill Meyers passed the West hand and Willenken responded 1S. Sanborn overcalled 2D and that was the final contract. All roads lead to eight tricks and E/W scored +90.

9 IMPs to Rosenthal



Today is the final.  
It's gonna be great.  
Even delayed,  
Will not finish too late!