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We Remember:



USBF JLall Online Teams #1 2020 2nd Round Robin

Team Name	Total	Carry Over	2	34	30	32	29	16	28	14	8	5
2. Caprera	188.06	128.37		11.14	13.43	13.72	14.54		6.86			
34. Rosenthal	177.26	119.10	8.86					13.43		9.61	13.43	12.83
30. Jacobs	176.35	126.86	6.57					10.77		19.10	2.66	10.39
32. Lo	175.93	125.86	6.28					3.22		13.43	14.00	13.14
29. Hung	172.05	117.93	5.46					5.72		16.97	12.83	13.14
16. Stoltz	169.74	120.39		6.57	9.23	16.78	14.28		2.49			
28. Gupta	165.65	103.67	13.14					17.51		2.49	17.34	11.50
14. Silin	157.95	119.55		10.39	0.90	6.57	3.03		17.51			
8. Lewis	155.95	116.21		6.57	17.34	6.00	7.17		2.66			
5. Hill	143.58	104.58		7.17	9.61	6.86	6.86		8.50			

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Results:

Alerts & Explanations

When it is your turn to bid, your bidding box appears above your hand. It looks like this:

For the Contestants



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To Alert the bid you want to make click on the "ALERT" flag before you bid. To explain the bid you are about to make, type the explanation into the box that says "Explain bid here." The line below the explanation box has suit symbols - click on one of them to include it in the explanation or type ! and the initial letter of the suit. If the explanation you are about to make is one you made previously (for practice "previously" means during this session of play; we hope that for the real event it will include all previous sessions), you do not have to re-type it. Click on that square to the right of the club symbol to get to a library of previous explanations. Click on one to put it in the explanation box. Once you have explained and/or alerted, click on a bidding card to make your bid. You only need to alert if you are not explaining - an explanation without an alert will look the same to your opponents and in the bidding record as an explanation with an alert.

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams**

Today's Note from Jan

Click on a JLall Stage to get the Scores. **Click on JLall X-IMPs Rounds 1-15 to get the Butler for the first 3 days for all of you Butler addicts.** Click on a score to get the scorecard for the match with links to the individual hands. Click on a board number to see results from all of the tables. Click on a result to see the bidding and play at that table. Try clicking on other things to get more information. (Ed note: OR see page 5 for the top 54 pair Butler scores)

Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN



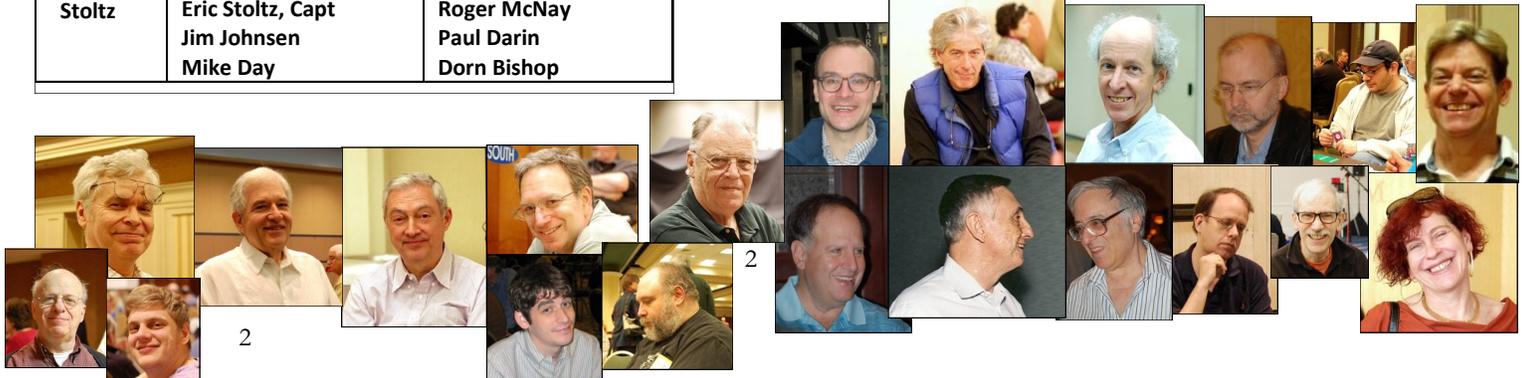
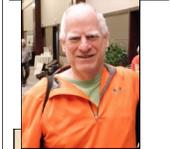
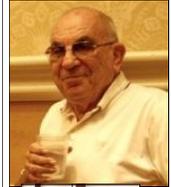
Teams in Alphabetical Order within RR Groups:

Indians

Cowboys

Bjerkan	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt Pam Wittes Janice Seamon-Molson	Rozanne Pollack Ljudmila Kamenova Tobi Sokolow
Caprera	David Caprera, Capt JoAnn Sprung Steve Beatty	Anne Brenner Danny Sprung Fred Stewart
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Lynn Baker Jacob Freeman	Michael Shuster Karen McCallum Finn Kolesnik
Harris	Marty Harris, Capt Mike Massimilla Emma Kolesnik	Miriam Harris-Botzum Lou Glasthal Amber Lin
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Jenny Wolpert	Joyce Hill Anam Tebha Lukasz Lebioda
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Reese Milner John Diamond	Bob Hamman Peter Weichsel Brian Platnick
Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Adam Grossack Michael Rosenberg Joel Wooldridge
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Ifti Baqai	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Mitch Dunitz
Meyers	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Allan Graves Mike Becker	Jill Meyers Steve Sanborn Michael Kamil
Nadel	Julie Nadel, Capt Leo Bell Daniel Korbelt	Billy Miller Bruce Ferguson
Nickell	Nick Nickell Geoff Hampson Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Eric Greco Steve Weinstein
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall Rick Roeder	Lance Kerr John Jones Joe Viola
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Marty Fleisher	Peter Boyd Bart Bramley Chip Martel
Silin	Maxim Silin, Capt Jim Rasmussen Mark Aquino	Carrie Liu Parul Jain Selen Hotamisligil
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Glenn Milgrim Sid Brownstein	Jeff Aker Barry Rigal Ed Davis
Stoltz	Eric Stoltz, Capt Jim Johnsen Mike Day	Roger McNay Paul Darin Dorn Bishop

Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt Charley Seelbach Chris Compton	John Bishel Blaine Mullins Andy Goodman
Bitterman	Bob Bitterman, Capt Gloria Bart	Bob Cappelli Les Bart
Donn	Sheri Winestock, Capt Josh Donn Steve Garner	Uday Ivatury Christal Henner Jeff Wolfson
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Reese Koppel	Marley Cedrone Olivia Schireson
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Joe Grue Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Brad Moss Iulian Rotaru
Feldman	Jason Feldman, Capt Mark Feldman Walter Lee	Jerry Stamatov Adam Wildavsky Frank Merblum
Greenspan	Jon Greenspan, Capt John Stiefel John Rengstorff	Glenn Eisenstein Geof Brod Greg Woods
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Ash Gupta Mark Moss	Vinita Gupta Zia Mahmood Bob Thomson
Hung	Eugene Hung, Capt Ari Greenberg Adam Kaplan	Howard Liu Tom Carmichael Ron Smith
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Drew Becker Dick Bruno	Claude Vogel Larry Robbins Bob Gardner
Levine	Michael Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mark Lair	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mike Passell
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Andrew Stark Alex Kolesnik	Harrison Luba Franco Baseggio Jiang Gu
Moss	Roger Lee, Capt Ish Delmonte Gary Cohler	Sylvia Moss Eldad Ginossar Billy Cohen
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Jacob Morgan
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Randal Burns Sarah Youngquist	Cadir Lee Geeske Joel Kevin Rosenberg*
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt Kevin Bathurst Vince Demuy	Gavin Wolpert John Hurd John Kranyak



Remaining Tournament Schedule

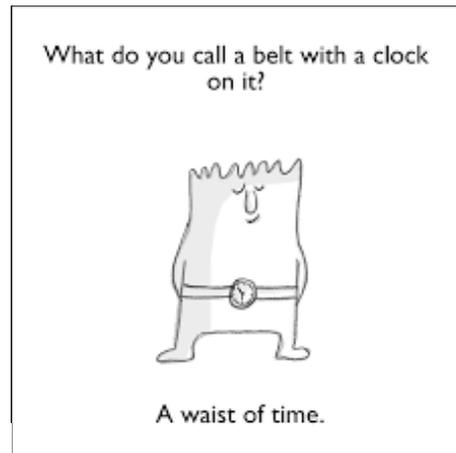
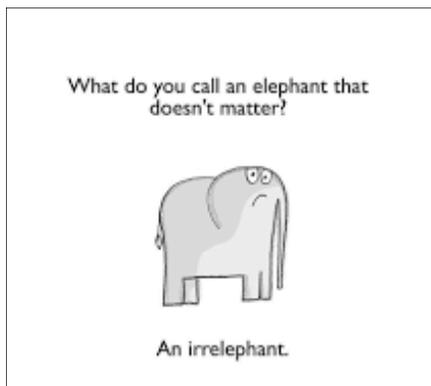
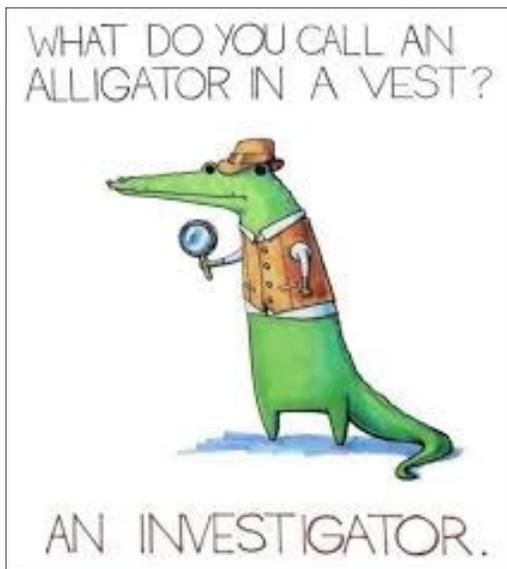
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	NOV 13	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:55 - 4:40	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		BREAK	
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	NOV 14	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:55 - 4:40	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		BREAK	
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	NOV 15	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:55 - 4:40	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		BREAK	
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	NOV 16	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:55 - 4:40	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		BREAK	
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:25 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

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 COO, who may refer it to the USBF Recorder. Either the COO or Recorder may bring a Charge against the player to the 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.



I don't know why
Bride is so hard.
I cannot decide
The very best card!

Kibitzing on VuGraph...

There will be delayed kibitzing for all of the JLall1 event.

To kibitz, go to <https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>, enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz (*we do not know whether there will be events with delayed kibitzing other than the JLall1 running concurrently*).

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #1, you will be taken to a lobby where you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table, as well as the board and trick that table is on (that's in the middle of the table, immediately under the table number). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happens. You will not hear or see the players.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen (if your browser window isn't large enough to show it, you can click on the "chat" icon immediately above the UNDO button to open the chat window. For now, anyone can type chat into the chat window. We may have designated commentators for late stages of the event.

Some things you can do to get more information:

If there is an asterisk next to a bid, that means it was Alerted or Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation if there was one.

-- "Rewind" the play using the slider underneath the "table" with hand diagram. just move the vertical handle on the slider to the left to go to earlier tricks.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name, you will get a scorecard for the match so far. You can use this to get lots of information:

----Click on a board number to see the hand record and results at all of the tables.

----You can also click on a number in a yellow box to get to the hand record from some screens.

----In the hand record screen, click on a result to see the bidding and play at a specific table.

--In the upper left corner:

----Click on the yellow box with 4 little boxes to get the match scores for all the matches (that will be IMPs and will not include scores from previous rounds).

----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for the pairs (that will be just for this match).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right, in case you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.



Watching online,
Even delayed,
Is the best way to see
How a hand's bid and played!

JLall1 XIMPs - Rounds 1-15

Pos	No	Pair	Average	Total	Bds
1	47	Zia Mahmood & Naren Gupta	+1.76	+1622 / 922	30
2	17	Zach Grossack & Michael Rosenberg	+1.56	+5301 / 3397	110
3	23	Billy Miller & Daniel Korbel	+1.42	+3058 / 2154	70
4	33	Chris Compton & Charley Seelbach	+1.20	+738 / 616	20
5	49	Joe Grue & Brad Moss	+1.11	+3768 / 3399	110
6	4	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	+1.04	+2873 / 2752	89
7	27	Steve Robinson & Peter Boyd	+1.02	+3153 / 3088	100
8	18	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	+0.96	+3515 / 3678	119
9	68	Daniel Korbel & Bruce Ferguson	+0.93	+2298 / 2480	80
10	84	Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	+0.92	+3143 / 3401	110
11	44	Alex Kolesnik & Jiang Gu	+0.89	+2755 / 3093	100
12	40	Tom Carmichael & Ari Greenberg	+0.89	+2739 / 3084	100
13	72	Jerry Stamatov & Jason Feldman	+0.83	+2568 / 3088	100
14	81	Jim Johnsen & Paul Darin	+0.80	+2238 / 2781	90
15	12	Shan Huang & Kevin Dwyer	+0.76	+3270 / 4324	140
16	64	Jacob Morgan & Chris Willenken	+0.74	+2749 / 3704	120
17	51	Eldad Ginossar & Ish DelMonte	+0.74	+2729 / 3712	120
18	26	Bobby Levin & Steve Weinstein	+0.69	+2344 / 3399	110
19	98	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	+0.68	+2319 / 3401	110
20	60	Claude Vogel & George Jacobs	+0.68	+2082 / 3062	99
21	110	Kevin Rosenberg & Randal Burns	+0.67	+209 / 310	10
22	25	Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	+0.67	+1655 / 2468	80
23	9	Mike Massimilla & Marty Harris	+0.64	+195 / 306	10
24	61	Jeff Meckstroth & Eric Rodwell	+0.62	+2310 / 3709	120
25	99	Sylvia Moss & Roger Lee	+0.61	+1325 / 2162	70
26	13	John Diamond & Brian Platnick	+0.58	+1974 / 3399	110
27	19	Ifti Baqai & Mitch Dunitz	+0.56	+1744 / 3089	100
28	54	Walter Lee & Frank Merblum	+0.56	+1724 / 3093	100
29	43	Franco Baseggio & Ai-Tai Lo	+0.54	+165 / 306	10
30	48	Mark Moss & Bob Thomson	+0.47	+1592 / 3368	109
31	92	John Rengstorff & Greg Woods	+0.44	+1358 / 3095	100
32	77	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	+0.42	+1396 / 3344	108
33	74	Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	+0.41	+1413 / 3407	110
34	21	Mike Becker & Michael Kamil	+0.38	+1044 / 2774	90
35	39	Adam Kaplan & Howard Liu	+0.36	+109 / 306	10
36	95	John Hurd & Kevin Bathurst	+0.34	+1150 / 3401	110
37	96	Drew Becker & Larry Robbins	+0.31	+960 / 3088	100
38	55	Gavin Wolpert & Warren Spector	+0.30	+645 / 2154	70
39	8	Glenn Milgrim & Barry Rigal	+0.29	+782 / 2659	86
40	56	John Kranyak & Vince Demuy	+0.25	+939 / 3713	120
41	71	Adam Kaplan & Ron Smith	+0.22	+764 / 3407	110
42	70	Mark Itabashi & Paul Lewis	+0.21	+634 / 3092	100
43	14	Hemant Lall & Reese Milner	+0.20	+485 / 2468	80
44	50	Radu Nistor & Iulian Rotaru	+0.13	+427 / 3394	110
45	52	Billy Cohen & Gary Cohler	+0.11	+384 / 3368	109
46	78	JoAnn Sprung & Danny Sprung	+0.11	+371 / 3401	110
47	29	Mark Aquino & Selen Hotamisligil	+0.11	+334 / 3087	100
48	34	Tom Bishel & John Bishel	+0.11	+334 / 3088	100
49	82	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	+0.10	+311 / 3092	100
50	6	Finn Kolesnik & Jacob Freeman	+0.07	+221 / 3084	100
51	42	Jeff Wolfson & Steve Garner	+0.06	+191 / 3087	100
52	62	Eddie Wold & Mike Levine	+0.05	+104 / 2132	69
53	67	Billy Miller & Leo Bell	+0.04	+110 / 2480	80
54	111	Brian Zhang & Tracey Bauer	+0.04	+27 / 620	20

Top 54 Butlers after Round 15...

If you don't see your names, you probably aren't still in the event?



Monday, Nov. 9
Monday, Nov. 23 – Midnight (EST)
Wednesday, Nov. 25 – Noon (EST)
Wednesday, Nov. 25 – Midnight (EST)
Saturday, Dec. 5 – 11:00 AM (EST)
Saturday, Dec 5. 11:10 AM (EST)
Saturday, Dec. 5, 11:20 AM (EST)

Premier KO Team Entries open on BW for all Flights
Entries close for Premier KO Team Entries for Open Flight
Deadline for convention cards for Premier KO Open Flight
Entries close for Team Entries for Premier KO Limited Flights
Entries open for Premier Pairs 0-1500 Flight
Entries open for Premier Pairs 0-5000 Flight
Entries open for Premier Pairs Open Flight

OPEN KNOCKOUT SCHEDULE (FRIDAY, NOV. 27-SUNDAY, DEC. 6)

0-5000 & 0-1500 KNOCKOUT SCHEDULES (SATURDAY, NOV. 28-SUNDAY, DEC. 6)

PREMIER PAIR EVENT, 0-5000 & 0-1500 PAIR EVENT SCHEDULE (SATURDAY, DEC. 5-SUNDAY, DEC. 6)

Open Knockout: \$300 / team for the entire event. NABC Junior discounts apply*

0-5000 Knockout and 0-1500 Knockout: \$240 / team for the entire event. A team may consist of four, five, or six players. NABC Junior Discounts apply.*

Open Pairs: \$100 / pair / event. Players who qualify for the final play free. NABC Junior discounts apply.**

0-5000 and 0-1500 Pairs: \$80 / pair / event. Players who qualify for the final play free. NABC Junior discounts apply.**

*Discount = \$45 per Junior, maximum four discounts per team

**Discount = \$30 per Junior player

Open Knockout: 1st place 200MP, 100% Gold.

0-5000 Knockout: 1st place 64MP, 100% Gold.

0-1500 Knockout: 1st place 36MP, 100% Gold.

Open Pairs: 80% of NABC rating per formula. If there are 50 tables, 1st place = 61.70 MP. 100% Gold

0-5000 Pairs: 80% of NABC rating per formula. If there are 50 tables, 1st place = 49.36 MP. 100% Gold

0-1500 Pairs: 80% of NABC rating per formula. If there are 50 tables, 1st place = 37.02 MP. 100% Gold

The NAOBC Knockouts are open to all ACBL members in good standing. The matches will be held according to the [schedule](#). Each full match in the Open Knockout will be 56 boards. Each full match in the 0-5000 and 0-1500 Knockouts will be 48 boards. All matches will be played on Bridge Base Online.

Convention cards: Each partnership on every team in the Open flight of the Premier KO **MUST** submit a complete convention card to the tournament by Wednesday, November 25th, at noon EST. Instructions for submitting convention cards will be posted soon. Failure to submit Convention Cards in a timely manner may result in loss of seating rights. Convention cards will be made publicly available for inspection.

NAOBC Premier Flighted Pairs

The NAOBC Premier Flighted Pairs (Open, 5000, 1500) is open to all ACBL members in good standing (and are not playing in the concurrent semifinal / final KO matches). This is a four-session pair event on Dec 5 2020 and Dec 6 2020, with 24 boards played per session. The top 50% of the Saturday field qualifies to play in the Sunday final.

Registration

Pre-registration for the NAOBC Premier Knockouts is mandatory and is limited to the first 256 teams in each knockout (Open, 0-5000, 0-1500). Entries will be sold on [BridgeWinners.com](#) starting Monday, Nov. 9. For the Open Flight, entry sales close at midnight Eastern time, Monday Nov 23, 2020. For the other flights, entry sales close at midnight Eastern time, Wednesday Nov 25, 2020.

Entries for the NAOBC Premier Flighted Pairs will be sold on [Bridge Base Online](#). Pre-registration is not needed. Entries go on sale Dec 5 2020 two hours before game time for each flight.

We will endeavor to start every session of every event on time. All players in every pair/team who are scheduled to play in a given session **MUST** be online in BBO and ready to play at the scheduled start time of each session. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the event. Be warned that if you are inactive in BBO for an extended period of time, BBO will automatically consider you to be off-line. It is recommended that you do something active in BBO a few minutes before game time.

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



SACHERTORTE

INGREDIENTS

Cake:

- 10 T (143 g) softened butter
- ½ C (65 g) sifted confectioners' sugar
- 8 egg yolks
- 8 egg whites
- 5 oz (142 g) bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- ⅔ C (82 g) flour
- ½ C (96 g) sugar
- 2 T (44 g) apricot jam

Glaze:

- 8 oz (227 g) bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 2 T (29 g) butter

Garnish:

- Whipped cream

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Cream together butter and confectioners' sugar. Add 1 egg yolk at a time, mixing until creamy. Melt 5 oz bittersweet chocolate; add gradually to the creamed mixture; fold in flour. In a separate bowl, beat egg whites and sugar until stiff; fold into chocolate mix. Pour batter into a lined 9-inch springform pan; bake 50-65 minutes. Remove from pan and cool on a wire rack. Heat apricot jam and smooth over entire torte, including sides, or alternatively, slice cake in half crosswise and also add jam between layers. Make glaze by melting chocolate with butter, then pour over cake; let dry before slicing and garnish with whipped cream.

Cook time: 50-65 minutes.

Makes 8 servings.





FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 8 oz (227 g) dark chocolate, chopped**
- 3 T (21 g) unsweetened cocoa powder**
- ¼ tsp (1 g) baking powder**
- ¼ tsp (1 g) salt**
- 6 T (86 g) unsalted butter, room temperature**
- 1 C (192 g) sugar**
- 4 lg eggs**
- 1¼ tsp (6 ml) vanilla extract**
- ½ C (43 g) walnuts, ground**
- ¾ C (87 g) walnuts, chopped**
- Garnish:*
- ¾ C (165 g) heavy cream, whipped**
- ¼ C (25 g) chocolate shavings**
- 1 C (125 g) raspberries or raspberry sauce**

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Grease an 8-inch springform pan with a small amount of butter. Melt chocolate in a microwave on high in 30-second intervals, stirring in between, until chocolate is fully melted and smooth; set aside. Combine cocoa, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. In a separate bowl, beat together butter and sugar; add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition, and continue beating until mixture is pale and creamy, about 5 minutes. Beat in vanilla. Add chocolate; beat until just blended. Fold in ground walnuts, chopped walnuts and cocoa mixture. Pour into prepared pan and bake until cooked through, about 35 minutes. Let cool completely on a wire rack. Run a small knife around edges of springform pan before releasing cake. Serve at room temperature, topping with one or more garnishes to taste.

Prep time: 15 minutes.

Cook time: 35 minutes.

Makes 8 servings.

(Continued on page 9)

The public safety officer came up to a large mob of people outside a department store and asked, "What's happening?" A mall officer replied, "These people are waiting to get the new Barbie doll." The public safety officer shook his head and muttered, "Who can resist a Barbie queue?"

My ex used to hit me with stringed instruments. If only I had known about her history of violins.

Did you hear about the 2 silk worms in a race? It ended in a tie!

Someone stole my toilet and the police have nothing to go on.

Having sex in an elevator is wrong on so many levels.

Last time I got caught stealing a calendar I got 12 months.





CHOCOLATE LAVA CAKE

INGREDIENTS

3 T (43 g) butter, melted

Cocoa powder

**1 C (180 g) good quality dark
chocolate, chopped into small
pieces**

**$\frac{3}{4}$ C (172 g) plus 2 T (29 g) butter,
in small pieces**

4 lg eggs

4 lg egg yolks

1 C (192 g) fine granulated sugar

$1\frac{1}{2}$ C (187 g) flour

DIRECTIONS

Brush melted butter on the inside of eight 1-C (225-ml) capacity molds; place in refrigerator or freezer to chill, then brush more melted butter over cold butter. Sprinkle a little cocoa powder in molds; shake to completely coat molds and tap to remove any excess. Slowly melt chocolate and butter together in a saucepan over a pan of barely simmering water. Remove from heat; stir until cool; let stand 10 minutes. In a large bowl, beat together eggs, yolks and sugar until so thick that a spoon dragged through mixture leaves a trail. Sift flour into egg mixture; beat to incorporate. Pour melted chocolate into egg mixture one third at a time, beating well between additions, until completely combined. Evenly divide mixture among molds. Chill molds at least 20 minutes or up to overnight before baking. Heat oven to 375°F (200°C). Place molds on a baking sheet and cook for 10-12 minutes (add 5 minutes if baking from frozen). Remove when tops are crusty and start to pull away from sides; loosen gently until you can easily unmold them on serving plates, garnish and serve. The "lava" centers will remain soft.

Prep time: 35 minutes.

Cook time: 10-12 minutes.

Makes 8 servings.



Sudoku

Answers on Page 14

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

Sudoku 1



Sudoku 2

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

What do you call a laughing motorcycle? A Yamahahaha.

A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns, but I soon realized that toucan play at that game.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

A termite walks into a bar and says, "Where is the bar tender?"

I saw an ad for burial plots, and thought to myself this is the last thing I need.



Indian States

S	A	K	H	R	A	G	S	I	T	T	A	H	C
R	I	M	H	S	A	K	L	A	J	R	A	A	L
H	G	K	N	N	A	G	A	L	A	N	D	D	R
A	H	O	K	K	D	N	A	H	K	R	A	H	J
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 JHARKHAND
 MAHARASHTRA
 SIKKIM
 TRIPURA
 TELANGANA
 CHATTISGARH
 BIHAR
 GOA
 MEGHALAYA
 KASHMIR
 KARNATAKA
 HARYANA
 WEST BENGAL
 KERALA
 ASAM
 NAGALAND
 MANIPUR
 MIZORAM
 PUNJAB



PunDemic Reading

A guy was taking his girlfriend to prom. Getting ready, he went to a tux rental shop. There was a huge line but he eventually got his tuxedo.

He then went to the florist. Again, there was a huge line, but he got the orchid in the end.

Then he went to the limo rental place, and there was a big line there too! But he eventually managed to rent one.

They got to the prom and danced for a little bit, and then his girlfriend asked for some punch. He went to get it – but there was no punch line.

I used to suffer from soap addiction, but I'm clean now.

What is the computer's favorite food? Microchips.

	Bradley	Lawson	Lewis	Ranger	Sweet	Citizen Credit Union	City Trust	First National	Fleet Bank	Workforce Credit Union	Main Street	Rockland Street	South Street	Third Street	West Street	CD	Checking	IRA	Money Market	Savings
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Logic Puzzle

First Name	Last Name	Bank Name	Bank Address	Account Type
Cindy				
Elliot				
Glenn				
Harriet				
Peter				
-----	Bradley	Citizen Credit Union	Main Street	CD
-----	Lawson	City Trust	Rockland Street	Checking
-----	Lewis	First National	South Street	IRA
-----	Ranger	Fleet Bank	Third Street	Money Market
-----	Sweet	Workforce Credit Union	West Street	Savings

At lunchtime today, five employees from the Gadget Factory went out to do their banking. Though Millersville itself wasn't a large town, there were many options available in the surrounding area so it wasn't unusual that all five employees used different banks or credit unions. While all made deposits (and it wasn't even payday!), the odd part was that each made a deposit to a different type of account. Determine the full name of each employee, the name of the bank each went to (one was City Trust), the street each bank was on, and the type of account where each made their deposit (one was a CD).

1. The employee whose last name was Lewis didn't have a savings account nor did she go to the Citizen Credit Union.
2. Peter Bradley didn't go to a credit union. Harriet, whose last name wasn't Lawson, went to the bank on West Street but she didn't have a checking account.
3. Elliot, whose last name wasn't Ranger, went to South Street to do his deposit but not at the Workforce Credit Union. The employee who went to the First National bank had a savings account.
4. Fleet Bank was on Third Street but it wasn't Glenn's bank. Cindy, whose last name wasn't Sweet, had an IRA but it wasn't in the bank on Main Street.
5. The two credit unions were the one on Rockland Street and the one that held an employee's money market account.
6. The employee whose last name was Ranger didn't use a credit union to deposit money to his checking account. Harriet didn't have a money market account.



Meet the Father and the Son!

Hemant Lall ... taken from his BridgeWinners profile:

Favorite Bridge Memory

Winning my first national championship (GNT) with Justin in 2006

Bridge Accomplishments

6 ACBL championships and 5 WBF gold; ranked #2 in WBF seniors (current) and mixed (2018)

Regular Bridge Partners

Reese Milner, Petra Hamman, Bob Hamman

Member of Bridge Club(s)

Dallas

Favorite Tournaments

World championships and US Nationals

Favorite Conventions

Mini splinters, Puppet

BBO Username

Hemantlall

ACBL Ranking

Grand Life Master

At just 25 years old, Justin had already had a 15 year long bridge career with fantastic results. A prodigy, by age 12 Justin had won 3 Flight A regionals and become a life master.

By age 15 Justin was being mentored heavily by then #1 player Bob Hamman and his father Hemant (A 5 time national champion in his own right). He started to play professionally, and at age 20 he moved from Dallas to New York. Justin has a wealth of experience playing at the highest levels as well as teaching players of all levels. His passion for bridge was clearly shown every time he plays.

At age 24, Justin was the youngest player on the youngest team ever to win the US team trials, the event that determines who represents the USA in the 2011 Bermuda Bowl. In the Bermuda Bowl, he won the silver medal, being the youngest player on the youngest team by average age.

His list of accomplishments include:

- Two time world junior champion
- Silver Medalist in 2011 Bermuda Bowl
- Winner of 2011 USBC championship (commonly known as the trials)
- Representative of USA in the Bermuda Bowl (open world championship), 2011
- Winner of the Super Flight Grand National Teams Summer 2006
- Winner of National LM Pairs Fall 2011
- Second place in LM Pairs Fall 2009
- Second place in NA Swiss Fall 2009
- Bronze Medal in world junior teams
- 9,000 masterpoints
- World International Master (WBF)
- Emerald Life Master (ACBL)
- Winner of over 100 Flight A regionals
- Numerous top 10 finishes in national events
- Participant in the exclusive Cavendish Invitational Pairs 5 times
- Winner of over 1,500 masterpoints in 1 year
- Top youth masterpoint earner 3 years in a row
- Top 50 in Barry Crane Top 500 2008, 2010, 2011
- Winner of all 3 events (junior pairs, open pairs open teams) at the Azores bridge tournament in Azores 2009
- Winner of Swiss Teams (SWPT) at Canberra Bridge Festival 2012
- 3/4th in the National Open Teams (NOT) 2012
- Ranked 64th in the world by the World Bridge Federation (WBF)



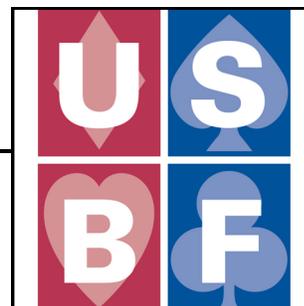
A kind, amazing young player taken way too soon!

Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku
on page 10
Puzzle 1 on left
Puzzle 2 on right

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

Board 52, Dir W
7♥ = W

W Frank Merblum

♠ 105
♥ 976
♦ J102
♣ 87632

♠ 2
♥ KQJ83
♦ Q965
♣ AQJ

Round 14

N Tom Carmichael

♠ A874
♥ A104
♦ AK73
♣ K5

W N E S
1♥ P 2♣* P
2♦* P 3♥ P
3♠ P 4♣* P
4NT P 5♦* P
5NT P 6♦ P
7♥ P P P

♠ KQJ963
♥ 52
♦ 84
♣ 1094

Ari Greenberg S

Walter Lee suggested we look at Board 52 from Sunday's Round Robin. He and his partner, Frank Merblum, had a straightforward auction to arrive in the heart grand. Frank found the dummy reversal to bring home 13 tricks. It is somewhat unusual for a dummy reversal to be the line of choice for a grand!!

Carmichael led a club. Merblum won in hand with the jack. Merblum cashed the HK and led the S2 to Dummy's ace. He ruffed a spade; played a heart to the ten. When trump broke 3-2, Merblum ruffed another spade and played a diamond to the ace. He took another spade ruff and led a club to the king. He cashed dummy's HA, pulling the last trump and claimed the rest of the tricks!

If hearts hadn't been 3-2, Merblum could have fallen back on a favorable lie to pick up the diamond suit.

"Frank"ly, well done!

In Lee's words: "A dummy reversal for a grand slam! Better than hoping for 4 diamond tricks, or hoping long diamonds are with long hearts."

Of the 32 pairs who played this board, 4 pairs were in 7D, and 9 pairs were in 7H. Four of those nine in hearts found the dummy reversal:

- Frank Merblum
- Steve Weinstein
- Bruce Ferguson
- Gary Cohler.

13 IMPs to Merblum when their counterparts at their other table stopped in six.

Thank you, Walter.

Board 52, Dir W
6♥ +1 W

W Ron Smith

♠ 105
♥ 976
♦ J102
♣ 87632

♠ 2
♥ KQJ83
♦ Q965
♣ AQJ

Round 14

N Jerry Stamatov

♠ A874
♥ A104
♦ AK73
♣ K5

W N E S
1♥ P 2♣* 2♠
3♠ P 3♥ P
3♠ P 4♣* P
4♥ P 4NT P
5♠ P 5NT P
6♥ P P P

♠ KQJ963
♥ 52
♦ 84
♣ 1094

Jason Feldman S

"I saw this show about beavers last night – best dam documentary I've ever seen!"
Two wi-fi antennas got married last Saturday. The reception was fantastic.
Why did the party of ghosts ride on the elevator? They wanted to lift their spirits.
I can't stand jokes about German sausages. They really are the wurst.

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 12

CD	Third Street	Fleet Bank	Bradley	Peter
Savings	West Street	First National	Sweet	Harriet
Checking	Main Street	City Trust	Ranger	Glenn
Money Market	South Street	Citizen Credit Union	Lawson	Elliot
IRA	Rockland Street	Workforce Credit Union	Lewis	Cindy
Account Type	Bank Address	Bank Name	Last Name	First Name

Hand 11, Dir S
6♠ = S

W Paul Lewis

♠ KQ10976
♥ Q9
♦ K8
♣ KJ6

Round 2

♠ J8
♥ K763
♦ 6432
♣ A97

♠ 43
♥ 108542
♦ Q5
♣ 10843

W N E S
P 4♥* P 4♠
P 4NT P 5♦
P 6♠ P P

♠ A52
♥ AJ
♦ AJ1097
♣ Q52

David Berkowitz S

David Berkowitz and Migry had a good auction to reach 6S from South. The favorable diamond position insures that the slam will succeed from either North or South.

At the other table, the opponents, playing weak NTs, used an extra round of bidding to reach game. 11 IMPs to Rosenthal

Four pairs reached the slam while six pairs stopped short.

Hand 11, Dir S
4♠ +2 N

W Chris Willenken

♠ KQ10976
♥ Q9
♦ K8
♣ KJ6

♠ J8
♥ K763
♦ 6432
♣ A97

♠ 43
♥ 108542
♦ Q5
♣ 10843

W N E S
P 1♠ P 1NT*
P 2♦ P 2♠*
P 3♠ P 4♦
P 4♠ P P

♠ A52
♥ AJ
♦ AJ1097
♣ Q52

Linda Lewis S

Creating a Swing...

Hand 34, Dir E
4♠ -1 S

W Howard Liu

♠ A8732
♥ 1098
♦ A8
♣ A103

Round 4

♠ Q54
♥ AK42
♦ 765
♣ 964

♠ J109
♥ QJ5
♦ 109432
♣ 75

W N E S
P P 1NT
P 2♥* P 2♠
P 3NT P 4♠
P P P

♠ K6
♥ 763
♦ KQJ
♣ KQJ82

Mitch Dunitz S

The Lewis team was having a frustrating day. They lost their first three rounds and were fighting an uphill battle.

Dunitz knew they needed to create some luck to have a chance to qualify for the Knockout stage. Board 34 gave him an opportunity and he jumped on it. He chose the anti-field position of bidding 4S on his doubleton instead of passing 3NT after Ifty's transfer, hoping that something good would happen and 4S would be successful while 3NT was not. Unfortunately, this was not the best deal on which to take that view.

Every table in the event (save Dunitz's) got to 3NT and when the hearts split 4-3 succeeded in taking nine tricks.

Liu started with the HK under which Hung played the queen to show the jack. Dunitz got a little luck when Lui continued with the ace removing the chance for the uppercut and an extra undertrick.

The defense cashed three rounds of hearts ending in East and waited patiently for their trump trick. Down one...

12 IMPs to Hung

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting and the use of the Round Robin, it will be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.



Board 42, Dir E
5♦ = E

W Franco Baseggio

♠ 85
♥ Q84
♦ K643
♣ A643

♠ AQJ93
♥ 10976
♦ Q
♣ KQ5

N Jenny Wolpert

Andrew Stark E

Round 5

♠ —
♥ AKJ3
♦ A10975
♣ J1098

W N E S
1NT 2♠ 3♣ 4♣
5♦ P P P

♠ K107642
♥ 52
♦ J82
♣ 72

Anam Tebha S

The most common contract on Board 42 was 5D by E/W. Four of the ten pairs played there. One pair played in 5C. Two pairs played in a diamond part score. And two pairs played in 4S down one.

Interestingly, all the matches except Hill/Lo produced pushes.

In the Hill/Lo match Baseggio/Stark played in the expected 5D.

Probably thinking that North was likely to hold short diamonds, all five declarers in minor suit games and both of the diamond part score declarers took the favored Restricted Choice play of finessing South for the DJ to collect 11 tricks.

Board 42, Dir E
3♠ X = S

W Kevin Dwyer

♠ 85
♥ Q84
♦ K643
♣ A643

♠ AQJ93
♥ 10976
♦ Q
♣ KQ5

N Harrison Luba

Shan Huang E

Round 5

♠ —
♥ AKJ3
♦ A10975
♣ J1098

W N E S
1NT X 1♦* P
3♣ 3♠ X P
P P

♠ K107642
♥ 52
♦ J82
♣ 72

Ai-Tai Lo S

The second table in Hill/Lo had a radically different result. That was the only table where North/South made a plus...

Instead of bidding 5C or 5D or even a minor suit part score, Dwyer/Huang stopped off to double their opponents, Luba/Lo, in 3S.

This was fatal.

Luba must have been impressed when Lo freely bid 2S in response to his takeout double. He thought five good trumps were enough to raise in competition.

Huang doubled. He likely meant it as takeout. Dwyer obviously did not expect a void and passed.

With only two hearts, a diamond and a club to lose, nine tricks were there for the taking. Luba/Lo scored +730 for 16 IMPs to Lo.

 Bd 4, Dlr W 3NT-1 N W Roger McNay	♠ AJ ♥ Q942 ♦ 52 ♣ AQ754	N Claude Vogel Eric Stoltz E																				
♠ 73 ♥ KJ876 ♦ 943 ♣ J96	Round 1 RR 2	♠ K1062 ♥ 3 ♦ QJ86 ♣ K1082																				
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In the Jacobs/Stoltz match the auctions at both tables were identical. The results were not.

When Claude Vogel declared 3NT, Eric Stoltz led the D6. From declarer's perspective, assuming a fourth-best lead, East's four top diamonds were: QJ86, QJ96, Q986 or J986.

Claude mistakenly guessed that Stoltz led from one, not two honors, and played the DA from dummy. With both black kings offside, and the bad break in spades, declarer was only able to take eight tricks for a score of -100.

At the other table Dick Bruno led the DQ, clarifying the diamond position, however, it was far from over.

 Bd 4, Dlr W 3NT= N W Bob Gardner	♠ AJ ♥ Q942 ♦ 52 ♣ AQ754	N Dorn Bishop Dick Bruno E																				
♠ 73 ♥ KJ876 ♦ 943 ♣ J96	Round 1 RR 2	♠ K1062 ♥ 3 ♦ QJ86 ♣ K1082																				
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Dorn Bishop found a neat line of play to bring home his contract.

Bishop led a spade at trick two and finessed the jack, losing to East's king. Bruno had an easy spade exit. Bishop won the SA and led a diamond to dummy's ten. He cashed the SQ and led a fourth spade. Bob Gardner, West, discarded two hearts and Bishop discarded two clubs. Bruno exited with the DJ on which Bishop discarded a heart from his hand. The S9 was cashed and everyone discarded a club. This was the position:

 Bd 4, Dlr W 3NT= N W Bob Gardner	♠ — ♥ Q94 ♦ — ♣ AQ	N Dorn Bishop Dick Bruno E																				
♠ — ♥ KJ8 ♦ — ♣ J9		♠ — ♥ 3 ♦ 8 ♣ K108																				
 6 2 Mike Day S	♠ — ♥ A105 ♦ 7 ♣ 3	<table border="1"> <tr><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td>1♠</td><td>P</td><td>1♠</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td>1NT</td><td>P</td><td>2♦</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td>2♥</td><td>P</td><td>3NT</td></tr> <tr><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>P</td><td>P</td></tr> </table>	W	N	E	S	P	1♠	P	1♠	P	1NT	P	2♦	P	2♥	P	3NT	P	P	P	P
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The D7 was lead from dummy. Gardner discarded the H8 and Bishop played the H4. (Note: It's far from obvious, but if Gardner discards a club, Bishop will need to read the position and discard the CQ to maintain communication in the heart suit.) Bruno won the D8. The four-card ending was:

 Bd 4, Dlr W 3NT= N W Bob Gardner	♠ — ♥ Q9 ♦ — ♣ AQ	N Dorn Bishop Dick Bruno E																				
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Bruno exited with a heart, ducked to West's king. A club was returned.

Bishop rose with the CA and overtook the HQ to score two heart tricks for +600 and a 12 IMPs to Stoltz.