

We Remember:



1	Merblum - wins tie	87	54	11	19	3
16	Rasmussen	117	0	58	20	39
2	Levine	107	27	19	21	40
15	Jacobs - wins tie	123	29	34	26	34
3	Nickell - wins tie	157	56	25	25	51
14	Dawson	95	23	47	25	0
4	Donner	104	24	22	29	29
13	Kolesnik	122	28	34	48	12
5	Martel	85	25	4	44	12
12	Onstott	106	37	41	9	19
6	Rosenthal	156	41	68	37	10
11	Goodman	90	18	36	18	18
7	Moss - wins tie	131	11	46	54	20
10	Parker	113	32	20	21	40
8	Lall	133	35	33	44	21
9	Smith - wins tie	90	14	39	15	22

**Results Round of 16
Four Upsets!!**

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 3**

Bobby Levin

NORTH			
W 21 m S	0 0	♠ KJ1084	♥ 43
		♦ 2	♣ QJ1042
Dennis Dawson		♠ Q5	♠ A3
		♥ A852	♥ KQJ109
		♦ AKQJ84	♦ 10
		♣ 8	♣ AK653
		♠ 9762	W N E S
		♥ 76	P 1♠ P
		♦ 97653	2♠ 2♣ 3♥ P
		♣ 97	3♠ P 3NT P
			4♠ P 4NT* P
			5♠* P
		Steve Weinstein	

Aaron Jones

James Holzhauser

1♥ creates game force opp strong

Everyone else has finished board 19

This was the slowest table - I promise you - I can see what's happening in the live room

now everyone has finished 20

You don't go to the next board until this table has finished, and the scores you see are as of the time at your table, so the other table hadn't finished when this table was on the bidding

But in real time, everyone has finished this board

Ish and Sylvia currently leading the X-Imps

this table actually playing #26

This is online. There's a completely separate server where the players are logged in and playing

I agree that it is surprising to have this table slowest

right - a couple of tables playing 21

There are still 2 tables on 21 now

You see the play in real time, but it doesn't start until the last table finishes the previous board

I wonder if 4♠ instead of 3♠ would be kickback

Enter chat message here

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AR

Kibitzers (26)

Aaron Jones

Candace Jacobson

Chris Wiegand 2

David Wright

Leave
Scores

Screen Shot of Live Voice Commentary with Aaron Jones & James Holzhauser

Tournament Schedule

ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	APRIL 16	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	APRIL 17	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	APRIL 18	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	APRIL 19	1:00 - 2:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		3:00 - 4:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 BREAK
		5:30 - 7:15	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:30 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

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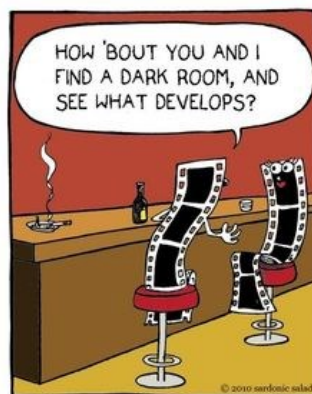
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Teams Remaining

Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Roger McNay	Charlie Wilkins Mitch Dunitz Eric Stoltz
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Jacob Freeman Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Finn Kolesnik Iulian Rotaru
Goodman	Andy Goodman Anam Tebha, Capt Shan Huang	Steve Zolotow Kevin Dwyer
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Dick Bruno Steve Beatty	Claude Vogel Kerry Smith Fred Stewart
Kolesnik	Alex Kolesnik, Capt Bob Etter Andrew Gumperz	Michael Xu Bill Harker Phil Clayton
Lall	Hemant Lall Naren Gupta Bob Hamman Petra Hamman, NPC	Reese Milner Zia Mahmood Peter Weichsel
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mark Lair Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mike Passell
Martel	Chip Martel, Capt Bart Bramley Brian Platnick	Marty Fleisher Kit Woolsey John Diamond
Merblum	Frank Merblum, Capt John Lusky Doug Simson	Walter Lee Allan Falk Jeff Aker
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt Joe Grue Daniel Korbel	Roger Lee Brad Moss Ish DelMonte
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Eric Greco
Onstott	John Onstott, Capt Drew Casen Chris Compton	Jacob Morgan Jim Krekorian Venkatrao Koneru
Parker	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Joel Wooldridge Adam Grossack	Christina Parker David Grainger Zach Grossack
Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Maxim Silin	Anton Tsyppkin Carrie Liu
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Migry Campanile	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar David Berkowitz
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Hope she doesn't respond negatively to that line!!

Kibitzing on VuGraph...

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Quarter 1: 1:15 pm

Quarter 2: 3:15 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 7:15

Quarter 4: 9:15



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

To kibitz, go to **kibitzrealbridge.online**, enter your name and click on Log In. That will take you to a screen where you can select the event to kibitz.

After you select Kibitz JLaI Online Teams #3, 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 playing (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 do not get to hear or see the players yet (that's coming).

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.

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 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 for the Round Robin 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.

TIMING OF DELAY

The Round Robin matches will be delayed until each round is completed.

The first half KO matches will be delayed until each board has been played at all tables, so there may sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown because one or two tables are slow to play the board. **For the second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter has been completed.**

That means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:15 EDT.

ALERT: We want to welcome Chris Wiegand to the USBF Tournament Team. Chris is taking over VuGraph Organization for this event and for future USBF Online Events. Starting today, Chris's plans include voice commentary on the VuGraph broadcast. There will be 2 voice commentators at each of 1 or 2 tables (or even more depending on the response to this message). Look for Chris's article on Bridge Winners explaining her plans in detail.

Anyone who would like to participate in the Voice Commentary is requested to contact Chris at mrsbing2005@gmail.com.

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[1B] Wellbeing & Bridge
 16:30 (BST UK) / 11:30 (EDT)

Keynote: Prof Martin Seligman (USA)
Bridge at the Top (Jill Levin & Chip Martel)

30 June: How can bridge be more inclusive?

[3A] Ageing, Intergenerationality & Bridge
 10:00 (BST UK) / 05:00 (EDT)

[3B] Gender, Sexism & Bridge
 15:00 (BST UK) / 10:00 (EDT)

Panel 1 Women's Bridge: Pros & Cons
 Panel 2 Sexism within the Game: Solutions?

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 11:30 (BST UK) / 06:30 (EDT)

[2B] Digital Bridge & Cheating
 19:30 (BST UK) / 14:30 (EDT)

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[4A] New Approaches to Recruitment
 13:00 (BST UK) / 08:00 (EDT)

Panel 1 Teaching & Retaining Learners
 Panel 2 How to get more Bridge into Schools

[4B] Marketing Bridge
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Limey Jack...

Blimey Yanks!

When the one, two, four, and five seeds tumble, you know that something is bloody up. Limey Jack predicted three upsets and got four. He also sussed out that Levine could not take Jacobs for granted.

Limey Jack will make you a tenner at the punter whilst Howie Dung is just bonkers and knows not his arse from a tea-kettle.

Rasmussen-Lall: Rasmussen was the underdog in the round of 16 and began the proceedings with a nerves exposing 54 -0 deficit in the first quarter. Although trolled, they fought back to win. Well done lads and lassie. This match contains one of the three remaining Birds. None of them will fare well. Zia forges ahead.

Jacobs-Moss: The cheeky Jacobs team led wire to wire against five HOFers. Moss, with the second Bird, has slightly the better of it on paper, but looks a bit knackered to Limey Jack. Jacobs continues on.

Nickell-Rosenthal: Nickell allowed a close match to keep the kibitzers interested but then they got cracking and put a proper thrashing on Dawson with a 51-0 last set. The final Bird is set to the side in this match. Nickell cannot be headed.

Kolesnik-Onstott: Each of these squads has to be chuffed to be facing the other. With two major upsets in hand, one gets a free pass to the Semifinals. Onstott will be pied off to have gotten this close yet lost. Kolesnik rules Britannia.

Cheers

Howie Doing ...

There were upsets galore!
Seeds one, two, five, four!

So, new seeds today...
Will they stay or go 'way?

Lall v Rasmussen
Is gonna be gruesome.

Rasmussen is done...
And Lall takes the one!

Jacobs v Moss...
Who be the boss?

The Moss team is through.
Jacobs keeps number two!

Andrew and Nick...
Not easy to pick!

Nickell is key
And retains number three!

Kolesnik is four.
Will he stay one day more?

Onstott is five.
Will his squad survive?

Kolesnik's defeat
Will mean his retreat.

The VuGraph awaits,
Don't make any dates!

You sure want to see
Who the winners will be!

Till tomorrow,
I remain...

Howie Doing! Fine, thanks!!

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions!

SMOKY SHRIMP TACOS

Servings: 6

2 tomatoes, cored and chopped
1 small onion, chopped fine
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
3 tablespoons ketchup
1 tablespoon lime juice, plus lime wedges for serving
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons water
salt and pepper
1 pound large shrimp, peeled, deveined and tails removed
5 tablespoons canola oil
1 garlic clove, sliced in half
12 6-inch corn or flour tortillas
8 ounces Monterey Jack cheese
2 cups shredded iceberg lettuce
2 diced avocados
fresh cilantro, chopped
5 tablespoons canola oil
1 jalapeño chili, thinly sliced (optional)
hot sauce



Directions:

Pre-heat oven to 450 degrees F.

Combine tomatoes, onion, paprika, ketchup, lime juice, garlic, water, pinch salt, and hint of pepper in large bowl; set aside. Cut shrimp into ½-inch pieces.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until the oil is shimmering. Add tomato mixture and cook until liquid is slightly thickened, and tomatoes begin to soften and break down, 7 to 10 minutes. Reduce heat to medium, stir in shrimp, and cook until shrimp are just opaque, about 2 minutes.

Rub the garlic clove over the bottom of 2 baking sheets and brush with 2 tablespoons oil (1 tablespoon per sheet). Season oiled baking sheet with a little salt and pepper. Arrange tortillas in single layer on prepared sheets. Brush tops of tortillas with remaining 2 tablespoons oil. Divide cheese evenly among tortillas, then top with shrimp mixture. Bake, 1 sheet at a time, until cheese melts and edges of tortillas just begins to brown and crisp, about 7 to 12 minutes.

Garnish with lettuce, avocado, cilantro, jalapeño, and hot sauce, then fold tacos in half. Transfer tacos to platter.

Serve with lime wedges separately.

FOREST MUSHROOM SOUP

Servings: 4-6

3/4 cup dried or 1 cup fresh morel mushrooms
3/4 cup fresh portobello mushrooms, sliced with no skin
3/4 cup fresh white button mushrooms, sliced
1 cup dried or ¾ cup fresh porcini mushrooms
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
3 shallots, finely minced
2 garlic cloves, finely minced
1/2 cup dry white wine
4 cups chicken or vegetable broth
1/2 cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons mixed fresh herbs (parsley, thyme, oregano and basil leaves)
4 to 6 bread loaves, individual-sized

Directions:

If using dried mushrooms, wash thoroughly to remove excess soil; soak for 10 minutes in warm water. Remove stems and discard. Cut caps into bite-sized pieces. Heat medium saucepan over medium heat with olive oil; add all mushrooms and sauté for 3 minutes. Add shallots and garlic; sauté for 2 minutes. Season to taste, add white wine and let simmer until reduced by half. Add broth and bring to a simmer; add cream and simmer again. Reduce heat and let cook for 25 minutes. In blender or food processor, purée half of soup until smooth, then return purée to pan; stir in the fresh herbs and cook for another minute. Adjust seasoning as desired and keep warm.

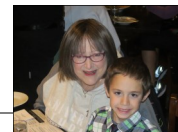
Preheat oven to 180°F (82°C). Remove tops of bread and hollow out to create bread bowls. Place bowls on a baking sheet and heat for 3 minutes. Remove bread from oven and pour hot soup into bowls. Garnish with parsley and serve.

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.

Suzi



PENNE ALLA VODKA

1 tablespoon olive oil
4 garlic cloves, sliced thinly
¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 32 oz jar tomato sauce or 1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
½ cup vodka
1 teaspoon dried oregano
¾ cup heavy cream
salt and pepper
1 pound Penne pasta
½ cup minced fresh basil
parmesan cheese

Directions:

Bring 4 quarts water to boil in large pot. Meanwhile, heat oil in 12-inch skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add the sliced garlic and pepper flakes and cook until fragrant, about 30-60 seconds. Add tomato sauce and cook until slightly thickened, about 3 minutes. Add vodka. Bring sauce to boil, reduce heat to medium, and simmer until thickened, 12 to 15 minutes. Stir in oregano and cream. Season with salt and pepper to taste; cover and keep warm.

Add pasta and 1 tablespoon salt to boiling water and cook, stirring often, until al dente. Reserve ¼ cup cooking water, then drain pasta and return it to pot. Toss sauce and basil with pasta, adding reserved pasta water as needed. Top with grated parmesan cheese and serve.



BRITISH SCONES

4 cups all-purpose flour, more as needed
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons baking powder
1/4 cup sugar, extra for dusting the top
8 tablespoons cold unsalted butter cut into pieces
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup milk
3/4 cup heavy cream more for brushing

Directions:

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and preheat to 400°F.

Sift the flour, salt, baking powder and sugar into a large bowl. Add the butter and then rub in with your fingers until the mix looks like fine crumbs.

Add the milk and cream and gently mix to form a slightly sticky dough.

Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead a couple times, then press dough into a 1-inch-thick circle and cut into 2-inch rounds with a cutter or glass. Place the rounds onto a parchment lined baking sheet. Gently reshape the leftover dough and cut again. Brush the top of each scone with a little extra cream and dust tops with a little sugar.

Bake for 18-25 minutes (rotating midway through), or until the scones are a beautiful golden brown. Serve immediately.



LEMON & VANILLA CURD

3 lemons
1 1/2 cups sugar
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature
5 large eggs
1/2 cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional)
1/8 teaspoon kosher salt

Directions:

Using a vegetable peeler, remove the zest of 3 lemons or you can use your Microplane. Add the zest in a food processor fitted with the steel blade. Add the sugar and pulse until the zest has blended into the sugar.

Add the butter to sugar in food processor and pulse to cream. Add the eggs, one at a time, and then add the lemon juice, vanilla and salt.

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Allan Falk & John Lusky	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	3NT= S	♠9	600
Anton Tsyarkin & Jim Rasmussen	Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	3NT= S	♠8	600
Jeff Meckstroth & Eric Rodwell	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	3NT= S	♠8	600
Mark Itabashi & Mitch Dunitz	Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	3NT= S	♣2	600
Bob Etter & Bill Harker	Radu Nistor & Iulian Rotaru	3NT= S	♣2	600
Venkatrao Koneru & Chris Compton	Marty Fleisher & Chip Martel	*3NT= S	♠8	600
Anam Tebha & Steve Zolotow	Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	3NT= S	♣2	600
Naren Gupta & Zia Mahmood	Disa Eythorsdottir & Linda Lewis	3NT= S	♠8	600
Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson	Charlie Wilkins & Dennis Dawson	3NT-1 S	♠8	100
Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	Phil Clayton & Andrew Gumperz	3NT-1 S	♠8	100
Brian Platnick & John Diamond	Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	3NT-1 S	♣2	100
Roger Lee & Daniel Korbel	David Grainger & Joel Wooldridge	3NT-1 S	♣2	100
Adam Grossack & Chris Parker	Ish DeMonte & Sylvia Moss	3NT-1 S	♣2	100
Claude Vogel & George Jacobs	Eddie Wold & Mike Levine	3NT-2 S	♠2	200
Aaron Silverstein & Andrew Rosenthal	Shan Huang & Kevin Dwyer	3NT-2 S	♠8	200
Paul Lewis & Doug Doub	Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	3NT-2 S	♠2	200

Hand interface showing cards and player names for the first hand. North: Naren Gupta (♠A5, ♥Q9864, ♦432, ♣A73). South: Disa Eythorsdottir (♠KQ73, ♥J1052, ♦J76, ♣105). West: Linda Lewis (♠9842, ♥73, ♦A98, ♣K962). East: Zia Mahmood (♠J106, ♥AK, ♦KQ105, ♣QJ84). Contract: 3NT= S.

Things got off and running on schedule. On Board 2, South declared 3NT at every table. All West players led either a spade or a club. Half of the declarers were successful. Half were not!!

A spade lead looks to give declarer the biggest problem. If hearts are breaking, declarer will still need three tricks from the minor suits. Declarer should assume that spades are 4-4... otherwise, they are likely to have five losers.

Zia found what appears to be the best line to collect nine tricks even if hearts break badly. Linda Lewis led the S8, ducked to Disa's queen. A low spade was returned to dummy's ace. Zia cashed two high hearts and played the DK. Ducking the DK would make Zia's life more difficult. Lewis won the DA and led the S9 to Disa's king. Disa cashed the S7. This was the position:

If Disa returns a heart or a club, Zia will know that hearts aren't breaking and his only hope rests with the DJ and CK on sides with the diamonds 3-3. Disa made Zia's life as difficult as possible. She returned the D7!!!

Zia inserted the DT, guessing correctly, and cashed out the diamond suit, pitching hearts from dummy. He followed with the club finesse to take nine tricks. Well done Zia! That's why he's the master!

On a club lead, declarer should win the queen in hand, cash the HAK, and play the DK in hopes that West will cover with the DA. Interestingly, several declarers played the DQ instead of the DK, luring West into a duck. In the broad scope of things, the duck leaves declarer awkwardly placed!

Hand interface showing cards and player names for the second hand. North: Naren Gupta (♠—, ♥Q98, ♦4, ♣A7). South: Disa Eythorsdottir (♠—, ♥J10, ♦J7, ♣105). West: Linda Lewis (♠—, ♥—, ♦98, ♣K962). East: Zia Mahmood (♠—, ♥—, ♦Q105, ♣QJ8). Contract: 3NT= S. Current lead: ♣3.

This hand poses several tough problems. The communication is a nightmare. Geoff Hampson, a truly skilled declarer, won the second round of spades, played a diamond off dummy to his king and Dawson's ace. Dawson continued spades. Wilkins won the third and fourth rounds of spades and found the killing shift to the CT!! Since the heart suit was blocked and dummy had no more entries, Hampson could only take eight tricks.

Challenges like this are why we keep coming back to the game!

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku Answers on Page 13



Paris	London	Paris	5
London	Berlin	Atlanta	4
Newark	New York	London	3
Washington DC	Atlanta	Berlin	2
Boston	Paris	New York	1
Layover City	Actual Flight Plan	Original Flight Plan	Flight Order

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 12

Fun and Games Page

Card Games Word Search



All these games
I think I've played...
The first and worst
Is still Old Maid!



BACCARAT
BELOTE
BLACKJACK
BRIDGE
CASSINO
CRIBBAGE

CUTTING
DAIHINMIN
DEALER
GIN RUMMY
GO FISH
HAND

KLABERJASS
OLD MAID
PINOCHLE
POKER
SHUFFLING
SLAPJACK

SOLITAIRE
SPADES
TAROT
TOEPEN
TRICK
WHIST

Card games are said to have appeared as far back as 9th century China and it seems every country has its favorite version. They are great way to socialize for both young and old. See if you can find these card game words.



Answers on
page 10

		Original Flight					Actual Flight									
		Atlanta	Berlin	London	New York	Paris	Atlanta	Berlin	London	New York	Paris	Boston	London	Newark	Paris	Washington DC
1																
2																
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	Berlin															
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	New York															
	Paris															

Logic Puzzle



In Plane Sight!

Flight Order	Original Flight Plan	Actual Flight Plan	Layover City

Greg travelled a lot for work. This month, his travel plans included five stops in both international and US locations.

Unfortunately, fortune didn't favor him this month. Between missed flights, flight delays, bad weather, and unscheduled landings, his trip took him almost a week longer. While he still visited all of the same cities, his scheduled visits ended up being very different for the original flight plan.

His luggage even beat him home!

Determine the order of his original flight schedule, the order of his actual schedule, and the unplanned cities where he ended up staying overnight between flights.

1. Originally, he planned to travel to New York first but he didn't go to Berlin instead.
2. He stayed in Boston before he stayed in Newark.
3. Instead of London, he went to

New York but after he'd already traveled to Atlanta.

4. His original fifth planned stop turned out to be the city he stayed over in on his way to London.
5. Greg stayed in Washington DC on his way to Atlanta.
6. From first stop to last, the cities he went to were Paris, the city he went to instead of Berlin, the city he went to after laying over in Newark, Berlin, and lastly the city he went to instead of Paris.

Puzzle Answers:

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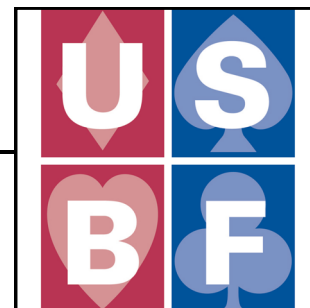
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In 2015, Chris assisted the ACBL to level the playing field when the cheating investigations began. He worked tirelessly to work through hands and look for patterns.

Chris plays regularly in USBF events as part of the Rosenthal squad.



Meet the Players

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Willenken is an American Contract Bridge League Grand Life Master and a World Bridge Federation Life Master. In 2011, he won the gold medal at the inaugural Sport Accord World Mind Games Individual Championship. In World Bridge Federation competition, Willenken reached the finals of the 2018 World Mixed Team Championship and the semifinals of the 2010 Rosenblum Cup and 2011 World Transnational Open Teams Championship.

Wins

- Fast Open Pairs
- Wernher Open Pairs
- Jacoby Open Swiss Teams
- Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match
- SportAccord World Mind Games
- Open Individual Championship
- United States Bridge Championships Open Team Trials 2013



Board 23
Dealer S
All Vul

♠ QJ
♥ 984
♦ J32
♣ KJ1073

♠ 10742
♥ AK32
♦ K754
♣ 2

♠ K3
♥ QJ6
♦ AQ
♣ AQ9865

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 3 3 3 3 2
S 3 3 3 3 2
E 10 10 10 10 10
W 10 9 10 10 9

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Aaron Silverstein & Andrew Rosenthal	Shan Huang & Anam Tebha	3♣XX-1 W	♠Q	400
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Ron Smith & Billy Cohen	5NT-1 E	♣4	100
Anton Tsyarkin & Jim Rasmussen	Jeff Aker & Doug Simson	3NT= W	♠Q	600
Claude Vogel & George Jacobs	Mark Lair & Mike Passell	3NT= E	♠5	600
Bobby Levin & Steve Weinstein	Charlie Wilkins & Dennis Dawson	3NT= W	♠Q	600
Mark Itabashi & Mitch Dunitz	Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	3NT= E	♦10	600
Brian Platnick & John Diamond	Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	3NT= E	♦9	600
Joe Grue & Brad Moss	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	3NT= E	♦9	600
Disa Eythorsdottir & Linda Lewis	Naren Gupta & Zia Mahmood	3NT= E	♦9	600
Walter Lee & Frank Merblum	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	3NT+1 W	♣3	630
Eddie Wold & Mike Levine	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	4NT= W	♠Q	630
Bob Etter & Bill Harker	Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	3NT+1 E	♣4	630
Jacob Morgan & John Onstott	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	3NT+1 W	♣J	630
Kevin Dwyer & Andy Goodman	Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	3NT+1 E	♠6	630
Adam Grossack & Chris Parker	Ish DelMonte & Sylvia Moss	3NT+1 E	♣4	630
Finn Kolesnik & Jacob Freeman	Phil Clayton & Andrew Gumperz	3♣XX= W	♠Q	840

This looks pretty much like "one more hand." Twelve out of sixteen tables played in 3NT making three or four. One played in 4NT making four. Hamman/Weichsel bid to 5NT and went light one. But what about the other two scores???

It's not often that one sees TWO tables playing in 3CXX!! And it's less often to see two tables in 3CXX with one making and one going down one!!

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♥ 984
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♣ KJ1073

♠ 10742
♥ AK32
♦ K754
♣ 2

♠ A9865
♥ 1075
♦ 10986
♣ 4

W N E S
P P 2NT P
3♣ X P P
XX P P P

In Goodman/Rosenthal, Tebha's redouble was SOS. Huang was no doubt elated to see it with his six card club holding. Silverstein led his SQ to the king and ace. The S9 was returned to the jack. The D2 was won with the queen and the DA was cashed. The H6 went to the ace and declarer successfully finessed against the trump king. The CA and C9 followed, the nine won with North's king. The H8 rode to the king and DK was scored. The ST was ruffed. Locked in dummy with the 86 of trump, Silverstein holding the T7, declarer was down one.

The play was more elegant at Gumperz/Clayton's table ... *Note that Kolesnik v Donner pitted father against son!*

Finn led the SQ against the redoubled partscore. It held. The SJ drew the king

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♠ 10742
♥ AK32
♦ K754
♣ 2

♠ A9865
♥ 1075
♦ 10986
♣ 4

W N E S
P P 2NT P
3♣ X P* P
XX P P P

and ace. Freeman played the H5 to declarer's ace and Gumpertz played the ST, both Finn and dummy tossing hearts. The S2 was ruffed and the DA cashed. The DQ was overtaken by the DK and a diamond was ruffed in dummy. The C8 sailed around to Finn's CT and he was endplayed in trump for the first time... The C3 was returned, dummy's C9 winning the trick. The HQ was ruffed with the C7 by North who was trump tight. In the now two-card end position, Finn held the C:KJ and dummy held the C:AQ over him. Whatever Finn chose, Gumperz was home with nine tricks for +840... a little seen score!

Board 20
Dealer W
All Vul

♠ 1085
♥ QJ95
♦ KQ10532
♣ —

♠ KJ42
♥ 1063
♦ 84
♣ Q543

♠ A9
♥ 8742
♦ 976
♣ AK72

♠ Q763
♥ AK
♦ AJ
♣ J10986

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	
N	7	7	8	10	6
S	7	7	8	10	6
E	3	4	3	3	6
W	3	4	3	3	6

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Disa Eythorsdottir & Linda Lewis	Naren Gupta & Zia Mahmood	3NT= S	♣3	600
Eddie Wold & Mike Levine	Fred Stewart & Steve Beatty	2♦+2 N	♣A	130
Brian Platnick & John Diamond	Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	3♦+1 S	♦8	130
Bobby Levin & Steve Weinstein	Charlie Wilkins & Dennis Dawson	3NT-1 S	♣3	100
Mark Itabashi & Mitch Dunitz	Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	4♠-1 S	♣4	100
Walter Lee & Frank Merblum	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	3NT-2 S	♣3	200
Kevin Dwyer & Andy Goodman	Eldad Ginossar & Chris Willenken	3NT-2 S	♣3	200
Adam Grossack & Chris Parker	Ish DelMonte & Sylvia Moss	3NT-2 S	♣3	200

It is clear that if West leads a black suit, the defenders in 3NT can collect three clubs and three spades. Against a red suit lead, declarer can collect six diamonds and four hearts, hence the varied results seen on this traveller.

Bd 20, Dlr W
3NT+1 S

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

In the Jacobs/Levine match, Passell led a club after Lair opened the suit. Lair won the king and returned a club to Passell's queen. Passell led a third club to Lair's king. Jacobs, knowing he was in dire straits, played a psychological game and it worked! On the 1st club, George pitched a heart from dummy: a winner! On the second club, George pitched a spade. On the third club, George pitched another heart from dummy coming down to QJ tight opposite AK tight. Lair was at the crossroads. Perhaps he should have worked out that IF George held the HA and DA, George had nine winners: 2C, 6D, and the HA. He should therefore assume George does not hold the HA or that his partner holds the SK. He should lay down the SA. If his partner encourages, he continues

the suit. Otherwise, he switches to hearts. George's pitches were confusing and Mark played the heart without cashing the SA. George brought home the doomed contract.

At the other table, Wold opened a weak 2D and played it there making four. 11 IMPs to Jacobs

Bd 20, Dlr W
2♦+2 N

♠ 1085
♥ QJ95
♦ KQ10532
♣ —

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♣ AK72

♠ Q763
♥ AK
♦ AJ
♣ J10986

W	N	E	S
P	2♦	P	P
P	P	P	P

Board 17, Dlr N
7♠-1 N

W David Grainger

♠ —
♥ J6543
♦ KJ3
♣ K10763

♠ A1076
♥ KQ1098
♦ AQ2
♣ A

N Joe Grue

♠ J953
♥ —
♦ 108754
♣ J982

E Joel Wooldridge

♠ KQ842
♥ A72
♦ 96
♣ Q54

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

S Brad Moss

- 1C = 16+
- 2C = 8-11 Balanced
- 2D = Ask
- 2H = 4 or 5 spades
- 2S = Ask
- 3S = 5-3-2-3
- 4C = Slam Try somewhere
- 4D = Forced
- 4S = Slam Invite in spades
- 5S = 2 keycards with queen

It seems only fitting to put Board 17 on page 17!

Five pairs reached 7S on this board. Only one declarer took all thirteen tricks. Three West players led a heart and East ruffed to set the contract.

In the Moss/Parker match, Brad Moss and Joe Grue had a strong club auction that resulted in Grue declaring from the North hand. Joel Wooldridge led a seemingly friendly diamond into declarer's tenace. Grue won and led a spade to the king. This established a sure trump trick for Wooldridge, defeating the grand slam. This was a 2 IMP win for the Moss team, when 6S was played from South in the other room. Declarer got a diamond lead, won the ace and played a spade to the king. They played a spade back to the ace and led a heart. East ruffed, led a diamond to partner and got a second ruff to defeat the contract 2 tricks!!

2 IMPs to Moss

Board 17, Dlr N
7♠= S

W Zia Mahmood

♠ —
♥ J6543
♦ KJ3
♣ K10763

♠ A1076
♥ KQ1098
♦ AQ2
♣ A

N Disa Eythorsdottir

♠ J953
♥ —
♦ 108754
♣ J982

E Naren Gupta

♠ KQ842
♥ A72
♦ 96
♣ Q54

W N E S
1♥ P 1♠
P 4♣* P 4♥
P 4NT P 5♠
P 7♠ P P

S Linda Lewis

In the Lall/Smith match, Linda Lewis declared 7S from the South and escaped the heart lead when Zia led the D3.

Lewis won the DA and passed the declarer test with flying colors!

Since she could handle a 4-0 trump break in either direction, Linda cashed the SA on which Zia discarded a club. The CA was cashed, and the ST was led, covered by the SJ and SK. Zia pitched the C7.

Lewis trumped a club in dummy and drew the last two trumps. Zia pitched the DJ on the third spade, but the fourth round of spades squeezed Zia in three suits.

He discarded a heart. Lewis played a heart to the king and the position revealed itself.

Linda returned to hand with the HA and picked up the suit by finessing for the HJ, taking thirteen tricks for +1510.

11 IMPs for the Smith team when Hamman/Weichsel settled for 6H in the other room.

On Board 54 in the Nickell/Dawson match, both tables reached 3NT from West.

		N Eric Greco																
♠ J9843 ♥ J7 ♦ KQ ♣ J432																		
W Mark Itabashi	E Mitch Dunitz																	
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S Geoff Hampson																		

Greco led the C2 against Itabashi who put up dummy's king, covered by Hampson's ace. Hampson made the key play. He shifted suits! Geoff led the HT, Itabashi winning the ace. Itabashi played a diamond to the queen and ace. He cashed three top spades and got the bad news.

The D7 was played to the ten and king. Greco played his HJ to declarer's king. Itabashi cashed the CQ and exited with the H6. He hoped that if South held the CJ, he would win the heart, be able to cash the high club and be endplayed into leading a diamond into dummy's ten-ace. Alas, that was not the position... this was:

		N Eric Greco																
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S Geoff Hampson																		

When Hampson won the H8, he played the C8 to Greco's jack and Greco cashed two top spades for down two!

At the other table, McNay also led the club deuce. Stoltz won his ace and continued with the CT!! This made the timing much easier for declarer. Declarer won the ten with the queen, played a diamond to dummy's ace, cashed three high spades and exited dummy with the D7 to the ten and king with North.

McNay cashed the CJ and could no longer get out of his own way.

He played the C4 to declarer's C9. Levin cashed his heart ace and king and played a diamond to dummy's jack for nine tricks.

13 IMPs to Nickell

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