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We Remember:



Results...

USBF JLall Online Teams #4 2021 1st Round Robin - Bichons

Team Name	Total	6	11	12	5	9	1	14	2	4	10	3	7	13	8	15	16
6. Joel	66.67				14.54	12.51			12.51						12.83		14.28
11. Rasmussen	66.59			10.39			7.49					10.39			19.10		19.22
12. Sanborn	62.64		9.61						7.82	9.61			17.16				18.44
5. Gupta	58.59	5.46				12.18			8.15	13.14							19.66
9. Lo	57.08	7.49			7.82			10.00			14.80			16.97			
1. Bell	55.94		12.51						10.39	13.72		11.50	7.82				
14. Simson	55.71					10.00						7.17		10.39	8.15		20.00
2. Bishel	53.96	7.49		12.18	11.85		9.61							12.83			
4. Dawson	53.45						6.28					4.95	14.80	13.14			14.28
10. Nickell	51.78			10.39	6.86	5.20				15.05					14.28		
3. Bitterman	50.42		9.61				8.50	12.83	5.20						14.28		
7. Lebowitz	46.57			2.84			12.18			6.86					12.18	12.51	
13. Schireson	35.92					3.03		9.61	7.17		5.72						10.39
8. Lewis	33.46	7.17	0.90					11.85				5.72	7.82				
15. Wu	33.24			1.56						5.72			7.49	9.61			8.86
16. Xu	17.98	5.72	0.78		0.34			0.00									11.14

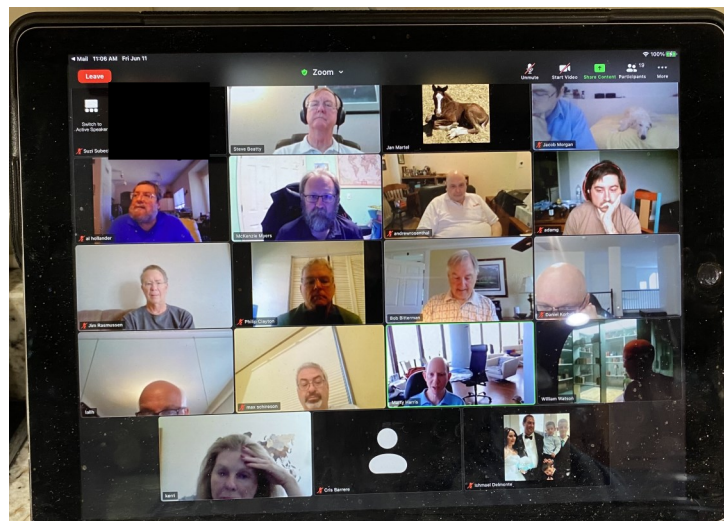
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Retrievers

Team Name	Total	22	30	21	34	27	26	35	31	23	24	29	28	33	36	25	32
22. Clayton	69.54			4.48			17.51							15.97		13.43	18.15
30. Levine	67.93										13.72	8.15		8.15		18.15	19.76
21. Beatty	60.77	15.52				8.50			13.14	14.00	9.61						
34. Rosenthal	60.28									6.28		14.00	18.71	13.14	8.15		
27. Harris	59.43			11.50				11.50			10.77		17.51				8.15
26. Donner	57.01	2.49										14.54	4.25		15.97	19.76	
35. Vance	55.47					8.50					3.22			10.39	16.39		16.97
31. Onstott	53.06			6.86						9.23			3.03		14.28		19.66
23. Compton	52.38			6.00	13.72				10.77		10.39			11.50			
24. Delmonte	52.29		6.28	10.39		9.23		16.78		9.61							
29. Lall	47.59		11.85		6.00		5.46							14.28		10.00	
28. Hill	45.00				1.29	2.49	15.75		16.97	8.50							
33. Reynolds	38.07	4.03	11.85		6.86			9.61				5.72					
36. Zhang	34.07				11.85		4.03	3.61	5.72								8.86
25. Donnelly	29.80	6.57	1.85				0.24					10.00			11.14		
32. Pahk	17.31	1.85	0.24			11.85		3.03	0.34								

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 4**

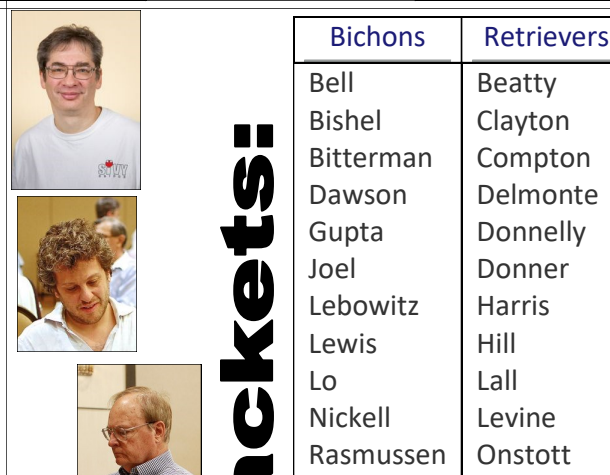


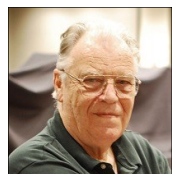
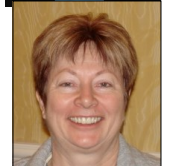
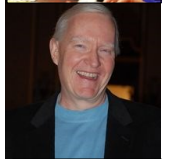
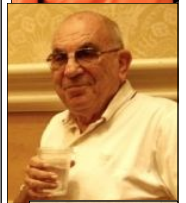
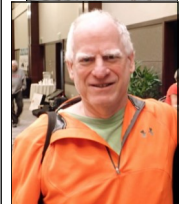
The Captain's Meeting

Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

There are 32 teams entered and listed in alphabetic order.

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jim Foster Jenni Carmichael	Fred Stewart Bryan Howard Tom Carmichael	Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt David Chechelashvili Howard Liu	Bill Pettis Ahmed Soliman Eugene Hung
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt Mark Moss Mark Ralph	Cris Barrere Bob Thomson Bill Harker	Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt Charley Seelbach John Bacon	John Bishel Blaine Mullins Bernie Greenspan	Onstott	John Onstott, Capt Drew Casen Billy Cohen	Jacob Morgan Jim Krekorian Gary Cohler
Bitterman	Bob Bitterman, Capt Dave Caprera Mark Aquino	Bob Cappelli Anne Brenner Jon Green	Rasmussen	Jim Rasmussen, Capt Carrie Liu Alan Watson	Anton Tsyppkin Maxim Silin Rick Binder
Clayton	Phil Clayton, Capt Franco Baseggio Jeff Roman	Andrew Gumperz Alex Kolesnik Ralph Buchalter	Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Bill Hall John Jones
Compton	Chris Compton, Capt Ron Smith Billy Miller	Andy Goodman Tod Moses	Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Migry Campanile Chris Willenken	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz Steve Garner
Dawson	Dennis Dawson, Capt Mark Itabashi Ross Grabel	Charlie Wilkins Ifti Baqai Mitch Dunitz	Sanborn	Kerri Sanborn, Capt Alex Ornstein Disa Eythorsdottir	Jill Meyers Bruce Rogoff Janice Molson
Delmonte	Ish DelMonte, Capt Jeff Ferro	Finn Kolesnik Leni Holtz	Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Stephen Tu Robbie Hopkins	John Miller Lynn Shannon Joan Lewis
Donnelly	Chris Donnelly, Capt Kim Gilman Alex Hudson	Ethan Wood Dan Jablonski Cynthia Huang	Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Walter Lee Allan Falk	Jeff Aker Frank Merblum John Lusky
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Harrison Luba Radu Nistor	Sandra Rimstedt Joe Grue Iulian Rotaru	Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Farid Assemi Jessica Lai	Greg Vance Jim Slinger Drew Hoskins
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Zia Mahmood Kevin Bathurst	Daniel Korbel Jerry Stamatov John Hurd	Wu	Weishu Wu, Capt Ming Sheng Jane Wang	Peter Sun Winston Huang Jiang Chen
Harris	Marty Harris, Capt Louis Glasthal	Miriam Harris-Botzum Mike Massimilla	Xu	Yang Xu, Capt Avery Silverstein Jack Boge	William Scott Hengrui Xing Kai Eckert
Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Roger Lee	Joyce Hill Vince Demuy	Zhang	Qiang Zhang, Capt Serena Guo Eric Xiao	Brian Zhang Victor Xiao Steve Chen
Joel	Geeske Joel, Capt Will Watson Debbie Rosenberg	Kevin Rosenberg Owen Lien Michael Rosenberg			
Juniors #1	Samuel Pahk, Capt Andrew Chen Jeff Xiao	Michael Haas Charlie Chen Olivia Schireson			
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt John Diamond Bob Hamman	Reese Milner Brian Platnick Peter Weichsel			
Lebowitz	Adam Grossack, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Larry Lebowitz Joel Wooldridge Gavin Wolpert			
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Eric Rodwell Mark Lair			
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Josh Donn Bart Bramley	Linda Lewis Greg Hinze Kit Woolsey			
			Bichons	Retrievers	
			Bell	Beatty	
			Bishel	Clayton	
			Bitterman	Compton	
			Dawson	Delmonte	
			Gupta	Donnelly	
			Joel	Donner	
			Lebowitz	Harris	
			Lewis	Hill	
			Lo	Lall	
			Nickell	Levine	
			Rasmussen	Onstott	
			Sanborn	Pahk	
			Schireson	Reynolds	
			Simson	Rosenthal	
			Wu	Vance	
			Xu	Zhang	



Tournament Schedule

USBF 10 Board victory Point Scale

ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 1			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS
FRIDAY	JUNE 11	12:15 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	JUNE 11	12:30 - 1:50	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		2:10 - 3:30	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		3:50 - 5:10	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30
		6:00 - 7:20	50 MINUTE BREAK
		7:40 - 9:00	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
			ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
SATURDAY	JUNE 12	12:30 - 1:50	ROUND 6 - BOARDS 51-60
		2:10 - 3:30	ROUND 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		3:50 - 5:10	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 71-80
		6:00 - 7:20	50 MINUTE BREAK
		7:40 - 9:00	ROUND 9 - BOARDS 1-10
			ROUND 10 - BOARDS 11-20
SUNDAY	JUNE 13	12:30 - 1:50	ROUND 11 - BOARDS 21-30
		2:10 - 3:30	ROUND 12 - BOARDS 31-40
		3:50 - 5:10	ROUND 13 - BOARDS 41-50
		6:00 - 7:20	50 MINUTE BREAK
		7:40 - 9:00	ROUND 14 - BOARDS 51-60
			ROUND 15 - BOARDS 61-70
ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2			
MONDAY	JUNE 14	12:30 - 1:50	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		2:10 - 3:30	ROUND 2 - BOARDS 11-20
		3:50 - 5:10	ROUND 3 - BOARDS 21-30
		6:00 - 7:20	50 MINUTE BREAK
		7:40 - 9:00	ROUND 4 - BOARDS 31-40
			ROUND 5 - BOARDS 41-50
KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
TUESDAY	JUNE 15	1:00 PM (TENTATIVE)	
ROUND OF 16			
FRIDAY	JUNE 18	12:30 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:40 - 4:25	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:10 - 6:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
QUARTERFINAL			
SATURDAY	JUNE 19	12:30 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:40 - 4:25	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:10 - 6:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
SEMIFINAL			
SUNDAY	JUNE 20	12:30 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:40 - 4:25	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:10 - 6:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56
FINAL (WILL CHANGE IF TEAMS WANT 60 OR 64 BOARDS)			
MONDAY	JUNE 21	12:30 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14
		2:40 - 4:25	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28
		5:10 - 6:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

10 Boards (Blitz is 48 IMPs)								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	17	15.29	4.71	34	18.44	1.56
1	10.39	9.61	18	15.52	4.48	35	18.58	1.42
2	10.77	9.23	19	15.75	4.25	36	18.71	1.29
3	11.14	8.86	20	15.97	4.03	37	18.84	1.16
4	11.50	8.50	21	16.18	3.82	38	18.97	1.03
5	11.85	8.15	22	16.39	3.61	39	19.10	0.90
6	12.18	7.82	23	16.59	3.41	40	19.22	0.78
7	12.51	7.49	24	16.78	3.22	41	19.33	0.67
8	12.83	7.17	25	16.97	3.03	42	19.44	0.56
9	13.14	6.86	26	17.16	2.84	43	19.55	0.45
10	13.43	6.57	27	17.34	2.66	44	19.66	0.34
11	13.72	6.28	28	17.51	2.49	45	19.76	0.24
12	14.00	6.00	29	17.68	2.32	46	19.86	0.14
13	14.28	5.72	30	17.84	2.16	47	19.96	0.04
14	14.54	5.46	31	18.00	2.00	48	20.00	0.00
15	14.80	5.20	32	18.15	1.85			
16	15.05	4.95	33	18.30	1.70			

Ethics Statement

Ethics - We're not trying to provide the same security for this event as we have for online events to select USBF International teams. However, the provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest regarding ethical obligations and possible penalties 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.

2021 Committee is: **Dana Berkowitz, Eugene Hung, Roger Lee, Chip Martel, Steve Weinstein, Jenny Wolpert**

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.



Kibitzing on VuGraph...

THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE JLALL4 EVENT.

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EDT)

The schedule will be the same each day:

Round 1: 2:00 pm

Round 2: 3:40 pm

Round 3: 5:20 pm

Round 4: 7:30 pm

Round 5: 9:10 pm

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

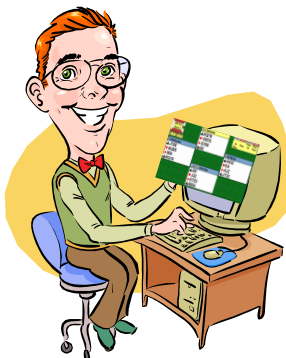
Quarter 1: 1:00 pm

Quarter 2: 3:10 pm

BREAK

Quarter 3: 7:10

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 <https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>, enter your name and click on Log In. You will be taken to a screen where you select to kibitz the JLall4 event.

After you select Kibitz JLall Online Teams #4, 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. In the middle of the table, immediately under the table number, you will see the board # and trick # in play. There will be information about the number of kibitzers at a table and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table. At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happened. 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. Anyone can type chat into the chat window.

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.

-- "Rewind" the play by moving the vertical handle on the slider underneath the table to the left.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name to 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.

----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).

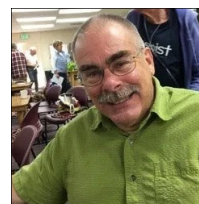
----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for for this match).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right.

TIMING OF DEFERRAL

The Round Robin matches will be deferred until each round is complete.

The first half KO matches will be deferred for half an hour or until each board has been played at all tables, so there may be a period when nothing new is being shown because one table is very slow to play the board. **For the second half of the KO matches, the delay will be until the quarter is complete. This prevents players from accessing useful state of match information. It also means that the 3rd quarter kibitzing will start at 7:10 EDT.**





Board 5
Dealer N
NS Vul

♠ 108732

♥ 7542

♦ K

♣ 1096

♠ QJ5

♥ AJ

♦ A87

♣ QJ743

♠ 96

♥ 9863

♦ J1043

♣ A82

♠ AK4

♥ KQ10

♦ Q9652

♣ K5

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	1	2	3	3	1
S	1	2	3	3	1
E	12	10	9	10	11
W	12	10	9	10	11

Par -990 6NT=EW

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Weishu Wu & Peter Sun	Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	6♦-2 E	♥9	100
Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	Blaine Mullins & Charley Seelbach	6NT-1 W	♠3	50
Jerry Stamatov & Zia Mahmood	William Scott & Yang Xu	6NT-1 E	♥8	50
Kai Eckert & Allie Clark	John Hurd & Kevin Bathurst	6NT-1 E	♥8	50
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Linda Lewis & Paul Lewis	6NT-1 E	♥8	50
Gavin Wolpert & Larry Lebowitz	Jane Wang & Jiang Chen	6NT-1 E	♦3	50
Shan Huang & Vince Demuy	Harrison Luba & Joe Grue	6NT-1 E	♥3	50
Steve Beatty & Fred Stewart	Jim Krekorian & Drew Casen	3NT+2 E	♦3	460
Billy Cohen & Gary Cohler	Jim Foster & Bryan Howard	4NT+1 E	♦3	460
Alex Kolesnik & Franco Baseggio	Olivia Schireson & Charlie Chen	3NT+2 E	♥8	460
Jeff Xiao & Andrew Chen	Ralph Buchalter & Jeff Roman	3NT+2 E	♦3	460
Kim Gilman & Cynthia Huang	Victor Xiao & Eric Xiao	3NT+2 E	♦3	460
Radu Nistor & Iulian Rotaru	Joyce Hill & Kevin Dwyer	3NT+2 E	♥9	460
Miriam Harris-Botzum & Marty Harris	Farid Assemi & Jim Slinger	3NT+2 E	♠9	460
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Joe Viola & Randy Howard	3NT+2 E	♥9	460
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Reese Milner & Hemant Lall	3NT+2 E	♠9	460
Bob Thomson & Mark Moss	Alan Watson & Rick Binder	3NT+3 E	♥8	490
Mark Aquino & Jon Green	Frank Merblum & Walter Lee	3NT+3 E	♠9	490
Mitch Dunitz & Ifi Baqai	Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	3NT+3 E	♠9	490
Josh Donn & Greg Hinze	Owen Lien & Kevin Rosenberg	3NT+3 E	♥8	490
Ahmed Soliman & David Chechelashvili	Joan Lewis & Robbie Hopkins	3NT+3 E	♥9	490
Andy Goodman & Chris Compton	Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	3NT+3 E	♥3	490
Jeff Meckstroth & Eric Rodwell	Jeff Ferro & Leni Holtz	3NT+3 E	♥8	490
Qiang Zhang & Steve Chen	Chris Donnelly & Alex Hudson	3NT+3 E	♥9	490
Anton Tsympkin & Jim Rasmussen	Bill Harker & Mark Ralph	6NT= E	♥8	990
Bernie Greenspan & John Bacon	Janice Molson & Disa Eythorsdottir	6NT= E	♠9	990
Doug Simson & Jeff Aker	Bob Cappelli & Bob Bitterman	6NT= E	♥8	990
Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	6NT= W	♠3	990
Max Schireson & John Miller	Eugene Hung & Howard Liu	6NT= W	♠3	990
Aaron Silverstein & Andrew Rosenthal	Ron Smith & Billy Miller	6NT= E	♥8	990
Finn Kolesnik & Ish DelMonte	Eddie Wold & Mike Levine	6NT= E	♥9	990
Grant Vance & Jessica Lai	Louis Glasthal & Mike Massimilla	6NT= E	♦10	990

The first round of the JLall4 had few interesting hands. More than one match was decided by a 3NT/6NT swing on Board 5 (see traveler above.)

Slam is not a “good” proposition since East/West holds 20 HCP in their short suits and only 12 HCP in their long suits. This situation is difficult to diagnose using standard methods. A typical auction by East/West was 1NT-4NT-6NT. If the opening bidder chooses to show his five card diamond suit by accepting with six diamonds, E/W will be in a doomed contract, having at least two losers, no matter how the cards lie.

Bill Harker and Mark Ralph bid 6NT and Harker found the best line of play against tough defense.

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		N Anton Tsykin	
W Mark Ralph		Bill Harker E	
♠ QJ5 ♥ AJ ♦ A87 ♣ QJ743	♠ 108732 ♥ 7542 ♦ K ♣ 1096	♠ AK4 ♥ KQ10 ♦ Q9652 ♣ K5	
	W N E S P 1NT P 4NT P 6NT P P P		
Jim Rasmussen S	♠ 96 ♥ 9863 ♦ J1043 ♣ A82		

Jim Rasmussen led the H8. Harker won the HA and led a club to his king. If South wins the CA, declarer will have the freedom to test clubs, and when they split 3-3, he only play for the contract will be to play the DA, felling the singleton king!

Rasmussen ducked and when declarer continued with a second club, he ducked again.

Now declarer was faced with a dilemma. If clubs were not 3-3, playing a third round of clubs would result in immediate defeat.

Harker saw an alternative! If South held the C:ATxx, and North held the D:KJ or KJx or KTx, declarer would be able to take four diamond tricks, two club tricks and six major suit tricks to fulfill his contract.

Harker made the careful play of cashing the DA rather than simply leading toward his queen. When the king fell, he correctly assumed diamonds were futile and reverted to clubs.

When clubs divided 3-3, he was home with four clubs, two diamonds, and six major suit tricks. The only time this line fails is if a brilliant North drops the DK from KT doubleton... and South holds C:ATxx.

Bitterman and Dawson made 6NT by cashing the DA at trick 2 and playing on clubs.

The only other player to make 6NT after a double duck in clubs was Eddie Wold. He continued with a third club. He trusted his opponents, playing UDCA, to have carded honestly when North played the CT followed by the C3.

		N Nick Nickell	
W Howard Liu		Eugene Hung E	
♠ 72 ♥ QJ64 ♦ AK874 ♣ J4	♠ AQ53 ♥ A953 ♦ Q1062 ♣ 8	♠ KJ10964 ♥ 102 ♦ — ♣ Q9753	
	W N E S P 1♦ 3♠ X P 4♥ P P P P		
Ralph Katz S	♠ 8 ♥ K87 ♦ J953 ♣ AK1062		

On Board 20 in the second round, Eugene Hung gave Ralph Katz a terrible problem. Hung preempted 3S over Nickell's 1D opener. Katz chose to negative double as the least of the evils. While a negative double with only three hearts is less than perfect, a Moysian works best with ruffing values in the short hand!

Unfortunately for North/South, the trump split combined with the diamond void was lethal. Nick went light two tricks for -200.

At the other table in Nickell/Lo, Hampson, West, opened 1D, North passed; Greco bid 3S (natural preempt) and played it there. Greco went light 200 also. 9 IMPs to Lo

In Gupta/Joel, Debbie Rosenberg was faced with the same auction as Katz. She, too, negative doubled, however her partner, passed!! This turned out to be a great decision by Michael. Declarer went down 3 for +800. Rosenberg's opponents were Jerry Stamatov and Zia.

W	N	E	S
1♦	P	1♠	2♣
P	2NT	3♠	P
P	P		

At the other table (see auction to the left), Lien was West; Hurd, North; K Rosenberg, East; Bathurst, South. Lien opened 1D and he and Kevin were able to buy the contract for 3S undoubled!! This failed by three tricks for 11 IMPs to Joel.

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions!

Caldo Verde

- 2 cups dried butter beans (also called white lima beans)
- 1 jalapeño pepper
- 4 large red tomatoes, cored
- 2 large Meyer lemons, halved, plus more for finishing
- 1 teaspoon coriander seeds
- 1 teaspoon fennel seeds
- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 8 cloves garlic, peeled and thinly sliced or shaved on a mandoline
- 1 yellow onion, peeled and diced
- 4 ounces dry chorizo, thinly sliced and then chopped
- 2 bunches lacinato kale, destemmed, washed and cut into thin ribbons
- 1 bunch parsley, including stems, washed and chopped, 1/2 cup reserved separately for garnish
- 1 bunch cilantro, including stems, washed and chopped, 1/2 cup reserved separately for garnish
- 6 cups chicken broth
- Salt

Spicy Bean and Chorizo Soup

1. Cook the beans according to the package directions and set aside, reserving the cooking liquid separately.
2. Heat a grill. Place jalapeño, tomatoes and lemon halves on the grill, cut-side down. Remove the lemon when the flesh is blistered. Turn jalapeño and tomatoes occasionally until the tomatoes are blistered and the jalapeño is blackened all over. Remove from the grill. Place jalapeño in a bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Set aside to steam for 30 minutes.
3. Wearing plastic gloves, rub the skin off the jalapeño. Remove the seeds, discard the stem and chop the flesh. Set aside.
4. Heat a small skillet over medium-low. Toast the coriander, fennel and cumin seeds until just fragrant. Grind the seeds in a spice mill or blender. Mix with smoked paprika and set aside.
5. In a large pot, heat the oil over low. Add the garlic and cook, stirring continuously, until the garlic begins to fry, 3 to 5 minutes. Add the onion, chorizo, jalapeño and spices. Sweat over low heat until the onions are tender, 5 to 10 minutes.
6. Add the kale, parsley and cilantro, and sauté for 1 minute. Add the chicken broth, tomatoes and lemon halves. Simmer gently for 30 minutes to 1 hour until the flavors are melded.
7. Remove and discard the lemon halves. Remove the tomatoes, chop or smash them and return them to the soup. Add the beans, and season with salt and additional lemon juice to taste. Add the remaining sliced herbs just before serving. *Serves 8 to 10 generously.*

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Tuscan Veal Chops

Ingredients

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 tablespoon rosemary leaves

1/4 cup sage leaves

Four 12-ounce veal rib chops, cut 1 inch thick

Salt and freshly ground black pepper



Directions

Light a charcoal grill. On a platter, mix the 2 tablespoons of olive oil with the garlic, rosemary and sage. Season the veal chops with salt and black pepper and drizzle generously with olive oil. Grill the chops over moderately high heat, turning once, about 6 minutes per side for medium. Transfer the chops to the platter and turn to coat with the olive oil and herbs. Generously drizzle the veal with olive oil and let stand for 3 minutes, turning the chops a few times. Spoon the juices and oil over the chops and serve.



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Lobster Tail with Avocado and Spicy Dressing

Lobster Louie Salad

- 2 sticks (1/2 cup) unsalted butter
- 4 lobster tails, cooked and sliced about 1/4-inch thick
- 2 avocados, pitted and thinly sliced, divided
- 1 cup Louie Dressing (recipe follows)
- 4 cups romaine hearts, shredded
- 1 lime, halved
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 hard-boiled eggs, grated on a fine box grater or microplane
- 1/2 cup Jalapeño Crema (recipe follows)



1. In a small pot, melt butter over low heat. When foam subsides, set aside and let cool slightly. Skim foam from top. Leaving the white milk solids at the bottom of the pot, spoon liquid butterfat through a cheesecloth-lined sieve and into a heatproof bowl. Let cool completely, then cover and refrigerate clarified butter for up to 1 month.
2. On a large serving platter, arrange the lobster along one side of the dish; arrange half of the sliced avocado along the other side. Spoon the Louie Dressing along the middle of the platter between the lobster and avocado.
3. In a large bowl, toss the romaine with juice from half a lime and the olive oil; season to taste with salt and pepper. Place the dressed greens on top of the Louie dressing.
4. Spoon the Jalapeño Crema and sprinkle the grated egg over the greens. Squeeze the remaining lime juice over the avocado; season to taste with salt and pepper.
5. Serve with a small dish of the clarified butter. *Serves 8.*

Louie Dressing

- 1 tablespoon wasabi powder
- 2 tablespoons half-and-half
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon A-1 Steak Sauce
- 1/2 cup full-fat mayonnaise, such as Hellmann's
- 1/3 cup cocktail sauce (homemade or store-bought)
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. In a mixing bowl, combine wasabi powder with just enough water to form a thick paste. Whisk in the half-and-half, Worcestershire sauce and A-1 until thoroughly combined. Whisk in the mayonnaise.
2. Fold in the cocktail sauce; season to taste with salt and pepper. Chill until ready to serve. *Makes 1 cup.*

Jalapeño Crema

- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 large jalapeño peppers, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley leaves
- 1 cup fresh cilantro leaves
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup full-fat sour cream
- 1/4 cup full-fat mayonnaise, such as Hellmann's

1. In a blender, combine the olive oil, jalapeño, garlic, parsley, cilantro, vinegar and salt. Blend until smooth.
2. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the sour cream and mayonnaise. Whisk in the jalapeño mixture until fully incorporated.
3. Reserve 1/2 cup of crema for the salad; chill and reserve the remaining crema for another use. *Makes about 2 cups.*

Hjördis "Disa" Eythorsdottir (born 24 July 1965) is an Iceland-born American bridge player. She is from Reykjavik.

Disa has been a successful bridge professional for many years. Disa is married to Magnus Olafsson, an excellent bridge player himself. Magnus played for a short time from 1986-1992, took a hiatus, and returned in 2014. One of the top Directors of the United Nations, he was on the team that received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005 for looking for weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. Retired in 2016 to be able to begin to play serious bridge again... Married Disa and the rest is history!

Disa's Bridge accomplishments

Wins

- North American Bridge Championships
 - Smith Life Master Women's Pairs 2010
 - Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 1994, 1998, 2000
 - Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 2012
 - Keohane North American Swiss Teams 2006
 - Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 1994, 2001, 2002



Runners-up

- North American Bridge Championships
 - Whitehead Women's Pairs 2009
 - Smith Life Master Women's Pairs 1997
 - Grand National Teams 1997
 - Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 2010, 2012
 - Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 2008, 2010, 2011
 - Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 2000, 2007, 2008
 - Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 2001, 2003

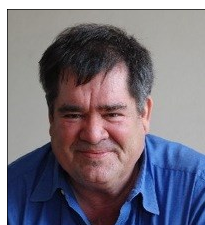
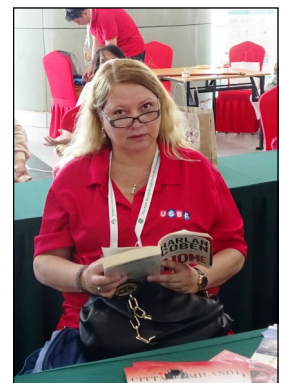
Meet the Players

Customer to book store owner: "I'd like to return this book on modern medical procedures."

Owner: "Is there something wrong with it?"

Customer: "Someone removed the appendix."

Did you know that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers? Yes, it's true. But, unfortunately, all the bowling league records were destroyed in a fire, so we will never know for whom the Tells bowled.



Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14

Girls in the Band	guitar	South	Wanda
Breakup Blues	drums	East	Tim
Lucky Day	bass guitar	North	Stella
Rockin' on Down	lead guitar	Trent	Mickey
When it Rains	keyboard	West	Daniel
Song Title	Instrument	Last Name	First Name

Sudoku 2

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Sudoku 1

Answers on Page 16

A new government 10 year survey which cost \$3,000,000,000 revealed that 3/4 of the people in America make up 75% of the population.

According to recent surveys, 51% of the people are in the majority.

According to a recent survey, 33 of the people say they participate in surveys.

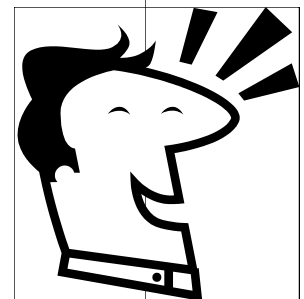
Q: What do you call a statistician on drugs? A: A high flyer.

Q: How many statisticians does it take to change a lightbulb? A: 1-3, alpha = .05

There is no truth to the allegation that statisticians are mean. They are just your standard normal deviates.

Q: Did you hear about the statistician who invented a device to measure the weight of trees?

A: It's referred to as the log scale.



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Fun and Games Page



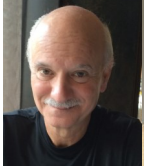
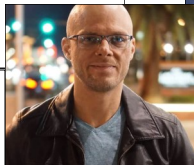
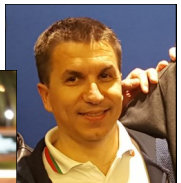
A king wants his daughter to marry the smartest of 3 extremely intelligent young princes, and so the king's wise men devised an intelligence test.

The princes are gathered into a room and seated, facing one another, and are shown 2 black hats and 3 white hats. They are blindfolded, and 1 hat is placed on each of their heads, with the remaining hats hidden in a different room.

The king tells them that the first prince to deduce the color of his hat without removing it or looking at it will marry his daughter. A wrong guess will mean death. The blindfolds are then removed.

You are one of the princes. You see 2 white hats on the other prince's heads. After some time you realize that the other prince's are unable to deduce the color of their hat, or are unwilling to guess. What color is your hat?

Note: You know that your competitors are very intelligent and want nothing more than to marry the princess. You also know that the king is a man of his word, and he has said that the test is a fair test of intelligence and bravery.



Solution: White. The king would not select two white hats and one black hat. This would mean two princes would see one black hat and one white hat. You would be at a disadvantage if you were the only prince wearing a black hat. If you were wearing the black hat, it would not take long for one of the other princes to deduce he was wearing a white hat. If an intelligent prince saw a white hat and a black hat, he would eventually realize that the king would never select two black hats and one white hat. Any prince seeing two black hats would instantly know he was wearing a white hat. Therefore if a prince can see one black hat, he can work out he is wearing white. Therefore the only fair test is for all three princes to be wearing white hats. After waiting some time just to be sure, you can

Five pirates have obtained 100 gold coins and have to divide up the loot. The pirates are all extremely intelligent, treacherous and selfish (especially the captain).

The captain always proposes a distribution of the loot. All pirates vote on the proposal, and if half the crew or more go "Aye", the loot is divided as proposed, as no pirate would be willing to take on the captain without superior force on their side.

If the captain fails to obtain support of at least half his crew (which includes himself), he faces a mutiny, and all pirates will turn against him and make him walk the plank. The pirates start over again with the next senior pirate as captain.

What is the maximum number of coins the captain can keep without risking his life?

Solution: 98. The captain says he will take 98 coins, and will give one coin to the third most senior pirate and another coin to the most junior pirate. He then explains his decision in a manner like this... If there were 2 pirates, pirate 2 being the most senior, he would just vote for himself and that would be 50% of the vote, so he's obviously going to keep all the money for himself. If there were 3 pirates, pirate 3 has to convince at least one other person to join in his plan. Pirate 3 would take 99 gold coins and give 1 coin to pirate 1. Pirate 1 knows if he does not vote for pirate 3, then he gets nothing, so obviously is going to vote for this plan. If there were 4 pirates, pirate 4 would give 1 coin to pirate 2, and pirate 2 knows if he does not vote for pirate 4, then he gets nothing, so obviously is going to vote for this plan. As there are 5 pirates, pirates 1 & 3 had obviously better vote for the captain, or they face choosing nothing or risking death.

Answer on page 11

	East	North	South	Trent	West	bass guitar	drums	guitar	keyboard	lead guitar	Breakup Blues	Girls in the Band	Lucky Day	Rockin' on Down	When it Rains	
Daniel																
Mickey																
Stella																
Tim																
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Logic Puzzle

First Name	Last Name	Instrument	Song Title



Mickey and the Four Winds band had a jam session last night at the local pub. The band debuted five new songs during the evening and to everyone's surprise, each member of the band took the lead singer's role for one of the songs. By the end of the night, the crowd was on its feet in a standing ovation for the band, whose star was clearly on the rise. The band members were thrilled with the crowd's approval of their new songs – they were afraid that having all of them taking turns in the lead singer role would turn off the crowd. But they were earning a reputation for performing their music in new ways and their fans ac-

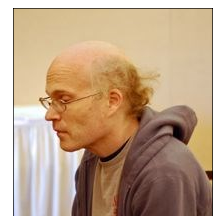
cepted their performance with eager demands for more. Determine the full name of each band member, what instrument each played, and the title of the song each member performed as lead singer.

1. Wanda, whose last name wasn't East, was the lead singer for the song, "Girls in the Band". Tim didn't play the keyboard.
2. The lead singer for the song, "Rockin' on Down", played the lead guitar.
3. Stella played the bass guitar. The lead singer for "When it Rains" had a last name of West.

4. The three guitar players were the lead singer for "Lucky Day", the person whose last name was South, and Mickey Trent.

5. Daniel, whose last name wasn't North, didn't play the drums. Wanda's last name wasn't North. The band member who played the drums also had a last name of East.

6. The lead singer for "Breakup Blues" didn't play any of the guitars.



♠ A74		N Farid Assemi																	
Bd 34, Dir E		♥ Q98																	
6NT-1 N		♦ QJ2																	
W Andrew Chen		♣ QJ105																	
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♣ AK7		P P P P																	
Jim Slinger S		Jeff Xiao E																	

♠ A74		N Michael Haas																					
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Sam Pahk S		Greg Vance E																					

Without help from the opponents, Jeff Xiao, one of the juniors, found the killing lead against 6NT.

Jeff led the DA! His partner gave him the ten and before declarer could gain the lead, he was down at trick two.

At the other table, Jeff's teammates, also juniors, Sam Pahk, and Michael Haas, bid the North/South cards to 4S. Because every suit splits perfectly, 6S comes home. However, being in game making six was worth 13 IMPs to the kids!

♠ AJ8		N Steve Weinstein																					
Bd 45, Dir N		♥ A1084																					
2♥X-3 N		♦ J53																					
W Kevin Bathurst		♣ AK10																					
♠ 1073		♠ K64																					
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♣ 82		P P P P																					
Bobby Levin S		John Hurd E																					

Board 45 of the 5th round was really unlucky for some North/South pairs. At one table in both the Compton/Hill and Nickell/Gupta matches, North opened 1NT (15-17); South bid Stayman and found the 4-4 heart fit. West balanced with a double and East happily sat. Both East/West pairs scored 800.

At the other tables in these matches, South passed 1NT. In Compton/Hill, West (Billy Miller) chose to defend. The defense collected seven tricks.

In Nickell/Gupta, Hampson balanced and Greco declared 2C, successfully taking nine tricks.

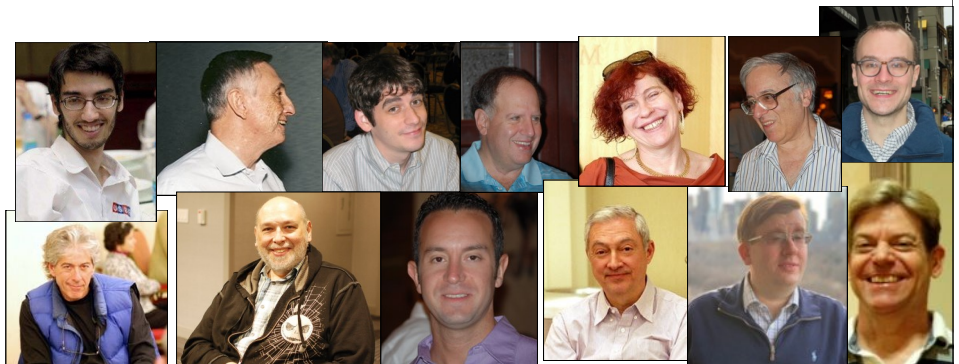
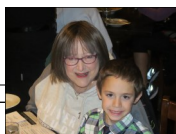
12 IMPs to Gupta

12 IMPs to Hill

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.



Puzzle Answers:

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

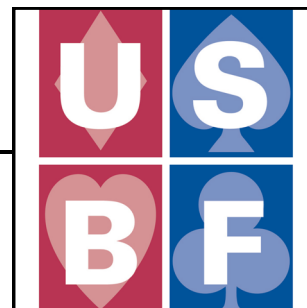
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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

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:

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We hope you will join us.

Bd 21, Dlr N
 4♠+1 S

W Jill Meyers
 ♠ 1063
 ♥ K542
 ♦ K85
 ♣ KQ10

N Nick Nickell
 ♠ A975
 ♥ AQ763
 ♦ 1072
 ♣ 6

E Kerri Sanborn
 ♠ J8
 ♥ 10
 ♦ QJ43
 ♣ AJ8543

S Ralph Katz
 ♠ KQ42
 ♥ J98
 ♦ A96
 ♣ 972

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		2♦*	P	2NT*
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In Round 3 of the Nickell/Sanborn match, Katz/Nickell found an easy route to the cold 4S game on Board 21.

Nickell opened a Flannery 2D showing five hearts and four spades. 2NT asked for more description and 3C showed short clubs. 4D relayed to 4H and 4S was to play. Meyers led the S3 and Katz won his king. Ralph played the HJ. When this held the trick and the HT dropped, Katz drew the remaining trumps and played on hearts to take eleven tricks for +650. The board was PASSED OUT at the other table.

12 IMPs to Nickell

Only two other pairs (Miller/Compton and Morgan/Onstott) reached 4S. In both cases North passed and East opened 3C. West raised to 4C and North made a takeout double, endplaying South into bidding the cold game.

Bd 21, Dlr N
 4♥= N

W Dave Caprera
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 ♥ K542
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 ♣ KQ10

N Alan Watson
 ♠ A975
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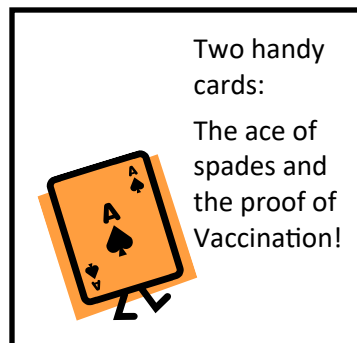
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 ♦ A96
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	W	N	E	S
		1♥	2♣	3♣
P	3NT	4♥	P	P

In the Bitterman/Rasmussen match, Binder/Watson reached 4H after Watson opened 1H on the North hand and their opponents tried to play 3NT. (Note that, on a spade lead N/S can take the first ten tricks defending 3NT.)

At this vulnerability, Watson made the right decision and bid the 4H game, scoring +620 for a 9 IMP win, when the opponents played 3S making with two overtricks in the other room.



Bridge News Around the Globe

The World Bridge Federation is very pleased to announce that, as approved by the Management Committee, a Letter of Intent has been signed with the Polish Bridge Union for the organisation of the 2022 World Bridge Series (Rosenblum Cup, McConnell Cup, Rand Cup, Mixed Teams, Open/Women/Senior/Mixed Pairs) to be held in Wroclaw, Poland from 2nd to 17th September.

Work is in progress to define all the organizational details, to confirm the dates and to sign the agreement before the end of September 2021.

Board 49, Dir N
6♣-2 N

W Billy Miller

♠ AQJ864
♥ 3
♦ 10
♣ AKQ73

N Roger Lee

♠ 109
♥ 10852
♦ J8763
♣ J8

E Ron Smith

♠ K732
♥ A64
♦ AQ94
♣ 104

♠ 5
♥ KQJ97
♦ K52
♣ 9652

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

Vince Demuy S

Board 49 of Round 5 is a perfect example of why it is dangerous to open 2C on a distributional hand with only 16 HCP. North has what looks like game in their own hand and needs almost nothing from partner to make 4S.

Most of the North players opened either 1S or a strong club depending on their agreements, and reached one of the two making games: 4S or 5C. Some pairs made 3NT from South even though it could be defeated on the lead of a high diamond... 4th best is fatal.

Roger Lee decided to go against conventional wisdom when he opened 2C. Demuy bid a natural 2H. Lee countered with a natural 2S and Demuy showed his second suit by bidding 3C.

Lee raised to 4C, setting trump. Demuy cuebid 4H and Lee bid Blackwood (1430 on their convention card.)

Demuy answered 5C, presumably intending to show no keycards.

Lee took this at face value, assuming his partner had the heart ace. He bid bid 6C and the opponents collected three tricks when Lee mistimed the play of the major suits!

Board 49, Dir N
5♣= N

W Kevin Dwyer

♠ AQJ864
♥ 3
♦ 10
♣ AKQ73

N Andy Goodman

♠ 109
♥ 10852
♦ J8763
♣ J8

E Shan Huang

♠ K732
♥ A64
♦ AQ94
♣ 104

♠ 5
♥ KQJ97
♦ K52
♣ 9652

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

Chris Compton S

At the other table, Goodman/Compton had a natural auction to reach the club game.

4D was clearly RKC for clubs.

4H showed none and North/South stopped in game.

11 IMPs to Compton

