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**We Remember:**



# Results...

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

Team Name	Total	10	7	6	12	1	4	11	9	13	5	14	3	2	8	15	16	
10. Nickell	128.55				10.39		15.05	5.20	5.20	14.28	6.86	17.34	17.84				16.39	20.00
7. Lebowitz	125.13			13.72	2.84	12.18	6.86				17.68	16.39	10.77	20.00	12.18	12.51		
6. Joel	117.61		6.28				10.77	15.75	12.51	4.71	14.54			12.51	12.83	13.43	14.28	
12. Sanborn	114.57	9.61	17.16			3.22		9.61		5.20	15.75			7.82			18.44	18.15
1. Bell	113.83		7.82		16.78		13.72	12.51		10.00	17.34	7.49	11.50	10.39				6.28
4. Dawson	112.81	4.95	13.14	9.23		6.28		13.72	19.10	5.46	11.85		14.80				14.28	
11. Rasmussen	112.57	14.80		4.25	10.39	7.49	6.28						10.39	12.83	19.10	7.82	19.22	
9. Lo	105.54	14.80		7.49			0.90				16.97	7.82	10.00	12.83	7.49	13.52		13.72
13. Schireson	103.82	5.72		15.29	10.39	10.00	14.54		3.03			9.61		7.17	17.68	10.39		
5. Gupta	99.95	13.14	2.32	5.46	14.80	2.66	8.15		12.18				13.43	8.15				19.66
14. Simson	91.25	2.66	3.61		4.25	12.51			10.00	10.39				7.17		8.15	12.51	20.00
3. Bitterman	87.05	2.16	9.23			8.50	5.20	9.61	7.17		6.57	12.83		11.50	14.28			
2. Bishel	84.30		0.00	7.49	12.18	9.61		7.17	12.51	12.83	11.85		8.50		2.16			
8. Lewis	82.13		7.82	7.17				0.90	4.48	2.32		11.85	5.72	17.84		4.03	20.00	
15. Wu	79.06	3.61	7.49	6.57	1.56		5.72	12.18		9.61		7.49			15.97			8.86
16. Xu	39.83	0.00		5.72	1.85	13.72		0.78	6.28		0.34	0.00			0.00	11.14		

## Retrievers

Team Name	Total	30	27	21	34	22	23	26	31	29	28	35	24	33	25	36	32
30. Levine	140.08				16.59		9.23		11.14	8.15		15.97	13.72	8.15	18.15	19.22	19.76
27. Harris	126.79			11.50	14.00	10.00	7.49	17.16			17.51	11.50	10.77		18.71		8.15
21. Beatty	122.64		8.50		0.45	15.52	14.00		13.14				9.61	16.18	8.50	18.44	18.30
34. Rosenthal	121.54	3.41	6.00	19.55			6.28			14.00	18.71	14.00		13.14		8.15	18.30
22. Clayton	117.90		10.00	4.48			15.05	17.51	6.28	2.49	14.54			15.97	13.43		18.15
23. Compton	108.14	10.77	12.51	6.00	13.72	4.95			10.77	16.39	11.50		10.39		11.14		
26. Donner	107.40		2.84			2.49			11.85	14.54	4.25	18.58	14.28	2.84	19.76	15.97	
31. Onstott	107.02	8.86		6.86		13.72	9.23	8.15			3.03	9.23	14.00			14.28	19.66
29. Lall	102.26	11.85			6.00	17.51	3.61	5.46			6.57		16.59	14.28	10.00	10.39	
28. Hill	102.02		2.49		1.29	5.46	8.50	15.75	16.97	13.43		3.41		18.97		15.75	
35. Vance	94.28	4.03	8.50		6.00			1.42	10.77		16.59		3.22	10.39		16.39	16.97
24. Delmonte	91.44	6.28	9.23	10.39			9.61	5.72	6.00	3.41		16.78		8.50	15.52		
33. Reynolds	77.30	11.85		3.82	6.86	4.03		17.16		5.72	1.03	9.61	11.50				5.72
25. Donnelly	72.90	1.85	1.29	11.50		6.57	8.86	0.24		10.00			4.48			11.14	16.97
36. Zhang	68.98	0.78		1.56	11.85			4.03	5.72	9.61	4.25	3.61			8.86		18.71
32. Pakh	39.31	0.24	11.85	1.70	1.70	1.85			0.34			3.03		14.28	3.03	1.29	

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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



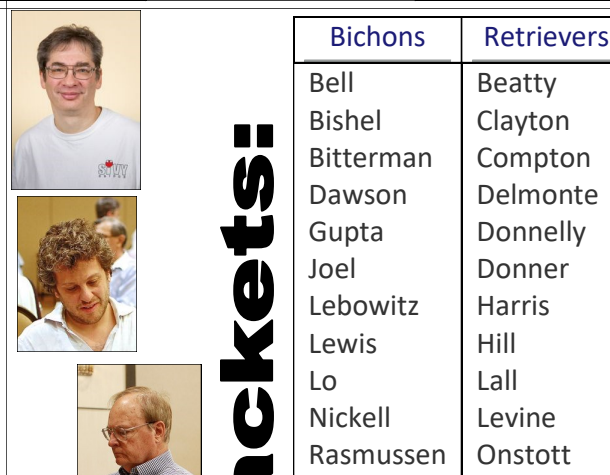
Look who showed up on TV yesterday at the Sox/Tigers game in Detroit! No, not George Jacobs...

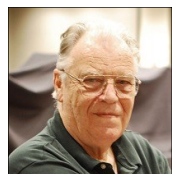
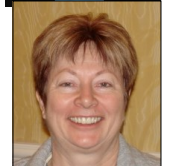
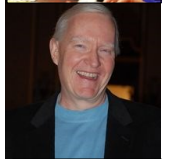
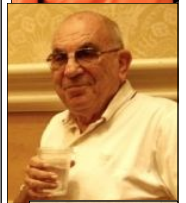
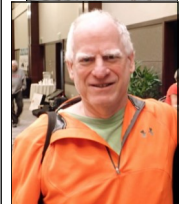
Is it Julie Arbit... Jan Martel's faithful assistant? Julie is aspiring to be like Jan, but, unlike Jan, she has obviously broadened her horizons to include baseball! She's always been a good sport!!

# 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)

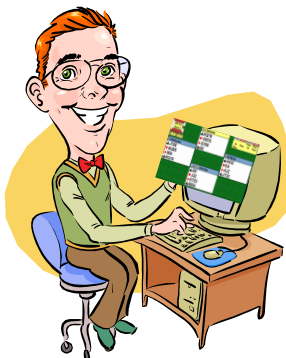
Quarter 1: 1:00 pm

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).

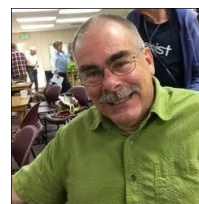
----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for for this match).

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.**



Andy Bowles, part of the great, hard-working RealBridge crew, called this hand to my attention from the third round of play on Friday.

1C = Strong

X = 5+HCP

3C = 5-8 HCP and 2+ clubs

Eleven pairs made 6C on Board 29. Eight defenders led the HA and declarer had an easy twelve tricks when trumps divided 2-2.

Three defenders led a small spade. On the surface it appears that this contract will require some combination of luck in spades and diamonds. With clubs dividing 2-2, there is a certain entry to the South hand and the SK will provide a discard for one of declarer's losers. If the DQ is doubleton, the contract will make easily.

Grant Vance improved his chances. Leni Holtz led the S2, which was ducked to declarer's ace. Vance drew two rounds of trump and led the H8. Holtz was "forked". If he rose with the HA, declarer would be able to pitch losing diamonds on the HQ and SK. When Holtz ducked the HA, Vance won the HQ in dummy and discarded the HK on the SK. Since the C9 remained an entry to dummy, Vance led the SJ and discarded a diamond. If the SJ lost to the SQ, Vance would still be able to discard his last diamond on the ST. This was a push board. Vance's teammates led the HA against 6C.

Billy Miller of Team Compton was the only other declarer to find the Morton's Fork. He won the opening spade lead and led a heart toward dummy at trick two. East, Jim Krekorian, spoiled the fun by rising with the HA. The Compton team won 12 IMPs, when the opponents at the other table stopped in 3NT.

In the Gupta/Bell match, on Board 57, both opening leaders chose to lead a "6" against 3NT.

Where Bathurst declared from South, Mark Ralph led the C6! Kevin won the queen with the ace and played a diamond to the queen, losing to the ace. Harker played a club to Ralph's king and Ralph cleared the club suit. Four rounds of diamonds were cashed followed by the HA. A small heart went to the jack and queen and Ralph claimed. Contract down 2!

Where Thomson declared from North, Stamatov led the H6! Thomson won the ace and knocked out the DA in three rounds. Stamatov returned to hearts, Thomson ducking in dummy, and Zia winning his H9. Zia knew clubs were critical. He shifted to the C8 but it was too late! Thomson won the ace in dummy, knocked out Zia's SA, but Thomson still had the CJ protected and could stop the run of the suit.

Thomson collected 10 tricks. 11 IMPs to Bell ... and a victory for weak no-trumps!

Board 51  
Dealer S  
EW Vul

♠ KJ975  
♥ 54  
♦ J95  
♣ Q64

♠ 3  
♥ AQ1076  
♦ A72  
♣ 9873

♠ A864  
♥ 8  
♦ K10643  
♣ KJ2

♠ Q102  
♥ KJ932  
♦ Q8  
♣ A105

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	6	9	3	8	5
S	6	9	3	8	5
E	7	4	10	4	8
W	7	4	10	4	8

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Jeff Meckstroth & Eric Rodwell	Victor Xiao & Eric Xiao	5♥-2 W	♠5	200
Max Schireson & John Miller	Owen Lien & Kevin Rosenberg	5♥-1 W	♦5	100
Doug Simson & Jeff Aker	Janice Molson & Disa Eythorsdottir	5♥-1 W	♠K	100
Brian Zhang & Qiang Zhang	Eddie Wold & Mike Levine	5♥-1 W	♦5	100
Bernie Greenspan & John Bacon	- Ahmed Soliman & David Chechelashvili	4♠-1 N	♥A	50
Grant Vance & - Jessica Lai	Joyce Hill & Kevin Dwyer	4♠-1 N	♠3	50
Chris Willenken & Steve Garner	Olivia Schireson & Charlie Chen	4♠-1 N	♥A	50
Bob Thomson & Mark Moss	Jerry Stamatov & Zia Mahmood	4♠X-1 N	♥A	100
John Hurd & Kevin Bathurst	Bill Harker & Mark Ralph	4♠X-1 N	♣9	100
Eugene Hung & Howard Liu	John Bishel & Tom Bishel	4♠X-1 N	♣8	100
Mitch Dunitz & Ross Gabel	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	4♠-2 S	♥3	100
Jane Wang & Jiang Chen	Bart Bramley & Kit Woolsey	4♠X-1 N	♥A	100
Kai Eckert & Allie Clark	Steve Weinstein & Bobby Levin	4♠X-1 N	♥A	100
Cynthia Huang & Kim Gilman	Jim Foster & Bryan Howard	4♠X-1 N	♥A	100
Alex Kolesnik & Franco Baseggio	John Diamond & Brian Platnick	4♠-2 N	♥A	100
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Ralph Buchalter & Jeff Roman	4♠-2 S	♥2	100
Peter Weichsel & Bob Hamman	Ralph Buchalter & Jeff Roman	4♠-2 S	♥2	100
Andy Goodman & Chris Compton	Louis Glasthal & Mike Massimilla	4♠-2 N	♥A	100
Finn Kolesnik & Ish DelMonte	Gary Cohler & Billy Cohen	4♠-2 N	♥A	100
Drew Casen & Jim Krekorian	Jeff Ferro & Leni Holtz	4♠X-1 N	♥A	100
Sandra Rimstedt & Gary Donner	Bill Hall & Joe Viola	4♠X-1 N	♥A	100
Mark Aquino & Jon Green	Gavin Wolpert & Larry Lebowitz	4♠X-2 N	♥A	300
Anton Tsyarkin & Jim Rasmussen	Dennis Dawson & Charlie Wilkins	4♠X-2 N	♥A	300
Nick Nickell & Ralph Katz	William Scott & Yang Xu	4♠X-2 N	♥A	300
Kerri Sanborn & Jill Meyers	Allan Falk & John Lusk	4♠X-2 S	♥2	300
Miriam Harris-Botzum & Marty Harris	Ron Smith & Billy Miller	5♠X-2 S	♥2	300
Lance Kerr & Tom Reynolds	Radu Nistor & Iulian Rotaru	4♠X-2 N	♥A	300
Shan Huang & Vince Demuy	Greg Vance & Drew Hoskins	4♠X-2 S	♥2	300
Jeff Xiao & Andrew Chen	Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	4♠X-2 N	♥A	300
Joel Wooldridge & David Grainger	Bob Cappelli & Bob Bitterman	4♥= W	♠5	620
Will Watson & Geeske Joel	Joan Lewis & Robbie Hopkins	4♥= W	♥5	620
Paul Lewis & Linda Lewis	- Ming Sheng & - WinstonHuang	4♥= W	♦5	620
Jenni Carmichael & Tom Carmichael	Ethan Wood & Dan Jablonski	4♥= W	♠5	620

Board 51, first hand of the day Saturday, created “major” swings. Only four pairs were allowed to play in 4H. On perfect defense, 4H can be defeated if North leads a spade to South’s ace and South switches immediately to a high club. Declarer can win the second club, eliminate spades and draw trump before leading a diamond toward the queen. South will rise with the DK and cash a club. That gives N/S 2 clubs, a spade and a diamond.

Some Souths switched to a low club at trick two and rendered the defense helpless:

Dan Jablonski declared 4H against the Carmichaels. Jenni led a spade; Tommy won the SA and shifted to a low club. Jablonski ducked the club and Jenni continued the suit. Jablonski won the CA, stripped the spades, drew trumps and exited with a club. Tommy was endplayed into leading from his DK!!

**AND... this one’s for you, Fnickell/RalphK...** If the tricks were played as at Meckwell’s table, trick two was a club wish trick... and trick four was a “mixed” wish trick: HA, 2,4,D3! (*Ahhhh... the little things that make kibitzing more fun!!!*)

# Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions!

## CHICKEN MARSALA Servings: 4

4 boneless, skinless, chicken breast halves (about 1-1/2 lbs. or 680 grams), pounded to 1/4-inch thickness

Salt and pepper

2-1/4 cups (540 ml) Florio Sweet Marsala wine, divided

3 oz. (90 ml) Grand Marnier

2 cups (480 ml) chicken stock

1 sprig fresh thyme

1 cup (120 grams) All Purpose flour

4 tablespoons (60 ml) butter

2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil

1 lb. (453 grams) mushrooms, cleaned, sliced, and sautéed (recipe below)

Juice of 1/2 lemon

2 tablespoons (30 ml) cold butter

White pepper to taste

### Directions:

Pre-heat oven 250 F.

Lightly season chicken with salt and pepper. Set aside for 15 minutes.

Place 2 cups (480 ml) Marsala wine and the Grand Marnier in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Ignite and let flame subside. Add the chicken stock, fresh thyme and reduce to about 1 cup (about 12 - 15 minutes). Place to one side.

Spread flour in a shallow dish. Working with one piece of chicken at a time, dredge chicken in flour, shaking gently to remove excess. Place on wire rack set in rimmed baking sheet.

Heat 2 tablespoons (30 ml) of melted butter and 1 tablespoon (15 ml) oil in a 12-inch skillet to medium-high heat. Place 3 cutlets in skillet and lower heat to medium. Cook on first side for 2 minutes. Flip and cook for another 2 minutes. Return the cutlets to a wire rack, and place in oven to keep warm. Repeat last 2 tablespoons (30 ml) butter and remaining oil and cook the rest of the chicken in the same way. Place on baking tray and keep chicken warm.

Add mushrooms, reduced stock, lemon juice and remaining 1/4 cup Marsala wine to the skillet. Bring to a boil and then reduce until the sauce has the consistency of maple syrup. Whisk in cold butter and season with salt and pepper.

Place chicken on a platter and spoon sauce over chicken and serve. I like to serve with creamy mashed potatoes.

## SAUTÉED MUSHROOMS

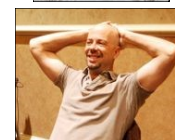
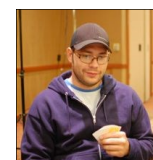
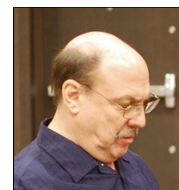
3 tablespoons (30 ml) melted butter

1 lb. (453 grams) cleaned and thinly sliced button, cremini or shitake mushrooms

2 oz. (60 ml) Sweet Sherry wine

### Directions:

In a skillet on medium high heat, cook the mushrooms in melted butter. Place a lid on top of the skillet and let steam for a couple of minutes. Remove lid and add 2 oz. (60 ml) Sweet Sherry wine. Place lid back on and cook on medium heat for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.



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## STUFFED PEPPERS WITH MINT-YOGURT SAUCE Servings: 6

4 red bell peppers, deseeded. Tops saved  
1 cup (190 grams) basmati rice  
2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil  
1 large yellow onion, finely chopped  
8 oz. (225 grams) mushrooms, chopped or ground lamb  
1/2 cup (75 grams) golden raisins  
3 tablespoons (9 grams) chopped dill  
3 tablespoons (22 grams) crumbled feta cheese  
Salt and black pepper  
1-1/2 cups (360 ml) vegetable or chicken stock  
To serve:  
2 cups (480 ml) marinara sauce

### MINT-YOGURT SAUCE

1 cup (240 ml) Greek yogurt  
1/2 teaspoon (2 ml) Aleppo pepper flakes (optional)  
Finely grated zest of 1/2 lime, plus 1 1/2 teaspoons (7 ml) lime juice  
1 teaspoon (5 ml) dried mint  
1 tablespoon (15 ml) honey  
Salt and pepper to taste

### Directions:

Pre-heat the oven to 390 F.

Remove tops of 6 peppers and remove pith and seeds (reserving the tops for later).

Place rice in a saucepan and cover with lightly salted water. Boil for 5 minutes, drain, rinse, and set aside.

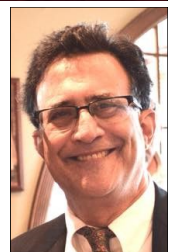
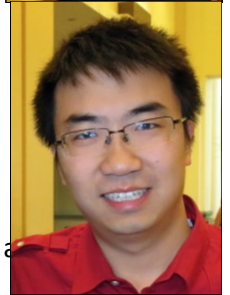
Add the olive oil and onions to a frying pan and cook over medium heat until onions are soft and slightly golden. Add the mushrooms (or lamb) and fry for a couple of minutes. Add the raisins, dill and reserved rice to frying pan. Stir in feta cheese, season with salt and pepper to taste.

Evenly divide rice stuffing inside the peppers and top peppers with their lids. Arrange the peppers in a high-sided oven dish, then pour stock over peppers and cover dish tightly with foil. Bake for 40 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for an additional 30 minutes, until the peppers are cooked through and browned on top. Spoon some of the stock on the bottom of the oven dish over the top of the peppers a few times while they are cooking.

Make the Yogurt Sauce by whisking all ingredients in a small bowl and setting aside.

To serve, place about 1/4 cup of the marinara sauce on a plate, top with a cooked pepper and drizzle a little yogurt sauce around the edges.

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Q: Did you hear about the statistician who took the Dale Carnegie course?

A: He improved his confidence from .95 to .99.

Q: Why don't statisticians like to model new clothes?

A: Lack of fit.

Q: Did you hear about the statistician who was thrown in jail?

A: He now has zero degrees of freedom.

Statisticians must stay away from children's toys because they regress so easily.

The only time a pie chart is appropriate is at a baker's convention.

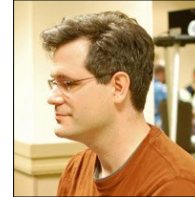
Never show a bar chart at an AA meeting.

Old statisticians never die, they just undergo a transformation.



**HALIBUT WITH CRAB & SHRIMP** Servings: 6

1 pound (454 grams) jumbo lump crab meat  
1 cup (240 ml) milk  
2 tablespoons (30 ml) unsalted butter  
2 celery ribs, finely chopped  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
Salt and pepper  
4 ounces (113 grams) shrimp, peeled, de-veined and tails removed  
1/4 cup (60 ml) heavy cream  
2 teaspoons (10 ml) Dijon mustard  
6 (4-6 oz. each) (113-170 grams each) Halibut fillets, skin removed  
2 cups (200 grams) Panko breadcrumbs, toasted



**Directions:**

Place the crab meat and milk in medium sized bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add celery and onion, pinch of salt, and a little pepper; cook, stirring frequently, until vegetables are softened (about 5-7 minutes).

Remove skillet from the heat. Put the celery mixture in a large bowl and let cool to room temperature.

Strain crab meat through a fine-mesh strainer, pressing gently to remove milk. Please be careful not to break up the big lumps of crab meat.

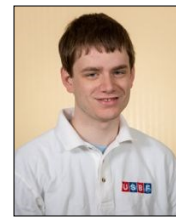
Place the shrimp in food processor and blend until finely ground, using a spatula to scrape down bowl as needed. Add the heavy cream and pulse to combine.

Transfer the shrimp puree to the bowl with the cooled vegetables. Add the mustard and stir until well combined. Add the strained crab meat and fold gently with rubber spatula, being careful not to over mix and break up lumps of crab meat. Divide the mixture into 6 portions and evenly press onto each fillet. Top the crab mixture with Panko and spray each topped fillet with a little cooking spray or brush with melted butter.

Place on a greased, rimmed baking sheet lined with foil and cook for 20 - 25 minutes (please use thermometer, fish should be cooked to 130°F to 135°F).

**CHAMPAGNE BUTTER SAUCE** Servings: 1 cup (240 ml)

1/3 cup (80 ml) dry white wine  
1/4 cup (60 ml) Champagne or white-wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons (18 grams) finely chopped shallots  
1/3 cup (80 ml) heavy cream  
Salt and White pepper (to taste)  
2 sticks (1 cup/230 grams) unsalted butter, cut into tablespoon-size pieces and chilled



**Directions:**

In a 2 - 3-quart heavy saucepan, cook the wine, vinegar, and shallots over moderate heat until liquid has reduced to 2 to 3 tablespoons, about 5 minutes. Add the cream, and season with salt and white pepper to taste and boil 1 minute. Reduce heat to moderately low and add a few tablespoons of butter, whisking constantly. Add remaining butter a few pieces at a time, whisking constantly, and adding new pieces before previous ones have completely liquified (the sauce should maintain the consistency of Hollandaise), lifting pan from the heat occasionally to cool the mixture.

Remove from heat and pour sauce through a medium-mesh sieve into a bowl, discarding the shallots. Serve immediately.

**Max Schireson** is a technology executive, best known as CEO of MongoDB, and a competitive bridge player. In 2014, he stepped down from CEO to focus more on his family. A tipping point for Schireson came on a long-delayed overnight flight to Austin. The CEO woke up in Tucson to discover his flight had gone through an emergency landing and needed to replace some crew members traumatized by the experience—all while he slept, desperately trying to catch up on rest.

At age 14, Schireson enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley to study math but left before graduating to pursue a career in Silicon Valley.

Schireson has won one North American Bridge Championship, the 2017 Grand National Teams Flight C, an event limited to teams of Non-Life-Masters with under 500 masterpoints.

Since 2014, he serve as a non-executive director at Cray Inc., and a consultant at Battery Ventures.

Max’s career has been in technology, where he has held a variety of executive and board roles in both startups and public companies. He is currently an Executive in Residence at Battery Ventures and serves on the board of Influx Data, Machinify, and Interana, and as an advisor to various tech technology companies. He previously served as Vice Chairman, CEO, and President of MongoDB (NASDAQ: MDB) and as a director of Cray (NASDAQ: CRAY), Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of MarkLogic, and various executive roles including Vice President and Chief Applications Architect at Oracle.

Max lives on Stanford University campus, where his wife Deirdre Lyell, a doctor and professor on faculty at the Medical Center. Together they have three children... Daughter Olivia is playing in this tournament on the Pahk Junior Team.



# Meet the Players

Did you hear about the mathematician who’s afraid of negative numbers?

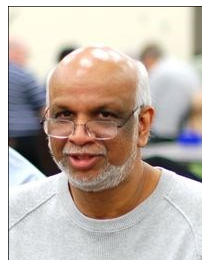
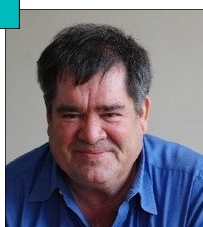
He’ll stop at nothing to avoid them.

Why do we tell actors to “break a leg?”

Because every play has a cast.

Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar.

“Get out of here!” shouts the bartender. “We don’t serve your type!”



# Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on  
page 14

horseback riding	Sleepy Hollow	Wyant	Terry
water skiing	Whispering	Parker	Sally
hiking	Sunbeams	Spura	Rachel
pottery	Stardust	Lyman	Melissa
sailing	Murmuring Pines	Charter	Debbie
canoeing	Moonbeams	Romano	Cindy
Activity	Cabin	Last Name	First Name

Sudoku 2

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Sudoku 1

## Answers on Page 16

Q: How do you tell one bathroom full of statisticians from another?

A: Check the p-value.

Q: Did you hear about the statistician who made a career change and became a surgeon specializing in ob/gyn?

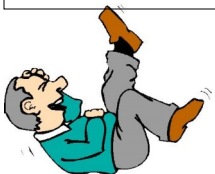
A: His specialty was hysterectograms.

The most important statistic for car manufacturers is auto-correlation.

Some statisticians don't drink because they are t-test to-talers. Others drink the hard stuff as evidenced by the proliferation of box-and-whiskey plots.

Underwater ship builders are concerned with sub-optimization.

The Lipton Company is big on statistics--especially t-tests.



Bd 64, Dlr W 3♣X= S	♠ A4 ♥ J98 ♦ AQ4 ♣ A10752	N Eddie Wold
W Andrew Rosenthal	♠ QJ765 ♥ A10542 ♦ 973 ♣ —	Aaron Silverstein E ♠ 83 ♥ KQ76 ♦ J5 ♣ KQ963
Mike Levine S ♠ K1092 ♥ 3 ♦ K10862 ♣ J84	W N E S P 1NT P P 2♠ X 2♥ 3♣ P P X P P P * 2C=majors	

Mike Levine demonstrated excellent declarer technique to bring home 3CX in the Levine/Rosenthal match. Eddie Wold opened 1NT with the North hand. Levine hoped his side would buy the contract there, but Andrew Rosenthal balanced with 2C showing both majors. Wold doubled to show his club suit. When Aaron Silverstein bid only 2H, Levine chimed-in with 3C on his J84. With a good five-card trump holding, Silverstein penalized the contract. Note that if Rosenthal/Silverstein had opted to bid 3H, it would have probably been successful given the well-behaved major suit holdings

Bd 64, Dlr W 3♣X= S	♠ — ♥ — ♦ — ♣ A107	N Eddie Wold
W Andrew Rosenthal	♠ QJ6 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ —	Aaron Silverstein E ♠ — ♥ — ♦ — ♣ Q96
Mike Levine S ♠ 10 ♥ — ♦ 108 ♣ —	W N E S P 1NT P P 2♠ X 2♥ 3♣ P P X P P P	

The defense started with two rounds of hearts. Levine trumped the second heart, led a spade to the ace and trumped dummy's last heart. Mike cashed the SK and played three rounds of diamonds. Aaron trumped the third diamond and played the CK. This held the trick and Silverstein exited with a heart. Levine trumped in dummy and exited with the C7 in the position as shown.

Silverstein was endplayed. Levine took nine tricks to score +470 and gain 8 IMPs, when N/S played in 2D making three at the other table.

Bd 52, Dlr W 4♠XX+1 N	♠ A9872 ♥ 8 ♦ AQ32 ♣ A96	N Jeff Xiao
W David Berkowitz	♠ — ♥ AJ74 ♦ KJ10864 ♣ J72	Migry Campanile E ♠ QJ543 ♥ 10932 ♦ 97 ♣ 104
Andrew Chen S ♠ K106 ♥ KQ65 ♦ 5 ♣ KQ853	W N E S P 1♦ 1♠ P 2♦ P 4♠ X P P XX P P	

Bd 52, Dlr W 6♠-2 N	♠ A9872 ♥ 8 ♦ AQ32 ♣ A96	N Chris Willenken
W Charlie Chen	♠ — ♥ AJ74 ♦ KJ10864 ♣ J72	Olivia Schireson E ♠ QJ543 ♥ 10932 ♦ 97 ♣ 104
Steve Garner S ♠ K106 ♥ KQ65 ♦ 5 ♣ KQ853	W N E S P 1♦ 1♠ P 4♦ P 4NT P 5♣ P 6♠ P P	

The Rosenthal/Pahk match produced the most exciting result of the tournament on Board 52. The Pahk team of Juniors "Garner"ed 17 IMPs.

At one table, Andrew Chen and Jeff Xiao bid to 4S against Migry and Berkowitz. Migry doubled on the strength of her five card trump holding combined with her partner's opening bid. Xiao knew what to do, he sent the double back!

Migry led a diamond to Xiao's queen. Jeff led the S9, covered by the jack and won with dummy's king. A second spade was played and ducked to East's queen. Migry played a heart to Berkowitz's ace and David played the DK. Xiao played small and trumped in dummy. The HQ was cashed for a diamond discard. Declarer led a club to the ace, drew trumps and claimed for +1480.

At the other table Garner/Willenken, failing to deduce their anemic trump holding, bid 6S against Charlie Chen and Olivia Schireson. Olivia, using great restraint, did not double and did not mark the trump position for declarer. Willenken, unaware, did not guard against the 5-0 split and was defeated two tricks for -200.

17 IMPs to Rosenthal

# No "Kid"ding!



# 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

## Letter to the Editor regarding this puzzle from Max Schireson ...

While this solution is logical, it assumes that the king plans the test to avoid randomness, and the wise men are competent. As we know as bridge players, fairness can be measured in different ways. Perhaps the king assigns the hats randomly - "fair" to all participants since they have an equal chance of advantage and disadvantage, and intelligence and bravery still come into it.

Can the prince still deduce the color of his hat if the threshold for "fair" is lowered?

Spoiler below

Let's say he had a black hat. Then he knows each other prince would be looking at one black hat and one white hat.

A prince looking at a black hat and a white hat would, after noting that the prince with the white hat did not proclaim that they had a white hat and win, proclaim that his hat was white.

Therefore a prince looking at two white hats can conclude, when neither of those white-hatted princes is able to deduce the color of his hat by that logic, that he must also be wearing a white hat.

The inference about intentional assignment of a specific layout of hats is therefore unnecessary, and the problem can be solved even if the king makes it "fair" by randomly assigning the hats so that each prince has an equal chance of being in an advantaged or disadvantaged position.

# Answer on page 11

	Charter	Lyman	Parker	Romano	Spuria	Wyant	Moonbeams	Murmuring Pines	Sleepy Hollow	Stardust	Sunbeams	Whispering Willows	canoeing	hiking	horseback riding	pottery	sailing	water skiing	
Cindy																			
Debbie																			
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Rachel																			
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## Logic Puzzle

First Name	Last Name	Cabin	Activity

Summer camp at Camp Hiawatha is in full swing! The kids stay at the camp for a whole month, sharing their cabin with a handful of other campers. The days are filled with outside activities and the nights with events. Each week, the campers get to pick the activities that they want to participate in during the day. Evening activities sometimes involve the whole camp and sometimes are events just for their individual cabin. Six friends, who were all in different cabins, planned many of their activities together. But each had one particular activity that they wouldn't give up and that their friends weren't interested in. Determine the full name of each friend, what cabin each lived in, and what each one's favorite activity was.

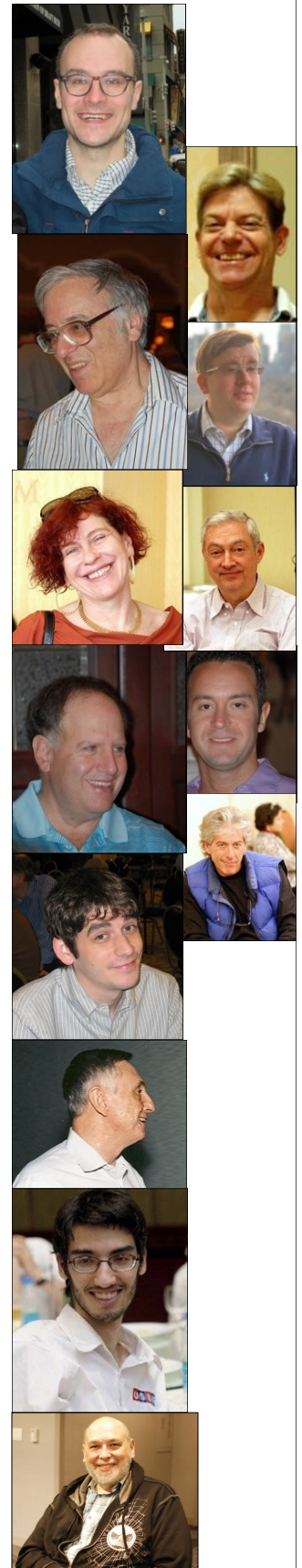
1. Rachel, whose last name wasn't Lyman, didn't love sailing. Terry's last name was Wyant.
2. The girl in Whispering Willows loved water skiing. Ms. Charter, whose first name wasn't Cindy, lived in Murmuring Pines but didn't like horseback riding.
3. Cindy loved canoeing. Ms. Romano lived in Moonbeams but didn't like sailing.
4. Sally Parker didn't like horseback riding. Terry, who lived in Sleepy Hollow, didn't like pottery.
5. Melissa, whose last name wasn't Spuria, lived in Stardust but she didn't like horseback riding.
6. Debbie loved sailing. The girl who lived in Sunbeams loved hiking but it wasn't Sally.

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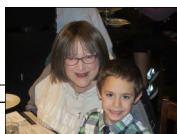
SWORD  
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 WAND  
 WIZARD



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](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net). I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.



**Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road.**

**I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"**

# Puzzle Answers:

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## Sudoku

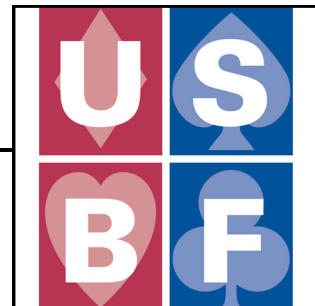
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Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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## 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.



# Fun and Games...

The five pirates mentioned yesterday are joined by a sixth, then plunder a ship with only one gold coin.

After venting some of their frustration by killing all on board the ship, they now need to divvy up the one coin. They are so angry, they now value in priority order:

1. Their lives
2. Getting money
3. Seeing other pirates die.

So if given the choice between two outcomes, in which they get the same amount of money, they'd choose the outcome where they get to see more of the other pirates die.

How can the captain save his skin?

**Solution:** The most senior pirate could give the coin to the least senior pirate. He can use the same logic in yesterday's puzzle to explain the futility of anyone trying to keep the coin for himself.

One day three Greek philosophers settled under the shade of an olive tree, opened a bottle of Retsina, and began a lengthy discussion of the Fundamental Ontological Question: Why does anything exist?

After a while, they began to ramble. Then, one by one, they fell asleep.

While the men slept, three owls, one above each philosopher, completed their digestive process, dropped a present on each philosopher's forehead, the flew off with a noisy "hoot."

Perhaps the hoot awakened the philosophers. As soon as they looked at each other, all three began, simultaneously, to laugh. Then, one of them abruptly stopped laughing. Why?

**Solution:** If he (the smartest philosopher) had nothing on his head, then he realized that the second smartest philosopher would have quickly worked out that the third smartest was laughing only at the second smartest philosopher, and thus the second smartest philosopher would have stopped laughing.

There are 10 sets of 10 coins. You know how much the coins should weigh. You know all the coins in one set of ten are exactly a hundredth of an ounce off, making the entire set of ten coins a tenth of an ounce off. You also know that all the other coins weight the correct amount. You are allowed to use an extremely accurate digital weighing machine only once.

How do you determine which set of 10 coins is faulty?

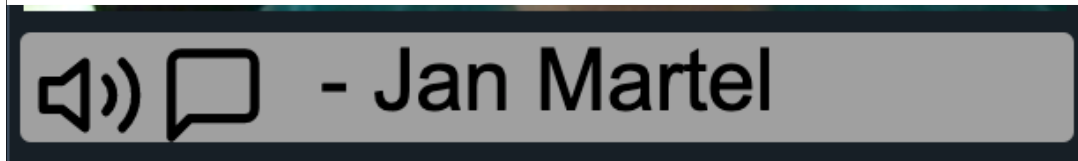
**Solution:** One coin from the first set is placed on the scale along with two from the second set etc... If the weight is off by one hundredth of an ounce then it is the first set that is faulty, if the weight is off by two hundred of an ounce then it is the second set which is faulty, etc...



## How To Type Chat to Your Screenmate...

Jan and Al Hollander have received this question multiple times so here is the answer:

If there is a problem with someone's microphone or speaker and you need to communicate with your screenmate by typing, you can type just to them, instead of to the whole table. You do that by clicking on this symbol, which you can see to the left of your screenmate's name:



That will open a second chat window and the chat you type in that window will go only to that one person.

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On Board 10 of round 9, Jim Rasmussen did well not to preempt his seven-card club suit and tip off East/West that they should expect uneven distribution.

Hampson and Greco bid to 6D on an unimpeded auction where 1D showed 2+ and a max of 15 HCP. 3D showed the max and denied three spades. 4H was RKC and 4S showed 0-3 keycards. 5NT denied outside kings but implied something extra.

The slam is cold if you pick up the trump suit, however, the 2-2 split is slightly better percentage, and without any information from the opposition, it is unlikely an expert player would risk the finesse.

Rasmussen, not only did not bid his clubs and give anything away, but he led a club on the go, leaving Greco no chance later in the play to take the finesse. It was now or never!

Greco rose with the CA, played the DA (note: creating another wish trick!), played a diamond to the king and another diamond to North. North returned the C8. Greco took his only option and ditched his spade loser. Rasmussen won the CK and the contract was defeated one trick. 13 IMPs to Rasmussen

**A bear walks into a bar and says, "Give me a whiskey and...cola."**

**"Why the big pause?" asks the bartender. The bear shrugged. "I'm not sure; I was born with them."**

**A woman in labor suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!"**

**"Don't worry," said the Doc. Those are just contractions."**