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**We
Remember:**



Results... Round Robin 2

Team Name	Total	Carry Over	3	34	5	11	22	12	9	26	28	24
3. Bitterman	190.94	116.61		13.72	rr1	rr1	14.28	rr1	rr1	15.29	15.29	15.75
34. Rosenthal	187.99	131.53	6.28		17.34	12.51	rr1	7.82	12.51	rr1	rr1	rr1
5. Gupta	177.73	123.55	rr1	2.66		rr1	7.17	rr1	rr1	10.39	15.52	18.44
11. Rasmussen	175.26	112.91	rr1	7.49	rr1		15.29	rr1	rr1	15.29	10.00	14.28
22. Clayton	174.02	128.48	5.72	rr1	12.83	4.71		11.14	11.14	rr1	rr1	rr1
12. Sanborn	170.91	117.57	rr1	12.18	rr1	rr1	8.86		rr1	10.77	11.14	10.39
9. Lo	166.11	114.37	rr1	7.49	rr1	rr1	8.86	rr1		11.50	14.28	9.61
26. Donner	157.25	120.49	4.71	rr1	9.61	4.71	rr1	9.23	8.50		rr1	rr1
28. Hill	156.85	123.08	4.71	rr1	4.48	10.00	rr1	8.86	5.72	rr1		rr1
24. Delmonte	154.46	122.93	4.25	rr1	1.56	5.72	rr1	9.61	10.39	rr1	rr1	

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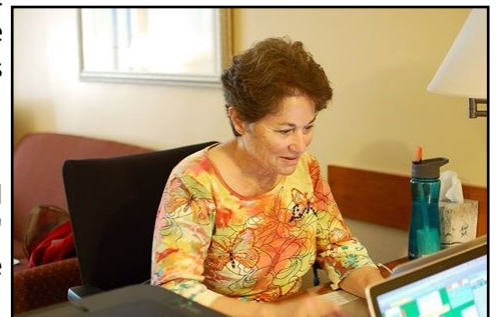
**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 4**

Important!

From Jan regarding the Team Captains' Meeting today at Noon Eastern Daylight time:

The main thing we will be doing at the captains' meeting is setting the R16 bracket. The Beatty, Lebowitz, Lall & Dawson teams, in that order, will pick their Round of 16 opponents from Bell, Bitterman, Clayton, Compton, Gupta, Rasmussen, Rosenthal, and Sanborn. Then we will randomly assign Nickell & Onstott to bracket positions 5 & 6, Joel & Levine to bracket positions 7 & 8, and the remaining 4 teams to bracket positions 9-12. All of this shouldn't take long.

The captains of teams other than Beatty, Lebowitz, Lall & Dawson do not have to attend the captains' meeting. Beatty, Lebowitz, Lall & Dawson can give me their choices in advance and skip the meeting.

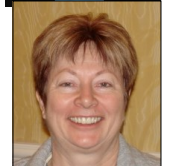
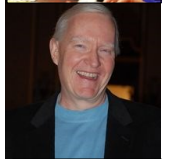
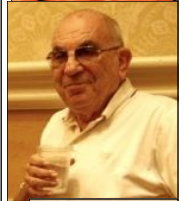
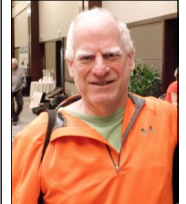


Teams Entered...

"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			

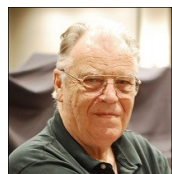


Q: Why shouldn't you visit an expensive wig shop?

A: It's too high a price 'toupee.'

Don't interrupt someone working intently on a puzzle. Chances are, you'll hear some crosswords.

My boss yelled at me the other day, "You've got to be the worst train driver in history. How many trains did you derail last year?" I said, "Can't say for sure, it's so hard to keep track!"



What did the bald man exclaim when he received a comb for a present?

Thanks— I'll never part with it!

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between you and me, something smells.

What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta!

What did the 0 say to the 8?

Nice belt!

Remaining Tournament Schedule

KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
TUESDAY	JUNE 15	12:00 NOON	
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	45 MINUTE BREAK
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
			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	45 MINUTE BREAK
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
			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	45 MINUTE BREAK
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
			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	45 MINUTE BREAK
		7:15 - 9:00	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56

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)

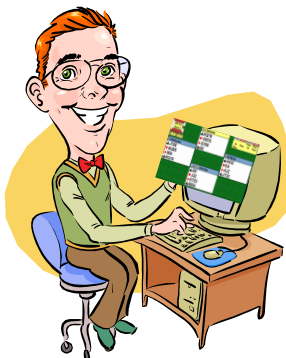
Quarter 1: 1:00 pm

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).

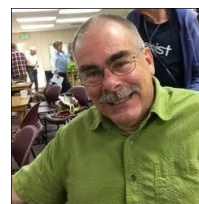
----Click on the yellow box with 3 bulleted lines to get Cross-IMPs for for this match).

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 18		♠ 854		♠ AJ763		NT	
Dealer E		♥ J72		♥ AK64		N	
NS Vul		♦ 1054		♦ 6		S	
		♣ K542		♣ 976		E	
		♠ Q9				W	
		♥ 1053				7 5 6 6 7	
		♦ KQ982				7 6 6 6 7	
		♣ 1083				6 7 7 7 6	
		♠ K102				6 7 6 7 6	
		♥ Q98					
		♦ AJ73					
		♣ AQJ					

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Jerry Stamatov & Zia Mahmood	Radu Nistor & Iulian Rotaru	1NT+1 S	♦ 8	120
Chris Willenken & Steve Garner	Alan Watson & Rick Binder	1NT+1 S	♦ 2	120
David Chechelashvili & Ai-Tai Lo	Shan Huang & Vince Demuy	1NT= S	♦ Q	90
Kevin Dwyer & Joyce Hill	Eugene Hung & Howard Liu	1NT= S	♦ Q	90
Kerri Sanborn & Jill Meyers	Ralph Buchalter & Jeff Roman	1NT= S	♦ Q	90
Anne Brenner & Dave Caprera	Jeff Ferro & Leni Holtz	2♠-1 E	♠ 2	50
Alex Kolesnik & Franco Baseggio	Janice Molson & Disa Eythorsdottir	2♥-1 E	♦ A	50
Ish DelMonte & Finn Kolesnik	Bob Cappelli & Bob Bitterman	1NT-1 S	♠ Q	100
Anton Tsyarkin & Jim Rasmussen	Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	1NT-1 S	♠ Q	100
Joe Grue & Harrison Luba	John Hurd & Kevin Bathurst	2♥= E	♥ 8	110

Board 18 from yesterday's RR2 sends a clear message: Lead partner's suit!

Every East player opened 1S! While double dummy, 1NT can be made on any lead, the spade lead presents declarer with more perceived entry problems.

In Rosenthal/Rasmussen, where Berkowitz sat West; Migry, East; Tsyarkin, N; Rasmussen, S, the auction went 1S (by East)-1NT (by South)-All Pass. David led his SQ.

Declarer ducked and won the spade continuation with the king. Declarer can succeed if he plays the CA followed by the CQ and CJ, overtaking with the CK in dummy to cash the 4th club. He must then lead a small heart toward his hand. Whatever East does, declarer can establish a heart trick to go with his four club tricks, one diamond trick, and one spade trick. However, this is not at all clear.

At Berkowitz's table, declarer ducked a spade, won a spade, cashed his three clubs in hand (queen first) and finessed against the HT. Migry won her HK and cashed three rounds of spades, declarer pitching a diamond. Migry exited her hand with a diamond which declarer ducked to Berkowitz's queen. David led a heart to Migry and the contract was down one.

Interestingly, when declarer attacked clubs, East and West played the eight and nine respectively, giving count (UDCA). A more trusting declarer could have continued with the CA and overtaken the CJ to cash dummy's 4th club and lead the heart toward his hand. It was very likely that East held the HAK for her opening bid.

In Bitterman/Delmonte, where Finn Kolesnik was declarer, Bitterman led the SQ, ducked. Bitterman continued spades and Cappelli won his ace and cleared the suit. Kolesnik cashed the CA, CQ, and properly overtook his CJ with the CK to cash the 4th club. He played a heart off dummy. Cappelli rose with the king and cashed two rounds of spades. On the first spade, Kolesnik pitched a heart! He needed to discard only diamonds so he could put Cappelli in with the heart ace and when Cappelli exited with a diamond, he could win his ace and cash his good heart for seven tricks. When he pitched his heart, he found himself left with a losing heart and a losing diamond for down one.

It is easy to see how the opening lead of a diamond gives declarer a seventh trick!

Board 30
 Dir: E
 None Vul

♠ 97
 ♥ Q952
 ♦ K10532
 ♣ 82

♠ AQ432
 ♥ 76
 ♦ QJ9
 ♣ K94

♠ K5
 ♥ KJ10843
 ♦ A4
 ♣ AJ5

♠ J1086
 ♥ A
 ♦ 876
 ♣ Q10763

Follow-up from Yesterday's Bulletin... Board 30

On page 6 of yesterday's bulletin, there is an analysis of a hand that Billy Miller played in 3NT. Billy is an experienced, thoughtful declarer. He felt yesterday's article was missing some of the salient logic and wanted to share his thought process (shared below in red):

"Your analysis leaves out the critical fact that by my playing spades first and setting up my fourth spade trick, I have MORE than a 50% chance of picking up clubs for my ninth trick. As LHO gets squeezed on four rounds of spades, he pitches two clubs, allowing me to pick

up the suit even if he started with 10xx or 10xxx of clubs. That gives me more "read options" in addition to a simple club finesse than a 1-way heart finesse. ...

The fact that the Q10xx of clubs was in the "wrong" hand for me led to defeat... I took a great deal of time at trick two to analyze the various lines of play...by setting up the fourth spade, I only need a third club trick for nine tricks. That's a greater than 50% play versus a straight 50% heart finesse..."

To simplify, Billy is suggesting that while the club finesse and heart finesse are equal, by running the spades, he might gain a read on the club suit if North discards small clubs.

It appears that the probability of a legitimate squeeze is very low, a pseudo-squeeze, more likely. And reading the position will be difficult since North will generally be able to discard a small heart and small club on the 3rd and 4th rounds of spades. Billy's line of play improves the odds by taking advantage of possible opponent error.

Some food for thought: If North holds Qx or Qxx of hearts, declarer can actually take 12 tricks by playing a heart at trick two. Making three extra tricks produces a 3 IMP gain. This partially offsets the 10 IMP loss generated when the heart finesse loses while the equally probable club finesse is working.

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	2	2	2	5
S	2	2	2	5
E	9	11	11	8
W	9	11	11	8

Bd 38, Dir E
 4♥XX+1 E

W Howard Liu
 ♠ AK1053
 ♥ A
 ♦ QJ65
 ♣ J62

N Jeff Ferro
 ♠ J
 ♥ KQ96543
 ♦ AK72
 ♣ 4

E Eugene Hung
 ♠ J
 ♥ KQ96543
 ♦ AK72
 ♣ 4

S Leni Holtz
 ♠ Q942
 ♥ J1082
 ♦ 10
 ♣ AK108

On Board 38, three pairs reached slam and were defeated when the hearts broke badly since South had an automatic club lead. Six pairs played a heart game and made +650.

The real excitement occurred in the Lo/Delmonte match.

Eugene Hung opened 1H and rebid 3H on his 13 HCP and seven-card heart suit. Howard Liu had a nice hand but with only a singleton trump ace he chose to bid a conservative 4H. Leni Holtz had an AK and a sure trump trick so he balanced with a speculative double.

Liu might have been thinking about slam earlier, but now he had an easy bid---Redouble!!

Holtz led the CA, followed by the CK. Eugene trumped and led a heart to the ace. He crossed to his hand in diamonds, drew two more trumps and conceded one trick for +1480 and 13 IMPs to the Lo team.

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions!

TURKEY BURGERS WITH PICKLED CUCUMBERS & SPECIAL SAUCE -Servings: 4

Burger:

1 teaspoon water
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
16 ounces ground turkey
2 teaspoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted
3 tablespoons panko breadcrumbs
1 tablespoon finely minced ginger
1 tablespoon finely minced garlic
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Pinch table salt
2 teaspoons vegetable oil
4 hamburger buns, toasted
Optional garnish: Sliced avocado, lettuce, tomato, pickles

Special sauce:

1/4 cup mayo
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon tomato ketchup
1/4 teaspoon sesame seed oil
1/2 teaspoon agave nectar or honey
1/4 teaspoon garlic puree
Pickled cucumber:
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1/4 cup distilled white wine vinegar
1 teaspoon dark sesame oil
1/2 teaspoon garlic puree
2 cups English cucumbers, thinly sliced

Directions:

For pickled cucumbers:

30 minutes prior to topping turkey burgers, whisk together sugar, soy sauce, vinegar, sesame oil and garlic. Place in fridge.

For special sauce: In a small bowl, whisk all ingredients together, taste for seasoning. Place in fridge.

For the burgers:

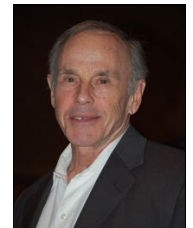
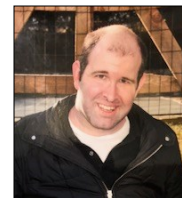
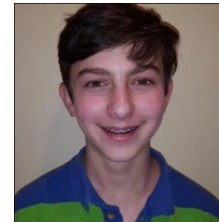
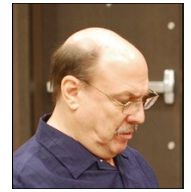
Combine water and baking soda in small bowl. Place turkey in large bowl. Drizzle baking soda mixture evenly over turkey followed by soy sauce and melted butter. Evenly sprinkle panko breadcrumbs, ginger, garlic, parmesan, gelatin, pepper and salt over mixture. Using your hands, gently mix to combine, trying not to over work the mixture.

Divide meat into 4 portions about 4 ounces each. Gently flatten each portion into patties about 1/2 inch thick and about 4 inches in diameter.

Add oil to large cold skillet and add burgers. Heat skillet over medium heat. When patties start to sizzle, cover skillet with a lid or foil and cook until burgers are well browned on bottom about 2 1/2 minutes Carefully flip patties cover and continue to cook until second side is browned and burgers register 160 degrees F (2 1/2 to 3 minutes longer).

Transfer burgers to plate and let rest for 3 minutes then transfer to buns and serve.

Smear some sauce on the bottom of each toasted bun, top with a burger, then layer on the avocado, lettuce, tomato and pickles.



SMASH BURGER WITH BACON & CHEESE

Servings: 4

1 lb. very cold ground beef

Potato buns

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

8 slices cooked thick-cut bacon, broken in half

4 slices cheese

Directions:

Divide meat into 4 portions, about 4 ounces each.

Heat a cast-iron griddle over medium-low heat until warm.

Brush cut sides of buns with butter. Place buns cut side down on griddle. Toast 2-3 minutes or until golden brown.

Increase heat to medium. Sprinkle 1 side of each of the beef patties generously with salt and a pinch of pepper. Place seasoned side down on griddle. Top with a piece of parchment or wax paper. Using a sturdy metal spatula, firmly smash each patty into a ½-inch-thick slab. Pressing down on spatula with another stiff spatula helps flatten the burger quickly. Let cook for 30-60 seconds and remove parchment paper. Season top with another generous pinch of salt and small pinch of pepper.

Cook 2 minutes or until edges beneath are brown and crisp and juices on surface are bubbling hot. Turn and cook 1 minute for medium or until desired degree of doneness. Top bottom half of each bun with 1 patty, 1 slice of cheese, 2 bacon slices and 1 bun top.

Serve with ketchup.



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**Talk is
cheap?**

**Have you ever
talked to a lawyer?**

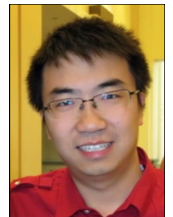
**Why did the gym
close down?**

**Two artists had
an art contest.**

**It just didn't
work out.**

It ended in a draw.

**Very
Punny!**



LEMON AND BLUEBERRY CAKE WITH VANILLA GLAZE

3 cup All Purpose flour
1 (3.4 oz) package instant vanilla pudding
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp baking soda
1½ cup butter softened
2¾ cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
6 large eggs
1 (8 oz.) package sour cream
2 Tbsp fresh lemon zest
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

Glaze:

1 ½ cups powdered sugar
2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice, more if needed to thin
1 Tbsp butter melted
1 tsp vanilla extract or paste

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 325°F. Butter and flour a bundt or cake pan. Set aside.

Place two tablespoons flour in a separate bowl for blueberries.

Sift together the rest of the flour, vanilla pudding mix, salt and baking soda.

Cream together the softened butter, granulated sugar and vanilla. Beat for 2-3 minutes until light and pale yellow in color.

Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stop and scrape the sides of the bowl as needed.

Lower the speed of the mixer and add the sifted dry ingredients alternately with the sour cream. Mix until fully combined.

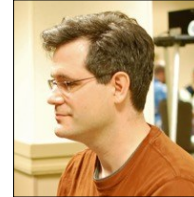
Toss blueberries with the reserved 2 tablespoons flour. Add blueberries and fresh lemon zest to batter by hand and fold until evenly mixed.

Pour into the prepared cake pan and place into the oven.

Bake for 1 hour 20 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes back clean.

Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove cake from pan.

To prepare the glaze: Mix together the powdered sugar, lemon juice, melted butter and vanilla extract. Drizzle over the cooled cake.



What's the difference between a cat and a comma?

A cat has claws at the end of paws;
A comma is a pause at the end of a clause.

Why should the number 288 never be mentioned?

It's two gross.

What did the Buddhist say to the hot dog vendor?

Make me one with everything.

Meet the Players

Geeske Joel (pronounced gayska) describes herself as: Ex-soccer player, Leonberger-lover, happily married to a computer geek, living in Palo Alto, CA; unemployed PhD. in Biology, who is probably way too ambitious in her Bridge playing goals.

Geeske and her regular partner, Will Watson, are playing in this event on the Joel team with three Rosenbergs and Owen Lien.

Her Favorite Bridge Memory

Teammate kissing me on my head because I underlead my AKxxxx to get a ruff and set 6S

Bridge Accomplishments

4th in Roth Swiss, 1st W's Swiss, 1st W's BAM; 2nd W's BAM three times, 2nd in Wagar K.O. 5th Place Venice Cup and McConnell Cup, several top ten in NABC open events

Favorite Tournaments

Toronto! Most Nationals, Monterey Regional

Favorite Conventions

2NT - 3S; 3NT now responder describes a slammish hand with minors

BBO Username

Yoshka

ACBL Ranking

Diamond Life Master



Joel played chess in high school. A math teacher told her she should play bridge. But she didn't begin for at least 20 years, preferring other card games and puzzles. It was through a local group playing duplicate bridge that she became hooked. The 900-member Palo Alto Bridge Club accepts all levels of players. Joel's interest and skill "catapulted," she said.

Shout out to the people who ask what the opposite of "in" is.

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

Why did the can crusher quit his job? Because it was soda pressing.

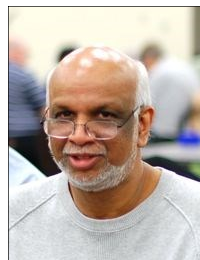
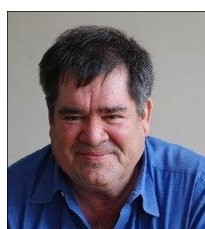
What did the librarian say when the books were in a mess? We ought to be ashamed of ourshelves!

Two handy cards:

The ace of spades and the proof of Vaccination!



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Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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

Answers on Page 16

Why was six afraid of seven?

Because seven ate nine!

What type of sandals do frogs wear?

Open-toad.



Board 28 Dealer W NS Vul		♠ 73 ♥ AK763 ♦ A ♣ Q10876		♠ J10542 ♥ Q9 ♦ Q9752 ♣ 9		NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	
♠ KQ986 ♥ J ♦ 643 ♣ AK32		♠ A ♥ 108542 ♦ KJ108 ♣ J54				N 8 5 10 6 10 S 8 5 10 6 10 E 4 8 2 7 2 W 4 8 2 7 2	
Par +300 4♠X-2 EW							
NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score			
Migry Campanile & David Berkowitz	Jerry Stamatov & Zia Mahmood	5♥ = S	♠K	650			
Bill Pettis & Ai-Tai Lo	Ralph Buchalter & Jeff Roman	5♥ = S	♣A	650			
Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	Janice Molson & Disa Eythorsdottir	5♥ = S	♣K	650			
Alex Kolesnik & Franco Baseggio	Eugene Hung & Howard Liu	5♠ X-3 W	♦A	500			
Anton Tsytkin & Jim Rasmussen	Ish DelMonte & Finn Kolesnik	5♠ -3 W	♦A	150			
Anne Brenner & Dave Caprera	Shan Huang & Vince Demuy	5♥ -1 S	♣K				100
Naren Gupta & Daniel Korbel	Chris Willenken & Steve Garner	5♥ -1 S	♣K				100
Jeff Ferro & Leni Holtz	Carrie Liu & Maxim Silin	5♥ -1 N	♣9				100
Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	Harrison Luba & Joe Grue	6♥ -1 S	♣K				100
Kevin Dwyer & Joyce Hill	Mark Aquino & Jon Green	6♥ X-1 N	♦2				200

On Board 28, every table played at the five level or higher. Two pairs saved over the phantom 5H in 5S. Both went light three. One was doubled and one was not.

Defending 5H from South is tricky. Do you lead the SK or the CK? Obviously those who led the SK had no line of defense when declarer won the SA, pulled trump and knocked out the ace and king of clubs. Those who led the CK had a fighting chance to cash the high clubs and give their partner a club ruff to collect three tricks.

It was important though, not to win the first club and shift to the high spade. Once declarer gets control, he has enough tricks.

Of those who led a high club, the two defeated 5H and two let it succeed. The two who let it succeed were playing upside down count and attitude and couldn't read the play of the nine from partner.

To compound things, in the Donner/Sanborn match, Nistor, as declarer, found the thoughtful play of the CJ on the first round of clubs making it look like the nine was from C954!!

Basically, when declarer wants to discourage the continuation of a suit, he plays high if the opponents are playing UD-CA and low if they are playing standard.

Given the lie of the club suit that existed, the opponents could never go wrong playing right side up signals. Had the singleton been the C4, things might have been different!!

Fun and Games Page

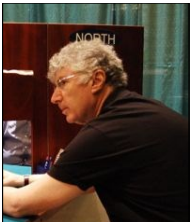


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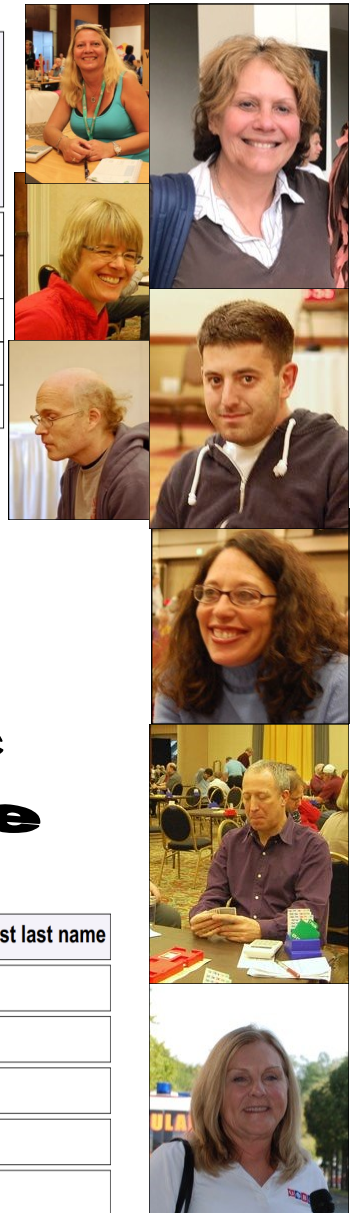
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 MY GIRL
 PEOPLE
 RESPECT
 SHERRY
 SPOOKY

SURF CITY
 THE BOXER
 THESE EYES
 VOLARE
 WILD THING
 WIPEOUT
 WORDS



	Belmont	Lambert	Rondell	Stone	Willow	Angel	I Love You	Never Again	Solitude	Wild Ride	Anette	Mark	Ricky	Sammy	Sharon	Brown	Right	Star	Turner	White
Gary																				
Richard																				
Sara																				
Tina																				
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Logic PUZZLE

First name	Last name	Song title	Artist first name	Artist last name

**Answer on
page 11**

Friday night is Karaoke night at the Horseshoe Pub. Tina and four of her friends visited the Pub last week for Tina's birthday. They had a grand time and by the end of the evening all had gathered their courage up and performed a song solo, to the delight of the others. Determine the full name of each friend, the song title each sang, and the full name of the artist who first performed the song.

1. "Solitude" was not originally sung by Ricky Star. "Angel" was not originally sung by Ms. Turner. Anette, whose last name wasn't White, didn't sing the song that Sara chose.

- Sara, whose last name isn't Lambert, didn't sing a song by Sharon. "I Love You" was sung by a woman, both originally and on karaoke night.
- The man who sang "Wild Ride" originally was not Mr. Brown. Gary, whose last name wasn't Lambert, sang a song by Sammy, whose last name wasn't Right.
- Mr. Right originally sang the song that Ms. Belmont, whose first name wasn't Tina, chose to sing.
- "Never Again", which wasn't originally sung by Anette, was Richard's karaoke choice. Wanda, whose last name isn't Willow, sang Mark's song.
- The five songs are represented by: Richard, Ms. Stone, "Solitude", Sara Rondell, "Wild Ride"

You are the ruler of a medieval empire and you are about to have a celebration tomorrow. The celebration is the most important party you have ever hosted. You've got 1000 bottles of wine you were planning to open for the celebration, but you find out that one of them is poisoned.

The poison exhibits no symptoms until death. Death occurs within ten to twenty hours after consuming even the minutest amount of poison.

You have over a thousand slaves at your disposal and just under 24 hours to determine which single bottle is poisoned.

You have a handful of prisoners about to be executed, and it would mar your celebration to have anyone else killed.

What is the smallest number of prisoners you must have to drink from the bottles to be absolutely sure to find the poisoned bottle within 24 hours?

With ten people there are 1024 unique combinations so you could test up to 1024 bottles of wine. Each of the ten prisoners will take a small sip from about 500 bottles. Each sip should take no longer than 15 seconds and should be a very small amount. Small sips not only leave more wine for guests. Small sips also avoid death by alcohol poisoning. As long as each prisoner is administered about a millilitre from each bottle, they will only consume the equivalent of about one bottle of wine each.

Each prisoner will have at least a fifty percent chance of living. There is only one binary combination where all prisoners must sip from the wine. If there are ten prisoners then there are ten more combinations where all but one prisoner must sip from the wine. By avoiding these two types of combinations you can ensure no more than 8 prisoners die.

Perhaps this solution was in flagrant contempt of restaurant etiquette. The emperor paid for this wine, so there should be no need to prove to the guests that wine is the same as the label. I am not even sure if ancient wine even came with labels affixed. However, it is true that after leaving the wine open for a day, that this medieval wine will taste more like vinegar than it ever did. C'est la vie.

Very Tough Puzzle

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Pri		X		X		X		X
Pri			X		X			X
Pri	X			X			X	
Pri					X	X	X	X

Solution: 10 prisoners must sample the wine. Bonus points if you worked out a way to ensure than no more than 8 prisoners die.

Number all bottles using binary digits. Assign each prisoner to one of the binary flags. Prisoners must take a sip from each bottle where their binary flag is set.

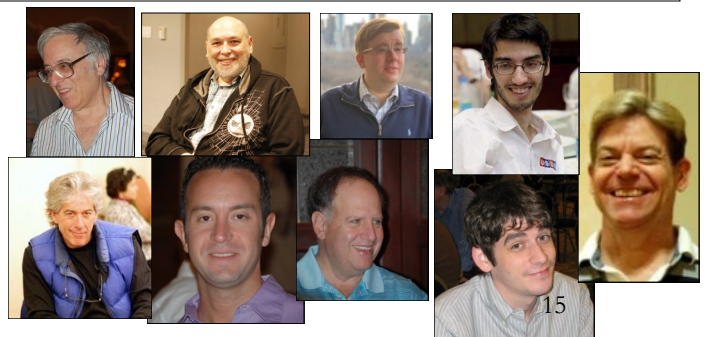
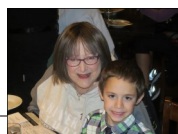
Here is how you would find one poisoned bottle out of eight total bottles of wine.

Ed. Note:

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

Thanks.

Suzi



Puzzle Answers:

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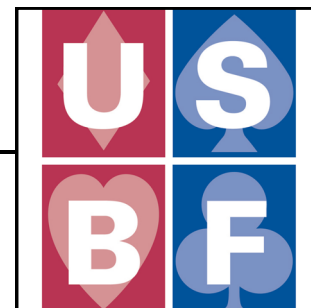
Sudoku

on page 11

Puzzle 1 on left

Puzzle 2 on right

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



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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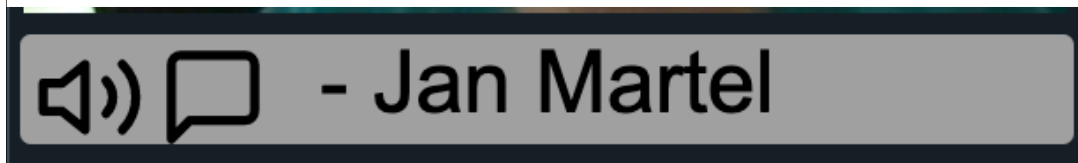
A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. Your donation will 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.

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.

♠ 95432		N John Hurd	
♥ K1082			
♦ 532			
♣ 8		E Leni Holtz	
♠ QJ10876		♠ AK	
♥ A95		♥ Q73	
♦ 84		♦ AQ	
♣ J10		♣ AQ9764	
♠ —		W N E S	
♥ J64		2NT P	
♦ KJ10976		3♥* P 3♠ P	
♣ K532		4♠* P P P	
Kevin Bathurst S			

In the DelMonte/Gupta match in the final segment, Leni Holtz declared 4S from East while Dan Korbel declared 5S from West on Board 42.

Against Korbel, Kolesnik led his predictable singleton club. Korbel rose with the ace and cashed dummy's two high trump. He played a heart to his ace and pulled three more rounds of spades. He played the CJ to the CQ and king. DelMonte was helpless. If he returns a club, Korbel wins in dummy and discards two losers. If he returns a heart, Kolesnik wins his king but dummy is all good. If he returns a diamond, dummy wins and cashes the clubs for two discards. All roads lead to 11 cashers! +650

Had Kolesnik led his partner's suit, the defense would have scored three tricks to defeat 5S.

W	N	E	S	
		2♣	3♦	W=Korbel
3♠	4♦	4♠	P	N=Kolesnik, Finn
5♥	P	5♠	P	E=Gupta
P	P			S=DelMonte

Holtz may have been a level lower, but when Bathurst led a heart, he made the decision to rise with dummy's ace. This was fatal. He could no longer collect ten tricks let alone eleven. Had he ducked, he would have been cold.

Holtz ran the CT to the king. Bathurst continued the heart attack. Hurd won the HK. Hurd exited a third heart and Holtz cashed the two high trump in his hand. A club to the jack followed. Hurd ruffed and exited a diamond. Holtz took the losing finesse. Bathurst won the king and the defense rested with their four tricks.

13 IMPs to Gupta

		N Kevin Dwyer Carrie Liu E																								
W Maxim Silin ♠ QJ62 ♥ AQ75 ♦ Q986 ♣ K		♠ 10943 ♥ 108 ♦ K3 ♣ Q9865																								
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Maxim Silin picked the perfect time to open 1NT (13-15HCP) with a singleton honor in clubs. Kevin Dwyer held 15 HCP and a balanced hand. He made a penalty double and Carrie Liu bid a non-forcing 2C. This was passed around to Dwyer who reopened with a takeout double. Shan Huang happily converted to penalties.

Silin redoubled, hoping to find a better spot. Happily, for E/W, Liu held four spades. Liu bid 2S and this was passed around to Dwyer, who doubled one time too many. Little did he know that E/W had found their perfect landing spot.

The defense started with three rounds of trumps. Liu won in dummy and played the CK. Huang allowed this to hold the trick. Liu led a low heart toward her hand and Dwyer rose with the HK. Kevin played the DJ and Liu won the DK in her hand. Liu took the next three tricks with dummy's HA, HQ and H7.

Six tricks were in the bag and Liu still had two trumps to score. +670

13 IMPs for Rasmussen

At the other table, North/South played in 1NT making!

Sport Trivia Facts...

A perfect game in baseball is one in which the same player pitches the entire game without allowing any player of the opposing team to reach first base -- by any means.

At Jack Russell Stadium in Clearwater, Florida, on June 26, 1985, organist Wilbur Snapp played "Three Blind Mice" following a call by umpire Keith O'Connor. The umpire was not amused, and saw to it that Mr. Snapp was ejected from the game.

Babe Ruth hit his first major-league home run on May 6, 1915. He was playing for the Boston Red Sox at the time. 'The Sultan of Swat' went on to smash 714 round-trippers before he retired, from the Boston Braves, in 1935.

Baseball rules were codified in 1846 by Alexander Cartwright of the Knickerbocker Baseball Club.

Baseball's National League was born in 1876. Eight competing baseball teams met in New York City's Grand Central Hotel. The first president of the new league was Morgan Gardner Bulkeley, who later became a US Senator. The eight original cities with teams were: Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Louisville and Hartford. Two of the original teams are now in the American League (Boston and New York) while Louisville and Hartford are now minor-league baseball towns.

Baseball's home plate is 17 inches wide.

Basketball was invented in 1891 by James Naismith. He set out to invent a game to occupy students between the football and baseball seasons.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David, Clubs - Alexander the Great, Hearts - Charlemagne, Diamonds - Julius Caesar.