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**We
Remember:**



Today's Matches:

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| 1 Beatty | | | | | |
| 16 Rasmussen | | | | | |
| 8 Levine | | | | | |
| 9 Sanborn | | | | | |
| 4 Dawson | | | | | |
| 13 Clayton | | | | | |
| 5 Nickell | | | | | |
| 12 Compton | | | | | |
| 6 Onstott | | | | | |
| 11 Gupta | | | | | |
| 3 Lall | | | | | |
| 14 Bitterman | | | | | |
| 7 Joel | | | | | |
| 10 Rosenthal | | | | | |
| 2 Lebowitz | | | | | |
| 15 Bell | | | | | |

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Photo from Tuesday's Captain's Meeting where the matches were determined. The top Round Robin finishers chose their opponents... sometimes that works ... and sometimes it is regrettable. Good luck to everyone! Let the knockout phase begin!!

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 |
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| 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 | | | |

"Pun"ch lines!

Who was Socrates' worst student? Mediocrities.

What did the beach say as the tide came in? Long time, no sea.

"How is your long distance relationship going?" – "So far, so good."

Q: Why did the apricot ask a prune to dinner? A: Because he couldn't find a date.

Q: What do you do when life gives you melons? A: See a doctor, because you're probably dyslexic.

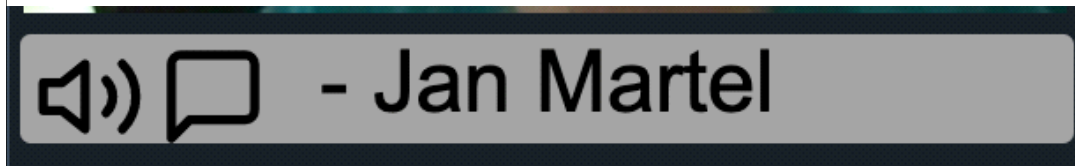
RIP boiling water. You will be mist.

Why did the Zen master refuse novocaine when he had his tooth pulled? He wanted to transcend dental medication.

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.

| Tournament Schedule | | | |
|---|---------|---|--|
| ROUND OF 16 | | | |
| FRIDAY | JUNE 18 | 12:30 - 2:15 2:40 - 4:25 5:10 - 6:55 7:15 - 9:00 | SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 45 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56 |
| QUARTERFINAL | | | |
| SATURDAY | JUNE 19 | 12:30 - 2:15 2:40 - 4:25 5:10 - 6:55 7:15 - 9:00 | SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 45 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 29-42 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 43-56 |
| SEMIFINAL | | | |
| SUNDAY | JUNE 20 | 12:30 - 2:15 2:40 - 4:25 5:10 - 6:55 7:15 - 9:00 | SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 45 MINUTE BREAK 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 2:40 - 4:25 5:10 - 6:55 7:15 - 9:00 | SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-14 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 15-28 45 MINUTE BREAK 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.



**The
One
Seed**

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.



Bridge: A MindSport For All
Connects People, Challenges Minds

Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice Monday 28 June – Thursday 1 July 2021 (online)

Welcome to the BAMSA Conference 2021

At the end of June 2021, BAMSA is hosting **Bridging Academia, Policy and Practice**, an online international bridge conference that brings together more than 60 presenters and panelists from 20 countries. We are grateful to the University of Stirling, the American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation, the Scottish Bridge Union and the Leisure Studies Association for their support.

The conference is designed for academics, practitioners and policymakers. The sessions will provide a forum for presenters and participants to exchange ideas, review case studies and share good practice.

The event is open to anyone that cares about bridge and the sustainability of the game. Academics, bridge players, teachers and organisers are all welcome.

The conference will highlight the latest findings from BAMSA's research network. It will showcase the ways in which academic research can inform policy and influence the grass-roots development of bridge as a mindsport.

The programme is varied in terms of format and participant engagement, balancing academic rigour with practical examples. The overall aim of the conference is to push the boundaries of current academic thinking and shape a future research agenda.

Broadly speaking, the sessions on the first and third day are theoretical in focus, and those on the second and fourth day are practical. Having said that, there will be academics and non-academics at every session, and presentations will be tailored to a mixed audience.

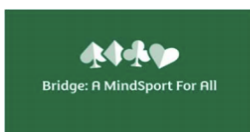
In addition to the live sessions, speakers and panelists have prepared recorded presentations in advance. The recordings are available to view on the BAMSA website from May 2021. We strongly recommend participants watch the videos beforehand.

We very much hope you will join us for the BAMSA 2021 Conference. The success of the event will depend on the engagement of a wide range of people from the world of academia and the world of bridge.

Professor Samantha Punch & the BAMSA team

For More Info...

<https://bridgemindsport.org/bridging-academia-policy-practice-conference/>



Board 10, Dir E
4NT-1 N

W Rick Binder

♠ 62
♥ QJ5
♦ KQ97
♣ A764

N Alex Kolesnik

Alan Watson E

♠ K10843
♥ 972
♦ 85
♣ J32

♠ 7
♥ 863
♦ AJ1063
♣ K1085

0 0

♠ AQJ95
♥ AK104
♦ 42
♣ Q9

W N E S
P P P 1♠
P 2♣ P 2♥
P 2NT P 4NT
P P P

Franco Baseggio S

Examine Board 10 in the Monday Round Robin. The deal is a good example of a frequently occurring problem in the bidding. When North bid a game-forcing 2C and then rebid 2NT, South wants to try for slam without getting too high. If 2NT shows either 12-14 HCP or 18+ HCP, South can just bid 3NT, knowing that North is expected to make a move with the 18+ HCP. Playing this method, North would bid 3NT with a balanced 15-17 HCP and no major suit fit.

Apparently, Kolesnik and Baseggio were not playing 2NT that way or they could have avoided getting one level too high.

If 2NT is any balanced hand, South is faced with a problem. Usually rebidding 4NT opposite a minimum 2C bid will be OK, but this hand shows what can happen when the critical cards lie badly.

Alan Watson led his singleton spade. Dummy played the SJ and Rick Binder won his SK. Binder returned the D8. Alex Kolesnik played the DK and Watson won the DA. Watson played the DJ to declarer's DQ. Kolesnik continued diamonds. Watson won the DT and cleared the suit. Declarer was able to cash six more tricks, but the defenders took the last trick to defeat 4NT.

Board 10, Dir E
3NT= N

W Vince Demuy

♠ 62
♥ QJ5
♦ KQ97
♣ A764

N John Hurd

Shan Huang E

♠ K10843
♥ 972
♦ 85
♣ J32

♠ 7
♥ 863
♦ AJ1063
♣ K1085

0 0

♠ AQJ95
♥ AK104
♦ 42
♣ Q9

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

Kevin Bathurst S

Kevin Bathurst and John Hurd avoided getting too high by playing a high-tech conventional method that solves this problem.

2C was game forcing with 2+ clubs. 3C asks partner to bid 3D if he wants more information. 3D was a relay and 3NT showed 5-4-2-2 distribution with extra values. It was easy for Bathurst/Hurd to stop in 3NT.

Kolesnik/Baseggio lost 11 IMPs to Rasmussen

All other pairs played in 3NT. Like Kolesnik/Baseggio, they all took nine tricks!

World Bridge News...

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

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

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions!

Steak (or other favorite protein) and Chimichurri

GREEN CHIMICHURRI

Servings: 4

- 1 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves
- 1/2 cup fresh oregano leaves
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 8 cloves garlic
- 4 cuts of your favorite steak

Directions:

Combine all the ingredients in a food processor and process until smooth. Place steaks in a large sealable bag. Add the chimichurri and turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, overnight is even better. Remove the steak from the marinade and place on a plate 30 minutes before grilling. Cook steaks on pre-heated grill until desired doneness.

SMOKY RED CHIMICHURRI

Servings: 4

- 1 cup finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh oregano
- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Flat-leaf parsley leaves for garnish

Directions:

Combine all ingredients in a food processor and process until smooth. Serve with cooked steaks, chicken, fish or really any protein. I have yet to meet a food it doesn't get along with. Add parsley as final garnish.

Why is England the wettest country?

Because so many kings and queens have been reigning there.

What starts with E, ends with E, and has only one letter in it?

An envelope.

Why are skeletons so calm?

Because nothing gets under their skin.

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I work in a paper factory, where my responsibilities are twofold.

Last week I called someone a watering hole but I meant well.

We need a 12-step group for compulsive talkers.

They could call it On Anon Anon.

VEGETABLE FRIED RICE WITH SUNNY SIDE-UP EGG

Servings: 4-6

8 tablespoons peanut oil or canola oil
3 tablespoons minced garlic
3 tablespoons minced ginger
1 tablespoon salt
2 cups thinly sliced leeks, white and light green parts only
1 small bag of frozen pea and carrots mix
4 cups cooked rice
2 tablespoon oyster sauce
2 tablespoons light soy sauce
1/2 teaspoon white pepper
4 large eggs
2 teaspoons sesame oil

Directions:

In a large skillet heat 1/4 cup oil over medium-high heat. Add garlic and ginger, stirring regularly as to not burn. Look for a golden, crisp texture. With a slotted spoon, transfer to paper towels and salt lightly.

Reduce the heat in the pan to medium and add 2 tablespoons oil, leeks. Cook about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally until vegetables are very tender. You are not looking to brown them. Season lightly with salt.

Raise heat to medium and add cooked rice and frozen peas/carrots. Cook, stirring well, until heated through. Season with oyster sauce, soy sauce and white pepper. Take a taste and check the seasoning and feel free to add more soy sauce or salt and pepper.

In a nonstick skillet over a medium-high heat, fry eggs in remaining oil sunny-side-up until edges are set but yolk is soft.

Divide rice among four dishes. Top each with one egg and 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil. Garnish with crispy garlic and ginger to serve.

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Just found the worst page in the entire dictionary. What I saw was disgraceful, disgusting, dishonest, and disingenuous.

As we waited for a bus in the frosty weather, the woman next to me mentioned that she makes a lot of mistakes when texting in the cold. I nodded knowingly. "It's the early signs of typtothermia."

The village blacksmith hired an enthusiastic new apprentice willing to work long, hard hours. He instructed the boy, "When I take the shoe out of the fire, I'll lay it on the anvil. When I nod my head, you hit it with the hammer." The apprentice did exactly as he was told, and now he's the new village blacksmith.

I recently stumbled upon my favorite new sports team. It's a woman's bowling squad called I Can't Believe It's Not Gutter.

I Renamed my iPod The Titanic, so when I plug it in, it says, "The Titanic is syncing."

Did you hear about the weekly poker game with Vasco da Gama, Christopher Columbus, Leif Eriksson and Francisco Pizarro? They can never seem to beat the Straights of Magellan.

Very Punny!



Chicken and Pepper Stew

Ingredients

- 1 (3-pound) whole chicken, cut into 10 pieces (2 drumsticks, 2 wings, 2 thighs, and 4 breast quarters)
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt, plus more to taste
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 3 large red, orange, or yellow bell peppers, thinly sliced lengthwise (about 4 cups)
- 2 medium-size yellow onions, thinly sliced (about 6 1/2 cups)
- 4 garlic cloves, thinly sliced (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1 tablespoon salt-free Italian herb seasoning (such as McCormick Organic)
- 1 (28-ounce) can whole peeled tomatoes
- Fresh basil and oregano, for garnish



Directions

- **Step 1**
Season chicken with salt and pepper. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high. Working in batches, sear chicken, turning occasionally to brown and crisp skin evenly, about 8 minutes per batch. Transfer chicken to a plate.
- **Step 2**
Add remaining 3 tablespoons oil to chicken drippings in pan over medium-high. Add bell peppers and onions, turning and folding using tongs to coat in fat as they begin to wilt, scraping bottom of pan to loosen and incorporate browned bits. Continue folding until vegetables have reduced in volume by half, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and Italian seasoning, and stir to combine. Reduce heat to medium-low, and cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables have softened and are beginning to caramelize but still hold their shape, about 25 minutes.
- **Step 3**
Crush tomatoes by hand, and add to pan with juices from can. Fold to combine with vegetables. Bring to a simmer over medium-high. Reduce heat to medium-low, and cook, stirring occasionally, until sauce is slightly thickened, about 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt. Add chicken pieces to sauce, nestling them into a snug single layer. Cover, reduce heat to low, and cook until a thermometer inserted in thickest portion of several pieces of chicken registers 155°F, 20 to 25 minutes. Remove pan from heat, and let stew rest, covered, at least 10 minutes before serving. Garnish with basil and oregano.

Make Ahead

Stew can be refrigerated in an airtight container up to 3 days.

Meet the Players

Favorite Bridge Memory

75% game to win 1036 table Olympiad Fund Pairs with John Hrones, Jr. in first tournament I ever played in - 1970 Boston NABC

Bridge Accomplishments

Winner 2015 NAP Flight A with Shome Mukherjee, 2nd 2004 LM Pairs with Jon Green, 2nd 1995 Las Vegas Invitational Calcutta with the late, great Charlie Coon, 3rd 2009 Silver Ribbons with Shome Mukherjee, 4th 2015 Werner Open Pairs with Andrew Chesterton

Favorite Tournaments

NABCs

Favorite Conventions

Jumpball

BBO Username

shark621

ACBL Ranking

Grand Life Master



Mark and his wife, Susan, live in New England. Susan is a bridge player, too. They share several adorable grandchildren.

Mark served one term on the ACBL Board of Directors as a District Director from District 25. He brought much to the table and his contributions were excellent. He is currently a member of the USBF Board Of Directors, playing in this tournament with Jon Green on the Bitterman team.

Did you hear about the new e-reader? Reader's Digest and Amazon created software that will condense books when you download them. It's called the Dwindle.

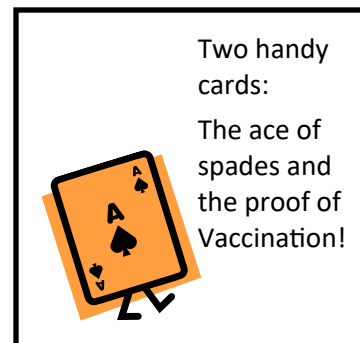
A lion comes across two men, one reading and the other writing. The beast pounces on and devours the reader but ignores the writer. Why? Because, as everyone knows, a writer cramps while a reader digests.

Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?

Q: Why aren't dogs good dancers? A: Because they have two left feet!

My nine-year-old and I passed a store with a sign that read "Watch Batteries Installed—\$5." He seemed confused: "Who would pay to watch batteries installed?"

My first day on the job at an IKEA store, I was told by my boss that employees needed to go to the meeting room before every shift. I asked why. He said, "Assembly required."



Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14

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| Chance | clerc | dwarf | West | Tom |
| Gromm | fighter | human | Smith | Jack |
| Martin | ranger | half-orc | North | Harry |
| Willow | thief | elf | Rowly | Chris |
| Fallon | mage | human | Chandler | Adam |
| Character Name | Class | Type | Last Name | First name |

Sudoku 2

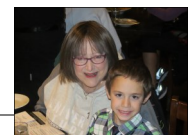
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Ed. Note:

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



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Sudoku 1

Answers on Page 16

In The Wisdom Of Solomon

Two women in a bus fighting bitterly over the last available seat.

The conductor had already tried unsuccessfully to intervene when the bus driver shouted to the conductor, "Let the ugly one take the seat"

Both women stood for the rest of the journey

Argument done!

Limey Jack...

Cheerio Yanks:

Another bloody good show being staged on the other side of the pond.

Sixteen teams remain. For Howie Dung it could be sixfold as he just throws darts anyway. Stick with Limey Jack to make book.

Beatty-Rasmussen: While Beatty has been in fine form to date, they are not elite, but they make it into the round of eight as Rasmussen tries to fathom how they have come so far.

Levine-Sanborn: Limey Jack has always liked to see the Lassies do well, but the Levine blokes are no gentlemen and get a withdrawal at the 15th furlong.

Dawson-Clayton: Two more squads who are not favoured but one must play on. Clayton has more petrol in the tank.

Nickell-Compton: Compton is five handed with no partnerships whilst Nickell is Nickell. Nickell prevails handily.

Onstott-Gupta: Very difficult for Limey Jack as his heart is with Zia, but to waylay the Punters, one must go with Onstott.

Lall-Bitterman: Nice fellows are Bitterman, but in the great Bob Hamman's final appearance, even Howie Dung is incapable of making dog's bollocks of this one. Lall but by less than one hundred.

Joel-Rosenthal: Joel has outstayed their useful life and return to the upscale pub on New Bond Street. Rosenthal regains a bit of their swagger.

Lebovitz-Bell: Lebovitz nearly lapped the field in the round robin. Bell is chuffed to simply have made the knockouts. Lebovitz reigns.

Limey Jack will use a couple of days to rest and carry you on through to the end, despite the rigorous schedule that precludes his normal activities.

Cheers.

The Knockout stage is set to begin.

Which teams will lose and which teams will win?

Certainly Beatty has been on a roll.

Their opps played on Monday. That could take a toll.

I'm sticking with Jenni. She plays with her man.

She declares 3-3 fits like nobody can!

Sanborn plays great. Meyer plays good.

But they've got the twigs. Levine's got the wood!

Clayton is kicking and certainly able,

But not 'gainst the likes of Dunitz and Grabel!

Stamatov thinks that Zia ain't scary,

But Casen point, I'm going with Gary.

Lall's got the edge. His squad is no slouch.

Annie be sending poor Dave to the couch.

Rosenbergs cubed is better than squared.

Rosenthal's squad will never be spared.

So many "Rosens," make me want relief.

Like you-know-who's rye with warm, lean
corned beef!

Lebowitz lives with stories to tell.

Say "Sayonara" to team Leo Bell.

I am predicting the matches be close.

No one will win by more than a gross!

Though delayed VuGraph is less than ideal.

Seeing the play still has its appeal!

Howie Doing... GRRRRRRRRRRREAT!!

Howie Doing...

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Logic PUZZLE

Answer on page 11

| First name | Last name | Character type | Character class | Character name |
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Jack and four friends met Friday night for their weekly game night. Their current gaming sessions have them involved in a role-playing adventure in the Dungeons and Dragons world. Each of them plays a male character and Friday's objective, which they achieved, was to make it through an ancient dungeon and find the treasure, defeating the dragon guarding it. Determine the full name of each player, the type of each character they played (one type was human), the class of each character they played (one class was fighter), and the name of each character they played.

1. Gromm is not the name of the elf character. The thief character is played by Chris, whose last name isn't Smith. Mr. West plays the dwarf character, who isn't a fighter.
2. The player whose last name is North doesn't play the character named Fallon. The cleric, Chance, is played by Tom, whose last name isn't Chandler. Harry's character isn't the mage.
3. Adam, whose last name isn't Rowly, plays a human character. The other human character is played by Mr. Smith.
4. The character named Willow is not a ranger, but is an elf. The mage, Fallon, isn't played by Jack. The character named Martin isn't played by Mr. Rowly.
5. As the party moves into the dungeon, the marching order is: the fighter, Mr. West's character, Adam's character, Martin, and the elf.
6. The half-orc ranger isn't played by Jack. The dwarf isn't a thief.

Puzzle Answers:

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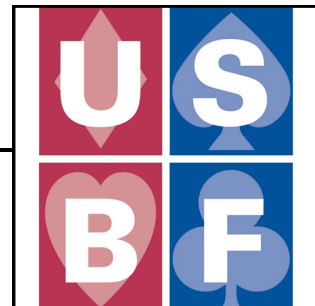
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Puzzle 2 on right

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