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**We
Remember:**



Results...

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	Beatty - wins tie	155	49	58	31	17	
8	Levine	125	18	38	33	36	
2	Lebowitz - wins tie	119	18	21	52	28	
7	Joel	151	86	18	7	40	
3	Lall	121	23	28	61	9	
6	Gupta	120	26	22	38	34	
4	Clayton - wins tie	122	24	62	18	18	
5	Compton	106	24	18	26	38	

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

**Today's Matches:
Beatty versus Clayton
Lall versus Joel**

Happy Father's Day!

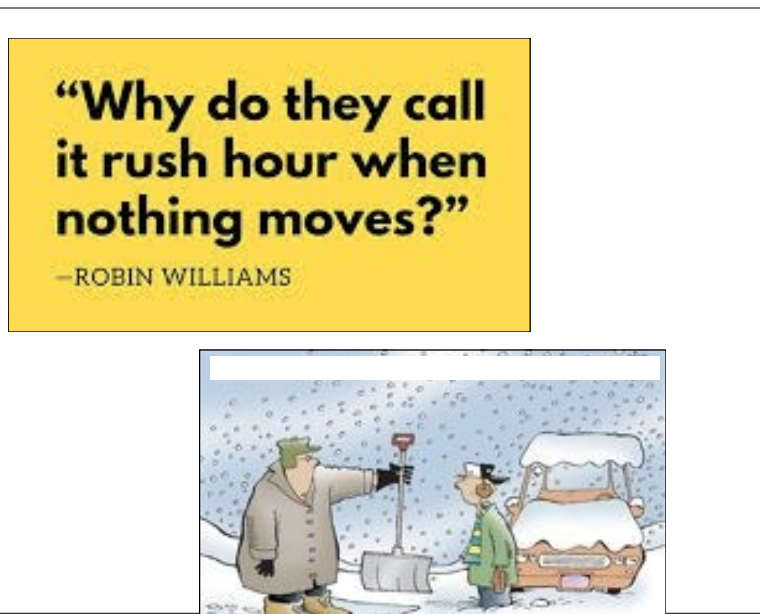
Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

There are 32 teams entered and listed in alphabetic order.



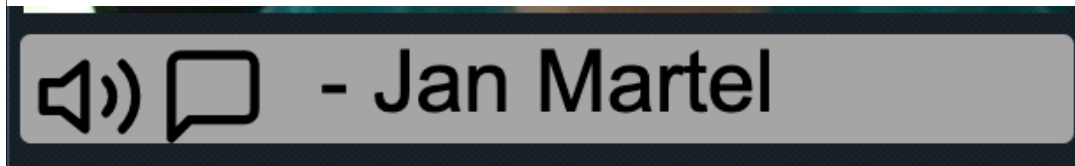
Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jim Foster Jenni Carmichael	Fred Stewart Bryan Howard Tom Carmichael	Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt David Chechelashvili Howard Liu	Bill Pettis Ahmed Soliman Eugene Hung
Bell	Leo Bell, Capt Mark Moss Mark Ralph	Cris Barrere Bob Thomson Bill Harker	Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco 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			



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
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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
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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

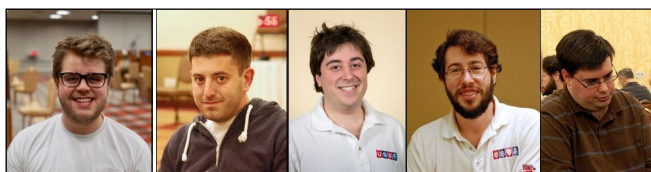
Ethics Statement

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.



Lebowitz Team Lebowitz missing

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)

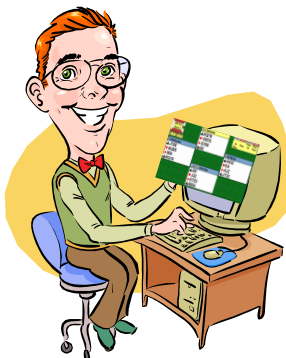
Quarter 1: 1:00 pm

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.

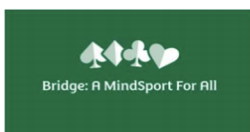
In addition to the live sessions, speakers and panelists have prepared recorded presentations in advance. The recordings are available to view on the BAMSA website from May 2021. We strongly recommend participants watch the videos beforehand.

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/>



How Low Can You Go?




Andrew Gumperz led the C9 against 3NT. The first trick was C9-CQ-CK-CA. At trick two, Tod Moses led the C4 from his hand and took a WORLD RECORD LOW FINESSE. See the above diagram!

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"Whatever you do, always give 100%. Unless you're donating blood."

Peter Weichsel just missed making the same play against Zia. The first trick was CT-CQ-CK-CA. Weichsel cashed the DA and then led the C6. See the result below:

Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia.
Charles Schulz

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World Bridge News...

The WBF is officially planning to hold the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy, and Wuhan Mixed Cup in Salsomaggiore, Italy beginning either March 27th or March 29th of 2022 (The tournament length to be decided by the WBF Management Committee), and ending on April 9th. Suzi Subeck and Al Levy sit on the WBF Management Committee if there are any questions.

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions!

Dover Sole Fish & Chips

Masa Tempura Batter

- 2 cups masa harina, such as Maseca
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt

Place masa harina, kosher salt and 4 1/2 cups cold water in a blender, and blend on high for 1 minute. Transfer to an airtight container and place in the refrigerator to chill for at least 6 hours and up to 2 days. When ready to cook, remove from the refrigerator and whisk to recombine.

Crispy Chips

- 4 medium Yukon Gold potatoes
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Pinch of sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Zest of 1/2 medium lemon
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

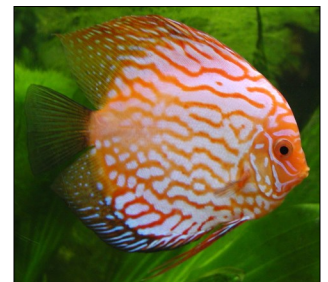
1. Preheat oven to 425° F. Peel potatoes and cut into wedges (try quarters for smaller potatoes, or sixths for larger potatoes). In a large bowl, toss potatoes with 1 tablespoon olive oil, a generous pinch of sea salt and 1 grind of black pepper.
2. Place potatoes on a foil-lined baking sheet and transfer to oven. Roast until cooked through and crispy, 18 to 20 minutes, stirring once to brown both cut sides.
3. Immediately transfer potatoes to a large bowl and toss with remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, the lemon zest and the oregano. Cover with foil and set aside to serve with the Dover sole. Can be made up to 1 hour ahead and kept uncovered, then reheated, uncovered, in a 350° F oven until heated through, about 10 minutes.

Fried Fish

- About 4 cups vegetable or canola oil
- 1 cup rice flour
- Four 2 1/2-ounce fillets Dover sole or other meaty, flaky white fish, such as halibut, bass or fluke
- 1/2 cup whole cornichons
- Masa Tempura Batter (recipe above)
- Sea salt, for finishing
- Zest of 1/2 medium lemon, plus two unzested lemon wedges, for garnish
- Tartar sauce, such as [this easy version](#)

Special equipment: Deep-fry thermometer

1. In a Dutch oven or other heavy, high-sided pot, add the vegetable or canola oil to a depth of about 2 inches, or just under halfway up the side, to prevent splattering or bubbling over. Attach a deep-fry thermometer to the side of the pot, and heat over medium-high until the thermometer registers 375° F; the oil will begin to gently smoke.
 2. While the oil heats, place the rice flour in a medium bowl and remove the fish from the refrigerator, patting dry with paper towels. Working in small batches, lightly dredge the fish and cornichons in the rice flour to coat completely, shaking off the excess; then dip the fish and cornichons in the masa batter to coat thinly. (There's no need to shake off the excess.) If the potatoes are still cooking, set the coated fish and cornichons aside.
 3. When the potatoes finish cooking, use tongs to immerse the fish and cornichons in the hot oil for 4 minutes, until golden-brown, gently turning the fillets halfway through. Work in batches if necessary in order not to crowd the fillets.
 4. Drain the fish and cornichons on a roasting rack or cooling rack set over a sheet of aluminum foil or a large pan. *(Continued on page 8)*
- Immediately sprinkle the top with sea salt and the lemon zest.
5. Plate fish with the crispy chips and serve warm with a lemon wedge and tartar sauce. *Serves 2.*



Spaghetti with Pesto

Ingredients

- Salt
- 8 ounces spaghetti
- 4 to 5 cups loosely packed basil leaves
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided, plus more for serving
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1/2 jalapeño, chopped
- 1/3 cup toasted pumpkin seeds, pine nuts, walnuts or hazelnuts
- 3 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese, plus more for serving
- Freshly ground black pepper

Preparation

1. In a large pot, bring 3 quarts of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook according to the package instructions or to your liking.
2. While the pasta is cooking, place the basil in a sieve and immerse in the boiling pasta water, pushing the leaves down with a spatula until they are wilted, about 15 to 20 seconds. Immediately cool under cold water or in an ice bath. Drain the cooked pasta, reserving 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons of the pasta water.
3. Place blanched basil in a blender with a pinch of salt, 2 tablespoons of the oil and 2 tablespoons of hot pasta water. Blend to a puree. (You can remove 2 tablespoons of the pureed basil to freeze separately). Add the jalapeño, pumpkin seeds, parmesan and remaining olive oil and puree until smooth. Taste and adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper, adding more oil if necessary.
4. Pour the pesto into a large bowl; add 1/2 cup of the hot pasta water and mix well. Add pasta to the pesto and toss well. To serve, drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with additional cheese. *Serves 4 to 6.*

(Continued on page 9)



Sandwiches **Beefsteak...**

2 extra-large beefsteak tomatoes (see note), blanched and peeled
1/4 cup Herb Dijon Mayonnaise (recipe follows)
Pickled Red Onion (recipe follows)
4 brioche rolls or hamburger buns, such as Martin's potato rolls, split and toasted
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
Extra-virgin olive oil for drizzling
1 Hass avocado, halved, pitted, peeled and sliced
Alfalfa sprouts

Note: It's important that the tomatoes be about the same diameter as the buns you are using for a well-balanced sandwich.

1. Slice the tomatoes crosswise 3/4 to 1-inch thick. You will need 4 nice slices for the sandwiches; reserve the extra slices for another use.
2. Spread the mayonnaise on the tops and bottoms of the rolls. Set the tomato slices on the bottoms, season with salt and pepper, and drizzle with olive oil. Top with the avocado slices, pickled red onion and alfalfa sprouts. Close the sandwiches. *Serves four.*

Pickled Red Onion

1/4 cup water
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 tablespoon sugar
Pinch of kosher salt
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns
1 small red onion, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced

1. Combine the water, vinegar, sugar, salt, thyme, and black peppercorns in a small saucepan and bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar and salt.
2. Put the onion slices in a heatproof bowl, pour the hot brine over them, and set aside to pickle for 1 hour.
3. Drain the brine from the onion and reserve to pickle more onions. (Pickled onion can be made ahead and refrigerated for up to a week.)

Herb Dijon Mayonnaise

1 cup mayonnaise or vegan mayonnaise, such as Just Mayo
2 tablespoons capers
1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1 tablespoon chopped dill
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
Kosher salt

Combine the mayonnaise, capers, mustard, parsley, dill and lemon juice in a bowl and mix well. Season with salt. Refrigerate until ready to use. (The mayonnaise will keep for up to a week in the refrigerator.) Makes 1 1/4 cups.

Meet the Players



Kyle Rockoff, formerly from the northern suburbs of Chicago, now living in Arizona, is a staunch supporter of the game.

Kyle represented District 13 on the Board of Governors of the ACBL while living in Chicago and is now representing District 17 on the BOG.

His most frequent partner since moving is Doug Couchman, Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Kyle was instrumental in developing bridge clubs at Northwestern University and at the University of Chicago. He was well-liked and the young players were enthusiastic largely because of his encouragement.

He fostered competition between the two schools and as a result, the players became friends and played in varying combinations. Most of the players in the two groups are still playing.

Why do fathers
who golf take an
extra pair of socks?

—
In case they get
a hole in one!



How is the baby
bird like its dad?

—
He's a chirp off
the old block.



Dad Wisdom: Why, in a country of free speech, are there phone bills?

Dad: I wouldn't buy anything with Velcro... it's a total rip off!

Dad Wisdom: I gave all my dead batteries away today... free of charge.

Dad Humor

Two handy
cards:

The ace of
spades and
the proof of
Vaccination!



Sudoku

SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on
page 14

Tom	Barr	hockey	basketball	boxing
Ted	Daily	basketball	boxing	hockey
Jack	Mason	boxing	football	basketball
Fred	Sampson	football	hockey	basketball
Dan	Anderson	basketball	basketball	football
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Sudoku 2

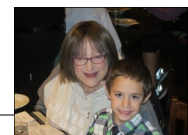
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Ed. Note:

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

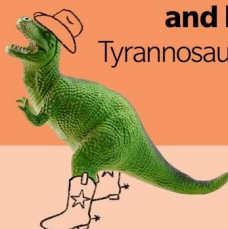
Answers on Page 16

I've already had one
ice cream today, so
this is my secondary.



What do you call
a dinosaur wearing
a cowboy hat
and boots?

Tyrannosaurus Tex!



Limey Jack...

Blimey, but you Colonials are putting on quite the show.

Limey Jack suspects that nobody would have had this quinella in the Final Four. Only Limey Jack could have told you that Beatty would upset Levine, but Joel going up 68 in the first stanza against Lebovitz, almost losing the lead and then extending it. Surely you jest. The beloved Zia lost by one imp, and Clayton took the measure of Compton, which was suffering from Nickell-lag. Howie Dung has yet to pick a winner but Limey Jack will make you a number of shillings.

Beatty-Clayton: With neither squad having serious aspirations to be at this juncture, go with experience. Beatty has more of it and keeps the ball in play.

Lall-Joel: Dare anyone pick against Joel any further? Lall seems better on paper, but Limey Jack has started to believe the Joel hype. While some will be nervous in their first experience, their teammates will carry the day. Joel wins in a squeaker but provide great theatre.

Cheers.

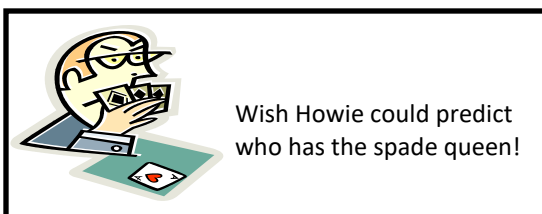
Tonight my writing
Is sure to be quick.
Only two matches
That I need to pick.

In Beatty v Clayton,
It's Steve all the way.
His team is pumped up
And ready to play!

In Lall versus Joel,
It's Geeske and crew.
Mother and son
Are poised to pull through.

Howie Doing... Great!!

Howie Doing...



Fun and Games Page

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Comedy Movies

		Anderson	Barr	Daily	Mason	Sampson	To Play					To Watch					Least					
							baseball	basketball	boxing	football	hockey	baseball	basketball	boxing	football	hockey	baseball	basketball	boxing	football	hockey	
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**Answer on
page 11**

Logic Puzzle

First Name	Last Name	To Play	To Watch	Least Favorite

One night, five friends got into a discussion about their favorite sports. They discovered that in the same five sports, each had different favorites to play and to watch, as well as a least favorite sport. Using the clues and grid below, determine the full name of each friend, what each favorite sport to play and each favorite sport to watch was (each is different), and what each least favorite sport was (each is different). HINT: for each person the sports that they liked to play, to watch, and their least favorite were always three different sports.

- Mr. Daily, who didn't watch football, didn't like hockey. Jack, whose last name isn't Anderson, didn't watch basketball.
- Mr. Sampson played football but the man who played basketball didn't like football and the one who loved watching football didn't like baseball.
- Tom, whose last name isn't Sampson, loved to play hockey. Jack didn't watch boxing.
- The man who watched basketball didn't like boxing. Dan's last name wasn't Mason. Mr. Anderson watched baseball.
- The five friends are represented by: Ted, the one who watched hockey, Mr. Barr, Jack, and the one who played basketball.
- Fred Sampson didn't like basketball. Ted Daily didn't play football.

A 120 wire cable has been laid firmly underground between two telephone exchanges located 10km apart.

Unfortunately after the cable was laid it was discovered to be the wrong type, the problem is the individual wires are not labeled. There is no visual way of knowing which wire is which and thus connections at either end is not immediately possible.

You are a trainee technician and your boss has asked you to identify and label the wires at both ends without ripping it all up. You have no transport and only a battery and light bulb to test continuity. You do have tape and pen for labeling the wires.

What is the shortest distance in kilometers you will need to walk to correctly identify and label each wire?

Very Tough Puzzle

km of wire.

First, tie the 120 wires together randomly in 60 pairs. Next, go to the far end, randomly label any wire 1, and connect the battery to it. Test which other wire is tied to it at the starting end, and label that wire 2. Then pick another wire other than 1 or 2, label it 3, and tie it to 2, so now the battery is connected to 1, which is tied to 2 at the other end, which is tied to 3 at the end you're at. Now test which wire is tied to 3 at the other end, and label that 4, etc. What you will wind up with is all 120 wires tied to each other in a continuous sequence. Then go back to the end you started at, leaving the battery behind, connected to wire 1. Before you untie all the wires at the starting point, label each wire so that you know which wire was paired with which. Now with all the wires untied at the starting point, test which wire is connected to the battery, and label that 1. Whichever wire was in the same pair as 1, label that 2, and then the 1 and 2 back together. Now you can find 3, because it's tied to 2 on the far end. Once you find 3, label the wire it was tied to 4, etc. This assumes that the resistance of the wire is small enough that the battery will still light the bulb across 12,000

Alternative solution from citrog:

end has a unique classification.

Now untie all the old connections and identify the group labeled "1", "2", "3" ... "15" at which point each wire at each

Now walk to the other end.

until at the end there will be a single "O" cable labeled "O1".

Join it with a remaining "C", "D", up to "O" and label these each "14" so we have "B14", "C14", up to "O14". Repeat this and last "B" wire and

together in a group and label each one with "15", so we have cable "A15", "B15", "C15", up to "O15". Take the second "A", etc....this now matches the other end....the letters will go up to "O". Now take "A", "B", up to "O" and join them together in a group and label each one with "15", so we have cable "A15", "B15", "C15", up to "O15". Take the second

It is similarly possible to find which wires are in a pair, which is joined in a group of 3, etc. Each time a group is found the technician should label it with the letter for the group, so the single wire is labeled 'a', the pair are each labeled

Using a (battery and light bulb) it is now possible, for example, to find the wire that wasn't joined to any of the others. Now walk to the other end.

strand cable. NOTES that the largest group will have 15 wires.

At one end label a wire "A". Then join two wire and label them both "B", then tie three (not already joined) wires to

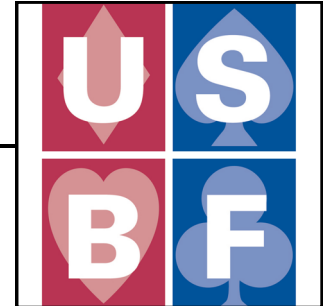
Solution: 20.

Puzzle Answers:

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Sudoku
on page 11
Puzzle 1 on left
Puzzle 2 on right

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



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At the end of the first quarter of the quarterfinals, after winning double-digit swings on seven boards in, the Joel team led the match 86-18. They played solid bridge the rest of the way and won the quarterfinal by a score of 151-119 upsetting the #2 Seed Lebowitz team.

The first big swing of the match came on Board 5.

North/South can make 3NT because the heart suit blocks. In the Joel/Lebowitz match, Geeske tried for 3NT by cue bidding 3H. Will Watson decided Txxx was not a stopper, so he bid 4C, the last makeable spot. Zach balanced with double, and the auction ended.

Zach Grossack led the HK and continued with a small heart. Geeske carefully kept her communications by trumping with the CT. Joel cashed a high club followed by the SA and a low spade. Zach followed to the first spade with the ten. Adam was forced to win the second spade with the jack. He exited with a club. Geeske won the CJ and trumped a spade with C6. *Note that if she trumped with the C9, she could have taken an immediate club finesse, drawn the last trump and claimed.*

In the actual play the clubs suit was blocked, but Geeske was able to cash her spade and diamond winners before playing the C9. She won the last trick with the CA and scored eleven tricks for +910.

At the other table in this match, Lebowitz/Wolpert had a similar competitive auction to reach 4C. No one doubled. The defense was similar, but Lebowitz led a diamond to dummy and finessed the SQ at trick five. Eventually, declarer took the ten tricks he started with and score +130.

14 IMPs to Joel

Incidentally, the only pair to reach the cold 3NT was Clayton/Gumperz.

	♠ KQJ8 ♥ 1075 ♦ J86 ♣ AQ10	N Jenni Carmichael E Jeff Meckstroth																														
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Board 23 presents a common bidding dilemma. North, with a heavy concentration of cards in the black suits, has to choose between playing 4H or 3NT.

Five of the eight N/S pairs chose to play in 3NT. This contract is unbeatable on best play.

East, too, had a concentration of cards in the black suits. If they lead a spade, 3NT is easy. With a more aggressive club lead declarer has some problems, but only one declarer was defeated. That declarer played on the heart suit rather than the diamond suit and came up short one trick.

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

Three declarers played in 4H. Two of the 4H tables had an auction that started 1H-2C* (see box on left), where 2C is game-forcing with either clubs or a balanced hand. South showed hearts and diamonds, but the North did not show his black suit length or strength. West led the SA presumably because North started with what could be a natural 2C bid. After the lead of the SA, the hand is an easy make.

When the Carmichaels held the N/S cards (diagram above), only hearts were bid naturally. 2D was a limit raise or better in hearts. 2S was an artificial acceptance of a limit raise.

It is likely that Rodwell chose the neutral lead of the C4 because of the auction.

Tom played the CQ from dummy and Meckstroth won the CK and returned the D9. Carmichael won the DA. In an effort to discard his losing spade, Tom led a club to dummy's ten, losing to Meck's CJ. Jeff played a diamond to Rodwell's king. Eric cashed the SA and played a diamond for Meckstroth to ruff. Jeff exited with a club to dummy's ace. Carmichael took the losing heart finesse. Rodwell returned a spade. Tom won in dummy and dropped the HJ, a three-trick defeat for N/S -300.

Wold/Levine played 3NT making at the other table.

14 IMPs to Levine



Did you hear about the cheese factory that got blown up? Da brie was everywhere.

I just invented a car that runs on herbs... I think I invented thyme travel.

I saw a lady at the bank checking her balance so I pushed her over.

Did you hear about the yacht builder that had to work from home? His sails went through the roof.

What do you call a cheese that isn't yours? Nacho cheese!

Swimming with sharks is so expensive. It cost me an arm and a leg!

How much do roofs cost? Nothing. They're on the house!

The police just arrested the world's tongue twister champion. They say he'll be given a tough sentence.

"Pun"ch lines!

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface. At the top, the name "Kevin Bathurst" is displayed. The hand layout is as follows:

N W 50 EAST S		♠ 3 ♥ QJ854 ♦ AK87 ♣ K97																	
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	John Hurd																		

On the right side, there is a video chat window showing two participants: "garner" and "jeffwolfson". Below the video is a chat area with a text input field "Enter chat message here" and a "Send chat" button. A list of "Kibitzers (22)" is visible, including Chris Wiegand, David Corvera, David Thompson, Helene Shuter, and Jane D. At the bottom of the interface are "Leave" and "Scores" buttons.

**Thanks to Steve Garner and Jeff Wolfson
for last night's voice commentary...
entertaining as always!**

		♠ K9762	N Gavin Wolpert																	
Bd 12, Dir W 3NT+1 W		♥ 105 ♦ 9																		
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On the twelfth board of the Joel/Lebowitz match, Owen Lien found an endplay to score an overtrick in the normal 3NT contract.

Gavin Wolpert led a small club which Owen won in dummy. The SJ was passed around to Gavin's king. Wolpert played the CA and a low club. Lien played a spade to his hand. When South discarded, Lien knew that North started with five spades and five clubs.

Owen led a diamond to dummy and cashed diamonds. On the second diamond, North discarded a club. On the third diamond, Lien discarded the HJ and Wolpert discarded the H5. Owen led a heart to his ace and exited with a club. Gavin was endplayed and conceded the last three spades to declarer, making ten tricks for E/W +430

At the other table, Adam Grossack's 2C call was game-forcing and could be a doubleton. The 2S rebid was explained as "usually a six-card suit," but Zach was faced with several unattractive rebid possibilities, and this seemed to be the least of all evils. After the 2S rebid, Adam drove to game in spades.

The defense was accurate. Will Watson led his singleton diamond. Zach won in dummy and ran the SJ losing to the SK. Watson exited with a heart to declarer's ace. Zach played two high trumps, followed by a diamond. Watson trumped the diamond, cashed the CA and played a heart to Geeske's king. Joel exited with a heart, which produced an uppercut for Watson's S9. The two-trick defeat scored +100 for North/South.

11 IMPs to the Joel team

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

Margaret Mead