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**We
Remember:**



Results...

<u>JLall Online Teams #5 - 2022</u>							
Final (56 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.				
24-Jan-2022			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>				
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	Lall	109	39	17	36	17	
2	Donner	132	26	36	33	37	

Congrats Team Donner!

Thank You...

The JLall5 is complete. Congrats to the winners and thank you to all great volunteers who make these events possible. We would be nothing without **Jan Martel** and her wonderful guidance. Jan is the power behind the scenes. Every detail is her responsibility and she does an amazing job. Thanks to **McKenzie Myers** for his awesome directing skills. "Z" as he's called has an unflappable manner. He deals with problems one at a time as they occur and keeps all our events running smoothly. Thanks to **Al Hollander** for his both brilliant and impressive technical skills. Whatever we ask for, Al finds a way to make it happen. In addition, he is one of the best, most knowledgeable VuGraph commentators. His manner is entertaining spending time on or off line with Al is always fun. Thank to **Chris Wiegand** for organizing the VuGraph presentations. Folks all over USBF-land appreciate the ability to feel part of the action watching what happens live and delayed. Thanks to the **Appeals Panel** for standing by for this tournament. We never want to use you, but we know you are there for us. Thanks to **YOU, the players**, for showing up on schedule, playing in tempo, and overall supporting these events by playing at the tables or watching remotely. Thanks to **Suzi Subeck** for writing and editing the newsletters and administrating the appeals process. Thanks to **Stan Subeck** for proofing the bulletins and assisting with hand analysis and write-ups. Thanks to the **Howie and Jack** for prognosticating!

These events are great fun for everyone and hopefully, the Pandemic will end soon, but these events will go on... if for practice for the USBC's or for the chance to socialize with friends between major tournaments!

Thanks all... you are what makes bridge as good as it is today!

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This Just In....

We regret that Sunday's Bulletin contained some inaccurate information. As a portion of the "Meet the Players" column highlighting Dan Korbelt, there was an article that had first been published in a Waterloo, Canada newspaper. There was a statement in that article (quoted directly from the source) that referred to Bill Gates and Warren Buffett as "bridge clients." A reliable reader contacted us after reading the Bulletin and said that the reference in the article is patently false. Neither Mr. Gates nor Mr. Buffet has ever paid a professional for bridge services. The reference has been removed from Sunday's edition of the newsletter. We apologize to Bill and Warren for the misinformation. We appreciate Sharon Osberg for having called it to our attention. Ed.

Two in a corner, one in a room, zero in a house, but one in a shelter. What am I?

Answer: The letter "R."

Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?

Answer: Nothing

What runs, but never walks. Murmurs, but never talks. Has a bed, but never sleeps. And has a mouth, but never eats?

Answer: A river

I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?

Answer: A map

Spelled forwards I'm what you do every day, spelled backward I'm something you hate. What am I?

Answer: Live

The person who makes it has no need of it; the person who buys it has no use for it. The person who uses it can neither see nor feel it. What is it?

Answer: A coffin

You walk into a room that contains a match, a kerosene lamp, a candle, and a fireplace. What would you light first?

Answer: The match

I have branches, but no fruit, trunk, or leaves. What am I?

Answer: Bank

What belongs to you, but everyone else uses it.

Answer: Your name

If your uncle's sister is not your aunt, what relation is she to you?

Answer: Your mother

What starts with a T, ends with a T, and has T in it?

Answer: A teapot



Riddles

News Around the Bridge World...

Joe Jones, ACBL Executive Director, recently had surgery because of back and neck issues. He is currently recovering in Memphis. The USBF wishes him a speedy return to normal and hopes he is (literally) back on his feet soon!

Board 5, Dlr N
4♠ = W

W Brad Moss

♠ 542
♥ K10
♦ 97
♣ AKJ987

N Brian Platnick

Joe Grupe E

♠ KJ86
♥ A53
♦ 62
♣ 6543

♠ AQ973
♥ 9762
♦ AJ53
♣ —

W N E S
2♣* X 2♦*
2♠ P 3♠ 4♣
4♠ P P P

♠ 10
♥ QJ84
♦ KQ1084
♣ Q102

John Diamond S

On Board 5, Brad Moss, West, demonstrated good timing to take ten tricks in 4S on a crossruff.

The CA was led. Moss trumped in dummy and led a small diamond which was won by South's ten. John Diamond exited with the H4, ducked to North's ten. Platnick returned a trump which was taken by dummy's jack. Moss played a diamond to dummy's ace followed by a heart to his ace. Producing this position:

Board 5, Dlr N
4♠ = W

W Brad Moss

♠ 52
♥ —
♦ —
♣ AJ987

N Brian Platnick

Joe Grupe E

♠ K86
♥ 3
♦ —
♣ 643

♠ AQ9
♥ 97
♦ J5
♣ —

W N E S
2♣* X 2♦*
2♠ P 3♠ 4♣
4♠ P P P

♠ —
♥ QJ
♦ KQ4
♣ Q10

John Diamond S

Brad launched into the crossruff as follows: Ruff a club, ruff diamond, ruff a club, ruff a diamond, ruff a club and concede a heart for +420.

At the other table, Hemant Lall declared 4S from the East hand.

Janice Molson led the DK, which held the trick. Molson switched to the HQ and Lall won dummy's ace.

Lall played a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond followed by a club ruff. Lall ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club, and played a small heart from his hand.

Sandra Rimstedt won the HT and played a spade to dummy's jack. Lall led dummy's H5. Rimstedt trumped the heart and played a trump. Lall won the SA, drew the last trump and had to concede a heart for down one.

Had Lall ducked a heart at trick two, he could have replicated Moss's line of play.

Board 5, Dlr N
4♠ -1 E

W Jim Krekorian

♠ 542
♥ K10
♦ 97
♣ AKJ987

N Sandra Rimstedt

Hemant Lall E

♠ KJ86
♥ A53
♦ 62
♣ 6543

♠ AQ973
♥ 9762
♦ AJ53
♣ —

W N E S
1♣ 1♠ X
3♣* P 4♠ P
P P

♠ 10
♥ QJ84
♦ KQ1084
♣ Q102

Janice Molson S

10 IMPs to Donner

Some Suggestions For Dining at Home Between Sessions! Pandemic Pleasures...

Ragu ala Bolognese

Ingredients

- 2 cups chicken stock
- 4 teaspoons powdered gelatin
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 medium onion, *very finely chopped*
- 4 stalks celery, *very finely chopped*
- 4 carrots, *very finely chopped*
- 6 cloves garlic, *peeled and finely chopped*
- 1 pound ground veal
- 1 pound ground pork
- 1 pound ground beef
- 6 ounce can tomato paste
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup marinara sauce
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves
- 2 garlic cloves, *pressed (optional)*



Instructions

1. Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and preheat oven to 300°F.
2. Place chicken stock in a bowl. Sprinkle gelatin in to dissolve. Set aside.
3. Heat olive oil and butter in a large Dutch oven over high heat until shimmering. Add the onion, celery, carrots and garlic. Cook until the vegetables are translucent but not browned, 5-10 minutes. Add the meats. Increase the heat to high, and brown the meat stirring frequently for 15- 25 minutes, until the meat is browned.
4. Add tomato paste and cook, stirring constantly, until rust-colored and fragrant, about 3-5 minutes.
5. Stir in wine and scrape bottom of pan with wooden spoon to loosen any food that may have stuck to the bottom of the pan and bring to a simmer for 5 minutes. Add sprigs of fresh thyme, marinara sauce, milk and broth mixture and return to a simmer.
6. Transfer uncovered pot to oven. Cook, stirring and scraping down the sides of pot occasionally, for 2 hours. Some ovens run hotter and this may cause the sauce to dry. If so, add a splash of stock or water, if necessary to keep the sauce from drying out.
7. Remove from oven. Using a ladle, feel free to skim off all the fat that may have accumulated on the top.
8. Add the heavy cream and basil and bring to a simmer. Season with salt and pepper to taste. I like to take two garlic cloves and press them through a garlic press or grate on a rasp grater (Microplane) and add them to sauce. I find it really bumps up the flavor. This step is optional.
9. If you prefer your Bolognese a little more tomatoey, feel free to add another cup of your favorite marina sauce (I recommend Rao's marinara sauce).
10. Serve with pappardelle or tagliatelle pasta and top with Parmesan cheese.

Chocolate Molten Cake

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 8 ounces semisweet baking chocolate, *chopped*
- 3 large eggs
- 3 large egg yolks
- 2 tablespoons Grand Marnier
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup cake flour

Instructions

1. Heat oven to 450°F. Grease bottoms and sides of six ramekins with 2 tablespoons butter; dust with cocoa powder.
2. Melt chocolate and ½ cup butter in a 2-quart saucepan over low heat, stirring frequently. Cool slightly.
3. Beat eggs and egg yolks in a large bowl with a whisk, until well-blended. Beat in Grand Marnier and powdered sugar. Fold in melted chocolate mixture and flour.
4. Divide batter evenly amongst ramekins, then place on cookie sheet.
5. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until sides of cakes are set and centers are still soft. Let stand 3 minutes.
6. Serve with ice cream (optional).



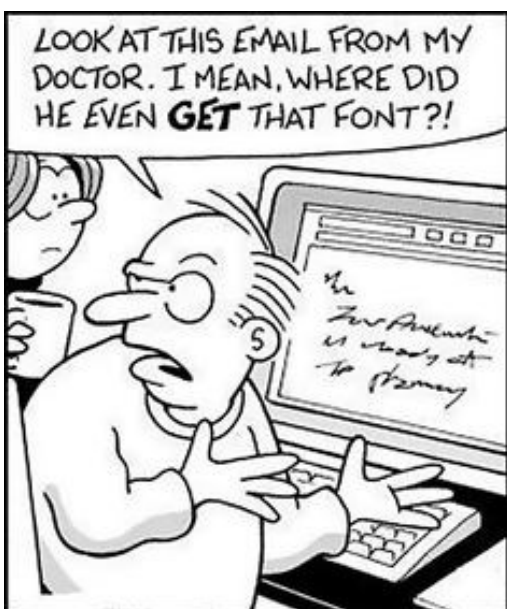
Banana Bread

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup walnuts, *toasted, chopped*
- 1/2 cup 1 stick unsalted butter, *room temperature*
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups ripe bananas, *mashed*
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter and flour a 9x5x2 1/2-inch metal loaf pan. Whisk first 4 ingredients in medium bowl to blend. Combine chocolate chips and walnuts in small bowl; add 1 tablespoon flour mixture and toss to coat.
2. Beat butter in large bowl until fluffy. Gradually add sugar, beating until well blended. Beat in eggs 1 at a time. Beat in mashed bananas, lemon juice and vanilla extract. Beat in flour mixture. Spoon 1/3 of batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle with half of nut mixture. Spoon 1/3 of batter over. Sprinkle with remaining nut mixture. Cover with remaining batter. Run knife through batter in zigzag pattern.
3. Bake bread until tester inserted into center comes out clean, about 1 hour 5 minutes. Turn out onto rack and cool.



♠ AQ73
♥ QJ
♦ 75
♣ KQJ72

N Brian Platnick

Bd 8, Dir W
4NT+1 N

W Brad Moss

Joe Grue E

♠ 9642
♥ A83
♦ 862
♣ A53

♠ K105
♥ 109652
♦ J
♣ 10984

♠ J8
♥ K74
♦ AKQ10943
♣ 6

John Diamond S

	W	N	E	S
P	1NT*	P	2NT*	
P	3♣*	P	4♣*	
P	4NT	P	P	
P				

Brian Platnick used good judgement on Board 8.

He opened 1NT (14-16). John Diamond responded 2NT showing diamonds or a weak 5-5 in the minors. Platnick responded 3C showing a preference for clubs. Diamond's 4C bid showed shortness.

Platnick wisely retreated to 4NT since he held only nine immediately useful HCP and no fit with his partner.

Joe Grue led the H5. Moss won the HA and continued the suit. Platnick won the heart and led a diamond to dummy to lead the C6 toward his hand. Moss won the CA and Platnick claimed eleven tricks for +460

At the other table, the auction and explanations were identical through the 4C bid. Sandra Rimstedt, apparently believing her club honors would be useful, even opposite a singleton, cuebid 4S and Janice Molson jumped to 6D.

Jim Krekorian led the HA and Hemant Lall followed with the HT.

Krekorian shifted to a spade. Molson finessed. Lall won the SK and returned a club to West's ace defeating 6D by two tricks.

It would have seemed prudent to check for aces over the 4S cue. Rimstedt and Molson could stop in 5D after Rimstedt's response ... however, it is moot on this hand since even 5D is too high.

11 IMPs to Lall

♠ AQ73
♥ QJ
♦ 75
♣ KQJ72

N Sandra Rimstedt

Bd 8, Dir W
6♦-2 S

W Jim Krekorian

Hemant Lall E

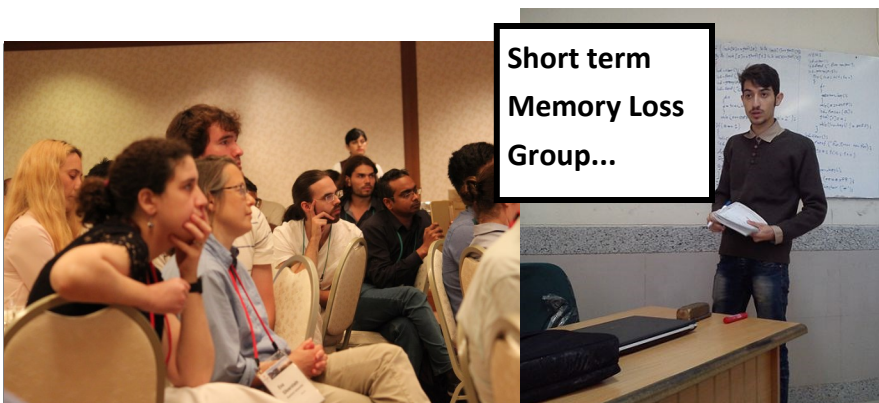
♠ 9642
♥ A83
♦ 862
♣ A53

♠ K105
♥ 109652
♦ J
♣ 10984

♠ J8
♥ K74
♦ AKQ10943
♣ 6

Janice Molson S

	W	N	E	S
P	1NT*	P	2NT*	
P	3♣*	P	4♣*	
P	4♣*	P	6♦	
P	P	P		



Short term
Memory Loss
Group...

Good Evening. You're probably all wondering why you walked into this room...

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

Sudoku

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Sudoku 2

What did one cell say to his sister cell when she stepped in his toe?

Ouch, Mitosis!

What do you call the leader of a biology gang?

The Nucleus.

What did the chemist say when he found two new isotopes of Helium?

HeHe.

Anyone know any jokes about sodium hydride?

NaH.

What do you call a microbiologist who has visited 30 different countries and speaks 6 languages?

A man of many cultures.

What did the femur say to the patella?

I kneed you.

Why didn't the number 4 get into the nightclub?

Because he is 2 square.

What is a bird's favorite type of math?

Owl-gebra.

What did Al Gore play on his guitar?

An Algorithm.



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

**SOLUTION to
Logic Puzzle
on page 11**



Walter	Nancy	Chicken	Steak	Soda	Lemonade
Peter	Linda	Chicken	Steak	Coffee	Water
Michael	Amy	Vegetarian	Chicken	Lemonade	Tea
Elliot	Sara	Vegetarian	Chicken	Tea	Coffee
Bill	Ruth	Steak	Vegetarian	Water	Soda
First Name	First Name	His Entree	Her Entree	His Drink	Her Drink

Board 22, Dir E
7♣X=S

W Hemant Lall

N Gary Donner

E Jim Krekorian

S Sandra Rimstedt

♠ Q4
♥ A9
♦ AKQJ98
♣ 854

♠ 10975
♥ KQ105
♦ 107652
♣ —

♠ AKJ62
♥ J862
♦ 43
♣ K7

♠ 83
♥ 743
♦ —
♣ AQJ109632

W	N	E	S
5♠	6♣	1♠	5♣
6♠	P	P	7♣
X	P	P	P

The biggest swing of the first half came on Board 22.

Jim Krekorian opened 1S on the East hand and Rimstedt jumped to 5C. No one steals from Lall! With four card spade support and a club void, Lall bid 5S. Donner raised to 6C and when this was passed around to Lall, Hemant bid 6S!!

Back to Rimstedt, who now had a choice of doubling to score +800 for a nine IMP gain or bidding 7C and hoping it succeeded or was a good save. She made the theoretically wrong choice of bidding 7C off two cashing spades... the most likely suit for them to lead.

A trump is the usual lead against a grand slam, however, Lall had no trumps. He could lead the suit his partner opened but it was hard for him to imagine that his opponents bid a grand off the first round control of opener's suit. Had Lall led the spade, declarer would have failed two tricks off the top and still needed to pick up the club suit. However, Lall led his HK and it was over.

Rimstedt won the HA and started cashing diamonds. Krekorian trumped the third diamond with the CK and declarer overruffed with the ace. Rimstedt led the C6 to dummy's C8 and cashed the DJ for another discard. Next declarer trumped the D8 with the CQ and led the C2 to dummy's C4 for a final discard on the established D9.

Declarer took thirteen tricks to score +1630.

Board 22, Dir E
5♣+2 S

W Brad Moss

N Brian Platnick

E Joe Grue

S John Diamond

♠ Q4
♥ A9
♦ AKQJ98
♣ 854

♠ 10975
♥ KQ105
♦ 107652
♣ —

♠ AKJ62
♥ J862
♦ 43
♣ K7

♠ 83
♥ 743
♦ —
♣ AQJ109632

W	N	E	S
4♠	5♣	1♠	4♣
P		P	P

At the other table Joe Grue opened 1S and John Diamond overcalled 4C. Brad Moss bid 4S and Brian Platnick competed to 5C.

Moss led the HQ (Rusinow). John Diamond won the HA. John cashed two high diamonds to discard spades. He led a club to the queen. When that held, he cashed the CA and led a club to dummy's eight, taking all thirteen tricks.

Notice that the club finesse was a safe play. If it lost, the opponents could only cash one heart and hold the contract to 11 tricks. When it won, Diamond scored +440.

15 IMPs to Donner

Fun and Games Page

Comedy Movies 1

Find and circle all of the comedy movies that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional comedy movie.

S C F R B O B R O B E R T S L O K L
 T N L E S R E K C I L S Y T I C R L
 A O E P O B L R U A E C H B U D E A
 R I T O T H E Y O M T O L B A T P H
 L T C M W R G I F M L B E E I B E E
 L C H A I B A O N I L L A U R G E I
 A E K N L U L D D G C I S L H K L N
 M L C T I L L A I N T A G O L H S N
 A E U D A L Y C U N Z H S Y L O S A
 C R R U R D B H S A G T E O P L U S
 L O T C L U L H L L B P C R A P L A
 U M S K I R O P O U L A L P E A A K
 E H N S A H N N S T L A S A C C E H
 L S O O R A D T E H S H B K C R O A
 E U O U F M E M E C O H E T H E E R
 S R M P A R T R B T A R O S A A S V
 S L E I S T O O T H E R U T L E S E
 N A T T A H N A M S E Y S L S S M Y

ALL OF ME
 ANNIE HALL
 BABE
 BEING THERE
 BIG
 BOB ROBERTS
 BULL DURHAM
 CARS
 CAT BALLOU
 CITY SLICKERS
 CLERKS
 CLUELESS
 DUCK SOUP
 ELECTION

FLETCH
 GHOSTBUSTERS
 HAPPY GILMORE
 HARVEY
 HOLIDAY
 HOTSHOTS
 LEGALLY BLONDE
 LIAR LIAR
 LOCAL HERO
 MALLRATS
 MANHATTAN
 MEATBALLS
 MOONSTRUCK

OH, GOD!
 PLAZA SUITE
 REPO MAN
 RUSHMORE
 SHREK
 SLACKER
 SLAP SHOT
 SLEEPER
 THE RUTLES
 TOOTSIE
 TRADING PLACES
 UNCLE BUCK
 YES MAN



Two handy cards:
 The ace of spades and the proof of Vaccination!

Logic Puzzle

	Amy	Linda	Nancy	Ruth	Sara	Chicken	Chicken	Steak	Vegetarian	Vegetarian	Chicken	Chicken	Steak	Steak	Vegetarian	Coffee	Lemonade	Soda	Tea	Water	Coffee	Lemonade	Soda	Tea	Water	
Bill																										
Elliot																										
Michael																										
Peter																										
Walter																										
Her																										
Coffee																										
Lemonade																										
Soda																										
Tea																										
Water																										
His																										
Coffee																										
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Her																										
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Vegetarian																										
His																										
Chicken																										
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Steak																										
Vegetarian																										
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**Answer
on
Page 8**

First Name	First Name	His Entrée	Her Entrée	His Drink	Her Drink

Senior Prom Night was last night and the event was an enjoyable evening for all who participated. The meal was deemed delicious and the disc jockey played an excellent selection of music, keeping the dance floor packed throughout the evening. For dinner, there were three different choices for the main entrée and multiple options for drinks. As it happened, none of the couples ordered the same entrée or the same drink. Determine the first names of each couple and the main entrée and drink selections for each person.

1. Peter, who didn't order the vegetarian entrée, ordered coffee to drink. Amy ordered tea.

2. The two people who ordered lemonade were the girl whose date ordered soda and Michael. Ruth, who wasn't Peter's date, ordered the vegetarian entrée.

3. Walter's date, who wasn't Ruth, ordered steak. Peter's date ordered water to drink.

4. Bill ordered the steak entrée and his date, who wasn't Nancy, ordered soda.

5. Sara, who didn't order lemonade, went to the prom with Elliot, who didn't order water.

6. The four people who ordered the chicken entrée were Linda's date, the girl who ordered coffee, Walter, and Michael's date.

Hand 1: Board 47, Deal South. Contract: 4♠ X = E. Declarer: Joe Grue (S). Defenders: Brad Moss (N), John Diamond (E).

North (Brad Moss): ♠ KJ, ♥ AK5432, ♦ KQJ, ♣ J8

South (Joe Grue): ♠ 10542, ♥ J, ♦ 10542, ♣ K752

West (Brian Platnick): ♠ 7, ♥ 10987, ♦ A983, ♣ Q1043

East (John Diamond): ♠ AQ9863, ♥ Q6, ♦ 76, ♣ A96

Trick Count: 0-0

Trick Table:

	W	N	E	S
P	1♥	2♠	3♥	
4♠	X		P	P
P				

Grue led the HT. Moss won the HA and played three rounds of diamonds. John Diamond trumped with the S9 and ruffed a heart in dummy. A small spade to the queen followed. John cashed the SA and continued spades. With one spade left to cash the position was:

Hand 1 (Continuation): Board 47, Deal South. Contract: 4♠ X = E. Declarer: Joe Grue (S). Defenders: Brad Moss (N), John Diamond (E).

North (Brad Moss): ♠ —, ♥ K5, ♦ —, ♣ J8

South (Joe Grue): ♠ —, ♥ —, ♦ 10, ♣ K75

West (Brian Platnick): ♠ —, ♥ —, ♦ —, ♣ —

East (John Diamond): ♠ 3, ♥ —, ♦ —, ♣ A96

Trick Count: 3-6

Trick Table:

	W	N	E	S
P	1♥	2♠	3♥	
4♠	X		P	P
P				

When the last spade was played, South was squeezed in clubs and diamonds.

Declarer took ten tricks for +590.

Hand 2: Board 47, Deal South. Contract: 4♠ X-1 E. Declarer: Jim Krekorian (S). Defenders: Drew Casen (N), Sandra Rimstedt (E).

North (Drew Casen): ♠ KJ, ♥ AK5432, ♦ KQJ, ♣ J8

South (Jim Krekorian): ♠ 10542, ♥ J, ♦ 10542, ♣ K752

West (Janice Molson): ♠ 7, ♥ 10987, ♦ A983, ♣ Q1043

East (Sandra Rimstedt): ♠ AQ9863, ♥ Q6, ♦ 76, ♣ A96

Trick Count: 0-0

Trick Table:

	W	N	E	S
P	1♥	1♠	3♦*	
4♠	X		P	P
P				

At the other table Molson/Rimstedt also bid to 4S.

South's 3D bid showed a mixed raise.

Krekorian led the HT and Casen won the king. Casen continued with three rounds of diamonds. Rimstedt knew that Casen started with the heart AK and the diamond KQJ. To make her contract she needed South to hold the DA and a four card club suit.

That meant that South's distribution was likely to be 1-4-4-4. Rimstedt went against the odds and played for South to hold the singleton SK. She cashed the SA and when the king didn't fall, she was relegated to only nine tricks for -100.

12 IMPs to Lall

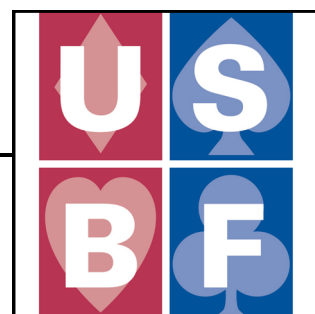
Puzzle Answers:

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

Sudoku
on page 8
Puzzle 1 on left
Puzzle 2 on right

9	4	5	8	6	2	1	7	3
8	7	3	5	4	1	6	2	9
6	1	2	9	3	7	4	5	8
3	6	1	2	5	8	4	7	9
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USBF Supporting Membership



If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and 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 can you tell if a computer geek is an extrovert? They stare at your shoes when you talk instead of their own.

What does a proud computer call his little son? A microchip off the old block.

How many programmers does it take to change a light bulb? None. It's a hardware problem.

What is another name for a computer virus? A terminal illness.



Steve W. Robinson (born January 4, 1941) is an American bridge player from Arlington, Virginia. Robinson has won three world championships and 24 North American Bridge Championships. He was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2003.

Robinson is the author of a book, *Washington Standard*.

He is a graduate of University of Maryland and lives with his wife in Washington, D.C..

ACBL Hall of Fame, 2003

Herman Trophy 1972

Mott-Smith Trophy 1987

Wins

d'Orsi Senior Bowl 2003

Rosenblum Cup 1986

World Olympiad Seniors Teams Championship 2000

North American Bridge Championships

Lebhar IMP Pairs 2001

Rockwell Mixed Pairs 1985

Wernher Open Pairs 1972

Blue Ribbon Pairs 1973, 1975

North American Pairs 1985, 2016, 2017

Grand National Teams 1984, 1988, 1992

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1986, 2012

Vanderbilt 1987, 1991, 1997

Senior Knockout Teams 2012

Keohane North American Swiss Teams 2013

Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1978, 1989, 1994

Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 2004

Reisinger 1972, 1986

Runners-up

d'Orsi Senior Bowl 2011

North American Bridge Championships

von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 1987

Lebhar IMP Pairs 2004

Wernher Open Pairs 1973, 1974

Blue Ribbon Pairs 1982

Nail Life Master Open Pairs 1971, 1972, 1994

Grand National Teams 1977, 1985, 2011

Vanderbilt 1992, 1999

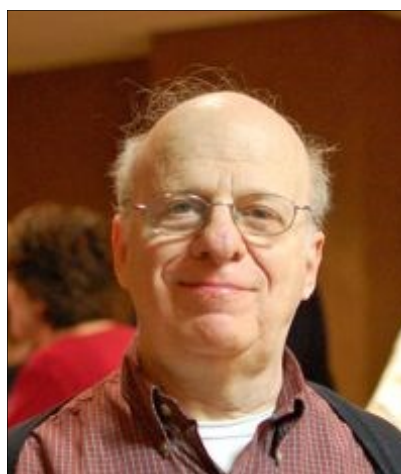
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Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 1973

Spingold 1979, 1992, 1996

Steve was playing in the JLall5 until Sunday as a member of the Bramley team. He had to withdraw from the event Saturday night when his partner became ill.

Meet the Players!



Steve worked as a programmer until he retired in 1996. He's been married since 1976 and he has one daughter, 32 years old.

Favorite Bridge Memory

tearing up and playing 9 diamonds when playing in my club void

Regular Bridge Partners

Peter Boyd

Member of Bridge Club(s)

washington bridge league

Favorite Conventions

Cole

BBO Username

Robinswr

ACBL Ranking

Grand Life Master

**From Steve's
BW Profile**

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John Diamond opened 2S with the East hand and his partner, Brian Platnick raised to 4S. Brad Moss made a takeout double, and with 4-3-3-3 distribution and some defensive values, Joe Grue passed for penalties.

Grue led a trump.

Diamond won in dummy and played the D2. Moss ducked the diamond (good play... it could have been his only chance to defeat the contract) and Grue won the trick to play a second trump.

Declarer won the trump in his hand and trumped a diamond. He exited dummy with a small heart.

Moss won the heart and played a diamond, trumped by declarer. Diamond drew the last trump and played the CK. Moss dropped the CT. But Diamond was not fooled. He led a club to the jack and claimed eleven tricks for +990.

		<p>N Drew Casen</p>												
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In the other room, Rimstedt also opened 2S with the East hand but Donner raised only to the three level. Drew Casen made a takeout double.

Jim Krekorian responded 4D. Despite his six card support to 100 honors, Casen passed... and he was right!

Donner led the SK and switched to a club.

Rimstedt won the CK and continued the suit to Donner's ace. Donner played a heart. Declarer won and claimed ten tricks for +130

15 IMPs to Lall

Two wifi engineers got married. The reception was fantastic.
 Just got fired from my job as a set designer. I left without making a scene.
 What's the difference between ignorance and apathy? I don't know and I don't care.
 One of the cows didn't produce milk today. It was an udder failure.
 Adam & Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions.



Board 55, Dir S
6♦ +1 W

W Janice Molson

N Drew Casen

Sandra Rimstedt E

♠ AKQ10
♥ 3
♦ KQJ106
♣ A72

♠ 2
♥ AQJ108652
♦ 5
♣ Q98

♠ J8743
♥ 74
♦ A9873
♣ K

♠ 965
♥ K9
♦ 42
♣ J106543

W N E S
P P P P
1♦ 4♥ X P
5NT P 6♦ P
P P

Jim Krekorian S

On Board 55, Rimstedt and Molson had a good auction to arrive in the laydown diamond slam.

Molson opened 1D. Casen overcalled 4H on his eight-bagger. Rimstedt negative doubled. Krekorian passed. Molson bid 5NT: pick a slam... diamonds or spades! Rimstedt picked diamonds.

There are an easy 12 tricks: five spades, five diamonds and two clubs.

+1390

Board 55, Dir S
5♠ +1 E

W Brian Platnick

N Brad Moss

John Diamond E

♠ AKQ10
♥ 3
♦ KQJ106
♣ A72

♠ 2
♥ AQJ108652
♦ 5
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W N E S
P P P P
1♣* 4♥ P* P
X P 4♠* 5♥
5♠* P P P

Joe Grue S

At the other table, Platnick opened a strong club. Moss, like Casen, jumped to 4H. Diamond passed, explaining to his opponents that they were in a force. Pass double inversion (if one wants to penalize, one has to pass. Double directly would show the bad hand). Platnick did as he was told and doubled. Moss passed and Diamond bid 4S, explained as flex (shows interest in going higher). Grue made the winning call at this point: 5H!

Why was this the winning call? It took away West's chance to ask for keycards!

Platnick bid 5S showing a hand stronger than pass and pull to 5S.

Diamond needed a lot of controls and had no idea if his side had enough or not. He passed.

Grue led the C6 and Diamond took his 12 tricks for +680.

12 IMPs to Donner