

We Remember:



The Prez Says ...

Welcome to the **2022 Justin Lall Online Teams 7**. There are 14 teams in the event, marking the seventh of many to be named in memory of Justin Lall. Justin was a talented young player and great friend of the game. His father, He-mant, has entered a 4-person team with Brian Platnick, John Diamond, and Reese Milner.

While we will always mourn Justin's passing, this event like the those that preceded it, are a celebration of his life.

JLall7 will take place on **September 17-19** and on **September 22-25**.

- Play each day will start at noon EST and end around 8:30 pm EST.

The event format: • There will be a complete 2 day Round Robin on September 17-18. The top 8 teams will qualify for Bracket 1, a 4-day KO on September 19 and 22-24. The remaining teams will continue in Bracket 2, with a one day RoundRobin with four survivors, starting with Stage 1 on September 19th, and continuing on September 22nd with an 8 team Stage 2 KO (4 Round Robin qualifiers and 4 Bracket 1 Quarterfinal losers); on Sept. 23rd with a 6 team Quarterfinal (the 4 winners from Sept. 22nd and the 2 Bracket 1 losing Semifinalists); on Sept. 24th and 25th with the Semifinal (losing Bracket 1 Finalist drops in and chooses their opponent) and Final.

In the RR, each team plays 8 boards against each other team each day, converted from IMPs to VPs using the USBF 8 Board VP Scale. Each team's score is the sum of its VPs for the 2 days. Each player must play against each other team.

- There will be a short Captains' meeting on the day after completion of the Round Robin to set the KO brackets. The top 2 teams from the Round Robin will select their opponents for the first round of Bracket 1 from the bottom 4 qualifiers. The remaining qualifiers will be shuffled in groups to fill the bracket. Bracket 2 teams will be shuffled. When Bracket 1 teams drop into Bracket 2, they will be at the top of bracket and will choose their opponents.

The matches will be played on RealBridge. During the bidding & play, each player will see & hear their screenmate - (N&E, S&W). Before and after each match, teammates will be seated at one table. RealBridge will archive bidding, play & score information for the event. Scores will be posted on the USBF website.

Online play is challenging. While the USBF Board and the tournament organizers do their best to make our events the fairest of competitions, maintaining this standard will always be the responsibility of the players. We are counting on you to uphold the high ideals of ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which United States bridge is known worldwide.

Good luck to everyone! I will be watching on VuGraph and I look forward to a skillful, entertaining competition!

Let the games begin!

Aaron Silverstein, USBF President

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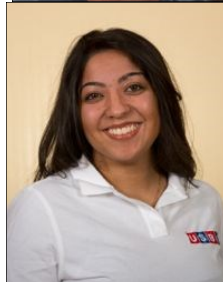
14 Teams Entered (alphabetical order)

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Alan Watson Olin Hubert	Fred Stewart Rick Binder Kevin Collins
Brines	Tracy Brines, Capt Joyce Goldstein William Scott	Maureen Brines Chris Donnelly Ethan Wood
Brod	Geof Brod, Capt Doug Doub Bob Bitterman	John Stiefel Yiji Starr Bob Cappelli
Ge	Xin Ge, Capt Jun Shi Wanfeng Mou	Qiang Zhang Yanong Han Steve Chen
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Venkatrao Koneru Michael Penick	Reese Milner Jim Krekorian
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mike Passell Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold David Berkowitz Eric Rodwell
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Iulian Rotaru	Disa Eythorsdottir Radu Nistor
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Barry Rigal Alex Kolesnik	Glenn Milgrim Ira Chorush David Chechelashvili
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Bill Hall Karen Allison
Rogoff	Bruce Rogoff, Capt Jeff Ferro Jerry Stamatov	Alex Ornstein Leni Holtz Jack Zhao
Sprung	Danny Sprung, Capt Bart Bramley Jacob Freeman	Phil Clayton Ira Hessel Franco Baseggio
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Ron Smith Andy Goodman	Steve Zolotow Tod Moses Kevin Dwyer
Vance	Grant Vance, Capt Greg Vance Bob Munson	Jessica Lai Dmitri Shabes Bruce Tuttle
Xiao	Victor Xiao, Capt Eric Xiao	Jeff Xiao Ming Sheng



Tournament Schedule

Round Robin			
Day	Date	Time - EDT	Boards
Saturday	Sept 17	11:45 AM	Captains' meeting with DIC (on Zoom)
Saturday	Sept 17	12:00 - 12:55 1:15 - 2:10 2:30 - 3:25 4:30 - 5:25 5:45 - 6:40 7:00 - 7:55	Round 1 - Boards 1-8 Round 2 - Boards 9-16 Round 3 - Boards 17-24 60 Minute Break Round 4 - Boards 25-32 Round 5 - Boards 33-40 Round 6 - Boards 41-48
Sunday	Sept 18	12:00 - 12:55 1:15 - 2:10 2:30 - 3:25 4:30 - 5:25 5:45 - 6:40 7:00 - 7:55 8:15 - 9:10	Round 7 - Boards 1-8 Round 8 - Boards 9-16 Round 9 - Boards 17-24 45 Minute Break Round 10 - Boards 25-32 Round 11 - Boards 33-40 Round 12 - Boards 41-48 Round 13 - Boards 49-54
Bracket 1 KO CAPTAINS' MEETING ON ZOOM			
Sunday	Sept 18	9:00 PM	Tentative Time
Bracket 1 Quarterfinal			
Monday	Sept 19	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60
Bracket 2 Stage 1 Round Robin (top 4 qualify)			
Monday	Sept 19	12:00 - 1:10 1:30 - 2:40 3:30 - 4:40 5:00 - 6:10 6:30 - 7:40	Round 1 - Boards 1-10 Round 2 - Boards 11-20 50 Minute Break Round 3 - Boards 21-30 Round 4 - Boards 31-40 Round 5 - Boards 41-50
Bracket 1 Semifinal & Bracket 2 Stage 2 KO (8 teams)			
Thursday	Sept 22	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60
Bracket 1 Final & Bracket 2 Quarterfinal (6 teams)			
Friday	Sept 23	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60
Bracket 2 Semifinal			
Saturday	Sept 24	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60
Bracket 2 Final			
Sunday	Sept 25	12:00 - 1:45 2:00 - 3:45 4:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 8:15	Quarter 1 - Boards 1-15 Quarter 2 - Boards 16-30 45 Minute Break Quarter 3 - Boards 31-45 Quarter 4 - Boards 46-60



USBF 8 Board victory Point Scale

8 Boards (Blitz is 43 IMPs)		Winner	Loser	Margin
0	10.00	10.00	10.00	0
1	10.44	10.44	9.56	15
2	10.86	10.86	9.14	16
3	11.27	11.27	8.73	17
4	11.67	11.67	8.33	18
5	12.05	12.05	7.95	19
6	12.42	12.42	7.58	20
7	12.77	12.77	7.23	21
8	13.12	13.12	6.88	22
9	13.45	13.45	6.55	23
10	13.78	13.78	6.22	24
11	14.09	14.09	5.91	25
12	14.39	14.39	5.61	26
13	14.68	14.68	5.32	27
14	14.96	14.96	5.04	28
15	15.23	15.23	4.77	29
16	15.50	15.50	4.50	30
17	15.75	15.75	4.25	31
18	16.00	16.00	4.00	32
19	16.23	16.23	3.77	33
20	16.46	16.46	3.54	34
21	16.68	16.68	3.32	35
22	16.90	16.90	3.10	36
23	17.11	17.11	2.89	37
24	17.31	17.31	2.69	38
25	17.50	17.50	2.50	39
26	17.69	17.69	2.31	40
27	17.87	17.87	2.13	41
28	18.04	18.04	1.96	42
29	18.21	18.21	1.79	43
30	18.37	18.37	1.63	44
31	18.53	18.53	1.47	45
32	18.68	18.68	1.32	46
33	18.83	18.83	1.17	47
34	18.97	18.97	1.03	48
35	19.11	19.11	0.89	49
36	19.24	19.24	0.76	50
37	19.37	19.37	0.63	51
38	19.50	19.50	0.50	52
39	19.62	19.62	0.38	53
40	19.74	19.74	0.26	54
41	19.85	19.85	0.15	55
42	19.95	19.95	0.05	56
43	20.00	20.00	0.00	57

NOTES:

In accordance with the USBF General Conditions of Contest, each player must play at least one 8 board segment against each other team.

There are no seating rights - teams must submit their lineups before seeing their opponent's lineup.

Lineups for the first match each day will be due by 11:00 am; lineups for subsequent matches will be due at the start of the preceding match.

The tournament organizer will send an email to the team captain with the lineup of their opponent for the next match as soon as all lineups have been submitted.

Kibitzing on VuGraph...

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EDT)

The schedule will be the same both days:

- Round 1: 1:15 pm
- Round 2: 2:30 pm
- Round 3: 4:30 pm
- Round 4: 5:45 pm
- Round 5: 7:00 pm
- Round 6: 8:15 pm
- Round 7: 9:15 pm (Sunday only)

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

- Quarter 1: 12:30 pm
- Quarter 2: 2:30 pm
- BREAK
- Quarter 3: 5:00 pm
- Quarter 4: 7:00 pm



Watching online,
Even delayed,
Is the best way to see
How a hand's bid and played!

To kibitz, go to **kibitz.realbridge.online**. Select JLall Online Teams#7. 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. There will also be information about the number of kibitzers and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). At the table, you will see a hand diagram with the bidding and play as it happens.

There is a chat window on the right. You can type into that window.

If there is an asterisk next to a bid, that means it was Alerted or Explained. Click on the bid to see the explanation if there was one.

-- "Rewind" play using the slider underneath the table with the hand diagram.

-- Click on the "Scores" button to the left of the South player's name to get a scorecard for the match.

----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 the pairs (that will be just for this match).

The Scores information is also available in the lobby using the button at the upper right, in case you want to check on scores before deciding which table to watch.

TIMING OF DEFERRAL

The Round Robin matches will be deferred until each round is completed.

The KO matches will be deferred for half an hour or until each board has been played at all tables, so there may sometimes be a period when nothing new is being shown because one or two tables are very slow to play the board.

USBF News...

2023 USBCs Scheduled

The face to face stages of the 2023 Open, Mixed, Senior and Women's USBCs will be held from May 1 to May 25, 2023.

Here's the calendar for face to face play:

FACE TO FACE STAGES OF ALL EVENTS - MAY, 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Open Round of 16		Open Quarterfinal		Open Semifinal	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
OPEN FINAL		Day Off	Mixed USA1 Quarterfinal		Mixed USA1 Semifinal	
					Mixed USA2 R16 (4 teams)	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mixed USA1 Final				Seniors USA1 QF		Seniors USA1 Semifinal
Mixed USA2 QF (4 teams)	Mixed USA2 SF (2 teams)	Mixed USA2 Final				Seniors USA2 R16 (4 teams)
						Women's USA1 SF
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Seniors USA1 Semifinal	Seniors USA1 Final					
Seniors USA2 R16 (4 teams)	Seniors USA2 QF (4 teams)	Seniors USA2 SF (2 teams)	Seniors USA2 Final			
Women's USA1 SF	Women's USA1 1 Final & USA2 SF		Women's USA2 Final			

If more than 16 teams enter the Open USBC, there will be an online Round Robin to reduce the field to 16 for face to face play, which will probably start on March 31st. If more than 8 teams enter the Mixed USBC, there will be an online Round Robin to reduce the field to 8 for face to face play, which will probably start on April 13th. If more than 8 teams enter the Senior USBC, there will be an online Round Robin to reduce the field to 8 for face to face play, which will probably start on April 25th. If more than 4 teams enter the Women's USBC, there will be an online Round Robin to reduce the field to 4 for face to face play, which will probably start on April 25th.

Players may enter any event for which they are eligible and may compete in more than one Round Robin. A player who qualifies for the World Championship in face to face play may not play in any subsequent USBC. For example, a player may enter both the Mixed and Senior USBCs and compete in both Round Robins. But if that player's Mixed team qualifies for the World Championship, the player must withdraw from their Senior team. Teams can replace players who have to withdraw for this reason or because they have died with any other eligible player, including one who played in the Round Robin for the same event but did not qualify for face to face play. Teams that wish to replace players who played in the Round Robin and have withdrawn for any other reason may do so only with permission of the USBF Board. No players may be added to teams between the Round Robin and face to face play.

Entries for all of the 2023 USBCs will open in July, and will close as follows:

Open - March 14;

Mixed - March 21;

Seniors & Women's - March 28;

In all cases, additional teams will be accepted for about a week after the close of entries if they would improve the format of the event.

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It is with great sadness that we have learned of the passing of **Gary Donner** on August 23. He fought the pancreatic cancer as long as he could. He is survived by his wife, Irene.

Gary was an Emerald life master, having earned over 7500 pts. He enjoyed playing in both national championships and USBF events. He recently earned 145 points at the North American championships in Providence. Gary was also a passionate mentor to the junior bridge players who play in these events.

He was a great influence on everyone whose life he touched. His upbeat, positive attitude was contagious. We will miss him at our event. Heartfelt sympathy from the USBF to his family.

Kate Aker retired from the USBF Board of Directors in June. The USBF thanks her for her excellent service the past few years.

Steve Beatty has replaced Kate. Steve is a past president of the Organization. He is well placed to fill Kate's shoes and will be a valuable contributor to the BOD.

Steve lives in Washington state and is playing in this competition as captain of the Beatty team!

2022 USBF Board of Directors

- President: Aaron Silverstein, term expires 12/31/2023
- Vice President: Lynn Baker, term expires 12/31/2022
- Secretary: Jan Martel, not on Board
- CFO: Stan Subeck, not on Board
- COO: Jan Martel, not on Board
- Recorder: Jack Oest not on Board
- Kate Aker, through June, 2022
- Steve Beatty, July, 2022 through 12/31/2022
- Steve Garner, term expires 12/31/2022
- Eric Gettleman, term expires 12/31/2024
- Tom Reynolds, term expires 12/31/2024
- Sheri Winestock, term expires 12/31/2023

Ethics Statement

Ethics - 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 COO, who may refer it to the USBF Recorder. Either the COO or Recorder may bring a Charge against the player to the Board of Directors, who may place a player on probation, suspend, or expel a player for cause.

USBF Ethics Investigation Committee:

- 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 2022 USBF General Conditions of Contest and Special Conditions of Contest for this event.
- The ACBL Open+ Convention Chart applies to this event.

Two handy cards:

The ace of spades and the proof of Vaccination!



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

In Honor of the Nickell Team Rosenblum Win...

GLUTEN FREE sugar and spice muffins... (for Ralph!)

Ingredients

- 2 cups almond flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup unsweetened apple sauce
- 4 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°. In a large mixing bowl, thoroughly combine all of the ingredients. Pour the batter equally into a paper-lined muffin tin. They should be approximately three-fourths full.
2. Bake for 15 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through. Remove from the oven and let cool for five minutes, before removing the muffins from the pan to a wire rack. Serve warm.

Make Ahead

The cooled muffins stored in an airtight container for 2 days at room temperature or frozen for up to 2 months.

(Recipes, Continued on page 8)

What is a Pessimist?

The real world dictionary defines a 'pessimist' as an optimist with no experience.

A witch was flying her broom along when she noticed that all the other witches were flying on vacuum cleaners. She thought, "Am I the only one still driving a stick?"

I gave up my seat to a blind person on the bus.
And that's how I lost my job as a bus driver.

When your girlfriend comes home in a white suit, covered in bee stings and smelling like honey...
You know she's a keeper!

At the end of the physics lecture, I asked my professor, "What happened before The Big Bang?"
He said, "Sorry, no time."



Lemony Cookies

Ingredients

Cookies

- 2 unsalted butter (softened)
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest (finely grated)
- 1 ½ tablespoons lemon juice (freshly squeezed)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoon kosher salt

Glaze

- ½ cup confectioners' sugar (plus 2 tablespoons)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice (freshly squeezed)
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter (softened)
- Finely grated lemon zest (for garnish)



Directions

Make the Cookies

1. Preheat the oven to 350° and position racks in the upper and lower thirds. In a large bowl, using a handheld electric mixer, beat the butter with the confectioners' sugar until very smooth, about 2 minutes. Beat in the lemon zest and juice, then beat in the flour and salt until just incorporated; scrape down the side of the bowl as necessary.
2. Roll half of the dough into 1-inch balls. Arrange the balls 1 inch apart on 2 baking sheets and, using your fingers, gently flatten each cookie. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, until the cookies are lightly browned on the bottom and just firm; shift the baking sheets from top to bottom and front to back halfway through baking. Let the cookies cool on the baking sheets for 2 minutes, then transfer them to a rack to cool completely. Let the baking sheets cool slightly, then repeat with the remaining dough.

Meanwhile, Make the Glaze

1. In a bowl, whisk the confectioners' sugar with the lemon juice and butter until smooth.
2. Spread the lemon glaze on the cooled cookies and garnish with finely grated lemon zest. Let stand until the glaze is set, about 15 minutes.

Make Ahead

The cookies can be stored in an airtight container for up to 2 days.

Toffee Sauce

- 2 ½ cups heavy cream
- 1 stick unsalted butter (4 ounces)
- ½ cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup granulated sugar

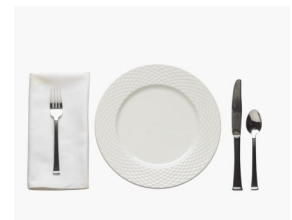
Cake

- 6 ounces pitted dates (about 7 dates preferably Medjool)
- ¾ cup water
- ¾ cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 pinch of salt
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter (softened)
- ¾ cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- ½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Vanilla ice cream or lightly sweetened whipped cream (for serving)

Directions

1. In a medium saucepan, combine 1 ¼ cups of the cream with the butter, corn syrup and sugar; bring to a boil. Cook over moderately low heat, stirring frequently, until a deep amber caramel forms, about 40 minutes. Carefully whisk in the remaining 1 ¼ cups of cream. Strain the sauce through a sieve into a bowl.
2. In a small saucepan, simmer the dates in the water over moderately low heat until the water is nearly absorbed and the dates are soft, about 15 minutes. Transfer the dates and any liquid to a food processor and puree until very smooth.
3. Preheat the oven to 350°. Lightly butter six 1/2-cup ramekins. In a small bowl, whisk the flour with the baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a medium bowl, using an electric mixer, beat the butter with the brown sugar at medium speed until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg and vanilla, then beat in the date puree. At low speed, beat in the dry ingredients. Spoon the batter into the ramekins and smooth the tops. Bake for 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the centers comes out clean; let cool slightly.
4. Using a small serrated knife, trim the tops of the cakes level with the rims of the ramekins. Unmold the cakes and invert them onto a wire rack. Slice each cake in half horizontally. Wipe out the ramekins and spoon 1 tablespoon of the toffee sauce into each. Return the bottom layers of the cakes to the ramekins, cut side up. Spoon another tablespoon of the toffee sauce into the ramekins and top with the remaining cake layers. Spoon another tablespoon of the toffee sauce over the cakes and spread evenly. Place the ramekins on a baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes, or until the toffee is bubbling around the edges.
5. Let the puddings cool for 5 minutes, then run a thin-bladed knife around the insides of the ramekins; invert each pudding onto a dessert plate. Rewarm the remaining toffee sauce and spoon some around the puddings. Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.

Sticky Toffee Pudding



World Bridge Federation News...

18th WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Due to the disruption created by the pandemic over the past couple of years causing, amongst other things, difficulties in recruiting and training young players, the WBF has decided to make an exception to the age restrictions **for the 2023 WYTC only**.

In each Series - U31, U26, U26 Women, U21 and U16 - each qualified team will be allowed to include up to 2 players who are each one year too old compared to the usual restriction. To be clear the following regulations will apply

The general regulation for 2023 will be:

- Under 31: for players born on or after 1st January 1993
- Under 26 Open: for players born on or after 1st January 1998
- Under 26 Women: for players born on or after 1st January 1998
- Under 21: for players born on or after 1st January 2003
- Under 16: for players born on or after 1st January 2008

However, for a **maximum of two players in each team** the following ages will be permitted:

- Under 31: for players born on or after 1st January 1992
- Under 26 Open: for players born on or after 1st January 1997
- Under 26 Women: for players born on or after 1st January 1997
- Under 21: for players born on or after 1st January 2002
- Under 16: for players born on or after 1st January 2007

For the avoidance of doubt we repeat that this is a one-time exception due to extraordinary circumstances, and will not apply as of 2024 events.

As soon as the venue and dates are known we will send you the information.

Congratulations to the NICKELL team on their recent victory in the Rosenblum Teams!



From Left to Right:

**Katz, Nickell, B Levin, J Levin,
NPC, Greco, Hampson, Wein-
stein, Bocchi, Team Manager**

Photo from awards ceremony
in Wroclaw, Poland!

Sudoku

Answers

on Page 16

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

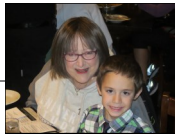
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			9		4			
4		2				8		1
	7				5			
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Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to find and 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



SOLUTION to Logic Puzzle on page 14



\$2250	Kiana	Mystery	Cassiopeia
\$1460	Eduardo	Silent	Antigone
\$1220	Asher	Musical	Hephaestus
\$1180	Cory	Sports	Eurydice
\$1110	Heather	Western	Endymion

"Pun"t!

The empty cookie that came with the Chinese take-out was unfortunate!

Isn't "Rocky Mountains" redundant?

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless!

Becoming overweight doesn't happen overnight... it just snacks up on you!

What do you call a cold bike? A bicicle!

I complained about the long lines at the lavatory because I was minding my pees and queues!

Just saw an ad that urged people to report allergic reactions to their doctors. I never knew so many people were allergic to their doctors!!

Hallo Yanks:

There are now more JLall events than Henry had wives. It is Limey Jack's job to make the punter write a cheque to you for a few bob, whilst it is your job to avoid that muffin; Howie Dung, and all of his blathering. Cheeky sod to still be even competing with his rhyming gibberish.

Of the 14 at the starting gate, 8 move to flight A and 6 stay in flight B after 2 days.

Those moving ahead:

Beatty
Brod
Lall
Levine
Lewis
Lo
Rogoff
Sprung

Limey Jack notes that Eric Rodwell has come back from bridge purgatory to join Levine. Is he reunited with Meckstroth? Methinks it will be fun to be a fly.

Ta

Limey Jack

At the end of the play,
When two days are done,
Eight teams continue
To be "Bracket One."

Six teams will finish
But they not be through!
They will continue
To be "Bracket Two."

This is confusing
But I think it's great.
Here are the teams
Who will fill the top eight:

Lall and Levine
Are certain I know,
Joined by team Sprung
And also team Lo!

Howie Doing...

Beatty and Brod
Are sure to succeed,
Team Tebha will follow.
Team Rogoff will lead!

Others be left to
Bracket Two dance...
Starting with Brines
And ending with Vance!

That leaves team Lewis
And also team Ge
Joining team Reynolds...
And Xaio on day three!

Look for Sir Limey
To blabber a mess!
My picks are science
And his are a guess!

Fun and Games Page

The Raven

Find and circle all of the words from the poem "[The Raven](#)" that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an Edgar Allan Poe quotation.

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ANGELS	DOOR	GRIM	NAPPING	QUOTH
BEAK	DREAMS	HEART	NEPENTHE	RADIANT
BEGUILING	DREARY	HORROR	NEVERMORE	RAPPING
BIRD	EBONY	LATTICE	OMINOUS	RAVEN
BLACK	ENTRANCE	LENORE	PALLAS	RUSTLING
BLEAK	EYES	LORE	PALLID	SHADOW
BURNING	FEATHER	MAIDEN	PERCHED	SHUTTER
BUST	FIEND	MELANCHOLY	PLACID	SOUL
CHAMBER	FLITTING	MIDNIGHT	PLUME	TAPPING
CROAKING	FLUTTER	MORTAL	PLUTONIAN	VISITOR
DARKNESS	FOWL	MYSTERY	PROPHET	WEARY
DECEMBER	GHASTLY	NAMELESS	QUAFF	WIND

If there are any guitarists who want to know the secret to making their instrument sound better, stay tuned!

Does the idea of clouds having too much air about them hold any water?

		First Names					Film Genres					Mythological Names									
		Asher	Cory	Eduardo	Heather	Kiana	musical	mystery	silent	sports	western	Antigone	Cassiopeia	Endymion	Eurydice	Hephaestus					
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Logic Puzzle

Answers on
page 11

1. The person who named their dog Eurydice owes less money than the person who named their dog Cassiopeia.
2. The person who named their dog Eurydice doesn't enjoy silent films.
3. Of Kiana and the musical film buff, one has the \$2250 hospital bill and the other named their dog Hephaestus.
4. The person who named their dog Cassiopeia is not Eduardo.
5. The 5 people were the sports film buff, the patient with the \$1220 hospital bill, the person who named their dog Endymion, Kiana, and the silent film buff.
6. Asher owes more money than Heather.
7. The person who named their dog Hephaestus is Asher.
8. Either the patient with the \$1110 hospital bill or the patient with the \$2250 hospital bill loves watching western films.
9. The person who named their dog Eurydice owes less money than Eduardo.
10. The sports film buff is not Heather.
11. The mystery film buff is Kiana.

→ *The Problem*

Logic Problem...

A farmer has raised his fox to protect a flock of chickens. While the fox is afraid of the chickens' large talons, no amount of training can ever *completely* get rid of a fox's carnivorous nature.

One day, the farmer heads out on a journey, taking along the friendly fox, two chickens, and a huge sack of chicken feed. When the group gets to a river, the farmer finds only a small boat with three seats—including one that the farmer must sit in—to cross the stream.

The farmer pauses and considers all options:

- The farmer can only row two animals across the stream at once.
- The sack of feed is huge and takes up both seats in the boat.
- The cowardly fox will run away forever if it is left alone with two chickens.
- The fox is hungry and will eat a chicken if only the two of them are ever left alone.
- The chickens are also hungry, and either one will eat the feed if they are ever left alone.

The farmer looks at the boat and lets out a long sigh. **How can he safely get the whole crew—including the feed—across the river?**

The Hint – Spoiler ALERT

Be careful with that sack of feed! When the farmer rows the feed across the river, all the animals are left alone.

While the problem is solvable, it turns out that the farmer *did* train the fox in vain. The crossing fails as long as the fox and a chicken are ever together in any quantity, trained or not.

On the Dock	On the Boat	On the Far Shore
Chicken, Chicken, Fox, Feed		
Fox, Feed	Chicken, Chicken ⇄	
Fox, Feed	Chicken, Chicken	
Fox, Feed	⇄ (Nothing)	Chicken, Chicken
Fox	Fox ⇄	
Fox	Chicken, Chicken	
Fox, Feed	⇄ (Nothing)	Chicken, Chicken
Fox, Feed	Fox ⇄	
Fox, Feed	Chicken, Chicken	
Chicken, Chicken, Fox, Feed	Chicken, Chicken ⇄	

The farmer has a few problems to avoid during this little trip.

#1: The fox can never be left alone with the chickens, either one-on-one or with the pair.

#2: While the farmer has to keep a close eye on the fox, it's also important to make sure neither chicken is left alone with the sack of feed.

With those instant failure conditions in mind, we need to build a table to track the farmer's movements. First things first, we're moving these chickens.

← *The Solution*

I thought all my flowers had died but they bloomed again this year! I can't say for certain what type of flowers they are but I think of them as reincarnations!

In the cruise business, ship happens!

I've decided to become a math teacher, but I am only going to teach subtraction. I just want to make a difference!

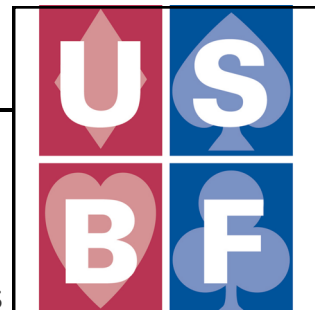
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Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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.

USA! USA! USA!

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The United States shined throughout the World Championships in Wroclaw.

In the first segment of the Senior Finals, Berkowitz/Meckstroth gained 12 IMPs for team Goodman when they bid the cold 4S on Board 13. Note: cold in spite of the unknown 5-0 split.

At the other table, Vainikon/Olanski were defeated a trick in 3NT. (Double dummy 3NT is cold, however, the line of play is not at all obvious.)

In 4S, Berkowitz played to score six trump tricks, two club tricks, and two diamond tricks. The opening lead was the HK. Berkowitz ruffed and cashed a high spade. Noting the 5-0, he led a diamond to dummy and trumped a heart, led a second diamond to dummy and trumped another heart. He cashed the club ace/king and claimed 10 tricks.

Against 3NT, Passell led the H5. Goodman won and switched to a low diamond. Declarer won the DA and played a spade to the queen.

Since spades were split so badly, he cashed the CAK and played a third club. Passell won the CQ and returned the D4 to Goodman's jack, ducked by declarer. Goodman continued with the D6. At this point, Olanski was toast! He cashed the CT and exited with the HQ to Goodman's ace. Goodman cashed his DQ to

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defeat the contract!

The bidding on this hand is as interesting as the play and defense. The first four calls were identical. Vainikon took unilateral control of the hand when he cuebid 3H!! If his partner bid 3NT, he would play it there.

Berkowitz gave his side more room. He reopened with double. When Meckstroth showed extra values by jumping to 3NT, Berkowitz made a slam try by cue bidding 4H. When all Meckstroth could do was bid 4S, Berkowitz went quietly.



Goodman's all USA team went on to take the silver medal in the Rand Senior Cup. The team was: David Berkowitz, Andy Goodman, Mark Lair, Jeff Meckstroth, and Mike Passell.

With this event, Meckstroth (left) adds yet another world medal to his tally that already exceeds 10. (source: Worldbridge.org website)

Meet the Players

Karen Allison lives in Las Vegas and is a frequent BBO commentator. She has won several NABC titles; She's a World silver medalist in the McConnell Cup. She has many Regional titles to her credit.

Karen was the first woman to represent Canada in an Open Teams World Championship.

Karen loves cats. She says her cat, Stella, often watches as she comments on BBO. Karen loves to travel.

In her spare time, Karen plays bridge professionally!!

Over the years, Karen has volunteered her time to serve on various ACBL committees.

Karen is playing in this event as a member of the Reynolds' squad!



From the USBF Junior Bridge Program

D 24	N fact83	W N E S
	♠ 8743 ♥ 10874 ♦ 63 ♣ 863	1♦ P 1♠ P 2NT P 3♦ P 3NT P 4♥ P 5♣ P 7♦ P P P
W Jace54	E chesschamp	
♠ A ♥ KJ53 ♦ J875 ♣ AKQ7	♠ 10962 ♥ A6 ♦ AKQ104 ♣ 92	
	S fact80	
	♠ KQJ5 ♥ Q92 ♦ 92 ♣ J1054	7♦ W NS: 0 EW: 0

Twin juniors, Margot (Jace54) and Ava (chesschamp) Donnelan, from New York City, are regulars in the Monday night USBF Junior Training Program.

Playing on BBO, the sisters bid and made a grand slam that no one else in the field ventured.

Margot opened 1D; Ava responded 1S. With her 18 HCP and singleton SA, Margot jumped to 2NT! Ava bid 3D, Margot bid 3NT and Ava bid 4H (keycard in diamonds!!) Margot showed two keycards without the trump queen and Ava took a very reasonable stab at the grand slam.

The play was routine. Margot ruffed two spades in her hand to collect seven diamond tricks, two heart tricks, three club tricks and one spade trick for thirteen!

Showing their commitment to the game, the sisters recently attended the World Youth Championships in Salsomaggiore, Italy. They played together in the U26 Women's Pairs event and after the first two sessions, they led the qualifying. They continued to play well throughout the qualifying sessions and after six sessions, made it to the finals. This was a real accomplishment for a pair who had never previously played at the World level.

They finish 8th and we are very proud of their performance!