

We Remember:



Everyday RealBridge Practice

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		♦ AQ653	EW: 6 + 9 = 15 HCP	
		♣ KQJ43		
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Playing in an evening "Practice" session on September 10th on RealBridge, Board 6 presented an interesting point of analysis.

Look at the "Double Dummy."

How often do you see a hand where one player (in this case, Nick as North) can take exactly NINE tricks in ANY STRAIN?? (Note that this includes North/South's 5-1 spade fit!!)

There are so many things about bridge that make it special! Finding these anomalies is just one more challenge!

In point of fact, Nick played a "normal" 3NT at the table. He easily collected his NINE tricks!

When confronted with the Double Dummy, we were amused to see that he was one IMP short of "par." Par would have been the previously mentioned 5-1 contract of 4S... which only makes when played from the singleton spade!!

4S must be played by South to keep a diamond from being led through the AQ before the CA is knocked out! As it is, West, on lead, is effectively end-played at trick one! If he leads a heart, he picks up his partner's queen. If he leads a diamond, he picks up his own king. If he leads a club, he sets up declarer's suit.

A spade lead doesn't give anything away... except that it gives declarer the time to bring in the ten tricks.

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This Just In... Justin Lall Online Teams 7

(more from this Practice Session on page 17)

14 Teams Entered (alphabetical order)

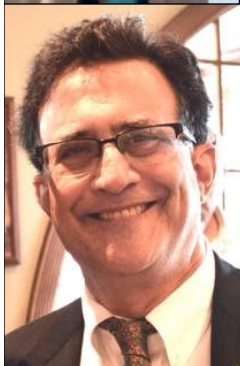
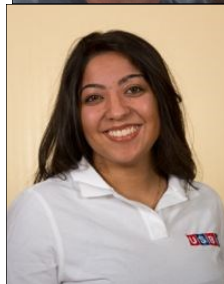
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Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Alan Watson Olin Hubert	Fred Stewart Rick Binder Kevin Collins
Brines	Tracy Brines, Capt Joyce Goldstein William Scott	Maureen Brines Chris Donnelly Ethan Wood
Brod	Geof Brod, Capt Doug Doub Bob Bitterman	John Stiefel Yiji 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
Beacket 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	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser																																	
Margin	0	10.00	10.00	15	10.44	9.56	16	10.86	9.14	17	11.27	8.73	18	11.67	8.33	19	12.05	7.95	20	12.42	7.58	21	12.77	7.23	22	13.12	6.88	23	13.45	6.55	24	13.78	6.22	25	14.09	5.91	26	14.39	5.61	27	14.68	5.32	28	14.96	5.04	29	18.21	1.79
	1	18.37	1.63	30	18.53	1.47	31	18.68	1.32	32	18.83	1.17	33	18.97	1.03	34	19.11	0.89	35	19.24	0.76	36	19.37	0.63	37	19.50	0.50	38	19.62	0.38	39	19.74	0.26	40	19.85	0.15	41	19.95	0.05	42	20.00	0.00	43					

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...

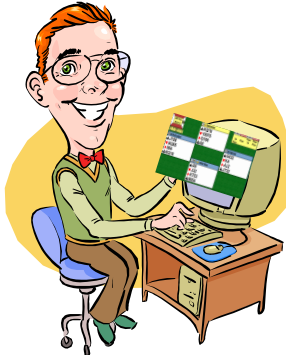
KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE ROUND ROBIN (EDT)

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...

Upcoming Michael Seamon Junior Championships

The face to face stages of the **2023 MSJUSBC** will be held at the Atlanta Peachtree Hyatt Regency, starting on Tuesday, December 27th and ending on Saturday, December 31.

The USBF Junior committee will once again try to raise enough money to pay most travel and hotel expenses for all of the competitors in Atlanta. If you wish to contribute, please contact Joe Stokes at jestokes@uic.edu.

There are 10 teams in U26, 9 teams in U21, 4 teams in Rona, and 2 teams in U16. We do not yet know the dates or location for the 2023 (WYBTC).

Format for the 2023 MSJUSBC:

The **U26 event** will be five days long:

Day 1: Complete Round Robin of 7 board matches. The top 4 teams will qualify for the USA1 Semifinal, the remaining

teams will play in USA2.

Day 2: USA1 Semifinal; 60 board KO; Round Robin winner chooses their opponent;
USA2 Stage 1 - 6 team complete Round Robin of 12 board matches;

The top 4 teams will qualify for the USA2 Quarterfinal. The bottom 2 teams are eliminated.

Day 3: USA1 Final & USA2 Quarterfinal; 60 board KOs.

Day 4: USA 2 Semifinal; 60 board KO; Losing USA1 Finalist picks their opponent.

Day 5: USA 2 Final; 60 board KO.

The **U21 event** will be 5 days long.

Day 1: Complete Round Robin of 7 board matches; each team has one sit out. The top 4 teams will qualify for the USA1

Semifinal, the remaining 5 teams will play in USA2.

Day 2: USA1 Semifinal; 60 board KO; Round Robin winner chooses their opponent;

USA2 Stage 1 - 5 team complete Round Robin of 12 board matches, each team has one sit out match; The top 4 teams will qualify for the USA2 Quarterfinal. The bottom team is eliminated.

Day 3: USA1 Final & USA2 Quarterfinal; 60 board KOs.


Day 4: USA 2 Semifinal; 60 board KO; Losing USA1 Finalist picks their opponent.

Day 5: USA 2 Final; 60 board KO.

There are 2 teams entered in **U16**. They will play a 2 day KO match on 12/27 & 12/28, 60 boards each day, to choose the USBF U16 team for the 2023 WYBTC.

There are 4 teams entered in the **Rona** event. They will play a 2-day 4 team Round Robin of 20 board matches on 12/29 & 12/30. USBF General COC require that each player play against each other team; score from each 20 board match is converted to Victory Points and each team's score for the Round Robin is the sum of their Victory Points from Day 1 and Day 2. The top 2 teams in the Round Robin will play a 1 day 60 board KO Final on 12/31 to pick the USBF team for the 2023 WYBTC.

Good luck to all!

Team lists on page 6 

U26:

Berk	Hakan Berk, Capt Sophia Chang	David Soukup Lucy Zhang
Chen	Tianyang Chen, Capt Jiahe Shen Zhenling Wang	Fangqing Yuan Qian Sun Yifu Ouyang
Goyal	Sarik Goyal, Capt Derek Wong	Sheldon Tan Gan Yang
Hallerman	Raphael Hallerman, Capt Sean McNally	Ilan Wolff Isaac Stephani
Johnstone	Morgan Johnstone, Capt Isaac Stone	Vincent Zhu Robert West
Kolesnik	Finn Kolesnik, Capt Ben Kristensen Emma Kolesnik	Zach Grossack Kevin Rosenberg
Scott	William Scott, Capt Luke Williams	Reese Koppel Jake Williams
Xiao	Brent Xiao, Capt Stella Wan Cynthia Huang	Richard Jeng Cornelius Duffie Amber Lin
Xu	Yuchen Xu, Capt Jeff Hu Nathan Finkle	Zhiyu Cheng Dingjia Mao Henry Xing
Yeung	Alan Yeung, Capt Handi Yang Jonathan Baumel	Ian Dunbar Victor Xu Jakob Reinke

RONA:

Clark	Allie Clark, Capt Abbie Farley	Elle Herman Sihan Fei
Hsieh	Helena Hsieh, Capt Ava Donnellan	Yichen Cai Margot Donnellan
Linkel	Lorelei Linkel, Capt Cecilia Ehrlichman	Katie Sullivan Kyra Helmbold
Qian	Nicole Qian, Capt Katherine Hwang	Helen Chow Helen Levy

U21:

A Zhang	Andy Zhang, Capt Ethan Xie Tiger Li	Matthew Rippin Zach Posternak Darwin Skalski
Derman	Ethan Derman, Capt Michael Haas Daniel Balof	Levi Katriel Sam Pahk Kai Eckert
Gong	Nathan Gong, Capt Edward He	Arthur Gong Eric He
Hu	Michael Hu, Capt Andrew Jin Luke Tong	Jerry Yao Oliver Que
Klein	Aidan Klein, Capt Owen Jiang	Kevin Jiang Jerry Shang
Wang	Philip Wang, Capt Yichen Xiao	Kevin Chen Mingyang Deng
Xu	Michael Xu, Capt Harrison Luba	Olivia Schireson Bo Han Zhu
Zhao	Derrick Zhao, Capt Avery Silverstein	Caroline Zhao Jack Boge
Zhou	Arthur Zhou, Capt Rory Xiao Jonathan Yue	Michael Hu

U16:

B Zhang	Brian Zhang, Capt Charlie Chen Kayden Ge	Andrew Chen Eric Xiao Jeff Xiao
Cao	Claire Cao, Capt Jeffrey Yin	Eli Shuster Chloe Chow

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

All of these players ... and more... have worked their way up through the **USBF Junior Training Program**. The USBF is very proud of their dedication and commitment to the game. We thank **Joe Stokes, USBF Junior Chair**, and **Alex Kolesnik, USBF Junior Program Coordinator**, for their hard work, keeping the program afloat. We recognize **our many mentors** and thank them for their participation and skill working with the juniors. The success of the youth in the program is a tribute to the time and effort all of you bring to the table!

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.

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

Queen Mother's Cake reflects a cosmopolitan cross-cultural history. Queen Elizabeth's inner circle called her "Cake" due to her love for anything resembling cake. The legend is this cake was introduced to the Queen by a Polish pianist who first enjoyed the cake himself in Austria. Queen Elizabeth loved the cake so much that she requested the recipe, and (because nobody denies the queen) she got it and began making it at the palace. It was renamed Queen Mother's Cake, and its deliciousness sure lives up to the prestige. This dense, rich, moist, chocolate cake topped with a coffee-infused ganache is a winner for chocolate lovers. Made with almond flour, it's gluten-free-friendly. Serve with a side of vanilla ice cream or whipped cream topped with berries and prepare to royally indulge!

Ingredients

For the cake:

- 6 ounces almond meal or almond flour
- 6 ounces unsalted butter, plus more for greasing the pan
- unsweetened cocoa powder, to taste
- 6 ounces semisweet chocolate, about 60% cocoa, chopped
- 3/4 cup sugar, divided
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 6 large eggs, yolks and whites separated
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

For the ganache:

- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons instant espresso or coffee powder
- 8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, 70-72% cocoa, chopped

Get Ingredients

Directions

Step 1

Toast the almond meal or flour in a skillet over medium heat, stirring non-stop, until fragrant.

Step 2

Remove the almond meal or flour from the skillet and into a bowl and allow it to cool completely.

Step 3

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Step 4

Prepare a 9x3-inch springform pan by greasing it with butter. Line the bottom with a round of parchment paper cut to fit. Butter the parchment paper as well and dust with unsweetened cocoa powder.

Step 5

Melt the semisweet chocolate for the cake in a double boiler until just smooth.

Step 6

Using a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, beat the butter until smooth. Gradually add 1/2 cup of the sugar and vanilla.

Step 7

Beat for about 5 minutes on medium-high speed.

Step 8

Reduce the speed to low and add the egg yolks one at a time, beating until smooth.

This seems appropriate
Falling just now...
Eat like a queen...
We'll show you how!



(Royal recipe, continued from page 7)

Step 9

Add the melted chocolate and beat on medium until combined.

Step 10

Add the almond meal or flour and beat on low until fully incorporated.

Step 11

Transfer the mixture to another large mixing bowl.

Step 12

Wash the bowl of the stand mixer.

Step 13

Add the egg whites to the clean bowl of the stand mixer.

Step 14

Using the paddle attachment, beat the egg whites with the salt and lemon juice.

Step 15

Once the egg whites hold a soft peak, add the remaining 1/4 cup of the sugar.

Step 16

Beat on high until the egg white mixture holds a stiff peak.

Step 17

Gradually fold the egg white mixture into the chocolate batter mixture.

Step 18

Once the egg white mixture has been just incorporated, transfer the batter into the prepared cake pan.

Step 19

Level the batter.

Step 20

Bake for 20 minutes.

Step 21

Reduce the oven temperature to 325 degrees F.

Step 22

Bake for another 30 minutes. Be careful not to overbake. The center will still appear moist and soft, and that is OK.

Step 23

Remove the cake pan from the oven and allow it to cool, in the pan, on a wire cooling rack for an hour.

Step 24

Release the sides of the spring pan and allow the cake to cool completely. If the center dips in a little, that is to be expected.

Step 25

Invert the cake and remove the bottom pan and parchment lining.

Step 26

In your (cleaned) double boiler, bring the cream to a simmer.

Step 27

Add the espresso or coffee powder and whisk until it has dissolved.

Step 28

Add the chocolate and cook until melted and smooth.

Step 29

Remove the chocolate mixture from the heat and allow the ganache to cool for about 15 minutes.

Step 30

Once the ganache has cooled slightly, pour it onto the center of the cake and spread it with a rubber spatula until the top is covered and the ganache drips over the sides of the cake.

Step 31

Once the ganache has cooled and solidified a bit, serve!



Broccoli Cheddar Soup

Ingredients

- 1 large head or two small heads broccoli (a little more than 1 pound), chopped into florets and stems
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 medium white onion, chopped
- 1 small carrot, grated
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 quart vegetable stock
- 2 cups whole milk
- 8 ounces cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Bread, for serving

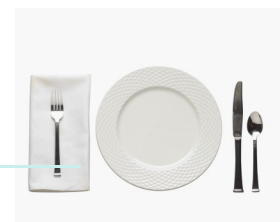


Method

1. **Blanch the broccoli:**
Bring a large pot of water to a boil and add a few big pinches of salt. Add broccoli stalks and blanch for 2 to 3 minutes until they are bright green and fork tender, but still slightly crispy. Drain broccoli. Scoop out and set aside about 1 cup of the florets for the topping.
2. **Cook the onions and carrots:**
Wipe out the pot, place over medium heat, and melt the butter. Once melted, add the onions and carrots, and cook until veggies soften, 4 to 5 minutes, stirring regularly.
3. **Cook the soup:**
Stir in the all-purpose flour. The flour will form a paste with the veggies. Cook for a minute or two to coat the vegetables, and then start to slowly pour in vegetable stock. Stir constantly as you pour in the stock to avoid lumps.
Once all the stock is added, bring soup up to a low simmer. Add milk and the blanched broccoli (except what you're saving for the topping). Simmer for about 10 minutes over low heat.
4. **Puree the soup:**
Blend with an immersion blender, or let the soup cool until no longer steaming and blend in batches in a blender.
(If using a standing blender, be careful to let the soup cool a bit and do not overfill the blender to avoid splattered hot soup!)
5. **Season to taste and serve:**
Add the grated cheese, salt, and pepper to the pureed soup and stir over low heat until the cheese has melted. Taste the soup and season with additional salt and pepper to your liking. Ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with some reserved broccoli and extra cheese on top. Serve with bread.

NUTRITION FACTS(PER SERVING)

328	CALORIES
23g	FAT
17g	CARBS
14g	PROTEIN



World Bridge Federation News...

Medal Winners in Wroclaw, where as always, the USA shined! Congrats to those who battled so hard without air conditioning in extreme heat to bring home the Gold, Silver or Bronze! You are real troopers and we welcome you home!

Rosenblum Bowl

Gold: NICKELL: Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Ralph Katz, Bobby Levin, Nick Nickell, Steve Weinstein (USA), Jill Levin (NPC)

Silver: VENTIN: Joaquín Pacareu (CHI), Guy Mendes de Leon, Thibo Sprinkhuizen (NED), Antonio Palma (POR), Juan Carlos Ventín (ESP), Frederic Wrang (SWE)

Bronze: ROBINSON: David Gold (ENG), David Berkowitz, Daniel Korbel, Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Robinson (USA)

and TEAM BLACK: Andrew Black, Gunnar Hallberg, Andrew McIntosh, Thomas Paske (ENG), Peter Bertheau, Simon Hult (SWE)

Gunnar Hallberg is a real veteran: he won two World Senior Teams titles in 2009 and '10, long before his team-mate Simon Hult won the World Junior Teams in 2018. Guy Mendes de Leon and Thibo Sprinkhuizen won bronze at those same championships.

Eric Greco and Geoff Hampson previously won the Rosenblum in 2014.

Several of the American players have won seven medals in their careers. Nick Nickell has nine already. Zia Mahmood is up to 13, Jeff Meckstroth already 14.

These are the first world medals in history for players from Chili and Portugal. Juan Carlos Ventín remains the only player registered in Spain to have medalled, having won bronze in the 2014 Rosenblum.

Daniel Korbel is a Canadian but he is now registered for the USA.

Open Pairs

Gold: Krzysztof Buras – Piotr Lutostański (POL)

Silver: Nabil Edgton (AUS) – Michael Whibley (NZL)

Bronze: Geir Helgemo (NOR) – Fredrik Nyström (SWE)

The Final B was won by Victor Melman (USA) and Mirosław Miłaszewski (POL)

The first Side Event was won by Marek Kozłowski and Zbigniew Sosna (POL)



Brody Team

McConnell Cup

Gold: BRODY: Fischer Brigitta (HUN), Marion Michielsen, Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt (SWE), Joan Brody (USA)

Silver: TRI POLAR: Nevena Senior, Nicola Smith (ENG), Kathrine Bertheau, Jessica Larsson (SWE), Disa Eythorsdottir, Janice Seamon-Molson (USA)

Bronze: BAKER: Sally Brock, Fiona Brown (ENG), Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Jill Meyers, Kerri Sanborn (USA)

and EDMONDS: Katarzyna Dufurat, Danuta Kazmucha, Anna Sarniak, Justyna Żmuda (POL), Jodi Edmonds, Irina Levitina (USA)

This is a veritable Who's Who of Women's Bridge. Together, these women have won 22 McConnell Cups, 21 Venice Cups and 8 Olympiads/Series. They have won a total of 168 World Championship medals. Nicola Smith is the most voracious of them with now 21 medals, Sally Brock has 17, Kerri Sanborn 16 and Jill Meyers 14. Karen McCallum joins the prestigious list of players with 10 medals or more, Irina Levitina and Janice Seamon-Molson (both 11) are already on that list.

Women Pairs

Gold: Jill Meyers – Kerri Sanborn (USA)

Silver: Sarah Bell (ENG) – Marie Eggeling (GER)

Bronze: Hjordis Eythorsdottir – Janice Seamon-Molson (USA)



Sanborn, Meyers

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Sudoku

Answers

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Sudoku 2

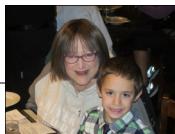
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Ed. Note:

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



28.7	Elsie	Patrick	Umbrellas Up
28.4	Virginia	Holden	Bolero
28.1	Iris	Wesley	Don Quixote
27.8	Shella	Eduardo	Yellow River
27.5	Bonita	Sheldon	Elegy in C

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

"Pun"t!

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive."

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

(Continued from page 10)

Kerri Sanborn previously won the World Women Pairs in 1990 and 2002. This is her 17th world medal in all. Jill Meyers has also already won the World Women Pairs, in 1998. She has a total of 15 world medals. Janice Seamon-Molson has 12 medals. All four American women win a second medal at these championships.

Marie Eggeling won a bronze medal earlier this year in the Wuhan Cup.

There was no B-final, but non-qualified women were allowed to enter the “side event”. Özlem Kandolu and Tuna Elmas (TUR) was the highest placed women’s pair in that event.

Rand Cup

Gold: VYTAS: Wojciech Olański, Vytautas Vainikonis (LTU) Apolinary Kowalski, Michał Kwiecień, Jacek Romański, Włodzimierz Starkowski (POL)

Silver: GOODMAN: David Berkowitz, Andy Goodman, Mark Lair, Jeff Meckstroth, Mike Passell (USA)

Bronze: PENFOLD: Paul Hackett, John Holland, Alan Mould, Kay Preddy, Norman Selway, Brian Senior (ENG) and ZIMMERMANN: Marc Bompis, Philippe Soulet (FRA), Krzysztof Martens (MON), Piotr Gawryś, Piotr Tuszyński (POL), Pierre Zimmermann (SUI), Fernando Piedra (NPC)

Włodzimierz Starkowski wins the Rand Cup in the same year as the D’Orsi Trophy (both for Senior teams).

Apolinary Kowalski and Krzysztof Martens both score their tenth medal in world championships. but they have never appeared on the same team. Kowalski’s regular partner Jacek Romański has a medal less, because Kowalski has a gold medal in Mixed pairs. Jeff Meckstroth is already up to a tally of 15 world medals, Pierre Zimmermann to 11.

Senior Pairs

Gold: Piotr Bizoń – Marek Błat (POL)

Silver: Krzysztof Martens (MON) – Pierre Zimmermann (SUI)

Bronze: Jeff Meckstroth – David Berkowitz (USA)

There was no Final B, eliminated pairs were allowed to play in the Side Event. The highest placed Senior pair in that event was Lech Ekert (POL) and Maciej Raczkiewicz (USA)

Mixed Teams

Gold: FERM: Christina Lund Madsen (DEN), Daniela von Arnim (GER), Simon de Wijs (NED), Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver (SUI), Barbara Ferm (USA)

Silver: MINITER: Geir Helgemo (NOR), Sanna Clementsson, Jessica Larsson, Fredrik Nysström (SWE), Joe Grue, Gillian Minitier (USA)

Bronze: DONNER: Leslie Amoils (CAN), Per-Ola Cullin, Marion Michielsen, Cecilia Rimstedt (SWE), Kevin Dwyer, Sandra Rimstedt (USA), Gary Donner (NPC) and CORIANDRE: Isabelle Bello, Aurélie Lorenzini, Cédric Lorenzini, Pierre Schmidt, Joanna Zochowska (FRA)

Geir Helgemo wins the 20th world medal of his career, becoming only the fifth player in history to achieve that total (after Belladonna, Hamman, Wolff and Smith). Daniela von Arnim now has 11 medals, Bas Drijver 10.



Ferm Team

Mixed Pairs

Gold: Justyna Żmuda (POL) – Michał Klukowski (SUI)

Silver: Kārlis Rubins – Jelena Alfejeva (LAT)

Bronze: Sally Brock (ENG) – Chris Willenken (USA)

Klukowski and Żmuda are the second married couple to win the World Mixed Pairs, after Pam and Jon Wittes in 1986. This is Latvia’s second medal in world championships, after the U21 teams in 2006.

Sally Brock already has 18 medals, Michał Klukowski 10.

The Final B was won by Zhao Jinlong and Shimazaki Ayako (JPN)

The second Side Event was won by Sophia Bałdysz (POL) and Jacob Freeman (CAN)

Fun and Games Page

Famous Artists

Find and circle all of the artists that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a hidden message.

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

BASQUIAT	GAUGUIN	MICHELANGELO	RENOIR
BOTTICELLI	GOYA	MONET	RIVERA
CARAVAGGIO	HOPPER	MUNCH	RUBENS
CASSATT	KAHLO	O'KEEFFE	SEURAT
CEZANNE	KANDINSKY	PICASSO	TOULOUSE LAUTREC
CHAGALL	KLEE	PISSARRO	TURNER
DALI	KLIMT	POLLOCK	VAN GOGH
DA VINCI	MANET	RAPHAEL	VERMEER
DEGAS	MATISSE	REMBRANDT	WARHOL
DELACROIX			

		Women					Men					Songs				
		Bonita	Elsie	Iris	Sheila	Virginia	Eduardo	Holden	Patrick	Sheldon	Wesley	Bolero	Don Quixote	Elegy in C	Umbrellas Up	Yellow River
Points	27.5															
	27.8															
	28.1															
	28.4															
	28.7															
Songs	Bolero															
	Don Quixote															
	Elegy in C															
	Umbrellas Up															
	Yellow River															
	Eduardo															
	Holden															
	Patrick															
	Sheldon															
	Wesley															

Logic Puzzle

Answers on
page 11

Points	Women	Men	Songs
27.5			
27.8			
28.1			
28.4			
28.7			

1. Of the pair that skated to Elegy in C and Virginia's pair, one finished with 27.5 points and the other finished with 28.4 points..
2. Sheila's pair finished with 27.8 points..
3. Sheila's pair scored 3 tenths of a point lower than the pair that skated to Don Quixote..
4. The team that scored 28.1 points didn't include Holden..
5. Elsie's pair didn't include Holden..
6. The pair that scored 27.8 points didn't skate to Bolero..
7. The pair that scored 27.5 points was either Sheldon's pair or the pair that skated to Don Quixote..
8. Of the pair that skated to Umbrellas Up and the pair that scored 27.8 points, one included Elsie and the other included Eduardo..
9. Iris's pair didn't include Patrick..
10. Bonita's pair finished with 27.5 points..

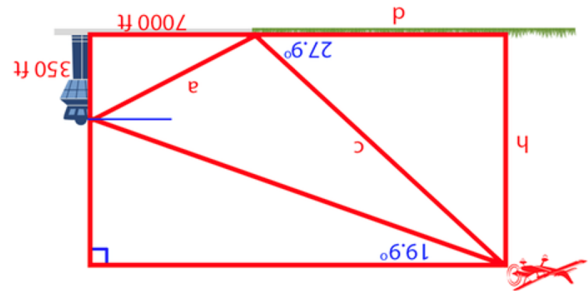
Logic Problem...

An airplane is flying in a straight line toward its landing strip when the pilot realizes their altimeter isn't working. The pilot looks ahead and down, and sees the edge of the airfield at an angle of declination of 27.9 degrees. Flight Control calls back from the tower with some more details: The 350-foot tall tower is 7,000 feet back from the edge of the airfield and they see the airplane at an angle of 19.9 degrees from the tower window at that same moment.

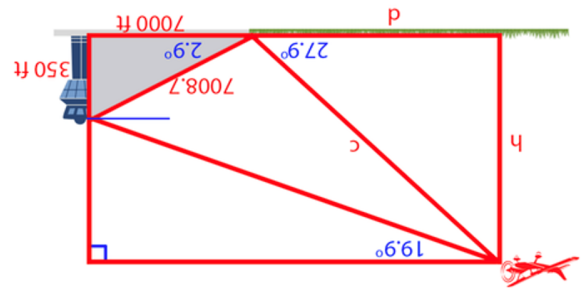
After a few calculations, the pilot suddenly knows their current altitude. What is it?

This means the plane is soaring at roughly **9,132 feet**. Most triangulation problems try to focus on a single triangle, otherwise you get a mess like this! But using helpful tricks like the Law of Sines can make them much easier.

— The Solution
 First up, let's diagram what we learn from the problem. We'll use red for distances and blue for angles. Notice that if the plane looks down at the airfield's edge with an angle of 27.9 degrees, then that's the same angle you would use if you stood at the edge of the airfield and looked up at the plane. Same with the 19.9 degree angle from the tower.

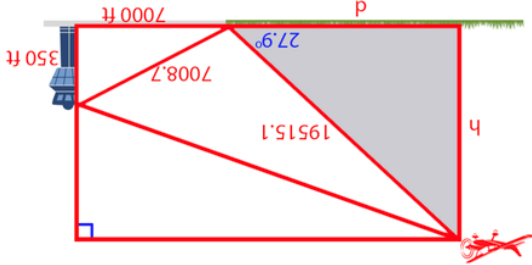


Our goal is to solve for h , the height of the plane. We have a lot of variables here and a lot of right triangles. Now we need a strategy. Using trigonometry, we can see that $h = c \sin 27.9$, but we don't know any other information about the bottom left triangle. The triangle we know most about is the one on the bottom right. We should be able to use those two sides to find the third side and the missing angles, either with the Pythagorean Theorem or some basic trigonometry. So let's start by solving for a . Then we can find c , and finally solve for h .



Here's a big secret of geometry: The three angles in a triangle add up to 180 degrees. Just like the three do to figure out the angles of the big center triangle.

Now that we know c , we can finally solve for h !
 $h = c \sin 27.9$
 $h = 19515.1 \sin 27.9$

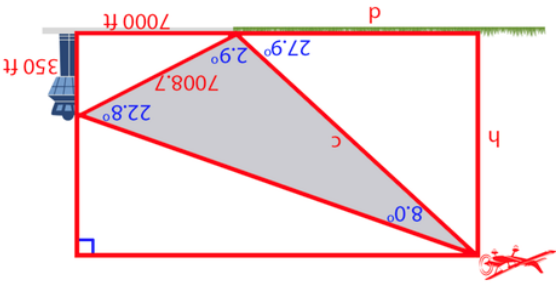


$$\frac{7008.7}{\sin 22.8} = \frac{c}{\sin 27.9}$$

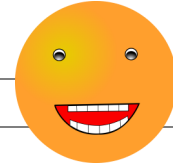
$$c = \frac{7008.7 \sin 27.9}{\sin 22.8}$$

$$c = 19515.1$$

You probably have right triangle trigonometry down. (If not, here's a refresher.) But now you're stuck with a scalene triangle, which means you need to up your game and take a look at the Law of Sines. One of the constants of any triangle is a ratio that compares the length of one side to the sine of the angle opposite that side. In this case, we get the following ratio:



A group of friars are behind on their belfry payments, so they open up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone likes to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town considers the competition unfair. He asks the good fathers to close down, but they won't. He goes back and begs the friars to close. They ignore him. So, the rival florist hires Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town, to 'persuade' them to close. Hugh beats up the friars and trashes their store, saying he'll be back if they don't close up shop. Terrified, they do so, thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent florist friars.

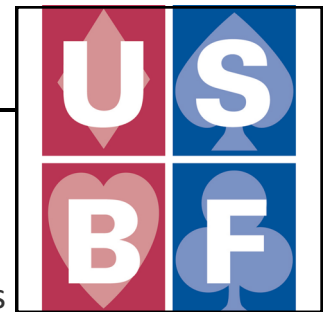


2	5	9	8	9	4	1	3	7
3	1	6	2	6	7	4	5	8
7	3	8	4	7	6	9	2	1
8	2	4	7	9	6	5	1	3
5	6	3	4	2	1	8	7	9
1	9	7	8	5	6	2	4	3
4	2	6	5	8	3	7	9	1
2	6	9	3	7	1	5	8	4
1	4	7	8	5	9	2	3	6
5	8	3	6	4	2	1	7	9

Answer to Sudoku 1

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

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.

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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.

"Reverse" in Plans...

Board 22
Dealer E
EW Vul

♠ K10986
♥ A1082
♦ 7
♣ 1096

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♠ AQ743
♥ 95
♦ AJ103
♣ Q2

♠ J
♥ KJ7643
♦ 9542
♣ 87

♠ 52
♥ Q
♦ KQ86
♣ AKJ543

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

N	2	4	9	1	2
S	2	4	9	1	2
E	7	8	4	11	11
W	7	8	4	11	11

Par -300 5♥X-2 NS

NS: 7 + 5 = 12 HCP
EW: 15 + 13 = 28 HCP

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score	MP
fnickell & Ralph Katz	Suzi Subeck & Stan Subeck	6♣-1 E	♥7	100	0 0

The question on Board 22 is how to get to 6D! With no interference, this is a lot easier.

At first glance, it appears that 6D is the ideal spot. Assuming a heart is led, declarer will be able to collect twelve tricks (six clubs, five diamonds, and one spade.)

Played from East, a spade lead will defeat 6D. When declarer lets North/South win their HA, South can score a spade ruff!

Played from West, a spade lead will give declarer his 12th trick, making it look like 6D will succeed... Interestingly, the double dummy shows that only eleven tricks are possible. If North leads a club, declarer can win and play a heart. The defenders will continue clubs and declarer's communication becomes hopelessly tangled.

Declarer can test trumps. If trumps are 3-2, there are 12 tricks. Since trumps are 4-1, however, declarer is forced to take the losing spade finesse!

The conversation at the table centered around the 4NT call. When I first opened the hand, I intended to be aggressive, reversing from clubs to diamonds on my 15 count. When Ralph preempted 2H and Nick jumped to four, I was at a loss. I could have passed over 4H... Stan was still forced to bid... or I could have bid 5C. However, once planning to be aggressive, I was not to be denied. I bid 4NT knowing Stan would answer keycard in spades. When Stan showed two keycards with the queen, I took my chance and gambled 6C.

Ralph led a heart against 6C and I was forced to take the losing spade finesse for down one!

While the auction was terrible (I could have been off two aces!), I feel vindicated because the hand actually had a play.

One of the great things about playing online on RealBridge is the ability to "verbally discuss" situations at the table. We considered all possibilities and resolved that there was really no way for me to show a minor 4-6 once all the preempting occurred. As Joey Silver would say... "Next hand!"

West	North	East	South
Stan	Nick	Suzi	Ralph
		1C	2H
2S	4H	4NT	Pass
5S	Pass	6C	All Pass

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



Meet the Players



Ira Hessel, a resident of Texas, is a really nice guy and a definite character in the bridge world today. Ira serves as a current board member and former President of ACBL District 16. He is a co-editor of the D16 newsletter.

Ira holds a PHD in organic chemistry. He worked as a research director in Melanin Synthesis, as well as a consultant to toxicology laboratories.

He is married to fellow bridge player, Ellen, and they have four daughters.

Philosopher Ira, in his Bridge Winners profile, quotes, "My dear Kepler, I wish that we might laugh at the remarkable stupidity of the common herd. What do you have to say about the principal philosophers of this academy who are filled with the stubbornness of an asp and do not want to look at either the planets, the moon or the telescope, even though I have freely and deliberately offered them the opportunity a thousand times? Truly, just as the asp stops its ears, so do these philosophers shut their eyes to the light of truth."

Ira's bridge accomplishments: 31 top 10s at nationals-16 top 5s-Four Seconds

Regular Bridge Partners: Dan Morse, Ellen Hessel, Joe Quinn, Steve Shirey

Favorite Tournaments: All NABCs and Houston, Dallas Hot Springs Regionals

Favorite Conventions: Raptor, Penalty doubles

BBO Username: LeSInge

ACBL Ranking: Platinum Life Master

Ira is playing in this event as a member of Team Sprung!

What do you do with an injured lemon? You make lemon first-aid!

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him a 'super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.'

I won't be surprised if I see a group of lions passing by before Sept. 22nd — they say pride goeth before the fall.

It helps if you imagine
auto correct as a tiny
little elf in your phone
who's trying so hard
to be helpful but is in
fact quite drunk.