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**We
Remember:**



Results:

JLall Online Teams #7 - 2022

* Q1 Levine +2imps vs RealBridge score since 2 boards only played at one table

Final (60 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.					
23-Sep-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	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Levine	91	16	2	32	41	
2	Lall	129	19	74	20	16	

JLall Online Teams #7 Bracket 2 - 2022

QuarterFinal (60 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.					
23-Sept-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	Penalty (IMPs)
3	Sprung - wins tie	158	56	15	30	57	
8	Brod	95	16	39	34	6	
4	Lewis	128	32	41	31	24	
7	Ge - wins tie	104	36	27	28	13	
5	Rogoff - wins tie	94	23	17	29	25	
6	Lo	126	22	35	53	16	

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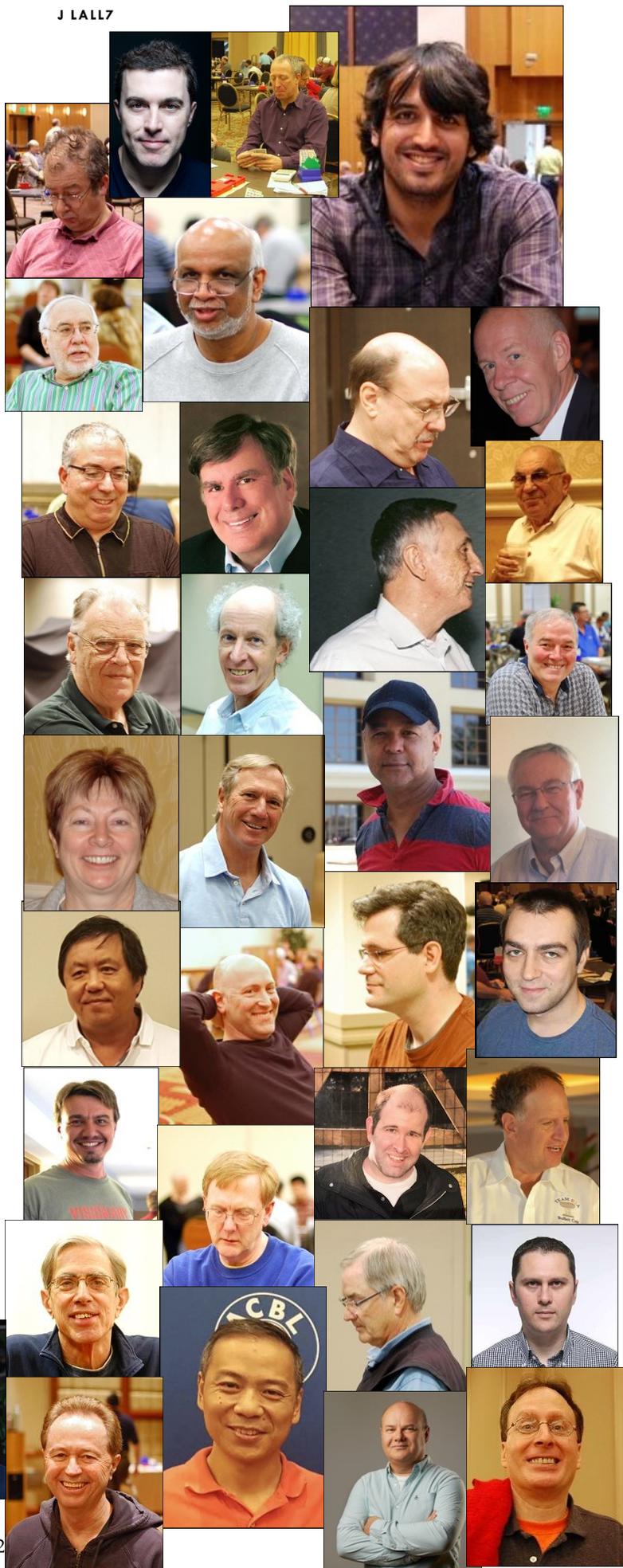
**This Just In...
Justin Lall Online Teams 7**

**Watch today's
3-way on VuGraph...
Congrats Team Lall!!**

14 Teams Entered (alphabetical order)

J LALL7

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
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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

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

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

My wife was in labor with our first child when suddenly she began to shout, "Shouldn't, couldn't, wouldn't, didn't, can't!" "Doctor, what's wrong with my wife?" I asked. "Nothing," he said. "She's just having contractions."

Clones are people two.

I have a fear of speed bumps, but I'm slowly getting over it.

Why do artists constantly feel cold? Because they're surrounded by drafts.

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

My doctor took one look at my gut and refused to believe that I work out. So I listed the exercises I do every day: jump to conclusions, climb the walls, drag my heels, push my luck, make mountains out of molehills, bend over backward, run around in circles, put my foot in my mouth, go over the edge, and beat around the bush.

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

"Give me a sentence about a public servant," the teacher instructed her second-grade student. "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant," he answered. "Umm ... Do you know what pregnant means?" "Yes," said the boy. "It means carrying a child."

Two fortune tellers meet. First one says, "We're going to have a hot summer again." The second one sighs happily: "Yes, it reminds me of the summer in 2092..."

If you start to think I talk too much, just tell me. We'll talk about it.

A man showed up for a duel armed only with a pencil and paper. He then proceeded to draw his weapon.

Two police officers crash their car into a tree. After a moment of silence, one of them says, "Wow, that's got to be the fastest we ever got to the accident site."

I heard a report about a bad outbreak of the tummy bug, apparently 9 out of 10 people there suffered from diarrhea. I can't stop thinking about that tenth person who apparently enjoyed it.

I just got a photo from a speeding camera through the mail. I sent it right back – way too expensive and really bad quality.

A duck walks into a bar.

It asks the barkeeper: "Do you have bread?"

Bartender: "No."

Duck: "Do you have bread?"

Bartender: "NO!"

Duck: "Do you..."

Bartender: "LISTEN! I HAVE NO BREAD AND IF YOU ASK ME ONE MORE TIME, I'M GONNA NAIL YOU TO THAT WALL!!!"

Duck: "Do you have nails?"

Bartender: "NO!"

Duck: "Do you have bread?"



"PUN"ishment

Kibitzing on VuGraph...

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.

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



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



Lall v Levine

Bracket 1

The Lall/Levine Final was a blowout for team Lall going into the 4th segment. They were leading Levine 113-50. Levine came back strong in the 4th quarter but sadly for them, fell short by 38.

On Board 46, at all the tables but one in this event, East opened 1S and North bid 3D at their first opportunity. (see example in adjacent diagram.)

At all these tables, South led the D3 and declarer collected the obvious ten tricks.

		N Reese Milner Other table 5♦ X-2 N	
W Eric Rodwell ♠ A108 ♥ AJ874 ♦ Q4 ♣ Q72		Eddie Wold E ♠ Q97532 ♥ Q2 ♦ J ♣ AKJ3	
		W N E S 2♣* 3♦ 3♠ P 4♠ P P P	
Hemant Lall S ♠ KJ ♥ 10965 ♦ 753 ♣ 10654			

When Jeff Meckstroth and David Berkowitz sat North/South at the other table in Lall/Levine, Meckstroth put maximum pressure on Koneru and Krekorian. Instead of calling 3D as his counterparts did, Meck bid 4D!!

Krekorian couldn't bid 4S on queen empty sixth without benefit of a raise from his partner. He passed and Berkowitz came to life with 5D. Koneru was certain he could defeat 5D and was unsure of 5S so he doubled.

The defense defeated 5D two tricks and collected +300.

3 IMPs to Levine

Meckstroth continued his aggressive tactics on the very next board.

		N Jeff Meckstroth Other table 4♠ = E	
W Venkatrao Koneru ♠ A108 ♥ AJ874 ♦ Q4 ♣ Q72		Jim Krekorian E ♠ Q97532 ♥ Q2 ♦ J ♣ AKJ3	
		W N E S 2♥ 4♦ P 5♦ X P P P	
David Berkowitz S ♠ KJ ♥ 10965 ♦ 753 ♣ 10654			



(Continued on page 6)

Bd 47, Dir S 5♥X-4 E		♠ J102 ♥ J ♦ J98765 ♣ AQ7	N Jeff Meckstroth Other table 4♠X-1 S																				
W Venkatrao Koneru		E Jim Krekorian																					
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David Berkowitz S																							

Berkowitz opened 1S and Meckstroth made a totally unorthodox jump to 4S on a three card spade holding... again applying maximum pressure.

At favorable, on a 6-5 hand, Krekorian called 4NT showing a very distributional two-suiter. Koneru bid up the line with 5D; Meckstroth doubled holding six trumps and Krekorian retreated to 5H. Berkowitz doubled that and they played it there.

David led the SK won by dummy's ace. Declarer played a club to Berk's king. The defense continued spades and Krekorian trumped and played a second club. Meck won the club and played another spade, tapping declarer.

Krekorian ruffed the club in dummy and played a heart to the J, Q, and K. Berkowitz played a high spade and Krekorian was tapped again. Krekorian cashed the HA and played a diamond to dummy and a second diamond which Berkowitz trumped and drew declarer's last spade before cashing his good spade.

The defense scored +800.

At the other table, Lall was left to play in 4SX down one! The unfavorable lie of the trump suit resulted in his losing the three aces and a stray card.

14 IMPs to Levine

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



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

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...

Wisconsin Beer Cheese Soup

Ingredients

SOUP

- ½ C (115 g) butter
- 2 med yellow onions, finely diced
- 4 celery ribs, finely diced
- 4 med carrots, finely diced
- 2 Tbsp (20 g) garlic, roasted and mashed
- 1 C (125 g) flour
- 12 oz (355 ml) bottle bock beer
- 4 C (946 ml) chicken stock
- 1 tsp (1 g) thyme leaves
- 1 bay leaf
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- ½ tsp (1 g) smoked paprika
- 1 Tbsp (16 g) Dijon mustard
- 4 C (946 ml) heavy cream
- 16 oz (454 g) sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 16 oz (454 g) white cheddar cheese, shredded
- Salt to taste

PLATING

- 1½ Tbsp (5 g) chives, chopped
- ½ C (4 g) popped popcorn, dusted with salt and pepper

Directions

SOUP

In a large pot over medium low heat, cook butter, onions, celery, carrot and garlic until softened. Add flour; cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Increase heat to medium, stir in beer and broth, bring to a boil and cook until slightly thickened. Add thyme, bay leaf, cayenne pepper, paprika, mustard and cream. Add cheese slowly, stirring constantly, until incorporated. Remove from heat; remove bay leaf.

PLATING

Garnish with chives and popcorn just before serving.

- **Prep time: 20 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 30 minutes.**
- **Makes 16 servings.**



(Recipe, continued from page 7)

Beer Battered Walleye

Ingredients

SAUCE

- 1 Tbsp (14 g) butter
- ¼ C (40 g) onion, minced
- ½ tsp (1.25 g) red pepper flakes
- ¼ tsp (0.5 g) dry mustard
- ¼ tsp (0.5 g) paprika
- ¼ C (60 ml) apple cider vinegar
- ½ C (118 ml) chicken stock
- 12 oz (355 ml) bottle beer
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 Tbsp (12 g) sugar
- 1 tsp (2.5 g) corn starch

FISH

- Oil for frying
- ¾ C (96 g) flour
- Salt and pepper to taste
- ¼ tsp (0.5 g) dry mustard
- ½ C (118 ml) beer
- 1 lb (0.5 kg) walleye fillets, cut into finger-size segments



Directions

SAUCE

Heat butter over medium high; add onion and red pepper flakes. Sauté until onion is translucent and soft, 6–8 minutes. Add dry mustard, paprika, vinegar, chicken stock, beer, and salt and pepper to taste. Cook until reduced by two-thirds. Add sugar and cook for 1 more minute. Using a fork or whisk, mix corn starch with 1 tsp cold water, add to sauce, stir until thickened; set aside.

FISH

In a fryer or deep pan, heat oil to 375°F (190°C). Combine flour, salt and pepper, dry mustard, and beer until you have a pancake-like batter. Dip fish in batter and cook in batches until golden brown, 2–3 minutes; drain on paper towels.

PLATING

Serve immediately, using the sauce for dipping.

- **Prep time: 10 minutes.**
- **Cook time: 45 minutes.**
- **Makes 3 servings.**

Hungarian Cabbage Rolls

Ingredients

FILLING

- 1 med onion, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp (30 g) olive oil
- 1 lb (454 g) ground pork
- 1 lb (454 g) ground beef
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tsp (5 g) salt
- 2 tsp (8 g) pepper
- 1 Tbsp (7 g) paprika
- 1 C (161 g) cooked rice



WRAP

- 2 heads green cabbage
- Large pot of boiling water

SAUCE & ASSEMBLY

- 1 Tbsp (7 g) paprika
- 1 tsp (5 g) salt
- 2 tsp (8 g) pepper
- 1 (14.5 oz) (444 g) can tomato soup
- 1 (14.5 oz) (444 g) can sauerkraut
- 1 (28 oz) (858 g) can diced tomatoes
- Sour cream



Directions

FILLING

Sauté onion in oil until soft; add meat, garlic, salt, pepper and paprika; cook until browned. Drain off any excess fat and transfer filling to a bowl; stir in rice.

WRAP

Core cabbages; place whole cabbage in a boiling water just until outer leaves. Remove, and peel off outer wilted leaves. Return cabbage to water; repeating process until all leaves have been peeled from cabbage.

SAUCE & ASSEMBLY

Combine all sauce ingredients in a pot and simmer. Place 1-2 T (14-28 g) of filling in each cabbage leaf; fold sides in and roll up. If desired, use a toothpick to secure. Carefully place rolls into sauce and simmer 60–90 minutes or until tender. Serve rolls garnished with a dollop of sour cream.

Prep time: 30 minutes.

Cook time: 60–90 minutes.

Makes 10 servings.

Board 50
Dealer E
NS Vul

♠ J9
♥ Q85
♦ KQ9
♣ AKQ94

♠ Q3
♥ AK932
♦ J1075
♣ 85

♠ K107
♥ J76
♦ 6432
♣ 632

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 10 9 7 7 10
S 10 9 7 7 10
E 3 3 6 6 2
W 3 3 6 6 2

♠ A86542
♥ 104
♦ A8
♣ J107

Par +630 3NT+1 NS
NS: 17+ 9 =26HCP
EW: 4 +10=14HCP

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Phil Clayton & Danny Sprung	John Stiefel & Geof Brod	3NT+1 N	♥6	630
Alex Kolesnik & Ai-Tai Lo	Leni Holtz & Jeff Ferro	3NT+1 N	♥6	630
Jeff Meckstroth & David Berkowitz	Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	4♠= S	♥K	620
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Yanong Han & Wanfeng Mou	4♠= N	♥6	620
Steve Chen & Qiang Zhang	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	4♠= S	♥K	620
Reese Milner & Hemant Lall	Eddie Wold & Eric Rodwell	4♠-1 N	♥6	100
Doug Doub & Yiji Starr	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	4♠-1 S	♥A	100
Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	Glenn Milgrim & Barry Rigal	4♠-1 S	♥K	100

♠ J9
♥ Q85
♦ KQ9
♣ AKQ94

Bd 50, Dir E
3NT+1 N

W Geof Brod

Other table
4♠-1 S

John Stiefel E

♠ Q3
♥ AK932
♦ J1075
♣ 85

♠ K107
♥ J76
♦ 6432
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W N E S
P P P P
1♥ 1NT P 2♥*
P 2♠ P 3NT
P P P

Danny Sprung S

♠ J9
♥ Q85
♦ KQ9
♣ AKQ94

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♣ J107

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

Ai-Tai Lo S

At the two tables above, South treated their mediocre six-card spade suit as if it were only five cards long, giving their partner a choice of games. When North chose 3NT, they passed and scored ten tricks on a heart lead. At all other tables, North/South propelled themselves into the spade game. To defeat 4S, the defense must cash the HAK immediately and wait patiently for their two trump tricks. That's exactly what happened at three of the tables.

At the other three tables where 4S was bid, West cashed one high heart and switched to a minor. Declarer won the switch, cashed three rounds of diamonds, discarding a heart and played on trumps, successfully coming to ten tricks.

Should West have known to cash the second heart immediately? At the one of these tables, North was declarer and it was tougher to defend. One can sympathize with West when they switched to a club at trick two not envisioning the strong minor holdings in the hidden hand. When South was declarer, both Wests switched to a small diamond even after partner gave them count in hearts, making them aware that the second heart would cash!! This switch could only be helpful if declarer held three small diamonds and no quick discard. A diamond switch is premature. If partner has the DA, the defenders can afford to cash the heart first and the diamond after. They cannot defeat the hand without a trump trick. They could have worked it out.

Sudoku

Answers

on Page 14

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

Sudoku 1

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 13** →

Sudoku 2

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

3 min, 19 sec	Dana	Golf	Shoes
3 min, 14 sec	Russell	Bowling	Earrings
3 min, 8 sec	Nina	Curling	Scarf
3 min, 5 sec	Brooke	Hockey	Hat
3 min, 2 sec	Jocelyn	Football	Purse

My new girlfriend works at the zoo. I think she's a keeper.

What is the difference between dogs and marine biologists?

One wags a tail, and the other tags a whale.

"I'm worried about you always being at the bottom of your class," said the father to his son.

"Don't worry Dad," he replied. "They still teach the same thing at both ends."

My girlfriend is furious with me because she found a bunch of hidden letters that revealed I was cheating on her. Now she refuses to play Scrabble at all.

"Pun"t!



Chocolate

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 55 letters spell a secret message.

Y	S	C	H	O	D	E	L	I	C	I	O	U	S	G	C	C
D	E	E	G	D	U	F	C	S	E	O	S	L	N	A	O	T
N	L	E	M	O	E	I	R	V	E	K	S	I	I	C	C	C
A	F	C	G	I	N	N	I	I	N	I	D	U	H	N	O	O
C	F	A	K	G	S	T	E	I	F	D	N	O	G	O	A	N
U	U	K	R	N	C	W	R	T	U	I	C	W	K	A	A	F
P	R	E	A	I	T	D	E	P	E	O	L	I	O	T	R	E
C	T	S	D	K	N	E	S	E	L	E	E	L	D	R	F	C
A	R	D	T	A	E	R	T	A	T	S	W	E	I	W	B	T
K	A	C	O	B	I	M	T	E	T	H	C	S	H	N	F	I
E	S	R	A	B	D	I	E	S	S	A	P	I	N	O	G	O
M	A	E	R	C	E	C	I	E	D	S	T	U	O	U	E	N
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R	L	P	O	M	N	T	A	S	P	I	H	C	M	C	S	Y
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ADDICTIVE	CONFECTIONERY	FILLING	PUDDING
BAKING	COOKIES	FONDUE	SEMISWEET
BARS	CREAM PIE	FOOD	SUGAR
BITTERSWEET	CUPCAKE	FUDGE	SWISS
BROWNIES	DARK	ICE CREAM	SYRUP
CAKES	DECADENT	ICING	TREAT
CANDY	DELICIOUS	INGREDIENT	TRUFFLES
CHIPS	DESSERT	MILK	UNSWEETENED
CHOCOLATIERS	DRINKS	MOUSSE	WHITE
COCOA			

Logic Puzzle

	First Names					Sports					Accessories				
	Brooke	Dana	Jocelyn	Nina	Russell	bowling	curling	football	golf	hockey	earrings	hat	purse	scarf	shoes
Times	3 min, 2 sec														
	3 min, 5 sec														
	3 min, 8 sec														
	3 min, 14 sec														
	3 min, 19 sec														

Accessories	earrings														
	hat														
	purse														
	scarf														
	shoes														

Answers on page 11



Sports	bowling														
	curling														
	football														
	golf														
	hockey														

Times	First Names	Sports	Accessories
3 min, 2 sec			
3 min, 5 sec			
3 min, 8 sec			
3 min, 14 sec			
3 min, 19 sec			

- The runner who finished with a time of 3 min, 5 sec is the hockey star.
- Jocelyn finished before the hockey star.
- The bowling star finished after the person who bought the hat.
- The curling star is Nina.
- The golf star finished after Nina.
- The person who bought the shoes is not Jocelyn or Nina.
- The runner who finished with a time of 3 min, 14 sec didn't buy the shoes.
- The 5 people were the bowling star, Brooke, the person who bought the shoes, the runner who finished with a time of 3 min, 8 sec, and the football star.
- Of the hockey star and Russell, one bought the hat and the other bought the earrings.
- Either the runner who finished with a time of 3 min, 8 sec or the runner who finished with a time of 3 min, 14 sec bought the scarf.

Logic Puzzle

Humor...



Dear Algebra,

Stop asking me to find X. She isn't coming back ... and please don't ask Y.

NEVER DISCUSS INFINITY WITH A MATHEMATICIAN. YOU'LL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT

Geometry keeps you in shape.

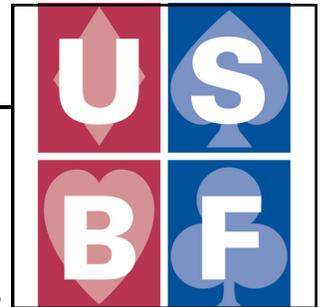
4	9	6	8	1	7	3	5	2
8	3	7	5	4	2	1	6	9
1	2	5	3	6	9	8	7	4
6	8	1	9	2	3	7	4	5
5	4	2	6	7	1	9	3	8
3	7	9	4	8	5	6	2	1
2	1	8	7	5	6	4	9	3
7	5	3	1	9	4	2	8	6
9	6	4	2	3	8	5	1	7

Answer to Sudoku 1

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

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Logic Riddle...

Three sisters combine their money to buy a mystery box full of an unknown amount of comic books. The box arrives at the sisters' house one night, and they agree to store it in their younger brother's room and not open it until the next morning.

But that night, one sister can't sleep, so she decides to sneak in and open the box. Looking inside, she finds that she can split the comic books into three equal shares, plus one extra comic. She sees her brother awake and spying, so she hands him the extra comic, takes her own share of one-third of the remaining comic books, and goes back to sleep.

An hour later, the second sister does the exact same thing. She opens the box and sees that the comics can be split into three equal shares, plus one extra comic. She bribes the spying little brother with a comic, takes one-third of the remaining books, and goes back to sleep.

Then, an hour after that, the third sister does the same thing yet again, bribing the spying little brother with a comic, taking one-third of the remaining books, and returning to bed.

In the morning, none of the sisters want to reveal that they've already taken any comics. So they each pretend to be surprised when they look in the box. They dump out the comics and realize that the number of books can easily be split into three equal shares along with one extra comic, which they gave to their happy little brother.

What's the smallest possible number of comic books that could have been in that mystery box when it first arrived? And how many comics does each sibling have?

- The first sister snagged 26 comic books during the initial split, plus 7 more the next morning, for a total of 33 comic books.
- The second sister managed to walk away with 24 comic books.
- The third sister managed to gain 18.
- And, of course, the youngest brother got 4 comic books for free.

Solution:

Final Split	k_4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Final Pile	$3k_4 + 1 = k_3$	4	7	11	13	16	19	22	25	28
3rd Split	$k_3 / 2$	2	3.5	5.5	6.5	8	9.5	11	12.5	14
3rd Pile	$3k_3 / 2 + 1 = k_2$	7	X	X	X	25	X	34	X	43
2nd Split	$k_2 / 2$	3.5				12.5		17		21.5
2nd Pile	$3k_2 / 2 + 1 = k_1$	X				X		52		X
1st Split	$k_1 / 2$							26		
1st Pile	$3k_1 / 2 + 1 = k_0$							79		

It pays to take this one slowly and think about each step headed backward toward the initial Mystery Box. This is a great recursion problem, which means there's plenty of ways to get confused about what step you're on. There are four moments to consider: Final Share, 3rd Share, 2nd Share, and 1st Share. The smallest Final Share is 1 per sister. That means the Final Pile is three times that share, plus 1 extra, for a total of 4 comic books. For the 3rd Share, those 4 comic books must represent the two-thirds that the third sister left in the box. Each sister would have gotten a share of 2. Which means the 3rd Pile must have had three times the share, plus 1 extra, for a total of 7. By the time we get to the 2nd Share, we see the problem. If there were 7 left in the box, did the second sister take 3.5 comic books? We need a solution where each share is a whole number. Hopefully the recursive process is clear, which means we might set up a table and work until we find the right answer. Notice that this table includes the Share for each sister at any moment, as well as the Pile just before anyone took their share.

Jeff Ferro

Bridge | Alan Truscott

One United States team has a huge margin over the other in the World Junior Team semifinals.

Special to The New York Times

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Aug. 20 — One semifinal match proved to be lopsided at the World Junior Team Championships today at the University of Michigan. The event is organized by the American Contract Bridge League for the World Team Championship, and is sponsored by NEC, the Japanese electronics corporation.

After 32 deals of a scheduled 64, the United States II team, consisting of Jeff Ferro, Wayne Stuart, Brian Platnick, John Diamond, Martha Katz and Debbie Zuckerberg, led by the overwhelming margin of 105 imps against the United States I team. Barring a miracle, they will play in the final on Wednesday against either Canada or Australia. At the midpoint of that semifinal the Canadians led by just 3 imps.

The surge of the United States II team began on the second deal, when they brought home shaky game contracts at both tables. In the auction shown, John Diamond as South balanced with three spades and was raised, an aggressive move by Brian Platnick as North, considering that South had been unable to open the bidding.

West led the heart ace, hoping to give his partner a ruff, but this proved to give South a crucial trick. The next heart lead was taken by the king, and the spade ace was cashed. Dummy was entered with a club lead and trumps were drawn by finessing against the queen. A diamond was led to the eight, and when East won with the queen he tried to give South a guess by leading a club.

Locating the Queen

But Diamond reasoned well. If East held the club queen he would surely have played diamonds to defeat the contract, so a low club was played from the closed hand, the queen ap-

		NORTH	
		♠ 9 8 6 4	
		♥ 9 7	
		♦ K 9 8	
		♣ A K 6 4	
WEST		EAST (D)	
♠ J		♠ Q 7 3	
♥ A Q 8 5 4 3 2		♥ J 10	
♦ J 7 6		♦ A Q 3 2	
♣ Q 8		♣ 10 9 5 3	
		SOUTH	
		♠ A K 10 5 2	
		♥ K 6	
		♦ 10 5 4	
		♣ J 7 2	

North and South were vulnerable.
The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the heart ace.

peared from West, and the game was made by a later finesse against the diamond jack.

The commentators pointed out a slightly better line of play: After drawing trumps South should cash the ace and king of clubs, aiming for an endplay against East if he began with Q-x-x of clubs. In the actual position, with the queen falling doubleton, a similar endplay can be maneuvered.

In the replay Jeff Ferro as West opened four hearts and the bidding ended. The defense took the first three tricks with the club king, the spade king and the club ace, but West took the rest, with a combination of skill and luck. He ruffed North's spade lead, finessed the diamond queen, and took a heart finesse. When this held he ruffed out the club jack and cashed the heart ace. Dummy's winning club took care of the potential diamond loser, and United States II gained 14 imps.

Favorite Bridge Memory

Being on the first winning U.S. team in the World Junior Championships on home soil. First player to play in two World Championships the same year.

Bridge Accomplishments

World Junior Champion 1991, Bermuda Bowl Quarterfinalist 1991, Bronze World Junior Championship 1993, Grand National Teams Champion 1993, Master Mixed Team Champion 2000, 2 Day National Open Pairs 2021

BBO Username

Meet the Players



Jeff Ferro is playing in this event as a member of the Rogoff team.

Limey Jack...

Blimey Yanks:

Limey Jack cannot make peas nor porridge of this event. The format is topsy turvy at best. Now there is a 3 way match to determine who gets the honour of facing off against Levine. Usually it is the first formers who play in a round robin. Be what as it may, Howie Dung will lead you astray while Limey Jack will make you a few quid.

Sprung-Lewis-Lo: All quite evenly matched, but the nod must be bestowed upon Sprung.

Well, there has been a late scratch as Levine has withdrawn. Now the 3 way requires 2 survivors who will then face off against one another. Sprung will be joined by Lewis. And further down the rabbit hole we go.

Ta.

Howie Doing...

Today is a 3-way.
That will be fun.
Two will survive
When all's said and done!

Levine took his lumps.
And then he withdrew.
So three will go on
Until there are two.

Sprung springs to life
High goes to Lo.
Sprung/Lo play off
For place and for show.

From Jan...

With 3 teams in the Semifinal, we will run a 3-way with 2 winners to get the 2 Finalists. That means:

-- Each team will play 2 14-board matches against each other team, with 2 matches played at a time (the way you do it in a Regional 3-way), on the same schedule as the 4 KO quarters.

-- Blind lineups and you will have to play the same lineup for all 14 boards, 7 against each other team. RealBridge will automatically move your pairs to the new table after everyone has completed 7 boards.

-- Your lineup sheet will look the same as it has, but there will be no opponent or opponent's lineup. It's too tricky to change it to the Round Robin format and then back again.

-- Scores will be in IMPs converted to VPs, probably using the 28 Board VP* scale for the IMPs from the total match against each other team, but we're still working on details. The 2 teams with the highest VP scores will advance.

-- There is no carryover from the matches tomorrow to the Final.

X IMPS

* See page 18 for 28 board VP scale

jlall7 - Bracket1 Final + B2QF (thru Q4 possible boards = 60)

played at least 40% of boards

rank	partnership	total imps	#boards	avg
1	Bart Bramley - Ira Hessel	47.75	30	1.59
2	David Berkowitz - Jeff Meckstroth	40.53	45	0.90
3	Alex Kolesnik - Ira Chorush	24.19	30	0.81
4	Hemant Lall - Michael Penick	21.33	30	0.71
5	Iulian Rotaru - Radu Nistor	35.60	60	0.59
6	Danny Sprung - Phil Clayton	26.29	45	0.58
7	Ai-Tai Lo - Alex Kolesnik	16.00	30	0.53
8	Jim Krekorian - Venkatrao Koneru	31.28	60	0.52
9	Jack Zhao - Jerry Stamatov	12.90	30	0.43
10	Franco Baseggio - Jacob Freeman	3.67	45	0.08
11	Barry Rigal - Glenn Milgrim	1.29	30	0.04
12	Eddie Wold - Eric Rodwell	0.86	35	0.02
13	Disa Eythorsdottir - Linda Lewis	1.10	60	0.02
14	Wanfeng Mou - Yanong Han	-2.67	45	-0.06
15	Ai-Tai Lo - David Chechelashvili	-5.76	30	-0.19
16	Doug Doub - Yiji Starr	-14.43	45	-0.32
17	Alex Ornstein - Bruce Rogoff	-21.76	45	-0.48
18	Hemant Lall - Reese Milner	-16.72	30	-0.56
19	Qiang Zhang - Xin Ge	-17.28	30	-0.58
20	Jeff Ferro - Leni Holtz	-26.86	45	-0.60
21	Bob Bitterman - Bob Cappelli	-20.61	30	-0.69
22	Geof Brod - John Stiefel	-42.67	45	-0.95
23	Mike Levine - Mike Passell	-62.71	30	-2.09

56 Boards (Blitz is 113 IMPs)											
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	30	14.20	5.80	60	17.04	2.96	90	18.98	1.02
1	10.17	9.83	31	14.31	5.69	61	17.12	2.88	91	19.03	0.97
2	10.34	9.66	32	14.42	5.58	62	17.20	2.80	92	19.08	0.92
3	10.50	9.50	33	14.53	5.47	63	17.28	2.72	93	19.13	0.87
4	10.66	9.34	34	14.64	5.36	64	17.35	2.65	94	19.18	0.82
5	10.82	9.18	35	14.75	5.25	65	17.42	2.58	95	19.23	0.77
6	10.98	9.02	36	14.86	5.14	66	17.49	2.51	96	19.28	0.72
7	11.13	8.87	37	14.96	5.04	67	17.56	2.44	97	19.33	0.67
8	11.28	8.72	38	15.06	4.94	68	17.63	2.37	98	19.38	0.62
9	11.43	8.57	39	15.16	4.84	69	17.70	2.30	99	19.43	0.57
10	11.58	8.42	40	15.26	4.74	70	17.77	2.23	100	19.48	0.52
11	11.73	8.27	41	15.36	4.64	71	17.84	2.16	101	19.53	0.47
12	11.88	8.12	42	15.46	4.54	72	17.91	2.09	102	19.58	0.42
13	12.02	7.98	43	15.56	4.44	73	17.98	2.02	103	19.63	0.37
14	12.16	7.84	44	15.66	4.34	74	18.05	1.95	104	19.67	0.33
15	12.30	7.70	45	15.76	4.24	75	18.11	1.89	105	19.71	0.29
16	12.44	7.56	46	15.85	4.15	76	18.17	1.83	106	19.75	0.25
17	12.58	7.42	47	15.94	4.06	77	18.23	1.77	107	19.79	0.21
18	12.71	7.29	48	16.03	3.97	78	18.29	1.71	108	19.83	0.17
19	12.84	7.16	49	16.12	3.88	79	18.35	1.65	109	19.87	0.13
20	12.97	7.03	50	16.21	3.79	80	18.41	1.59	110	19.91	0.09
21	13.10	6.90	51	16.30	3.70	81	18.47	1.53	111	19.95	0.05
22	13.23	6.77	52	16.39	3.61	82	18.53	1.47	112	19.99	0.01
23	13.36	6.64	53	16.48	3.52	83	18.59	1.41	113	20.00	0.00
24	13.48	6.52	54	16.56	3.44	84	18.65	1.35			
25	13.60	6.40	55	16.64	3.36	85	18.71	1.29			
26	13.72	6.28	56	16.72	3.28	86	18.77	1.23			
27	13.84	6.16	57	16.80	3.20	87	18.83	1.17			
28	13.96	6.04	58	16.88	3.12	88	18.88	1.12			
29	14.08	5.92	59	16.96	3.04	89	18.93	1.07			

USBF 28 BOARD VP SCALE

Alert!

The Lo team has been allowed a substitute for set 1 tomorrow because they have only 3 players available for that set. Jiang Gu will play with Alex Kolesnik. They will use the same SSF and convention card as Alex and Ai-Tai use:

<https://usbf.org/apps/teamforms.php?task=display&fid=3450&pid=200>

<https://bridgewinners.com/convention-card/print/alex-kolsenik-ai-tai-lo/71181>

Board 16
Dealer W
EW Vul

♠ 3
♥ QJ6
♦ QJ1064
♣ A1032

♠ Q104
♥ AK109542
♦ —
♣ 986

♠ AK95
♥ 873
♦ 873
♣ KJ7

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	6	6	2	10	7
S	6	6	2	11	7
E	7	7	10	2	6
W	7	7	10	2	6

♠ J8762
♥ —
♦ AK952
♣ Q54

Par +200 5♥X-1 EW

NS: 10+10=20HCP
EW: 11+ 9 =20HCP

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Geof Brod & John Stiefel	Jacob Freeman & Franco Baseggio	4♥X-2 W	♦ Q	500
Phil Clayton & Danny Sprung	Yiji Starr & Doug Doub	4♠-4 S	♥ A	200
Qiang Zhang & Xin Ge	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	5♥= W	♦ Q	650
Eddie Wold & Eric Rodwell	Hemant Lall & Michael Penick	4♥X= W	♠ 3	790
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Yanong Han & Steve Chen	4♥X= W	♦ J	790
Leni Holtz & Jeff Ferro	Ira Chorush & Alex Kolesnik	4♥X= W	♦ Q	790
David Chechelashvili & Ai-Tai Lo	Bruce Rogoff & Alex Ornstein	4♥X= W	♦ Q	790
Jim Krekorian & Venkatrao Koneru	Mike Levine & Mike Passell	5♥X= W	♠ 3	850

The results on Board 16 were pretty intriguing. 4H is cold as long as declarer takes a reasonable play in the club suit. At most tables, West opened either three or four hearts. South made a takeout double, and holding a trump trick and a side ace, North converted the double to penalties.

Two declarers bid and made 5H, one doubled. These declarers were successful when they guessed the club position correctly and picked up the SJ.

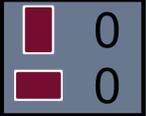
In one case, the opening leader led their singleton spade, picking up the jack for declarer.

In the other case, North made an unusual NT overcall and West had a perfect count once North followed to three rounds of hearts! Declarer cashed two hearts, played a spade to the ace and finessed a spade, knowing this would succeed.

The plot thickened in the Sprung/Brod match when Sprung and Clayton faced Doub and Starr and Freeman/Basaggio faced Brod and Stiefel.

See the antics on page 20...

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 	♠ 3 ♥ QJ6 ♦ QJ1064 ♣ A1032	N Phil Clayton Other table 4♥X-2 W												
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Danny Sprung S														

Doub opened 3H and Starr raised to game.

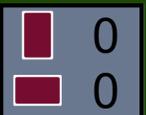
Rather than making a T/O double, Sprung overcalled 4S. This was passed out and Sprung took six tricks for -200.

The opponents could have doubled but then Sprung/Clayton may have found the cold 5D contract!

Still, this seems like a good result since 5D is hard to find and 4H is cold for the opponents.

If Sprung was paired with any other table than that of his teammates, he would have won 10 or more IMPs!

So what happened at the other table??

 	♠ 3 ♥ QJ6 ♦ QJ1064 ♣ A1032	N Geof Brod Other table 4♠-4 S												
Bd 16, Dlr W 4♥X-2 W		Jacob Freeman E												
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John Stiefel S														

Baseggio/Freeman bid to 4H. South doubled.

Brod led the DQ. Baseggio ruffed and played two high trumps. He led the ST to dummy's ace and ruffed a second diamond before exiting with the HT.

North won and switched to a small club. Baseggio misguessed the CJ, losing to the queen and Stiefel exited with a diamond. Baseggio cashed the H9, playing for a black suit squeeze, discarding a club from dummy.

He cashed the SQ and exited with a club. North claimed when the squeeze failed.

An expert declarer, Baseggio took a reasonable line of play and was punished for his efforts!

12 to Brod