

**We
Remember:**



Results:

VPs Total	#	TEAM	Carryover VPs	VPs Match	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
21.22	2	Sprung		12.57	72	50	11	2	9	
	3	Lewis		7.43	60	2	19	11	28	
13.11	3	Lewis		5.68	43	17	23	1	2	
	4	Lo		14.32	65	8	14	31	12	
25.67	4	Lo		11.35	59	27	15	10	7	
	2	Sprung		8.65	53	4	9	21	19	

Because of the Jewish holiday and other reasons, today's matches have been shortened to 32 boards.

First 16 board half will be at 12:00 noon Eastern, second at 2:15.

Thanks to Shireen Mohandes and Andy Bowles for their great expertise and patience when "glitches" happen. They insure our smooth sailing and we appreciate it. Every event is a learning curve... and now we can handle 3-way matches! On behalf of the tournament team: Jan, Al, McKenzie, and Suzi... You two and your RealBridge platform are the BEST! We would be lost without you!

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

L'Shana Tova!

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
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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
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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

Riddle: Did you hear about the boy who went to his senior prom dressed in a t-shirt and jeans? He was arrested by the fashion police. What was he charged with?

Answer: Tux evasion.

Riddle: Why did the Army cook refuse to serve pie, cake, or ice cream?

Answer: He was afraid he'd be shot as a dessert-er.

Riddle: What kind of fish chases a mouse?

Answer: A catfish!

Riddle: I am a body part. I am same when spelled forward and backward. What am I?

Answer: Rotator.

Riddle: What do you carry everywhere you go?

Answer: Your shadow!

Riddle: What type of key opens a banana?

Answer: A mon-key!

Riddle: What kind of car does a pharaoh drive?

Answer: A new bus.

Riddle: What comes first the chicken or the egg?

Answer: Chicken! The word 'chicken' is in front of the word egg. Hence making it first.

Riddle: What has all the letters of the alphabet but not in the correct order?

Answer: A keyboard!

Riddle: After retiring from military service in the Army, friends Terry and Ron decided to pool their money and purchase the supplies needed to build their very own sailing ship. Together, they used the skills taught to them during their service in the Army Corps of Engineers, and after just a few months, their beautiful craft was complete. The strange thing is, that Ron and Terry became very protective of their newly-built ship. Never once did the two friends ever invite anyone to go sailing on the vessel. No one was allowed to put even one foot on the deck of the boat they had built together. They even restricted themselves from sailing on it!!! Finally, they decided to cover the entire ship with a clear covering, hoping to discourage anyone from even touching the vessel. Why do you suppose Terry and Ron became so overprotective of their new sailing ship?

Answer: Ron and Terry's project was a ship in a bottle.

Riddle: What are the 2 longest words in the English language that can be typed using only your left hand on the keyboard?

Answer: 1: Stewardesses 2: Reverberated

Riddle: Sometimes I am loud and viewed with distaste. Poke out my eye, then I'm on the front of your face. What am I?

Answer: A nose, remove the "eye" aka "i" and you get a nose.

Riddle: What is the capital in Washington?

Answer: The letter W.



"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.

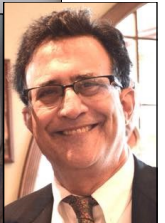
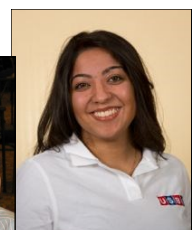
There are no seating rights - teams must submit their lineups before seeing their opponent's lineup.

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!



Non-Simultaneous Double Squeeze

Board 9
Dealer N
EW Vul

♠ 3
♥ Q9653
♦ 1094
♣ Q874

♠ Q10862
♥ AJ4
♦ Q872
♣ K

♠ A9754
♥ 1072
♦ 653
♣ 62

♠ KJ
♥ K8
♦ AKJ
♣ AJ10953

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 2 1 4 1 2
S 2 1 4 1 2
E 11 11 9 11 10
W 11 11 9 11 10

Par -660 3NT+2 EW
NS: 4 + 4 = 8 HCP
EW: 20+12=32HCP

NS		EW		Contract	Lead	Score
Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	6NT-2 E	♦ 3	200		
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	6NT= E	♦ 3		1440	

Bart Bramley is arguably one of the best declarers in the bridge world... and has been forever!

On Board 9, both tables reached 6NT on strong auctions where East opened 2NT; West transferred and invited East to bid the right slam.

Where Rotaru was declarer, Freeman led the D3. Rotaru won and played the SK. Freeman won and switch to a club. Rotaru played a spade to his hand and cashed the king and jack of diamonds. He played the CA, discarding a spade from dummy, and banked on the heart finesse to come to 12 tricks. When this failed, he was down two. -200

Where Bramley was declarer, it was more exciting. Bart knows how to keep the Kibs on the edge of their seats... Disa led the D3 to the 7,9,K. Bart played the SK. Disa won and exited with a club. Bart led a spade to his hand. Oops... Lewis showed out! Bart cashed the DA, and instinct plus the inference that Disa might have led the six from D:T653, led him to conclude that diamonds were likely 3-3. Bart led the DJ and **overtook with the queen!!** He cashed the D8, both opponents and Bart discarding low clubs. The SQ and ST followed on which Lewis discarded two hearts and Bramley discarded two clubs.

Bart led a heart to the king, creating this position:

The diagram shows the following card positions:

- North (Linda Lewis):** ♠ —, ♥ Q, ♦ —, ♣ Q8
- West (Ira Hessel):** ♠ 8, ♥ AJ, ♦ —, ♣ —
- East (Bart Bramley):** ♠ —, ♥ 8, ♦ —, ♣ AJ
- South (Disa Eythorsdottir):** ♠ 9, ♥ 107, ♦ —, ♣ —

The trick being played is a heart lead from East to the King in North's hand. The cards shown in the center are ♠ 9, ♥ 10, ♥ K, ♥ 8, ♥ 7, ♥ 6, ♥ 5, ♥ 4, ♥ 3, ♥ 2, ♥ A.

Bramley cashed the CA. Disa was forced to discard a heart while Bart tossed dummy's last spade.

Bart, having a perfect count, led a heart to the ace, dropping the queen and taking the ultimate trick with the jack.

A well-thought out line of play!

17 well deserved IMPs to Sprung!

(Continued from page 5)

That was not the only 17 IMP swing in the first segment of the Sprung/Lewis match.

Board 13		♠ AQ864			
Dealer N		♥ KQ32			
All Vul		♦ 5			
		♣ KJ9			
♠ 95		♠ J		NT	♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
♥ A10984		♥ J765		N	10 12 7 11 8
♦ 972		♦ 1063		S	10 11 7 11 7
♣ 1052		♣ AQ764		E	2 0 6 2 5
				W	2 0 6 2 5
		♠ K10732		Par +1430 6♠= N	
		♥ —		NS: 15+13=28HCP	
		♦ AKQJ84		EW: 8 + 4 =12HCP	
		♣ 83			

NS	EW	Contract	Lead	Score
Franco Baseggio & Jacob Freeman	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	6♠= N	♣A	1430
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	7♠-1 N	♣A	100

On Board 13, as happens so often when using a rarely employed convention:

Nistor Baseggio Rotaru Freeman

W	N	E	S
	1♠	P	2NT*
P	3♦*	P	5♥*
P	5NT*	P	6♠
P	P	P	

2NT=LR
 3D=shortness
 5H=exclusion KC
 5NT=1 or 4

Hessel Lewis Bramley Disa

W	N	E	S
	1♠	P	2NT*
P	3♦*	P	5♥
X	5♠	P	7♠
P	P	P	

2NT=LR
 3D=shortness
 5H=?
 5S=?

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
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 Steve Weinstein
 Jenny Wolpert

Baseggio/Freeman's auction is clear and they stopped in the making small slam. Disa/Lewis's CC does not indicate Exclusion. It does say they play ROPI. If 5H was exclusion and ROPI applied, 5S would show 2 KC in which case, 7S would be right. Whatever 5H and 5S were, the wheels came off the bus. The CA was on lead and led it. 17 more IMPs to Sprung

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!

Ingredients:

For the red pepper sauce:

- 2 red bell peppers
- 3 Tbs. extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 Tbs. chopped fresh basil

For the risotto:

- 1/4 lb. (125 g) thinly sliced prosciutto
- 2 Tbs. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, finely diced
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 1/2 cups (10 1/2 oz./330 g) Arborio rice
- 1/2 cup (4 fl. oz./125 ml) white wine
- 6 cups (48 fl. oz./1.5 l) chicken broth, warmed
- 2 Tbs. unsalted butter
- 1 cup (5 oz./155 g) frozen peas, thawed

To assemble:

- 2 cups (4 oz./125 g) fresh bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup (4 fl. oz./125 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 eggs

Directions:

To make the grilled red pepper sauce, preheat a Philips smoke-less grill. Place the bell peppers on the grill and cook, turning occasionally, until grill-marked and slightly softened, about 4 minutes per side. Let the peppers stand until cool enough to handle, then remove the stem and seeds. Transfer the peppers to a blender or food processor and process until coarsely chopped. With the processor running, slowly add the olive oil until incorporated. Season to taste with salt and pepper and stir in the basil. Let stand until ready to serve. (The sauce can be made 1 day in advance and refrigerated. Bring to room temperature before using.)

To make the arancini, in a large sauté pan over medium heat, cook the prosciutto until crisp, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to a cutting board and let cool, then finely chop. Set aside.

In a large saucepan over medium heat, warm the 2 Tbs. olive oil. Add the onion and a pinch each of salt and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is tender and translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the rice and cook, stirring frequently, until translucent, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the wine and stir until the liquid is absorbed, about 1 minute. Add the broth 1/2 cup (4 fl. oz./125 ml) at a time, stirring constantly until it is almost completely absorbed before adding more.

When the rice is tender but firm to the bite, after 20 to 25 minutes, remove the pan from the heat and stir in the butter, peas and prosciutto. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spread the risotto out in an even layer on a baking sheet and let cool completely.

Preheat your airfryer to 400°F (200°C).

In a shallow bowl, stir together the bread crumbs and the 1/2 cup (4 fl. oz./125 ml) olive oil. In a shallow bowl, lightly beat the eggs. Form the risotto into balls, using 2 Tbs. for each one. Dip in the beaten eggs, then coat in the bread crumb mixture. Working in batches, place the arancini in the airfryer in a single layer and cook until golden brown and crispy, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a plate and season with salt. Serve warm with the grilled red pepper sauce for dipping. Makes 24 arancini.

AirFryer

Arancini

With Red Pepper Sauce

(Recipe, continued from page 7)

Chicken Meatballs with Ginger and Lemongrass

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Servings: 14

This recipe highlights Asian flavors, but Greek-inspired meatballs are also delicious.

Mix together 1/2 lb. ground lamb; 1 garlic clove, minced; 1 Tbs. chopped fresh oregano; and 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese. To make the sauce, in a blender, combine 1/4 cup *each* fresh mint and parsley, 1 garlic clove, 1/4 cup walnuts, 1 anchovy fillet and 1/2 cup olive oil; process until smooth.

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. ground chicken
- 1 Tbs. soy sauce
- 1 Tbs. Asian fish sauce
- 1 Tbs. minced lemongrass, white portion only
- 1 Tbs. chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/2 Tbs. grated fresh ginger
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup grapeseed oil
- 14 small lettuce leaves
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 2 limes, cut into wedges

Directions:

Preheat an oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a baking sheet.

In a bowl, combine the chicken, soy sauce, fish sauce, lemongrass, cilantro, ginger and garlic. Season with salt and pepper and mix well. Roll the meat mixture into 1-inch balls and place on the prepared baking sheet.

Heat a large fry pan over medium heat. Pour in the oil and heat until shimmering. Add the meatballs and panfry, turning them to brown evenly on all sides, about 5 minutes total. Drain on paper towels. Return the meatballs to the baking sheet and bake until cooked through, 3 to 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Line a platter with the lettuce leaves and arrange the warm meatballs on top. Garnish with the green onions and lime wedges and serve immediately.

Makes 14 meatballs.

(Recipes, Continued on page 9)

Warm Dates with Parmesan and Walnuts

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 24 large dates, preferably Medjool
- 2 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil or walnut oil, plus more for drizzling
- 2-oz. (60-g) piece Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- 24 walnut halves

Directions:

Preheat an oven to 350°F (180°C).

Using a paring knife, make a small lengthwise incision in each date and carefully remove the pit. In a bowl, gently toss the pitted dates with the 2 tsp. olive oil.

Arrange the dates, slit side up, in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet or in a shallow baking dish. Using a vegetable peeler, cut the cheese into bite-size shavings. Tuck 1 or 2 cheese shavings and a walnut half into each date.

Bake until the dates are warmed through, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a serving platter, drizzle with more olive oil and serve immediately.

Serves 6 to 8.



Riddle: It was during the autumn season of last year when Ruth began seeing a psychiatrist due to "hallucinations" she said she was experiencing. Ruth had lived her entire life in the city but had moved far out into a very rural suburb near a forest, and close to a small pond. She reported to her psychiatrist she imagined seeing a large letter "V" in the sky one day while walking outside, as well as hearing numerous high-pitched voices she felt were trying to communicate with her. After that day, nearly every time she took a stroll outside, she would see the letter "V" up in the air, accompanied by the voices. Sometimes she reported sighting up to five of these "V" letters with the distant voices calling to her, during her daily outside walks. The psychiatrist thought for a moment, and then told Ruth she wasn't experiencing any hallucinations, but rather, was seeing? What did the psychiatrist suggest Ruth had been observing?

Answer: Having spent her whole life in the city, Ruth was not familiar with seeing flocks of geese (traveling in a "V" shape) heading south for the winter during the autumn season.

Riddle: "At the school recently, only the ___ students could solve the ___ equation." Can you complete this sentence using words that are anagrams of each other?

Answer: Brainy and Binary. Or, you can use Reserved and Reversed.

Riddle: A bizarre ritual occurs, often when the weather is hot, and it has been happening for over 100 years. Two men bring two cups to a place where a large plate is located. They do not drink anything from their cups and eat nothing from the plate. Soon, a third man joins the other two, and he brings with him his cup and a wooden object. Strangely, two of the three men wear masks, despite the fact all three of them know each other. Over the next two to three hours, only one of the men remains near the large plate, while various other men continue to take their cups and wooden objects to and from their meeting place with the other two men. Just what is this strange ritual?

Answer: The two masked men are the home plate umpire and the two catchers taking turns coming to the plate. One at a time, the hitters from both sides come to the plate to hit. All the players and the umpire always wear protective cups.

Board 29
Dealer N
All Vul

♠ K64
♥ AK104
♦ AK74
♣ 103

♠ J10952
♥ 987652
♦ 6
♣ 7

♠ A873
♥ Q3
♦ J83
♣ QJ65

NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
N 12 5 7 12 11
S 12 5 7 12 11
E 1 7 5 0 1
W 1 7 5 0 1

♠ Q
♥ J
♦ Q10952
♣ AK9842

Par +1440 6NT= NS
NS: 17+12=29HCP
EW: 10+ 1 =11HCP

NS		EW		Contract	Lead	Score
Linda Lewis & Disa Eythorsdottir	Bart Bramley & Ira Hessel	6♦+1 N		♣Q	1390	
Phil Clayton & Danny Sprung	Iulian Rotaru & Radu Nistor	7♦X-2 N		♠A		500

There must be a full moon... (no... that would be Passover... it's a new moon on the New Year!) ... so how come there were two grands off cashing aces after ace asking sequences??

Bd 29, Dir N
7♦X-2 N

♠ K64
♥ AK104
♦ AK74
♣ 103

♠ J10952
♥ 987652
♦ 6
♣ 7

♠ A873
♥ Q3
♦ J83
♣ QJ65

♠ Q
♥ J
♦ Q10952
♣ AK9842

W Radu Nistor
N Phil Clayton
E Iulian Rotaru
S Danny Sprung

Other table
6♦+1 N

Clayton's 1C bid showed 1+ clubs, non-forcing.
Sprung's 1NT was invitational +.
Clayton's 2NT showed 17-19.
Sprung's 3S=diamonds
4D=not RKC
4H=KC
4S=0 or 3

Sprung jumped to 7D obviously thinking they were playing 1430.

Not only was Sprung not playing 1430, but he was unlucky that Clayton bid diamonds first. Had Nistor been on lead not looking at the SA, he might have led something other than a spade and the losing spade would have been discarded on the high heart. Declarer must play carefully but it is possible to bring in 13 tricks when the HQ falls.

As it was, Rotaru led the SA followed by a small club. Clayton won in dummy and pulled two rounds of trump. He played the CK, Nistor discarding a heart. He took the losing heart finesse to Rotaru's queen and finished down two!

At the other table, Lewis/Disa bid 6D and made seven when Bramley led the CQ.

18 IMPs to Lewis



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

Sudoku

Answers

on Page 14

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

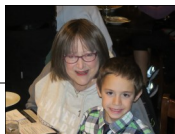
				4			2
	6	3					
7			8				
	3		5			2	7
					6	1	
		2	4	3			5
5	8		2				
		7	3				
		1	7	5		6	8

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

\$1740	Zoe	Claustrophobic	Captain
\$1670	Patrick	Coulrophobic	Artist
\$1490	Jared	Arachnophobic	Salesperson
\$590	Kobe	Glossophobic	Professor
\$410	Santiago	Hydrophobic	Lawyer

Riddle: Hey baseball fans, here's an unusual game. See if you can figure out how this combination of events happened. A regular nine-inning baseball game ended with a score of two to nothing. During the game, there was one home run, a double, and 10 singles. During all these three events there was only one out. There were two walks. There were no double or triple plays. At the end of each team's at-bat, there was no man left on base. There were no stolen bases, or pickoffs, and nobody was caught stealing. There were no errors of any type. How could this be?

Answer: It was a woman's baseball game.

Riddle: With time I'm gonna flicker, only growing bigger. I'm handy during a test and do well with some rest. Sometimes I'll vanish without a trace, something's out of place. I come back with taste, I come back with smell. I'll give some of you hell, wishing I'd disappear and you go back in your shell. I can be tricked, I'm with you all, the poor and the rich. What am I?

Answer: Memory.

Fun and Games Page

SCUBA Diving

Find and circle all of the SCUBA Diving words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the meaning of the letters of SCUBA.

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

	First Names					Phobias					Professions				
	Jared	Kobe	Patrick	Santiago	Zoe	arachnophobic	claustrophobic	coulrophobic	glossophobic	hydrophobic	artist	captain	lawyer	professor	salesperson
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	Rewards	First Names	Phobias	Professions
	\$410			
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	\$1740			

1. The professor isn't coulrophobic.
2. The captain is not Patrick.
3. The salesperson is Jared.
4. The professor was rewarded less than Patrick.
5. The claustrophobic is Zoe.
6. Of Zoe and the arachnophobic, one earned the \$1740 reward and the other is the salesperson.
7. The 5 people were the glossophobic, the one who received the \$1490 reward, the lawyer, Zoe, and the coulrophobic.
8. Either the one who received the \$410 reward or the one who received the \$1740 reward is hydrophobic.
9. The glossophobic is not Santiago.
10. The professor was rewarded less than the captain.
11. Jared received a larger reward than Santiago.

Logic Puzzle

Humor...



Riddle: Many years ago a boy and a girl are planning to run off and get married. But the boy got cold feet and needed to tell the girl. He wanted to send a telegram, but only had enough money for one word. What one word did he send?

Answer: Cantaloupe.

Riddle: There are eight people in the TSA line for inspection. Each one of them has a full 1 Pint bottle of water. All are the same brand of pure water and are unopened. The big sign

says liquids over a few ounces are not allowed. The first seven people have to surrender their bottle of water and empty it. But after a brief discussion they let the eighth person go through with their bottle of water intact. Why did this happen?

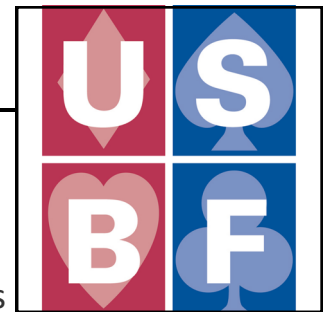
Answer: The eighth bottle was frozen. The TSA permits completely frozen liquids to pass through.

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Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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Problem: You have 12 cue balls that look and feel identical. However, one of the cue balls is either slightly lighter or slightly heavier than the rest. You cannot tell which ball is the odd one out by handling them, and you do not know if that ball is lighter or heavier.

You have a set of old-fashioned balance scales. The scale with more weight in it will tip down, and the scale with less weight in it will tip up.

How do you figure out which ball is the odd one out, *and* whether it is lighter or heavier, in just three weighings?

Every time you weigh a set of cue balls, you gain information. The balls can be separated into four categories:

1. Balls that you know nothing about, which I call Unknowns.
2. Balls that you know are *not* the odd ball out, which I call Known Neutrals.
3. Balls that could be lighter than the rest, or Light Suspects.
4. Balls that could be heavier than the rest, or Heavy Suspects.



Solution: First, you weigh four cue balls against four cue balls. One of three things can happen. The scale can stay balanced, it can tip to the left, or it can tip to the right.

Let's consider the first possibility, that the scale stays balanced on the first weighing of four vs. four. You now know that all eight balls on the scale are Known Neutrals. The four remaining off the scale are still Unknowns, and one of those four balls is either slightly heavier or slightly lighter than the rest. We need to figure out which one, and if it's light or heavy. There are a few different ways you can set up the second weighing to arrive at the solution, but the cleanest is to weigh three of the Unknowns against three of the Known Neutrals.

Again, either the scale will stay balanced, or it will tip to the right, or it will tip to the left. If the scale stays balanced, then we know that the ball we are looking for is the only one Unknown that remains off the scale. To figure out if it is light or heavy, simply weigh it against a Known Neutral and we have our answer.

But if the scale tips on this second weighing, then we have three possible balls. If it tips so that the Unknowns go down, then one of those three balls is the odd one out, and it's heavy. If it tips the other way, then one of the three suspect balls is light.

Let's assume that the scale tips down on the side with the Unknowns, which means they become Heavy Suspects. We have three Heavy Suspects, and the rest Known Neutrals, so we can weigh two of the Heavy Suspect balls against each other, and if the scale tips, the ball we are looking for is the heavier ball, and if it doesn't, the third Heavy Suspect that we did not include in the third weighing is the ball, and it is heavy. (The same is true if the second weighing gives you three Light Suspects, simply inverted).

The solution, assuming the first weighing stays balanced, will look something like this:

Now we have to solve for the other possibility—that the scale tips on the first weighing of four vs. four. In this case, you have four Heavy Suspects, four Light Suspects, and four Known Neutrals (the four that remained off the scale for the first weighing you know to be neutral). Again, there are multiple ways you can set up the second weighing to arrive at the solution. Here is one: Weigh two Light Suspects and a Heavy Suspect against the other two Light Suspects and a Known Neutral. The scale will either tip or stay balanced. If it stays balanced, then you know that the odd ball you're looking for is one of the three Heavy Suspects that stayed off the scale. Like before, you can then weigh one of them against another. If it tips, it's the heavier ball. If it doesn't, it's the ball remaining off the scale during the third weighing.

What if the scale tips on the second weighing (the Light-Light-Heavy vs. Light-Light-Neutral weighing)? If it tips to the right, so the Light-Light-Neutral side goes down, then you know it must be one of the Light Suspects on the other side of the scale—the left side in this example, the side that went up. You can weigh them against each other to figure out which one is the light ball.

But, if it tips the other way, so the Light-Light-Heavy side on the left goes down, then you still have three suspects: the two Light Suspects on the right side that went up, and the Heavy Suspect on the left side that went down. For the third and final weighing, weigh the two Light Suspects against each other. If the scale tips, the lighter ball is the odd ball you've been looking for. If it stays balanced, then you know the odd ball is the Heavy Suspect that stayed off the scale for the third weighing.

If you invert heavy and light suspects in the second weighing, the solution is the same.

As said, there are more solutions to this problem. If the scale stays balanced on the first weighing, then on the second weighing, you can weigh Unknown-Unknown-Neutral vs. Unknown-Neutral-Neutral, and still arrive at the solution. Similarly, if the scale tips on the first weighing, then you can measure a combination of four vs. four again to arrive at the solution: Light-Neutral-Neutral-Neutral vs. Heavy-Light-Light-Light, or the inversion.

Year	Event	Rank	Team
2007	38th WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS Shanghai 2007 - Transnational Teams	99	SHNT CLUB Transnational team
2008	13th WORLD BRIDGE GAMES Beijing 2008 - Under-28 Teams	3	CHINA Under-28 team
2013	31st WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS Bali 2013 - Transnational Teams	9	BEIJING SHARESUN Transnational team
2014	14th REDBULL WORLD BRIDGE SERIES Sanya 2014 - Mixed Teams	17	GZ. ZHAOHENG2 Mixed team
2014	14th REDBULL WORLD BRIDGE SERIES Sanya 2014 - Open Teams	89	GUANGZHOU ZHAOHENG Open team
2018	15th World Bridge Series Orlando 2018 - Open Teams	17	FEIXIANG Open team
2018	15th World Bridge Series Orlando 2018 - Mixed Teams	71	FEIXIANG Mixed team
2019	44th World Bridge Teams Championships Wuhan 2019 - Open Teams	51	CANADA CHINA UNITED Open team
2022	16th World Bridge Series Wroclaw 2022 - Open Teams	5	LUCKY FOUR Open team



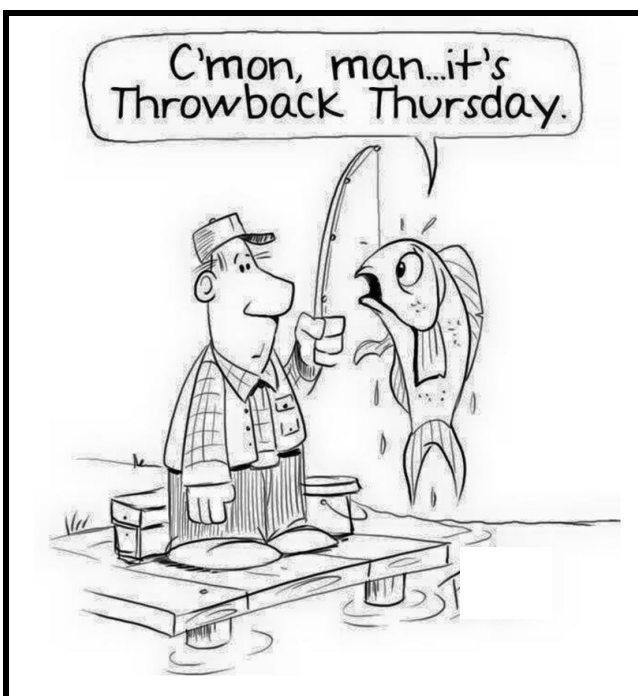
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2008	13th WORLD BRIDGE GAMES Beijing 2008 - Junior Pairs	72	Zhuo LI
2018	15th World Bridge Series Orlando 2018 - Open Pairs - SemiFinal A	106 (56)	Wei TIAN
2022	16th World Bridge Series Wroclaw 2022 - Open Pairs - SemiFinal A	75 (17)	Richard CHAN



Meet the Players

Ming Sheng studied at Tongji University.

He lives in Northbrook, Illinois and was born in Zhenjiang on Halloween in 1980.

Ming is playing in this event as a member of the Xiao team.



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On Board 38, Lo/Chechelashvili had a good auction to get to the club slam. Lo started with a strong 2C. David responded a GF 2D. Lo showed his club suit. 3D was artificial and asking. Lo showed the SA. David showed a heart suit. Rotaru doubled and Lo redoubled to show second round control of hearts. When David bid his second suit, Lo committed to slam.

Once clubs break, declarer takes a spade finesse and has 13 tricks when the spade suit flops.

At the other table, Linda Lewis and Disa stopped short of slam in 4NT. Playing at the four-level, Disa cashed out her winners, taking 11 tricks for +460.

10 IMPs to Lo

Limey Jack...

Hallo Colonials:

Limey Jack had barely returned to his flat from the Funeral when the JLall event went into a cocked hat. This new format is an utter dog's bollocks and really should be given to the rubbish man. Even Howie Dung is more confused than normal if that is possible. In the final stanza, it will be Lo-Sprung. Sprung had the oppo to win the first final and has clawed back to be in the 2nd. Assuming they have been able to get a kip, it seems fitting to award them the pseudo championship, what?

Limey Jack will be back when next there is an event across the pond.

Cheers.

Howie Doing...

I'm handsome and humble
 And learned and wise.
 I picked today's entries
 To bring home the prize.

Limey missed Lo,
 Picking Lewis, not right.
 He was drowning his sorrows
 Well into the night.

I'm picking Sprung
 To go all the way...
 Hessel and Bramley
 And teammates can play!

'Till the next JLall event...
 Howie Doing!!

Note: No Cross IMPs in a 3-Way!

		N Alex Kolesnik Other table 4♠ -1 N	
W Franco Baseggio ♠ 1092 ♥ Q107 ♦ AQ1062 ♣ K5		Jacob Freeman E ♠ K7 ♥ AK53 ♦ 3 ♣ J107632	
Ai-Tai Lo S ♠ J64 ♥ 96 ♦ J875 ♣ Q984		W N E S P 1♦ 2♣ 2♠ 3♣ 3♠ P 4♠ P P P	
♠ AQ853 ♥ J842 ♦ K94 ♣ A			

On Board 48, Kolesnik/Lo had a natural auction to reach 4S from South.

Baseggio led his H9 and Freeman won the king. He cashed the HA and gave Franco a ruff. Lo won the club return, crossed to dummy with a diamond and took the spade finesse. When the spade honors came down, he had ten tricks.

		N Phil Clayton Other table 4♠ = S	
W Barry Rigel ♠ J64 ♥ 96 ♦ J875 ♣ Q984		Glenn Milgrim E ♠ K7 ♥ AK53 ♦ 3 ♣ J107632	
Danny Sprung S ♠ AQ853 ♥ J842 ♦ K94 ♣ A		W N E S P 1♣* P 1♥* P 1♠* P 2♦* P 2♠ P 4♠ P P P	

At the other table, Clayton/Sprung used "science."
 1C is their catchall bid for semi-balanced hands without a five card major.
 1H = spades
 1S = 11-13
 2D = artificial, GF

Milgrim/Rigel play upside down carding. Milgrim led the HA, Rigel following with the six. Milgrim switched to his singleton D3 which went to Rigel's jack and Clayton's queen.

Since Clayton had no real idea of the opponents' distribution, he could guard against Milgrim holding S:Jx and a singleton diamond by playing a spade to the ace followed by the SQ. As it was, he led the spade to the ace but instead of leading the SQ, it appears he changed his mind and led the H4 to his queen and Milgrim's king. Milgrim was able to give Rigel a heart ruff and still collect his SK for down one!!

Interestingly, Milgrim's opening lead of the heart ace was contrary to his normal methods which require the lead of the king from AK (Rusinow). This false card concealed the hand position from declarer and forced Clayton to declare in the blind.

10 IMPs to Lo