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Michael Seamon

## Results of Day One:

U26 Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship 2019 Round Robin

| Team Name    | Total  | 4     | 3     | 5     | 8     | 7     | 9     | 6     | 2     | 1     | BYE   |
|--------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 4. Kaplan    | 125.93 |       | 18.56 | 1.10  | 10.00 | 18.38 | 14.59 | 17.99 | 18.19 | 17.12 | 10.00 |
| 3. Hallerman | 108.18 | 1.44  |       | 20.00 | 4.46  | 10.99 | 17.35 | 14.25 | 11.90 | 17.79 | 10.00 |
| 5. Rockoff   | 98.07  | 18.90 | 0.00  |       | 13.15 | 14.92 | 16.64 | 6.47  | 4.46  | 13.53 | 10.00 |
| 8. Xu        | 93.04  | 10.00 | 15.54 | 6.85  |       | 6.85  | 6.10  | 11.90 | 11.90 | 13.90 | 10.00 |
| 7. Wolff     | 83.75  | 1.62  | 9.01  | 5.08  | 13.15 |       | 8.10  | 11.46 | 9.50  | 15.83 | 10.00 |
| 9. YXu       | 80.23  | 5.41  | 2.65  | 3.36  | 13.90 | 11.90 |       | 4.17  | 14.25 | 14.59 | 10.00 |
| 6. Stephani  | 80.22  | 2.01  | 5.75  | 13.53 | 8.10  | 8.54  | 15.83 |       | 2.21  | 14.25 | 10.00 |
| 2. Gordon    | 78.86  | 1.81  | 8.10  | 15.54 | 8.10  | 10.50 | 5.75  | 17.79 |       | 1.27  | 10.00 |
| 1. Fan       | 61.72  | 2.88  | 2.21  | 6.47  | 6.10  | 4.17  | 5.41  | 5.75  | 18.73 |       | 10.00 |

U21 Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship 2019 1st Round Robin

| Team Name   | Total | 5    | 2     | 4     | 3     | 1     | 6     |
|-------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 5. Xiao     | 89.67 |      | 12.71 | 20.00 | 18.21 | 18.75 | 20.00 |
| 2. Kolesnik | 76.55 | 7.29 |       | 9.26  | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| 4. Wang     | 56.03 | 0.00 | 10.74 |       | 11.09 | 16.75 | 17.45 |
| 3. Vohra    | 39.11 | 1.79 | 0.00  | 8.91  |       | 8.57  | 19.84 |
| 1. Chen     | 26.00 | 1.25 | 0.00  | 2.23  | 11.43 |       | 11.09 |
| 6. Zhao     | 11.62 | 0.00 | 0.00  | 2.55  | 0.16  | 8.91  |       |

| Rona Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship - 2019 |       |            |        |        |        |  |                |
|---|-------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--|----------------|
| Stage1 (60 boards)  |       |            |        |        |        | Set score of form "Ax" is preliminary with a pending Appeal and is not included in TOTAL |                |
| 27-DEC-2019   |       |            |        |        |        |  |                |
| #   | TEAM  | IMPs Total | SET #1 | SET #2 | SET #3 | SET #4   | Penalty (IMPs) |
| 1   | Lin   | 244        | 101    | 57     | 50     | 36   |                |
| 4   | Hsieh | 93         | 29     | 15     | 10     | 39   |                |
| 2   | Huang | 255        | 51     | 47     | 73     | 84   |                |
| 3   | Dai   | 75         | 45     | 8      | 3      | 19   |                |

**Tune into the VG  
Schedule on page 9**

**U16 starts today!**

MICHAEL SEAMON JUNIOR UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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# Teams Entered...

## U26:

|           |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|
| Fan       | Yewen Fan, Capt<br>Nian Si                             | Hongji Wei<br>Boyuan Xiong                           |
| Gordon    | Elliott Gordon, Capt<br>Jacob Williams<br>Daniel Weiss | Jack Donaghue<br>Luke Williams                       |
| Hallerman | Raphael Hallerman, Capt<br>Gan Yang<br>Tak Chun Wong   | Sean McNally<br>Shaowu Li                            |
| Kaplan    | Adam Kaplan, Capt<br>Zachary Grossack<br>Yichen Yin    | Benjamin Kristensen<br>Kevin Rosenberg<br>Arjun Dhir |
| Rockoff   | Kyle Rockoff, Capt<br>Joseph Lieberman                 | Sarik Goyal<br>Christopher Welland                   |
| Stephani  | Isaac Stephani, Capt<br>Hakan Berk                     | Louis-Amaury Beauchet<br>Nolan Chang<br>David Soukup |
| Wolff     | Ilan Wolff, Capt<br>Daniel Sonner                      | Nathan Finkle<br>Cyrus Hettle                        |
| Xu        | Yuchen Xu, Capt<br>Victor Xu<br>Zhiyu Cheng            | Cynthia Huang<br>Thomas Scruggs                      |
| YXu       | Yang Xu, Capt<br>Hengrui Xing<br>Di Wu                 | Jiaheng Hu<br>Morgan Johnstone<br>Chengbo Gu         |

## U21:

|          |   |  |
|----------|---|--|
| Chen     | Haohao Chen, Capt<br>Kevin Jiang<br>Nicole Qian     | Shi Chen<br>Alex Zheng<br>Andy Zhang               |
| Kolesnik | Finn Kolesnik, Capt<br>Sarah Youngquist             | Harrison Luba<br>Michael Xu                        |
| Vohra    | Kunal Vohra, Capt<br>Kyle Lui<br>Rory Xiao          | Cooper Smith<br>Lauren Liu<br>Jonathan Yue         |
| Wang     | Zhaofeng Wang, Capt<br>Michael Zheng<br>Yichen Xiao | Sihan Fei<br>Ethan Wood<br>Yuxiao Wang             |
| Xiao     | Brent Xiao, Capt<br>Michael Hu<br>Cornelius Duffie  | Richard Jeng<br>Arthur Zhou<br>Stella (Qinqin) Wan |
| Zhao     | Caroline Zhao, Capt<br>Amalia Kutin                 | Miranda Schuyler<br>Katherine Hwang                |

## U16:

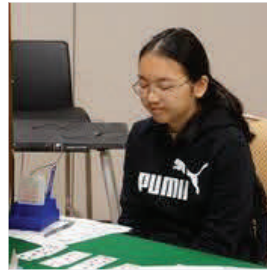
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|---------|---|--|
| Cedrone | Marley Cedrone, Capt<br>Michael Haas<br>Eric Xiao | Zacharia Posternak<br>Samuel Pahk<br>Arthur Gong |
| Ge      | Brandon Ge, Capt<br>Kayden Ge<br>Brian Zhang      | Olivia Schireson<br>Charlie Chen<br>Ethan Xie    |
| Zhao    | Derrick Zhao, Capt<br>Kevin Dai                   | Eric Dai<br>Keith Yao                            |

## RONA (GIRLS):

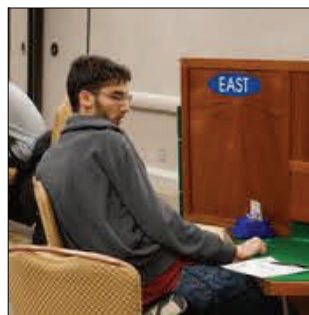
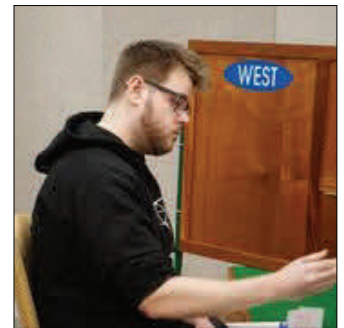
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|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dai   | Sihui Dai, Capt<br>Samantha Leff    | Helen Abadiotakis<br>Zoe Bowlus |
| Hsieh | Ellie Fashingbauer<br>Yichen Cai    | Emma Miller<br>Helena Hsieh     |
| Huang | Lucy Huang, Capt<br>Alexandra Clark | Sarah Cai<br>Sophie Lian        |
| Lin   | Amber Lin, Capt<br>Sophia Chang     | Emma Kolesnik<br>Lucy Zhang     |

Photos Taken Live in Atlanta... Much Thanks to Min Bai for her excellent work and much appreciated willingness to volunteer

Day One Play...



"It is better to be a failure at something you love than to be a success at something you hate."  
-- George Burns



# Tournament Schedules



The Amazing Jan Martel

Photo courtesy of Peggy Kaplan

| U26 SCHEDULE  |                                 |                        |                        |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| DAY   | DATE                            | TIME                   | BOARDS                 |
| FRIDAY  | DEC. 27                         | 11:15 AM               | CAPTAINS' MEETING      |
| ROUND ROBIN   |                                 |                        |                        |
| FRIDAY<br><br>EACH TEAM WILL SIT OUT ONE MATCH.                   | DEC. 27                         | 11:30 - 12:20          | MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-6   |
|   |                                 | 12:30 - 1:20           | MATCH 2 - BOARDS 7-12  |
|   |                                 | 1:30 - 2:20            | MATCH 3 - BOARDS 13-18 |
|   |                                 | 2:30 - 3:20            | MATCH 4 - BOARDS 19-24 |
|   |                                 | 3:30 - 4:20            | MATCH 5 - BOARDS 25-30 |
|   |                                 |                        | 110 MINUTE BREAK       |
|   |                                 | 6:10 - 7:00            | MATCH 6 - BOARDS 1-6   |
|   |                                 | 7:10 - 8:00            | MATCH 7 - BOARDS 7-12  |
|   |                                 | 8:10 - 9:00            | MATCH 8 - BOARDS 13-18 |
|   | 9:10 - 10:00                    | MATCH 9 - BOARDS 19-24 |                        |
| USA1 SEMIFINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 16 (5 TEAM ROUND ROBIN - SCHEDULE) |                                 |                        |                        |
| SATURDAY  | DEC. 28                         | 11:30 - 1:40           | SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15  |
|   |                                 | 1:50 - 4:00            | SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 |
|   |                                 |                        | 105 MINUTE BREAK       |
|   |                                 | 5:45 - 7:55            | SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15  |
|   | 8:05 - 10:15                    | SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 |                        |
| USA1 FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL                        |                                 |                        |                        |
| SUNDAY<br><br>AND<br><br>MONDAY                                   | DEC. 29<br><br>&<br><br>DEC. 30 | 11:30 - 1:40           | SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15  |
|   |                                 | 1:50 - 4:00            | SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 |
|   |                                 |                        | 105 MINUTE BREAK       |
|   | 5:45 - 7:55                     | SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15  |                        |
|   | 8:05 - 10:15                    | SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 |                        |
| USA2 Final  |                                 |                        |                        |
| TUESDAY   | DEC. 31                         | 11:30 - 1:40           | Segment 1 Boards 1-15  |
|   |                                 | 1:50 - 4:00            | Segment 2 Boards 16-30 |
|   |                                 |                        | 105 minute Break       |
|   |                                 | 5:45 - 7:55            | Segment 3 Boards 1-15  |
|   | 8:05 - 10:15                    | Segment 4 Boards 16-30 |                        |

| RONA SCHEDULE |              |                        |                        |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Friday        | Dec. 27      | 11:15 am               | Captains' Meeting      |
| Stage 1 KO    |              |                        |                        |
| Friday        | Dec. 27      | 11:30 - 1:40           | Segment 1 Boards 1-15  |
|               |              | 1:50 - 4:00            | Segment 2 Boards 16-30 |
|               |              |                        | 105 minute Break       |
|               |              | 5:45 - 7:55            | Segment 3 Boards 1-15  |
|               | 8:05 - 10:15 | Segment 4 Boards 16-30 |                        |
| Stage 2 KO    |              |                        |                        |
| Saturday      | Dec. 28      | 11:30 - 1:40           | Segment 1 Boards 1-15  |
|               |              | 1:50 - 4:00            | Segment 2 Boards 16-30 |
|               |              |                        | 105 minute Break       |
|               |              | 5:45 - 7:55            | Segment 3 Boards 1-15  |
|               | 8:05 - 10:15 | Segment 4 Boards 16-30 |                        |
| Stage 3 KO    |              |                        |                        |
| Sunday        | Dec. 29      | 11:30 - 1:40           | Segment 1 Boards 1-15  |
|               |              | 1:50 - 4:00            | Segment 2 Boards 16-30 |
|               |              |                        | 105 minute Break       |
|               |              | 5:45 - 7:55            | Segment 3 Boards 1-15  |
|               | 8:05 - 10:15 | Segment 4 Boards 16-30 |                        |
| Final         |              |                        |                        |
| Monday        | Dec. 30      | 11:30 - 1:40           | Segment 1 Boards 1-15  |
|               |              | 1:50 - 4:00            | Segment 2 Boards 16-30 |
|               |              |                        | 105 minute Break       |
|               |              | 5:45 - 7:55            | Segment 3 Boards 1-15  |
|               | 8:05 - 10:15 | Segment 4 Boards 16-30 |                        |

| U21 SCHEDULE   |                                 |                        |                        |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Friday   | Dec. 27                         | 11:15 am               | Captains' Meeting      |
| Round Robin  |                                 |                        |                        |
| Friday<br>And<br>Saturday<br>Schedule is the same<br>both days | Dec. 27<br><br>&<br><br>Dec. 28 | 11:30 - 1:05           | Match 1 - Boards 1-11  |
|  |                                 | 1:15 - 2:50            | Match 2 - Boards 12-22 |
|  |                                 | 3:00 - 4:35            | Match 3 - Boards 23-33 |
|  |                                 |                        | 115 minute Break       |
|  |                                 | 6:30 - 8:05            | Match 4 - Boards 1-11  |
|  | 8:15 - 9:50                     | Match 5 - Boards 12-22 |                        |
| Semifinal  |                                 |                        |                        |
| Sunday   | Dec. 29                         | 11:30 - 1:40           | Segment 1 Boards 1-15  |
|  |                                 | 1:50 - 4:00            | Segment 2 Boards 16-30 |
|  |                                 |                        | 105 minute Break       |
|  |                                 | 5:45 - 7:55            | Segment 3 Boards 1-15  |
|  | 8:05 - 10:15                    | Segment 4 Boards 16-30 |                        |
| Final & USA2 Semifinal   |                                 |                        |                        |
| Monday   | Dec. 30                         | 11:30 - 1:40           | Segment 1 Boards 1-15  |
|  |                                 | 1:50 - 4:00            | Segment 2 Boards 16-30 |
|  |                                 |                        | 105 minute Break       |
|  |                                 | 5:45 - 7:55            | Segment 3 Boards 1-15  |
|  | 8:05 - 10:15                    | Segment 4 Boards 16-30 |                        |
| USA2 Final   |                                 |                        |                        |
| Tuesday  | Dec. 31                         | 11:30 - 1:40           | Segment 1 Boards 1-15  |
|  |                                 | 1:50 - 4:00            | Segment 2 Boards 16-30 |
|  |                                 |                        | 105 minute Break       |
|  |                                 | 5:45 - 7:55            | Segment 3 Boards 1-15  |
|  | 8:05 - 10:15                    | Segment 4 Boards 16-30 |                        |

| U16 SCHEDULE  |                                 |                        |                        |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday  | Dec. 28                         | 11:15 am               | Captains' Meeting      |
| Semifinal (3 Team Round Robin)  |                                 |                        |                        |
| Saturday<br>&<br>Sunday<br>Schedule is the same<br>both days<br>Final | Dec. 28<br><br>&<br><br>Dec. 29 | 11:30 - 1:40           | Boards 1-14            |
|   |                                 | 1:50 - 4:00            | Boards 15-28           |
|   |                                 | 5:45 - 7:55            | 110 minute Break       |
|   |                                 | 8:05 - 10:15           | Boards 1-14            |
|   |                                 |                        | Boards 15-28           |
| Monday  | Dec. 30                         | 11:30 - 1:40           | Segment 1 Boards 1-15  |
|   |                                 | 1:50 - 4:00            | Segment 2 Boards 16-30 |
|   |                                 |                        | 105 minute Break       |
|   |                                 | 5:45 - 7:55            | Segment 3 Boards 1-15  |
|   | 8:05 - 10:15                    | Segment 4 Boards 16-30 |                        |



| Margin | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser |
|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| 0      | 10     | 10    | 13     | 15.24  | 4.76  | 26     | 18.38  | 1.62  |
| 1      | 10.50  | 9.50  | 14     | 15.54  | 4.46  | 27     | 18.56  | 1.44  |
| 2      | 10.99  | 9.01  | 15     | 15.83  | 4.17  | 28     | 18.73  | 1.27  |
| 3      | 11.46  | 8.54  | 16     | 16.11  | 3.89  | 29     | 18.90  | 1.10  |
| 4      | 11.90  | 8.10  | 17     | 16.38  | 3.62  | 30     | 19.06  | 0.94  |
| 5      | 12.33  | 7.67  | 18     | 16.64  | 3.36  | 31     | 19.22  | 0.78  |
| 6      | 12.75  | 7.25  | 19     | 16.89  | 3.11  | 32     | 19.37  | 0.63  |
| 7      | 13.15  | 6.85  | 20     | 17.12  | 2.88  | 33     | 19.51  | 0.49  |
| 8      | 13.53  | 6.47  | 21     | 17.35  | 2.65  | 34     | 19.65  | 0.35  |
| 9      | 13.90  | 6.10  | 22     | 17.58  | 2.42  | 35     | 19.78  | 0.22  |
| 10     | 14.25  | 5.75  | 23     | 17.79  | 2.21  | 36     | 19.91  | 0.09  |
| 11     | 14.59  | 5.41  | 24     | 17.99  | 2.01  | 37     | 20     | 0     |
| 12     | 14.92  | 5.08  | 25     | 18.19  | 1.81  |        |        |       |

| Margin | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser |
|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| 0      | 10     | 10    | 20     | 15.26  | 4.74  | 40     | 18.41  | 1.59  |
| 1      | 10.33  | 9.67  | 21     | 15.46  | 4.54  | 41     | 18.53  | 1.47  |
| 2      | 10.66  | 9.34  | 22     | 15.66  | 4.34  | 42     | 18.65  | 1.35  |
| 3      | 10.97  | 9.03  | 23     | 15.85  | 4.15  | 43     | 18.76  | 1.24  |
| 4      | 11.28  | 8.72  | 24     | 16.03  | 3.97  | 44     | 18.87  | 1.13  |
| 5      | 11.58  | 8.42  | 25     | 16.21  | 3.79  | 45     | 18.98  | 1.02  |
| 6      | 11.87  | 8.13  | 26     | 16.38  | 3.62  | 46     | 19.08  | 0.92  |
| 7      | 12.16  | 7.84  | 27     | 16.55  | 3.45  | 47     | 19.18  | 0.82  |
| 8      | 12.44  | 7.56  | 28     | 16.72  | 3.28  | 48     | 19.28  | 0.72  |
| 9      | 12.71  | 7.29  | 29     | 16.88  | 3.12  | 49     | 19.38  | 0.62  |
| 10     | 12.97  | 7.03  | 30     | 17.04  | 2.96  | 50     | 19.47  | 0.53  |
| 11     | 13.23  | 6.77  | 31     | 17.19  | 2.81  | 51     | 19.56  | 0.44  |
| 12     | 13.48  | 6.52  | 32     | 17.34  | 2.66  | 52     | 19.65  | 0.35  |
| 13     | 13.72  | 6.28  | 33     | 17.49  | 2.51  | 53     | 19.74  | 0.26  |
| 14     | 13.96  | 6.04  | 34     | 17.63  | 2.37  | 54     | 19.83  | 0.17  |
| 15     | 14.19  | 5.81  | 35     | 17.77  | 2.23  | 55     | 19.91  | 0.09  |
| 16     | 14.42  | 5.58  | 36     | 17.91  | 2.09  | 56     | 19.99  | 0.01  |
| 17     | 14.64  | 5.36  | 37     | 18.04  | 1.96  | 57     | 20     | 0     |
| 18     | 14.85  | 5.15  | 38     | 18.17  | 1.83  |        |        |       |
| 19     | 15.06  | 4.94  | 39     | 18.29  | 1.71  |        |        |       |

**6 board VP scale**

**14 board VP scale**

Q. What do you call a snowman in July?  
A. A puddle.

My neighbor texted me, "I just made synonym buns!"  
I texted back, "You mean like grammar use to make?"  
I haven't heard from her since.

Did you see the movie about the hot dog?  
It was an Oscar wiener.

Q. What's the difference between a shamrock and a bread knife that gets used a lot?  
A. The shamrock is a four-leaf clover, and the knife is a four-loaf cleaver.

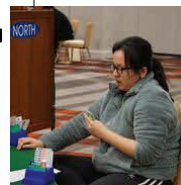
Q. What did the hot dog say when his friend passed him in the race?  
A. Wow, I relish the fact that you've mustard the strength to ketchup to me.

Boy, I just got hit in the head with a can of soda. I was lucky it was a soft drink.

A guy just threw a glass of milk at me. How dairy!

I was going to grow an herb garden, but I couldn't find the thyme.

The price of candy at the movie theater is ridiculous. They're always raisinet!



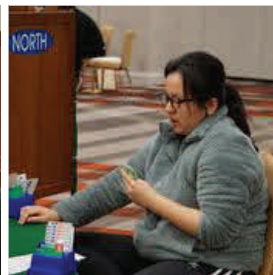
Every morning I think I'm going to make pancakes, but I keep waffling.

Becoming a vegetarian was a huge missed steak.

I love when candy canes are in mint condition.

People act like the North Pole and the South Pole are exactly the same, but really, there's a whole world of difference between them.

**Puns...**



**More LIVE Photo Action**

| Margin | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser |
|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| 0      | 10     | 10    | 18     | 15.33  | 4.67  | 36     | 18.49  | 1.51  |
| 1      | 10.37  | 9.63  | 19     | 15.55  | 4.45  | 37     | 18.62  | 1.38  |
| 2      | 10.74  | 9.26  | 20     | 15.76  | 4.24  | 38     | 18.75  | 1.25  |
| 3      | 11.09  | 8.91  | 21     | 15.97  | 4.03  | 39     | 18.87  | 1.13  |
| 4      | 11.43  | 8.57  | 22     | 16.18  | 3.82  | 40     | 18.99  | 1.01  |
| 5      | 11.77  | 8.23  | 23     | 16.38  | 3.62  | 41     | 19.11  | 0.89  |
| 6      | 12.09  | 7.91  | 24     | 16.57  | 3.43  | 42     | 19.22  | 0.78  |
| 7      | 12.41  | 7.59  | 25     | 16.75  | 3.25  | 43     | 19.33  | 0.67  |
| 8      | 12.71  | 7.29  | 26     | 16.93  | 3.07  | 44     | 19.44  | 0.56  |
| 9      | 13.01  | 6.99  | 27     | 17.11  | 2.89  | 45     | 19.54  | 0.46  |
| 10     | 13.30  | 6.70  | 28     | 17.28  | 2.72  | 46     | 19.64  | 0.36  |
| 11     | 13.58  | 6.42  | 29     | 17.45  | 2.55  | 47     | 19.74  | 0.26  |
| 12     | 13.85  | 6.15  | 30     | 17.61  | 2.39  | 48     | 19.84  | 0.16  |
| 13     | 14.11  | 5.89  | 31     | 17.77  | 2.23  | 49     | 19.93  | 0.07  |
| 14     | 14.37  | 5.63  | 32     | 17.92  | 2.08  | 50     | 20     | 0     |
| 15     | 14.62  | 5.38  | 33     | 18.07  | 1.93  |        |        |       |
| 16     | 14.86  | 5.14  | 34     | 18.21  | 1.79  |        |        |       |
| 17     | 15.10  | 4.90  | 35     | 18.35  | 1.65  |        |        |       |

# 11 board VP scale



| 28 Boards (Blitz is 80 IMPs) |        |       |        |        |       |        |        |       |        |        |       |
|------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Margin                       | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser |
| 0                            | 10.00  | 10.00 | 21     | 14.16  | 5.84  | 42     | 16.99  | 3.01  | 63     | 18.93  | 1.07  |
| 1                            | 10.24  | 9.76  | 22     | 14.32  | 5.68  | 43     | 17.10  | 2.90  | 64     | 19.01  | 0.99  |
| 2                            | 10.47  | 9.53  | 23     | 14.48  | 5.52  | 44     | 17.21  | 2.79  | 65     | 19.08  | 0.92  |
| 3                            | 10.70  | 9.30  | 24     | 14.63  | 5.37  | 45     | 17.32  | 2.68  | 66     | 19.15  | 0.85  |
| 4                            | 10.92  | 9.08  | 25     | 14.78  | 5.22  | 46     | 17.42  | 2.58  | 67     | 19.22  | 0.78  |
| 5                            | 11.14  | 8.86  | 26     | 14.93  | 5.07  | 47     | 17.52  | 2.48  | 68     | 19.29  | 0.71  |
| 6                            | 11.35  | 8.65  | 27     | 15.08  | 4.92  | 48     | 17.62  | 2.38  | 69     | 19.36  | 0.64  |
| 7                            | 11.56  | 8.44  | 28     | 15.23  | 4.77  | 49     | 17.72  | 2.28  | 70     | 19.43  | 0.57  |
| 8                            | 11.77  | 8.23  | 29     | 15.37  | 4.63  | 50     | 17.82  | 2.18  | 71     | 19.50  | 0.50  |
| 9                            | 11.98  | 8.02  | 30     | 15.51  | 4.49  | 51     | 17.92  | 2.08  | 72     | 19.56  | 0.44  |
| 10                           | 12.18  | 7.82  | 31     | 15.65  | 4.35  | 52     | 18.01  | 1.99  | 73     | 19.62  | 0.38  |
| 11                           | 12.38  | 7.62  | 32     | 15.78  | 4.22  | 53     | 18.10  | 1.90  | 74     | 19.68  | 0.32  |
| 12                           | 12.57  | 7.43  | 33     | 15.91  | 4.09  | 54     | 18.19  | 1.81  | 75     | 19.74  | 0.26  |
| 13                           | 12.76  | 7.24  | 34     | 16.04  | 3.96  | 55     | 18.28  | 1.72  | 76     | 19.80  | 0.20  |
| 14                           | 12.95  | 7.05  | 35     | 16.17  | 3.83  | 56     | 18.37  | 1.63  | 77     | 19.86  | 0.14  |
| 15                           | 13.13  | 6.87  | 36     | 16.29  | 3.71  | 57     | 18.45  | 1.55  | 78     | 19.92  | 0.08  |
| 16                           | 13.31  | 6.69  | 37     | 16.41  | 3.59  | 58     | 18.53  | 1.47  | 79     | 19.98  | 0.02  |
| 17                           | 13.48  | 6.52  | 38     | 16.53  | 3.47  | 59     | 18.61  | 1.39  | 80     | 20.00  | 0.00  |
| 18                           | 13.65  | 6.35  | 39     | 16.65  | 3.35  | 60     | 18.69  | 1.31  |        |        |       |
| 19                           | 13.82  | 6.18  | 40     | 16.77  | 3.23  | 61     | 18.77  | 1.23  |        |        |       |
| 20                           | 13.99  | 6.01  | 41     | 16.88  | 3.12  | 62     | 18.85  | 1.15  |        |        |       |

# 28 board VP scale

**No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.**

**This applies to players AND kibitzers.**

**Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.**

**Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.**

**The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.**



## U26 USA2 Round Robin Schedule

### NOTES:

There are 5 teams in the Round Robin. Teams will be numbered in alphabetic order.

In order to avoid a sit out round, the matches will be played in clumps of 7 boards at a time, in 2 halves.

EVERY PLAYER ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY 2 7 BOARD SEGMENTS AGAINST EACH OTHER TEAM (USBF General Conditions of Contest Section VIII B).

Because you are playing all at once, there are no seating rights, you cannot change lineups until both 7 board matches have been completed, and each match will have a different set of boards.

For security reasons, your NS pair must remain in the playing room when EW pairs are changing tables. During play, no one can leave a playing room without an escort.

Scoring: At the end of the day, you will have played a 14 board match against each other team. The IMP scores in those matches will be converted to Victory Points, using the **USBF 14 board VP scale**. Your score for the Round Robin will be the total VPs from those 4 matches.

| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH                    |                  |         |
|--|------------------|---------|
| Time                                       | Pairings         | Boards  |
| 11:30-12:33                                | 1 v 3 at table 1 | A 1-7   |
|  | 2 v 4 at table 2 | A 8-14  |
|  | 3 v 5 at table 3 | A 15-21 |
|  | 4 v 1 at table 4 | A 22-28 |
|  | 5 v 2 at table 5 | A 29-35 |
| 12:35-1:38                                 | 1 v 4 at table 1 | A 22-28 |
|  | 2 v 5 at table 2 | A 29-35 |
|  | 3 v 1 at table 3 | A 1-7   |
|  | 4 v 2 at table 4 | A 8-14  |
|  | 5 v 3 at table 5 | A 15-21 |
| BREAK - SCORE COMPARISON AND LINEUP CHANGE |                  |         |
| 1:55-2:58                                  | 1 v 5 at table 1 | B 8-14  |
|  | 2 v 1 at table 2 | B 15-21 |
|  | 3 v 2 at table 3 | B 22-28 |
|  | 4 v 3 at table 4 | B 29-35 |
|  | 5 v 4 at table 5 | B 1-7   |
| 3:00-4:03                                  | 1 v 2 at table 1 | B 15-21 |
|  | 2 v 3 at table 2 | B 22-28 |
|  | 3 v 4 at table 3 | B 29-35 |
|  | 4 v 5 at table 4 | B 1-7   |
|  | 5 v 1 at table 5 | B 8-14  |
| LUNCH BREAK (72 MINUTES)                   |                  |         |
| 5:10 - 6:13                                | 1 v 5 at table 1 | C 15-21 |
|  | 2 v 1 at table 2 | C 22-28 |
|  | 3 v 2 at table 3 | C 29-35 |
|  | 4 v 3 at table 4 | C 1-7   |
|  | 5 v 4 at table 5 | C 8-14  |
| 6:15 - 7:18                                | 1 v 2 at table 1 | C 1-7   |
|  | 2 v 3 at table 2 | C 8-14  |
|  | 3 v 4 at table 3 | C 15-21 |
|  | 4 v 5 at table 4 | C 22-28 |
|  | 5 v 1 at table 5 | C 29-35 |
| BREAK - SCORE COMPARISON AND LINEUP CHANGE |                  |         |
| 7:35 - 8:38                                | 1 v 3 at table 1 | D 22-28 |
|  | 2 v 4 at table 2 | D 29-35 |
|  | 3 v 5 at table 3 | D 1-7   |
|  | 4 v 1 at table 4 | D 8-14  |
|  | 5 v 2 at table 5 | D 15-21 |
| 8:40 - 9:48                                | 1 v 4 at table 1 | D 29-35 |
|  | 2 v 5 at table 2 | D 1-7   |
|  | 3 v 1 at table 3 | D 8-14  |
|  | 4 v 2 at table 4 | D 15-21 |
|  | 5 v 3 at table 5 | D 22-28 |

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E/W Vul.

Dealer: S

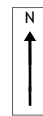
♠ T6  
♥ AJ86  
♦ 3  
♣ AKQT94

♠ K973

♥ T52

♦ QJT2

♣ 32



♠ 42

♥ K9743

♦ A98764

♣

♠ AQJ85

♥ Q

♦ K5

♣ J8765

### Open Room:

|   | W  | N  | E  | S  |
|---|----|----|----|----|
|   |    |    |    | 1♠ |
| P | 2♣ | 2♠ | 3♥ |    |
| X | 4♣ | P  | 5♣ |    |
| P | P  | P  |    |    |

### Closed Room:

|   | W   | N | E   | S  |
|---|-----|---|-----|----|
|   |     |   |     | 1♠ |
| P | 2♣  | P | 3♣  |    |
| P | 3♥  | P | 3NT |    |
| P | 4♣  | P | 4♦  |    |
| P | 4NT | P | 5♣  |    |
| P | 6♣  | P | P   |    |

In the Closed Room, Cynthia Huang, North, and Thomas Scruggs, South, of the Xu team had a good auction

to reach 6C on Board 3. They gained 11 IMPs on the Board when Hallerman and McNally of the Hallerman squad, settled in 5C. Cheng and Xu, E/W in the Open Room, get a share of the credit for interfering in the bidding..

At unfavorable vulnerability, Derek Wong, sitting East in the Closed Room, decided not to interfere. Cynthia and Thomas bid naturally to 3NT. When Cynthia made a slam try by pulling to 4C, Thomas was happy to cooperate by cue-bidding his diamond king. That was all Huang needed to hear. She bid Keycard Blackwood and settled for 6C when Scruggs had only one ace.

6C can be defeated on a spade lead, but leading dummy's first bid suit is not at all obvious. Without a spade lead, declarer has a double chance to make the slam. She can test diamonds before taking the spade hook. If the diamonds don't work, she can fall back on the spade finesse.

Wong led the DA and the hand was over quickly, declarer pitching a spade on the DK.

If a heart is led, declarer has an alternative. She could choose to play for the diamond ace in the West hand. In that case she can lead a club to her hand, trump a heart in dummy and return to hand with a second round of clubs. She can discard a diamond on the HA, trump her last heart and play a diamond. If West wins, he will be endplayed into either leading a spade or giving declarer a ruff/sluff. If East wins the diamond, declarer will need to fall back on the spade finesse. This play fails but it would give declarer a second option.

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

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

Sudoku 2 Solution

**Answers to Puzzles**  
**No Peeking!**

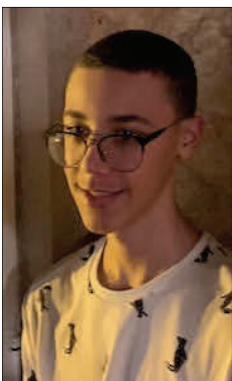
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| 8 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 6 |
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| 6 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 7 |
| 3 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 8 |
| 2 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 9 |
| 9 |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

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Meet the Players:



**Marley Cedrone** has been playing bridge for nearly six years. He seeks to improve his game constantly. In addition to playing as often as he can in New England, he is privileged to attend the summer nationals annually, and to play in a Spanish bridge tournament annually. Some of his interests outside of bridge are piano, mountain biking, and skiing.



**Eric Dai** is a 10-year-old 5th grader from New Jersey. He's been playing bridge for around a year and got into it because of his brother Kevin. He is talented at math and has taken national level tests (so has his partner). He enjoys bridge because of its complex bidding system and strategy. He is one of the youngest competitors here in Atlanta.

# Puzzle Page

|           |            | Leased |      |       |     |       | Leased |           |      |        |        | Purchased |      |       |     |       | Purchased |       |          |        |            |
|-----------|------------|--------|------|-------|-----|-------|--------|-----------|------|--------|--------|-----------|------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|-------|----------|--------|------------|
|           |            | black  | blue | green | red | white | BMW    | Chevrolet | Ford | Subaru | Toyota | black     | blue | green | red | white | Chrysler  | Lexus | Mercedes | Saturn | Volkswagen |
| Cheryl    |            |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
| Chris     |            |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
| Elliot    |            |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
| Larry     |            |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
| Wendy     |            |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
| Purchased | Chrysler   |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
|           | Lexus      |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
|           | Mercedes   |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
|           | Saturn     |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
|           | Volkswagen |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
| Purchased | black      |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
|           | blue       |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
|           | green      |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
|           | red        |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
|           | white      |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
| Leased    | BMW        |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
|           | Chevrolet  |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
|           | Ford       |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
|           | Subaru     |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |
|           | Toyota     |        |      |       |     |       |        |           |      |        |        |           |      |       |     |       |           |       |          |        |            |

Five people had the lease on their car expire at the end of the year and each decided to make a big change to their chosen vehicle. Instead of renewing the lease, each person turned in their leased car, and bought a totally different car – both the color and the make of each car bought was different from the original leased car that each returned. By some strange twist of fate however, while each person bought a different colored car than what they returned, they all picked from the same five colors – the five colors that were returned were all bought again in the new cars, but by different people. Determine the name of each person, the color and make of the leased car each returned, and the color and make of the car each bought.

1. One of the men leased the Chevrolet and purchased a blue car. The Lexus was white. Larry didn't lease the black car.

2. The Subaru was turned in for a Saturn. Larry didn't buy the red Chrysler. Wendy never had a white car. The Mercedes wasn't green.

3. Elliot didn't buy a Mercedes but he had leased a red BMW. The green car wasn't bought by the person who leased the white car.

4. The Volkswagen, which wasn't black, wasn't bought by the person who had leased a white car.

5. The black car was turned in for a blue car. The person who bought the Volkswagen didn't lease the Ford.

6. The green cars were the car that Cheryl bought and the Ford that was leased. Chris didn't lease the blue Toyota.

| Name   | Leased Car Color | Leased Car Make | Bought Car Color | Bought Car Make |
|--------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Cheryl |                  |                 |                  |                 |
| Chris  |                  |                 |                  |                 |
| Elliot |                  |                 |                  |                 |
| Larry  |                  |                 |                  |                 |
| Wendy  |                  |                 |                  |                 |

|       |       |           |       |            |
|-------|-------|-----------|-------|------------|
| ----- | black | BMW       | black | Chrysler   |
| ----- | blue  | Chevrolet | blue  | Lexus      |
| ----- | green | Ford      | green | Mercedes   |
| ----- | red   | Subaru    | red   | Saturn     |
| ----- | white | Toyota    | white | Volkswagen |

|                 |                  |                 |                  |        |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|
| Chrysler        | red              | Ford            | green            | Wendy  |
| Saturn          | black            | Subaru          | white            | Larry  |
| Lexus           | white            | BMW             | red              | Elliot |
| Mercedes        | blue             | Chevrolet       | black            | Chris  |
| Volkswagen      | green            | Toyota          | blue             | Cheryl |
| Bought Car Make | Bought Car Color | Leased Car Make | Leased Car Color | Name   |

## Answer to Puzzle



# VuGraph Information

The 2019 Michael Seamon Junior USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>.

From Saturday, December 28th on, we will cover as many matches as we can, probably 3 matches each session.

To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or watch from the Windows version of BBO on your computer (if you don't have the Windows version, or don't know what it is, you probably can't use it). If you choose the Windows version, log on, click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the MSJUSBC matches you want to watch. To watch on your smartphone or tablet, install the BBO app and watch using that.

There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

The schedule for the entire event is the same (these are Atlanta times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**):

11:30-1:40

1:50-4:00

5:45-7:55

8:05-10:15

All of the teams in each event will play the same boards.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on this site, linked to the bracket sheets you can get to by clicking on 2016MSJUSBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

If you are going to be in Atlanta during the MSJUSBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please **email Jan Martel**. The more operators we have, the more tables we can cover!

Jan's email address is [marteljan@gmail.com](mailto:marteljan@gmail.com).

**Watch it Live!**  
**Thanks BBO**  
**and the GREAT**  
**crew of commentators**  
**and operators!**

I don't play Precision  
But AI explains all.  
He follows the action  
Explaining each call!

I love to watch  
As long as it's clear.  
Thanks to Jan's guys  
I will be here!



## 3rd WBF Online (BBO) YOUTH TEAMS League (February – July, 2020)

### Format of the Championship

1. The Championship consists of **three** Series: Juniors (U26), Kids (U16), **NEW** - Girls (U26)
2. U26: All series will be played as a League & Draw tournament, each with a 7-round qualification stage.
3. At the end of the qualification stage, the leading 8 teams (Or 4 if there are 2 groups) in each series will qualify for the knock-out stages.
4. It is possible for a player to play in **more than one** category. For example, every girl who register for the Girls category can register also to the U16/U26.

### Timetable

**Important Dates: End of registration: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Start of the first round – Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020.

End of the tournament - Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020

For more information,

go to <http://youth.worldbridge.org/wbf-youth-online-league-2020-by-gilad-ofir/>

You can find the registration form along with detailed information on this site.

**Players interested in competing in this event may indicate their intent during these Team Trials. Check with Joe or Jan.**

## Limey Jack...

Blimey Lads and Lassies; you Yanks put on a lovely show.

In the U-26 Kaplan and Xu, Hallerman and Rockoff have made the first semifinals. Xu will get a second chance in a few days. There is no stopping the Kaplan Juggernaut. It is like having Mann United playing Chelsea.

On the other side, Rockoff and Hallerman are pretty evenly matched. If Rockoff can avoid making too many mistakes, they should prevail. In the USA 2, 4 out of fives squads will move ahead.

In the Rona Cup, Lin and Huang have made the first final, and both sets of Fillies seem ready to move ahead at the final pole. Limey Jack always helps to bring in a quid or 2 from your local punter, and this is no exception. If size matters, and to Limey Jack, you know it does, each of these flights won by more than 150 IMPS.

Both are well coached and prepared. Howie Dung will do his normal "eenie meanie" routine, but Limey Jack studies the program like it was Champions fortnight at Westminster Downs. Huang prevails by more than a nose.

In the Loser's bracket for Fillies, it is Hsieh vs Dai. Hsieh has more experience and will survive handily.

## Howie Doing...

In Lin versus Huang,  
The fat lady's sang!

I'm picking Lin  
To bring home the win!

In Hsieh versus Dai,  
Dai falls to Cai.

The one thing that's  
clear...  
There's no "H" you can  
hear!

In U26,  
I stick with my picks!  
Kaplan and crew  
Will trounce on poor Xu!

No one can knock off  
The likes of Sir Rockoff

Hallerman's done  
In USA1!

Four out of five,  
The round robin survive.

Picking Xu to be through  
Gives me not one but two!

So more likely than not,  
It's the best that I've got!

Good luck to all!  
It's anyone's call!

Howie Doing??  
Not bad!



# Word Play...

**PRESBYTERIAN:**

When you rearrange the letters:  
BEST IN PRAYER

**ASTRONOMER:**

When you rearrange the letters:  
MOON STARER

**THE EYES:**

When you rearrange the letters:  
THEY SEE

**GEORGE BUSH:**

When you rearrange the letters:  
HE BUGS GORE

**THE MORSE CODE:**

When you rearrange the letters:  
HERE COME DOTS

**DORMITORY:**

When you rearrange the letters:  
DIRTY ROOM

**SLOT MACHINES:**

When you rearrange the letters:  
CASH LOST IN ME

**ELECTION RESULTS:**

When you rearrange the letters:  
LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

**SNOOZE ALARMS:**

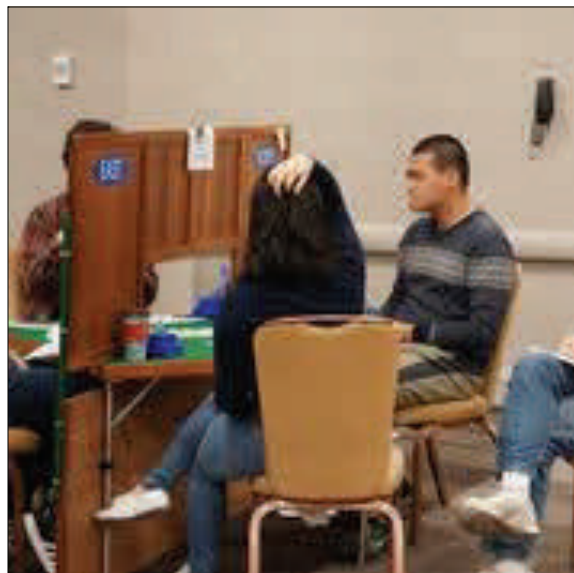
When you rearrange the letters:  
ALAS! NO MORE Z'S

**A DECIMAL POINT:**

When you rearrange the letters:  
I'M A DOT IN PLACE

**ELEVEN PLUS TWO:**

When you rearrange the letters:  
TWELVE PLUS ONE



**USBF Junior Chair, Joe Stokes, VuGraphing**

Photo courtesy of Peggy Kaplan

# Makes Perfect!

# More Practice

Sean McNally  
 N/S VUL  
 Dealer: N  
 Board 5

♠ KJ432  
 ♥ AJ64  
 ♦ Q7  
 ♣ 84

Zhiyu Cheng

♠ AT9765  
 ♥ Q98532  
 ♦  
 ♣ A

V. Xu

♠ Q8  
 ♥ K  
 ♦ AJT84  
 ♣ K9753

Hallerman

| W | N   | E  | S   |
|---|-----|----|-----|
|   | 1♠  | 2♥ | X   |
| P | 2NT | P  | 3NT |
| X | P   | P  | P   |

When Sean McNally and Raphael Hallerman reached an aggressive 3NT on this misfit hand, Victor Xu made a sporting double since he knew that none of declarer's suits were going to break well.

East, Zhiyu Cheng led the H5 to dummy's singleton king. Declarer must develop tricks in spades and diamonds. Sean McNally (North) led the SQ from dummy. West discarded the D5 and East won his SA. East exited with the ST. West discarded the C2 and declarer won the SA. If declarer leads a club, East will win the CA and can do no better than to continue spades. Declarer can win the SJ, cash the HA and go to work on diamonds. At this point, West has been squeezed down to D:K9653 and C:QJ. The dummy (South) will have the D:AJT84 and C:K9.

Declarer leads the DQ and whenever West wins his DK, he will play a club to dummy's CK. Declarer returns a club and West is endplayed into giving declarer an extra diamond trick. Eventually, declarer collects four diamonds, two hearts, two spades and a club for nine tricks and +750.

In the actual play, declarer led the DQ rather than a club at trick four. East could have been a hero by discarding his CA, but he did not find this difficult! unblocking play. Instead, he discarded the H2 and West ducked the diamond. This gave declarer a chance to guess wrong and he did just that when he cashed the SJ followed the HA. The contract was doomed. Down two was the best that could be done. A further bad guess resulted in a three-trick defeat with NS scoring -800 instead of +750.

At the other table North declared 3NT undoubled and started with the same line of play through trick four. At trick five declarer led a club to East's ace and won the spade return with the jack. At this juncture, declarer must cash the HA before playing on clubs. On this line of play West will hold D:K96 and C:QJT while dummy holds D:AJ and C:K975. Declarer plays a club to the king and exits with a club. West can cash one more club and then will be forced to play a diamond into dummy's AJ.

On this line declarer will collect three diamond tricks and two tricks in each of the other suits. Alas, declarer didn't cash the HA and suffered a two-trick defeat for a score of -200 and a 12 IMP gain for the Xu team. If this declarer, Cynthia Huang, had made 3NT, the Xu team would have gained 16 IMPs.

On the other hand, if McNally made 3NTX, the Hallerman team would have gained 14 IMPs instead of losing 12 IMPs.