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Michael Seamon

Results of Day Two:

U26 Michael Seamon United States Bridge Championship - 2019							
SemiFinals (60 boards)						Set score of form "Au" is preliminary with a pending Appeal and is not included in TOTAL.	
28-DEC-2019							
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Kaplan	192	84	24	42	42	
4	Xu	105	15	31	31	28	
2	Hallerman	118	26	35	28	29	
3	Rockoff	118	48	11	17	42	

U26 USA2 Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship 2019 2nd half of Round Robin

Team Name	Total	7	5	8	9	6
7. Stephani	58.01		16.38	7.29	19.28	15.06
5. Fan	49.68	3.62		14.19	11.87	20.00
8. Wolff	48.30	12.71	5.81		12.44	17.34
9. YXu	31.87	0.72	8.13	7.56		15.46
6. Gordon	12.14	4.94	0.00	2.66	4.54	

U21 Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship 2019 2nd Round Robin

Team Name	Total	Carry Over	5	2	4	3	1	6
5. Xiao	166.44	89.67		8.57	18.00	14.11	15.10	20.00
2. Kolesnik	164.62	76.55	11.43		20.52	12.87	20.00	17.77
4. Wang	101.75	56.03	1.01	0.00		11.77	13.30	19.64
3. Vohra	78.20	39.11	5.89	1.13	8.23		5.63	18.21
1. Chen	66.08	26.00	4.90	0.00	6.70	14.37		14.11
6. Zhao	21.89	11.62	0.00	2.23	0.36	1.79	5.89	

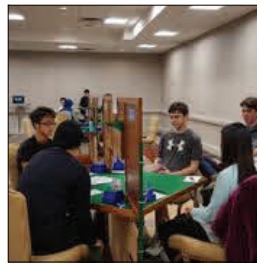
Rona Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship - 2019							
Stage2 (60 boards)						Set score of form "Au" is preliminary with a pending Appeal and is not included in TOTAL.	
28-DEC-2019							
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Lin	195	47	53	43	52	
2	Huang	33	11	0	0	22	
3	Dai	56	23	4	28	1	
4	Hsieh	308	81	71	49	107	

Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship - U16 - 2019									
SemiFinals_Day1 3-Way (28 boards)									Set score of form "Au" is preliminary with a pending Appeal and is not included in TOTAL.
27-DEC-2019									
VPs Total	#	TEAM	VPs Match	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
31.98	1	Cedrone	11.98	72	28	0	31	13	
	2	Ge	8.02	63	14	29	2	18	
28.02	2	Ge	20	143	53	28	28	34	
	3	Zhao	0	14	9	0	5	0	
	0	3 Zhao	0	33	8	2	19	4	
	1	Cedrone	20	121	20	24	31	46	

MICHAEL SEAMON JUNIOR UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

All Kidding Aside

Photos live from the site courtesy of Min Bai who is doing an amazing job. Thank you so much, Min!



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Teams Entered...

U26:

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

U21:

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

U16:

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

RONA (GIRLS):

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

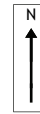
Board 1

None Vul.

Dealer: N

♠ 4
♥ KT2
♦ Q87
♣ AK9753

♠ T97
♥ QJ75
♦ KT62
♣ T2



♠ AQ853
♥ 43
♦ 9543
♣ 84

♠ KJ62
♥ A986
♦ AJ
♣ QJ6

Z Cheng	Z Gross	Yuchen	KRosent
1♣	1♠	Dbl	
2♠	Dbl	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣

Kaplan	C Huang	Kristens	T Scruggs
1♣	1♠	Dbl	
2♠	Dbl	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Kaplan/Xu

Hallerman/Rockoff

R Haller	S Lieber	S McNall	C Wellar
1♣	1♠	Dbl	
2♥	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

S Goyal	Y Gan	K Rocko	T Wong
1♣	1♠	Dbl	
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Board 1 produced an 11 IMP swing in both head-up matches of the U26 competition yesterday. At one table in each match, North/South bid a doomed 6C while their counterparts at the other table stopped in 3NT.

Off the auction, it appears the SA is positioned well, making the slam seem palatable. When the SA is led in both rooms and dummy comes down, it is apparent that the success of the slam rests on the position of the DK. OR... a lucky lie of the heart suit. If the HQJ is doubleton, declarer will be able to discard two diamonds: one on the SK and one on the long heart. If East shifts to a diamond at trick 2, declarer should probably just take the diamond finesse rather than hoping for the miracle heart break.

The spade lead gave declarer hope, but it was short lived. A diamond lead would have sped up the play!

In both matches, 3NT made five at the other table. 11IMPs to Rockoff and Xu

"Play is our brain's favourite way of learning."

-- Diane Ackerman

Off and Running
U26

Tournament Schedules

U26 SCHEDULE			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
FRIDAY	DEC. 27	11:15 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
ROUND ROBIN			
FRIDAY 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 AND MONDAY	DEC. 29 & 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	

U21 SCHEDULE			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Friday	Dec. 27	11:15 am	Captains' Meeting
Round Robin			
Friday And Saturday Schedule is the same both days	Dec. 27 & 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	

I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six.
Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph.

Shirley Temple


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	

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

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			

14 board VP scale

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The local trade school did not have enough students for their electrical course and thus decided to give it a plug.
 Body shops do a bang-up business.
 Baby puns are childish, but great puns are full groan.
 My financial adviser says the thing about naked calls is there's too much exposure.
 Every day, the feuding codebreakers had cryptic cross words.
 Only a nickel for an embroidered pinwheel? Good buy, crewel whirled!

Puns!

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



Segment 2

Board 16
E/W Vul.
Dealer: W

♠ AJ7
♥ QT74
♦ Q842
♣ K4

♠ QT9652
♥ K982
♦ 5
♣ Q3



♠ 83
♥ J53
♦ K73
♣ T8762

♠ K4
♥ A6
♦ AJT96
♣ AJ95

A Dhir	Z Cheng	Y Yin	Y Xu
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♦
2♠	2NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

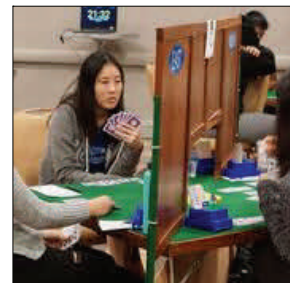
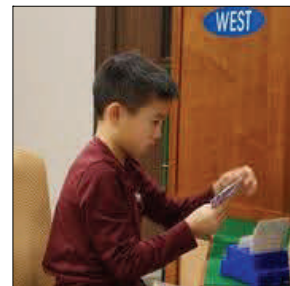
T Scrug	K Rosent	V Xu	Z Gross
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

S Li	K Rocko	G Yang	S Goyal
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

C Wellar	S McNall	Lieberm	Hallerma
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Dbf	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Hallerman/Rockoff

Kaplan/Xu



The first board in the second segment of the U26 Semifinal looked a lot like the first board of the first segment. (see page 2)

North opened a 12HCP hand and found his partner with a strong balanced hand that had slam possibilities.

On Board 1, in the first set, slam depended on a finesse for the DK. In both U26 matches, two North/South pairs bid the slam and were defeated when the finesse lost.

On the hand above, slam again hangs on a finesse for the DK if East makes the best lead of a heart. Only one N/S pair, Cheng/Hu, found their way to the slam after Dhir overcalled 2S with the West cards. The anticipated spade lead would be likely to set up a discard for dummy's losing heart and maybe the diamond finesse would not be needed.

However... as in so many things, life is not so simple! What if the spade lead is a singleton and the DK is in the West hand? If that were true, East could score a spade ruff. Declarer might play ace and a diamond hoping for either 2-2 diamonds or a singleton king. On the actual layout, if declarer plays ace and a diamond, East can win the DK and return a diamond, heart or spade. Whatever East returns (other than a club), declarer will need to draw the last trump before playing a third round of spades. This will leave him short of trumps to play on the crossruff line in hearts and clubs.

Never give up hope. With three spade tricks, five diamond tricks and one heart trick in the bank, declarer needs to score three club tricks. He can take the club finesse for the queen or play to ruff out the CQ in three rounds. Had there been no opposition bidding, the finesse would have been the preferred play. Once West overcalled showing six-card length in spades, East has more vacant spaces for clubs and hearts, making the club finesse even more favorable.

In this case, West made a vulnerable 2S overcall in the middle of a strong auction. Surely he holds the SQ and HK. Would the presence of the CQ make him more likely to bid? If declarer judges that this is the case, he won't finesse for the club. He will instead make the hand by dropping the CQ.

When Cheng/Yu bid 6D, Cheng took a straightforward line. He won the opening spade lead and took the diamond finesse at trick two. When this won, he had an easy twelve tricks. 10 IMPs to Xu.

More Segment 2

Board 27
None Vul.
Dealer: S

♠ AJ92
♥ A762
♦ T
♣ AQ72

♠ 87
♥ Q9
♦ K87543
♣ KJ6



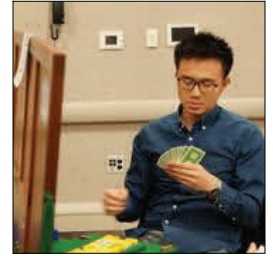
♠ QT63
♥ K843
♦ J2
♣ T94

♠ K54
♥ JT5
♦ AQ96
♣ 853

A Dhir	Z Cheng	Y Yin	Y Xu
			Pass
2♦	Dbl	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

T Scruggs	K Rosent	V Xu	Z Grossi
			Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT

Kaplan/Xu



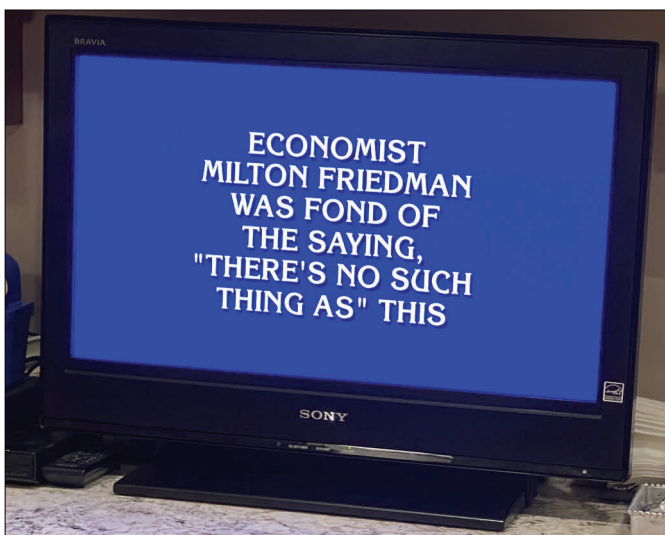
In the Open Room where Dhir and Yin sat W/E, Dhir, after opening a weak 2D, chose the lead of the HQ against 3NT hoping to catch partner's best suit. Xu won the HA and ran the DT to Dhir's king. Dhir continued hearts to Yin's king and Yin continued with the H4 establishing his H8.

Declarer took the successful club finesse, winning his queen and cashed the CA. He played a third club and found the suit to happily be split 3-3. He took three clubs, two spades, two hearts, and three diamonds when the jack was doubleton with East. Contract making 4 for +630

In the Closed Room, where Scruggs and Xu sat W/E, Scruggs chose not open a weak two. He passed and Rosenberg/Grossack bid an unimpeded 3NT. Scruggs led the "fourth" suit even though it had been bid and raised by N/S. Grossack, declarer, won the S8 with the SA. He tried a low heart off dummy toward his JT5. At this point, the hand could no longer be made with best defense.

West won the HQ and continued spades, Grossack winning the king. Grossack finessed the CQ, played the DT to the J, Q, K. Scruggs returned a heart to Xu's king. The H4 was won by declarer's jack and declarer cashed the DA. He could not safely cash the D9 before playing on clubs. His communication was hopelessly tangled. He played a club to the ace and cashed the HA. A club went to West's king and declarer found himself with only eight cashable tricks. Contract failing by a trick. -50 and 10 IMPs to Xu

Had Grossack played on diamonds or clubs at trick 2, he could be successful.



This "answer" was on Jeopardy on Friday. For anyone who doesn't know, Milton Friedman was Jan Martel's father. The correct response was "a free lunch!"

So are these Championships proving Jan's dad wrong? Isn't there a "free lunch" every day in Atlanta???

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

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

Sudoku 2 Solution

**Answers to Puzzles
No Peeking!**

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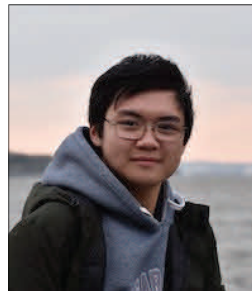
Sudoku



Sam Dinkin,
VuGraphing

Sudoku 2

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



Brent Xiao was born and raised in Silicon Valley and is currently a sophomore studying Statistics and Machine Learning, and Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA.

He has been playing bridge since age 12 and was a member of Silicon Valley Youth Bridge until graduating from the program in 2018. Notably, he represented the USA U21 team in the world youth championships in 2018.

Meet the Players:

Richard Jeng is a senior at the Georgia Institute of Technology majoring in Economics and minoring in International Affairs. He started playing bridge in an Atlanta Junior Bridge summer camp over 13 years ago. Since then, bridge has been an integral part of his life, spanning numerous international tournaments and NABCs. He owes his accomplishments to AJB and USBF. Outside of bridge, he finished his law school applications.

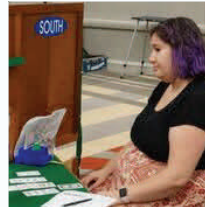


Puzzle Page

	Bradley	Lawson	Lewis	Ranger	Sweet	Citizen Credit Union	City Trust	First National	Fleet Bank	Workforce Credit Union	Main Street	Rockland Street	South Street	Third Street	West Street	CD	Checking	IRA	Money Market	Savings	
Cindy																					
Elliot																					
Glenn																					
Harriet																					
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Workforce Credit Union																					

At lunchtime today, five employees from the Gadget Factory went out to do their banking. Though Millersville itself wasn't a large town, there were many options available in the surrounding area so it wasn't unusual that all five employees used different banks or credit unions. While all made deposits (and it wasn't even payday!), the odd part was that each made a deposit to a different type of account. Determine the full name of each employee, the name of the bank each went to (one was City Trust), the street each bank was on, and the type of account where each made their deposit (one was a CD).

1. The employee whose last name was Lewis didn't have a savings account nor did she go to the Citizen Credit Union.
2. Peter Bradley didn't go to a credit union. Harriet, whose last name wasn't Lawson, went to the bank on West Street but she didn't have a checking account.



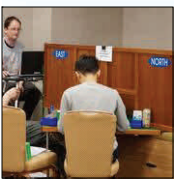
First Name	Last Name	Bank Name	Bank Address	Account Type
Cindy				
Elliot				
Glenn				
Harriet				
Peter				

3. Elliot, whose last name wasn't Ranger, went to South Street to do his deposit but not at the Workforce Credit Union. The employee who went to the First National bank had a savings account.

4. Fleet Bank was on Third Street but it wasn't Glenn's bank. Cindy, whose last name wasn't Sweet, had an IRA but it wasn't in the bank on Main Street.

5. The two credit unions were the one on Rockland Street and the one that held an employee's money market account.

6. The employee whose last name was Ranger didn't use a credit union to deposit money to his checking account. Harriet didn't have a money market account.



Bradley	Citizen Credit Union	Main Street	CD
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Lewis	First National	South Street	IRA
Ranger	Fleet Bank	Third Street	Money Market
Sweet	Workforce Credit Union	West Street	Savings

CD	Third Street	Fleet Bank	Bradley	Peter
Savings	West Street	First National	Sweet	Harriet
Checking	Main Street	City Trust	Ranger	Glenn
Money Market	South Street	Citizen Credit Union	Lawson	Elliot
IRA	Rockland Street	Workforce Credit Union	Lewis	Cindy
Account Type	Bank Address	Bank Name	Last Name	First Name

Answer to Puzzle

VuGraph Information

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

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.

I love to watch the
VuGraph.
I sit there by the hour.
I hope that Mom won't notice
& make me take a shower.
I really love the action.
I learn from what I've seen.
I wish that Mom would serve me
lunch
In full view of my screen!



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.

The Truscott BAM happening in New York City

For anyone following the performance in this event... the only event of its sort left in the country...

Adam Wildavsky reports:

11 teams entered though 13 had pre-registered.

Seven of the 11 qualified for today's finals. 24 was average for the day.

The qualifiers:

1/2	Ranald Davidson	Michael Lipkin	K Fung	Michael Radin	26.5
1/2	Stephen Nellissen	Franco Baseggio	Bob Gwartzman	Samuel Ehrlichman	26.5
3/4	David Moss	John Boyer	Andrew Rosenthal	Robert Stayman	26
3/4	Jared Lilienstein	Adam Wildavsky	Michael Polowan	Jan Jansma	26
5	Ljudmila Kamenova	Igor Savchenko	Bo Han Zhu	Alex Perlin	25
6/7	Allen Kahn	Jeffrey Rothstein	David Rosenberg	Ira Herman	24
6/7	Glenn Robbins	Hailong Ao	Brian Glubok	Jiang Gu	24



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 20th January 2020

Start of the first round – Sunday, 2nd February 2020.

End of the tournament - Tuesday, 14th 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...

Gads but being constantly infallible can wear a bloke right out. Luckily Howie Dung is always at hand to balance the scales.

In a cruel twist, there was a deadman's tie in the Rockoff-Hallerman match which was not settled in gentleman's fashion. Instead, there is a perverse rule that grants the victory to the team which prevailed in the round robin. Thus, Hallerman moves into the first final against the soon to be anointed Kaplan squad. Kaplan by as many as it wishes.

In USA2 the matches are

Rockoff v YXu with Rockoff recovering well.

Xu v Fan. Limey Jack shudders to think of how the Dungmeister will attempt a pathetic play on words such as no Fan of them. Xu by the 15th furlong.

Wolff v Stephani. Wolff holds serve as the favourite.

In the Rona, as predicted ably Lin awaits the Huang, Hsieh winner, which will be Huang.

In U-21 Xiao defeats Vohra, while Kolesnik does the honours for Wang.

Limey Jack will return henceforth

Cheers.

Howie Doing...

Sean against Adam and when it is through,
Hallerman drops into USA2!

Rockoff, annoyed to lose in the tie,
Plays even harder, refuses to die!

Xu v Fan... picking is tough.
Fan will not blow it, even if rough.

Stephani plays Wolff... no sheep's clothing there.
Stephani will win by only a hair!

Kolesnik draws Wang in U21.
And when it is over, poor Wang will be done!

Vohra v Xiao? Xiao will succeed,
Assuming they score up a strong, early lead.

Huang v Hsieh... Who will it be?
I say Huang will yield in three!

See you tomorrow!
Till then, Howie Doing? Pretty Good!

