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Michael Seamon

Results-Congrats Team Kolesnik U21 USA1 And Team Lin Rona and Team Cedrone U16

U26 USA2 Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship - 2019							
SemiFinals (60 boards)							Set score of form "Ax" is preliminary pending Appeal and is not included
17-DEC-2019							
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
2	Hallerman	79	31	4	1	43	
5	Stephani	155	27	42	66	20	
3	Rockoff	103	36	39	4	24	
4	Fan	118	33	12	19	54	

Rona Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship - 2019							
Final (60 boards)							Set score of form "Ax" Appeal and is not included
30-DEC-2019							
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	
1	Lin	147	46	36	27	38	
2	Hsieh	90	33	23	24	10	

U21 Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship - 2019							
USA1_Final_and_USA2_SemiFinal (60 boards)							Set score of form "Ax" is preliminary pending Appeal and is not included
30-DEC-2019							
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Xiao	131	34	31	41	25	
2	Kolesnik	146	49	38	19	40	
USA2 SemiFinals (60 boards)							
3	Vohra	196	54	58	36	48	
4	Wang	127	23	26	36	42	

U16 Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship - 2019							
Final (60 boards)							Set score of form "Ax" is preliminary pending Appeal and is not included TOTAL
30-DEC-2019							
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	Carryover IMPs	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4
1	Cedrone	165.83	16.83	34	51	53	11
2	Ge	164		47	32	30	55



2019 USA1
U26: Team
Kaplan

Congrats!

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All Kidding Aside

MICHAEL SEAMON
JUNIOR UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Happy New Year!

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 Pahk 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 12
N/S Vul
Dealer: W

- ♠ 5
- ♥ T62
- ♦ QJT98
- ♣ T982

- ♠ AQJ74
- ♥ AK874
- ♦
- ♣ A64



- ♠ KT983
- ♥ Q53
- ♦ K532
- ♣ K

- ♠ 62
- ♥ J9
- ♦ A764
- ♣ QJ753

Those who try to do something and FAIL... are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and SUCCEED.

Sibling Rivalry?

F Kolesr	A Zhou	M Xu	M Hu
1 ♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 ♦	Dbl	4 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

A Lin	Fashingl	E Kolesr	E Miller
1 ♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 ♦	Dbl	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5NT	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	7 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Everyone knows Finn Kolesnik from his fine recent performance in San Francisco at the ACBL Fall NABC. Finn, son of Alex Kolesnik ... an excellent player in his own right... is one of those kids you just recognize as an up and coming star. But how many know of his sister, Emma? Finn is playing in the U21 competition while Emma is in the Rona.

Above is a hand where most tables reached the cold grand slam. 2NT was a forcing raise in spades and 3D showed diamond shortness. Finn and Michael Xu stopped in 6S when Michael bid 4S over 3D. 4S sounds like a sign-off and implied no interest in slam.

Emma, holding Michael's cards, bid 3H over 3D. That set off fireworks for Lin, looking at H:AK874. They used up their opponent's PASS cards with eight rounds of bidding but they successfully bid and made the grand. Emma's team pushed the board while Finn's team lost 11 IMPs when his counterparts arrived in seven spades!

Tournament Schedules

"Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before."
 -- Bonnie Blair

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
		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
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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 en-



Board 5
N/S Vul.
Dealer: N

♠ Q3
♥ KJ74
♦ KT84
♣ 742

H Hsieh	L Zhang	J Cai	S Chang
	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
2 ♠	Dbl	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥

A Lin	Fashingl	E Kolesr	E Miller
	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♠	Dbl	4 ♥
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

♠ AJT9765
♥ 962
♦ J62
♣

♠ K4
♥ AQT85
♦
♣ AQJ863



♠ 82
♥ 3
♦ AQ9753
♣ KT95

In the Rona Final

Lucy Zhang and Sophia Chang had a good auction to reach 6H on Board 5 of the Rona Final. At first appearance, it seems that 6H depends on the club finesse... however, even with the CK onside, as the cards lie, the combination of bad breaks: 4-0 clubs and 3-1 hearts... defeated 6H.

Helena Hsieh led the SA, on which Chang dropped the king in hopes of getting an extra dummy entry later in the hand. Hsieh foiled this plan by continuing spades. This left Chang with only hearts as dummy entries.

If hearts broke 2-2, declarer would draw two rounds of trump, ending in dummy and would take the club finesse. If this was successful, declarer could return to dummy with a heart and repeat the club hook. With clubs 4-0, declarer will trump the fourth round of clubs in dummy.

Chang drew three rounds of trump ending in dummy. She finessed the club but could not handle the 4-0 break and conceded down one for -100. This feels like a losing position.

Fortunately though, that's where it pays to have teammates. At the other table, Emma Miller opened 1H on her 6-5 hand. Amber Lin overcalled 1S on her seven-card suit and Ellie Fashingbauer cuebid 2S. Emma Kolesnik made a responsive double with the East hand. Miller jumped to 4H and Lin bid 4S. This was passed around to Miller. She doubled to end the auction. A heart was led to South's ace and she switched to a small spade. A good play, but it only holds declarer to ten tricks. +590 and 10 IMPs to the Lin team.

In the U21 Finals, Kolesnik won 13 IMPs when Harrison Luba and Sarah Younquist stopped in 5H while Michael Hu and Arthur Zhou playing for the Xiao team bid 6H from North. Finn Kolesnik, sitting West, made a Lightner double for a club lead and the contract was quickly defeated.

In the U16 Finals match both teams settled for game. The Cedrone team played in 4H, after Olivia Schireson opened 2D with the East hand. Samuel Pakh overcalled 3C and Brandon Ge raised to 3D with the West hand. This passed around to Pakh, who now bid 3H and his partner, Michael Haas, raised to game. The spade suit was never mentioned. If N/S played leaping Michaels over a weak 2D opener, South could have jumped to 4C showing Clubs and a major.

In the other room of the U16 match Kayden Ge opened 1C. West, Arthur Gong, jumped to 3S and Ge backed in with 4H. When this came around to East, Eric Zhao balanced with 4S. Ge bid 5C, ending the auction. 2 IMPs to Cedrone.

A poodle and a collie are walking together when the poodle suddenly unloads on his friend. "My life is a mess," he says. "My owner is mean, my girlfriend ran away with a schnauzer, and I'm as jittery as a cat."
"Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?" suggests the collie. "I can't," says the poodle. "I'm not allowed on the couch."

"The easiest time to add insult to injury is when you're signing somebody's cast."—Demetri Martin

My friend asked me where I see myself in the New Year... I replied, "How would I know? I don't have 2020 vision!"

What's the best NY resolution? 1080p

2019 Michael Seamon Junior US Bridge Championships Under 26 USA2 Quarterfinal Wolff v Stephani,
4th quarter

Board 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J

♥ 10 9 7 4 2

♦ K 8 7 4 2

♣ 6 3

♠ 7 3

♥ 6 3

♦ A Q 10 9 3

♣ K 10 8 5



♠ Q 9 8 5 4 2

♥ A K Q

♦ J 6

♣ J 7

♠ A K 10 6

♥ J 8 5

♦ 5

♣ A Q 9 4 2

West North East South
Soukup Finkle Berk Wolff

1 ♣¹

1 ♦ Db1² 2 ♣³ Db1⁴

2 ♦ 2 ♥ 2 NT⁵ Pass

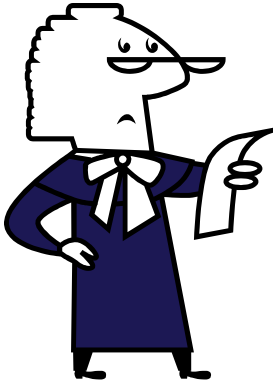
3 ♦ Pass Pass 3 ♥

Pass Pass Pass

1. Either clubs or balanced 11-13/17-19
2. 4+ ♥
3. West to South: Good ♦ raise; nothing asked/answered NE
4. Three card ♥ support
5. West to South: Undiscussed; nothing asked/answered NE

3 ♥ by North

Down 3 — NS -150



Appeal 1

The Ruling

The director was called at the conclusion of play. South felt that West's description of 2 ♣ as a diamond raise was misinformation, and said that had he been told that 2 ♣ may just be a good hand that was ambiguous as to diamond fit he would have defended 3 ♦ .

The director asked E-W about their agreements and system notes. They did not have system notes covering this auction, but both felt strongly that 2 ♣ promised a diamond fit, and in their ~10 years as a partnership this was the first time they could remember when a cuebid didn't deliver a fit of the overall suit.

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Law 21B1(b) states "The Director is to presume Mistaken Explanation rather than Mistaken Call in the absence of evidence to the contrary". In the director's opinion the explanation of partnership methods did constitute "evidence to the contrary", and ruled that this was a Mistaken Call (therefore no adjustment), but felt that the judgment was close enough that he recommended an appeal if the difference from the board was within the margin of the match.

The Appeal

Committee:

Chair: Michael Rosenberg; Adam Kaplan; Sam Dinkin

Presenting Director, Scribe: McKenzie Myers

Players present:

Hakan Berk, David Soukup, Isaac Stephani (team captain), Ilan Wolff, Nathan Finkle



Wolff, South, reiterated that it was the opponents' supposed diamond fit that was his deciding factor to bid on to 3 ♥. Additionally, he felt that with more accurate information about the East hand he could have taken one more trick in 3 ♥ - when he found the opponents holding only seven diamonds between them, he played East for holding real clubs and played a club to the queen rather than pitching a club on the second high spade.

Berk-Soukup, East-West, discussed their agreements and long partnership history. In this auction, 1 ♠ by advancer would have been natural and nonforcing; XX by advancer would have been value-showing.

Stephani raised the possibility that North's failure to double 3 ♦ may have been an "extremely serious error".

[Law 12C1(e): (e) If, subsequent to the irregularity, the non-offending side has contributed to its own damage by an extremely serious error (unrelated to the infraction) ... then:

(i.) The offending side is awarded the score it would have been allotted as the consequence of rectifying its infraction.

(ii.) The non-offending side does not receive relief for such part of its damage as is self-inflicted.]

The Decision

The use of Law 12C1(e) was dismissed, as the standard for "extremely serious error" is "failure to play bridge", say, a revoke, and it was not felt that passing 3 ♦ was close to that standard.

The committee found the E-W arguments about partnership history and relevant agreements compelling; the availability of redouble to show general values strongly suggested that 2 ♣ would have a diamond fit an overwhelming amount of the time, and therefore 2 ♣ fit the definition of Mistaken Call. West's 3 ♦ bid was further evidence that at least that player strongly believed that 2 ♣ showing a fit was their agreement. Additionally, some on the committee felt that it was likely that South would have continued to 3 ♥ even if he had been told that 2 ♣ was ambiguous about a diamond fit. The table result of 3 ♥ -3 stands. There was no discussion by the committee of appeal without merit as the players had been advised by the Director (and the committee agreed) that it was worth pursuing.

What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar on NYE?
He got 12 months!

What did the Champagne bottle call its father? Pop!

I can't wait for NY 2021. Then I can say hindsight is 2020!

What is a NY resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other!

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

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

Sudoku 2 Solution

Answers to Puzzles No Peeking!

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

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Meet the Players:



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Elliott Gordon is a Geoenvironmental Engineer in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with degrees in Civil and Geotechnical Engineering from Colorado School of Mines. His hobbies include skiing, gardening, and especially birding. In September, he qualified to represent District 17 in Columbus 2020 for the North American Pairs Flight C championship. He is grateful for the support of his family, partners at the Duke City Bridge Club, coaches in the Junior Training program, and teammates as they prepare to compete in Atlanta. This is his first Junior USBC.



Daniel Weiss is a 23-year-old strategy consultant living in Chicago. He attends Northwestern University Bridge Club meetings every Sunday. When he is not on BBO, he enjoys reading about the tech industry (especially Apple), playing word games, and playing baseball. He's a national champion baseball player and hopes to replicate that feat in the bridge world. If you're interested, ask him about Divisibility by 7.

Puzzle Page

	17	18	19	20	22	Beauty	Dynamite	Fireball	Sassy	Sunny	black	palomino	pinto	sorrel	white	
Cindy																
Linda																
Tom																
Tony																
Tracy																
black																
palomino																
pinto																
sorrel																
white																
Beauty																
Dynamite																
Fireball																
Sassy																
Sunny																

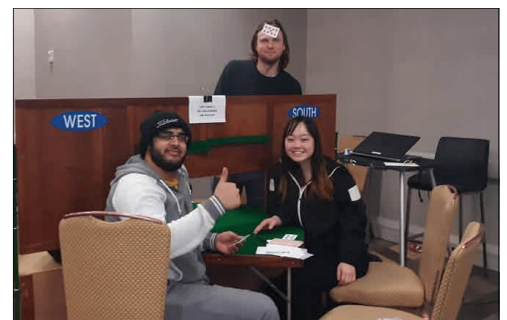
Cindy had horseback riding lessons twice a week and she loved them. Her riding instructor told her that she had a natural talent for riding. She'd been riding for several years now and had graduated to a smaller, more advanced class. The students in her class all had their own horses and by some strange coincidence, all of the horses had different coloring. Determine the first name and age of each student in Cindy's class (the students were between 17 and 22 years old), and the name and coloring of each student's horse.

1. Cindy didn't ride a white horse but she was 17 years old. Tracy didn't ride Fireball.
2. Tony was older than the student riding Fireball but he was also two years younger than the student riding the pinto.
3. Sunny was a white horse but he wasn't ridden by Tracy. The 19-year-old student rode Dynamite, who wasn't a palomino.
4. Linda didn't ride Sassy, whose coloring wasn't sorrel.
5. The palomino was ridden by Tom, who was two years older than the student riding Beauty.
6. The student, who wasn't Linda, riding the black horse was two years older than Fireball's rider.

Student's Name	Student's Age	Horse's Name	Horse's Color
Cindy			
Linda			
Tom			
Tony			
Tracy			
-----	17	Beauty	black
-----	18	Dynamite	palomino
-----	19	Fireball	pinto
-----	20	Sassy	sorrel
-----	22	Sunny	white

black	Dynamite	19	Tracy
white	Sunny	18	Tony
palomino	Sassy	22	Tom
pinto	Beauty	20	Linda
sorrel	Fireball	17	Cindy
Horse's	Horse's Name	Student's Age	Student's Name

Answer to Puzzle



From Sunday's Midnight Swiss
Photo credit to Debbie Rosenberg on site

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

Loving the VuGraph
Call after call
When they leave Atlanta
Will I suffer With"drawl"?



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.



More pics from the Midnight Game!
Oh to be young again...

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.

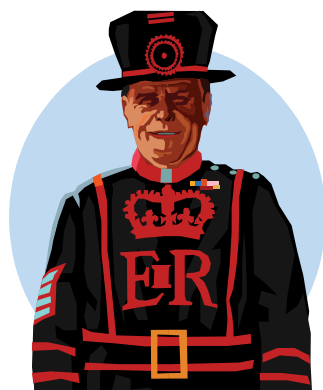
Limey Jack...

Cheerio Old Tops:

As Limey Jack finishes bangers and mash, Howie Dung eats humble pie. Limey Jack calls all winners and makes a few quid for thee.

In the remaining 2 tilts, in U-26, Fan blows away Stephani and in U-21, Vohra bows to the will of Xiao.

A fair smart showing by these many fifth formers. Oxford will be issuing invitations.



Howie Doing...

I was right on Cedrone...
And right on team Lin
I am the best
At predicting the win!

Jack is the worst.
He never can pick it.
The poor English dude
Should pick only cricket.

The last day of picks
Two matches to choose
Whoever Jack picks
I pick to lose!

Stephani I chose
From all of the many.
And Xiao I pick now.
Have a good 2020!

See you in May... Oh happy day!
Howie Doing

Board 29
All Vul.
Dealer: N

- ♠ KT54
- ♥ AKJ
- ♦ AT8
- ♣ A65

B Zhang	Posternak	E Xie	M Cedro
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Cedrone/Ge

- ♠ J7
- ♥ Q3
- ♦ K43
- ♣ QT9742



- ♠ Q62
- ♥ T984
- ♦ QJ762
- ♣ J

- ♠ A983
- ♥ 7652
- ♦ 95
- ♣ K83

Lin/Hsieh

H Hsieh	E Kolesr	J Cai	A Lin
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Dbl	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

S Chang	Fashing	L Zhang	E Miller
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Kolesnik/Xaio

M Hu	F Kolesr	A Zhou	M Xu
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass

H Luba	S Wan	Youngqu	C Duffie
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

In the U16 Finals match, Marley Cedrone and Zach Posternak disdained their 4-4 spade fit and played in 3NT. Posternak displayed good declarer technique to bring home the game. The opening lead was a diamond to East's king. Declarer ducked and diamonds were continued, another duck and declarer won the third round, discarding a club from dummy. Posternak led a club to dummy's king and followed with two rounds of hearts, felling the queen. He had three heart tricks, two club tricks and one diamond trick. He needed three tricks in the spade suit. If diamonds were 4-4 he could give up a spade trick to either opponent. But, if diamonds were 5-3, as they actually are, Posternak had to play carefully to keep East off lead. He cashed the SK and ducked a spade to West's jack. West returned a club and declarer claimed nine tricks for +600.

At the other table in this match, the auction was the same, but declarer cashed the SA first and now he couldn't keep East off lead. 12 IMPs to Cedrone

In the Rona Finals, Emma Kolesnik and Amber Lin reached 4S on an auction where Kolesnik's 1NT rebid showed a strong balanced hand. Lin checked back for the majors with her 2C bid. When Kolesnik showed a four-card spade suit, Lin raised to game. Yichen Cai led the DQ. Declarer won the DA, cashed the SK and ducked a spade to West, claiming ten tricks for +620.

In the other room, Fashingbauer/Miller ended in 4H, which could not be made. Many pairs play that South's rebid of 3S in this auction shows five hearts and four spades. Perhaps that's what happened here. 4H was defeated for 12 IMPs to the Lin team.

Both N/S pairs reached 4S in the U21 Final. Zhou led his singleton club against Finn Kolesnik. Kolesnik won in dummy and finessed a heart. He followed with the SK and ducked a spade to Zhang in the West seat. Zhang gave his partner a club ruff and four spades was defeated. Should Kolesnik have played the hand this way? Did he have a clue that the CJ could be singleton? If he did ... and it's unusual for an opponent to lead declarer's first bid suit in a suit contract without a reason... then Finn should have considered the safety play in spades and ducked the spade into the East hand as opposed to the West. East could not give himself a ruff and West could not gain the lead. Safety plays are more valuable and generally less costly in IMPs than in matchpoints. Something to consider.

At the other table, Cornelius Duffie declared 4S from the South hand. The C10 was led, Duffie tested hearts and then cashed two top spades to bring home ten tricks. 12 IMPs to Xaio.



Team Lin

Team Kolesnik



Team Cedrone