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Congrats Team Stephani: USA2 U26
Congrats Team Xiao: USA2 U21

U26 USA2 Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship - 2019							
Finals (60 boards)						Set score of form "Ax" is preliminar Appeal and is not included in TOI	
31-DEC-2019			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>				
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
2	Stephani	177	34	54	55	34	
3	Fan	109	42	26	27	14	



U21 USA2 Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championship - 2019							
USA2_Final (60 boards)						Set score of form "Ax" is preliminar Appeal and is not included in TOI	
31-DEC-2019			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>				
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
2	Xiao	202	44	54	58	46	
3	Vohra	130	44	34	30	22	



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All Kidding Aside

Happy New Year!

Teams Entered **Thank you...**

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
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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

Thanks to the countless volunteers and parents who have been in Atlanta this week helping to make this competition the best ever.

Thanks to Joe Stokes, USBF junior chair, for his great work both on site and in advance of the tournament. Just the record keeping has to be challenging.

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Thanks to the many USBF junior mentors who play and coach online weekly.

Thanks to the kids who have played so hard all week. It’s gratifying to see you in action and it’s good for the game. Keep up with the good work and tell all your friends!

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Thanks to Stan Subeck, USBF CFO, for writing the checks and tracking the donations... also for proofreading the Daily Bulletins and contributing some write-ups along the way.

Thanks to Mackenzie Myers for running the competition so efficiently. “Z” does a great job and his energy on site is contagious!

Thanks to Suzi Subeck for writing and editing the Daily Bulletins and for creating the signage and scorecards used at the site.

Thanks to all of the VG operators and the commentators, as well as to BBO. Thanks to Julie Arbit for assisting Jan.

Thanks to anyone I might have missed. It is not intentional. A weeklong tournament such as this one proves “It takes a village...” and we know we’re lucky to have one!

USA2 ... Finals in U26 and U21...

Board 17
 None Vul.
 Dealer: N

♠ Q875
 ♥ KT8
 ♦ Q985
 ♣ K7

♠ 6
 ♥ AQ765
 ♦ 72
 ♣ Q9642

N
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♠ 432
 ♥ J93
 ♦ K643
 ♣ 853

♠ AKJT9
 ♥ 42
 ♦ AJT
 ♣ AJT

B Xiong	I Stepha	H Wei	D Souku
	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♦	Dbl	5 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4N1
Pass	5 ♦	Dbl	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

N Chang	N Si	L Beaucl	Y Fan
	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
2NT	Dbl	Pass	Pass
3 ♣	Dbl	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass

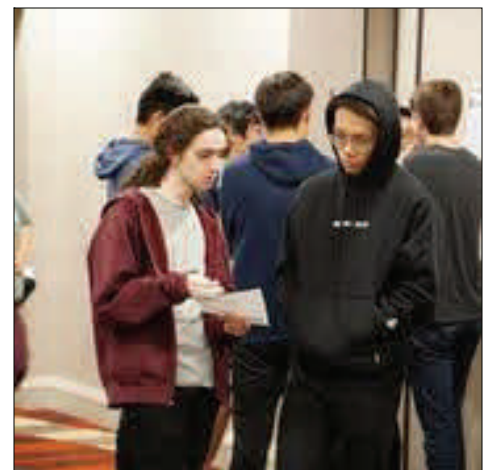
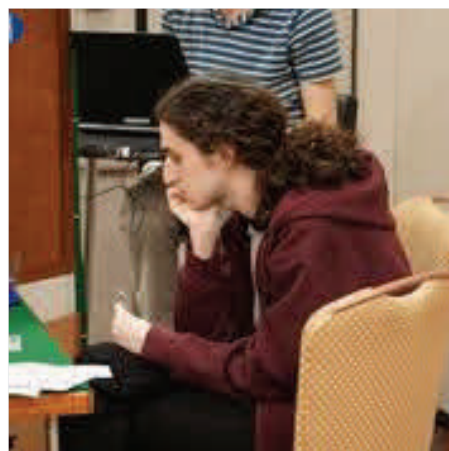
In the U21 USA2 Final, both tables reached 4S from South on Board 17 from the second segment. Both tables made six for a push.

In the U26 USA2 Final, neither table played in 4S but both were successful where they landed.

The Stephani team, having five members was necessarily rotating. Stephani/Soukup, not a “regular” partnership, bid to 6S from South, not an ideal IMPs spot since it is completely positional (basically 25%) ... however, as happens frequently in our game, ever card is perfect. The HA is with West ... absolutely necessary to the success of the contract... and the DK is with East... also absolutely necessary to collect 12 tricks. If the HA were with East, a heart lead would defeat the contract before declarer could even gain the lead. If the DK is off, East/West will collect both the DK and the HA even with the HA right. With everything sitting perfectly, Soukup brought his slam.

At the other table, Fan and Si bid 3NT North, a solid contract. Beauchet found the lead of the H3 and that insured that the HK would provide declarer’s ninth trick. Of course, it also had the strange effect of holding declarer to nine tricks instead of ten because he didn’t take the diamond finesse.

11 IMPs to Stephani



Sudoku



Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku 1

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

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

Sudoku 2 Solution

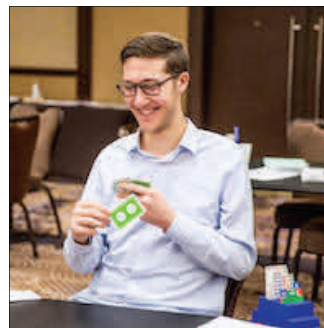
Answers to Puzzles
No Peeking!

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

Meet the Players:



Cyrus Hettle is 23 and a third-year PhD student at Georgia Tech in the Algorithms, Combinatorics, and Optimization program. He's from Lexington, Kentucky and learned to play bridge in 2014 at the University of Kentucky. He joined the Junior Training Program in 2017 and started a partnership with Daniel Sonner shortly thereafter. He enjoys playing and competing with the Georgia Tech Bridge Club.



Nathan Finkle is a junior studying Computer Science at Princeton. He's been playing Bridge as a serious hobby for 5 years and he won the 2019 World Youth Online Team Championships.

When he's not playing Bridge or working on programming assignments, you can find him singing or serving my campus Jewish community.

Puzzle Page

School starts next week. All the local stores have back-to-school sales running and the parents of Millersville have been busy getting new clothes and supplies for their kids. The stationary store on this particular evening was very busy as the parents all stocked up on pencils, notebooks, and other supplies for the new school season. Five kids, who were shopping with their parents, got to pick out their own supplies. Each ended up getting a different colored binder and ruler, and each got a different package of writing implements. The children also managed to convince their parents that they really needed one additional item, not currently on their parents' shopping list. Determine the first name of each child, the color of each binder and ruler (no child got the same colors), the type of writing implements each got (one was a package of ball point pens), and the additional item each talked their parents into buying for them (one was a cell phone cover).

	Binder					Ruler														
	blue	green	orange	red	yellow	blue	green	orange	red	yellow	ball point pens	felt tip pens	markers	mechanical pencils	wood pencils	alarm clock	backpack	cell phone cover	colored pencils	drawing tablet
Beth																				
Joy																				
Rich																				
Steve																				
Tabitha																				
alarm clock																				
backpack																				
cell phone cover																				
colored pencils																				
drawing tablet																				
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yellow																				

First Name	Binder Color	Ruler Color	Type of Writing Implements	Additional Item
Beth				
Joy				
Rich				
Steve				
Tabitha				

blue	blue	ball point pens	alarm clock
green	green	felt tip pens	backpack
orange	orange	markers	cell phone cover
red	red	mechanical pencils	colored pencils
yellow	yellow	wood pencils	drawing tablet

- The kids who got pencils didn't get anything red. The one who got the orange binder didn't get the backpack.
- The five kids are the girl who got the alarm clock, the one who got the orange ruler, the one who got the felt tip pens, Joy, and the one who got the green binder.
- The one who got the yellow binder also got a red ruler, but it wasn't Beth. The one who got the drawing tablet also got a green ruler.
- Steve got mechanical pencils but he didn't get an orange ruler. Rich talked his mom into getting him the colored pencils for art class but he didn't get anything green.
- Tabitha got the markers. The girl who got the backpack also got a blue ruler.

Additional Item	Type of Writing Implements	Binder Color	Ruler Color	First Name
backpack	felt tip pens	blue	red	Beth
drawing tablet	wood pencils	green	orange	Joy
colored pencils	ball point pens	orange	blue	Rich
cell phone cover	mechanical pencils	yellow	green	Steve
alarm clock	markers	red	yellow	Tabitha

Answer to Puzzle

6. The kids who got the mechanical, wood, and colored pencils, in no particular order, were Rich, the one who got the yellow ruler, and the girl who got the orange binder.

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.

Board 20
All Vul.
Dealer: W

♠ KJ5
♥ 2
♦ T87653
♣ 853

♠ 942
♥ 974
♦ KQ
♣ A9742



♠ AT8763
♥ K865
♦ A4
♣ K

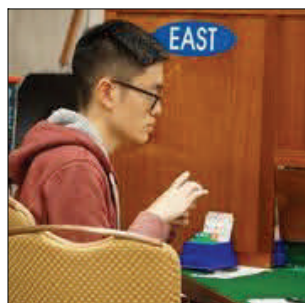
♠ Q
♥ AQJT3
♦ J92
♣ QJT6

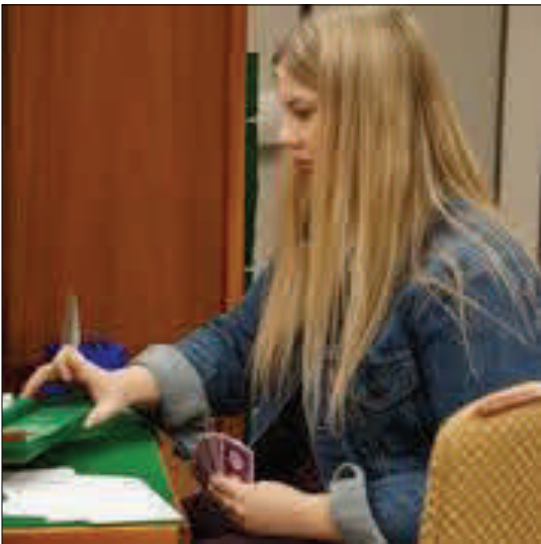
N Chang	N Si	L Beauc	Y Fan	B Xiong	I Stepha	H Wei	D Souku
Pass	Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠	2♥	2♠	3♥	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass		Pass	Pass	Pass	

In one room in the U26 match, David Soukup played 3S and went down. In the other room, Yewen Fan declared 4S and made five. Xiong led the DK against Soukup. Soukup won with the ace and played the H5 out of hand to the 4, 2, T. Wei returned the SQ. Soukup won in dummy and played the C3 to the 6, K, A. Xiong could see the crossruff coming and played his S4 to declarer's 6. The H8 was ruffed and a small club was trumped in hand. Soukup pulled the last trump and led the D6, losing to the queen. The C9 was trumped and Soukup found himself one trick light.

In the other room, Fan found a great line of play in game. Chang led the S2 and Fan won his ace. He played ace of diamonds and a diamond to Chang's king. Chang played the H4 to Beuchet's ace and the HQ was continued. Fan won the HK, pitching a club from dummy. He played a spade to the king and ruffed a diamond I hand. He played a spade to the jack, felling the last trump, and brought home eleven tricks.

13 IMPs to Fan



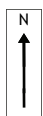


Faces of the Game

Board 2
Segment 3
N/S Vul.
Dealer: E

- ♠ Q5
- ♥ KJ5
- ♦ KJ8642
- ♣ K9

- ♠ T876
- ♥ Q85
- ♦ 75
- ♣ QT82



- ♠ 43
- ♥ A96
- ♦ T93
- ♣ AJ653

- ♠ AKJ92
- ♥ T743
- ♦ AQ
- ♣ 74

I Stepha	N Si	L Beaucl	Y Fan
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

U26

B Xiong	D Souku	H Wei	H Berk
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

B Xiao	C Smith	R Jeng	K Vohra
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

U21

In both matches yesterday, there was a 13 IMP swing on Board 2 in the third segment.

In U26, both tables played in 3NT... Both opening leaders led a 4th best club, however, Si played the hand from North where he was safe and Berk played the hand from South where the lead came through the Kx of clubs. Against Berk, the defense quickly cashed five rounds of clubs and the HA for down two. At the other table, Si won the club king, played a diamond to dummy's ace, cashed dummy's queen, and led a spade to his hand. When the smoke cleared, he collected six diamonds, five spades and the CK for 12 tricks and +690.

In the U26 match, one table played in 3NT from South, suffering the same fate as Berk suffered above. At the other table, N/S played in 5D from North. Against 5D, East led the CA and switched to a spade. Declarer made six, again collecting 13 IMPs.

