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# Mixed QuarterFinal Results USA2

3	<a href="#">Rubenstein</a>	97	24	17	31	25
6	<a href="#">Lewis - wins tie</a>	135	25	40	37	33
4	<a href="#">Donner</a>	104	28	34	19	23
5	<a href="#">Henner - wins tie</a>	107	18	48	11	30

# USA1

#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Rosenthal</a>	94	31	31	32						
2	<a href="#">Moss</a>	77	27	35	15						

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“Trials” and Tribulations—Mixed USBC

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# MUSBC Teams Entered

## Alphabetical Order

<b>Bauer</b>	Tracey Bauer, Capt John McAllister George Jacobs	Howard Parker Lilly Justman
<b>Donner</b>	Gary Donner, Capt Zachary Grossack Joe Grue	Sandra Rimstedt Giorgia Botta Anam Tebha
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<b>Watson</b>	Will Watson, Capt Mark Aquino	Geeske Joel Selen Hotamisligil
<b>Xu</b>	Finn Kolesnik Cynthia Huang (KO) Anne Brenner [KO] Karen McCallum Michael Xu, NPC	Kevin Rosenberg Dave Caprera [RR] JoAnna Stansby



# Face-to-Face Schaumburg I

## Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
<i>QUARTER-FINAL</i>			
THURSDAY	OCT. 14	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
FRIDAY	OCT. 15	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SATURDAY	OCT. 16	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>SEMI-FINAL &amp; USA2 STAGE 1</i>			
SUNDAY	OCT. 17	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
MONDAY	OCT. 18	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>FINAL &amp; USA2 QUARTERFINAL &amp; SEMIFINAL</i>			
TUESDAY	OCT. 19	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 20	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			
THURSDAY	OCT. 21	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
FRIDAY	OCT. 22	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120



The four islands in the Tropicana group each produce a different type of fruit.

Can you match each island name with the type of fruit produced, the island population (293, 305, 328, 402) and its location (A-D) in the chain?

1. The Kolahani islanders inhabit the island west of but not immediately next to Holahu island. Holahu doesn't produce bananas or pineapples and has a higher population than Wahani island.
2. Molaku island isn't the one with a population of 293, nor is it the one immediately next to the island with a population of 293.
3. The islanders who grow bananas inhabit the island east of but not immediately next to the island of Kolahani.
4. The island at location D isn't the one with the highest population.
5. Molaku island (which isn't the one at location B) is the next island due west of the one where papaya fruit is grown.
6. The islanders who grow coconuts don't inhabit the island immediately next to the one where bananas are grown.

**Logic Puzzle**  
**answer on page 4**

## Hospitality Suite

Because of Covid, we won't be able to provide the full, wonderful hospitality we have in the past, but we will do what we can.

Hosts Evvie Gilbert and Maya Alela for the Open and Women's and Julie Arbit and Christian Jolly for the Mixed and Seniors will be in our usual hospitality suite (Room 2321). They will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch each day'

**Breakfast:** From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and surprise treats. Also individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. They will be making coffee and will have individual packages of sugar, sweetener, and dairy & non-dairy creamers. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. We are limiting access to 6 players at any one time, so we ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that to take with you as quickly as you can, and then go someplace else to eat. **Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Hospitality Suite at all times.** There will be a hand sanitizer station near the door and we encourage you to sanitize your hands before choosing what to take.

**Lunch:** From 2-4 pm (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early). There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as individually packaged tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, and berries. Also all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

**Let us know what you want:** If there is a menu for a future day's lunch hanging on the wall outside the Hospitality Suite, please mark what you want, so we have a better idea of what to order.

### Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit.

**Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Player's Break Room at all times, so you may not eat and drink in the room.**



Julie Arbit



Christian  
Jolly

Packaged food  
Has worked just fine.  
Pick your box or bag  
And dine!

## Answer to Puzzle on page 3

Wahani	Pineapples	305	B
Molaku	Bananas	402	C
Kolahani	Coconuts	293	A
Holahu	Papaya	328	D
Island Name	Fruit	Pop.	Location A-D

# General Face-to-Face Tournament Information to Players

The USBF Board of Directors met earlier this week and confirmed:

1. Face-to-face play in Schaumburg will be with 2 players per room.
2. Players will not be required to get Covid tests, but will be provided with information about where they can be tested (in Woodfield Mall) if they want to be. Staff will be tested approximately once a week.
3. We will comply with the Illinois mask requirements, which currently require masks in public areas indoors. Our default will be for both players in the playing rooms to wear masks, but if the 2 players in a room agree on a different rule we will allow whatever they agree on, assuming that is in compliance with the Illinois requirements.
4. We will ask each player to sign a Covid-related waiver of liability form before they start play. Jan will be sending the text of the waiver to all of you in the next day or so, and will have printed forms in her office (room 1321) at the Hyatt for participants to sign.
5. Hospitality will be limited - "grab & go" breakfast and lunch will be distributed in our usual hospitality suite (room 2321), but everyone will have to go someplace else to eat. We will allow only 6 players in the suite at any one time. The suite will not be open for socializing at other times. We will have water, soft drinks, coffee and snacks in the Players' Break Room (1321), and there also, we will limit the number of people in the room at any one time. Eating in the Break Room is not allowed. Masks will be required in the hospitality suite and in the Players' Break Room.
6. There will be air purifiers in each playing room and in 1321 and 2321.

What has many keys but can't open a single lock? A piano.

What runs all around a backyard, yet never moves? A fence.

What has a bottom at the top? Legs.

I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I? Seven.

If two's company, and three's a crowd, what are four and five? Nine.

I'm tall when I'm young and short when I'm old. What am I? A candle.

What has hands but cannot clap? A clock.

What has a head and a tail but no body? A coin

What has an eye but cannot see? A needle

What gets wetter and wetter before it dries? A towel



## Riddles...



## KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. The stream is delayed; go to the schedule below for starting times for each segment.

### Popcorn time!

Do you want to listen to commentary? Search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentary. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

### Nail biting!

Do you want to be deeply involved? Choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into four small screens – two of them showing the two tables of the match you choose, the other two having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can also personalize the content in all your windows. (The 2x2 view is not available on mobiles.)

### Think together!

When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do and see whether your chosen player agrees.

### More Information:

Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you the scoresheet, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

### Navigation icons:

While surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue where you were.

### Replay:

After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board then the same buttons move you through list. Push every button and enjoy!

### KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Segment 1: 12:00 noon  
Segment 2: 2:25 pm  
BREAK  
Segment 3: 5:45 pm  
Segment 4: 8:00 pm  
NEXT DAY  
Segment 5: 12:00 noon  
Segment 6: 2:25 pm  
BREAK  
Segment 7: 7:00 pm  
Segment 8: 9:30 pm



*Ed. Note: See page 7 for the link to Tracey Bauer's video interview with Peter Talyigas at Love-Bridge explaining "How to Get the Most from Kibitzing on the site"*

## The Austin NABC will be held as scheduled.

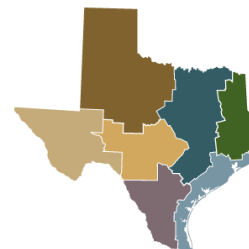
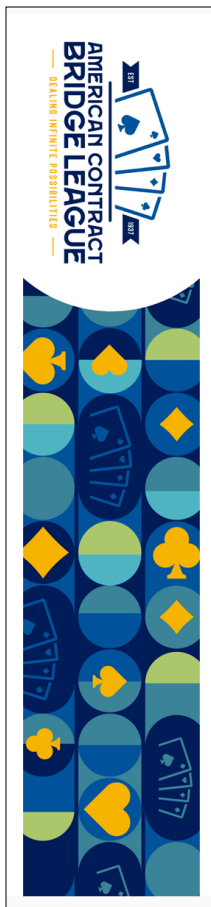
After much consideration, the decision has been made to move forward for the [2021 Fall North American Bridge Championships](#) scheduled for Nov. 25-Dec. 5 in Austin.



While we are excited to bring players back to the bridge table, we will still approach the tournament with an abundance of caution. We will hold the event as carefully as possible to protect the health and safety of players, volunteers and staff. Because of this, meetings and other large social gatherings outside of gameplay will be very limited (details are available on the [Austin NABC website](#)). We hope to hold these events during NABCs in 2022.

**All NABC attendees, staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated to attend the Austin NABC and have face masks properly worn when present in the tournament areas.** We have procured VOW Digital Health to manage the verification process for vaccinations. Further details on all health and safety requirements are available on the Austin NABC page of our website

Please do not attend the Fall NABC if you are not prepared to follow the safety protocols. They are in place to protect all attendees, and no exceptions will be made.



In the Daily Bulletin from the Senior Online Championships on October 3, you may have seen the **In Memoriam** for Jeff Goldsmith. Jeff lost his battle with cancer last week.

Jeff's family has designated the **USBF Junior Fund**, a 501C(3) charity, for donations in his memory. Donations may be made through the USBF website (USBF.org) and will be properly acknowledged. This was a very kind gesture by Jeff and his family who recognized how important bridge was to Jeff.

### **ALERT!! PLAYERS WHO PLAYED IN SCHAUMBURG SO FAR...**

**Please return any styluses you may have in your possession. We need them for the Mixed and the Seniors! Thank you. No questions asked!!**

LoveBridge computes some interesting statistics on each player each day. Today you can see yesterday's statistics and tomorrow you can see the stats from today. To view, you must go to [https://stats.lovebridge.com/statistics/usbc\\_2285](https://stats.lovebridge.com/statistics/usbc_2285) and enter your username. Each player has an individual username and password. Anyone can view a complete set of stats by clicking the tournament link and selecting USBC Open All.

Your personal stats are only available when you're logged in.

Tracy Bauer put together a U-Tube video interview with Peter Talyigas at LoveBridge and if you are having trouble figuring out how to kibitz, please access the link below... it may help:

<https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1176199382>

One side note: The format is not supported on Google Chrome. It does work on Edge!!

## Mask Rules

Attendees are required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth in all public areas in the hotel. That means the hotel lobby, corridors, and elevators, as well as the **Hospitality Suite** and the **Office/Players' Break Room, where masks must be worn at all times. Therefore, there is no eating or drinking in those rooms.**

Our attorney has told us that the Cook County Mask Mandate forces us to require masks in the playing rooms. Therefore, we have adopted the following policy about that:

*Masks are required in playing rooms. If you are observed not wearing a mask in a playing room, there will be a 2 IMP penalty for the first offense in a segment, a 4 IMP penalty for the second offense, an 8 IMP penalty for the third offense, and a 16 IMP penalty for the fourth and subsequent offenses; however, if you and your opponent agree to something other than both wearing masks, any IMP penalties for not wearing a mask will apply to both of you equally and there will be no other penalties. You may remove your mask briefly to eat or drink. **However, if you call for a director (for any reason), and you are not wearing a mask properly when the director enters the room, the penalty will apply to your team for your next match in the event.** There is no eating or drinking in the playing room when the Director present.*

In addition, anyone who is penalized more than twice (over the course of the entire event) in situations where his/her opponent was wearing a mask while s/he wasn't, or where the director was called, may be subject to additional conduct penalties.

You should bring masks to the tournament with you; we will not be supplying masks.

## Covid Waiver

We are going to ask each player in these events to sign a COVID-19 Waiver of Claims. It is being sent to you by email and you may sign it electronically and return it to Jan ([marteljan@gmail.com](mailto:marteljan@gmail.com)) or you can sign a printed waiver at the site. Waivers will be available to sign in room 1321 starting Oct. 5th at 9:00 am. **Everyone is required to sign the form before the start of play!**

Acting on an anonymous phone call, the police raid a house to arrest a suspected murderer. They don't know what he looks like but they know his name is John and that he is inside the house. The police bust in on a carpenter, a lorry driver, a mechanic and a fireman all playing poker. Without hesitation or communication of any kind, they immediately arrest the fireman. How do they know they've got their man?

Solution: The fireman is the only man in the room. The rest of the poker players are women.

**What is the quietest kind of a dog?**



**A Hush Puppy!**





**Tracey Bauer** juggles career and family and selectively fits in good bridge when she can. She is enjoying the journey and has wonderful partners and friends who are as passionate about learning and living life to its fullest. She looks at every bad board as a learning experience not to be repeated once she recognizes the pattern. Tracy lives in Marin County where she is the social media chair for the Marin unit and District 21 maintaining their Facebook Page.

*Favorite Bridge Memory*

Being accidentally passed out in 5H during slam auction making with only 6 trump and all those in 6s go down

*Bridge Accomplishments*

Leading the Keohane Swiss in San Diego in 2017 after day one with Riki Tulin, Matthew and Pamela Granovetter, and Jason Chiu as her partner (Cinderella team) 10th women's pairs Kansas City 2017 with Arti, 12th Nail Life Master Pairs 2019 SFNABC with Nick, and 7th 0-10,000 Fast Pairs with Mykaell

*Regular Bridge Partners*

Keith Bauer, Arti Bhargava, Jason Chiu, Wafik Abdou, Mykaell McCarthy, Rhian Davies, Nick Wiebe, Erwin Linzer, Olivia Schierson, Amy Casanova, Michael Fleisher

*Member of Bridge Club(s)*

Terra Linda, Crossley

*Favorite Tournaments*

Any nationals when I play with my favorite partners

*Favorite Conventions*

Anything my partner plays and can remember

*BBO Username*

Marintl

*ACBL Ranking*

Gold Life Master

Since the above was posted on Bridge winners, Tracey has served a stint as President of District 21 and she has won the 2020 WBF Women's Bridge Club Autumn Festival.

Tracey was in the MUSBC as a member of the Bauer team playing alternatively with George Jacobs and Howard Parker. Since being knocked out, both Tracey and George have been participating in the event as commentators for the delayed kibitzing.



# Meet the Players

**BIDDING**   **TRICKS**   **INFO**   **DDS**

W	N	E	S
1♦	PASS	1♠	PASS
2♣	PASS	2NT	PASS
3♥	DBL	4♠	PASS

DEALER 52 EAST

NORTH: ♠ 10 8 6 2, ♥ 2, ♣ A K Q 7, ♦ A J 5 2

SOUTH: ♠ J 3, ♥ K J 9 4 3, ♣ J 10 9 5, ♦ Q 7

Sheila Gabay (N)

Alex Kolesnik (W)

Adam Wildavsky (S)

Lynne Feldman (E)

4♠   NS: 0   EW: 0

N-S: Henner 228 IMPs  
E-W: Kolesnik 219 IMPs  
Other room: W 3N -1100

Board 52 begs the question: To bid or not to bid 3NT or 4S?

Using "spiral," a relay system of sorts, Kolesnik and Feldman found game in their 4-4 spade fit. 2NT was spiral. 3H showed 4+ spades

With the DQ onside and the spades breaking 3-2, this was an easy make with two overtricks.

**BIDDING**   **TRICKS**   **INFO**   **DDS**

W	N	E	S
1NT	PASS	3♦	PASS
3NT	PASS	PASS	PASS

DEALER 52 EAST

NORTH: ♠ 10 8 6 2, ♥ 2, ♣ A K Q 7, ♦ A J 5 2

SOUTH: ♠ J 3, ♥ K J 9 4 3, ♣ J 10 9 5, ♦ Q 7

Cheryl Mandala (N)

Yiji Starr (W)

Yul Inn (S)

Doug Doub (E)

3NT   NS: 0   EW: 0

N-S: Kolesnik 219 IMPs  
E-W: Henner 228 IMPs  
Other room: E 4♠ +2 -680

In the other room, Starr opened 1NT (12-14). Doub's 3D showed a "short major." Starr, with certain stoppers in both majors, and unaware that her partner's other major was four cards long in spades, bid 3NT.

Mandala led a fourth best heart. Starr ducked. Starr won the heart continuation. She cashed four rounds of diamonds and three rounds of clubs while Inn sat patiently waiting to grab his SA and cash out the hearts! Contract failing one trick!

13 IMPs to Kolesnik

In USA1, both tables reached the spade game and the board was a push.

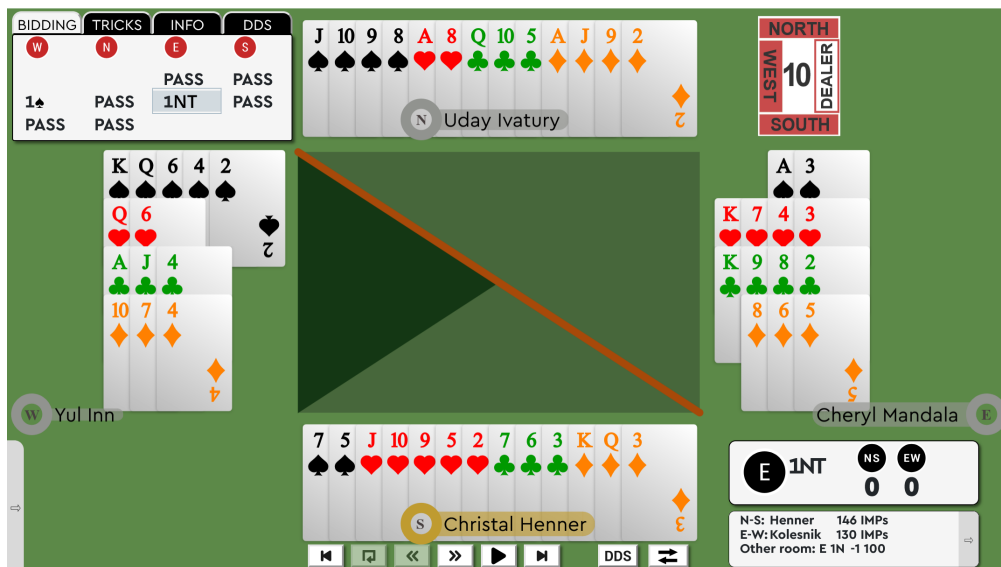
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# Appeal #1

October 18, 2021

Mixed USA2 Stage 1

Kolesnik vs. Henner



The screenshot shows a bridge game interface. At the top, the bidding sequence is: West (W) 1♣, North (N) PASS, East (E) PASS, South (S) 1NT, West (W) PASS, North (N) PASS, East (E) PASS, South (S) PASS. The dealer is North, and the contract is 1NT. The hands are: North (N) ♠ J 10 9 8, ♥ A 8, ♦ Q 10 5, ♣ A J 9 2; South (S) ♠ A 3, ♥ K 7 4 3, ♦ K 9 8 2, ♣ 8 6 5. The player names are Uday Ivatury (North), Cheryl Mandala (South), Yul Inn (West), and Christal Henner (East). The score is 0-0 for NS and EW. The IMPs are 146 for NS and 130 for EW. The other room score is E 1N -1100.

**The Facts:** South led the H J (0 or 2 higher, so North knew South did not have the king) to trick one, which went to the Q, A, and 3. North switched to the DJ to the 5, 3 (upside down), and 4. North next led the H 8. South's D3 play took 110 seconds.

**The Ruling:** After the hand EW requested a ruling, noting that they thought continuing a diamond at trick three was a possibility and the tempo of the D3 may have suggested that switching back to hearts was correct.

**The Polling:** Three players were polled regarding the players' second point of whether South's tempo suggested reverting to hearts; all three agreed that it strongly did so. Five players were polled on North's defensive decisions. Four would play back the H8 immediately, rather than play the DJ; one agreed with the DJ play. Three of those who would lead the H8 considered the D J. The three players who considered the D J but ultimately decided against it all thought it was very clear to lead a heart to trick 3. The player who did not consider the D J would have continued diamonds, and the player who would have chosen the DJ wanted to continue diamonds, but thought it was very close between that and a heart.

## The Laws:

### Law 16B. Extraneous Information from Partner

1. Any extraneous information from partner that might suggest a call or play is unauthorized. This includes remarks, questions, replies to questions, unexpected alerts or failures to alert, unmistakable hesitation, unwonted speed, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement or mannerism.

(a) A player may not choose a call or play that is demonstrably suggested over another by unauthorized information if the other call or play is a logical alternative.

(b) A logical alternative is an action that a significant proportion of the class of players in question, using the methods of the partnership, would seriously consider, and some might select.

### Law 73C. Player Receives Unauthorized Information from Partner

1. When a player has available to him unauthorized information from his partner, such as from a remark, question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, undue emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation, an unexpected alert or failure to alert, he must carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorized information [see Law 16B1(a)].

*(Continued from page 11)*

### **Law 12C. Awarding an Adjusted Score**

1.(a) When after an irregularity the Director is empowered by these laws to adjust a score and is able to award an assigned adjusted score, he does so. Such a score replaces the score obtained in play.

(b) The Director in awarding an assigned adjusted score should seek to recover as nearly as possible the probable outcome of the board had the infraction not occurred.

The Director judged that two of five pollees' continuation of diamond plays constituted a logical alternative, and the three pollees' responses showed that leading a heart was demonstrably suggested by South's extraneous information.

A hand analyst was consulted, who said that after South won the assigned diamond continuation, they would revert to hearts; declarer would win this and take a club finesse, setting up his seventh trick before the defense was able to untangle their tricks. Based on this analysis the Director assigned a score of seven tricks to EW.

#### **The Appeal:**

NS appealed this ruling, as they felt there was no logical alternative to the play of the H8 and no path to a seventh trick by continuing diamonds.

#### **The Process:**

The Appeals Committee requested no player or team names be known to the Committee Members or Committee Chair before deliberation or before a decision was rendered. They, did, however, inquire about the strength of the North player.

#### **The Decision:**

The committee felt strongly that the only 'bridge play' at trick three was to switch back to the H8, despite the polling results. When the problem was given to the Committee, but before they heard the polling results, they thought the ruling had gone the other way upon polling saying there was no logical alternative, and were thinking it to be a meritless appeal. They were surprised to hear that the polling had found two players who would continue diamonds. They ultimately determined that the polling was flawed and/or the pollees did not give the problem enough attention. The Committee returned to the table result of 1 NT down one.

#### **The Committee:**

**Ralph Katz, Chair**

**Kerri Sanborn**

**Danny Sprung**



Thanks to Ralph Katz, Kerri Sanborn, and Danny Sprung for serving on the committee and for being willing to help in a timely fashion. Committee organization does not always allow for advance notice which means committee members must sometimes drop what they are doing to participate in the hearing.

Players are much better served when committees can be heard as soon as possible so that the state of a match is known going into the final segment. Addressing that, this committee was held between the 7th and 8th segment so status was clear to everyone.

Thanks also to McKenzie Myers for working with the committees, providing the polling and giving guidance with the laws. Teamwork between staff and volunteers makes the process easier and is much appreciated.

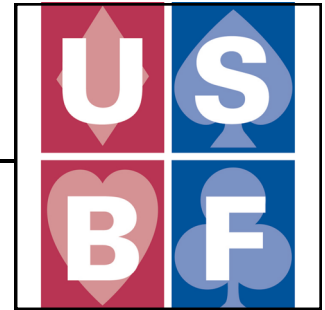
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# Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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Play online  
Both day and night  
For masterpoints,  
It's fight, fight, fight!



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

# Hard Sudoku

**From the Editor:**  
 Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. While team lists and schedules will be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions, other information may not.  
 Thank you!!  
 Suzi  
 If you have a great hand or bridge news or gossip you think would be of interest to our readers, you can email me at [stansubeck@prodigy.net](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net)



## Answer to Puzzle on Page 15

40 inches	Thursday	2-1/2 inches	Montana	Waller
70 inches	Monday	3 inches	Vermont	Mathew
80 inches	Tuesday	1-1/2 inches	Michigan	Harold
50 inches	Wednesday	2 inches	Massachusetts	Eddie
60 inches	Friday	1 inch	New York	Alan
Forecasted Snowfall	Day of Week	First Snowfall	State	First Name

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

## Sudoku Answers on page 13

	Massachusetts	Michigan	Montana	New York	Vermont	1 inch	1-1/2 inches	2 inches	2-1/2 inches	3 inches	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	40 inches	50 inches	60 inches	70 inches	80 inches
Alan																				
Eddie																				
Harold																				
Matthew																				
Walter																				
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3 inches																				

## Answer on Page 14

First Name	State	First Snowfall	Day of Week	Forecasted Snowfall
Alan				
Eddie				
Harold				
Matthew				
Walter				

Eddie and four of his friends chatted on Facebook last night about the first snowfalls of the season. Each of the friends lived in a different northern state and all of them had already gotten a snowstorm, each on a different day of the week. While the storms were small so far, only one to three inches, they speculated on how much snow each area would get during the whole winter. After all, there was still plenty of winter to come! Determine the name of each friend, the state each lived in, how much snow each got and on which weekday from this first storm, and what each friend's speculated total snowfall for the winter was (40, 50, 60, 70, or 80 inches).

- Eddie lived in Massachusetts but he didn't get snow on Thursday. Harold got snow on Tuesday but not 2 inches.
- Walter got half an inch less snow than the friend who

got snow on Monday but he got an inch more than the friend who estimated his area would get 80 inches.

3. The friend who lived in Michigan, who wasn't Matthew, guessed 20 inches more snow for his area than the friend who got snow on Friday guessed.

4. The five friends, in no particular order, were Alan, the friend who estimated his area would get 80 inches, the friend who lived in Vermont, the friend who already got 2 inches of snow, and the friend who got snow on Thursday.

5. Matthew got 3 inches of snow but not on Thursday. Alan lives in New York but he didn't get snow on Wednesday.

6. The friend from Montana estimated his area would get 30 inches less than Matthew guessed. The friend that guessed 50 inches of snow didn't get snow on Thursday.

# Famous Artists

Find and circle all of the artists that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell a hidden message.

T H E P I S S A R R O H M U N C H O  
R E P P O H N K E D L T G S E Y P A  
D I N T T D C T A N E W E O C E I N  
E G T H O O A L D N N U A H G A L Y  
G T V I L U I V O N R A A R N N K K  
A C E L M N L M I A A G Z T H S A C  
S V O A I T M O T N A R O E N O A V  
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R H S G H N T B L S E I D M A O L I  
E D I A E A I N A E E N T V E A H O  
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E E R I G R E N O I R I I K T S K L  
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BASQUIAT  
BOTTICELLI  
CARAVAGGIO  
CASSATT  
CEZANNE  
CHAGALL  
DALI  
DA VINCI  
DEGAS  
DELACROIX

GAUGUIN  
GOYA  
HOPPER  
KAHLO  
KANDINSKY  
KLEE  
KLIMT  
MANET  
MATISSE

MICHELANGELO  
MONET  
MUNCH  
O'KEEFFE  
PICASSO  
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RAPHAEL  
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RUBENS  
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TOULOUSE LAUTREC  
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VAN GOGH  
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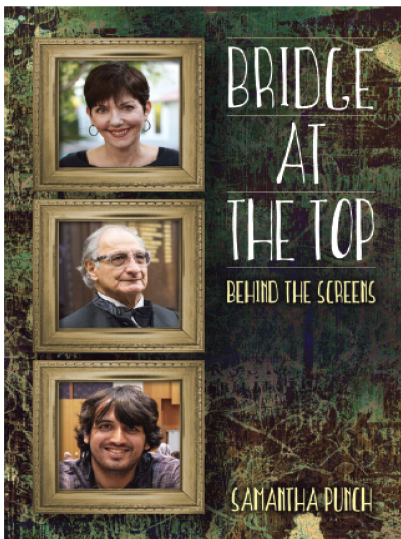
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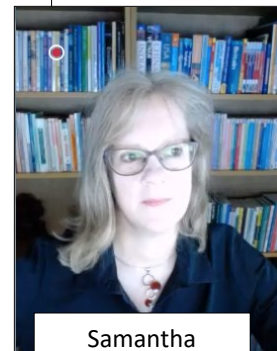
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Editor



Samantha

## Questions asked by Players in the Open and the Mixed... FAQ's from Jan Martel

### Chat

- **My physical keyboard isn't working!** Make sure to click/put focus into the chat box before attempting to type in the box. (The blinking cursor makes it seem as though focus is there, but it may not be.) This seems to only occur with an external keyboard, not the virtual keyboard.
- **What does that number on the left side mean?** You have unread chat message(s). Click on left gray arrow to open chat and right gray arrow to close the chat. (If you actually type and send a message, the chat will close automatically. Reopen with left gray arrow.)
- **Why can't I chat to my partner?** For security reasons, chat to partner is not available while cards for a new hand are on display. Since there is no "between round down time," there is no real partner chat.

### Bidding


- **The system won't let me pass!** If you have the level (1 through 7) highlighted, you will be unable to pass/double/redouble. Click on the highlighted numeral to remove the highlight, then make the desired call.
- **My explanation keeps disappearing!** If you alert your bid as you make it but go back later to explain, there is a bug in the system where subsequent table actions will erase any text that you have typed into the explanation box. If you include your explanation with your call or when it is your turn to act, then this will not occur. (We have reported this issue to LoveBridge.)
- **Where is the undo button?** While there is no undo button, every call made is followed by a brief cancellation time period. A cancel button will appear immediately below the call selected in the top center portion of the screen. If you cancel within the time period, your bidding panel will reappear for you to select the intended call. If you do not cancel within the time period, summon a director (hit red TD whistle) to request an undo.

### Play

1. **Why can't I click on a card?** The default setting for LoveBridge is neither a tap/click nor a double tap/click. The default setting is a drag-and-drop motion where the player pulls a card to the gray box in the center of the screen and releases to play the card. If the "pulled" card is not the intended one, the player can drag it back to the hand and select another card. **We recommend this setting while players are getting accustomed to the system.** Players may change this setting to double tap/click if desired, but we strongly discourage single tap/click settings.
2. **Whose turn is it?** In the bidding or play of the hand, the player's direction letter (N S E W) will be white inside of the circle when it is the player's turn. This is a very subtle change from the normal pale blue letter.
3. **How do I claim?** During the play, you may click the larger red box below the TD whistle to claim. If the claim button is grayed out (not available), you either already contributed a card to the current trick or you are dummy.

**How do I see the bidding once play has started?** A player is not entitled to the entire auction once they have played to trick 1. If you have not yet played to trick one, the auction will be in the lower left corner. Click on it to enlarge to the center area. Click the double gray arrows in the bottom right of the center area to send it back to the corner. Similarly, this is how a player may see the cards from the previous trick (prior to playing to current trick).

**The new and improved 60 Board USBF Convention Card is now available on the table in Jan's office (Break Room??)**

We hope it "suits" you! 



Saw an owl having a game of chess with a bird with a big beak. I thought "toucan play that game."

Never tell a golfer you're feeling below par.

What game do horses play at home? Stable tennis.

Local amateur poultry football team had their new star striker chicken banned. Apparently he was a professional fowl.

Went to a Board Game themed Fancy-Dress competition, but knew I wasn't going to win win with my incomplete Monopoly themed outfit. I had no chance.

23  
SOUTH  
ALL

♠ Q T 7  
♥ K 7  
♦ K T 6  
♣ K T 6 5 2

♠ 9 8 4 3 2  
♥ 5 4 3  
♦ 5 4  
♣ A 8 4

♠ 6  
♥ A J T 9 8 6  
♦ A J 3  
♣ J 9 3

♠ A K J 5  
♥ Q 2  
♦ Q 9 8 7 2  
♣ Q 7

Par: 140

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	8	9	5	9	6
EW	4	3	8	4	4

Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	I	=	★	P		
									NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Rosenthal	Moss		Open	3N	N	♥T	-4	400			14
				Closed	3N	S	♠8	+1	630			
3	Rubenstein	Lewis		Open	3N	N	♥J	-4	400			15
				Closed	3Nx	S	♠3	=	750			
4	Donner	Henner		Open	3N	S	♠3	-1	100			12
				Closed	3N	S	♠9	=	600			

In honor of Michael Jordan, Chicago's most famous #23, perhaps Board 23 could best be described as "Jump Ball," six tables with five different results and the home team never gained any IMPs!

In the Moss/Rosenthal USA1 match, Berkowitz/Ginossar had a standard auction to reach 3NT from the North hand. Dana Berkowitz, South, opened 1D. Eldad Ginossar, North, jumped to 2NT (invitational) and Berkowitz accepted with 3NT.

Roger Lee, East, led the HT won in dummy with the queen. Sylvia Moss, West, showed an odd number of hearts by following with the five (UDCA). Ginossar hoped that Lee held the DA and that Lee would not be able to read the heart position. He led the D2 to his ten losing to Lee's jack. Lee played the HA. The defense took five hearts, two diamonds and a club to set the contract four tricks and score -400 N/S.

At the other table in the USA1 match, Kevin Dwyer upgraded the South hand and opened 1NT (15-17) rather than 1D. His partner, Jenny Wolpert, bid 3C (asking for a five card major). It had become too high for Migry to show her heart suit. Dwyer bid 3NT denying a five card major and played there.

The opening lead was the S8. Dwyer won the SQ in dummy and played the SJ from his hand. Dwyer led the C2 off dummy and played the CQ from his hand. Unsure of what to do next if he won the CA, Willenken ducked. Dwyer led the D8 from hand and played dummy's king losing to Migry's ace. Migry returned the HJ to Dummy's king. Dwyer finessed through East for the DJ and took ten tricks scoring +630 N/S.

14 IMPs to Moss

(Continued on page 20)

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In the Donner/Henner USA2 match, both tables played 3NT from South. Adam Wildavsky opened a 12-14 notrump. His partner, Sheila Gabay, bid 2S, which is either a club suit or a range ask. Wildavsky bid 3C showing a maximum and Gabay bid 3NT.

Sandra Rimstedt led the S9. Wildavsky won the SK in his hand and played the D9 to dummy's king. Gary Donner won the DA and played the HJ to dummy's king. Wildavsky finessed against Donner's DJ and claimed nine tricks, scoring +600 N/S.

At the other table, Zach Grossack upgraded the South hand and opened a 15-17 NT. Botta raised to 3NT. Starr led the S3. Grossack won in hand with the king. Grossack led the D2 to dummy's king. Doub won the DA and shifted to the HJ. Grossack won with the queen in his hand and cashed two spades, ending in dummy. Doub discarded two hearts. Grossack played the DT. Doub played low and Grossack rose with the queen. Grossack cashed the SA and exited with a heart. The opponents took four more tricks and Grossack was defeated one trick.

In the Lewis/Rubenstein match, Molson, South, opened 1D and Joel Wooldridge, invited with 2NT. Molson raised to game. The HJ was led. Just as Ginossar did in the USA1 match, Wooldridge won in dummy and ran the D9. Like his counterpart, he was defeated four tricks.

At the other table, things were even more exciting. Kamenova opened a 15-17 NT on her 14 count and Smith bid game. Adam Grossack gave it his best shot. He doubled (explained as "lead your shortest major...I think").

Oops. Parker did not understand that Grossack's double was lead directing. She led her 4th spade. Kamenova won the ST in dummy and led the DT, finessing East for the DJ. The DK came next. Grossack won the ace. Grossack played the HA and a second heart. Kamenova won and claimed nine tricks scoring +750. 15 IMPs to Lewis

46		♠ T 6 2			
EAST		♥ K Q T 7 6 2			
NONE		♦ T 4			
		♣ Q 9			
♠		♠ A K Q 7 5			
♥ A		♥ J 9 4 3			
♦ K Q J 8 5		♦ 9 3 2			
♣ A K J 8 6 4 3		♣ 2			
		♠ J 9 8 4 3			
		♥ 8 5			
		♦ A 7 6			
		♣ T 7 5			
Par: -920					
	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	1	1	5	3	1
S	:	:	:	4	:
EW	12	12	8	8	10

Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	I	=	★	P
					NS	EW	Home	Visiting		
3	Rubenstein	Lewis		Open	6♣	W	♠2	-1	50	14
				Closed	6♦	W	♥K	=	920	
4	Donner	Henner		Open	5♣	W	♥K	+1	420	10
				Closed	6♦	W	♥Q	-1	50	
1	Rosenthal	Moss		Open	6♣	W	♥K	=	920	
				Closed	6♦	W	♥Q	=	920	

Five of six tables bid slam on Board 46. Three bid 6D and two bid 6C. It is surprising that Starr/Doub stopped in game. Starr opened 1C. Zach Grossark preempted 2H. Doub bid 2S. Starr bid 3D and Doub bid 3NT. Starr bid 4C. Doub bid 4S. Starr bid 5C and Doub passed. Perhaps Starr should have rebid diamonds before rebidding clubs. Doub might have thought she was 6-4 or 7-4 on the auction they had. Starr took twelve tricks playing safe for game.

The best way for the defense to defeat 6C is for North to lead the DT to South's ace and have South return a heart. Declarer has a bonus entry to dummy. Declarer can lead a diamond to the nine, cash three high spades discarding their three remaining diamonds before finessing a club for down one!!! Of course, that didn't happen.

The best way to declare 6D is to win the heart lead and play the DK. Assuming this is ducked, play ace of clubs and ruff a club and lead the D9 toward your hand. The only way this goes down is if the person with the DA has exactly DAx and three clubs.

Starr played 5C and made six in Henner/Donner. At the other table, Tebha went down in 6D for a 10 IMP loss. It went HT to the ace. DK ducked. Tebha played a second high diamond. Wildavsky won and played a third diamond, Tebha winning the nine in dummy and taking the "Greeks bearing gifts" club finesse, losing to North's doubleton CQ.

The lucky declarers in 6C were "forced" to make the hand on a heart lead because there were no entries to dummy. In Rubenstein/Lewis, Disa was really unlucky. Levitina led the S2 after Disa opened 1C; Levitina bid 2H; Itabashi bid 2S; Disa bid 3D; Itabasi bid 3NT and Disa jumped to the club slam.

The S2 game Disa an entry to dummy. She won the SA, pitching a diamond, and immediately took the losing club finesse!

Molson succeeded in 6D. She won the opening heart lead, played the DK which Kamenova won with the ace. Kamenova played a heart. Molson ruffed and played the CA and ruffed a club in dummy bringing down the queen!

# TRICKS AND TREATS

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## Daily Two-Session Events

Award Gold & Red Points - Must Play Both Sessions - \$30 per player



### Midday Two-Session Event Schedule

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>1:15 pm &amp; 4:45 pm ET</b> | <b>Golden Ghoul Gold Rush Pairs</b> (750/400/200)<br>No player may have more than 750 masterpoints |
| <b>1:15 pm &amp; 4:45 pm ET</b> | <b>Candy Corn Mid-Flight Pairs</b> (3000/1250)<br>No player may have more than 3000 masterpoints   |
| <b>1:15 pm &amp; 4:45 pm ET</b> | <b>Jack O' Lantern Top-Flight Pairs</b> (unlimited/4000)   |



## Daily Single-Session Events

Awards red points

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Events - \$15 per player, per session

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>10:15 am, 1:30 pm,<br/>5:00 pm &amp; 8:00 pm ET</b> | <b>Great Pumpkin 499er Pairs</b> (500/300/100)<br>No player may have more than 500 masterpoints |
|--|---|

## Daily Side Games

Play in two sessions of the same series for a chance to win gold!

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Sessions - \$15 per player, per session



- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>10:15 am ET</b> | <b>Creaking Staircase Side Game Series</b><br>(unlimited/1500/500)      |
| <b>1:30 pm ET</b>  | <b>Rattling Chains Side Game Series</b><br>(unlimited/1500/500)         |
| <b>5:00 pm ET</b>  | <b>Flickering Lights Side Game Series</b><br>(unlimited/1500/500)       |
| <b>8:00 pm ET</b>  | <b>Howling Wind Side Game Series</b><br>(unlimited/1500/500)(No Sunday) |



Stratification for all events is by the average masterpoint holding of the pair. In any event with an upper masterpoint limit, neither player may exceed the limit for the event. Masterpoint awards for all single-session events are red points

3 SOUTH E-W

♠ Q  
♥ AKT 4  
♦ KT  
♣ K 9 8 6 4 2

♠ T 9 8 7 6  
♥ 9 7 6  
♦ 9 7 3  
♣ Q 7

♠ A J 4 3  
♥ J 8 5 2  
♦ J 8 5  
♣ A T

♠ K 5 2  
♥ Q 3  
♦ A Q 6 4 2  
♣ J 5 3

Par: 430  
♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ N  
NS 10 10 9 8 10  
EW 2 3 4 5 3

Home team Visiting team Room C By 1 = \*

							NS	EW	Home	
3	Rubenstein	Lewis		Open	5♣	N	♠A	-1	50	2
				Closed	3N	S	♠T	-2	100	
4	Donner	Henner		Open	3N	S	♠T	=	400	
				Closed	5♣	N	♥5	=	400	
1	Rosenthal	Moss		Open	3N	S	♠T	=	400	
				Closed	3N	S	♠9	=	400	

At first glance, Board 3 in the first segment of the USA1 Final and USA2 Quarterfinals looks like another routine board. In Rubenstein/Lewis, Rubenstein won 2 IMPs. The other two matches were pushes.

All of the 3NT declarers received the ST lead. East won the SA and returned a low spade. Declarer ducked and won the third round of spades.

In the USA1 match, both declarers, Andrew Rosenthal and Sylvia Moss, played diamonds from the top down. When the suit divided 3-3, they had nine tricks and a push board.

In Donner/Henner, Anam Tebha declared 3NT & played the diamonds from the top down to take nine tricks.

This was a push when Henner/Ivatury bid to 5C at the other table. Zach Grossack led a heart and Ivatury was able to discard his spade on the third round of diamonds to take eleven tricks, only losing two trump tricks.

In the Lewis Rubenstein match, Adam Grossack and Chris Parker bid to 5C. Ron Smith led the SA and the contract was defeated one trick.

At the other table, Linda Lewis was the “unlucky expert”. Playing in 3NT, Linda won the third round of spades and made the best odds play to take five diamond tricks. She led a diamond to the ten. This lost to East’s DJ. Two more spades, and a club were cashed to defeat 3NT by two tricks.

2 IMPs to Rubenstein.

All of this is pretty amazing when one considers that the probability taking five diamond tricks by way of a 3-3 split is approximately 36% In comparison Lewis’s play of finessing the DT will result in five diamond tricks 42% of the time. In addition, if West holds five diamonds to the jack, declarer will take four diamond tricks, with a chance for a ninth trick coming from the heart suit.

Lewis made the superior play and got the inferior result. Life isn’t always fair!

# Limey Jack...

Hallo Colonials:

Your side of the pond is hopping with bridge. Limey Jack needs a kip in the worst way.

USA1 is in a bang-up, to be decided tomorrow.

USA2: Henner-Lewis: Henner pulled one from the fire today to get there, whilst Lewis coasted in. Limey Jack assures you that Lewis is well fed and more battle tested. Henner is game, but Lewis will be chuffed to prevail.

Toodle pip.



Yul Inn, deep in thought

# Howie Doing...

USA 1

Is half the way done!

USA2

Is starting anew!

I would go with  
The likes of Ron Smith,

But Sheila Gabay  
Really can play.

Adam and Doug,  
Together are snug.

With Starr and Gabay,  
Will they last for a day?

Lewis has tried,  
But Henner's the bride!

Lewis, the "maid,"  
When 60 are played!



Zach Grossack, left,  
enjoying the tablets



Irina Levitina, right,  
considering her next  
move seriously