

“Trials” and Tribulations

BE AWARE... INFO FOR PLAYERS AND TEAM CAPTAINS REGARDING USBF UPCOMING COMPETITIONS ONLINE AND IN SCHAUMBURG ...

ROSTER CHANGES BY TEAMS AFTER ONLINE STAGE - NOTE: THIS APPLIES WHEN A PLAYER ON A WOMEN'S, MIXED OR SENIOR TEAM QUALIFIES FOR THE BERMUDA BOWL AS WELL AS WHEN PLAYERS DROP OFF TEAMS BETWEEN THE ONLINE AND FACE TO FACE STAGES OF PLAY:

After completion of the online stage, if there is one, in any event, teams may change their roster subject to the following:

At least 4 players who met the play requirements for the qualifying stage(s) must remain on the team for the face-to-face stages. For the Mixed USBC, there must be 2 players of each gender.

The added player(s) must improve the team's performance at the table.

No added player played in an earlier stage of the event.

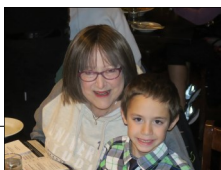
The team must notify the USBF Secretary (Jan Martel at marteljan@gmail.com), and the players must submit System Summary Forms and not add unusual bidding methods as

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting and the use of the Round Robin, it will be especially challenging to write up the hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stan-subeck@prodigy.net. I also welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip!!

Thanks.

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21 Teams Entered... in Alphabetical Order

Bishel	Tom Bishel, Capt John Hinton Bob Lyon	John Bishel Jerry Clerkin
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Castellino	Stephen Castellino, Capt Bruce Blakely Bob Thomson	Mukund Thapa Weishu Wu Shail Gupta
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Hill	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Shan Huang Joel Wooldridge	Joyce Hill David Grainger
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Spector	Warren Spector, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Kevin Bathurst
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Eric Robinson Bill Pollack	Doug Doub Gary Cohler Rozanne Pollack



Online Tournament Schedule

<i>ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 1</i>			
DAY	DATE	TIME - EDT	BOARDS
MONDAY	SEPT. 13	11:30 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
MONDAY	SEPT. 13	12:00 - 12:50 1:10 - 2:00 2:20 - 3:10 4:10 - 5:00 5:20 - 6:10 6:30 - 7:20 7:40 - 8:30	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-7 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 8-14 ROUND 3 - BOARDS 15-21 60 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 4 - BOARDS 22-28 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 29-35 ROUND 6 - BOARDS 36-42 ROUND 7 - BOARDS 43-49
TUESDAY	SEPT. 14	12:00 - 12:50 1:05 - 1:55 2:10 - 3:00 3:15 - 4:05 5:00 - 5:50 6:05 - 6:55 7:10 - 8:00 8:15 - 9:05	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 50-56 ROUND 9 - BOARDS 57-63 ROUND 10 - BOARDS 64-70 ROUND 11 - BOARDS 71-77 55 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 12 - BOARDS 78-84 ROUND 13 - BOARDS 85-91 ROUND 14 - BOARDS 92-98 ROUND 15 - BOARDS 1-7
WEDNESDAY	SEPT. 15	12:00 - 12:50 1:05 - 1:55 2:10 - 3:00 3:30 - 4:20 4:35 - 5:25 5:40 - 6:30	ROUND 16 - BOARDS 8-14 ROUND 17 - BOARDS 15-21 ROUND 18 - BOARDS 22-28 30 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 19 - BOARDS 29-35 ROUND 20 - BOARDS 36-42 ROUND 21 - BOARDS 43-49
<i>ROUND ROBIN - STAGE 2 -</i>			
FRIDAY	SEPT. 17	12:00 - 12:50 1:10 - 2:00 2:20 - 3:10 4:10 - 5:00 5:20 - 6:10 6:30 - 7:20 7:40 - 8:30	ROUND 1 - BOARDS 1-7 ROUND 2 - BOARDS 8-14 ROUND 3 - BOARDS 15-21 60 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 4 - BOARDS 22-28 ROUND 5 - BOARDS 29-35 ROUND 6 - BOARDS 36-42 ROUND 7 - BOARDS 43-49
SATURDAY	SEPT. 18	12:00 - 12:50 1:05 - 1:55 2:10 - 3:00 3:15 - 4:05 5:00 - 5:50 6:05 - 6:55 7:10 - 8:00 8:15 - 9:05	ROUND 8 - BOARDS 50-56 ROUND 9 - BOARDS 57-63 ROUND 10 - BOARDS 64-70 ROUND 11 - BOARDS 71-77 55 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 12 - BOARDS 8-14 ROUND 13 - BOARDS 15-21 ROUND 14 - BOARDS 22-28 ROUND 15 - BOARDS 29-35
SUNDAY	SEPT. 19	12:00 - 12:50 1:10 - 2:00 2:20 - 3:10 4:10 - 5:00 5:20 - 6:10 6:30 - 7:20 7:40 - 8:30	ROUND 16 - BOARDS 36-42 ROUND 17 - BOARDS 43-49 ROUND 18 - BOARDS 50-56 60 MINUTE BREAK ROUND 19 - BOARDS 57-63 ROUND 20 - BOARDS 64-70 ROUND 21 - BOARDS 71-77 ROUND 22 - BOARDS 78-84

Face to Face Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
<i>QUARTER-FINAL</i>			
MONDAY	OCT. 4	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
TUESDAY	OCT. 5	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 6	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1</i>			
THURSDAY	OCT. 7	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
FRIDAY	OCT. 8	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL</i>			
SATURDAY	OCT. 9	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SUNDAY	OCT. 10	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			
MONDAY	OCT. 11	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
TUESDAY	OCT. 12	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

What is the difference between a beehive and a diseased potato?

None at all; as one is a beholder, the other a speck'd tatur.

What is the best way of making a coat last?

Make the trousers and waistcoat first.

What sort of musical instrument resembles a bad hotel?

A vile-inn.

USBF 7 Board Victory Point Scale								
Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.50	4.50	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19.00	1.00
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.77	3.23	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.31	6.69	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.80	0.20
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

Round Robin Information

VACCINATION REQUIRED:

All players in the 2021 Open USBC MUST be vaccinated against CoVid19.

Players must submit proof of vaccination to the USBF Secretary (Jan Martel) before play commences in the event.

This includes the online stages - players are not eligible to enter the event if they do not submit proof of vaccination.

There are no exceptions to this rule.

FORMAT

The online format with 21 teams will be 2 complete Round Robins.

Round Robin 1 will have 21 scheduled matches of 7 boards each to qualify 12 teams for Round Robin 2. Each team will have one sit-out during Round Robin 1.

Round Robin 2 will have 11 matches, each played as two 7 board halves, to qualify 8 teams for the face to face USA1 Quarterfinal. The IMP scores in each half of each match will be converted to Victory Points and the VPs added together to obtain the team's score for Round Robin 2. The matches will be played in the same order for the first half and the second half, so one half of each match is played in the first half of the day and one half of each match is played in the second half of the day.

Carryover: There will be no carryover from Round Robin 1 to Round Robin 2, except that if 2 teams are tied for 8th place, the result of the Round Robin 1 match between the 2 teams will be used to break the tie. If the teams are still tied, the team that earned more Victory Points in Round Robin 1 will qualify.

Roster Change between Round Robin and KO: Teams that qualify for the KO stages may change their rosters so long as at least 4 players who met the Round Robin play requirements are still on the team, any additional players added are intended to improve the team's performance at the table, and no added player may have competed on a different team in the online stages of the event.

The face-to-face USA1 stages will be 2-day, 120-board KO matches.

The face-to-face USA2 stages will be a 2-day, 120-board KO R16 in which the 4 losing USA1 Quarterfinalists will play, followed by a 1-day, 60-board KO Quarterfinal, in which the 2 USA1 Quarterfinal losers will play the 2 USA2 Round of 16 winners; a 1-day 60-board KO Semifinal in which the USA2 Quarterfinal winners will play, and a 2-day 120-board Final between the USA1 Final loser and the USA2 Semifinal winner.

Play Requirements: Each player must play 10 matches in RR 1 and at least one segment against each other team in RR 2 to qualify for the KO stages (a player who does not meet the play requirements can be added back to the team as long as the requirements for roster changes are met. Each player must play 50% of the boards in every KO match to be eligible to continue on the team. See General Conditions of Contest Section XII (at USBF.org) about how to count boards and potential waiver of this requirement.

Closed Notes: Players may not consult their notes at any time during play unless they are dummy.

Withdrawal: A player or team may withdraw at any time.

Play in the KO stages will be on LoveBridge tablets, with either 2 or 4 players in a room.

SETTING THE KO BRACKET: THE KO BRACKET WILL BE BASED ON ACBL SEEDING POINTS, EXCLUDING POINTS AWARDED FOR ONLINE PLAY, PLUS ADDED SEEDING POINTS FOR PERFORMANCE IN EACH STAGE OF THE ROUND ROBIN.

Kibitzing THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2021 OPEN USBC.

ROUND ROBIN KIBITZING ON REALBRIDGE KIBITZ SITE

To kibitz, go to **the RealBridge kibitzing website**, enter your name and click on Log In, select the event to kibitz. After you select **Kibitz 2021 Open USBC**, you will see a list of tables on the left and a chat box and list of people in the lobby on the right. The table listing shows the team & player names at each table. You will see the number of kibitzers at a table and whether there is audio/video commentary (a picture of a TV means there is). Click on a table to kibitz it.

At the table, you will see a hand diagram, and the bidding and play as it happened.

There is a chat window on the right of the screen. Anyone can type chat into the chat window.

Above the chat window are two dropdowns for video commentary. If you want to hear someone who is commenting, select their name from one of the dropdowns. If two people are commenting, select **one from each dropdown**. The option "BROADCAST MY VIDEO" is for commentators - if you select this, your commentary will be available to anyone who wants to listen to you.

When browsing scores and results, if you want to share a deal with somebody, you can copy the URL from the top of the browser's window and paste it into an email or a Bridge Winners post.

For more information, go to the **ReaBridge help page for spectators!** **KIBITZ TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT EACH DAY - ALL TIMES ARE EDT**

ROUND ROBIN 1

MONDAY, 9/13

Round 1: 1:00 pm

Round 2: 2:00 pm

Round 3: 3:00 pm
break

Round 4: 5:15 pm

Round 5: 6:15 pm

Round 6: 7:15 pm

Round 7: 8:15 pm

TUESDAY, 9/14

Round 8: 1:00 pm

Round 9: 2:00 pm

Round 10: 3:00 pm

Round 11: 4:00 pm

break

Round 12: 6:00 pm

Round 13: 7:00 pm

Round 14: 8:00 pm

Round 15: 9:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, 9/15

Round 16: 1:00 pm

Round 17: 2:00 pm

Round 18: 3:00 pm

break

Round 19: 4:30 pm

Round 20: 5:30 pm

Round 21: 6:30 pm

ROUND ROBIN 2

FRIDAY, 9/17

Round 1: 1:00 pm

Round 2: 2:00 pm

Round 3: 3:00 pm
break

Round 4: 5:15 pm

Round 5: 6:15 pm

Round 6: 7:15 pm

Round 7: 8:15 pm

SATURDAY, 9/18

Round 9: 1:00 pm

Round 10: 2:00 pm

Round 11: 3:00 pm

Round 12: 4:00 pm
break

Round 13: 6:00 pm

Round 14: 7:00 pm

Round 15: 8:00 pm

Round 16: 9:00 pm

SUNDAY, 9/19

Round 17: 1:00 pm

Round 18: 2:00 pm

Round 19: 3:00 pm
break

Round 20: 5:15 pm

Round 21: 6:15 pm

Round 22: 7:15 pm

Round 23: 8:15 pm
break

Round 20: 5:15 pm

Round 21: 6:15 pm

Round 22: 7:15 pm

Round 23: 8:15 pm



VuGraph Treats

Ingredients

For the butter sauce

- ¾ cup (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, divided
- 2 large garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 ½ tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro
- ¾ teaspoon ground black pepper

For the Old Bay aioli

- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar, or more to taste
- 1 garlic clove, grated
- Salt
- ¾ cup canola oil
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning

For the pommes frites and assembly

- 3 to 4 cups vegetable oil, for frying
- 2 pounds Idaho or Russet baking potatoes, peeled if desired
- Salt to taste
- 1 pound cooked lobster meat, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 2 large celery stalks, thinly sliced on an angle
- 2 small red bell peppers, cut lengthwise into thin strips
- 4 scallions, sliced

Directions

For the butter sauce:

- **Step 1**
In a medium saucepan, melt 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat. Add garlic and cook, stirring often, until it starts to brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Add remaining butter and reduce heat to low. Stir until butter is melted. Mix in lemon juice, cilantro, and pepper. Let butter steep over low heat for 10 minutes. Strain and return the butter to the saucepan. Set aside.

For the Old Bay aioli:

- **Step 2**
In a medium bowl, whisk the egg yolk, 1 tablespoon vinegar, garlic, and salt to blend. Set a folded kitchen towel underneath the bowl to keep it steady. While whisking vigorously, very slowly add the canola oil a few drops at a time. The mixture will be loose at first and will then turn foamy before finally pulling together and thickening. Very slowly whisk in olive oil. Whisk in Old Bay. Season to taste with more vinegar and salt, if desired. Cover and refrigerate if not using right away.

Lobster Frites

For the pommies frites:

- **Step 3**
Pour enough oil into a deep fryer, a large pot, or a wok to reach at least halfway up the sides of the pot but not more than three-quarters of the way up. Heat the oil to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with several layers of paper towels.
- **Step 4**
Cut the potatoes into 1/3- to 1/2-inch wide and 2 1/2- to 3-inch long strips. Rinse the potatoes, then dry thoroughly in a clean dish towel. Drying the potatoes will help keep the oil from splattering when adding to the oil. Divide the potato sticks into 4 equal portions, about 1 cup each.
- **Step 5**
Working with 1 batch at a time, fry the potatoes until firm but almost tender and very lightly browned, 3 to 5 minutes per batch. Using the fryer basket, a skimmer, or slotted spoon, transfer potatoes to paper towels to drain. Be sure to bring the temperature of the oil back to 350°F between batches. At this point, the fries can stand several hours at room temperature, if desired.
- **Step 6**
If you have cooked the potatoes ahead of time, heat the oil again to 350°F. Working in batches, fry the potatoes until browned and crisp, 1 to 2 minutes per batch. Drain on fresh paper towels or brown paper bags. Sprinkle with salt.
- **Step 7**
Stir the lobster meat into the butter sauce and cook over medium-high heat, stirring often, just to heat through, about 3 minutes. On each plate, make a bed of pommies frites. Drizzle with a little Old Bay aioli. Top with the lobster and butter sauce, and garnish with the bell pepper, celery, and scallions. Drizzle with more Old Bay aioli.

Ingredients

- 4 all-beef hot dogs, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons whole milk
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 3 tablespoons beer, preferably lager
- 8 ounces cheese-flavored tortillas chips, preferably Doritos
- 8 ounces tortilla chips
- Sour cream, salsa, cilantro leaves, thinly sliced scallions and sliced pickled jalapeños for garnish

Directions

- **Step 1**
Line a plate with a paper towel and put the hot dogs on top. Microwave the hot dogs on high power until hot, about 2 minutes.
- **Step 2**
In a medium microwave-safe bowl, combine the milk with the butter and microwave on high power until the milk is warm and the butter is melted, 30 seconds. Add the cheese and beer and microwave on high power until the cheese is just melted, 30 seconds. Stir until smooth.
- **Step 3**
Scatter half of the chips on a large platter. Drizzle with half of the cheese sauce, then top with half of the hot dogs. Repeat with the remaining chips, cheese sauce and hot dogs. Garnish with sour cream, salsa, cilantro, scallions and jalapeños. Serve immediately.

Hot Dog Nachos

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 10 tablespoons kecap manis
- ½ cup rice vinegar or white-wine vinegar
- ½ cup palm sugar or brown sugar
- 7 ounces red chiles, about 8 Holland or 4 large Fresno, roughly chopped (seeded if you prefer less heat)
- 12 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
- 2 small banana-shaped shallots or 4 small round Thai shallots, peeled and roughly chopped
- 4 ½ to 5-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon flaky sea salt
- 2 racks pork spare ribs (about 2 1/2 pounds each)

Sticky Glazed Pork Ribs

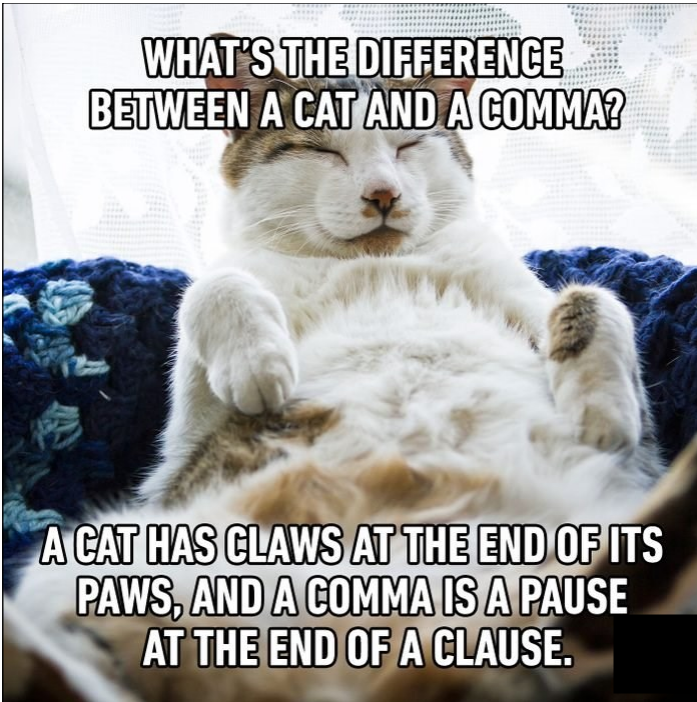
Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
Arrange a rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 325°F. In a food processor, puree the kecap manis, vinegar, sugar, chiles, garlic, shallots, ginger, and salt with 1/2 cup water until smooth.
- **Step 2**
Line a roasting pan lengthwise with two long sheets of foil. Line with 2 more long sheets crosswise, forming a cross, with 12 inches of overhang so there is enough to tightly wrap the ribs. Lay the ribs onto the foil. Pour over half the marinade (about 1 1/3 cups) and massage it into the pork (with gloved hands, if desired). Wrap the ribs up tightly with the foil. Bake in the oven for 2 hours.
- **Step 3**
While the ribs are baking, pour the remaining marinade into a small saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and let the sauce simmer, stirring occasionally, until thickened and reduced by more than half, 5 to 10 minutes. Remove from heat.
- **Step 4**
Carefully open the foil packet (steam will be released). Check if the ribs are done by tugging the end of one bone. The meat should start slipping off the bone. If they are not yet tender, cover with the foil and return to the oven and test every 10 minutes until done. Remove from the oven and turn the broiler on to high.
- **Step 5**
Line the baking sheet with a fresh sheet of foil and transfer the ribs from the packet to the foil. Using a pastry brush, dab about ¼ cup of the reduced marinade onto the ribs. Pour the remaining marinade into a small bowl to serve as the dipping sauce. Place the ribs under the broiler until they darken and caramelize in spots, 3 to 7 minutes. Cut between the bones into individual ribs. Serve immediately with the dipping sauce.

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	3			7				

Sudoku 1



Every time I see someone write, "tho," I think, "Ugh!"
Which is exactly what is missing!

Teacher: Can you tell me two pronouns?
Student: "Who, me?"

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku Solutions on Page 15

Home Sweet Home - Word Search

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F D I N I N G R O O M N R O N H B
O J I M O K C C S T E S N V Y I Y
O C O M F O R T E M S L Z E K M T
R I H T M R A W E O E T S S Q N F
F Y N M A I E S R O F X E D T E O
W I X E R T A P T R B A O S J Y G
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ATTIC	DININGROOM	LIVINGROOM
BASEMENT	FAMILY	LOVE
BATHROOM	FENCE	PATIO
BEDROOMS	FIREPLACE	PETS
BEDS	GARAGE	ROOF
CHIMNEY	GARDEN	STAIRWAY
CLOSETS	KITCHEN	TREES
COMFORT	LAWN	WARMTH

	Ann	Julie	Nancy	Robin	Sharon	Birmingham	Cummings	Marsh	Patch	Starch	Buick	Chevrolet	Ford	Mercedes	Volvo	black	blue	green	red	white	amusement park	art museum	national forest	tropical gardens	zoo
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Chris																									
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Answer on Page 12

Last summer five couples decided to vacation together. A vacation spot and a meeting time were decided upon. Each couple drove separately and each planned their route so they could make a site seeing stop on the way. Using the grid and clues below, determine the full name of each couple, the type and color of each car, and the site seeing stop each couple made.

- George, who didn't drive a Volvo or a Buick, went to the zoo. The couple that drove the green car, which wasn't Sharon, went to the tropical gardens.
- Neither Julie, who wasn't married to George, nor Bob, who drove a blue car, went to the national forest.
- Chris, who didn't go to the tropical gardens, wasn't married to Nancy Cummings.
- Robin Marsh, whose husband wasn't Sid, didn't have a Mercedes. The couple that went to the zoo didn't drive the white Ford.
- The Birmingham's, who didn't drive the black car, went to the national forest. The couple of Bob and Ann didn't drive the Volvo.
- The Starch's went to the art museum. Mike, whose last name wasn't Patch, went to the amusement park in a red Chevrolet.

First Name	First Name	Last Name	Type	Color	Site Seeing Stop

Meet the Players



Doug Simson is a life-long resident of Columbus, Ohio, except for the five years he lived in Philadelphia, where he earned both B.S. and M.A. degrees from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

He is CEO and owner of First City Bank there. He loves spending time with his family - wife Joyce; daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Jason, attorneys in Seattle; son Alex, a high school counselor in Nashville; and grandsons Max and Teddy, also in Seattle. Among his many interests are golf (he once shot an amazing 2-under-70 at Columbus Country Club, site of 1964 PGA Tournament!), classical music and jazz (he has a very sophisticated audio record system), Ohio State University sports, reading, movies, travel, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Doug learned bridge at his parents' kitchen table, and has always loved to play. His bridge partner of 25 years was the late Walter "WOJO" Johnson, who is dearly missed. Doug has been very fortunate to be mentored by two great teachers, Eric Rodwell and Marty Bergen. Jeff Aker and Doug have been working hard to develop a new and strong partnership. They play a very complicated precision system which requires great dedication and effort to play well. Fortunately, they both enjoy working at bridge and their results continue to steadily improve.

Doug has won two Life Master Pairs and two Grand National Teams events. In 2015, his team finished 2nd in the Senior USBC, 4th in Chennai, India at the D'Orsay Senior Teams, and tied for 5th-8th place in the Spingold. He also won the Pan American Pairs Gold Medal with Eric Rodwell in 1990.

Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do "practice"? George Carlin

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments. Flip Wilson

The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets. Al McGuire

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience. Greg King



Humorous Quotes

Site Seeing Stop	Color	Type	Last Name	First Name	First Name
art museum	blue	Buick	Starch	Ann	Bob
national forest	white	Ford	Birmingham	Sharon	Chris
zoo	black	Mercedes	Cummings	Nancy	George
amusement park	red	Chevrolet	Marsh	Robin	Mike
tropical gardens	green	Volvo	Patch	Julie	Sid

Answer to Puzzle on Page 11



Menu

Search

A place for everything, and everything in its place.

To make the website easier to navigate so that you find what you're looking for more quickly, we've made some adjustments to the framework of the website. This is in addition to the new look and feel that incorporates ACBL's new branding style.

Navigation Links

We've taken the most frequently used parts of the website and made them easier to find. They will be at the top right of every page or section of the site you visit. They include the Menu button, the Search bar and the MyACBL link.

If you want to reach the home page at any time, simply click the ACBL seal, which is at the top left of each page.

Note: the full menu and search are not available in the MyACBL portal at this time.

Internal Page Navigation

Below are four buttons that serve as the navigation inside a page. These will be found on each page of the site and will correspond to the sections available. By clicking them you will be taken to the section that pertains to the button category.

Menu

Search

Back to Top Button

MyACBL

The ACBL has rolled out its new and improved website design. It will take some getting used to... give it a chance and draw your own conclusions. Here are some hints to make it easier!

Menu/Sitemap

The orange Menu button at the top right of each page acts like a sitemap, directing you to each corner of the website. In order to get you where you want to be as quickly as possible, we have created several main website categories and sub-categories with their own pages. These can be accessed from the Menu button.

The Menu has four "top-level" categories – Popular Links, Helpful Information, Membership and More. Below are some descriptions of what you'll find, but you may also want to take a few minutes to explore.

- **Popular Links:** A grouping of the most-visited pages from the previous website.
 - **MyACBL:** Your player portal with information specific to you. Check your masterpoints, update communication preferences and much more.
 - **Play Bridge:** Shortcuts to our most popular minigames, like Just Play Bridge, along with online masterpoint games, the tournament calendar and the club directory.
 - **Learn Bridge:** A new and improved page to introduce brand-new players to the basics of the game and provide access to tools for practice.
 - **Results:** Quick links to game results, including ACBL Live, Live for Clubs and Masterpoints Races.
 - **Upcoming Events:** Your one-stop shop for every type of event ACBL has, from NABCs to Learn to Play Bridge Seminars. An easily sortable list for it all.
- **Helpful Information:** These pages are the main information areas of the site.
 - **About ACBL:** This section features the ACBL's history and administrative information, including the Board of Directors, Advisory Council (formerly Board of Governors), committees, policies and governing documents.
 - **Club Corner:** A collection of resources for club managers and directors. Everything needed to run a club or club game can be found here.
 - **Teachers' Lounge:** For current teachers and those interested in teaching. This section has information on our school programs, teacher certifications and teacher resources.
 - **Tournaments:** Information specific to tournaments including convention charts, rules and regulations, Conditions of Contest, Ribbon eligibility, Laws, field operations and tools for running a tournament.
 - **Ethics & Discipline:** This section is where you can find out about ACBL disciplinary procedures, including disciplinary lists and hearing reports, the Office of the Recorder, the Code of Disciplinary Regulations and player memos..
- **Membership:** A more direct and simplified way to see benefits and rates for all membership types presented in a clear manner. There are also easy access links for joining the ACBL and renewing your membership.
 - **Join ACBL:** The breakdown of membership types and benefits with links to join
 - **Juniors:** A grouping of information and events just for members age 25 and younger.
 - **Awards and Recognition:** Here you'll find information on the Hall of Fame, Honorary Members, Player of the Year and other accolades bestowed upon members and employees.
- **More:** The remaining category features information on masterpoints, support for members, marketing and BridgeFeed.
 - **Masterpoints:** All you've ever wanted to know about the masterpoint! This section includes links to all levels of masterpoint races, requirements for rank achievements, masterpoint pigments and a handy FAQ.
 - **Support:** A collection of contact information for all departments, IT support tools and libraries of useful videos and documents.
 - **Marketing:** Quick links to ACBL logos, branding guides, templates and brochures to help grow your club, tournament or classes
 - **BridgeFeed:** ACBL's blog with articles for all levels and players. It is also your go-to for ACBL breaking news and notices.

Menu

Updated ACBL Website

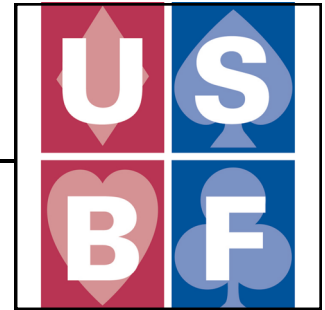
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Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



USBF Supporting Membership

If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

The USBF is an **all-volunteer** organization.

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.



Play your best
And when it's done,
You could be
USA ONE!



"It's never a good idea to keep both feet firmly on the ground. You'll have trouble putting on your pants.

"Change is inevitable—except from a vending machine."

"Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars but checks when you say the paint is wet?"

I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it."

"There are three kinds of people: those who can count and those who can't."

"At every party there are two kinds of people: those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other."

"The easiest job in the world has to be coroner. What's the worst thing that could happen? If everything goes wrong, maybe you'd get a pulse."

"A TV can insult your intelligence. But nothing rubs it in like a computer."

"When tempted to fight fire with fire, always remember... The fire department usually uses water."

"You are such a good friend that, if we were on a sinking ship together and there was only one life jacket, I'd miss you so much and talk about you fondly to everybody who asked."

"The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese."

Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others *whenever* they go.

"It's not the fall that kills you. It's the sudden stop at the end."

"Feeling pretty proud of myself. The puzzle I bought said 3-5 years, but I finished it in 18 months."

"Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap."

"My boss is going to fire the employee with the worst posture. I have a hunch, it might be me."

Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink.
Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a keg of beer? He was lucky it was light beer!

"I was addicted to the hokey pokey... but thankfully, I turned myself around."

"When I lose the TV controller, it's always hidden in some remote destination."

"Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician."

"My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned: couldn't concentrate."

"My math teacher called me average. How mean!"

"Pun"tificating...

Why does everybody sing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” when they’re already there? —Larry Andersen, Phillies Pitcher

Q: Why should you never date tennis players? A: Love means nothing to them.

I was in the gym earlier and decided to jump on the treadmill. People were giving me weird looks, so I started jogging instead.

Have you heard the one about the bad pole-vaulter? It never goes over very well.

The boating store was having a big sale on canoes. It was quite the oar deal.

Q. Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants? A. In case he got a hole in one.

All pro athletes are bilingual. They speak English and profanity. *Gordie Howe, hockey player*

Does it disturb anyone else that “The Los Angeles Angels” baseball team translates directly to “The The Angels Angels”?

I recently stumbled upon my favorite new sports team. It’s a woman’s bowling squad called I Can’t Believe It’s Not Gutter.

If I’m on the course and lightning starts, I get inside fast. If God wants to play through, let him. *Bob Hope*

Swimming is a confusing sport, because sometimes you do it for fun, and other times you do it to not die. *Comedian Demetri Martin*

Back at my high school for the tenth reunion, I met my old coach. Walking through the gym, we came upon a plaque on which I was still listed as the record holder for the longest softball throw.

Noticing my surprise, the coach said, "That record will stand forever."

I was about to make some modest disclaimer that records exist to be broken, when he added, "We stopped holding that event years ago."

I played for a semipro baseball team. At every game we sold raffle tickets. Half the money paid the team’s expenses and the other half went to the winning ticket holder. One day they held the drawing just as I was stepping up to bat. The home plate umpire pulled the winning ticket, and then turned to me. "Could you read me the number?" he asked. "My vision’s not too good."

Standing on the sidelines, during a game being played by my school's football team, I saw one of the players take a hard hit. He tumbled to the ground and didn't move.

We grabbed our first-aid gear and rushed out onto the field. The coach picked up the young man's hand and urged, "Son, can you hear me? Squeeze once for yes and twice for no."

About to have a blood test, I nervously waited while the nurse tightened a tourniquet around my arm. "I understand you're from Oklahoma," she said. "Are you a Sooners fan?"

"Absolutely!" I replied.

"Well," she continued as she raised the needle, "this may hurt a little. I'm from Nebraska."

Be a Good Sport!

The Schafer Game...

19 D	N beauch	W N E S
	♠ 942 ♥ 64 ♦ AK63 ♣ Q973	4♠ P P 1♦ P
W uday		E christal
♠ AKQJ10853 ♥ K32 ♦ 7 ♣ 6		♠ 6 ♥ QJ1075 ♦ J104 ♣ J842
	S gaboz	
	♠ 7 ♥ A98 ♦ Q9852 ♣ AK105	4♠ W NS: 0 EW: 0

Players for all events in the United States Bridge Championships practice online when they can. They try to play the best competition they can find to sharpen their skills and hone their partnerships before the start of the USBC.

The hands shown here are from Walt Schafer's nightly IMP pairs. Walt's games are friendly and kibitzing is enjoyable. Most of the players know one another and high ethics are first and foremost among the players.

Sometimes there's an interesting deal like the one shown here, played on September 11th. (see traveler below for all the scores.)

19 D	N garner	W N E S
	♠ 942 ♥ 64 ♦ AK63 ♣ Q973	4♠ 5♦ P 1♦ P
W hewex		E Deevan
♠ AKQJ10853 ♥ K32 ♦ 7 ♣ 6		♠ 6 ♥ QJ1075 ♦ J104 ♣ J842
	S jwolfson	
	♠ 7 ♥ A98 ♦ Q9852 ♣ AK105	5♦ S NS: 0 EW: 0

Everyone bid game... some bid game N/S and some bid game E/W. Uday Ivatury and Cristal Henner played in 4S E/W. Uday overcalled 4S after South's 1D opener. 4S cannot be stopped, declarer losing only one diamond, one club and one heart. North should have taken insurance non-vulnerable vs. vulnerable, but his hand was flat and he sold out, conceding 8 IMPs in the process.

Steve Garner and Jeff Wolfson had the same auction, but Garner, North, thought 5D was a proper call, hoping it might even succeed. Wolfson lost one trick in each major and brought home his game, successfully pegging the clubs after the preemptive jump in spades. 11.5 IMPs gained!

Always an adventure involving distribution when you see 5 different results at 5 different tables!

Nº	Time	North	South	East	West	Result	NS Points	Score
#48139 The Schafer Game (Invit. IMP Pairs)						5/10		14.50
1	2021-09-11 20:47	garner	jwolfson	Deevan	hewex	5♦S=	400	11.50
2	2021-09-11 20:48	rick3son	debussy	korinina	icemachine	5♠W-1	100	5.50
3	2021-09-11 20:47	alandoug	redtop	cmrlj	seang	6♣N-1	-50	2.25
4	2021-09-11 20:41	beauch	gaboz	christal	uday	4♠W=	-620	-8.00
5	2021-09-11 20:42	theni	SriNT	mauriciom1	lambarg1	4♠xW=	-790	-11.25