



LOGO SEAL REVERSED

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### The Prez Says ...

Welcome to Schaumburg, Illinois for the 2022 United States Bridge Championships. We will be selecting USA1 for the 2023 Bermuda Bowl, from October 24-November 4, 2023, in Marrakech, Morocco.

There are 16 entered so the entire event will be held face-to-face. **Proof of vaccination is required.**

Based on your enthusiastic survey responses to our last event, we will again be using the LoveBridge tablets with the LoveBridge software with only two occupants per room during play.

**Format:** We will play 2-day, 120-board KO matches.

**Play Requirements:** Each player must play 50% of the boards in each KO match in order to be eligible to continue on the team. See General Conditions of Contest Section XII for 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.

**A player who has tested positive for Covid-19 will be allowed to continue to play, but will be required to play in a separate room. Both the Covid-positive player and his or her screenmate will be recorded on video during play.**

While the USBF Board of Directors and the tournament organizers do their best to make this event the fairest Competition year after year, only YOU, the players, can uphold the high level of ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which United States bridge is known worldwide.

I will do my part to uphold these standards and I ask that each of you keep this in mind throughout the event.

Let the games begin!

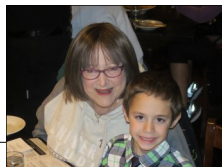
Aaron Silverstein, USBF President

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to write up hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. I welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip as well!!

Thanks.

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# Teams Entered-Alphabetical

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Marc Jacobus	Fred Stewart Jeff Juster
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt George Jacobs	Michael Shuster Craig Gardner
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Bart Bramley	Chip Martel Brad Moss Kit Woolsey
Jenkins	Sheri Winestock Billy Cohen Ron Smith Bronia Jenkins, NPC	Josh Donn Gary Cohler
Kolesnik	Finn Kolesnik, Capt Jerry Stamatov	Ish DelMonte Kevin Rosenberg
Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zach Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Adam Grossack Michael Rosenberg David Grainger
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt Jeff Meckstroth Daniel Korbel	Roger Lee Eddie Wold Zia Mahmood
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Eric Greco
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola John Jones	Lance Kerr Bill Hall Claude Vogel
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Kevin Dwyer	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Shan Huang
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Glenn Milgrim Jiang Gu	Jeff Aker Barry Rigal Ai-Tai Lo
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt Vince Demuy Kevin Bathurst	Gavin Wolpert John Hurd John Kranyak
Stark	Andy Stark Alex Kolesnik, Capt Radu Nistor	Franco Baseggio Aaron Jones Iulian Rotaru
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Max Schireson John McAllister	Debbie Rosenberg Stewart Rubenstein Will Watson
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Peter Boyd Mark Lair	Doug Doub Steve Robinson Mike Passell
Yang	Tien-Chun Yang, Capt Hua Yang Jian-Jian Wang	Yanong Han Steve Chen Jun Shi





# Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
ROUND OF 16			
SUNDAY	MAY 15	8:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
MONDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:45 - 3:05	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		4:15 - 6:25	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:50 - 9:00	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
TUESDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
QUARTERFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
THURSDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
SEMIFINAL			
FRIDAY	MAY 20	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
SATURDAY	MAY 21	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
FINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 22	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46- 60
MONDAY	MAY 23	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



**VACCINATION REQUIRED:**  
**All players in the 2022 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.**  
**There are no exceptions to this rule.**



# Hospitality Suite...

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

Hosts **Maya Alela** and **Marie-France Benoit** will be in our hospitality suite (Room 2321). They will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch each day, except that on Monday and Tuesday, lunch will be a buffet in the hotel restaurant.

**Breakfast:** From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and some hot options. Also individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. Maya & Marie-France 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:** Monday, from 2:30-5:00 and Tuesday from 2:00-4:30 there will be a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. You will need to show a convention card or SSF to prove you're with the bridge tournament. Please tell the hotel staff if you see someone who isn't one of us, since we are paying for each lunch. From Wednesday on, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite 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 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.

**AGAIN: 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.**





You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. (See Schedule Below)

### **Popcorn time!**

If you want to listen to commentary, search for the TV icon to choose from the available live commentary. If it doesn't respond, no one is commenting.

### **Nail biting!**

You can choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event and your screen will split into four small screens – two 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 your windows. (The 2x2 view is not available on mobile devices.)

### **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 player agrees.

### **More Information:**

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 to 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.

### **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 the list. Push every button and enjoy!

### **KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)**

**On the first day of play, we added some time to the first segment to allow the players to get familiar with the tablets. Kibitzing times on May 16th will be:**

**Segment 1: 11:45 am**

**Segment 2: 2:30 pm**

**BREAK**

**Segment 3: 6:00 pm**

**Segment 4: 8:35 pm**

**For all other days, kibitzing times will be :**

**Segment 1: 11:45 am**

**Segment 2: 2:10 pm**

**BREAK**

**Segment 3: 5:30 pm**

**Segment 4: 7:55 pm**



# **Kibitzing...**

**FIRST FLOOR**

**HOTEL ROOM NUMBERS - MONDAY-TUESDAY, 5/16-5/17**

TEAM	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	WEST
<b>1 - NICKELL</b>	1322	1326	1330	1210
<b>16- YANG</b>	1330	1210	1322	1326
<b>2 - SPECTOR</b>	1324	1328	1332	1208
<b>15 - REYNOLDS</b>	1332	1208	1324	1328
<b>3 - ROSENTHAL</b>	1317	1323	1214	1206
<b>14 - DINKIN</b>	1214	1206	1317	1323
<b>4 - FLEISHER</b>	1319	1325	1212	1204
<b>13 - TEBHA</b>	1212	1204	1319	1325

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1235	1325	1323	1321 Office	1319	1317			
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**Playing Room Maps  
for the Round of 16**

**Seeding Info:** The teams in the USBC are seeded based on ACBL Performance Points, including masterpoints, but adjusted by removing any seeding points earned on a team with a player who has confessed to or been convicted of cheating. The seeding points for an individual player are capped at 70. Teams are seeded based on the average seeding points for the team. These are the teams and their seed positions. On May 7th, teams were shuffled in pairs to determine their bracket positions.

SEED	TEAM NAME	TEAM AVERAGE SEEDING POINTS
1	Nickell	67.25
2	Spector	46.79
3	Rosenthal	45.80
4	Fleisher	44.85
5	Moss	40.56
6	Lebowitz	32.34
7	Wildavsky	21.45
8	Jenkins	18.11
9	Kolesnik	15.94
10	Stewart	13.99
11	Simson	13.06
12	Stark	10.35
13	Dinkin	8.80
14	Tebha	7.91
15	Reynolds	7.83
16	Yang	5.43

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**SECOND FLOOR**

**HOTEL ROOM NUMBERS - MONDAY-TUESDAY, 5/16-5/17**

TEAM	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	WEST
<b>5 - LEBOWITZ</b>	2330	2233	2229	2225
<b>12 - SIMSON</b>	2229	2225	2330	2233
<b>6 - MOSS</b>	2332	2232	2228	2214
<b>11 - STARK</b>	2228	2214	2332	2232
<b>7 - JENKINS</b>	2235	2231	2227	2212
<b>10 - BEATTY</b>	2227	2212	2235	2231
<b>8 - WILDAVSKY</b>	2234	2230	2226	2210
<b>9 - KOLESNIK</b>	2226	2210	2234	2230

2334	2332	2330	2328	2326	2324	2322	2320	
2235	2325	2323	2321HOSPITALITY	2319	2317			
2234	COURTYARD							
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## Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure



Chicago Prime Italian Restaurant  
\$\$\$ · Italian  
700 N Meacham Rd  
Elegant, locally owned venue offering a menu of Italian dishes, plus a seasonal patio.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Morton's The Steakhouse  
\$\$\$\$ · Restaurant  
1470 McConnor Pkwy · In Windy Point  
4:30PM  
Upscale chain for aged prime beef, seafood & other traditional steakhouse fare in a clubby space.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Seasons 52  
\$\$ · New American  
1770 E Higgins Rd  
Rotating menu of seasonal American dishes alongside international wines in an upscale setting.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Weber Grill Restaurant & Academy  
\$\$\$ · Restaurant  
1010 N Meacham Rd  
Boisterous, rustic American hideaway serving up kettle-cooked steaks, burgers & ribs.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Shaw's Crab House  
\$\$\$ · Seafood  
1900 E Higgins Rd · In the Streets of Woodfield  
Suburban version of the upscale city seafood restaurant with traditional decor & an oyster bar.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

Wildfire  
\$\$\$ · Steak  
1250 E Higgins Rd  
"Best dining experience in Schaumburg!"  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

City Works - Schaumburg  
\$\$ · Restaurant  
1850 E Golf Rd  
"Outdoor dining was great different options of seating."  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup· No-contact delivery

Stonewood Alehouse  
\$\$ · American  
601 Mall Dr  
Spacious contemporary alehouse serves up draft microbrews & wood-fired meals in a lodgelike venue. Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Bahama Breeze  
\$\$ · Caribbean  
406 E Golf Rd · In Woodfield Plaza  
Laid-back chain eatery featuring Caribbean entrees & tropical cocktails amid beachy decor. Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Westwood Tavern  
\$\$ · Grill  
1385 N Meacham Rd · In Woodfield Village Green  
"Patio dining available."  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Granite City Food & Brewery  
\$\$ · American  
801 Plaza Dr  
Casual chain eatery with an American comfort-food menu plus craft beers brewed on-site.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

Chicago Prime Steakhouse  
\$\$\$ · Steak  
1444 E Algonquin Rd · In The Shoppes at Prime Village  
"Unbelievable dining experience!!"  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

The Capital Grille  
\$\$\$\$ · Fine Dining  
2000 E Golf Rd  
Opens 5PM  
Outpost of the upscale steakhouse chain offers classic American fare & a clubby, refined setting. Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

Kuma's Corner Schaumburg  
\$\$ · American  
1570 E Golf Rd · In Woodfield Village Green  
American eatery with a wraparound bar & patio for burgers piled with toppings, plus craft beer.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

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**Maggiano's Little Italy**  
\$\$ · Restaurant  
1901 Woodfield Rd · In the Streets of Woodfield  
Semi-upscale chain for classic Italian fare served family-style in a relaxed, polished space. Dine-in·Curbside pickup

**LongHorn Steakhouse**  
\$\$ · Steak  
1901 E Golf Rd  
"Very nice dine , always it's a pleasure to eat at Long-horn"  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

**Meze Mediterraneo**  
Mediterranean  
680 Mall Dr  
Rustic Mediterranean fare in an elevated dining room with bar seating & contemporary interiors.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

**Benihana**  
\$\$\$ · Japanese  
1200 E Higgins Rd  
Hibachi chain serving Japanese dishes grilled tableside by theatrical chefs.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

**Texas de Brazil**  
\$\$\$ · Steak  
5 Woodfield Mall Ste D312 · In Woodfield Mall  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

**Bonefish Grill**  
\$\$ · Seafood  
180 S Roselle Rd  
Contemporary grill chain offering a seafood-centric menu, plus steaks & cocktails.  
Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

This list is pretty recent and indicates pickup or delivery. Some of your old haunts from past Championships may have closed since the start of the Pandemic.

Several of these listings are across the street in Woodfield Shopping Mall. These listings do not include phone numbers but with the information here, you should be able to research that on your cell if you want to make reservations.

## Where to Shop in the Area...

**Woodfield Mall**  
5 Woodfield Mall · (847) 330-1537  
Open ☞ Closes 6PM  
In-store shopping·In-store pickup

**Style Encore - Schaumburg**  
Consignment shop  
1402 N Roselle Rd · In Remington Plaza · (847) 874-7184  
Open ☞ Closes 6PM  
In-store shopping·Curbside pickup

**Streets of Woodfield**  
601 N Martingale Rd · (630) 954-7300  
Open ☞ Closes 10PM  
In-store shopping

## Kibitzer Activities...

**Heritage Farm**  
201 S. Plum Grove Road, Schaumburg · 847-985-2102  
Step back into the 1880s for a look at when Schaumburg was a rural German farm community. On a visit to Volkening Heritage Farm, you can help with seasonal farm chores, participate in family activities and games of the 1880s or simply visit the livestock and soak in the quiet.

Authentically dressed interpreters welcome and guide visitors through the site.

### Hours of Operation

Current hours are effective July 1 - Oct. 31.

- Visitor Center/Museum Store/Farmhouse - Wed.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Farm Grounds & Trails - Daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission to Heritage Farm is FREE; however, during scheduled special events it may require an entrance fee.

## DISCOVER THE ART!

The **Chicago Athenaeum's International Sculpture Park** is situated on 20 acres of meadow, forest, and natural prairie on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg,

### PARKING AT

Prairie Center For the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct

### HOURS

The International Sculpture Park is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

Tenace anyone?





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Sudoku 1

Let's say you have to lift a hippo with one finger. How would you do it? You wouldn't because you can't find a one-fingered hippo

What's something that has a lot of problems not many people are eager to solve? A math book

If you were in a race and passed the person in third place, what place would you be in? Third place

A woman goes into the forest and sees ten trees. She then proceeds to snap all their branches at once. How is this possible? She took a picture of the trees

What has a spine but no bones? A book

Every single person at a restaurant got sick, except for two people who were completely fine. How is that possible? The two people were a couple and, therefore, not single

What's something that has a head and a tail but no paws? A quarter

Which word in the dictionary is always spelled incorrectly? "Incorrectly"

What's something that always rises and never lowers? Your age

What gets larger the more you take away from it? A hole

What's something that belongs to you, but others seem to use it more than you? Your name

A group of ten ostriches are in a field. If four of them take off flying, how many are left in the field?

Ostriches can't fly 50. How many sides does a house have? Two: an inside and an outside



# Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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	6	7			2			8
8								

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 17

# Puzzle Page ... Easy Riddles!

1. How many letters are in the alphabet? 11 (“the alphabet”)
2. If you build a fort, drive a Ford, and fill out a form, then what do you eat soup with? A spoon
3. You have two coins that equal 30 cents, and one of them is not a quarter. Which coins do you have? A quarter and a nickel (the nickel is the one that isn’t a quarter)
4. If the assistant captain of a sports team were to die, who would lead the team? The captain
5. If there are eight oranges in a bag and you take away two, how many do you have? Two
6. If seven adults can eat seven cupcakes in seven minutes, how long would it take 30 adults to eat 30 cupcakes? Seven minutes; one adult takes seven minutes to eat a cupcake
7. What is the answer to this question? “What”
8. If Mrs. Smith’s rooster lays an egg in Mr. Brown’s yard, who owns the egg? No one; roosters don’t lay eggs
9. Some months have eight letters in their name, whereas others have five. How many have three? They all do
10. What has five fingers but isn’t a hand? A glove
11. Ted is the father of Sam, but Sam is not the son of Ted. How is that possible? Sam is not a boy
12. A deli worker in a grocery store is described as being 6’1”, wears size 10 shoes, and wears a medium-sized shirt. What does the deli worker weigh? Lunch meat
13. A suspected burglar is brought in for questioning for a robbery that happened on the 4th of July. He tells the police he has an alibi, as he was home at the time of the robbery. A mailman comes in to the police station and verifies that he saw the suspect at home at the time of the robbery while on his mail route. The police, however, immediately know the mailman is lying. How? The mail doesn’t run on the 4th of July, so there’s no way the mailman could have seen the suspect on his mail route.
14. What babbles but never talks? A brook
15. What’s something that has teeth but can’t chew? A comb
16. A man once said he went 35 days without sleep. How is that possible? He slept at night
17. What’s something that always wants an answer but doesn’t have a question? A phone
18. You can catch me, but I can’t be thrown. What am I? A cold
19. A woman quickly realizes there is no air in her driver’s side tire, but she finds something else in the tire instead. What is it? A hole
20. What’s something that gets wetter the more it dries? A paper towel
21. Sandy claims she saw an ocean without water, and it turns out, she was being honest. How is that possible? Sandy saw the ocean on a map
22. What happens when you throw a blue rock into the Red Sea? It sinks to the bottom
23. How can you drop a glass vase on a hardwood floor and not crack it? Hardwood floors are hard to crack
24. What’s something that copies your looks but not your sounds? A mirror
25. I wave, even if you don’t say hello. What am I? A flag
26. Al fell from a 30-foot ladder but didn’t get hurt. How is that possible? He fell from the bottom rung
27. What word becomes longer after you add two letters to it? “Long”
28. What’s something that has a lot of holes in it but can still hold water? A sponge
29. Two is a duo, and three is a trio. So what do four and five make? Nine
30. Which word in the dictionary has an odd spelling? “Odd”
31. What’s something you can break but can’t put back together? A promise
32. How many times can you cut a cake in half? Technically, only once
33. What’s something that gets warmer the more it cools? An air conditioner
34. What are two things you can’t eat for dinner? Breakfast and lunch
35. What’s something you can you hold without touching it? Your breath

# JoAnn Sprung Celebration of Life

**Time: May 28, 2022 10:00 AM Pacific Time (UmitS and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

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JoAnn Sprung passed away recently. Brian Platnick posted a beautiful tribute to her on BridgeWinners. JoAnn was a wonderful person and a kind, generous volunteer to “everything bridge.” Her strength was in her caring.

Danny has scheduled this Celebration of Life and would welcome those who would like to attend.

## World Bridge News...

2022 World Bridge Series									
Wroclaw, Poland 19 August - 3 September									
EVENT DAY	Date	OPEN TEAMS	OPEN PAIRS	WOMEN TEAMS	WOMEN PAIRS	SIDE EVENTS	DROP-INS MAX	DROP-INS MAX	
0	19-Aug	Arrival and registration begins							
1	20-Aug	Swiss Q 1-5		Swiss/RR					
2	21-Aug	Swiss Q 6-10		Swiss/RR					
3	22-Aug	R 32	Qualifying 1	Swiss/RR		O Swiss Teams			
4	23-Aug	R 16	Qualifying 2	Q-Final		W Swiss Teams*	48 into Q 2		
5	24-Aug	Q-Final	S-F A/B	S-Final	Qualifying 1		24 into SFA		
6	25-Aug	S-Final	S-F A/B	Final	Qualifying 2		12 into SFA	6 into Q 2	
7	26-Aug	Final	Final A/B		S-F A/B	O/W Pairs	6 into Final		
8	27-Aug	Final	Final A		Final	O/W Pairs			
		MIXED TEAMS	MIXED PAIRS	SENIOR TEAMS	SENIOR PAIRS				
9	28-Aug	Swiss Q 1-5		Swiss Q 1-5					
10	29-Aug	Swiss Q 6-10		Swiss Q 6-10					
11	30-Aug	R 32+R16	Qualifying 1	R16 + Q-F		S/M Swiss Teams			
12	31-Aug	Q-Final	Qualifying 2	S-Final	Qualifying 1		72 into Q2		
13	01-Sep	S-Final	S-F A/B	Final	Qualifying 2		12 into SFA	6 into Q 2	
14	02-Sep	Final	Final 1		S-F A/B	M MP Pairs	6 into Final	6 into SFA	
15	03-Sep	Final	Final 2		Final	M/S (IMP?) Pairs			



# Pun-ishment!

I couldn't make it in baseball so I opened a bakery. I'm still working on my batters, but my bunt cakes are a hit.

Did you hear they arrested the devil? Yeah, they got him on possession.

What did one DNA say to the other DNA? "Do these genes make me look fat?"

What do you get when you cross a polar bear with a seal? A polar bear.

Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with a slow Internet connection to see who they really are.

Did you hear about the shepherd who drove his sheep through town? He was given a ticket for making a ewe turn.

What happens to an illegally parked frog? It gets toad away.

How does the man in the moon get his hair cut? Eclipse it.

Among the things that are so simple even a child can operate them are parents.

Why aren't dogs good dancers? Because they have two left feet.

What's a dog's favorite homework assignment? A lab report.

Why did Beethoven get rid of his chickens? All they said was, "Bach, Bach, Bach..."

You can't believe everything you hear—but you can repeat it.

There's a lot to be said in his favor, but it's not nearly as interesting.

They've been treating me like one of the family, and I've put up with it for as long as I can.

Why did the parents not like their son's biology teacher? He had skeletons in his closet.

Their first daughter was born with a silver spoon in her mouth. Now they're hoping for triplets so they can have a whole set.

A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.

My mother was so surprised when I told her I was born again. She said she didn't feel a thing!

What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.

What do you call a mobster who's buried in cement? A hardened criminal.

What do fish say when they hit a concrete wall? Dam!

One of the oddities of Wall Street is that the dealer, not the customer, is the broker.

The reason some politicians like to stand on their record is to keep voters from examining it.

The insomnia patient was such a fervent vegetarian that he counted carrots jumping over a fence.

You'll always stay young if you live honestly, eat slowly, sleep sufficiently, work industriously, worship faithfully, and lie about your age.

How can you tell you're getting old? When you go to an antique auction and three people bid on you.

...the nurse who was chewed out by the doctor because she was absent without gauze?

...the crustacean accused of promoting his own shellfish interests?

...the cat who ate a ball of yarn? She had mittens.

...the kid who started a business tying shoelaces on the playground? It was a knot-for-profit.

...the claustrophobic astronaut? He just wanted a little more space.

...the racing snail that got rid of his shell? He thought it would make him faster, but it just made him sluggish.

...the New York Jets cocktail? Drink two of them and you'll forget what your Namath.

...the veterinarian who prescribes birth-control pills for dogs? It's part of an anti-litter campaign.

If athletes get athlete's foot, what do astronauts get? Missile toe.

How many telemarketers does it take to change a light bulb? Only one, but he has to do it while you are eating dinner.

How many egomaniacs does it take to screw in a light bulb? One. The egomaniac holds the light bulb while the world revolves around him.

How many paranoid people does it take to change a light bulb? Who wants to know?

How many DIY buffs does it take to change a light bulb? One, but it takes two weeks and four trips to the hardware store.

If an anonymous comment goes unread, is it still irritating?



# Hard Logic Puzzle...

This conundrum, a variation on a lying/truth problem, has famously been called the hardest logic puzzle ever. You meet three gods on a mountain top. One always tells the truth, one always lies, and one tells the truth or lies randomly. We can call them Truth, False and Random. They understand English but answer in their own language, with ja or da for yes and no—but you don't know which is which. You can ask three questions to any of the gods (and you can ask the same god more than one question), and they will answer with ja or da. What three questions do you ask to figure out who's who?

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**Answer:** Before getting to the answer, let's think of a hypothetical question you know the answer to, such as "Does two plus two equal four?" Then, phrase it so you're asking it as an embedded question: "If I asked you if two plus two equals four, would you answer ja?" If ja means yes, Truth would answer ja, but so would False (he always lies, so he'd say ja even though he really would answer da). If ja means no, they both would still answer ja—in this case, False would answer the embedded question with ja, but saying da to the overall question would be telling the truth, so he says ja. (Random's answer would be meaningless because we don't know whether he lies or tells the truth.)

But what if you said, "If I asked you if two plus two equals five, would you answer ja?" If ja means yes, Truth would answer da, as would False; if ja means no, they'd also both answer da. So, you know that if the embedded question is correct, Truth and False always answer with the same word you use; if the embedded question is incorrect, they always answer with the opposite word. You also know they always answer with the same word as each other.

With this reasoning, ask the god in the middle your first question: "If I asked you whether the god on my left is Random, would you answer ja?" If the god answers ja and you're talking to either Truth or False, following the above logic you know the embedded question is correct, and the god to the left is Random. It's also possible that you're speaking to Random; but you know no matter who you're talking to, the god on the right is *not* Random. If the answer is da, the opposite is the case, and you know the god on the *left* isn't Random. Next, you can ask the god you definitely know isn't Random a question using the same structure: "If I were to ask you if you are Truth, would you say ja?" If they answer ja, you know you're talking to Truth; if they answer da you know you're talking with False. Then once you've identified that god as True or False, you can ask the same god a final question to identify Random: "If I asked you if the god in the middle is Random, would you say ja?" By process of elimination, you can then identify the last god.

## Less Tough Puzzles

**Logic Puzzle:** A bad guy is playing Russian roulette with a six-shooter revolver. He puts in one bullet, spins the chambers and fires at you, but no bullet comes out. He gives you the choice of whether or not he should spin the chambers again before firing a second time. Should he spin again?

**Answer:** Yes. Before he spins, there's a one in six chance of a bullet being fired. After he spins, one of those chances has been taken away, leaving a one in five chance and making it more likely a bullet will be fired. Best to spin again.

**Logic Puzzle:** Same situation, but two bullets are put in consecutive chambers. Should you tell the bad guy to spin the chambers again?

**Answer:** No. With two bullets, you have two chances in six (or one in three) to get hit with a bullet before he fires the first time. Because we know the previous round was one of four empty chambers, that leaves four positions the gun could now be in, with only one followed by a bullet; therefore leaving you with a one in four chance the second round will fire. Since one in four is better odds than one in three, he shouldn't spin again.

# Meet the Players and the Captains!



As a MIT alumni Bronia Jenkins, began her career as an FX Options trader at O'Connor and Associates. She remained at OCA through mergers with SBC and UBS working in Basel and London concluding her engagement at UBS as co-head of FX Options. She co-founded Volbroker, the world's leading electronic FX options platform through the merger with ICAP. She joined Bank of America as Head of FX Options, finishing there as Head of FX-North America before taking a "sabbatical" to raise her children. Bronia rejoined the workforce as a high school mathematics teacher and is looking forward to joining the two worlds of Education and Capital Markets.

At this USBC, Bronia is NPC of her significant other's team including Billy Cohen, Sherry Winestock, Josh Dunn, Ron Smith and Gary Cohler. Years ago, Bronia chose to play more physical sports like tennis and her bridge playing time suffered. Then, out of the blue, she severed her Achilles tendon while playing a tennis match at Quail Valley in Florida, and returned to bridge through the route of "online".

"I've been playing a long time, and I play at a very high level, but I don't play enough," Jenkins said. "I'd like to play more. To be super competitive, you need to play more. Bridge is a game you can continually get better at. As much as I've played over the years, I still constantly make mistakes," she added. "I can always look back and see something I could've done differently. There's so much that goes into it: strategy, tactics, probabilities, statistics, table presence . . . That's why I enjoy the game so much." Jenkins was born in France and grew up in Montreal and San Diego. She's always enjoyed playing cards and board games.

"In chess, everything is out there on the board and the better players are going to win every time," Jenkins said. "In poker, there's some skill involved, but there's a lot of luck, too. You can be the better player, but, sometimes, the cards just don't come your way.

"Bridge is in the middle," she added. "Anyone can beat anyone on any given hand, but, over the long run, the better player is usually going to win."

Over the years, when she wasn't on hiatus, she has played across America in regional and national tournaments, earning a reputation as a serious competitor.

At one time, Jenkins' longtime friend and former bridge partner, Sheri Winestock of Las Vegas (via Canada), called and asked if she'd be interested in playing in the U.S. Bridge Championships.

"We started off talking about playing bridge again, just for fun, then she brought up the team trials," Jenkins said, referring to the U.S. championships by their generic name. "When we decided to do it, it was just about playing some bridge and having a good time."

Then the No. 1 seeded team lost during the round-robin phase, creating an opening for Jenkins' team to play its way to the world championships.

"We got lucky," she said of her first trials experience and qualifying for her first trip to the world championships. Men's and women's teams from eight zones competed in the two-week tournament.

Jenkins' team played in the Venice Cup representing the United States. Her experience with the team will suit her well as captain of her team here in Schaumburg.



The Village of Schaumburg was incorporated on March 7, 1956, but the heritage of Schaumburg dates back to the much earlier times when the first inhabitants of the area were members of the Sauk, Fox, Pottawatomie, and Kickapoo Indian tribes. By the mid-nineteenth century, settlers first began to arrive from Germany and the eastern United States. Legend has it that the earliest settler was Trumbull Kent from Oswego, New York. Kent, a “Yankee,” as settlers from New England were called in the west, founded a settlement in 1835 not far from what is now called Olde Schaumburg Centre, formerly known as Sarah's Grove. The first recorded settler of Schaumburg Township was German born Johann Sunderlage. According to legend, Sunderlage was a member of a survey team that divided Cook County into townships around 1833. He liked the area so much that, upon completion of the project, he brought his family from Germany and settled in the area around 1836.

Sunderlage and his family occupied their land in the Township until the federal land sale of 1842 allowed them to purchase the property and obtain the deed. Sunderlage and Kent represented the predominant groups that settled Schaumburg Township in its early days. In 1840, 56 percent of the Township households originated from the eastern United States, while 28 percent were German-born. By the 1850s, the population mix had settled to 28 percent “Yankee” and 48 percent German.

By 1870, Schaumburg Township had become completely German. Land records show that all the property in the Township was owned by German immigrants or their descendants. This pattern emerged as many Yankee settlers continued to travel west for the promise of newly opened lands on the Great Plains. The land they occupied in Schaumburg was then purchased by German-born immigrants.

Schaumburg Township remained almost exclusively under German ownership until the Great Depression of the 1930s. The Depression caused the foreclosure on some German-owned farms which were then purchased by non-German individuals and companies. Nonetheless, German heritage remained important in the area. German was the first language of the majority of households until the 1950s. St. Peter Lutheran Church, the community's oldest church which was constructed in 1847, held services in German as late as 1970. Schaumburg Township was originally known as Sarah's Grove. This name was derived from a grove of woods that ran through the northwest portion of the Township, which was named for three young women whose families lived adjacent to the grove: Sarah McChesney, Sarah Frisbe, and Sarah Smith. However, the name was never made official. Until 1851, the area's official name was Township 41. At the 1850 Township meeting, residents discussed two names for the Township; Lutherville and Lutherburg. In the middle of the discussion Frederick Nerge, a prominent German landowner, put his fist down on the table and called out, "Schaumburg ichall et heiten!" (It will be called Schaumburg!). With this statement, a consensus was reached on the Township's official name.

This chosen name derived from Schaumburg-Lippe, the part of Germany where many of the Township's residents originated. The majority of German settlers were from the Hesse-Kassel or Hanover districts, but apparently those from the Schaumburg area had more influence in the community's affairs.

Schaumburg Township prospered during its early days. The area's main occupation was farming, with potato growing, dairy products and raising cattle as main sources of income. The land was a very large meadow surrounded by extensive wilderness. Wildlife such as geese, ducks, quail, prairie chickens, rabbits, and deer were very abundant.

In 1858, a small market area emerged at what is now the intersection of Schaumburg and Roselle Roads. Schaumburg Centre functioned as the central service district for the surrounding agricultural producers. It included two general stores, four cheese factories, a cobbler, a tailor, a wagon maker, and a blacksmith.

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Most of the early growth in the Northeast region of Illinois occurred along the Fox River Valley and the major rail lines. Since neither of these transportation networks served Schaumburg Township, the Township remained rather isolated. Few roads existed, and several were often impassable. To reach the market, Schaumburg farmers had to travel 27 miles by oxen or horses to Chicago, which only had about 35,000 inhabitants at that time.

In 1900, during a period of German nationalism, a 50 year anniversary brochure reported the following account: "Schaumburg has, as an important English daily newspaper said: 'The reputation of being the model community of Cook County. Also, the town of Schaumburg is an example of a community for all other towns in Cook County and probably in other counties, too. Schaumburg is prompt in the payment of its taxes; it supports churches and schools; it has also the best roads in the land and - Schaumburg has never had a jail.' Finally, it is not just for the settlers only, but also for foreigners."

This isolation was broken, however, as the automobile became the primary means of transportation. Two projects, the expansion of O'Hare Field into a major international airport in 1955 and the construction of the Northwest Tollway in 1956, put Schaumburg in an ideal location for suburban growth. In response to development pressures, the area encompassing what was known as Schaumburg Centre, was incorporated in 1956. At the time of incorporation, the Village consisted of two square miles and a population of 130 residents.

Incorporation enabled the village to control its growth and development. Early village leaders are credited with the foresight and planning that has made later economic growth possible. The original comprehensive plan adopted by the Village Board in 1961, reserved large tracts of land for industrial, commercial, and office development. Growth in these sectors has made the village a major area employer and the State's second largest retail center, Woodfield Mall.

**Fun Fact About Schaumburg:**  
Schaumburg might not be the most popular area in Illinois but it definitely attracted some productions to film within the area over the years. Some of the movies that shot scenes in places around Schaumburg were *Bad Teacher*, *Blood and Wine*, and *The Founder*.

MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER  
**MAY 2022**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1	2	<b>Schaumburg Boomers</b>					7
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		VS. MSL ALL-STARS 7 p.m.				@ SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS 6:05 p.m.	@ SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS 5:05 p.m.
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@ SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS 1:05 p.m.		@ NEW YORK BOULDERS 6 p.m.	@ NEW YORK BOULDERS 6 p.m.	@ NEW YORK BOULDERS 6 p.m.	VS. TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES 6:30 p.m.	VS. TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES 6 p.m.	
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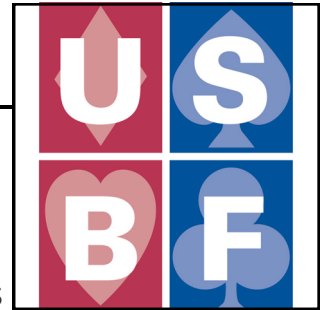
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# Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



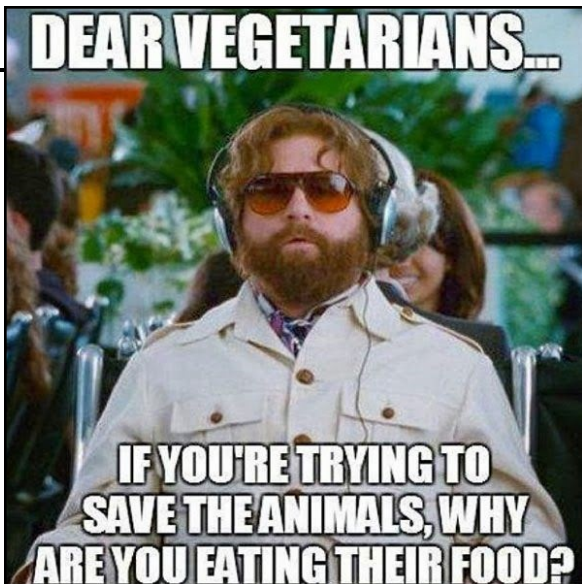
## USBF Supporting Membership

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.



Two fortune tellers meet. First one says, "We're going to have a hot summer again." The second one sighs happily: "Yes, it reminds me of the summer in 2092..."

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence.  
 "My father grows beans," said one girl.  
 "My mother cooks beans," said a boy.  
 A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."



# Limey Jack...

Cheerio Old Tops:

Limey Jack is back from the Covid and strutting his fine self. He will lead you to the promised land and make a few bob for you along the way. Listening to Howie Dung will be like trying to exit a roundabout on the M25 Motorway during peak hour.

Nickell-Yang: Whilst this Nickell team is lighter weight than in years gone abye and cannot win this event, they can beat Yang.

Wildavsky-Kolesnik: Interesting; this. 6 players who might normally play professionally and couldn't dredge up a single client, go up against a 4 handed squad with two juniors. The juniors are not totally without merit and will definitely be hungrier. Limey Jack says to let the juniors play on.

Lebowitz-Simson: Simson is as nice as the Parson's wife to the Vicar, but Lebowitz has the moxie.

Fleisher-Tebha: Fleisher is clearly a downgrade from prior tilts but Tebha has more clients than not and will be hard pressed to stay with the experience of the other squad. Even the Dung one will get this one right as fiddles.

Rosenthal-Dinkin: Rosenthal has apparently gone the economy route here as he has dramatically switched his team around for the worst. Dinkin is four handed, which Limey Jack abhors so Rosenthal should eke this one out.

Moss-Stark: In spite of having the tattered remnants of the best partnership in history, if Limey's Jack's best mate was not on the Moss team, there would be a huge upset lurking. As 'tis, Stark may not go away.

Jenkins-Beatty: Quintet VS Quartet. Neither team chuffs Limey Jack but one has to emerge victorious. In a mild upset, put a tenner on Beatty.

Spector-Reynolds: Spector should prevail as they are quite the favourite.

Howie Dung is to beware. Stick with Limey Jack if your flat needs a new shag.  
Ta.

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Nickell v Yang is easy to pick.  
Whoever IS Yang?? I'm sticking with Nick!

Wildavsky/Kolesnik? It isn't a sin  
To bet that experience stifles young Finn!

Simson and squad need not unpack...  
They're really no match for Adam and Zach!

Anam and crew are doomed to a loss.  
Fleisher has added Joe Grue and Brad Moss!

Rosenthal's lacking one Berk or two!  
But Dinkin is random with four to play through.

And George without Claude? What will he write?  
For Sam and his group, a tough uphill fight!

**Howie Doing...**

Sylvia's picked up Zia and Meck,  
That alone ought to stack up the deck.

Andy and group are here on a lark.  
Money's on Moss... Safe travels home, Stark!

Jenkins v Beatty? Picking is scary...  
But Cohler's got flair and I'm betting on Gary!

Reynolds took Claude... but it's not enough.  
Spector's contingent plays wild and tough!

Good luck to the teams... I'm glad you could gather.  
Ignore Slimey Jack... he's just full of blather!

Here's to another great event!!!  
Howie!!

# Everything You Need to Know About LoveBridge and May Have Forgotten!

## MAY 2022 FAQ FOR LOVEBRIDGE

### **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 in the upper left mean?** You have unread chat message(s) and the strip at the left will be a sky blue until you read them (the number indicates how many unread messages are there). Click on the number/strip on the left to open/view. Click the X in top right corner to close. When all messages are read, the strip is grey.
- **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. If you try do so, the reset button will start flashing. Click the reset button to refresh.
- **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 (second option).

### **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 a white letter inside of the circle with a pale blue outer circle when it is the player's turn. The auction is always displayed so that you are on the very right and your hand is at the bottom.
3. **How do I claim?** During the play, you may click the larger blue 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. (Note that you may not claim mid-trick. You may only claim between tricks.)
4. **How do I see the bidding once play has started?** Per the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 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).

# TABLET GUIDE

**CC CONVENTION CARD**

**SETTINGS**


You can set here the language, bidding and playing preferences anytime.

The system will remember your settings when you play next time.

**RESULTS**

You can review the previous boards anytime.

**CALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**



You don't have to shout for a director, just click the button and select a reason for call. The first 2 reasons **stop play**.

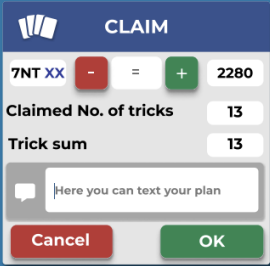
In case of a misclick, don't panic! Call TDs and they will try their best to help you.

**MENU**

**COVER SCREEN**

To hide your screen from view, tap this icon.

**CLAIM**



Tap or to adjust number of tricks.

You can write your plan in the text field.



At the top left corner you will always see vulnerability and the dealer from your perspective (you are at the bottom).

You can tap on a bid to alert your calls or ask for information. You can even give written explanation.

**2♣ CANCEL**

If you misclick during the bidding, you have a few seconds to cancel bid. You can change this timeframe at Settings/Bid menu.

Live streaming: <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com>

For those of you who want a reminder from last year or are new to LoveBridge, here are some screenshots of what the tablet looks like at different times, with annotations about what you can do. I hope they help. If you played last year and don't need a review, please look at the 2 areas below that are marked with \*\*\* (Director calls and Chat) - LoveBridge made some changes to those for us.

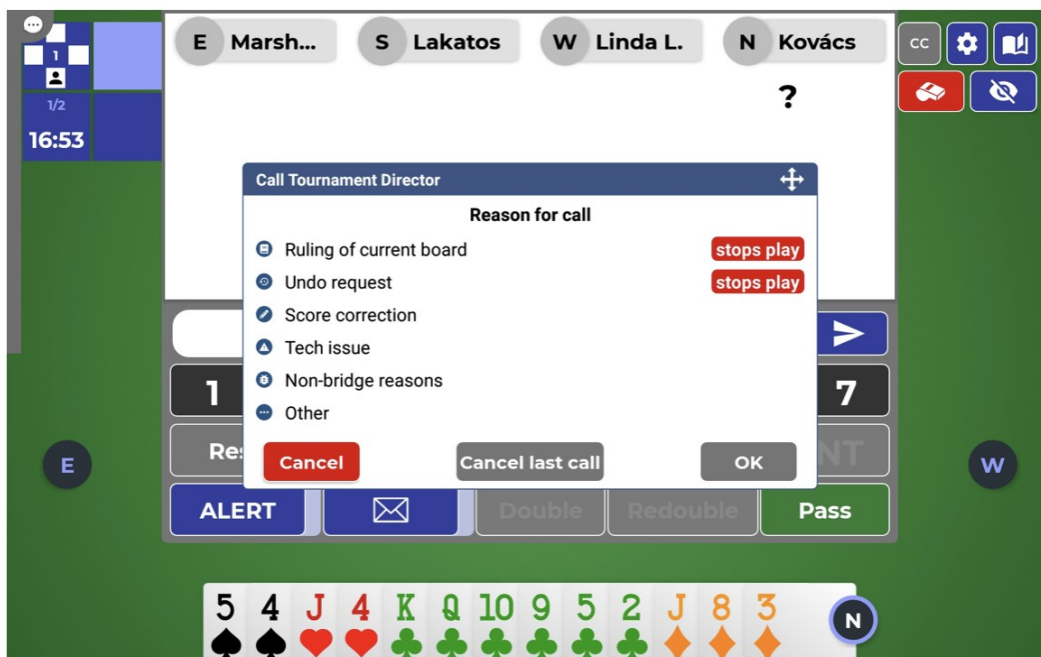
In addition, we will have some tablets set up in the bar area of the hotel lobby on Sunday afternoon & evening for you to practice on.

Here's what the tablet screen looks like right after you get your hand and before you have bid:



When you start to play on Monday, just call the director for any and all tablet-related issues.

\*\*\*One of the changes LoveBridge made for us for this year is a sub-menu that appears when you press the "Director" button so you can specify what the call is for:



# LoveBridge for Dummies...



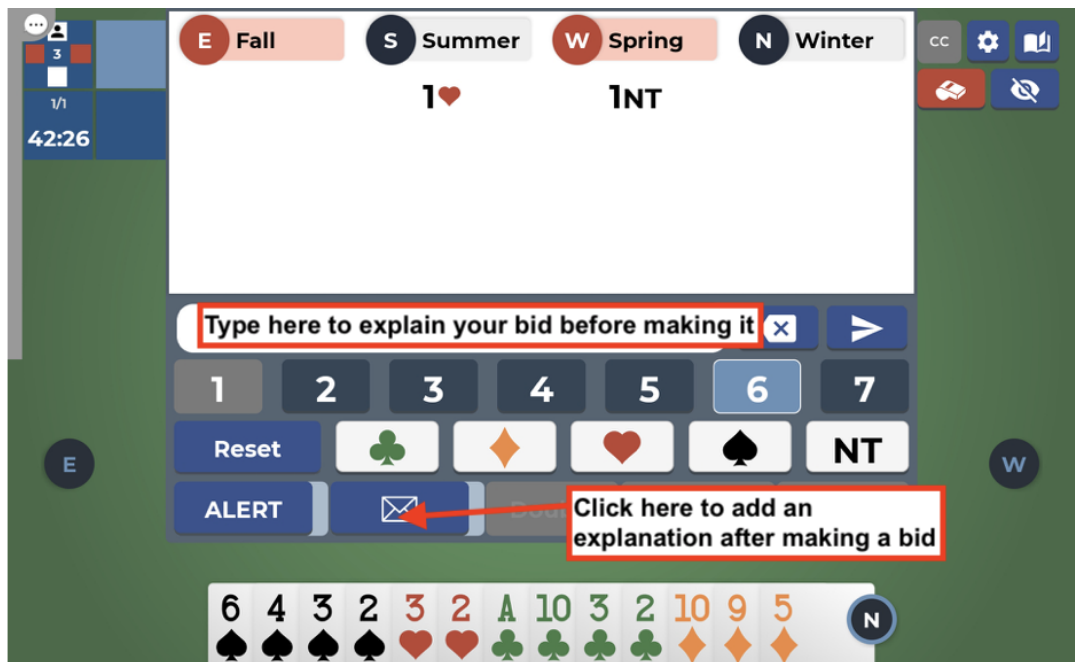
If your call is for one of the top 2 reasons, play will stop at your table (including your partner's room). If your call is for one of the other reasons, someone (not necessarily a director) will come to your room to deal with the issue and play will continue at your table and your partner's table. Please select "Tech issue" for any tablet problems. Non-bridge is for an escort if you want to leave the room to smoke, a request for coffee, and things like that.

The CC button will open one PDF with the opponents' SSF and ACBL Convention card, as well as the ACBL Multi defense if your opponents are playing Multi The SSF and Convention card are as of the closing date for System submission. If you make any changes to your convention card after today, they will only be displayed if you tell me that you have done so, in which case I will update what is loaded into LoveBridge.

### Explanations

Remember that even though you and your screenmate are in the same room so you can explain things verbally, you are still required to alert and/or explain your bids in writing on the tablet, so the opponent on the other side of the screen gets the information and we have a record of your alerts & explanations.

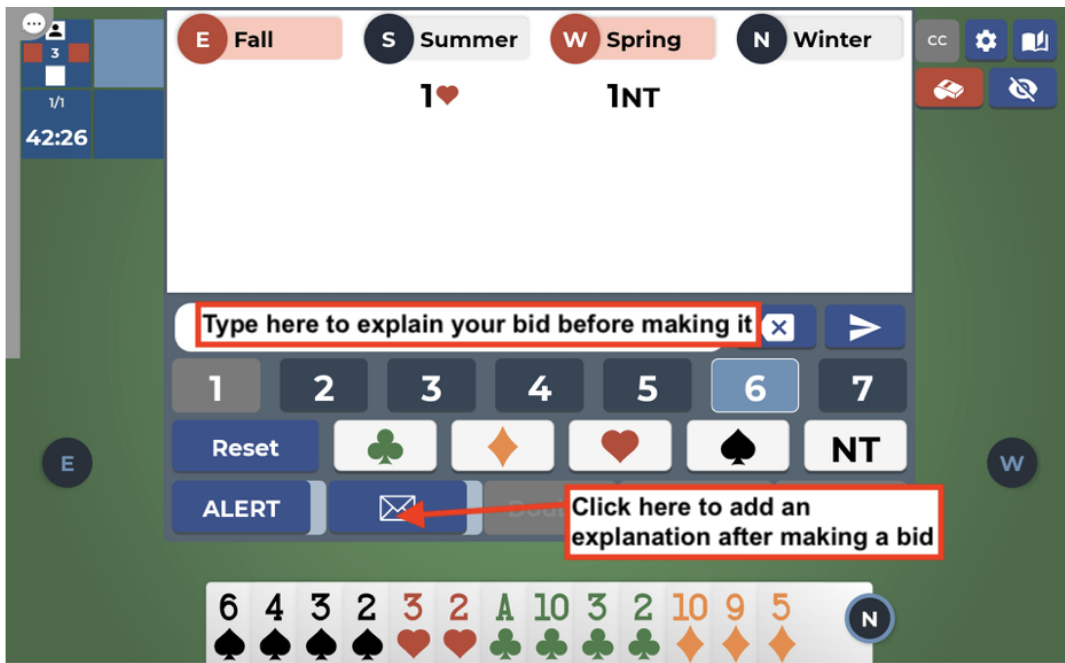
To make an explanation, you first need to access the keyboard. You do that when it is your turn to bid by clicking in the explanation box, which will open the keyboard for you. After you have made a bid, you can add an explanation by clicking on the envelope icon below the explanation box and then typing in the box.



Here's what the "Bridge Keyboard" looks like when "General" has been selected:



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Here's what the "Bridge Keyboard" looks like when "General" has been selected:

To get to the Android keyboard, click on the picture of the keyboard at the left of the bridge keyboard. To get to other bridge keyboards, click on one of the other buttons to the left and right of the keyboard.

After you make a bid, you will have 3 seconds to cancel it. If you want to undo after the 3 seconds, you need to call the director and request an undo, which will only be granted in unusual situations.



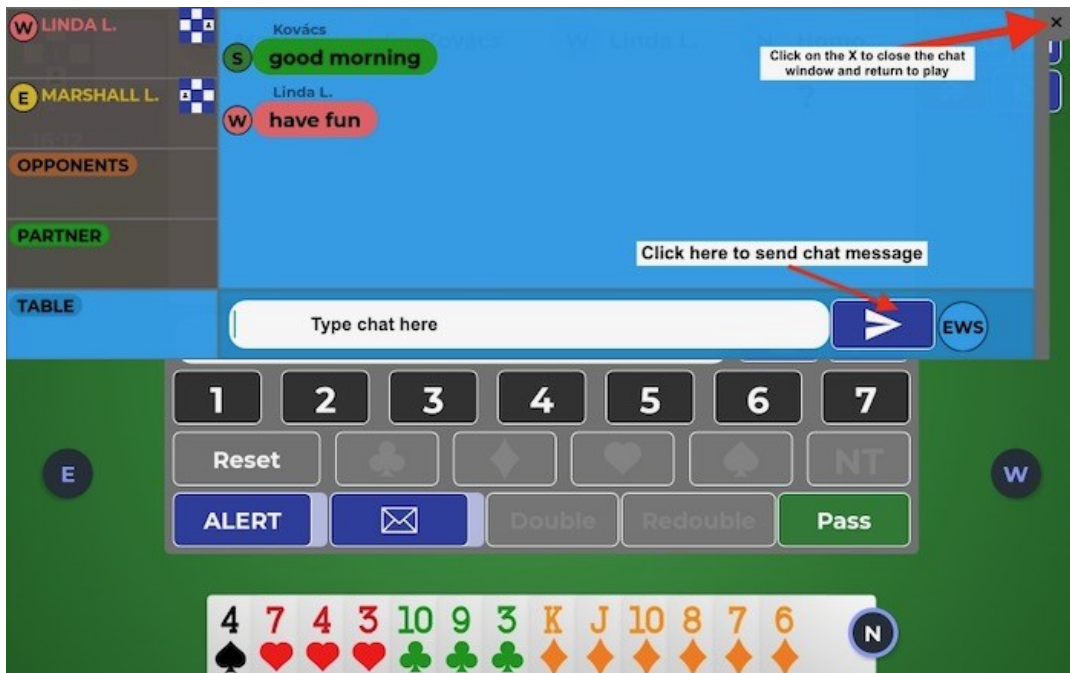
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\*\*\*Another change the LoveBridge people made at our request was to make the chat more user-friendly:

When someone chats to you, their chat shows briefly in a bubble in the top left hand square:



If you want to open the chat window and respond to chat (or initiate a chat), click on the bubble with the 3 dots at the upper left of the screen and then type into the chat box, which looks like this:



# Coming Off-Line...

## Adventures in F2F!

After three years of sporadically playing online with Ralph and Nick for practice, Suzi and I found ourselves playing face-to-face at the recent ACBL District 13 Spring Regional in Middleton, WI. This was our first real venture back to the world of tournament bridge since the start of the pandemic.

Playing in the Open Pairs event on the first day of the tournament, we were well positioned to finish high in the event.

On Board 16, our last board of the day, I was on lead against a 5H contract with this hand:

♠	J932
♥	4
♦	A1085
♣	Q652

EW Vulnerable

West deals

The auction went:	W	N	E	S
		Suzi		Stan
	1S	2S*	4S	5D
	P	P	5H	P
	P	P	P	

\*2S showed the minors

I thought about the opening lead, but sadly, I did not think long enough. I chose to lead a small club.

With more thought, I would have realized that there are only thirteen spades in the deck!! Since E/W must hold nine spades for this auction and I held four spades, Suzi had to be VOID!! A spade lead followed by a diamond to my ace and a second spade ruff will defeat 5H.

The full layout was:

D 16	N Suzi Subeck	
	♠ J932 ♥ 4 ♦ A1085 ♣ Q652	
W Colleen McCabe		E William Higbee
♠ KQ874 ♥ K9732 ♦ QJ ♣ A		♠ A1065 ♥ A10865 ♦ K4 ♣ 109
	S Stan Subeck	
	♠ J932 ♥ 4 ♦ A1085 ♣ Q652	
		5♥ E NS: 0 EW: 0

Defeating 5H would gain 3.5 matchpoints and give us the win. Alas, we finished in second place by 2.5 matchpoints. (Note: I do like to leave room for improvement...)



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On to Day 2:

We learned from our mistakes and carried on to win the next day Open Pairs by two full boards!

AND: I redeemed myself from my sleepy last board play by scoring a top board on this hand:

<b>D</b> 4	<b>N</b> Suzi Subeck	<b>W</b> N	<b>E</b> S
	♠ 106 ♥ AJ94 ♦ KQJ97 ♣ K5	P 1D P P	P 3NT P P
<b>W</b> James Bloedorn		<b>E</b> Fred Ahlstrom	
♠ AJ984 ♥ 1082 ♦ 8 ♣ 8762		♠ Q3 ♥ 753 ♦ A1052 ♣ Q943	
	<b>S</b> Stanton Subeck		
	♠ K752 ♥ KQ6 ♦ 643 ♣ AJ10		
		3NT S	NS: 0 EW: 0

Suzi opened 1D in second seat and I jumped to 3NT (13-15 HCP) on the four triple three South hand with no significant diamond support.

The opening lead was the S8.

I followed with the ten from dummy and East played the SQ. If spades are divided 4-3, I can win the king and drive out the DA for an easy nine tricks.

However, the lead of the S8 made it look likely that West was leading from a five card suit. In that case, it would be fatal to win the SK since when I drove out the DA, the opponents would be able to cash four rounds of spades.

I ducked the first trick and East continued with the S3.

I assumed that this was a standard return, and I suspected that West started with a five-card spade suit. I played small from my hand and West won the S9. If West cashes the SA, I can drive out the DA and take nine tricks.

Lucky for me, West decided to play East for S:KQ73 and continued with a low spade to unblock the suit!!

After winning the SK, I was able to drive out the DA and eventually scored ten tricks when East won the first round of diamonds and was squeezed in the minors.