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From Paul Amer...



Welcome to the Sam Amer Junior US Bridge Championships (SAJUSBC)

We thank the USBF for naming this year's trials to decide which juniors will represent the United States next August in the World Championships in Sam's memory.

Sam played in the U26 USBC seven years ago, won a spot on the USA2 team and went to compete in Wujiang, China, in August, 2018. That trip cemented many of Sam's friendships and his love of bridge.

You can read about Sam on Bridgewinners.com

<https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/sam-amer/>

<https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/remembering-my-best-friend-sam-amer/>

Good luck to all of the participants in this year's trials.

Left to Right:

Jill, Sam, Libby,
Sarah, and Paul
Amer

Thank you Paul. Please know that Sam will forever be a treasured member of the USBF bridge community. He will not be forgotten.



SAM AMER UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

All Kidding Aside

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Teams Entered

U26:

Brezak	Luke Brezak, Capt Alan Hale	Chris Staszak Cade Johnson
Chen	Tianyang Chen, Capt Philip Wang Fangqing Yuan	Rory Xiao Jonathan Yue Will Duan
Eckert	Kai Eckert, Capt Matthew Rippin	Isaac Stone Levi Katriel
Jiang	Kevin Jiang, Capt Ryan Carlson Zihao Sun	Alex Safonov Andy Zhang Jingcheng Dai
Kolesnik	Finn Kolesnik, Capt Harrison Luba Ethan Wood	Michael Xu Bo Han Zhu Michael Hu
Wan	Stella Wan, Capt Brent Xiao Cornelius Duffie	Olivia Schireson Richard Jeng Jacob Freeman
Yang	Yanlai Yang, Capt Ruizhe Wang	Renyu Li Eric Shao
Yeung	Alan Yeung, Capt Evan Alexis	Dan Irish Rohan Srivastava
Zheng	Lixin Zheng, Capt Vasisht Ganesh	Weilong Shen Tom Ye

U21:

Ge	Brandon Ge, Capt Brian Zhang Charlie Chen	Kayden Ge Arthur Gong Eric Xiao
He	Edward He, Capt Nathan Gong	Eric He Jason Yao
Hoagland	Michael Hoagland, Capt Owen Jiang	James Fu Eric White
Silverstein	Avery Silverstein, Capt Sam Pahk Ethan Derman	Daniel Balof Michael Haas Jack Boge
Xie	Ethan Xie, Capt Kyle Lin	Zach Posternak Keith Lin

RONA (GIRLS):

2024 Sam Amer Junior USBC - U26W PAIRS

Stephanie Bergman
Rachel Yoken

Leyi Chen
Maiya Clouse

Alexandra Deschenes
Avery Liang

Ava Donnellan
Margot Donnellan

Cecilia Ehrlichman
Katie Hwang

Kyra Helmbold
Jasmine Bakhshi

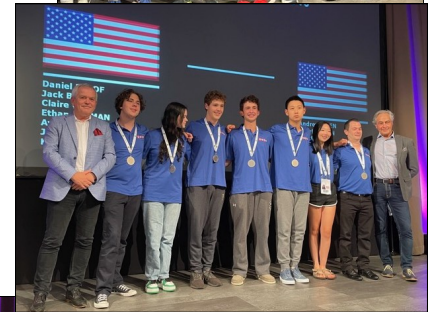
Helena Hsieh
Yichen Cai

Nicole Qian
Helen Chow

Ella Su
Sharon Chu

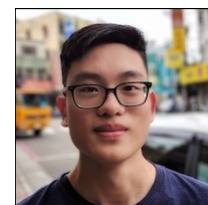
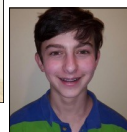
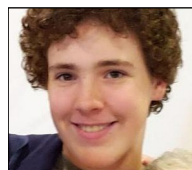
Katie Sullivan
Caroline Zhao

Yihan Xiao
Zara Weiss



2024 Sam Amer Junior USBC - U16 PAIRS

Beatriz Aldana	Ethan Wu
Andrew Chen	Jeff Xiao
Ryo Chen	Jeremy Zhang
Joseph Hoagland	Clayton Kaneko
Jayson Lee	Lee Blocher
Kate Lee	Adam Hemmer
Zinnia Meyer	Kyo Chen
Eli Shuster	Chloe Chow
Kevin Wei	Arjun Chaunal
Brandon Wolpert	Demian Li
Ryan Wolpert	Kaining Sheng
Alex Xu	Derek Deschenes



U26 Schedule:

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Day	Date	Time (EST)	Boards		
Training Camp					
Thursday	Dec 26	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Optional evening session		
Friday	Dec 27	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Details TBA		
Saturday	Dec 28	11:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Details TBA		
ROUND ROBIN					
Saturday	Dec 28	5:30-6:35	Match 1 Boards 1-10		
		6:50-7:55	Match 2 Boards 11-20		
		8:10-9:15	Match 3 Boards 21-30		
Sunday	Dec 29	11:00-12:05	Match 4 Boards 31-40		
		12:20-1:25	Match 5 Boards 41-50		
		1:40-2:45	Match 6 Boards 51-60		
			60 Minute BREAK		
		3:45-4:55	Match 7 Boards 61-70		
		6:10-7:15	Match 8 Boards 71-80		
		7:30-8:35	Match 9 Boards 81-90		
		USA1 Semifinal & USA2 Stage 1			
		Monday	Dec 30	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30				
	75 minute Break				
4:00 - 5:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45				
		6:00 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60		
USA1 Final & USA2 Quarterfinal					
Tuesday	Dec 31	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15		
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30		
			75 minute Break		
		4:00 - 5:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45		
		6:00 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60		
USA2 Semifinal					
Wednesday	Jan 1	10:00 - 11:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15		
		12:00 - 1:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30		
			75 minute Break		
		3:00 - 4:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45		
		5:00 - 6:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60		
USA2 Final					
Thursday	Jan 2	10:00 - 11:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15		
		12:00 - 1:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30		
			75 minute Break		
		3:00 - 4:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45		
		5:00 - 6:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60		

Thankfully,
perseverance is a
great substitute for
talent.



Jan Kamras, Jessica Udomsriungruang, Cecilia Ehrlichman, Morgan Johnstone, Jacob Freeman, Katie Sullivan, Khan Tran Nguyen, NPC Michael Shuster, Eric Laurent



Bruce Zhu, Harrison Luba, Nathan Gong, Michael Xu, Arthur Gong, Olivia Schireson, NPC Roger Lee

Q. Why can't you hear a pterodactyl in the bathroom?
A. Because it has a silent pee.

The past, present and future walked into a bar. It was tense.

I hate people who use big words just to make themselves look perspicacious.

Q. How do you drown a Hipster? A. In the mainstream.

Q. Why do rappers need umbrellas? A. Fo' drizzle.

Q. What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?
A. I don't know, and I don't care.

I thought my neighbors were lovely people. Then they went and put a password on their wi-fi.

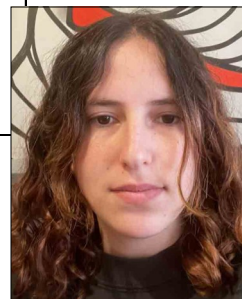
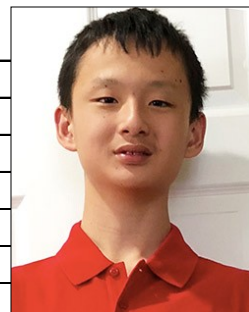
A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?"

He said, "Call for backup."



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U21 Schedule			
Day	Date	Time (EST)	Boards
Training Camp			
Thursday	Dec 26	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Optional evening session
Friday	Dec 27	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Details TBA
Saturday	Dec 28	11:00 AM - 3:15 PM	Details TBA
ROUND ROBIN			
Saturday	Dec 28	4:10-5:15	Match 1 Boards 1-10
		5:30-6:35	Match 2 Boards 11-20
		6:50-7:55	Match 3 Boards 21-30
		8:10-9:15	Match 4 Boards 31-40
Sunday	Dec 29	11:00-12:05	Match 5 Boards 41-50
		12:20-1:25	Match 6 Boards 51-60
		1:40-2:45	Match 7 Boards 61-70
			60 Minute BREAK
		3:45-4:55	Match 8 Boards 71-80
		6:10-7:15	Match 9 Boards 81-90
	7:30-8:35	Match 10 Boards 91-100 [exact board # might change]	
USA1 Semifinal			
Monday	Dec 30	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		4:00 - 5:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	6:00 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60	
USA1 Final & USA2 Semifinal			
Tuesday	Dec 31	11:00 - 12:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		1:00 - 2:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		4:00 - 5:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	6:00 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60	
USA2 final			
Wednesday	Jan 1	10:00 - 11:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:00 - 1:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break
		3:00 - 4:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	5:00 - 6:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60	



About Atlanta...

Atlanta is the capital of the U.S. state of Georgia. It played an important part in both the Civil War and the 1960s Civil Rights Movement. Atlanta History Center chronicles the city's past, and the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site is dedicated to the African-American leader's life and times. Downtown, Centennial Olympic Park, built for the 1996 Olympics, encompasses the massive Georgia Aquarium.

Atlanta remains the financial and commercial capital of the Southeast and is its most important distribution center. Printing and publishing, high-technology industries, telecommunications, airline services, military and government services, and banking and insurance are supplemented by industries producing aircraft, beverages, automobiles, electronics and electrical equipment, chemicals, processed foods, and paper products. Major companies with headquarters in Atlanta include [UPS](#), [the Coca-Cola Company](#), and [Delta Air Lines](#); [Home Depot](#) is based near the city. The television news network [CNN](#) is also located in Atlanta.

U26W SCHEDULE			
Training Camp			
Friday	Dec 27	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Details TBA
Saturday	Dec 28	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Details TBA
STAGE 1			
Sunday	Dec 29	10:30 - 11:30	Round 1 Boards 1-9
		11:40 - 12:40	Round 2 Boards 10-18
		12:50 - 1:50	Round 3 Boards 19-27
			70 MINUTE BREAK
		3:00 - 4:00	Round 4 Boards 28-36
		4:10 - 5:10	Round 5 Boards 37-45
		5:20 - 6:20	Round 6 Boards 46-54
Monday	Dec 30	10:30 - 11:30	Round 7 Boards 55-63
		11:40 - 12:40	Round 8 Boards 64-72
		12:50 - 1:50	Round 9 Boards 73-81
			70 MINUTE BREAK
		3:00 - 4:00	Round 10 Boards 82-90
		4:10 - 5:10	Round 11 Boards 91-99
STAGE 2			
Tuesday	Dec 31	10:30 - 12:15	Round 1 Boards 1-15
		12:30 - 2:15	Round 2 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:15	Round 3 Boards 31-45
		5:30 - 7:15	Round 4 Boards 46-60
Wednesday	Jan 1	10:30 - 12:15	Round 5 Boards 1-15
		12:30 - 2:15	Round 6 Boards 16-30
			60 MINUTE BREAK
		3:15 - 5:00	Round 7 Boards 31-45

U16 SCHEDULE			
Training Camp			
Friday	Dec 27	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Details TBA
Saturday	Dec 28	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Details TBA
STAGE 1			
Sunday	Dec 29	10:30 - 11:30	Round 1 Boards 1-9
		11:40 - 12:40	Round 2 Boards 10-18
		12:50 - 1:50	Round 3 Boards 19-27
			70 MINUTE BREAK
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		3:30 - 5:15	Round 3 Boards 31-45
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		12:30 - 2:15	Round 6 Boards 16-30
			60 MINUTE BREAK
		3:15 - 5:00	Round 7 Boards 31-45

Tournament Schedules... continued

No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area. This applies to both players AND kibitzers. Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule. Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door. The USBF reserves the right to randomly wand attendees as they enter the playing field.



Pun-ctuality!

What do you call a factory that makes good products?

A satisfactory.

Why did the cow cross the road? To get to the udder side.

What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet? Supplies!

What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator.

Why do seagulls fly over the sea? Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be bagels.

What do you call a group of disorganized cats? A cat-astrophe.

Why did the hipster burn his mouth? He drank his coffee before it was cool.

Why don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything.

Why don't you ever see elephants hiding in trees? Because they're so good at it

What did the ocean say to the shore? Nothing, it just waved.

Why don't ants get sick? Because they have tiny ant-bodies.

Why was the stadium so hot? Because all the fans left.

Why do cows have hooves instead of feet? Because they lactose.

What do you call a bear stuck in the rain? A drizzly bear.

Why don't skeletons fight each other? They don't have the guts.

Why was the math book sad? It had too many problems.

Why did the student eat his homework? Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake!

How do you organize a space party? You planet.

Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field!

What do you call fake spaghetti? An impasta!

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

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite.

Why did the bicycle fall over? Because it was two-tired!

Why don't oysters share their pearls? Because they're shellfish.

What do you call cheese that isn't yours? Nacho cheese!

Why was the math teacher late to work? She took the rhombus.

Why don't eggs tell jokes? They'd crack each other up.

What did one wall say to the other wall? I'll meet you at the corner.

Why did the cookie go to the doctor? Because it felt crummy.

What do you call a fish wearing a crown? A kingfish.

Why don't some couples go to the gym? Because some relationships don't work out.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

Why did the physics teacher break up with the biology teacher? There was no chemistry.

Funny Jokes for 11-13 Year Olds

Why can't your nose be 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot.

Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use honeycombs.

Why did the student bring a ladder to school? Because she wanted to go to high school.

What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.

Why don't elephants use computers? They're afraid of the mouse.

Why do fish always know how much they weigh? Because they have their own scales.

What do you call a pile of cats? A meowtain.

Why was the broom late? It swept in.

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? An abdominal snowman.

Why did the picture go to jail? Because it was framed.

How do you make a tissue dance? You put a little boogie in it.

Why did the stadium get hot after the game? All the fans left.

Why did the chicken join a band? Because it had the drumsticks.

Why don't koalas count as bears? They don't have the right koalifications.

Why did the banana go to the doctor? Because it wasn't peeling well.

What's brown and sticky? A stick.

Why don't vampires like garlic? It's too much of a pain in the neck.

Why did the coffee file a police report? It got mugged.

What do you call a sleeping bull? A bulldozer.

Why did the melon jump into the lake? It wanted to be a water-melon.

Why was the belt arrested? For holding up the pants.

Funny!





International Federation
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If you aren't playing, you should save the dates and plan to Kibitz the Online Women's Teams: January 3-5, 2025 on RealBridge

WBF Online Women's Teams
3 to 5 January 2025 - RealBridge

World Bridge Federation
ONLINE WOMEN'S TEAMS
3 to 5 January 2025

Teams can have up to 8 players, and they will play at times that are convenient for them.

This is a transnational event.

www.worldbridge.org



The 2024 Inaugural Online Women's Teams Competition was "national" rather than transnational. It was very successful with more than 60 teams representing their countries. To make the event more "world-friendly" and to encourage players to team up with others they met in the 2024 event, the WBF Women's Committee changed the Conditions of Contest to make the 2025 competition "transnational," allowing teams to be comprised of players from one or more countries.

Impressively, the 2025 event, for which the entries are now closed, has **75 teams** registered with **450 players** over the age of 15 (a requirement) from **40 different countries**.

To see list of participants, go to:

[goto http://db.worldbridge.org/Repository/tourn/womenonline.25/Reg/ParticipantsTeams.asp?qtournid=2496](http://db.worldbridge.org/Repository/tourn/womenonline.25/Reg/ParticipantsTeams.asp?qtournid=2496)

For information on this and other international competitions and to learn what is happening in bridge around the globe, go to the WBF webpage at worldbridge.org.

The WBF Women's Committee is working with Shireen Mohandes and Andy Bowles, the forces behind RealBridge, to schedule the 2025 matches so players from around the world can play one another at somewhat easy hours, time zones being what they are. Shireen and Andy's tireless efforts are largely responsible for the success of these international women's events and we are proud to be collaborating with them to bring these events to fruition.

The WBF is providing daily bulletins for the 2025 competition so you can follow the event even if you cannot find the time to kibitz the VuGraph.

Watching the event is fun ... but be warned: If you kibitz this year, you may just find the need to form a team for the 2026 event once scheduled!!

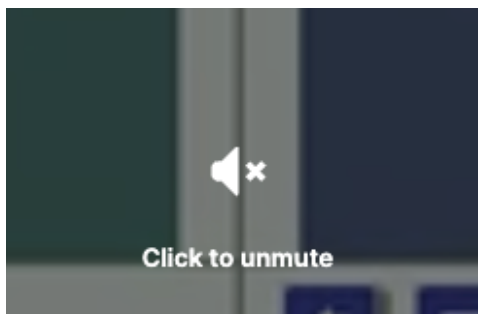
Kibitzing...

Our site is undergoing a migration and some things may not work as expected. We appreciate your patience.

There will be delayed kibitzing for all of the 2024 Sam Amer JUSBCs on LoveBridge

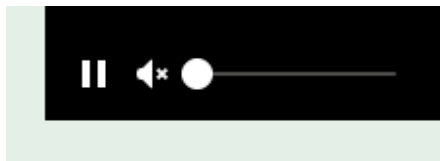
You can follow the Sam Amer JUSBC on the [LoveBridge website](#). There will often be voice commentary, which you can access by clicking on the TV icon.

If you get to the voice commentary and there is no sound, you need to "unmute." When you first get to the page, there is a small icon of a speaker in the middle of your screen with an x on it:



Just click on it to unmute.

If you miss that icon, you can still unmute - move your cursor to the bottom left of the screen and you should see a similar icon:



Click on the speaker. It should unmute your machine.

Vugraph is delayed for 30 minutes or until all tables have completed play on a board, whichever is later.

(Kibitzing, continued on page 9)

[LoveBridge website](#)

Why did the student bring a broom to class?

Because they wanted to sweep the exam!

What do you call a snowman in the summer?

A puddle!

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

Because her students were so bright!

Why did the girl bring a pencil to bed?

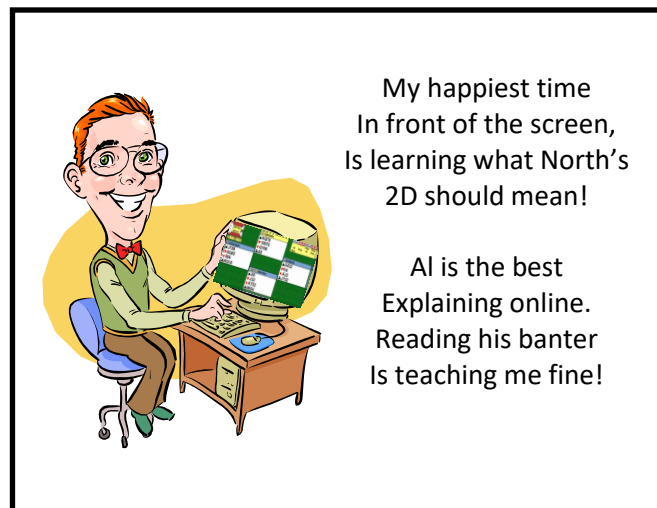
Because she wanted to draw the curtains!

Why did the cookie cry?

Because its mom was a wafer (away for) so long!

What do you call a fish that practices medicine?

A sturgeon!



Kibitzing Schedule (EDT)

For all KO days of the 2024 Sam Amer JUSBCs, kibitzing times will be :

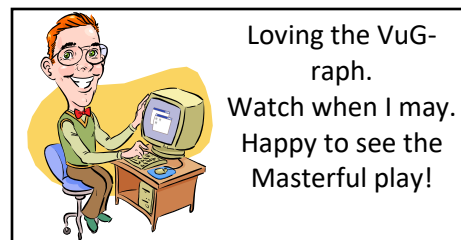
Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT

Segment 2: 1:30 pm EDT

BREAK

Segment 3: 4:30 pm EDT

Segment 4: 6:30 pm EDT



For Round Robin days, each kibitzing segment will start 30 minutes after play starts. There will not be voice commentary during the Round Robins.

More information

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

Nail biting!

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

Think together!

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

More Information:

Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you 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, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue where you were.

Replay:

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

Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

A Little Known, Potentially Useful Bridge Tool...

You have probably never considered using a "Hand Evaluator" and you probably are not aware that one is available to you if you should choose to use it.

Jeff Goldsmith's "invention" is online at:

<https://www.jeff-goldsmith.com/cgi-bin/knr.cgi?hand=Axx+QJ8x+Q8x+QJx>

It will look like this when and if you access it:

K&R Hand Evaluator

This will run the Kaplan and Rubens hand evaluator ([knr](#)). Type in a hand, something like KQxxx QJT2 --- Ak102, and I'll tell you how many points they think it's worth.

New feature: this also prints Danny Kleinman's HCP [evaluation](#).

K&R (Axx QJ8x Q8x QJx) = 9.15

[DK](#) = 10-

Jeff Goldsmith, jeff@gg.caltech.edu, October 23, 2001

Answer to Logic Puzzle on Page 13

6	New York	Wolf	Michael
4	Kiev	Fox	John
2	Washington D.C.	Cobra	Boris
8	San Francisco	Storm	Mark
10	Moscow	Condor	Randy
Games	City	Alias	

Sudoku 2

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

Answer to Sudokus
on page 14

Puzzle Page

Livewire Puzzles

Find these words. They are some of the puzzles made by Livewire Puzzles since 1979.
The remaining letters spell a Dutch Proverb.

E S Q U A R I N G O F F T O N K O R T S A A
V N H T S A B N N D H M F W D K I N T U P S
A U U U W O R R A I E A O E T N L O T F I A
W T M T R P M A I L A R V O Q F E R T L I R
K H O G E A N E E D C V H E I U I D E C C B
C O T N E T E D T E G S R R A P A N A I E A
O U H I D I A L L H G E E E L H T L G E I D
H S B K E U E P C N I C T E H P E O I H D A
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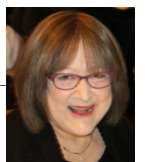
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WEDGE
WOODEN OPEN

Tom Swifties...

- "I dropped the toothpaste," said Tom crestfallen.
- "I have lost my bicycle wheels," said Tom tirelessly.
- "I'm never ride sharing again," said Tom exuberantly.
- "I believe your honor is insane," said Tom judgmentally.
- "What do you mean I'm a father?" asked Tom apparently.
- "It's mostly nitrogen and oxygen," said Tom airily.
- "Atlanta is my favorite baseball team," said Tom bravely.
- "The wheel on my bike isn't lopsided," Tom misspoke.
- "My opinion no longer counts," said Tom devotedly.
- "This fire needs more oxygen!" Tom bellowed.
- "How long will I have to wait for a table?" asked Tom unreservedly.
- "Give me a pencil sharpener!" said Tom bluntly.
- "I officially declare myself a rodent," Tom ratified.
- "I love hot dogs," said Tom with relish.
- "There's no more room in the hay barn," said Tom balefully.
- "Pass me another chip," said Tom crisply.
- "If you want me I shall be in the attic," said Tom loftily.
- "At the grocery store I forgot what I needed to buy," said Tom listlessly.
- "I'll have the lamb," said Tom sheepishly.
- "Mush!" said Tom huskily.
- "Don't add too much water," said Tom with concentration.
- "I can't find the bananas," said Tom fruitlessly.
- "You're only average," said Tom meanly.
- "How do I get to the cemetery?" asked Tom gravely.
- "This milk ain't fresh," said Tom sourly.
- "This must be an aerobics class," Tom worked out.
- "I hope I can still play guitar," Tom fretted.
- "I plan to renew my membership," Tom rejoined.
- "Let's gather up the rope," said Tom coyly.
- "I lost my trousers," said Tom expansively.
- "I thought there were 50 cookies in this jar," Tom recounted.
- "My power went out," said Tom darkly.
- "Can I open a savings account?" asked Tom with interest.
- "You broke my rubber band!" Tom snapped.
- "Come up to my apartment," said Tom flatly.
- "I'm on the green," Tom lied.
- "Arrange them alphabetically," Tom ordered.
- "I've been waiting to see the doctor," said Tom patiently.
- "I used to sell mirrors," said Tom upon reflection.
- "Where's my pants?" asked Tom briefly.
- "If I die, you get everything," said Tom willingly.
- "I think I'll use a different font," said Tom boldly.
- "I think zoos are a necessary evil," said Tom cagily.
- "Roosters should be banned," clucked Tom cockily.
- "I'm dying," Tom croaked.
- "That sure took the wind out of my sails!" said Tom disgustedly.



From the Editor:

If you find an interesting hand and want to call my attention to it, please send the board #, the names of the players, the session in which it was played and any relevant comments to me at:

stansubeck@prodigy.net

Extra eyes and ears are always appreciated! Please address any Letters to the Editor, tournament tales or fun photos to that address as well.

Thank you! I will include as much as I can daily! And give you credit!

Suzi

The game 'Head to Head Nuclear Strike' © 2000 has 5 addicted players (Randy, Mark, Boris, John and Michael) each has an alias (one is Commander Fox) and plays almost every day. Each player has their own strategy, and like to initialize their first strike by launching a nuclear bomb against their favorite city (one is Kiev, located in Russia). Additionally, each player keeps either 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10 games going at one time.

From the information provided, determine the alias, the city chosen for first strike, and the number of games each player has going at one time.

		ALIAS					CITY					GAMES				
		STORM	FOX	WOLF	COBRA	CONDOR	SAN FRANCISCO	NEW YORK	WASHINGTON D.C.	MOSCOW	KIEV	2	4	6	8	10
NAME	RANDY															
	MARK															
	BORIS															
	JOHN															
	MICHAEL															
GAMES	2															
	4															
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CITY	SAN FRANCISCO															
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	WASHINGTON D.C.															
	MOSCOW															
	KIEV															

Randy is currently playing a game against Commander Storm (who does not attack New York first).

Commander Cobra (who is not John) keeps two games going all the time.

John (who attacks Kiev first) plays exactly 4 less games than the player who attacks San Francisco first.

Commander Storm attacks San Francisco on his first play.

Commander Condor (who keeps 10 games in play) always attacks Moscow first.

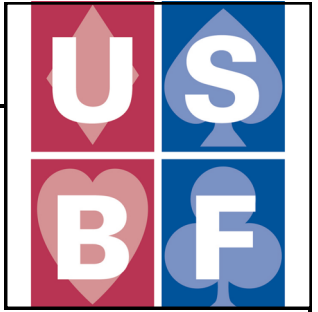
Michael uses the alias of Commander Wolf.

Boris (who is currently playing a game against Commander Storm) always attacks Washington D.C. on his first play.

Hard Logic Puzzle...

	Alias	City	Games
Randy	- ▾	- ▾	- ▾
Mark	- ▾	- ▾	- ▾
Boris	- ▾	- ▾	- ▾
John	- ▾	- ▾	- ▾
Michael	- ▾	- ▾	- ▾

Answer to Puzzle can be found on page 10



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.

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 2

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

Puzzles on Page 10

Why was the computer cold? It left its Windows open.
What do you call a lazy kangaroo? A pouch potato.
What do you call a dog magician? A labracadabrador.
What do you get if you cross a pie and a snake?
 A python.

Why did the fish blush?
 Because it saw the ocean's bottom.
Why did the computer break up with the internet?
 Because it found someone with better bandwidth!
What do you call bears with no ears? B!

Meet the Players:



Kai Eckert is currently a student at San Diego State University, taking online classes majoring in Business Administration.

He claims a GPA consistently above 3.5 throughout his entire educational career.

During his high school years, when not playing bridge, he refereed Soccer games

He is now an entrepreneur alongside his classes at SDSU.

He plays, teaches and directs Bridge professionally.



He is an independent contractor with the ACBL to make bridge-related videos.

He volunteers as a member on the Board of directors for Silicon Valley Youth Bridge. Silicon Valley Youth Bridge is a non-profit organization that helps youth get and stay involved in the world of Bridge. Kai also serves as a member of the board for Unit 498, a Non-Profit Organization of the ACBL that organizes tournaments and raises funds that allow Bridge to continue to flourish in his area of California.

In this event, Kai is captain of the 4-handed Eckert team. His teammates include Isaac Stone, Matthew Rippin, and Levi Katriel.

Playing Card Trivia...

In case you should find yourself on Jeopardy one day as the Bridge World's famous Jeopardy James Holzhauer did...

What is the oldest card game?

Karniffel was a descendant of the original Karnöffel, which itself originated in Bavaria in the first quarter of the 15th century and is thus the oldest identifiable European card game in the history of playing cards with a continuous tradition of play down to the present day.

Who invented blackjack?

The Origins. **The origin of Blackjack is still debated**; the most popular belief is that it originated in French casinos around 1700 due to its mention in Cervantes's novel Don Quixote, which dates to the late 16th/early 17th century. Then, the game was referred to as 'Vingt-et-un' which translates to 21 in French. Sep 14, 2020

What is the most important card in a deck of cards?

The **ace of spades** (also known as the Spadille, Old Frizzle, and Death Card) is traditionally the highest and most valued card in the deck of playing cards. The actual value of the card varies from game to game.

From the Junior Channel Trophy U26 - Round 6

Netherlands vs France - BBO

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	♠ Q42	♥ 10853	♦ AKQ	♣ A93	P	1NT	P	P	2♠	P
W	FRAGOLA		E		TABATA					
♠ K10953	♥ QJ2	♦ J76	♣ QJ	♠ AJ6	♥ A974	♦ 10984	♣ 102			
S		SanderGOOR		3NT N						
♠ 87		♥ K6		NS: 0 EW: 0						
♦ 532		♣ K87654								
Other table: 3♣S+1		NS: Netherlands		0 IMPs		EW: France		14 IMPs		

Juniors, Westerveld and Sandergoor from the Netherlands, playing against juniors, Tabata and Fragola from France, bid aggressively on Board 23 of the Junior Channel Trophy tournament, U26, round 6, to score up a close vulnerable game to win 11 IMPs. Their decision to bid game was based on the strength of their 9-card club fit.

Westerveld opened a 15-17 NT. Sandergoor bid 2S showing clubs. Westerveld bid 2NT indicating a "like" for clubs and Sandergoor drove to the game on their combined 21 HCP.

Bidding close vulnerable games has long been a successful strategy in IMPs.

Had the clubs split differently or had the hand been played from South where West could successfully lead a spade, the contract would have failed. As it was, however, it was smooth sailing when Tabata led a 4th best heart; Westerveld played dummy's king, and Fragola followed low. Westerveld quickly played on clubs and was rewarded with the 2-2 split. He happily took 6 clubs, 1 heart, and 3 diamonds for 10 cashers and a score of +630.

At the other table, with the auction starting the same, West muddied the waters with a double of 2S, showing spades and strongly suggesting a spade lead. When the auction passed back to South, he looked at his S87, and chose the safer route to 3C instead of chancing the game. North could correct to 3NT with a sure spade stopper. Q42 was anything but sure.

3C made 4 for +130 but it failed in the comparison. These teams may be among your competition in the main event next year. It is helpful to see how they play.

W	N	E	S
P	1NT	P	2♠
X	P	P	3♣
P	P	P	