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## Day 1 Results:

2024 Sam Amer Junior USBC - U26 USA1 Round Robin

Team Name	Total	5	6	1	9	2	8	4	7	3	BYE
5. Kolesnik	40.00							20.00		20.00	
6. Wan	36.05					16.39				19.66	
1. Brezak	26.46						12.18		14.28		
9. Zheng	22.83						12.83				10.00
2. Chen	21.61		3.61						18.00		
8. Yeung	14.99			7.82	7.17						
4. Jiang	10.00	0.00									10.00
7. Yang	7.72			5.72		2.00					
3. Eckert	0.34	0.00	0.34								

2024 Sam Amer Junior USBC - U21 USA1 Round Robin

Team Name	Total	1	4	2	5	3	BYE
1. Ge	49.05			9.61	19.44	20.00	
4. Silverstein	44.00			14.00		20.00	10.00
2. He	32.57	10.39	6.00		16.18		
5. Xie	14.38	0.56		3.82			10.00
3. Hoagland	10.00	0.00	0.00				10.00

**Hand from Training Camp  
on page 12**

**Hands from U21  
on pages 16 & 17**

**Spoiler: Double Game Swing on p16!**

Word from the site: Everyone had a GREAT time at Bridge Camp before the USBC commenced! Thanks Amber and Kevin and all the wonderful USBF volunteers!

SAM AMER UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**All Kidding Aside**

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Bart Bramley  
Kitty Cooper  
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Mitch Dunitz  
Marty Fleisher  
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George Jacobs  
Ralph Katz  
Bobby Levin  
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Adam Wildavsky
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Joe Stokes
- Junior Program Co-Ordinator**  
Alex Kolesnik
- Junior Training Camp Officials**  
Amber Lin  
Kevin Rosenberg

# 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

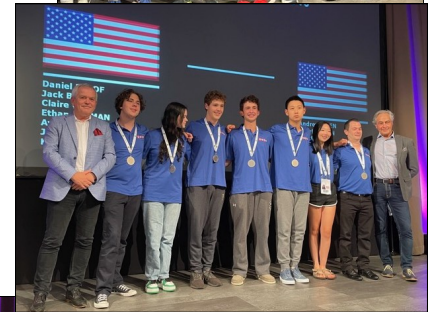
Helena Hsieh  
Yichen Cai

Nicole Qian  
Helen Chow

Ella Su  
Sharon Chu

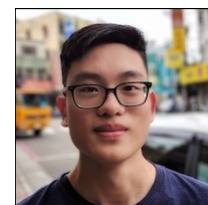
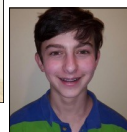
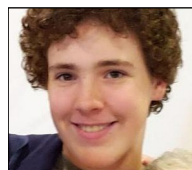
Katie Sullivan  
Caroline Zhao

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:

Schedules continued on pages 4 and 5

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

Leave nothing  
for tomorrow  
that can be  
done today.  
Abe Lincoln



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

"I collect fairy tales," said Tom grimly.

"Where did I put that magazine?" asked Tom periodically.

"South Korea has a lovely capital city," said Tom soulfully.

"Carnivals are noisy and useless," griped Tom unfairly.

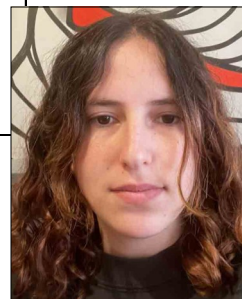
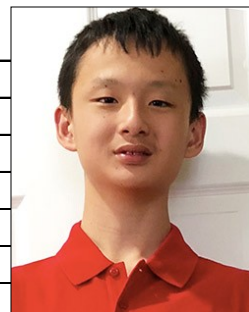
"I will file a counter suit against you," Tom retorted.

"I got demoted," admitted Tom privately.

"I don't like going to museums," said Tom artlessly.

## Tournament Schedules... continued from page 3

U21 Schedule			
Day	Date	Time (EST)	Boards
<b>Training Camp</b>			
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
<b>ROUND ROBIN</b>			
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]	
<b>USA1 Semifinal</b>			
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	
<b>USA1 Final &amp; USA2 Semifinal</b>			
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	
<b>USA2 final</b>			
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	



## More About Atlanta...

1 | Looking out amongst the trees, it's hard to imagine that in 1864 Atlanta was burned to the ground by General Sherman as an act of war. Since then, Atlanta has rebuilt and is one of the lushest cities in the United States, earning the nickname, "city in the forest."

2 | The origin of Atlanta's name came from railroad engineer J. Edgar Thompson, as a shortened version of the "Atlantica-Pacifica."

3 | There are over 55 streets named "Peachtree" in Atlanta. Historians suggest the name originated from the Native American Tribe "Standing Pitch Tree," versus the common misconception that it is named after an actual peach tree.

4 | Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the busiest airport in the world and is equivalent in size to 45 football fields.

5 | There's a very good reason why the Georgia State Capitol sparkles in the sun. It is gilded with 43 ounces of Dahlonega gold, mined from the grounds of Georgia.

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
Monday	Dec 30	4:10 - 5:10	Round 5 Boards 37-45
		5:20 - 6:20	Round 6 Boards 46-54
		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 75 MINUTE BREAK
		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
		3:00 - 4:00	Round 4 Boards 28-36
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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!

**Why did the math teacher break up with the history teacher?**  
Because she felt like she was just a number!

**What do you get when you cross a snowman and a dog?** Frostbite!

**Why did the chicken go to the seance?**  
To talk to the other side!

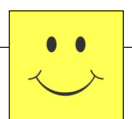
**What's a computer's favorite snack?**  
Computer chips!

**Why did the computer go to therapy?**  
It had too many bytes.

**Why did the student bring a ladder to school?**  
Because they wanted to go to high school!

**Why did the math book look so sad?**  
It had too many problems.

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



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

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

**Why did the computer break up with the internet?** It found someone better to bandwidth!

**Why don't scientists trust stairs?** Because they're always up to something.

**Why don't skeletons ever go trick or treating?** Because they have no body to go with.

**What do you call a cow with no legs?** Ground beef.

**What did one hat say to the other?** You stay here, I'll go on ahead.

**What do you call a belt made of watches?** A waist of time.

**What do you call a pig that does karate?** A pork chop.

**Why did the melons have a big wedding?** Because they cantaloupe.

**Why did the golfer bring extra socks?** In case he got a hole in one.

**Why don't dogs make good dancers?** Because they have two left feet.

**Why did the horse chew with its mouth open?** Because it had bad stable manners.

**Why did the dog sit in the shade?** Because he didn't want to be a hot dog.

**What's a cat's favorite color?** Purr-ple.

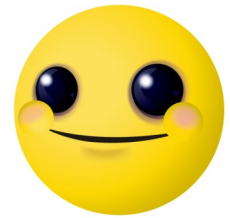
**Why did the owl say, "Hoo?"** Because it didn't give a hoot.

**Why did the sheep become a comedian?** Because he was really baa-d at being serious.

**What do you call a cow that plays the guitar?** A moo-sician.

**Why did the frog take the bus?** Because his car got toad away.

# Funny!



## GROANERS...

*Knock, knock. Who's there? Lettuce. Lettuce who? Lettuce in, it's freezing out here!*

*Knock, knock. Who's there? Cow says. Cow says who? No, silly. Cow says "moo!"*

*Knock, knock. Who's there? Boo. Boo who? Don't cry, it's just a joke!*

*Knock, knock. Who's there? Atch. Atch who? Bless you!*

*Knock, knock. Who's there? Tank. Tank who? You're welcome!*

*Knock, knock. Who's there? Owls say. Owls say who? Yes, they do!*

If you are an astronaut and you don't end every relationship with "I just need space" then you are wasting our time. Vincent van Gough walks into a juice bar, and the bartender offers him a slushie... No thank you, said Vincent, I've got one 'ere.

A kid threw a lump of cheddar at me. I thought "That's not very mature".

I hate Russian dolls. They're so full of themselves.

I hated my job as an origami teacher. Too much paperwork.

I love pressing F5. It's so refreshing.

Q. Why do ducks make good detectives? A. They always quack the case!

Q. Why do French people like to eat snails? A. They can't stand fast food.

A recent scientific study showed that out of 2,293,618,367 people, 94% are too lazy to actually read that number.

Q. What did the envelope say to the stamp? A. Stick with me and we'll go places!

Two clairvoyants meet. One says to the other: "You are fine, and how am I?"

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

Q. Why did the computer go to the doctor? A. Because it had a virus.

# USBF BOD Update



Three seats on the USBF Board of Directors are being vacated in the upcoming year. **Eric Gettleman (left)**, a sitting member of the BOD, is slated to re-up for a second term. **Xin Ge (center)** and **Geoff Hampson (right)**, himself a prominent member of the great Nickell team, will join continuing members for new 3-year terms beginning January 1st.

## 2025 USBC Schaumburg, IL

There are already 4 teams registered in the Open and 1 team registered in the Seniors. It's never too early to sign up! To register or see who has registered or to find other pertinent information, visit [USBF.org](http://USBF.org).

FACE TO FACE STAGES OF ALL EVENTS APRIL & MAY, 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				24	25	26
				Open USA1 Round of 16		Open USA1 QF
				Open USA2 St 1		
27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
Open Quarterfinal	Open USA1 Semifinal		Open USA1 Final			
Open USA2 St 1	Open USA2 Stage 2		Open USA2 Quarterfinal		Open USA2 Semifinal	
	Women's RR if 5+ tms		Women's USA1 Semifinal		Women's USA1 Final & USA 2 Semifinal	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Open USA2 Final		Day Off	Mixed USA1 Round Robin or KO		Mixed USA1 Quarterfinal	
Women's USA2 Final			Mixed USA2 Stage 1			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mixed USA1 Semifinal		Mixed USA1 Final				
Mixed USA2 St 2	Mixed USA2 St 3	Mixed USA2 QF	Mixed USA2 SF	Mixed USA2 Final		Senior Round Robin or KO
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Senior Round Robin or KO	Senior USA1 Quarterfinal		Senior USA1 Semifinal		Senior USA1 Final	
	Senior USA2 Stage 1		Senior USA2 St 2	Senior USA2 St 3	Senior USA2 QF	Senior USA2 SF
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Senior USA2 Final						

# 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

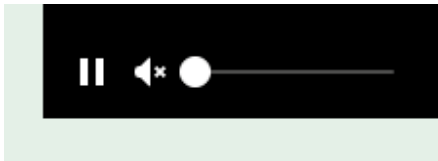
You can follow the Sam Amer JUSBC on the [LoveBridge website](#). There will often be voice commentary, which you can access by clicking on the TV icon.

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.

[LoveBridge website](#)

(Kibitzing, continued on page 9)

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

A piano.

What runs all around a backyard, yet never moves?

A fence.

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

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

What goes through cities and fields, but never moves?

A road.

During which month do people sleep the least?

February (there are fewer nights in February).





### **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

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

Sudoku 1—Answers on Page 14

Answer to Logic Puzzle on Page 13

City	Amount	Charity	Name
Los Angeles	250,000	Whales	Shella
Las Vegas	350,000	Orphans	Peter
New York	500,000	AIDS	Mark
San Francisco	450,000	Leukemia	Johanna
Philadelphia	400,000	Cancer	Cindy

Sudoku 2

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

last no longer than 12 hours, sometimes decks are discarded after only a half hour. This is to prevent detectible marks or scuffs from forming and giving players an advantage. The house always wins!

**Most sets of cards are made by one company: USPCC.**

We call this a monopoly (not the board game), but for whatever reason, it isn't enforced much in the USA these days (we're kidding, we know the reason). Anywho, this card making giant is called the United States Playing Card Company and they are the largest manufacturers of cards in the world. They have a boatload of other brands under their umbrella that you might know, including: Aviator, Bee, Tally-Ho and the big-daddy: Bicycle.

## Facts About Cards...

**The Kings in a deck of cards are said to represent historical figures.** History buffs claim the kings of hearts, clubs, diamonds, and spades represent Charlemagne, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, and King David, respectively. There are often subtle clues in modern card designs that point to these kingly identities. Digging deeper, the queen of spades is said to be the Greek goddess Pallas Athena, and the Jack of Clubs is Lancelot du Lac. Can you spot them?

**The longest poker game lasted over 8 years.** Taking place at the Bird Cage Theatre in Arizona in 1881, this game was a marathon of strategy and endurance. Also an exercise in patience, dedication and boredom.

**UNO was created by an Ohio barber in 1971.** Merle Robbins invented UNO to settle a family argument about Crazy Eights in 1971 in a suburb of Cincinnati. He paid \$8,000, made 5,000 copies and sold them from the salon.

**Waterproof playing cards are made from plastic or coated with waterproof material.** They are perfect for a game by the pool, beach or aboard Navy vessels and loved by service members of all stripes.

**Vegas Casinos go through cards fast.** Not known for sustainability, Vegas casinos go through decks of cards faster than you change your underwear. Most decks will

# Puzzle Page

## USA Presidents Word Search

Find and circle all of the United States Presidents that are hidden in the grid.

The remaining letters spell an Abraham Lincoln quote.

Note: Although Cleveland appears twice in the list, he is only in the puzzle once.

M J B N A G A E R E J Q A D A M S W  
A A U O T N A R G R G E N S H W O N  
D D C S U R L D E A D D B E A E O T  
I A H N M O O T N N R V I S D T O L  
S M A H B O R O A O A F H L N I I G  
O S N O S A N L S N S I I I O N B N  
N R A J C U E R B E N I L E C O T I  
I U N B G V B U O G V C R O L Y C D  
T H O L E H R W T E E E L R L D T R  
H T T L A E A O G K I N L E A R E A  
S R C O N F N Y Y K S F R T U H M H  
U A F D R O O S E V E L T M E A W N  
B N O S K C A J L S N N A S B T P E  
W A N W I L S O N N H N N O D A I T  
H P M U R T O O I N O S R E F F E J  
G N T A Y L O R K O W X B L D T R F  
N O S N H O J A C E E T I O G Y C O  
K L O P F I L L M O R E I N V E E R  
R E V O O H I T B H A R R I S O N D

- |               |                |                   |                 |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. WASHINGTON | 13. FILLMORE   | 25. MCKINLEY      | 36. L B JOHNSON |
| 2. J ADAMS    | 14. PIERCE     | 26. T ROOSEVELT   | 37. NIXON       |
| 3. JEFFERSON  | 16. BUCHANAN   | 27. TAFT          | 38. FORD        |
| 4. MADISON    | 16. LINCOLN    | 28. WILSON        | 39. CARTER      |
| 5. MONROE     | 17. A JOHNSON  | 29. HARDING       | 40. REAGAN      |
| 6. J Q ADAMS  | 18. GRANT      | 30. COOLIDGE      | 41. G H W BUSH  |
| 7. JACKSON    | 19. HAYES      | 31. HOOVER        | 42. CLINTON     |
| 8. VAN BUREN  | 20. GARFIELD   | 32. F D ROOSEVELT | 43. G W BUSH    |
| 9. W HARRISON | 21. ARTHUR     | 33. TRUMAN        | 44. OBAMA       |
| 10. TYLER     | 22. CLEVELAND  | 34. EISENHOWER    | 45. TRUMP       |
| 11. POLK      | 23. B HARRISON | 35. KENNEDY       | 46. BIDEN       |

# A Hand from Training Camp

During the Junior Training Camp (see pre-bulletin for info), Amber Lin and Kevin Rosenberg, along with other USBF volunteers held team games for the Juniors for practice. Here is a well bid slam by Jayson Lee, East, and Lee Blocher, West, practicing for the U16 competition.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W N E S

		1♣	PASS
1♣	PASS	2♣	PASS
4♣	PASS	4♦	PASS
4♥	PASS	4NT	PASS
5♦	PASS	5♥	PASS
6♦	PASS	6♣	PASS
PASS	PASS		

1C=16+ any shape  
4D=Cue  
4NT=1430 RKC  
5D=0-3 Keycards

NORTH  
WEST 2 DEALER  
SOUTH

Score card >  
Frequency >  
Final score >

DDS

♠ 92  
♥ QT5  
♦ 6432  
♣ A965  
N Demian Li

♠ QJT8764  
♥ K84  
♦ KJ  
♣ 8  
W Lee Blocher

♠ AK5  
♥ A972  
♦ AQ  
♣ KJ43  
E Jayson Lee

♠ 3  
♥ J63  
♦ T9875  
♣ QT72  
S Brandon Wolpert

WEST 6♠ NS 0 EW 0

Li led the CA... but it did not matter... no lead can defeat the slam. Li shifted to the D2, won by dummy's ace. Home with 12 tricks: seven spades, two hearts, two diamonds and one club, Blocher claimed for +980.

In the other room, Lee, West, chose a Texas Transfer over Hemmer's maximum 2NT opening and the auction ended. Lee has ample values to feel safe at the 5 level so she could have chosen to explore but she would have no way to be certain slam was there. She could have asked for keycards, testing the waters, and flip a mental coin. Her decision would always be close given that her side is not vulnerable so there is less to gain ...or lose... either way. Wolpert led a heart and Hemmer brought home 12 tricks. 11 IMPs for Team A3: Blocher, Lee, Fu and Shih.



HOME CARDS SPLIT

W N E S

		2NT	PASS
4♥	PASS	4♣	PASS
PASS	PASS		

4H=Texas Transfer to 4S

NORTH  
WEST 2 DEALER  
SOUTH

Score card >  
Frequency >  
Final score >

DDS

♠ 92  
♥ QT5  
♦ 6432  
♣ A965  
N James Fu

♠ QJT8764  
♥ K84  
♦ KJ  
♣ 8  
W Kate Lee

♠ AK5  
♥ A972  
♦ AQ  
♣ KJ43  
E Adam Hemmer

♠ 3  
♥ J63  
♦ T9875  
♣ QT72  
S Alex Shih

EAST 4♠ NS 0 EW 0

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

In five American cities (New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles) organized charity parties took place, each for a different cause (the fight against AIDS, saving the whales, supporting orphans, the fights against cancer and Leukemia). Five good people (Johanna, Mark, Cindy, Sheila, and Peter) each contributed to their favorite cause with a different amount of money.

From the information given below, determine the cause for which each gave, the amount of each donation, and in what city each charity party was organized.

	AIDS	Orphans	Leukemia	Whales	Cancer	\$250,000	\$350,000	\$400,000	\$450,000	\$500,000	New York	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Las Vegas	Los Angeles	
Cindy																
Johanna																
Mark																
Peter																
Sheila																
New York																
Philadelphia																
San Francisco																
Las Vegas																
Los Angeles																
\$250,000																
\$350,000																
\$400,000																
\$450,000																
\$500,000																

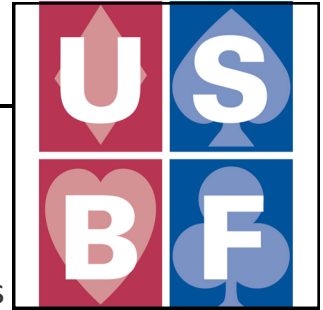


1. Mark and Cindy gave \$400,000 and \$500,000 (for Cancer and AIDS).
2. The charity party for whales took place in Los Angeles. The whales weren't given \$350,000 or \$450,000.
3. The charity parties in Philadelphia and New York weren't given \$450,000 or \$350,000. The orphans didn't receive support of \$450,000.
4. Sheila didn't go to a charity party in Las Vegas .
5. Johanna didn't go to a charity party in Los Angeles or Las Vegas. The charity party for orphans didn't take place in San Francisco.
6. Mark didn't go to Philadelphia and he didn't contribute \$400,000. The charity party against AIDS didn't take place in Philadelphia.

	Charity	Amount	City
Cindy	- ▾	- ▾	- ▾
Johanna	- ▾	- ▾	- ▾
Mark	- ▾	- ▾	- ▾
Peter	- ▾	- ▾	- ▾
Sheila	- ▾	- ▾	- ▾

## Hard Logic Puzzle...

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

## Sudoku 2

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

## Puzzles on Page 10

Who makes it, has no need of it.  
 Who buys it, has no use for it.  
 Who uses it can neither see nor feel it.  
 What is it? A Coffin!

What can travel around the world while staying in a corner? A stamp.

## Riddles

What has to be broken before you use it? An egg.

# Meet the Players:

In 2022, as part of an interview with James Holzhauser, Harrison Luba wrote:

I am 18 years old and my grandparents and great-grandmother taught me bridge at the age of 8 in South Carolina. I moved to Massachusetts when I was 12 and have played competitively ever since. I am going to be a freshman at Emory University in the Fall, planning to study chemistry.

Harrison, now 20, is playing here in Atlanta as a member of the Kolesnik U26 squad with Finn Kolesnik, Ethan Wood, Michael Xu, Bo Han Zhu and Michael Hu. You can see by the pic on the right that cards are in his blood!

Should you wish to seek him out on BBO, his handle is: hilito37.



Who sits on the World Bridge Federation Youth Committee?

**Chairman:** Gilad OFIR

**Members:**

Fernando LEMA  
Geert MAGERMAN  
AJ STEPHANI  
Carlotta VENIER  
Wang YANNAN

## Playing Card Trivia...

**The "Dead Man's Hand" is a legendary poker hand, and it's history is a bit dark.**

Consisting of a hand with two pairs: black A's and 8's, this hand is shrouded in infamy. It was supposedly held by Wild Bill Hickok when he met his demise, turning this decent hand into a symbol of foreboding fate.

**The Joker card has its roots in the game of Euchre.** Introduced in the 1860s, the Joker was initially called the 'Best Bower' in the game of Euchre. From this game-specific addition, it evolved into the wild card we know today.

**The "Venexiana Gold" deck is the most expensive one ever made.** Crafted with gold leaf and intricate designs by Lot-rek, this deck is a collector's dream. Only 212 decks were made, each selling for about \$500. That's some serious bling for what is essentially a commodity today.

**Tarot cards were originally used for playing games.** Before they became synonymous with fortune-telling, tarot cards were used as playing cards in 15th-century Europe. Due to the mysterious images and mystical themes, it is no wonder it transitioned to something a bit less gamified.

**A standard deck of cards is a calendar in disguise.**

There are 52 cards in a standard deck, which some believe represents the 52 weeks in a year. Additionally, if you add up all the symbols in a deck, the total is 365, mirroring the number of days in a year.

In the U21 RR, there was a double game swing in the Ge/Hoagland match on Board 10.

**Closed Room**

W N E S  
1NT PASS  
4♥ PASS 4♠ PASS  
PASS PASS

4H=Texas Transfer to 4S

OTHER ROOM N 3N +1 630

NORTH 10 DEALER WEST SOUTH

Score card >  
Frequency >  
Live tables >

DDS

♠ A  
♥ AT6  
♦ JT  
♣ AQJT973  
N Michael Hoagland

♠ KJT6542  
♥ 974  
♦ 6  
♣ 65  
W Eric Xiao

♠ Q83  
♥ Q853  
♦ AKQ54  
♣ K  
E Charlie Chen

♠ 97  
♥ KJ2  
♦ 98732  
♣ 842  
S James Fu

EAST NS  
4♠ 0

In the Closed Room, Eric Xiao and Charlie Chen bid to 4S. James Fu did not want to lead from the heart tenace into the NT bidder's hand. The opponents' fast route to 4S did not give away any information about their hands so no lead stood out.

As the cards lie, any lead but a diamond will defeat the contract, N/S taking 1 club, 3 hearts, and 1 spade.

**OpenRoom**

W N E S  
1♦ PASS  
2♠ 3NT PASS PASS  
PASS

2S= natural 6+spades

OTHER ROOM E 4♠ = -620

NORTH 10 DEALER WEST SOUTH

Score card >  
Frequency >  
Live tables >

DDS

♠ A  
♥ AT6  
♦ JT  
♣ AQJT973  
N Arthur Gong

♠ KJT6542  
♥ 974  
♦ 6  
♣ 65  
W Owen Jiang

♠ Q83  
♥ Q853  
♦ AKQ54  
♣ K  
E Eric White

♠ 97  
♥ KJ2  
♦ 98732  
♣ 842  
S Brandon Ge

NORTH NS  
3NT 0

Unfortunately for Fu, the diamond spots made the diamond lead look best. Duffily, Fu led the D3.

Chen won his A and pitched a heart on the DK. He played the DQ and pitched a second heart while Hoagland ruffed with his SA. Hoagland cashed the two round aces but that was it for the defense. Game making for +620

In the Open Room, the auction was VERY different. White opened 1D. Jiang had a convention that fit his hand well. He jumped to 2S showing 6+S. Gong, holding 16 HCP and a nice 7 card club suit, jumped in between his opponents and bid 3NT.

It was a brave bid! However, as long as one applies the Rabbi's Rule and drops the CK singleton offside, nothing can stop North from collecting 9 tricks.

White, predictably, started running his diamonds from the top... Everyone followed to the ace. On the DK, Jiang pitched the S2. On the DQ, he pitched the C5. White switched to a spade. Gong won his ace and wisely reasoned that Jiang was unlikely to have discarded a club from the king and if White held the CK, he could do nothing about it. He played his CA and when the CK fell, he had lots of tricks. 3NT making 4 for +630.

15 IMPs to Ge



HOME CARDS SPLIT

Open Room

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

1C=2+  
1H=4+Spades  
2S=4 spades + 11-13 HCP

Score card >  
Frequency >  
Live tables >

NORTH DEALER 12 EAST SOUTH

DDS

♠ A9  
♥ KT98  
♦ KT7654  
♣ 6

N Nathan Gong

♠ Q742  
♥ AQ  
♦ J3  
♣ A5432

W Daniel Balof

♠ KJ83  
♥ 4  
♦ Q82  
♣ KQJ97

E Avery Silverstein

♠ T65  
♥ J76532  
♦ A9  
♣ T8

S Jason Yao

WEST 4♠ NS 0

In the Open Room of He/Silverstein, 4S was successful.

In the Closed Room, it failed.

In the Open Room, Gong led the C6. Balof won his ace and played the S2 toward the dummy. Gong was at the crossroads.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
1♦	PASS	1♠	PASS
2♠	PASS	4♣	PASS
PASS	PASS		

1D=2+

Score card >  
Frequency >  
Standings >

NORTH DEALER 12 EAST SOUTH

DDS

♠ A9  
♥ KT98  
♦ KT7654  
♣ 6

N Sam Pahk

♠ Q742  
♥ AQ  
♦ J3  
♣ A5432

W Edward He

♠ KJ83  
♥ 4  
♦ Q82  
♣ KQJ97

E Eric He

♠ T65  
♥ J76532  
♦ A9  
♣ T8

S Michael Haas

EAST 4♠ NS 0

He needed to hop with the SA and play a diamond to partner while he still had a trump card. He ducked ... but WAIT!!



As luck would have it for Gong, Balof continued a SMALL spade from dummy to his QUEEN! Had he played the king from dummy in-

stead or simply ducked a spade around, the contract would be proof, but now, Gong had a second chance. He could win the SA and play a diamond to Yao's ace, get a diamond back to his king to promote Yao's ST with a third diamond for the setting trick.


Gong won the SQ with the SA. He correctly played a diamond to Yao's ace and Yao correctly played a diamond back to Gong's king. At this point, Gong missed his opportunity. He knew both Yao and Balof were out of diamonds and if Balof held the ST, a third diamond was futile. He shifted to a heart and it was over. Game succeeded for +420 E/W.

10 IMPs to Silverstein.

# Cross IMPs...

#			Avg	Sum	✓
1.	Avery Silverstein - Daniel Balof	Silverstein	3.33	3.33	1
1.	Jason Yao - Nathan Gong	He	3.33	3.33	1
3.	Keith Lin - Kyle Lin	Xie	0.33	0.67	2
3.	Alex Shih - Michael Hoagland	Hoagland	0.33	0.67	2
5.	Ethan Derman - Jack Boge	Silverstein	-0.33	-0.67	2
5.	Edward He - Eric He	He	-0.33	-0.67	2
7.	Ethan Xie - Zach Posternak	Xie	-3.33	-3.33	1
7.	James Fu - Owen Jiang	Hoagland	-3.33	-3.33	1

U21

#			Avg	Sum	✓
1.	Levi Katriel - Matthew Rippin	Eckert	5.30	10.60	2
2.	Lixin Zheng - Weilong Shen	Zheng	2.45	4.90	2
3.	Cornelius Duffie - Jacob Freeman	Wan	1.54	3.07	2
3.	Bo Han Zhu - Harrison Luba	Kolesnik	1.54	3.07	2
3.	Jingcheng Dai - Zihao Sun	Jiang	1.54	3.07	2
3.	Isaac Stone - Kai Eckert	Eckert	1.54	3.07	2
7.	Tom Ye - Vasisht Ganesh	Zheng	1.39	2.79	2
8.	Ruizhe Wang - Yanlai Yang	Yang	0.43	0.43	1
9.	Andy Zhang - Ryan Carlson	Jiang	-0.43	-0.43	1
10.	Tianyang Chen - Will Duan	Chen	-1.39	-2.79	2
11.	Finn Kolesnik - Michael Xu	Kolesnik	-1.54	-3.07	2
11.	Olivia Schireson - Stella Wan	Wan	-1.54	-3.07	2
11.	Eric Shao - Renyu Li	Yang	-1.54	-3.07	2
11.	Evan Alexis - Rohan Srivastava	Yeung	-1.54	-3.07	2
15.	Fangqing Yuan - Philip Wang	Chen	-2.45	-4.90	2
16.	Alan Yeung - Dan Irish	Yeung	-5.30	-10.60	2

U26