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Results:

Sam Amer Junior USBC - U26 USA2 - 2024

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Chen penalty: cumulative slow play 1.5+1.5=3.0 imps

Final (60 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.				
02-Jan-2025			The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.				
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	Penalty (IMPs)
2	Wan	210	44	53	37	76	
3	Chen	84	23	32	11	21	-3

Congrats Team Wan!



Olivia Schireson, Brent Xiao, Cornelius Duffie, Stella Wan, Richard Jeng, Jacob Freeman



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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
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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
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Margot Donnellan

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Katie Hwang

Kyra Helmbold
Jasmine Bakhshi

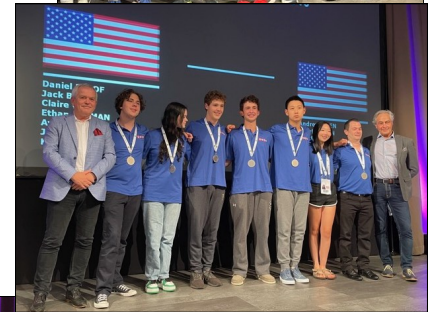
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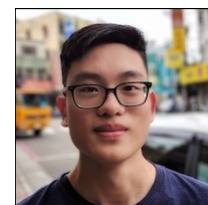
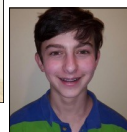
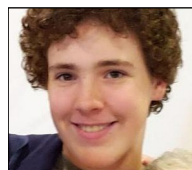
Katie Sullivan
Caroline Zhao

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



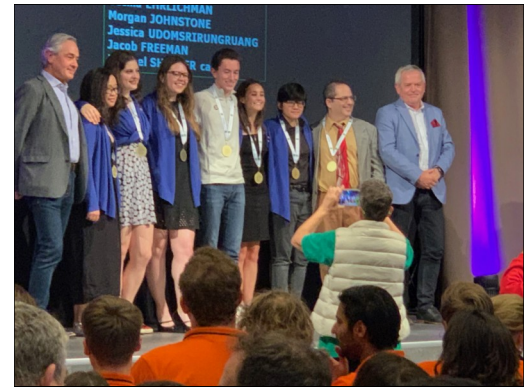
U26 Schedule:

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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 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
USA1 Semifinal & USA2 Stage 1			
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
USA1 Final & USA2 Quarterfinal			
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
USA2 Semifinal			
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
USA2 Final			
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

One must take what comes, with laughter.

Olivia de Havilland, actress



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

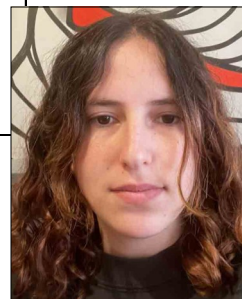
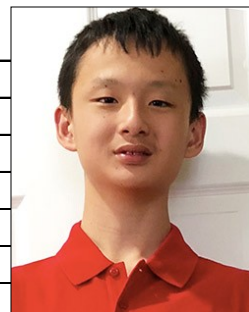
ATLANTA TRIVIA THROUGHOUT THIS NEWSLETTER!!

The plan for what Atlantan object was developed in 1999 as a master's thesis by Georgia Tech student Ryan Gravel? This thing links city parks and neighborhoods and received a federal grant of \$18 million to develop its southwest corridor. Answer: BeltLine

Pro-war politicians, swooping Eli Moscovitz on "Cobra Kai," and Atlanta's NBA team share the distinction of being referred to by what four-letter bird of prey? Answer: Hawk

Tournament Schedules... continued from page 3

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	



What famous man was baptized at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta on May 3, 1936? Answer: Martin Luther King Jr
 Outside what sports venue would you find "Rise Up," the world's largest freestanding sculpture of a bird? Answer: Mercedes-Benz Stadium, home of the Atlanta Falcons

The "M" in "MARTA" stands for "Metropolitan," but the "A" stands for what city, for which MARTA provides rapid transit and bus service? Answer: Atlanta

Debuting in spring 2022, "Kandi & the Gang" is a spinoff reality series starring Kandi Burruss, one of the Real Housewives of what state capital city? Answer: Atlanta

He attended the University of Georgia and owned several agribusinesses before entering politics. He has served as the Secretary of State in his home state while in the midst of an extremely close governorship election. He received national attention when his state was one of the first to start the "re-opening" process during the COVID-19 pandemic. Who is this man? Answer: Brian Kemp

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
			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
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STAGE 2			
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		12:30 - 2:15	Round 2 Boards 16-30
			75 MINUTE BREAK
		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.



After losing the presidency in 1980, Jimmy Carter started the Carter Center, an organization aiming to end human suffering, in connection with what "E" private research University in Atlanta, Georgia? Answer: Emory University

Including both his childhood home and the church where he and his father both served as pastors, what national historic park was first established in Atlanta in 1980? Answer: Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park

Based in the Atlanta metropolitan area, the third-largest cable television provider in the U.S. also has millions of internet subscribers. What is the name of this communications giant that shares its name with an actress from the TV show "Friends"? Answer: Cox Communications

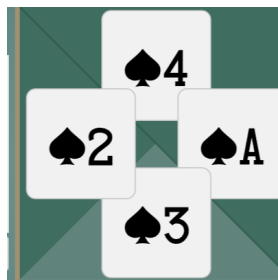
Today, there are four different area codes that can identify a phone number from Atlanta or its surrounding suburbs. However, only one of these codes was created in 1947 as one the original numbering plan areas in North America, and it originally covered the entire state of Georgia. What is this area code? Answer: 404

Board 49 of Wednesday's U26 USA1 Final Knockout match between Wan and Kolesnik is a good example of how it can be effective it can be to preempt the opponents' auction, especially against strong club relay systems, **before** they have found their best suit.

In the Closed Room, Zhu and Luba had a straightforward "standard" auction to arrive in the spade game.

North/South can collect 12 tricks if they randomly stumble to or get pushed into the slam. However, the slam is positional and not very good since it requires that the DK rest with West. Left on their own, with 23 combined HCP, it is most unlikely to be bid.

Duffie led his singleton CQ against 4S. Zhu won his ace. Zhu set about pulling trump producing this wish trick on the first round:



Duffie switched to a small heart. Zhu ruffed and stripped the outstanding trump. He took the successful diamond finesse and claimed 12 tricks for +480.

In the Open Room, Jeng opened a strong club and Xiao made a negative response.

Xu tactically overcalled 3H, taking away just enough bidding room to keep his opponents from finding their spade fit.

N/S was confident they could defeat 4H and doubled for +100. The 3-0 heart split made it easy to defeat, however, had hearts split 2-2, they could achieve the same result with 2 diamond ruffs if they start with the DA at trick one.

9 IMPs to Kolesnik

1C=strong, art, for
1D=0-7 less than 2 controls
Dbl=takeout
Pass=Want to play 4HX
2nd Dbl="forced"

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

Table: OP 1, Round: 1
 N-S: Wan (U26) 11 IMP
 E-W: Chen (U26) 5 IMP

OTHER ROOM E 3N = -600 Other table >

NORTH WEST 7 EAST DEALER

Score card > Frequency > Live scores >

LoveBridge

♠ 92
 ♥ 9876
 ♦ J965
 ♣ 986

N Stella Wan

♠ Q76
 ♥ K54
 ♦ AT84
 ♣ AQ2

W Tianyang Chen

♠ K43
 ♥ AJ3
 ♦ K73
 ♣ T754

E Will Duan

♠ AJT85
 ♥ QT2
 ♦ Q2
 ♣ KJ3

S Olivia Schireson

WEST 3NT

DDS

On Board 7 of today's U26 USA2 Final Knockout match, Olivia Schireson found a great deceptive play to afford her opponent a losing option he never would have had on his own.

Olivia opened 1S. Chen overcalled 1NT and Duan raised to three.

Wan, having only one chance to be on lead, wisely led her partner's suit: S9. Chen won the queen in hand and took the losing heart finesse to Schireson's queen. Every time Schireson gains the lead,

she is endplayed! Desperate situations call for desperate measures: Olivia played the DQ, which looked very much to Chen as if Schireson started with the DQJ. Chen won the DK in dummy and immediately tried a diamond to the ten!! Wan happily scooped up the jack and led a second spade. Declarer was toast!

The defense collected 4 spade tricks, 1 diamond trick, and 1 heart trick for down two!

In the other room, E/W also reached 3NT, however, on a slightly different auction which resulted in East becoming declarer.

The contract is much easier if North never gains the lead!

Yue led the SJ and Jeng won his king. Jeng finessed against the CK, played the CA and a third club.

South won the club and finds himself unhappily back on play. Yue cashed the SA and continued spades. Jeng won in dummy

and played a diamond to his king. He cashed the C7, the DA, and the HK and HA for nine. Contract making!

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

1NT=11-16 HCP

NORTH WEST 7 EAST DEALER

Score card > Frequency > Live scores >

LoveBridge

♠ 92
 ♥ 9876
 ♦ J965
 ♣ 986

N Rory Xiao

♠ Q76
 ♥ K54
 ♦ AT84
 ♣ AQ2

W Brent Xiao

♠ K43
 ♥ AJ3
 ♦ K73
 ♣ T754

E Richard Jeng

♠ AJT85
 ♥ QT2
 ♦ Q2
 ♣ KJ3

S Jonathan Yue

EAST 3NT

DDS

Once the hand is underway, declarer must keep North off lead at all cost. Olivia's slight of hand created a mirage. Had Chen realized she was endplayed and risen with the DA instead of ducking to North's jack, he could have endplayed Olivia one more time to collect 2 spades, 2 hearts, 2 diamonds, and 3 clubs.

13 IMPs to Wan

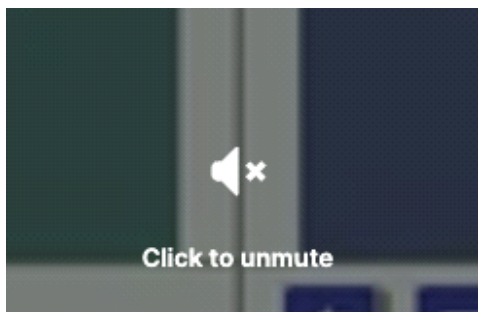
Kibitzing...

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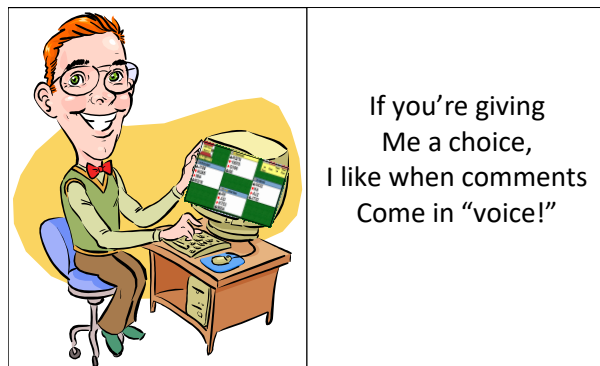
There will be delayed kibitzing for all of the 2024 Sam Amer JUSBCs on LoveBridge

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.

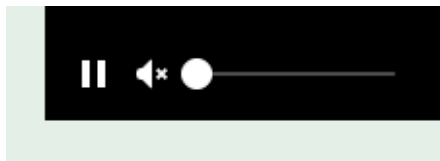
If you get to the voice commentary and there is no sound, you need to "unmute." When you first get to the page, there is a small icon of a speaker in the middle of your screen with an x on it:



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:



[LoveBridge website](#)

(Kibitzing, continued on page 9)

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.

The fictional Atlanta interior decoration firm of Sugarbaker and Associates was the center of the action of what sitcom of the 1980s and 1990s? Answer: Designing Women

In 2019, the police seized over \$24mm in fake tickets and merchandise related to what sporting event that took place in Atlanta, Georgia? Answer: The Super Bowl

What supply chain management company began life as the American Messenger Company in 1907, providing telegraphs? The Atlanta company is now one of the country's largest shipping couriers with a new three letter acronym. Answer: UPS

What Black-owned Atlanta tech company, whose signature product helps people schedule meetings by selecting the times that best work for them, closed a \$350-million investment in 2022 at a valuation of \$3 billion? Answer: Calendly
Which president has their presidential library located in Atlanta, Georgia in a facility that features a replica of the Oval Office? Answer: Jimmy Carter

Kibitzing Schedule (EDT)

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

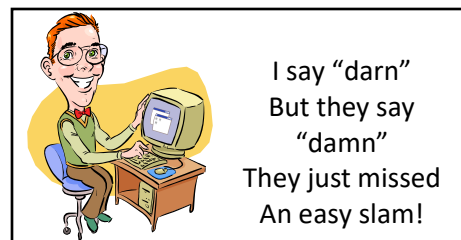
Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT

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

Answer to Logic Puzzle on Page 13

HealthCo	Foot pain	Steven	2:00pm
Ambercare	Vertigo	Willard	1:00pm
Red Shield	Heartburn	Chester	12 noon
Fumanix	Back pain	Terry	11:00am
Triflex	Hip pain	Edwin	10:00am
Lifealign	Migraines	Ian	9:00am

Sudoku 2

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

What would you say to encourage someone to take up bridge?

To encourage someone to take up bridge, I would say you can get exactly what you want from playing bridge. Whether it's an intellectual challenge, a good time, life-long friends, or the chance to travel the world, bridge can give you what you are looking for.

Olivia is playing in Atlanta on the U26 Wan team.



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

Sudoku 1

Answers to Sudokus on Page 14

Meet the Players:

Olivia Schireson lives in the Bay area of California, learned bridge from her dad, Max, and worked her way through the Silicon Valley Youth Bridge program under the direction of Debbie Rosenberg.

In her words:

Style of play: Normal I guess. Sometimes I bid too much, sometimes too little. I guess that makes it normal.

Date of birth: 7 February 2005

Playing record

2nd in Reykjavik bridge festival teams

2nd in Freeman Mixed BAM (event at NABC)

3rd in USBF mixed championship

5th in mixed Swiss (another at NABC)

I've been on the US U21 team. By June I will hopefully be on the US women's team.

What is your best bridge memory?

My favorite bridge memory is playing with Michael Rosenberg.

What do you do when you are not playing bridge?

When I am not playing bridge, I enjoy spending time with friends, listening to music, and reading.

Puzzle Page

Volleyball

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 39 letters spell a secret message.

G N I K C O L B V O S T G N I K I P S
A L W S I D E O U T S R W O L E T Y B
M R E E K C A T T A A A I I A L U O F
E E C E A T E A M S P J P T U P M U B
E T N V S K P M U D P E E A E R O C S
V A E A T U S L L W R C F T A N D E M
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APPROACH	FOOTWORK	QUICK HIT	SKY BALL
ASSIST	FORMATIONS	RALLY	SLIDE
ATTACK	FOUL	REFEREE	SPIKING
BLOCKING	GAME	ROTATION	SPORT
BUMP	HITTER	SAVE	SUBSTITUTION
CAPTAIN	KILL	SCORE	TANDEM
COACH	KNEE PADS	SERVE	TEAMS
COURT	LIBERO	SETS	TOPSPIN
DEFENCE	MATCH	SETTER	TRAJECTORY
DOUBLE HIT	OFFENCE	SHANK	VERTICAL JUMP
DUMP	PASS	SHOT	WEAK SIDE
FAULT	PLAYERS	SIDELINES	WIPE
FLOATER	POINTS	SIDE OUT	

Cross IMPs

1.	Olivia Schireson - Stella Wan	Wan (U26)	2.27	102.00	45
2.	Brent Xiao - Richard Jeng	Wan (U26)	2.16	97.00	45
3.	Cornelius Duffie - Jacob Freeman	Wan (U26)	1.57	47.00	30
4.	Fangqing Yuan - Philip Wang	Chen (U26)	-1.57	-47.00	30
5.	Jonathan Yue - Rory Xiao	Chen (U26)	-2.16	-97.00	45
6.	Tianyang Chen - Will Duan	Chen (U26)	-2.27	-102.00	45

Did you hear about the oil spill relief workers who cleaned 15 dolphins with a single box of borax? Turns out that, just like it says on the box, it's a great multi-porpoise cleanser.

Two amphibians were croaking at each other outside my window. It was Toadally ribbeting!

"Doctor, help! I'm shrinking!" "Take this and you'll be back to normal in a few weeks. Until then, you'll just have to be a little patient."

Why do bulls make terrible salesmen? They charge too much.

Did you hear about the Chess Grand-master who, after he lost a match, destroyed the table with a massive hammer and called lightning bolts down to destroy his opponent's car? He was banned from future competitions for being such a Thor loser.

Did you hear that Magnesium formed an oxide layer? OMg!



Congratulations to the U26W winners Cecilia Ehrlichman & Katie Hwang, 2nd place Nicole Qiang & Helen Chow, and 3rd place Sharon Chu & Ella Su.

All 3 of those pairs will represent the USBF at the 2025 WYBTC.

Three additional players will be chosen for the WYBTC, and the 6 pairs will be assigned to teams, by a selection committee.

	Good Luck!	Names						Ailments						Insurers					
		Chester	Edwin	Ian	Steven	Terry	Willard	back pain	foot pain	heartburn	hip pain	migraines	vertigo	Ambercare	Fumanix	HealthCo	Lifealign	Red Shield	Triflex
Times	9:00am																		
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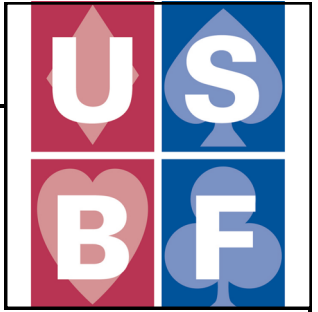
**Fiendishly Hard
Logic Puzzle!**

Answer to Puzzle can be found on page 10

Times	Names	Ailments	Insurers
9:00am			
10:00am			
11:00am			
12 noon			
1:00pm			
2:00pm			

- Of the patient with the 1:00pm appointment and the person suffering from foot pain, one has Ambercare insurance and the other is Steven.
- The patient with Ambercare insurance isn't complaining about heartburn.
- Edwin has an appointment sometime before the person with Fumanix insurance.
- Of Edwin and the patient suffering from foot pain, one has the 10:00am appointment and the other has HealthCo insurance.
- Chester, the person with HealthCo insurance, the person with the 1:00pm appointment, the person with Fumanix insurance and the patient with the 10:00am appointment are all different patients.

- The patient suffering from hip pain has an appointment 1 hour after the patient with Lifealign insurance.
- Terry has an appointment sometime after the person suffering from migraines.
- The patient with Triflex insurance has an appointment sometime before Chester.
- The patient suffering from foot pain has an appointment 2 hours after the person with Red Shield insurance.
- The person with the 11:00am appointment is either the person suffering from migraines or the person suffering from back pain.
- The person with Fumanix insurance has an appointment sometime before Willard.



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

Sudoku 2

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

Puzzles on Page 10

Cobb County's Truist Park is the home stadium for what Major League Baseball team that anagrams to NAVAL BASE TART? Answer: Atlanta Braves

If you had tickets to the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta on April 6, 2020, you saw the national championship in what sport? Answer: Men's basketball

Created by Atlanta resident in 1992, what television network premiered with programming that consisted exclu-

sively of reruns of Warner Bros. cartoons? Answer: Cartoon Network

Dr. King graduated in 1948 from what historically Black Atlanta college whose other famous alums include director Spike Lee and sprinter Edwin Moses? Answer: Morehouse

In 2015, what Atlanta-based retailer was No. 4 on the National Retail Federation's list of largest retail chains by revenue? Answer: The Home Depot

Which company, based in Atlanta, Georgia was ranked by Forbes magazine as the world's largest warehouse automation provider in 2021? Answer: Dematic

Played by Brian Tyree Henry, Paper Boi is a rapper who also sells cannabis on the side on what FX series named after a state capital? Answer: Atlanta

Inspired by the actual HBCU North Carolina A&T, the fictitious institution Atlanta A&T University was the central setting for what 2002 film starring Nick Cannon portraying an aspiring college marching band percussionist? Answer: Drumline
"The Celebration of the Century" was the official motto for what 20th century event held in Atlanta, Georgia? Answer: 1996 Olympics

Arthur Blank, co-founder of The Home Depot and owner of the Atlanta Falcons, owns one other sports franchise. The franchise was founded in 2014 and competes in what sport? Answer: Soccer

Toronto Blue Jays were the first (and to date only) non-US team to win the World Series, but which baseball team from the Deep South did they courageously defeat in October 1992 to claim their first title? Answer: The Atlanta Braves

Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport is named after two former mayors of the city. With one guess, name either of their first names. Answer: William Hartsfield or Maynard Jackson

In the 2019 Minor League Baseball season, the Gwinnett Stripers and the Florida Fire Frogs were both affiliates of what Major League team? The former was a Triple-A team and the latter a Class A team. Answer: Atlanta Braves

T.I. recently gave Insta a sneak peek at an affordable housing development he's building in what peachy city whose music scene also gave us Outkast, Ludakris, and TLC? Answer: Atlanta

Among the airlines that quickly dropped mask mandates following a federal judge's COVID-19 era ruling in April 2022 was what Atlanta-based carrier whose name is a Greek letter? Answer: Delta

What is the name of the fictional New Jersey town where Wanda and Vision live in the Disney+ series WandaVision? The series was shot in LA and Atlanta, however. Answer: Westview

A center in Atlanta, Georgia has a "Democracy Program," which among other things monitors elections around the world. What former president and his wife founded the center in 1982? Answer: Jimmy Carter

What Major League Baseball team won the 1914 World Series while in Boston, before moving to Milwaukee in 1953, and then further south in 1966, where they play today? Answer: Braves

Created by the Root Glass Company in Terra Haute, Indiana, the "perfect liquid wrapper" is how industrial designer Raymond Loewy described the iconic bottle shape of what branded soda that was invented in 1886 by a pharmacist in Atlanta? Answer: Coca-Cola

What American soul duo originated in Atlanta in 2003 and soon reached international fame as CeeLo Green and Danger Mouse's breakout hit "Crazy" topped the charts in multiple countries? Answer: Gnarls Barkley

What major American city was the site of most of the principal photography for Black Panther and is also the planned film location for the sequel (due to be released in 2022)? Answer: Atlanta

Kelly Loeffler lost her run-off election and her U.S. Senate seat in Georgia after a vote in 2021. Emblematic of her momentum, members of what Atlanta WNBA franchise, which she co-owned at the time, spoke out against her campaign? The moment felt very unreal. Answer: Atlanta Dream

The Discovery Channel reality series "Auction Kings" centered on Gallery 63, an auction house in Sandy Springs, a suburb of what state capital city?

Answer: Atlanta

Sweet Auburn, a Black neighborhood that was a centerpiece for the Civil Rights movement and where Martin Luther King was born, is located in what Southern city? Part of Sweet Auburn was designated as a National Historic Landmark District in 1976.

Answer: Atlanta

The first two Home Depot stores were built in 1979 in Atlanta in real estate leased from what major department store chain?

Answer: J.C. Penny

What is the name of the private, all-male HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) located in Atlanta, Georgia which is the largest men's liberal arts college in the U.S. and is the alma mater of Martin Luther King Jr., Spike Lee and Edwin Moses?

Answer: Morehouse College

Native Georgian Jimmy Carter served as President for one term. Who was his Vice President during this term?

Answer: Walter Mondale

African American track star Ralph Metcalfe was born in Atlanta in 1910. After holding the world records for the 100m and 200m races and racking up Olympic medals, he became a politician. In Congress he helped create what three-lettered group that aims to "achieve greater equity for persons of African descent?"

Answer: Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)

According to a 2015 analysis, Peachtree is not in fact the most common street name in Georgia despite its frequent usage throughout the Atlanta area. Instead, a different tree claims the top spot. What 7-letter, compound word is the most common street name in Georgia?

Answer: Dogwood

The Big Three was a group of three starting pitchers for the Atlanta Braves from 1993 to 2002. Greg Maddux and John Smoltz were two of the pitchers. Who was the third? This third pitcher was the MVP of the 1995 World Series.

Answer: Tom Glavine

The official state bird of Georgia was the mascot for what Atlanta NHL hockey team that played from 1999 until 2011?

Answer: Thrashers

Trader's Alley and Boundless Budgies are both exhibits that have been found at what Georgian cultural institution in the past decade?

Answer: Zoo Atlanta

What five-letter woman's name is also the abbreviation used for the Atlanta area's mass transit system?

Answer: MARTA

