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Round Up Edition

Thanks to all the Volunteers Who Made This Event Successful!

Thanks to all the generous donors who contributed to this event in memory of young Sam Amer.

Special thanks to Jan Martel for her great guidance and organization... to Joe Stokes who runs the USBF Junior Committee... to Alex Kolesnik who is the coordinator of the USBF Junior Training Program... to Amber Lin and Kevin Rosenberg for brainstorming the highly successful Bridge Camp and for bringing it to fruition at this Championship! Thanks to Suzi Subeck for writing and editing the Daily Bulletins. Thanks to McKenzie Myers and Chris Wiegand for keeping things running smoothly on schedule.

Thanks to the volunteers who stood by on the Appeals Panel, ready to serve if it was necessary. Thanks to Al Hollander for his great technical expertise.

This tournament was super successful and it was because of the great collaboration of the volunteers.

Thanks to the parents and others who mentored the youth while in Atlanta. Your dedication and commitment to your children and the game of bridge is amazing!

Congrats to the winners. We will be cheering for you!

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Sudoku

Answer to Logic Puzzle on Page 5

1991	Troop Seven	Clinton	\$40
1990	Magic Marbles	Shannon	\$60
1989	Countershot	Horace	\$45
1988	Gator Attack	Ivan	\$65
1987	Blaster Boy	Lloyd	\$35
1986	AWOL Alert	Oscar	\$90

Sudoku 2

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

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

Sudoku 1

Answers to Sudokus on Page 6

From the Last Day of Play...

Freeman and Duffy found a good favorable save on Board 31 in the U26 USA2 Final on Thursday.

In the other room, Chen and Duan sold out to 5H which was an easy make for +650.

Yuan led the CA followed by the S3. Freeman won the ace and played the CJ. Wang won and continued clubs for his partner to ruff. Yuan cashed a high heart and continued hearts, Freeman ruffing in dummy.

The C7 was ruffed and overruffed.

Declarer ran off all his spades and conceded a diamond to the ace at trick 13. Contract down 3 -500 E/W 4 IMPs to Wan

HOME	CARDS	SPLIT	
W	N	E	S
			PASS
1♠	2♣	PASS	4♥
4♠	4NT	5♣	PASS
PASS	DBL	PASS	PASS

2S=Michaels H+minor
4NT=RKC
Pass=Even # of KC's

LoveBridge interface showing hands and bidding:

- North (Fangqing Yuan):** ♠ 73, ♥ AKQ53, ♦ AJT72, ♣ A
- West (Jacob Freeman):** ♠ AKT8642, ♥ T9, ♦ K, ♣ QJ2
- South (Philip Wang):** ♠ Q5, ♥ J8762, ♦ Q54, ♣ K84
- East (Cornelius Duffie):** ♠ J9, ♥ 4, ♦ 9863, ♣ T97653

Contract: 5♠x

Puzzle Page

Types of Music 1

Find and circle all of the different types of music that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 14 letters spell an additional type of music.

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

ACAPELLA	CHRISTMAS	HIP HOP	PSYCHEDELIC
ACID ROCK	CLASSIC ROCK	INDIAN	PUNK
ACOUSTIC	DANCE	INDIE	ROCKABILLY
AMBIENT	DISCO	JAZZ	SAMBA
AVANT-GARDE	ELECTRONICA	LATIN MUSIC	SOUL
BIG BAND	FLAMENCO	LOUNGE	TANGO
BLUEGRASS	FOLK	MERENGUE	WALTZ
BROADWAY	GANGSTA RAP	MEXICAN	WORLD
CABARET	GOTHIC	NEW WAVE	
CHORAL	HEAVY METAL	POLKA	



The Winners!

More Winners on Page 6

Good
Luck!

		Video Games						Buyers						Prices					
		AWOL Alert	Blaster Boy	Countershot	Gator Attack	Magic Marbles	Troop Seven	Clinton	Horace	Ivan	Lloyd	Oscar	Shannon	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$60	\$65	\$90
Years	1986																		
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Safe Trips Home for All!
Happy 2025!

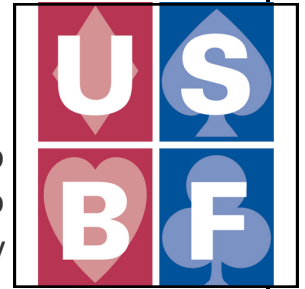
Hard Logic Puzzle...



Years	Video Games	Buyers	Prices
1986			
1987			
1988			
1989			
1990			
1991			

- The video game bought by Lloyd came out 2 years before Countershot.
- AWOL Alert came out 3 years before the game that sold for \$45.
- The video game bought by Clinton is either Countershot or the video game that came out in 1991.
- The six video games are Troop Seven, the video game that came out in 1990, the game that sold for \$65, the game that came out in 1987, the one that sold for \$90 and the game that came out in 1989.
- Gator Attack didn't come out in 1987.
- Neither Magic Marbles nor the game that sold for \$45 is the video game that came out in 1988.
- Magic Marbles came out 2 years after the video game that sold for \$65.
- Of the game that sold for \$60 and the one that sold for \$45, one was purchased by Horace and the other came out in 1990.
- Neither the video game that sold for \$90 nor the video game that came out in 1989 is Gator Attack.
- The game that sold for \$40 wasn't bought by Lloyd.
- The one bought by Oscar came out sometime before the video game that sold for \$35.
- The game that sold for \$65 wasn't bought by Shannon.

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

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

Sudoku 2

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



More Winners...