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Results of USA1 RR

Team Name	Total	6	4	8	7	2	12	11	1	9	5	10	3
6. <u>Kasle</u>	148.32		10.00	5.54	17.03	13.89	12.63	8.42	16.20	10.81	15.50	18.40	19.90
4. <u>Hamman</u>	140.02	10.00		11.20	1.60	15.26	16.63	6.72	15.50	20.00	15.74	14.74	12.63
8. <u>Lewis</u>	134.34	14.46	8.80		16.20	7.37	3.80	12.63	11.58	5.54	15.97	18.09	19.90
7. <u>Lall</u>	130.46	2.97	18.40	3.80		10.00	8.42	15.97	15.00	18.69	12.63	12.29	12.29
2. <u>Cappelli</u>	127.06	6.11	4.74	12.63	10.00		16.63	11.20	15.97	12.96	9.19	15.00	12.63
12. <u>Wolfson</u>	112.17	7.37	3.37	16.20	11.58	3.37		11.94	9.59	4.26	11.20	14.74	18.55
11. <u>Simson</u>	102.31	11.58	13.28	7.37	4.03	8.80	8.06		13.59	5.82	3.17	16.20	10.41
1. <u>Brod</u>	100.82	3.80	4.50	8.42	5.00	4.03	10.41	6.41		18.25	14.46	5.54	20.00
9. <u>Mahaffey</u>	94.81	9.19	0.00	14.46	1.31	7.04	15.74	14.18	1.75		12.29	5.26	13.59
5. <u>Jacobs</u>	94.50	4.50	4.26	4.03	7.37	10.81	8.80	16.83	5.54	7.71		6.72	17.93
10. <u>Reynolds</u>	79.43	1.60	5.26	1.91	7.71	5.00	5.26	3.80	14.46	14.74	13.28		6.41
3. <u>Denison</u>	55.76	0.10	7.37	0.10	7.71	7.37	1.45	9.59	0.00	6.41	2.07	13.59	

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oldies but Goodies—SUSBC

The top eight teams continue on in USA1 in head-up matches:

Lewis vs. Cappelli

Wolfson vs. Brod

Lall vs. Simson

Kasle vs. Hamman

The bottom four teams drop into USA2 competition also in head-ups for the next two days:

Jacobs vs. Reynolds

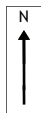
Mahaffey vs. Denison



Stansby, King, Brenner

Board 26 ♠ A32
 Dealer: E ♥ AQ7
 All Vul. ♦ 873
 Match 6 ♣ T952

♠ J885 ♠ KQT74
 ♥ T65 ♥ 98
 ♦ AKQ6 ♦ 9
 ♣ A8 ♣ Q7643



♠ 6
 ♥ KJ432
 ♦ JT542
 ♣ KJ

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Casen	Bramley	Graves
		2D (multi)*	Pass
4D (name your suit)	Pass	4S	All Pass

*2D is often a five card suit.

These hands were played in the final match of Friday's Round Robin between Kasle and Mahaffey.

(Ed. Note: Is the world still in its orbit? Bramley not playing Flannery?)

Graves was faced with a difficult lead problem. Since he knew that Woolsey was prepared to hear four of either major, he decided not to lead a heart, and instead, chose his most aggressive option, often correct in IMPs, to go for an early ruff. He led the CK! Declarer won his ace, cashed three rounds of diamonds, discarding hearts, played a club to the queen and went into a crossruff, ultimately conceding the SA. 13 IMPs to Kasle

Unfortunately for Graves, if he leads a heart, E/W collect two hearts, one club and the SA for down one! And if Bramley did not open 2D, one would expect West to open 1D and N/S to compete in hearts so a heart lead becomes obvious.

Is multi now our favorite convention, Bart?

Board 25 ♠ AJ98
 Dealer: N ♥ 942
 E/W Vul. ♦ T5
 Match 6 ♣ KJ32

♠ 3 ♠ T52
 ♥ AKQ63 ♥ J5
 ♦ J982 ♦ AK3
 ♣ 985 ♣ AQT64



♠ KQ764
 ♥ T87
 ♦ Q764
 ♣ 7

Woolsey	Casen	Bramley	Graves
	Pass	1NT (14-16)	Pass
2D (trans)	Pass	2H	Pass
3D	Pass	3NT	All Pass

With the favorable lie of the club suit, game is cold in both hearts and clubs. Looking at all four hands, it is clear that the defense has five top spade tricks against 3NT.

Graves decided not to make the standard lead of a low spade. Instead, he led the SQ (Rusinow). Casen was in a quandary. Unlike standard leads, the queen does not ask for the unblock of the jack. This pair, in particular, would lead the king from KQT9. They specify that the lead of the queen against NT is looking for attitude. Since they play upside down C & A, the play of the eight might give the appearance of dislike.

After a great deal of thought, Casen decided that his best hope was to win the ace, play the jack, and then the nine, hoping partner started with KQTxx. When declarer played the ten on the third round of spades, the suit was hopelessly blocked!

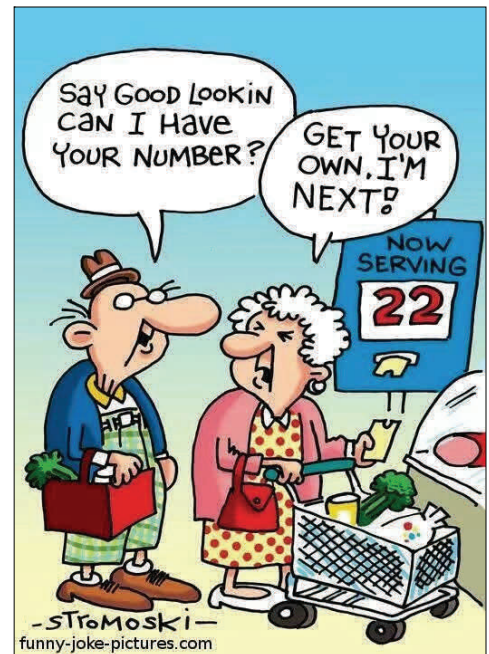
Declarer took nine tricks when the club finesse worked. Truly, it is not clear that any card Casen would play would clarify the situation for Graves. It was a diabolical lie of the cards!

This was a push board.

2019 Senior USBC TEAMS

Teams are listed in alphabetic order & will be numbered in alphabetic order for the Round Robin

Brod	Geoffrey Brod, Capt Karen McCallum	JoAnna Stansby Jon Greenspan Victor King
Cappelli	Robert Cappelli, Capt David Caprera Kenneth Kranyak	Robert Bitterman Anne Brenner Phil Becker
Denison	Daniel Denison, Capt Albert Shrive	Richard Unger Michael Ranis
Hamman	Robert Hamman, Capt Howard Weinstein Neil Chambers	Peter Weichsel Mark Feldman John Schermer
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Jeffry Mandell David Lehman	Claude Vogel Jon Sorkin Richard Melson
Kasle	Gaylor Kasle, Capt Peter Boyd Bart Bramley	Dan Morse Steve Robinson Kit Woolsey
Lall	Hemant Lall Zia Mahmood Dennis Clerkin Petra Hamman, NPC	Reese Milner Curtis Cheek Jerry Clerkin
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mike Passell Mark Itabashi	Ron Smith Marc Jacobus Eddie Wold
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Drew Casen Matthew Granovetter	Sam Lev Alan Graves Lew Stansby
Reynolds	W. Thomas Reynolds, Capt David Pelka Ellen Kent	Lance Kerr William Hall Robert Kent
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Allan Falk Steve Beatty	Jeff Aker John Lusky Fred Stewart
Wolfson	Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt Mark Lair David Berkowitz	Michael Rosenberg Steve Garner Alan Sontag



Winning takes precedence over all. There's no gray area. No almosts!

Kobe Bryant

Winning solves everything!

Tiger Woods



Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"

Where do crayons go on vacation? Color-ado!

What's the happiest state in the union?... Merry-land!

I spelled ABBREVIATION in Scrabble but had to take it back, apparently, there are absolutely "No Abbreviations" allowed in the game.

Our pens, though not feather,
Perhaps need a tether?
To keep them from flying away?

We always reuse them
So please don't abuse them,
And leave on the table today!

We clearly assert
Your need to alert
So use when explaining a call!

But leave at the site
So others can write.
Should they need to explain Lebensohl!

Alert!



Before the 1998 Chicago NABC, the ACBL commissioned an artist named Jim Harrington from Waukegan, IL, to do a painting called "Our Game." The lithos were sold at the '98 NABC and the original was auctioned off as a fund raiser for the tournament. Leo and Pat Perez from Garden Grove, CA, won the drawing and the winners were named at the Orlando NABC that year and awarded their painting. The picture was prominently displayed during both the Chicago and Orlando NABCs. The lithos are numbered editions. Mr. Harrington's widow, Sue, donated the remaining lithos to the USBF when she moved from her Waukegan home last year. We have several here at the tournament. If you would like one, please see either Jan Martel or Suzi Subeck. From the July 26, 1998, Daily Bulletin at the Chicago

NABC:

These are not for sale. We are giving them to those who want them.

FYI:

Several Committees of the USBF meet online as Forums on BridgeWinners. These groups impact future United States Bridge Championships. Among these committees are the **USBF Tournament Policy Committee, the USBF Technical Committee, and the USBF Systems Committee.** These committees formerly known as the ITT committees make decisions that impact you as participants in our Competitions.

All of these committees and more are active as Forums on BridgeWinners. If you, as a member of the USBF, would like to be involved in our future decision making process, you are welcome to visit there, participate, and read up on the current outlook.

For access to the BW Forums, email Jan to request your access at marteljan@gmail.com.

We encourage your involvement. Your input and your interest is important to us.

Our Game

The ACBL Educational Foundation is happy to welcome artist Jim Harrington who is here in Chicago this morning to personalize limited edition prints of his painting "Our Game". This is the only day he will be here. Harrington will be at the Educational Foundation's booth which is located near the NorthEast Exhibit Hall on the lower level.

Harrington is a well-known artist listed in *Who's Who of Living American Artists* and is well represented in the collections of many corporate and private collections. Proceeds from the project will be split evenly between the Educational Foundation and Art Etc. Inc.

USBF 8 Board Victory Point Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	15	15.23	4.77	30	18.37	1.63
1	10.44	9.56	16	15.50	4.50	31	18.53	1.47
2	10.86	9.14	17	15.75	4.25	32	18.68	1.32
3	11.27	8.73	18	16.00	4.00	33	18.83	1.17
4	11.67	8.33	19	16.23	3.77	34	18.97	1.03
5	12.05	7.95	20	16.46	3.54	35	19.11	0.89
6	12.42	7.58	21	16.68	3.32	36	19.24	0.76
7	12.77	7.23	22	16.90	3.10	37	19.37	0.63
8	13.12	6.88	23	17.11	2.89	38	19.50	0.50
9	13.45	6.55	24	17.31	2.69	39	19.62	0.38
10	13.78	6.22	25	17.50	2.50	40	19.74	0.26
11	14.09	5.91	26	17.69	2.31	41	19.85	0.15
12	14.39	5.61	27	17.87	2.13	42	19.95	0.05
13	14.68	5.32	28	18.04	1.96	43	20	0
14	14.96	5.04	29	18.21	1.79			

Suspect there will never be an edible version of Scrabble, but if there is, I'll eat my words.

Grandpa: "I used to have an origami business." Grandson: "What happened to it?" Grandpa: "It folded!"

A couple goes out to dinner to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. On the way home, she notices a tear in his eye and asks if he's getting sentimental because they're celebrating 50 wonderful years together. He replies, "No, I was thinking about the time before we got married. Your father threatened me with a shotgun and said he'd have me thrown in jail for 50 years if I didn't marry you. Tomorrow I would've been a free man!"

2019 Senior USBC USA2 Stage 2 Schedule 6 teams

NOTES:

With 12 teams in the USA1 Round Robin, there will be 4 teams in the first stage (Round of 32) of USA2.

They will play 90 board Knockout matches to reduce to 2.

The second stage (Round of 16) of USA2 will be a Round Robin with 6 teams (the 4 USA1 Quarterfinal losers and the 2 USA2 first stage winners). The Round Robin will qualify 4 teams for the USA2 QuarterFinals.

The teams in the Round of 16 Round Robin will be numbered in alphabetic order.

EVERY PLAYER ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY AGAINST EACH OTHER TEAM

(USBF General Conditions of Contest Section VIII B).

Last two matches on June 4th are sequestered, no comparisons, no substitutions at team's home table.

Because this means there can be no seating rights for those matches, there are no seating rights in the other half of those two matches.

Time	Pairings	Seeded Team*	Boards
MONDAY, JUNE 3RD			
4:00 – 5:12	5 v 6, 7 v 8, 9 v 10	6, 8, 10	1-8
5:20 – 6:32	5 v 7, 6 v 10, 8 v 9	7, 10, 9	9-16
6:40 - 7:52	5 v 8, 6 v 9, 7 v 10	5, 6, 7	17- 24
TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH			
10:00-11:12	5 v 9, 6 v 7, 8 v 10	none	1-8
11:20-12:32	5 v 10, 6 v 8, 7 v 9	none	9-16
LUNCH BREAK			
1:50 – 3:02	5 v 6, 7 v 8, 9 v 10	5, 7, 9	17-24
3:10 - 4:12	5 v 7, 6 v 10, 8 v 9	5, 6, 8	25-32
4:20 – 5:32	5 v 8, 6 v 9, 7 v 10	8, 9, 10	1-8
5:50 - 7:02**	5 v 9, 6 v 7, 8 v 10	none	9-16
7:10 - 8:12**	5 v 10, 6 v 8, 7 v 9	none	17- 24

**ACBL DD Election Update:
Congratulations to:
D6 Margot Hennings
D9 Jeff Overby
D11 AJ Stephani
D12 Dennis Carmen
on their unopposed elections!**

**Elections Pending:
Districts 10, 17, 20, 24**

*The seeded team has seating rights per General Conditions of Contest.

** Sequestered matches - one pair must remain at its home table for both matches. No discussion. No comparison.

Meet the Players...



Matthew "Matt" Granovetter is an American bridge player and writer.

Granovetter is from Jersey City, New Jersey, and graduated from Hunter College. He subsequently moved to Netanya, Israel. After spending the years from 1993 to 2005 in Israel, he and his wife Pamela returned to the USA and now live in Cincinnati.

He and his wife Pamela Granovetter co-edited the magazine Bridge Today. He has written a number of bridge books, most of them collaborations with Pamela, as well as two musicals for children. He is the bridge editor of the Jerusalem Post. The Granovetters have also developed a bidding system known the Granovetter Unified System (GUS).



Hospitality Suite

The hospitality suite for the 2019 Senior USBC will be room 2321. Our wonderful hostess, Martha Katz will be in Schaumburg to welcome you, with a lot of help from other volunteers.

The hospitality suite will be open starting on Thursday evening and continuing throughout the event. Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch each day from about 1:00-4:00. Players, kibitzers, friends, spouses and children are welcome to join us in the hospitality suite.

The hospitality suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan & McKenzie's office) is room 1321. It will be available for the entire tournament. We will have coffee, soft drinks and some snacks available in that room while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

Special Thanks to Martha's mom, Chris Benson, and aunt, Carol Hillard, for helping in the Suite.



No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.

This applies to 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 wand anyone entering the playing field.



Round of 16 On

ROUND OF 16			
QUARTERFINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 32 (KO IF 12 OR 16 TEAMS; ROUND ROBIN IF 14 TEAMS)			
SUNDAY	JUNE 2	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 95 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY	JUNE 3	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
SEMIFINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 16 (CLICK FOR ROUND ROBIN SCHEDULE IF 12 TEAMS IN USA1)			
MONDAY	JUNE 3	4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
TUESDAY	JUNE 4	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL (6 USA2 TEAMS)			
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 5	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
THURSDAY	JUNE 6	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 SEMIFINAL			
THURSDAY	JUNE 6	4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
FRIDAY	JUNE 7	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 FINAL			
SATURDAY	JUNE 8	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY	JUNE 9	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30

Jacobs, Bramley



A grandmother was giving directions to her grown grandson who was coming to visit with his wife: “You come to the front door of the apartment complex. I am in apartment 14T. There is a big panel at the door. With your elbow push button 14T. I will buzz you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow hit 14. When you get out I am on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell.” “Grandma, that sounds easy, but why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?” the grandson asked. “You’re coming empty handed???”

It was the day of the big sale. Rumors of the sale (and some advertising in the local paper) were the main reason for the long line that formed by 8:30, the store’s opening time, in front of the store. A small man pushed his way to the front of the line, only to be pushed back, amid loud and colorful curses. On the man’s second attempt, he was punched square in the jaw, and knocked around a bit, and then thrown to the end of the line again. As he got up the second time, he said to the person at the end of the line... “That does it! If they hit me one more time, I won’t open the store!”

All About Kibitzing



WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event, except in the Closed Room during the final sequestered matches of the Round Robin, **subject to the following regulations:**

Kibitzers may enter the room **ONLY** at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed.

A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next segment.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

SCREENS

All of the USBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBC KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

GENERAL RULES

- a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
- b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
- c. Kibitzers must enter the playing room before play commences. Kibitzers are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
- d. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
- e. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.
- f. These rules may be revised in specific instances by the DICs for the orderly running of the event.

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

Sudoku 1

Difficult Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Did you hear about the auto body shop that just opened?
It comes highly wreck-a-mended.

I was going to make myself a belt made out of watches,
but then I realized it would be a waist of time.

Q. What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo?
A. A hippo is really heavy, and a Zippo is a little lighter.

Q: How do you organize a space party?
A: You planet

Answers to Puzzle on Page 10:

Team's First	Team's Last	Team's camp	Team's colors	Event
Bill	Smart	Forest Ridge Camp	green	diving competition
Dan	Manor	Woodland Park Camp	red	freestyle race
Mark	Rand	Wild River Camp	purple	1-mile race
Sam	Brown	Lakeside Camp	blue	relay race

Sudoku Solutions on Page 11

Puzzle Page ...

	Brown	Manor	Rand	Smart	Forest Ridge Camp	Lakeside Camp	Wild River Camp	Woodland Park Camp	blue	green	purple	red	1-mile race	diving competition	freestyle race	relay race
Bill																
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Lakeside Camp																
Wild River Camp																
Woodland Park Camp																

Clear Grid
Clear Table

Team Captain's First	Team Captain's Last	Team's camp	Team's colors	Event
Bill	Brown	Forest Ridge Camp	blue	1-mile race
Dan	Manor	Lakeside Camp	green	diving competition
Mark	Rand	Wild River Camp	purple	freestyle race
Sam	Smart	Woodland Park Camp	red	relay race

Last weekend, the Woodland Boys summer camp hosted their annual swim meet with their rivals, the Lakeside Boys camp, the Wild River camp, and the Forest Ridge camp. The swim meet lasted all day and involved a number of events, which each camp team participated in. This particular meet was very exciting since each team broke a meet record for a different event. In the history of the camp event, never before had four records been broken at a single meet. From the clues below, determine the full name of each team captain, the camp each team was from, the team's colors, and the event each team broke the record for.

- Sam Brown wasn't the team captain from the Woodland Park Camp and his team wasn't wearing purple. The Forest Ridge camp, which Dan wasn't with, was Mr. Smart's camp.
- The Woodland Park Camp team colors were red.
- Mark, whose last name wasn't Manor or Smart, was the captain of the purple team. The Lakeside camp team didn't win the diving competition.
- The Forest Ridge camp colors weren't red or blue. The Wild River Camp team won the 1-mile race.
- Bill's team didn't win the freestyle race.
- The four camps are represented by: the camp that won the relay race, Mr. Rand's team, the green team, and Dan's team.



Vogel

Vugraph

The 2019 Senior USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Quarterfinals, in which we will try to cover all of the tables in play. The Quarterfinal starts Sunday, June 2nd.

To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or use the download version of the BBO software to run BBO on your computer (only available if you already have it, not to new users). If you choose the latter approach, from the Lobby, click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the matches you want to watch.

To watch on your smartphone or tablet, install the BBO app and watch using that.

There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages.

Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:00-12:10

12:25-2:35

3:45-5:55

6:10-8:20

All of the teams will play the same boards throughout the event.



Hints for BBO viewers

Useful information is available to browser BBO users [and perhaps some mobile bbo users]

if you click on the name of the table/event you will get a pop-up that:

- * displays the BBO Schedule for the specific vugraph event – calculated for the time zone of the viewer's electronic device

- * has a link to the home page for the event

if you click on a player name you will usually get a pop-up that

- * displays a picture of the player

- * shows links to System Summary Forms (SSFs), Convention Cards (CCs), and biographical information

VIDEO: Live video streaming is not available for this event.

Video from the event tables will be uploaded to YouTube as soon as we can manage.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2019 Open USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on this site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2019 Senior USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

If you are going to be in the Chicago area during the Senior USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please **email Jan Martel**.

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

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Sudoku 2 Solution

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

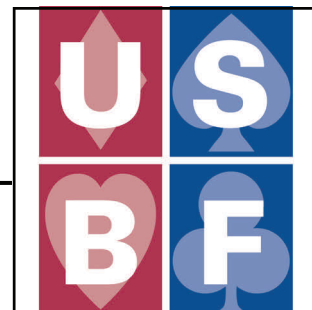
Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, is available again this year. She has agreed to come to the Hyatt after 1:00 pm on the following days. People who want a massage should sign up with Jan.

Monday, 6/3

Thursday, 6/6

Relaxation Therapy!

Sontag
looking like
he needs a
massage!



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. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. 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.

We hope you will join us.

New Bridge Term: Out-Ziaing Zia!

Board 8 ♠
 Dealer: W ♥ KQ2
 None Vul. ♦ AQT53
 Match 10 ♣ 8642

West	North	East	South
Shrive	Cheek	Ranis	Zia
3S	Pass	4S	All Pass

David Caprera reported this hand to me after Ranis told him the story.

♠ KJ98764 ♠ Q
 ♥ 76 ♥ J8543
 ♦ 6 ♦ KJ874
 ♣ QT5 ♣ K7

♠ AT532
 ♥ A9
 ♦ 92
 ♣ AJ93



On Board 8, Match 10, yesterday evening, the typical result was 3SX down 2.

Against Zia, Michael Ranis was East, holding the singleton queen of spades. He found a way to trick the master and escape undoubled.

Shrive opened the West hand 3S. Cheek, North, doubled for take-out. Zia was going to convert the double to penalty as did several others in the field, however, Ranis raised to 4S and now the double became responsive!

Zia could not risk doubling and having his partner bid one of the red suits. He passed and the contract went light three for -150!

Zia chastised me earlier in these competitions when I reported a hand in the Open where he hadn't doubled, saying "I ALWAYS double, Suzi! Don't report the only hand where I didn't!"

Sorry to report another such hand, Zia, but we appreciate the humor here, and we know you do too!

After the hand, Zia reportedly said to Michael Ranis, "What an amazing bid!"

Michael retorted, "I did a Zia on Zia!"

Caprera said that Michael told him something like, "We might finish in last, but we got the last laugh!"



Director Please! Rui Marques



Allan Falk... His shirt says it all!

Limey Jack...

G'day Colonials:

Limey Jack is not one to toot his own peckhorn (ED note: like a French Horn), but telling you all the teams that would fail to make the cut, even Mahaffey, seem impressive.

In USA1:

Lewis-Capelli: Even though they came in near one another in the round robin, Lewis has too many ships in the harbor and moves on.

Wolfson-Brod: Wolfson has some glaring flaws; most notably not having Zia, but unless they make a pig's breakfast out of it, they will prevail.

Lall-Simson: Zia is on the Lall team and will be all wadded up at the end. Limey Jack hears that he has placed a tenner or two on himself.

Kasle-Hamman: an unfair first round match t'was ever. Kasle took the biscuit in the round robin, but Hamman was second. In their head to head match they played to a draw. It is a rum go for the two best performing squads to have first face-off. That wally, Howie Dung picks his hometown heroes. Kasle has sat the sides for too long now and will be having the scoops 90 boards hence.

In USA2:

Jacobs-Reynolds: Unless Jacobs gets completely taffled, it will be Reynolds doing the skedaddle.

Mahaffey-Denison: Although performing ropey as suggested by Limey Jack, Mahaffey comes out of their fugue state long enough to roust Denison, but that will be as far as road extends through the fen.

Limey Jack gets it all sorted for you so you can take a bob and make two.

Cheers.

Howie Doing...

In Wolfson v Brod,
Brod hits the road!
It's USA2
For the New England crew!

Lewis has Smith,
That echoes success.
Capelli picks wrong
On a two-way finesse.

God's little Aker
Is looking quite bleak.
Playing the likes
Of Zia and Cheek!

If I were Hamman
I'd be annoyed
To finish twice second
To Bramley and Boyd!

Limo king Jacobs
Is used to "dispatch"
Reynolds, his victim,
In this two day match.

Denison dives.
Mahaffey survives.
Four person teams
Have far shorter lives!

Good luck to all! See you in two! Howie Doing... just fine!