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USA1 Quarterfinals

1	<u>Lewis</u>	124	2	36	46	40			
8	<u>Cappelli</u>	106	54	15	14	23			
2	<u>Wolfson</u>	138	51	37	35	15			
7	<u>Brod</u>	96	10	7	37	42			
3	<u>Lall</u>	126	33	56	14	23			
6	<u>Simson</u>	96	13	15	40	28			
4	<u>Kasle</u>	128	36	20	32	40			
5	<u>Hamman</u>	86	32	32	20	2			

USA2 Round of 32

9	<u>Mahaffey</u>	132	42	26	39	25			
12	<u>Denison</u>	132	55	13	36	28			
10	<u>Jacobs</u>	152	29	38	44	41			
11	<u>Reynolds</u>	96	22	24	27	23			

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USA1 Head-Ups Day One

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Wolfson
 ♠ AK
 ♥ K10975
 ♦ A94
 ♣ 1072

Brod
 ♠ Q832
 ♥ J843
 ♦ Q63
 ♣ J3

Greenspan
 ♠ J976
 ♥ 62
 ♦ K752
 ♣ A84

MRosenberg
 ♠ 1054
 ♥ AQ
 ♦ J108
 ♣ KQ965

NS: 0
EW: 0

Brod	Wolfson	Greenspan	MRosenberg
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
1♠	3NT	Dbl	Pass
Pass		Pass	Pass

In both Wolfson/Brod and Cappelli/Lewis, Board 2 produced a 12 IMP swing when one table in each match made 3NT and the other fell short a trick.

Wolfson had a little information from the auction, while others did not. At his table, Greenspan made a passed-hand takeout double showing the pointed suits. This implied, among other things that Greenspan was short in hearts. When Brod picked spades, it looked likely that spades were 4-4. When Greenspan doubled, it looked like he had the lion's share of the values, putting the CA in his hand rather than Brod's.

Considering all this, Wolfson won the spade lead, played a club to the king, a spade back to his hand and a club to the queen. He drove out the CA. The opponents cashed their spades and returned a diamond, Wolfson collecting these nine tricks: four clubs, two hearts, two spades and a diamond.

Berkowitz	McCallur	Sontag	V King
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	1NT
Pass		Pass	Pass

In the other room, King declared the hand from South. Berkowitz led the S2. King won in dummy and played a club to the king. He cashed the heart ace and queen and ran the DJ to Sontag's king. Sontag continued spades. The king was won in dummy and King cashed the HK. The CT was led, Sontag rising, and the defenders still had two spades and a heart to cash for down one. Testing the heart suit set up the defenders' fifth trick. If hearts had worked, declarer would have had two spades, five hearts, one diamond and one club ... and would not have been dependent on a 4-4 break in spades or the club ace on sides.

Cappelli	P Lewis	Bitterman	Smith
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♣
Pass		Pass	Pass

Brenner, like Wolfson, brought home nine tricks. She declared from South and had no information from competitive bidding. The S2 was led (implying a 4-4 break). Annie won the ace and played a club to the king. She played the ace and king of hearts and crossed back to dummy with a spade. She played a second club to her queen, but since she had stripped her heart entries, she could no longer enjoy her club suit. She recovered by leading the DJ and running it to Jacobus's king.

Passell	Caprera	Jacobus	A Brenner
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♦
Pass		Pass	Pass

Jacobus played a spade to the queen. Passell returned a spade. Jacobus cashed his CA and was endplayed in diamonds!

At the other table in the Lewis/Cappelli match, Ronnie Smith was declarer from South. The S2 was led and won in dummy. Ronnie played a club to the queen and ran the DT to Bitterman's king. Bitterman exited with a spade. Ron won and played a heart to the ace and cashed the HQ. He played the DJ which held. He continued with the D8 to dummy's ace. He tested hearts, cashing the king. When this failed, the opponents had the last four tricks. Contract down one.

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

"It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions."

"I live in that solitude which is painful in youth, but delicious in the years of maturity."

» Albert Einstein

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

I dug up a worm for fishing. It's the end of the line for him.

When I lived on the coast I consulted the tide charts every day. I liked to keep up on current events.

There is a haunted AC unit at my work. It's been giving everyone the chills!

I've been having issues with the roof leaking into the storage space below it. It's being very problem attic!

Years of arching ones back over a keyboard can lead to scolliosis.

The Orthodontists went on strike until they could get things straightened out.

A queue at a haunted house is a line of fright.

The cobbler's tools had a party. A good time was had by awl.

A patient came running to my psychiatry office screaming "I'm a teepee! I'm a wigwam!" I told him "Relax, you're two tents".

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.

I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour.

But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia he asked to speak to his son.

"Yes, Dad, what is it?" "Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me .Your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."

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Schermer

♠ K86
♥ 3
♦ AK73
♣ A9852

Woolsey

♠ J10532
♥ KQJ6
♦ 10
♣ K106

Bramley

♠ AQ74
♥ 10752
♦ 42
♣ QJ3

Chambers

♠ 9
♥ A984
♦ QJ9865
♣ 74

NS: 0

EW: 0

Woolsey	Schermer	Bramley	Chambers
1 ♠	2 ♣	3 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl

Feldman	Robinson	HWeinst	Boyd
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	3 ♦
Pass			Pass

Board 27 of Segment 2 swung lots of IMPs in Kasle/Hamman.

Woolsey opened his ten count 1S in second seat after Chambers passed. Schermer overcalled 2C. Bramley bid 3S, defined as "to play" and Chambers made a responsive double showing some values and a four card heart holding. Schermer converted the double to penalties looking at four probable tricks in his own hand (one club, two diamonds and an offside trump king).

Schermer led his singleton heart. Chambers won but apparently had a blind spot. He shifted to the DQ. Schermer let that hold hoping it wasn't too late ... but it was. And even if it wasn't, Chambers still didn't see the heart as singleton and led a club to the king and Schermer's ace.

When the play ended, in the absence of any heart ruffs, Woolsey collected ten tricks for +630. To defeat the hand, Chambers needs to win trick one and return the H9, indicating a card in diamonds. Schermer will ruff, cash his CA to see what he gets from partner, and when Chambers discourages, he knows that the only hope is to underlead his diamonds. Chambers will win his DJ and give Schermer a second ruff to defeat 3SX.

Schermer knows that Chambers holds 12 cards outside of spades. Logically, Chambers holds some length in diamonds. Even if he holds five hearts, he must have a four card of longer minor. Schermer's hand can stand to play in either clubs or diamonds... maybe game in the minor suit or NT would be safer than defending at this point.

In the other room, Boyd and Robinson had a quick and simple auction to 5D. Boyd preempted 3D and when Feldman passed, Robinson jumped to the making game. 14 IMPs to Kasle

In Lewis/Cappelli, Itabashi opened a weak 2D with the South hand. Capelli passed and Wold bid 2NT Ogust. Itabashi bid 3H showing good hand, bad suit. Cappelli doubled and Wold bid the 5D game.

In the other room of that match, Brenner passed the South hand in first seat. Passell opened 1S. Caprera overcalled 2C. Jacobus bid 2S. Brenner doubled and Caprera responded 3D. When Jacobus bid 3S, Brenner bid 4D and bought the contract.

4D made six ... 6 IMPs to Lewis



Steve Beatty, Bob Kent

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			



Peter Boyd

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.

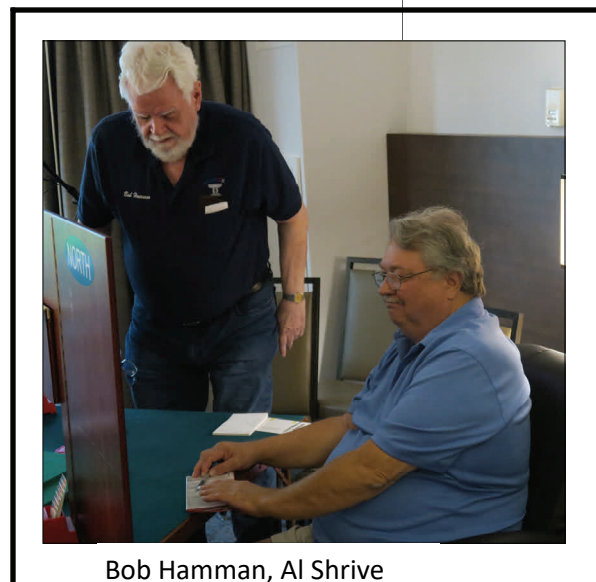
The teams in the Round of 16 Round Robin will be numbered in alphabetic order.

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



Bob Hamman, Al Shrive

*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...

Dennis E. Clerkin (born 1950) is a professional American bridge player. Clerkin is from Bloomington, Indiana. His brother, Jerry, is also a bridge professional.

Wins

North American Bridge Championships

North American Pairs 1989

Grand National Teams 1990, 2010

Senior Knockout Teams 2007

Keohane North American Swiss Teams 2010

Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 1992

Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships

Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 2008

Keohane North American Swiss Teams 1977



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

Customer to book store owner: "I'd like to return this book on modern medical procedures."

Owner: "Is there something wrong with it?"

Customer: "Someone removed the appendix."

Did you know that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers? Yes, it's true. But, unfortunately, all the bowling league records were destroyed in a fire, so we will never know for whom the Tells bowled.

In 1853, the Tate Watch Company of Connecticut decided to branch out and produce other products. Compasses for the pioneers traveling west were their first new endeavor. Although they produced fine and accurate watches, the same was not true of their compasses. Travelers would sometimes end up in Canada or Mexico. Thus came about the phrase, "He who has a Tate's is lost."

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

Sudoku 1

George Carlin Quotes

1. Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.
2. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
3. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
4. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
5. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
6. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
7. If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?

**Answers
to
Puzzle
on Page 10:**

First Name	Last Name	Winning Place	Cookie Type
Charlie	Stevens	1st	double chocolate
Eileen	Crofter	2nd	chocolate chip
Elliot	Green	4th	multigrain
Marion	Stewart	Favorite	white chocolate macadamia nut
Sally	Field	3rd	oatmeal raisin

**Difficult
Sudoku**

Sudoku 2

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

**Sudoku
Solutions
on Page 11**

Puzzle Page ...

	Crofter	Field	Green	Stevens	Stewart	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Favorite	chocolate chip	double chocolate	multigrain	oatmeal raisin	white chocolate macadamia nut
Charlie															
Eileen															
Elliot															
Marion															
Sally															
chocolate chip															
double chocolate															
multigrain															
oatmeal raisin															
white chocolate macadamia nut															
1st															
2nd															
3rd															
4th															
Favorite															

Answer on page 9

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Over Labor Day weekend, the 52nd Annual Cookie Challenge was held by the Tastefully Sweet Bakery Shop. The Cookie Challenge traditionally signaled the end of summer for Millersville, but was also greeted with great enthusiasm by the townspeople. Each year, the town's aspiring bakers brought in their best-ever cookie recipes and on Labor Day, the official Bake-off challenge was held, complete with prizes awarded to the winners. Dozens of cookies were made from the ten finalist recipes and were open to all for judging. The final four winners were determined by the official judges of the event and a fifth prize was awarded to the favorite cookie chosen by the attending townspeople. This year the favorite cookie was not one of the four contest winners, a phenomenon that seldom occurred. Determine the full name of each cookie challenge winner as well as the winning place and type of cookie of each recipe.

1. Marion's cookie, which wasn't oatmeal raisin, didn't win first place. The person whose last name was Green submitted the multigrain cookie recipe.
2. Charlie Stevens didn't submit a chocolate chip cookie recipe.
3. The favorite cookie wasn't Eileen's recipe. The fourth place winner wasn't the double chocolate cookie.
4. The oatmeal raisin cookie beat Elliot's cookie by one place. Ms. Stewart's cookie, which wasn't chocolate chip, was voted the favorite cookie of the event.
5. The person whose last name was Crofter won second place, but not with a double chocolate cookie. The white chocolate macadamia nut cookie wasn't the first place winner.
6. The oatmeal raisin cookie, which wasn't Eileen's recipe, was made by the person whose last name was Field. Sally's cookie, which wasn't the multigrain, won third place.

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

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

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Sudoku 2 Solution

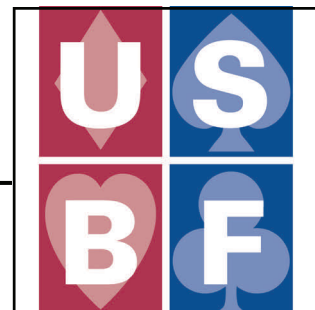
7	5	3	9	1	4	2	8	6
6	7	4	8	5	3	9	2	1
3	1	5	2	9	7	4	6	8
2	9	1	7	6	4	8	3	5
4	5	6	1	3	8	2	7	9
8	3	7	9	2	5	1	4	6
5	6	8	3	4	9	7	1	2
1	4	9	6	7	2	5	8	3
7	2	3	5	8	1	6	9	4

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!



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.

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McCallum
 ♠ K3
 ♥ K1062
 ♦ K2
 ♣ AJ1053

Berkowitz
 ♠ 962
 ♥ J984
 ♦ AJ65
 ♣ 98

Sontag
 ♠ J10874
 ♥ A753
 ♦ 107
 ♣ K2

V King
 ♠ AQ5
 ♥ Q
 ♦ Q9843
 ♣ Q764

NS: 0
EW: 0

Berkowitz	McCallum	Sontag	V King
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass

Brod	Wolfson	Greensp	MRosenl
			Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In so many ways, Board 7 in Wolfson/Brod mirrored Board 2. Again Wolfson declared 3NT from North while King declared from South.

Where Wolfson was declarer, Greenspan led the SJ. Wolfson won in dummy with the queen and ran the CQ to the 8, 5, K. Greenspan thought that when the SQ won in dummy, continuing spades was futile.

Since Wolfson had denied a 5 card major, Greenspan knew that his partner held at least 4 and maybe 5 hearts. As the cards lie, continuing spades would ultimately force declarer to guess which red ace to drive out first, giving him a chance to err.

Instead, however, Greenspan attempted to help partner establish tricks in the heart suit. He switched to the HA. Brod played the encouraging nine, hoping Greenspan held the ten. Unfortunately for Brod, all of this was fiction.

Greenspan continued hearts which gave Wolfson 10 tricks. Later, when both Brod and Greenspan discarded hearts, Wolfson actually collected 11 tricks for +660.

At the other table, King declared from South. Berkowitz led the S6 won in dummy with the queen. King ran the CQ to the king, Sontag winning and playing back the S7. King won with the king in dummy and cashed the CA.

He was at the crossroads. Which red ace should he knock out first? He guessed wrong and played on diamonds. Berkowitz won the DA and cleared the spades giving Sontag two good spades to cash when he gained the lead with the HA. Down 1... 13 IMPs to Wolfson

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.

USBF Committees

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!

Alert!

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 Lebensoh!!!

Board 9
North Deals
E-W Vul

Senior Appeal #1

♠ 4
 ♥ K J 10 7 6 5
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ K 10 7 4
 ♠ K J 10 8 5 2
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ A 3 2
 ♠ 9 6
 ♥ Q 9 8 3
 ♦ A Q 9 6 2
 ♣ J 8
 ♠ A Q 7 3
 ♥ 4
 ♦ K 7 5 4
 ♣ Q 9 6 5



West	North	East	South
<i>Brod</i>	<i>Wolfson</i>	<i>Greenspan</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>
	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All pass		
3NT by East			
Down 2 — EW -200			

Committee:
Ron Gerard, Chairman
Adam Wildavsky
Danny Sprung



At trick 3, South led the ♣ 5 to the ♣ 2, ♣ K, and ♣ 8. North returned the ♣ 4 to declarer's ♣ J, and South ducked.

After the hand, N-S claimed that East's (now singleton) ♣ J was played out of tempo, which caused South to not cover, and that had he covered the final result would have been down three rather than down two. The directing staff watched the video of the play and decided that the play was not out of tempo and the table result would stand. N/S also watched the video and requested a committee.

Video of the play can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnNvPuVUV4g>

Video of the first ten boards of the segment can be found here: <https://youtu.be/cU6fRN56oVo>

Committee Report:

The Committee's review of the video evidence was inconclusive, since declarer had slightly hesitated before playing the club jack but did not replace it in his hand or otherwise indicate clearly that he had a choice of plays.

The Committee determined that Law 73D1 ("Otherwise, unintentionally to vary the tempo or manner in which a call or play is made is not an infraction") was not violated because declarer's variation was unintentional. The Committee determined that Law 73E2 ("If . . . an innocent player has drawn a false inference from a . . . manner, tempo or the like, of an opponent who has no demonstrable bridge reason for the action, and who could have been aware at the time of the action, that it could work to his benefit, the Director shall award an adjusted score.") had been implicated, since all of the elements of an adjustment, including the possible awareness of an advantage, were present.

However, the Committee judged that the same 7 tricks would have been taken had the jack of clubs been covered. On the actual play after the jack of clubs held, declarer could reasonably hope for 8 tricks if South held AQx of spades or 9 tricks if the defense slipped. In a vacuum, declarer might have known that spades were not running after trick 5 and led a heart rather than a diamond (which could not cost even if spades were running) after winning the ace of clubs, but it would have taken unusual foresight to guarantee down one with only one trick at stake and the illusion of a vulnerable game in view. However, had the jack of clubs been covered, it would not have taken any foresight for declarer to realize that he could no longer have taken even 8 tricks and he would have led a heart after winning the ace of clubs. Then he would have scored one club, two diamonds, two hearts, one spade and either a diamond or a spade, depending on how South chose to be endplayed. Since there was no damage resulting from the violation of Law 73E2, the Committee declined to award an adjusted score and upheld the directors' ruling.