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“Trials” and Tribulations—Oldies but Goodies

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>Senior USBC USA2 - 2021</u>											
Stage1 (120 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.								
25-Oct-2021			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>								
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Adjustment (IMPs)
5	Beatty - wins tie	274	36	10	44	38	37	37	53	19	
8	Kahn	244	27	15	36	21	20	39	27	59	
6	Bramley	254	25	40	45	15	44	23	38	24	
7	Cappelli - wins tie	168	35	21	18	13	25	7	34	18	-3

<u>Senior USBC USA1 - 2021</u>											
SemiFinal (120 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.								
25-Oct-2021			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>								
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	Gupta	254	52	24	39	22	26	34	20	37	
4	Lewis - wins tie	208	18	47	38	35	11	14	32	13	
2	Levine - wins tie	287	54	8	79	61	35	53			-3
3	Simson	109	12	22	6	16	37	16	wd		

The first sign of maturity is the discovery that the volume knob also turns to the left. **Jerry M. Wright**
 People ask me what I'd most appreciate getting for my 87th birthday. I tell them, a paternity suit. **George Burns**
 Talk about getting old. I was getting dressed and a peeping tom looked in the window, took a look and pulled down the shade. **Joan Rivers**
 It's not that I'm afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens. **Woody Allen**

SUSBC Teams

Alphabetical



Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jim Foster Jeff Roman	Fred Stewart Bryan Howard Ralph Buchalter
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Dan Morse	Kit Woolsey Pratap Rajadhyaksha
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Dave Caprera Gloria Bart	Bob Bitterman Anne Brenner Les Bart
Fox	Jim Fox, Capt Neil Chambers	Jerry Helms Allan Graves
Gupta	Naren Gupta, Capt Hemant Lall David Berkowitz	Zia Mahmood Steve Garner Alan Sontag
Kahn	Allen Kahn, Capt [KO] Mark Aquino Rick Binder	Jeffrey Rothstein [KO] Eric Robinson Alan Watson
Levine	Mike Levine Jeff Meckstroth Mark Lair Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Mike Passell
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Ron Smith Doug Doub	Paul Lewis Billy Cohen John Stiefel
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt William Hall Randy Howard	Lance Kerr Joe Viola John Jones
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Drew Casen John Schermer	Jeff Aker Jim Krekorian Venkatrao Koneru

Face-to-Face Schaumburg

Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
QUARTER-FINAL			
FRIDAY	OCT. 22	8:30 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING WITH DIC (ON ZOOM)
SATURDAY	OCT. 23	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
SUNDAY	OCT. 24	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
SEMI-FINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
MONDAY	OCT. 25	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
TUESDAY	OCT. 26	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL & SEMIFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 27	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
THURSDAY	OCT. 28	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
USA2 FINAL			
FRIDAY	OCT. 29	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
SATURDAY	OCT. 30	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



"I manufacture tabletops for shops," said Tom **counterproductively**.
 "Why is this telephone flex always tangled?" asked Tom **coily**.
 "How do you start a model-T Ford without a battery?" asked Tom **crankily**.
 "I admire East End gangsters," said Tom **crazily**.
 "I dropped the toothpaste," said Tom, **crestfallen**.
 "I've struck oil!" said Tom **crudely**.
 "The situation is grave," Tom said **cryptically**.
 "Who discovered radium?" asked Tom **curiously**.
 "I wonder where the next character is going to appear," said Tom with a **cursorly glance**.
 "I'm the butcher's assistant," said Tom **cuttingly**.

Tom Swifties...

Hospitality Suite

Because of Covid, we won't be able to provide the full, wonderful hospitality we have in the past, but we will do what we can.

Hosts Evvie Gilbert and Maya Alela for the Open and Women's and Julie Arbit and Christian Jolly for the Mixed and Seniors will be in our usual hospitality suite (Room 2321). They will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch each day'

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and surprise treats. Also individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. They will be making coffee and will have individual packages of sugar, sweetener, and dairy & non-dairy creamers. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. We are limiting access to 6 players at any one time, so we ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that to take with you as quickly as you can, and then go someplace else to eat. **Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Hospitality Suite at all times.** There will be a hand sanitizer station near the door and we encourage you to sanitize your hands before choosing what to take.

Lunch: From 2-4 pm (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early). There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as individually packaged tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, and berries. Also all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

Let us know what you want: If there is a menu for a future day's lunch hanging on the wall outside the Hospitality Suite, please mark what you want, so we have a better idea of what to order.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit.

Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Player's Break Room at all times, so you may not eat and drink in the room.

Lunches for the Seniors will come from:

Sat, Oct 23: Corner Bakery

Sun, Oct 24: Blaze Pizza

Mon, Oct 25: Falafill


Tues, Oct 26: Honey Baked Ham Co

Weds, Oct 27: Noodles and Company

Tom Swifties



"It's not fair!" said Tom **darkly**.
"I can see the Greek woodland deity is no more," Tom said with a **deadpan** expression.
"I wonder if I'd have better luck if I fished with a net," Tom **debated**.
"I won't play for this team any longer," Tom **decided**.
"I am removing the lining of my gloves," Tom **deferred**.
"I can no longer hear anything," said Tom **deftly**.
"I didn't do well in the test," Tom said **degradedly**.
"I have a BA in social work," said Tom with a **degree of concern**.
"There must be a power cut," said Tom **delightedly**.
"I will now demonstrate how to dissect a sheep," **delivered** Tom.
"The censors took all the dirty bits out of my show," said Tom **deludedly**.
"Don't let me drown in Egypt!" pleaded Tom, deep in **denial**.
"Let me improvise this part," said Tom **descriptively**.
"Congratulations; you graduated," said Tom **diplomatically**.
"I was removed from office," said Tom **disappointedly**.
"That certainly took the wind out of my sails!" said Tom **disgustedly**.
"I have to wear this cast for another six weeks," said Tom **disjointedly**.
"Dat's de end of April," said Tom in **dismay**.
"Whenever I put on my scuba gear, I get pins and needles," said Tom **divertingly**.
"I'm on social security," said Tom **dolefully**.
"It's made the grass wet," said Tom after **due consideration**.
"Aha! Here's someone who can't speak!" exclaimed Tom **dumbfoundedly**.



General Face-to-Face Tournament Information to Players

The USBF Board of Directors met earlier this week and confirmed:

1. Face-to-face play in Schaumburg will be with 2 players per room.
2. Players will not be required to get Covid tests, but will be provided with information about where they can be tested (in Woodfield Mall) if they want to be. Staff will be tested approximately once a week.
3. We will comply with the Illinois mask requirements, which currently require masks in public areas indoors. Our default will be for both players in the playing rooms to wear masks, but if the 2 players in a room agree on a different rule we will allow whatever they agree on, assuming that is in compliance with the Illinois requirements.
4. We will ask each player to sign a Covid-related waiver of liability form before they start play. Jan will be sending the text of the waiver to all of you in the next day or so, and will have printed forms in her office (room 1321) at the Hyatt for participants to sign.
5. Hospitality will be limited - "grab & go" breakfast and lunch will be distributed in our usual hospitality suite (room 2321), but everyone will have to go someplace else to eat. We will allow only 6 players in the suite at any one time. The suite will not be open for socializing at other times. We will have water, soft drinks, coffee and snacks in the Players' Break Room (1321), and there also, we will limit the number of people in the room at any one time. Eating in the Break Room is not allowed. Masks will be required in the hospitality suite and in the Players' Break Room.
6. There will be air purifiers in each playing room and in 1321 and 2321.

I don't plan to grow old gracefully. I plan to have face-lifts until my ears meet. **Rita Rudner**

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. **Will Rogers**

The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again. **Erma Bombeck**

An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have. The older she gets the more interested he is in her. **Agatha Christie**

Old age is when you resent the swimsuit issue of *Sports Illustrated* because there are fewer articles to read. **George Burns**

I don't want to achieve immortality through my work...I want to achieve it through not dying. **Woody Allen**

I've learned that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes. **Andy Rooney**

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of algebra. **Will Rogers**

I'm at an age when my back goes out more than I do. **Phyllis Diller**

There is only one cure for gray hair. It was invented by a Frenchman. It is called the guillotine. **P.G. Wodehouse**

My grandmother was a very tough woman. She buried three husbands and two of them were just napping. **Rita Rudner**

At my age, flowers scare me. **George Burns**

I'm at the age where food has taken the place of sex in my life. In fact, I've just had a mirror put over my kitchen table. **Rodney Dangerfield**

A stockbroker urged me to buy a stock that would triple its value every year. I told him, "At my age, I don't even buy green bananas." **Claude Pepper**

You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake. **Bob Hope**



KIBITZING ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. The stream is delayed; go to the schedule below for starting times for each segment.

Popcorn time!

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 whether your chosen player agrees.

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 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 in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, 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 list. Push every button and enjoy!

KIBITZING SCHEDULE FOR THE KO (EDT)

Segment 1: 12:00 noon

Segment 2: 2:25 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:45 pm

Segment 4: 8:00 pm

NEXT DAY

Segment 5: 12:00 noon

Segment 6: 2:25 pm

BREAK

Segment 7: 7:00 pm

Segment 8: 9:30 pm



Ed. Note: See page 7 for the link to Tracey Bauer's video interview with Peter Talyigas at Love-Bridge explaining "How to Get the Most from Kibitzing on the site"

The Austin NABC will be held as scheduled.

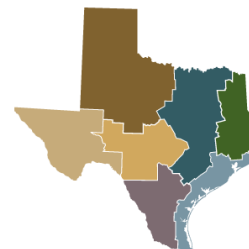
After much consideration, the decision has been made to move forward for the [2021 Fall North American Bridge Championships](#) scheduled for Nov. 25-Dec. 5 in Austin.



While we are excited to bring players back to the bridge table, we will still approach the tournament with an abundance of caution. We will hold the event as carefully as possible to protect the health and safety of players, volunteers and staff. Because of this, meetings and other large social gatherings outside of gameplay will be very limited (details are available on the [Austin NABC website](#)). We hope to hold these events during NABCs in 2022.

All NABC attendees, staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated to attend the Austin NABC and have face masks properly worn when present in the tournament areas. We have procured VOW Digital Health to manage the verification process for vaccinations. Further details on all health and safety requirements are available on the Austin NABC page of our website

Please do not attend the Fall NABC if you are not prepared to follow the safety protocols. They are in place to protect all attendees, and no exceptions will be made.



In the Daily Bulletin from the Senior Online Championships on October 3, you may have seen the **In Memoriam** for Jeff Goldsmith. Jeff lost his battle with cancer last week.

Jeff's family has designated the **USBF Junior Fund**, a 501C(3) charity, for donations in his memory. Donations may be made through the USBF website (USBF.org) and will be properly acknowledged. This was a very kind gesture by Jeff and his family who recognized how important bridge was to Jeff.

ALERT!! PLAYERS WHO PLAYED IN SCHAUMBURG SO FAR...

Please return any styluses you may have in your possession. We need them for the Mixed and the Seniors! Thank you. No questions asked!!

LoveBridge computes some interesting statistics on each player each day. Today you can see yesterday's statistics and tomorrow you can see the stats from today. To view, you must go to https://stats.lovebridge.com/statistics/usbc_2285 and enter your username. Each player has an individual username and password. Anyone can view a complete set of stats by clicking the tournament link and selecting USBC Open All.

Your personal stats are only available when you're logged in.

Tracy Bauer put together a U-Tube video interview with Peter Talyigas at LoveBridge and if you are having trouble figuring out how to kibitz, please access the link below... it may help:

<https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1176199382>

One side note: The format is not supported on Google Chrome. It does work on Edge!!

Mask Rules

Attendees are required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth in all public areas in the hotel. That means the hotel lobby, corridors, and elevators, as well as the **Hospitality Suite** and the **Office/Players' Break Room, where masks must be worn at all times. Therefore, there is no eating or drinking in those rooms.**

Our attorney has told us that the Cook County Mask Mandate forces us to require masks in the playing rooms. Therefore, we have adopted the following policy about that:

*Masks are required in playing rooms. If you are observed not wearing a mask in a playing room, there will be a 2 IMP penalty for the first offense in a segment, a 4 IMP penalty for the second offense, an 8 IMP penalty for the third offense, and a 16 IMP penalty for the fourth and subsequent offenses; however, if you and your opponent agree to something other than both wearing masks, any IMP penalties for not wearing a mask will apply to both of you equally and there will be no other penalties. You may remove your mask briefly to eat or drink. **However, if you call for a director (for any reason), and you are not wearing a mask properly when the director enters the room, the penalty will apply to your team for your **next match** in the event.** There is no eating or drinking in the playing room when the Director present.*

In addition, anyone who is penalized more than twice (over the course of the entire event) in situations where his/her opponent was wearing a mask while s/he wasn't, or where the director was called, may be subject to additional conduct penalties.

You should bring masks to the tournament with you; we will not be supplying masks.

Covid Waiver

We are going to ask each player in these events to sign a COVID-19 Waiver of Claims. It is being sent to you by email and you may sign it electronically and return it to Jan (marteljan@gmail.com) or you can sign a printed waiver at the site. Waivers will be available to sign in room 1321 starting Oct. 5th at 9:00 am. **Everyone is required to sign the form before the start of play!**

He's so old that when he orders a three-minute egg, they ask for the money up front. **George Burns**

Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age -- as your beauty fades, so will his eyesight. **Phyllis Diller**

So far, this is the oldest I've been. **George Carlin**

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. **Billy Crystal**

How young can you die of old age? **Steven Wright**

As a graduate of the Zsa Zsa Gabor School of Creative mathematics, I honestly do not know how old I am. **Erma Bombeck**

Looking 50 is great if you're 60. **Joan Rivers**

True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country. **Kurt Vonnegut**

When I was a boy the Dead Sea was only sick. **George Burns**

There is no pleasure worth forgoing just for an extra three years in the geriatric ward. **John Mortimer**



Meet the Players

Fredrick M. "Fred" Stewart (born 1948) is an American bridge player and stockbroker from Bloomington, New York.¹ Stewart has won the Cavendish Invitational Pairs three times and has won 8 North American Bridge Championships .

Wins

Cavendish Invitational Pairs 1993, 1996, 2011
 North American Bridge Championships
 von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs 1981
 Wernher Open Pairs 1995
 Blue Ribbon Pairs 1987
 Jacoby Open Swiss Teams 1992, 2012
 Senior Knockout Teams 2012
 Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 1995
 Reisinger 1984



Runners-up

Cavendish Invitational Pairs 1986
 North American Bridge Championships
 Wernher Open Pairs 2004
 Blue Ribbon Pairs 1994, 2002
 Grand National Teams 1991
 Vanderbilt 1999
 Senior Knockout Teams 2010
 Reisinger 1995

From the Southern Illinoisian April 26, 2021 Steve Becker King Features Syndicate

East dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ K Q J 9			
♥ A K J 7			
♦ —			
♣ K Q 9 5 4			
WEST		EAST	
♠ 7		♠ 8	
♥ 6 5 4 3		♥ 10 9 2	
♦ A J 4 3		♦ Q 10 9 7 6 5	
♣ A 7 6 3		♣ J 10 8	
SOUTH			
♠ A 10 6 5 4 3 2			
♥ Q 8			
♦ K 8 2			
♣ 2			

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
3 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	5 NT
Pass	6 ♥		

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

This astonishing deal occurred during a match in the 1997 Vanderbilt Teams and had a direct effect not only on the outcome of that match, but also in determining the ultimate winners of the event.

The serendipitous result on the deal grew out of a bidding misunderstanding between Bobby Goldman and Paul Soloway, a longstanding partnership comprised of two of the best players in the United States.

After **Fred Stewart** and Steve Weinstein, East-West, had quickly arrived at five diamonds, Soloway elected to bid five notrump, which he intended as a takeout for the three unbid suits. He apparently felt a double at this level would have been construed as primarily for penalties.

However, Goldman read the five-notrump bid as "unusual notrump," asking him to choose between clubs and hearts, the two lower-ranking unbid suits. He therefore bid six hearts, and everyone passed, leaving North-South in their 4-2 heart fit rather than their 11-card spade fit!

Weinstein led the diamond ace, and Goldman could see that if he ruffed in dummy, whichever defender held four trumps would then have a trump trick. So instead of ruffing, Goldman discarded a spade!

Now, as anyone can plainly see, all Weinstein had to do to beat the slam was to cash the club ace. But he reasoned that if South had no clubs, leading the ace might help declarer make the slam, while if South had a club, he would have to lose a trick to the ace eventually.

So at trick two, Weinstein led another diamond, a play that no doubt has caused him many sleepless nights since. Goldman won the diamond with the king, drew trump in four rounds and then ran seven spades to score the rest of the tricks!

At the other table, six spades was duly bid and made by Weinstein's teammates to achieve a tie. But if Weinstein had cashed the club ace at trick two, his team would have won the match and eliminated the team that went on to win the Vanderbilt.

1 NORTH NONE

♠ J 6 5
♥ K Q 2
♦ J
♣ K Q T 8 4 3

♠ K Q T 9 4
♥ T 7 4
♦ Q 7 2
♣ J 7

♠ A 8 7 3 2
♥ 9 8
♦ K T 5 3
♣ A 2

♠ A J 6 5 3
♥ A 9 8 6 4
♦ 9 6 5

Par: 300

N	9	6	5	8	8
S	10	:	:	:	9
E	3	7	7	5	4
W	:	:	8	:	:

This hand is from the opening segment on Monday. In USA1, there were four different contracts in four different strains on Board 1!

The best result was in the Levine/Simson match where Mike Levine playing with Mike Passell found the NT game. Passell opened the North hand 1C and rebid 2C after Schermer's 1S overall and Levine's 1NT response. When it got back to Levine, he evaluated his hand well and jumped to game.

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	I	=	*	P
1	Gupta	Lewis	Open	3♦x	W	♦J	-1	100	
			Closed	3♣	N	♥4	+1	130	
2	Levine	Simson	Open	3N	S	♥5	=	400	11
			Closed	3♠x	S	♦A	-1	100	

Koneru led a heart. Levine won the king in dummy. He ran six rounds of clubs and came off dummy with the DJ to the queen, king, ace (a BIG wish trick!) Koneru continued diamonds to Levine's ten and Levine took his SA for his ninth trick.

BIDDING TRICKS INFO DDS

W	N	E	S
1♣	1♠	1NT	
DBL	2♣	PASS	3NT
PASS	PASS	PASS	

DEALER WEST 1 EAST SOUTH

♠ J 6 5 ♥ K Q 2 ♦ K Q 10 8 4 3 ♣ J

♠ A 8 7 3 2 ♥ 9 8 ♣ A 2 ♦ K 10 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4 ♥ 10 7 4 ♦ J 7 ♣ J 7

♠ A J 6 5 3 ♥ A 9 8 6 4 ♦ 9 6 5 ♣ A

Mike Passell (N), Mike Levine (S), Venkatrao Koneru (W), John Schermer (E)

3NT NS EW 0 0

N-S: Levine 0 IMPs
E-W: Simson 0 IMPs
Other room: S 3♠x -1-100

At the other table, Aker opened 2C showing 6 clubs and 10-15 HCP. Lair passed. Simson responded a non-forcing 2S. Meckstroth bid 3C, takeout for the reds and Aker raised to 3S.

Lair thought it would be easy to defeat 3S with his powerful spade holding and after partner's 3C bid, he did not think that N/S could collect enough tricks in the majors even with a potentially running six card club suit to succeed in 3NT. He was lucky when the opponents passed out 3SX.

BIDDING TRICKS INFO DDS

W	N	E	S
3♣	2♠	PASS	2♠
PASS	3♣	DBL	PASS
PASS	PASS		

DEALER WEST 1 EAST SOUTH

♠ J 6 5 ♥ K Q 2 ♦ K Q 10 8 4 3 ♣ J

♠ A 8 7 3 2 ♥ 9 8 ♣ A 2 ♦ K 10 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4 ♥ 10 7 4 ♦ J 7 ♣ J 7

♠ A J 6 5 3 ♥ A 9 8 6 4 ♦ 9 6 5 ♣ A

Jeff Aker (N), Doug Simson (S), Jeff Meckstroth (W), Mark Lair (E)

3♠x NS EW 0 0

N-S: Simson 0 IMPs
E-W: Levine 0 IMPs
Other room: S 3N = 400

The defense collected three spade tricks and the two red aces to defeat 3SX one trick.

11 IMPs to Levine

In USA2, only Morse and Pratap found the NT game. 11 IMPs to Bramley when Brenner/Caprera played in 4S at the other table, going down three for -150.

There was an obvious difference in hand evaluation for Lair to have doubled 3S while Bramley passed out the spade game.

8 WEST NONE

♠ 64
♥ T82
♦ T98
♣ QJ973

♠ J9732
♥ AK7654
♦
♣ A2

♠ AK
♥ QJ9
♦ QJ63
♣ K654

♠ QT85
♥ 3
♦ AK7542
♣ T8

Par: -1510

	♠	♥	♦	♣	N
NS	5	6	0	2	2
E	8	7	13	11	10
W	:	6	:	:	:

Home team		Visiting team		Room	C	By	1	=	★	P	
					NS	EW	Home	Visiting			
3	Beatty	Kahn	USA2	Open	7♥	W	♦T	=	1510		
				Closed	7♥	W	♦T	=	1510		
4	Bramley	Cappelli		Open	6♥	W	♦T	+1	1010		11
				Closed	4♥	W	♦T	+3	510		
1	Gupta	Lewis	USA1	Open	6♥	W	♦T	=	980		10
				Closed	4♥	W	♦T	+3	510		
2	Levine	Simson		Open	4♥	W	♦T	+2	480		
				Closed	4♥	W	♦T	+2	480		

Board 8 was exciting in all the matches. The heart grand is cold but not easy to bid. Both tables in Beatty/Kahn USA2 bid it. None of the others did. The small heart slam was bid twice and the heart game was bid four times.

BIDDING	TRICKS	INFO	DDS
W	N	E	S
1♥	PASS	2♣	DBL
4♦	PASS	5NT	PASS
7♥	PASS	PASS	PASS

Eric Robinson (N)

Jim Foster (S)

Bryan Howard (W)

Mark Aquino (S)

DEALER 8 EAST

W 7♥ NS 0

N-S: Kahn 100 IMPs
E-W: Beatty 148 IMPs
Other room: W 7♥ = -1510

Howard and Foster had an excellent short auction to bid the grand.

Howard opened 1H; Foster bid 2D showing 3+ hearts and limit + values; Howard bid 4D showing a good splinter and Foster used a grand slam force to reach 7H.

(continued on page 12)

BIDDING **TRICKS** **INFO** **DDS**

W	N	E	S
1♥	PASS	2♠	2♦
2♠	PASS	3♥	PASS
3♠	PASS	4♠	PASS
6♦	PASS	7♥	PASS
PASS	PASS		

NORTH
DEALER 8 EAST
SOUTH

Fred Stewart (N): 10♥ 8♥ 2♥ 6♠ 4♠ 10♦ 9♦ 8♦ Q♣ J♣ 9♣ 7♣ 3♣

Jeffrey Rothstein (W): A♥ K♥ 7♥ 6♥ 5♥ 4♥ J♣ 9♣ 7♣ 3♣ 2♣ A♠ 2♠ 7♠

Steve Beatty (S): 3♥ Q♠ 10♠ 8♠ 5♠ A♠ K♠ 7♠ 5♠ 4♠ 2♠ 10♦ 8♦

Allen Kahn (E): Q♥ J♥ 9♥ A♥ K♥ Q♦ J♦ 6♦ 3♦ K♣ 6♣ 5♣ 4♣

W: 7♥ NS: 0 EW: 0

N-S: Beatty 148 IMPs
E-W: Kahn 100 IMPs
Other room: W 7♥ = -1510

The other pair to reach 7H was Rothstein/Kahn.

Rothstein opened 1H. Kahn showed a game forcing hand unless he rebid 3C. Beatty bid 2D. Rothstein bid 2S. Kahn bid 3H. Rothstein bid 3S. Kahn bid 4S, Roman Keycard for hearts. Rothstein bid 6D and Kahn jumped to the grand slam.

Two other pairs bid slam... both married couples!! Linda and Paul Lewis bid 6H and Gloria and Les Bart bid 6H.

Because the two pairs who bid the grand were playing one another, the board was a push! Bidding the small slams turned out to be worth 11 IMPs when North/South in the other room in those matches stopped in game!

It is always interesting to see the comparisons!

15 SOUTH N-S		♠AKQJ98	
		♥952	
		♦K3	
		♣A6	
♠532			♠T764
♥764			♥K3
♦862			♦AQ97
♣JT85			♣K74
Par: 1440		♠	
N	9	10	12
S	:	9	11
EW	4	3	1

Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	I	=	*
Gupta	Lewis	Open	4♥	S	♣T	=	620
		Closed	3N	S	♣J	+2	660
Levine	Simson	Open	4♠	N	♣4	+3	710
		Closed	6♠	N	♦A	=	1430

Speaking of slams, on Board 15, Schermer and Koneru found slam in in their 6-0 fit!! With the HK in the pocket, the slam is cold on any lead. Lair led the DA and it became very easy. Their auction:

Koneru opened 1H. Schermer responded 1S. Koneru bid 2C. Schermer bid 2D, 4th suit forcing. Koneru bid 3D; Schermer bid 3H; Koneru bid 4H; Schermer really liked his hand. He bid 4S, keycard. Koneru bid 4NT and Schermer placed the slam in spades.

Koneru likely expected that Schermer would put the slam in hearts but holding such solid spades, Schermer knew where he was heading.

12 IMPs to Simson

BIDDING **TRICKS** **INFO** **DDS**

W	N	E	S
PASS	1♠	PASS	2♣
PASS	2♦	PASS	3♦
PASS	3♥	PASS	4♥
PASS	4♠	PASS	4NT
PASS	6♠	PASS	PASS
PASS			

Meckstroth Schermer Lair Koneru

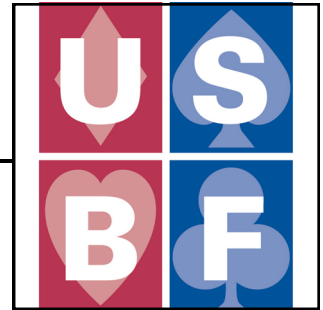
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8	7	5	3	2	6	1
9	5	1	6	3	2	4
6	4	8	1	7	9	3
7	2	3	8	5	4	9
3	1	7	9	4	5	6
5	6	9	2	8	3	7
4	8	2	7	6	1	5

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

Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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We hope you will join us.



Count your cards.
Plan the play.
Don't give
Anything away!



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

Hard Sudoku

From the Editor:

Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. While team lists and schedules will be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions, other information may not.

Thank you!!

Suzi

If you have a great hand or bridge news or gossip you think would be of interest to our readers, you can email me at stansubeck@prodigy.net



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

Answer to Puzzle on Page 15

Place Won	Animal Name	Animal Type	Farm Name	Last Name	First Name
1st place	Sapphire	horse	Honey Bee Farm	Ridge	Chris
1st place	Daisy	goat	Meadowbrook Farm	Black	Joe
2nd place	Harvey	pig	Sunshine Farm	Plank	John
3rd place	Peaches	chicken	Shady Valley Farm	Cousins	Peter
2nd place	Sunny	cow	Lazy River Farm	Trust	Simon

Sudoku Answers on page 13

	Black	Cousins	Plank	Ridge	Trust	Honey Bee Farm	Lazy River Farm	Meadowbrook Farm	Shady Valley Farm	Sunshine Farm	chicken	cow	goat	horse	pig	Daisy	Harvey	Peaches	Sapphire	Sunny	1st place	1st place	2nd place	2nd place	3rd place	
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Meadowbrook Farm																										
Shady Valley Farm																										
Sunshine Farm																										

Answer on Page 14

First Name	Last Name	Farm Name	Animal Type	Animal Name	Place Won

Five prominent farmers from the surrounding area had animals in the fair competition during the Millersville County Fair last weekend. Each farmer had a prized animal in one of the competition classes and each animal won a ribbon. While some of the animals won the same ribbon, each animal was in a different competition. Determine the full name of each farmer, the name of each farm, the type of each animal, each animal's name, and what place each won.

- The pig named Harvey wasn't owned by Simon. Mr. Trust, who owned Lazy River Farm, had an animal that won a second place ribbon.
- The two first place animals were the goat and the animal named Sapphire. The chicken, whose name wasn't Daisy, was owned by Peter, whose last name

wasn't Plank.

- Mr. Cousins didn't have a pig but he did have an animal named Peaches. The third place animal was from Shady Valley Farm, which wasn't owned by Chris.
- The five farmers are represented by Simon, the one from Meadowbrook Farm, Mr. Plank, the one with an animal named Peaches, and the one with a horse.
- John, whose last name wasn't Ridge, owned Sunshine Farm and his animal won a second place ribbon. Joe Black didn't own Honey Bee Farm.
- Sunny was the name of the cow. Mr. Ridge owned a horse but it didn't win second place

Classic Toys

Find and circle all of the toys that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a quote by G. K. Chesterton.

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

BALLOON
 BARBIE
 BEACH BALL
 BOP BAG
 CAP GUN
 CHATTY CATHY
 EASY BAKE OVEN
 ETCH A SKETCH
 FINGER PAINT
 FLATSY DOLL
 FRISBEE
 G.I. JOE
 GUMBY
 GYROSCOPE

HOT WHEELS
 JACKS
 KALEIDOSCOPE
 KAZOO
 KEN
 LEGO
 LITE BRITE
 LITTLE PEOPLE
 MATCHBOX CAR
 MECCANO
 MR POTATO HEAD
 NERF BALL
 PADDLE BALL

PLAY-DOH
 PLAYMOBIL
 POGO STICK
 POKEY
 POP GUN
 RADIO FLYER
 RUBIK'S CUBE
 SILLY PUTTY
 SIZZLERS
 SKIPPING ROPE
 SLINKY
 SOCK MONKEY
 SOMA CUBE

SPIROGRAPH
 SUPER BALL
 TEDDY BEAR
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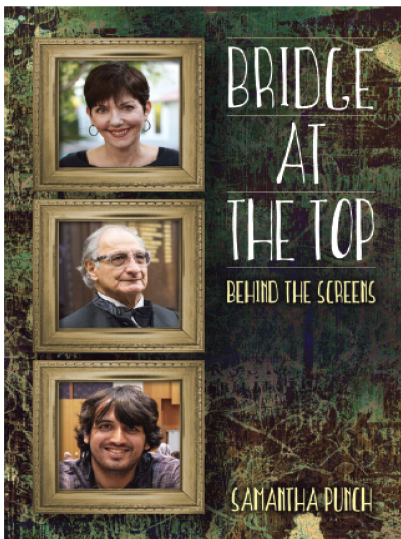
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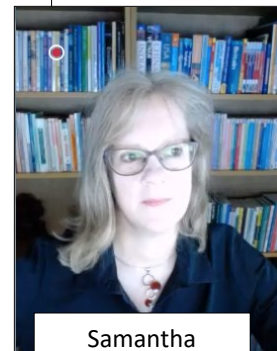
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Editor



Samantha

Questions asked by Players in the Open and the Mixed... FAQ's from Jan Martel

Chat

- **My physical keyboard isn't working!** Make sure to click/put focus into the chat box before attempting to type in the box. (The blinking cursor makes it seem as though focus is there, but it may not be.) This seems to only occur with an external keyboard, not the virtual keyboard.
- **What does that number on the left side mean?** You have unread chat message(s). Click on left gray arrow to open chat and right gray arrow to close the chat. (If you actually type and send a message, the chat will close automatically. Reopen with left gray arrow.)
- **Why can't I chat to my partner?** For security reasons, chat to partner is not available while cards for a new hand are on display. Since there is no "between round down time," there is no real partner chat.

Bidding


- **The system won't let me pass!** If you have the level (1 through 7) highlighted, you will be unable to pass/double/redouble. Click on the highlighted numeral to remove the highlight, then make the desired call.
- **My explanation keeps disappearing!** If you alert your bid as you make it but go back later to explain, there is a bug in the system where subsequent table actions will erase any text that you have typed into the explanation box. If you include your explanation with your call or when it is your turn to act, then this will not occur. (We have reported this issue to LoveBridge.)
- **Where is the undo button?** While there is no undo button, every call made is followed by a brief cancellation time period. A cancel button will appear immediately below the call selected in the top center portion of the screen. If you cancel within the time period, your bidding panel will reappear for you to select the intended call. If you do not cancel within the time period, summon a director (hit red TD whistle) to request an undo.

Play

1. **Why can't I click on a card?** The default setting for LoveBridge is neither a tap/click nor a double tap/click. The default setting is a drag-and-drop motion where the player pulls a card to the gray box in the center of the screen and releases to play the card. If the "pulled" card is not the intended one, the player can drag it back to the hand and select another card. **We recommend this setting while players are getting accustomed to the system.** Players may change this setting to double tap/click if desired, but we strongly discourage single tap/click settings.
2. **Whose turn is it?** In the bidding or play of the hand, the player's direction letter (N S E W) will be white inside of the circle when it is the player's turn. This is a very subtle change from the normal pale blue letter.
3. **How do I claim?** During the play, you may click the larger red box below the TD whistle to claim. If the claim button is grayed out (not available), you either already contributed a card to the current trick or you are dummy.

How do I see the bidding once play has started? A player is not entitled to the entire auction once they have played to trick 1. If you have not yet played to trick one, the auction will be in the lower left corner. Click on it to enlarge to the center area. Click the double gray arrows in the bottom right of the center area to send it back to the corner. Similarly, this is how a player may see the cards from the previous trick (prior to playing to current trick).

The new and improved 60 Board USBF Convention Card is now available on the table in Jan's office (Break Room??)

We hope it "suits" you! 

You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred. **Woody Allen**
Middle age is when you still believe you'll feel better in the morning. **Bob Hope**
People shop for a bathing suit with more care than they do a husband or wife. The rules are the same. Look for something you'll feel comfortable wearing. Allow for room to grow. **Erma Bombeck**
I'm so old they've canceled my blood type. **Bob Hope**
You know you're getting old when you get that one candle on the cake. It's like, "See if you can blow this out." **Jerry Seinfeld**



TRICKS AND TREATS

Thurs.-Sun., October 28-31, 2021

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Daily Two-Session Events

Award Gold & Red Points - Must Play Both Sessions - \$30 per player



Midday Two-Session Event Schedule

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1:15 pm & 4:45 pm ET | Golden Ghoul Gold Rush Pairs (750/400/200)
No player may have more than 750 masterpoints |
| 1:15 pm & 4:45 pm ET | Candy Corn Mid-Flight Pairs (3000/1250)
No player may have more than 3000 masterpoints |
| 1:15 pm & 4:45 pm ET | Jack O' Lantern Top-Flight Pairs (unlimited/4000) |



Daily Single-Session Events

Awards red points

Play in One, Two, Three or All Four Events - \$15 per player, per session

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| 1:15 am, 1:30 pm,
5:00 pm & 8:00 pm ET | Great Pumpkin 499er Pairs (500/300/100)
No player may have more than 500 masterpoints |
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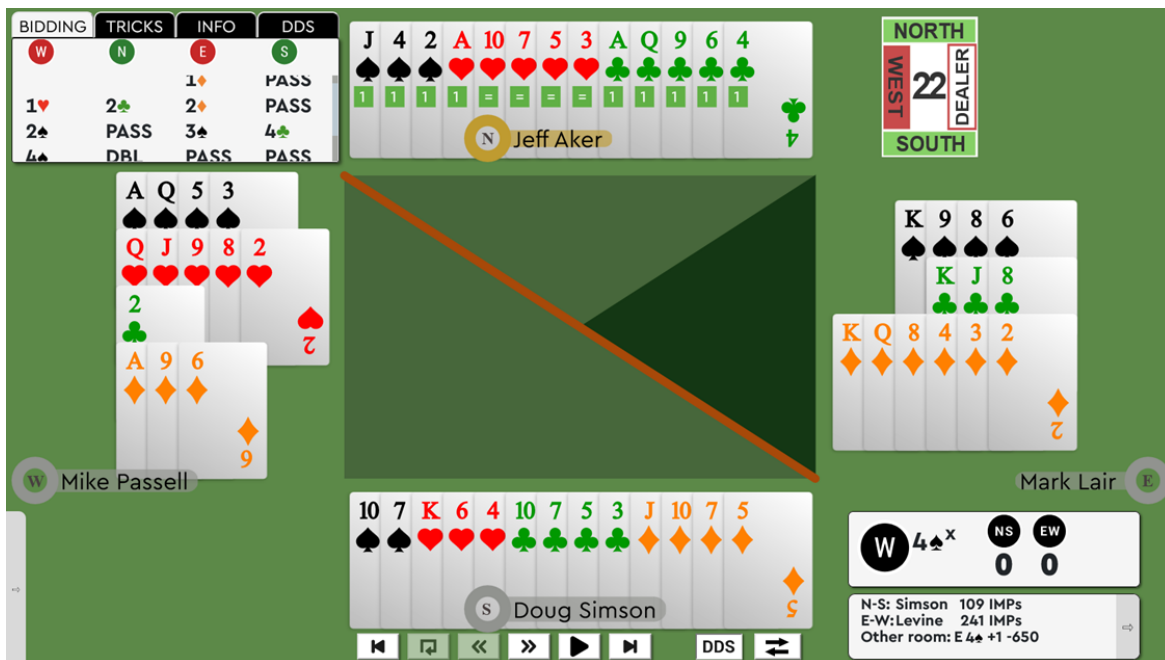
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| 10:15 am ET | Creaking Staircase Side Game Series
(unlimited/1500/500) |
| 1:30 pm ET | Rattling Chains Side Game Series
(unlimited/1500/500) |
| 5:00 pm ET | Flickering Lights Side Game Series
(unlimited/1500/500) |
| 8:00 pm ET | Howling Wind Side Game Series
(unlimited/1500/500)(No Sunday) |



Stratification for all events is by the average masterpoint holding of the pair. In any event with an upper masterpoint limit, neither player may exceed the limit for the event. Masterpoint awards for all single-session events are red points



In the Levine/Simson USA1 Semifinal match, Jeff Aker speculated that his combination of a strong holding in declarer's first bid suit (hearts) and a void in dummy's anchor suit (diamonds) would be too much for declarer to overcome. Backing up this thinking, he doubled 4S.

Aker led a low club, hoping to get his partner in for a diamond ruff. A heart underlead would have worked better. Nothing can stop 4S. Passell played dummy's CJ, which held the trick and led the D2 from dummy. Simson played the DJ. Passell played the ace and Aker trumped. Aker exited with the S4. Passell won in hand with the ace and continued with a spade to dummy's king and claimed twelve tricks for +1190.

In the other room Koneru/Schermer played in 4S making five.

11 IMPs to Levine

In the Gupta/Lewis match both EW pairs played in 4S and took eleven tricks.

In the USA2 matches, two E/W pairs played in 4S and two E/W pairs played in 5D. The big swing came in the Bramley/Cappelli match, where Bramley/Woolsey took eleven tricks in spades while Bitterman/Cappelli were defeated in 5C.

13 IMPs to Bramley

Senior Players:

We wanted to make you aware of the fact that the electronic environment provides the directors with full information about the time used by each pair for each bid or play. **You do not have to summon the director when you think your opponent has taken an unreasonable amount of time for one action or for the entire segment of play.** After a segment, you can ask the director to review the time taken by your opponents. At the completion of a hand, you can summon the director if you think the time taken provided Unauthorized Information to your opponent(s) and that might have influenced the opponent(s)' actions.

We want to discourage you from calling the director for general time issues during a segment, because that will only take more time, and will not provide the director with any additional information. Please call the director only if you think that a time issue has provided UI, and then only after the hand is over.

Time Sensitive!

Limey Jack...

Cheerio Yanks:

Limey Jack is here should you wish a flutter at the punter. Howie Dung will have you looking for the nearest Chemist. He is insufferable, but then Sherlock Holmes needed his Watson.

USA1:

Levine-Gupta: Poor M. Meckstroth. He gets deserted by one partner, has another fail him, and now that partner can haunt him. Zia has been over there long enough and Limey Jack wants to raise a cuppa with him post haste. Gupta is the beneficiary of Zia coming home.

USA2:

Simson-Beatty: These blokes keep trying. Neither of these squads are top form but they are adequate. Simson is a hair better with partners and experience, but will need to pick up the pace around the 8 furlong mark. Beatty takes the long way home.

Bramley-Lewis: The Bramley team pays no dosh so they are pure, but Limey Jack detests 4 handed entrants. Lewis comes to the fore for this moment.

Be of good cheer, Colonials. Only 4 more days of inanities from the gormless Howie Dung and his codswallop palaver.

Howie Doing...

Levine/Wold/Passell
Are mixing up well.

Meck plays with Lair
When Wold isn't there.

Might be their choosing,
Or might be confusing.

When partnerships vary,
Results can be scary!

Zia has flair.
Garner don't care!

Gupta and Lall
Could take quite a fall.

Sonty and Berk,
Do all the work.

USA1?
Levine when it's done!

Bramley of course
With the great Daniel Morse

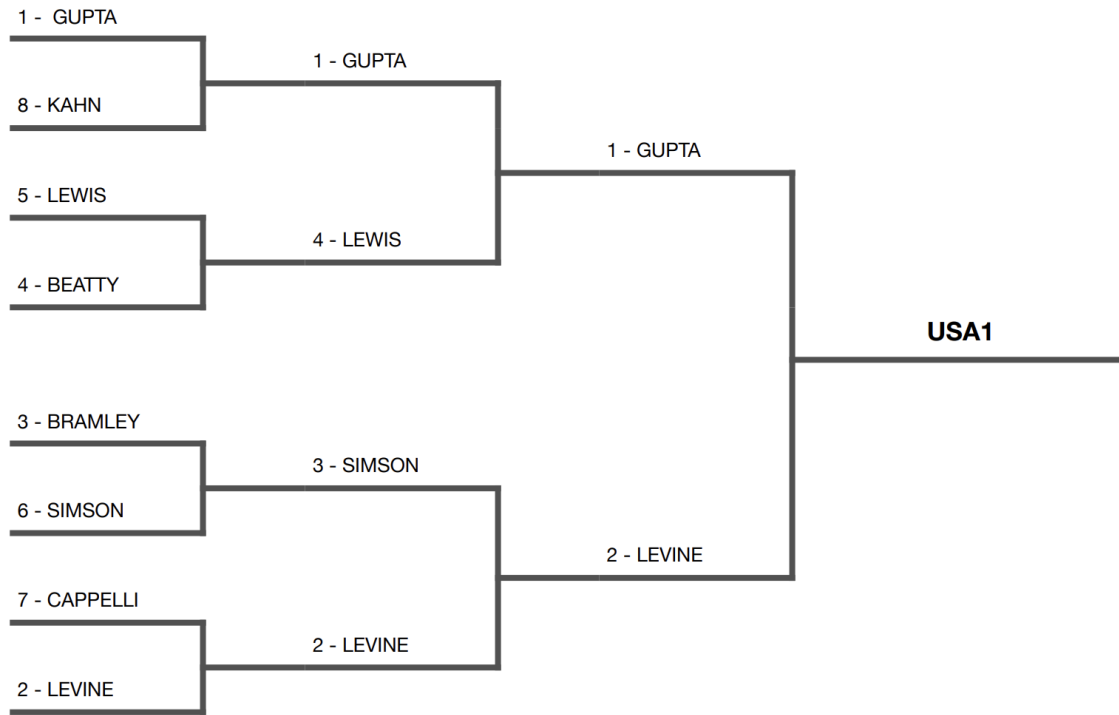
Will rise just like cream
As the #2 team.

The pick is quite weighty
In Simson v Beatty.

Think Beatty will win.
Let play now begin!!

Howie Doing... fine, thanks!

2021 SENIOR USBC USA1 BRACKET



2021 SENIOR USBC USA2 BRACKET

