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“Trials” and Tribulations—Pre-Bulletin



The Prez Says ...

Welcome to the 2019 United States Bridge Championships. Here, in Schaumburg, Illinois, we will select team USA2 to represent the United States in the 2019 Bermuda Bowl in Wuhan, China. Eighteen teams are entered in our event.

The Nickell team (Nickell, Katz, Levin, Weinstein, Rodwell and Meckstroth) earned the right to be USA1 in last year’s competition in Houston.

For this year, the Rosenthal team (Rosenthal, Silverstein, Willenken, Ginossaur, Berkowitz, Campanile) has earned a bye to the Round of 8 and the Fleisher team (Fleisher, Martel, Greco, Hampson, Grue, Moss) has earned a bye to the Round of 16. The other 16 teams will start in the round robin, with 13 qualifying.

While the USBF Board and the tournament organizers do their best to make this event the fairest Competition year after year, only YOU, the players, can continue to uphold the ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which United States bridge is known worldwide. Many foreign players have told me that they view our Competition as the best in the world, in large part because of our long matches and high ethical standards.

I know I will attempt to do my part to uphold these standards and I ask that each of you keep this in mind throughout the events (Open, Women’s, Mixed, and Seniors).

Let the games begin!

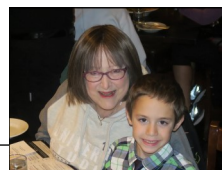
Marty Fleisher, USBF President

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 will not. We do this to make room for new content at a substantial print savings to the organization.

Thank you!!

Suzi



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Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS—PRE-BULLETIN

There are 18 teams entered. Teams are listed in seeding point order, except for teams with byes, which are listed first in PP order.

Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken David Berkowitz	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Migry Zur Campanile
Bye to Rnd of 8		
Fleisher	Martin Fleisher, Capt Eric Greco Joe Grue	Chip Martel Geoff Hampson Brad Moss
Bye to Rnd of 16		
Wolfson	Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt Zia Mahmood John Hurd	Steve Garner Michael Rosenberg Joel Wooldridge
Kranyak	John Kranyak, Capt Greg Hinze	Vincent Demuy David Grainger
Kriegel	Oren Kriegel, Capt John Diamond	Ron Smith Brian Platnick
Rajadhyaksha	Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Capt John Schermer	Venkatrao Koneru Billy Miller
Hill	Kevin Dwyer Kevin Bathurst Joyce Hill, NPC	Shan Huang Justin Lall
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Billy Cohen Daniel Lev	Sam Lev Gary Cohler Jacek Pszczola
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Robert Hamman	Peter Boyd Bart Bramley
Donn	Joshua Donn, Capt Curtis Cheek Roger Lee	Huub Bertens Daniel Korbel Sheri Winestock
Morris	Michael Levine Mike Passell Dennis Clerkin Robert Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Marc Jacobus Jerry Clerkin
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Adam Wildavsky Jiang Gu	Larry Robbins Doug Doub
Watson	William Watson, Capt Vinita Gupta	Geeske Joel Debbie Rosenberg
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Rose Meltzer	Yoko Sobel Nikolay Demirev
Grossack	Adam Grossack, Capt Bart Bussink Alex Hudson	Arjun Dhir John McAllister Peter Boyd-Bowman
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Alex Kolesnik	Bob Etter Michael Shuster
Reynolds	W. Thomas Reynolds, Capt David Pelka Ellen Kent	Lance Kerr William Hall Robert Kent
Warner	Marc Warner, Capt Stephen Zolotow	Anam Tebha Glenn Eisenstein

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

Dr. Seuss

Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME - CDT	BOARDS
FRIDAY	MAY 10	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
FRIDAY	MAY 10	10:00 - 11:03 11:10 - 12:13 12:25 - 1:28 1:35 - 2:38 4:00 - 5:03 5:10 - 6:13 6:25 - 7:28 7:35 - 8:38	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-7 MATCH 2 - BOARDS 8-14 MATCH 3 - BOARDS 15-21 MATCH 4 - BOARDS 22-28 82 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 5 - BOARDS 1-7 MATCH 6 - BOARDS 8-14 MATCH 7 - BOARDS 15-21 MATCH 8 - BOARDS 22-28
SATURDAY	MAY 11	10:00 - 11:03 11:15 - 12:18 12:30 - 1:33 1:45-2:48 4:15 - 5:18* 5:25 - 6:28* 6:35 - 7:38*	MATCH 9 - BOARDS 1-7 MATCH 10 - BOARDS 8-14 MATCH 11 - BOARDS 15-21 MATCH 12 - BOARDS 22-28 88 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK *MATCH 13 - BOARDS 1-7 *MATCH 14 - BOARDS 8-14 *MATCH 15 - BOARDS 15-21
* THE FINAL 3 MATCHES ARE SEQUESTERED - ONE PAIR ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY ALL 3 MATCHES & REMAIN AT THE TEAM'S HOME TABLE FOR ALL 3 MATCHES. NO SCORE COMPARISON ALLOWED.			
ROUND OF 16			
SUNDAY	MAY 12	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
SUNDAY	MAY 12	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY	MAY 13	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
QUARTER-FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 14	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
WEDNESDAY	MAY 15	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30

**"Opportunities
don't happen.
You create
them."

Chris Grosser**

**Don't forget to
Call MOM on Mother's Day!**

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Round Robin Information

SEMI-FINAL			
THURSDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
FRIDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
FINAL			
SATURDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30

USBF 7 Board Victory Point Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.50	4.50	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19.00	1.00
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.77	3.23	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.31	6.69	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.80	0.20
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

Round Robin

The 2019 USBC Round Robin will be a 2-day complete Round Robin, with 7 board matches, scored using the **USBF 7 board Victory Point scale** (see above). The Round Robin schedule is on page 3.

TABLE ASSIGNMENTS

Each team will have a "home" table for the entire Round Robin. You will be NS at your home table. Your NS pair must remain at your home table for all of matches 13-15 and cannot wander. Your EW pair will play at your opponent's home table each round.

SCORE SUBMISSION

After each match, you must turn in a form showing your score (in IMPs) for the match; please enter the IMPs for each team, not the net IMPs. If you have time to confirm the score with your opponent before submitting it, please do so, but if you do not have time, turn the score in anyway. The score submission form also has a box to use to enter your lineup. If you do not put anything in that box, you have submitted the identical lineup you had for the previous match - the same players are playing in the same seats..

SEQUESTERED MATCHES

The final 3 matches on Saturday will be sequestered. One pair on your team must play all 3 matches NS at your home table. No score comparison is allowed during the 3-match clump. You may change your EW pair during those matches.

For the first two sequestered matches, the NS pair at each table will be asked to complete a score sheet & have the EW pair verify that it is correct. We will pick up those score sheets and enter the scores into the computer in order to have your scores for those matches completed by the time you finish the third match. Those scores will be posted on a wall in the Players' Break Room. You will be asked to confirm that those scores are correct when you turn in your score for the final match. We hope that this procedure will speed up the determination of which teams have qualified.

Vugraph

The 2019 Open USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16 on Sunday, May 12th. Some, but not all, of the tables will be featured.

From the Quarterfinals on, all of the tables in play will be covered.

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, ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages.

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 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 can be managed.

If you are going to be in the Chicago area during the USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please email Jan Martel at marteljan@gmail.com.

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.

Hospitality Suite...



The Hospitality Suite for the 2019 Open USBC will be located in room **2321**. Our wonderful hostesses, Lisa Berkowitz and Martha Katz, will welcome you at the site. They will be assisted by lots of helpful volunteers.

Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch each day starting on Sunday from 1:00-4:00. On the first Friday & Saturday, we will be serving lunch in the hotel restaurant from about 2:00-4:00

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

Players, kibitzers, friends, spouses and children are welcome to join us in the suite.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan & McKenzie's office) will be in room **1321**. It will be available for the entire tournament. Coffee, soft drinks and snacks will get you through the wait while your slow teammates finish playing.



SEED SEEDING POINTS	TEAM NAME	TEAM AVERAGE
1	Rosenthal	147 PPs
2	Fleisher	58 PPs
3	Wolfson	51.05 SPs
4	Kranyak	46.65 SPs
5	Kriegel	46.64 SPs
6	Pratap	40.47 SPs
7	Hill	34.02 SPs
8	Mahaffey	33.30 SPs
9	Robinson	33.26 SPs
10	Donn	26.81 SPs
11	Morris	24.79 SPs
12	Lo	17.51 SPs
13	Watson	14.14 SPs
14	Donner	8.73 SPs
15	Grossack	9.04 SPs
16	Dinkin	8.30 SPs
17	Reynolds	5.67 SPs
18	Warner	5.33 SPs

Seeding Points

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.

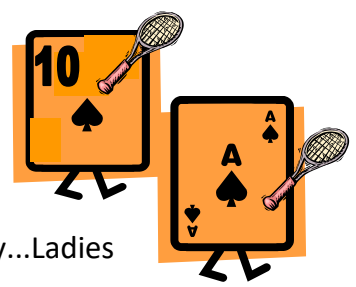
Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.

The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



Useless Trivia

Tenace anyone?



Many years ago, in Scotland , a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'.. .and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with the words orange, purple, or silver, or month. (Debated, as I don't think that sliver is a rhyme for silver, or pimple a good rhyme with purple, etc.)

The first CD pressed in the US was Bruce Springstein's 'Born in the USA.'

More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.

In 10 minutes, a hurricane expends more energy than all of the nuclear weapons in the world combined.

The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds.

(What could be so tasty on the bottom of a pond?)

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs... but, not down stairs.

In the 1400's, a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'.

315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.

The first zoo in America was in Philadelphia.

Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over a million descendants.

Elephants are the only land mammals that can't jump.

More about elephants: If you add up the circumference of two feet, you get exactly the elephant's height.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Polar bears are left-handed. (If they switch, they'll live a lot longer)

Pearls melt in vinegar.

Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump.

Walt Disney was afraid OF MICE! (Mickey??)

Chocolate kills dogs! Chocolate affects a dog's heart and nervous system. A few ounces is enough to kill a small sized dog. (Debated)

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first class.

During the chariot scene in 'Ben Hur' a small red car can be seen in the distance.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brother's first flight.

Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike annually than all of the Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined.

1 in every 4 Americans has appeared on television.

If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.

Most dust particles in your house are made from DEAD SKIN!

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.

Mosquito repellents don't repel. They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there. Also, the powder on the bark of a quaking aspen tree works as a mosquito repellent.

Dachshunds were originally bred in 1600 to hunt dachs, which is German for badgers. (Historically speaking, 1600 was a slow year.)

Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure



Fresh 1800 - (847) 605-1234
1800 E Golf Rd
0.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Elliott's Off Broadway Deli
1900 E Golf Rd Ste 116
0.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Olive Garden
1925 E Golf Rd
0.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

LongHorn Steakhouse
1901 E Golf Rd
0.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Joe's Crab Shack
2000 E Golf Rd
0.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Kuma's Corner
1570 E Golf Rd Wood Field Mall
0.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

The Cheesecake Factory
53 Woodfield Rd
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Garrett Popcorn Shops
5 Woodfield Mall, Woodfield Mall, Ground Floor
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Wildberry Pancakes and Cafe
1383 N Meacham Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Maggiano's Little Italy Schaumburg
Streets of woodfield
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Wetzel's Pretzels
5 Woodfield Mall
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Chill Bubble Tea
5 Woodfield Mall #F-319
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Texas de Brazil
5 Woodfield Mall D312
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Nestle Toll House Cafe
5 Woodfield Mall
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

A&W Restaurant
5 Woodfield Mall F118
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

IKEA Restaurant
1800 McConnor Pkwy
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Weber Grill Restaurant
1010 N Meacham Rd
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

California Pizza Kitchen
1550 E Golf Rd
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Seasons 52
1770 E Higgins Rd
0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cold Stone Creamery
5 Woodfield Drive
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Wildfire
1250 E Higgins Rd
1.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Subway
1478 E Golf Rd Plaza Drive & Meacham Road
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Arby's
1564 E Golf Rd
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Maggiano's Little Italy
1901 East Woodfield Rd.
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Panda Express
3 Woodfield Mall
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Level 257
2 Woodfield Mall Unit a
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Hooters
1705 E Golf Rd
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

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P.F. Chang's
Woodfield Mall 5 Woodfield Mall Space D313
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Jason's Deli
1530 McConnor Pkwy
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Soups, Delicatessen

Portillo's
611 E Golf Rd
1.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian, American, Fast Food

Rainforest Cafe
D121 Woodfield Mall
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American

Cafe Zupas
1422 E Golf Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Cafe, Soups, Fast Food

Surf City Squeeze
E117 Woodfield Mall
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Chevys Fresh Mex
1180 Plaza Dr
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Mexican, Southwestern

TGI Friday's
1695 E Golf Rd
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Westwood Tavern
1385 N Meacham Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Hooters - Schaumburg
1110 Perimeter Dr
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Egg Harbor Cafe
1310 American Ln Meacham Point
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Cafe

Argo Tea
5 Woodfield Mall
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Cafe, Healthy

Morton's the Steakhouse
1470 McConnor Pkwy
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Steakhouse

Great Steak
5 Woodfield Mall
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Steakhouse

Granite City Food and Brewery
801 N Plaza Dr
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Giordano's
930 N Meacham Rd
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian, Pizza

Moretti's Ristorante and Pizzeria
1893 Walden Office Sq
Cuisines: Italian, Pizza, American

Qdoba Mexican Grill
1408 E Golf Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Mexican, Fast Food

Shaw's Crab House
1900 East Higgins Road
1.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Seafood, Sushi

Sam & Harry's Steak House
1551 Thoreau Dr N Renaissance Schaumburg Convention
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Steakhouse

Stonewood Ale House
601 Mall Drive
0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Panera Bread
1140 N Plaza Dr
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Soups, Cafe, Fast Food

Noodles & Company
1400 N Meacham Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Japanese, Asian, Soups

Sarku Express
1408 E Golf Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Asian

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Corner Bakery Cafe
1901 E Woodfield Rd
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Cafe, Healthy, Soups

Pie Five Pizza Co.
1428 N Meacham Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Pizza, Fast Food

Five Guys
1424 N Meacham Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Fast Food

Big Bowl Schaumburg
1950 E Higgins Rd
0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Chinese, Asian, Thai

Grillhouse by David Burke
1301 American Lane
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Soups, Steakhouse

Buffalo Wild Wings
1430 N Meacham Rd
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Bar, Pub, American

Einstein Bros. Bagels
1422 N Meacham Rd
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Roti Modern Mediterranean
892 N Meacham Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Middle Eastern, Lebanese, Fast Food, Mediterranean, Greek

Jimmy John's
1420 N Meacham Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

The Beer Market
888 N Meacham Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pizza, Pub

Chicago Prime Italian
1370 Bank Dr
1.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian

The Clubhouse
1301 American Lane
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Starbucks
1018 N Meacham Road
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Meatheads
601 N Martingale Rd Streets of Woodfield Shopping Ctr
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Fast Food

Sakura Restaurant Woodfield
4011 Algonquin Rd
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Sushi, Japanese

Potbelly Sandwich Shop
880 N Meacham Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

La Charanga Mexican Restaurant
4003 Algonquin Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Mexican

Jamba Juice
601 N Martingale Rd Ste 310
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Benjyehuda
1022 N. Meacham
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Starbucks
601 N Martingale Rd Streets Of Woodfield
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Jersey Mikes
601 N Martingale Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Pizza

On the Border
870 N Meacham Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Mexican, Southwestern

Tokio Pub
1900 E Higgins Rd
1.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Asian, Japanese, Sushi, Pub

Stadium
4015 ALGONQUIN RD
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Finn McCool's
1941 E Algonquin Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American

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Gameworks

601 N Martingale Rd Ste 115

0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Gather Bar

1551 Thoreau Dr N Renaissance Convention Center Hotel

0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Bar, Pub, American

Gaylord Fine Indian Cuisine (847) 619-3300

555 Mall Dr

0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Indian

Wintergarden Cafe

1551 Thoreau Dr N Renaissance Convention Center Hotel

0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Taco Bell

650 Mall Dr

0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Mexican

Benihana

1200 E Higgins Rd

1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Japanese, Sushi, Asian

Mc Kenna's Restaurant

3405 Algonquin Rd

0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Punch Bowl Social

1100 American Ln

0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Gastropub

Red Lobster (847) 843-2743

800 E Golf Rd

1.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Seafood

Chef Ping (847) 843-2743

1755 Algonquin Rd

1.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Chinese, Asian

Egg'lectic

2905 Algonquin Rd

1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American

La Mirage

3223 Algonquin Rd

1.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Chicago Prime Steakhouse

1444 E Algonquin Rd

1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Steakhouse

Entre Bar & Grill

1725 E Algonquin Rd

0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Italian, Mexican, Chinese, American, Indian

Portillo's

1900 W Golf Rd

1.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Fast Food

Chick-fil-A

935 E Golf Rd between Plum Grove Rd & Commons Dr

1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Fast Food

Woo Lae Oak

3201 Algonquin Rd

1.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Asian, Korean

Big Chef

1602 E Algonquin Rd

1.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Bar, Pizza, Pub

Hong Kong Cafe

1608 E Algonquin Rd

1.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Chinese, Asian

Embassy Cafe

1933 N Meacham Rd Ste 130

1.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Delicatessen

Bahama Breeze

406 E Golf Rd

1.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Caribbean, Seafood, Bahamian, Jamaican

Culver's

1410 E Algonquin Rd

1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Fast Food, American

Tilted Kilt

1140 E Higgins Rd

1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Kouzina

795 E Golf Road

1.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Mediterranean, Greek

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Pompei
1261 E Higgins Rd
1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian

Fuddruckers
436 E Golf Rd
1.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Fast Food

Sake Sushi & Grill
697 E Golf Rd
1.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Sushi, Asian, Japanese

Minghin Cuisine
1440 Golf Rd Marketplace
1.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Chinese, Asian

Barnelli's Pasta Bowl
611 E Golf Rd
1.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian, Fast Food

Toscana
1859 W Central Rd
1.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian

La Michoacana Paletteria
2219 W Algonquin Rd
1.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

La Quiringua
#27 of 58 Restaurants in Rolling Meadows
1.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Mexican

There are many more restaurants within proximity of the playing site. The Schaumburg area is well respected for its great choice of ethnic cuisines and first class steakhouses.

When unsure, we recommend any of the Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants. They offer a big variety of fare and tend to be reasonably priced.

Bon Appétit!



Kibitzer Activities



White squares indicate AWAY games for both Sox & Cubs

MAY Go Sox!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 BAL 7:10 NBCSCH	2 BOS 7:10 WGN	3 BOS 7:10 NBCSCH	4 BOS 6:10 NBCSCH
5 BOS 1:10 NBCSCH	6 CLE 5:10 NBCSCH	7 CLE 5:10 NBCSCH	8 CLE 5:10 NBCSCH	9 CLE 12:10 WGN	10 TOR 6:07 WGN	11 TOR 2:07 NBCSCH
12 TOR 12:07 WGN	13 CLE 7:10 NBCSCH	14 CLE 1:10 WGN	15	16 TOR 7:10 NBCSCH+	17 TOR 7:10 NBCSCH	18 TOR 1:10 NBCSCH
19 TOR 1:10 WGN	20 HOU 7:10 NBCSCH+	21 HOU 7:10 NBCSCH	22 HOU 7:10 WGN	23 HOU 7:10 NBCSCH	24 MIN 7:10 WGN	25 MIN 1:10 NBCSCH
26 MIN 1:10 NBCSCH	27 KC 1:10 NBCSCH	28 KC 7:10 NBCSCH	29 KC 7:10 WGN	30 CLE 7:10 NBCSCH	31 CLE 7:10 WGN	

For ticket information, go to Chicago.WhiteSox.mlb.com.

And then there's the Cubs

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 SEA 5:40 WGN	2	3 STL 1:20 NBCSCH	4 STL 3:05 WGN
5 STL 6:05 ESPN	6 MIA 7:05 NBCSCH+	7 MIA 7:05 NBCSCH+	8 MIA 7:05 WGN	9 MIA 1:20 NBCSCH	10 MIL 1:20 NBCSCH	11 MIL 1:20 ABC7
12 MIL 6:05 ESPN Mother's Day	13	14 CIN 5:40 NBCSCH	15 CIN 5:40 WGN	16 CIN 5:40 NBCSCH	17 WSH 6:05 WGN	18 WSH 6:15 FOX
19 WSH 6:05 ESPN	20 PHI 7:05 NBCSCH	21 PHI 6:05 WGN	22 PHI 7:05 NBCSCH	23 PHI 1:20 ABC7	24 CIN 1:20 NBCSCH	25 CIN 1:20 ABC7
26 CIN 1:20 WGN	27 HOU 1:10 WGN Memorial Day	28 HOU 7:10 ABC7	29 HOU 7:10 NBCSCH	30	31 STL 7:15 NBCSCH	

For ticket information, go to Chicago.Cubs.mlb.com.

Shopping Alternatives:



Woodfield Mall is a shopping mall located in Schaumburg at the intersection of Golf Road and Interstate 290. It is large... has a huge selection of stores... restaurants... movie theaters. It is a great place to take a break, get some exercise walking indoors, or stop for a meal or a snack. If you are sitting out for an entire session, you can even go see a movie.

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Not far from the playing site, **Long Grove** is a special little village that retains all the character of its original farming community roots, with historic buildings, cobblestone walks and flowering gardens, set in a secluded rural atmosphere. And now, added to all the traditional favorites, Long Grove has an exciting new mix of attractions, offering contemporary goods and style, cool arts and entertainment, and festive spaces to fulfill the wishes of a whole new generation. For everyday shopping and dining, this is an easy “must-see” trip.

Long Grove is known for its eclectic and artsy shops and eateries and its old-fashioned country setting.

Nestled in historic homes and buildings that date back to the community’s roots in the 1800’s, Long Grove’s many shops specialize in unique gifts, boutiques, exceptional art and home decor, and distinctive menus. Visitors can stroll the cobblestone walks that wind through the historic downtown and enjoy seasonal lush gardens and scenic views. And they can make it a quick trip or a day’s outing, shopping and indulging their tastes with a variety of food and bakery products, cafés, and fine eating establishments.

Long Grove Historic Village is located just 35 miles northwest of Chicago, near Routes 53 and 83 north of Lake Cook Road. This little crossroads was settled in the early 1800’s by German farmers who came to town to buy their supplies and have their horses shod. The original homes and businesses now bear plaques recognizing their importance to Long Grove’s history. The signature covered bridge and the village landmarks in the historic district have all been carefully guarded as the town evolved into a unique and charming destination for visitors. Additional Long Grove merchants and fine restaurants can be found outside of the historic district on Routes 83, 53, and 22.

Long Grove is also known for its fun. Their full schedule of festivals and concerts are among Chicagoland’s premier outdoor events. Chocolate Fest in early May, Strawberry Festival in June and Apple Fest in October draw appreciative crowds, as do many other outdoor music and ethnic feasts and events throughout the year. Activities continue right through the holidays with music, winter activities and world-class shopping.



Area Golf Courses

Schaumburg Golf Club -Original Nine
Public - 9 holes
401 N Roselle Rd - Schaumburg
Distance: 1.24 miles

Schaumburg Golf Club -White & Blue (Tournament)
Public - 18 holes
401 N Roselle Rd - Schaumburg
Distance: 1.24 miles

Highland Woods Golf Course
Public - 18 holes
2775 N Ela Rd - Hoffman Estates
Distance: 1.31 miles

Hilldale Golf Club
Public - 18 holes
1655 Ardwick Dr - Hoffman Estates
Distance: 1.50 miles

Walnut Greens Golf Course
Public - 9 holes
1150 N Walnut Ln - Schaumburg
Distance: 1.64 miles

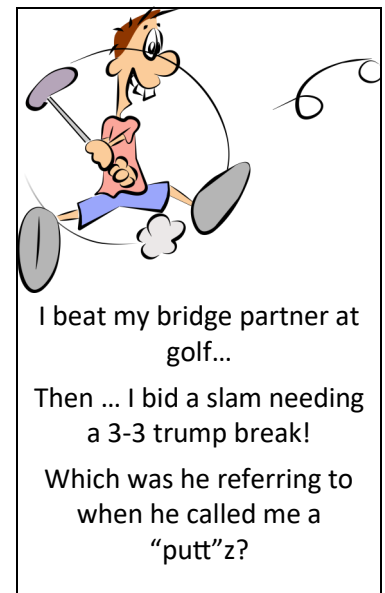
Poplar Creek Country Club
Public - 18 holes
1400 Poplar Creek Dr - Hoffman Estates
Distance: 2.20 miles

Fox Run Golf Links
Public - 18 holes
333 Plum Grove Rd - Elk Grove Village
Distance: 2.68 miles

Palatine Hills Golf Course
Public - 18 holes
512 W Nw Hwy - Palatine
Distance: 4.31 miles

Arlington Lakes Golf Club
Public - 18 holes
1211 S New Wilkes Rd - Arlington Heights
Distance: 4.74 miles

Twin Lakes Golf Course
Public - 9 holes
1200 E Twin Lakes Dr - Palatine
Distance: 5.46 miles



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

Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 16:

Movie Title	Release Date	Day of the Week	Friend's Name
"Victorious"	January 2nd	Tuesday	Lester
"The Affair"	January 16th	Monday	Nathan
"Just Before Dawn"	January 9th	Friday	George
"Heavenly Stars"	January 30th	Wednesday	Brad
"At Midnight"	January 23rd	Thursday	Tim

Sudoku Solutions on Page 18

Puzzle Page ...

	January 2nd	January 9th	January 16th	January 23rd	January 30th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Brad	George	Lester	Nathan	Tim
"At Midnight"															
"Heavenly Stars"															
"Just Before Dawn"															
"The Affair"															
"Victorious"															
Brad															
George															
Lester															
Nathan															
Tim															
Monday															
Tuesday															
Wednesday															
Thursday															
Friday															

Elliot was pleased to note that there were a number of new movies releasing this month that he really wanted to see. Since he hated going to the movies alone, he checked with his friends and several expressed an interest in joining him. Although each of his friends wanted to see just one of the movies on his list, they'd conveniently all picked different movies so he had all of his selections covered. They went to see the movies in the evening the week after the movie released. The day of the week varied however depending upon the schedules of the friend joining him. Determine the title and release date of each movie that Elliot went to see (one release date was January 23rd), the day of the week that they went to see each movie, and the name of the friend who went with Elliot each week.

- "Heavenly Stars" released on January 30th but Elliot didn't see it on a Thursday night. Nathan went with Elliot on a Monday night but they didn't see "Victorious".
- George didn't join Elliot on a Wednesday night. Elliot saw the movie that released on January 9th on a Friday night but not with Tim.
- "The Affair" came out a week after the movie that Elliot saw with George but a week before the movie that Elliot saw on a Thursday night.
- Elliot did not see the movie that released on January 16th on a Tuesday night.
- Elliot saw "At Midnight" before he went with Brad but two weeks after "Just Before Dawn".
- Lester went to see the movie that released on January 2nd but not on a Wednesday night.

Movie Title	Release Date	Day of the Week	Friend's Name
"At Midnight"			
"Heavenly Stars"			
"Just Before Dawn"			
"The Affair"			
"Victorious"			

-----	January 2nd	Monday	Brad
-----	January 9th	Tuesday	George
-----	January 16th	Wednesday	Lester
-----	January 23rd	Thursday	Nathan
-----	January 30th	Friday	Tim

Cheerio Yanks:

With nearly a triple fortnight looming, you will have more of Limey Jack than you deserve, and more of Howie Dung than you can stomach. The Open Trials is first up and has 18 teams, but only 16 joust in the Round Robin. Of those, three of them will be quite narky to not qualify.

Head straight off to your favourite punter so you have a chance to make quite a few bob with Limey Jack as your guide touristique through the next full moon and beyond.

Limey Jack will give you the top three finishers as well as the last three who pull up a furlong short. Howie Dung, who has been nattering on since the 60's, is still a newb when it comes to prognosticating. But he is not batting on a full wicket.

Onward:

Fleisher and Rosenthal have byes so we will dispense with them for now.

Wolfson will survive quite handily and may even lead the proceedings. Zia is the headliner.

Kranyak, while unencumbered by a client, has broken Limey Jack's first rule and is 4 handed.

Kriegel. While Diamond and Platnick would do well with a wiener dog, Smith's erraticity and Kriegel's inexperience will make this a bloody mess.

Rajadhyaksha is a strange grouping but all fine players. Despite being four handed, it is not a clanger that they will continue.

Hill sponsors but does not play leaving this volatile group of four lads to run amok with some of the door furniture which is laying about.

Mahaffey has three players you would want as knights, yet three others who are beknighted. This team is the one the punters will be chuffed about. Howie Dung will mindlessly include them in the survivors.

Robinson plays with the strangest number of all; five handed. Notorious for their early exits, they manage to hang on for now.

Donn's flag flies atop the castle on the morrow.

Morris stays the course, but they are far more suited for the seniors.

Lo is five handed and will be put paid to for that eventually.

Watson would need Holmes at his best to survive. Alas, the good Doctor retires.

Donner gets blitzed

Grossack performs well enough for now even if it is a team of fledglings.

Dinkin surprises Howie Dung by qualifying in the top half of the field.

Reynolds holds their water for now.

Warner is theoretically the weakest team in the field, but manages to stay the course.

Teams that fail are Donner, Watson, and yes, Mahaffey.

Leaders after the first chucker are Zia, Hill, Donn

Limey Jack gets little sleep during these events due to the time lag, yet is crisp as a freshly laundered top sheet day after day while Howie Dung starts knackered and gets worse. Cheers, LJ

Limey Jack

Here once again! Oh what a joy!
A month at the Hyatt in mid-Illinois!

Slimy and I are making our picks,
In the Open and Seniors and Women's and Mixed.

He has no clue. He simply makes guesses.
The same way he gages his two-way finesses.

I hear the auction... aim for perfection...
Take my finesses in odds-on direction.

A two day Round Robin and when it's complete,
Only three teams will suffer defeat.

Some use the Open to practice for more.
They play the event not expecting to score.

Team Reynolds with Pelka, with Kerr and with Hall...
Signed on with the Kents, expecting to fall...

They signed up for the Seniors, a team of four guys,
Their chances are better; they're Strategy Wise.

Howie Doing...

The Kents hedged their bets in the Mixed so it seems,
More realistic with far fewer teams.

Donner and Sobel and Meltzer and Nik,
Will exit the Open and exit it quick.

Donner and Sobel have Mixed in their view.
With Gabay and the Grossacks, a well-oiled crew!

The third team to fall is Grossack I think.
Dhir is a Junior and who is Bussink?

Here in the Open, when Round Robin's done,
Two Grossacks would surely be better than one!

On Donner, On Grossack, On Reynolds, Good Night!
To everyone else, good luck in the fight!

I'm Howie Doing ... won't play a wrong card
I'm watching the action as resident Bard!

See you in two once my three picks yield
Planning to play in an easier field!

Pun-ishment!

What do you call a deeply religious cow that just performed a miracle?
HOLY COW!!!!

I took up fencing. The police insist I have to give it back.

If you're holding a bee, what is in your eye?
Beauty, everybody knows beauty is in the eye of the bee-holder.

I'm thinking of expanding into glass coffins. Will the business take off? Remains to be seen.

Why did the airplane disappear from the airport? It had a terminal illness.

Our office defibrillator didn't work. Nobody was shocked.

What is a vampire's favorite fruit? A necktarine.

Some bastard hit me in the street yesterday and ran off with my limbo stick.
I mean really, how low can you go?

Don't get me wrong, I like humor and jokes like everybody else. But when it comes to air conditioning
jokes – just not a fan

What does a blanket say when it falls off the bed? Oh sheet!

Why does a room crowded with happy couples seem so empty? There's literally not a single person in
there.

I don't understand why the young people today fail to see the dangers of communism. I mean come on,
there are so many red flags!

Some guy in the street stopped me to give me a flier on anger management. I admit I lost it.

I come from a family of failed magicians. I have two half-sisters.

What is the filthiest country in the world? GERMany!

How can you kill a whole circus? You've got to go for the juggler.

Question: A plane crashed down with 200 people on board. Every single person died, yet there were a
100 survivors. How is that possible? Answer: All the married ones lived.

I never got why they ask you if you want a table when you get to a restaurant. No, I don't want a table, I
want some food, man!

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

**Sudoku
Solutions
from page 15**

Afternoon Play: Zia Strikes Gold!

1

Gold
 ♠ 842
 ♥ AKQ8
 ♦ 875
 ♣ AK4

Vroustis
 ♠ 965
 ♥ J97654
 ♦ A6
 ♣ 53

Delimpalta
 ♠ AJ107
 ♥ 102
 ♦ J109
 ♣ J1062

ZIA
 ♠ KQ3
 ♥ 3
 ♦ KQ432
 ♣ Q987

NS: 0
EW: 0

Vroustis	Gold	Delimpal	ZIA
	1NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

David Gold opened a 15-17 NT and Zia bid 3H showing heart shortness. Gold had no problem with that since he held the AKQ8. He bid 3NT and played it there.

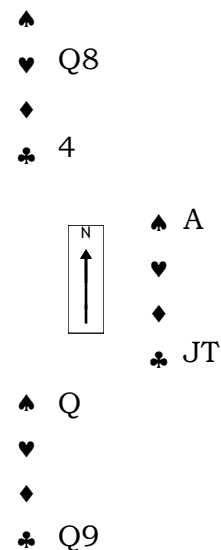
Delimpalta led the DJ. Gold covered with the queen and Vroustis won his ace.

Vroustis shifted to the H9 and Gold won the king. Gold led the D8. Delimpalta covered with the nine and Gold ducked in dummy. Delimpalta continued the attack on diamonds, Gold winning with Zia's king.

The C7 was led to the king and the S4 was ducked to the SK. The D3 and D4 were cashed, declarer shedding two spades and Delimpalta shedding his major suit tens.

A club was played to the ace and HA was cashed, Delimpalta discarding the SJ and dummy the S3.

The position:



The defense was done!

Gold led his HQ and Delimpalita had to part with his SA or a club from the JT!

Obviously Delimpalita could have won his spade ace and none of this would have ensued. It was the case of the disappearing ace!

Gold executed the squeeze... albeit for an overtrick in IMPs, but still great to watch. 1 IMP to Zia/Gold

Well done!



Eldad Ginossar of the Rosenthal team is not only an accomplished player, but also a recent bridge author. His book, *Power Up Your Game*, has been well-received among the Chicago bridge contingent, both experienced and inexperienced. The book's "Conclusion" is excerpted below. It alone made me want to read the text!

Conclusion

I am writing this conclusion while on vacation in Tel Aviv, Israel. Yesterday I played a 3-person ball game with my two nieces, 5 and 8 years old. The game's main principle was 2 against 1. Naturally, my nieces teamed up against me and instantly lost. However, after a game or two, they started strategizing. Before each new game, they had a brief (and discreet) conversation. They would go over codes that they invented, thereby improving their partnership strategy against me. And what do you know? They started winning.

*Much like this ball game with my nieces, **bridge is a partnership game**. You win together, lose together, and improve together. Try to spend time with your partner talking about bridge. For instance, discuss the concepts in this book. Many of the lessons contain conventions and tactics which require partnership agreements. To be effective, both players must be on the same wavelength. Discuss bridge concepts with your partner whenever possible!*

Always remember that playing too many conventions can damage your partnership results. The mutual decision to play a new convention should not be taken lightly. As a solidly tested bidding or defense convention improves your game, it is just as true that a partnership that plays too many conventions or plays conventions that are quite complicated may lose more than it gains. If you feel that you are not ready for a new convention, let your partner know. Do not force yourself or your partner to start any new convention unless you both feel ready. Communicate with your partner!

In all levels of the game, the key to success is a strong partnership. Two people working together, cooperating with a similar purpose of winning, playing good bridge or just having fun makes this game we love so wonderful.

Aspire to be part of a wonderful bridge partnership,

Gino

From Wikipedia:

Eldad Ginossar (born 14 June 1981) is a professional bridge player from Israel, now living in Chicago with his wife, a professor at the University of Chicago.

Ginossar won the European Open Teams Championship in Antalya, Turkey in June 2007 with his partner Ron Pachtman, and with the French father-son combination of Michel and Thomas Bessis as teammates.

Ginossar won both the Israeli Open Pairs Championship and the Israeli IMP pairs championship in 2007, completing an unprecedented series of victories in a single year. His greatest achievement in world championship play is a 3rd-place finish in the Rosenblum Cup in 2006. He is hoping to improve on that here!

Meet the Players

Meet the Players is a regular feature in the USBC Daily Bulletins. Each day we will focus on one of two of the players in the Championship.

The USBF Does More Than Run The USBC

Board 17

W rhallerman

♠ AQJ10
♥ 93
♦ AKJ5
♣ J86

Junior Training In Action

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6NT			

E cynthuang

♠ K752
♥ KJ8
♦ 97
♣ AKQ7

6♠ East NS 0 EW 0

The USBF has an ongoing Junior Training program, run by Michael Rosenberg, with prominent mentors working with young players who aspire to reach great heights, including representing the USA in Junior competition. The mentors and mentees meet regularly on either Sunday nights or Monday nights, playing against one another and discussing the hands on BBO.

Many of the youth have become excellent players after only a few years in the program. Most continue to play after aging out of their groups and some have become really good.

Often a hand shows up that would be of interest not only to the teacher and student but also to others.

Such was the case on Sunday, April 28, in Stan Subeck's group with Raphael Hallerman and Cynthia Huang sitting East/West, and Ellie Fashingbauer sitting North partnering Stan who filled in for a late attendee. Stan made a deceptive play to see how well his students concentrated on the action.

The play and the players:

Raphael and Cynthia reached 6S after a thoughtful auction.

FYI: Both are members of the University of Chicago Collegiate team competing in Las Vegas this summer as part of the ACBL Collegiate Championships. They are also representing ACBL District 13 in the upcoming Flight C Grand National Teams competition, also in Vegas this summer.

The auction:

1NT was 15-17; 2C was Stayman; 3H established spades as trump and started a slam try sequence. After 3NT by East, 4D and 4H were cuebids. 4NT was Roman Keycard Blackwood and 5H showed two keycards without the trump queen. West bid 6S.

The play:

South led the S3 and North followed with the four. How should declarer play?

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The most obvious choice appears to be playing to take six spade tricks by trumping two diamonds in hand. The plan would be to trump the third diamond low, cross to dummy in trumps and ruff the fourth diamond with the king. The jack of clubs will provide the dummy entry needed to finish drawing trumps.

Declarer can play two high diamonds on which North plays the three and four. **South follows with the eight and the ten!** If South started with a doubleton diamond, declarer cannot afford to trump low on the third round of diamonds. Declarer plays a third diamond and North follows with the six. Someone has concealed the seemingly meaningless D2. If North started with the 6432 of diamonds, South has QT8 and declarer can trump with the spade king. The DJ will be the twelfth trick. If declarer trumps high and the DQ doesn't fall, declarer can finish drawing trumps and rely on a heart guess for the twelfth trick.

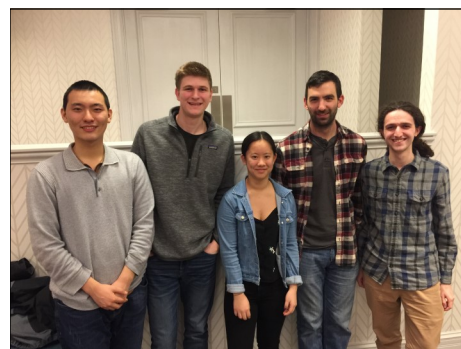
The full hand follows:

Board 17		N fash1000		West	North	East	South
		♠ 984			Pass	1NT	Pass
		♥ 1076		2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
		♦ Q643		3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
		♣ 1093		4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
				4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
				5NT			
W rhallerman				E cynthuang			
♠ AQJ10				♠ K752			
♥ 93				♥ KJ8			
♦ AKJ5				♦ 97			
♣ J86				♣ AKQ7			
		S p531745					
		♠ 63					
		♥ AQ542					
		♦ 1082					
		♣ 542					
				6♠ East		NS 0 EW 0	

At the table, Cynthia passed Stan's test with flying colors. It didn't help her make her contract, but it was gratifying to note that she paid attention to the fall of the spot cards and dutifully ruffed the D5 HIGH! From the standpoint of the result, the operation was a failure, but it was gratifying to note that the students are watching the spots and considering the best lines of play.

At the level of the USBC, you could see plays like this often. The lesson for the students was "things are not always as they seem." Consider whether or not to credit your opponent with careful tactics and play accordingly. Either play could have been right on the hand, remember that just like you, as declarer falsecard to mess with the minds of your opponents, your opponents will do the same to you!

Thanks to Michael and the mentors for the great job they do.



L to R:
D13 GNT C Team
Boris Fang, Mitchell Booth, **Cynthia Huang**, Steven Strong, **Raphael Hallerman**

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, 5/12

Wednesday, 5/15

Thursday, 5/16

Monday, 5/20

Thursday, 5/23 (that's Mixed of course)

Monday, 5/27

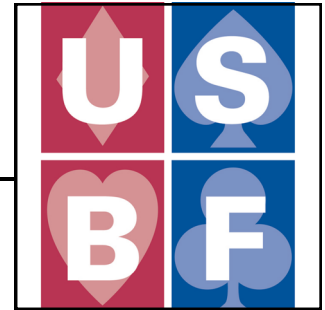
Thursday, 5/30 (between Mixed & Seniors)

Monday, 6/3

Thursday, 6/6



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We hope you will join us.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

A gossip is someone with a sense of rumor.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

Alarms: What an octopus is.

Propaganda: A gentlemanly goose.

Toboggan: Why we go to an auction.

He drove his expensive car into a tree and found out how the Mercedes bends.

Some people's noses and feet are built backwards: their feet smell and their noses run.

Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink.

A hungry traveler stops at a monastery and is taken to the kitchens. A brother is frying chips. 'Are you the friar?' he asks. 'No. I'm the chip monk,' he replies.

When William joined the army he disliked the phrase 'fire at will'.

Two peanuts were walking in a tough neighborhood and one of them was a-salted.

Organ donors put their heart into it.

What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing - but it let out a little wine.

My desire to be a dermatologist was only skin deep. I knew I was destined for osteology. I could feel it in my bones.

It's better to love a short girl than not a tall.

Stealing someone's coffee is called 'mugging'.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway).

Old doctors never die they just lose their patience.

In democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism it's your count that votes.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

There was once a cross-eyed teacher who couldn't control his pupils.

Although Nobelists tend to have dynamite personalities, Niels was a Bohr, and Linus was a Pauling.