

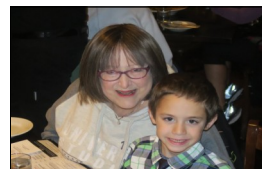
“Trials” and Tribulations

Everyone loves Zia! He puts color into the game. And with his reputation for flair, kibitzing Zia is never dull. He has great instincts... but even when he's at his best, he isn't perfect! All that said, he is and will always be lucky! Zia had a large enough lead coming into Board 30 that he could afford to put on a show for the kibitzers and hope it worked!

Zia opened a weak 2S showing 8-11 HCP. He has only 5 but he knows as well as anyone that voids are valuable. Meckstroth bid 2NT asking. Zia revealed a 6/5 in spades/hearts. Jeff hoped that Zia held second round diamond control... that if he held two diamonds, one was the king (the extra 3 points Zia promised??)

The opening lead was a club. Zia won the ace. He drew trump in three rounds and led a spade to the queen, losing to the singleton king! In the old days, a younger Zia might have led the SJ out of his hand and when Lefty didn't cover, rise and fell the stiff king, come back to his hand and finesse the ten!!! The plays that made our Zia famous! At the other table, Nickell/Katz stopped in 4H. 11 IMPs to Nickell

Ed. Note: With delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to watch every hand for write ups. If anyone has a hand of particular interest, please send me the board number & match and I will review it. Email to stansubeck@prodigy.net. Thank you.
Suzi



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Tribute to Naren Gupta
on pages 18-20

Mixed Teams Entered

Cappelletti	Allison Cappelletti, Capt Joanne Weingold Raluca Dobrescu	Mike Cappelletti Gary Cohler Radu Nistor
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Ron Smith Tracey Bauer	Olivia Schireson Yoko Sobel Billy Cohen
Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Sheila Gabay Irina Kislitsyna	Uday Ivatury Allan Graves Lapt Chan
Kaplan	Adam Kaplan, Capt Finn Kolesnik	Dana Berkowitz Emma Kolesnik
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Linda Lewis	Janice Molson Disa Eythorsdottir Daniel Korbel
Millens	Shan Huang, Capt Kevin Dwyer Jenny Wolpert	Joan Millens Sandra Rimstedt
Parker	Chris Parker, Capt Anam Tebha Giorgia Botta	Stewart Rubenstein Adam Grossack Zach Grossack
Pollack	Bill Pollack, Capt Cheri Bjerkan Dave Caprera	Rozanne Pollack Larry Robbins Anne Brenner
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Michael Rosenberg	Migry Campanile Amber Lin Debbie Rosenberg
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Yiji Brennan May Sakr	Kitty Cooper Doug Doub Jacek Pszczola



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.

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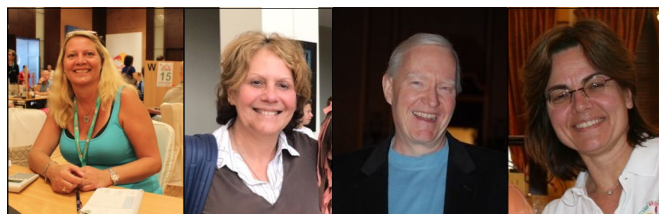
Senior Teams Entered

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Jeff Aker Dennis Clerkin	Fred Stewart Doug Simson Jerry Clerkin
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Ken Kranyak Mark Aquino	Bob Bitterman Phil Becker Jon Green
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Drew Casen Venkatrao Koneru	Mike Passell Jim Krekorian Pratap Rajadhyaksha
Hamman	Bob Hamman Neil Chambers Mitch Dunitz, Capt	Peter Weichsel John Schermer Ross Gabel
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Bart Bramley Eddie Wold	Reese Milner Kit Woolsey Marc Jacobus
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Doug Doub	Linda Lewis Neil Silverman Adam Wildavsky
Lusky	John Lusky, Capt Jim Foster Jeff Roman	Allan Falk Mark Jones Robbie Hopkins
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall George Jacobs	Lance Kerr Joe Viola Craig Gardner
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Larry Cohen	Steve Garner Michael Rosenberg Bobby Levin



Women's Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Kerri Sanborn Janice Molson [alternate] Sandra Rimstedt	Karen McCallum Jill Meyers Disa Eythorsdottir
Cappelletti	Allison Cappelletti, Capt Gigi Simpson	Joanne Weingold Kristen Onsgard
Cole	Margie Cole, Capt	Giorgia Botta
Wittes	Pam Wittes, Capt Cheri Bjerkan Lisa Berkowitz	Ljudmila Kamenova Rozanne Pollack Connie Goldberg



USBF 10 Board VP Scale

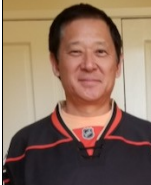
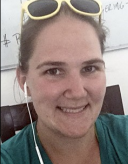
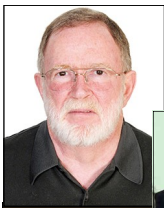
Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

10 Boards (Blitz is 48 IMPs)

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10.00	10.00	17	15.29	4.71	34	18.44	1.56
1	10.39	9.61	18	15.52	4.48	35	18.58	1.42
2	10.77	9.23	19	15.75	4.25	36	18.71	1.29
3	11.14	8.86	20	15.97	4.03	37	18.84	1.16
4	11.50	8.50	21	16.18	3.82	38	18.97	1.03
5	11.85	8.15	22	16.39	3.61	39	19.10	0.90
6	12.18	7.82	23	16.59	3.41	40	19.22	0.78
7	12.51	7.49	24	16.78	3.22	41	19.33	0.67
8	12.83	7.17	25	16.97	3.03	42	19.44	0.56
9	13.14	6.86	26	17.16	2.84	43	19.55	0.45
10	13.43	6.57	27	17.34	2.66	44	19.66	0.34
11	13.72	6.28	28	17.51	2.49	45	19.76	0.24
12	14.00	6.00	29	17.68	2.32	46	19.86	0.14
13	14.28	5.72	30	17.84	2.16	47	19.96	0.04
14	14.54	5.46	31	18.00	2.00	48	20.00	0.00
15	14.80	5.20	32	18.15	1.85			
16	15.05	4.95	33	18.30	1.70			

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
WEDNESDAY	MAY 10	11:00 - 12:30 12:50 - 2:20 3:40 - 4:50 5:10 - 6:25	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-10 MATCH 2 - BOARDS 11-20 75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 3 - BOARDS 21-30 MATCH 4 - BOARDS 31-40
THURSDAY	MAY 11	10:00 - 11:15 11:35 - 12:50 1:05 - 2:20 3:40 - 4:55 5:15 - 6:30	MATCH 5 - BOARDS 41-50 MATCH 6 - BOARDS 51-60 MATCH 7 - BOARDS 61-70 75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 8 - BOARDS 71-80 MATCH 9 - BOARDS 81-90
USA1 SEMIFINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
FRIDAY	MAY 12	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY	MAY 13	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA1 FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 14	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
MONDAY	MAY 15	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMIFINAL			
MONDAY	MAY 15	3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	USA1 SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 USA2 SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 USA1 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60 USA2 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 SEMI FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 75 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
USA2 FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60

**For Use in RR
Day 1 and Day 2**



Senior Team Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN (EACH TEAM SITS OUT ONE MATCH)			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
FRIDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 11:30	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-10
		11:45 - 1:15	MATCH 2 - BOARDS 11-20 75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		2:30 - 3:45	MATCH 3 - BOARDS 21-30
		4:00 - 5:15	MATCH 4 - BOARDS 31-40
SATURDAY	MAY 20	10:00 - 11:15	MATCH 5 - BOARDS 41-50
		11:30 - 12:45	MATCH 6 - BOARDS 51-60 75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		2:00 - 3:15	MATCH 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		3:30 - 4:45	MATCH 8 - BOARDS 71-80
		5:00 - 6:15	MATCH 9 - BOARDS 81-90
USA1 SEMIFINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
SUNDAY	MAY 21	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
MONDAY	MAY 22	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA1 FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 23	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMIFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	3:30 - 5:30	USA1 SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	USA2 SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 USA1 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60 USA2 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 SEMI FINAL			
THURSDAY	MAY 25	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
USA2 FINAL			
FRIDAY	MAY 26	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY	MAY 27	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60



Beth Palmer Women's Schedule

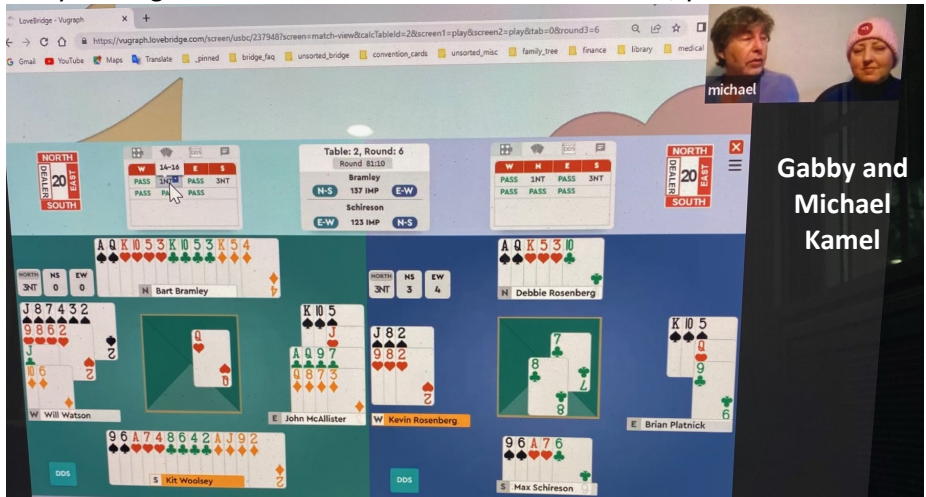
USA1 SEMIFINAL			
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		3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SUNDAY	MAY 21	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMIFINAL			
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TUESDAY	MAY 23	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA2 FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY	MAY 25	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60

Kibitzing: THERE WILL BE DEFERRED KIBITZING FOR ALL OF THE 2023 USBCs ON LOVEBRIDGE

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. When available, voice commentary may be accessed by clicking on the TV screen icon. If there is no sound, you must unmute.

What you see
Is what you get!
And with the “voice”
It’s better yet!

Thanks Kamels!!



- Segment 1: 11:30 am
- Segment 2: 1:45 pm
- BREAK
- Segment 3: 5:00 pm
- Segment 4: 7:15 pm

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 to the scoresheet, 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 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, the same buttons move you through the list. Push every button and enjoy!



I watch the experts
Till they’re through.
I try to guess
What they will do!



Kibitzing...



VACCINATION REQUIRED:

All players in the 2023 USBC's MUST be vaccinated against CoVid19.

Players must submit proof of vaccination to the USBF Secretary (Jan Martel) before play commences in the event.

2023 USBCs Hospitality

Although the Covid situation has improved, it is still out there. To keep our players and staff safe, we want to keep the number of people in the suite to a minimum at any one time. Our wonderful hostesses, Maya Alela and Marie-France Benoit will host you in our usual suite (Room 2321). Grab and go breakfast and lunch each day, except that on the first Monday and Tuesday, when lunch will be available in the Copper, Sage, and Maize meeting rooms off the corridor running from the hotel's front door to the back door.

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, with some hot options. There will be individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. Maya & Marie-France 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. We ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that container to take with you. Then, as quickly as you can, 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 selecting your food.

Lunch will be available in the hospitality suite from 3-4 (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, salads, pizza) as well as 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



Marie-France



More on Hospitality and Regulations...

Let us know what you want: If you have specific needs or prohibitions (allergies?), please let Maya or Marie-France know and they will do their very best to provide food that meets your needs.

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. We are working in that room and would appreciate it if you try to keep voices low.

Masks will be required in playing rooms only if your screenmate asks you to wear one. You do not have to put on a mask when you summon a director or ask someone to bring you coffee or water or escort you outside to smoke.

Hard Sudoku

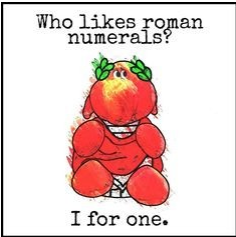
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	5			2				7

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku Solutions on Page 14



I had a happy childhood. My dad would put me inside a tyre and then roll me down a hill. They were goodyears...

Boy: Dad, can you tell me what a solar eclipse is like?
Dad: No sun.



I fell asleep last night while reading old magazines.
I woke up this morning with back issues

Puzzle Page ...

SCUBA Diving

Find and circle all of the SCUBA Diving words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the meaning of the letters of SCUBA.

S E R M O U T H P I E C E L F V A L V E E W C E
O L E V E L A E S B N N U T R M A U I C R O B R
G E B D E N N N O E E E N R U O W N Y O U T O E
A K R I N O I R O G D O B A R E S G D R S R O H
S R E V E I T T Y X I I R U I E T S D A S E T P
C O A E R S D X R S I T R G D U N I E L E D I S
Y N T F P S O N S O O A H T E D V T D R R N E O
L S H L O E G E D R X T E G S E Y T R E P U S M
I S E A E R R N A D B G U R M T H S N E R M K T
N T R G N P S B I E R A A A E E N E Y F I S O A
D H W N M M X W L V G A R S B G G A A S A R T C
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O A I N A R C O S I S A I M R E H T O P Y H N A
L W C C A R D N U G R A E P S H O A L C A R A U
I E O E N A R B M E M Y T I C I X O T A S N T A
S E N T B U O Y A N C Y U U N D E R S U I T I S
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AIR PRESSURE	CURRENT	HYPOTHERMIA	RECOMPRESSION	TIDE
ALTITUDE DIVING	DECOMPRESSION	LEEWARD	REGULATOR	TOXICITY
ANOXIA	DEPTH GAUGE	LUNGS	SCOOTER	TRIMIX
ATMOSPHERE	DIVE COMPUTER	MASK	SEA LEVEL	UNDERSEA
BAROTRAUMA	DIVE FLAG	MEMBRANE	SHEARS	UNDERSUIT
BOOTIES	DIVE MARSHAL	MOUTHPIECE	SHOAL	UNDERTOW
BOUNCE DIVE	DRYSUIT	NARCOSIS	SILICONE	VALVE
BUBBLES	EDDY	NEOPRENE	SNORKEL	VISION
BUDDY SYSTEM	EMBOLISM	NITROGEN	SPEAR GUN	VOLUME
BUOYANCY	GAS CYLINDER	NITROX	STROBE	WATER
C CARD	GAS MIXTURE	OCEAN	SWIM FINS	WEIGHT BELT
COMPASS	GIANT STRIDE	OXYGEN	SWIMMING	WEIGHTS
COMPRESSOR	HELIOX	PANIC	TANK	WETSUIT
CORAL REEF	HOSE	REBREATH	THE BENDS	WINDWARD

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August 28 – September 2

- ♣ WBF titles, medals and Masterpoints
- ♣ 2 Days of Swiss Qualifying followed by 3 (4 if reaching the Final) days of KO
- ♣ A "stand-alone" championship, including non-qualifiers from the Bermuda Bowl (BB), Venice Cup (VC), D'Orsi Trophy (DOT) and Wuhan Cup (WC)
- ♣ Players eliminated on day 2 or 3 can enter the Marrakech GP Transnational BAM Teams free of charge

MARRAKECH GRAND PRIX TRANSNATIONAL BAM TEAMS

August 30 – September 1

- ♣ WBF titles, medals and Masterpoints
- ♣ 2 Days of Qualifying followed by Finals A and B (everyone plays for 3 days)
- ♣ A "stand-alone" championship, including players eliminated in the Quarterfinals of the Bermuda Bowl (BB), Venice Cup (VC), D'Orsi Trophy (DOT) and Wuhan Cup (WC)

ENTRY FEES - BOTH EVENTS TOGETHER

♣ Players from the BB, VC, DOT and WC	Free
♣ New players (per player)	350 €
♣ Moroccan BF members (per player)	250 €
♣ Youth players - U26 (per player)	175 €

ENTRY FEES - BAM ONLY

♣ Players from the BB, VC, DOT and WC	Free
♣ New players (per player)	250 €
♣ Moroccan BF members (per player)	150 €
♣ Youth players - U26 (per player)	100 €

The total Entry Fee for a Team is the sum of the 4 highest paying players, i.e. a maximum of € 1,400 respectively € 1,000.



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World Bridge News...

The **Bermuda Bowl**, **Venice Cup**, **d'Orsi Senior Bowl** and the **Wuhan Cup** are for national teams, respectively Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed, representing their countries, qualified from the 8 WBF Zonal Conferences.

The **World Transnational Open Teams** is open, without any qualification, to all teams, national or transnational, which want to participate, accordingly to the conditions of contest.

The **World Bridge Teams Championships**, the oldest WBF Championship, grew out of private initiatives principally by the late Norman Bach. The first world championship for the Bermuda Bowl was held in 1950, in Bermuda, 8 years before the World Bridge Federation itself was formed. After the first event of the series, the Bermuda Bowl developed into a regular challenge match between the USA and the winners of the European Championship, but in 1957 the contest widened to included teams representing other zones of the WBF.

In 1974, in Venice, Italy, a new event was launched, the Venice Cup. It started as a challenge match between women's teams from the USA and Italy (Europe 's representative) and today it is the equivalent of Bermuda Bowl for women, organized under the same laws and format.

A third series, the Senior Bowl, for senior players was added in 2001. Ernesto d'Orsi, Past President of the WBF and a member of the WBF Committee of Honor and the WBF Executive Council, presented the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy for the winners of this Championship at the World Teams Championships held in Brazil in 2009.

In March 2018 in Philadelphia the Executive Council added a fourth series for Mixed Teams starting from 2019 in Wuhan, China. This new event was named after the City of Wuhan which presented the prestigious trophy and provided, and will provide for the future editions, replicas for the winners.

Pun-ishment!

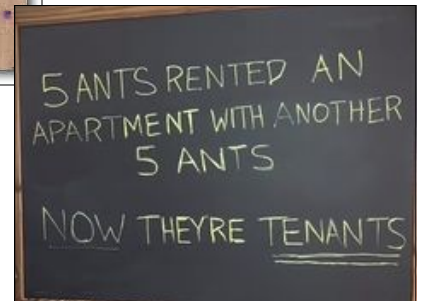
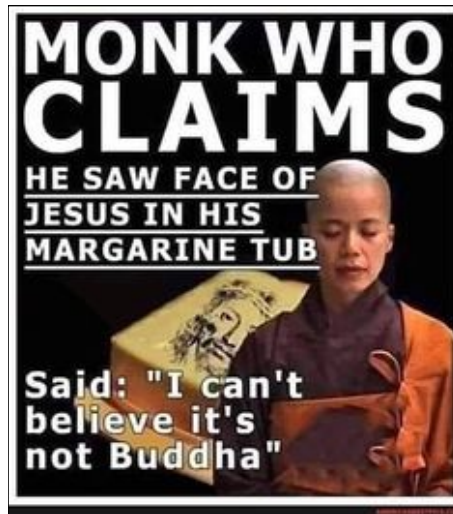


Getting a plug in



A-Pun, A-Two, A-Three!

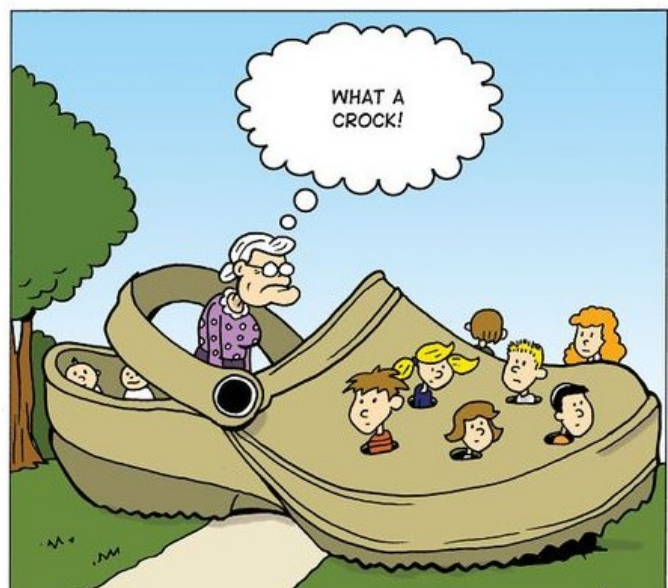
New Book. Fifty yards to the outhouse by Willie Makeit. Illustrations by Betty Won't.



I visited a monastery and as I walked past the kitchen I saw a man frying chips. I asked him "Are you the friar?" He replied "No, I'm the chip monk..."

TEACHER:
GIVE ME A SENTENCE USING THE WORDS DEFENSE, DEFEAT AND DETAIL.

STUDENT:
WHEN A HORSE JUMPS OVER DEFENSE, DEFEAT GOES BEFORE DETAIL.



The Old Lady Who Lives In A Shoe!

Logic Puzzle...

	Grant	Larriot	Rich	Stewart	West	38	40	42	44	46	Hole 3	Hole 6	Hole 9	Hole 12	Hole 15
Aaron															
Elliot															
Jerry															
Joe															
Steven															
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First name	Last Name	Final Score	Hole-in-one Hole

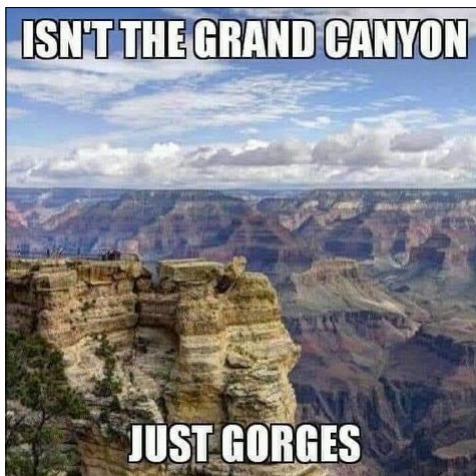
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Jerry and four friends spent yesterday afternoon playing miniature golf. It was a gorgeous day and the five friends had a great time. Par for the course was 42 and all of them had decent scores at the end of the course.

Each one also got a hole-in-one at a different hole in the 18-hole course.

Determine the full name of each friend, what their final score for the course was (38 to 46), and at what hole each got their hole-in-one. Hint: In golf, a lower score is better than a high score. The goal is to make the course par or lower.

1. Steven, whose last name wasn't Rich, was under par for the course. Mr. West got his hole-in-one at hole 9.
2. The person who matched the course par got a hole-in-one at hole 15, but it wasn't Aaron.
3. Mr. Rich's score was four points higher than Elliot's score. Jerry's last name wasn't Grant.
4. Elliot got his hole-in-one three holes before Mr. Stewart, who got his hole-in-one three holes before the person who had a final score of 38, who got his hole-in-one three holes before Jerry.
5. The two people who scored under par for the course were Mr. Grant and the person who got a hole-in-one at hole 9.
6. Joe Larriot didn't get his hole-in-one at hole 3.



Hired a handy man and gave him a list. When I got home, only #1, 3, & 5 were done. Turns out, he only does odd jobs!

Info for the Mixed USBC from Jan!

The USBF General Conditions of Contest require that we sequester at least the last 15 boards of a Round Robin. Sequestering means that one pair has to play all of those boards and you cannot know the current rank between rounds. Normally you are also not allowed to compare scores, but because the scores show on your LoveBridge devices we can't implement that. Therefore, for rounds 8 & 9 on Thursday:

- Lineups for **both** segments **MUST** be submitted before round 8.
- North & South players must remain the same for matches 8 & 9, and may not leave their playing rooms between rounds.
- We will escort your East and West players to their new rooms for round 9. If the E-W pair is remaining the same, they must wait in their round 8 playing room for someone to come to escort them to their new room. If the E-W pair is changing, the two pairs may meet outside of the playing area to discuss the results of round 8, but may not talk to anyone else; when the new pair is ready to go to their rooms, they should come to room 1321 and someone will escort them to their round 9 room.

We have rescheduled the lunch break to after match 7 to make this easier.

We will set up LoveBridge practice sessions in room 1330 on the first floor of the Hyatt, Tuesday afternoon from 4:00-7:00 and Wednesday morning from 9:30-10:30. You are welcome to come whenever you want in either or both of those time frames.

Those of you who still need to turn in your Covid Waiver of pay dues (check the list under NEED TO PAY DUES on the 2023 USBC menu - We are only accepting check or cash in person, Jan will be in room 1321 most of the day on Monday & Tuesday, except when she is in 1330 for the practice sessions.

This year you will see a "pair clock." The way it works is that if you have fewer than 4 minutes per board of your pair's time remaining, at the beginning of each hand a message will pop up on your screen telling you the total minutes your pair has remaining.

Remember that this year you may be penalized for using more than your pair's time, even if the table has not gone over the allotted time. The penalties this year are half what our expert committee thought would eventually be appropriate. We hope this will help everyone finish on time.

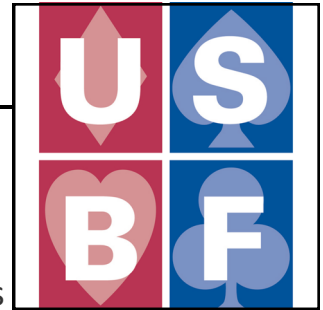
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2	3	8	5	1	9	7	4	6

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 8

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



USBF Supporting Membership

If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

The USBF is an **all-volunteer** organization.

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

The last part of your body to die when you pass are your pupils. They dilate.

Police have been contacted in response to the murder hornets. They are using the SWAT team to set up a sting operation.



Steven	West	38	Hole 9
Joe	Larrot	42	Hole 15
Jerry	Rich	44	Hole 12
Elliot	Grant	40	Hole 3
Aaron	Stewart	46	Hole 6
First Name	Last Name	Final Score	Hole-in-one

Answer to Puzzle on page 12



Bridge: A MindSport For All

Connects People, Challenges Minds

Sam Punch is an amazingly hard worker and a wonderful promoter of our game! She has worked wonders in the last several years organizing and heading BAMSA. We support her wonderful work and hope you support it too!

Bridge, Youth and Schools



Who am I? My name is Samantha Punch, Professor of Sociology at the University of Stirling, UK. I lead the international work of BAMSA.

What is BAMSA? *Bridge: A MindSport for All* (BAMSA) is a research project working collaboratively with bridge organisations to increase the number of players and transform the image of the mindsport.

BAMSA believes that bridge can be promoted as a potential solution to tackle big societal issues of social isolation, loneliness, mental health problems, inclusivity and healthy ageing.

BAMSA's new study

The new project aims to develop academic evidence that demonstrates the skills and wide-ranging benefits that bridge, as a mindsport, can offer young people. The study will investigate the benefits and challenges of teaching bridge in schools. The goal is to encourage schools to take bridge as seriously as chess, and mindsport education as seriously as physical education.

How can donating help?

By donating, you enable BAMSA to conduct this work in the USA as well as Europe. The funding pays for the researchers to interview school teachers, bridge teachers, pupils and parents to explore what helps and hinders learning bridge. The funds are used to develop practical resources from the findings to enable growth of youth bridge communities in USA and Europe.

How can I donate? ***All donations will be doubled* (matched by Levine Foundation)**

Online via the University website: www.stir.ac.uk/carddonate Scroll to the bottom of the page and choose single gift, this will direct you to our donation form where you can select "Bridge Research Project" as your designated cause.

Tax efficient giving for US donors: The University of Stirling is an approved institution with British Schools & Universities Foundation. You donate through their website stating that you wish the donation to go to the University of Stirling: www.bsuf.org/donate

Via the Keep Bridge Alive Crowdfunder: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/u5c0e5e7810869>

Thank You! Need more information?

Contact Sam with any queries – s.v.punch@stir.ac.uk

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BAMSA: BRIDGE: A Mindsport for All

**Please pick up a Chicago NABC flyer before you leave Schaumburg.
We want to see you there!!
Rooms are filling.**

We have engaged the Intercontinental as our overflow hotel!

Also, grab a Chicago NABC Convention Card Sticker from the table in the Break Room where the newsletters are.

**Join ABC
ACBL BIDDING CONTEST**

Bid these Bidding Box hands on your phone or tablet!

ABC is a *free*, ongoing weekly bidding contest organized by the ACBL using the app **bid72**. Enter the contest with your partner and automatically receive 5 hands on your phone/tablet every week. Compare your results with hundreds of other pairs. Monthly promotion/relegation ensures an exciting challenge for everyone. Please visit www.bid72.com/abc for more details and registration.

Register here → 

Extra: Bidding Box hands will be included in ABC two weeks before the Bridge Bulletin is published.

I got home and there was a voicemail from a Johann Sebastian. Should I call him Bach ?

From Jan Martel...

Once again this year, we've been able to persuade Ela, the wonderful massage therapist we've had in the past, to come to the Hyatt to help us unwind. Ela is flexible, but since she has a fairly long commute, she would prefer that we try to have 3 or 4 people in a row, which is why I am asking you to let me know in advance if you think you will want a massage on a specific day and in a specific time frame. If we all cooperate on this, I can set things up in advance.

Of course if you don't know now when you'll be sitting out or how much you will want a massage, you can talk to me in room 1321 when you're ready and I'll try to accommodate you. People who let me know in advance will get priority!

I will consult Ela as to what her fees are. I'll have her set up a table in my room (5117) and will give her a key to the room so she can access it.



Board 39 of the Final produced the biggest swing of the tournament thus far.

At both tables on this Board, the Fleisher team showed great skill determining how high to bid at equal vulnerability.

In the Open Room, Eric Greco opened 1NT (13-16). Fleisher showed spades and a minor. Hampson transferred to hearts at the four level. Martel bid 4S which was passed back to Hampson. Hampson bid 4NT and Greco bid 5D showing one if 4NT was keycard.

Fleisher blocked the auction with 5S and Hampson/Greco sold out. Fleisher lost the two red aces and claimed +650.

In the Closed Room, Grue opened 1D on the South hand. Nickell bid 2C. The auction proceeded naturally.

Moss, knowing that his side had a big heart/diamond fit, took the push to 6H not knowing if it would be a good save or a make... but either way it made sense with his hand.

Nickell doubled, holding both black aces.

The defense looks easy, but it is not! Katz led the SK; Nickell discouraging with the four. Likely because Nickell had doubled the slam, Katz played Nickell for a diamond void and shifted to a diamond at trick two.

Moss happily claimed 12 tricks... it was the best kind of save!

It appears that Nickell should have overtaken the spade and cashed the CA. However, on the auction, it is not clear whether Katz has 5 clubs and 4 spades or 4 clubs and 5 spades!! Katz had cuebid in support of clubs and later competed in spades.

Interestingly, if the slam is defeated, the Nickell squad will still lose 10 IMPs...

20 IMPs to Fleisher

Meet the Players

In honor of the Fleisher Team's lovely tribute to a great man, today we feature **Naren Gupta**, as one of our players. He was and he always will be!



From Pennsylvania Business:

Narendra (Naren) K. Gupta, renowned Indian-American Silicon Valley engineer and tech entrepreneur, passed away on December 25, 2021 from a sudden heart attack.

Adorned with white and purple flowers, the service to celebrate Naren Gupta's life began on Saturday, January 1 of the new year at 1:00 pm. People from all over the world came to pay their respects to his wife, Vinita, and daughters Anneka and Serena.

Ash Gupta, Naren's brother, was the first to speak and explain his humble origins. Naren was born in a small village 80 kilometers from Delhi in a one-room apartment. Although his brother describes a childhood with few resources, he said that Naren characterized his life in this way: "I was born into privilege. Our parents had the idea that the most important things didn't require any talent, education or resources. Instead, what mattered was that they required keeping your commitments and being on time, keeping going when everyone else was tired and had given up, and being curious. To always be available to help others." That's the person Naren eventually became.

Naren Gupta's curious personality got him walking at 9 months old. And, when he and his brother Ash went on a nine-day safari with polar bears, Naren repeated something he used to say: that to get ahead in life, you can't be afraid of failure.

"Naren was my rock. He always pushed me. If I can be half as good as Naren was, I would be thankful to God. He was my north star," declared Ash Gupta.

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Family, friends and well-known personalities from Silicon Valley, business and academia made an appearance at the Gupta's private residence in the San Francisco Bay Area. One of his dearest friends, Ashok Vaish, spoke from the heart: "Naren was incredibly smart, except for politics. We argued a lot about politics. Once we argued until we closed a restaurant and we were politely asked to leave."

Vaish described Gupta as "deeply curious, full of wonder, with boundless energy and joy. The default answer for Naren Gupta was always yes."

Obsessed with photography equipment, bridge and crossword puzzles, Gupta showed passion in everything he did in life, including cultivating his relationships.

"Although this is a celebration of Naren's life and all that he meant to us, I have to say that today we miss him, our hearts are broken, there is a great emptiness. But when I think about it and start to feel joyless and unhappy I can hear Naren telling me "In life, challenges and losses and suffering are inevitable, but unhappiness is optional. So snap out of it.

Naren Gupta's daughters, Serena and Aneka, expressed their gratitude. Both grateful for having a loving father, for their conversations about what to do and what not to do. Grateful for being pushed in life to be better.

Aneka recognized that the hardest thing about his untimely death was that he would never meet his grandchild. However, she understood that the reason Naren wanted Aneka to have children was so that she could experience the intense joy that she and her sister Serena brought to his life.

"When I think about my future, I want to live with the same enthusiasm he had for life. For him, every moment was a gift, a chance to plan another great trip, to learn about a new venture or meet an interesting new person. He often said, "I don't regret anything in my life." I like to imagine you now in a bird's soul flying to all the places you wanted to see in the world. Watching us, laughing with us, celebrating every accomplishment big and small. You will continue to inspire me. To reach higher, think bigger and love more fiercely," Aneka Gupta read at the end of her speech.

Rajeev Goel, CEO of PubMatic, said he would always remember Gupta for his smile. The way Gupta would multitask in meetings, jumping to conclusions faster than anyone else in the room. And he recalls that whenever he had questions, Gupta would say, "You'll figure it out," and he was right.

His partner Jishnu Bhattacharjee, Managing Director of Nexus Venture Partners, called Gupta a gentle genius who changed the world for the better. Gupta was the quintessential champion of entrepreneurs, who was never afraid to fail. He describes his partner as punctual, courteous and always available, generous with his time. Despite his accomplishments, he always treated everyone with the utmost respect.

"We have lost a visionary, mentor and great friend," Bhattacharjee said.

Professor Emeritus Tom Kailath, co-founder of Integrated Systems and Naren's mentor, said all he needed to talk about Gupta, as he did many years ago when he received an Asia Society award, were two words: consistently brilliant. "A

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characteristic he demonstrated over the years. He had a great passion for his friends, and he had a lot of love for the people who were close to him."

Kailath read a few lines from Percy Bysshe Shelley's poem To a Lark as a final reflection, referring to the way Naren Gupta enjoyed and enjoyed herself, with a zest for life:

"In the golden lightning
From the sunken sun
Above the clouds that shine,
You float and run;
Like a disembodied joy whose career has just begun."

Finally, Vinita Gupta, Naren's wife, spoke of being at ease today. For her, Naren worked hard and played hard, and left the world at the peak of his career.

Married for 47 years, she described their marriage as a fierce battleground between two tigers. "His imperfections made him perfect for me. We always pushed each other to become better versions of ourselves, I only wish we had done it with more grace." Naren Gupta was unstoppable, he always kept moving.

Friends and family agree that Gupta was an inspiring leader, adventurous with a brilliant mind and passionate about life. He will forever be remembered as the "Bill Gates of dishwashers" in Silicon Valley entrepreneurship and one of India's oldest venture capitalists who pioneered the path of startup investments. Naren Gupta, a generous and gentle giant, will be missed.

Following Naren's untimely passing, his teammates (Team Gupta) posted this tribute on BridgeWinners:

The following is a statement from Team **GUPTA**:

We are all devastated at the news of the passing of our friend Naren Gupta. A passionate and talented player, he was first a true gentleman who epitomized the word "gentle". A giant entrepreneur in his "other life", in the brief period he played tournament bridge, he earned instant success and the respect and love of all who got to know him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his beloved wife Vinita and his family.

Bauke Muller
Daniel Korbel
David Gold
Simon De Wijs
Zia Mahmood

