

“Trials” and Tribulations ... Oldies but Goodies!

Results:

Women's USBC USA2 - 2023											
USA2Final (120 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.								
22-May-2023			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>								
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
2	Cappelletti	135	18	18	3	10	58	9	19	WD	
3	Baker	239	42	30	50	14	36	40	27		

Senior USBC USA2 - 2023										
SemiFinal (90 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.							
21-May-2023			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>							
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	Penalty (IMPs)	
3	Lewis	129	15	41	21	12	40	WD		
4	Wolfson - wins tie	203	45	26	52	31	49			

**Congrats Team Baker:
Venice Cup USA2**

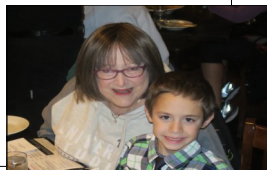


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Senior Teams Entered

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 Pat McDevitt
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Drew Casen Venkatrao Koneru	Mike Passell Jim Krekorian Pratap Rajadhyaksha
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Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bill Hall George Jacobs	Lance Kerr Joe Viola Craig Gardner
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Larry Cohen	Steve Garner Mike Becker Bobby Levin

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



Watch for the release of
David Caprera's Book, *The Cutting Edge!*
It's all about game theory...

Dave generously donates the profits to the USBF Junior Fund!

Senior Team Tournament Schedule

<i>ROUND ROBIN (EACH TEAM SITS OUT ONE MATCH)</i>			
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
		2:00 - 3:15	75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:30 - 4:45	MATCH 7 - BOARDS 61-70
		5:00 - 6:15	MATCH 8 - BOARDS 71-80 MATCH 9 - BOARDS 81-90
<i>USA1 SEMIFINAL & USA2 STAGE 1</i>			
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
<i>USA1 FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL</i>			
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
		3:30 - 5:30	USA1 SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45 USA2 SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 USA1 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60 USA2 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
<i>USA2 SEMI FINAL</i>			
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
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			
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

Question!

Tough Puzzle...

→ The Problem

A vast estate contains seven houses. Each house contains seven cats. Every cat lords over a flock of seven mice. Each mouse runs through a forest of seven stalks of spelt. Each plant grows seven lone grains.

In all, how many objects can you count in the houses?

Answer to puzzle above:

This riddle is similar to the one found on the Rhind Mathematical Papyrus, currently housed at the British Museum and inscribed around 1550 B.C.E. Counting cats and mice is all about multiplication, repeated enough times that readers might want to think about them in terms of exponents.

Let's start by tallying up each type of item. First up? Cats.

If each of seven houses have seven cats, then there are 49 cats total. From there, we just follow the pattern of multiplication all the way through this problem.

Cats: $7 \times 7 = 49$
 Mice: $7 \times 7 \times 7 = 7^3 = 343$
 Spelt: $7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 = 7^5 = 2,401$
 Grains: $7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 = 7^6 = 16,807$

The total number of objects is simply cats + mice + spelt + grains = $7^2 + 7^3 + 7^4 + 7^5 = 19,600$

A simple enough problem, but here are two ways to make it harder.

→ Solve this problem using Egyptian numerals.

→ Scale up the complexity. Each grain has seven layers, each layer has seven fibers, each fiber has seven branches, each branch has seven segments, and so on and so on. How far do you need to go before you start looking for a new tool to solve the problem in one move? When does this stop being a multiplication problem and become something more advanced?

← The Solution

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August 28 – September 2

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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
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- ♣ 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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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.

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.

SENIOR KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)

Kibitzing times on Friday will be:

Match 1: 11:30 am EDT

Match 2: 1:15 pm EDT

Match 3: 4:00 pm EDT

Match 4: 5:30 pm EDT

On Saturday times will be:

Match 5: 11:30 am EDT

Match 6: 1:05 pm EDT

Match 7: 2:35 pm EDT

Match 8: 5:10 pm EDT

Match 9: 6:45 pm EDT

After Saturday, the Seniors' times will match the Women's as follows:

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT

Segment 2: 1:45 pm ET

Segment 3: 5:00 pm ET

Segment 4: 7:15 pm ET

Note: The Women's starts Saturday and their times will be as above throughout.



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!

The
Commentators
Know their
stuff...
Like when to
pitch
And when to
ruff.

Soon I'll be
An expert too.
My favorite show
Is called "The
Vu!"



Kibitzing...



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.



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.

Seniors and Women's: On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, breakfast will be in the hospitality suite, but lunch will be in the Slate Room at the front of the hotel.

The hotel will be doing what they do best, salads and on Sunday house made chips. We will be providing the main courses from local restaurants. On Friday, lunch will be from 1:00-3:30; on Saturday and Sunday, lunch will be from 2:00-4:00. From Monday on, lunch will be in the hospitality suite from a little before 2:00-4:00.

There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish 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 plus water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

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

Your hostesses would appreciate it if you would mask-up when in the hospitality area especially when crowded. Thank you!!



More on Hospitality and Regulations...



Marie-France

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.

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

Sudoku 1

Where do you take someone who has been injured in a Peek-a-Boo accident?

The I C U

Hard Sudoku

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Sudoku 2

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

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO ORGANIZE A HIDE N SEEK TOURNAMENT BUT IT'S NOT EASY

A
H I D E N S E E K
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GOOD PLAYERS ARE HARD TO FIND

What did the cow say to the calf?

It's pasture bedtime.

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE GUY MAKING TONS OF MONEY COLLECTING LEAVES?

HE'S RAKING IT IN



Puzzle Page ...

Computer Jargon 2

Find and circle all of the computer words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional computer word.

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

ASCII	DISK	HARDWARE	PASSWORD	SOUNDCARD
BANDWIDTH	DOCUMENT	INPUT	PCI	SPYWARE
BIOS	DOWNLOAD	JAVA	PERIPHERAL	TERAFLOP
BUG	DRIVER	JPEG	PORT	TROJAN HORSE
CACHE	EMOTICON	KEYBOARD	PRINTER	UPLOAD
CHIP	ETHERNET	LINUX	REBOOT	USB
COPY	FAQ	MENU	RESOLUTION	USERNAME
CPU	FIREWIRE	MODEM	SAVE	VIRUS
CRASH	FONT	MULTIMEDIA	SCROLL	WEB BROWSER
CYBERSPACE	FREEWARE	NETIQUETTE	SERVER	WINDOWS
DATABASE	GIGABYTE	OPEN	SMILEY	ZIP FILE
DESKTOP	HACKER			



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.

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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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Logic Puzzle...

		Room Numbers					Teachers					Classes				
		114	122	129	207	212	Brady	Jimenez	King	Leach	Ray	Art	Biology	French	Latin	Physics
Class Sizes	33															
	35															
	37															
	39															
	41															
Classes	Art															
	Biology															
	French															
	Latin															
	Physics															
Teachers	Brady															
	Jimenez															
	King															
	Leach															
	Ray															

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Class Sizes	Room Numbers	Teachers	Classes
33			
35			
37			
39			
41			

1. Of the French class and the Art class, one is taught by Brady and the other has 39 students..
2. Mr. Ray's class has 2 more students than the class in room 207..
3. Of Mr. Brady's class and Mr. Ray's class, one is in room 129 and the other has 33 students..
4. The class in room 114 doesn't have 41 students..
5. The Latin class has 2 more students than the class in room 207..
6. The class with 41 students isn't the Physics class..
7. The class in room 212 doesn't have 41 students..
8. The course in room 114 isn't taught by Jimenez..
9. The course in room 212 doesn't have 39 students..
10. The class in room 212 is taught by Leach..
11. The Latin class has somewhat fewer students than the French class..

Meet the Players...



Drew Casen, recently relocated to Springfield, Louisiana, is a bridge professional, former accountant, 4 handicap golfer, expert hold'em (poker) player, and dog lover. He is an ACBL Grand Master and WBF World Master. Among his accomplishments in National Championships are 4 first place finishes and 15 second place finishes, the Cavendish Pairs, the Cavendish Teams, and second in the Rosenblum Cup. His current partners include John Onstott, and Jim Krekorian.

BBO name: Drewsky

Jim Krekorian, formerly of New York City, now a Pensacolian, graduated from Duke engineering school in 1974 and served as a U.S. Air Force pilot from 1974 to 1981, achieving the rank of Captain, C-130 aircraft commander. Jim traded options on the American Stock Exchange from 1986 to 2003, was a floor official for 5 years, and formed Blue Hercules LLC in 1999. At Duke he was a 3-year letterman in track and is still an avid runner and racer.

Jim is now a full-time bridge professional and consultant and part-time artist, with oils being his favorite medium for his paintings. He won the Life Masters Men's Pairs in 1986 and Life Master Pairs in 2014., the Grand National Open Pairs in 1992 and 2009, the Blue Ribbon Pairs in 1996, the Open BAM Teams in 1997, and in his renewed partnership with Drew Casen the Cavendish double (pairs in 1987, teams in 2007) and Senior KOs in 2010.



Drew and Jim were playing in this event as members of the victorious Goodman team. They will be representing the USA in Marrakech in August as Seniors USA1.

BBO name: Jimkrek

**If you're being
chased by a
pack of
taxidermists,
do not play
dead**

**Yesterday I bought a
thesaurus. When I got
home, I discovered all the
pages were blank. I have
no words to describe how
angry I am.**

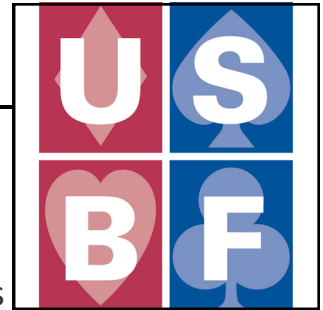
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5	3	4	8	9	1	6	2	7
8	2	1	7	3	6	4	5	9
7	6	9	4	2	5	3	1	8
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3	9	7	2	1	4	8	6	5

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6	3	5	8	1	4	9	2	7

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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.

When older people say, "Enjoy them while they are young." They are talking about your knees and hips not your kids.

WIFE: "WHY DON'T YOU STOP TELLING BAD DAD JOKES AND WRITE A BOOK INSTEAD?"
ME: "THAT'S A NOVEL IDEA."

41	122	Jimenez	Biology
39	114	King	French
37	212	Leach	Physics
35	129	Ray	Latin
33	207	Brady	Art

**Answer to Puzzle
on page 10**

**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.

What do you call an apology written in dots and dashes?
A re-Morse code!

My friend's doctor is thinking of writing a book on how to do autopsies... right now all's he's got is a table of contents!

It's a shame that nothing is built in the United States these days... I just bought a TV and it said "Built in Antenna."

I don't even know where that is!

Don't be worried about your TV spying on you! Your vacuum has been gathering dirt on you for years!

I accidentally passed my wife a glue stick instead of a chapstick. She isn't talking to me anymore!

My wife asked if I could clear the table. I had to get a running start but I did it!

If only we got rid of margarine, the world would be a butter place!

At a wedding party last night, the disc jockey said, "All married people please stand next to the person who has made your life most worth living."

The bartender was almost crushed to death!

I tried to make reservations at the library but they were completely booked up!



The World Bridge Federation has been invited to the **Olympic Esports Week** ("OEW") in Singapore, June 19-25, organized by the International Olympic Committee.

The WBF, together with the platform providers, BBO and Funbridge, will have a pavilion at the Free-To-Play Zone ("FTPZ") that the IOC is providing, June 22-25, for a limited number (10-15) of its recognised "International Federations" during the OEW. It is a great achievement for Bridge to have been selected to exhibit our progress in the field of electronic sports.

The FTPZ will be a large exposition at the Suntec Convention Centre, and tens of thousands of visitors are expected. It is an important opportunity to showcase Bridge as a modern sport, adopting the latest technology, including Artificial Intelligence.

At our pavilion, we will live-stream tournaments on both platforms with local and international competitors, provide "MinibrIDGE" demonstrations, show play on Lovebridge tablets and various other promotional activities. Many activities can be followed online on YouTube, and possibly Twitch.

Leading up to the tournaments in Singapore we are arranging qualification events on both BBO and Funbridge.

The overall winner on each platform will be invited (travel and accommodation) to the Transnational week (August 28 - September 2) during the World Championships in Marrakech, and there will be a ranking by country with prizes in the form of the platform's "currencies".

Programme for Online Bridge Olympic Esports Week, June 19/25

Qualification phase

19/21, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - Tournaments of 6 boards (100 tournaments available)

(0.50 Babydollars BB\$ on BBO) (25 diamonds on Funbridge) per tournament

Best five tournaments to qualify with a minimum average of 55 %

Thursday off

Final

23/25 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, free of charge, 8 Tournaments of 6 boards

Ranking according to the average of the best five.



Players should register on the sites and may play on either one or both. They should follow the online instructions, stating to which Federation they belong.

Registration implies complete acceptance of the BBO, Funbridge and WBF rules.

More Information

[Additional information about this event will be available on the BBO and Funbridge websites:](https://www.bridgebase.com/)

<https://www.bridgebase.com/>

<https://www.funbridge.com/>

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W N E S

1♦

1♥ 1♠ 3♦ 4♣

PASS 4♦ PASS 4NT

PASS 5♦ PASS PASS

3D=Mixed in hearts

OTHER ROOM S 2N +2 180 Other table

Score card

Frequency

Standings

DDS

NORTH WEST 31 EAST DEALER

N Steve Garner

W Paul Lewis

E Linda Lewis

S Jeff Wolfson

South 5♦

♠ AT765
♥ 54
♦ 753
♣ J87

♠ KJ92
♥ AQ872
♦ Q4
♣ 64

♠ Q43
♥ J963
♦ 92
♣ QT92

♠ 8
♥ KT
♦ AKJT86
♣ AK53

In a competitive auction, Garner and Wolfson bid to 5D on Board 31 in the Seniors.

If Paul Lewis leads any suit but hearts, the game can be defeated.

Given his heart overcall and Linda's mixed raise, plus Wolfson's showing a second suit in clubs which might or might not be running from what Paul can see, it is really tough not to think that heart tricks might go away if

the suit isn't led on the go. Backing up that thinking, he led the HA. He continued hearts and Wolfson won the king. Wolfson cashed the DA, creating this wish trick:



Wolfson cashed the DK, felling Paul's queen. He cashed two rounds of clubs, conceded a club to Linda, and claimed 11 tricks and the vulnerable game!

In the other room, Itabashi and Silverman stopped in 2NT. Levin led a fourth best heart. Silverman took one heart, one spade, two clubs and six diamonds, making four. 9 IMPs to Wolfson

Bidding "close" vulnerable games has long been a successful IMP strategy. This hand is evidence.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W N E S

1♦

1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 2NT

PASS PASS PASS

Table: OP 3, Round: 1

N-S: Lewis 0 IMP

E-W: Wolfson 0 IMP

OTHER ROOM S 5♦ = 600 Other table

Score card

Frequency

Standings

DDS

NORTH WEST 31 EAST DEALER

N Mark Itabashi

W Bobby Levin

E Mike Becker

S Neil Silverman

South 2NT

♠ AT765
♥ 54
♦ 753
♣ J87

♠ KJ92
♥ AQ872
♦ Q4
♣ 64

♠ Q43
♥ J963
♦ 92
♣ QT92

♠ 8
♥ KT
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HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
PASS	1♣	1♦	2♦
2♠	3♥	3♠	4♥
PASS	5♣	PASS	PASS
PASS			

Table: CL 3, Round: 1
N-S: Wolfson 10 IMP
E-W: Lewis 10 IMP

OTHER ROOM
W 4♥ -1 200

NORTH DEALER 36 EAST
SOUTH

Score card
Frequency

DDS

♠ 54
♥ AK
♦ Q2
♣ AT87652

N Steve Garner

Closed Room

♠ QJT98
♥ JT9752
♦ KJ
♣

W Paul Lewis

♠ A76
♥ Q83
♦ 754
♣ KJ94

S Jeff Wolfson

♠ K32
♥ 64
♦ AT9863
♣ Q3

E Linda Lewis

On Board 36, Garner and Wolfson bid another aggressive minor suit game: 5C.

At the other table, Itabashi and Silverman chose to defend 4HX.

Parts of the auctions are interesting.

In the Closed Room, Paul Lewis overcalled 2S, **not 2H**, over 2D... even though he has more hearts than spades. He may have done this in order to show both suits later if the opportunity presented itself.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

Table: OP 3, Round: 1
N-S: Lewis 10 IMP
E-W: Wolfson 10 IMP

OTHER ROOM
N 5♣ = 600

NORTH DEALER 36 EAST
SOUTH

Score card
Frequency

DDS

♠ 54
♥ AK
♦ Q2
♣ AT87652

N Mark Itabashi

Open Room

♠ QJT98
♥ JT9752
♦ KJ
♣

W Bobby Levin

♠ A76
♥ Q83
♦ 754
♣ KJ94

S Neil Silverman

♠ K32
♥ 64
♦ AT9863
♣ Q3

E Mike Becker

Ironically, 4S is makeable while 4H is not.

Even on the lead of the HA followed by the HK, if South wins the first spade, North's spades are too small to ruff higher than dummy!

In the other room, Levin bid 2H over 2C.

Itabashi bid 2NT and Silverman raised to game. Levin bid 4C looking for any more information Becker could impart.

Becker bid 4D; Levin bid 4H. When this passed around to Silverman, he doubled and they played it there.

While 4S would have created a double game swing, playing 4HX-1 was still better than defending 5C making. In essence, 4H was a good save!!

9 IMPs to Wolfson

Par: 200

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	11	4	4	3	7
S	:	5	:	:	:
EW	2	8	9	10	2

The Frequency Chart

BOARD: 4
 DEALER: WEST
 VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ T
 ♥ QJ32
 ♦ AK9
 ♣ AJ653

♠ 98742
 ♥ A4
 ♦ T73
 ♣ Q42

♠ AQ
 ♥ KT76
 ♦ QJ62
 ♣ KT8

Par: -90

NS	6	5	6	6	6
EW	7	8	7	7	7

♠ KJ653
 ♥ 985
 ♦ 854
 ♣ 97

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP	
						NS EW Home Visiting	
3	Lewis	Wolfson	Open	2♠	S ♠4	-2 200	9
			Closed	2♠	E ♣9	-2 200	

What do you notice that's strange about this traveler? Is it a flat board when both tables in the match play in 2S down two vulnerable? Answer: Only when the board is played the same direction ... once by one team and once by the other. In this scenario, it was played twice by the same team!

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

1NT=15-17

OTHER ROOM E 2♠ -2 200

Score card
 Frequency
 Standings

DDS

♠ T
 ♥ QJ32
 ♦ AK9
 ♣ AJ653

N Doug Doub

♠ 98742
 ♥ A4
 ♦ T73
 ♣ Q42

W Larry Cohen

♠ AQ
 ♥ KT76
 ♦ QJ62
 ♣ KT8

E David Berkowitz

♠ KJ653
 ♥ 985
 ♦ 854
 ♣ 97

S Adam Wildavsky

SOUTH NS
 2♠ 0

In the Open Room, Wildavsky/Doub play weak NT's.

Doub opened 1C planning to show hearts if Wildavsky bid 1D or show an opening strong NT if Doub bid 1S.

When Doub rebid 1NT, it was reasonable for Wildavsky to assume that Doub held at least two spades. As such, Adam bid 2S to play.

Of course, none of this would have occurred had Berkowitz overcalled 1NT!!

In the Closed Room, Paul Lewis overcalled 1NT.

South had an easy pass and Linda Lewis transferred to 2S. 2H=transfer

The bad spade break punished both declarers.

9 IMPs to Wolfson

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
PASS	1♣	1NT	PASS
2♥	PASS	2♠	PASS
PASS	PASS		

OTHER ROOM S 2♠ -2 -200

Score card
 Frequency
 Standings

DDS

♠ T
 ♥ QJ32
 ♦ AK9
 ♣ AJ653

N Mike Becker

♠ 98742
 ♥ A4
 ♦ T73
 ♣ Q42

W Linda Lewis

♠ AQ
 ♥ KT76
 ♦ QJ62
 ♣ KT8

E Paul Lewis

♠ KJ653
 ♥ 985
 ♦ 854
 ♣ 97

S Bobby Levin

SOUTH EAST
 2♠ 2♣

Limey Jack

Cheerio Colonials:

Limey Jack may have been a wee bit ahead of himself yesterday. Of course he was right about Wolfson winning, but there is still one more match to go in your never ending USBC's. Limey Jack is quite knackered.

You may have noted that Hamman hung about in order to have a joust head to head with Wolfson. Being that this is the Senior Trials, this has been a long week for all of these lads.

Howie Dung will pick the sentimental favourite in Hamman, as this is his final appearance in this event. Hamman has competed with honour, but the end is nigh.

The Wolfson team got a withdrawal and thus a badly needed kip, while the Hamman team lost two of its participants and now must soldier on with but a quartet. Two more days with no break is too much to ask. They will have to dig deeper than the Parson planting the summer squash. Alas, will it be enough. In consult with Zia, he says no. Wolfson wins USA2 with a furlong to go.

Limey Jack has been chuffed to bring you these events, make you a few quid, and to best the blathering twit.

Cheers, LJ



Mirror Mirror on the Wall,
Who is gonna take it all?

Howie Doing...

Hamman and Wolfson
Meet in a duel.
One's sure to lose,
And the loss will be cruel.

Schermer went home
Feeling quite sick.
Should that impact
The winner I will pick?

Chambers's in chambers.
No Schermer, no Neil.
4 handed squads
Don't have much appeal.

Wolfson kicks butt.
He's gonna cruise...
Hamman fights back
But he's still gonna lose!

Howie Doing...well, thanks.

