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# Results:

## Open USBC USA2 - 2023

QuarterFinal (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
03-May-2023		The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.									
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Nickell</a>	153	59	27	37	30					
8	<a href="#">Gu</a>	77	7	30	18	23					-1
2	<a href="#">Lebowitz</a>	116	17	34	28	40					-3
7	<a href="#">Simson</a>	68.25	11	22	22	25					-11.75
3	<a href="#">Fleisher</a>	142	46	19	28	49					
6	<a href="#">Levine</a>	94.25	14	41	29	14					-3.75
4	<a href="#">Rosenthal</a>	150	63	17	44	26					
5	<a href="#">Bramley</a>	128.5	5	44	37	43					-0.5



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 stan-subeck@prodigy.net.

Thank you.  
Suzi



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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# “Trials” and Tribulations

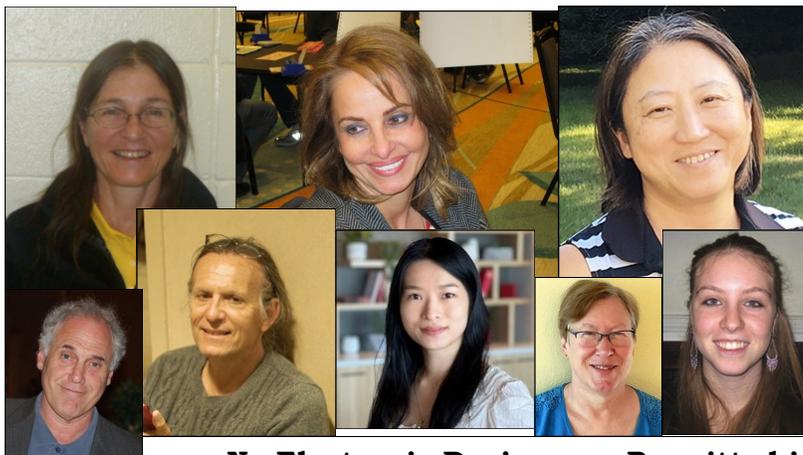
# Open Teams Entered

<b>Nickell</b> Bye to R16	Nick Nickell Eric Greco Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Geoff Hampson Steve Weinstein
<b>Lebowitz</b> Bye to R16	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zach Grossack David Grainger	Adam Grossack Michael Rosenberg Joel Wooldridge
<b>Amer</b>	Julie Arbit, Capt Christian Jolly	Anam Tebha Owen Lien
<b>Baseggio</b>	Franco Baseggio, Capt Amber Lin	Jeff Ferro Drew Hoskins
<b>Bramley</b>	Bart Bramley, Capt Kevin Rosenberg	Kit Woolsey Brian Platnick
<b>Dinkin</b>	Sam Dinkin, Capt Ron Smith Tom Breur	Michael Shuster Ethan Wood
<b>Fleisher</b>	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Zia Mahmood	Brad Moss Jeff Meckstroth Chip Martel
<b>Goodman</b>	Andy Goodman, Capt Drew Casen Venkatrao Koneru	Mike Passell Jim Krekorian Pratap Rajadhyaksha
<b>Gu</b>	Jiang Gu, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Chris Compton	Walter Lee Alex Kolesnik Adam Wildavsky
<b>Juster</b>	Jacob Morgan, Capt John Schermer Bob Hamman	Jeff Juster Neil Chambers Peter Weichsel
<b>Levine</b>	Mike Levine Daniel Korbel Kevin Dwyer Bob Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Roger Lee Shan Huang
<b>Rosenthal</b>	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Finn Kolesnik	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Ish DelMonte
<b>Schireson</b>	Max Schireson, Capt John McAllister	Debbie Rosenberg Will Watson
<b>Simson</b>	Doug Simson, Capt Billy Cohen	Jeff Aker Gary Cohler



# 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 Jeff Ferro
Kaplan	Adam Kaplan, Capt Finn Kolesnik Sheri Winestock	Dana Berkowitz Emma Kolesnik Brad Moss
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.**

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



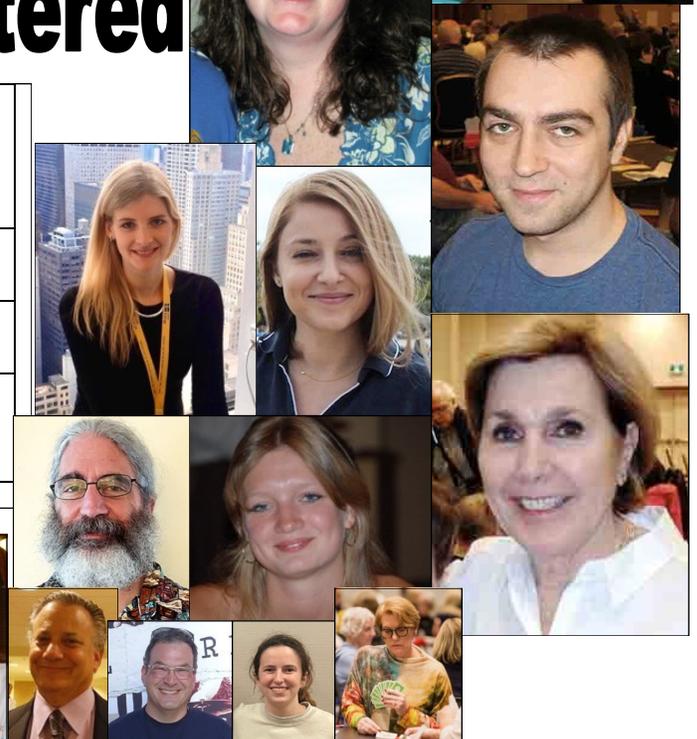
# Senior Teams Entered

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



# Women's Teams Entered

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



## Open Team (USA2) Tournament Schedule

Please note the early starting time day one, 5/1

DAY	DATE	TIME (CDT)	BOARDS
<b>ROUND OF 16</b>			
MONDAY	MAY 1	11:00 - 1:15	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		1:30 - 3:45	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
		5:00 - 7:00	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
TUESDAY	MAY 2	7:15 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
WEDNESDAY	MAY 3	3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
THURSDAY	MAY 4	3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
		75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
		10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
FRIDAY	MAY 5	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 6	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
SUNDAY	MAY 7	5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY	MAY 8	3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		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

## Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

<b>ROUND ROBIN</b>			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
WEDNESDAY	MAY 10	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
THURSDAY	MAY 11	4:00 - 5:15	MATCH 4 - BOARDS 31-40
		10:00 - 11:15	MATCH 5 - BOARDS 41-50
		11:30 - 12:45	MATCH 6 - BOARDS 51-60
		75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
FRIDAY	MAY 12	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
		75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
<b>USA1 SEMIFINAL &amp; USA2 STAGE 1</b>			
FRIDAY	MAY 12	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
SATURDAY	MAY 13	5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
SUNDAY	MAY 14	3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
MONDAY	MAY 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
<b>USA1 FINAL &amp; USA2 QUARTERFINAL</b>			
MONDAY	MAY 15	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
TUESDAY	MAY 16	5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
<b>USA1 FINAL &amp; USA2 SEMIFINAL</b>			
MONDAY	MAY 15	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	
<b>USA2 SEMI FINAL</b>			
TUESDAY	MAY 16	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
WEDNESDAY	MAY 17	5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
THURSDAY	MAY 18	3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		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



# 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 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
<i>USA1 SEMIFINAL &amp; 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 &amp; 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
<i>USA1 FINAL &amp; USA2 SEMIFINAL</i>			
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
<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



# Beth Palmer Women's Schedule

<i>USA1 SEMIFINAL</i>			
SATURDAY	MAY 20	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
SUNDAY	MAY 21	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 &amp; USA2 SEMIFINAL</i>			
MONDAY	MAY 22	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
TUESDAY	MAY 23	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>USA2 FINAL</i>			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	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
THURSDAY	MAY 25	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



## **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.

### **KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)**

Day One... Note later starting time:

Segment 1: 12:30 pm

Segment 2: 3:00 pm

Segment 3: 6:30 pm

Segment 4: 8:45 pm

For all other days of the Open USBC, kibitzing times will be :

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 kibitz day.  
I kibitz night.  
I try to get  
The bidding right.

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:** Monday, from 2:30-5:00 and Tuesday 1:30-4:00 ... Lunch in the Copper, Sage and Maize meeting rooms... salads, desserts, and main courses from local eateries.

From Wednesday on, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite from 2-4 pm (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early). There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as 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.

## And 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.



Marie-France



# Hard Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

A king, wanting to host an elaborate wedding for his daughter, raised taxes on all citizens of the kingdom by thirty pieces of gold. Everybody paid, except for one young count.

The king sent a tax collector, but the count refused. "This is unfair, and I shall not pay!"

The king sent the sheriff, but the count refused. "I will not support the king's new tax!"

Finally, the king had the count arrested, and thrown in the dungeon. He explained to the count that failure to pay was treason, and he would be executed, yet still, the count refused.

So, the king had him brought to the top of the tower, and neck on the block, with the executioner's axe raised. The king asked the count to pay. He defiantly shouted, "Never!"

Then, as the executioner's axe began to fall, the count shouted "OK! I'll pay!". But it was too late, the executioner couldn't stop the heavy axe, and the count was killed.

The moral of this story? Don't hatchet your counts before they chicken.



Sudoku 2

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

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 15

## Washing a Car

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining 13 letters spell something that you wash off of a car.

S B T B E S O H N E D R A G I G  
N R N S W A X S P A C B U H E R  
A U O I I S L E E H W M S T R I  
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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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# 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!

One day, on the savannah, a lion, a cheetah, an elephant and a warthog were all sitting around after their respective meals and discussing which species has the biggest potential for success. The elephant suggested that they settle this, once and for all, and that they take a cue from humans and test this by starting their own businesses, and then checking in in a month to see who did best.

The Warthog decided to hire other warthogs to occupy the shadiest groves, and then charged animals \$5 to lay in the shade.

The Elephant built an elaborate harness for his back, and charged other animals \$15 for elephant rides.

The Lion started a personal protection racket, offering gazelles protection from the lions in exchange for a fee of \$10.

But the Cheetah had the best idea of all, starting a courier service, using his incredible speed to bring messages from animal to animal, all across the savannah, for \$20. Within weeks, all the animals were using the Cheetah's service to communicate, while the lion, elephant, and warthog sat mostly idle.

Finally, a month had passed, and the elephant, cheetah, warthog, and lion met up again with their bank statements to try and guess who might win. The Warthog had earned \$150, the Elephant had earned \$185, the Lion had earned \$200. But Cheetah's bank statement showed only \$2. The other animals were shocked, because "Fast Cat Courier" was the most successful business by far. The other animals asked Cheetah what went wrong.

"Business has been great," the spotted cat said, "but alas, Cheetahs never prosper."



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I went to a dog show the other day. A Yorkie took Best in Show, a Jack Russell took second, and a Scotty took third. I'm starting to think the judges had some sort of All-Terrier motive.

Did you hear about the actuary who wouldn't make whipped cream? She was whisk-averse.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

I don't enjoy computer jokes. Not one bit.

I changed my phone's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Why aren't depressed people worried about flat tires? They're always carrying despair.

What do Russian kings order on their pizzas? Czardines.

Did you hear about the banker who left her job? She just lost interest.

What happens when a piano falls down a mineshaft? A flat miner.

Did you hear that somebody spiked the punch at a roof designer convention? The next day, everybody had a terrible overhang.



A Mexican magician told his audience he would disappear on the count of three. He wrapped his cape around himself and counted. "Uno... Dos..." and then disappeared without a Tres.

# Logic Puzzle...

	Jackson	Jones	Maxwell	Weatherby	Winter	Bow Tie	Churn Dash	Dutchman's Puzzle	Jacob's Ladder	Ohio Star	2	3	4	5	6	Aunt	Cousin	Father	Sister	Uncle
Donna																				
Elliot																				
Marcia																				
Ralph																				
Sara																				
Aunt																				
Cousin																				
Father																				
Sister																				
Uncle																				
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3																				
4																				
5																				
6																				
Bow Tie																				
Churn Dash																				
Dutchman's Puzzle																				
Jacob's Ladder																				
Ohio Star																				

**Answer on Page 15  
Bottom of Page**

First Name	Last Name	Name of the Quilt Block	Number of Colors	Family Relationship

Sherry decided that, for several members of her family, she'd give each of them a different quilt for their birthday present this year. For each one, she picked a different common quilt block for the main design of the quilt. Then she picked the colors and so each quilt used a different number of colors. As each birthday occurred throughout the year, each new quilt was revealed and presented. The gifts were well-received and the audiences always watched with envious appreciation, hoping that their turn and quilt would be coming too. Determine the full name of each relative (their last names are all different from Sherry's due to various marriages and divorces over the years), the name of the quilt block that each quilt used, the number of colors each quilt used (from 2 to 6), and the relationship of each family member to Sherry.

1. Ralph, who wasn't Sherry's uncle, didn't receive a quilt with Ohio Star. Sara Jackson didn't receive the

Jacob's Ladder quilt.

- The family member whose last name was Jones received a quilt with five colors but it wasn't a Churn Dash pattern. The Dutchman's Puzzle quilt had six colors but it wasn't given to the relative whose last name was Winter.
- Marcia's quilt had two more colors than Sherry's cousin's quilt but one less than the Ohio Star quilt, which wasn't received by Sherry's aunt.
- The Bow Tie quilt had two colors but it wasn't received by Donna, whose last name wasn't Weatherby. Elliot is her father's sister's brother.
- Sherry's sister received a quilt made with less than four colors. Mr. Maxwell was Sherry's father but he didn't receive the Bow Tie quilt.
- The family member who received the Jacob's Ladder quilt was her grandmother's daughter

# Meet the Players

**Andrew Rosenthal** is one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet. He is friendly and kind... and loves the game of bridge.

Andrew works at the Cavendish Bridge Club. He most frequently partners Aaron Silverstein, USBF President (another one of the nice guys).

According to Andrew's Bridge Winners Profile, his Bridge Accomplishments include winning the Red Ribbon Pairs, winning the Goldman Pairs in New York City... Andrew was 3rd in the Reisinger THREE times! He was a semi-finalist in the Vanderbilt THREE times!! And he won the Mixed Trials and was second in the Spingold.

In addition, he won the Vanderbilt in 2022!

Besides Silverstein, Andrew frequently partners David Moss.

Andrew is a member of the Cavendish Bridge Club.

His BBO handle is andrewr.

And he is a Grand Life Master.

In this event, Andrew is the captain of the Rosenthal team. His teammates include: Aaron Silverstein, Chris Willenken, Eldad Ginossar, Finn Kolesnik, and Ish DelMonte.



Amber Lin, Andrew, Migry Campanile, Chris Willenken, and, standing, Eldad Ginossar

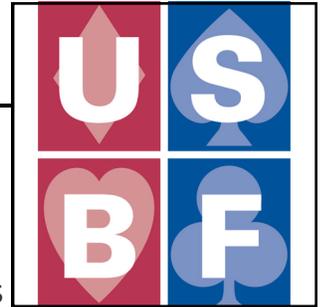
7	8	6	5	3	4	1	9	2
2	9	5	8	1	6	3	7	4
1	3	4	7	9	2	5	8	6
4	1	3	9	2	8	6	5	7
6	2	7	3	5	1	8	4	9
8	5	9	4	6	7	2	1	3
5	7	8	2	4	3	9	6	1
3	4	1	6	8	9	7	2	5
9	6	2	1	7	5	4	3	8

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

# Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 9

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.

Did you hear about the antiques collector who found an old Coca-Cola lamp? She was soda lighted.

Did you hear about the Celiac Disease sufferer who went to a wheat processing plant? She was a real Gluten for punishment.

My friend fell into an upholstery machine. He's fully recovered now.

How do you measure the quality of my puns? A sighsmograph!

Cousin	2	Bow Tie	Jackson	Sara
Father	6	Dutchman's Puzzle	Maxwell	Ralph
Aunt	4	Jacob's Ladder	Weatherby	Marcia
Uncle	5	Ohio Star	Jones	Elliot
Sister	3	Churn Dash	Winter	Donna
Family Relationship	Number of Colors	Name of the Quilt Block	Last Name	First Name

### Answer to Puzzle on page 13



## 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)**

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Top: Anam Tebha, patiently waiting for the “tray”  
Middle: Anam and Eddie Wold sharing bidding space  
A Kolesnik and John Schermer hanging around the break room

BOARD: 3  
DEALER: SOUTH  
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ A94  
♥ AT8  
♦ J654  
♣ Q63

♠ J32  
♥ KJ6  
♦ AK832  
♣ 82

♠ KT8  
♥ Q543  
♦ 9  
♣ AKT54

Par: -620

NS	3	5	2	4	N
EW	10	8	10	9	8

♠ Q765  
♥ 972  
♦ QT7  
♣ J97

Board 3 of Day One in the QuarterFinals is interesting. All 8 tables bid the NT game, some from East and some from West. The opening lead was either a small spade or a small diamond. Five declarers failed and three succeeded.

Of note is the fact that the contract failed (as it should) at both tables in Nickell/Gu and Lebowitz/Simson. It succeeded at both tables in Fleisher/Levine...

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP		
								NS EW Home Visiting		
1	Nickell	Gu	Open	3N	E	♠6	-1	100	-	-
			Closed	3N	W	♠4	-1	100	-	-
2	Lebowitz	Simson	Open	3N	W	♦4	-1	100	-	-
			Closed	3N	E	♠5	-1	100	-	-
3	Fleisher	Levine	Open	3N	W	♦4	=	600	-	-
			Closed	3N	E	♠5	=	600	-	-
4	Rosenthal	Bramley	Open	3N	W	♦4	-1	100		12
			Closed	3N	W	♠4	=	600		12

Rosenthal/Bramley, however, had a 12 IMP variance when the contract produced 9 tricks in the Closed Room and only 8 in the Open Room...

Why?

Rosenthal led a 4th best diamond to South's queen and declarer's K. Woolsey played the C2 to dummy's ten and losing to Silverstein's jack.

Aaron returned the DT. Kit won the ace and played the HJ which held. The HK was won by Andrew's ace. Andrew cashed his DJ and exited with the HT endplaying dummy!!

Contract down one.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

Open Room

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

1D=Precision  
2N=11-13 bypass S  
2D=art. GF  
2H=3H  
2S=asks  
3D=some 5-3-2

♠ A94  
♥ AT8  
♦ J654  
♣ Q63

N Andrew Rosenthal

♠ J32  
♥ KJ6  
♦ AK832  
♣ 82

W Kit Woolsey

♠ KT8  
♥ Q543  
♦ 9  
♣ AKT54

E Bart Bramley

♠ Q765  
♥ 972  
♦ QT7  
♣ J97

S Aaron Silverstein

WEST 3NT

DEALER WEST 3 EAST EAST

Frequency Live scores

DDS

In the Closed Room where Platnick was North, Willenken was East, K Rosenberg was South and Ginossar was West, Eldad opened a natural 1D. Willenken responded 1H and Ginossar bid 1NT (could hold 4 spades). Willenken jumped to the NT game. Platnick led the S4 rather than leading a 4th best diamond into declarer's suit. This was ducked to Rosenberg's queen. Kevin switched to the DT. Declarer won and tackled hearts immediately. Platnick won his HA and played a diamond to South's queen and declarer's ace. Ginossar played a spade to dummy's ten and followed with the SK. Platnick won and cashed the DJ. He exited with the D6 and West claimed nine tricks.

The spade lead gave declarer the timing to establish his spade trick... and the diamond attack by the defense allowed declarer to establish nine tricks without touching clubs.

BOARD: 6  
 DEALER: EAST  
 VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ QT5  
 ♥ 83  
 ♦ K642  
 ♣ T943

♠ J64  
 ♥ AT65  
 ♦ Q98  
 ♣ Q65

♠ AK  
 ♥ 74  
 ♦ AJT73  
 ♣ AJ82

Par: -630

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	2	2	5	7	2
EW	10	11	7	6	10

♠ 98732  
 ♥ KQJ92  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ K7

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
						NS EW Home Visiting
Nickell	Gu	Open	3N	E	♥K +2	660 - -
		Closed	3N	W	♥8 +2	660 - -
Lebowitz	Simson	Open	3N	W	♥8 +1	630 - -
		Closed	3N	E	♥K +1	630 - -
Fleisher	Levine	Open	3N	E	♥K +2	660 11
		Closed	3♦	E	♥K +2	150 11
Rosenthal	Bramley	Open	3N	E	♥K +2	660 1
		Closed	3N	E	♥K +1	630 1

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
		1♦	2♦
PASS	2♠	DBL	PASS
3♦	PASS	PASS	PASS

2D=Michaels

NORTH  
WEST 6 DEALER  
SOUTH

Frequency  
Live scores

DDS

♠ QT5  
 ♥ 83  
 ♦ K642  
 ♣ T943  
 N Mike Levine

♠ J64  
 ♥ AT65  
 ♦ Q98  
 ♣ Q65  
 W Jeff Meckstroth

♠ AK  
 ♥ 74  
 ♦ AJT73  
 ♣ AJ82  
 E Zia Mahmood

♠ 98732  
 ♥ KQJ92  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ K7  
 S Eddie Wold

EAST 3♦

Seven out of eight tables bid 3NT and scored 10 or 11 tricks, bringing home the vulnerable game. One only pair missed game... and it was arguably the most aggressive pair in the field!! Who would expect Meckstroth and Zia to be the only N/S pair to avoid game? The auction was the same through double in Nickell/Gu, and Adam Wildavsky, holding Meck's cards bid 3S not 3D to get to 3NT. Joel Wooldridge in Simson/Lebowitz tried 3H (cue) over the double to find the game.

BOARD: 7  
DEALER: SOUTH  
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ A753  
♥ J97  
♦ 87  
♣ KT93

♠ Q  
♥ AQ3  
♦ AKQ65  
♣ AQ82

♠ JT6  
♥ KT842  
♦ J4  
♣ J76

Par: -1430

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	3	1	1	6	2
EW	10	11	12	7	11

♠ K9842  
♥ 65  
♦ T932  
♣ 54

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP		
							NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1	Nickell	Gu		Open	4♥	E ♥5	+2	680	13	
				Closed	6♥	W ♦8	=	1430		
2	Lebowitz	Simson		Open	6♥	W ♠A	=	1430		
				Closed	6♥	E ♣5	=	1430		
3	Fleisher	Levine		Open	4♥	W ♥7	+2	680		
				Closed	4♥	E ♠4	+2	680		
4	Rosenthal	Bramley		Open	4♥	W ♦8	+2	680		

Hampson Gu Greco Lee

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

1C=strong  
1D=0-7  
2H=Kokish  
2S=forced  
2NT=NT GF  
3D=transfer

HOME CARDS SPLIT

	W	N	E	S
				PASS
1♦	PASS		1♥	PASS
3♣	PASS		3♦	PASS
3♥	PASS		4♥	PASS

Table: OP 1, Round: 1  
N-S: Nickell 8 IMP  
E-W: Gu 0 IMP

OTHER ROOM  
W 6♥ = -1430

Score card >  
Frequency >  
Live scores >

♠ A753  
♥ J97  
♦ 87  
♣ KT93

N Steve Weinstein

♠ Q  
♥ AQ3  
♦ AKQ65  
♣ AQ82

W Adam Wildavsky

♠ JT6  
♥ KT842  
♦ J4  
♣ J76

E Chris Compton

♠ K9842  
♥ 65  
♦ T932  
♣ 54

S Bobby Levin

EAST 4♥

Board 7 was again a situation where 6H was a push in Lebowitz/Simson; 4H was a push in Fleisher/Levine and Rosenthal/Bramley... and in one lone match, we see a 13 IMP swing ... In the Open Room of Nickell/Gu, Wildavsky opened 1D on his 23 HCP in order to best describe his hand with a jump shift into clubs. Compton's 5 count didn't get any better with this auction and his partnership rested in game. At the other table, Hampson/Greco used science and had an excellent auction to reach the slam. Hampson's 2NT bid (key in this auction) showed a game force even opposite a zero count. It was based on his solid diamonds, ignoring his singleton spade honor. Good judgment, Geoff!

Board 12 is a really great hand. Weinstein/Levin was the only partnership to bid the grand slam... and if they were going to bid it, they had to make it!

The screenshot shows a bridge hand interface. At the top left are buttons for HOME, CARDS, and SPLIT. Below them are icons for a hand, a fan, and a message icon. A bidding table is visible on the left, showing the following sequence:

W	N	E	S
PASS	1♦	PASS	1♥
PASS	1♠	PASS	4♦
PASS	4NT	PASS	5♠
PASS	5NT	PASS	6♥
PASS	7♠	PASS	PASS
PASS			

Below the table, it says: 1S=unbalanced, 4D=splinter, 5S=2 with the trump Q, 6H=HK. At the bottom left, it shows NORTH DEALER 12 EAST SOUTH. In the center, there are four hands of cards:

- N Steve Weinstein:** ♠ AK96, ♥ Q, ♦ A865, ♣ KT53
- W Adam Wildavsky:** ♠ J72, ♥ T7, ♦ KJ972, ♣ Q96
- E Chris Compton:** ♠ 43, ♥ J9432, ♦ QT4, ♣ J87
- S Bobby Levin:** ♠ QT85, ♥ AK865, ♦ 3, ♣ A42

Buttons for Score card, Frequency, and Live scores are on the left. A DDS button is at the bottom center. A NORTH 7♠ button is at the bottom right.

The auction was straightforward. Weinstein's singleton HQ got better when Levin showed the king. Weinstein evaluated well and bid the grand slam... Weinstein/Levin were the only pair in the field to contract for 13 tricks! While the bidding was accurate, the play was even better:

Compton led the S3 and Weinstein won in hand. Declarer could count twelve tricks by ruffing two diamonds in dummy. The 13th trick would hopefully come from the heart suit. If hearts split 4-3, Levin's 5th heart would produce the 13th trick.

Weinstein cashed the DA at trick two and look what he got:



A diamond was trumped in dummy. Declarer returned to hand with the HQ and trumped another diamond with the SQ. A heart was ruffed and the spade ace and king were cashed. On the SK, E was forced to discard a club and a club was pitched from dummy. Weinstein led a club to the ace and cashed the HAK on which West (Wildavsky) was squeezed!

The 3 card end position:



Adam discarded the DK and DJ while declarer discarded two small clubs. A club to the king followed and Weinstein cashed his now good D8 to bring home the grand!!

This screenshot shows the same bridge hand interface as above, but with a focus on the 3-card end position. A red heart king (K) is shown in the center of the dummy's hand. The hands are the same as in the previous screenshot.

**BOARD:** 13

**DEALER:** NORTH

**VULNERABLE:** ALL

♠ QJ86

♥ AKQ

♦ 94

♣ JT65

♠ AKT

♥ T98543

♦ 8

♣ K32

♠ 9754

♥ J6

♦ QJT75

♣ 98

**Par: 130**

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	10	8	7	7	8
E	3	5	5	3	3
W	:	:	:	4	:

♠ 32

♥ 72

♦ AK632

♣ AQ74

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP				
								NS	EW	Home	Visiting	
1	Nickell	Gu		Open	3N	N	♥J	=	600			1
				Closed	3N	N	♥J	+1	630			
2	Lebowitz	Simson		Open	3N	N	♥J	+1	630			14
				Closed	3N	N	♦Q	-3	300			
3	Fleisher	Levine		Open	3N	N	♦J	+1	630			14
				Closed	3N	N	♥J	-3	300			
4	Rosenthal	Bramley		Open	3N	N	♥J	+1	630			13
				Closed	3N	N	♥J	-2	200			

Board 13 saw several double digit swings. At all eight tables, North was declarer in 3NT. The NT game can legitimately be defeated on a heart lead as long as West continues hearts when they win their CK. When West overcalled hearts, East had an easy opportunity to defeat 3NT. However, at some tables, West did not overcall and East led their obvious DQ. The lead of the diamond leaves the defense one tempo behind and the game will succeed.

Interestingly, at three of the tables where 3NT was successful, the HJ was led. Declarer won in hand and took a finesse against the CK. West won their king and not knowing whether declarer would need tricks in spades, feared they would not have enough entries to set up their hearts... They hoped partner held something defensive in spades and, instead of continuing hearts, they cashed their SK. This proved fatal as they again found themselves one tempo behind!

In the words of Joey Silver: NEXT HAND!!

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface with the following elements:

- Navigation:** HOME, CARDS, SPLIT, and a back arrow.
- Bidding Table:**

	W	N	E	S
				PASS
1♠	PASS	3NT	PASS	
4♣	PASS	4♥	PASS	
5♠	PASS	6♣	PASS	
- Hand Descriptions:**
  - 3NT=any mini-splinter
  - 4C=ask
  - 4H=splinter in diamonds
- Score Card:** NORTH 27, WEST, EAST, DEALER.
- DDS Button:** A teal button labeled 'DDS'.
- Hand Cards:**
  - North (Chip Martel):** ♠ AJ, ♥ J53, ♦ J84, ♣ T9432
  - West (Roger Lee):** ♠ KT963, ♥ A86, ♦ A632, ♣ K
  - East (Daniel Korbel):** ♠ Q7542, ♥ Q97, ♦ K, ♣ AJ75
  - South (Marty Fleisher):** ♠ 8, ♥ KT42, ♦ QT975, ♣ Q86
- Score Summary:** WEST 6♠, NS 0, EW 0.

Par: -980					
	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	5	6	5	1	3
E	8	7	8	12	10
W	:	:	:	11	:

According to the Double Dummy Frequency Chart, 6S can only be successful from East. Of course, it is known that even the best players do not always play Double Dummy!

Korbel and Lee reached 6S from West.

Martel had three side suits from which to lead.

Leading from an unsupported jack in hearts did not look attractive. Leading from the unsupported DJ might be harmless but it was also not attacking.

Clearly leading from the length in clubs stands out. Chip led the club deuce. Lee won his king. Lee played a diamond to the king and a spade to the king and ace. Martel exited his hand with the DJ, Lee ruffing in dummy. Trump was extracted and the CA gave Lee a pitch of a small heart. A club was ruffed and when the CQ fell, 12 tricks were claimed.

To defeat the hand, Martel had to find the heart lead from his jack, through the queen to his partner's king/ten.

11 IMPs to Levine when Meckstroth and Zia played in the spade game making six in the other room. The only other pair that came close to bidding the slam... they stopped in 5S... were Katz/Nickell.

The slam was extremely lucky. It's positional on a non-heart lead and the CQ still needs to fall.

# Cross IMPs...

1.	Steve Weinstein - Bobby Levin	Nickell	1.34	60.43	45
2.	Zia Mahmood - Jeff Meckstroth	Fleisher	1.26	56.86	45
3.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	0.88	39.71	45
4.	Daniel Korbel - Roger Lee	Levine	0.87	39.14	45
5.	Adam Grossack - Larry Lebowitz	Lebowitz	0.83	37.14	45
6.	Chris Willenken - Eldad Ginossar	Rosenthal	0.45	20.43	45
7.	David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge	Lebowitz	0.28	8.29	30
8.	Joe Grue - Brad Moss	Fleisher	0.22	9.86	45
9.	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	Lebowitz	0.18	8.29	45
10.	Alex Kolesnik - Ai-Tai Lo	Gu	0.17	7.71	45
11.	Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein	Rosenthal	0.09	2.71	30
12.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Bramley	-0.01	-0.86	60
13.	Finn Kolesnik - Ish DelMonte	Rosenthal	-0.15	-6.57	45
14.	Gary Cohler - Billy Cohen	Simson	-0.20	-11.71	60
15.	Brian Platnick - Kevin Rosenberg	Bramley	-0.26	-15.71	60
16.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	-0.56	-16.71	30
17.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	-0.58	-17.29	30
18.	Doug Simson - Jeff Aker	Simson	-0.70	-42.00	60
19.	Kevin Dwyer - Shan Huang	Levine	-0.85	-38.43	45
20.	Jiang Gu - Walter Lee	Gu	-1.00	-30.14	30
21.	Chris Compton - Adam Wildavsky	Gu	-1.34	-60.43	45
22.	Mike Levine - Eddie Wold	Levine	-1.69	-50.71	30

## From Jan... About the Mixed...

The first day, of the RR in the Mixed, May 10, will start at 11 because it is a short day!

There will be a LoveBridge Practice session that morning from 9:30-10:15 in room 1325. There will also be a practice session on Tuesday, May 9, from 4-7 pm for those who arrive that day.

On both Wednesday and Thursday, a 6:30 finish is expected.

