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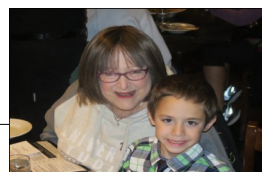
Open USBC USA2 - 2023

SemiFinal (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
05-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)
1	Nickell	217	7	45	18	33	60	12	23	19	
4	Rosenthal	194	11	6	47	9	18	46	44	13	
2	Lebowitz	263	43	30	28	47	24	47	21	23	
3	Fleisher	308	26	53	38	22	56	38	26	49	



Owen Lien, waiting patiently for a bid on the screen...
Fresh from the fun Regional in Madison, WI

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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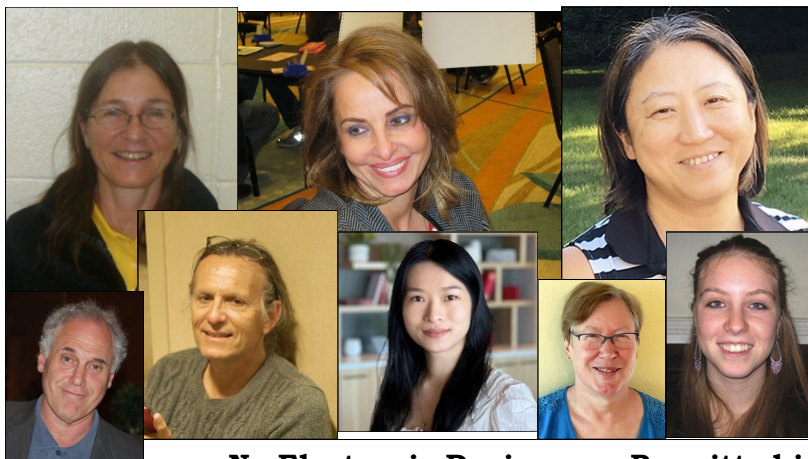
Open Teams Entered

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

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 Grabel
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 Jeff Meckstroth	Steve Garner Michael Rosenberg Zia Mahmood



Women's Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Kerri Sanborn Janice Molson [alternate] Jill Meyers	Karen McCallum Sandra Rimstedt 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



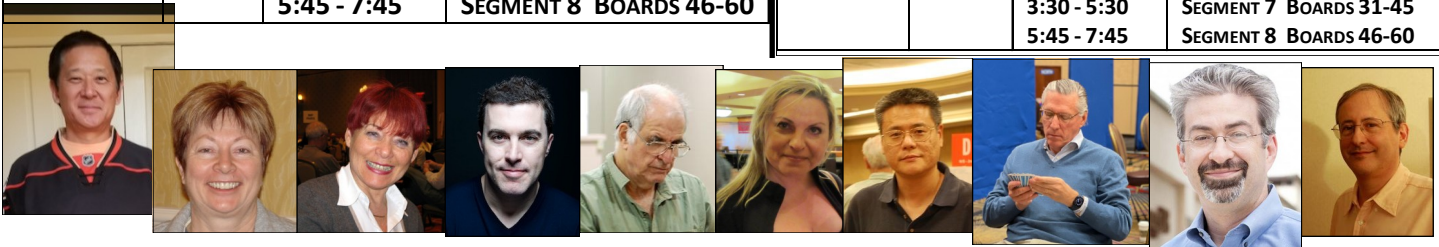
Open Team (USA2) Tournament Schedule

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

DAY	DATE	TIME (CDT)	BOARDS
ROUND OF 16			
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

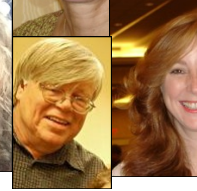
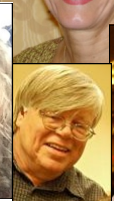
Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN			
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	
USA1 SEMIFINAL & USA2 STAGE 1			
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
USA1 FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL			
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
USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMIFINAL			
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	
USA2 SEMI FINAL			
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
USA2 FINAL			
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

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					
SATURDAY	MAY 20	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		
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					
MONDAY	MAY 22	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		
		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.

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

Sudoku 1

Half a large intestine=1 semicolon
 1,000,000 aches=1 megahertz
 Basic unit of laryngitis=1 hoarsepower
 Shortest distance between two jokes=a straight line
 2000 mockingbirds = two kilomockingbirds
 1 kilogram of falling figs=1 Fig Newton
 1000 cc's of wet socks=literhosen
 8 nickels=2 paradigms
 I serve my eggs Benedict on a golden platter. There's no plates like gold for the hollandaise.
 A Charles Dickens martini: no olive or twist.
 Shoes come in a pair. That's what makes them sole-mates!
 How do scientists keep their breath fresh? With experi-mints!
 If you wear cowboy clothes, are you ranch dressing?
 I'm more confused than a chameleon in a bag of Skittles!

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku Solutions on Page 15



Basketball

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 39 letters spell a piece of Basketball trivia.

P G T H S S M A L L F O R W A R D J
U N T T O N H E I R N B T M V E E W
Y I D R H O O N G C E U E T I R S O
A S R O U R P I O N O B S N S R L R
L S A U P O E A T E I C O E C O A H
R A U T O R C E M U O L Y U O H M T
E P G O I H O I P R T F B G N D D E
Y B G F N R T V E O A I N B R D U E
A T N B T S E B E S I I T A I M N R
L S I O S K O T N R L N W S A R K F
P I T U E A T E R E T R T E B B D S
B S O N R A A T V A O I T E L U H L
L S O D W K E A A F U S M J R O S A
O A H S E K R F R M E Q R E T N E C
C L S R S T O E B A C K B O A R D S
K L S A N U W G A M E M I T F L A H
A A B C L O C K I R E F E R E E S M
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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! Use the names of elements as synonyms or substitute for some phrases.

So cesium your pen and fill in the blanks.

1. What doctors are for _____
2. Policeman _____
3. Have went (very poor grammar) _____
4. Indian funeral chant _____
5. A motto for a well-digging company _____
6. Get him _____
7. Holmium X 0.5 = _____
8. Chemical Apache _____
9. To press a shirt _____
10. Directed (past tense) _____
11. A kitchen work area with a drain _____
12. A ship's kitchen _____
13. The leg joint above the calf _____
14. What police do to a bookie joint _____
15. A cowboy's cry after successfully riding a bronco: "I _____."
16. An amusing prisoner _____
17. Ruler of Davy Jones' locker _____
18. A large building used to store automobiles _____
19. The last words of a dying man _____
20. The Lone Ranger's horse _____
21. A tomb _____
22. What is often done to stores during a riot _____
23. The name applied to a blond person from Sweden, Norway, or Finland _____
24. What do you do before you brand a steer? _____
25. The name of a red flower _____
26. An officer in the army _____ (second time for this element)
27. Someone who gives to charity _____ (Biblical: one who stops to help a fellow traveler)
28. Mickey Mouse's dog _____
29. A 2000-pound casket _____ (second time for this element)
30. " _____ anything, but give them Arpege."
31. The United States _____
32. View by a boy whose name is Cal. _____ (monstrous pun)
33. What you do to steak when you barbecue it _____
34. Cow hide used as a carpet _____ ion
35. Funds from mother's sister _____
36. Opposite of hot _____



- Answers:
1. Curium Cm or Helium He
 2. Copper Cu
 3. Argon Ar
 4. Barium Ba
 5. Boron B
 6. Cesium Ce
 7. Hafnium Hf
 8. Indium In
 9. Iron Fe
 10. Lead Pb
 11. Zinc Zn
 12. Gallium Ga
 13. Neon Ne
 14. Radium Ra
 15. Rhodium Rh
 16. Silicon Si
 17. Neptunium Np
 18. Carbon C
 19. Iodine I
 20. Silver Ag
 21. Krypton Kr
 22. Lutetium Lu
 23. Scandium Sc
 24. Europium Eu
 25. Germanium Ge
 26. Lutetium Lu
 27. Samarium Sm
 28. Plutonium Pu
 29. Krypton Kr
 30. Promethium Pm
 31. Americium Am
 32. Calcium Ca
 33. Cerium Ce
 34. Flourine F
 35. Antimony Sb
 36. Gold Au

Logic Puzzle...

	Saturday	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	3pm	3pm	7pm	7pm	Davis	Jansen	Scott	Wooster	#23	#34	#41	#58
Basketball																
Football																
Hockey																
Soccer																
#23																
#34																
#41																
#58																
Davis																
Jansen																
Scott																
Wooster																
3pm																
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**Answer on Page 15
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Type	Day	Time	Name	Number

Joe is all set for the weekend! His wife is going away for a girls' only weekend, so he figures he can have the guys over for the game Saturday... and Sunday! By a happy coincidence, their four favorite sports were all airing games this weekend and the schedule actually worked out so that they could watch all of them, none of the games overlapped. With food, extra chairs, and plenty of beer stocked up, he was ready for the games to begin. He was such a big sports fan that he even had a different team shirt to wear for each game! Each shirt was an accurate replica of his favorite player's uniform including the name on the back and the player's number. Determine the type of sport, day and time of each game, and the player name and number of each team shirt that Joe planned to wear.

- The two games that aired at 3pm, in no particular order, were the football game and the one that Joe planned to wear his Wooster shirt for, though his number wasn't #34.
- Jansen's number wasn't #41.
- The basketball game was on the day before the game where Joe wore the Scott shirt but on the same day as the #58 shirt, which was for a different game.
- The Davis shirt, which had a number lower than the Sunday at 7pm shirt, was worn for the second game on Saturday, which wasn't a hockey game.
- The soccer game wasn't watched with the #58 shirt.
- Shirt #23 wasn't worn on Saturday. The hockey game was at 7pm.

Meet the Players



Gary Cohler

Gary is a Grand Life Master bridge player. He has won eight North American Bridge Championships, including the Grand National Teams, five times and the Reisinger in 2006.

Education

DePaul University College of Law
Miami University

David Berkowitz

David Berkowitz is an American professional contract bridge player. He earned a bronze medal at the 2000 World Team Olympiad and was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2010.

David L. Berkowitz (born November 23, 1949) is from Old Tappan, New Jersey. In 1998, he came as close as it is possible to a world championship without winning it. In the World Open Pairs, he and Larry Cohen led throughout the five-session final, only to be overtaken on the last two boards. He also earned a bronze medal at the 2000 World Team Olympiad in Maastricht, Netherlands. He was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2010. Berkowitz whose wife, Lisa, is a former women's world champion, often comments, "I am not even the best player in my own house." They reside in Boca Raton, Florida. Their daughter Dana and son Michael play bridge as well.



Janice Seamon-Molson

Janice is a multi-national champion and world champion in contract bridge. As of 2016, she has won 18 North American Championships, and 4 world championships and was ranked 3rd among women World Grand Masters by world masterpoints (MP) and 11th by placing points that do not decay over time.

Born to bridge players Rita and William Seamon, Janice Lee Seamon was the only girl of three children. Her youngest brother, Michael Seamon, was also a nationally ranked bridge player. She grew up around North Miami, Florida. She attended University of Florida, University of Kansas City, and summa cum laude from Nova University School of Law. She passed the bar, earning her title as an attorney.

As of November 2022, she has won 19 North American Championships, and has 19 seconds. She has also won 4 world championships (Venice Cup 2003 and 2013; McConnell Cup 2006; World Bridge Games 2016), finished second 3 times (Venice Cup 2000 and 2013 Olympiad 2004), and been third 3 times (Women's Pairs 2006; Olympiad 2008; McConnell Cup 2014). At the SportAccord World Mind Games in Beijing, in December 2011, Seamon-Molson won the "Individuals Women" gold medal by achieving the highest score in a series of rounds played with different and generally unfamiliar partners. Not a world championship meet, the SportAccord WMG invited 24 women from Great Britain, France, China, and the U.S. to compete in three small tournaments as four national teams, twelve pairs, and 24 individuals. The six U.S. women also won the team gold medal. Seamon-Molson's partner was Tobi Sokolow. At the same event in 2012, Seamon-Molson won the team silver medal.

Janice married Mark Molson, a well known Canadian bridge player, on March 16, 1999. Mark Molson died suddenly of complications during an operation for a dissected aortic aneurism on January 19, 2006.

Seamon-Molson has a daughter, born September 5, 1998, named Jennifer Rose Molson. Jennifer attended New York Film Academy for musical theatre.

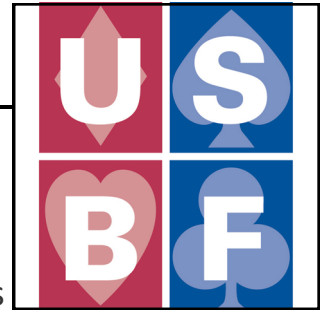
8	6	7	9	3	5	4	2	1
3	2	5	1	4	7	8	9	6
4	1	9	8	2	6	3	5	7
9	5	2	6	1	8	7	4	3
6	4	8	5	7	3	9	1	2
1	7	3	4	9	2	6	8	5
2	8	6	3	5	9	1	7	4
7	9	1	2	6	4	5	3	8
5	3	4	7	8	1	2	6	9

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

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.

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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.

Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter: Eskimo Pie

2000 pounds of Chinese Soup=Won ton

1 millionth of a mouthwash=1 microscope

Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement=1bananosecond

Weight an evangelist carries with G-d: 1 billigram

Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour=knotfurlong

365.25 days of drinking low-calorie beer=1 lite year

16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone=1 Rod Sterling

Type	Day	Time	Name	Number
Soccer	Sunday	3pm	Wooster	#23
Hockey	Sunday	7pm	Scott	#41
Football	Saturday	3pm	Jansen	#58
Basketball	Saturday	7pm	Davis	#34

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.

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BAMSA: BRIDGE: A Mindsport for All

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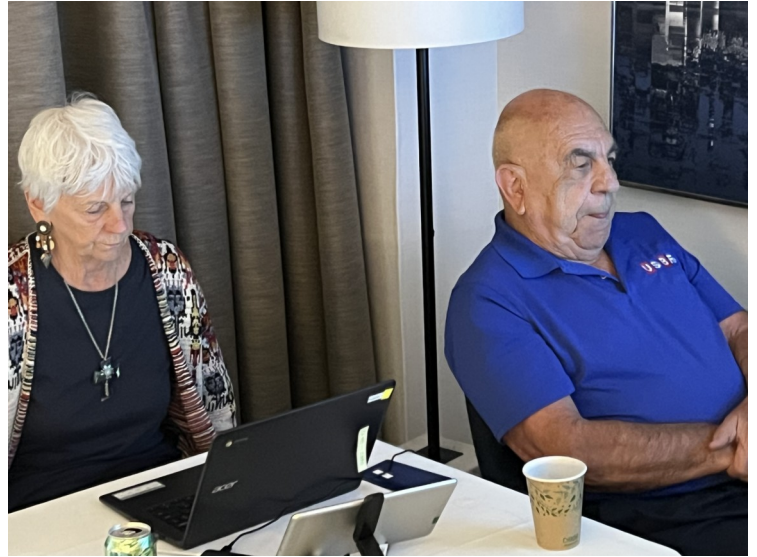
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Kay Enfield and Mike Levine... Kay assists Mike



Using the new ChromeBooks...

BOARD: 16
 DEALER: WEST
 VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ KQT9
 ♥ QT86
 ♦ AT85
 ♣ 6

♠ A5432
 ♥ KJ3
 ♦ Q72
 ♣ A5

♠ 7
 ♥ A5
 ♦ KJ943
 ♣ T9743

Par: -100

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	5	4	8	5	5
EW	8	9	5	7	8

♠ J86
 ♥ 9742
 ♦ 6
 ♣ KQJ82

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

	NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1 Nickell Rosenthal	Open 3♣ W ♠K -3 300			5
	Closed 5♦ W ♥8 -1 100			
2 Lebowitz Fleisher	Open 3♣ W ♣6 -1 100			12
	Closed 3N W ♠K = 600			

The third quarter of the SemiFinals was off and running with Board 16.

W N E S

1NT	PASS	2♠	PASS
2NT	PASS	3♦	PASS
3NT	PASS	PASS	PASS

1NT=14+-17
 2S=range ask or clubs
 2NT=decline
 3D=5/5 minors GF

♠ KQT9
 ♥ QT86
 ♦ AT85
 ♣ 6

N Marty Fleisher

♠ 7
 ♥ A5
 ♦ KJ943
 ♣ T9743

E Michael Rosenberg

♠ A5432
 ♥ KJ3
 ♦ Q72
 ♣ A5

W Zach Grossack

♠ J86
 ♥ 9742
 ♦ 6
 ♣ KQJ82

WEST NS
 3NT 0

The most interesting table was in Lebowitz/Fleisher where Z Gros-sack/M Rosenberg bid to 3NT. Zach was the only declarer to garner a plus score!

Fleisher led the SK, ducked around. He continued with the SQ which Zach won. The D2 was floated to the jack and six. The D5 went to the queen and ace with North. At this point, Fleisher needed to find the club shift so that declarer would not have the timing to set up a second spade trick. Not an easy play! Marty cashed the ST and S9 and Gros-

sack claimed 9 tricks. 12 IMPs to Lebowitz when Meckstroth/Mahmood playing West/East respectively played 3C going down one.

In the other match, Rosenthal opened 1NT from West. Levin overcalled 2C (majors). Silverstein bid 2NT for the minors. Rosenthal alerted and explained this as forcing 3C (an apparent misunderstanding) and bid accordingly. At the other table in Nickell/Rosenthal, Katz opened 1S and when he rebid 2D, Nickell jumped to the diamond game which had no play. 5 IMPs to Nickell

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
		PASS	PASS
1♣	4♠	DBL	PASS
6♥	PASS	PASS	PASS

Table: OP 1, Round: 6
N-S: Nickell 168 IMP
E-W: Rosenthal 91 IMP

OTHER ROOM
W 5♥ +1 -480

NORTH 18 DEALER WEST SOUTH

Score card >
Frequency >
Live scores >

DDS

♠ AKQJ9832
♥ T
♦ J864
♣

N Bobby Levin

♠ 6
♥ A964
♦ AT5
♣ AKQT5

W Andrew Rosenthal

♠ T5
♥ KJ853
♦ KQ973
♣ 9

E Aaron Silverstein

♠ 74
♥ Q72
♦ J8642
♣ 732

S Steve Weinstein

WEST 6♥

Andrew Rosenthal made an aggressive decision to jump to 6H after Aaron Silverstein made a negative double over 4S. Note that Andrew had right-sided the contract since North could not score a diamond ruff off the opening lead!!

Levin led the SJ, likely hoping his partner would ruff and give him a diamond ruff. When the spade held, he continued the suit.

Rosenthal read the position correctly. He led a heart to dummy's king and finessed for the queen when the ten dropped from North, successfully taking twelve tricks!

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
		PASS	PASS
1♣	4♠	PASS	PASS
DBL	PASS	4NT	PASS
5♣	PASS	5♦	PASS
5♥	PASS	PASS	PASS

4NT=T/O

NORTH 18 DEALER WEST SOUTH

Score card >
Frequency >
Live scores >

DDS

♠ AKQJ9832
♥ T
♦ J864
♣

N Finn Kolesnik

♠ 6
♥ A964
♦ AT5
♣ AKQT5

W Ralph Katz

♠ T5
♥ KJ853
♦ KQ973
♣ 9

E Nick Nickel

♠ 74
♥ Q72
♦ J8642
♣ 732

S Ish DelMonte

WEST 5♥

In the other room, Nickell passed over 4S and Katz reopened with double.

Nickell bid 4NT, takeout for the red suits. Katz rebid 5H and played it there.

He, too, picked up the trump suit. 11 IMPs to Rosenthal

Interestingly, against slam, it might be right to lead a low spade trusting East/West to have second round spade control and gaining a diamond ruff if partner holds the ST.

In the other match, Grossack and Rosenberg played in 5H making six while, Meckstroth/Zia played in 5HX also making six on the auction below:

W	N	E	S
		PASS	PASS
1♣	4♠	4NT	PASS
5♣	PASS	5♦	DBL
5♥	DBL	PASS	PASS

4NT=2 or 3 places T/O
5C=pass or correct

It would seem that when East bid 5D, Wooldridge might have disdained a double and hoped that his opponents would play it there. However, whatever Joel chose on this hand, Meck was going to bid 5H and collect the twelve tricks that he did. It is possible that the double of 5D encouraged Grainger to double 5H. 7 IMPs to Fleisher

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

- Hand Information:**
 - N Marty Fleisher:** ♠ AT632, ♥ 942, ♦ 63, ♣ 853
 - W Zach Grossack:** ♠ J5, ♥ KT86, ♦ AQ9, ♣ KT96
 - E Michael Rosenberg:** ♠ K94, ♥ AJ, ♦ J5, ♣ AQJ742
 - S Chip Martel:** ♠ Q87, ♥ Q753, ♦ KT8742, ♣
- Bidding Log:**
 - W: 1♣, 3♦, 4♣, 4NT, 6♣
 - N: 1♠, 3♣, PASS, PASS, PASS, PASS
 - E: 1♦, 3♥, 4♠, 5♠, PASS, PASS
 - S: 1♦, PASS, PASS, PASS, PASS, PASS
- Score Card:**
 - North: 26 (Dealer)
 - West: 26
 - South: 26
- Table Results Table:**

Table	North	South	Contract	Result	Score	NS
1	Nickell	Rosenthal	Open 3N	E ♦2 +3	690	-
			Closed 3N	E ♦7 +3	690	-
2	Lebowitz	Fleisher	Open 3N	E ♦7 +2	660	12
			Closed 6♣	E ♠7 =	1370	0

Rosenberg/Z Grossack had a good auction to arrive in the club slam. Of the four tables, they were the only ones to find the slam. Everyone else settled in a pedestrian 3NT. Every East player, except Michael Rosenberg, opened 1NT in first seat with the good 6 card club suit and 16 HCP.

When Rosenberg jumped to 3C (see above), Grossack really liked his hand. He made an advanced cue of 3D. Rosenberg cued the HA. Zach bid 4C and Rosenberg showed the spade control. It was easy off this auction for Zach to key card to reach 6C.

A spade was led and a spade was returned. Michael has eleven sure tricks: one spade, two hearts, one diamond, and seven clubs (one being a spade ruff in dummy!)

Rosenberg drew trump and tested hearts. When the HQ failed to fall in three rounds, he took the diamond finesse for his 12th trick.

This is not a “perfect” slam, but it is pretty darn good! The diamond overcall by South increases the possibility of success.

Look out for Grossack/Rosenberg! They have really honed their partnership!

1	Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	6♥	S	♠T -2	100	14
			Closed	6N	S	♦7 =	990	
2	Lebowitz	Fleisher	Open	2♠x	W	♦A -5	1100	15
			Closed	6♥	N	♠8 -2	100	

Board 27 swung 29 IMPs between the two rooms. At every table, South opened a weak 2H or its equivalent.

Two West players, Katz and Meckstroth made the mistake of bidding a brave 2S overall. This gave North a fielder's choice.

In Lebowitz/Fleisher, David Grainger took advantage of the "choice" and doubled. He and Wooldridge out-scored the non-vulnerable 6NT North/South slam by collecting 1100!

In the other room of that match, Fleisher and Martel reached the doomed 6H. They went down two for -100. 15 IMPs to Lebowitz

In Nickell/Rosenthal (see above), Finn Kolesnik gave up on the 1100 set. Considering that even a grand was possible, Finn cued 3S over 2S and eventually landed in the cold 6NT.

Katz led a diamond. DelMonte won dummy's ace and cashed the CA. He led the HK. Katz won and exited with a diamond. DelMonte cashed his diamond and club winners and Katz was caught in a heart/spade squeeze.

At the other table, Weinstein/Levin had a "fancy, scientific" auction to settle in the doomed 6H and were defeated 2 tricks.

14 IMPs to Rosenthal

What the Love-Bridge software looks like to the players as they play



W	N	E	S
			2♥
PASS	2NT	PASS	3♣
PASS	3♦	PASS	3♥
PASS	4♣	PASS	4♦
PASS	4♠	PASS	5♠
PASS	6♥	PASS	PASS

- 2NT=forcing
- 3C=bad/bad or good/good
- 3D asks
- 3H=bad
- 4C=RKC
- 4D=0
- 4S=queen ask
- 5S=queen of trump + SK

BOARD: 52

DEALER: WEST

VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ 76

♥ Q75

♦ A652

♣ AJ53

♠ A5

♥ AJT64

♦ QJ3

♣ T76

♠ J93

♥ 82

♦ T97

♣ Q9842

Par: 630

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	9	8	10	10
E	6	3	5	3	3
W	:	:	:	2	:

♠ KQT842

♥ K93

♦ K84

♣ K

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

At three of the four tables on Board 52, West opened 1H. This was passed around to South who bid 2S. At all three of these tables, North/South reached game in either spades or NT. With the SJ onsidies, both contracts were cold.

At one table, East, Chris Willenken, responded 1NT with his meager 3-count after his partner's opening bid. Responding 1NT is pretty reasonable since no matter what partner bids, East can live with it.

This put South, Eric Greco, in a quandary. Should he bid 2S or should he double and then bid 2S? How good is his singleton CK?

Taking the low road, Eric Greco overcalled 2S which was passed out at the table!

10 IMPs to Rosenthal

Limey Jack

Gadzooks, but Limey Jack will need to go on holiday with 4 of these events in a lineup. The Coronation was nothing but lovely, but Limey Jack doesn't need this many times zones.

In the final one of two teams will join Spector as USA 2.

Nickell-Fleisher: Hampson-Greco used to play for Fleisher, while Meckstroth was put to pasture by Nickell. Each side will be looking to exact revenge. Clearly, there is one spectacular difference betwixt the two; Zia. In our convo from last week, his only concern was keeping Meckers within the pitch. He has done so with aplomb. Fleisher takes the chutney back to the flat.

Howie Dung, who seems enamoured of Nickell, will blindly make that pick. He probably ices his beer as well.

Next up, the Mixed.

God save the King!



After six days of play
And much sleep resistance,
Nickell and Fleisher
Have gone the whole distance!

They've reached the Final,
On VuGraph today.
120 more boards
To play.

Who battles best,
Depends how they score.
Only one team
Can win in this war!

Howie Doing...

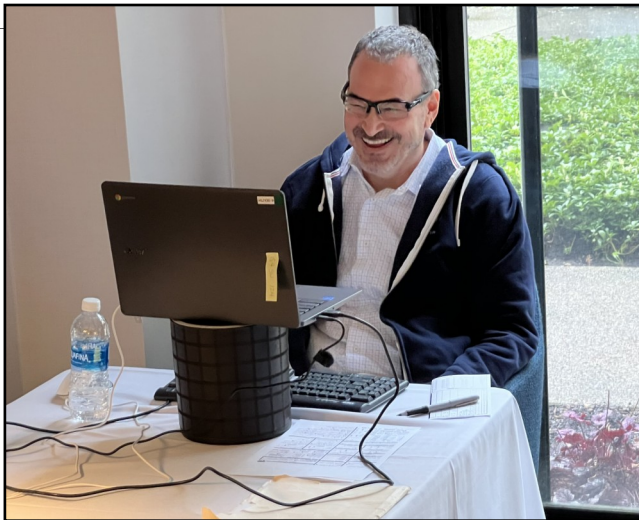
Nickell and Katz
And all of their crew
Remain #1
When this match is through.

They are well oiled,
Their partnerships mesh.
Bermuda Bowl,
USA, Marrakesh!

Back for the Mixed...
Howie Doing

Cross IMPs...

1.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	0.76	68.67	90
2.	Ish DelMonte - Finn Kolesnik	Rosenthal	0.46	41.67	90
3.	David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge	Lebowitz	0.46	41.00	90
4.	Zia Mahmood - Jeff Meckstroth	Fleisher	0.33	30.00	90
5.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	0.24	14.33	60
6.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	0.23	20.67	90
7.	Steve Weinstein - Bobby Levin	Nickell	-0.21	-18.67	90
8.	Aaron Silverstein - Andrew Rosenthal	Rosenthal	-0.27	-16.33	60
9.	Eldad Ginossar - Chris Willenken	Rosenthal	-0.31	-28.33	90
10.	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	Lebowitz	-0.47	-42.67	90
11.	Ralph Katz - Nick Nickell	Nickell	-0.78	-47.00	60
12.	Adam Grossack - Larry Lebowitz	Lebowitz	-1.06	-63.33	60



Sam Dinkin enjoying the play

Good Luck Teams Nickell and Fleisher!

Nickell	Rosenthal	Open	3N	S	♦3	+3	690	1
		Closed	3N	S	♦3	+2	660	
Lebowitz	Fleisher	Open	6♣	S	♦4	=	1370	12
		Closed	3N	S	♦3	+2	660	

2C=GF
3D=slam try C
5C=1 or 4

Rosenberg and Z Grossack had another solid auction to reach 6C. Again, they were the only pair in the field to bid slam!

Meckstroth led the D4 to Zia's ace. Zia continued with the DJ and Rosenberg extracted trump and claimed 12 tricks.

This is a good slam that makes whenever the DA is inside or the declarer guesses the heart queen.

If the DA is offside, West can probably defeat the hand by smoothly ducking a diamond enticing declarer to play a second diamond toward his queen.