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Results:

Open USBC USA2 - 2023											
Final (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
07-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	Nickell	79	8	15	21	35					
2	Fleisher	154	5	40	58	51					

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for VG Commentator
Schedule**

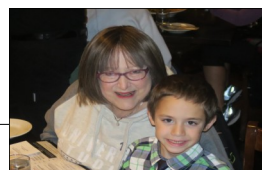


Today!



**More views,
More news...**

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



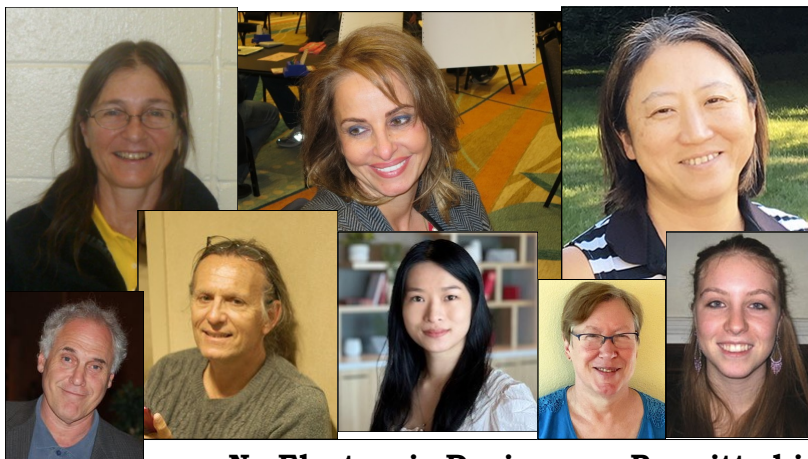
Open Teams Entered

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.



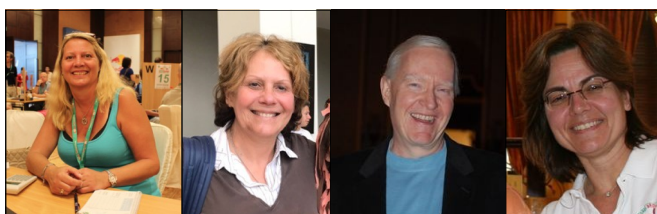
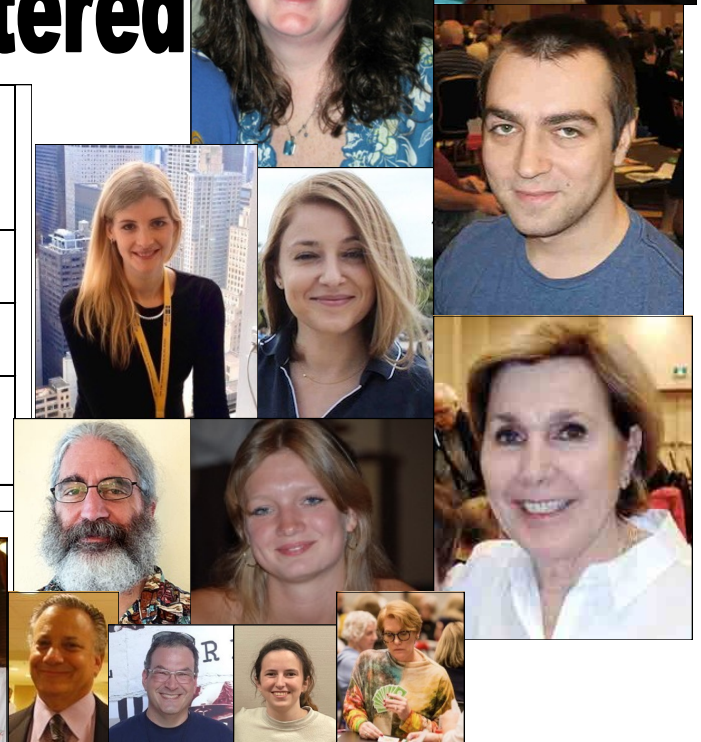
Senior Teams Entered

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



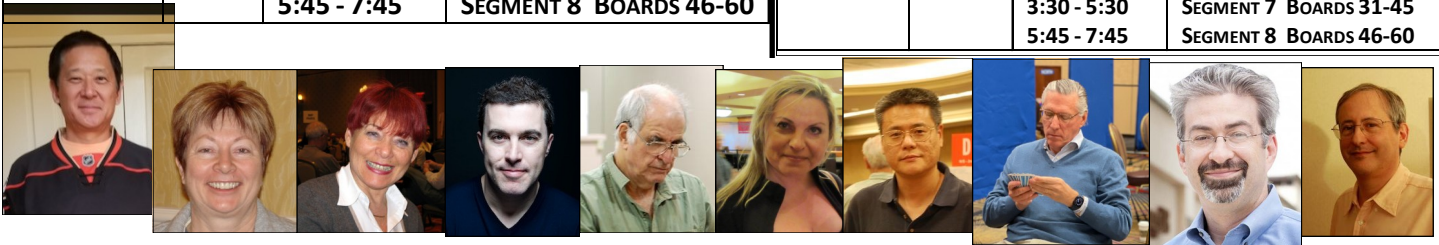
Open Team (USA2) Tournament Schedule

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
		7:15 - 9:15	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
TUESDAY	MAY 2	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
QUARTERFINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 3	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY	MAY 4	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK	
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
SEMIFINAL			
FRIDAY	MAY 5	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		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
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
FINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 7	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
MONDAY	MAY 8	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
		75 MINUTE BREAK	
		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
		2:30 - 3:45	75 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		4:00 - 5:15	MATCH 3 - BOARDS 21-30
			MATCH 4 - BOARDS 31-40
THURSDAY	MAY 11	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
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
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY	MAY 13	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
			SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 46-60
USA1 FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 14	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
MONDAY	MAY 15	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			
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
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75
			SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
USA2 FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 MINUTE BREAK
		5:45 - 7:45	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
			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 & 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
<i>USA1 FINAL & 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 & 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
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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



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

Sudoku 1

If you cannot master the guitar, Don't fret.

Tongue-Twister champion arrested. D.A. seeking tough sentence.

I've started a chicken dating site. Not full time, but enough to make hens meet.

The largest mountains are always tired. It seems they don't Everest.

Local apartment building has one unit left. It's last, but not leased.

Man injured in bizarre Peek-A-Boo accident. He's in ICU.

New CBD infused toilet paper! Now everyone can calm their butt down!

Butterflies are not what they used to be.

I can't believe it has been a year since I didn't become a better person.

Life and Beer are very similar. Chill for best results.

Underwear bandit caught. Admits brief crime spree.

Eat alphabet soup. Have a vowel movement.

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku Solutions on Page 15



Puzzle Page ...

Adverbs

Find and circle all of the adverbs that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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

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APART	FOREVER	NEARBY	SHORT	WEEKLY
AWAY	FORWARD	NEVER	SLOWLY	WISELY
BACK	GENTLY	NOWHERE	SOFTLY	YESTERDAY
BEFORE	GREATLY	OFTEN		

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♣ Players from the BB, VC, DOT and WC	Free
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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.

Pun-ishment!

Dr. Pepper is a fizzicist.

The Pillsbury Doughboy is my roll model.

Alaskan Eye Doctors are Optical Aleutians

What's made of leather and sounds like a sneeze? A shoe!!

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut? He needed some space.

What kind of grades do pirates get in school? High C's

In a forgotten part of a forgotten ocean lies an island which is best known for its hospital and rehabilitation facility for raptors. Also of note in the area is the rare species of dolphins that live forever. The eagles at the facility are excellent craftsbirds, producing various items that are highly prized by the dolphins. An enterprising Colobus monkey on the island has started a business delivering the items. One day she runs across a sleeping lion on jungle path. She gingerly steps over the lion to continue her delivery. Immediately a highway patrolman steps out of the jungle and gives her a ticket for transporting ill eagle goods over a staid lion for immortal porpoises.

Tequila may not fix your life... but it's worth a shot!

The butcher walked backwards into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

How did I escape Iraq? Iran.

I wanted to be an astronaut when I was a kid but my parents told me the sky was the limit.

If a judge loves the sound of his own voice, expect a long sentence.

You didn't hear about the three big holes in the ground? Well, well, well.

I couldn't figure out how to put my seatbelt on, but then it clicked.

Americans prefer houses with basements. In fact, they're best cellars!

My wife tried to apply at the post office but they wouldn't letter. They said only mails work here.

Weight loss pills stolen this morning - police say suspects are still at large.

My grandma is on speed dial and now I call her instagram.

I tripped over my girlfriends bra, seemed to be a booby trap.

Why should you never fight a dinosaur? You'll get jurasskicked.

My room mates are concerned that I'm using their kitchen utensils, but that's a whisk i'm willing to take.

Pun of the day is very important. As seven days without a pun makes one weak.



Logic Puzzle...

	Barr	Cash	Dunn	Farrell	Nann	Wise	Evan	Fran	Greg	Jeff	Louise	Sara	friend	friend	friend	spouse	spouse	spouse	Atlanta	Chicago	Houston	London	Montreal	New York
Amy																								
Doug																								
Ethan																								
Mike																								
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First Name	Last Name	Guest Name	Guest Relation	Home City

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Last night, the Barbeque Hut was the site of a small gathering of friends for dinner. This gathering was very unusual however as most of the people in this group had never seen each other before. They'd all been friends for years as members of an email discussion list but had never met face to face. This gathering had been organized to give everyone a chance to meet and some had even traveled from afar to attend. Each person to attend also brought a guest – either a good friend or a spouse. The night was deemed a great success and they planned to do another such gathering the following year (oh, and the barbeque dinner was fantastic!). Determine the full name of each attendee, the name and relationship of each guest that was brought (couples were one man and one woman who shared the same last name), and the home city of each attendee.

1. Wendy, whose last name wasn't Farrell, didn't bring a friend. The person from New York had a last name

- of Dunn. Jeff didn't come with the person from Atlanta.
- Steve Cash didn't bring Evan. Louise was a friend but she didn't come with the person from Montreal.
 - The three people who brought spouses were the person who came from Houston, Ethan, and the one whose last name was Barr.
 - Fran was married to the person whose last name was Wise, but they weren't from Montreal. Ethan didn't come from Chicago.
 - The six people were represented by the one who brought Greg, the one from Chicago, Amy, the one from London, the one who brought Evan, and the one whose last name was Nann.
 - Mike brought Sara, his wife, but they weren't from Houston. Doug didn't bring Jeff but he was from Montreal.

Meet the Players

Michael Rosenberg (born March 7, 1954) is an American bridge player. Rosenberg was born in New York City, moved to Scotland as a child, and returned to New York in 1978. He lived in New York State with his wife Debbie, also a top player, from 1995 until 2011 when the couple moved to Northern California. Michael won the 1994 Rosenblum Cup, and was second in the World Open Pairs Championship in 1994 (with Bob Hamman) and 2002 (with Zia Mahmood). As of 2007 he has won fourteen North American championships, as well as multiple wins in the major invitational tournaments. He has also won the World Bridge Federation (WBF) Par competition in 1998, a test of declarer play skill, and is known for his advocacy of a high standard of ethical behavior for players. He is known as "The expert's expert" for his encyclopedic knowledge of card play techniques, and a frequent contributor for The Bridge World.

Bridge accomplishments

Awards

ACBL Hall of Fame, 2015
ACBL Player of the Year 1994, 2003
Fishbein Trophy 2003
Herman Trophy 1996

Wins

Rosenblum Cup (1) 1994
Compaq World Par Contest (1) 1998
North American Bridge Championships (14)
von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs (1) 2000
Silodor Open Pairs (1) 2003
Blue Ribbon Pairs (1) 1993
Nail Life Master Open Pairs (1) 1992
Vanderbilt (2) 1994, 1996
Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams (3) 1991, 1996, 2006
Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match (1) 2002
Reisinger (2) 1989, 1996
Spingold (2) 1991, 2003
United States Bridge Championships (4)
Open Team Trials (4) 1992, 1997, 1999, 2006
European Open Bridge Championships (1)
Mixed Teams (1) 2003
European Championships (1)
Junior Teams (1) 1978
British Championships (1)
Gold Cup (1) 1976
Other notable wins:
Cavendish Invitational Teams (1) 1986
Cap Gemini Pandata World Top Invitational Pairs (1) 1992
Cap Volmac World Top Invitational Pairs (1) 1995
Sunday Times Invitational Pairs (1) 1976
Cavendish Invitational Pairs (1) 1986
Goldman Pairs (2) 2008, 2009



Runners-up

Bermuda Bowl (1) 2007
World Open Team Olympiad (1) 1992
World Open Pairs (2) 1994, 2002
North American Bridge Championships (18)
von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs (1) 2003
Lebhar IMP Pairs (1) 2006
Silodor Open Pairs (1) 1994
Grand National Teams (1) 1981
Jacoby Open Swiss Teams (2) 1992, 2014
Roth Open Swiss Teams (2) 2011, 2013
Vanderbilt (3) 1990, 1991, 2000
Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams (1) 2004
Reisinger (3) 2002, 2003, 2005
Spingold (3) 1980, 1993, 1995

United States Bridge Championships (5)
Open Team Trials (5) 1996, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005

Other notable 2nd places:
Cavendish Invitational Pairs (1) 1978

This information is on peoplepill.com

Michael has amassed several titles since this list was updated online.

In addition, the "blurb" above neglects to mention that Michael and Debbie have a very talented son who also played in this competition. Kevin is an excellent player in his own right. Kevin played in this event as member of the Bramley squad. Debbie played as a member of the Schireson squad... and Michael played as a member of the Lebowitz squad.

For years, Michael ran the USBF Junior Program and did an amazing job getting new, young players involved in the game. We need more Michaels in bridge!

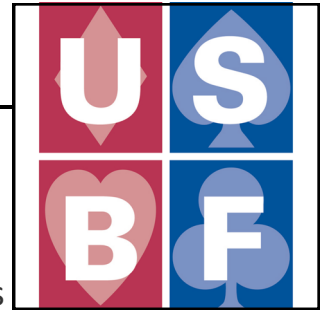
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6	8	1	7	4	2	9	5	3

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

My friends say I'm getting fatter. In my defense I've had a lot on my plate recently.

If you've been thinking about singing karaoke with a friend, just duet!

If at first you don't succeed then skydiving is not for you.

I don't think I need a spine. It's holding me back.

For a fungi to grow you must give it as mushroom as possible.

Home City	Guest Relation	Guest Name	Last Name	First Name
New York	friend	Louise	Dunn	Amy
Montreal	friend	Evan	Farrell	Doug
London	spouse	Fran	Wise	Ethan
Chicago	spouse	Sara	Barr	Mike
Atlanta	friend	Greg	Cash	Steve
Houston	spouse	Jeff	Nann	Wendy

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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Thank You! Need more information?

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The WBF is looking at Buenos Aries as a possible site for the World Bridge Games (aka the Olympiad) in 2024.

No commitments have been made but the venue is very promising and looks like it would be a good fit for the tournament.



From Jan Martel...

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

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

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



USA2 Finals...

We have seen some wild results and some dangerous plays throughout the competition where teams try to survive the amazingly tough field. We've seen some interesting squeezes, some coups and some endplays. As one would expect now that the Finals get underway with two of the arguably best teams in the event, we are seeing very solid, very good bridge.

The first 15 boards ended and the score was 8-5 Nickell. Coming into Board 20, the score was tied. Board 20 looked like it would be the first sizable swing of the afternoon... and it would favor the Fleisher team:

BOARD: 20
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ A932
♥ K8
♦ Q4
♣ J7543

♠ JT6
♥ T932
♦ A875
♣ K8

♠ 74
♥ AQJ754
♦ 32
♣ A92

Par: -500

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

♠ KQ85
♥ 6
♦ KJT96
♣ QT6

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
	Nickell	Fleisher				
			Open	4♥ E	♠K -1	100
			Closed	3♠ N	♥A =	140

In the Closed Room, Nickell/Katz defended 3S, stopping short of their makeable 4H game.

After two passes, East opened 1H. South doubled. West bid 3D showing a mixed raise. North called 3S and the auction ended.

Nickell, East, led the HA. West played the deuce. Nickell continued with the CA and the hand was cold!

Nickell needed to lead a low club from his ace so Katz can collect a club ruff to defeat the hand.

Meanwhile at the other table, Fleisher/Martel bid to the heart game.

The auction:			
West	North	East	South
Fleisher	Levin	Martel	Weinstein
Pass	Pass	1H	Double
2D (drury)	2S	3H	Pass
Pass	3S	Pass	Pass
4H	All Pass		

Weinstein led the SK and continued with a spade to the ace. Levin led the C3 to dummy's king. Martel led a small diamond, ducked to South.

Weinstein continued with the DK. Martel led a club to the ace and trumped a club. Martel played the HT and rose with the ACE!!! Down ONE!

Running the HT would seem like the "normal" play catering to Kxx or Kx with North.

However, once Chip played the HA, the "swing" possibility disappeared.

1 IMP to Fleisher

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
	PASS	4♠	
PASS	PASS	4NT	PASS
5♣	PASS	PASS	PASS

4S=They play Namyats

OTHER ROOM W 6♣^x -1 200 Other table >

NORTH WEST 22 DEALER SOUTH

Score card > Frequency >

DDS

♠ 53
♥ AKQJ432
♦ 75
♣ 54

N Bobby Levin

♠ QJ2
♥ T976
♦ AK
♣ K976

W Marty Fleisher

♠ 8
♥ 8
♦ QJ8632
♣ AJT832

E Chip Martel

♠ AKT98764
♥ 5
♦ T94
♣ Q

S Steve Weinstein

WES 5♣

Board 22 was in fact the first true swing of the Final.

In the Open Room, Fleisher and Martel bid 5C over Levin's 4S opener.

5C is cold for six if declarer guesses the trump position.

Levin led the HK and followed it with the HA. Fleisher ruffed with dummy's ten and Weinstein overruffed with his singleton trump queen.

Contract making.

In the Closed Room, Zia opened 3NT showing a GOOD four of a major bid with 2 or 3 controls. Meckstroth bid 4H, pass or correct, and Nickell bid 4NT for the minors. Katz picked clubs and Meckstroth (no one steals from Jeff) bid 5H bringing the heart suit into play. Nick passed. Zia bid 5S. Katz knew he was being pushed around, but the vulnerable slam making was certainly a possibility. Doubling the non-vulnerable 5S would yield a small profit while making a vulnerable slam would be big.

Katz weighed the alternatives and bid the club slam. His fate rested on where he placed the CQ. The defense went as above. Katz, like Fleisher, ruffed with the CT and was overruffed at trick two. Contact failing.

Should Katz have ruffed with the CA? Probably not! Zia showed a GOOD 4S bid.

Clearly, an 8-1-3-1 hand is better than an 8-1-2-2 hand. If indeed Zia holds the 8-1-3-1 hand, the odds favor the CQ resting with Meckstroth.

13 IMPs to Fleisher

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

3NT=good, solid major with 2 or 3 controls
4H=pass or correct

OTHER ROOM W 5♣ = -600 Other table >

NORTH WEST 22 DEALER SOUTH

Score card > Frequency > Standings >

DDS

♠ 53
♥ AKQJ432
♦ 75
♣ 54

N Jeff Meckstroth

♠ QJ2
♥ T976
♦ AK
♣ K976

W Ralph Katz

♠ 8
♥ 8
♦ QJ8632
♣ AJT832

E Nick Nickel

♠ AKT98764
♥ 5
♦ T94
♣ Q

S Zia Mahmood

WES 6♣

On Board 23, both tables reached 4H from East on completely different auctions.

In the Closed Room, Meckstroth opened in third seat on his 8 count. Nickell over-called 1NT. South raised spades and Katz showed invitational + with hearts. Nickell, holding a minimum with three hearts, bid 3H and Katz carried on to game.

In the Open Room, Levin passed with the North hand and Martel opened 1NT. Fleisher transferred to hearts and offered a choice of games. Martel chose 4H.

At both tables, South led a spade... but not the same spade!

In the Closed Room above, Zia led the S9 and Nickell won Levin's ten with the queen. Nickell played a small diamond to the queen and ace.

The defense was at the crossroads. What to return?

Meckstroth made a good decision to continue diamonds. He knew from the lead of the nine that there was no future in continuing spades. It looked like his best chance was to score a diamond ruff.

In fact, continuing diamonds is the only way to defeat 4H. Nickell won the DK and played a third diamond. Zia played a spade to Nickell's ace and Nickell played the D5. Both Zia and dummy shed small clubs. Meckstroth ruffed. Meck returned a heart ducked to his partner's king. Zia continued hearts to declarer's nine. The D7 was ruffed and overruffed. The S8 was trumped by the HA and Nickell conceded down one, losing two diamonds, the trump king and a ruff.

In the Open Room, Weinstein led the S2 and Martel won the king with the ace. The D5 went to the queen and ace as in the Closed Room, however, Levin, unaware that South did not hold an honor in spades, played back a spade. Martel won the spade, played the H7 to Weinstein's king. Weinstein played a third spade which Martel ruffed with the HA. Martel played the H9 overtaking in dummy. He played two rounds of trump and followed with the D9 to the DJ and claimed ten tricks.

12 IMPs to Fleisher

BOARD: 28 DEALER: WEST VULNERABLE: N-S		♠ KQJ ♥ QT82 ♦ AK862 ♣ 7																			
♠ 8732 ♥ AK94 ♦ 97 ♣ KT2		♠ AT965 ♥ 6 ♦ Q5 ♣ 98643																			
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Nickell	Fleisher	🔄 Open 4♥ N ♣3 = 620	13																		
		🔄 Closed 4♥x N ♠A -1 200																			

Board 28 was the first significant swing to team Nickell.

In the Closed Room, Meckstroth was declarer in 4HX. Nickell led the SA and switched to a club. Meckstroth won the CA and played a diamond to hand to lead the HT to Katz's king. Katz exited with the S8 to declarer's king and Meckstroth cashed the DK. Meckstroth played the H2 to the jack and Katz's ace. Katz played the CK. Meck ruffed with the H8 and conceded down one.

In the Open Room, Levin was declarer. Martel led the C3. Levin won Weinstein's ace and played a heart toward his queen. Fleisher ducked the ace/king. Levin played the SJ to Martel's ace. Martel played the ST. Levin pitched the D3 from dummy and won his king. He played a small heart to Fleisher's king, Martel pitching the C9. Fleisher cashed his HA and continued with the H9 which Levin won with the ten. Trump were gone.

Levin cashed the ace/king of diamonds and when the queen fell, Levin claimed ten tricks.

When Fleisher won his first high heart, he could have exited with his CK to establish the H9 as the setting trick.

Or, in the alternative, he could cash his second high heart and play the CK to reach the same position.

13 IMPs to Nickell

Board 49 of the final segment on Sunday produced a badly needed swing for team Nickell. The East hand, holding a Yarborough, was forced to guess the setting lead against slam at both tables.

In the Closed Room, Meckstroth and Zia bid to 6D. Greco found the killing club lead. This was a logical choice since partner did not double the 4H key card bid and did not double for the lead of dummy's first bid suit.

Greco led third best from his longest and strongest (!) finding partner's cashing clubs. Well done Eric!

In the Open Room, Levin opened 1NT with his 6-card diamond suit. South transferred to spades and bid 4NT inviting slam. Levin accepted and jumped to six diamonds. Weinstein converted to 6NT and Grue doubled with the West hand.

Moss led a spade, dummy's first bid suit, and declarer claimed 13 tricks.

Obviously Grue intended his double to mean, "I have a surprise!!" Unfortunately for Joe, Brad's natural lead was a club and the double likely talked him out of it.

The offense took all 13 tricks and made seven for +1330.

16 IMPs to Nickell

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
1♠	PASS	PASS	DBL
PASS	2♦	PASS	2♥
PASS	2♣	PASS	PASS
PASS			

1D=Precision 2+
Pass=Precision style pass... non-game going... nothing else to say

NORTH DEALER 60 EAST SOUTH

Score card Frequency Standings

DDS

♠ KJT4
♥ 3
♦ AT54
♣ QJ73
N Bobby Levin

♠ 982
♥ AKJ8
♦ QJ8
♣ T95
W Joe Grue

♠ 753
♥ 6542
♦ K72
♣ A64
E Brad Moss

♠ AQ6
♥ QT97
♦ 963
♣ K82
S Steve Weinstein

In the Open Room, Levin and Weinstein, holding no eight card fit, stopped in 2S on their 22 HCP.

The opening lead was a trump and eventually Levin collected nine tricks for +140.

Moss's trap pass went unnoticed.

In the Closed Room, Hampson and Greco found their heart fit, but Meckstroth was able to make a second round take-out double and Zia jumped to 3NT.

Greco doubled knowing that his side had nearly half the deck.

If Hampson leads a high heart or a high diamond, 3NT will go down two tricks. Even a black suit lead will produce a one trick set.

Hampson led a spade. Declarer won the SJ and played the CQ. Greco won the CA and played the H6. Zia covered with the nine and Hampson won the jack. Hampson cashed the HK and Greco played the deuce and Zia the ten. Hampson fell into the trap!! He cashed the HA and Zia found himself with nine cashers! 12 IMPs to Fleisher

The problem here comes down to "what heart would Greco have returned if his original holding was 76542?" and if he returned the six, what heart would he play the next time? Could Hampson have worked it out?

Nice deceptive carding, Zia!

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

1D=2+

OTHER ROOM N 2♠ +1 140 Other table

NORTH DEALER 60 EAST SOUTH

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DDS

♠ KJT4
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♥ 6542
♦ K72
♣ A64
E Eric Greco

♠ AQ6
♥ QT97
♦ 963
♣ K82
S Zia Mahmood

Cross IMPs...

1. Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher Fleisher 2.07 62.00 30
2. Brad Moss - Joe Grue Fleisher 1.11 50.00 45
3. Jeff Meckstroth - Zia Mahmood Fleisher 0.84 38.00 45
4. Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein Nickell -0.84 -38.00 45
5. Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson Nickell -1.11 -50.00 45
6. Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz Nickell -2.07 -62.00 30

Commentating online Monday will be:

Segment 1 at 11:30 EDT:

Gavin Wolpert

Segment 2 at 1:45 EDT:

Host: Harrison Luba

Commentators: Aaron Jones & James Holzhauer

Segment 3 at 5:00 EDT:

Host: Tracey Bauer

Commentators: Mike Passell & Owen Lien

Segment 4 at 7:15 EDT:

Host: Brent Xiao

Commentators: Bruce Rogoff & David Berkowitz

