

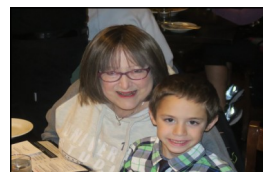
Results:

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	144	8	15	21	35	14	38	13	WD	
2	Fleisher	276	5	40	58	51	19	41	62		

At Zias's behest, the team is dedicating the win to our late friend, **Naren Gupta**, a kind, gentle soul who was taken from us way too soon. Naren loved bridge and the people who played it. He is missed by those whose lives he touched.



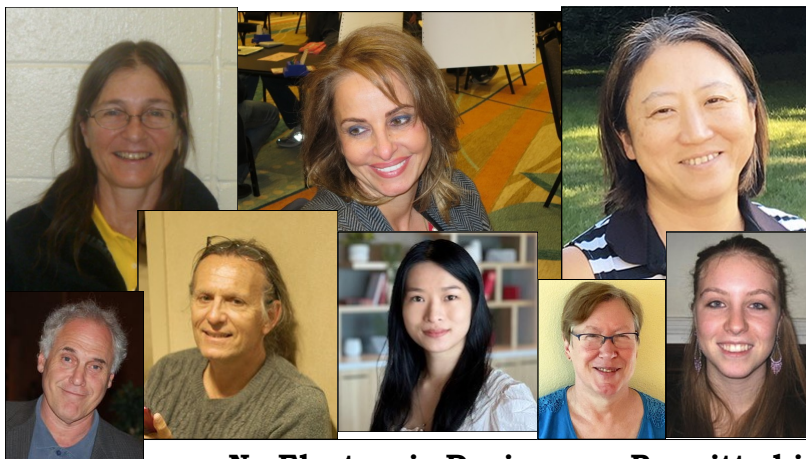
Ed. Note: With delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to watch every hand for write ups. If anyone has a hand of particular interest, please send me the board number & match and I will review it. Email to stansubeck@prodigy.net. Thank you.
Suzi



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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.



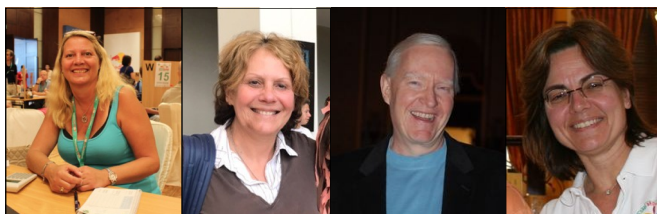
Senior Teams Entered

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



USBF 10 Board VP Scale

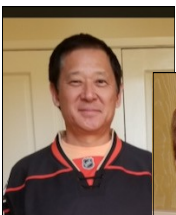
Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

10 Boards (Blitz is 48 IMPs)

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

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

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



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
		12:15 - 2:15	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 75 MINUTE BREAK
		3:30 - 5:30	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 31-45
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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 will be available in the hospitality suite from 3-4 (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early.) There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit and berries. Also, all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators



Marie-France



More on Hospitality and Regulations...

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

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. We are working in that room and would appreciate it if you try to keep voices low.

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

Hard Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

I am writing a book about all the things I should be doing in my life... it's called an ought-o-biography!

If thieves wear sneakers and artists wear sketchers, then linguists must wear converse!

Then there was the time Fruit of the Loom took Hanes to court... it was a brief case!

When did 50 cent do when he was hungry? 58

If I had a nickel for every bread pun, I'd have a pun per nickel!

I started telling everyone about the benefits of eating more dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness!

I started a band called 999 Megabytes. Sadly, I still haven't gotten a gig.

The gap between rungs on a ladder has increased because people are growing taller these days. The is officially known as a Climb It Change!

Why does the Norwegian navy have a bar code on their ships? So when they pull into port, they can Scandinavian!

I keep my "dad jokes" is a dad a base!

Sudoku 2

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

Sudoku Solutions on Page 14



Puzzle Page ...

Homophones

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

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

AIRLESS	FISHER	KNEADING	ROOT
HEIRLESS	FISSURE	NEEDING	ROUTE
ALLOWED	FRAYS	MARQUEE	ROUGH
ALOUD	PHRASE	MARQUIS	RUFF
BALD	GILLED	MUSTARD	SCENE
BAWLED	GUILD	MUSTERED	SEEN
BERRIES	GRAFT	OVERDO	SUITE
BURIES	GRAPHED	OVERDUE	SWEET
CLICK	HANDMADE	PACED	THRONE
CLIQUE	HANDMAID	PASTE	THROWN
CUED	INVADE	PRAISE	WAIST
QUEUED	INVEIGHED	PRAYS	WASTE
FARROW	JEWEL	REEK	
PHARAOH	JOULE	WREAK	

WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN SWISS AND KNOCKOUT TEAMS

August 28 – September 2

MARRAKECH GRAND PRIX TRANSNATIONAL BOARD-A-MATCH (BAM) TEAMS

August 30 – September 1



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BOTH EVENTS PART OF THE
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WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN SWISS KO TEAMS

August 28 – September 2

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

MARRAKECH GRAND PRIX TRANSNATIONAL BAM TEAMS

August 30 – September 1

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

ENTRY FEES - BOTH EVENTS TOGETHER

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

ENTRY FEES - BAM ONLY

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

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



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World Bridge News...

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

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

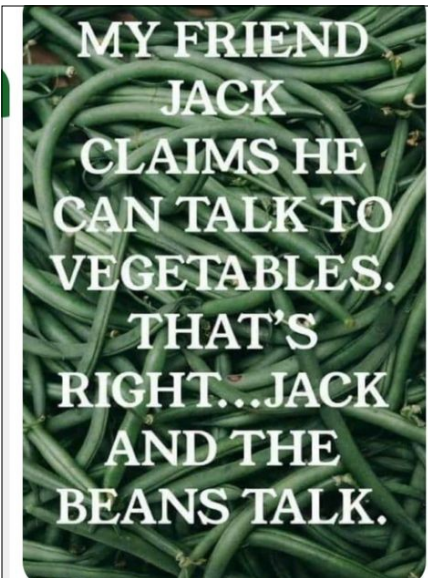
The **World Bridge Teams Championships**, the oldest WBF Championship, grew out of private initiatives principally by the late Norman Bach. The first world championship for the Bermuda Bowl was held in 1950, in Bermuda, 8 years before the World Bridge Federation itself was formed. After the first event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

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

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

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

Pun-ishment!



Did you know the first French fries weren't actually cooked in France?

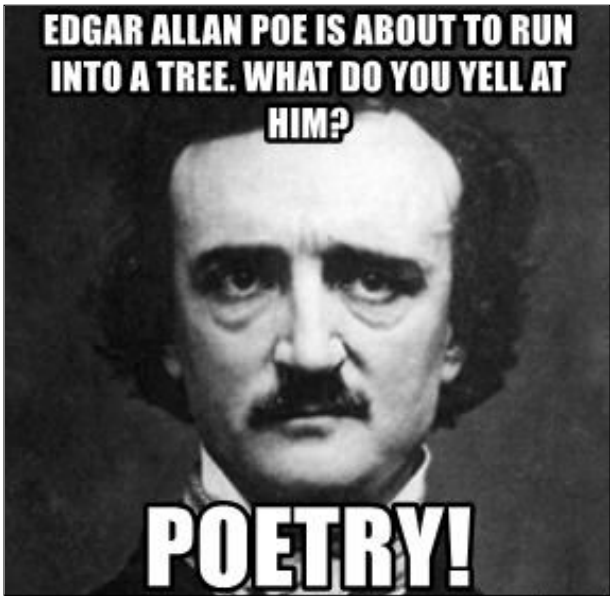
They were cooked in Greece.



I didn't mean to gain weight. It happened by snaccident.

The only thing flat-earthers fear

Is sphere itself.



Logic Puzzle...

		Ages										# in US					# in Other Countries				
		12	13	14	15	16	Battlefield	Grab It	Karate Master	Mystifying	Space Patrol	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Jeremy																					
Louis																					
Michael																					
Nathaniel																					
Steven																					
# in Other Countries	1																				
	2																				
	3																				
	4																				
	5																				
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Karate Master																					
Mystifying																					
Space Patrol																					

Name	Age	Favorite Game	# in the US	# in Other Countries

**Answer on Page 14
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Louise's five sons love computer games and playing with their friends online. Each played with five to seven other boys and the great thing about the World Wide Web was that none of their gaming friends were within easy driving distance to them. Many of them even lived in other countries. Each of the boys had a favorite online game and a bunch of friends that they gamed with on a regular basis. Determine the name and age (12 to 16) of each son, the name of each one's favorite online game, the number of each son's friends that live in the US (from 1 to 5), and the number of each son's friends that live in another country (from 1 to 5).

1. Michael was two years younger than the brother who loved "Battlefield". Steven was two years younger than the brother with four US friends but he was only one year older than the brother with four friends in other countries.
2. The brother who loved "Karate Master" was a year

- older than the brother who had four friends living in other countries, but he was also a year younger than the brother who had two friends living in the US.
3. Louis, who didn't like "Grab It", was fifteen and he had more than three gaming friends in the US. The brother who loved "Mystifying" had one more friend living in the US than outside the US.
4. The 12-year-old had two less US friends than Nathaniel but three more friends living outside the US than the brother who loved "Karate Master".
5. Steven, who didn't like "Space Patrol", had the most friends in the US. The brother who loved "Grab It" played with four friends who lived outside the US.
6. One brother, who wasn't Jeremy, played with five friends who lived in other countries and two friends who lived in the US. The 14-year-old, who wasn't Nathaniel, loved "Space Patrol"

Meet the Players

Adam Wildavsky, born March 24, 1960, grew up in Berkeley, CA and now resides primarily in New York City. A graduate of M.I.T., he pursued a career in software engineering and in 2013 retired from a position with Google GmbH in Zürich.

Since 1983, Adam has served in administrative positions in the New England Bridge Conference, the Greater New York Bridge Association, ACBL District 17, the ACBL itself, and the USBF.

He was elected as a member of the Executive Council in 2019 and chairs the WBF Rules and Regulations Committee. He also serves on the WBF Management Committee, the WBF Technology Committee, the WBF Statutes and Bylaws Committee, the USBF Conditions of Contest Committee, and the ACBL Laws Commission. In 2022 he was unanimously elected to the position of Honorary Secretary of the WBF by the WBF Executive Council.

Adam has written articles for a number of publications, including *The Bridge World*, *Bridge Today*, and the ACBL Bulletin. He serves as an editor and panellist for the ACBL's appeals casebooks. He was a member of the winning squad in the US Bridge Championships in 2003 and 2009, earning a Bronze medal in the Bermuda Bowl 2003.

In bridge and in life, Adam follows the philosophy of Russian-American author Ayn Rand. He has written about the connection between Rand and bridge on his website, www.tameware.com

Bridge Accomplishments:

Wins

North American Bridge Championships
Lebhar IMP Pairs 2008
Fast Open Pairs 2008
Blue Ribbon Pairs 1992, 1997
Reisinger 2002

Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships
Lebhar IMP Pairs 1996
Fast Open Pairs 2004, 2006
Nail Life Master Open Pairs 2011
Roth Open Swiss Teams 2010
Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 2009, 2011

Adam is playing with Kitty Cooper in the Mixed USBC on the Wildavsky team. Their teammates include Yuji Brennan, Doug Doub, May Sakr and Jacek Pszcola.

Adam's girlfriend, Hong Ding, is a bridge player in her own right. She and Adam enjoy skiing and traveling, dancing and bridge. Hong is a delightful dinner companion at WBF events.

Says Adam on his BW Profile:

"I'm a freelance capitalist, retired software engineer, Lindy Hopper, and sometime professional bridge player. I spend winters on the ski slopes and the rest of the year in NYC, Paris, and traveling. My other interests include the laws of bridge, economics, global warming (I'm a skeptic), and Ayn Rand's philosophy of Objectivism. Edgar Kaplan is my all-time bridge hero."



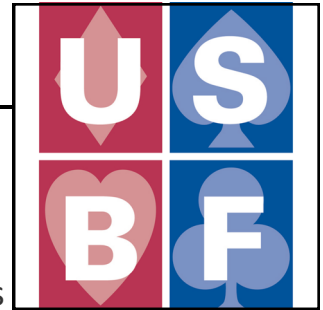
3	5	1	9	6	7	8	4	2
2	7	4	3	5	8	6	9	1
9	6	8	2	4	1	3	7	5
4	3	6	1	7	2	5	8	9
1	2	5	6	8	9	4	3	7
8	9	7	5	3	4	2	1	6
6	8	9	4	1	5	7	2	3
5	4	2	7	9	3	1	6	8
7	1	3	8	2	6	9	5	4

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

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 8

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



USBF Supporting Membership

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

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

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

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

Q: How do you stop Canadian bacon from curling in your pan?

A: You take away their little brooms.

Q: How does Darth Vader like his toast?

A: On the dark side.

I was watching an Australian cooking show on TV. The chef was making meringue. The audience started cheering! I was really surprised. Usually Australians boo meringue!!

Name	Age	Favorite Game	# in the US	# in Other Countries
Steven	13	Karate Master	5	1
Nathaniel	16	Battlefield	3	2
Michael	14	Space Patrol	2	5
Louis	15	Mystifying	4	3
Jeremy	12	Grab It	1	4

Answer to Puzzle on page 12



Bridge: A MindSport For All

Connects People, Challenges Minds

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

Bridge, Youth and Schools



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

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

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

BAMSA's new study

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

How can donating help?

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

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

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

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Thank You! Need more information?

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BAMSA: BRIDGE: A Mindsport for All

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

We have engaged the Intercontinental as our overflow hotel!

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

**Join ABC
ACBL BIDDING CONTEST**

Bid these Bidding Box hands on your phone or tablet!

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

Register here → 

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

**I TELL DAD JOKES,
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY KIDS.
THAT MAKES ME
A FAUX PA.**

**Why are hallways in
psychiatric hospitals
called "hallways" ?
Shouldn't they be called
psycho paths?**

From Jan Martel...

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

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

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



BOARD: 17
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ AQT85
♥ 53
♦ 542
♣ 953

♠ K943
♥ 87
♦ T987
♣ AQ8

♠ 7
♥ AKQT2
♦ AKQ63
♣ 64

♠ J62
♥ J964
♦ J
♣ KJT72

Par: -920

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

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

The first segment of the Day 2 Finals of USA2 gained 5 IMPs for Fleisher. Nickell badly needs swings to go their way.

The first two boards of the second segment were more of the same... then Nickell stuck its first real blow on Board 17.

In the Closed Room, Levin and Weinstein had an excellent auction to reach the only makeable slam: 6D!

Nickell	Fleisher	Open	3N	W	♠8	+1	430	
		Closed	6♦	E	♣2	=	920	10

As the cards lie, there is no - defense to defeat it.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

1NT=semi force
4C=Q
4S=RKC
4NT=1

Score card >
Frequency >
Live scores >

DEALER WEST 17 EAST SOUTH

DDS

♠ AQT85
♥ 53
♦ 542
♣ 953

N Jeff Meckstroth

♠ K943
♥ 87
♦ T987
♣ AQ8

W Steve Weinstein

♠ 7
♥ AKQT2
♦ AKQ63
♣ 64

E Bobby Levin

♠ J62
♥ J964
♦ J
♣ KJT72

S Zia Mahmood

EAST 6♦

Zia led a club and Levin finessed for the king.

When that worked, Levin drew trumps and went about setting up his heart suit.

+920 East/West

In the Open Room, Martel and Fleisher had the same auction up to the 3D bid.

Fleisher, up a good deal (no pun intended) in the match, went quietly and bid 3NT.

As the cards lie, that, too, could not be defeated. It was cold for 10 tricks.

Martel collected five diamonds, one spade (Nickell opening led fourth from his longest and strongest to Fleisher's king), three hearts and a club.

+430 East/West

10 IMPs to Nickell

17

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

1NT=semi force and could hold 4 spades

Score card >
Frequency >
Live scores >

DEALER WEST 17 EAST SOUTH

DDS

♠ AQT85
♥ 53
♦ 542
♣ 953

N Nick Nickell

♠ K943
♥ 87
♦ T987
♣ AQ8

W Marty Fleisher

♠ 7
♥ AKQT2
♦ AKQ63
♣ 64

E Chip Martel

♠ J62
♥ J964
♦ J
♣ KJT72

S Ralph Katz

WEST 3NT

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

1C= could be 2
2D=5+ H and 9+ HCP
4D=fit showing

NORTH WEST 27 EAST DEALER

Score card >
Frequency >
Standings >

♠ KQJT6
♥ J2
♦ 96
♣ AT95

N Nick Nickell

♠ A54
♥ KT98
♦ J87
♣ KQ4

W Marty Fleisher

♠ 3
♥ AQ763
♦ A42
♣ 8732

E Chip Martel

Par: -100

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	5	6	4	8	5
E	8	7	9	5	8
W	:	6	:	:	:

♠ 9872
♥ 54
♦ KQT53
♣ J6

S Ralph Katz

WEST 5♥

In the Open Room (above), the spirited auction made it impossible to tell which side was sacrificing and which side was bidding to make. According to the Frequency Chart, no one was making anything resembling a game! When Fleisher bid 5H, Katz/Nickell went quietly. 5H was down one when Marty used good technique to strip and endplay Katz. The opening lead was the SK. Fleisher drew trumps and ruffed a spade in dummy. He played the C2 to his king and Nickell's ace. Nickell played the D9 to Katz's queen. Katz exited with the CJ. Fleisher won the CQ, trumped a spade in dummy, and played ace and a diamond to endplay Katz!

In the Closed Room (below), Weinstein judged well not to bid 5H. Instead, he stopped off and doubled 4S. He and Levin collected the obvious 5 tricks for +300 and 8 IMPs.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

2NT=4 card raise

OTHER ROOM W 5♥ -1 50 Other table >

NORTH WEST 27 EAST DEALER

Score card >
Frequency >
Standings >

♠ KQJT6
♥ J2
♦ 96
♣ AT95

N Jeff Meckstroth

♠ A54
♥ KT98
♦ J87
♣ KQ4

W Steve Weinstein

♠ 3
♥ AQ763
♦ A42
♣ 8732

E Bobby Levi

♠ 9872
♥ 54
♦ KQT53
♣ J6

S Zia Mahmood

NORTH 4♠

DDS

Cross IMPs...

1.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	1.90	114.00	60
2.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	1.39	104.00	75
3.	Jeff Meckstroth - Zia Mahmood	Fleisher	0.61	46.00	75
4.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	-0.61	-46.00	75
5.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	-1.39	-104.00	75
6.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	-1.90	-114.00	60

Info for the Mixed USBC from Jan!

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

-- Lineups for **both** segments MUST be submitted before round 8.

-- North & South players must remain the same for matches 8 & 9, and may not leave their playing rooms between rounds.

-- We will escort your East and West players to their new rooms for round 9. If the E-W pair is remaining the same, they must wait in their round 8 playing room for someone to come to escort them to their new room. If the E-W pair is changing, the two pairs may meet outside of the playing area to discuss the results of round 8, but may not talk to anyone else; when the new pair is ready to go to their rooms, they should come to room 1321 and someone will escort them to their round 9 room.

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

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

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

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

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

Limey Jack...

Hello Guv'nor,

What have we here? No sooner does one end than another starts. Only Limey Jack picked Fleisher who took the mettle of Nickell, getting a rare bird indeed, a withdrawal. Howie Dung is still counting his toes to see how he could go so badly astray.

Limey Jack is chuff to report the small spat between Prince Harry and the King of England has now been resolved and we can focus on bridge once again.

In the Mixed Teams, four go to USAS1, four go to USA2 and 2 go to the pub early.

USA1 will be Lewis, Wildavsky, Rosenthal, and Cappelletti.

In USA2, it will be Kaplan, Pollack, Henner and Parker. Kaplan would be in USA1 had they not lost Moss. Should they replace him with Gittleman, they will rejoin the premier league.

Sadly, that leaves Dinkin and Millen for the aforementioned pub visit!

Stick with Limey Jack all through the Yanks' trials and life the tenner from the Punter.

Cheers!!



Howie Doing...

Into the Mixed,
It's gonna be fun,
Now that the "experts"
In Open are done!

You might surmise
Much picking to do...
Mixed USA1,
Mixed USA2!

Two teams retire
Aft two days of play
Eight will continue
We'll see come what may!

The teams who should finish
1,2,3,4.
Will play one another
And see how they score.

Three will drop down
When playing is through.
We'll know who's Team One.
We'll wait for team two.

The Pollacks stay high,
They are no slouch...
Annie sleeps well,
With Dave on the couch!

Cristal and Andrew
And Adam make Bracket.
Playing to win
The famous Green Jacket?

Moss won the Open
To Kaplan a blow!
Dinkin goes home
With Kaplan in tow.

The remaining four squads
Will do what they do,
Trying to make it
As USA2!

Millens and Lewis,
Parker and Cap...
Skipped USA1,
Fell into the gap.

When they are finished,
The winner be found,
Team USA2,
Will be duly crowned!

Good luck all!!
Howie Doing... not bad!!