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Results:

2024 Mixed USBC Round Robin													
Team Name	Total	7	9	6	5	10	3	11	8	2	4	1	BYE
7. Millens	144.30		13.28	2.59	16.63	15.97	16.20	6.41	12.96	19.22	11.94	19.10	10.00
9. Rosenthal	132.02	6.72		7.04	5.54	13.89	9.59	12.29	18.55	14.74	15.26	18.40	10.00
6. Lewis	126.31	17.41	12.96		7.37	8.06	10.00	3.80	14.46	13.28	18.97	10.00	10.00
5. Ivatory	123.25	3.37	14.46	12.63		8.06	13.89	15.00	13.59	17.76	0.90	13.59	10.00
10. Rubenstein	116.21	4.03	6.11	11.69	11.94		4.26	12.29	17.93	8.06	10.00	19.90	10.00
3. Ding	109.85	3.80	10.41	10.00	6.11	15.74		19.22	3.80	3.37	16.20	11.20	10.00
11. Zhang	107.95	13.59	7.71	16.20	5.00	7.71	0.78		12.63	10.81	11.58	11.94	10.00
8. Pollack	99.98	7.04	1.45	5.54	6.41	2.07	16.20	7.37		16.20	14.74	12.96	10.00
2. Derman	95.61	0.78	5.26	6.72	2.24	11.94	16.63	9.19	3.80		16.42	12.63	10.00
4. Dinkin	77.25	8.06	4.74	1.03	19.10	10.00	3.80	8.42	5.26	3.58		3.26	10.00
1. Carmichael	76.02	0.90	1.60	10.00	6.41	0.10	8.80	8.06	7.04	7.37	15.74		10.00

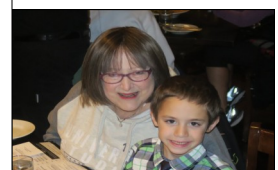
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Today's Matches

Mixed USBC - 2024											
QuarterFinal (120 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.								
12-May-2024			<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	Rosenthal										
8	Ivatory - wins tie										
2	Rubenstein - wins tie										
7	Pollack										
3	Millens - wins tie										
6	Ding										
4	Zhang - wins tie										
5	Lewis										

Ed. Note: With delayed broadcasting, it is challenging to watch every hand for write ups. If anyone has a particularly interesting hand, please send me the board # & match # with any important details. I will do my best to review and include it. Email to stansubeck@prodigy.net.
Thank you!

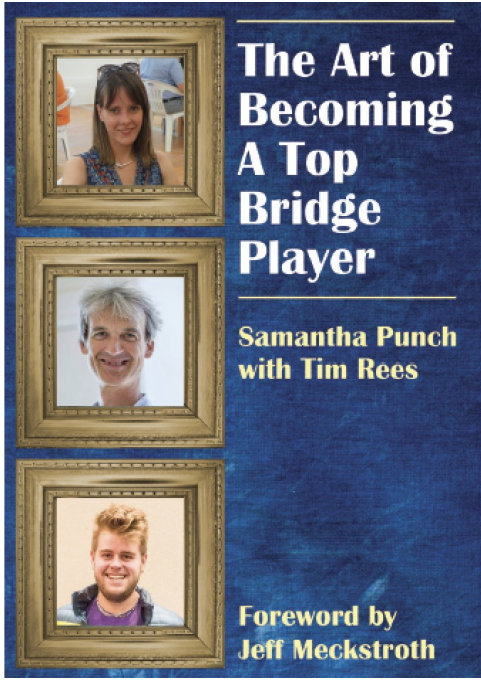


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Master Point Press



This year, as we did last year, we will be tracking time used by each pair and penalizing a team if their pairs use significantly more than their allotted time. Each pair is allotted half of the session time, which is actually more time than they should be using, since some of the time at the table is "neutral," not charged to either pair. Pages 23 & 24 of the USBF General Conditions of Contest have the penalties charged; Appendix A has details of time keeping.

The penalty scale has been adjusted somewhat based on our experience last year, but the major change we've made for this year is in how time taken is shown to you at the table. Each player has a "pair clock" showing the amount of pair time remaining in the segment. The pair clock appears on the screen to the left of the table clock at the start of each board. The clock does not update during the bidding (otherwise it would provide information about which player on the other side of the screen was taking time) and I believe it is no longer visible during the play because that place on the screen is used for something else. The clock will be outlined in red if the time remaining is less than the allocated time for the remaining boards.

Play In Tempo Our Policy...



Mixed Teams Entered

Carmichael	Tom Carmichael, Capt Christian Jolly Adam Parrish	Jenni Carmichael Julie Arbit
Derman	Ethan Derman, Capt George Klemic	Avery Silverstein Maya Jonas-Silver
Ding	Donna Compton, Capt Hong Ding Lin-huan Chen	Chris Compton Adam Wildavsky Ding-hwa Hsieh
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Harrison Luba Jeff Ferro	Yoko Sobel Cynthia Huang Jean Barry
Ivatury	Uday Ivatury, Capt Shawn Quinn Lapt Chan	Allan Graves Irina Kislitsyna Christal Henner
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Mark Itabashi Cheri Bjerkan	Linda Lewis Disa Eythorsdottir Larry Robbins
Millens	Shan Huang, Capt Kevin Dwyer Sandra Rimstedt	Joan Millens Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt
Pollack	Rozanne Pollack, Capt Dave Caprera	Bill Pollack Anne Brenner
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Michael Rosenberg	Migry Campanile Jenny Wolpert Debbie Rosenberg
Rubenstein	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Zach Grossack Adam Grossack	Anam Tebha Giorgia Botta Emma Kolesnik
Zhang	Susan Zhang, Capt Eddie Wold Janice Molson	Sylvia Shi Daniel Korbel



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

Aker	Jeff Aker, Capt John Lusky Barry Rigal	Allan Falk Glenn Milgrim Ron Rubin
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Bob Bitterman	Mark Aquino Mark Bendure
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Pratap Rajadhyaksha Ron Smith	Mike Passell Venkatrao Koneru Billy Cohen
Hamman	Bob Hamman, Capt Doug Doub John Schermer	Neil Chambers Adam Wildavsky Neil Silverman
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Eric Rodwell Zia Mahmood	Reese Milner Eddie Wold Michael Rosenberg
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bernie Greenspan	Lance Kerr Fred Schenker
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Jim Krekorian Steve Beatty	Curtis Cheek Peter Weichsel Fred Stewart
Tulin	Gary Cohler, Capt Alan Sontag Kit Woolsey	Stan Tulin Ralph Katz Bart Bramley
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Mike Becker	Steve Garner Michael Kamil



Women's Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Kerri Sanborn Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt [alternate] Debbie Rosenberg	Olivia Schireson Jill Meyers Sandra Rimstedt [alternate] Migry Campanile
Cooper	Kitty Cooper, Capt Linda Lewis Rozanne Pollack	Lynne Feldman Hjordis Eythorsdottir Cheri Bjerkan
Zhang	Susan Zhang, Capt Janice Molson	Sylvia Shi Irina Levitina



Marriage is when a man and woman become as one. The trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

Grooms, once you get married remember that when you have a discussion with your future wife, always get the last two words in: "Yes, dear."

My wife gave birth four times and still fits in her prom dress from high school. I gave birth zero times and I haven't fit in my pants since March.

Marriage is like going to a restaurant. You order what you want, then when you see what the other person has, you wish you had ordered that.

When a newly married man looks happy, we know why. But when a ten-year married man looks happy, we wonder why.

"Mixed" Jokes

Love is one long sweet dream, and marriage is the alarm clock.

Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, and half shut afterward.

What did Cinderella say when her photos did not show up? Someday my prints will come!

What is the penalty for bigamy? Two mothers-in-law.

The man approached the very beautiful woman in the large supermarket and asked, "You know, I've lost my wife here in the supermarket. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?" "Why?" "Because every time I talk to a beautiful woman, my wife appears out of nowhere."

Location: TBD

Lovebridge practice sessions			
Day	Date	Time (CDT)	
Tuesday	April 30	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Thursday	May 9	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Saturday	May 18	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Wednesday	May 22	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	

PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS			
On Zoom			
Event	Day	Date	Time (CDT)
Open	Tuesday	April 30	9:00 PM
Mixed	Thursday	May 9	9:00 PM
Senior	Saturday	May 18	9:00 PM
Women's	Monday or Wednesday	May 20 or 22	9:00 PM

Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

Mixed Schedule			
Round Robin or KO - Schedule will depend on number of teams			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Friday	May 10		
Saturday	May 11		
Quarterfinal			
Sunday	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
Monday	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
Semifinal			
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	May 15	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
Final			
Thursday	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
Friday	May 17	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

Spiderman is a good parallel Parker.
 Evil Lucky Charms are tragically malicious.
 Where'd the IT guy go? He ransomware.
 Anger makes your mouth work faster than your mind.
 If the soups too hot, ramen calm.
 Bread puns happen when you yeast expect them.



The Italian chef didn't die, he just pasta way.
 Bad carne asada? I don't wanna taco about it.
 Priest blesses avocado = holy guacamole!
 Movie about dog races? Fast and the Furriest.

Senior Schedule

SENIOR SCHEDULE			
Round Robin or KO - Schedule will depend on number of teams			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Sunday	May 19		
Monday	May 20		
Quarterfinal			
Tuesday	May 21	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
Wednesday	May 22	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
Semifinal			
Thursday	May 23	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
Friday	May 24	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
Final			
Saturday	May 25	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
Sunday	May 26	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

Celiacs eating sourdough = glutens for punishment.

Great network names: Drop it like it's hotspot.

Great network names: No more Mr. Wi-Fi.

Scary network name? Silence of the LANs.

Millennium Falcon network's name? LAN Solo.

Lazy kangaroo = pouch potato.

What do you call a deer with no eyes? No idear.

I don't trust trees. They're too shady

What hackers do on a boat? Go phishing.

Opposite of Ladyfingers? Mentos.

I bought a boat because it was for sail.

My fear of moving stairs is escalating.

What do you call a short mother? Minimum.

Pronouns for a bar of chocolate? Her/ she.



Beth Palmer WOMEN'S SCHEDULE			
Round Robin or Quarterfinal if 5-8 teams enter - schedule will depend on number of teams			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Tuesday	May 21		
Wednesday	May 22		
Semifinal			
Thursday	May 23	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
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Beth Palmer Women's Schedule

Beauty is in the eye of the beer-holder.

I'm not lazy, just energy-efficient.

I ate a watch. It was time-consuming.

Why do cows have bells? Their horns don't work.

I got rid of my spine. It was holding me back.

My theory on inertia never gained momentum.

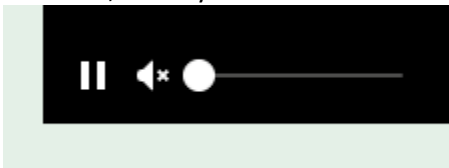
Age isn't just a number. It's clearly a word.

I'm Buzz Aldrin! 2nd man on moon! Neil before me!

Rockin' side dish? Fleetwood Mac & Cheese.

2024 USBCs Kibitzing - There will be delayed kibitzing for all of the 2024 USBCs on LoveBridge

You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. If you get to the voice commentary and there is no sound, you need to "unmute." When you first get to the page, there is a small icon of a speaker in the middle of your screen with an x on it. Click there to unmute. If you miss that icon, move your cursor to the bottom left of the screen and you should see a something like this:



Click on the speaker to unmute.

Vugraph is delayed for 30 minutes or until all tables have completed play on a board, whichever is later.

Kibitzing Schedule (EDT)

For all KO days of the 2024 USBCs, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT; Segment 2: 1:45 pm EDT

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:00 pm EDT; Segment 4: 7:15 pm EDT

For Round Robin days, each kibitzing segment will start 30 minutes after play starts. No voice for RR's. To listen to commentary, search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentators. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.

Deep Involvement: Choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into 4 small screens – 2 of them showing the 2 tables of the match you choose, the other 2 having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can 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.

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, the 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 always 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 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.



I always get a
Really good laugh
When someone
forgets
A bid on VuGraph!

I know that they're
human,
As I am quite too.
And everyone... even
pros
Can misconstrue!



Kibitzing...

2024 USBCs Hospitality

We are returning to our pre-pandemic hospitality, with the hospitality suite (room 2321) open most of the day for socializing, Vugraph, and snacks. We will be providing breakfast and lunch each **day of play**. Marie-France Benoit will be our lead hostess, with help from Jacob Morgan and Julie Arbit, who makes the best guacamole. If you're at the tournament and can volunteer to help with hospitality (pick up items at Costco or nearby stores or restaurants, preparing food) please let Jan or Marie-France know.

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be the usual breakfast food: cereal, bagels, toast, salmon, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. For those who prefer Keurig coffee, that will be available. So long as the suite doesn't become too crowded, you are welcome to eat there. No masking requirement.

Lunch: On the first four days of each event we will be serving a buffet lunch in a hotel banquet room, usually the Slate and Cyan rooms at the front of the hotel; we will have signs in the Player Break Room and Hospitality Suite with daily location. The hotel will be supplying what they do best: salads and chips. We will be bringing in 2 or 3 hot dishes from a local restaurant each day. There should be enough room for you to eat in the hotel banquet room, but you are welcome to take food from there to an outside table or to your hotel room. Lunch will be served from about half an hour before the morning session is supposed to end until about half an hour after the afternoon session starts. After the first 4 days of each event, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite at the break. There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, berries, cookies or other desserts. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators. As with breakfast, you are welcome to eat in the hospitality suite unless it is too crowded.

Let us know if you have specific needs. Our hosts will do their very best to accommodate you.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

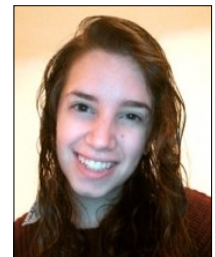
We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. Please keep your voices down in the Break Room where we are working.

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 for coffee, water or an escort outside to smoke.



Marie-France



Julie Arbit

I asked the kids in my nursery school class what they needed in order to grow up nice and strong. One little girl answered, "Birthdays!"

If I ever voiced disapproval of a photo of myself, my mother always had a ready reply: "Want a better picture? Get a better face."

Suffering from an unsightly scaly rash, my friend Denise made an appointment with a dermatologist who happened to be very attractive. After a full examination, the doctor cocked his head and asked, "Denise, did you get your hair done?" "Why, yes. Thank you for noticing," said Denise, flattered. "I thought so," the doctor replied. "Because your scalp looks red and irritated."

A few of us were discussing the perils of drinking and driving when my five-year-old granddaughter threw in her two cents. "I can see why it would be dangerous to drink and drive," she said. "The straw could go up your nose."



Our booking office had three phones. One day during lunch, I was responsible for answering all of them. It was a constant repeat of "May I help you?" or "Will you hold?" I guess I got confused because I surprised one man on the other end of the line when I answered his call with, "May I hold you?"

A man's bragging about his promotion to vice president got so out of hand even his wife was annoyed. "Look, being a vice president isn't that special," she said. "They even have a vice president of peas at the supermarket!" Not believing her for one second, the man called the supermarket and demanded, "Get me the vice president of peas!" The clerk replied, "Fresh, canned, or frozen?"

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Sudoku 1

As you get older, it gets late earlier.
 Why is a lion in your wardrobe? Narnia business.
 Swallowing Scrabble tiles could spell disaster.
 Common foot problem for architects? Fallen arches.
 What prize do you get for aging? A trophy.
 A zoo with only one dog is a Shitzu.
 Heard of Cole's Law? It's thinly sliced cabbage.
 Termites never get sick. Strong antyodies.
 Why do bees have sticky hair? They use honeycombs.
 You're so old your back goes out more than you do.
 Malevolent cats are purr evil.
 Do rats think bats are angels?
 T Rex that can't accept defeat? Saur loser.
 Crows on telephone poles = long distance caw?
 Swedish martial art? IKEA-do.
 Thor lost his lightning. Odin grounded him.
 Hot karate teachers look senseicional.
 Visited the local landfill. What a dump!
 I don't know what people see in black holes.
 Sometimes I go to the pier just for the halibut.
 Reading while sunbathing makes you well, red.
 Only dead fish go with the flow.
 Looking back, I really hurt my neck.
 Angry German mob = sauer crowd.
 Soft tissue between sharks' teeth? Slow swimmers.
 Bought my GF a 'get better' card. She's not sick.
 People always open up to surgeons.
 If cats could text you back, they wouldn't.
 The chains on my mood swing just snapped. Run.



Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 10

Sudoku 2

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	9		7					4
								5

Please be "scent"sitive! Many players have allergies and have trouble breathing when perfumed aromas are present! Thank you!!



Puzzle Page ...

Baseball

Find and circle all of the Baseball words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Humphrey Bogart quotation.

A H B A T T E R O U T F I E L D E R O T
 Y R O T I R R E T L U O F R E N N U R D
 O G H E A E B D R A O B E R O C S T T G
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 A I A A V E E B R E O A H C A O C O A U
 G R C G E R T F S D T M E L W O R H T N
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 E E L I S F U B I D O N G O E E R F K B
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 P I D H D T I T N U C E E S C F A U O L
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 N O E T N I I P R G F P P L L O F I W D
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 T N S D E B E T E Y A F O S C N K L R E
 Y A F L O F O U L T I P E G U H A A I P
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| APPEAL | FAIR TERRITORY | INTERFERENCE | RETOUCH |
| BALK | FLY BALL | LEAGUE | RUN DOWN |
| BASE | FORCE PLAY | LINE DRIVE | RUNNER |
| BATTER | FORFEITED GAME | LIVE BALL | SCOREBOARD |
| BUNT | FOUL BALL | MOUND | SHORTSTOP |
| CATCH | FOUL TERRITORY | OBSTRUCTION | STRIKE |
| COACH | FOUL TIP | OFFENSE | TAG |
| DEAD BALL | GROUND BALL | OUTFIELDER | THROW |
| DEFENSE | IN FLIGHT | OVERSLIDE | TIE GAME |
| DOUBLE HEADER | INFIELD FLY | PENALTY | TRIPLE PLAY |
| DUGOUT | INFIELDER | PITCHER | UMPIRE |
| FAIR BALL | INNING | PIVOT FOOT | WILD PITCH |



The King of
Hearts
Has lots of
smarts!

In the tanning Olympics, the winner gets bronze.

Play-Doh. I never know what to make of it.

You could buy a costume. Or just boo it yourself.
This is the most wonderful time of the fear. Baby
ghosts go to the day-scare.

Zombie parties are never very lively.

Beer for dieting vampires? Blood Lite.

Ghosts' favorite game? Hide and
shriek.



Taken from Giorgia’s website:

Giorgia Botta has been playing bridge since the age of 12. She started playing thanks to her parents, both passionate players. Fortunately, Rome is a prestigious bridge city – with some of the best players in the country and some of the best in the World – making it easier for young passionate players to learn from the best.

Giorgia joined the Italian Junior program when she was 14, made her first U21 team appearance when she was 16 and went on to represent Italy in the Girls National Team for the next 8 years.

During those years Giorgia made exceptional friendships, visited an incredible number of countries and opened her mind to as many new and different cultures as she could.

All of those experiences, together with the relevant bridge related results, led Giorgia to the decision of leaving Italy and moving to New York with the hope of finding America in the bridge world.

Professionally

During her “Junior Career” Giorgia has achieved several notable results including a World Junior Women Pairs Championship gold medal in Atlanta 2013, two bronze World Girls Team Championships medals in Taicang – China – 2011 and Istanbul – Turkey – 2014 and a European Girls Team Championship in Wroclaw – Poland – 2013.

Giorgia also participated for many years in Italian Junior Championships winning several Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and, in 2014, won the Italian Mixed Teams Championship playing for the Lavazza team, partnering with Norberto Bocchi.

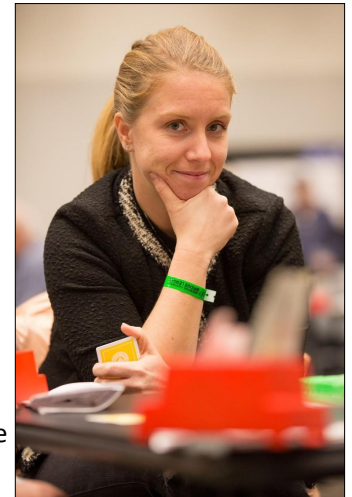
In February 2015 Giorgia moved to NYC where she has thus far established herself as a regular professional player and teacher and quickly grew great relationships with many players and clubs.

Since moving to the United States, Giorgia has participated in numerous competitions - Nationals and Trials - achieving remarkable results.

Among the most prestigious a Bronze medal in the 2023 European Open Mixed Team Championship and representing the United States Women’s Teams at the 2023 World Championships in Marrakesh, Marocco. Other notable results:

2nd place in the Mitchell Open BAM, a 2nd place in the Freeman Mixed BAM and a 2nd place in the Mixed Team Trials.

Giorgia partners regularly with bridge superstar Zach Grossack in international mixed competitions.



Giorgia is playing in the Mixed USBC in Schaumburg as a member of the Rubenstein team.



Meet the Players

Logic Puzzle Page

	Prices	Customers						Stones						Metals								
		Angela	Darla	Elvira	Felicia	Katrina	Rebecca	Yolanda	amethyst	aquamarine	diamond	opal	ruby	sapphire	topaz	18k gold	24k gold	palladium	platinum	silver	titanium	white gold
	\$1100																					
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	amethyst																					
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	diamond																					
	opal																					
	ruby																					
	sapphire																					
	topaz																					

**Answer
on page14**



Prices	Customers	Stones	Metals
\$1100			
\$1200			
\$1300			
\$1400			
\$1500			
\$1600			
\$1700			

Acupuncturists really stick it to you.
 Why didn't the tea go uphill? It was too steep.
 Know any good rope jokes? I'm a frayed knot.
 Pasta with no money is penne-less.
 Musical killer whales join orca-stras.
 Leading cause of computer problems? Upgrades.
 Undercover pilots spend their life in da skies.
 How to cook Hawaiian pizza? At aloha temperature.
 What fruit do twins love the most? Pears.

- Felicia's piece doesn't have the ruby.
- The piece that cost \$1400 is made of silver.
- The piece made of 24k gold doesn't have the topaz.
- Darla's piece isn't made of white gold.
- The ring that cost \$1700 is either the ring with the topaz or the ring with the opal.
- The piece with the sapphire cost less than the piece made of platinum.
- Yolanda's piece cost \$1200.
- The piece with the diamond cost 300 dollars more than the ring made of palladium.
- Darla's piece cost 200 dollars more than the ring made of silver.
- The ring made of platinum cost less than the piece made of 24k gold.
- Elvira's ring cost 400 dollars less than Felicia's ring.
- Rebecca's piece doesn't have the topaz.
- Of the piece made of palladium and the piece that cost \$1200, one has the aquamarine and the other is Katrina's.
- The piece made of palladium is either the ring with the opal or the ring that cost \$1400.
- The ring that cost \$1700 isn't made of 18k gold.
- Darla's piece isn't made of 24k gold.
- The piece that cost \$1700 isn't made of white gold

Playing Procedures Reviewed For Those Arriving for the Mixed, Seniors, Womens

You will be playing on Chromebooks using LoveBridge software. The Chromebooks all have wired mice, which you may choose to use or not. They also have touch screens if you prefer that, and of course integrated keyboards. You will not be able to go to any websites other than the LoveBridge playing site from the playing room Chromebooks.

There will be 2 players in each room, one from each team in the match - North & East together and South & West together. All of the NE rooms are on the first floor; all of the SW rooms are on the second floor.

Because some of you have said that you prefer the opponents' system information on paper in addition to being available on the Chromebooks, we are asking each player to bring a copy of their SSF, convention card, and if relevant the ACBL Multi defense to the table for their opponent. If you need help printing anything, come to room 1321 before you play and one of us will print for you.

After you have finished a segment and scored with your teammates, please check the score on LoveBridge and if you disagree with it, come to room 1321 and so we can sort it out.

Captains:

Your lineup sheet been shared with you. If you can't open it, or don't understand something about it, please let us know.

For the first segment of play each day, the Away team (the team that does not have seating rights for the segment) should tell the Home team their lineup (by email, text, or an entry on the lineup sheet) no later than 8:50 am (70 minutes before play starts), and enter the lineup on their lineup sheet no later than 9:00 am. If you enter your lineup on the lineup sheet before 8:50 am, that will satisfy both requirements. The Home team should give the Away team its lineup by 8:55 am, and should also enter it on the lineup sheet no later than 9:00 am. Of course, if the Away team doesn't communicate its lineup on time, the Home team has more time.

We ask you to enter the lineup on your lineup sheet because that may be the easiest way to give your lineup to your opponent. If you leave your lineup page open on your computer or other device, it will automatically update with the opponent's lineup when they enter it. Also, especially for the first segment of the day, there are often players who come to the office asking where they're supposed to sit and if the lineup is on the lineup sheet, we can direct them.

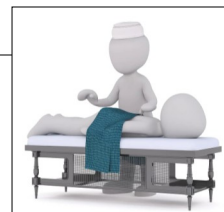
For subsequent segments, you need only notify each other of your lineups (10 minutes before the start of the segment for the Away team, 5 minutes for the Home team), although you are welcome to enter the lineup on the lineup sheet in case one of your players doesn't know where they are supposed to sit and comes to ask us.

Line-Up Procedures

For those of you who are interested, Ela has agreed to come to the Hyatt to provide massages any day that we have 3 or more people who want her. So if you want a massage, please let me know a day or two in advance, including what your timing is, and I'll try to make things work.

For now, Ela said she could come on April 30th for anyone who wants a post-flight, pre-tournament massage. So if you want one, please let me know and tell me what time(s) would work for you.

I think Ela still charges \$100 for an hour. She'll be setting her table up in my room (5117) and will have a key so she can get in and can let you in when it's your turn. Any questions, let Jan know!



**Massage Therapist
message from Jan**

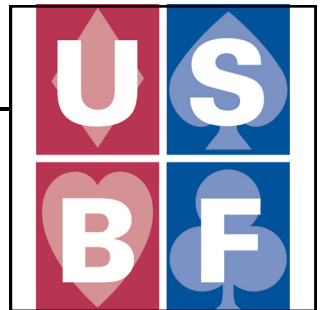
6	5	9	8	4	2	9	7	1	3
3	1	9	6	7	5	4	8	2	
2	7	4	3	8	1	5	6	9	
9	2	1	7	4	6	3	5	8	
7	8	6	2	5	3	1	9	4	
4	3	5	1	9	8	2	7	6	
8	4	2	5	6	7	9	3	1	
1	6	7	9	3	2	8	4	5	
5	9	3	8	1	4	6	2	7	

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

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 book club only reads wine labels.
 To avoid injury, don't tell me how to do my job.
 Decaf only works if you throw it at people.
 What's the opposite of Kathmandu? Dogwomandont.
 Wishing you a happy whatever doesn't offend you.
 Cold jalapeños are chilly peppers.
 Dry grape in Phoenix = raisin Arizona.
 Got fired as a psychic. Didn't see that coming.
 Maze designers often get lost in their work.
 Hard work pays off later; laziness pays off now.
 For astronomers, their careers are looking up.
 There's just no future in being a historian.
 Fishermen live on their net income.
 How do coffee tasters sleep at night?
 Italian Bigfoot = Spag-yeti.
 Happy island off coast of Africa? Gladagascar.
 When you leave Bali, you go Outdonesia.
 Why do French eat snails? They hate fast food.
 Got fired as a tailor. My work was only sew-sew.
 Plastic surgeons ask clients to pick their noses.

Someone glued my cards together. I just can't deal
 If con is the opposite of pro, then what is Congress?
 Procaffeinating = refusing to work before coffee.
 Cannibal dessert? Chocolate-covered aunts.
 Tried joining the knife club, but didn't make the cut.
 The days of good grammar has went.
 Illiterate? Write me for free help.
 Acupuncturists really stick it to you.

Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 12

\$1700	Angela	Topaz	Titanium
\$1600	Darla	Diamond	18k gold
\$1500	Felicia	Amethyst	24k gold
\$1400	Rebecca	Ruby	Silver
\$1300	Katrina	Opal	Palladium
\$1200	Yolanda	Aquamarine	Platinum
\$1100	Elvira	Sapphire	White gold

Board 65 from the 8th match of the second day of the Round Robin saw 8 pairs play in the “normal” 3NT game most often from North.

Where Avery Silverstein was declarer for Derman, Itabashi led the HT. Avery won the jack in dummy and played the D9. Disa rose with the king and tried spades. Avery won her ace and played the DQ out of hand.

Disa won the ace and continued the attack on spades with the jack. Avery won this with the queen and continued the attack on diamonds with the ten. Disa won her jack and played one more spade.

Avery won dummy’s king and claimed 10 tricks: 3 hearts, 3 diamonds, and 4 spades.

In Carmichael/Dinkin, a one-off result occurred at Dinkin/Sobel’s table where Sam’s intricate bidding system landed N/S in the Moysian 4S game. 4S can be successful, however...

Arbit led the H7. Yoko won the king in dummy. She set about pulling trump, playing dummy’s ace, everyone following.

She needed to continue with the SQ and a spade to her hand, felling the opponents’ spades and play on diamonds as Avery did.

The incredibly favorable lie of the E/W cards makes it impossible for Parrish to gain the lead and Arbit is seriously endplayed!

Arbit can win her diamonds but, as in 3NT above, E/W won’t win anything else!

1D=15+ art 1 rd force
3D=H or S + C
X=values, penalties of some sort
3H=confirms H

The other one-off result occurred in Ding/Ivatury where Uday bounced in with 2H over Hong Ding’s opening 1D.

As indicated on the Frequency Chart below, N/S can, and in this case, did take 8 tricks! Lucky for Uday, his teammates scored +430 and his –500 was only 2 IMPs!

Par: 430					
	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	8	10	8	10	10
EW	5	3	5	3	3

1	Carmichael	Dinkin	Open	3N	N	♣T	+1	430	11
			Closed	4♠	S	♥7	-2	100	
2	Derman	Lewis	Open	3N	N	♥T	+1	430	-
			Closed	3N	S	♥7	+1	430	
3	Ding	Ivatury	Open	2♥x	E	♣A	-3	500	2
			Closed	3N	N	♥T	+1	430	
4	Pollack	Zhang	Open	3N	N	♥9	+1	430	1
			Closed	3N	S	♥7	=	400	
5	Rosenthal	Rubenstein	Open	3N	N	♠T	+1	430	-
			Closed	3N	S	♣7	+1	430	

BOARD: 67
 DEALER: SOUTH
 VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ A982
 ♥ AK
 ♦ Q42
 ♣ K983

♠ J543
 ♥ 753
 ♦ J53
 ♣ AT5

♠ QT7
 ♥ 942
 ♦ KT986
 ♣ Q6

Par: 430

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	11	8	10	8	10
S	10	:	:	:	8
E	2	5	3	4	3
W	:	:	:	5	:

♠ K6
 ♥ QJT86
 ♦ A7
 ♣ J742

On Board 67, 3NT is cold from North but not from South... and that has nothing to do with South's declarer play (Note: in the old days and in the ABA, in Mixed events, the females were required to sit South and I am being defensive!!)

Roseanne Pollack and five others played the hand from South.

Only Roseanne was defeated.

Four of the five others received a spade lead rendering the contract cold.

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP		
								NS	EW	
1	Carmichael	Dinkin		Open	3N	N	♦T	+3	490	2
				Closed	4♥	S	♥3	=	420	
2	Derman	Lewis		Open	5♣	N	♠7	=	400	-
				Closed	3N	S	♦3	=	400	
3	Ding	Ivatury		Open	3N	S	♦5	=	400	1
				Closed	3N	S	♠3	+1	430	
4	Pollack	Zhang		Open	3N	S	♦3	-1	50	10
				Closed	3N	S	♠5	=	400	
5	Rosenthal	Rubenstein		Open	3N	N	♦T	+3	490	3
				Closed	3N	S	♠3	=	400	

Roseanne was unlucky to catch Dan Korbel on her left and Sylvia Shi on her right... and unlucky to be playing a system where she had to make an artificial 2D call, giving Sylvia a chance to double for a diamond lead! Korbel led the D3, Pollack winning her ace. Dummy's hearts were cashed and Pollack returned to hand with a spade. She cashed 3 more hearts and led a spade to the ace and a spade hoping to endplay one of her opponents. Korbel won, cashed the CA and played the DJ through dummy to Sylvia's KT9. Contract failing one trick ... 10 IMPs to Rosenthal

The screenshot shows the LoveBridge app interface for Board 67. At the top, it displays the board number (67), dealer (South), and vulnerability (E-W). Below this, the hand summary is shown with a table of scores and a list of cards for each player. The cards are: North (♠ A982, ♥ AK, ♦ Q42, ♣ K983), West (♠ J543, ♥ 753, ♦ J53, ♣ AT5), East (♠ QT7, ♥ 942, ♦ KT986, ♣ Q6), and South (♠ K6, ♥ QJT86, ♦ A7, ♣ J742). The app also shows the bidding sequence: 1♠=art. GF, 2D=art. GF, 1S now at least 4. The app interface includes buttons for HOME, CARDS, and SPLIT, and a score card section at the bottom.

1	Carmichael	Millens		Open	4♠	W	♣A	=	420	1
				Closed	3N	E	♣T	+2	460	
2	Ding	Zhang		Open	5♠	E	♣T	-1	50	10
				Closed	4♠	W	♥7	=	420	
3	Dinkin	Rubenstein		Open	4♠	W	♣A	+1	450	-
				Closed	4♠	W	♣A	+1	450	
4	Ivatury	Rosenthal		Open	4♠	W	♣A	=	420	-
				Closed	4♠	W	♣A	=	420	
5	Lewis	Pollack		Open	4♠	W	♠4	+1	450	-
				Closed	4♠	W	♣A	+1	450	

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface. On the left, a bidding log shows the following sequence: 1♣ PASS, 2♥ PASS, 3♥ PASS, 4♦ PASS, 5♠ PASS. Below the log, a list of conditions is provided: 1C=strong, 2D=GR, 8+ HCP, at least 5 clubs, 2H=ask, 3D=3,3,2,5 shape, 3H ask, 3NT=11-12 HCP, 4D=some slam interest, 4S=accept slam in H & Decline slam in S. The main area shows the cards for four players: North (Hong Ding) has ♠654, ♥J973, ♦97632, ♣A; West (Daniel Korbelt) has ♠AKQJ7, ♥T854, ♦AJ, ♣K7; East (Sylvia Shi) has ♠T32, ♥KQ2, ♦K5, ♣QJ864; South (Chris Compton) has ♠98, ♥A6, ♦QT84, ♣T9532. A 'DDS' button is visible at the bottom left.

On Board 56, eight pairs played at the level of game and made it, some with an overtrick. One of those eight played in 3T. The others played in 4S.

Sylvia Shi and Dan Korbelt got one level too high when Korbelt showed "some" interest in slam.

Compton needed to lead a club to defeat 5S. Timing is of the essence. He needs to give his partner the club ruff before declarer draws trump.

Hong won her ace, played the H3 to Compton's ace. Compton played the C3. Hong ruffed and it was over!

Contract failing one trick before the declaring side could gain the lead. 10 IMPs to Ding...

Pretending to be Howie Doing:

On this Board,
We're in accord!
The only swing
Goes to Team Ding!

While there are 13 tricks available E/W in hearts, spades, and no-trump, a grand is unbidable. The only reason 13 tricks are there is because the heart queen is onside and the SQJ fall doubleton onside. Six of eight pairs bid the small slam.

In Ivatury/Rosenthal, Chan opened 2C; Rosenthal bid 3C; Irina doubled. The overcall was at unfavorable. Andrew went light the predictable 3 tricks for a small but nice sacrifice against likely slam bid. 5 IMPs to Rosenthal

In Rubenstein/Dinkin, Anam Tebha and Stewart Rubenstein stopped short of slam, creating an 11 IMP swing for Dinkin.

It is surprising that Rubenstein did not bid the slam, knowing the only missing keycard was the trump queen.

On the other hand, if Tebha's king or queen were in clubs instead of diamonds, he might not be able to get to dummy to finesse the heart twice.

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP				
						NS	EW	Home	Visiting	
1	Carmichael	Millens	Open	6♠	W	♣T	+1	1010	-	-
			Closed	6♠	E	♣K	+1	1010	-	-
2	Ding	Zhang	Open	6♠	W	♣T	+1	1010	-	-
			Closed	6♠	E	♣K	+1	1010	-	-
3	Dinkin	Rubenstein	Open	5♠	E	♣K	+2	510	11	
			Closed	6♠	E	♣K	+1	1010		
4	Ivatury	Rosenthal	Open	6♠	W	♣T	+1	1010		5
			Closed	3♣x	S	♦K	-3	800		
5	Lewis	Pollack	Open	6♠	W	♣T	+1	1010		
			Closed	6♠	E	♣K	+1	1010		

Limey Jack...

Cheers, Colonials:

Limey Jack has a near perfect record this past fortnight. There is every reason to believe it shall continue thusly. If you listen to that daft cow, Howie Dung, you are certs to be the one writing the cheque to the punter.

Limey Jack had a nice kip and his elevenses (ED: Like morning tea and a biscuit) and is fit as a fiddle and ready to make a few quid for you.

In the Mixed Teams USBC round of 8:

Rosenthal-Ivatury: Whilst one would be spot on in thinking this was a bad draw for Ivatury, Limey Jack noted that they own the tiebreaker. Even with bits and bobs making up this team, they can, in fact, strike twice.

Rubenstein-Pollack: Pollack was indebted to get this far, but look for a withdrawal with 4 furlongs to travel.

Millens-Ding: 2 squads who are thrilled to have this draw. Can Ding ring Millen's bell? Not bloody likely.

Zhang-Lewis: The most random match of the eve. Even Howie Dung may get this correct unless he runs out of fingers. What a load of tosh being in the same arena as that toad. Millens comes through at the wire.

As ever.

Howie Doing...

Rosenthal's the one seed and they're playing very well.
Uday's crew is tried and true but they're a harder sell.

I looked into my crystal ball and this is what I saw:
Andrew's gonna win the match while Uday may with-
draw!!

Rubenstein's the two seed ... In Mixed, too action-
packed.
They take a lot of chances that could lead to getting
"Zach"ed.

Millens is the three seed. Their partnerships are strong.
Ding could be an upset but the odds are very long.

Ding has some new players... competing in this fray.
If they've forged their partnerships, it's possible they'll
stay.

Zhang has seasoned teammates ... who plan to stay a spell.
Their own they hold with Eddie Wold and Janice and
Korbel.

Lewis has a great group who have just what it takes,
And Larry's there to see they fare if Zhang gives them
headaches!

Some of you may not come through but still you can
have fun.
And others may play Seniors too when all of this is done!

Back in two days...
Howie Doing

Cross IMPs...

1.	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg	Rosenthal	1.29	69.78	54
2.	Giorgia Botta - Zach Grossack	Rubenstein	1.02	64.22	63
3.	Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt - Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt	Millens	0.88	71.22	81
4.	Allan Graves - Shawn Quinn	Ivatury	0.74	40.00	54
5.	Eddie Wold - Janice Molson	Zhang	0.73	26.22	36
6.	Sandra Rimstedt - Shan Huang	Millens	0.72	32.44	45
7.	Joan Millens - Shan Huang	Millens	0.55	19.89	36
8.	Cheri Bjerkan - Larry Robbins	Lewis	0.55	29.44	54
9.	Linda Lewis - Paul Lewis	Lewis	0.49	26.22	54
10.	Andrew Rosenthal - Migry Campanile	Rosenthal	0.48	26.11	54
11.	Chris Compton - Hong Ding	Ding	0.41	25.67	63
12.	Ding-Hwa Hsieh - Lin-Huan Chen	Ding	0.32	17.11	54
13.	Irina Kislitsyna - Lapt Chan	Ivatury	0.23	12.44	54
14.	Chris Willenken - Jenny Wolpert	Rosenthal	0.19	10.33	54
15.	Adam Grossack - Emma Kolesnik	Rubenstein	0.13	7.22	54
16.	Disa Eythorsdottir - Mark Itabashi	Lewis	-0.04	-2.11	54
17.	Bill Pollack - Rozanne Pollack	Pollack	-0.09	-7.67	81
18.	Daniel Korbel - Sylvia Shi	Zhang	-0.11	-8.89	81
19.	George Klemic - Maya Jonas-Silver	Derman	-0.14	-11.56	81
20.	Cynthia Huang - Harrison Luba	Dinkin	-0.32	-20.22	63
21.	Anne Brenner - Dave Caprera	Pollack	-0.37	-29.78	81
22.	Christal Henner - Uday Ivatury	Ivatury	-0.43	-23.44	54
23.	Anam Tebha - Stewart Rubenstein	Rubenstein	-0.44	-20.00	45
24.	Jenni Carmichael - Tom Carmichael	Carmichael	-0.47	-37.89	81
25.	Adam Wildavsky - Donna Compton	Ding	-0.57	-35.78	63
26.	Jean Barry - Jeff Ferro	Dinkin	-0.62	-33.44	54
27.	Avery Silverstein - Ethan Derman	Derman	-0.74	-59.89	81
28.	Eddie Wold - Susan Zhang	Zhang	-0.92	-41.44	45
29.	Sam Dinkin - Yoko Sobel	Dinkin	-1.12	-50.44	45
30.	Adam Parrish - Julie Arbit	Carmichael	-1.18	-95.78	81

I apologize... When first I uploaded the Tuesday, May 7, Bulletin, the puzzle on page 13 was mixed up. It has been re-uploaded and is now correct. Thanks to Barbara Giesbrecht of British Columbia for calling it to my attention so I could fix it. Barbara's husband is a fan of the puzzles!