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Results:

Mixed USBC - 2024											
Final (120 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.								
16-May-2024			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	Zhang	284	31	28	69	44	34	32	39	7	
2	Rubenstein	244	23	25	13	23	49	65	24	22	

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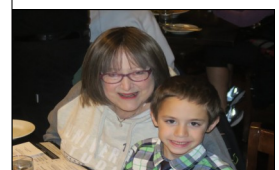


Cross IMPs

1.	Eddie Wold - Janice Molson	Zhang	0.98	59.00	60
2.	Adam Grossack - Emma Kolesnik	Rubenstein	0.52	39.00	75
3.	Daniel Korbel - Sylvia Shi	Zhang	0.33	40.00	120
4.	Giorgia Botta - Zach Grossack	Rubenstein	-0.18	-19.00	105
5.	Eddie Wold - Susan Zhang	Zhang	-0.32	-19.00	60
6.	Anam Tebha - Stewart Rubenstein	Rubenstein	-1.67	-100.00	60

Coverage of this match continues in tomorrow's Round Up edition of the Daily Bulletin...

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!



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



My friend took her teenage daughter to a new doctor for a checkup. The nurse asked the usual questions, including if she had an STD. "No," said the teen. "We have a Toyota."

When people hear that my husband and I just celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary, they inevitably ask us the secret to our long, successful marriage. In response, my husband will smile sweetly, nod my way, and explain, "We both love me."

As the general inspected our troops, he asked some of the Marines which outfit they were serving with. Ramrod straight, each would respond, "Marine Air Group 36, sir" or "Second Marine Division, General." Then there was one young private. When the general asked, "Which outfit are you in?" the Marine replied, "Dress blues, sir, with medals!"

A frightened man goes to the secret police and says, "My talking parrot disappeared."

"Why did you come here? Go to the regular police."

"I will. I'm just here to tell you that I disagree with whatever that parrot is going to say."

It was World War II—the front—and we were on high alert. Around midnight, I noticed movement behind a bush. Rather than fire a shot, I shouted out the first half of the password: "George!" I waited for whoever it was to prove he was an American and reply with the counter-sign, "Marshall." Instead, silence. "George!" Again, no reply. I lifted up my rifle and gave it one last try: "George!!" An angry voice finally replied, "My name ain't George!"

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	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 13	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
Semifinal			
Tuesday	May 14	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 15	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Final			
Thursday	May 16	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 4 Boards 46-60 75 minute Break
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 5 Boards 61-75
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 6 Boards 76-90
Friday	May 17	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

Q: What is the difference between capitalism and socialism?

A: In a capitalist society, man exploits man, and in a socialist one, it's the other way around.

Q: How did we know communism was doomed from the beginning?

A: All the red flags.

On a Facebook page for beginning artists, one asked, "Any suggestions for painting dogs?" Another responded, "Wait till they're asleep."



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

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 wad anyone entering the playing field.




Our doctor's office called to let my husband know that the results from his blood tests came back and he was just fine. That didn't suit my husband.

"What's my cholesterol level?" he asked.

"Mr. Crocker, you are just fine," insisted the nurse.

"Still, I'd like you to mail me the results."

A few days later, he received a postcard from the doctor's office. It read, "Mr. Crocker, you are just fine!"



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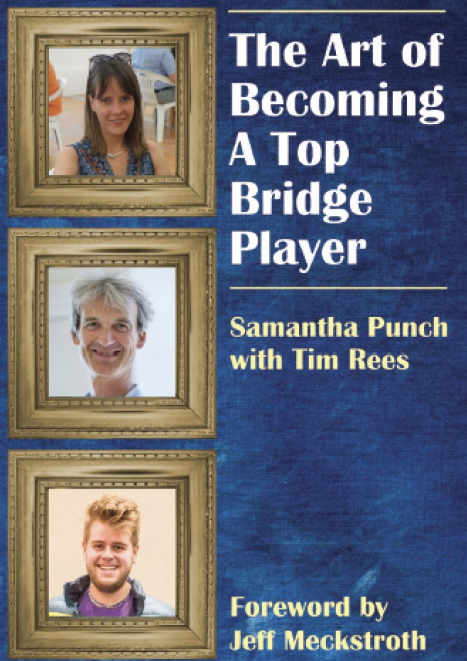
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Beth Palmer WOMEN'S SCHEDULE			
Round Robin or Quarterfinal if 5-8 teams enter - schedule will depend on number of teams			
Tuesday	May 21		
Wednesday	May 22		
Semifinal			
Thursday	May 23	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15 3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
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
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Beth Palmer Women's Schedule



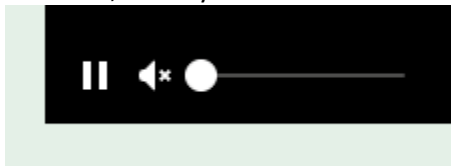
The Art of Becoming A Top Bridge Player

Samantha Punch with Tim Rees

Foreword by Jeff Meckstroth

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 love to watch.
I watch all day.
It helps me
When it's time to
play!



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 8:30-10:30 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 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

A group of idiotic lions is a foolish pride.
The reindeer cursed. It was so Rudolph him.
In Arnold's new piano movie, he'll be Bach.
People who talk behind my back discussed me.
Snowmen with carrots are picking their noses.
Something about acupuncture really needles me.
Banging my head against the keys = playing by ear
At the bar for chords, they can't serve minors.
Identical twin grizzlies. That bears repeating.
Thoughtful dinosaurs are philosiraptors.
When it comes to needles, cactus makes perfect.
Hipsters hate big rivers; they're too mainstream.
Nothing keeps me grounded like gravity.
Buttermilk pancakes are flipping awesome.
Hit myself with a pick. It was a miner injury.
Reincarnated vikings are Bjorn again.



Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 12

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

Sudoku 1

An Uber is cruising down a boulevard when it runs a red light. "Hey!" the passenger shouts. "Be careful!"



"Don't worry," says the driver. "My brother does it all the time."

He barrels through the next red light, and the passenger screams, "Stop doing that!"

"I'm telling you, my brother does this all the time."

They approach the next light. Just when it turns green, the driver slams on the brakes. The confused passenger asks, "You just ran two red lights; why'd you stop at a green?"

"I had to," says the driver. "My brother might have been coming."

My daughter was anxious to do some landscaping at her new home, but then she called up sounding discouraged.

"I don't think I'll ever get these flowers planted," she moaned. "It says to plant in full sun, but it's been cloudy for four days."

I'm lucky that my wife and mother are very close. I realized just how close the time I drove my mother to her doctor, which my wife usually does. When the doctor came into the room, my mother introduced me as her "daughter-in-law's husband."

Sudoku 2

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

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



Puzzle Page ...

Movies: Science Fiction

Find and circle all of the Science Fiction movies that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the title of an additional Science Fiction movie.

C E E N I H S N U S C W A T C H M E N
 K R C L R N T E N A L P D E R O S E D
 C A E A G E R N E R O T A D E R P C A
 A T A I R E M O O K V S S L I T H E R
 J A S L H H N A I M E N I N B L A C K
 E V U P I F T N G M R Z O D R A Z N S
 E A S T L E G A I N F D N A L T U O T
 R L R U R K N R E P I T E L E D F N A
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| AEON FLUX | FREQUENCY | OUTBREAK | SPECIES |
| ALIEN NATION | GAMER | OUTLAND | SPHERE |
| ALIENS | GODZILLA | PANDORUM | STAR TREK |
| ARMAGEDDON | HULK | PREDATOR | SUNSHINE |
| AVATAR | INCEPTION | PUSH | SUPERMAN |
| CLOVERFIELD | IRON MAN | RED PLANET | THE ABYSS |
| DARK STAR | JUMPER | ROLLERBALL | TIMECOP |
| DEATH RACE | KING KONG | SCANNERS | TIMECRIMES |
| DEJA VU | KNOWING | SERENITY | TRANSFORMERS |
| DONNIE DARKO | MEN IN BLACK | SIGNS | WATCHMEN |
| FLATLINERS | MIMIC | SLEEPER | ZARDOZ |
| FREEJACK | MOON | SLITHER | |

My great-aunt looked confused when I told her that my daughter was 18 months old. "Oh," she said. "I thought she was a year and a half."

"But Aunt Marie," I said, "18 months and a year and a half are the same."

She shrugged. "What do I know? I never had kids."

Q: How did the dead brother and his dead brother resemble each other? A: They were dead ringers.

Q: What do you call an animal you keep in your car? A: A Carpet





Meet the Players



Kit Woolsey (born Christopher Robin Woolsey) is a multiple bridge World Champion and Bridge Hall of Fame member (as well as a Backgammon champion).

Kit was born in Washington, DC. He graduated from Oberlin College in 1964 and earned a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign in 1965. He lives in California with his wife, Sally, a world champion finalist bridge player in her own right.

Kit's bridge accomplishments are many. He was the winner of the 1986 Rosenblum Cup world teams championship. He was a runner-up in the 1982 Rosenblum Cup, 1989 Bermuda Bowl and won the Senior Teams at the 2000 World Team Olympiad. He won another gold at the 2003 Senior Bowl, as well as more than a dozen American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) North American Bridge Championships (NABC/NABC+) events.

Much of his success was in partnership with Ed Manfield.

Kit is a World Bridge Federation (WBF) World Grand Master and was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2005.

In backgammon he was runner-up in the 1996 World Cup and as of 2007 he was the 5th-rank player in the world.

Kit has written many bridge books and contributed to the bridge bidding theory with innovations including the two-way checkback convention and Woolsey, a defense against opposing notrump openings. He won the 1978 International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) award for Best Article or Series on a System or Convention.

Since 1984, Woolsey has been one of four (before 2005) or six rotating directors of The Bridge World's monthly Master Solvers Club.

Kit's wife Sally Woolsey was player-captain of the runner-up team at the inaugural 1994 McConnell Cup—a quadrennial world championship event for women

In addition, Kit was invaluable to the ACBL and the bridge community in general, when, in 2015 he helped come up with parameters to find the “cheating” pairs. He developed a process by which such evaluation of hands could be used to recognize problems with ethics. He worked closely with John Sutherlin at the time.

Kit and Sally are the parents of several cats. They love baseball... especially the Oakland Athletics.

Logic Puzzle Page

		First Names					Fruits					Magazines				
		Bianca	Charlie	Ricky	Roger	Trenton	apples	boysenberries	guavas	kiwis	strawberries	Fortune	Newsweek	People	Time	US Weekly
Last Day Of Work	January 13															
	May 28															
	July 8															
	August 8															
	September 23															
Magazines	Fortune															
	Newsweek															
	People															
	Time															
	US Weekly															
Fruits	apples															
	boysenberries															
	guavas															
	kiwis															
	strawberries															

Last Day Of Work	First Names	Fruits	Magazines
January 13			
May 28			
July 8			
August 8			
September 23			

- The 5 people were the person who grows kiwis, the employee whose last day will be July 8, the People subscriber, Trenton, and the person who grows guavas.
- The Time subscriber will leave before the Newsweek subscriber.
- The Time subscriber doesn't grow guavas.
- The Time subscriber will leave before Ricky.
- Of Trenton and the person who grows apples, one is leaving the company on September 23 and the other subscribed to US Weekly.
- The person who grows boysenberries is Trenton.
- Bianca will leave after Roger.
- The Newsweek subscriber is not Ricky.
- The person who grows kiwis is not Roger.
- Either the employee whose last day will be January 13 or the employee whose last day will be September 23 grows strawberries.
- The US Weekly subscriber is Bianca.

**Answer
on page 12**

Playing Procedures Reviewed For Those Arriving for the 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.

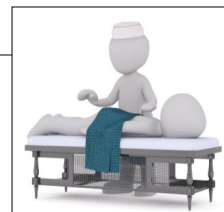
For subsequent segments, you need only notify each other of your lineups (10 minutes before the start of the segment for the Away team, 5 minutes for the Home team), although you are welcome to enter the lineup on the lineup sheet in case one of your players doesn't know where they are supposed to sit 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 the let you in when it's your turn. Any questions, let Jan know!



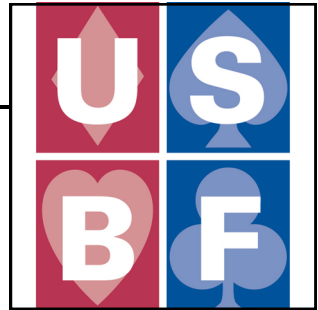
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message from Jan**

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Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 7

Answer to Sudoku 1 Answer to Sudoku 2



USBF Supporting Membership

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

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

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

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

Did you hear about
the man who got
hit by the same bike
every morning?

**It was a
vicious cycle.**

**Elevator music
bothers me on many
levels**

CAMPING:
where you spend
a small fortune,
to live like
a homeless person.

**MY IDEA OF
EXERCISE IS
SITTING
EAST - WEST**

Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 10

Newsweek	Boysenberries	Trenton	September 23
Fortune	Guavas	Ricky	August 8
US Weekly	Apples	Bianca	July 8
Time	Kiwis	Charlie	May 28
People	Strawberries	Roger	January 13

Q: Take off my skin - I won't cry, but you will! What am I? A: An onion.

Q: What invention lets you look right through a wall? A: A window.

Q: What is always on its way but never arrives? A: Tomorrow.

Q: Two girls were born to the same mother, on the same day, at the same time, in the same month and year, and yet they're not twins. How can this be? A: The two babies are two of a set of triplets.

Q: What has a bottom at the top? A: Your legs.

Q: What can you catch but never throw? A: A cold.

Q: What has many teeth but cannot bite? A: A comb.

Q: What has branches, but no fruit, trunk, or leaves? A: A bank.

Q: What can go through glass without breaking it? A: Light.

Q: What gets bigger the more you take away? A: A hole.

Q: I have no life, but I can die. What am I? A: A battery.

Q: What kind of room has no walls, door or windows? A: A mushroom.

Q: It belongs to you, but your friends use it more. What is it? A: Your name.

Q: What 2 things can you never eat for breakfast? A: Lunch and dinner.

Q: I make a loud sound when I'm changing. When I do change, I get bigger but weigh less. What am I? A: Popcorn.

Q: When it is alive we sing, when it is dead we clap our hands. What is it? A: A birthday candle.

Q: It has keys, but no locks. It has space, but no room. You can enter, but can't go inside. What is it? A: A keyboard.

Q: What runs all around a backyard, yet never moves? A: A fence.



Riddles...

Do you remember before the Internet when people thought the cause of stupidity was the lack of access to information?
Yeah, it wasn't that!

Interviewer:
I'm going to ask you a question and your answer must be quick!
Me: Okay
Interviewer: What's 14 X 9?
Me: Quick

**WHY SHOULD YOU
NEVER FIGHT
A DINOSAUR?**



**YOU'LL GET
JURASSKICKED**

**WHEN THE MOON HITS
YOUR EYE LIKE A BIG PIZZA
PIE, THAT'S AMORE.**

**WHEN YOU SWIM IN THE
CREEK AND AN EEL BITES
YOUR CHEEK, THAT'S A MORAY.**

Cabinet Maker Arrested!

Charged with Counter Fitting!

I had to quit my job at the Quarry.

They took me for granite!

**My new
girlfriend got
upset because
she thinks that
I don't like her
cooking...**

**So to prove
her wrong...**

**I had another
slice of gravy!**

**How do you talk
to Italian ghosts?**

With a Luigi board.

Coming into the Final down more than 80, the Rubenstein team was hoping for swings... swings that go their way, that is... and the first several boards were definitely what they needed. Could they take advantage of the volatility?

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

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

W	N	E	S
	2♣	PASS	2♦
5♣	5♠	PASS	PASS
DBL	PASS	PASS	PASS
- Hand Information:** 2D=0-1 control (K=1; A=2)
- Card Hands:**
 - North (Susan Zhang):** ♠ KQ97643, ♥ A, ♦ AT74, ♣ A
 - West (Adam Grossack):** ♠ AT, ♥ T2, ♦, ♣ KQT987643
 - East (Emma):** ♠ J8, ♥ K943, ♦ Q963, ♣ 52
 - South (Eddie Wold):** ♠ 52, ♥ QJ8765, ♦ KJ85, ♣ J
- Bottom Bar:** Score card, Frequency, Live scores, and a DDS button.

In the Open Room on Board one, Susan Zhang opened her powerful distributional hand 2C. She doesn't have as many HCP as one would expect, but she has great playing strength. Wold's response showed at most one king.

Predictably, Adam Grossack jumped to 5C with his 9-card suit. Zhang was not intimidated. She bid 5S and when the auction returned to Grossack, he doubled.

In 5S, declarer can take 12 tricks from South and 11 tricks from North if East makes the unlikely choice of a diamond opening lead for partner to ruff.

Kolesnik led a club. Zhang won her ace. She got a little ahead of herself at trick two when she played a diamond toward the KJ85 without first playing the DA to get perfect picture. She could have made the hand at this point by inserting the D8. Perhaps she should have considered that after West's jump to 5C. Instead, Zhang played the DK!! Adam ruffed with the T and played back a club giving declarer a useless ruff and sluff. Declarer pitched a diamond and ruffed in dummy. She played a spade which Grossack won. Grossack led another club and Zhang ruffed high. The defense had two tricks in at this point. Emma still had a diamond trick coming. Contract failing one trick!

In the Closed Room, Korbel, too, led a club. Botta won and went after trump. Her king was won by Shi's ace. Sylvia returned a club, Botta ruffing in hand and discarding a heart from dummy.

Botta pulled trump and cashed her DA. When Shi discarded a club, the position was clear. Botta picked up the diamonds and claimed 12 tricks.

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

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

W	N	E	S
	1♣	PASS	1NT
5♣	DBL	PASS	5♥
PASS	5♠	PASS	PASS
PASS			
- Hand Information:** 1NT=NF
- Card Hands:**
 - North (Giorgia Botta):** ♠ KQ97643, ♥ A, ♦ AT74, ♣ A
 - West (Sylvia Shi):** ♠ AT, ♥ T2, ♦, ♣ KQT987643
 - East (Daniel Korbel):** ♠ J8, ♥ K943, ♦ Q9632, ♣ 52
 - South (Zack Grossack):** ♠ 52, ♥ QJ8765, ♦ KJ85, ♣ J
- Bottom Bar:** Score card, Frequency, Live scores, and a DDS button.

11 IMPs to Rubenstein

The swings continued on Board 2... but this one went to Zhang.

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

- Bidding:** W: 2♥, N: 2♠, E: 3♥, S: 4♠. All passes.
- Contract:** 2H=8 to a bad 11.
- Other Room:** E 4♥ -150.
- Score Card:** NORTH 2, WEST DEALER, SOUTH.
- Card Holdings:**
 - North (Giorgia Botta):** ♠ KQT52, ♥ 8, ♦ 952, ♣ AJ97.
 - West (Sylvia Shi):** ♠ AJ763, ♥ 964, ♦ AT4, ♣ 52.
 - South (Zach Grossack):** ♠ 984, ♥ J73, ♦ KQ76, ♣ KQT.
 - East (Daniel Korbel):** ♠ AKQT52, ♥ J83, ♦ 8643.

In the Closed Room, once the auction went 1H-pass-2H, Botta thought she should make a vulnerable overcall of 2S on her 10 count and good 5-card suit. Korbel competed with 3H and Zach took the bait. He jumped to 4S with his 3-3-4-3 11-count.

Korbel's HQ took trick one and he continued with the king, Botta trumping. Botta played the SK and got the bad news when Korbel discarded.

Sylvia won and continued spades.

From the start, the contract was down three and that's where it ended: three aces and three side tricks for the defense.

In the Open Room, this result was far more unlikely. When Kolesnik opened 1H, Adam responded with 1S and North had no overcall.

East/West, needing IMPs, bid aggressively to 4H. Bidding the game on their combined 19 HCP not vulnerable only swings 6 IMPs either way if the opponents bid it or not.

Adam and Emma took the high road, bidding the game. Wold led the CK giving Emma a chance to hold her losers to 2 clubs and a diamond. Eddie held trick one and switched to the DK, Emma winning in dummy. She cashed the SA shedding a club and led a trump to her hand. At this point, she is cold if she plays a club, wins the predictable trump return and ruffs her club loser in dummy.

Instead, she pulled a second round of trump and it was too late. She played a club and Eddie won. He played his HJ removing any chance of a club ruff.

Emma cashed two hearts hoping for opponent error. No one erred. She played the D8. Eddie won the queen. N/S took its good club and the contract finished down one.

13 IMPs for Zhang

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

- Bidding:** W: 1♠, N: 2♥, E: 4♥, S: 4♠. All passes.
- Table:** OP 1, Round: 5. N-S: Zhang 172 IMP, E-W: Rubenstein 95 IMP.
- Other Room:** N 4♠^x -3 -800.
- Score Card:** NORTH 2, WEST DEALER, SOUTH.
- Card Holdings:**
 - North (Susan Zhang):** ♠ KQT52, ♥ 8, ♦ 952, ♣ AJ97.
 - West (Adam Grossack):** ♠ AJ763, ♥ 964, ♦ AT4, ♣ 52.
 - South (Eddie Wold):** ♠ 984, ♥ J73, ♦ KQ76, ♣ KQT.
 - East (Emma Kolesnik):** ♠ AKQT52, ♥ J83, ♦ 8643.

Rubenstein made a major dent in the deficit on Board 3, when, in the Closed Room, Botta and Zach bid to the cold 7D while in the Open Room, Zhang and Wold stopped in 3NT.

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface with two tables. The top table has West (Susan Zhang) and East (Eddie Wold). The bottom table has West (Adam Grossack) and East (Emma Kolesni). The bidding sequence is shown on the left, and the cards for each player are displayed in the center.

Table	West	East
Top Table	Susan Zhang	Eddie Wold
Bottom Table	Adam Grossack	Emma Kolesni

Bidding Sequence:

W	N	E	S
PASS	2♣	PASS	2♦
PASS	2♥	PASS	2NT
PASS	3NT	PASS	PASS

Hand Cards:

- West (Susan Zhang):** ♠ K7, ♥ A632, ♦ AK9, ♣ QT54
- East (Eddie Wold):** ♠ 532, ♥ K95, ♦ J54, ♣ J983
- West (Adam Grossack):** ♠ Q96, ♥ QT874, ♦ 87, ♣ 762
- East (Emma Kolesni):** ♠ AJT84, ♥ J, ♦ QT632, ♣ AK

Wold opened 1S on his 5-5 in the point-eds and his 15 count.

Zhang bid 2C, art GF, could be a doubleton.

Eddie bid 2D establishing his two-suiter. Zhang bid 2H; Eddie bid 2NT and Zhang signed off in the no-trump game.

Perhaps, holding 16 HCP and great controls in partner's two suits, Zhang should have made at least a

feeble effort to get to a small slam. Given where they stopped, however, it is unlikely that they would have bid to the 7-level in any case ... and given that, the swing would not be that much less than it was.

How did Giorgia and Zach bid the grand?

Botta/Zach had a great bid in their arsenal and were able to use it on this hand. When Zach bid 3D he was not only showing a 5/5 but he was showing extra values.

That clearly put up green flashing lights for Giorgia. Both she and her partner had extras AND look at her great controls.

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Table	West	East
Top Table	Giorgia Botta	Daniel Korbel
Bottom Table	Sylvia Shi	Zach Grossack

Bidding Sequence:

W	N	E	S
PASS	2♣	PASS	3♦
PASS	4♦	PASS	4♥
DBL	RDBL	PASS	4NT
PASS	5♦	PASS	5♠
PASS	7♦	PASS	PASS

Hand Cards:

- West (Giorgia Botta):** ♠ K7, ♥ A632, ♦ AK9, ♣ QT54
- East (Daniel Korbel):** ♠ 532, ♥ K95, ♦ J54, ♣ J983
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She did as she was told with the trump king and bid the diamond grand.

Three grands were cold: diamonds, spades and notrump. There was nothing to the play at either table. Wold took 11 tricks in notrump. Grossack took 13 in diamonds. 14 IMPs to Rubenstein

The rest of the segment was pretty calm with some less than game swings both ways, Zhang, doing a little better than Rubenstein on the small stuff. Rubenstein was picking up IMPs as well as momentum on the big hands.

Board 18 in Segment 6 produced another slam swing for Rubenstein. This time it was Emma and Adam who bid 6D in the Open Room while Korbel/Shi stopped in 3NT.

Note: Recently engaged, Emma and Adam know that diamonds are a girl's best friend. Accordingly, Emma opened 1D showing 4+.

Eddie preempted 2S hoping to make the bidding tougher on the opponents.

While it did push things up a level, it also conveyed to East/West that they may have some extras... maybe just enough to scout around for slam.

Eddie led the SA and shifted to a small heart. Emma won the ace and pulled two rounds of trump. She cashed the SK tossing her losing heart. She pulled the last trump, played on clubs and claimed 12 tricks. Sometimes bridge is an easy game!

In the Closed Room, Korbel also opened 1D... he showed 2+. Zach overcalled 1S, disdaining the chance to preempt. When Shi cue bid 2S, Botta doubled sounding like values though looking more like 4-card trump support.

Korbel bid 3C and Shi settled in 3NT.

Botta led the ST and Shi played two tricks before claiming 12 cashers.

10 IMPs to Rubenstein