

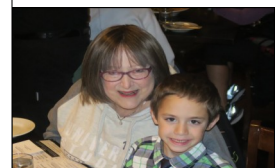
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# Results:

Open - 2024											
Round of 16 (120 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.								
01-May-2024			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating right segment of play.</i>								
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Pen (IM)
2	Lebowitz	147	29	26	58	34					
15	Han	135	40	41	21	33					
3	Fleisher	223	60	80	52	31					
14	Petrov	90	22	17	24	27					
4	Rosenthal	171	54	27	40	50					
13	Balleisen	129	18	45	33	33					
5	Bramley	138	50	11	51	26					
12	Schireson	89	11	42	17	19					
6	Robinson	81	42	8	20	11					
11	Bailey	115	15	67	14	19					
7	Simson	86	29	25	19	13					
10	Hamman	116	17	19	62	18					
8	Juster	156	35	47	35	39					
9	Gu	125	34	32	30	29					

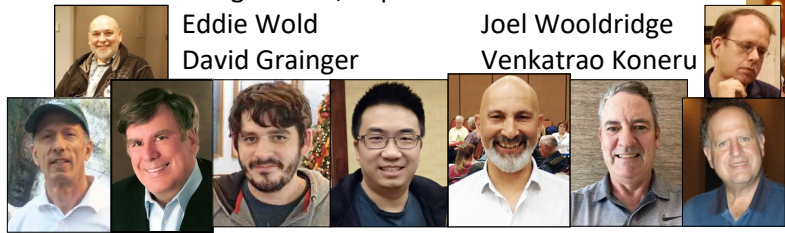
- USBF President**  
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- VuGraph Organizers**  
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Dana Berkowitz  
Cheri Bjerkan  
Gary Cohler  
Rich DeMartino  
Ish DelMonte  
Mitch Dunitz  
Marty Fleisher  
Ron Gerard  
Marty Hirschman  
George Jacobs  
Ralph Katz  
Bobby Levin  
Chip Martel  
Eric Rodwell  
Danny Sprung  
Josh Stark  
Adam Wildavsky
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Suzi Subeck
- Hospitality**  
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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!



# Open Teams Entered

<b>Nickell</b>	Nick Nickell Bye to QF Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Eric Greco
<b>Lebowitz</b>	Adam Grossack, Capt Zach Grossack Zia Mahmood	Larry Lebowitz Michael Rosenberg Daniel Korbel
<b>Fleisher</b>	Marty Fleisher, Capt Brad Moss Kevin Bathurst	Chip Martel Joe Grue John Hurd
<b>Bailey</b>	Bill Bailey, Capt Aaron Jones Arti Bhargava	Josh Donn Owen Lien
<b>Balleisen</b>	Aaron Balleisen, Capt Nicole Qian	Zhiyu Cheng Philip Wang
<b>Bramley</b>	Bart Bramley, Capt Brian Platnick	Kit Woolsey Kevin Rosenberg
<b>Gu</b>	Jiang Gu, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Josh Sher	Walter Lee Alex Kolesnik Ron Smith
<b>Hamman</b>	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Doug Doub John Schermer	Bob Hamman Neil Chambers Greg Hinze
<b>Han</b>	Yanong Han, Capt Qiang Zhang	Ming Sheng Brian Zhang
<b>Juster</b>	Jeff Juster, Capt Andy Goodman Shan Huang	Jacob Morgan Mike Passell Kevin Dwyer Rimstedt
<b>Petrov</b>	Dian Petrov, Capt Matthew Haag	Val Kovachev Rumen Dimitrov
<b>Robinson</b>	Eric Robinson, Capt Ish DelMonte David Berkowitz	Michael Kamil Finn Kolesnik Steve Garner
<b>Rosenthal</b>	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken John Kranyak	Aaron Silverstein Gavin Wolpert Vince Demuy
<b>Schireson</b>	Max Schireson, Capt John McAllister Olivia Schireson	Debbie Rosenberg Will Watson
<b>Simson</b>	Doug Simson, Capt Eddie Wold David Grainger	Eric Rodwell Joel Wooldridge Venkatrao Koneru



# 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

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



# Women's Teams Entered

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



# Open Team Tournament Schedule

OPEN SCHEDULE			
Day	Date	Time (CDT)	Boards
Round of 16 (if 14-16 teams enter; fewer than 14 will be rr with different schedule)			
Wednesday	May 1	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 Lunch Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Thursday	May 2	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 Lunch Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Quarterfinal			
Friday	May 3	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 Lunch Break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Saturday	May 4	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 Lunch Break Segment 7 Boards 31-45 Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Semifinal			
Sunday	May 5	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 6	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			
Tuesday	May 7	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 8	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

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

I complained to my mailman that the package I received was damp!

He said it must have come postage dew!

One day at school, the lad who sat next to me swallowed his calculator. Everyone called him a weirdo! I stood up for him... I said, "It's what's inside him that counts!"

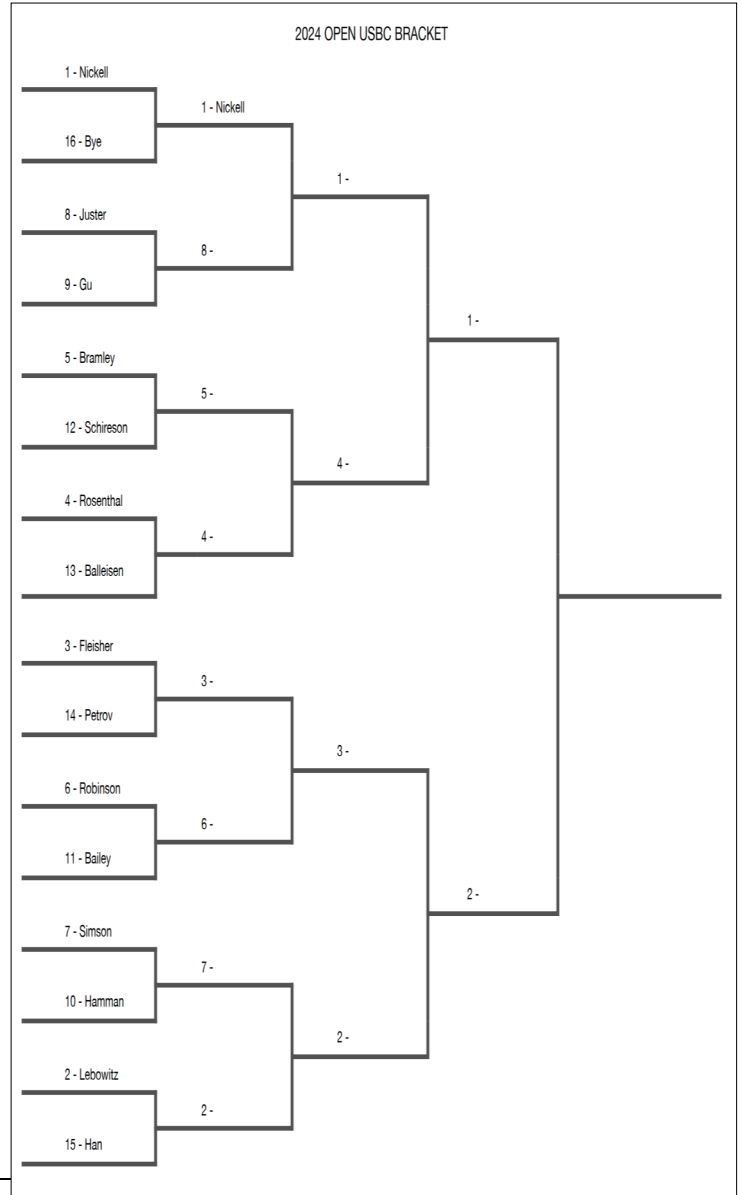
I'm breeding race deer to make a fast buck and some quick doe!

I accidently rubbed catsup in my eye. Now I have Heinzsight!



# 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		
<b>Quarterfinal</b>			
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
<b>Semifinal</b>			
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
<b>Final</b>			
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



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		
<b>Semifinal</b>			
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
<b>Final</b>			
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

# Beth Palmer Women's Schedule

It's not fair: I gave my seat to a blind man on the bus this morning. Now I lost my job as the bus driver!



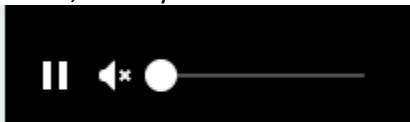
Technically Moses was the first man to download files from the cloud using a Tablet!

I went Chopin; forgot my Liszt; had to go Bach!

When you're a kid, it makes you feel proud when someone says, "Wow! You've gotten so big" ... as an adult, not so much!

## 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.



Back at the VuGraph  
Loving it all  
What's the next play?  
What's the next call?

Waiting to see,  
The tension is strong.  
Will they lead from a  
short suit  
Or one that is long?



# 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

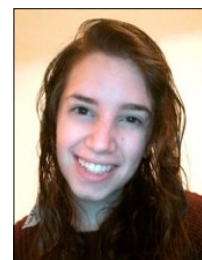
We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

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

x pos 6 ♠ Q85 Bd 26, Dlr E 6♥ = E W eric greco ♠ AKJ10 ♥ AQ10 ♦ K94 ♣ K103 0 0 < > ↻ Ralph Katz S		N fnickell ♥ 872 ♦ 8762 ♣ Q95 Robert Levin E ♠ 2 ♥ KJ9543 ♦ AJ53 ♣ J8 W N E S 2NT P 2♥ P 4NT P 4♦ P 6♥ P 5♥ P	
♠ 97643 ♥ 6 ♦ Q10 ♣ A7642 Ralph Katz S		W N E S 2NT P 2♥ P 4NT P 4♦ P 6♥ P 5♥ P	

This was a frustrating hand for Katz/Nickell in team practice... but it gave Levin a chance to shine. Greco/Levin bid the club slam and got lucky that Nickell didn't hold the CAQ. Had Katz found the underlead of the CA, they still might have been punished, however, Katz did the "normal" thing and led his CA and another club.

Levin won the second club with the King and had to play carefully. He pulled trump and continued running hearts, Katz discarding all his clubs... easy for him but poor Nick was squeezed! Nick followed to three rounds of hearts and on the fourth round, he was nailed. He needed to keep four diamonds and the CQ so he discarded a small spade.

This was the 8-card ending:

x pos 6 ♠ Q85 Bd 26, Dlr E 6♥ = E W eric greco ♠ AKJ10 ♥ - ♦ K9 ♣ 10 1 4 < > ↻ Ralph Katz S		N fnickell ♥ - ♦ 8762 ♣ Q Robert Levin E ♠ 2 ♥ 95 ♦ AJ53 ♣ - W N E S 2NT P 2♥ P 4NT P 4♦ P 6♥ P 5♥ P	
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Levin cashed the SA and SK, dropping Nick's queen and claimed his twelve tricks. Well done, Bobby!



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

Sudoku 1

Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Pierce Brosnan, and Daniel Craig met at a bar for a drink while watching a game. Typical male bonding!

Someone glued my deck of cards together. I just can't deal with it!!

A pun enters a room and murders ten people! Pun in, ten dead!

Valuable information, Invaluable information... What's the difference?

Before it was carver, Mount Rushmore's beauty was un-presidented!

I'm going to take up coin collecting... the change will do me good!

Dad: I bought you a dictionary for your birthday!  
 Son: Wow! I don't know what to say!  
 Dad: That's why I bought you a dictionary!



I was so tired last night I fell asleep next to the kitchen sink. Now I'm totally drained!

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

# Hard Sudoku

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 16

Sudoku 2

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

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



# Puzzle Page ...

## Asian Countries

Find and circle all of the countries of Asia that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell four more Asian countries.

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

ARMENIA  
AZERBAIJAN  
BAHRAIN  
BANGLADESH  
BHUTAN  
BRUNEI  
CAMBODIA  
CHINA  
CYPRUS  
GEORGIA  
INDIA

INDONESIA  
IRAN  
IRAQ  
ISRAEL  
JAPAN  
JORDAN  
KAZAKHSTAN  
KUWAIT  
LAOS  
LEBANON  
MALAYSIA

MALDIVES  
MONGOLIA  
MYANMAR  
NEPAL  
NORTHKOREA  
OMAN  
PAKISTAN  
PHILIPPINES  
QATAR  
RUSSIA  
SAUDI ARABIA

SINGAPORE  
SOUTHKOREA  
SYRIA  
TAJIKSTAN  
THAILAND  
TIMORLESTE  
TURKEY  
UZBEKISTAN  
VIETNAM  
YEMEN



It's in the  
cards!

Following the first five events of the **World Bridge Tour** in Japan, Iceland, and Australia, Hugh McGann and Brian Mace (left) shared the top spot with Tom Jacob & Brian Mace (right).



Breaking that “Down Under” dominance were Dennis Bilde & Martin Schaltz in shared third and Sabine Auken & Roy Welland in ninth place.

The first American partnership, Adam Kaplan & Finn Kolesnik were in 17<sup>th</sup> place. That changed when the Tour moved to Louisville/Kentucky in March at the recent ACBL NABC where three Tour events were decided, including the top ranked Vanderbilt teams.

Following that, with their victory in the South American Transnational Teams, Kevin Bathurst & John Hurd (below) took the pole position in the overalls, just ahead of their teammates Joe Grue & Brad Moss. They overtook the then frontrunners, Giovanni Donati & Giacomo Percario ,who dropped to third place.

Close behind are Sabine Auken & Roy Welland in fourth with Bobby Levin & Steve Weinstein and Eric Greco & Geoff Hampson sharing the fifth spot. It will be interesting to see if the latter four are destined to share a position since they are playing all Tour events as teammates. Pair events could matter!



## World Bridge News



The next event on the Tour calendar, the European Winter Championships in Alpe d’Huez, will clearly impact the standings. We will see which partnerships are best at handling the high altitude.

## Quips of Steven Wright



- 1 - I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- 2 - Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
- 3 - Half the people you know are below average.
- 4 - 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- 5 - 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- 6 - A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- 7 - A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 8 - If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.
- 9 - All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.
- 10 - The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- 11 - I almost had a psychic girlfriend, ..... But she left me before we met.
- 12 - OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- 13 - How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- 14 - If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- 15 - Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- 16 - When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 17 - Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
- 18 - Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- 19 - I intend to live forever ... So far, so good.
- 20 - If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- 21 - Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- 22 - What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- 23 - My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- 24 - Why do psychics have to ask you for your name
- 25 - If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- 26 - A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- 27 - Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- 28 - The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
- 29 - To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- 30 - The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- 31 - The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
- 32 - The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
- 33 - Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.
- 34 - If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- 35 - If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?

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.

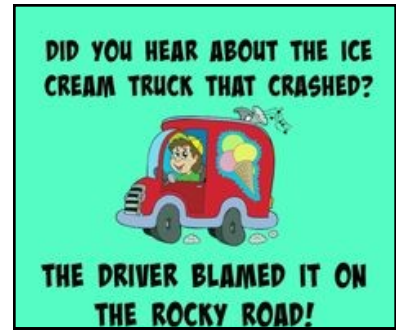
Any questions, let Jan know!



**Massage Therapist  
message from Jan**

# Logic Puzzle Page

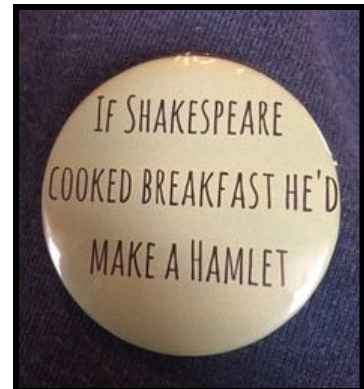
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		Gracie	Kai	Nehemiah	Perla	bee orchid	fly orchid	lady orchid	pigeon orchid	captain	doctor	philosopher	politician
Hospital Bills	\$250												
	\$410												
	\$570												
	\$1580												
Professions	captain												
	doctor												
	philosopher												
	politician												
Orchids	bee orchid												
	fly orchid												
	lady orchid												
	pigeon orchid												



## Answer to Puzzle on page 16

Hospital Bills	First Names	Orchids	Professions
\$250			
\$410			
\$570			
\$1580			

- The person who planted the bee orchid is not Kai or Perla.
- The politician is not Nehemiah.
- The patient with the \$1580 hospital bill planted the bee orchid.
- The patient with the \$410 hospital bill is Nehemiah.
- The person who planted the fly orchid is not Kai.
- Nehemiah owes less money than the philosopher.
- The doctor is not Kai or Gracie.
- The person who planted the pigeon orchid owes less money than the person who planted the lady orchid.
- The captain is not Gracie and didn't plant the pigeon orchid.
- Either the doctor or the philosopher is Perla.
- The person who planted the pigeon orchid is not Nehemiah or Gracie.
- Of the philosopher and Gracie, one has the \$570 hospital bill and the other planted the bee orchid.



# Meet the Players

## Michael Kamil of the Robinson Team

Hand taken from the New York Times July 11, 2012

Michael Kamil won the ACBL Sidney H. Lazard Jr. Award for Sportsmanship in 2012. Michael was not only known for his sportsmanship but also for his kindness. He is one of the nicest people you will ever meet. He has a multitude of national championships.

When asked for a deal in 2012, he submitted this one that occurred during a knockout team in Albany in 1981. Kamil was South, partnering Marty Bergen.

One should pick up a 7-6-0-0 hand approximately every 17,857 deals. Kamil was wondering how to bid it when West passed, and Bergen opened 1S. East passed. Reasonably, Kamil responded 2D. Now things got weird. West made a takeout double; North and East passed. What would you do with the S hand? Kamil took a long time deciding, primarily because two diamonds doubled was not game and his side might have had a slam, though, presuming that West had four hearts, that was unlikely.

NORTH			
♠	K10653		
♥	KQ4		
♦	—		
♣	K7542		
WEST (D)		EAST	
♠	A7	♠	QJ984
♥	J752	♥	2
♦	63	♦	K875
♣	AQ1083	♣	J96
SOUTH			
♠	—		
♥	A109863		
♦	AQJ10942		
♣	—		

North and South were vulnerable. The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	??

West led the spade ace.

The longer South thought, the more nervous North became, worried that his partner would assume that his pass said that he could tolerate diamonds.

Eventually Kamil passed, making North even more uncomfortable. West led the spade ace. South ruffed, cashed his diamond ace and drove out East's diamond king. East shifted to a club, but declarer ruffed, drew trumps, and ran the heart ten through West.

Then the players spent some time calculating the result, agreeing on 1,180.

At the score-up their teammates, John Lowenthal and Phillip Martin, said that they had defeated seven hearts by three tricks. Plus 1,180 and plus 300 gave them 16 IMPs on the board.

The match, though, ended in a tie. There had to be an eight-board playoff, which the Kamil team won narrowly. The only other person still in the building was a tournament director.

When the Kamil team went through the boards, the players realized that two diamonds doubled and vulnerable with four overtricks was only 980, not 1,180. They had lost the match in regulation!

The director did not feel that he could do anything at 2 a.m., the other team's players having left. No one knew where to find them.

After some discussion the team members agreed that if their opponents came to play the next afternoon, they would tell them about the error and concede the match.

The other team did not show and the Kamil team was relieved to lose its next match.

Since 2012, Michael has made some big changes in his life. The most meaningful is his marriage to Gabby. He and Gabby have become a successful partnership and a very happy couple with two adorable pups. They've lived in several places around the USA and always find something good to say about where they've been.



# Tom Swifties...

"I told you not to ride that horse," Tom **nagged**.  
"That's nothing!" said Tom **naughtily**.  
"I haven't had my photographs developed yet," said Tom **negatively**.  
"Let's take a vacation in the south of France," said Tom **nicely**.  
"That just doesn't add up," said Tom, **nonplussed**.  
"I can't do it!" Tom said **notably**.  
"What's the value of a dollar bill?" asked Tom **noteworthily**.  
"What's a wide-angle lens?" asked Tom **obtusely**.  
"That horse looks like a good bet at 20 to 1," said Tom **oddly**.  
"Oops! There goes my hat!" said Tom **off the top of his head**.  
"Do you buy and sell stolen goods?" asked Tom **offensively**.  
"I've been feeding the crocodile," said Tom **offhandedly**.  
"I prefer trout to salmon," Tom said **officially**.  
"I know which boyd gets the woym," said Tom in an **oily voice**.  
"The door's ajar," said Tom **openly**.  
"My bicycle wheel is damaged," said Tom **outspokenly**.  
"I swallowed some of the glass from that broken window," Tom said **painfully**.  
"I had an accident in the kitchen," said Tom with **panache**.  
"I've joined the Airborne Medical Corps," said Tom **paradoxically**.  
"There, there," was Tom's **pat answer**.  
"I've deduced that this is the right way," said Tom **pathologically**.  
"I'm waiting to see the doctor," said Tom **patiently**.  
"I didn't look at all!" Tom **peeped**.  
"I wish I had something to write with," Tom said **pensively**.  
"Has my magazine arrived?" Tom asked **periodically**.  
"3.14159265," Tom said **piously**.  
"Who's your favorite operatic tenor?" Tom asked **placidly**.  
"I've removed all the feathers from this chicken," said Tom **pluckily**.  
"It has zero height, zero width, and just a little depth," said Tom, stretching the **point**.  
"The exit is right there," Tom **pointed out**.  
"My pencil is blunt," said Tom **pointlessly**.  
"Where shall I plant these water lilies?" Tom **pondered**.  
"I haven't had any tooth decay yet," said Tom **precariously**.  
"I have a gift for you," said Tom **presently**.  
"That's already been taken care of," Tom **pretended**.  
"I'm just an ordinary soldier," Tom admitted **privately**.  
"Crosby is my favourite singer. Who is yours?" asked Tom **probingly**.  
"I teach at a university," Tom **professed**.  
"This movie will be very popular," Tom **projected**.  
"This is the real male goose," said Tom producing the **propaganda**.  
"I've stuck a pin through my nose," said Tom **punctually**.  
"The cat sounds as if she's happy now she's been fed," said Tom **purposefully**.

What is the difference between a coyote and a flea?

One howls on the prairie and the other prowls on the hairy!



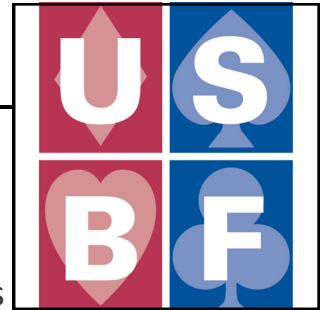
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7	8	2	6	9	3	5	1	4
3	4	1	5	8	2	6	9	7
5	9	4	2	3	6	7	8	1
2	1	7	8	4	5	9	3	6
6	3	8	1	7	9	4	5	2
8	2	3	9	6	7	1	4	5
1	5	6	4	2	8	3	7	9
4	7	9	3	5	1	2	6	8

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

**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.



## Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 13

\$1580	Gracie	Bee orchid	Politician
\$570	Kai	Lady orchid	Philosopher
\$410	Nehemiah	Fly orchid	Captain
\$250	Perla	Pigeon orchid	Doctor



**BOARD:** 1  
**DEALER:** NORTH  
**VULNERABLE:** NONE

♠ A  
♥ AT872  
♦ QT  
♣ KT653

♠ T9732  
♥ QJ64  
♦ A3  
♣ Q8

♠ KQ865  
♥ 5  
♦ K9  
♣ AJ942

♠ J4  
♥ K93  
♦ J876542  
♣ 7

Par: -420

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	4	8	7	2	4
EW	8	4	6	10	8

Three pairs tried the save on Board 1.

The biggest swing occurred in the Juster/Gu match where the Open table saved in 5D while the Closed table saved in 5H.

On the lead of a high spade, 5H goes down four while 5D goes down only two.

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP			
						NS	EW		
1	Lebowitz	Han	Open	4♣	W	♠A	+1	450	1
			Closed	4♣	W	♥A	=	420	
2	Fleisher	Petrov	Open	4♣	W	♥A	=	420	1
			Closed	4♣	W	♠A	+1	450	
3	Rosenthal	Balleisen	Open	4♣	E	♣7	=	420	-
			Closed	4♣	W	♣3	=	420	
4	Bramley	Schireson	Open	4♣	W	♥A	=	420	9
			Closed	5♥x	N	♠K	-4	800	
5	Robinson	Bailey	Open	4♣	W	♣3	=	420	-
			Closed	4♣	W	♠A	=	420	
6	Simson	Hamman	Open	4♣	W	♣3	=	420	-
			Closed	4♣	W	♦Q	=	420	
7	Juster	Gu	Open	5♦x	N	♠K	-2	300	11
			Closed	5♥x	N	♠K	-4	800	

The best result for N/S occurred when Dwyer/Huang (N/S for Juster) bought the contract for 5DX.

Ron Smith (E) led the SK. Dwyer won his ace. He played the HT to the K and ruffed dummy's SJ. The DQ to West's ace followed and Dwyer won the return of the HQ in his hand. He played the CK to Smith's ace and Smith cashed his king of trump.

Dwyer claimed nine tricks for down two! 11 IMPs to Juster

A Kolesnik Dwyer Huang Smith

W	N	E	S
	1♥	2♥	3♣
4♠	5♦	PASS	PASS
DBL	PASS	PASS	PASS
3C=diamonds			

The normal auction started with 1H by North followed by 2H Michaels by East. West jumped to 4S at their next turn and N/S had to decide whether to pass or save at even non-vulnerable.

In Bramley/Schireson, Olivia Schireson opened 1H; Bramley bid 2H Michaels; McAllister doubled; Woolsey jumped to 4S and Schireson showed her 5-card club suit. Bramley doubled with his AJ942 of clubs and McAllister disdained his 7-card diamond suit to bid 5H.

Woolsey Olivia Bramley McAllister

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

At both tables where 5H was the save of choice, the contract went 800.

Because Max Schireson and Debbie Rosenberg were allowed to declare 4S in the Open Room of Bramley/Schireson, the reward to Bramley was 9 IMPs as opposed to the 11 IMPs to Juster.

BOARD: 6  
DEALER: EAST  
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ K8  
♥ J963  
♦ AQJ3  
♣ KT7

♠ 54  
♥ AKQ542  
♦ T65  
♣ 92

♠ AQJT7  
♥ 7  
♦ K842  
♣ AQ5

♠ 9632  
♥ T8  
♦ 97  
♣ J8643

Par: -650

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	6	3	2	2	3
S	4	:	:	1	2
EW	7	10	11	11	10

Board 6 looks like a routine game in hearts or NT for East/West.

Only one pair of the fourteen playing went down in game.

In the Open Room of Simson/Hamman, Joel Wooldridge made an inspired (tricky??) lead to defeat 4H.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP	
			NS	EW	Home	Visiting
1 Lebowitz Han	Open	3N	W	♦A +2	660	2
	Closed	3N	E	♣4 =	600	
2 Fleisher Petrov	Open	3N	E	♣4 +1	630	1
	Closed	3N	E	♣4 =	600	
3 Rosenthal Balleisen	Open	3Nx	W	♥3 =	750	4
	Closed	4♥	W	♠8 =	620	
4 Bramley Schireson	Open	3N	E	♣4 =	600	1
	Closed	4♥	W	♦Q =	620	
5 Robinson Bailey	Open	3N	E	♣4 =	600	1
	Closed	4♥	W	♦A =	620	
6 Simson Hamman	Open	4♥	W	♦Q -1	100	13
	Closed	4♥	W	♦A +1	650	
7 Juster Gu	Open	4♥	W	♠8 =	620	1
	Closed	3N	E	♣4 =	600	

The auction:

W	N	E	S
		1♠	PASS
3♥	PASS	4♥	PASS
PASS	PASS		


3H was invitational with six hearts.

Wooldridge, North, led the DQ!! Hinze is still cold for ten tricks if he plays the DK from dummy but he never imagined that Joel was being so deceptive. He played low hoping for a favorable layout including a singleton or doubleton DA with South.

The DQ held and Wooldridge cashed the DA. Noting the signal from partner, he continued diamonds and gave Grainger his ruff. The HJ, still destined to score, became the setting trick!

Great deceptive lead, Joel!

At the other table in that match, Hamman led the DA after a strong club auction by his opponents. 13 IMPs to Simson

The only other somewhat odd result was in Rosenthal/Balleisen where Demuy, sitting North, doubled the NT game on the auction to the right:  He was on lead and chose the HJ.

Cheng Demuy Balleisen Kranyak

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

BOARD: 7  
DEALER: SOUTH  
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ K86532  
♥ 3  
♦ QT42  
♣ J5

♠ QT9  
♥ A954  
♦ K5  
♣ AK96

♠ J7  
♥ QT8762  
♦ 9  
♣ QT74

Par: -140

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	4	9	4	8	4
EW	9	4	9	5	6

♠ A4  
♥ KJ  
♦ AJ8763  
♣ 832

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting	IMP
1	Lebowitz	Han	Open	3♥	E	♠4 =		140			8
			Closed	5♦x	S	♣A -2		500			
2	Fleisher	Petrov	Open	3♥	E	♦A =		140			6
			Closed	4♥	E	♠A -1	100				
3	Rosenthal	Balleisen	Open	4♥	E	♦A -1	100				12
			Closed	4♥	E	♠A =		620			
4	Bramley	Schireson	Open	4♥	W	♦4 -1	100				12
			Closed	4♥	E	♠A =		620			
5	Robinson	Bailey	Open	4♥	W	♦4 -1	100				18
			Closed	3Nx	S	♥4 -6		1700			
6	Simson	Hamman	Open	4♥	W	♦4 -1	100				7
			Closed	3♥	E	♠A +1		170			
7	Juster	Gu	Open	5♦	S	♣K -2		200			7
			Closed	2♠	N	♦9 =	110				

Live by the sword,  
die by the sword!

The biggest swing of the day came on Board 7 where Owen Lien and Aaron Jones played 3NT doubled and vulnerable down 6, taking the dive even before the opponents had bid their game.

Jones showed his spades and was being competitive when he bid 3D. When Berkowitz bid 3H, Lien the diamond fit as a valuable source of tricks and thought his HKJ would hold up.

Truly, Owen has great instincts and some days against some opponents, this could have worked... but not today and not against these opponents!

The auction:

Garner Jones Berkowitz Lien

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

Garner led the H4, Owen winning his king. Owen played the S4 to the king in dummy and ran the DQ. The hand imploded!!

Garner grabbed his king, cashed the ace and king of clubs and played a club to Berkowitz. Berk cashed his clubs and shifted to back to hearts. The defense took five hearts, four clubs and a diamond for down SIX.

1700 was a big score for East/West. It was worth 18 IMPs to Robinson.

Most pairs played in hearts making three of four. There were two 12 IMP swings where one table bid game and made it while the other table stopped in a part score.

**BOARD:** 8  
**DEALER:** WEST  
**VULNERABLE:** NONE

♠ T  
♥ J62  
♦ J9842  
♣ AK85

♠ AQ8  
♥ 543  
♦ K76  
♣ QJ32

♠ J953  
♥ AKQT97  
♦ AQT  
♣

Par: -980

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	7	4	1	2	1
S	6	:	:	:	:
EW	6	9	12	11	11

♠ K7642  
♥ 8  
♦ 53  
♣ T9764

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP			
						NS	EW		
1	Lebowitz	Han	Open	4♥	E ♦5	+2	480	-	-
			Closed	4♥	E ♠2	+2	480	-	-
2	Fleisher	Petrov	Open	4♥	E ♦5	+2	480	16	
			Closed	6♥xx	E ♣4	+1	1820		
3	Rosenthal	Balleisen	Open	5♥	E ♦5	+2	510		1
			Closed	4♥	E ♦5	+2	480		
4	Bramley	Schireson	Open	4♥	E ♠2	+2	480	11	
			Closed	6♥	E ♣T	+1	1010		
5	Robinson	Bailey	Open	4♥	E ♠2	+2	480	-	-
			Closed	4♥	E ♠2	+2	480		
6	Simson	Hamman	Open	6♥	E ♠2	=	980		11
			Closed	4♥	E ♣T	+2	480		
7	Juster	Gu	Open	4♥	E ♦5	+3	510		1
			Closed	4♥	E ♦5	+2	480		

Sometimes you have one too many gadgets... While it did not matter all that much since his teammates did not bid the slam, Kovachev chose to use a very specific convention he had in his arsenal against Bathurst and Hurd of the Fleisher squad. Val thought it important to tell his partner not to lead diamonds so he doubled the slam!!The double was alerted as such.

Hurd took full advantage to assure Bathurst that all was well by redoubling. The little known score of 1820 created a 16 IMP swing for Fleisher! Two other tables produced 11 IMP swings where one table in each match stopped in game while the other bid the slam!

	Bathurst	Kovachev	Hurd	Haag
	W	N	E	S
2NT		PASS	3♥	PASS
3NT		PASS	6♥	PASS
PASS		DBL	RDBL	PASS
PASS		PASS		

X=don't lead diamonds!