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Results:

2024 Senior USBC USA1 Round Robin

Team Name	Total	9	5	4	3	2	1	8	7	6	BYE
9. Wolfson	60.12		13.30					17.11	11.09	18.62	
5. Lall	47.89	6.70			13.58	17.61					10.00
4. Hamman	41.09				6.42	11.09	13.58				10.00
3. Goodman	40.00		6.42	13.58		4.67	15.33				
2. Cappelli	39.64		2.39	8.91	15.33					13.01	
1. Aker	39.09			6.42	4.67			11.43	16.57		
8. Tulin	39.03	2.89					8.57		12.71	14.86	
7. Simson	29.63	8.91					3.43	7.29			10.00
6. Reynolds	23.51	1.38				6.99		5.14			10.00

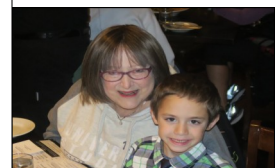
Cross IMPs

1. Hemant Lall - Reese Milner	Lall	2.55	56.00	22
2. David Berkowitz - Michael Kamil	Wolfson	1.28	14.06	11
3. Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner	Wolfson	1.07	35.23	33
4. Alan Sontag - Ralph Katz	Tulin	0.95	42.00	44
5. Michael Kamil - Mike Becker	Wolfson	0.86	28.43	33
6. David Berkowitz - Steve Garner	Wolfson	0.52	5.71	11
7. Bob Bitterman - Mark Bendure	Cappelli	0.46	20.34	44
8. Allan Falk - John Lusky	Aker	0.44	14.57	33
9. Glenn Milgrim - Jeff Aker	Aker	0.16	5.14	32
10. Billy Cohen - Ron Smith	Goodman	0.08	3.63	44
11. Bob Hamman - Neil Chambers	Hamman	0.04	0.86	22
12. Adam Wildavsky - Doug Doub	Hamman	-0.05	-1.14	22
12. John Schermer - Neil Silverman	Hamman	-0.05	-1.14	22
14. Pratap Rajadhyaksha - Venkatrao Koneru	Goodman	-0.17	-7.63	44
15. Michael Rosenberg - Zia Mahmood	Lall	-0.28	-6.23	22
16. Jim Krekorian - Peter Weichsel	Simson	-0.28	-6.14	22
17. Bobby Levin - Eric Rodwell	Lall	-0.54	-11.77	22
18. Curtis Cheek - Doug Simson	Simson	-0.64	-13.43	21
19. Bob Cappelli - Mark Aquino	Cappelli	-0.64	-28.34	44
20. Bernie Greenspan - Fred Schenker	Reynolds	-0.84	-27.57	33
21. Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Tulin	-0.88	-38.66	44
22. Barry Rigal - Ron Rubin	Aker	-0.93	-19.57	21
23. Fred Stewart - Steve Beatty	Simson	-1.16	-24.43	21
24. Lance Kerr - Tom Reynolds	Reynolds	-1.21	-39.91	33

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!

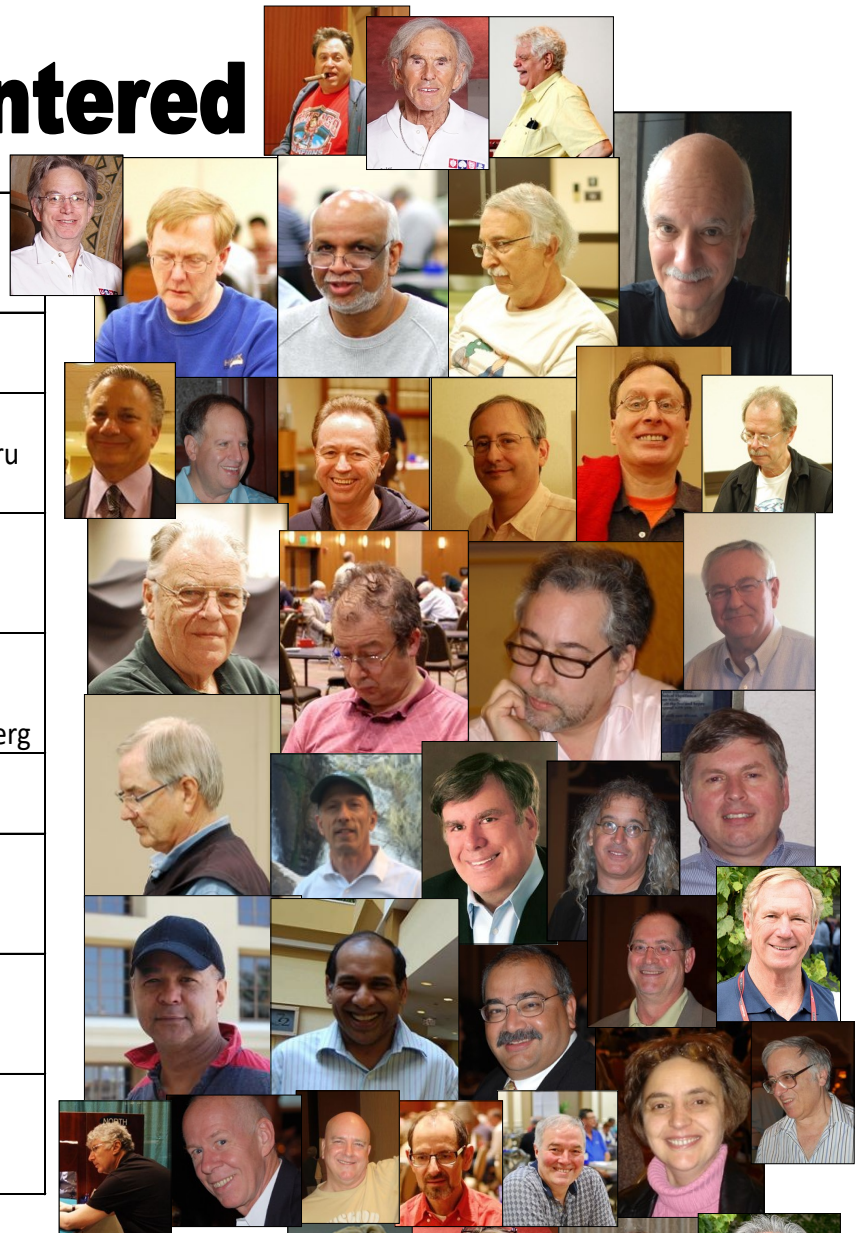
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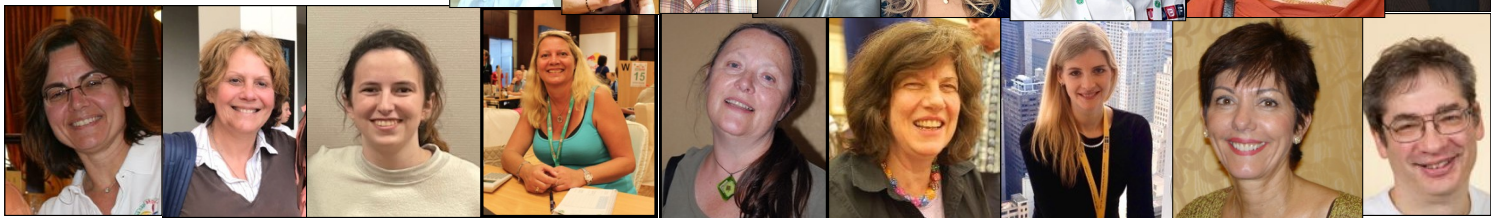
Senior Teams Entered

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 Bobby Levin 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 Kerri Sanborn Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt Sam Dinkin, NPC	Olivia Schireson Jill Meyers Sandra Rimstedt
Cooper	Kitty Cooper, Capt Linda Lewis Rozanne Pollack	Lynne Feldman Disa Eythorsdottir Cheri Bjerkan



Tom Swiftie: "Don't light those fireworks!" Tom exploded.

Tom Swiftie: "I always arrive a few minutes late," Tom said fashionably.

Tom Swiftie: "The days are getting shorter," Tom said quickly.

Tom Swiftie: "Let's watch Star Wars!" Tom said forcefully.

Tom Swiftie: "This lemon is much too sour," Tom said bitterly.

Tom Swiftie: "This sauce is full of flavor," Tom said zestfully.

Tom Swiftie: "Don't try to pull the wool over my eyes," Tom said sheepishly.

Tom Swiftie: "Put those knives down!" Tom said sharply.

Tom Swiftie: "Granite or marble," Tom countered.

Tom Swiftie: "I have a frog in my throat," Tom croaked.

Tom Swiftie: "There's something in my nose!" Tom snorted.

Tom Swiftie: "I love explosions," Tom boomed.

Tom Swiftie: "I bought a parakeet yesterday," Tom chirped.

Tom Swiftie: "Three plus three equals six," Tom added.

Tom Swiftie: "I can't think of anything to write," Tom said blankly.

Tom Swiftie: "Add a bit more spice," Tom said gingerly.

Tom Swiftie: "A magician just cut me in half," Tom said half-heartedly.

Tom Swiftie: "Turn up the stereo," Tom said amply.

Tom Swiftie: "I didn't see that steamroller coming," Tom said flatly.

Tom Swiftie: "Ouch! I got poked by a thorn," Tom said sharply.

Tom Swiftie: "I love fountains," Tom bubbled.

Tom Swiftie: "I can't find my dog," Tom howled.

Tom Swiftie: "I'm on fire," Tom blazed.

Tom Swiftie: "These pigs sure do like this stuff," Tom said sloppily.

Tom Swiftie: "Stop acting like a baby," Tom cried.

Tom Swiftie: "It's a werewolf!" Tom howled.

Tom Swiftie: "Look at that bird," Tom chirped.

Tom Swiftie: "Tell me when my package gets here," Tom ordered.

Tom Swiftie: "What's your point?" Tom said sharply.

Tom Swiftie: "I think I'll use a different font," Tom said boldly.

Tom Swiftie: "Change the channel," Tom said remotely.

Tom Swiftie: "Here's a stick," Tom snapped.

Tom Swiftie: "I want to teach at a university," Tom professed.

Tom Swiftie: "Man, that robotics class was hard!" Tom droned.

Tom Swiftie: "We struck oil," Tom gushed.

Tom Swiftie: "I hate cats!" Tom barked.

Tom Swiftie: "This paper has nothing on it," Tom said blankly.

Tom Swiftie: "I love hitting piñatas," Tom said bashfully.

Tom Swiftie: "What's the first letter of your name?" Tom asked initially.

Tom Swiftie: "And I really don't like math class," Tom added.

Tom Swiftie: "Who chopped down this tree?" asked Tom, stumped.



**PLAGIARISM:
GETTING IN TROUBLE
FOR SOMETHING
YOU DIDN'T DO!**

Tom Swifties

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.



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	

Location: TBD

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

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Beth Palmer WOMEN'S SCHEDULE			
Final - 3 days, 180 boards			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
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

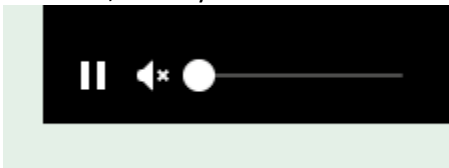
The Art of Becoming A Top Bridge Player

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.



Watching the VuG-
raph

Is tons of fun.

I watch all the boards
Starting with one!



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 welcome Marge Morgan, mother of Jacob, to the venue. Marge will help Marie-France.

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



Marge Morgan

Four sisters, Sara, Ophelia, Nora, and Dawn, were each born in a different one of the months September, October, November, and December.

"This is terrible," said Ophelia one day. "None of us have an initial that matches the initial of her birth month."

"I don't mind at all," replied the girl who was born in September.

"That's easy for you to say," said Nora. "It would at least be cool if the initial of my birth month was a vowel, but no."

In which month was each girl born?

Answer

Sara was born in October, Ophelia was born in November, Nora was born in December, and Dawn was born in September. Nora's birth month obviously cannot be November. Since it doesn't start with a vowel, it cannot be October. Since she was talking to the girl who was born in September, it cannot be September. Therefore, it must be December.

The girl born in September obviously cannot be Sara. Since she was talking to both Ophelia and Nora, it cannot be either of them. Therefore, it must be Dawn.

This leaves the girls Sara and Ophelia and the months October and November. Ophelia cannot be born in October, so she must be born in November, and Sara was born in October.

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

Sudoku 1

"But I thought forts were a good idea," whined Tom defensively.

Quick! Hide all the religious pamphlets!" said Tom distractingly.



"Okay, you can have the gloves without lining," Tom deferred.

"I'm tearing my hair out over this problem," said Tom distressingly.

"I still think we should differentiate the magnetic flux," said Tom defiantly.

"I need a Latin Bible suitable for reading under water," Tom divulged.

"I won't listen to you, Leonard!" said Tom def-t-Lee.

"I've got to reach Kenilworth tonight," said Tom, trotting doggedly onward.

"You are going to fail my class," said the teacher degradingly.

"Well I'll be an S.O.B.!" said Tom doggedly.

"I have a B.A. in social work," said Tom with a degree of concern.

"Female canines often scratch the parasites on the coats of their young," said Tom dogmatically.

"I think all those feminists should be forced to work as housewives," said Tom deliberately.

"I'm on welfare," said Tom dolefully.

Tom Swifties...

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 12

Sudoku 2

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

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



Puzzle Page ...

Sports

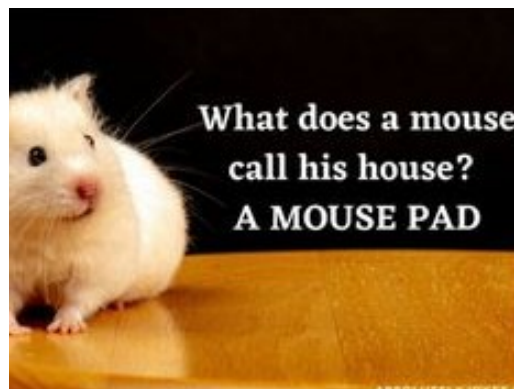
Find and circle all of the Sports that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Vince Lombardi quotation.

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F L R U I L U S L L L L O N B E V
L E A N R N L L R L B O W L I N G
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| BADMINTON | CYCLING | LACROSSE | SOFTBALL |
| BASEBALL | DARTS | POLO | SQUASH |
| BASKETBALL | FENCING | RACQUETBALL | SURFING |
| BILLIARDS | FISHING | RUGBY | SWIMMING |
| BOCCE | FOOTBALL | RUNNING | TENNIS |
| BOWLING | GOLF | SKATEBOARDING | VOLLEYBALL |
| BOXING | HANDBALL | SKATING | WRESTLING |
| CRICKET | HOCKEY | SKIING | |



Over all other cards,
Excepting the ace,
I'm in control.
I know my place.





Steve Beatty, president and CEO of Helix Bio Medix, originally from the South, now resides in Mill Creek, Washington, with his wife.

Steve is a great volunteer for bridge and currently serves as a member of the USBF Board of Directors. He had served the USBF in the past and has returned this year.

He received his MBA from the University of New Orleans.

Steve is also a very clever bridge player.

Here is a hand he played online with Walter Schafer.

KQ9542
AKJ8
KJ
6

J873	A
10	Q76532
982	Q64
KQ432	AJ9

106
94
A10753
10876

Meet the Players

West passed, Steve (north) opened 1S and east chimed in with 2H. Walter, never one to be shy, doubled showing the minors. After a pass from west, Steve added up his values and strength and jumped to 3NT. East chose to lead a heart. The contract looks doomed. After the opening lead, a club shift will be obvious.

But.... wait.

After the 4th best heart lead, dummy followed, west played his stiff 10 - and Steve won.... the king! Steve now played a diamond to dummy and ran his ST. East won the ace, perforce - and not realizing Steve's brilliancy at trick one - led another heart! Steve was now able to win the NINE in dummy and hook a spade. When the smoke cleared, Steve had taken 3 spade tricks, FOUR heart tricks and his two diamonds.



		Winners					Orders					Butterflies				
		Ed	Kelly	Lowell	Orlando	Sean	1st	4th	7th	8th	9th	Lycaenidae	Nymphalidae	Pieridae	Stenzleridae	Vanessid
Prices	\$1350															
	\$1360															
	\$1370															
	\$1380															
	\$1390															
Butterflies	Lycaenidae															
	Nymphalidae															
	Pieridae															
	Stenzleridae															
	Vanessid															
Orders	1st															
	4th															
	7th															
	8th															
	9th															

Answer on page12

Prices	Winners	Orders	Butterflies
\$1350			
\$1360			
\$1370			
\$1380			
\$1390			

- Neither the butterfly that sold for \$1370 nor the butterfly won by Kelly was the insect that was auctioned 8th..
- The Nymphalidae was the 8th lot..
- The Nymphalidae sold for 20 dollars more than the Vanessid..
- The Stenzleridae wasn't the 1st lot..
- The insect that sold for \$1370 wasn't the 7th lot..
- The insect that was auctioned 4th sold for 10 dollars less than the Vanessid..
- The butterfly won by Sean wasn't the Vanessid..
- The insect that sold for \$1390 wasn't the Lycaenidae..
- The insect won by Lowell was either the Stenzleridae or the butterfly that sold for \$1350..
- Of the insect won by Kelly and the butterfly that was auctioned 8th, one sold for \$1380 and the other was the Pieridae..
- The butterfly that sold for \$1390, the insect won by Kelly, the butterfly that was auctioned 8th and the butterfly that was auctioned 7th were all different butterflies..
- The butterfly won by Ed sold for \$1380..

Playing Procedures Reviewed For Those Arriving for the Seniors and 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.

Line-Up Procedures

Your lineup sheet has been shared with you. It should be self-explanatory. If you can't open it, or don't understand something about it, or want it shared with someone else (either as an editor or viewer), please let us know. Your lineup sheet shows your sit out round.

The Round Robin has blind lineups. That means you must tell us your lineup before you know which team you are going to play. You may tell us your lineup either by entering it on the lineup sheet or by telling Jan, who will enter it on your lineup sheet. We need it to be on the lineup sheet because we are going to try something slightly new - as soon as all of the teams have entered their lineups, we will be showing a spreadsheet on the television in 1321 that shows the lineup for each team, including the room number of each player's seat, and the opponent for the match. You will then be able to consult with your partner for a few minutes about defenses to the opponents' methods before going to your separate seats. We'll also have individual assignment pages for you which you may pick up for each match after you have finished the previous match and submitted your lineup for the new match.

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!



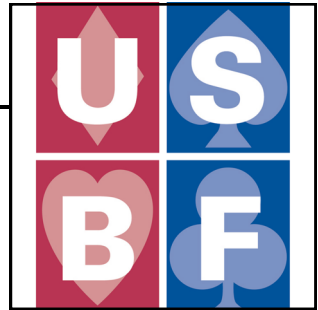
Massage Therapist message from Jan

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

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9	6	5	2	4	3	8	1	7
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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.



I tried to make a pun about a vacuum, but it sucked.



I'm fairly certain that the person who put the first r in February also decided how to spell Wednesday.

Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 10

\$1390	Lowell	9th	Stenzleridae
\$1380	Ed	8th	Nymphalidae
\$1370	Sean	1st	Lycaenidae
\$1360	Orlando	7th	Vanessid
\$1350	Kelly	4th	Pieridae

BOARD: 1
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ J72
♥ A653
♣ AKQJ5

♠ KJ8543
♥ KQ93
♦ T
♣ 98

♠ A9762
♥ Q942
♣ 7643

♠ QT
♥ AT8654
♦ KJ87
♣ 2

Par: 100

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	11	11	11	3	7
E	1	1	2	9	2
W	:	:	:	10	:

	Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
						NS EW Home Visiting
1	Aker	Goodman	Open	6♣	N ♠9	-2 100
			Closed	5♣	N ♠9	= 400
2	Cappelli	Hamman	Open	5♣	N ♠A	-1 50
			Closed	5♣	N ♠A	-1 50
3	Reynolds	Wolfson	Open	4♣x	W ♣A	= 590
			Closed	6♣	N ♠9	-2 100
4	Simson	Tulin	Open	5♣	N ♠A	= 400
			Closed	5♦	S ♠8	-1 50

Among the 8 tables, 4 different contracts were played on Board 1. The games were all possible. The slams were not.

Only 3 declarers in 3 different matches were successful.

In Aker/Goodman, Pratap made 5C. He ruffed the opening spade lead and pulled 3 rounds of trump. He played the H7 which East ruffed. Pratap ruffed the spade return, played the DA and continued the D3 to the 4,8, S3. He claimed 11 tricks. 11 IMPs to Goodman when N/S played in the doomed club slam at the other table.

In Cappelli/Hamman, both tables failed in 5C. In the Open Room, Cappelli ruffed the opening spade and played a heart which East ruffed. He ruffed the spade return and pulled trump. He cashed the DA and finessed the DJ. He needed to finesse the 8 to make the hand and ultimately succumbed to down one.

In the Closed Room, Chambers, too, ruffed the opening spade. He pulled trump, discarding a heart, diamond, spade in that order. The spade pitch doomed the game!! He played a heart to dummy and another heart. West won the queen and played the SK. Chambers ruffed. He played a diamond to the jack and cashed the DK. He took his DA and the opponents took the last two tricks. Contract down one for a push.

In the Open Room of Reynolds/Wolfson, E/W were allowed to play in 4SX. →

The CA was led and the defense collected the obvious 2 clubs and a diamond.

LoveBridge

W: Mike Becker
N: Lance Kerr
E: Michael Kamil
S: Tom Reynolds

Hand 1 (North): J72, A653, AKQJ5, 2

Hand 2 (South): KJ8543, KQ93, T, 98

Hand 3 (East): A9762, Q942, 7643

Hand 4 (West): QT, AT8654, KJ87, 2

Bidding:

W	N	E	S
	1♣	PASS	1♠
2♣	3♣	4♠	DBL
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Score: WEST 4♣x, NS 0, EW 0

1C=15+
1S=4+H

(hand continued on page 14)

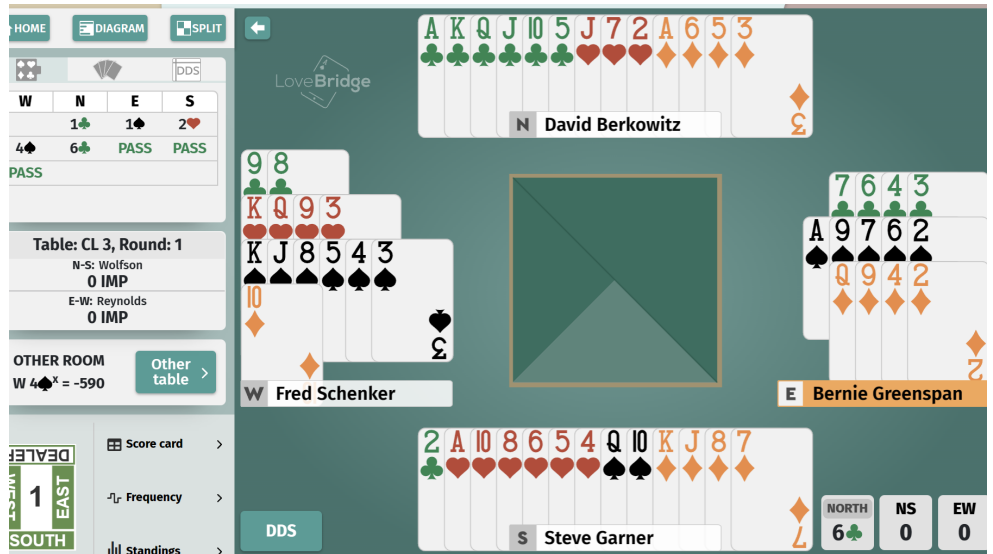
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In the Closed Room of Reynolds/Wolfson, Berkowitz/Garner had a quick auction to the 6C slam.

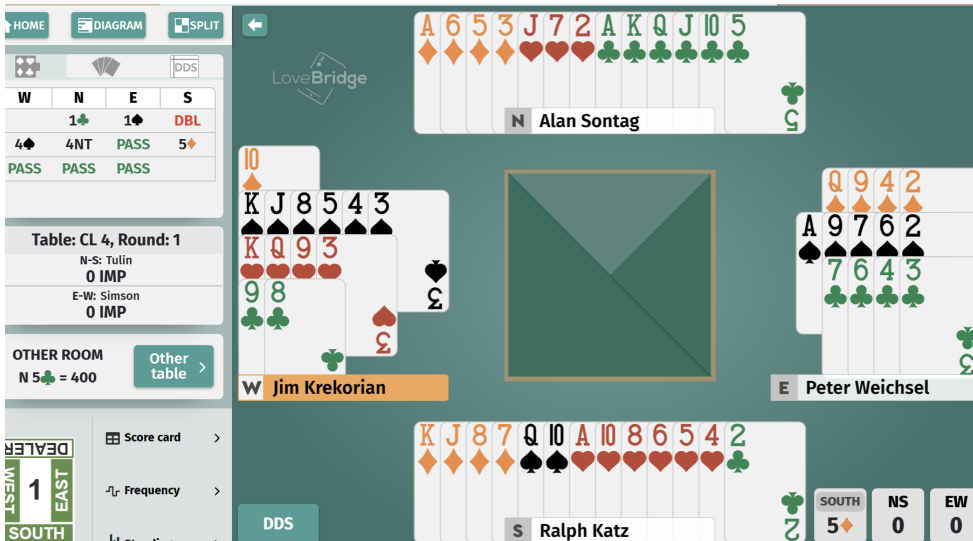


Greenspan underled his SA to the T, Q and ruffed. Berkowitz pulled trump, played a heart to the ten and Schenker's queen. He ruffed and spade return, finessed the DJ, cashed two more diamonds and the HA and conceded down two.

10 IMPs to Wolfson



In the Open Room of Simson/Tulin, Simson played in 5C. He took a similar line to Pratap and was successful collecting 11 tricks.



In the Closed Room of Simson/Tulin, Sontag/Katz played in 5D when Sontag gave Katz a choice of minor suit games.



Krekorian led the ST, Katz ruffing in dummy. Katz cashed the DA and finessed the DJ.

He was at the crossroads. He needed to come to his hand to run clubs through East.

To get to hand, Katz could have ruffed the SQ or played the small club.

Alas, he cashed the DK and could not recover. Katz played the D8 to Weichsel's queen.

At this point, the defense could defeat the hand three tricks with a spade to West's king and a spade to East's ace permitting East to cash out the spades. At the table, Weichsel cashed the SA, Krekorian unblocking his king! They were still fine so long as Weichsel played spades from the top down. He apparently had a blind spot and played the S2 to Krekorian's four, endplaying Krekorian. Krekorian had no choice but to put declarer on play with a club or a heart to cash out.

Contract down 1.

10 IMPs to Simson

BOARD: 4
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ Q763
♥ 742
♦ J543
♣ J9

♠ KJ
♥ T8
♦ AK9862
♣ A87

♠ 8
♥ AQJ953
♦ Q7
♣ KQT6

♠ AT9542
♥ K6
♦ T
♣ 5432

Par: -650

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	2	2	2	8	2
E	11	11	11	5	9
W	:	10	:	:	:

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting	IMP	
Aker	Goodman	Open	3N	W	♠3	=			600	12
		Closed	6♦	W	♠6	-1	100			
Cappelli	Hamman	Open	6♦	W	♠6	-1	100			13
		Closed	5♥	E	♠A	=	650			
Reynolds	Wolfson	Open	5♥	W	♠6	=	650			13
		Closed	6♦	W	♠6	-1	100			
Simson	Tulin	Open	4♥	E	♦T	+2	680			13
		Closed	6♥	W	♥2	-1	100			

On Board 4, all four matches experienced double digit swings. One table in each match played in slam while the other played beneath the 6-level.

In either 6H or 6D, declarer must lose the SA. Success or failure rests entirely on the position of the HK. Here, the HK is offside and slam goes down one.

Slam is not a low percentage contract and bidding it is not unreasonable. It's simply unlucky for declarer and lucky for the defense!

On Board 6, three pairs made the unmakeable spade game. There were pushes in 3 matches and a 10 IMP swing in Simson/Tulin where Katz opened a weak 2S on the South cards and Sonty jumped to game.

West led the HK. Katz ducked. If West shifts to a club, he will set up the CK as the 4th trick for the defense. As it was, he continued hearts and Katz won the ace. Katz pulled 2 rounds of spades and led a diamond. West put up the jack and Katz ducked in dummy.

The HQ was ruffed; a diamond was led to the ace and a diamond ruffed setting up diamonds. Katz conceded the losing spade to West and claimed 10 tricks.

BOARD: 6
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ K75
♥ A84
♦ AT983
♣ AT

♠ QJ6
♥ KQ7
♦ KJ6
♣ J973

♠ 2
♥ JT653
♦ Q72
♣ K542

♠ AT9843
♥ 92
♦ 54
♣ Q86

Par: 140

N	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
6	8	5	9	8	
5	:	:	:	:	
EW	7	4	7	3	5

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting	IMP
Aker	Goodman	Open	4♠	S	♥K	=	420		
		Closed	4♠	S	♥K	=	420		
Cappelli	Hamman	Open	3N	N	♥3	-1	50		
		Closed	4♠	S	♥K	-1	50		
Reynolds	Wolfson	Open	4♠	S	♥K	-1	50		
		Closed	4♠	S	♥K	-1	50		
Simson	Tulin	Open	4♠	S	♥K	-1	50		
		Closed	4♠	S	♥K	=	420		10

Play in Tempo Our Policy...

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.

Whoever said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results has obviously never had to reboot a computer.

I was on a business call when I realized I was late for a class at the gym. I must have sounded rushed, because the woman on the phone said, "Am I keeping you from something?"

I replied, "I have to leave for tai chi."

"Oh," she said, sounding intrigued. "What country is that in?"

How do you know when the moon is broke? When it's down to its last quarter!

Q. Which is closer, Florida or the moon? A. The moon. You can't see Florida from here.

Because my wife and I are flea market dealers, we usually carry stacks of \$1 bills. Not long ago, we had lunch at a restaurant and paid the check with singles. As our waitress collected the ones, she sized up my 70-year-old wife and said, "You had a good night dancing last night, huh?"

Q: How much did the pirate pay for his peg and hook? A: An arm and a leg.

Q: Why don't pirates take a shower before they walk the plank?

A: They just wash up on shore.



BOARD: 14
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ AJT84
♥ K43
♦ 43
♣ T75

♠ 2
♥ AQT6
♦ K86
♣ KJ983

♠ K976
♥ J75
♦ A972
♣ A2

Par: -450

NS	2	3	2	5	2
E	11	9	11	8	9
W	:	10	:	:	:

♠ Q53
♥ 982
♦ QJT5
♣ Q64

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

On Board 14 of match 2, 3NT was played at every table. Seven declarers made the game, some with over-tricks.

The opening lead varied, but the most popular lead was the S3.

In Aker/Tulin, Bart Bramley, arguably one of the best bridge analysts and declarers in the world, went down against John Lusky and Allan Falk,

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
Aker	Tulin	Open 3N	E ♠3	-1	50
		Closed 3N	E ♠3	=	400
Cappelli	Lall	Open 3N	W ♠J	=	400
		Closed 3N	E ♥8	+2	460
Goodman	Hamman	Open 3N	W ♥3	+1	430
		Closed 3N	W ♠J	=	400
Simson	Wolfson	Open 3N	E ♠3	=	400
		Closed 3N	E ♦Q	=	400

Falk led the S3. Bart played the deuce from dummy. Lusky inserted the ten and Bart won the king.

At this point, he has five clubs with the queen in the pocket, two diamonds, one spade and one heart.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

LoveBridge

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

1D=2+
Double=3H

♠ AJT84
♥ K43
♦ 43
♣ T75

N John Lusky

♠ 2
♥ AQT6
♦ K86
♣ KJ983

W Kit Woolsey

♠ K976
♥ J75
♦ A972
♣ A2

E Bart Bramley

♠ Q53
♥ 982
♦ QJT5
♣ Q64

S Allan Falk

DDS EAST 3NT

However, there are options: the club finesse or the heart finesse?

If the hearts behave, Bart could take nine tricks a different way. He could take four hearts, one spade, two diamonds and two clubs.

His spots are better in hearts because of the ten in dummy.

Accordingly, at trick two Bart finessed against the HK. Lusky won the king and cashed his four spades.

At the other table in this match, Katz also led the S3. Milgrim ducked two rounds of spades and won the third. Ducking forced him to make discards from dummy and he tossed two hearts. When he won the SK, the heart finesse could no longer yield enough tricks for the game so he was "forced" to play the CA and a club to the jack, taking nine tricks.

10 IMPs to Aker

BOARD: 15
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ AQT53
♥ T7
♦ JT87
♣ 95

♠ J4
♥ KQ63
♦ K432
♣ 873

♠ K872
♥ J82
♦ 96
♣ JT42

Par: 600

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	8	10	8	9	9
EW	4	3	5	3	4

♠ 96
♥ A954
♦ AQ5
♣ AKQ6

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
Aker	Tulin	Open 3N S	♦2	=	600
		Closed 3N S	♦2	=	600
Cappelli	Lall	Open 3N S	♥Q	-1	100
		Closed 3N S	♦2	=	600
Goodman	Hamman	Open 3N S	♦4	=	600
		Closed 3N S	♣8	=	600
Simson	Wolfson	Open 3N S	♦3	+1	630
		Closed 3N S	♥3	+1	630

On Board 15, all eight tables played in 3NT from South.

Again, there are nine tricks for the taking.

Seven declarers were successful and one declarer missed the "mark" (no pun intended!)

In the Open Room of Cappelli/Lall, "Mark" Aquino faced Reese Milner and Hemant Lall.

Milner led the HQ, Rusi-now. Mark let it hold. Milner continued with the H3 to the ten and jack, Mark again ducking. Lall led a third heart and Mark ducked this to Milner's king. This last duck was one duck too many!!

For lack of anything better to do, Milner continued the heart attack, Mark finally winning his ace.

Mark led the S9 and floated it. Hemant ducked. Mark cashed the ace, king, and queen of clubs. He played the S6 to the ace and finessed the DK. This lost to Milner who played another diamond. Lall had to discard correctly. He had the good CT and the good SK.

Lall was counting! He tossed his SK and took the defense's fifth trick with his CT.

Contract down one! 12 IMPs to Lall

HOME CARDS SPLIT

LoveBridge

W N E S

			1♣
PASS	1♠	PASS	2NT
PASS	3♥	PASS	3NT
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Table: OP 2, Round: 2

N-S: Cappelli 2 IMP

E-W: Lall 1 IMP

OTHER ROOM: S 3N = 600

Score card

Frequency

DDS

♠ AQT53
♥ T7
♦ JT87
♣ 95

N Bob Cappelli

♠ K872
♥ J82
♦ 96
♣ JT42

E Hemant Lall

♠ J4
♥ KQ63
♦ K432
♣ 873

W Reese Milner

♠ 96
♥ A954
♦ AQ5
♣ AKQ6

S Mark Aquino

DEALER 15 EAST 3N