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**“Trials” and Tribulations**

**UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

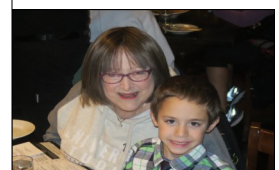
# Cross IMPs

QuarterFinal (120 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.								
21-May-2024			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>								
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Wolfson - wins tie</a>	260	26	21	37	36	33	23	22	62	
8	<a href="#">Cappelli</a>	187	41	17	27	18	13	44	3	24	
2	<a href="#">Lall</a>	236.5	10	18	8	58	33	38	37	38	-3.5
7	<a href="#">Aker - wins tie</a>	149	24	24	11	34	16	7	8	25	
3	<a href="#">Goodman - wins tie</a>	272.5	31	13	29	38	25	50	26	66	-5.5
6	<a href="#">Hamman</a>	247	47	59	43	7	19	21	36	15	
4	<a href="#">Tulin - wins tie</a>	246.25	44.25	30	74	47	28	23			
5	<a href="#">Simson</a>	85	11	37	6	28	16	17	w/d		-30

1.	Michael Rosenberg - Zia Mahmood	Lall	1.03	92.60	90
2.	David Berkowitz - Steve Garner	Wolfson	0.96	57.77	60
3.	David Berkowitz - Michael Kamil	Wolfson	0.88	26.49	30
4.	Alan Sontag - Ralph Katz	Tulin	0.88	52.86	60
5.	Gary Cohler - Stanley Tulin	Tulin	0.84	37.88	45
6.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Tulin	0.82	60.86	74
7.	Billy Cohen - Ron Smith	Goodman	0.75	67.08	90
8.	Bobby Levin - Eric Rodwell	Lall	0.42	38.14	90
9.	John Schermer - Neil Silverman	Hamman	0.08	6.26	75
10.	Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner	Wolfson	0.08	4.83	60
11.	Bob Hamman - Neil Chambers	Hamman	0.07	7.75	105
12.	Pratap Rajadhyaksha - Venkatrao Koneru	Goodman	-0.02	-1.55	90
13.	Michael Kamil - Mike Becker	Wolfson	-0.06	-5.27	90
14.	Bob Cappelli - Mark Aquino	Cappelli	-0.19	-22.45	120
15.	Fred Stewart - Steve Beatty	Simson	-0.32	-18.71	59
16.	Barry Rigal - Ron Rubin	Aker	-0.33	-19.91	60
17.	Glenn Milgrim - Jeff Aker	Aker	-0.38	-34.31	90
18.	Hemant Lall - Reese Milner	Lall	-0.47	-28.29	60
19.	Bob Bitterman - Mark Bendure	Cappelli	-0.51	-61.36	120
20.	Andy Goodman - Mike Passell	Goodman	-0.54	-32.23	60
21.	Allan Falk - John Lusky	Aker	-0.54	-48.23	90
22.	Curtis Cheek - Doug Simson	Simson	-0.64	-28.71	45
23.	Adam Wildavsky - Doug Doub	Hamman	-0.79	-47.31	60
24.	Jim Krekorian - Peter Weichsel	Simson	-1.39	-104.17	75

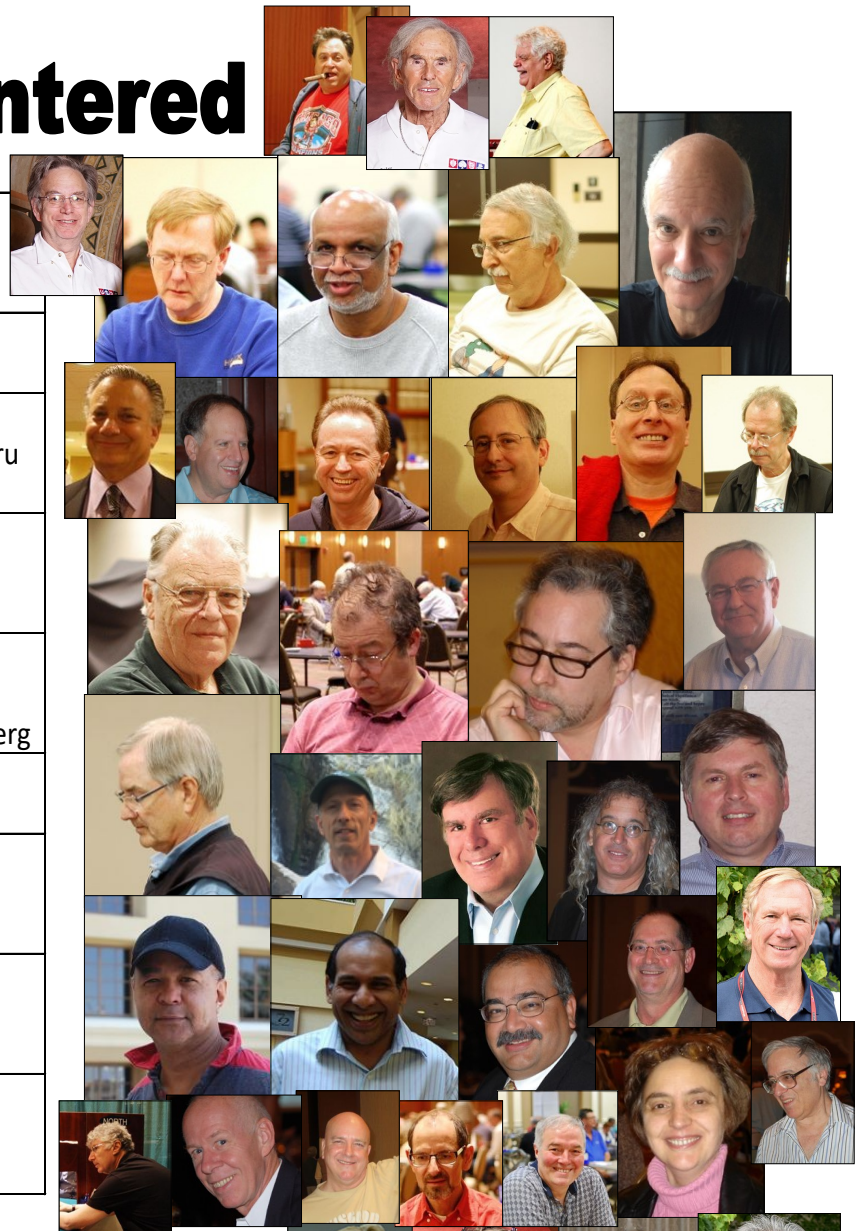
Ed. Note: With delayed broadcasting, it is challenging to watch every hand for write ups. If anyone has a particularly interesting hand, please send me the board # & match # with any important details. I will do my best to review and include it. Email to [stansubeck@prodigy.net](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net).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

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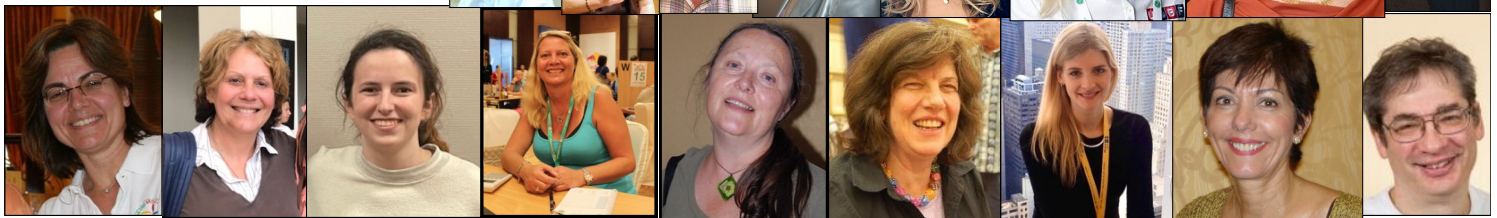
# Senior Teams Entered

<b>Aker</b>	Jeff Aker, Capt John Lusky Barry Rigal	Allan Falk Glenn Milgrim Ron Rubin
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<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 Bobby Levin 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



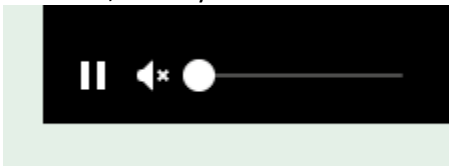
# Women's Teams Entered

<b>Baker</b>	Lynn Baker Kerri Sanborn Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt <b>Sam Dinkin, NPC</b>	Olivia Schireson Jill Meyers Sandra Rimstedt
<b>Cooper</b>	Kitty Cooper, Capt Linda Lewis Rozanne Pollack	Lynne Feldman Disa Eythorsdottir Cheri Bjerkan



## 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 hope my team wins.

I've been watching  
for days.

They bid really well

And make super  
great plays!



# Kibitzing...

**What's the leading cause of dry skin?**  
Towels.

What kind of person doesn't like pizza?  
**A weirdough**



Why did the mushroom go to the party?  
**Because he was a fungi.**

**WHAT DID THE COW TELL HER CALVES?**  
  
**IT'S PASTURE BEDTIME!**

WHAT DO YOU CALL A COFFEE ROBBERY?  
**A MUGGING!**




**HOW DO MONSTERS LIKE THEIR EGGS?**  
  
**TERRI-FRIED!**

**WHAT'S IRISH AND STAYS OUTSIDE ALL YEAR?**  
**PATTY O'FURNITURE**

Q: How do you fix a broken jack-o-lantern?  
A. With a pumpkin patch!



What do you call a garbage can that doesn't know anything?  
  
**A dumb-ster!**

**HOW DO YOU MAKE THE NUMBER ONE DISAPPEAR?**  
**YOU JUST ADD A "G" AND IT'S GONE**



**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
Saturday	May 25	10:00 - 12:00 12:15 - 2:15  3:30 - 5:30 5:45 - 7:45	Segment 9 Boards 1-15 Segment 10 Boards 16-30 75 minute Break Segment 11 Boards 31-45 Segment 12 Boards 46-60

**Beth Palmer Women's Schedule**

**The Art of Becoming A Top Bridge Player**

Samantha Punch with Tim Rees

Foreword by Jeff Meckstroth

## 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 <sup>8:30-10:30</sup> 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



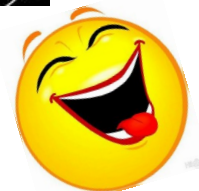
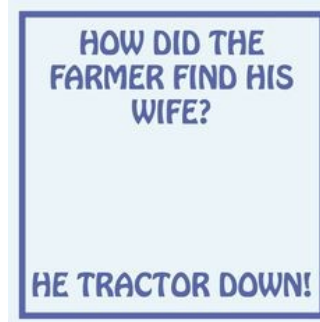
Marge Morgan



What do you call a Jedi in a bubble bath?




Soapy-Wan Kenobi.



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

Sudoku 1

How do farmers find new cows to buy?



They look through the cattle-log.



What kind of shoes do burglars wear?

**Sneakers.**

What do horses say when they fall?

Help, I've fallen and I can't giddy up.

# Hard Sudoku

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 12

Sudoku 2

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

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



# Puzzle Page ...

## Geometry

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

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

ACUTE  
 APOTHEM  
 AREA  
 BASE  
 BISECT  
 CHORD  
 CIRCLE  
 CIRCUMFERENCE  
 CONE  
 CONGRUENT  
 COORDINATES  
 CYLINDER  
 DIAMETER

EQUATION  
 EQUIANGULAR  
 EQUILATERAL  
 FACE  
 FORMULA  
 HEIGHT  
 HYPOTENUSE  
 INTERSECT  
 ISOSCELES  
 LEGS  
 MIDPOINT  
 OBTUSE  
 PARALLELOGRAM

PERIMETER  
 PERPENDICULAR  
 POLYGON  
 POLYHEDRON  
 PYRAMID  
 PYTHAGORAS  
 QUADRILATERAL  
 RADIUS  
 RHOMBUS  
 SCALENE  
 SECANT  
 SEGMENT

SIDE  
 SLANT  
 SLOPE  
 SOLIDS  
 SPHERE  
 SQUARE  
 THEOREM  
 TRANSVERSAL  
 TRAPEZOID  
 TRIANGLE  
 VERTEX  
 VOLUME



They call us  
 Honors  
 What the heck!  
 We're the best  
 In any deck!

HOW DO YOU  
 SPELL CANDY WITH  
 TWO LETTERS?

C AND Y.

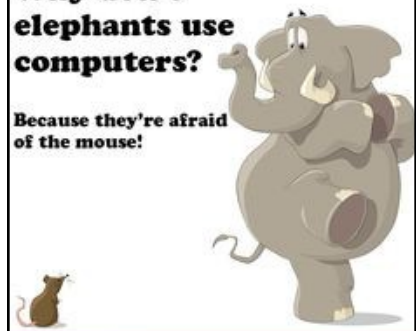
Who likes roman  
 numerals?



I for one.

Why don't  
 elephants use  
 computers?

Because they're afraid  
 of the mouse!





# Meet the Players

Professor **Lynn Baker**'s wide-ranging scholarly and teaching interests include Professional Responsibility (especially issues involving "aggregate" litigation and group settlements), attorneys' fees, mass tort litigation, "Mega-settlements," and State and Local Government Law. She is often called upon by lawyers to serve as a consultant and/or expert witness on issues of legal ethics, mass tort settlements, settlement fund allocations, and attorneys' fees. Professor Baker has also been a court-appointed allocation Special Master in mass tort settlements. She is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

Professor Baker is the author or co-author of dozens of articles and book chapters, which have appeared in the *Columbia Law Review*, *Cornell Law Review*, *Duke Law Journal*, *Texas Law Review*, and the *Virginia Law Review*, among many others. Her most recent publications include "Mass Torts and the Pursuit of Ethical Finality" (*Fordham Law Review*, 2017, symposium contribution); "Aggregate Settlements and Attorney Liability" (*Hofstra Law Review*, 2016, symposium contribution); and "Is the Price Right? An Empirical Study of Fee-Setting in Securities Class Actions" (*Columbia Law Review*, 2015) (with Michael A. Perino and Charles Silver) (selected by *Corporate Practice Commentator* as one of the "Top Ten Corporate and Securities Articles of 2016"). Professor Baker is also the co-author of a leading law school text, *Local Government Law: Cases and Materials* (Foundation Press, 5th ed. 2015) (with Clayton P. Gillette and David Schleicher).

A graduate of Yale Law School, Yale College, and Oxford University (Marshall Scholar), she was a Law Clerk to the Hon. Amalya L. Kears, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (1985-86 Term). A two-time world champion in tournament bridge, Professor Baker won gold medals at the 2018 World Bridge Championships (McConnell Cup) in Orlando, Florida and at the 2014 World Championships (McConnell Cup) in Sanya, China. She won a silver medal at the 2009 World Bridge Championships (Venice Cup) in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She is also a sixteen-time North American champion and won a gold medal at the 2015 European Open Championships.

*From the Federalist Society*



Lynn and husband, Sam Dinkin, live in Austin, Texas. They have one daughter.

Lynn teaches law at the University of Texas in Austin. She was born in 1957 in Pittsburgh, PA.

# Logic Puzzle Page

		First Names					Street Names					States				
		Brady	Heaven	Jaiden	Melina	Nathan	Gillis Avenue	K Street	Paul Circle	Sandhill Circle	Wild Avenue	Delaware	Maryland	Michigan	New Hampshire	Texas
Times	11:00am															
	12 noon															
	3:00pm															
	8:00pm															
	10:30pm															
States	Delaware															
	Maryland															
	Michigan															
	New Hampshire															
	Texas															
Street Names	Gillis Avenue															
	K Street															
	Paul Circle															
	Sandhill Circle															
	Wild Avenue															

**Answer  
on page 12**

Times	First Names	Street Names	States
11:00am			
12 noon			
3:00pm			
8:00pm			
10:30pm			

- The one who lives on Gillis Avenue is not Melina.
- The person who lives in Delaware is Nathan.
- The person who lives in Maryland is not Brady.
- The person who lives in Maryland is not Heaven.
- The person who lives in Texas lives on K Street.
- The one who lives on Wild Avenue is not Melina.
- The 5 people were the person who lives in Michigan, Jaiden, the one who lives on Paul Circle, the person who arrived at 11:00am, and the person who lives in Delaware.
- The person who lives in Delaware doesn't live on Gillis Avenue.
- The one who lives on Sandhill Circle arrived later than Heaven.
- The person who arrived at 8:00pm lives in New Hampshire.
- The person who arrived at 12 noon is Melina.
- The person who lives in Delaware arrived earlier than Jaiden.
- The one who lives on Paul Circle arrived later than the one who lives on Sandhill Circle.

# Playing Procedures Reviewed For Those Arriving for the 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.

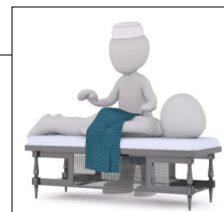
For subsequent segments, you need only notify each other of your lineups (10 minutes before the start of the segment for the Away team, 5 minutes for the Home team), although you are welcome to enter the lineup on the lineup sheet in case one of your players doesn't know where they are supposed to sit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



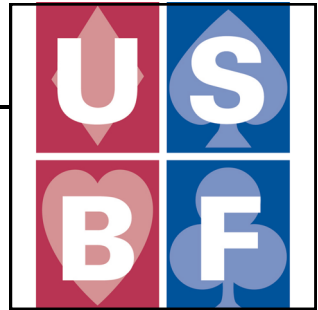
**Massage Therapist  
message from Jan**

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

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

## 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.



### Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 10

10:30pm	Jaiden	Gillis Avenue	Maryland
8:00pm	Brady	Paul Circle	New Hampshire
3:00pm	Nathan	Wild Avenue	Delaware
12 noon	Melina	Sandhill Circle	Michigan
11:00am	Heaven	K Street	Texas



**Italy and Spain** A Latin manuscript written in 1377 by a German monk from Switzerland mentions the use of playing cards in a variety of card games. Playing cards then began to appear in dice games and gambling games. It is evident that 52 cards were used during this period. The first European decks, which most likely originated in Italy, were designed with suit signs of cups, coins, clubs, and swords.

These Italian court cards include 4 things:

- A mounted king
- A seated queen
- A crowned queen

A knave

The Spanish court cards were developed a little differently. They didn't contain the numbers 8,9 or 10, and the cards included:

- A king
- A knight

A knave

**Germany** Playing cards became increasingly popular and eventually spread north and west. Once playing cards reached Germany, they became more widely available. Of course, they put their own spin on the cards. The Germans wanted to form their own suits on their court cards, which included:

- Acorns
- Leaves
- Hearts

Bells

These German suits are still used in parts of Europe, but their main contribution to the history of playing cards is their method of printing cards. They used printers to produce large quantities of playing cards, making them a leader in the playing card trade.

**France** In the 15th century, France developed a suit of their own that we commonly use today. Common French suits included:

- Hearts
- Spades
- Diamonds

Clubs

The French decided to divide the four suits into red and black playing cards with less complex symbols. This made it possible to produce playing cards with stencils, which greatly improved the manufacturing process and made production more efficient. The French then became the dominant leader in the playing card trade.

**England** Huge quantities of playing cards were transferred to England from Belgium. Due to the rise of tax prices in France, card makers opened factories and workshops in Belgium where they exported playing cards to various countries in Europe.

The English used the same suits as the French and created the Ace of Spades. They stamped their cards with the Ace of Spades to prevent tax evasion. England gained dominance in the playing card industry due to increased productivity and output.

# A History of Playing Cards

BOARD: 49  
 DEALER: NORTH  
 VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ KQJT9865  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ K  
 ♣ AQ7

♠ 73  
 ♥ KQJ95  
 ♦ T97  
 ♣ K92

♠ A2  
 ♥ T42  
 ♦ J643  
 ♣ J864

Par: 980

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	8	8	7	12	10
EW	5	3	5	1	1

♠ 4  
 ♥ A873  
 ♦ AQ852  
 ♣ T53

In the 4th segment on Tuesday, only two pairs reached slam.

Berkowitz and Garner bid it in Wolfson/Cappelli and Levin and Rodwell bid it in Aker/Lall.

11 IMPs for Wolfson and 11 IMPs for Lall...

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP			
					NS	EW		
Wolfson	Cappelli	Open	6♠	N	♦4	=	980	11
		Closed	4♠	N	♣6	+2	480	
Lall	Aker	Open	6♠	N	♣6	=	980	11
		Closed	4♠	N	♥2	+2	480	
Goodman	Hamman	Open	4♠	N	♣6	+2	480	-
		Closed	4♠	N	♣6	+2	480	
Tulin	Simson	Open	4♠	S	♥K	+2	480	-
		Closed	4♠	N	♣6	+2	480	

The award for the loooooongest auction without getting to slam goes to Bramley and Woolsey. It was so detailed (see below) that when it ended, they knew more about their partner's hand than they knew about their own!

The screenshot shows the LoveBridge software interface. On the left, a bidding sequence is displayed:

W	N	E	S
	1♣	PASS	1♠
PASS	1NT	PASS	2♥
PASS	2♠	PASS	2NT
PASS	3♣	PASS	3♦
PASS	3♠	PASS	3NT
PASS	4♦	PASS	4♥
DBL	4♠	PASS	PAS
PASS			

A legend box in the bottom left explains the bidding codes:

- 1C=precision
- 1S= H GF
- 1NT=art ask
- 2H=4H & 5+D
- 2S =ask
- 2NT=short S
- 3C=ask
- 3D=1-4-5-3
- 3S=control ask weaker version
- 3NT=0-3 controls w/<13 HCP
- 4D=signoff signal

The main interface shows the following hand details:

- North (Bart Bramley):** ♠ KQJT9865, ♥ 6, ♦ K, ♣ AQ7
- West (Fred Stewart):** ♠ 73, ♥ KQJ95, ♦ T97, ♣ K92
- East (Steve Beat):** ♠ A2, ♥ T42, ♦ J643, ♣ J864
- South (Kit Woolsev):** ♠ 4, ♥ A873, ♦ AQ852, ♣ T53

BOARD: 47  
 DEALER: SOUTH  
 VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ JT9  
 ♥ KT9653  
 ♦ T7  
 ♣ T5

♠ Q54  
 ♥ QJ87  
 ♦ A432  
 ♣ AQ

♠ K76  
 ♥ A42  
 ♦ KJ5  
 ♣ J432

Par: -120

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

♠ A832  
 ♥ Q986  
 ♣ K9876

All eight tables reached 3NT from West. To legitimately defeat the game, North must lead a non-heart. Two players, Cappelli in Cappelli/Wolfson and Cohen in Goodman/Hamman both led the SJ on a 1NT-3NT auction by their opponents.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP	
					NS	EW
Wolfson	Cappelli	Open 3N	W ♥T	-1	50	-
			W ♠J	-1	50	-
Lall	Aker	Open 3N	W ♥9	=	400	-
			W ♥9	=	400	-
Goodman	Hamman	Open 3N	W ♠J	-2	100	11
			W ♥6	=	400	11
Tulin	Simson	Open 3N	W ♥3	-1	50	10
			W ♥5	=	400	10

Even on a heart lead, it is not easy to find 9 tricks.

Katz found a good line in Tulin/Simson.

Weichsel led the H5; Katz won the 8; CQ to South's K; C back to the ace; HQ; S4 to the T, K, A; S8 to North's J; S9 to declarer's Q; H to the A; CJ cashed; The position:

Katz played the C4 off dummy. Krekorian won the 8 and was endplayed! Well done Ralph!

**BOARD: 10**  
**DEALER: EAST**  
**VULNERABLE: ALL**

♠ KT42  
 ♥ QJ97  
 ♦ 94  
 ♣ J62

♠ AJ73  
 ♥ A8  
 ♦ QJT3  
 ♣ KQ8

♠ 865  
 ♥ T62  
 ♦ A86  
 ♣ A943

♠ Q9  
 ♥ K543  
 ♦ K752  
 ♣ T75

Par: -600

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	4	4	7	5	4
EW	9	9	6	8	9

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

On Board 10 of round 5 of the quarterfinal KO's, in EVERY match one table played in 1NT and one table played in 3NT!

East holds a flat 8 count... two bullets and out. The vulnerability may have tipped the scales in favor of bidding for some... or not. Missing "reasonable" vulnerable games that make creates a double digit swing. Those matter.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	Contract	Score	IMP
Wolfson	Cappelli	▶	1	Open 3N E ♥3	-2	200
				Closed 1N W ♥Q	+2	150
Lall	Aker	▶	1	Open 1N W ♥Q	+2	150
				Closed 3N W ♥J	+1	630
Goodman	Hamman	▶	1	Open 1N W ♥J	+2	150
				Closed 3N W ♥Q	=	600
Tulin	Simson	▶	1	Open 1N W ♥J	+2	150
				Closed 3N W ♥J	=	600

Played normally, declarer will collect 4 clubs, 3 diamonds, 1 heart and 1 spade. The play was not too challenging.

Only in Wolf-

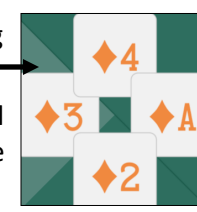
son/Cappelli did a declarer come up short. Mark Aquino declared it from East. Direction should not have made difference especially because Garner, like the others, led a heart. Aquino won the heart and finessed against the DK, losing to Garner's king. Garner continued hearts ending in North. The last heart trick was impressive, two pair... two hearts, two

spades, two 7's, two 5's:



(It gets better...) Berkowitz exited the CJ to the K.

Cappelli played the D3 generating a wish trick:



Cappelli could still be successful if he cashed the clubs from the top

down. Instead, on the third round of clubs, he played the C8 from his hand toward the A9 in dummy and finessed the ten! He played for Jxxx on his left. He could have been right. As it was, the opponents were able to score a subsequent trick in spades and defeat 3NT two vulnerable tricks: 8 IMPs to Wolfson when Becker/Kamil played 1NT!

HOME CARDS SPLIT

LoveBridge

W	N	E	S
	PASS	PASS	
1♦	PASS	1NT	PASS
2NT	PASS	3NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

Table: OP 1, Round: 5  
 N-S: Wolfson 133 IMP  
 E-W: Cappelli 109 IMP

OTHER ROOM W 1N +2 -150 Other table >

Score card >  
 Frequency >

♠ KT42  
 ♥ QJ97  
 ♦ 94  
 ♣ J62  
 N David Berkowitz

♠ 865  
 ♥ T62  
 ♦ A86  
 ♣ A943  
 E Mark Aquino

♠ AJ73  
 ♥ A8  
 ♦ QJT3  
 ♣ KQ8  
 W Bob Cappelli

♠ Q9  
 ♥ K543  
 ♦ K752  
 ♣ T75  
 S Steve Garner

DDS EAST 3NT



**BOARD: 16**  
**DEALER: WEST**  
**VULNERABLE: E-W**

♠ T6  
♥ AJ984  
♦ 54  
♣ Q865

♠ AJ92  
♥ Q6  
♦ QT93  
♣ JT4

♠ K75  
♥ K32  
♦ A87  
♣ AK93

♠ Q843  
♥ T75  
♦ KJ62  
♣ 72

Par: -660

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

Board 16 produced a victory for multi 2D!

At all but one table 3NT was successful. In Tulin/Simson Steve Beatty was the only declarer to fail taking 9+ tricks. He was also the only declarer who faced an opening bid by the opposition.

Bramley opened 2D, multi... Steve overcalled 2NT and landed in game after learning that RHO's major was hearts.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP
		NS	EW	Home	Visiting	
Wolfson	Cappelli	Open 3N	E ♠3	=	600	1
		Closed 3N	E ♥5	+1	630	
Lall	Aker	Open 3N	E ♠3	+1	630	1
		Closed 3N	E ♠3	+2	660	
Goodman	Hamman	Open 3N	E ♥5	+1	630	-
		Closed 3N	E ♠3	+1	630	
Tulin	Simson	Open 3N	E ♥5	-2	200	13
		Closed 3N	E ♥5	+1	630	

Woolsey led the H5. Beatty played the queen from dummy and Bramley won his ace. Bramley played the H8 to Woolsey's ten and Woolsey cleared the heart suit. Beatty played the SK. He continued with the S5. Knowing there was heart length on his right, he finessed the S9!! That was fatal.

Bramley won the ST, cashed two rounds of hearts and the defense had 5 tricks!

North/South scored another trick when Beatty, already down one, disdained the club finesse.

13 IMPs to Tulin

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

2D=multi, weak 1 major  
3D=pass or correct but if 3NT is bid, he doubles with 3 spades  
Pass=I have hearts

♠ T6  
♥ AJ984  
♦ 54  
♣ Q865

N Bart Bramley

♠ K75  
♥ K32  
♦ A87  
♣ AK93

E Steve Beatty

♠ AJ92  
♥ Q6  
♦ QT93  
♣ JT4

W Fred Stewart

♠ Q843  
♥ T75  
♦ KJ62  
♣ 72

S Kit Woolsey

DEALER 16 EAST SOUTH

Frequency

DDS

# Limey Jack...

Top of the morning to you, Yanks:

In the Senior Moments, everything is proceeding exactly as Limey Jack has predicted. Limey Jack remains perfect while Howie Dung is wandering hopelessly in the wilderness.

As is inevitable, Wolfson and Lall have the whips in the air as they approach the final. To be sure, Tulin and Goodman have admirers, but Limey Jack is honour bound to tell it true.

Stay tuned for the Wolfson-Lall finale.

Ta.



# Howie Doing...

Wolfson versus Tulin  
Goes down to the wire.  
Both teams have talent.  
Both teams have fire.

Both teams have ties  
To Chicago, to trading...  
But Wolfson's 5 handed  
And they will be fading!

In Goodman v Lall,  
The Lall team will reign.  
They'll fall in the Final,  
This, their "last train!".

The lead will change hands,  
Day one and day two.  
But Lall will win this match  
When all boards are through!

In two... Howie Doing

# Latest News from the EBL

EBL President Eric Laurant and EBL Treasurer Igor Chalupec have signed a contract with Lovebridge. The contract is for 2024 and 2025 and does not only include the use of the Lovebridge tablets for bidding, but also the vugraph options. The contract was signed in Budapest during the 47th International Budapest Bridge Festival (IBBF).

