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# “Trials” and Tribulations

## UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior USBC - 2024											
Final (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
25-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</a>	87	20	38	7	22					
2	<a href="#">Lall</a>	106	15	26	43	22					

Women's USBC - 2024															
Final (180 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.												
23-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	SET #9	SET #10	SET #11	SET #12	Penalty (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Baker</a>	371	25	58	28	44	30	17	47	23	34	30	35		
2	<a href="#">Cooper</a>	304	32	2	3	12	22	34	54	42	32	25	46	w/d	



Congrats Team Baker  
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Can you find the hidden turtle?

There are a lot of shades of green all swimming together in this image, but there's only one living thing. According to published stats, only 46 percent of people trying have been able to find the turtle swimming through these lily pads within 45 seconds. See how long it takes you!



Answer on page 6

Think of a number. Double it.  
Add six. Half it. Take away  
the number you started with.  
Your answer is three.

**A loan at a bank can  
take 30 years to pay  
off. If you rob a bank,  
you're out in 10 years.  
Follow me for more  
financial advice.**

**I have a friend  
who writes music  
about sewing  
machines. He's a  
singer  
songwriter.  
Or sew it seams.**

**THE OTHER DAY I  
YELLED INTO A  
COLANDER AND I  
STRAINED MY VOICE**





**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	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Wednesday	May 22	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
			Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Semifinal			
Thursday	May 23	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Friday	May 24	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
			Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Final			
Saturday	May 25	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Sunday	May 26	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
			Segment 8 Boards 46-60

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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**

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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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**Senior Humor...**

So, I'm there at the store with my wife shopping for clothes.

We come upon the underwear section and the sales lady asks me "boxers or briefs"?

"Hmmm, Depends" I replied.

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

Samantha Punch with Tim Rees

Foreword by Jeff Meckstroth

BOARD: 33  
 DEALER: NORTH  
 VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ A75  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ QJ73  
 ♣ T7632

♠ 3  
 ♥ KT87432  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ KQJ4

♠ QJT82  
 ♥ 65  
 ♦ T64  
 ♣ A98

Par: 400

	♣	♦	♥	♠	
N	7	11	4	9	8
S	8	:	:	:	:
EW	5	2	8	4	5

♠ K964  
 ♥ AJ9  
 ♦ AK952  
 ♣ 5

Board 33 from the Senior Semi-Finals on Friday had some interesting results. At both tables in Lall/Goodman, N/S, cold for 5D, sold out to West's heart preempt for a push.

Both tables in Wolfson/Tulin bid the game. In the Closed Room, Sontag, South, was doubled. Kamil, West led the CK followed by the D8. Sonty won the 9 and cashed 2 high spades. He played the HQ to his ace. The HJ was covered by the king and Sonty pitched the S7 from dummy. The HT was ruffed by the DJ. Sonty ruffed a club:

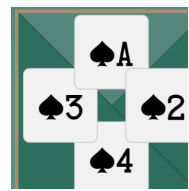
Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP
				NS EW Home Visiting	
Wolfson	Tulin	Open	5♦ S ♣K	-1	50
		Closed	5♦x S ♣K	=	550
Lall	Goodman	Open	3♥ W ♦Q	=	140
		Closed	3♥ E ♦A	=	140



A rare low multicolored wish trick

A spade/club crossruff ensued and the last trick was won with the DA! 12 IMPs for Tulin

In the other room of this match, Garner declared 5D. The play was the same for the first 2 tricks, but at trick 3 when Sonty cashed a spade, Garner played the DA, shortening his trumps. He played the H9 won by West's king and West played the C4 producing the same wish trick you see to your right. The HA was cashed and Garner led the S4. Look at that!! Wish trick #2 for this hand:



Garner played the HJ and pitched dummy's C7, allowing East to ruff with the DT for the setting trick. 12 IMPs to Tulin

In the Women's, Both tables let E/W play in their going down heart game.

Baker	Cooper	Open	4♥ W ♦Q	-1	50
		Closed	4♥ W ♦Q	-1	50

**What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?**  
 Same middle name.

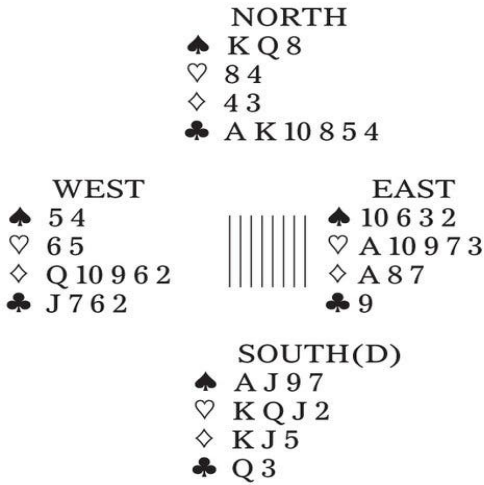
**What happens when a microscope bangs into a telescope?**  
 A kaleidoscope.



**What kind of boat pulls Dracula when he water skis?**  
 A blood vessel

**When are most frogs born?**  
 ...In a leap year

**Why did the invisible man turn down the job offer?**  
 He couldn't see himself doing it.



# From the NYT

## April 24, 2015

### starring

# Michael Rosenberg

Both sides were vulnerable.  
The bidding:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 N.T.
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 N.T.	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 N.T.
Pass	5 ♥	Dbl.	5 ♠
Pass	5 N.T.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West led the diamond nine.

Michael Rosenberg wrote a noteworthy book, “Bridge, Zia ... and Me,” which was reprinted by Master Point Press in 2011.

The diagramed deal is an example of Rosenberg’s card-reading skill. During the 2004 world championship trial, that scientific auction left Rosenberg (South) in a precarious five no-trump. (In the auction, North showed a mild slam-try in clubs.)

West led the diamond nine, which showed zero or two higher cards. East won with his ace and in tempo returned the diamond eight. How did Rosenberg continue?

If the clubs were running, there would be no problems, but declarer wondered about a bad club split. After winning the second trick with the diamond king, South took his four spade tricks. West discarded a heart and a diamond. Declarer cashed his club queen and continued with his second club. Then he paused to assess the situation.

Rosenberg thought that hearts were 2-5, both from East’s double and West’s decision to lead from a broken diamond suit. It also seemed that West had five diamonds; if so, his hand distribution was 2-2-5-4. It was just possible that West had 2-2-6-3 shape with three low clubs, but then East, with only a doubleton diamond, might have considered shifting at Trick 2.

Rosenberg finessed dummy’s club ten and made his contract.

That was one of many accurate analyses in Rosenberg’s glittering — and continuing — career.

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

Sudoku 1

# Hard Sudoku

**Sudoku Solutions  
on Page 10**

Sudoku 2

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

**WHY WAS THE  
CELL PHONE  
SCARED TO GO  
TO THE DENTIST?**

Because he didn't want  
his bluetooth removed.

WHAT DO YOU  
CALL TWO  
OCTOPUSES THAT  
LOOK THE SAME  
—  
ITENTICLE

Answer to hidden  
turtle puzzle on  
page 5



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





# Puzzle Page ...

## Dance crazes

Find and circle all of the dance crazes that are hidden in the grid.

The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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

BALLROOM	HAND JIVE	QUICKSTEP	TEXAS TWO-STEP
BOLLYWOOD	HIP HOP	RIVER	THE BUNNY HOP
CALYPSO	HOKEY POKEY	ROBOT	THE HUSTLE
CHA CHA SLIDE	JITTERBUG	RUMBA	THE JERK
CHARLESTON	JUMP ON IT	SALSA	THE RUNNING MAN
CHICKEN DANCE	LIMBO	SAMBA	THE TWIST
DA DIP	LINDY HOP	SHIMMY	THRILLER
DISCO	LINE	SINGLE LADIES	VOGUE
ELECTRIC SLIDE	MACARENA	SQUARE DANCE	WALTZ
FLAMENCO	MAMBO	SUZIE Q	WATUSI
FOOTLOOSE	MERENGUE	SWING	YMCA
FOXTROT	MODERN	TANGO	ZUMBA
GANGNAM STYLE	MOONWALK	TAP	



I'd play Precision  
If I could envision  
Some simple ways  
To remember re-  
lays!

# Meet the Players

**Tom Reynolds**, currently serving on the USBF Board of Directors, is the founder of the famous Reynolds Team Matches on BBO. When the ACBL canceled the Columbus NABC, Tom decided to try and put together a large, Double Elimination, Vanderbilt-style knock out to be played on bridgebase.com. The Reynolds' Team Matches was instantly popular and continues post Pandemic.

Tom was Life Master 10718 in 1969. Following that, he took many years off from playing the game. As is clear, sometimes, life just gets in the way.

Tom's vocation was that of an engineer and business owner. His avocation is that of a Pastor at two convalescent homes in the Los Angeles area. This keeps him busy and limits his weekend bridge.

Tom wants to play bridge against the best players. He plays the Team Trials, the Spingold and the Vanderbilt, but rarely plays matchpoint events.

In the early 60's he played Neapolitan Club before the day when it became Precision. He now plays a super light opening, forcing diamond system.

His BBO handle is tomreynold.

Here, Tom is playing the Seniors as a member of the Reynolds squad.





# Logic Puzzle Page

		Names					Meals				Beverages					
		Erica	Geoffrey	Hannah	Rebecca	Samantha	B.L.T.	Italian sub	cheeseburger	club sandwich	tuna on rye	ginger ale	iced tea	orange soda	root beer	water
Prices	\$4.90															
	\$5.35															
	\$5.80															
	\$6.25															
	\$6.70															
Beverages	ginger ale															
	iced tea															
	orange soda															
	root beer															
	water															
Meals	B.L.T.															
	Italian sub															
	cheeseburger															
	club sandwich															
	tuna on rye															

**Answer  
on page 10**

Prices	Names	Meals	Beverages
\$4.90			
\$5.35			
\$5.80			
\$6.25			
\$6.70			

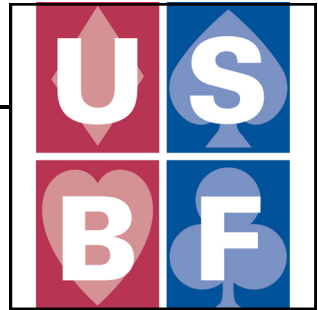
1. Rebecca ordered the root beer..
2. Of the salesperson who ordered the club sandwich and the person whose order cost \$6.25, one is Samantha and the other ordered the iced tea..
3. Samantha owes \$4.90..
4. Geoffrey ordered the Italian sub..
5. The person who ordered the B.L.T. owes 45 cents more than the person who ordered the ginger ale..
6. Hannah owes 45 cents more than the salesperson who ordered the orange soda..
7. Erica ordered the water..
8. The person who ordered the root beer is either the team member who ordered the B.L.T. or the salesperson who ordered the cheeseburger..
9. Hannah didn't order the tuna on rye..
10. Samantha ordered the orange soda..

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

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

## Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 6

### 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.

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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 9

Water	Tuna on rye	Erica	\$6.70
Iced tea	Italian sub	Geoffrey	\$6.25
Root beer	B.L.T.	Rebecca	\$5.80
Ginger ale	Cheeseburger	Hannah	\$5.35
Orange soda	Club sandwich	Samantha	\$4.90

**BOARD:** 20  
**DEALER:** WEST  
**VULNERABLE:** ALL

♠ AK  
 ♥ Q7432  
 ♦ AJ9  
 ♣ A74

♠ J9432  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ K8  
 ♣ KQ832

♠ T876  
 ♥ 9865  
 ♦ T63  
 ♣ 95

♠ Q5  
 ♥ AKT  
 ♦ Q7542  
 ♣ JT6

Par: 2220

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	9	13	13	6	13
EW	4	0	0	6	0

Board 20 saw a 13 IMP swing for Wolfson and a 17 IMP swing for Lall.

Three of the four tables in the Seniors bid to the heart slam.

In Wolfson/Tulin, Bramley and Woolsey had an arduous auction where literally EVERY bid was an alert. When it ended, they stopped short of the cold slam in the NT game. There are 2 spade tricks, 5 heart tricks with the fall of the singleton jack, 5 diamond tricks with the king doubleton in the slot and 1 club trick for 13 winners. At the table, Bramley took 12 for +690.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	Contract	Score	IMP
Wolfson	Tulin	Open	6♥ N	♥8 +1	1460	13
				♠6 +3	690	
Lall	Goodman	Open	6♥ N	♠8 =	1430	17
				♣5 -2	200	

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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W N E S

PASS	1♣	PASS	2♣
PASS	2♦	PASS	2♣
PASS	2NT	PASS	3♦
PASS	3♣	PASS	3NT

♠ AK  
♥ Q7432  
♦ AJ9  
♣ A74  
N Bart Bramley

♠ J9432  
♥ J  
♦ K8  
♣ KQ832  
W Michael Kamil

♠ T876  
♥ 9865  
♦ T63  
♣ 95  
E David B

♠ Q5  
♥ AKT  
♦ Q7542  
♣ JT6  
S Kit Woolsey

In the other room, Wolfson and Garner bid the slam with only two alerts:

	Tulin	Wolfson	Cohler	Garner
W	PASS	1♥	PASS	2♣
N	PASS	2NT	PASS	4♥
E	PASS	4NT	PASS	5♥
S	PASS	5NT	PASS	6♥

2C=3+ C GF  
 5H=2 w/o the trump Q

13 tricks were easy and they scored +1460

13 IMPs to Wolfson

- 1C=Precision
- 2C=D GF
- 2D=art ask
- 2S=1 suiter w/2 or fewer S
- 2NT=ask
- 3D=2-3-5-3
- 3S=weaker control ask

In Lall/Goodman, Milner and Lall played 6H successfully in the Open Room.

In the Closed Room, Koneru and Pratap failed 2 tricks in the same contract. Rosenberg led a club and Pratap won the queen with the ace. He played a heart to dummy took a fatal play. He led the DQ! to the K, A, 6. Big oops! He could no longer bring in the diamond suit for no losers and his transportation was woefully tangled. He lost 2 clubs and a diamond for down 2. 17 IMPs to Lall

In the Beth Palmer Women's, neither table reached slam. There was a 1 IMP swing to Cooper when 3NT made 6 while 4H made 5.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	Contract	Score	IMP
Baker	Cooper	Open	4♥ N	♣9 +1	650	5
				♠7 +3	690	

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♠ AK  
♥ Q7432  
♦ AJ9  
♣ A74  
N Pratap Rajadhyaksha

♠ J9432  
♥ J  
♦ K8  
♣ KQ832  
W Zia Mahmood

♠ T876  
♥ 9865  
♦ T63  
♣ 95  
E Michael

♠ Q5  
♥ AKT  
♦ Q7542  
♣ JT6  
S Venkatrao Koneru

(after further analysis...continued on page 12)



Hand details:

- North (Pratap Rajadhyaksha):** ♠ AK, ♥ Q7432, ♦ AJ9, ♣ A74
- West (Zia Mahmood):** ♠ J9432, ♥ J, ♦ K8, ♣ KQ832
- East (Michael):** ♠ T876, ♥ 9865, ♦ T63, ♣ 95
- South (Venkatrao Koneru):** ♠ Q5, ♥ AKT, ♦ Q7542, ♣ JT6

Upon further review, something was missing...

It should have been pointed out on Board 20, page 18, in Saturday's Bulletin, that Michael Rosenberg not only led 'A CLUB' against 6H, but he led the **CLUB 5!!!**

The C5 is the **ONLY** lead to defeat the slam.

According to Zia-Michael's System Summary, IF and WHEN they lead "low from a doubleton, it's a falsecard," clearly implying that their signaling is standard high/low from a doubleton.

Notice that Michael's lead was brilliant! As said above, it is the **ONLY** lead to crush 6H!

After finding out that trumps were 4-1, declarer played for both diamond honors and the CK onside... very logical under the circumstances.

Against any other lead, **ESPECIALLY the C9, which would have marked the club honors offside**, declarer's only chance would have been to play for the Kx of diamonds onside.

Kudos to Rosenberg for finding this play. He out-Zia-ed Zia on this one!!

*Ed. Note: I apologize that this was missing on Saturday. It was in the article when I wrote it and when I added the Women's Results, it got covered by the screenshot. I hadn't noticed it was missing until Ron Gerard wrote in the middle of the night to point it out to me. My bad!! Thank you Ron!*

*Proofing was always Stan's job... just one more thing I miss about him!*

Board 4 Details:

- BOARD:** 4
- DEALER:** WEST
- VULNERABLE:** ALL
- West (A87652):** ♠ A87652, ♥ 86, ♦ 9, ♣ A743
- East (K943):** ♠ K943, ♥ KQ, ♦ K652, ♣ 962
- South (A9542):** ♠ A9542, ♥ A9542, ♦ A3T87, ♣ QT8

Score Table:

	N	E	S	W
Par: 620	7	11	9	6
N	7	11	9	6
S	:	:	10	:
EW	6	2	3	7

Hand Summary:

- West:** Open 3♠x W ♥K -2 500
- Closed:** 3N N ♠Q -3 300

The first swing of the Senior Final came on Board 4.  
Open Room:  
Levin Berkowitz Rodwell Garner

W	N	E	S
2♠	PASS	3♠	DBL
PASS	PASS	PASS	

In the Open Room, Levin and Rodwell were caught speeding. When Garner doubled, Berkowitz sat.

Closed Room:  
Kamil Milner Becker Lall

W	N	E	S
2♠	PASS	PASS	DBL
PASS	3NT	PASS	PASS
PASS			

While 3NT can be made N/S it's not a good contract. It requires a favorable club position, the DQ right and a good guess by declarer.

In the Closed Room, Becker passed 2S. When Lall balanced with a double, Milner jumped to the NT game. Becker led the SQ. Milner won the king. He played the DK, and a diamond to the ACE, hoping for the 2-2 split. In a vacuum, the 2-2 split may be slightly favored, however, after the preempt, it was a leap of faith! Becker cashed his high spades, played a club to Kamil's ace. Kamil cashed out the spade suit, played a club to Becker's king and it was over. Down 3!!

BOARD: 4  
 DEALER: WEST  
 VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ K943  
 ♥ KQ  
 ♦ K652  
 ♣ 962

# Beth Palmer Women's USBC

♠ A87652  
 ♥ 86  
 ♦ 9  
 ♣ A743

♠ QJT  
 ♥ JT73  
 ♦ Q43  
 ♣ KJ5

Par: 620

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	7	11	9	6	9
S	:	:	10	:	:
EW	6	2	3	7	4

♠  
 ♥ A9542  
 ♦ AJT87  
 ♣ QT8

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP  
 NS EW Home Visiting

Baker

Cooper

Open 3N N ♠Q = 600 14  
 Closed 3N N ♠Q -3 300

Open Room:

Feldman Schireson Cooper Baker

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

2S=no ace or king of spades

In the Open Room, Feldman passed in first seat with her six spades and her 8 HCP. When Baker opened in 4th seat, Feldman overcalled 1S. Schireson showed values when she doubled and Cooper raised spades denying both the ace and king. Cooper bid 3D; Feldman bid 3S and Schireson bid 3NT.

The SQ was led. Schireson ducked and spades were continued. Schireson won her king. She cashed her king and queen of hearts. She played the DK and finessed against the DQ. She had one spade, three hearts, and five diamonds for nine! Well done, Olivia.

When Baker opened in 4th seat, she didn't expect her passed hand partner to bid a game. Olivia was a double hero on the hand... she not only bid the game but she made it! Note: Olivia is a Junior taking a year off before college to play bridge. She has a lot of confidence and is a great role model for young players... for everyone really! WTG Olivia!

Closed Room:

Sanborn Pollack Meyers Bjerkan

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

2D=multi

2S=Pass or Correct

Pass confirms spades

Meyers, like the others, led the SQ. Pollack won her king, cashed the HK and HQ followed by the DK. She played a second diamond and like Milner in the Seniors, paid no heed to the preempt. She rose with the DA and was out of luck!

Like Milner's opponents, Pollack's opponents cashed out for down 3!

14 IMPs to Baker

Board 8 was unlucky for the Cooper team. Pollack and Bjerkan, down in the match, bid to a reasonable slam that went down at trick 2!!

LoveBridge interface showing hands and bidding. North hand: ♠ 98752, ♥ 9732, ♦ QT6, ♣ 6. South hand: ♠ J63, ♥ J, ♦ KJ875, ♣ AJ98. Bidding: W (Kerri Sanborn) 2D, N (Rozanne Pollack) 3C, E (Jill Meyer) 3NT, S (Cheri Bierkan) 4NT. A callout box on the left contains the text: "2D=11-15 HCP, 3-suited, short D, could be 3-4 or 4-2 in Majs 2NT asks 3C=min 3D= distribution? 3NT=4/4".

Sanborn led the C6. Meyers won her ace and gave Sanborn her ruff.

Contract failing!

In the other room, the auction was quite different and Schireson/Baker stopped in game:

Feldman Schireson Cooper Baker				
W	N	E	S	
PASS	PASS	1♦	1NT	
PASS	2♣	PASS	2♥	
PASS	4♥	PASS	PASS	
PASS				

11 IMPs to Baker

# Senior Finals

In the Seniors, both tables stopped in the 4H game from South.

Both Wests led their singleton C6 and both Souths took 11 tricks.

Another boring push!!

Bridge game interface showing hands and bidding. Board: 8, Dealer: WEST, Vulnerable: NONE. North hand: ♠ 98752, ♥ 9732, ♦ QT6, ♣ 6. South hand: ♠ J63, ♥ J, ♦ KJ875, ♣ AJ98. Bidding: W (Kerri Sanborn) 2D, N (Rozanne Pollack) 3C, E (Jill Meyer) 3NT, S (Cheri Bierkan) 4NT. A callout box on the left contains the text: "2D=11-15 HCP, 3-suited, short D, could be 3-4 or 4-2 in Majs 2NT asks 3C=min 3D= distribution? 3NT=4/4". A table below shows the trick count: Par: 450, NS: ♣ 10, ♥ 7, ♦ 11, ♠ 9, N 9; EW: ♣ 3, ♥ 5, ♦ 2, ♠ 4, S 3.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★
Wolfson	Lall	Open	4♥ S	♣6 +1	450
		Closed	4♥ S	♣6 +1	450



**BOARD: 19**  
**DEALER: SOUTH**  
**VULNERABLE: E-W**

♠ A72  
 ♥ K93  
 ♦ 975  
 ♣ Q432

♠ KJT6  
 ♥ T6  
 ♦ KT8643  
 ♣ T

♠ Q83  
 ♥ AQ872  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ AKJ9

♠ 954  
 ♥ J54  
 ♦ AQ2  
 ♣ 8765

Par: -650

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	3	3	3	2	3
EW	10	10	10	11	10

Home team Visiting team Room By = ★ IM

On Board 19, E/W can take at least 10 tricks in every strain from NT down to clubs!

That is not a common phenomenon.

Wolfson Lall

Open 2♠ W ♠2 +2 170 10  
 Closed 3N W ♦7 +1 630

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W N E S

PASS PASS 1♥ PASS  
 1♣ PASS 2♣ PASS  
 2♥ PASS 2♠ PASS

Table: OP 1, Round: 2  
 N-S: Wolfson 26 IMP  
 E-W: Lall 15 IMP

OTHER ROOM  
 W 3N +1 -630

NORTH WEST 19 EAST  
 DPAI FR

DDS

♠ A72  
 ♥ K93  
 ♦ 975  
 ♣ Q432

N Jeff Wolfson

♠ KJT6  
 ♥ T6  
 ♦ KT8643  
 ♣ T

W Michael Rosenberg

♠ Q83  
 ♥ AQ872  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ AKJ9

E Zia Mahmood

♠ 954  
 ♥ J54  
 ♦ AQ2  
 ♣ 8765

S Steve Garner

WEST 2♠

In the Open Room, Rosenberg/Zia stopped in the Moysian 2S and took their 10 tricks...

Wolfson led a trump and with everything working, Rosenberg gave the defense two diamonds and a spade. +170

In the Closed Room below, Becker chose 3S as opposed to Zia's 2S on the 4th round of bidding... Enough for Kamil to bid the NT game.

Milner led the D7 to the J, Q, K. Kamil finessed the HT losing to Lall's J. Lall played a spade to

the J and A and Milner continued with the S7 to Kamil's T. Kamil finessed against the HK and followed with the HA. He cashed out the heart suit and led the SQ to his king. He played a club to dummy's king and took 10 tricks. 10 IMPs to Wolfson

In the Beth Palmer Women's, both tables reached game. Cooper and Feldman played in 3NT while the Rimstedt sisters played in 4H. 1 IMP to Baker

### Beth Palmer Women's

Baker Cooper

Open 3N E ♣8 = 600 1  
 Closed 4♥ E ♦A = 620

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W N E S

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

♠ A72  
 ♥ K93  
 ♦ 975  
 ♣ Q432

N Reese Milner

♠ KJT6  
 ♥ T6  
 ♦ KT8643  
 ♣ T

W Michael Kamil

♠ Q83  
 ♥ AQ872  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ AKJ9

E Mike Becker

♠ 954  
 ♥ J54  
 ♦ AQ2  
 ♣ 8765

S Hemant Lall

WEST 3NT

DDS

# Cross IMPs

## Beth Palmer Women's USBC

1.	Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt - Sandra Rimstedt Baker	0.53	64.00	120
2.	Lynn Baker - Olivia Schireson Baker	0.52	47.00	90
3.	Jill Meyers - Kerri Sanborn Baker	0.19	23.00	120
4.	Disa Eythorsdottir - Linda Lewis Cooper	-0.24	-22.00	90
5.	Kitty Cooper - Lynne Feldman Cooper	-0.28	-34.00	120
6.	Cheri Bjerkan - Rozanne Pollack Cooper	-0.65	-78.00	120

## Senior USBC Final

1.	Bobby Levin - Eric Rodwell Lall	0.69	31.00	45
2.	Michael Rosenberg - Zia Mahmood Lall	0.53	24.00	45
3.	Michael Kamil - Mike Becker Wolfson	0.38	17.00	45
4.	David Berkowitz - Steve Garner Wolfson	0.17	5.00	30
5.	Hemant Lall - Reese Milner Lall	-0.57	-17.00	30
6.	Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner Wolfson	-0.80	-24.00	30
7.	David Berkowitz - Michael Kamil Wolfson	-2.40	-36.00	15

**Good Luck Today Seniors!**  
**Safe Trips Home!**