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“Trials” and Tribulations

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Results:

Senior USBC - 2024

* Wolfson slow play penalty 1.25 imps

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Final (120 boards)		Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.									
25-May-2024		The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.									
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Penalty (IMPs)
1	Wolfson	125.75	20	38	7	22	21	9	10	w/d	-1.25
2	Lall	209	15	26	43	22	26	16	61		

Congrats Team Lall, Senior USBC Winner!



Rosenberg, Levin, Lall, Milner, Rodwell, Zia

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Thank You All!

Thank you Everyone for making this USBC a success!

Thanks to Jan Martel for putting it all together and keeping it running smoothly on a day to day basis for the whole month of May. We would be lost without you!

Thanks to McKenzie Myers and his directing team (Chris and Ken) for keeping things running on schedule. And for being sure all the tables and chrome books and rooms were ready when we needed them. Thanks for packing and unpacking the mammoth amount of supplies and equipment we use. You did a great job.

Thanks to Al Hollander for minding our electronic environment and our software. Thanks also for providing the expert commentary you bring to the VuGraph and for assisting anywhere we need you.

Thanks to Rob Barrington for organizing the VuGraph shows. Your staff was great. You were very entertaining. Thanks for your patience when there were connection glitches. Those are things of the present and likely things of the future that can't be helped but you kept the audience amused and that's what counts!

Thanks to the hospitality team: Marie-France, Julie Arbit, Jacob Morgan, Marge Morgan. You provided great service and great food and it was appreciated. The jigsaw puzzles were a good idea. Everyone partied like it was 2019!

Thanks to the Appeals Panel for standing by if we needed you. We got lucky this year but it gives us peace of mind to know you're there.

Thanks to Suzi Subeck for writing, editing and putting together the Daily Bulletins, for designing and printing the Special USBF convention cards and "personalized" scoreboards that brand us. Thanks for doing two newsletters a day... one online and a special one on site with puzzles and humor for the players to read when their partners were declarer.

Thanks to Suzi's daughter, Lisa, for transporting newsletters and signage to the site a few times during the event and for proof reading everything but the bridge.

Thanks to the players who traveled to Schaumburg and played hard to stay there as long as they could. It was great to see you all and to cheer you on!

Good luck to everyone heading to Buenos Aires. It should be a wonderful tournament and we will be rooting for you. There will be Transnational events so even if you did not qualify for the non-transnational competition, you can compete if you choose. A World Championship is a great experience!

Hope to see you back here next May! Your loyalty is gratifying. The USBF has the BEST volunteers and members on the planet!

Cross IMPs

1.	Bobby Levin - Eric Rodwell	Lall	1.16	87.00	75
2.	Michael Rosenberg - Zia Mahmood	Lall	1.09	82.00	75
3.	Michael Kamil - Mike Becker	Wolfson	0.07	5.00	75
4.	David Berkowitz - Steve Garner	Wolfson	0.00	0.00	45
5.	Hemant Lall - Reese Milner	Lall	-0.08	-5.00	60
6.	Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner	Wolfson	-1.37	-82.00	60
7.	David Berkowitz - Michael Kamil	Wolfson	-2.90	-87.00	30



Berkowitz, Kamil, Wolfson, Becker, Garner, Senior Runners Up

BOARD: 46
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ 6
 ♥ Q8
 ♦ J98762
 ♣ AQ82

♠ 985
 ♥ AKJ6
 ♦ T4
 ♣ KJ54

♠ AJT732
 ♥ 2
 ♦ AKQ3
 ♣ 96

♠ KQ4
 ♥ T97543
 ♦ 5
 ♣ T73

Par: -420

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	6	5	7	2	4
E	7	8	6	9	8
W	:	:	:	10	:

Board 46 on Saturday was win or lose at trick one...

Every East would open their hand 1S... precluding West becoming declarer by opening a 10-12 NT and East transferring.

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

NS EW Home Visiting

The only lead that defeats 4S is a club from South.

Wolfson Lall

Open 4♠ E ♥T = 420

Closed 4♠ E ♣3 -1 50

In the Open Room of the Senior Final, Berkowitz led the HT. It was certainly justifiable since it was the unbid suit.

David knew Rosenberg's hand was unbalanced with spades and diamonds. He knew Zia made a 2 over 1 in clubs.

Beyond that, he had little helpful information.

Once he led the heart, it was a fait accompli. Rosenberg won the ace in dummy and immediately played the king discard a losing club. Contract making... losing only 2 spades and 1 club.

In the Closed Room, Levin had even less information than Berkowitz. He didn't know what shortness declarer had.

Zia, like his counterpart, had made a 2 over 1 in clubs. Leading through strength is usually a good plan and it certainly was on this hand.

Levin led the C3. Rodwell cashed his two clubs and exited with the D6. Levin sat back and waited for his two trump tricks. Contract failing... 10 IMPs to Lall

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

Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

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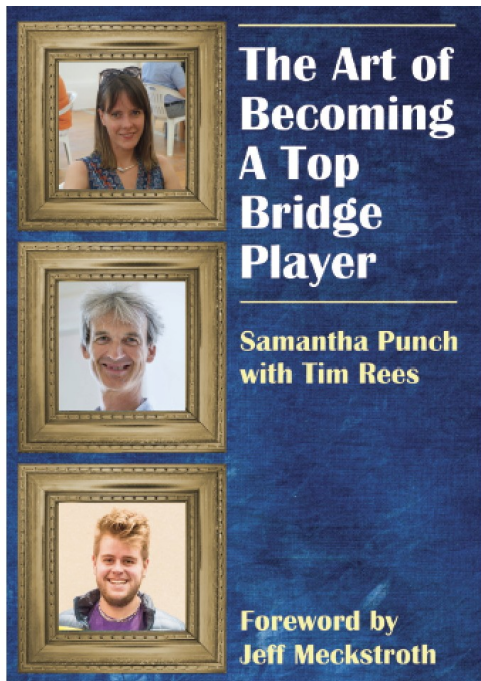
Sudoku 2

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

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Q: Which dessert is perfect for eating in bed?
A: A sheet cake.

Why do cows never have any money?
Because the farmers milk them dry!



I used to work at an origami company until it folded!

I visited the Air and Space Museum...There was nothing there!

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



Puzzle Page ...

Volleyball

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 39 letters spell a secret message.

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

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ASSIST
ATTACK
BLOCKING
BUMP
CAPTAIN
COACH
COURT
DEFENCE
DOUBLE HIT
DUMP
FAULT
FLOATER

FOOTWORK
FORMATIONS
FOUL
GAME
HITTER
KILL
KNEE PADS
LIBERO
MATCH
OFFENCE
PASS
PLAYERS
POINTS

QUICK HIT
RALLY
REFEREE
ROTATION
SAVE
SCORE
SERVE
SETS
SETTER
SHANK
SHOT
SIDELINES
SIDE OUT

SKY BALL
SLIDE
SPIKING
SPORT
SUBSTITUTION
TANDEM
TEAMS
TOPSPIN
TRAJECTORY
VERTICAL JUMP
WEAK SIDE
WIPE



The tournament's
Been fun...
But now I'm
It's done!

BOARD: 51
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ KJ3
 ♥ AT76
 ♦ KJ2
 ♣ 972

♠ T2
 ♥ 842
 ♦ T8754
 ♣ QT6

♠ A9854
 ♥ K3
 ♦ 96
 ♣ K843

♠ Q76
 ♥ QJ95
 ♦ AQ3
 ♣ AJ5

Par: 120

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	7	7	8	6	8
EW	6	6	4	6	5

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

In the last segment on Saturday, Lall gained another 10 IMPs on Board 51 when 3NT was successful in one room and unsuccessful in the other.

Wolfson Lall

Open 3N S ♥4 -1 50 10
 Closed 3N S ♦5 = 400

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

Table: OP 1, Round: 4
 N-S: Wolfson 75 IMP
 E-W: Lall 94 IMP

OTHER ROOM
 S 3N = 400

Score card

WEST 51 EAST
 DEALER

DDS

♠ KJ3
 ♥ AT76
 ♦ KJ2
 ♣ 972
 N Steve Garner

♠ T2
 ♥ 842
 ♦ T8754
 ♣ QT6
 W Zia Mahmood

♠ A9854
 ♥ K3
 ♦ 96
 ♣ K843
 E Michael Rosenberg

♠ Q76
 ♥ QJ95
 ♦ AQ3
 ♣ AJ5
 S David Berkowitz

SOUTH NS
 3NT 0

In the Open Room, Zia led the H4. Berkowitz ducked and Rosenberg won the king. He played a club to the jack and Zia's queen. Zia continued clubs with the ten and David let it hold. David won the third club, knocked out the SA, and Rosenberg cashed his good club for the setting trick.

In the Closed Room, Becker led the D5. Levin won the ace and played a spade to the king and Kamil's ace. Kamil found the deadly club shift. Levin played low; Becker won his ten. At this point, Becker needed to lead the CQ to establish the defense's club tricks while Kamil still had his heart entry.

Alas, Becker went back to attacking diamonds, leading the D7. Levin won it, took the losing heart finesse and claimed 9 tricks!

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

Table: CL 1, Round: 4
 N-S: Lall 94 IMP
 E-W: Wolfson 75 IMP

OTHER ROOM
 S 3N -1 -50

Score card

WEST 51 EAST
 DEALER

DDS

♠ KJ3
 ♥ AT76
 ♦ KJ2
 ♣ 972
 N Eric Rodwell

♠ T2
 ♥ 842
 ♦ T8754
 ♣ QT6
 W Mike Becker

♠ A9854
 ♥ K3
 ♦ 96
 ♣ K843
 E Michael Kam

♠ Q76
 ♥ QJ95
 ♦ AQ3
 ♣ AJ5
 S Bobbv Levin

SOUTH NS
 3NT 0

Logic Puzzle Page

		Companies							Cameras							Resolutions							
		Banion	Cober	Dayero	Honwa	Lirios	Nectron	Torvia	DM-5000	FC-520	G-290	Lectra 6	MX-827	Tela G5	Zenix 2C	10 megapixels	14 megapixels	15 megapixels	18 megapixels	20 megapixels	24 megapixels	24 megapixels	26 megapixels
Prices	\$550																						
	\$575																						
	\$600																						
	\$625																						
	\$650																						
	\$675																						
	\$700																						
Resolutions	10 megapixels																						
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	G-290																						
	Lectra 6																						
	MX-827																						
	Tela G5																						
	Zenix 2C																						

**Answer
on page 8**

Prices	Companies	Cameras	Resolutions
\$550			
\$575			
\$600			
\$625			
\$650			
\$675			
\$700			

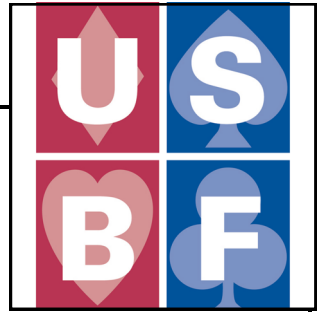
- The \$650 model is the DM-5000.
- The \$650 model has a resolution of 18 megapixels.
- Of the \$550 camera and the camera with a resolution of 24 megapixels, one is made by Banion and the other is made by Cober.
- The \$575 model is the G-290.
- The camera made by Torvia isn't the DM-5000.
- The G-290 costs 100 dollars less than the camera with a resolution of 10 megapixels.
- The FC-520 costs less than the G-290.
- The MX-827 costs less than the camera made by Cober.
- The camera with a resolution of 24 megapixels costs more than the camera made by Lirios.
- The Lectra 6 is either the camera made by Nectron or the \$625 camera.
- The model made by Dayero costs 25 dollars more than the Tela G5.
- Neither the \$625 model nor the camera made by Torvia is the G-290.
- The model made by Banion is either the camera with a resolution of 26 megapixels or the camera with a resolution of 24 megapixels.
- Of the model with a resolution of 20 megapixels and the camera made by Nectron, one costs \$600 and the other is the Tela G5.
- The MX-827 costs less than the camera with a resolution of 15 megapixels.

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

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

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 4

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.

During a lesson about adjectives, my friend, an elementary school teacher, asked her class to describe their mothers. One boy described his mother's hair as auburn. Impressed by his sophisticated word choice, my friend asked, "How do you know her hair color is auburn?" Her student replied, "Because that's what it says on the box."

How do you make a pirate furious? Take away the p.

A husband and wife were dining at a 5-star restaurant. When their food arrived, the husband said: "Our food has arrived! Let's eat!" His wife reminded him: "Honey, you always say your prayers at home before your dinner!" Her husband replied: "That's at home, my dear. Here the chef knows how to cook..."

Q: What did the cannibal's wife do when her husband came home an hour late for dinner? A: She gave him the cold shoulder.



What said the fish when he swam into the wall?
"Dam!!!"

Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?
A: Because he was poultry in motion.

Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 7

\$700	Dayero	Zenix 2C	15 megapixels
\$675	Nectron	Tela G5	10 megapixels
\$650	Honwa	DM-5000	18 megapixels
\$625	Cober	Lectra 6	24 megapixels
\$600	Torvia	MX-827	20 megapixels
\$575	Lirios	G-290	14 megapixels
\$550	Banion	FC-520	26 megapixels

BOARD: 3
DEALER: SOUTH
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ AT732
 ♥ AJ
 ♦ AJ
 ♣ AK94

♠ K84
 ♥ Q52
 ♦ KQ763
 ♣ Q8

♠ Q5
 ♥ T64
 ♦ T542
 ♣ JT73

Par: 420

NS	9	7	9	10	8
E	4	6	3	2	4
W	:	:	4	3	:

♠ J96
 ♥ K9873
 ♦ 98
 ♣ 652

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

On Board 3, both tables played in 4S from North. There are 10 tricks but declarer has to be careful not to set up a situation where East gets a trump promotion.

Wolfson Lall

Open 4♠ N ♦4 -1 50 10
 Closed 4♠ N ♦4 = 420

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

Table: OP 1, Round: 5
 N-S: Wolfson 87 IMP
 E-W: Lall 106 IMP

OTHER ROOM N 4♠ = 420

NORTH WEST 3 EAST
 DEALER

LoveBridge

♠ AT732
 ♥ AJ
 ♦ AJ
 ♣ AK94
 N Steve Garner

♠ K84
 ♥ Q52
 ♦ KQ763
 ♣ Q8
 W Reese Milner

♠ Q5
 ♥ T64
 ♦ T542
 ♣ JT73
 E Hemant La

♠ J96
 ♥ K9873
 ♦ 98
 ♣ 652
 S David Berkowitz

DDS

In the Open Room, Lall led the D4 to his partner's Q and declarer's A. Garner cashed the CA. He needed to cash his outside tricks before relinquishing the lead. Instead, he played the DJ to Milner's K. Reese played the CQ and Garner won his king. Garner was locked in an impossible position! He played the C9 and Lall won the ten. Lall played the HT to dummy's king. Garner ran the S9 to Lall's queen. Lall played his last club letting Milner overruff dummy's SJ with his SK for the setting trick!

HOME CARDS SPLIT

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

Table: CL 1, Round: 5
 N-S: Lall 106 IMP
 E-W: Wolfson 87 IMP

OTHER ROOM N 4♠ -1 -50

NORTH WEST 3 EAST
 DEALER

LoveBridge

♠ AT732
 ♥ AJ
 ♦ AJ
 ♣ AK94
 N Eric Rodwell

♠ K84
 ♥ Q52
 ♦ KQ763
 ♣ Q8
 W Mike Becker

♠ Q5
 ♥ T64
 ♦ T542
 ♣ JT73
 E Michael Kam

♠ J96
 ♥ K9873
 ♦ 98
 ♣ 652
 S Robby Levin

DDS

In the Closed Room, Rodwell declared 4S. Kamil led the D4 and Eric won his ace. He cashed the CA and CK and played the C9 to Kamil's ten. To defeat 4S, Kamil could have played a diamond to Becker's king and when Kamil won his SQ, he could play his last club to promote Becker's SK as Lall did in the other room.

Instead, Kamil played the H4 to Eric's ace and Eric played the C4 to Kamil's jack. Kamil played a heart to Eric. Eric ruffed a diamond. He played the SJ and had Becker ducked, the defense would have prevailed. Becker covered with the king! Rodwell won his ace and played a spade to Kamil's queen. Game making! 10 IMPs to Lall

This is the Traveler (Score Sheet) from Segment 6 of the USBC Senior Final. It is clearly indicative of what “good bridge” should be with no double digit swings... and six complete push boards in 15 hands. Solid bidding, solid play!

When two truly competent teams play one another at this level, this is what you should expect to see. Lall has a little edge going into the last half of the last day of the Final but Wolfson has the talent and the expertise to tighten things.

Wolfson							VS		Lall						
Open room							9 - 16 IMP		Closed room						
Jeff Wolfson									Reese Milner						
Michael Rosenberg									Michael Kamil			Mike Becker			
Steve Garner									Hemant Lall						
#	▶	♠	By	♣	=	★	▶	♠	By	♣	=	★	P		
						NS	EW					NS	EW	Home	Visiting
16	▶	4♣	N	♠K	-2		100	▶	1♥	N	♥J	+2	140		6
17	▶	4♥	W	♠J	+1		450	▶	4♥	E	♠Q	=	420		1
18	▶	4♥	W	♠3	-1	50		▶	2♥	W	♥6	+1	140	5	
19	▶	3♥	N	♥4	+1	170		▶	3♣	N	♦A	+1	130		1
20	▶	4♠	E	♥T	=		620	▶	4♠	E	♥T	=	620	-	-
21	▶	3N	N	♠2	+1	630		▶	3N	N	♠2	+1	630	-	-
22	▶	1N	W	♥2	+1		120	▶	1N	W	♥2	+1	120	-	-
23	▶	3N	W	♠K	+1		630	▶	3N	E	♦T	+1	630	-	-
24	▶	4♠	S	♦A	-1		50	▶	5♠	S	♦K	-2	100	2	
25	▶	3N	S	♣K	-2		100	▶	3N	S	♣K	-2	100	-	-
26	▶	3♠	S	♣A	=	140		▶	2N	W	♥K	-3	300		4
27	▶	5♦	S	♥K	-2		100	▶	2♥	E	♣8	-1	50		4
28	▶	4♠	W	♦A	+1		450	▶	4♠	E	♣6	=	420		1
29	▶	2♣	N	♣9	+1	110		▶	2♣	N	♦4	=	90	1	
30	▶	2♥	S	♦A	-1		50	▶	2♠	S	♦K	-1	50	-	-

See you next year...
Same time, same place