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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## “Trials” and Tribulations—Pre-Bulletin



### The Prez Says ...

Welcome to Schaumburg, Illinois, home of the 2025 United States Bridge Championships. We will be selecting USA1 and USA2 for the 2025 World Bridge Teams, August 20-31, in Herning, Denmark.

The United States is entitled to two teams in each division. Each stage of the USA1 events will be 2 days long.

**Open First:** The bracket for the Open is on page 16 of this bulletin. There are 16 teams entered. Competition commences April 24th.

As in last year’s competition, the event will be played using LoveBridge software on ChromeBooks. *For more information, see Section XIV of the USBF General Conditions of Contest for 2025.*

**Play Requirements:** Each player must play 50% of the boards in each KO match in order to continue on the team. *See General CoC Section XII for how to count boards and potential waiver of this requirement.*

**Closed Notes:** Players may not consult their notes at any time during play, unless they are dummy.

**Withdrawal:** A player or team may withdraw at any time.

**Proof of Vaccination is NOT required for play. Masks are optional, however, if a masked roommate asks you to mask-up, you are required to do so. Please bring a mask so as to be prepared.**

If a player tests positive for Covid-19 or has any other respiratory illness during the F2F stages of play, and wants to continue to play, the DIC may allow the player to continue to compete in a separate hotel room. In that situation, both the ill player and their screenmate will be video recorded during play.

The USBF Board of Directors and the Tournament Committee do their best to ensure the fairest Competition year after year. WE, the players, do our part by upholding the high level of ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which the USBF is known worldwide. Good luck all! Let the games begin!

Aaron Silverstein, USBF President

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 essential details. I will do my best to review and include it. Email to stan-subeck@prodigy.net. Thank you!



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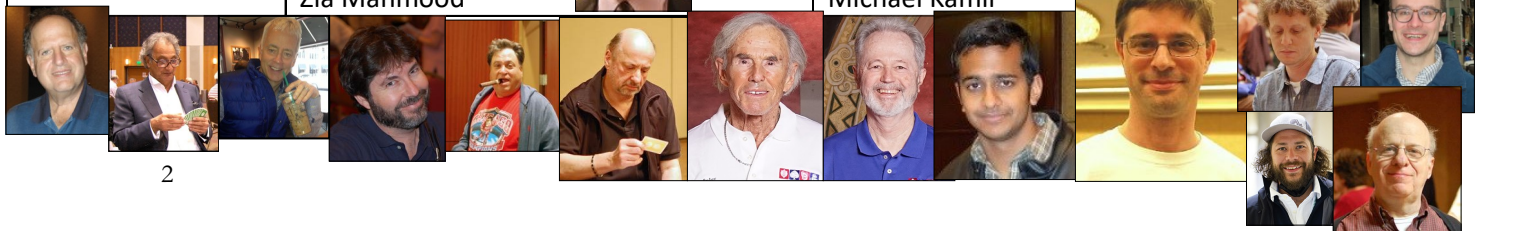
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# Open Teams Entered

<b>Bailey</b>	Bill Bailey, Capt Daniel Korbel Kevin Rosenberg		Josh Donn Roger Lee Brian Platnick
<b>Baseggio</b>	Franco Baseggio, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Jiang Gu		Andy Stark Walter Lee Joshua Sher
<b>Bramley</b>	Bart Bramley, Capt Fred Stewart John McAllister		Kit Woolsey James Holzhauer Will Watson
<b>Fleisher</b>	Marty Fleisher, Capt Kevin Bathurst Joe Grue		Chip Martel John Hurd Brad Moss
<b>Goodman</b>	Andy Goodman, Capt Eric Rodwell David Grainger		Mike Passell Doug Simson Joel Wooldridge
<b>Han</b>	Yanong Han, Capt Jeff Fang Ming Sheng		Wanfeng Mou Tien-Chun Yang Jack Zhao
<b>Jacobs</b>	George Jacobs, Capt Gary Cohler Alan Sontag		Claude Vogel Billy Cohen Peter Weichsel
<b>Kaplan</b>	Adam Kaplan, Capt Eddie Wold		Finn Kolesnik Adam Grossack
<b>Kovachev</b>	Val Kovachev, Capt Jacob Morgan		Charlie Wilkins Venkatrao Koneru
<b>McNay</b>	Ewan McNay, Capt Max Schireson Olivia Schireson		Harrison Luba Debbie Rosenberg
<b>Nickell</b>	Nick Nickell Eric Greco Bobby Levin Jill Levin, NPC		Ralph Katz Geoff Hampson Steve Weinstein
<b>Parrish</b>	Adam Parrish, Capt Phil Clayton		Anant Rathi Danny Sprung
<b>Rosenthal</b>	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Michael Rosenberg		Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Zach Grossack
<b>Shourie</b>	Rajath Shourie, Capt John Kranyak Shan Huang		Gavin Wolpert Vince Demuy Kevin Dwyer
<b>Wildavsky</b>	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Chris Compton		Steve Robinson Ron Smith
<b>Wolfson</b>	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Zia Mahmood		Steve Garner Jeff Meckstroth Michael Kamil





# Mixed Teams Entered

Abernethy	Shawn Abernethy, Capt Mike Christensen	Brian Zaugg Becky Stevens
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Kit Woolsey Cheri Bjerkan	Kitty Cooper JoAnna Stansby Larry Robbins
Caprera	Dave Caprera, Capt Sheila Gabay Carrie Liu	Anne Brenner Maxim Silin Alex Kolesnik
Chow	Helen Chow, Capt Ron Smith	Nicole Qian Philip Wang
Ding	Hong Ding, Capt Lin-huan Chen	Chris Compton Ding-hwa Hsieh
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Adam Grossack Radu Nistor	Yoko Sobel Emma Kolesnik Raluca Dobrescu
Ge	Xin Ge, Capt Ming Sheng Michael Rosenberg	Irina Levitina Amber Lin Debbie Rosenberg
Gu	Jiang Gu, Capt Douglas Doub John Miller	Xiaowen Li Yiji Brennan Lynn Shannon
Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Bronia Jenkins Kristen Onsgard	Uday Ivatury Steve Garner Adam Wildavsky
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Jenni Carmichael Disa Eythorsdottir	Linda Lewis Tom Carmichael Mark Itabashi
Li	Music Li, Capt Ann Romeo	Qinqin Zhang Ray Miller
Millens	Shan Huang, Capt Kevin Dwyer Sandra Rimstedt	Joan Millens Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Dana Berkowitz	Migry Campanile Olivia Schireson Eldad Ginossar
Rubenstein	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Zach Grossack Vince Demuy	Anam Tebha Giorgia Botta Jenny Wolpert



**No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.**

**This applies to players AND kibitzers.**

**Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.**

**Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.**

**The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.**





# Senior Teams Entered

Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Fred Stewart Jeff Aker	Kit Woolsey Larry Robbins Steve Beatty
Cappelli	Bob Cappelli, Capt Mark Aquino	Bob Bitterman Geof Brod
Compton	Chris Compton, Capt Ron Smith Alan Sontag	Richard Leonardon Billy Miller Peter Weichsel
Falk	Allan Falk, Capt Barry Rigal Marc Zwerling	John Lusky Doug Simson Ron Rubin
Goodman	Andy Goodman, Capt Venkatrao Koneru Billy Cohen	Mike Passell Jim Krekorian Gary Cohler
Hamman	Mitch Dunitz, Capt Bob Hamman Mark Itabashi	Ifti Baqai Neil Chambers Neil Silverman
Lall	Hemant Lall, Capt Zia Mahmood Eddie Wold	Reese Milner Bobby Levin Eric Rodwell
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Bernie Greenspan	Lance Kerr Fred Schenker
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Ron Gerard	Douglas Doub Mark Lair
Wolfson	Jeff Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz	Steve Garner Larry Cohen



# Women's Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Sandra Rimstedt Debbie Rosenberg	Olivia Schireson Cecilia Dwyer Rimstedt Amber Lin
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Disa Eythorsdottir	Jenni Carmichael Arti Bhargava
Zhang	Susan Zhang, Capt Janice Molson Kerri Sanborn	Sylvia Shi Jenny Wolpert Jill Meyers





# Open Team Tournament Schedule

Date	Time (CDT)	Boards
4/24	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
	3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Lunch Break
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
4/25	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
	5:45 - 7:45	75 minute Lunch Break
4/26	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
4/27	10:00 - 12:00	75 minute Lunch Break
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
4/28	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
	12:15 - 2:15	75 minute Break
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
4/29	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
4/30	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
	5:45 - 7:45	75 minute Break
5/1	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
5/2	10:00 - 12:00	75 minute Break
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
5/3	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
	12:15 - 2:15	75 minute Break
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
5/4	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
5/5	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
	5:45 - 7:45	75 minute Break
5/5	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
	12:15 - 2:15	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 6 Boards 16-30

## Women's Team Schedule

Beth Palmer WOMEN'S SCHEDULE			
3 Team Round Robin			
Saturday	May 3	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-7 & 8-14
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 15-21 & 22-28
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 29-35 & 36-42
Sunday	May 4	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 4 Boards 43-49 & 50-56
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 5 Boards 1-7 & 8-14
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 6 Boards 15-21 & 22-28
		5:45 - 7:45	75 minute break
Monday	May 5	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 7 Boards 29-35 & 36-42
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 8 Boards 43-49 & 50-56
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 9 Boards 1-7 & 8-14
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 10 Bds 15-21 & 22-28
		10:00 - 12:00	75 minute break
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 11 Bds 29-35 & 36-42
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 12 Bds 43-49 & 50-56
		5:45 - 7:45	

## Mixed Team Tournament Schedule

Round of 16 (with 14 teams, two teams have byes)			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Wednesday	May 7	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
Thursday	May 8	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		5:45 - 7:45	75 minute Break
Friday	May 9	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
Saturday	May 10	10:00 - 12:00	75 minute Break
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
Semifinal (USA2 Stage 1 KO or Round Robin)			
Sunday	May 11	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
Monday	May 12	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
Semifinal & USA2 Stages 2 & 3			
Tuesday	May 13	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
Wednesday	May 14	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
Final & USA2 Quarterfinal & Semifinal			
Thursday	May 15	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
Friday	May 16	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 5 Boards 1-15



"Pennies look really different under a microscope," Tom said magnificently.

"A griffin is a kind of flying lion," Tom said uproariously

"Our flight path has brought us directly above Yellowstone National Park" Tom said overbearingly.

"I grew two inches last year!" Tom said ambiguously

"The auction is now open," Tom said forbiddingly.

"I deny everything!" Tom said all-knowingly.

"The telegraph network was over capacity, so you'll have to send your message again" Tom said remorsefully.

"I'm going to miss work for the next few days, I'm stuck doing my civic duty at the courthouse," Tom said injuriously

"The Zoroastrians seem to control a disproportionate amount of India's wealth," Tom said parsimoniously

"Nana seems to be developing a headache," Tom said grammatically.

"The bounty hunter was my favorite character in Star Wars," Tom said prophetically.

"Chelsea Manning mailed me one of her teeth," Tom said transcendently.

"I'm sorry, but the lady is spoken for," Tom said mistakenly.

"I'm going to an all-you-can-eat restaurant tonight," Tom said forgetfully.

"I used to have to walk everywhere," Tom said precariously.

"To think this entire tree grew from a single nut in just a few years," Tom said exceedingly quickly

"I got selected for the role of Juan Peron in an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical!" Tom said inevitably

"After playing Juan Peron, no one ever cast me in a play again," Tom said exactly

"SAT scores should be given more weight in college admissions," Tom protested.

"The zoo's exhibit on African wildlife was a big disappointment," Tom said hypocritically

"It's the Leviathan!" Tom said superficially

"I'm afraid you've got an atrial septal defect," Tom said wholeheartedly

"I first met my wife in the restroom at a bar," Tom said accommodatingly

"I can't figure out how to stop our boat!" Tom said cantankerously

"Satan is the original source of evil," Tom said urbanely

"I can slay the Jabberwock," Tom said demonstrably

"I realize I missed the meeting by two whole hours," Tom said isolatedly

"Kosher kitchens need separate plates for milk and meat," Tom said judiciously

"Bill Clinton got a divorce!" Tom said exhilarated

"Help, I got stuck inside this cattle pen," Tom said inoffensively

"My throne sits on the floor," Tom said lackadaisically

"It costs one thirty cent stamp to send one letter," Tom said permissively

"I forbid you to take the ladder to the topmost room of my house," Tom said anti-climatically.

**Tough Tom Swifties...**



Round robin			Senior Schedule	
Day	Date	Time		
Saturday	May 17	10:00 - 8:00		
Sunday	May 18	10:00 - 8:00		
USA1 Semifinal and USA2 Stage 1				
Day	Date	Time	Boards	
Monday	May 19	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2	Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break	
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3	Boards 31-45
Tuesday	May 20	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4	Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6	Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break	
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7	Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8	Boards 46-60
		USA1 final and USA2 Quarterfinal		
		Day	Date	Time
Wednesday	May 21	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2	Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break	
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3	Boards 31-45
Thursday	May 22	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4	Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6	Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break	
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7	Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8	Boards 46-60
		USA2 Semifinal		
		Day	Date	Time
Friday	May 23	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2	Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break	
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3	Boards 31-45
Saturday	May 24	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4	Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6	Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break	
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7	Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8	Boards 46-60
		USA2 final		
		Day	Date	Time
Sunday	May 25	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2	Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break	
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3	Boards 31-45
Monday	May 26	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4	Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5	Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6	Boards 16-30
			75 minute Break	
		3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7	Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8	Boards 46-60

Lovebridge practice sessions (Ask at site for location)				
Day		Date	Time (CDT)	
Wednesday		April 23	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Sunday, Tuesday, or Friday		April 27 or 29, or May 2	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Tuesday		May 6	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Friday		May 16	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS				LoveBridge Practice Sessions
On Zoom				
Event	Day	Date	Time (CDT)	
Open	Wednesday	April 23	9:00 PM	
Women's	Friday	May 2nd	9:00 PM	
Mixed	Tuesday	May 6	9:00 PM	
Senior	Friday	May 16	9:00 PM	

**LoveBridge  
Practice  
Sessions**



# Delayed Kibitzing Throughout the USBC

[You can watch the Open, Mixed, & Senior USBCs on the LoveBridge website.](#) Live Vugraph is delayed for 30 minutes until all tables have completed play on a board.

## Live video commentary of Finals

Rob Barrington will be hosting full day video commentary coverage of the second day of the USA1 & USA2 Finals of each event on the USBF YouTube channel with post-game highlights.

Video commentary will be at 11:30 AM and 5:00 PM EDT, on the following dates:

May 1, Open USA1 Final, and USA2 Quarterfinal, May 5, Open USA2 Final, May 14, Mixed USA1 Final, and USA2 Semifinal, May 16, Mixed USA2 Final, May 22, Senior USA1 Final and USA2 Quarterfinal, May 25, Senior USA2 Final

## Highlights after each stage of each event

Experts will join Rob for chat after each session. BridgeCasts will be posted on the USBF YouTube channel the morning after each segment ends:

●4/26 - Open Round of 16, 4/28 - Open USA1 Quarterfinal & USA2 Stage 1; 5/1 - Open USA1 Semifinal & day 1 of Final & USA2 Stage 2 & day 1 of Quarterfinal; 5/5 - Open USA2 Semifinal & day 1 of Final.

●5/9 - Mixed Round of 16: 5/11 - Mixed USA1 Quarterfinal and USA2 Stage 1; 5/12 - Mixed USA1 Semifinal at the half & USA2 Stage2; 5/19 - Senior Round Robin; 5/21 - Senior USA1 Semifinal & USA2 Stage 1.

5/22 - Day 1 of Senior USA1 Final and USA2 Semifinal 5/25 - Day 1 of Senior USA2 Final

**Kibitzing Schedule (EDT) ... For all KO days of the 2025 USBCs, kibitzing times will be :**

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT

Segment 2: 1:45 pm EDT

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.

**Play Schedules (CDT):**

[Main play schedule.](#)

[Mixed USBC USA2 Round Robin Schedule.](#)

[Senior USBC USA2 Round Robin Schedule.](#)



"Pass"ing the time,  
With VuGraph, not boring  
Watching my friends  
Hoping they're scoring!

**Beth Palmer Women's USBC Kibitzing will be on [RealBridge](#):** To watch, log on to the kibitz page, which will take you to the kibitzing lobby. Click on the table you want to watch. For more information, go to [this RealBridge page](#). The Schedule for the Beth Palmer Women's USBC is [here](#). Kibitzing will start 30 minutes after each segment starts.

**More information about LoveBridge kibitzing... Set up your screen as you like it best.**

You will see a **single table** if you click on the blue arrow on the scores page with buttons for more info.

**Match View** will show you two tables of a match side by side on your screen;

**Split View** will give you 4 panes and you can put whatever you want in each of them.

**Click on Buttons to get interesting information:**

●The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board;

●the arrow in the bottom right corner 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.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Written commentary will show in a large area on the left of the screen in Single Table view and at the top of the screen in Match View. If you are interesting in providing written commentary, please [email Jan](#) and she will get you authorized.

**Navigation icons:**

While surfing on the vugraph, or amongst the archives, you can 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. There is also 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.

**How to find System Information:** If you want to look at a pair's System Summary Form or ACBL Convention card, just go to the Teams Entered page and click on either player's name.





## 2025 USBC Hospitality

We have returned to our pre-pandemic hospitality, with the hospitality suite (room 2321) open most of the day for you to hang out, watch Vugraph, get a snack, or whatever. In addition, we will be providing breakfast and lunch each day of play. Marie France Benoit will be our lead hostess, with help from Jacob Morgan, Marge Morgan, Shanika Cunningham, Hal George, and Nancy Booth. If you're at the tournament and can volunteer to help with hospitality (mainly picking up last-minute things at Costco and other local stores) please let Jan or Marie France know.

**Breakfast:** From 8:30-10:30 am. There will be the usual breakfast food, cereal, bagels, toast, salmon, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. 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 the Open and Mixed USBCs we will be serving a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. There should be enough room for you to eat in the restaurant, but you are also welcome to take food from there to an outside table or to your hotel room. Lunch will be served from 1:45-3:45. After the first 4 days of each event and for all of the Seniors, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite from 1:45-3:45. 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.

There is a water dispenser in the room, and we have refillable water bottles for you in room 1321 (we'll put a label with your name on yours). 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 what you want:** If you have specific needs, please let our hosts know and they will do their very best to provide food that meets your needs.

### Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We have a water dispenser in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. We ask that you recognize that we are working in that room, and others are still playing in the rooms next door and across the hall, so please try to keep voices low. 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 someone to bring you coffee or water or escort you outside to smoke.



Marie France



## Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure



### Chicago Prime Italian Restaurant

\$\$\$ · Italian

700 N Meacham Rd

Elegant, locally owned venue offering a menu of Italian dishes, plus a seasonal patio.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

### Morton's The Steakhouse

\$\$\$\$ · Restaurant

1470 McConnor Pkwy · In Windy Point

4:30PM

Upscale chain for aged prime beef, seafood & other traditional steakhouse fare in a clubby space.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

### Seasons 52

\$\$ · New American

1770 E Higgins Rd

Rotating menu of seasonal American dishes alongside international wines in an upscale setting.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

### Weber Grill Restaurant & Academy

\$\$\$ · Restaurant

1010 N Meacham Rd

Boisterous, rustic American hideaway serving up kettle-cooked steaks, burgers & ribs.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

### Shaw's Crab House

\$\$\$ · Seafood

1900 E Higgins Rd · In the Streets of Woodfield

Suburban version of the upscale city seafood restaurant with traditional decor & an oyster bar.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

### Wildfire

\$\$\$ · Steak

1250 E Higgins Rd

"**Best dining** experience in Schaumburg!"

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

### City Works - Schaumburg

\$\$ · Restaurant

1850 E Golf Rd

"Outdoor dining was great different options of seating."

Dine-in·Curbside pickup· No-contact delivery

### Stonewood Alehouse

\$\$ · American

601 Mall Dr

Spacious contemporary alehouse serves up draft mi- cro- brews & wood-fired meals in a lodgelike venue. Dine-

in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

### Bahama Breeze

\$\$ · Caribbean

406 E Golf Rd · In Woodfield Plaza

Laid-back chain eatery featuring Caribbean entrees & tropical cocktails amid beachy decor. Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

### Westwood Tavern

\$\$ · Grill

1385 N Meacham Rd · In Woodfield Village Green

"Patio dining available."

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

### Granite City Food & Brewery

\$\$ · American

801 Plaza Dr

Casual chain eatery with an American comfort-food menu plus craft beers brewed on-site.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

### Chicago Prime Steakhouse

\$\$\$ · Steak

1444 E Algonquin Rd · In The Shoppes at Prime Village

"Unbelievable **dining experience!!**"

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

### The Capital Grille

\$\$\$\$ · Fine Dining

2000 E Golf Rd

Opens 5PM

Outpost of the upscale steakhouse chain offers classic American fare & a clubby, refined setting. Dine-

in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

### Kuma's Corner Schaumburg

\$\$ · American

1570 E Golf Rd · In Woodfield Village Green

American eatery with a wraparound bar & patio for burgers piled with toppings, plus craft beer.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery



(Continued from page 7)

#### Maggiano's Little Italy

\$\$ · Restaurant

1901 Woodfield Rd · In the Streets of Woodfield

Semi-upscale chain for classic Italian fare served family-style in a relaxed, polished space. Dine-in·Curbside pickup

#### LongHorn Steakhouse

\$\$ · Steak

1901 E Golf Rd

"Very nice dine , always it's a pleasure to eat at Long-horn"

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

#### Meze Mediterraneo

Mediterranean

680 Mall Dr

Rustic Mediterranean fare in an elevated dining room with bar seating & contemporary interiors.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No delivery

#### Benihana

\$\$\$ · Japanese

1200 E Higgins Rd

Hibachi chain serving Japanese dishes grilled tableside by theatrical chefs.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

#### Texas de Brazil

\$\$\$ · Steak

5 Woodfield Mall Ste D312 · In Woodfield Mall

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·Delivery

#### Bonefish Grill

\$\$ · Seafood

180 S Roselle Rd

Contemporary grill chain offering a seafood-centric menu, plus steaks & cocktails.

Dine-in·Curbside pickup·No-contact delivery

This list is pretty recent and indicates pickup or delivery. Some of your old haunts from past Championships may have closed since the start of the Pandemic.

Several of these listings are across the street in Woodfield Shopping Mall. These listings do not include phone numbers but with the information here, you should be able to research that on your cell if you want to make reservations.

(More dining options with outdoor dining designations on pages 18 through 21)

## Where to Shop in the Area...

#### Woodfield Mall

5 Woodfield Mall · (847) 330-1537

Open · Closes 6PM

In-store shopping·In-store pickup

#### Style Encore - Schaumburg

Consignment shop

1402 N Roselle Rd · In Remington Plaza · (847) 874-7184

Open · Closes 6PM

In-store shopping·Curbside pickup

#### Streets of Woodfield

601 N Martingale Rd · (630) 954-7300

Open · Closes 10PM

In-store shopping

#### Kibitzer Activities...

##### Heritage Farm

201 S. Plum Grove Road, Schaumburg · 847-985-2102

Step back into the 1880s for a look at when Schaumburg was a rural German farm community. On a visit to Volkening Heritage Farm, you can help with seasonal farm chores, participate in family activities and games of the 1880s or simply visit the livestock and soak in the quiet.

Authentically dressed interpreters welcome and guide visitors through the site.

Hours of Operation

- Visitor Center/Museum Store/Farmhouse - Wed.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Farm Grounds & Trails - Daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission to Heritage Farm is FREE; however, during scheduled special events it may require an entrance fee.

#### DISCOVER THE ART!

The **Chicago Athenaeum's International Sculpture Park** is situated on 20 acres of meadow, forest, and natural prairie on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg,

#### PARKING AT

Prairie Center For the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct

#### HOURS

The International Sculpture Park is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

Tenace anyone?



## Puzzle Page ...

### The Raven

Find and circle all of the words from the poem "[The Raven](#)" that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell an Edgar Allan Poe quotation.

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

ANGELS  
BEAK  
BEGUILING  
BIRD  
BLACK  
BLEAK  
BURNING  
BUST  
CHAMBER  
CROAKING  
DARKNESS  
DECEMBER

DOOR  
DREAMS  
DREARY  
EBONY  
ENTRANCE  
EYES  
FEATHER  
FIEND  
FLITTING  
FLUTTER  
FOWL  
GHASTLY

GRIM  
HEART  
HORROR  
LATTICE  
LENORE  
LORE  
MAIDEN  
MELANCHOLY  
MIDNIGHT  
MORTAL  
MYSTERY  
NAMELESS

NAPPING  
NEPENTHE  
NEVERMORE  
OMINOUS  
PALLAS  
PALLID  
PERCHED  
PLACID  
PLUME  
PLUTONIAN  
PROPHET  
QUAFF

QUOTH  
RADIANT  
RAPPING  
RAVEN  
RUSTLING  
SHADOW  
SHUTTER  
SOUL  
TAPPING  
VISITOR  
WEARY  
WIND



Put your heart  
in the game!



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

Sudoku 1

# Hard Sudoku

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 22

Sudoku 2

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

Did you know deer can jump higher than the average house? It's because of their strong hind legs and the fact that the average house can't jump.

A photon checks into a hotel. The front desk asks if it has any luggage. It replies "no, I'm traveling light"

I can't stand Russian dolls. They're so full of themselves.

Did you hear about the glass blower who accidentally inhaled? He got stomach pane.

What do you call a snail that isn't moving? An escar-stay.  
Did you hear about the new corduroy pillowcases? They're really making headlines.

If you see an Apple Store get robbed, does that make you an iWitness?

Did you hear about the woman who loved making archery supplies? Every day she went to work, she quivered with joy!

The past, the present and the future all walk into a bar. It was tense.

Why did the hipster burn his mouth on pizza? Because he ate it before it was cool.



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



Please note that as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 the use of a written defense against the Multi 2 Diamonds (or 2 Clubs) is no longer permitted in WBF events

## Jan Kamras In Memoriam 1950 – 2025



By [WBF](#) In [News](#) On 17th March 2025

The World Bridge Federation (WBF) is deeply saddened to announce the passing of its esteemed President, Jan Kamras.

Jan passed away peacefully, after a period of illness.

Jan served as President of the WBF with unwavering dedication and passion. Despite facing health challenges throughout his presidency, he demonstrated extraordinary strength and commitment and continued to work tirelessly, driven by his profound love for the game.

One of the goals of Jan's presidency was to introduce the WBF World Tour, a ranking system based on cumulative performances at Bridge Championships, as well as select Festivals and Tournaments. The Trophy for the winners is named after Jan.

Jan was originally from Gothenburg, Sweden, but about a decade ago had moved to Tel Aviv, Israel. He was the Vice-President of the Swedish Bridge Federation from 2005 to 2016 and served, among other positions, as head of its National Team Selection Committee. He was the Captain of the Swedish National Open team 2001-2010. As a player he won the Swedish Team Championships in 2010 and was runner-up in 2011 and 2012. He won the prestigious Cavendish Teams in 2013.

Jan was elected to the European Bridge League Executive Committee in 2010. He was elected EBL Honorary Secretary and a member of the Presidential Council. He was the chairman of the Championships, IT, NBO Liaison and Master Points Committees and a member of the Finance, Material Procurement, Reviewer, Rules & Regulations, Special Investigations and Statutes Committees. He was elected EBL President in 2018.

In 2018 he was elected a member of the WBF Executive Council. In 2022 at the meeting held on 25th August in Wrocław, Poland the WBF Executive Council unanimously elected him as President and he took up office on 1 January 2023.

The World Bridge Federation expresses its deepest condolences to Jan's family and friends during this difficult time.



It is with profound sadness that the World Bridge Federation learned of the passing of **Bogdan Marina**. Bogdan's presence at WBF Championships was marked by his infectious good humor and friendliness. He achieved remarkable results, particularly with the Romanian Mixed Team, winning two World bronze medals.

Beyond his skill at the bridge table, Bogdan was known for his warm personality and genuine camaraderie.

The WBF extends its deepest condolences to his wife and teammate, Marina, during this incredibly difficult time.





One day, on the savannah, a lion, a cheetah, an elephant and a warthog were all sitting around after their respective meals and discussing which species has the biggest potential for success. The elephant suggested that they settle this, once and for all, and that they take a cue from humans and test this by starting their own businesses, and then checking in in a month to see who did best.

The Warthog decided to hire other warthogs to occupy the shadiest groves, and then charged animals \$5 to lay in the shade.

The Elephant built an elaborate harness for his back, and charged other animals \$15 for elephant rides.

The Lion started a personal protection racket, offering gazelles protection from the lions in exchange for a fee of \$10.

But the Cheetah had the best idea of all, starting a courier service, using his incredible speed to bring messages from animal to animal, all across the savannah, for \$20. Within weeks, all the animals were using the Cheetah's service to communicate, while the lion, elephant, and warthog sat mostly idle.

Finally, a month had passed, and the elephant, cheetah, warthog, and lion met up again with their bank statements to try and guess who might win. The Warthog had earned \$150, the Elephant had earned \$185, the Lion had earned \$200. But Cheetah's bank statement showed only \$2. The other animals were shocked, because "Fast Cat Courier" was the most successful business by far. The other animals asked Cheetah what went wrong.

"Business has been great," the spotted cat said, "but alas, Cheetahs never prosper."

Rumors of a food shortage at this year's spoonerism conference turned out to be a complete lack of pies.

I'm glad I know sign language, it's pretty handy.

Why does Waldo always wear a striped shirt? He doesn't want to be spotted.

I dropped my toothpaste, I'm crestfallen.

A Roman walks in to a bar and says "I'll have a martinus."

The bartender says "you mean a martini?"

The Roman replies "no, if I wanted a double I would have asked for one."

I was was going to tell a joke about a dead parrot, but it was way too Macawbre.

How do trees feel in the Spring? Released.

Why do defense lawyers go out for Mexican food when they're feeling down? To get some case-ideas!

Did you hear about the sale on paddles? It was quite the oar-deal.

If a Wizard uses magic to hold up a camera and take a picture of himself, is that a Spellfie?



A-Pun, A-Two,  
A-Three!

**A Little Humor!**

# Logic Puzzle ...

		Names					Emperors					Grades				
		Harriet	Kim	Leroy	Neal	Winifred	Augustus	Constantine	Nero	Tiberius	Valerian	A	B-	C+	C-	D
Lengths	6 minutes															
	8 minutes															
	10 minutes															
	12 minutes															
	14 minutes															
Grades	A															
	B-															
	C+															
	C-															
	D															
Emperors	Augustus															
	Constantine															
	Nero															
	Tiberius															
	Valerian															

**Answer to Puzzle  
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Lengths	Names	Emperors	Grades
6 minutes			
8 minutes			
10 minutes			
12 minutes			
14 minutes			

1. The presenter who got the B- talked about Tiberius..
2. Of the student who gave the presentation on Valerian and the presenter who spoke for 10 minutes, one was Kim and the other got the C+..
3. Neal spoke 2 minutes more than the student who got the B-..
4. Neal didn't talk about Nero..
5. The student who spoke for 8 minutes didn't get the C+..
6. The student who got the C- spoke for a somewhat longer time than the presenter who got the C+..
7. Leroy got the B-..
8. The presenter who spoke for 10 minutes got the A..
9. Of the student who got the B- and Harriet, one talked about Constantine and the other spoke for 6 minutes..



# Meet the Players



**Ewan McNay** lives in Glenmont, New York. He has not been a “regular” in USBF Competition so it is nice to “meet” him here.

His words when he ran for his local School Board:

“I've been an educator for more than twenty years now. I got my PhD in neuroscience from the University of Virginia, then spent 8 years at the Yale School of Medicine. For the past fourteen years I've been a professor of Behavioral Neuroscience, University at Albany.

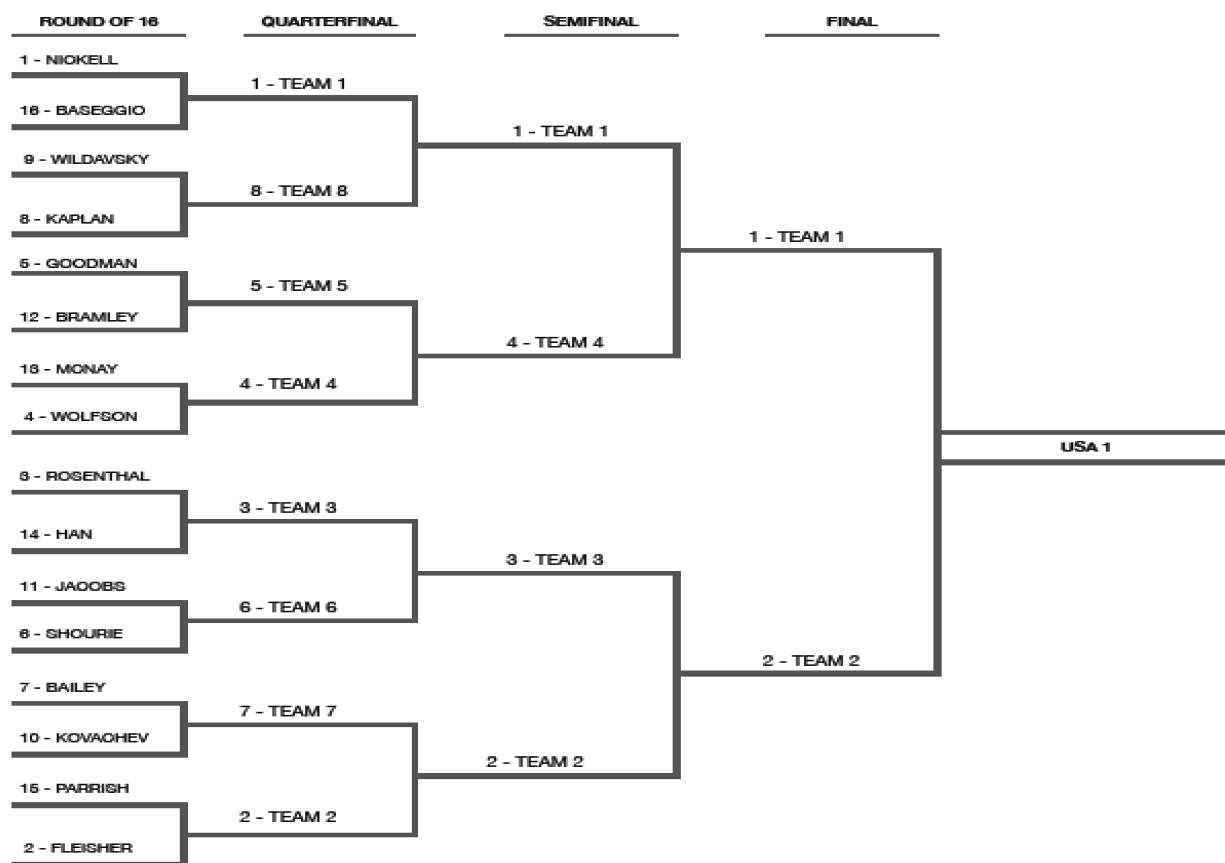
At UAlbany, my lab and I have won more than thirty awards for excellence in student mentoring, student research, and outstanding performance: that includes being the sole recipient of the student-voted 'Outstanding Faculty' award. I'm proud of our 100% placement record for students aiming to go to medical school or graduate school - I have been fortunate to work with some truly outstanding undergraduates, and I will use that experience to help prepare

BCSD students for college and beyond.

I was first selected as 'Most Influential Professor' by the UAlbany Honors College in 2010 and have been re-awarded that honor every year since. I've taught at every level from freshman undergraduate through senior graduate student; I've also worked with high school science programs from several of the local school districts to mentor their student research. I have first-hand knowledge of what it takes to support excellence in teaching, and will use that on the Board.”

Ewan, an avid bridge fan, is playing in this event as Captain of the the McNay team with Harrison Luba, Max Schireson (USBF treasurer and CFO), Olivia Schireson (Max's very skilled daughter), and Debbie Rosenberg.

## 2025 OPEN USBC USA1 BRACKET



## ABOUT SCHAUMBURG:

Located just 30 miles outside Chicago and about 11 miles west of O'Hare International Airport, Schaumburg is arguably a premier suburban business destination in Illinois. In the past 60 years, Schaumburg has transformed from a small farming community into a thriving economic center that is home to more business in Illinois than any other community outside of Chicago. The village's businesses provide support to the community's 78,000 residents, 80,000 employees and the northwest suburbs.

Residents and visitors can attend a concert or the Farmers Market in the Town Square, take in theater and other shows at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, visit the Trickster Cultural Center (Native-owned and operated art gallery), discover family fun at Legoland Discovery Center, or enjoy independent league baseball at Wintrust Field. And, the Schaumburg Township District Library is the second-largest public library in Illinois, with more than one million visitors each year.

### History

The Village of Schaumburg was incorporated on March 7, 1956, but the heritage of Schaumburg dates back to the much earlier times when the first inhabitants of the area were members of the Sauk, Fox, Pottawatomie, and Kickapoo Indian tribes. Schaumburg's earliest residents were primarily German-speaking immigrants and their days consisted of farming, community and family. In many ways that remains true today, although now Schaumburg is a mecca of commercial activity.

### The First Settlers

By the mid-nineteenth century, settlers first began to arrive from Germany and the eastern United States. Legend has it that the earliest settler was Trumbull Kent from Oswego, New York. Kent, a "Yankee," as settlers from New England were called in the west, founded a settlement in 1835 not far from what is now called Olde Schaumburg Centre, formerly known as Sarah's Grove.

### The Sunderlage Family

The first recorded settler of Schaumburg Township was German-born Johann Sunderlage. According to legend, Sunderlage was a member of a survey team that divided Cook County into townships around 1833. He liked the area so much that, upon completion of the project, he brought his family from Germany and settled in the area around 1836.

Sunderlage and his family occupied their land in the Township until the federal land sale of 1842 allowed them to purchase the property and obtain the deed. Sunderlage and Kent represented the predominant groups that settled Schaumburg Township in its early days. In 1840, 56 percent of the Township households originated from the eastern United States, while 28 percent were German-born. By the 1850s, the population mix had settled to 28 percent "Yankee" and 48 percent German.

### German Settlers

By 1870, Schaumburg Township had become completely German. Land records show that all the property in the Township was owned by German immigrants or their descendants. This pattern emerged as many Yankee settlers continued to travel west for the promise of newly opened lands on the Great Plains. The land they occupied in Schaumburg was then purchased by German-born immigrants.

Schaumburg Township remained almost exclusively under German ownership until the Great Depression of the 1930s. The Depression caused the foreclosure on some German-owned farms which were then purchased by non-German individuals and companies. Nonetheless, German heritage remained important in the area. German was the first language of the majority of households until the 1950s. St. Peter Lutheran Church, the community's oldest church which was constructed in 1847, held services in German as late as 1970.

- 92 TOWN  
243 W GOLF RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

247 W GOLF RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

16 E GOLF RD E  
Outdoor Dining: No

888 N MEACHAM RD  
Outdoor Dining: Yes

1200 E HIGGINS RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

1020 N MEACHAM RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

BIBIBOP ASIAN GRILL  
1022 N MEACHAM RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

BIG BOWL  
1950 E HIGGINS RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

BISI RESTAURANT  
853 S ROSELLE RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

BLACKWOOD BBQ  
1711 E GOLF RD  
Outdoor Dining: Yes

BLAZE PIZZA  
VC11 WOODFIELD MALL  
Outdoor Dining: No

BONCHON  
1408 E GOLF RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

BONEFISH GRILL  
180 S ROSELLE RD  
Outdoor Dining: Yes

BOSTON MARKET  
24 W GOLF RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

BRANDYS GYROS  
SCHAUMBURG  
140 E GOLF RD B  
Outdoor Dining: No

BRAZIL EXPRESS  
1045 S ROSELLE RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

B'S SHRIMP AND FISH  
1706 W WISE RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

BUFFALO WILD WINGS  
1430 N MEACHAM RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

BURGER KING  
VC09 WOODFIELD MALL  
Outdoor Dining: No

BURGER KING  
1015 S ROSELLE RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

BURRITO PARRILLA MEXI-CANA  
720 E HIGGINS RD  
Outdoor Dining: Yes

CAFE ZUPAS  
1422 E GOLF RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN  
1550 E GOLF RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

CHANDLER'S CHOPHOUSE  
GRILL & BANQUETS  
401 N ROSELLE RD  
Outdoor Dining: Yes

CHARLEYS PHILLY STEAKS  
VC03 WOODFIELD MALL  
Outdoor Dining: No

CHECKERS PANCAKE HOUSE  
506 W WISE RD  
Outdoor Dining: Yes

CHICAGO PRIME ITALIAN  
700 N MEACHAM RD  
Outdoor Dining: Yes

CHICAGO PRIME STEAKHOUSE  
1444 E ALGONQUIN RD  
Outdoor Dining: Yes

CHICK-FIL-A  
90 N BARRINGTON RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

CHICK-FIL-A  
935 E GOLF RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

CHILL BUBBLE TEA  
KI-01 WOODFIELD MALL  
Outdoor Dining: No

CHILL BUBBLE TEA  
F319 WOODFIELD MALL  
Outdoor Dining: No

CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL  
VC01 WOODFIELD MALL  
Outdoor Dining: No

CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL  
601 N MARTINGALE RD 330  
Outdoor Dining: No

CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL  
2558 W SCHAUMBURG RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

CHIKUITA GRILL  
46 S MEACHAM RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

CIELO MEXICAN GRILLE  
1108 S ROSELLE RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

CINNABON  
D203 WOODFIELD MALL  
Outdoor Dining: No

CINNAHOLIC  
1404 E GOLF RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

CITY WORKS EATERY AND  
POUR HOUSE  
1850 E GOLF RD  
Outdoor Dining: Yes

COFFEE HAUS  
209 W GOLF RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

COLD STONE CREAMERY  
E102 WOODFIELD MALL  
Outdoor Dining: No

COOKIES BY DESIGN  
1332 N ROSELLE RD  
Outdoor Dining: No

Outdoor Dining in Schaumburg?

SCHEDULE

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Call the Boomers Box Office at <a href="tel:847-461-3695">847-461-3695</a>				1	2 VS. JOLIET SLAMMERS 11 a.m.	3 VS. LANCASTER SOUND BREAKERS 1 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8 VS. WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS 6:30 p.m.	9 @ JOLIET SLAMMERS	10 @ JOLIET SLAMMERS
11 @ JOLIET SLAMMERS	12	13 @ WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS 10:35 a.m.	14 VS. WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS 11 a.m.	15 @ WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS 10:35 a.m.	16 VS. JOLIET SLAMMERS 6:30 p.m.	17 VS. JOLIET SLAMMERS 3 p.m.
18 VS. JOLIET SLAMMERS 1 p.m.	19	20 @ EVANSVILLE OTTERS	21 @ EVANSVILLE OTTERS	22 @ EVANSVILLE OTTERS	23 VS. GATEWAY GRIZZLIES 6:30 p.m.	24 VS. GATEWAY GRIZZLIES 3 p.m.
25 VS. GATEWAY GRIZZLIES 6:30 p.m.	26 VS. EVANSVILLE OTTERS 1 p.m.	27 VS. EVANSVILLE OTTERS 6:30 p.m.	28 VS. EVANSVILLE OTTERS 6:30 p.m.	29	30 @ WASHINGTON WILD THINGS	31 @ WASHINGTON WILD THINGS

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AWAY

TICKETS

PROMOTIONS

Schaumburg Boomers Baseball Squad



CORNER BAKERY 1901 WOODFIELD RD Outdoor Dining: No	DUNKIN DONUTS 2263 W SCHAUMBURG RD Outdoor Dining: No	FIVE GUYS BURGERS & FRIES 1424 N MEACHAM RD Outdoor Dining: No	HAROLDS CHICKEN 1318 N ROSELLE RD A Outdoor Dining: No	JIMMY JOHN'S 66 E GOLF RD Outdoor Dining: No
COUNTY DONUTS 1218 S ROSELLE RD Outdoor Dining: No	DUNKIN DONUTS 893 E SCHAUMBURG RD Outdoor Dining: No	FORTUNE HOUSE 2211 W SCHAUMBURG RD Outdoor Dining: No	HAVMOR ICECREAM 1909 W GOLF RD Outdoor Dining: No	JIMMY JOHN'S 584 S ROSELLE RD Outdoor Dining: No
CRUMBL COOKIES 106 E GOLF RD Outdoor Dining: No	DUNKIN DONUTS BASKIN ROBBINS 477 W GOLF RD Outdoor Dining: No	FOX AND HOUND 1416 N ROSELLE RD Outdoor Dining: No	HONEST 835 W HIGGINS RD Outdoor Dining: No	JIMMY JOHN'S 1420 N MEACHAM RD Outdoor Dining: Yes
CULVERS OF SCHAUMBURG 1800 W WISE RD Outdoor Dining: Yes	EGG HARBOR CAFE 1310 AMERICAN LN Outdoor Dining: No	FRATO'S 628 S ROSELLE RD Outdoor Dining: No	HOOTERS 1110 PERIMETER DR Outdoor Dining: Yes	JOE'S PIZZA 530 W WISE RD Outdoor Dining: No
CULVERS RESTAURANT 1410 E ALGONQUIN RD Outdoor Dining: No	EGG MANIA 1133-1135 N SALEM DR Outdoor Dining: No	GARRETT POPCORN SHOPS KI-14 WOODFIELD MALL Outdoor Dining: No	HOT AND COLD MILK TEA 751 W GOLF RD Outdoor Dining: No	JOJO'S 1935 W GOLF RD Outdoor Dining: No
DAIRY QUEEN 520 S ROSELLE RD Outdoor Dining: No	EGG O HOLIC 829 W HIGGINS RD Outdoor Dining: No	GAYLORD FINE INDIAN CUISINE 555 MALL DR Outdoor Dining: No	HYATT REGENCY SCHAUMBURG 1800 E GOLF RD Outdoor Dining: Yes	KAFFEE STUBE 105 E SCHAUMBURG RD Outdoor Dining: No
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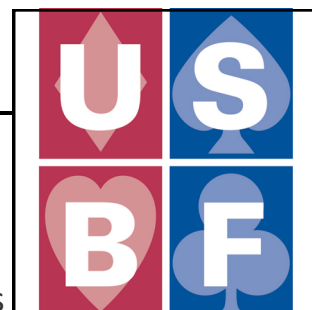
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Answer to Sudoku 1

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Answer to Sudoku 2

## Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 11



## 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.

### Fun Fact About Schaumburg:

Schaumburg might not be the most popular area in Illinois but it definitely attracted some productions to film within the area over the years. Some of the movies that shot scenes in places around Schaumburg were *Bad Teacher* (2011), *Blood and Wine* (1996), *Normal Life* (1996), *White Out* (2008), *Driver's Ed Mutiny* (2010), and *The Founder*.

### Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 15

C-	Constantine	Harriet	14 minutes
C+	Valerian	Winifred	12 minutes
A	Nero	Kim	10 minutes
D	Augustus	Neal	8 minutes
B-	Tiberius	Leroy	6 minutes

# Limey Jack...

Blimey Yanks:

It's been dog's years since we gathered up. Limey Jack feels your pain on what you will have to pay for a good stout or ale now. Think you that there will be a Punter's tariff? God save the King.

On to business. No round robin, just good old fashioned Robin Hood vs Friar Tuck on the bridge. The good news in the Daily Wag is that you have to lose twice, so we may be bunkmates for a fortnight.

Whatever you do, ignore the blathering of that daft bloke, Howie Dung.

Nickell-Baseggio: whilst Nickell always comes out of the gate like Snow White waking from a slumber, they should have no problem with a walkabout here

Wildavsky-Kaplan: talk about your classic Robin V Friar Tuck. Friar has a lot of saplings ready to bloom, but Robin has the experience. Wildavsky eases up at the 16th pole.

Goodman-Bramley: goodness gracious. Through the magic of professionals maximizing their retirement funds, each squad has 2 Clients. Strange but true. Goodman has more experience and knows how to win. They move on for now.

McNay-Wolfson: Wolfson has Zia. 'nuff said.

Rosenthal-Han: Limey Jack has to admit that the only name he knows on the Han team is Jack Zhou, a world champion. If he inspires his mates, Rosenthal could well need a cuppa. If not, it could be a Han Solo. Limey Jack picks his namesake in a large upset.

Jacobs-Shoure: It seems Shoure has inherited Warren Spector's old Quintet with a few irregular pieces. Jacobs has been AWOL for a bit and has reunited a very old and previously formidable partnership of Sontag and Weichsel. The nod goes to Jacobs in a mild upset.

Bailey-Kovachev: Limey Jack abhors 4 handed squads. What if a bloke was to have a bad banger at breakfast? Bailey advances for now.

Parrish-Fleisher: Another party of 4 taking a shot at the pre-tournament favourite. Fleisher has just come off a convincing win in the Vanderbilt. The only question is when the concession occurs.

There you have it. If you have any quid left after this market thrashing, call your punter and put it where Limey Jack goes.

Ta

Nickell/Bassagio will be unnerving.

Franco has Edgar. Nickell has Irving.

One v Sixteen is easy to pick.

Ralphie and Nick by the wish of a trick!

Wildavsky v Kaplan, no doubt that I had 'em.

I'll give 2 to 1 with smart money on Adam!

Goodman v Bramley: Choosing's an art.

It's Jeopardy James, with Kit and with Bart.

Don't know McNay but his teammates can play,

Yet Wolfson and Garner can win any day.

The Han team to me is totally new.

I'm betting on Rosenthal and his great crew!

Jacobs and Vogel will stay in the fray,

'Lest Blackwood Exclusion gets in their way!

**Howie Doing...**

6 handed Bailey may suffer a scare.

But young Kevin wins... He's been on a tear!

Parrish v Fleisher, Marty does well.

Winning and winning with partner, Martel!

Limey and I will help you quite surely,

That's why this bulletin comes out so early.

The Bridge Winners Bracket is yours one and all,

In the end, it is you who must make the call.

If you stick with my picks, you'll be a success.

I know what I'm "Doing" ... And Slimey knows less!

Back in two days with more choices for you

In USA1 and USA2!

Howie Doing? Not Bad, thanks!!



# Everything You Need to Know About LoveBridge and May Have Forgotten!

Just a Disclaimer... Some of the below may be obsolete with the new Chromebooks!\*

\*Jan says, "The only real changes from the pads to the Chromebooks involve the keyboard being part of the Chromebook and the larger screen. The biggest differences from previous years is each pair has its own time clock and will be shown their time remaining at the beginning of each hand, and a "STOP" button that a player can click on to stop play at both sides of the table when they are calling the director about something and it would be bad to have the other side of the table act before the director rules.

The directors have tested the Chromebooks and advise that some of the screen display may be new to you!

- **What does that number in the upper left mean?** You have unread chat message(s) and the strip at the left will be a sky blue until you read them (the number indicates how many unread messages are there). Click on the number/strip on the left to open/view. Click the X in top right corner to close. When all messages are read, the strip is grey.
- **Why can't I chat to my partner?** For security reasons, chat to partner is not available while cards for a new hand are on display. Since there is no "between round down time," there is no real partner chat.

## Bidding

- **The system won't let me pass!** If you have the level (1 through 7) highlighted, you will be unable to pass/double/redouble. If you try do so, the reset button will start flashing. Click the reset button to refresh.
- **Where is the undo button?** While there is no undo button, every call made is followed by a brief cancellation time period. A **cancel** button will appear immediately below the call selected in the top center portion of the screen. If you cancel within the time period, your bidding panel will reappear for you to select the intended call. If you do not cancel within the time period, summon a director (hit red TD whistle) to request an undo (second option).

## Play

1. **Why can't I click on a card?** The default setting for LoveBridge is neither a tap/click nor a double tap/click. The default setting is a drag-and-drop motion where the player pulls a card to the gray box in the center of the screen and releases to play the card. If the "pulled" card is not the intended one, the player can drag it back to the hand and select another card. **We recommend this setting while players are getting accustomed to the system.** Players may change this setting to double tap/click if desired, but we strongly discourage single tap/click settings.
2. **Whose turn is it?** In the bidding or play of the hand, the player's direction letter (N S E W) will be a white letter inside of the circle with a pale blue outer circle when it is the player's turn. The auction is always displayed so that you are on the very right and your hand is at the bottom.
3. **How do I claim?** During the play, you may click the larger blue box below the TD whistle to claim. If the claim button is grayed out (not available), you either already contributed a card to the current trick or you are dummy. (Note that you may not claim mid-trick. You may only claim between tricks.)
4. **How do I see the bidding once play has started?** Per the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, a player is not entitled to the entire auction once they have played to trick 1. If you have not yet played to trick one, the auction will be in the lower left corner. Click on it to enlarge to the center area. Click the double gray arrows in the bottom right of the center area to send it back to the corner. Similarly, this is how a player may see the cards from the previous trick (prior to playing to current trick).



# TABLET GUIDE

## CC CONVENTION CARD

## SETTINGS

You can set here the language, bidding and playing preferences anytime.

The system will remember your settings when you play next time.

## RESULTS

You can review the previous boards anytime.

## COVER SCREEN

To hide your screen from view, tap this icon.

## CALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

You can tap on this button twice to call the director, and **stop the play immediately**.



If you would like to call the director and keep playing, you can press the whistle and select the reason for your call.

Call Tournament Director

Reason for call

- ☒ Score correction
- ☐ Tech issue
- ☐ Non-bridge reasons
- ☐ Other

Cancel Cancel last call OK

## MENU



CLAIM

7NT XX - = + 2280

Claimed No. of tricks 13

Trick sum 13

Here you can text your plan

Cancel OK

Tap - or + to adjust number of tricks.

You can write your plan in the text field.



## Confirm bid

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Cancel Confirm

When you place a bid, there is a short time period, when you can take it back with the cancel button, and the other players will not notice.

You can also confirm your bid, if you don't want to wait until the time is over.

Live streaming: <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com>

# EXPLANATION & CHAT GUIDE

The logic of alerts and explanations in the LoveBridge system can work multiple ways. You will use it **with self alert and screened tables**. You only alert your own calls. Both opponents can ask for more information, and they will always know the same details about bids.

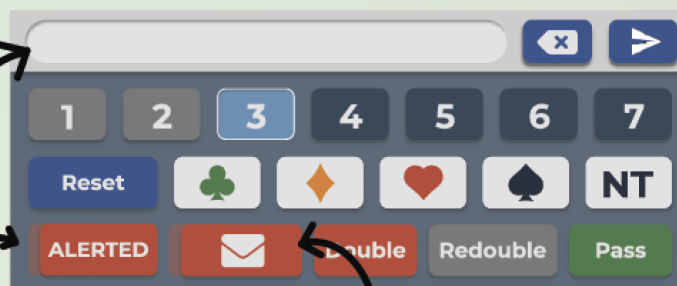
## Alerting

When you want to alert your call, you have multiple options:

You can **tap in the input field** and write your explanation here.

You can **tap on the alert button** so your opponent knows it's artificial.

You can **tap the envelope button** and, after placing your call, the bridge keyboard will pop up. Here you can type your explanation. Note: Your call will be alerted as well.

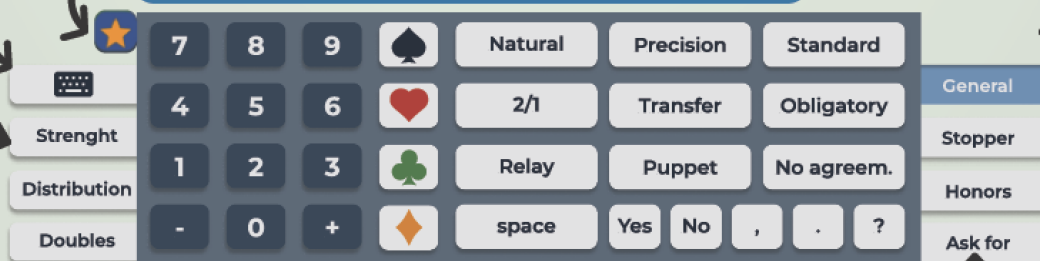


## Bridge keyboard

Common bridge expressions are organized in seven categories to help you type bridge related messages with only a few taps.

You can type any other message using a traditional keyboard.

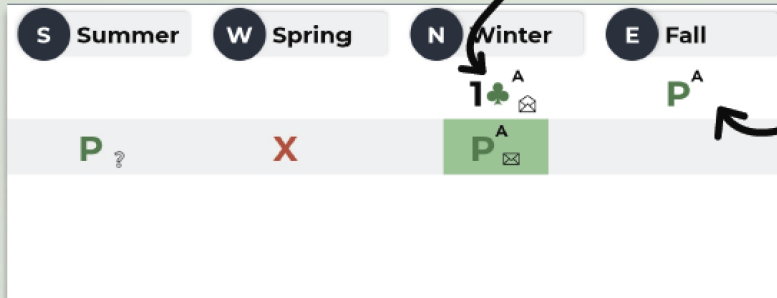
Your favorite explanations will be saved here.



Multiple words in every category

## Bidding Panel

The closed envelope shows that you have an **unread message**.



You can always give additional information by tapping on your bid. Make sure that your explanation contains complete information about a specific call.

You can ask for additional information by sending a question mark. You can ask specific questions using the chat. (More about the chat on the next page.)

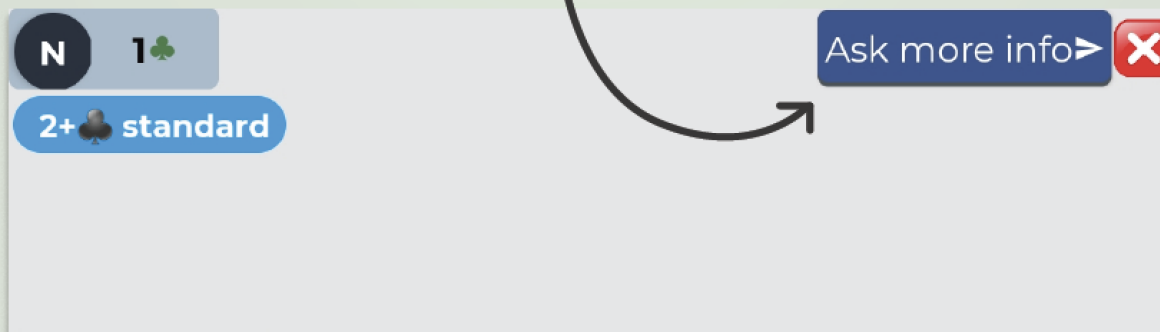
When you send an explanation, both of your opponents will receive it. Both opponents can ask for more information.

## Received Explanations

You will see a pop up notification about new explanations.

You can ask for further information by simply tapping the 'Ask more info' button.

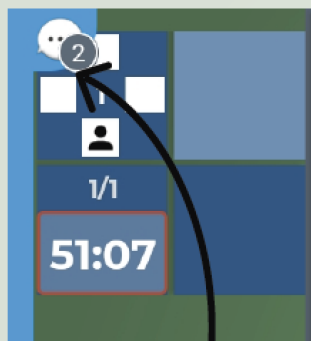
When you read the explanation, you can **close the window** with the X button.





## Chat

**You can use the chat to send private messages to your opponents, or you can chat with the entire table.**



You can find the chat in the top left corner of the screen. You can open it by tapping the chat bar.



**You can only send private messages to your partner when you are currently not playing any boards.**

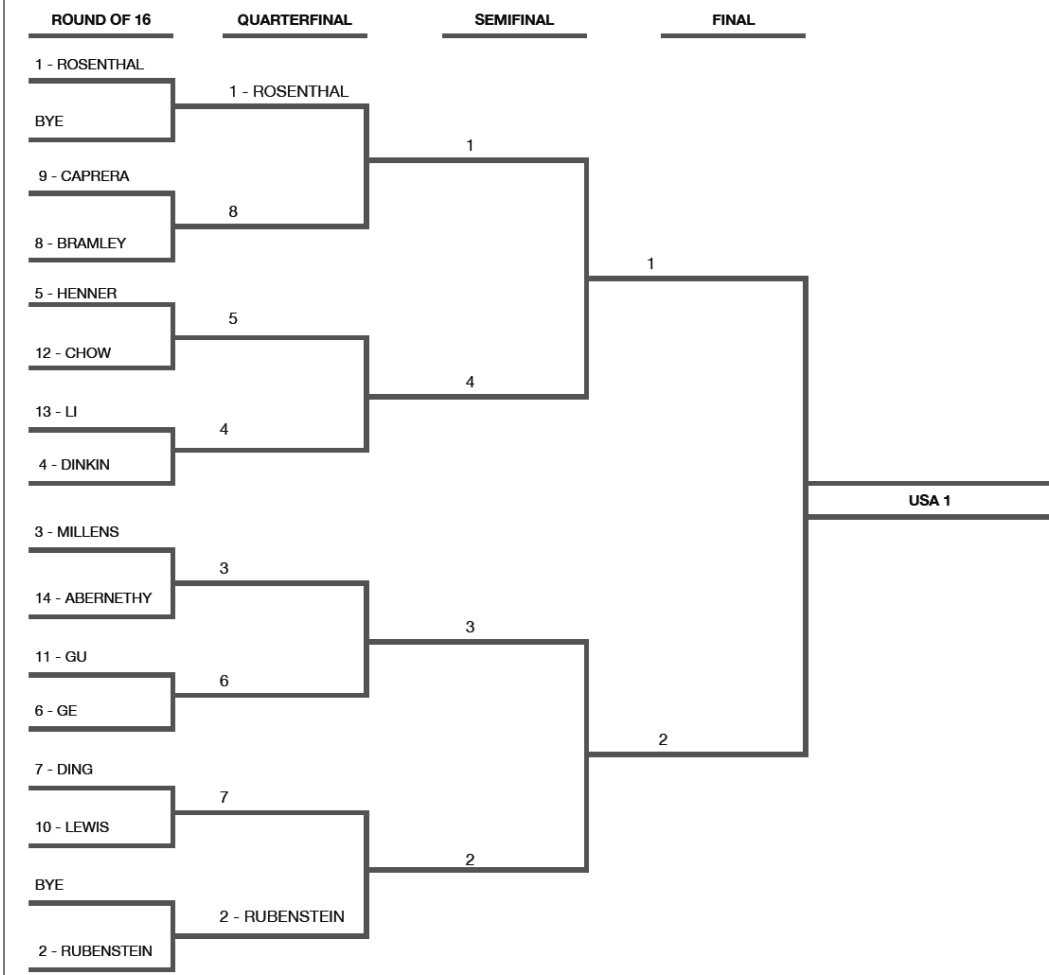
## Android Keyboard

When writing an explanation, you can press the “done” button to switch back to the bridge keyboard.



To write a question mark: You can use the shift button or a long press on the question mark or switch to the symbol keyboard.

# 2025 MIXED USBC USA1 BRACKET



An I phone and a firework were arrested yesterday ... one was charged and the other was let off.

What does a caterpillar do on New Year's? It turns over a new leaf!

When does a joke become a dad joke? When it's punch line is apparent!

Why did the football coach go to the bank? He wanted to get his quarter back!

How did the barber win the race? He knew a shortcut!

Did you hear that laughing too loudly is illegal in Hawaii? They only permit a-low-ha.

I hate my job — all I do is crush cans all day. It's soda pressing.

Mom keeps asking why I have so much candy. She doesn't know I always keep a few Twix up my sleeve.

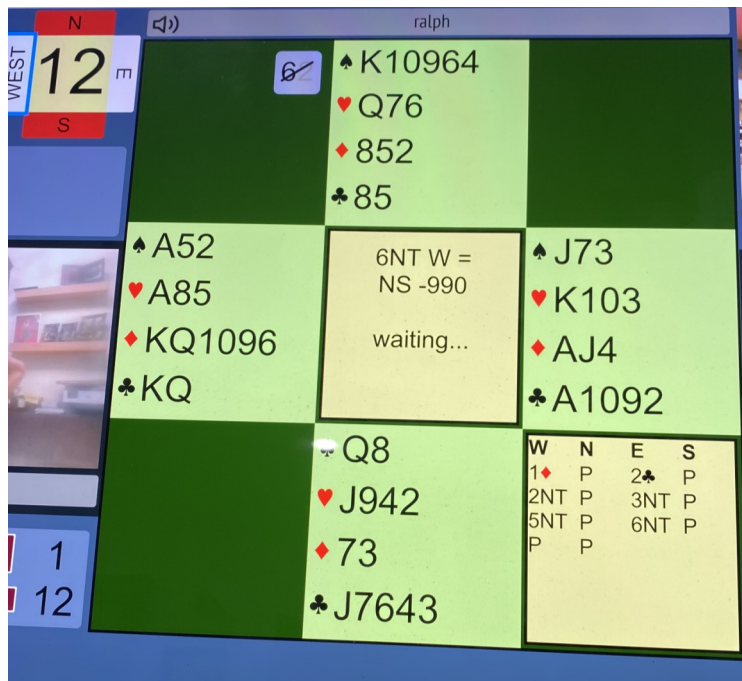
I found a wooden shoe in my toilet — it was clogged.

If a pig loses its voice, does it become disgruntled?

I love dad jokes, but I don't have kids, which makes me a Faux Pa.



# On the Subject of Bridge...



This hand is from a RealBridge practice session on January 3rd. Eric Greco, our hero of the evening, was sitting West. Wayne Stuart was East. Katz/Nickell were North/South respectively. During most practice sessions (this one included), it is assumed that there is IMP scoring. While the session is intended as serious practice for upcoming NABC, USBF, or WBF events, it is very player-friendly with self alerts and discussion between players and partners during both the bidding and the play. This improves partnership understandings and irons out glitches in everyone's systems.

Geoff Hampson wasn't available on January 3rd so Wayne Stuart filled in with Eric Greco. Stuart and Greco are not an established partnership. Even so, you can see that they had no trouble bidding 6NT on Board 12.



Katz led the ST. Greco quickly played dummy's S3 to Nick's S8 before going into deep thought. After several minutes, Greco emerged, following with the deuce from his hand!! Stan Barg and I were kibitzing. We could see all four hands. We were really impressed, realizing that Eric had successfully rectified the count for a perfect double squeeze.

Katz continued his attack on spades. Greco won Nickell's queen with his ace, cashed his winners and watched his teammates squirm.

Neither Nickell nor Katz could hold the necessary guards... 12 tricks for East/West for a great score in any field!

Successful squeezes are "routine" for players of great caliber. Still, they are always fun to watch, and Greco's assessment at trick one was brilliant and clearly deserves mention.

The relaxed atmosphere that accompanies the Nickell practice sessions is truly something to admire. Frequently spanning four time zones (as in this case), players may be found eating dinner while they play, running out for smoke breaks as dummy, or dealing with family excitement when the Mets score a slam of their own!

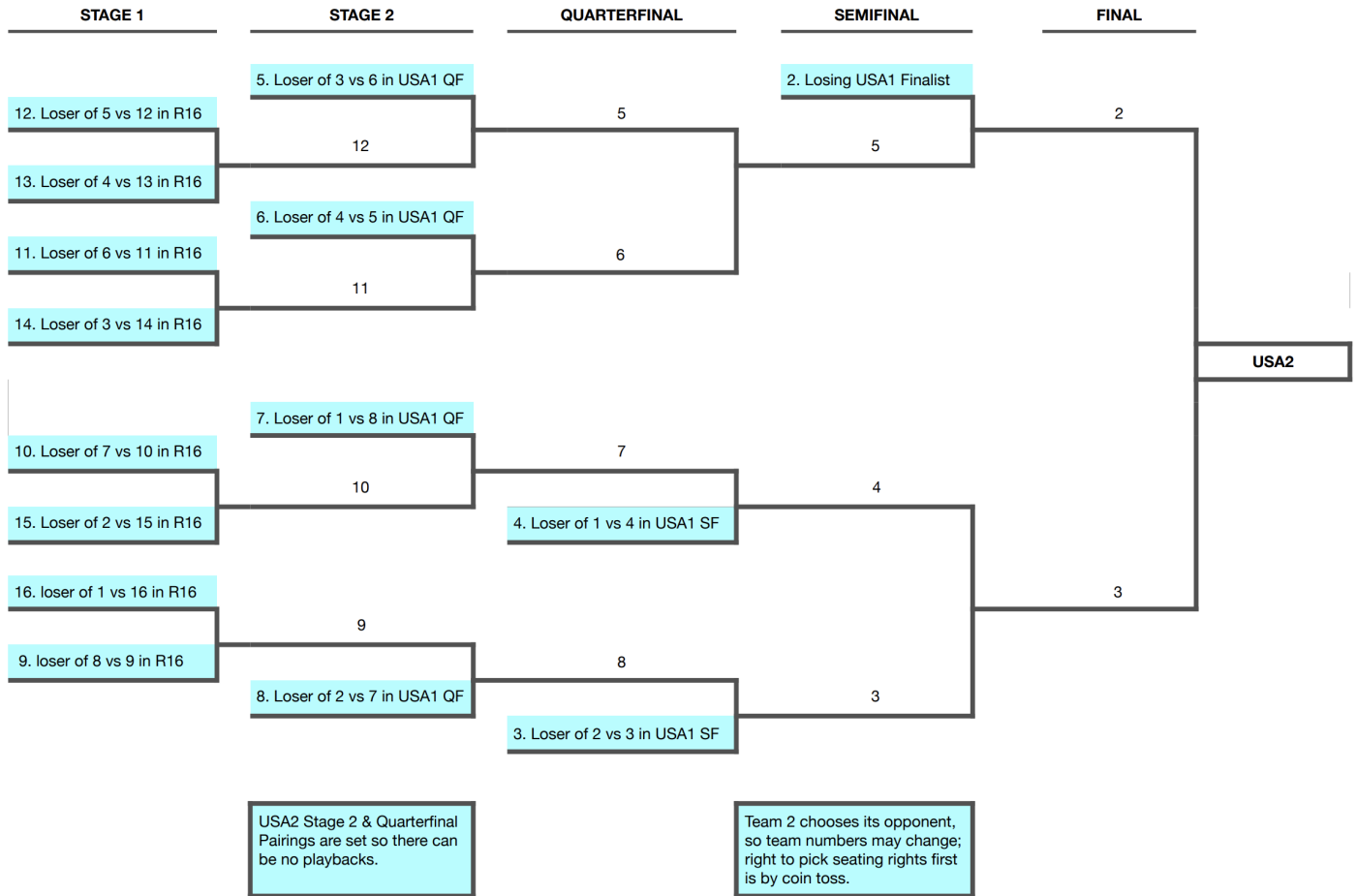
In all cases, the players show respect for one another. They use these sessions to improve their systems while enjoying each other's company. It gives the teammates a chance to play with and against one another to better assess what may occur in the "other room" during a major event.

Everyone on the Nickell team (except perhaps Bobby Levin) loves "wish tricks." They use great creativity to bring about high WT's, low WT's, multi-color WT's, and multi-suited WT's. It adds an element of levity and everyone enjoys it. When contrived, WT's tricks are returned later in the hand to restore fairness.

Watching the Nickell team practice is a real pleasure. And the RealBridge platform enhances the experience with the video and audio features. It feels like being at a tournament with everyone in the "room."

## 2025 OPEN USBC USA2 BRACKET

Teams listed with a colored background are drop ins from USA1.



**Q: What's the easiest way to burn 1,000 calories?**

A: Leave the pizza in the oven too long!

**Q: What's the difference between a badly dressed kid on a bicycle and a well dressed kid on a tricycle?**

A: Attire!

**Q: What did the drummer call his twin daughters?**

A: Anna One, Anna Two!

**Q: Did you hear about the king who was exactly 12 inches tall?**

A: He made a great ruler!

**Q: How do you cure a fear of a speed bump?**

A: You slowly get over it.

**Q: Why is the cow always smiling?**

A: It's in a good mooood I guess!

**Q: When did they find water on the moon?**

A: When it was waning!

**Q: Why is Peter Pan always flying?**

A: Because he Neverlands!

**Q: Why don't astronomers like Orion's Belt?**

A: It's a big waist of space!

**Q: What did the photon say to the hotel bellhop?**

A: No luggage, I'm traveling light!

**Q: Why did the coffee go to the police?**

A: To report a mugging!

**Q: Why can't you ever run through a campsite?**

A: You can only ran — it's always past tents!

**Q: Why was the woman afraid for the calendar?**

A: She said its days were numbered!

**Q: Why is it hard to understand volunteers?**

A: Because they make no cents!

**Q: What did the police officer say to his belly-button?**

A: You're under a vest!

**Q: What do you call an illegally parked frog?**

A: Toad!

**Q: How do you tell the difference between a bull and a cow?**

A: It is either one or the udder.





Team Name	Player Name	IPPs	ACBL SPs	USBC SPs ≤90	R a n k
BAILEY	Bailey	20	10.87	30.87	
	Korbel	20	28.28	48.28	
	Donn	20	24.04	44.04	
	Lee	12	38.05	50.05	
	Platnick	35	49.02	84.02	
	Rosenberg	35	45.91	80.91	7
BASEGGIO	Baseggio		8.18	8.18	
	Stark		9.44	9.44	
	Lo		8.61	8.61	
	Lee		8.88	8.88	
	Gu		16.74	16.74	
	Sher		4.81	4.81	1 6
BRAMLEY	Bramley		29.89	29.89	
	Woolsey		25.83	25.83	
	Stewart		10.62	10.62	
	Holzhauser		8.18	8.18	
	McAllister	12	17.59	29.59	
	Watson		10	10	1 2
FLEISHER	Fleisher	35	83.31	90	
	Martel	35	83.31	90	
	Bathurst	35	58.02	90	
	Hurd	35	60.02	90	
	Joe Grue	35	62.77	90	
	Brad Moss	35	63.91	90	2
GOODMAN	Goodman	20	32.19	52.19	
	Passell	20	40.44	60.44	
	Rodwell	26	49.48	74.98	
	Simson	26	15.88	41.38	
	Grainger	26	24.99	50.49	
	Wooldridge	26	34.91	60.41	6
HAN	Han	12	9.76	21.76	
	Mou	12	5.66	17.66	
	Fang	12	7.73	19.73	
	Yang		6.32	6.32	
	Sheng		15.66	15.66	
	Zhao		19.87	19.87	1 3
JACOBS	Jacobs		12.73	12.73	
	Vogel		12.47	12.47	
	Cohen		19.49	19.49	
	Cohler	11	21.8	32.8	
	Sontag		24.32	24.32	
	Weichsel		27.66	27.66	1 1
KAPLAN	Kaplan		12.35	12.35	
	Kolesnik		31.93	31.93	
	Grossack	33	50.81	83.81	
	Wold	26	29.16	54.66	8
KOVACHEV	Kovachev		13.48	13.48	
	Wilkins		6.61	6.61	
	Morgan	8	23.09	31.09	
	Koneru	26	28.02	53.52	9
MCNAY	McNay		1.95	1.95	
	Luba	12	9.22	21.22	
	MSchireson		4.12	4.12	
	Debbie R		11.94	11.94	
	O Schireson	12	4.31	16.31	14
NICKELL	Nickell	35	79.79	90	
	Katz	35	79.79	90	
	Greco	35	71.34	90	
	Hampson	35	71.34	90	
	Levin	35	79.79	90	
	SWeinstein	35	79.79	90	
PARRISH	Parrish		12.19	12.19	
	Rathi		6.25	6.25	
	Clayton		12.22	12.22	
	Sprung		9.71	9.71	15
ROSENTHAL	Rosenthal	35	67.21	90	
	Silverstein	35	67.16	90	
	Ginossar	35	31.36	66.36	
	Willenken	35	68.79	90	
	ZGrossack	34	51.07	84.57	
	Michael R	34	60.25	90	3
SHOURIE	Shourie	27	3.53	30.53	
	Wolpert	32	40.54	72.04	
	Demuy	35	54.22	89.22	
	Kranyak	35	53.81	88.81	
	KD Rimstedt	35	27.34	62.34	
	Huang	35	25.37	60.37	5
WILDAVSKY	Wildavsky		22.61	22.61	
	Compton	32	30.64	62.14	
	Smith		28.82	28.82	
	Robinson		19.01	19.01	10
WOLFSON	Wolfson	35	36.48	71.48	
	Garner	35	42.94	77.94	
	Berkowitz	35	47.25	82.25	
	Meckstroth		56.61	56.61	
	Kamil	22	35.96	57.96	
	Zia		58.56	58.56	4

# OPEN TEAM Seeding Points