

Results:

USBC 2026 - MIXED

QUARTERFINAL

1 Rosenthal 273

30	64	14	48	32	12	41	32
13	22	68	8	32	18	19	34

8 Lewis* 214

4 Hamman* 305

37	47	53	30	34	21	42	44	-3
7	45	31	37	45	13	48	27	0

5 Kaplan 253

3 Ge* 272

66	19	31	45	45	66	0	0
19	26	16	36	9	8	0	0

6 Smid_Sarnow 114

2 Zhang 322

10	37	59	47	50	46	16	57
51	39	19	23	20	18	31	3

7 Dinkin* 204

2026 OPEN USBC SEMIFINAL

HOTEL ROOM NUMBERS - SATURDAY-SUNDAY, 4/18-4/19

TEAM	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	WEST
1 - ROSENTHAL	1322	1214	1325	1210
4 - HAMMAN	1325	1210	1322	1214
2 - ZHANG	1324	1212	1330	1208
3 - GE	1330	1208	1324	1212

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Mixed Schedule:

Mixed Schedule			
Round Robin (15 or 16 TEAMS - with 15, each team has a sit out)			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Wednesday	April 22	10:00 - 11:25	Round 1 Boards 1-11
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 2 Boards 12-22
		2:30 - 3:55	80 minute Lunch Break
Thursday	April 23	4:15 - 5:40	Round 3 Boards 23-33
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 4 Boards 34-44
			Round 5, Boards 45-55
Friday	April 24	10:00 - 11:25	Round 6 Boards 1-11
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 7 Boards 12-22
		2:30 - 3:55	80 minute Lunch Break
Saturday	April 25	4:15 - 5:40	Round 8 Boards 23-33
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 9 Boards 34-44
			Round 10, Boards 45-55
Sunday	April 26	10:00 - 11:25	Round 11 Boards 1-11
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 12 Boards 12-22
		2:30 - 3:55	80 minute Lunch Break
Monday	April 27	4:15 - 5:40	Round 13 Boards 23-33
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 14 Boards 34-44
			Round 15, Boards 45-55
Quarterfinal			
Tuesday	April 28	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
Wednesday	April 29	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Thursday	April 30	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
Friday	April 30	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
			Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Semifinal			
Saturday	April 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
Sunday	April 26	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Monday	April 27	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
Tuesday	April 28	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
			Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Final			
Wednesday	April 29	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
Thursday	April 30	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Friday	April 30	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		3:15 - 5:15	60 minute Break
Saturday	April 30	5:30 - 7:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
			Segment 8 Boards 46-60

Mixed Entries:

Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Kit Woolsey	Kitty Cooper JoAnna Stansby
Compton	Chris Compton, Capt Gigi Simpson Jeff Meckstroth	Donna Compton Gary Cohler Candyce Pfluger
Ding	Hong Ding, Capt Lin-huan Chen	Ming Sheng Ding-hwa Hsieh
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Cenk Tuncok Adam Grossack	Avery Silverstein Lynn Baker Emma Kolesnik
Ge	Xin Ge, Capt Michael Rosenberg Kevin Rosenberg	Disa Eythorsdottir Debbie Rosenberg Amber Lin
Hamman	Kristen Onsgard, Capt Bob Hamman Kerri Sanborn	Mike Passell Jill Meyers Steve Sanborn
Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Steve Garner Adam Wildavsky	Uday Ivatury Shawn Quinn Pam Wittes
Kaplan	Adam Kaplan, Capt Harrison Luba Garth Yettick	Jenni Carmichael Allison Howard
Lewis	Linda Lewis, Capt Raluca Nistor Max Rotaru	Finn Kolesnik Radu Nistor Ljudmila Kamenova
Li	Music Li, Capt Genie Thai-May	Qinqin Zhang Leyi Chen
Millens	Shan Huang, Capt Sandra Rimstedt Kevin Dwyer-Rimstedt	Joan Millens Cecilia Dwyer-Rimstedt
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Eldad Ginossar	Migry Campanile Olivia Schireson Dana Berkowitz
Rubenstein	Stewart Rubenstein, Capt Joe Grue Zach Grossack	Anam Tebha Jenny Wolpert Giorgia Botta
Smid_Sarnow	Ariel Smid-Sarnow, Capt Philip Wang	Julie Arbit Nicole Qian
Zhang	Sylvia Shi, Capt Susan Zhang Janice Molson	Daniel Korbel Eddie Wold Geoff Hampson



BOARD: 54
 DEALER: EAST
 VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ K75
 ♥ KT8
 ♦ AKQ863
 ♣ K

♠ AT98
 ♥ AQ93
 ♦
 ♣ QJT64

♠ Q
 ♥ J752
 ♦ 975
 ♣ 98532

Par: -100

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	3	9	4	9	9
S	:	:	5	:	:
E	10	2	8	4	3
W	:	:	:	:	4

♠ J6432
 ♥ 64
 ♦ JT42
 ♣ A7

This is Board 54 from the final set on Saturday.

Four pairs played in 4S... two of them doubled.

Two pairs played in the diamond game and one pair played in a diamond part score.

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

Rosenthal	Lewis*	Open	4♠	S	♣Q	-1	50	2
		Closed	5♦	N	♠Q	-2	100	
Zhang	Dinkin*	Open	4♠x	S	♣Q	-1	100	6
		Closed	4♦	N	♣9	+1	150	
Ge*	Smid_Sarnow	Open	4♠x	S	♣Q	-1	100	11
		Closed	3N	N	♣3	=	400	
Hamman*	Kaplan	Open	5♦x	N	♠Q	-2	300	6
		Closed	4♠	S	♣Q	-1	50	

All those games failed. The partscore succeeded with an over-trick.

The best score, however, went to Wang and Qian for bidding 3NT in the Closed Room of Ge/Sarnow.

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

Table: CL 3, Round: 4
 N-S: Smid_Sarnow 77 IMP
 E-W: Ge* 138 IMP

♠ K75 ♥ KT8 ♦ AKQ863 ♣ K	N Nicole Qian
♠ AT98 ♥ AQ93 ♦ ♣ QJT64	W Xin Ge
♠ J6432 ♥ 64 ♦ JT42 ♣ A7	S Philin Wang
♠ Q ♥ J752 ♦ 975 ♣ 98532	E Disa Eyt

The auction was simple and straightforward. Looking at the likely running diamond suit, 3NT became a logical choice once Wang cued 3C.

Disa led the C3. Qian won the king in hand. She played the DQ followed by the D3 to dummy's jack. To succeed, she needed to lead toward one her major suit kings... with both aces onside, it didn't matter which she chose. She played a heart and once the HK scored, she came to 6 diamonds, 1 heart, and 2 clubs. 11 IMPs to Sarnow



DDS

Delayed Kibitzing Throughout the USBCs on the LoveBridge site!

There will be delayed kibitzing for both of the 2026 USBCs on the LoveBridge website. Live Vugraph is delayed 30 minutes or until all tables have completed play on a board, whichever is later.

Live video commentary of Finals

In addition to your opportunity to watch the 2026 USBC play on LoveBridge Vugraph, Rob Barrington, Ewan McNay, and Adam Parrish will be hosting full day video commentary of the 2nd day of both Finals on the USBF YouTube channel at 11:30 AM and 5:00 PM EDT, on the following dates:

- April 21, Open Final, April 30, Mixed Final.

Highlights after each stage of each event

Teams of experts, including some of the players in the USBCs, will join Rob, Ewan, and Adam for round ups of each stage of play. These BridgeCasts will be posted on the USBF YouTube channel the morning after each segment airs:

- 4/16 - Open Round Robin;
- 4/18 - Open Quarterfinal;
- 4/20 - Open Semifinal;
- 4/25 - Mixed Round Robin;
- 4/27 - Mixed Quarterfinal;
- 4/29 - Mixed Semifinal.



Kibitzing Schedule (EDT) For all KO days of the 2026 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.

To view a Single Table, click on the blue arrow on the scores page. It provides the largest view of one table, with buttons to get to other information.

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

Split View will give you 4 panes of your window and you can put whatever you want in each of them to watch 2 side-by-side matches at once, or one match and the scores of others.

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. Besides 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 here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the “house” or to the standings with the “scores”. 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.

They say there's
No Trouble
Unless you
Redouble!!

Helpful Information for Players On Site!

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.



MASSAGES

Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, will come to the hotel whenever there are enough people who want a massage. Hopefully, she will be coming on Sunday, April 12.

Please let Jan Martel (on site) know if you want a massage that Sunday or on any other day and Jan will arrange it.

HOSPITALITY

The hospitality suite (room 2321) will be open most of the day. You may watch Vugraph or get a snack when there. We are providing breakfast and lunch each day of play. **Marie France Benoit** will be our lead hostess, with help from **Jacob** and **Marge Morgan**. If you can volunteer to help with hospitality (mainly picking up last-minute things at Costco and other local stores) please let Jan Martel or Marie France know and they will put you to work!!

Breakfast: From 8:00-10:00 am. There will be the usual breakfast food: cereal, bagels, toast, salmon, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. Keurig coffee will be available in the hospitality suite. So long as the suite doesn't become too crowded, you are welcome to eat there.

Lunch: On the first three days of the Open and Mixed USBCs we will be serving a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. The hotel is unwilling to have people take food out of the restaurant to eat someplace else. Lunch will be served from 12:30-2:30. The second Round Robin match each day is scheduled to end at 1:10 and the third match starts at 2:30.

After the first 3 days of each event, 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 hospitality suite. Please bring a water bottle to use. Soft drinks will be available in refrigerators. As with breakfast, you are welcome to eat in the hospitality suite unless it is too crowded.

Let us know if you have specific needs: please make our hosts aware of your needs and they will do their best to accommodate you.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We have a water dispenser in the Office/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 playing in the rooms next door and across the hall, so please try to keep voices low.

NEW: The hotel has requested we use coupons for the in restaurant lunches we are providing. Please see your team captain to get a coupon on days when meals are being provided in the hotel dining room.

Puzzle Page ...

Car Parts

Find and circle all of the car parts that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of an additional car part.

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

AIR BAG
AIR CONDITIONER
ALTERNATOR
AXLE
BATTERY
BODY
BRAKE
BUMPER
CAR SEAT
CARBURETOR
CARRIER RACK
CHILD SEAT

CLUTCH
COOLING FAN
CRANKCASE
CRUISE CONTROL
DEFOGGER
DEFROSTER
DOOR
DRIVE LINE
DRIVESHAFT
ENGINE
FRAME
FUSE

GAS TANK
HEADLIGHT
HOOD
HORN
IGNITION
MUFFLER
POWER WINDOW
RADIATOR
RADIO
REAR VIEW MIRROR
ROOF
SEAT BELT

STARTER
STEERING WHEEL
SUSPENSION
TAIL LIGHT
TIRES
TRANSMISSION
TRUNK
TURN SIGNAL
WHEEL RIM
WHEELS
WINDSHIELD



Here's the
thing
I am your
king!

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

Sudoku 1

Dogs hate driving because they can never find a barking space.

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? It gets toad away.

What do you call a sleeping dinosaur? A dino-snore.

Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.

My boss is going to fire the employee with the worst posture. I have a hunch, it might be me.

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned. I just couldn't concentrate.

If money doesn't grow on trees, how come banks have branches?

When my boss asked me who was stupid, me or him, I told him he doesn't hire stupid people.

Always borrow money from a pessimist; they'll never expect it back.

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Hard Sudoku

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Sudoku 2

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



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



World Bridge News...

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For more information, go to:

<https://championships.eurobridge.org/2026-european-online-transnational-mixed-teams-championship>

**Consider your participation here in the Mixed USBC
as practice for the European Online Transnationals...
and your participation there will be practice
for next year's hunt USA2!**



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Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.

I hope there's no pop quiz on the class trip to the Coca-Cola factory.

I went to a seafood disco last week. I pulled a mussel.

Why did the burglar rob a bakery? He needed the dough.

I hope when I inevitably choke to death on gummy bears, people just say I was killed by bears and leave it at that.

I'm on a beer diet. I've lost three days already.

I bought the world's worst thesaurus yesterday. Not only is it terrible, but it's also terrible.

What goes, "Oh, oh, oh"? Santa walking backward.



No Big Deal!

It's All in the Cards!

"Life is like a game of cards. The hand you are dealt is determinism; the way you play it is free will." - Jawaharlal Nehru

"We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the game." - Randy Pausch

"Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but sometimes, playing a poor hand well." - Jack London

"Just because Fate doesn't deal you the right cards, it doesn't mean you should give up. It just means you have to play the cards you get to their maximum potential." - Les Brown

"Has fortune dealt you some bad cards? Then let wisdom make you a good gamester." - Francis Quarles

"Each player must accept the cards life deals him or her; but once they are in hand, he or she alone must decide how to play the cards in order to win the game." - Voltaire

"Destiny plays its cards in a way that no one can comprehend." - Anurag Shourie

"Just when you think you're playing your cards right, God shuffles the deck." - Mark Sheppard

"One should always play fairly when one has the winning cards." - Oscar Wilde

"In order to win you must be prepared to lose sometime. And leave one or two cards showing." - Van Morrison

"A good lawyer, just like a good poker player, must always keep his cards close to his chest." - Mallika Nawal

"If you are going to build something in the air it is always better to build castles than houses of cards." - Georg C. Lichtenberg

"No one knows what is on the other side of a playing card." - Jose Hernandez

"Everyone should be able to do one card trick, tell two jokes, and recite three poems, in case they are ever trapped in an elevator." - Daniel Handler

"A pack of cards is a pile of 52 pieces of cardboard that can be bent, stacked, and stuck together in a seemingly endless array of variations." - Jay Sankey

"When I look at playing cards, I see limitless potential. When these simple symbols are shuffled, fortunes are won, the future is foretold, or magic is unleashed." - Joshua Jay

"Playing cards have the ability to cloud men's minds, or to dominate them." - Ricky Jay

"Cards are power; learn to harness that power, and you will be forever rewarded." - James Swain

"Cards are like living, breathing beings and should be treated as such." - Dai Vernon



	Colleen					Anderson					Boston					Fort Lauderdale				
	Heidi					Manor					Chicago					Jacksonville				
	Marjorie					Silverston					Newark					Key West				
	Suzanne					Swift					Phoenix					Miami				
	Tracey					Wright					Portland					Tampa				
Allen																				
Greg																				
Peter																				
Ralph																				
Zachary																				
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Boston																				
Chicago																				
Newark																				
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Portland																				
Anderson																				
Manor																				
Silverston																				
Swift																				
Wright																				

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First Name	First Name	Last Name	Living in	Stopping in

Five couples plan a joint vacation to the Bahamas so they can enjoy some warmer weather during the middle of the winter. Their vacation will be a week long, but each couple is coming from a different part of the US and flying to the Bahamas separately. To make it a bit more confusing, none of the flights are direct; they all have one stop to refuel along the way. Determine the full name of each couple, where each couple is coming from, and the city at which each flight stops for fuel.

- The couple from Chicago stopped for fuel in Miami. The Andersons lived in Phoenix.
- Zachary Silverston didn't live in Newark. Greg didn't stop for fuel in Jacksonville. Heidi didn't live in Phoenix.
- Ralph, whose wife was not Marjorie, lived in Boston but he didn't stop over in Key West. Tracey didn't live in Portland.
- Marjorie Swift didn't stop in Fort Lauderdale. Allen's last name wasn't Anderson. Peter wasn't married to Marjorie. Colleen's flight stopped over in Tampa.
- Mr. Wright stopped for fuel in Key West. Suzanne's last name was not Anderson.
- Allen and his wife, Tracey, did not have a last name of Manor. Suzanne didn't stop for fuel in Jacksonville. The couple who stopped in Fort Lauderdale did not live in Portland

Meet the Players



Julian "Max" Rotaru's journey is interesting. He started playing in college and for more than 30 years has played professionally. He is known as the Romanian who represented the United States in as many as 17 national championships. Max loves the culture of America. 'Romanians who banned bridge for a while were afraid of smart people meeting together...'. Max feels that partnerships are important in the game and he considers how similar yet different are poker and bridge as a game.

Max now lives in the USA and plays alongside Radu Nistor, a fellow Romanian Bridge player. Together they have won the Nail Life Master Open Pairs Champion. Rotaru is playing here in Schaumburg on the Lewis team with teammates: Linda Lewis, Finn Kolesnik, Radu Nistor, Raluca Nistor, and Ljudmila Kamenova.

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The best way to appreciate your job is to imagine yourself without one.

Did you hear about the ATM that got addicted to money? It suffered from withdrawals.

I accidentally handed my wife a glue stick instead of chapstick. She still isn't talking to me.

My wife just found out I replaced our bed with a trampoline. She hit the roof.

What do you call a hippie's wife? Mississippi.

Every married person should forget their mistakes. There's no point in two people remembering the same thing.

I put my grandma on speed dial. I call that Instagram.

Where there's a will, there's a relative.

My wife likes it when I blow air on her when she's hot, but honestly... I'm not a fan.

I went to see the doctor about my short-term memory problems — the first thing he did was make me pay in advance.

I just found out that I'm colorblind. The diagnosis came completely out of the purple.

You have two parts of the brain, "left" and "right". On the left side, there's nothing right and on the right side, there's nothing left.

I'm skeptical of anyone who tells me they do yoga every day. That's a bit of a stretch.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

I have an inferiority complex, but it's not a very good one.

I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not too sure.

I don't suffer from insanity — I enjoy every minute of it.

I don't have an attitude problem. You have a perception problem.

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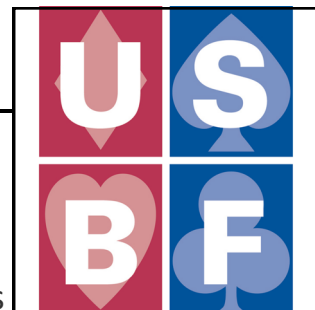
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4	7	2	1	5	8	9	3	6
3	8	4	7	6	2	1	5	9
8	9	1	2	5	6	3	4	7
3	5	7	4	8	1	6	2	9
4	2	6	7	9	3	1	5	8

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

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 7

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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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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My therapist says I have a preoccupation with revenge.
We'll see about that.

I'm not lazy, I'm just in energy-saving mode.

R.I.P boiled water. You will be mist.

Smoking will kill you... bacon will kill you... and yet, smoking bacon will cure it.

Why wouldn't the sesame seed leave the casino? He was on a roll.

Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 10

Jacksonville	Portland	Silverston	Heidi	Zachary
Fort Lauderdale	Boston	Manor	Suzanne	Ralph
Tampa	Phoenix	Anderson	Colleen	Peter
Miami	Chicago	Swift	Marjorie	Greg
Key West	Newark	Wright	Tracey	Allen
Stopping in	Living in	Last Name	First Name	First Name



Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★	IMP		
					NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Rosenthal	Lewis*	Open	6♦	N	♥4	+1	1390	13
		Closed	7♦	S	♣Q	=	2140	
Zhang	Dinkin*	Open	6♦	S	♣Q	+1	1390	-
		Closed	6♦	S	♣Q	+1	1390	
Ge*	Smid_Sarnow	Open	6♦	S	♥3	+1	1390	12
		Closed	3N	N	♠8	+4	720	
Hamman*	Kaplan	Open	4♥	N	♣8	+3	710	16
		Closed	7♦	S	♠5	=	2140	

Out of the 8 tables in play, only two pairs found the grand and two pairs avoided slam entirely.

At both tables where the grand was bid, the auctions were similar. South preempted 2D or 3D depending on system. North asked for keycards. South showed two with the queen and North bid the grand.

In Ge/Sarnow where slam was missed in the Closed Room, North took a highly unilateral view. Sarnow opened 2D and Arbit jumped to 3NT ending the auction. That's a really dim view of Julie's hand. She has a likely 7 tricks: two bullets and five hearts. She also has a 3-card fit in the suit in which partner made a vulnerable preempt. It is not unreasonable to assume that suit will produce 5+ tricks.

The danger is that a spade or club lead could defeat the contract if partner is missing the highest diamonds.

Keycard affords all the answers while allowing North/South to stop below slam in 5D if partner is missing those cards.

In Hamman/Kaplan, where slam was missed in the Open Room, Kerri Sanborn also opened 2D. Steve Sanborn responded 2H and Kerri raised to 3H. Steve took the same dim view that Arbit did and signed off in the heart game.

Where the grand was missed, but the small slam was bid in Rosenthal/Lewis, Chris Willenken passed the South hand in first seat. Olivia Schireson bid 4S alerted as a slam try. Chris jumped to 5D and Olivia bid the small slam. The problem with 5D is that it removed the ability to keycard. Olivia did the best she could to be sure her side would go plus.

Where the grand was missed, but the small slam was bid in the Open Room of Zhang/Dinkin, Zhang opened 2D. Wold responded 2NT explained as Ogust. Zhang answered 3S explained as good hand, good suit. Eddie had the opportunity to ask for keycards but disdained it. He jumped to 6D and ended the auction.

In the Closed Room of Zhang/Dinkin, where the grand was missed and the small slam bid, Lynn Baker opened 2D. Cenk Tuncok bid 2NT, relay. Baker responded 3NT showing a balanced maximum. Tuncok bid 4D; Baker bid 5D; Tuncok bid 6D and the auction was done.

Three double digit swings: 13 Imps to Lewis, 12 IMPs to Ge, 16 IMPs to Kaplan

BOARD: 12
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: N-S

♠ K32
 ♥ 8732
 ♦ A76
 ♣ JT7

♠ J7
 ♥ K64
 ♦ JT432
 ♣ 963

♠ A64
 ♥ JT5
 ♦ K985
 ♣ Q85

Par: 620

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	10	7	9	10	8
E	3	6	4	3	3
W	2	:	3	2	:

♠ QT985
 ♥ AQ9
 ♦ Q
 ♣ AK42

On Board 12, all 8 tables played in 4S from South.

All Wests led a diamond.

The contract was fulfilled seven times and went down only in the Closed Room of Zhang/Dinkin.

How did that happen?

Hampson led the DJ. Baker won in dummy. Baker can take the heart finesse or the club finesse.

In Hamman/Kaplan, Kerri Sanborn took the club finesse and when it succeeded, took an easy 10 tricks: 4 clubs, 1 diamond, 1 heart, and 4 spades.

Baker went for the heart finesse. She led the deuce from

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	NS	EW	Home	Visiting	
Rosenthal	Lewis*	Open	4♠	S	♦J	=	620	-	-
		Closed	4♠	S	♦J	=	620	-	-
Zhang	Dinkin*	Open	4♠	S	♦2	=	620	12	
		Closed	4♠	S	♦J	-1	100		
Ge*	Smid_Sarnow	Open	4♠	S	♦J	=	620	-	-
		Closed	4♠	S	♦J	=	620	-	-
Hamman*	Kaplan	Open	4♠	S	♦J	=	620	-	-
		Closed	4♠	S	♦3	=	620	-	-

dummy. Molson played small. IF Baker inserts the H9, she will make game as Sanborn did. Baker opted for the heart finesse. She played a small heart from dummy and when Molson played small, Baker needed to insert the H9 to guard against the JT with East. She played the HQ, lost to the HK and found herself with 2 heart losers! She ruffed the diamond return, played a spade to the king losing to the ace. Molson returned a diamond.. Baker pitched a heart from hand. That was 3 tricks for the defense. Baker won the heart return with the ace. She cashed the SQ and S9 pulling trump, but she couldn't get to dummy to take the winning club finesse. The CQ was E/W's setting trick. 12 IMPs to Zhang

W	N	E	S
PASS	PASS	1♦	DBL
3♦	PASS	PASS	3♣
PASS	4♦	PASS	4♣
PASS	PASS	PASS	

3D=mixed raise



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There is nothing like a World Championship to reinvigorate your love of the game. Players from all corners of the world will be there. Put faces to the names you see online! Make new friends. Find new partners. Experience the thrill of "bridge abroad!"

To date, the venues in Poland have been some of the most enjoyable ever. The people are welcoming and helpful. The playing sites are light, airy, spacious and clean. The events at this tournament are open to all. If you decide to participate, you will be glad you did... and you will be back in two years when it's repeated elsewhere in the world!!

On running into my math teacher at 7-11:

Him: What's up?

Me (nervously): Uh... just coming shopping at -4!!

Have the Caesar salad only! Beware the sides of starch!

Nature is so resourceful. It make dew with only water!

They spend hours trying to work out the meaning of inconsequential before realizing that it wasn't that important!



BOARD: 35
 DEALER: SOUTH
 VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ 94
 ♥ K9753
 ♦ K5
 ♣ JT65

♠ JT763
 ♥ J64
 ♦ J74
 ♣ Q4

♠ Q5
 ♥ Q2
 ♦ 9862
 ♣ A9873

Par: 460

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	10	11	11	9	11
EW	3	2	2	4	2

♠ AK82
 ♥ AT8
 ♦ AQT3
 ♣ K2

There are only three matches on the traveler because team Sarnow, down 158 to Ge, with 30 boards to go has withdrawn.

4H can be made if declarer gets clubs right.

Jill Meyers in Hamman/Kaplan received the lead of the SJ, as did 4 of the other 5 declarers. Jill won her ace and cashed the HA creating a wish trick:



Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	IMP	
					NS	EW
Rosenthal	Lewis*	Open	4♥ S ♠J	+1	450	1
		Closed	4♥ S ♠J	=	420	
Zhang	Dinkin*	Open	4♥ S ♠3	=	420	-
		Closed	4♥ N ♣3	=	420	
Hamman*	Kaplan	Open	4♥ S ♠J	-1	50	10
		Closed	4♥ S ♠J	=	420	

W N E S

2NT

PASS 3♦ PASS 3♥

PASS 3NT PASS 4♥

PASS PASS PASS

Table: OP 4, Round: 7

N-S: Hamman* 243 IMP

E-W: Kaplan 178 IMP

♠ 94
♥ K9753
♦ K5
♣ JT65

N Bob Hamman

♠ JT763
♥ J64
♦ J74
♣ Q4

W Adam Kaplan

♠ Q5
♥ Q2
♦ 9862
♣ A9873

E Jenni Car

♠ AK82
♥ AT8
♦ AQT3
♣ K2

S Jill Meyers

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DDS

Jill continued with the HT to the queen with East. Carmichael returned the C7, putting Jill to the early guess. Jill ducked in hand and things turned deadly. Kaplan won his queen. He continued clubs. Carmichael won her ace and gave Kaplan a club overruff with the HJ. Declarer could only collect 9 tricks ... 10 IMPs to Kaplan.

In Rosenthal/Lewis where Gino declared 4H in the Open Room, the defense was the same but when Raluca Nistor won the HQ and returned a small club, Gino rose with the CK, pulled Radu's last trump so no ruff scored and actually collected 11 tricks: game with an overtrick.

At the other table in Rosenthal/Lewis, Kamenova was declarer. Schireson led the SJ. Kamenova won the ace and played a heart to the king and took the club finesse herself. Schireson won the queen and shifted to diamonds. Kamenova won dummy's king, played a heart to the ace, and left her hand with the CK to Willenken's ace. Chris put back the C9 and while Schireson could ruff this, it was with her natural heart trick. Kamenova claimed ten tricks. Contract making.

Limey Jack...

Blimey Yanks:

Is Limey Jack the bee's knees or what? All matches called correctly. While Howie Dung dithers as he waits for the attendants to take him to his new care home, Limey Jack helps you perform bankus ruptus on your favourite punter.

On to the semis.

Hamman-Rosenthal: after many years of missing out on adding to his amazing collection of gold medals, M. Hamman makes short shrift of Rosenthal with a huge assist from the Sanborns.

Ge-Zhang: both squads are tough, experienced, and worthy. It comes down to the sponsors. Zhang just has more status than Ge.

Limey Jack will be back in 2 days for the final. Alas, so will the Dung one.

Ta.



It's written in the cards!



Rosenthal/Hamman,
So much to measure.
Schireson's youth
Is really a pleasure.

Hamman's experience,
Outranks 'em all.
So who's gonna stay?
And who's gonna fall?

The spirits predict
And I'm gonna say,
Rosenthal's squad,
Continues to play!

Howie Doing

Ge versus Zhang,
This one has zing.
Ge is my pick
To win the WHOLE THING!

While others depart,
They're destined to stay...
Both Schaum"burg"
And Rosen"berg" end the same way!

Till the Finals!!
Howie Doing... well, I would say!

Cross IMPs

1.	Disa Eythorsdottir - Xin Ge	Ge*	1.50	89.83	60
2.	Geoff Hampson - Janice Molson	Zhang	1.03	92.89	90
3.	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg	Ge*	0.73	54.33	74
4.	Bob Hamman - Jill Meyers	Hamman*	0.67	40.19	60
5.	Daniel Korbel - Sylvia Shi	Zhang	0.62	55.41	90
6.	Amber Lin - Kevin Rosenberg	Ge*	0.46	20.86	45
7.	Adam Kaplan - Jenni Carmichael	Kaplan	0.42	50.99	120
8.	Dana Berkowitz - Eldad Ginossar	Rosenthal	0.37	33.03	90
9.	Kerri Sanborn - Steve Sanborn	Hamman*	0.37	27.77	75
10.	Chris Willenken - Olivia Schireson	Rosenthal	0.23	20.52	90
11.	Andrew Rosenthal - Migry Campanile	Rosenthal	0.15	9.12	59
12.	Finn Kolesnik - Linda Lewis	Lewis*	0.06	5.18	90
13.	Adam Grossack - Emma Kolesnik	Dinkin*	-0.08	-9.01	120
14.	Kristen Onsgard - Mike Passell	Hamman*	-0.09	-9.81	105
15.	Eddie Wold - Susan Zhang	Zhang	-0.29	-17.33	60
16.	Ljudmila Kamenova - Max Rotaru	Lewis*	-0.38	-34.11	89
17.	Radu Nistor - Raluca Nistor	Lewis*	-0.56	-33.74	60
18.	Cenk Tunçok - Lynn Baker	Dinkin*	-0.77	-45.90	60
19.	Nicole Qian - Philip Wang	Smid_Sarnow	-0.78	-69.05	89
20.	Allison Howard - Harrison Luba	Kaplan	-0.88	-52.80	60
21.	Allison Howard - Garth Yettick	Kaplan	-0.94	-56.33	60
22.	Ariel Smid Sarnow - Julie Arbit	Smid_Sarnow	-1.07	-95.98	90
23.	Avery Silverstein - Sam Dinkin	Dinkin*	-1.27	-76.06	60



Dinkin Mixed Team in Schaumburg:

Lynn Baker, Cenk Tuncok, Avery Silverstein, Sam Dinkin, Emma Kolesnik, Adam Grossack