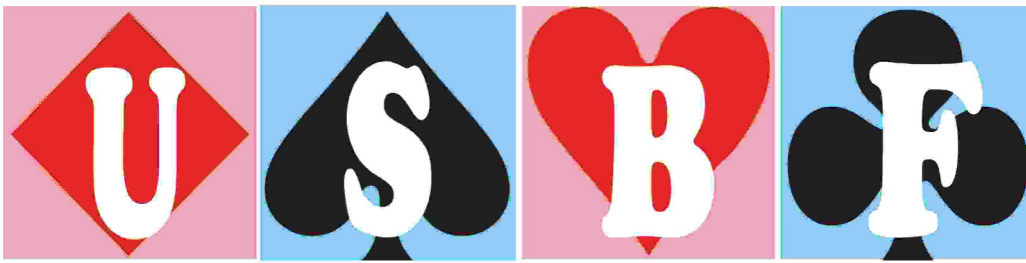


“Trials” and Tribulations—USBC and MUSBC



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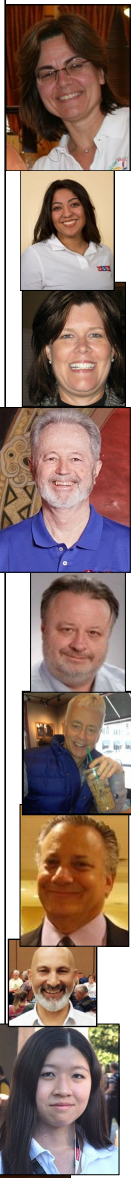
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Wildavsky	12.09		12.41	15.77	11.43	13.01	1.13	20.00	12.41	13.01	16.18	14.11	18.75	8.23	7.29	19.11	-1.75	193.18
Nickell	11.43	7.59		5.63	11.77	18.21	8.23	15.97	17.92	6.15	16.38	7.29	17.61	6.15	13.01	13.85	0.00	177.19
Bailey	9.26	4.23	14.37		6.70	18.75	14.62	16.75	12.09	16.93	6.70	1.93	8.57	14.37	14.62	10.74	0.00	170.63
Fleisher	0.67	8.57	8.23	13.30		14.62	10.00	16.38	4.03	10.38	11.09	14.86	7.59	15.77	13.01	19.54	-0.25	167.79
Rosenthal	7.59	6.99	1.79	1.25	5.38		14.86	8.57	20.00	14.86	15.77	16.38	13.30	14.11	6.70	19.44	-2.00	164.99
Kovachev	7.29	18.87	11.77	5.38	10.00	5.14		8.57	7.59	18.62	2.72	9.62	15.10	10.00	3.82	15.77	0.00	150.26
Jacobs	7.91	0.00	4.03	3.25	3.62	11.43	11.43		10.00	12.41	13.85	17.77	10.38	17.11	16.75	12.09	-7.50	144.53
Bramley	6.42	7.59	2.08	7.91	15.97	0.00	12.41	10.00		13.30	13.85	17.61	1.79	10.38	19.11	1.25	0.00	139.67
Parrish	0.89	6.99	13.85	3.07	9.62	5.14	1.38	7.59	6.70		16.93	15.77	7.29	13.85	13.85	15.77	0.00	138.69
Davinci	0.89	3.82	3.62	13.30	8.91	4.23	17.28	6.15	6.15	3.07		4.90	18.07	13.58	14.37	19.33	0.00	137.67
Rathi	15.33	5.89	12.71	18.07	5.14	3.62	10.38	2.23	2.39	4.23	15.10		13.30	11.09	7.29	9.62	0.00	136.39
Goodman	3.25	1.25	2.39	11.43	12.41	6.70	4.90	9.62	18.21	12.71	1.93	6.70		18.07	17.28	5.38	0.00	132.23
Han	2.23	11.77	13.85	5.63	4.23	5.89	10.00	2.89	9.62	6.15	6.42	8.91	1.93		15.33	11.43	0.00	116.28
Henner	4.03	12.71	6.99	5.38	6.99	13.30	16.18	3.25	0.89	6.15	5.63	12.71	2.72	4.67		4.45	0.00	106.05
Baseggio	5.63	0.89	6.15	9.26	0.46	0.56	4.23	7.91	18.75	4.23	0.67	10.38	14.62	8.57	15.55		-6.00	101.86

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Zhang	Sylvia Shi, Capt Susan Zhang Janice Molson	Daniel Korbel Eddie Wold Geoff Hampson



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Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Brad Moss Kevin Rosenberg	Chip Martel Joe Grue Brian Platnick
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Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Debbie Rosenberg Jeff Wolfson	Uday Ivatury Max Schireson Steve Garner
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Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Eric Greco Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Geoff Hampson
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Lovebridge practice sessions IN ROOM 1321			
Day	Date	Time (CDT)	
Sunday	April 12	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Tuesday	April 21	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	

PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS & PLAYERS MEETINGS Live in Room 1321 & On Zoom			
Event	Day	Date	Time (CDT)
Open	Sunday	April 12	9:00 PM
Mixed	Tuesday	April 21	9:00 PM



Play, Practice, Captains' Meetings Open & Mixed Schedules

OPEN SCHEDULE			
Day	Date	Time (CDT)	Boards
Round ROBIN (Based on 16 TEAMS) (Click Here for Playing Room Assignments WHEN AVAILABLE)			
Monday	April 13	10:00 - 11:25	Round 1 Boards 1-11
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 2 Boards 12-22
		80 minute Lunch Break	
		2:30 - 3:55	Round 3 Boards 23-33
		4:15 - 5:40	Round 4 Boards 34-44
Tuesday	April 14	6:00 - 7:25	Round 5, Boards 45-55
		10:00 - 11:25	Round 6 Boards 1-11
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 7 Boards 12-22
		80 minute Lunch Break	
		2:30 - 3:55	Round 8 Boards 23-33
Wednesday	April 15	4:15 - 5:40	Round 9 Boards 34-44
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 10, Boards 45-55
		10:00 - 11:25	Round 11 Boards 1-11
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 12 Boards 12-22
		80 minute Lunch Break	
Thursday	April 16	2:30 - 3:55	Round 13 Boards 23-33
		4:15 - 5:40	Round 14 Boards 34-44
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 15, Boards 45-55
		Quarterfinal	
		Friday	April 17
12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30		
75 minute Lunch Break			
3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45		
Saturday	April 18	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 Lunch Break	
Sunday	April 19	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		Semifinal	
		Monday	April 20
12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30		
75 minute Break			
3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45		
Tuesday	April 21	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	
Wednesday	April 22	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		Final	
		Thursday	April 23
12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30		
75 minute Break			
3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45		
Friday	April 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	
Saturday	April 25	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		Semifinal	
		Sunday	April 26
12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30		
75 minute Break			
3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45		
Monday	April 27	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	
Tuesday	April 28	3:30 - 5:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		Final	
		Wednesday	April 29
12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30		
75 minute Break			
3:30 - 5:30	Segment 3 Boards 31-45		
Thursday	April 30	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
		60 minute Break	
Friday	April 31	3:15 - 5:15	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
		5:30 - 7:30	Segment 8 Boards 46-60

Mixed Schedule			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Round Robin (Assumes 13 or 14 teams; with 15 or 16 will be same as open) (Click Here for Playing Room Assignments WHEN AVAILABLE)			
Wednesday	April 22	10:00 - 11:30	Round 1 Boards 1-12
		11:50 - 1:20	Round 2 Boards 13-24
		100 minute Break	
		3:00 - 4:30	Round 3 Boards 25-36
		4:50 - 6:20	Round 4 Boards 37-48
Thursday	April 23	10:00 - 11:30	Segment 5 Boards 1-12
		11:50 - 1:20	Segment 6 Boards 13-24
		70 minute Break	
		2:30 - 4:00	Segment 7 Boards 25-36
		4:20 - 5:40	Segment 8 Boards 37-48
Friday	April 24	6:00 - 7:30	Segment 9 Boards 49-61
		10:00 - 11:30	Round 10 Boards 1-12
		11:50 - 1:20	Round 11 Boards 13-24
		100 minute Break	
		3:00 - 4:30	Round 12 Boards 25-36
Saturday	April 25	4:50 - 6:20	Round 13 Boards 37-48
		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
Sunday	April 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
Monday	April 27	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 8 Boards 46-60
		10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		75 minute Break	
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Tuesday	April 28	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 4 Boards 46-60
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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.



They're thinking so long.
They just can't go wrong.
Wish they'd bid for my
sake.
I need a quick break!

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.

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.

Roller Coasters

Find and circle all of the roller coasters that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 20 letters spell a Ernest Hemingway quotation.

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

AFTERBURN	GHOSTRIDER	MIND BENDER	SHEIKRA
ALPENGEIST	GOLIATH	MONTU	TATSU
BALDER	GRIFFON	NEMESIS	THUNDERBOLT
BIZARRO	HADES	NITRO	TITAN
COLOSSOS	INTIMIDATOR	PHOENIX	TREMORS
COMET	JUPITER	PROWLER	TROY
CYCLONE	KATUN	RAGING BULL	TWISTER
DESPERADO	LEVIATHAN	RAPTOR	VIPER
DIAMONDBACK	MANTA	RENEGADE	XCELERATOR
EL TORO	MAVERICK	ROAR	



Truly I'm not being
cute.

Hearts is just my
favorite suit!

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

Sudoku 1

Father: Son, did you give fresh water to your pet gold-fish?

Son: Nope. They are yet to finish the water that I gave to them last week!

Student: Do you know what you will get if you ever cross a vampire with a snowman?

Teacher: I don't know. What will you get?

Student: You will get frostbite!

Me: It's movie night. Are we having any friends over?

Rick: Ten people are coming. We need thirteen more.

Me: Why?

Rick: Because it is a 13+ movie.

The guy who invented auto-correct for smartphones passed away today. Restaurant in peace.

Little boy: Which is the only instrument that is an absolute favorite among all skeletons?

Little girl: No idea. What is it? **Little boy:** It is a trombone!

A bee couldn't make up his mind. What do you call him? A maybe.

You get this every year on your birthday. What is it? A year older.

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Hard Sudoku

Sudoku Solutions on Page 12

Sudoku 2

	8	6				3		
						1		
9			1	5	8		2	
	6	9						
		1		3	4			6
	7				2			4
			9			2		3
	3						6	
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Please be "scent"sitive! Many players have allergies and have trouble breathing when perfumed aromas are present! Thank you!!



World Bridge News...

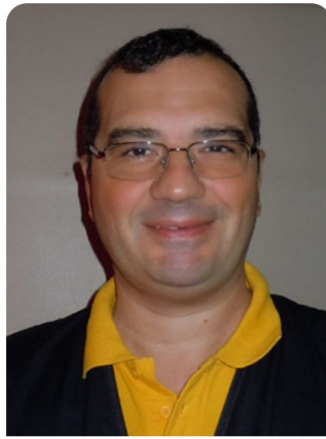


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Within the last month, the WBF did a total overhaul on its website. There is far more information there. It is easier to navigate... much more user-friendly... and much more attractive than their previous site.

If you have spare time, check it out at worldbridge.org.

You will find a wealth of information. It will help you appreciate how vast the world of bridge really is and it will explain on several levels the structure of our favorite game worldwide!

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What has two legs but can't walk? A pair of pants.

The boy threw a piece of butter out the window. Why? He wanted to see a butterfly.

What would you do if an elephant sat on your fence? Get a new fence.

What do you call a sleeping bull? A bulldozer.

What musical instrument do you find in the bathroom? A tuba toothpaste!

Which state has the most streets? Rhode Island.

A man runs into a psychiatrist's office and says, "Doctor, you've got to help me. I'm a teepee! I'm a wigwam! I'm a teepee! I'm a wigwam!"

"Calm down" says the psychiatrist, "you're two tents."

I hated this lumberjack. He always seemed to have an axe to grind with me. In time we buried the hatchet.

I never believed the baker was a sadist until I saw whip the cream and beat the eggs.

I used to work for a forger, the hours were great but the money was no good.

I had a chain of bakeries before it all crumbled.

I wanted to become an actuary but got fired. Nothing added up, I never had a chance.

I worked at the zoo for a while and there was a lot of monkey business going on. The zebras either love you or hate you. Everything with those guys is black and white.

For a moment I thought I had won a baking competition but there had been a mixup. Business wise it didn't matter there wasn't much dough involved.

I misunderstood the terms of my job at the fruit and veggie market, they paid me a big celery.

I got a job cleaning a big church. The pay was terrible but the retirement scheme was out of this world.

In the army they told us we were learning to March but we had to do it in April, May and the rest of the year too.

I complained about safety while I was working with a painter but he just brushed me off.

I can't remember how to write 1, 1000, 51, 6, and 500 as Roman numerals! IM LIVID.

Someone asked me to name two structures that hold water... I was like, well, dam

The reason aliens never visit us is because our planet has such bad reviews... We only have one star.

A Little Humor!



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Logic Puzzle

	Manning	Park	Pennant	Stewart	Sullivan	bicycle	bus	car	subway	walking	20 min	25 min	30 min	35 min	40 min	
Chris																
Clyde																
David																
Earl																
Ed																
20 min																
25 min																
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35 min																
40 min																
bicycle																
bus																
car																
subway																
walking																

**Answer to Puzzle
on page 12
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First Name	Last Name	Mode of Transportation	Time to Arrive

Five roommates met last Wednesday to celebrate Louis' birthday, another mutual friend. During the birthday festivities, the roommates ended up in a cheerful debate about how best to travel in the traffic-clogged city. While many creative suggestions were offered by other birthday guests, the roommates decided to try a little test on their way home that evening. Each would use a different mode of transportation to get back home. Since their departure and arrival destinations were the same, it would be a good test of actual transportation times. Determine the full name of each roommate, the mode of transportation each chose for the return trip home, and how long it took each of them to arrive (20 to 40 minutes).

1. Ed didn't use the bus. Mr. Sullivan's first name was Chris.
2. Mr. Manning spent ten minutes longer to arrive home than it took Clyde but he was back five minutes faster than the roommate who took the bus.
3. The roommate who walked spent 20 minutes getting home. Earl came home in a car.
4. David didn't use the subway to get home but he arrived five minutes before Mr. Park, whose first name wasn't Ed.
5. Mr. Stewart arrived home in 30 minutes.
6. The roommate who used a bicycle returned ten minutes earlier than Earl but his last name wasn't Pennant.

Meet the Players



Owen Lien is a veteran of international Junior bridge. Years back, he represented the USA in international junior competition in Thailand (2006), Poland (2008), China (2008), Turkey (2009), Taiwan (2010), Philadelphia (2010) and Croatia (2011). He earned a bronze medal in Turkey and a silver medal in Croatia.

Owen is currently living in Michigan and playing professional bridge whenever he can.

Here in Schaumburg, Owen is a member of the Bramley team. His team has some of the youngest and oldest players on it, including Bart Bramley, Adam Kaplan, Greg Hinze, V Koneru and Aaron Jones.

Owen is a really fun player but I still haven't forgiven him for dropping my singleton king of clubs off side in a grand slam in a Regional in Lake Geneva years ago!

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Dad, can you tell me what a solar eclipse is?
No sun.

Tequila may not fix your life... but it's worth a shot!

Overheard at a traffic stop:
Lawyer: I'm not saying a word without my lawyer present!
Police: But you are a lawyer.
Lawyer: So where's my present?

There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. Only a fraction of the people will find this funny!

I've told everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's raisin awareness.

I store all my dad jokes in a dad-a-base!

Cannibals' favorite game? Swallow the leader.

If you steal a Tesla, is it now called an Edison?

What's in Dickens' spice rack? The best of thymes.

I took the chairlift. It's all downhill from here.

I will stop procrastinating, starting tomorrow.

I will read more. Just added subtitles to my TV.

Misbehaving kayakers just need a good paddling.

I dated a baker. Brought her flours every Friday.



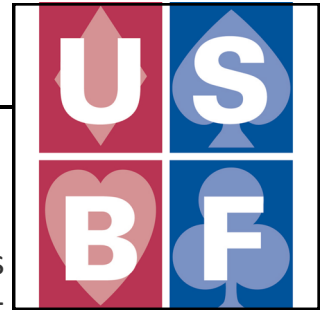
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7	4	9	9	5	2	1	3	8
2	8	4	3	1	5	7	6	9
1	5	3	7	8	2	4	9	6
9	1	7	4	6	8	2	3	5
2	8	1	9	3	7	6	5	4
3	6	2	4	7	8	1	9	5
6	2	3	1	4	9	8	7	5
4	1	3	8	9	4	6	2	7
7	5	6	9	7	8	1	3	4
8	9	7	6	5	2	4	1	3

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

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 7

Answer to Sudoku 1 Answer to Sudoku 2



USBF Supporting Membership

If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

The USBF is an **all-volunteer** organization.

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.

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Where'd the pirate get his hook? A 2nd hand store.

Angry carrots are steamed veggies.
When I tripped in France, Eiffel over.



Cannibalism: it's a Doug eat Doug world.
Predicting the wind is a vane pursuit.

Be a lumberjack. Saw the world.

Is there Nintendo is France? Wii.

I hurled a bunch of peas. My first pod cast.

Want deals on mustard? Try Groupoupon.

Forcing kids to do sit-ups is child ab use.

The promiscuous violinist plays a Straddlevarious.

Money advice from Cheers = a fiscal Cliff.

Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 10

30 min	subway	Stewart	Ed
35 min	car	Manning	Earl
20 min	walking	Pennant	David
25 min	bicycle	Park	Clyde
40 min	bus	Sullivan	Chrs
Time to Arrive	Mode of Transportatio	Last Name	First Name

From Diana Serban at BBO

Update on the Currently Ongoing Women's Online Bridge Festival (It's not too late to play!)

BBO welcomed around 800 entries across 12 games on Day 1, with approximately 600 unique players. The biggest tournament was, as expected, the very popular Women's Daylong, which attracted around 400 players. We expect participation to continue growing as the Festival progresses.

The current rankings are available here:

<https://news.bridgebase.com/womens-online-festival-leader/>

After Day 1, Connie Marfel of the United States is in first place, followed by Sviatlana Badrankova of Lithuania in second, and Melanie Kakalec of the United States in third.

More information about the Festival is available here:

<https://newsbridgebase.com/womens-online-festival-home/>

For any woman who would still like to participate, there are 12 games each day through Sunday. The Daylong is a most convenient option for players with a busy schedule.

There is also a free Pairs tournament with video chat (optional) every day at 7 PM Central European Time (1 PM New York) for those who prefer a more social game.

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"On behalf of the WBF Women's Committee, we hope you consider playing in this event and we hope you enjoy it. Bringing Women's Bridge to the forefront is key right now with declining numbers of players. After the highly successful WBF Women's Online Teams just a short time ago, this event serves to build momentum in the growing Women's Bridge Community. Drop by BBO anytime through April 19th and take a look-see!"

Suzi Subeck, Chairman, WBF Women's Committee

Mary Kelly Rogers, Co Chair, WBF Women's Committee

Supporting these events will encourage the advocates (WBF, BBO, RealBridge, and more) to find and provide more platforms for women-specific challenges to make us a force in the game.

Good luck if you play... we'll be watching your progress and working with you to build "the women's" game...
We matter!

Thanks, ladies, for your support!!

Bailey	Fleisher	Open 4♥ N ♥5 -1 100 - -
		Closed 4♥ N ♦2 -1 100 - -
Baseggio	Nickell	Open 3N N ♠2 -1 100 - -
		Closed 4♥ N ♥5 -1 100 - -
Bramley	Parrish	Open 4♥ N ♥7 -1 100 - -
		Closed 4♥ N ♥5 -1 100 - -
Davinci	Han	Open 4♥ N ♥5 -1 100 3
		Closed 4♥ N ♦2 -2 200
Goodman	Wildavsky	Open 4♥ N ♥5 -1 100 12
		Closed 3N N ♠2 = 600
Henner	Kovachev	Open 4♥ N ♦2 -2 200 - -
		Closed 4♥ N ♦2 -2 200 - -
Jacobs	Rosenthal	Open 4♥ S ♣3 -1 100 - -
		Closed 4♥ N ♥5 -1 100 - -
Rathi	Shourie	Open 4♥ N ♥5 -1 100 3
		Closed 4♥ N ♦2 -2 200

The final day of the face-to-face RoundRobin got underway yesterday. Eight teams will continue and eight teams will be eliminated. Tonight we know their fate.

On Board 2 of the first round, 15 declarers went down in reasonable games, most in 4H, 1 in 3NT.

Only John Schermer in Goodman/Wildavsky was successful bringing in 9 tricks in 3NT... and he could/should have been defeated.

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface. On the left, a bidding table for Table CL 5, Round 11 is displayed. The table shows the following bidding sequence:

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

Below the table, the IMP scores are shown: N-S: Wildavsky 10 IMP, E-W: Goodman 0 IMP.

The main part of the screenshot shows the hands of the players:

- North (John Schermer):** ♠ QT3, ♥ AJ62, ♦ J7, ♣ KQ75
- West (Kevin Dwyer-Rimstedt):** ♠ K764, ♥ Q3, ♦ K96, ♣ 9832
- East (Shan Huan):** ♠ A852, ♥ 975, ♦ 542, ♣ AT4
- South (Neil Chambers):** ♠ J9, ♥ KT84, ♦ AQT83, ♣ J6

The interface also shows a 'LoveBridge' logo and a 'DDS' button.

Shan Huang led the S2 (4th from his longest and strongest). Dwyer-Rimstedt won his king and continued a spade to Huang's king. Huang played a third spade and the stage for defeat was set.

Declarer could not come to nine tricks before East/West gained the lead with the DK, enabling them to take 3 spades, 1 diamond and the CA.

Dwyer-Rimstedt had a momentary blind spot... and it was fatal on this hand.

On winning the ST, Schermer took the diamond finesse, hoping the king was with East. It went DJ, D2, D3 ... and Dwyer-Rimstedt ducked!!! There was no recovery.

Schermer knocked out the CA. Huang cashed his good spade. Huang played the D4. Taking no chances, Schermer did not repeat the seemingly "winning diamond finesse." Instead, he won the DA in dummy, cashed the HK, played the HT, Dwyer-Rimstedt covering, won his HA and claimed 1 spade, 4 hearts, 2 diamonds, and 2 clubs for +600 and 12 IMPs.

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

Table: OP 5, Round: 11
N-S: Goodman 0 IMP
E-W: Wildavsky 38 IMP

♠ KJT94
♥ 43
♦ 9754
♣ 86
N Eric Rodwell

♠ Q65
♥ A9
♦ AKQ63
♣ K32
W Adam Wildavsky

♠ 8732
♥ QJ762
♦ 2
♣ J75
E Doug Doub

♠ A
♥ KT85
♦ JT8
♣ AQT94
S Doug Simson

Board 7 drew 2 double digit swings, both involving a pair stepping out of line and getting doubled.

In Henner/Kovachev, Hudson/Morgan, sitting W/E respectively, bid 4H. Garner, holding the South cards, had an easy double! 4H went down 2 for 500... and a swing of 12 IMPs to Henner.

At the other table, as exhibited here, it is always dangerous to double a vulnerable part score into game unless you have it beat in your own hand.

However, there are some situations in which it is seemingly impossible given the auction to believe that the contract will succeed.

Rodwell was faced with this situation on this board. Eric opened 1D and Wildavsky overcalled a maximum 1NT. Doub bid Stayman and Adam denied a 4-card major. When the auction got back to Simson in the pass out seat, he doubled. How could Eric not sit this one out and if he pulled it, what could he bid?

The lead of a heart would defeat the contract, however, East's Stayman bid likely made the alternative doubleton look more attractive and safer.

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

Table: CL 5, Round: 11
N-S: Wildavsky 38 IMP
E-W: Goodman 0 IMP

♠ KJT94
♥ 43
♦ 9754
♣ 86
N John Schermer

♠ Q65
♥ A9
♦ AKQ63
♣ K32
W Kevin Dwyer-Rimstedt

♠ 8732
♥ QJ762
♦ 2
♣ J75
E Shan Huang

♠ A
♥ KT85
♦ JT8
♣ AQT94
S Neil Chambers

Eric led the C8. Simson ducked and Wildavsky won the king in hand. He cashed 3 high diamonds, discarding two clubs from dummy and ruffed a club. He played the HQ and it held. A second heart went to the ace and Wildavsky led a club toward dummy. Rodwell ruffed with the S9, dummy pitching a heart. Rodwell played a trump to Simson's ace and Simson played the CQ. Adam pitched the D6. Eric ruffed with the ST and dummy contributed the H7 (note below: one card from each suit!!).



The defense was helpless. Rodwell was on lead and endplayed. He could lead his good diamond but dummy would ruff for the 8th trick or he could lead from his SKJ, establishing a high spade for declarer... either way, all routes lead to contract making and 11 IMPs to Wildavsky. Perfect play by Wildavsky from trick one!

BOARD: 8
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ Q3
♥ A9654
♦ J63
♣ 542

♠ AT852
♥ KQ8
♦ T9874
♣

♠ KJ64
♥
♦ AKQ
♣ KT9873

♠ 97
♥ JT732
♦ 52
♣ AQJ6

Par: -1510

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	3	1	6	0	3
E	9	12	6	13	10
W	:	:	:	:	9

Board 8 had several interesting properties.

First, 2 pairs bid the spade grand without the trump queen!

Second, at the opposing table in both those matches, the opponents stopped short of slam.

Third, the best contract, 6S, was only bid 5 times, once doubled.

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

Bailey	Fleisher	Open	6♠	W	♥4	+1	1010	-	-
		Closed	6♠	W	♥4	+1	1010		
Baseggio	Nickell	Open	7♠	W	♥6	=	1510		14
		Closed	5♠	W	♥4	+2	510		
Bramley	Parrish	Open	4♠	W	♣4	+3	510		14
		Closed	7♠	W	♦3	=	1510		
Davinci	Han	Open	6♠	W	♥A	+1	1010		11
		Closed	5♠	W	♥A	+1	480		
Goodman	Wildavsky	Open	4♠	W	♦3	+3	510		11
		Closed	6♠	W	♣5	+1	1010		
Henner	Kovachev	Open	4♠	W	♥A	+3	510	-	-
		Closed	4♠	W	♦3	+3	510		
Jacobs	Rosenthal	Open	5♠	W	♦3	+2	510		13
		Closed	6♠x	W	♣5	+1	1310		
Rathi	Shourie	Open	4♠	W	♦3	+3	510	-	-
		Closed	4♠	W	♥A	+3	510		

And most importantly, without even trying, the first trick in the Closed Room of Parrish/Bramley was a wish trick in diamonds!!



As the saying goes, I am sure both sides "wished for more!"

In Nickell/Baseggio, Greco and Hampson were able to show opposing voids as well as their keycards using exclusion KC correctly. It can be a difficult and confusing convention for some. This was their auction:

	Greco	Franco	Geoff	Ferro
	W	N	E	S
	1♠	PASS	2NT ⁺	3♣
	4♣ ⁺	PASS	5♥ ⁺	PASS
	5NT	PASS	7♠	PASS
	PASS	PASS		

2NT=GF with spades

4C=intended as void

5H=Exclusion

5NT=1 or 4 KC

Baseggio, North, made the tricky lead of a low heart. Greco ruffed in dummy. He played a trump to the ace and a trump to king... queen falling, one hurdle down. He played the CK; Ferro covered and Greco ruffed. Greco cashed 2 high diamonds and ruffed a club to hand.

At this point, Greco had a "change of heart?"... pun intended! Where he'd ruffed the opening HK, likely thinking the HA was with South, he now changed his mind and placed the HA with North ... Greco played the HK from hand and when Baseggio played the 4, Greco pitched a club!! It was a legitimate route to success and Eric seized it. Well done!!

BOARD: 9
 DEALER: NORTH
 VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ KQJ62
 ♥ A72
 ♦ AT82
 ♣ K

♠ 874
 ♥ 843
 ♦ KJ6
 ♣ 7652

♠ 3
 ♥ QJ5
 ♦ Q9754
 ♣ JT98

Par: 1510

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	10	9	12	13	11
EW	2	4	1	0	1

♠ AT95
 ♥ KT96
 ♦ 3
 ♣ AQ43

Board was nearly flat.

In a strange twist of fate, 15 of the 16 pairs bid and made the spade grand slam from North.

Only in the Closed Room of Henner/Kovachev did things vary:

N/S stopped in the small slam and N/S played the hand from South...

At most tables, a club was led.

North won their singleton king, cashed the DA and ruffed a diamond. A spade went to the king and another diamond was ruffed.

At this point, North claimed 13 tricks and pushed the board.

Home team		Visiting team		Room	By	=	★	IMP
NS	EW	Home	Visiting					
Bailey	Fleisher	Open	7♠ N	♣T	=	1510	-	-
		Closed	7♠ N	♣J	=	1510	-	-
Baseggio	Nickell	Open	7♠ N	♣J	=	1510	-	-
		Closed	7♠ N	♠3	=	1510	-	-
Bramley	Parrish	Open	7♠ N	♣T	=	1510	-	-
		Closed	7♠ N	♣J	=	1510	-	-
Davinci	Han	Open	7♠ N	♦4	=	1510	-	-
		Closed	7♠ N	♣J	=	1510	-	-
Goodman	Wildavsky	Open	7♠ N	♣J	=	1510	-	-
		Closed	7♠ N	♣T	=	1510	-	-
Henner	Kovachev	Open	7♠ N	♣J	=	1510	11	-
		Closed	6♠ S	♣5 +1	=	1010	-	-
Jacobs	Rosenthal	Open	7♠ N	♠3	=	1510	-	-
		Closed	7♠ N	♣J	=	1510	-	-
Rathi	Shourie	Open	7♠ N	♠3	=	1510	-	-
		Closed	7♠ N	♣9	=	1510	-	-

Bailey	Nickell	Open 4♥ N ♣8 +1 450	-	-	On Board 14, most tables played in 4H.
		Closed 4♥ N ♣8 +1 450			
Baseggio	Shourie	Open 3N N ♠5 +1 430	1		A small slam in clubs is cold but only one pair played in that strain... and that pair stopped in game.
		Closed 4♥ N ♣8 +1 450			
Bramley	Wildavsky	Open 3N N ♠5 +1 430	1		Four pairs played in 3NT from North. Three were successful when East chose to lead from the weaker of his two 5-card suits.
		Closed 4♥ N ♣8 +1 450			
Davinci	Henner	Open 4♥ N ♣8 +1 450	-	-	
		Closed 4♥ S ♠9 +1 450			
Fleisher	Rathi	Open 5♣ S ♠9 = 400	2		Only one suit will defeat 3NT... and it needs to be led at trick one.
		Closed 4♥ N ♣8 +1 450			
Goodman	Jacobs	Open 4♥ N ♣8 +1 450	-	-	In Kovachev/Rosenthal, Zach Grossack took a calculated risk to give his side the best shot. Zach doubled 3NT, likely hoping to suggest a non-spade lead after his pard's overcall. Leading a spade allows declarer to collect 2 spades, 1 heart and 6 clubs off the top!!
		Closed 4♥ S ♦K +1 450			
Han	Parrish	Open 4♥ N ♣8 +1 450	11		
		Closed 6♥ S ♦K = 980			
Kovachev	Rosenthal	Open 3Nx N ♦3 -1 100	11		
		Closed 3N N ♠5 = 400			

In fairness, Michael might not have led a spade anyway, hearing 3NT after he'd overcalled, but better safe than sorry. Zach deserves credit for thoughtful bidding. His double worked brilliantly and when Rosenberg led a diamond, the defense took the first 5 tricks!

W N E S

PASS PASS 3♣

PASS 3♦ 3♠ PASS

PASS 3NT PASS PASS

DBL PASS PASS PASS

Table: OP 8, Round: 12

N-S: Kovachev
1 IMP

E-W: Rosenthal
5 IMP

3D explained as Ask for 3H call ...

3NT explained as normally 18+ balanced

♠ AK62

♥ A93

♦ J76

♣ A93

N **Valentin Kovachev**

♠ 94

♥ KQ7

♦ KQT84

♣ 742

W **Zach Grossack**

♠ QJ753

♥ T4

♦ A9532

♣ 8

E **Michael Rosenbe**

♠ T8

♥ J8652

♦

♣ KQJT65

S **Charlie Wilkins**

OTHER

N 3N :

NORTH

3NT X

Note:
Leading a spade allows declarer to collect 2 spades, 1 heart, and 6 clubs before E/W gains the lead again.

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

Table: OP 4, Round: 13
 N-S: Davinci 16 IMP
 E-W: Kovachev 1 IMP

♠ AJ5
♥ AQ87
♦ J96
♣ J73

N Finn Kolesnik

♠ 873
♥ KJ
♦ Q7543
♣ AK8

W Alex Hudson

♠ 64
♥ T952
♦ KT8
♣ Q952

E Jacob Morgan

♠ KQT92
♥ 643
♦ A2
♣ T64

S Harrison Luba

Declaring 3NT on Board 26, Finn Kolesnik successfully executed a pseudo squeeze

Both opponents felt the pinch on the run of the spades. Someone needed to guard hearts!

The play:

Morgan led a low club to Hudson's king. Hudson cashed the ace and continued

clubs. On the cash of the 4th club, declarer pitched hearts from both hands while Hudson threw his middle diamond.

Morgan played the D8 and declarer won the ace in dummy. Declarer took two top spades, all following.

This is where East and West felt the squeeze!

On the third spade, Morgan discarded the DT. On the fourth spade, Hudson and Kolesnik shed diamonds and Morgan shed a low heart. On the final spade, Hudson and Kolesnik again shed diamonds and Morgan was in a box. He did not know that Hudson started with HKJ doubleton and he did not know he needed to protect that suit. He might or might not have been certain from the diamond plays that partner started the DQ, now singleton.

This was the critical end position:

Feeling the crunch, Jacob threw the H5!!!

It was the kiss of death.

Kolesnik was now able to finesse against the HK, fell the HJ and take the last three tricks with the HAQ8!

+600 against the other table's +110 equated to 10 IMPs DaVinci

Open Bracket Sheet



Limey Jack...

Blimey, Mates.

Sometimes Limey Jack forgets how amazing he really is. Adam and Eve (Ed note: Can you believe) that Limey Jack not only picked all the survivors but declared that if there was to be an upset, Bramley would be the victim. And so it is writ.

On to the round of 8

The top two finishers get to pick their oppos, while Nickell, the original one seed gets next and the final two squads are forced.

Shourie-Kovachev: The Shourie team was ace and chose the only remaining 4 handed quartet. They chose well and will be in the semifinal.

Wildavsky-Jacobs: Even though Limey Jack picked Jacobs to qualify, they would bite your arm off to be playing still. Limey Jack could not stay up that late, but it looked bonkers. Wildavsky thrashed them twice hitherto, and likely will make it a trifecta.

Nickell-Bailey: this could be bloody terrible for Bailey. Conceivably they might not cash a cheque in any quarter.

Fleisher-Rosenthal: This match is quite a shame as neither group would have picked t'other. But there they are and one moves on. This will go quite far into the night, and Limey Jack will yet again miss it but maybe a strong cuppa will see him through. In a small upset, Rosenthal emerges.

Take these picks to the punter and you should gather a right fine return.

Cheers.

The second RoundRobin leaves 8 teams in play.
Who will go home? Who, in Schaumburg, will stay?

I have my thoughts. You may not agree.
But you won't go wrong sticking with me.

Nickell v Bailey... Here is the truth...
Nickell has seasoning. Bailey has youth.

I'll pick the seniors! I like that they're dated.
Stamina feels like it's overrated.

Wildavsky v Jacobs. Both teams indeed...
Play very slowly and need to get speed!

Howie Doing...

Yesterday Gary sat unawarer
Doubled in game as the declarer.

I'm picking Jacobs since they're here today,
They seem to be destined to stay and to play.

Fleisher v Rosenthal... anyone's guess.
Fleisher scores more and Rosenthal less.

Morgan is solid, a 4-handed crew.
Makes 60 boards daily a lot to get through.

I'm picking Shourie. They play very well.
We'll know in two days... It's time that will tell.

See you in two days!

1.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Shourie	1.42	172.20	121
2.	Mark Lair - Ron Gerard	Wildavsky	0.97	106.73	110
3.	Finn Kolesnik - Harrison Luba	Davinci	0.79	104.00	132
4.	Billy Cohen - Larry Robbins	Jacobs	0.62	68.27	110
5.	Michael Rosenberg - Zach Grossack	Rosenthal	0.61	74.40	121
6.	Daniel Korbel - Roger Lee	Bailey	0.53	70.07	132
7.	Brian Platnick - Kevin Rosenberg	Fleisher	0.52	69.13	132
8.	John Schermer - Neil Chambers	Wildavsky	0.43	46.87	110
9.	Eric Greco - Geoff Hampson	Nickell	0.42	55.47	132
10.	Adam Wildavsky - Doug Doub	Wildavsky	0.39	43.33	110
11.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Shourie	0.39	51.20	132
12.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	0.38	46.33	121
13.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	0.31	30.27	99
14.	Nick Nickell - Ralph Katz	Nickell	0.31	23.60	77
15.	David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge	Bailey	0.19	22.40	121
16.	Gavin Wolpert - Rajath Shourie	Shourie	0.12	8.87	77
17.	Alex Hudson - Jacob Morgan	Kovachev	0.09	15.07	165
18.	Doug Simson - Eric Rodwell	Goodman	0.09	7.87	88
19.	Brent Xiao - Cornelius Duffie	Rathi	-0.03	-3.47	121
20.	Greg Hinze - Venkatrao Koneru	Bramley	-0.03	-3.40	99
21.	Josh Donn - William Bailey	Bailey	-0.04	-2.73	77
22.	Chris Willenken - Eldad Ginossar	Rosenthal	-0.04	-4.87	132
22.	Adam Grossack - Eddie Wold	Davinci	-0.04	-4.87	121
24.	Charlie Wilkins - Valentin Kovachev	Kovachev	-0.07	-11.67	165
25.	Adam Parrish - Greg Humphreys	Parrish	-0.08	-12.47	165
26.	Kevin Dwyer-Rimstedt - Shan Huang	Goodman	-0.08	-12.87	165
27.	Jeff Fang - Wanfeng Mou	Han	-0.10	-16.53	165
28.	Aaron Silverstein - Andrew Rosenthal	Rosenthal	-0.18	-13.67	77
29.	Debbie Rosenberg - Max Schireson	Henner	-0.18	-20.33	110
30.	Aaron Jones - Owen Lien	Bramley	-0.18	-20.00	110
31.	Anant Rathi - Drew Hoskins	Rathi	-0.20	-19.47	99
32.	Danny Sprung - Phil Clayton	Parrish	-0.23	-37.47	165
33.	Claude Vogel - George Jacobs	Jacobs	-0.27	-24.20	88
34.	Brad Moss - Joe Grue	Fleisher	-0.30	-29.67	99
35.	Amber Lin - Will Watson	Rathi	-0.32	-34.73	110
36.	Adam Kaplan - Bart Bramley	Bramley	-0.37	-44.53	121
37.	Alan Sontag - Gary Cohler	Jacobs	-0.49	-65.07	132
38.	Franco Baseggio - Jeff Ferro	Baseggio	-0.52	-86.20	165
39.	Ai-Tai Lo - Joshua Sher	Baseggio	-0.63	-104.40	165
40.	Christal Henner - Uday Ivatury	Henner	-0.66	-73.07	110
41.	Ming Sheng - Yanong Han	Han	-0.70	-114.87	165
42.	Andy Goodman - Mike Passell	Goodman	-0.71	-55.00	77
43.	Jeff Wolfson - Steve Garner	Henner	-0.72	-78.87	110
44.	Chris Compton - Richard Leonardon	Davinci	-1.39	-92.07	66
45.	Chris Compton - SUB	Davinci	-2.69	-29.60	11

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