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Results:

“Trials” and Tribulations USBC and MUSBC

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Results:

Table		Σ	1	2	3	4
1	Shourie	92	18	16	35	23
	Fleisher	131	36	51	29	15

Four Segments More and We'll Have USA1! Bermuda Bowl

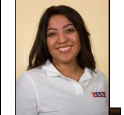
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Open Teams: Mixed Teams:

* = KO'd in the 10 team online RR

Bailey	Bill Bailey, Capt Daniel Korbel Joel Wooldridge	Josh Donn Roger Lee David Grainger
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Shourie	Rajath Shourie, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Vince Demuy Kevin Bathurst
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Ron Gerard Neil Chambers	Doug Doub Mark Lair John Schermer
* Woolsey	Kit Woolsey Steve Beatty Mark Feldman	James Holzhauer Fred Stewart Jeff Aker
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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



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
		2:30 - 3:55	80 minute Lunch Break
		4:15 - 5:40	Round 3 Boards 23-33
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 4 Boards 34-44
Tuesday	April 14	10:00 - 11:25	Round 5, Boards 45-55
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 6 Boards 1-11
		2:30 - 3:55	Round 7 Boards 12-22
		4:15 - 5:40	80 minute Lunch Break
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 8 Boards 23-33
Wednesday	April 15	10:00 - 11:25	Round 9 Boards 34-44
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 10, Boards 45-55
		2:30 - 3:55	Round 11 Boards 1-11
		4:15 - 5:40	Round 12 Boards 12-22
		6:00 - 7:25	80 minute Lunch Break
Thursday	April 16	10:00 - 12:00	Round 13 Boards 23-33
		12:15 - 2:15	Round 14 Boards 34-44
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Lunch Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Round 15, Boards 45-55
			Round 16, Boards 56-60
Friday	April 17	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
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Saturday	April 18	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Lunch Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
			Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Sunday	April 19	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 9 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 10 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Lunch Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 11 Boards 31-45
			Segment 12 Boards 46-60
Quarterfinal			
Monday	April 20	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 13 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 14 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Lunch Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 15 Boards 31-45
			Segment 16 Boards 46-60
Tuesday	April 21	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 17 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 18 Boards 16-30
		3:15 - 5:15	60 minute Break
		5:30 - 7:30	Segment 19 Boards 31-45
			Segment 20 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
		3:00 - 4:30	100 minute Break
		4:50 - 6:20	Round 3 Boards 25-36
			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
		2:30 - 4:00	70 minute Break
		4:20 - 5:40	Segment 7 Boards 25-36
		6:00 - 7:30	Segment 8 Boards 37-48
Friday	April 24	10:00 - 11:30	Segment 9 Boards 49-61
		11:50 - 1:20	Round 10 Boards 1-12
		3:00 - 4:30	Round 11 Boards 13-24
		4:50 - 6:20	100 minute Break
			Round 12 Boards 25-36
Saturday	April 25	10:00 - 12:00	Round 13 Boards 37-48
		12:15 - 2:15	Round 14 Boards 49-60
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Lunch Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Round 15 Boards 1-15
			Round 16 Boards 16-30
Sunday	April 26	10:00 - 12:00	Round 17 Boards 31-45
		12:15 - 2:15	Round 18 Boards 46-60
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Lunch Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Round 19 Boards 1-15
			Round 20 Boards 16-30
Quarterfinal			
Monday	April 27	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
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Tuesday	April 28	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Lunch Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
			Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Semifinal			
Wednesday	April 29	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 9 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 10 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Lunch Break
		5:45 - 7:45	Segment 11 Boards 31-45
			Segment 12 Boards 46-60
Thursday	April 30	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 13 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 14 Boards 16-30
		3:15 - 5:15	60 minute Break
		5:30 - 7:30	Segment 15 Boards 31-45
			Segment 16 Boards 46-60

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.

Wonder what he's gonna do...
Oh Look! He played for the 2-2!

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 ...

Dance crazes

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

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

BALLROOM
BOLLYWOOD
CALYPSO
CHA CHA SLIDE
CHARLESTON
CHICKEN DANCE
DA DIP
DISCO
ELECTRIC SLIDE
FLAMENCO
FOOTLOOSE
FOXTROT
GANGNAM STYLE

HAND JIVE
HIP HOP
HOKEY POKEY
JITTERBUG
JUMP ON IT
LIMBO
LINDY HOP
LINE
MACARENA
MAMBO
MERENGUE
MODERN
MOONWALK

QUICKSTEP
RIVER
ROBOT
RUMBA
SALSA
SAMBA
SHIMMY
SINGLE LADIES
SQUARE DANCE
SUZIE Q
SWING
TANGO
TAP

TEXAS TWO-STEP
THE BUNNY HOP
THE HUSTLE
THE JERK
THE RUNNING MAN
THE TWIST
THRILLER
VOGUE
WALTZ
WATUSI
YMCA
ZUMBA



You should know
Important things
Like every deck
Contains 4 kings!

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

Sudoku 1

Tom Swifties:

TOM SWIFTY: "I think I lost my compass," Tom said aimlessly.

TOM SWIFTY: "This river is fast and bumpy," Tom said rapidly.

TOM SWIFTY: "Don't break that pencil," Tom snapped.

TOM SWIFTY: "Don't play with dynamite!" Tom exploded.

TOM SWIFTIE: "What's with all the excitement around the beehive?" Tom buzzed.

TOM SWIFTY: "These scissors won't cut," said Tom snip-pily.

TOM SWIFTY: "I need this package delivered immediately!" Tom expressed.

TOM SWIFTY: "These lines keep intersecting," Tom said crossly.

TOM SWIFTY: "Where's the water?" Tom asked dryly.

TOM SWIFTY: "I will call my invention 'the light bulb!' " Tom said brightly.

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Hard Sudoku

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Sudoku 2

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



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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On the occasion of the



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*109th SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
IN SEOUL*
du 13 au 15 juin 1999
from 13th to 15th June 1999

the WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION (WBF)

A ÉTÉ RECONNUE, SELON L'ARTICLE 29 DE LA
CHARTER, PAR LE COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL
OLYMPIQUE
*RECEIVED RECOGNITION, PURSUANT TO RULE 29 OF THE
CHARTER, FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE*



JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH
PRÉSIDENT DU CIO



Recognizing Bridge as a Sport!

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INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

THE PRESIDENT

Sent by fax and mail: 33 1 40 70 14 51

Mr. José DAMIANI
President
World Bridge Federation
40, rue François 1er
75008 PARIS
France

Seoul, 20th June 1999
Ref. No 10410/99/cma

Re: IOC Recognition

Dear Mr. Damiani,

Until today, the World Bridge Federation was a Recognized Organisation. However, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee decided in its meeting in Seoul on 13th to 15th June 1999, to grant recognition to the World Bridge Federation (WBF) as a *Recognized Federation*, pursuant to Rule 29 of the Olympic Charter.

At this stage, we would require a re-confirmation from you that your doping regulations are in conformity with the Olympic Movement Medical Code and that the WBF adheres to the Court of Arbitration for Sport which has established itself as a most useful institution for the resolution of all forms of disputes relating to sport. These two points must be part of your statutes.

Also, we would like to remind you that even though you are an IOC Recognized Federation, this does not oblige each National Olympic Committee to grant recognition to the National Federation.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you for all the efforts made in order to reach this goal, and to welcome you into the Olympic Family.

Yours sincerely,



Juan Antonio SAMARANCH
Marquis de Samaranch

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General Association of International Sports Federations



CERTIFICATE

We hereby officially confirm that the INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE FEDERATION (IBF) has been accepted as a Full Member of GAISF, the General Association of International Sports Federations, at the 2003 GAISF General Assembly in Madrid. The IBF is recognized as the sole representative body for bridge.

Monte-Carlo, 23 June 2004



Jean Claude SCHUPP
GAISF Director General

TOM SWIFTIE: "Being a wolf is awesome," Tom howled.

TOM SWIFTIE: "I forgot what I was going to buy at the store," Tom said listlessly.

TOM SWIFTIE: "I really have to go," Tom ran on.

Tom Swiftie: "What other toppings should I put on my hot dog?" Tom asked with relish.

TOM SWIFTIE: "I think I am sick," Tom said feverishly.

TOM SWIFTIE: "You really need to check your spelling," Tom corrected.

TOM SWIFTIE: "I can't remember all this information," Tom said thoughtfully.

TOM SWIFTIE: "I need a candy bar," Tom snickered.

Tom Swiftie: "Math is my favorite subject," Tom added.

TOM SWIFTIE: "I flunked my math exam," Tom said testily.

Tom Swiftie: "They hung up," Tom recalled.

TOM SWIFTIE: "He changed my grade," Tom remarked.

TOM SWIFTIE: "My favorite singer is Taylor," Tom said swiftly.

TOM SWIFTIE: "My favorite number is two," Tom said evenly.

TOM SWIFTIE: "I want to go exploring," Tom ventured.

Tom Swiftie: "I'm so tired of boat rides," Tom said sternly.

TOM SWIFTIE: "Hand me a hot dog," Tom said frankly.

Tom Swiftie: "Can you hand me that feather?" Tom asked lightly.

Tom Swiftie: "I'd like to sit at the back of the boat," Tom said sternly.

Tom Swiftie: "Can you hand me that feather?" Tom said lightly.

Tom Swiftie: "Don't light those fireworks!" Tom exploded.

Tom Swiftie: "I always arrive a few minutes late," Tom said fashionably.

Tom Swiftie: "The days are getting shorter," Tom said quickly.

Tom Swiftie: "Let's watch Star Wars!" Tom said forcefully.

Tom Swiftie: "This sauce is full of flavor," Tom said zestfully.

A Little Humor... Tom Swifties!



	Jackson	Jones	Maxwell	Weatherby	Winter	Bow Tie	Churn Dash	Dutchman's Puzzle	Jacob's Ladder	Ohio Star	2	3	4	5	6	Aunt	Cousin	Father	Sister	Uncle	
Donna																					
Elliot																					
Marcia																					
Ralph																					
Sara																					
Aunt																					
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First Name	Last Name	Name of the Quilt Block	Number of Colors	Family Relationship

Sherry decided that, for several members of her family, she'd give each of them a different quilt for their birthday present this year. For each one, she picked a different common quilt block for the main design of the quilt. Then she picked the colors and so each quilt used a different number of colors. As each birthday occurred throughout the year, each new quilt was revealed and presented. The gifts were well-received and the audiences always watched with envious appreciation, hoping that their turn and quilt would be coming too. Determine the full name of each relative (their last names are all different from Sherry's due to various marriages and divorces over the years), the name of the quilt block that each quilt used, the number of colors each quilt used (from 2 to 6), and the relationship of each family

- The family member whose last name was Jones received a quilt with five colors but it wasn't a Churn Dash pattern. The Dutchman's Puzzle quilt had six colors but it wasn't given to the relative whose last name was Winter.
- Marcia's quilt had two more colors than Sherry's cousin's quilt but one less than the Ohio Star quilt, which wasn't received by Sherry's aunt.
- The Bow Tie quilt had two colors but it wasn't received by Donna, whose last name wasn't Weatherby. Elliot is her father's sister's brother.
- Sherry's sister received a quilt made with less than four colors. Mr. Maxwell was Sherry's father but he didn't receive the Bow Tie quilt.
- The family member who received the Jacob's Ladder quilt was her grandmother's daughter.
- Ralph, who wasn't Sherry's uncle, didn't receive a quilt with Ohio Star. Sara Jackson didn't receive the Jacob's Ladder quilt.

Meet the Players



Here in Schaumburg, Migry is playing as a member of the Rosenthal team with teammates: Andrew Rosenthal, Chris Willenken, Dana Berkowitz, Eldad (Gino) Ginossar, Olivia Schireson

Migry Zur Campanile was born in Bucharest, Romania, in a year that is a closely guarded secret. She is now a bridge professional and teacher living in New York with her husband, bridge professional and writer Pietro Campanile. They met playing bridge online. “He was an Italian living in London,” says Migry, “but he was desperate to find the right excuse to learn Hebrew, so how could I refuse his invitation to get married?” “An unruly childhood and adolescence were only partially mitigated by an early induction to the family evening bridge marathons, which caused me many late nights and zombie-like mornings,” she reveals.

Migry is one of the top-ranked players in the world and she is the only Israeli player to have won three world championships: World Generali Masters (Corsica – 1998), Olympiad Mixed Teams (Maastricht – 2000), and Venice Cup (2013). Migry moved to the USA in 2006 and began competing as a US resident shortly thereafter.

Migry has several international top three finishes, beginning with both a gold and silver medal in Athens in 1991 at the European Common Market Championships. Away from bridge, Migry enjoys opera, gourmet cooking (her fabled meatballs enjoy a growing popularity), and jet-setting around the world. “Particularly Seattle, Venice, Yokohama, Albuquerque, Vilamoura, Montecatini, Rhodes, Lille, Salsomaggiore, Maastricht.”

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TOM SWIFTY: “I’ll dig another ditch around the castle,” Tom said remotely.

TOM SWIFTY: “This tastes terrible,” Tom said bitterly.

TOM SWIFTY: “I live in America,” Tom stated.

TOM SWIFTIE: “I just stepped in some poison ivy!” Tom said, itching to go home.

TOM SWIFTY: “That campfire is blazing!” Tom said warmly.

TOM SWIFTY: “I’m really good at protecting things,” Tom said defensively.

TOM SWIFTY: “I thought there were 50 cookies in this jar,” Tom recounted.

TOM SWIFTY: “I like your bells,” Tom chimed.

TOM SWIFTY: “I’m empty inside,” Tom said hollowly.

TOM SWIFTY: “I wish I’d never come to the North Pole,” Tom said coldly.

TOM SWIFTIE: “This hike is quite slow,” Tom said sluggishly.

TOM SWIFTIE: “My power went out,” Tom said darkly.

TOM SWIFTY: “I only have vegetables,” Tom said fruitlessly.

Tom SwiftY: “That’s the last time I pet a lion,” Tom said offhandedly.



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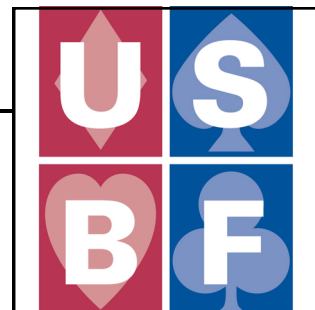
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9	7	3	2	8	4	6	1	5

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 7

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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TOM SWIFTY: "I got a touchscreen computer," Tom pointed out.

TOM SWIFTY: "Give up! I have the ace of diamonds, clubs and spades," Tom said heartlessly.

TOM SWIFTIE: "The night sky is beautiful," Tom said starry-eyed.



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Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 10

Sara	Jackson	Bow Tie	2	Cousin
Ralph	Maxwell	Dutchman's Puzzle	6	Father
Marcia	Weatherby	Jacob's Ladder	4	Aunt
Elliot	Jones	Ohio Star	5	Uncle
Donna	Winter	Chum Dash	3	Sister
First Name	Last Name	Name of the Quilt Block	Number of Colors	Family Relationship

W	N	E	S
PASS	1♣	2♠	3♦
3♠	4♦	DBL	PASS
4♣	PASS	PASS	5♣
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Dbl=offense

LoveBridge

DDS

♠ T
♥ K954
♦ AT2
♣ KQ875
N John Hurd

♠ Q876543
♥ AT7
♦ 642
E Brian Platnick

♠ K9
♥ 32
♦ KQJ74
♣ AJT3
S Kevin Bathurst

♠ AJ2
♥ QJ86
♦ 98653
♣ 9
W Kevin Rosenberg

Open Room

The first double digit swing of the Finals occurred on Board 4 of the first segment.

In the Open Room, Bathurst/Hurd bid to game in clubs from North.

It is easy to see that there are three top losers: 1 spade and two hearts... with the strong possibility of a diamond ruff along the way.

Platnick led the S3. Hurd rose with dummy's king and Rosenberg won his ace. Rosenberg shifted to the D9 which Platnick ruffed. The SQ was ruffed by declarer who claimed 9 tricks for down 2.

In the Closed Room, Moss and Grue bid a highly tenuous 3NT from South.

Had Shourie found the unlikely lead of a high heart, the defense could have collected 3 hearts and 7 spades off the top, holding declarer to a mere 3 tricks.

Lucky for Moss/Grue, Wolpert overcalled 2S and Shourie, a good partner, led Wolpert's suit!

Grue won the SJ with the king and happily collected 1 spade, 5 diamonds and 5 clubs for +660.

13 IMPs to Fleisher

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

Table: CL 1, Round: 1

N-S: Fleisher 3 IMP

E-W: Shourie 0 IMP

LoveBridge

DDS

♠ T
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♥ 32
♦ KQJ74
♣ AJT3
S Joe Grue

♠ AJ2
♥ QJ86
♦ 98653
♣ 9
W Rajath Shourie

Closed Room

BOARD: 10
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ AKQ62
 ♥ J
 ♦ K4
 ♣ KJ982

♠ T8
 ♥ T642
 ♦ 652
 ♣ AQ64

♠ 9753
 ♥ 983
 ♦ Q973
 ♣ 75

♠ J4
 ♥ AKQ75
 ♦ AJT8
 ♣ T3

Par: 1440

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	12	12	12	12	12
EW	1	1	0	0	0

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP

NS EW Home Visiting

Shourie Fleisher

Open 4N S ♠T +2 690

Closed 6N N ♠3 = 1440

13

Board 10 is certainly interesting!!

Look at the Double Dummy summary!

North/South is cold for 12 tricks, a small slam in EVERY strain! What an amazing lie of the cards!

In the Open Room, Hurd tried for the slam but Bathurst passed 4NT and they played it there:

In the Closed Room, Moss/Grue bid the slam:

Shourie Moss Wolpert

W	N	E	S
		PASS	1♥
PASS	1NT	PASS	2♣
PASS	2♦	PASS	2♠
PASS	2NT	PASS	3NT
PASS	6NT	PASS	PASS
PASS			

Wolpert led the S3 and Moss collected 5 spades, 5 hearts and 2 diamonds for 12 tricks.

13 IMPs to Fleisher

- 1NT=art GF
- 2C=art, good 15+
- 2D ask
- 2S=4+D
- 2NT ask
- 3NT=2542 good 15 to bad 18

Rosenberg Hurd Platnick Bathurst

W	N	E	S
		PASS	1♥
PASS	1♠	PASS	1NT
PASS	2♦	PASS	2♠
PASS	3♣	PASS	3NT
PASS	4NT	PASS	PASS
PASS			

- 1NT=4+ D, any 11-14 bal w/less than 3S
- 2D=art GF
- 2S=exactly 2 S non min
- 3C=natural

BOARD: 22
DEALER: EAST
VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ K3
 ♥ 964
 ♦ 92
 ♣ AQJT95

♠ QJ8
 ♥ KQ732
 ♦ KJ85
 ♣ 8

♠ 9642
 ♥ AJT5
 ♦ AQ4
 ♣ 74

♠ AT75
 ♥ 8
 ♦ T763
 ♣ K632

Par: 130

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	10	4	3	6	4
EW	2	8	9	7	5

Home team Visiting team Room By = ★ IMP

On Board 22, both tables played in 4H. 4H is cold on the lead of a red suit and goes down on the lead of a black suit when North negotiates a spade ruff. At both tables a diamond was the lead of choice and the game came home.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★ IMP		
					NS	EW	
Shourie	Fleisher	Open	4♥ E	♦6	=	620	-
						Closed	4♥ W

On Board 24, Moss and Grue bid 3NT, taking 6 clubs, 1 diamond and 2 spades.

BOARD: 24
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: NONE

♠ A642
 ♥ K
 ♦ 53
 ♣ AKQ652

♠ J973
 ♥ J962
 ♦ KJ72
 ♣ 3

♠ QT8
 ♥ AQ83
 ♦ Q86
 ♣ 987

♠ K5
 ♥ T754
 ♦ AT94
 ♣ JT4

Par: 300

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	10	6	5	6	9
EW	2	6	8	5	4

Home team Visiting team Room By = ★ IMP

In the Open Room, Kranyak and Demuy chose 5C. 5C can be defeated with repeated trump leads. Unfortunately for Fleisher, on the 4th round of bidding, Martel doubled q 3D cue and got Fleisher off to the lead of a diamond.

Kranyak played carefully, scored heart and diamond ruffs in his hand and importantly 2 spade ruffs in dummy to come to 11 tricks. Push board!

Home team	Visiting team	Room	By	=	★ IMP		
					NS	EW	
Shourie	Fleisher	Open	5♣ N	♦Q	=	400	-
						Closed	3N N

BOARD: 38

DEALER: EAST

VULNERABLE: E-W

♠ JT6542

♥ 86

♦ K

♣ T954

♠ AQ8

♥ 7

♦ T87652

♣ AK2

♠ 7

♥ KQJ9

♦ QJ43

♣ QJ76

Par: -500

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	3	3	6	7	3
EW	9	10	7	6	9

♠ K93

♥ AT5432

♦ A9

♣ 83

Home team
Visiting team
▶ Room
♠ By
🃏 =
★ IMP

NS EW Home Visiting

Shourie

Fleisher

▶
Open
5♦
W
♥8
=
600

▶
Closed
6♦
W
♣T
-2
200

13

The intensity of play and the fatigue of the players reveals itself as the competition continues. These teams have been playing eight days straight and even with six players on a team, it is stressful and tiring.

In the Closed Room, Demuy and Kranyak bid to an aggressive 6D which has no play off the ace and king of trump as well as the ace of hearts.

In the Open Room, Martel and Fleisher stopped in 5D which also has no play off the aforementioned three tricks. One would expect a swing of 3 IMPs.

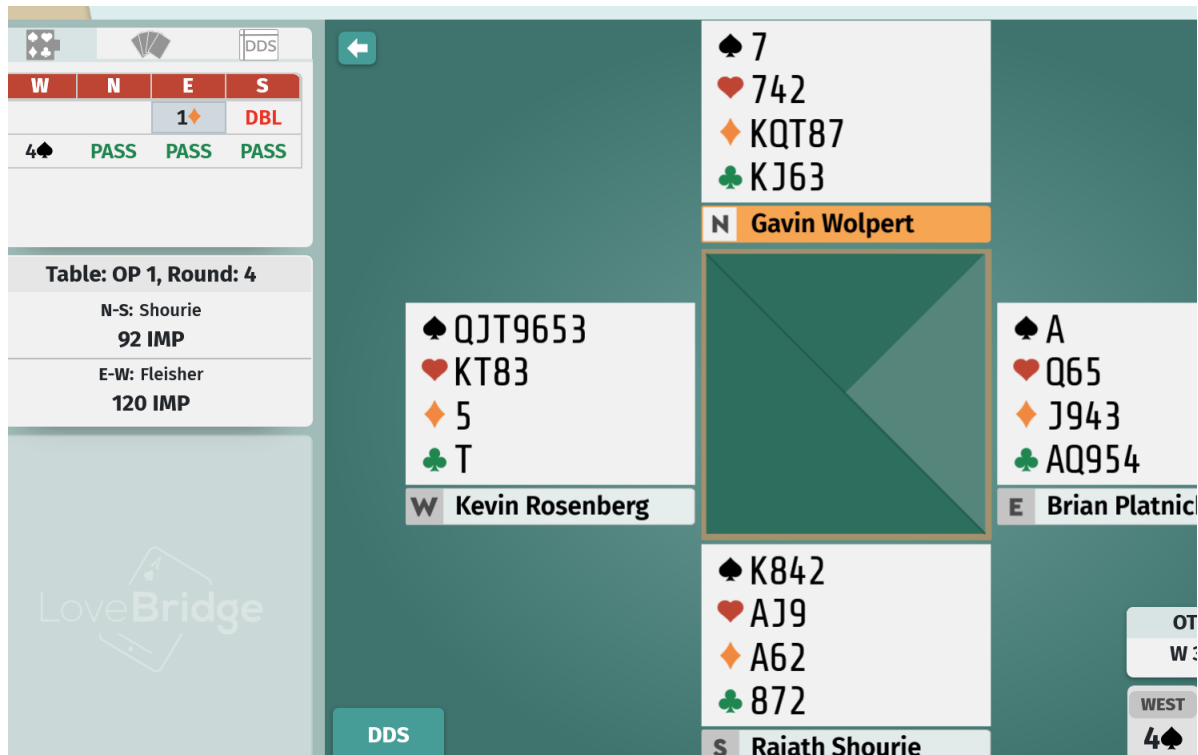
Against Martel, Hurd led the H8 and Bathurst won the king with the ace. Bathurst returned the C8 which Martel ducked to dummy's queen. The D3 followed...

Bathurst did something he might not have done earlier in the event when he was no doubt better rested. He rose with the diamond ace and felled his partner's king!

At this point, the defense could only collect two of its three winners.

Contract making.

13 IMPs to Fleisher



On Board 58, Kevin Rosenberg showed that no one messes with him.

Platnick opened 1D, 2+, Shourie doubled... Rosenberg wasn't waiting for anything bad to happen. He jumped right up and bid the spade game. Two rounds of bidding and done!

There was not much to the play with the HJ positioned perfectly and the clubs slotted.

At the other table, Bathurst and Hurd took four rounds of bidding to stop in 3S.

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

Both tables took 10 tricks.

10 IMPs to Fleisher

Tom Swiftie: "This sauce is full of flavor," Tom said zestfully.

Tom Swiftie: "Don't try to pull the wool over my eyes," Tom said sheepishly.

Tom Swiftie: "Put those knives down!" Tom said sharply.

Tom Swiftie: "Granite or marble," Tom countered.

Tom Swiftie: "I have a frog in my throat," Tom croaked.

Cross IMPs

1. Brad Moss - Joe Grue Fleisher 1.00 45.00 45
2. Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher Fleisher 0.97 29.00 30
3. Brian Platnick - Kevin Rosenberg Fleisher 0.09 4.00 45
4. John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst Shourie -0.09 -4.00 45
5. John Kranyak - Vince Demuy Shourie -0.97 -29.00 30
6. Gavin Wolpert - Rajath Shourie Shourie -1.00 -45.00 45

Tom Swiftie: "I wish I had put my money in the bank," Tom said, without interest.

Tom Swiftie: "It's 9:59," Tom said pretentiously.

Tom Swiftie: "Mark your calendar," Tom said weakly.

Tom Swiftie: "Does anyone know how to remove stains?" Tom shouted.

Tom Swiftie: "Carl shouldn't be skipping class," Tom said absently.

Tom Swiftie: "That wood is too dry," Tom snapped.

Tom Swiftie: "It's not very windy today," Tom said disgustedly.

Tom Swiftie: "Please hand me the butter knife," Tom said pointlessly.

Tom Swiftie: "This room looks like a pig sty," Tom snorted.

Tom Swiftie: "I hate snakes," Tom hissed.

Tom Swifties