

# Day 2

07/11/2020

## Match Schedule For Knockout (all times PDT)

Sunday 7/12

Quarterfinal

9:00 AM -10:30 AM

10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

Break

SemiFinal

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

2:40 PM – 4:10 PM

Monday 7/13

Final and Playoff for 3/4

9:00 AM -10:30 AM

10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

Break

Final

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

2:40 PM – 4:10 PM

# A Tough Day

## East Side, West Side Stays on Top

Today we sadly say good bye to four teams as the round robin comes to a close. With one match to go, THE DIAMONDS and GOLDEN GATE BRIDGIES were neck and neck for the final qualifying spot, but in the end THE DIAMONDS snuck into 8<sup>th</sup> position.

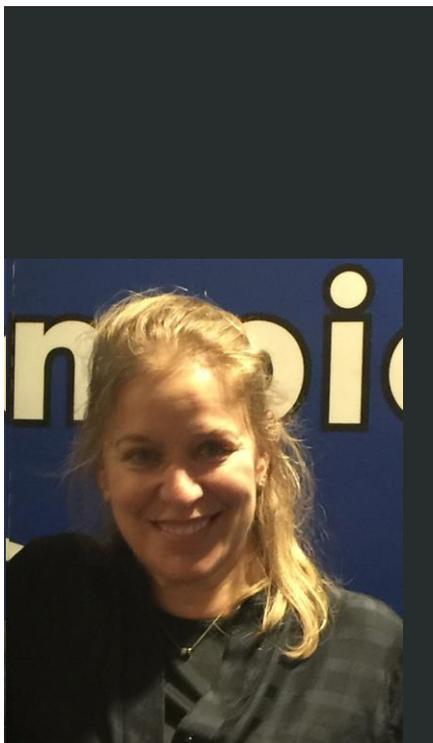
EAST SIDE, WEST SIDE did not fare quite as well on Day 2 but had a big win in the critical final match to hold onto first place by .11 VPs. They picked THE DIAMONDS as their quarterfinal opponents. BEST COAST moved up from fifth place to second, and chose THE GATLINBURG GIRLS to face in the quarterfinals. However, you can bet that both of the teams that were selected will be looking to prove that choosing them was a big mistake.

## Knockout Bracket



## Round Robin Results

	ESWS	Best Coast	Zhang	Gunn	GatlinGirls	Callaham	USBF Jrs	Diamonds	GGB	NYC Ladies	Robinson	SOKKS	
ESWS		19.22	10	5.34	14.18	1.31	7.04	17.03	17.03	11.94	18.83	15	137.12
B. Coast	0.78		9.59	9.19	17.03	13.89	11.58	17.03	16.83	15.97	17.41	7.71	137.01
Zhang	10	10.41		12.29	4.74	10	15.5	15.74	10.81	14.46	13.89	17.22	135.06
Gunn	14.46	10.81	7.71		0.78	16.42	10.81	15	7.04	15.26	10.81	10.81	119.91
GatlinGirls	5.82	2.97	15.26	19.22		10	13.59	5.82	4.03	9.59	12.63	20	118.93
Callaham	18.69	6.11	10	3.58	10		17.22	0.66	8.8	19.1	10	11.58	115.74
USBF Jrs	12.96	8.42	4.5	9.19	6.41	2.78		6.41	13.59	12.63	9.59	20	106.48
Diamonds	2.97	2.97	4.26	5	14.18	19.34	13.59		13.28	5.82	16.42	7.04	104.87
GGB	2.97	3.17	9.19	12.96	15.97	11.2	6.41	6.72		2.24	14.18	15.97	100.98
NYC	8.06	4.03	5.54	4.74	10.41	0.9	7.37	14.18	17.76		14.74	10	97.73
Robinson	1.17	2.59	6.11	9.19	7.37	10	10.41	3.58	5.82	5.26		17.59	79.09
SOKKS	5	12.29	2.78	9.19	0	8.42	0	12.96	4.03	10	2.41		67.08



Jocelyn Startz

## Board Highlights

by Dan Korbel

7		N	W N E S			
		cmp56				
		♠ AQ532	P	2♣	P	2♦
		♥	P	2♠	X	3♣
		♦ K10	P	3♦	P	3♥
		♣ AQ10984	P	3♠	P	4♣
			P	6♣	P	P
W	estaban		E	BetseyGS		
	♠ 984			♠	KJ1076	
	♥ 10762			♥	KQ93	
	♦ J42			♦	Q76	
	♣ 532			♣	7	
		S	saba			
			♠			
			♥	AJ854		
			♦	A9853		
			♣	KJ6		
			6♣ N		NS: 0 EW: 0	

Round 8, Board 7

Exactly half the field landed in 6♣, and half the field languished in 3NT. Of the pairs that did manage to get to 6♣, every single North started out by responding 2♣ to her partner's 1♥ opening bid. Of the six pairs who missed 6♣, five of them started by responding 1♠.

Where the auction started 1♥ – P – 1♠, South bid 2♦ next, and now North was forced to make a mostly meaningless fourth-suit-forcing 3♣ bid. All this accomplished was to get South to rebid her diamonds, and now North/South were never able to discover the beautiful club fit and settled for game in notrumps.

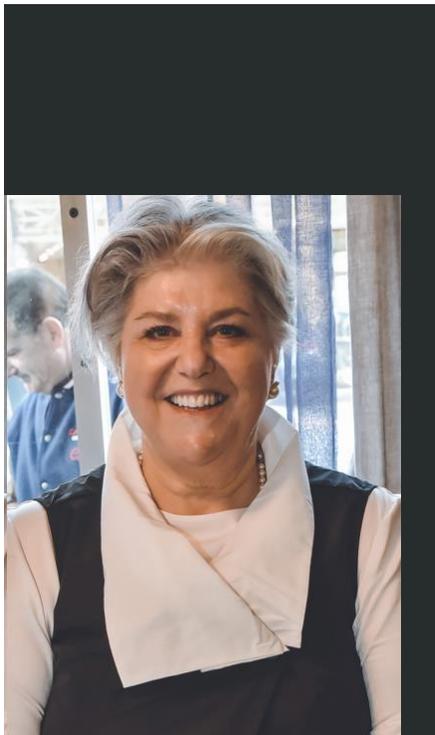
Look how much better the auction develops where North begins by bidding her longest suit: now South can take a club preference over 2♠, and North knows about the good fit and can move toward slam. Even had South done something else, North could rebid her spades and show that she has a distributional 6-5 hand. In the example auction above, Chris Parker and Linda Robinson judged the hand beautifully to get to 6♣ for a 12 IMP gain for ROBINSON.

If there is one piece of advice to be gained from this, here it is:

**When you have a strong responding hand, bid your longest suit first.**



Kip Kado



Jori Grossack



Cynthia Huang

D		N josecuervo		W N E S			
4		♠ 3	1♠	2♠	P	3♥	
		♥ AQ765	4♣	4♦	4♠	5♥	
		♦ AKQJ2	5♠	P	P	X	
		♣ Q8	P	P	P		
W masong		E janetsher					
♠ AK8764		♠ Q105					
♥		♥ KJ82					
♦ 9		♦ 743					
♣ KJ7432		♣ 1096					
		S alixtay					
		♠ J92					
		♥ 10943					
		♦ 10865					
		♣ A5					
				5♠x W		NS: 0 EW: 0	

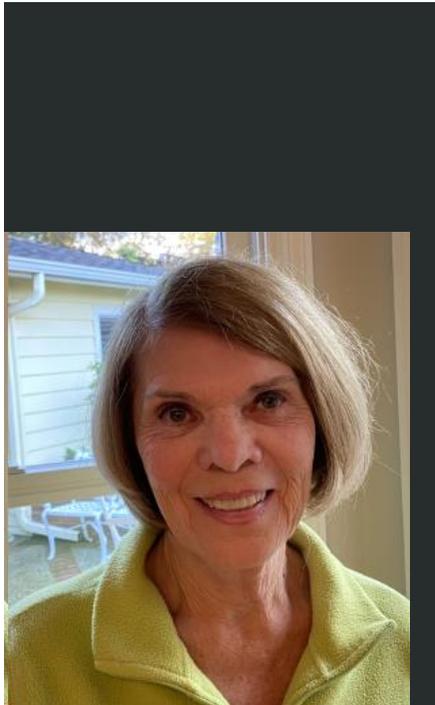
Round 9, Board 4

This was a wild competitive hand that produced a lot of different results. Both West and North are really dealt something special, and I wouldn't expect the auction to die out below the level of 4♠ very often. Jeannette Shinsako of GOLDEN GATE BRIDGIES successfully got her side to 4♠ by showing her big two-suiter with a 4♣ bid. After guessing clubs correctly, Jeannette took the maximum number of tricks for +650.

If the auction begins as it did at the featured table (see diagram above), I would recommend North bids 4♦ over 4♣ "on the way" to 4♥. This should clarify to South that North does indeed have hearts and diamonds. Most importantly, this gives South the idea that North is thinking about what to do over 4♠ -- otherwise, why bother making a bid like 4♦? North could have just bid 4♥, so the fact she is doing something else means that she wants her partner in the picture.

Jori Grossack did in fact find the excellent 4♦ bid, and her partner, Alix Taylor competed to the 5 level based on the double fit. GerriAnne Mason took the push to 5♠ with her 6-6 hand, and unfortunately for ROBINSON, the contract could always be made. +850 to THE GATLINBURG GIRLS and a 6 IMP gain against the +620 recorded at the other table.

The USBF JUNIORS had the most exciting comparison of all. Jenni Carmichael and Cynthia Huang played in 4♥X. It's tricky for E/W to defeat this contract, as they have to play clubs in time and specifically from the East side, and when the defense slipped just a little, that was an exciting +790. To make matters worse, their teammates Emma Kolesnik and Amber Lin scored up an overtrick in 4♠X for +990. When the smoke cleared, that all added up to a double doubled game swing and 18 sizzling, juicy IMPs to USBF JUNIORS.



Jan Samuels

D	N	W	N	E	S
9	♠ QJ3 ♥ 752 ♦ K103 ♣ 9763	1♠ P	P 2♥ P	1♣ 4♠ P	1♥ P
W portiac		E js3124			
♠ A10987 ♥ 863 ♦ 962 ♣ J5		♠ K42 ♥ KQ ♦ AJ5 ♣ KQ1082			
	S				
	♠ 65 ♥ AJ1094 ♦ Q874 ♣ A4				
		4♠ W			NS: 0 EW: 0

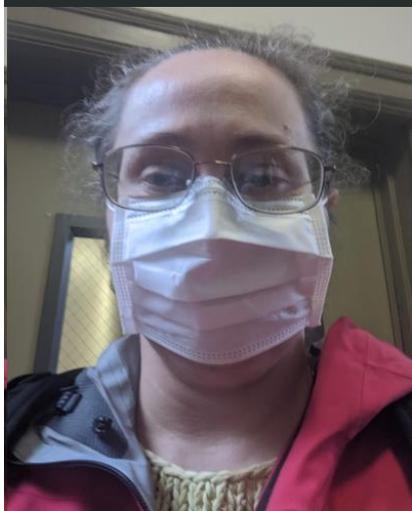
Round 11, Board 9

The example auction happened at a number of tables, and it is exactly how I believe the auction should go. West has *just* enough to squeak out a 1♠ bid showing at least 5 spades, and East, holding a great hand and knowing about the spade fit, has no reason to beat around the bush. She should deposit her partner into 4♠ and hope that it makes. Barbara Shukov and Jan Samuels from SOKKS were one of the pairs who successfully bid and made 4♠.

Against 4♠, North will certainly lead a heart, and now the spotlight shifts to South: how to take 4 tricks? Those clubs in the dummy are ominous, and it is very likely that left to her own devices, West will set up those clubs and eventually discard any diamond losers that she has. This argues for an active defense: South might as well shift to a diamond hoping that her partner has the King, since if she doesn't do this, any diamond tricks N/S might have coming are likely to disappear on the clubs later. Even if West has the King of diamonds, nothing much is lost, as the clubs were probably going to let West discard her diamond losers anyway.

South has even a bonus clue: North raised her to 2♥, and has no points in hearts or clubs. It's unlikely North has a ton of points in spades, so it's pretty likely that North will have the ♦K as part of her values for the 2♥ bid. Of all the Souths facing this problem, only Rachael Moller for NYC found a diamond shift at trick two. Very nicely done!

Has anyone noticed the opening lead that will hold spades to only 8 tricks? That's right, it's the ♦T! If anybody found this lead, we'd be awarding a brilliancy (or lunacy) prize on the spot.



Rachael Moller

## Featured Match: GGB vs Robinson (RR10)

by Sylvia Shi

With two matches to go, GOLDEN GATE BRIDGIES was in the hunt for the eighth qualification spot. Meanwhile, a big win here would put ROBINSON back in contention.



Gail Gabiati

D 1	N cmp56	W N E S
	♠ QJ8 ♥ Q1093 ♦ K6 ♣ KQ75	1♣ 1NT 3♦ P P P
W gailgab	E pirwin999	
♠ 10732 ♥ 64 ♦ A ♣ J109432	♠ A954 ♥ AKJ7 ♦ J103 ♣ A6	
	S saba	
	♠ K6 ♥ 852 ♦ Q987542 ♣ 8	
		3♦ S NS: 0 EW: 0

South, Linda Robinson created a small pickup for her team on the very first board when her preemptive 3♦ jump shut out her opponents. Though the contract went down two, this was a 2 imp gain opposite her teammates' making partial.



Kim Fanaday

D 3	N cmp56	W N E S
	♠ A108652 ♥ 103 ♦ 109754	P 4♦ P 1NT P P P 4♥
W gailgab	E pirwin999	
♠ 853 ♥ KQ ♦ 98642 ♣ A63	♠ J10942 ♥ 97 ♦ AQJ5 ♣ QJ	
	S saba	
	♠ AKQ76 ♥ J43 ♦ K7 ♣ K82	
		4♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0

Chris Parker, North, upgraded her hand for the extreme distribution and chose to make a Texas transfer. I think this is a reasonable shot – it might be cold if partner has the right values, or they may lead the wrong thing.



Qing Lu



Susan Smith

Unfortunately on this hand, partner has ♠ AKQ opposite your void. East, Pat Irwin might have chosen to double 4 ♦ for the lead – However, West, Gail Gabiati, led a diamond anyway and the contract finished one down as E/W were able to collect their tricks. The other table stopped much lower so this was 5 imps back to GGB.

D 4		N sallyfos	W	N	E	S
		♠ 74	P	P	2♣	P
		♥ A	2♦	P	2♠	P
		♦ 1086543	3♥	P	3♠	P
		♣ 10975	4♠	P	P	P
W josecuervo			E alixtay			
♠ 92			♠ AQJ1063			
♥ QJ10862			♥ 93			
♦ J72			♦ AKQ			
♣ J2			♣ K3			
		S janski80				
		♠ K85				
		♥ K754				
		♦ 9				
		♣ AQ864				
		4♠ E		NS: 0 EW: 0		

East, Alix Taylor, chose to open a strong 2 ♣ with the nice spade one suiter. This landed her in 4 ♠, which we can see has five top losers. She tried a low spade out of her hand towards the ♠ 9, hoping for a misdefense – when the ♠ 9 held, she had a chance of making her contract if South, Jeannette Shinsako, had played low from ♠ K-x and North, Sally Foster held the ♣ A. Alix tried a club to the ♣ K, but Jeannette won, took a second club, and led a heart to her partner for a diamond ruff. Next, Jeannette led a *low heart* back so her partner could trump and give her another diamond ruff! Nice defense for the extra undertrick.

D 7		N sallyfos	W	N	E	S
		♠ K82	1♠	P	2♥	P
		♥ 10	3♥	P	3NT	P
		♦ Q87654	4♥	P	P	P
		♣ 963				
W josecuervo			E alixtay			
♠ AJ973			♠ 105			
♥ KJ5			♥ Q9872			
♦ K92			♦ AJ10			
♣ J5			♣ AK10			
		S janski80				
		♠ Q64				
		♥ A643				
		♦ 3				
		♣ Q8742				
		4♥ E		NS: 0 EW: 0		

## Meet the Players: Allison Rudary



**Team:** NYC Ladies

**Favorite Convention:**  
Spiral Raises!

**Fantasy Mixed Partner:**

Joe Grue – “he loves the game and that energy is fun to be around. Aside from my husband, of course.”

**Best nonbridge talent:**

Cooking and baking

**Dogs or cats?**

“Yes! I have 2 dogs and 1 cat”

**Random Trivia:** “I love games of all kinds – board games, video games, puzzles.”

**Favorite ice cream:**

A very high quality vanilla

On board 7, both tables landed in 4 ♥ on the singleton diamond lead from South. Both declarers started with two rounds of trumps. Jeannette won the second heart with her ♥ A and accurately shifted to a spade. Alix took the ♠ A and used dummy’s trump to ruff her losing ♣ 10. Now she made the critical play – she led a spade off the dummy. Sally was able to win and give her partner a diamond ruff, but then Alix was able to ruff the continuation and draw trumps. If Alix tried to cross in diamonds to draw trumps, Jeannette would have been able to ruff and then get back to her partner with a spade for a second ruff to defeat the contract. 12 imps to ROBINSON as the contract was not made at the other table.

GGB collected 8 imps on the final board when a 2 ♦ opener got ROBINSON’S E/W pair to the wrong strain. GOLDEN GATE BRIDGIES won by 12 imps and moved up to the eighth spot with one match left.

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## Meet the Players: Pat Irwin



**Team:** Golden Gate  
Bridgies

**Favorite Convention:**  
2/1 – “I know, it’s a  
system, not a  
convention. I learned  
standard American  
and when my partner  
and I took 2/1 classes,  
a light bulb went on.”

**Favorite place you  
have traveled to:**

Tiger tour for a week  
in Central India, seeing  
9 tigers up close

**Dogs or cats?** “Cats,  
absolutely.”

**Favorite ice cream:**

Dark chocolate

## Butlers Leaders RR (cumulative)

	Final Butler	BdsPlayed	Team
cynthuang - moonbeam42	1.82	27	USBF Jrs
Stephannie - obliviator	1.29	45	NYC Ladies
cricket75 - keng777	1.17	18	Best Coast
moga321 - moonbeam42	0.78	27	USBF Juniors
Lmarshall - Monique10	0.75	99	ESWS
masong - JanetSher	0.73	99	GatlinGirls
aa_00 - queenqing	0.72	99	Zhang
ruffxsluff - evie44	0.6	99	Diamonds
moga321 - oschireson	0.59	27	JUSBF Jrs
westwanda- mmemanager	0.54	54	GGB
estaban - betseygs	0.45	27	Gunn
ngunn - saraemily	0.42	99	Gunn
pwqn - bulock	0.34	99	ESWS
JulyR - Humboldt2	0.3	99	Callaham
cricket75 - Irowe	0.28	81	Best Coast
marintlc - arti_b	0.24	99	Best Coast
spero2 - sfmjk	0.19	27	GGB
hxlzqx - verakb	0.17	99	Zhang
spero2 - sallyfos	0.07	27	GGB
alaskabird - mommafish	0.05	45	SOKKS
hellerbl - bonniewood	0.04	99	GatlinGirls
ayla710 - ekolesnik	0.02	45	USBF Jrs
_judican - clt1036	0.01	99	Callaham

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