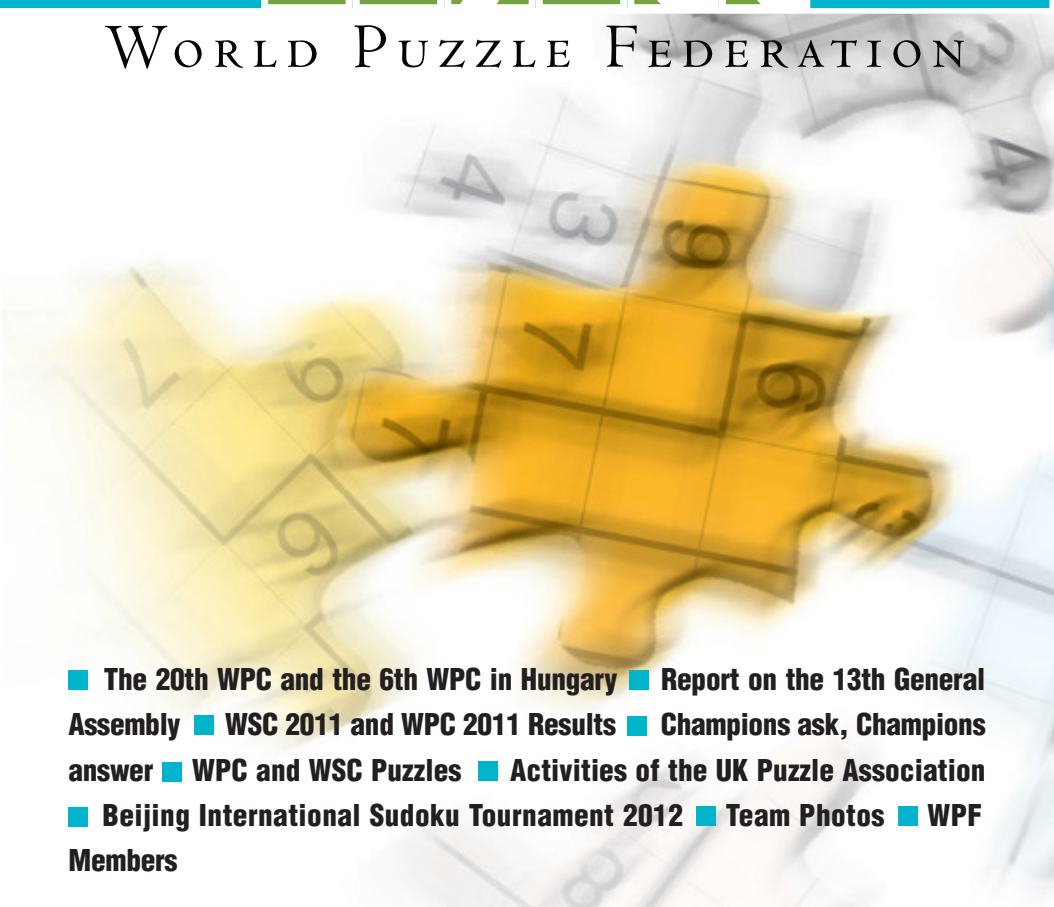


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EDITORIAL

NEWSLETTER 17/2012

The year 2011 was special for many reasons. It was the first year when both sudoku and puzzle championships were organized simultaneously by one country. Hungarian city Eger hosted this big event at the beginning of November 2011. Only the organizers can describe how big challenge it was. But for all of us it was an unforgettable time.

Also General Assembly of the WPF announced many interesting news. One of them was the resignation of Peter Ritmeester, General Secretary of the WPF since federation was founded. Peter, thank you very much for everything you have done for WPF, great job!! As a consequence, a new position of the WPF Director has opened and a lot of expectations given to this role. One of the first tasks was to make WPF a bit more visible in this computerized life. So the new web page has been launched and WPF also appeared on Facebook, Twitter and Youtube. Hopefully these are just the first steps...

This year the combined championship will take place in Croatia.

We all wish these changes bring only positive things and improvements.



Hana Koudelková
WPF director

HOW TO ORGANISE THE BIGGEST PUZZLE EVENT IN THE WORLD? NEVER CHANGE ON WINNING TEAM.

BY GYÖRGY ISTVÁN AND ZOLTÁN NÉMETH

Like it's always easier to get something than keeping it, it was easier to get the hosting rights to organise the first WSC-WPC double event rather than to make it. Before Hungary submitted its registration for the vote in Antalya, I had already asked the main puzzlemakers and several friends of mine whether they wanted to take part in the organising work. With the power of dozens of people behind me, it was easy to put together our candidacy – but it was a great surprise for me that we won the election with a huge majority. On one side, it showed that the previous events Hungary had hosted (two WPCs and several 24-Hours Puzzle Championships) had made some great everlasting memories, and probably those were quite well organised, but on the other side the huge majority put big expectations and big pressure on us to meet all the requirements.

To tell you the truth it was not easy to rev up myself to organise my 3rd WPC and WSC, but I knew my responsibility has always been a big help to get over the troubles. Due to several reasons I had to change the originally planned place of the event, and after 2005 it became again Eger, and the Hotel Eger&Park. So, the WSC-WPC was organised in the same place with mainly the same people, and this constellation was again a winning situation and made my job easier.

I divided the jobs into different parts, I took

part on the puzzle-makers meetings only as an observer (or to ask the others to speed up their work...), so only the other organising jobs (financial part, extra events, excursions) were mainly my job (with several helping hands). One of the problems which needed to be solved, find out the structure of the first double event, and find new places to visit in Eger and in the surroundings (because at least half of the visitors had already been to Eger). I hope the visit (and the prize-giving ceremony) in the biggest Hungarian dripstone cave and in a wine-cellar was a great opportunity to relax a bit between the two championships.

I kept not only the place of the event, the puzzle-makers and other organisers but some extra programs as well: we held again a Crossword puzzle championship and a Pop-Rock Quiz in the evening and the 24 Hours Championship after the double event (special thanks to Vladimir Portugalov, who collected and checked the puzzles for that event).

„It's just a question of time“... Probably this Depeche Mode hit was the Hungarian organisers' most relevant motto for the WSC-WPC. We knew that we had several great ideas what should be great to do (or do it in a better way), but our time was limited. We all did our jobs just for fun (on top of our daily work), and our biggest reward was your kind feedback on the Internet and the standing ovation at the closing ceremony.

Because I didn't make any puzzle for the WSC-WPC (just helped checking some of them and keeping the time during the competition), I pass the word onto Zoltán Németh, who coordinated the puzzle section of the events (together with Zoltán Horváth and Pál Madarassy) to give some information about that part of our organising job.

Even though Hungary had held two WPCs in the past, it still came as some what of a shock to learn after Antalya that Gyorgy volunteered to organize the first „double event“, when WPC and WSC would be joined – even more of a shock to learn that the bid was actually successful! Preparations on the puzzle edition side started, as usual, with some massive brain storming sessions that yielded some wild ideas of puzzle concepts, some heavy arguments as to what puzzles are or are not suitable for WPCs / WSCs, which then slowly translated into a steady stream of puzzles being actually prepared. One of the main drivers that we eventually agreed on was for the puzzles to be as diverse and inclusive as possible, in that we wanted to cover a wide range of every aspect, be it easy puzzles or hard ones, small vs. large, mechanic vs. instinctive, etc. – this was designed to ensure that participants at any level would be able to find puzzles that satisfy their tastes and capabilities. Although two years for preparing an event

sounds like a large amount of time and although we thought we were in a good shape arriving into the final corner, it is probably no big secret to reveal that we could not lean back in our seats for a single moment during the last couple of weeks: additional puzzles, scoring and description mismatches, printing issues, and of course the marking process during the competition, among many other small things that were keeping us busy day and night (yes, if anyone walked past the judges' room at 3am in the morning during competition days and saw people working hard in their yellow/orange shirts, that was us and not without a goodreason).

On a positive note – it took over two days for many helpers to ensure that the „Board Games“ round of WPC was adequately prepared, with all the small pieces and cards carefully selected for each team's table, double and triple checked for correctness and delivered to the large competition hall on time. When this was finally over and we were able to see all the teams playing and puzzling and scratching their heads at full steam, we realized that this very spirit of competitiveness in what really brings so many people together year by year. As an organizer, having put an incredible amount of work into ensuring the event goes flawlessly, you can hardly find any better reward than seeing all your puzzlers during their happy moments.

**6th World Sudoku
Championship**
6-10 November 2011



**20th World Puzzle
Championship**
8-13 November 2011

Some numbers about the events:

- 236 participants (team members, team captains and guests) from 33 countries
- 41 organisers
- the first puzzler arrived on 4th November, the last puzzlers left on 15th November
- the budget of the events was over 110,000 Euros
- the largest delegation came from Germany (16 people)
- 6 Turkish participants spent 10 nights in Eger (more than any other people, even the organisers)

REPORT ON THE 13TH ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD PUZZLE FEDERATION

BY PETER RITMEESTER

OPENING

The meeting was called to order by WPF General Secretary Peter Ritmeester (The Netherlands), who explained that he replaced Will Shortz (WPF chairman, USA) as chairman of the assembly because Will had to direct a tournament in the USA. Other board members present were Vítězslav Koudelka (Czech Republic) and Gyory István (Hungary). Board member and WPF treasurer Kamer Alyanakyán had to cancel his trip because of urgent matters at home.

Peter commemorated colleagues Jacek Szczap (Poland) and Jaime Poniachik (Argentina) who passed away the past year. Both were renowned puzzle creators and represented their countries as WPF member for many years. All members stood up and held a minute of silence.

The WPF members present were China, Croatia (also voting for Serbia), Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands (also voting for France and Belgium), Romania, Slovakia, Turkey, United Kingdom and the USA. South-Korea was not present but asked Peter to vote on its behalf.

All members presented themselves in a few words to the other members.

Peter noted that all these members present had paid the membership fee and were allowed to vote. He also stated that several countries listed on the website as member had not paid the fee in the past year(s). They were still listed there as the WPF did not need their money and they still provided valuable contacts. These members did not have the right to publish WSC/WPC puzzles.

Nick Baxter (USA) questioned this practice. It was decided that the board would look into this and remove organizations listed as members in case they would continue not to pay the membership fee.

REPORTS

The minutes of the 2010 general assembly, as printed in the World Puzzle Newsletter, were approved. Peter reported that one could read in the minutes about several plans and other intentions that unfortunately did not become a reality. He said that this had been the case ever since the first WPC in 1992: that everyone had been enthusiastic and active during the week of the WPC only, that one year later nothing happened. That is supposed to change now by establishing the function of paid director, who will make sure that the plans are realized one year later.

Peter also reported on several issues the board had to deal with during the past year:

- Acting after complaints by Canadian puzzlers that the WPF representative for Canada was not functioning at all, this membership was terminated.

- Maria, widow of Jacek Szczap, asked the WPF for support. Although it is the policy of the WPF that the organizer is responsible for all WPC finances, both for the good and for the bad, the board decided to show compassion in this particular case, and paid 3,000 Euros to the hotel. The assembly approved this decision.

- the Beijing Media Network (BMN), who at that moment had not yet been a WPF member but applied for membership, organized in May 2011 an important sudoku championship in Beijing (BIST 2011) and both Will and Peter went there to support the tournament representing the WPF. The tournament was also publicized on the WPF website and promoted to all WPF members. Board members Vitezslav and Gyorgy did not approve this policy. Riccardo Albini (Italy) and Nick Baxter said that because Will's and Peter's expenses were paid, there was a conflict of interest. Peter said there were very good reasons to go anyway. Because this tournament will be organized again next year it will be discussed during this assembly whether the WPF should support the tournament next year again, and what the WPF policy in general will be on tournaments like this, organized both by WPF members and non-members.

- After the tournament and while still in Beijing, Will and Peter visited both the office of the BMN and that of the current WPF member Beijing News Group (BNG). There was also a meeting with the BNG during the tournament. Vitezslav, who was in Beijing not as WPF board member but as captain of the Czech team, was also present. Based on

these talks, they reported to the other board members that although BNG had been great in the past, they had no funds anymore, and could not play a significant role in the future. Because it was the other way around with the BMN, the board decided that the BMN would be better member for the future. The BMN started to represent the WPF in China starting July 1st 2011.

Peter presented the financial reports of the WPF account and the office account covering the preceding membership year. As of June 30, 2011, the WPF account had a balance of 31,123.79 Euros and the office account a balance of 268.17 Euros. The reports were accepted.



Congratulations, Thomas! Nick, Riccardo and Vita.

PRESENTATIONS

This year the 3-year board terms of Vitezslav and Peter end, so two positions in the board will be voted for. The candidates are Vitezslav and Jaanus Laidna (Estonia). Peter does not want to be re-elected. Both candidates presented themselves to the assembly.

After the presentations, Peter mentioned that one issue should be discussed here,

because Vitezslav's daughter Hana Koudelkova will be one of the candidates for the new function of director. As the board will be hiring and firing the director, and also for instance deciding on the salary, there would be a conflict of interest in his opinion. He stressed this had nothing to do with the integrity of anyone involved, it was a matter of principle.

It was decided that there would be a vote now not on whether there is a conflict of interest, but whether there would be a problem should both Hana and Vitezslav be elected. Regardless of the result, the director or the committee working on the new statutes would investigate the IOC rule on conflict of interest. Next year the assembly could then vote on incorporating this rule or not. The vote was 14 members in favor of not having a problem and proceeding with the votes and candidacies as planned, and 4 abstentions.

The two candidates for the new function of director – Hana Koudelkova (Czech Republic) and Wei-Hwa Huang (USA) then made their presentations.

After this, the only candidate for the WSC/WPC 2013 – Deyan Razzadov (Bulgaria) – made his presentation.

WPF EXECUTIVE: JOB DESCRIPTION AND TITLE

Peter explained that the board thought it would be best for the executive to have a clear title. Also, it should be a prestigious title, as this will make it easier to find candidates. The board therefore proposed the title of director, having the additional advantage of being internationally recognized. The assembly approved this.

Next, a job description was handed out written by Will, see below. Although several tasks might be added later, the assembly approved the job description.

WPC AND WSC: COMBINING OR ALTERNATING

The assembly discussed that instead of solving the issue by alternating the events, it may be possible to still combine the events, but reducing the combined competition to three days. The format could then be day 1 arrival, day 2 excursions, days 3-5 completion, and day 6 departure.

Several formats were suggested. Ferhat (Turkey) said that we had still been using the same format for 20 years, and an alternative could be to have more separate events (classic sudoku championship, variations championship, visual puzzles championship, et cetera) each with a spectacular play-off and medals. Many more competitors would be able to win something, and the event would become much more attractive to the media.

Jan Lam (The Netherlands) suggested a format more similar to the present WPC, but also with clearly separated categories, each with separate winners.

Valter Kvalic (Croatia), the organizer of next year's WSC/WPC said that he left the format undecided until now in order to be able to learn from this year's experience. He is open to any suggestions. It was decided that after this first day of the assembly, Valter, Ferhat, Jan, Riccardo and Nick would discuss an alternate format to be presented the next day. The discussion would then be continued.

Next, a specific issue of this year was discussed: double nationality. It was decided that a competitor was not allowed to use one nationality for the first event, and the other one for the next event. It will be allowed though to use the other nationality the next year.

END OF DAY 1

Jan Lam reported on the discussions the committee had had the previous night. He described both a 5-day and 6-day alternative for the combined event. The 6-day alternative would consist of three consecutive days of competition. There would be separate classic sudoku and sudoku variants parts. These parts would start on the 2nd day of competition, to limit the event for puzzlers who come only for the sudoku event. Because the event would be much shorter, with more common days, and a common departure day, it would be much easier to organize than the format in Eger.

The assembly decided to leave next year's format to the discretion of Valter, who will of course consult many people before deciding on the final format.



György István

WHAT ARE MEMBERS ENTITLED TO

Peter described how he received an e-mail from Alan O'Donnell (UK) who listed what new members could/should get more than they are currently entitled to. The same day he received an e-mail from Gyorgy who wrote to find it incorrect that members would receive publishing rights of the more than 400 puzzles of this year's championship.

Riccardo Albini (Italy) said that no member would publish all 400 and that most members wouldn't even publish a

single puzzle. Jan Lam (representing The Netherlands, Belgium and France on behalf of publisher Keesing) said that they hardly publish any WPC puzzles. Nick Baxter said that they really need the little money publishing these puzzles make.

Peter said that 10 years ago members paid a higher fee than now. The fee had been reduced in the past because no more money was needed. But that would change now as the director will need a salary and a budget to work with.

One option could be to make a distinction between commercial and non-commercial members. This was rejected by the assembly: 8 were in favor, with 11 votes against.

After a quick discussion, about half of the members were in favor of raising the fee to 500 Euros, with the other half in favor of a raise to 300 or a little more. There was a vote on raising the fee to 400 Euros, which was accepted: 10 in favor, 8 against. Christos Apostolidis (Greece) and Ján Farkas (Slovakia) stated that they now may not be able to pay the fee anymore. As the WPF still has the rule that the board can make exceptions, they can apply to the board in case they indeed have these problems.

SUPPORT BY THE WPF OF OTHER TOURNAMENTS BESIDES WSC AND WPC

Ferhat Calapkulu (Turkey) stated that in the case of an inactive member, it still may be wise to support a tournament by some other organization in that country. George Wang (China) stated that last year such was the case in China where BNG was inactive, and in fact wanted to give up membership but could not do so without saving face.

Nick said that as the use of the WPF logo is a membership right, it should not be included in the discussion of event support,

since members are free to use the logo without any such support.

It was decided to formulate a rule that would solve this issue in the future. The rule is as follows: if an organization planning to organize an international offline tournament – „international“ meaning that at least one competitor from outside the organizer’s country will compete – contacts the WPF asking for support, the board will grant this support only when it is explicitly formulated what this support exactly comprises and there is a clear majority with more than one vote within the board in favor of it. This rule was voted on and unanimously approved.

Peter stated that it is important for the organizers of the next year’s BIST that the assembly granted its support now. The vote was whether the WPF would support next year’s BIST. This was accepted: 15 voted in favor, with 3 abstentions.

Christos said that if a member organizes a tournament supported by the WPF it should pay a fee to the WPF. This was voted on and accepted: 11 in favor, 5 against, 3 abstentions.

Gyorgy stated that any member should be obliged to ask permission from the WPF for organizing an international tournament even without asking for support, as there may be a conflict with or a disadvantage to some other tournaments. If not applying to this rule, the membership would have to be terminated. The vote was on this rule without mentioning this sanction. The rule was not accepted: 9 in favor, 9 against, and 1 abstention.

ELECTIONS

Director: Hana Koudelkova: 16, Wei-Hwa Huang: 2, Abstentions: 1. So Hana was elected for the office of director.

Board members: as there were only 2 candidates for 2 positions, there was no

voting. Both Jaanus and Vítězslav were acclaimed as new board member.

WSC/WPC 2013: although Bulgaria was the only candidate, the vote on this was postponed until the next general assembly in Croatia for two reasons. Firstly, postponement will give the WPF another year of obtaining experience with the new format. Next year it will again be discussed what the best format would be for 2013. Secondly, with so many tournaments already in Eastern/Central Europe it is not good to have another one in that region. Maybe another candidate will appear after all in an entirely different part of the world, after which going to Bulgaria will be less of a problem.



QUESTIONS & REMARKS

Jan Lam (The Netherlands) stated that Keesing France, Belgium and Denmark will terminate their membership the next year. Keesing The Netherlands will continue its membership. He also said that this will be the last tournament where he would be present. Peter stated that his absence will be a big loss.

Riccardo Albini (Italy) asked whether he would be permitted to sell online tournament puzzles in a PDF in the Italian language. Although the WPF has as a rule that only 10% of the puzzles of a tournament can be published on a website, this is something

different. Although there was no voting on it, the consensus was that he should go ahead and report back to the WPF on sales and his experience in general.

Nick Baxter (USA) said that he liked how in this tournament more competitors per country could be present and that it should be promoted for future tournaments. Peter said that in the past the rule of one team per country was established because it would not be fair if one country had more teams than another country. Be he did not see any problems if the extra teams would compete unofficially and could not win, as is the case this year.

Ferhat Calapkulu (Turkey) said that the presence of young competitors should be stimulated more by having separate age categories. George Wang (China) said that in China there is a special school project where more than a million children on primary schools are being educated on sudoku. There will be separate youth team competing in BIST 2012.

Valter asked the members for comments on the Newsletter he had created. Peter thanked Valter for his work on the Newsletters the past years, but that creating it would be one of the tasks for the new director. The director could of course hire Valter to do (part of) the work. Valter also suggested making a special edition of the newsletter of about 100 pages to celebrate 20 years of WPC's. He will write down a format and offer to be sent to the director.

Vítezslav thanked Peter, who is retiring after this WPC after being general secretary for 12 years, for all his work during these years. Peter was applauded for this.

There being no further business, Peter thanked all present to allow him being chairman of this meeting, and closed the 13th General Assembly of the World Puzzle Federation on November 11, 2011, at around 17.00.

Supplementary Information: Director job description

The WPF governing structure will be revised to eliminate the position of general secretary and to create a new position of director.

The director will be selected by the members of the board, who will also determine the director's salary. The director's salary may not exceed two-thirds of the WPF's income from the previous year, without authorization of the general assembly.

A director may be fired at any time by the board and a new director selected, if in the board feels the existing director is not adequately performing his or her duties.

A director may not be a member of the board.

The director's duties are:

- To oversee WPF committees, checking to see that their work is being completed on time, and to assist committees as needed;
- To ensure that the WPF has candidates for officers and sites for WPF events;
- To ensure that WPF event organizers complete their puzzle creation on time, so the work can be checked for accuracy and fairness;
- To ensure that WPF event sites are suitable;
- To oversee the WPF website and the person or people who manage it;
- To ensure that the WPF has an annual newsletter;
- To seek sponsorship for the WPF and WPF events;
- To seek publicity for the WPF and WPF events;
- To do such other duties as the board directs.

WSC 2011 – Individual Results

Nonoff	Official	Playoff	Name	Country	Team	Result	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Part 4	Part 5	Part 6	Part 9	Part 10	Part 11	Part 12
1	1	1	Thomas Snyder	USA	USA-A	3760	140	270	580	425	390	465	305	620	365	200
2	4	2	Kota Morinishi	Japan	JPN-A	3453	146	132	460	320	480	415	380	555	355	210
3	3	3	Tiit Vunk	Estonia	EST-A	3459	84	195	605	305	340	465	370	490	410	195
4	9	4	Hideaki Jo	Japan	JPN-A	3096	140	51	480	320	375	425	325	540	300	140
5	5	5	Florian Kirch	Germany	GER-A	3443	98	230	445	380	385	420	305	580	390	210
6	6	6	Jan Novotný	Czech Republic	CZE-A	3258	118	225	370	315	385	425	300	540	360	220
7	7	7	Nikola Zivanović	Serbia	SRB-A	3168	128	225	440	370	290	465	305	530	235	180
8	8	8	Michael Ley	Germany	GER-A	3142	100	215	520	370	275	465	295	590	250	62
9	10	9	Jakub Ondroušek	Czech Republic	CZE-A	3055	132	3	585	175	355	525	340	390	335	215
10	2	10	Jan Mrozowski	Poland	POL-A	3525	120	190	485	395	405	425	325	525	425	230
11	11		Bastien Via-Jaime	France	FRA-A	3001	86	0	555	265	285	395	340	575	300	200
12	12		Rohan Rao	India	IND-A	2983	68	200	415	240	355	465	250	475	315	200
13	13		Branko Čeranić	Serbia	SRB-A	2854	120	60	390	240	295	465	295	415	395	179
14	14		Ulrich Voigt	Germany	GER-A	2839	118	6	405	250	425	385	295	525	270	160
15	15		Vincent Bertrand	Belgium	BEL-A	2832	102	195	560	320	200	255	335	485	200	180
16	16		Can Chen	China	CHN-A	2827	52	0	505	240	275	365	345	460	405	180
17			Sebastian Matschke	Germany	UN-09	2765	90	180	365	265	290	415	280	440	240	200
18	17		Jana Brízová	Czech Republic	CZE-A	2751	72	84	435	290	220	425	255	460	300	210
19	18		Byron Calver	Canada	UN-08	2749	114	185	405	320	295	325	295	390	245	175
20	19		Przemysław Dębiak	Poland	POL-A	2748	48	205	435	235	305	385	270	490	195	180
21	20		David McNeill	United Kingdom	GBR-A	2679	150	0	420	290	285	425	295	445	300	69
22	21		Mehmet Murat Sevim	Turkey	TUR-A	2622	72	230	315	310	285	375	220	370	235	210
23	22		Jakub Hrazdira	Czech Republic	CZE-B	2617	76	126	385	270	235	385	250	525	335	30
24	23		Tom Collyer	United Kingdom	GBR-A	2613	68	215	340	240	295	355	305	345	270	180
25	24		Hubert Wagner	Germany	GER-B	2598	92	215	430	190	245	355	295	435	270	71
26	25		Zuzana Hromcová	Slovakia	SVK-B	2593	80	138	365	215	325	315	270	405	330	150
27	26		Frédérique Rogeaux	France	FRA-A	2586	76	185	405	290	265	215	260	380	340	170
28	27		Yannick Meyapin	France	FRA-A	2561	96	117	450	235	240	255	325	345	410	88
29	28		Will Blatt	USA	UN-06	2536	116	195	455	320	210	190	255	455	250	90
30	29		Peter Hudák	Slovakia	SVK-A	2517	82	135	335	240	250	325	230	475	240	205
31	30		Michael Smit	Germany	GER-A	2362	56	245	365	225	305	290	205	255	300	116
32	31		Jonathan Rivet	USA	USA-A	2351	92	144	290	320	340	210	190	400	225	140
33	32		Bram de Laet	Netherlands	NED-A	2344	74	205	255	185	210	360	270	380	245	160
34	33		Ondřej Suchý	Czech Republic	CZE-B	2284	52	33	405	185	290	285	280	380	355	19
35	34		Sylvain Caudmont	France	FRA-A	2257	86	147	370	185	220	365	275	335	265	9
36	35		Jason Zuffranieri	USA	USA-A	2236	136	0	410	135	315	215	270	400	190	165
37	36		Minfang Lin	China	CHN-A	2212	60	0	450	175	330	255	270	285	355	32
38			Jana Tylová	Czech Republic	CZE-B	2190	60	90	265	190	215	250	235	475	230	180
39	37		Matúš Demjter	Slovakia	SVK-B	2188	78	185	375	255	130	180	225	495	255	10
40	38		Štefan Gašpár	Slovakia	SVK-A	2182	116	120	345	265	205	285	180	390	240	36
41	39		Stefan Leopoldseder	Austria	UN-01	2174	66	123	375	185	215	315	245	320	300	30
42	40		Klára Vytisková	Czech Republic	CZE-A	2167	92	0	475	140	200	295	300	245	245	175
43	41		Karin Griffioen	Netherlands	NED-A	2164	84	120	365	185	220	300	195	335	200	160
44	42		Jaakko Kangasharju	Finland	FIN-A	2163	68	200	345	200	225	345	205	290	125	160
45	43		Frédéric Stalder	Switzerland	SUI-A	2159	60	114	450	145	170	150	305	455	165	145
46	44		Sumit Bothra	India	IND-A	2154	104	45	415	125	225	365	240	345	290	0
47	45		Wilbert Zwart	Netherlands	NED-A	2143	142	0	395	85	135	325	270	355	410	26
48	46		Rick Uppelschoten	Netherlands	NED-A	2116	66	210	305	265	220	355	185	300	185	25
49	47		Olivier Rubio	France	FRA-B	2114	84	215	330	185	265	250	145	395	95	150
50	48		Goran Vodopija	Croatia	CRO-A	2098	128	75	355	270	130	275	170	340	160	195
51	49		Manuela Hawel	Austria	UN-01	2073	96	138	340	185	200	280	245	330	245	14
52	50		Salih Alan	Turkey	TUR-A	2014	112	0	335	135	260	150	295	340	345	42
53	51		Sarah Ratcliffe	Australia	AUS-A	1987	102	180	370	175	90	185	270	230	195	190
54	52		Riad Khanmagomedov	Russia	UN-02	1973	52	111	270	185	265	320	190	290	140	150
55	53		Wei-Hwa Huang	USA	USA-A	1971	114	42	265	240	80	335	225	335	175	160
56	54		Tejal Phatak	India	IND-A	1966	130	0	330	255	160	325	205	315	190	56
57	55		Chao Li	China	UN-04	1960	102	78	385	100	235	315	215	240	110	180
58	56		Annick Weyzig	Netherlands	UN-03	1929	72	102	235	135	195	255	240	270	285	160
59	57		Denis Aurox	France	FRA-B	1923	116	190	190	185	225	250	160	355	180	92
60	58		Ivana Štíptová	Slovakia	SVK-A	1943	88	18	385	235	175	255	225	290	245	27
61	59		Zrinka Kokot	Croatia	CRO-A	1874	54	200	205	185	215	180	195	325	140	175
62	60		Paweł Rachel	Poland	POL-A	1868	90	108	210	185	245	250	140	305	190	145
63	61		Zoran Tanasić	Serbia	SRB-A	1851	76	0	255	125	180	355	190	380	175	115
64	62		Yuka Jo	Japan	JPN-A	1847	84	75	315	185	200	185	215	305	185	98
65	63		Taner Karabulut	Turkey	TUR-A	1828	62	102	360	135	170	275	185	375	155	9
66	64		Serkan Yüreklî	Turkey	TUR-A	1821	94	0	295	140	180	240	225	420	115	112
67	65		Joëlle Rasneur	Belgium	BEL-A	1818	82	0	365	125	265	290	205	235	145	106
68	66		Kerstin Wöge	Germany	GER-B	1810	76	0	375	150	130	245	265	305	230	34
69			Jiří Hrdina	Czech Republic	CZE-B	1809	48	18	275	165	265	345	200	305	115	73
70	67		Stefano Forcolin	Italy	ITA-A	1789	100	129	210	240	150	245	160	230	145	180
71	68		Pavel Jaselský	Slovakia	SVK-A	1788	122	33	430	165	155	110	280	250	220	23
72	69		Agnieszka Buczma	Poland	POL-A	1781	56	0	330	185	255	260	185	295	95	120
73			Aline Koch	France	FRA-B	1739	66	63	220	235	80	215	220	330	160	150
74	70		Kuo-an Li	Chinese Taipei	UN-11	1736	60	48	405	185	170	120	255	155	300	38
75			Isabelle Gall	Germany	GER-B	1731	80	21	260	205	170	190	215	220	230	140
76	71		Prasanna Seshadri	India	IND-A	1725	52	120	270	110	160	285	195	275	235	23
77	72		Deyan Razsdov	Bulgaria	UN-02	1723	50	153	240	200	130	260	150	280	105	155

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78	73		Maho Yokota	Japan	JPN-A	1717	128	84	170	75	120	355	175	355	105	150		
79	74		Michael Collins	United Kingdom	GBR-A	1713	56	18	280	100	255	215	180	335	130	144		
80	75		Schamberg Judith	Luxembourg	UN-01	1699	102	195	325	100	130	205	210	215	145	72		
81	76		Tatsuya Yamamoto	Japan	UN-04	1683	78	240	210	185	150	185	185	160	145	145		
82	77		Vladimir Portugalov	Belarus	UN-05	1663	64	120	235	160	185	280	170	310	105	34		
83	78		Dragan Tolomanoski	Bosnia and Herzeg	UN-05	1655	64	99	270	135	120	220	190	290	130	137		
84	79		Guixin Lin	China	CHN-A	1651	102	0	365	165	160	220	225	250	125	39		
85	80		Eric Laermans	Belgium	BEL-A	1614	62	147	310	195	135	245	145	155	170	50		
86	81		Tamás Csiszázia	Hungary	HUN-A	1614	80	54	240	120	160	315	185	200	105	155		
87	82		Thiry Claudine	Luxembourg	UN-01	1612	86	42	365	200	195	300	95	60	235	34		
88	83		Gülce Senem Özkütük	Turkey	UN-05	1599	98	72	345	90	200	210	215	250	60	59		
89	84		Yanzhe Qiu	China	UN-04	1595	76	96	320	50	215	145	190	265	205	33		
90	85		Menglei Ma	China	CHN-A	1579	100	21	315	185	190	120	245	220	145	38		
91	86		Derek Kisman	Canada	UN-08	1565	74	48	165	145	175	250	160	310	160	78		
92	87		Giulia Franceschini	Italy	ITA-A	1548	52	72	310	95	125	285	205	210	130	64		
93	88		Paweł Kepczyński	Poland	UN-10	1544	62	185	180	60	130	260	140	340	160	27		
94	89		Čedomir Milanović	Serbia	SRB-A	1544	94	185	130	140	130	145	135	290	140	155		
95			Torsten Rogoll	Germany	GER-B	1522	68	24	295	85	120	225	255	200	230	20		
96	90		Delia Keetman	Netherlands	UN-03	1516	82	105	335	135	155	225	160	180	125	14		
97	91		Mario Živković	Croatia	CRO-A	1497	78	9	260	175	170	185	220	155	175	70		
98	92		Dave Baines	Canada	UN-08	1463	120	15	240	160	170	255	115	240	140	8		
99	93		Łukasz Kalinowski	Poland	UN-10	1455	68	96	210	185	190	145	110	205	140	106		
100	94		Maarit Rynnänen	Finland	FIN-A	1445	62	27	325	115	185	205	105	250	145	26		
101	95		Tamás Antal	Hungary	HUN-B	1436	44	75	170	160	185	210	175	285	130	2		
102	96		Ulla Eslöf	Finland	FIN-A	1423	40	57	265	120	130	180	120	245	160	106		
103			Jean-Christophe Novelli	France	FRA-B	1407	56	51	225	85	170	245	150	245	140	40		
104	97		Rauno Pärnits	Estonia	UN-11	1384	96	12	250	185	125	110	160	215	145	86		
105			Lenka Vávrová	Czech Republic	UN-09	1365	64	0	275	135	155	150	215	150	170	51	51	
106	98		Olga Diaz	Spain	UN-07	1359	66	0	230	185	120	150	215	190	195	8		
107	99		Fatih Kamer Anda	Turkey	TUR-B	1354	52	63	260	135	70	175	185	175	95	144		
108	100		Philippe Niederkorn	Belgium	BEL-A	1340	56	39	195	135	120	180	140	255	60	160		
109			Blanka Lehotská	Slovakia	SVK-B	1319	58	132	250	95	90	190	150	155	135	64		
110	101		Rajesh Kumar	India	UN-07	1314	20	6	210	75	130	220	160	225	180	88		
111	102		Janus Kayser Gjøe	Denmark	UN-07	1288	68	96	205	85	130	180	215	135	140	34		
112	103		Anthonis Noor	Belgium	UN-11	1267	48	0	205	75	90	235	130	260	150	74		
113	104		Henning Katsgaard Poulsen	Denmark	UN-07	1253	58	0	295	75	110	150	215	195	115	40		
114	105		Viktor Lapis	Hungary	HUN-A	1235	86	84	280	140	185	140	0	0	165	155		
115	106		Marco Montebelli	Italy	ITA-A	1225	64	9	240	135	125	110	155	185	190	12		
116	107		Yoichi Enta	Japan	UN-04	1224	48	27	145	95	170	210	135	255	95	44		
117	108		Dino Janković	Croatia	CRO-A	1203	98	3	205	165	80	120	155	230	105	42		
118	109		Katalin Szalayné Stölmár	Hungary	HUN-A	1201	58	15	185	125	170	180	160	190	80	38		
119			Gianluca Mancuso	Italy	UN-10	1196	80	0	285	75	30	120	215	150	230	11		
120	110		Péter Szentkúti	Hungary	HUN-A	1179	64	0	280	110	190	120	210	60	125	20		
121	111		Arko Olesk	Estonia	EST-A	1179	44	45	225	85	90	105	170	280	95	40		
122			Martin Krebs	Slovakia	SVK-B	1131	68	12	230	85	215	80	120	175	120	26		
123	112		Mike Colloby	United Kingdom	UN-06	1126	44	0	225	45	120	120	185	115	215	57		
124	113		Kristel Arnik	Estonia	EST-A	1107	54	57	205	135	110	105	150	150	125	16		
125	114		Christof Brutsch	Switzerland	SUI-A	1104	30	105	235	85	125	80	135	130	135	44		
126	115		Jouni Särkijärvi	Finland	UN-03	1101	66	0	260	110	40	190	155	155	80	45		
127			Ömer Faruk Yatkin	Turkey	TUR-B	1081	44	42	135	135	120	180	150	195	60	20		
128	116		Thanos Darkadakis	Greece	GRE-A	1068	46	33	175	135	90	205	110	150	100	24		
129	117		Nick Baxter	USA	UN-08	1046	50	126	150	85	120	140	85	105	60	125		
130	118		Olga Shut	Belarus	UN-05	1021	54	3	150	95	110	180	110	255	60	4		
131			Hüseyin Güngör	Turkey	TUR-B	1019	52	0	150	125	130	145	120	135	150	12		
132	119		David Collison	United Kingdom	GBR-A	982	88	0	145	135	40	100	195	130	145	4		
133			Gerda Nádor	Hungary	HUN-B	970	38	0	160	45	130	180	165	100	140	12		
134	120		Kertu Majas	Estonia	EST-A	950	68	0	265	100	40	0	195	120	145	17		
135	121		Erika Földesi	Hungary	HUN-B	942	40	63	155	85	80	110	100	215	45	49		
136			Christoph Seeliger	Germany	UN-09	910	72	0	115	85	90	220	105	90	95	38		
137	122		Vasso Kalaitzidou	Greece	GRE-A	903	70	33	185	85	145	40	135	75	60	75		
138	123		Gareth Moore	United Kingdom	UN-06	890	80	12	215	35	95	170	110	115	30	28		
139	124		Liisa Sarakontu	Finland	UN-03	864	50	54	120	85	80	110	100	150	65	50		
140	125		Markus Roth	Switzerland	SUI-A	860	40	18	125	85	70	80	90	200	50	102		
141			Zdeněk Vodička	Czech Republic	UN-09	858	80	0	175	95	70	40	140	105	140	13		
142	126		Borislav Ilievski	Bulgaria	UN-02	841	52	0	195	85	40	40	115	100	140	74		
143			İsmail Kaçmaz	Turkey	TUR-B	827	72	0	155	95	40	140	140	125	60	0		
144	127		Eeva Teräsvoori	Finland	FIN-A	786	42	18	225	85	90	40	165	40	65	16		
145	128		Giannis Lelegiannis	Greece	GRE-A	752	64	0	135	135	80	40	90	135	45	28		
146	129		Gabriele Quaresima	Italy	ITA-A	749	84	0	180	125	40	0	160	75	45	40		
147	130		Nick Gardner	United Kingdom	UN-06	733	70	0	150	70	80	40	105	65	95	58		
148			Sara Martin	Italy	UN-10	705	52	0	185	10	90	40	190	35	95	8		
149	131		Siniša Hrga	Croatia	UN-11	659	62	0	130	95	40	0	90	105	110	27		
150	132		William George Swan	Australia	AUS-A	547	60	0	80	45	80	0	120	80	80	2		
151			Judit Tórnai Dargó	Hungary	HUN-B	541	56	0	135	75	0	40	90	80	65	0		
152	133		Georgi Georgiev	Bulgaria	UN-02	504	38	0	120	75	50	0	110	35	60	16		
153	134		Jillian Banks	Australia	AUS-A	398	34	0	60	35	40	0	110	35	80	4		
154	135		Christiana Karakigianou	Greece	GRE-A	375	32	0	115	0	90	0	85	0	45	8		
155	136		Esther Naef	Switzerland	SUI-A	312	52	0	70	20	40	0	60	40	30	0		

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1	1	GER-A	16436	372	696	1735	1225	1390	1230	1740	1560	1100	1950	1210	548	1680
2	2	CZE-A	16181	414	312	1865	920	1160	900	1830	1670	1195	1635	1240	820	2220
3	3	USA-A	14488	482	456	1545	1120	1125	1050	1740	1225	990	1755	955	665	1380
4	4	POL-A	14092	314	503	1460	1000	1210	1050	1470	1320	920	1615	905	675	1650
5	5	JPN-A	14043	498	342	1425	900	1175	1050	1230	1380	1095	1755	945	598	1650
6	6	FRA-A	13825	344	449	1780	975	1010	750	900	1230	1200	1635	1315	467	1770
7	7	SRB-A	13227	418	470	1215	875	895	300	1890	1430	925	1615	945	629	1620
8	8	CZE-B	11960	236	267	1330	810	1005	150	1260	1265	965	1685	1035	302	1650
9	8	IND-A	11708	354	365	1430	730	900	600	900	1440	890	1410	1030	279	1380
10	9	SVK-A	11640	408	306	1495	905	785	900	600	975	915	1405	945	291	1710
11	10	NED-A	11587	366	535	1320	720	785	600	900	1340	920	1370	1040	371	1320
12	11	TUR-A	11165	340	332	1305	720	895	150	1410	1040	925	1505	850	373	1320
13	12	UN-01	11008	350	498	1405	670	740	450	1380	1100	795	925	925	150	1620
14	13	CHN-A	10969	314	21	1635	765	955	450	300	960	1085	1215	1030	289	1950
15	15	FRA-B	10813	322	519	965	690	740	600	1470	960	675	1325	555	432	1560
16	16	GER-B	10721	316	260	1360	630	665	300	1440	1015	1030	1160	960	265	1320
17	14	BEL-A	10564	302	381	1430	775	720	900	1260	970	825	1130	575	496	800
18	15	GBR-A	10527	362	233	1185	765	875	300	1500	1095	975	1255	845	397	740
19	19	UN-08	10033	358	374	960	710	760	450	1500	970	655	1045	605	386	1260
20	16	CRO-A	9082	358	287	1025	795	595	300	1350	760	740	1050	580	482	760
21	21	SVK-B	8921	284	467	1220	650	650	600	600	765	765	1230	840	250	600
22	22	UN-05	8788	280	294	1000	480	615	450	1200	890	685	1105	355	234	1200
23	17	FIN-A	8697	212	302	1160	520	630	150	1440	770	595	825	495	308	1290
24	24	UN-04	8612	304	441	1060	430	770	450	900	855	725	920	555	402	800
25	18	EST-A	8475	250	297	1300	625	580	300	900	675	885	1040	775	268	580
26	26	UN-03	7560	270	261	950	465	470	450	900	780	655	755	535	269	800
27	27	UN-09	7298	306	180	930	580	605	0	600	825	740	785	645	302	800
28	19	HUN-A	7179	288	153	985	495	705	300	300	755	555	450	475	368	1350
29	29	UN-06	7005	310	207	1045	470	505	300	900	520	655	750	590	233	520
30	20	UN-02	6571	192	264	825	545	485	0	1230	620	565	705	445	395	300
31	31	UN-07	6514	212	102	940	420	490	300	600	700	805	745	630	170	400
32	21	ITA-A	6461	300	210	940	595	440	450	300	640	680	700	510	296	400
33	22	SUI-A	6285	182	237	880	335	405	150	1200	310	590	825	380	291	500
34	34	UN-11	5896	266	60	990	540	425	150	300	465	635	735	705	225	400
35	35	UN-10	5320	262	281	860	330	440	0	300	565	655	730	625	152	120
36	36	TUR-B	4661	220	105	700	490	360	0	0	640	595	630	365	176	380
37	37	HUN-B	4439	178	138	620	365	395	150	0	540	530	680	380	63	400
38	23	AUS-A	4372	196	180	510	255	210	0	1200	185	500	345	355	196	240
39	24	GRE-A	4368	212	66	610	355	405	450	300	285	420	360	250	135	520



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1	1	USA-A	20447	885	2035	800	685	2020	1160	1192	585	1400	985	1155	2445	1520	2020	1560
2	2	GER-A	20304	900	2020	1020	410	2175	800	1600	515	1225	920	1429	2145	1575	1770	1800
3	3	JPN-A	18026	775	1740	530	375	1695	600	1600	510	1330	900	1331	1965	1695	1930	1050
4		GER-B	17499	835	1740	1125	550	1595	860	1449	490	1090	675	1100	1905	1515	1520	1050
5	4	SVK-A	15819	860	1625	1080	445	1370	300	1154	430	1150	655	935	1825	1600	1640	750
6	5	NED-A	14650	620	1565	820	450	1250	700	978	550	927	675	770	1790	1365	1440	750
7	6	POL-A	14374	680	1550	775	310	1520	300	1166	420	1080	560	748	1555	1350	1460	900
8	7	TUR-A	14022	695	1505	815	520	1375	600	994	485	1110	550	748	1665	1200	1310	450
9	8	CZE-A	13643	730	1495	790	625	1315	200	490	470	990	515	858	1800	975	1340	1050
10	9	FRA-A	13144	525	1400	570	300	1430	500	790	465	890	535	814	1650	1135	1300	750
11	10	SRB-A	12876	675	1615	750	220	1080	500	737	445	870	410	759	1555	1310	1350	600
12	11	GBR-A	12291	575	1260	560	440	1325	400	599	575	1025	615	737	1380	1040	1310	450
13	12	RUS-A	12096	645	1325	550	200	1300	400	631	490	750	605	715	1335	970	1280	900
14	13	CRO-A	11420	425	1120	640	210	1065	300	690	445	840	575	715	1570	775	1150	900
15	14	CAN-A	11282	510	1080	650	430	1175	400	654	615	890	595	528	1075	880	1200	600
16		UN-05	10371	460	1095	525	380	890	300	681	515	910	375	440	1155	835	1060	750
17	15	FIN-A	10096	475	1090	485	185	890	400	688	505	850	455	748	870	905	1100	450
18	16	BEL-A	9868	415	985	535	395	940	300	585	525	810	495	528	1220	705	980	450
19	17	ITA-A	9687	475	1060	620	130	785	300	656	475	800	435	671	1130	690	1010	450
20		CZE-B	9532	540	895	565	275	765	300	560	580	780	325	572	970	775	1030	600
21	18	ROM-A	9167	315	905	500	130	635	400	705	460	725	350	682	1120	850	1090	300
22	19	UN-01	9107	520	900	580	250	790	300	471	455	815	365	506	1020	715	970	450
23		FRA-B	9091	490	970	535	160	725	400	586	470	660	365	440	965	1035	990	300
24	20	UN-02	8693	280	815	610	140	825	300	616	425	590	425	517	1225	595	880	450
25	21	EST-A	8560	525	955	475	170	885	100	584	515	570	400	506	1075	660	990	150
26	22	HUN-A	8474	575	1000	305	60	825	300	497	440	650	530	462	1135	685	860	150
27		GBR-B	8101	340	755	515	75	700	200	445	460	570	450	561	770	650	850	750
28		UN-06	7991	420	890	330	200	800	400	458	410	620	435	473	835	560	860	300
29	23	IND-A	7905	380	1120	460	105	690	200	328	350	600	370	572	915	765	900	150
30		UN-03	7862	390	965	300	180	870	300	300	410	590	385	407	750	605	810	600
31		UN-04	6461	310	730	470	100	430	100	234	415	580	315	297	730	720	730	300
32		TUR-B	6409	375	660	270	105	390	300	272	390	590	330	462	700	565	850	150
33	24	GRE-A	6319	210	575	315	70	610	300	576	410	460	285	638	545	505	670	150
34		SVK-B	5343	405	565	225	105	345	200	313	290	380	120	330	570	365	680	450
35		UN-07	4961	290	560	185	70	440	200	323	310	330	245	198	510	220	780	300
36		UN-08	4680	195	540	210	130	370	200	181	285	270	215	264	460	550	510	300



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1	2	2	Palmer Mebane	USA	USA-A	4769	205	630	210	295	500	110	375	270	429	820	405	520
2	1	1	Ulrich Voigt	Germany	GER-A	5085	325	530	305	140	530	120	315	280	560	870	510	600
3	3	3	Thomas Snyder	USA	USA-A	4546	240	570	305	140	645	170	360	245	341	575	385	570
4	10	9	Wei-Hwa Huang	USA	USA-A	3896	210	470	150	140	550	160	345	210	286	570	345	460
5	4	4	Hideaki Jo	Japan	JPN-A	4280	220	515	245	220	515	120	340	185	385	580	405	550
6	9	6	Roland Voigt	Germany	GER-A	3967	210	455	230	100	590	145	300	205	407	470	445	410
7	6	6	Peter Hudak	Slovakia	SVK-A	4174	255	500	390	180	320	120	300	160	374	630	425	520
8	8	7	Nikola Zivanović	Serbia	SRB-A	3974	225	545	230	120	395	130	270	140	264	665	520	470
9	5	5	Bram de Laat	Netherlands	NED-A	4189	235	545	285	70	575	95	307	235	297	570	475	500
10	11	10	Neil Zussman	United Kingdom	GBR-A	3864	205	415	150	225	550	130	310	225	319	525	370	440
7			Michael Ley	Germany	GER-B	4062	220	565	305	270	470	145	310	115	242	590	440	390
12			Sebastian Matschke	Germany	GER-B	3742	215	460	305	150	460	105	280	145	352	385	475	410
13	11	11	Tatsuya Yamamoto	Japan	JPN-A	3728	160	415	120	40	460	130	355	310	363	505	440	430
14	12		Maho Yokota	Japan	JPN-A	3636	160	415	75	0	360	160	355	280	396	440	485	510
15	13		Mehmet Murat Sevim	Turkey	TUR-A	3629	185	330	330	235	475	145	320	165	154	525	355	410
16	14		Andrey Bogdanov	Russia	RUS-A	3548	210	470	240	110	520	125	260	275	198	415	345	380
17	15		Philipp Weiß	Germany	GER-A	3546	255	510	165	30	610	130	280	210	341	345	280	390
18	16		Przemysław Debiak	Poland	POL-A	3534	145	455	195	70	485	140	280	185	264	560	305	450
19	17		Florian Kirch	Germany	GER-A	3166	110	525	320	140	105	120	330	225	121	460	340	370
20	18		Jan Novotný	Czech Republic	CZE-A	3364	200	435	255	180	375	140	280	150	264	505	190	390
21	19		Stefan Gašpár	Slovakia	SVK-A	2574	185	265	125	70	370	90	240	110	209	275	335	300
22	20		Byron Calver	Canada	CAN-A	3337	175	365	255	225	355	170	200	205	187	445	355	400
23	21		Will Blatt	USA	USA-A	3324	230	365	135	110	325	145	320	260	99	480	385	470
24	22		Denis Auroux	France	FRA-A	2923	170	350	150	170	105	140	280	150	253	410	385	360
25			Martin Merker	Germany	GER-B	3232	170	345	305	100	405	135	240	225	242	420	255	390
26	23		Salih Alan	Turkey	TUR-A	3227	160	485	180	185	335	115	310	180	187	440	320	330
27	24		Goran Votopija	Croatia	CRO-A	3219	75	390	245	110	310	140	300	240	264	495	270	380
28	25		Rick Uppelschoten	Netherlands	NED-A	3190	115	380	195	195	240	125	260	205	275	455	415	330
29	26		Kota Morinishi	Japan	JPN-A	3132	235	395	90	115	360	100	280	125	187	440	365	440
30	27		Matej Uher	Slovakia	SVK-A	3126	170	295	170	40	435	115	260	190	176	445	440	390
31			Nils Miehle	Germany	GER-B	3104	230	370	210	30	260	105	260	190	264	510	345	330
32	28		Jana Tylvová	Czech Republic	CZE-B	3062	205	320	215	285	285	130	270	125	187	420	270	380
33	29		Stefan Leopoldsdeder	Austria	UN-1	1060	35	110	45	0	145	95	80	55	110	120	125	140
34	30		Jan Mrozowski	Poland	POL-A	2976	205	380	210	100	335	105	320	85	121	380	365	370
35	31		Matúš Demiger	Slovakia	SVK-A	2956	235	405	245	30	185	90	280	145	286	300	405	350
36	32		Olivier Rubio	France	FRA-A	2928	115	355	165	30	465	120	280	185	253	345	265	360
37	33		Tomasz Stróžak	Poland	POL-A	2924	145	450	245	70	330	85	240	180	154	340	345	340
38	34		Rohan Rao	India	IND-A	2898	180	380	245	75	310	125	240	140	253	305	365	280
39	35		Branko Ceranić	Serbia	SRB-A	2832	185	440	200	0	295	90	220	125	242	375	300	360
40	36		Tiit Vunk	Estonia	EST-A	2813	185	340	260	70	330	130	230	175	88	385	260	360
41	37		Annick Weyzig	Netherlands	NED-A	2788	110	385	170	115	320	185	200	105	88	435	335	340
42	38		Robert Babilon	Czech Republic	CZE-A	2769	150	315	120	60	340	120	220	135	264	490	285	270
43	39		Jakub Hrazdica	Czech Republic	CZE-A	2708	175	425	200	130	315	80	220	105	143	385	230	300
44	40		David McNeill	United Kingdom	GBR-A	2454	100	340	245	115	105	155	180	110	209	345	240	310
45	41		Devan Razasaddi	Bulgaria	UN-2	2398	80	280	245	0	105	145	240	130	143	475	215	340
46	42		Serkan Yürekli	Turkey	TUR-A	2642	205	350	165	0	230	115	240	100	242	410	305	280
47	43		Ruben Gafencu	Romania	ROM-A	2618	135	250	105	30	285	105	305	130	198	450	245	380
48	44		Derek Kisman	Canada	CAN-A	2293	190	185	170	30	105	145	290	185	143	345	185	320
49	45		Sylwester Błaszczuk	Poland	POL-A	2574	185	265	125	70	370	90	240	110	209	275	335	300
50	46		Zrinka Kokot	Croatia	CRO-A	2561	145	300	245	0	300	90	250	135	176	455	175	290
51			Jonathan Rivet	USA	UN-5	2548	65	305	120	195	330	145	230	160	88	500	160	250
52			Bastien Vial-Jaime	France	FRA-B	2535	170	350	185	100	245	75	220	160	110	280	340	300
53	47		Barna-László Bernát	Romania	ROM-A	2529	85	305	150	100	170	130	200	150	264	310	305	360
54			Jason Zuffranieri	USA	UN-5	2493	175	290	150	115	225	185	220	60	143	295	315	320
55	48		Jean-Christophe Novelli	France	FRA-A	2483	120	310	120	70	300	90	210	105	143	465	270	280
56			Hubert Wagner	Germany	UN-3	2481	145	350	90	0	350	100	240	205	176	315	200	310
57	49		Taner Karabulut	Turkey	TUR-A	2480	145	340	140	100	335	110	240	105	165	290	220	290
58	50		Vincent Bertrand	Belgium	BEL-A	2469	145	320	245	70	210	110	250	90	209	300	220	300
59	51		Bart Leemans	Belgium	BEL-A	2465	65	220	200	125	355	155	220	155	165	355	190	260
60	52		Aline Koch	France	FRA-A	2435	120	385	135	30	225	115	210	95	165	430	215	310
61	53		Dragan Tolomanoski	Bosnia and Herz	UN-6	2194	175	355	90	100	105	145	190	125	99	305	195	310
62	54		Siefano Forcino	Italy	ITA-A	2126	180	110	210	0	175	135	260	85	231	280	160	300
63	55		Matthias Reichmayr	Austria	UN-1	2354	175	270	245	40	175	110	315	90	154	230	220	340
64	56		Riad Khanmagomedov	Russia	RUS-A	2349	175	240	95	60	345	95	220	120	209	325	145	320
65			Frédérique Rogeau	France	FRA-B	2242	190	305	170	0	105	100	220	105	187	305	275	280
66	57		Niko Ritari	Finland	FIN-A	2309	120	315	150	0	215	120	200	105	209	285	290	300
67	58		Jaakko Kangasharju	Finland	FIN-A	2257	100	270	150	0	245	140	200	140	187	280	235	310
68			Gülce Senem Özkütük	Turkey	UN-6	3219	75	390	245	110	310	140	300	240	264	495	270	380
69	59		Oskar Saarno	Finland	FIN-A	2083	130	190	140	75	300	140	230	85	198	120	185	290
70	60		Tom Collyer	United Kingdom	GBR-A	2220	130	285	120	100	155	130	315	85	110	245	245	300
71			Jakub Ondroušek	Czech Republic	CZE-B	2214	135	265	120	115	230	140	220	55	154	285	255	240
72			Jana Brizová	Czech Republic	CZE-B	2209	160	260	180	30	140	135	240	80	154	270	230	330
73			Paweł Rachel	Poland	UN-5	2202	130	250	135	30	240	90	240	115	132	235	295	310
74	61		Andrey Lemesh	Russia	RUS-A	2166	175	295	120	30	220	120	120	85	121	250	280	350
75	62		Vladimir Portugalov	Belarus	UN-2	2160	65	260	150	60	220	100	190	140	220	295	240	220
76	63		Cedomir Milanović	Serbia	SRB-A	1688	60	215	120	70	220	95	140	90	143	215	150	170
77	64		Rauno Pärnis	Estonia	EST-A	2119	145	280	125	30	190	120	120	85	209	350	155	310
78	65		Vladislav Klyachin	Russia	RUS-A	2102	85	320	95	0	215	150	150	125	187	345	200	230
79	66		Philipp Niederkorn	Belgium	BEL-A	2095	150	290	75	100	260	145	180	125	110	315	145	200
80	67		Zoran Tanasich	Serbia	SRB-A	2094	145	330	195	100	170	70	180	105	154	195	220	230
81	68		Gareth Moore	United Kingdom	GBR-A	1894	140	220	45	0	105	160	220	195	99	265	185	260
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	84	71	Della Keetman	Netherlands	NED-A	2045	160	255	170	70	105	145	160	130	110	330	140	270	
	85	72	Katalin Szalayné Stolmár	Hungary	HUN-A	2052	120	245	150	30	100	155	150	190	132	320	160	200	
	86	73	Giulia Franceschini	Italy	ITA-A	2023	125	220	120	30	240	105	180	105	143	365	190	200	
	87		Jiří Hrdina	Czech Republic	CZE-B	1995	130	220	170	30	255	160	180	75	110	295	150	220	
	88	74	Olga Shut	Belarus	UN-02	1978	115	235	200	40	155	115	130	125	143	300	130	290	
	89	75	Martin Pei	Canada	CAN-A	1967	60	295	150	30	265	125	240	120	132	145	145	260	
	90	76	Tamás Antal	Hungary	HUN-A	1948	170	300	15	0	225	90	150	120	143	270	225	240	
	91	77	Tamás Csizmazia	Hungary	HUN-A	1875	125	210	95	0	320	100	190	115	55	335	110	220	
	92		Zuzana Hromcová	Slovakia	SVK-B	1858	160	305	150	75	155	80	200	60	143	160	140	230	
	93	78	Alberto Fabris	Italy	ITA-A	1843	70	280	200	30	85	130	180	110	143	165	230	220	
	94		Alan O'Donnell	United Kingdom	GBR-B	1839	55	130	150	75	190	140	190	115	154	255	165	220	
	95		Ömer Faruk Yatkin	Turkey	TUR-B	2808	115	190	165	75	465	120	280	185	253	345	265	350	
	96		Emma McCaughan	United Kingdom	GBR-B	1756	130	195	195	0	105	140	130	150	121	165	185	240	
	97		Fatih Kamer Anda	Turkey	TUR-B	1817	75	230	105	30	105	120	210	115	242	160	205	220	
	98	79	Claudine Thiry	Luxembourg	UN-03	1823	60	215	120	70	355	95	140	90	143	215	150	170	
	99	80	Vasso Kalaitzidou	Greece	GRE-A	1747	85	185	75	70	195	110	130	65	187	240	175	230	
	100	81	Dave Baines	Canada	CAN-A	1686	85	235	75	145	105	175	160	85	66	140	195	220	
	101	82	Liisa Sarakontu	Finland	FIN-A	1744	125	260	45	0	130	105	220	125	154	185	195	200	
	102	83	Jaán Laks	Estonia	EST-A	1741	90	195	45	70	265	130	130	85	121	230	170	210	
	103		Nick Gardner	United Kingdom	GBR-B	1727	75	220	45	0	250	110	180	60	187	180	190	230	
	104	84	Janus Kayser Gjøe	Denmark	UN-07	1721	50	200	15	0	255	75	80	75	121	255	95	500	
	105		Ivana Štíptová	Slovakia	SVK-B	1706	90	225	45	30	80	75	180	60	176	365	150	230	
	106	85	Rajesh Kumar	India	IND-A	1691	75	225	125	0	75	80	190	70	121	275	205	250	
	107	86	Krešimir Stracenski	Croatia	CRO-A	1684	70	195	60	30	200	80	90	105	154	270	220	210	
	108		Zdeněk Vodička	Czech Republic	CZE-B	1654	115	150	95	100	140	145	140	115	154	120	140	240	
	109	87	Emese Medvegyiné Balogi	Hungary	HUN-A	1576	160	245	45	30	105	95	160	105	132	210	90	200	
	110		Wilbert Zwart	Netherlands	UN-04	1647	65	180	120	30	140	95	180	120	77	225	205	210	
	111	88	Markus Roth	Switzerland	UN-01	1587	155	200	75	70	170	60	150	50	77	215	115	250	
	112		Christoph Seeliger	Germany	UN-03	866	45	135	45	0	30	85	130	60	11	105	40	180	
	113		Sylvain Caudmont	France	FRA-B	1557	85	155	90	30	110	150	120	60	77	235	245	200	
	114	89	Minfang Lin	China	UN-08	1532	100	200	120	30	105	100	140	60	132	180	195	170	
	115	90	Anthonis Noor	Belgium	BEL-A	1504	55	155	15	100	115	115	160	125	44	250	150	220	
	116	91	Rajib Ranjan Borah	India	IND-A	1495	75	265	75	30	165	40	70	95	110	230	160	180	
	117		Jouni Särkijärvi	Finland	UN-04	1468	75	200	75	30	130	120	160	75	33	270	130	170	
	118		Eeva Teräsuvori	Finland	UN-04	1412	90	210	150	0	105	115	150	40	77	125	190	160	
	119	92	George Vakalopoulos	Greece	GRE-A	1435	65	110	150	0	125	120	160	120	165	150	120	150	
	120		Yannick Meyapin	France	FRA-B	1401	45	160	90	30	195	145	100	40	66	145	175	210	
	121		Agnieszka Buczma	Poland	UN-05	1397	90	250	120	40	95	95	220	40	77	125	65	180	
	122	93	Hunor Daday	Romania	ROM-A	1349	45	165	125	0	50	80	120	50	154	205	115	240	
	123		Liane Robinson	United Kingdom	GBR-B	1324	80	210	125	0	95	70	70	125	99	180	110	160	
	124		Hans Eendebak	Netherlands	UN-07	1296	60	185	170	70	80	135	110	70	66	155	75	120	
	125	94	Cen Chen	China	UN-08	1535	60	110	75	70	355	120	80	50	55	130	260	170	
	126	95	Thanos Darkadakis	Greece	GRE-A	1269	25	150	45	0	210	75	90	50	209	140	135	140	
	127	96	Emeric Lőrincz	Romania	ROM-A	1241	50	185	120	0	105	145	100	20	66	155	185	110	
	128		Ulla Etsilä	Finland	UN-04	1265	80	140	125	40	20	85	90	80	110	110	195	190	
	129		Ismail Kaçmaz	Turkey	TUR-B	1189	110	105	45	0	115	85	100	50	99	185	65	230	
	130		Prasanna Seshadri	India	UN-08	1182	35	230	15	30	160	65	50	105	77	150	95	170	
	131	97	Tejal Phatak	India	IND-A	1143	50	250	15	0	140	105	100	65	88	105	35	190	
	132		Julian West	Canada	UN-06	1139	95	155	45	0	110	70	140	80	44	215	55	130	
	133		Joëlle Rasneur	Belgium	UN-07	1121	180	175	0	0	105	100	140	100	11	100	50	160	
	134		Siniša Hrga	Croatia	UN-06	1060	35	110	45	0	145	95	80	55	110	120	125	140	
	135	98	Kristel Annik	Estonia	EST-A	1053	105	140	45	0	100	135	90	55	88	110	75	110	
	136	99	Esther Naef	Switzerland	UN-01	944	25	70	45	0	105	135	90	75	99	150	90	60	
	137		Hüseyin Güngör	Turkey	TUR-B	866	45	135	45	0	30	85	130	60	11	105	40	180	
	138	100	Fani Athlientou	Greece	GRE-A	867	35	130	45	0	105	105	80	50	77	15	75	150	
	139	101	Judith Schambourg	Luxembourg	UN-03	815	80	190	15	40	70	120	90	10	0	45	35	120	
	140	102	Borislav Ilevski	Bulgaria	UN-02	531	20	40	15	40	85	65	30	30	11	155	10	30	
	141		Blanka Lehotská	Slovakia	SVK-B	511	55	15	15	0	60	100	0	0	11	45	60	150	
	142		Jan Farkas	Slovakia	SVK-B	305	100	20	15	0	50	35	0	0	0	0	15	70	
	143		Nick Baxter	USA	UN-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Top 3 players WPC



Top 3 players WSC

CHAMPIONS ASK, CHAMPIONS ANSWER

BY THOMAS SNYDER (WSC 2011 WINNER) AND PALMER MEBANE (WPC 2011 WINNER)

THOMAS INTERVIEWED BY PALMER

1. Although this interview is for the WSC 2011 champion, you've also distinguished yourself in puzzle competitions as well. How do you view sudoku relative to logic puzzles as a whole? What contests are you personally most proud of your performances on (e.g. LMI tests, USPCs, WSCs, WPCs), and why?

Sudoku is a surprisingly simple yet deep logic puzzle that can be very fun to solve. Competition-wise, sudoku happens to sit at the sweet spot between my two best disciplines: number fill-in puzzles (like Fillomino or Skyscrapers) and observational puzzles (like word searches and spot the differences). I'm good at spotting unusual patterns which comes in handy on hard sudoku; the first time many people saw me do something incredible was when I spotted an odd diagonal pattern on the Toroidal Sudoku in the first WSC playoffs, solving a puzzle in which no other competitor could place more than 1 digit! It is still one of my proudest moments as a competitor.

But I solve almost every type of puzzle out there – not just logic puzzles but word puzzles and manipulative puzzles and „lateral thinking“ puzzles and so on. With such a broad interest in puzzles, I most appreciate the contests that have a similarly broad focus. Winning the USPC and the WPC have been my primary goals since I started competitive puzzling in 2004. I'd still like to be the first person to win both the WSC and WPC. I came very close to having such a „perfect“ year in 2007, when I won three out of four of the US/world championships

in sudoku/puzzles and finished 2nd at the WPC. If I hadn't made some mistakes in the playoffs at the WPC, I might have held all the titles.

2. What status do you think sudoku and puzzles will have in ten years relative to today, contests or otherwise?

When sudoku first became massively popular, many people expected that other logic puzzles would suddenly also become massively popular in its wake. These „next Sudoku“ have not really materialized, and I don't expect that another logic puzzle with as broad an appeal will emerge in the next ten years. Sudoku is a particularly privileged puzzle in terms of its accessibility, depth, and solving characteristics. The rush of placing the last few digits is very exciting and quite unique among puzzle types. I'd love to do a study of people's brains after solving different types of puzzles because I think sudoku has a way of stimulating the reward centers that few others do, which makes it particularly addictive. Sudoku, which became popular in newspapers and books, will still be solved even when newspapers and books no longer exist.

But while there may not be a „next Sudoku“ – a single puzzle with as large a potential audience – it is undeniable that sudoku has started a rise in logic puzzle design and innovation that will extend into the next ten years. For those of us who love solving logic puzzles, this will be a golden decade

of riches. There are many more people actively writing new ideas and posting them online (where, being language- and culture-neutral, they can transcend the barriers that exist in most other areas). Online contests every month at LMI and elsewhere are capturing the best in innovation and creativity with some of the world's finest puzzles and this trend will continue. None of the new puzzle styles may individually find as large an audience as sudoku enjoyed in the late 2000s, but I expect the number of options and the quality of the offerings to be much greater in the future.

3. On your blog you've noted how your job as a biochemist has consumed a lot of time you used to allocate to puzzles, and I've seen you say at least once that you had a „no puzzles at the workplace“ policy for yourself (although this was years ago). How do you expect to divide your time between them in the future? Do your job and your interest in puzzles tend to share much in common or be mutually exclusive? How would you explain your having an interest in both areas?

I still do my best to separate my work in science from my time with puzzles. You are right that I have a „no puzzles at the workplace“ policy, but I'm finding more and more of the time that I'm bringing my scientific work home, which limits my time to do puzzles greatly compared to when I was a student. A separate consideration is that I even split my time in puzzles, both with competition and puzzle construction. I expect to spend a greater fraction of my time writing puzzles versus competing in the future, as there is much more for me to achieve in designing new puzzles than in just solving them very fast.

Both my job and my interest in puzzles focus on problem-solving, and on separating signal from noise. A modern biochemist is overwhelmed with data but only a small amount of it is likely meaningful to answer a question. The right way to get to that answer is not immediately obvious, but one grabs hold of small bits of useful

data and design new experiments to get at the larger answer. Replace some of this language, like „data“ with „sudoku givens“, and „design new experiments“ with „build new solving strategies“, and the similarity of these pursuits should be clear. The biggest difference is probably that there are very few sure answers in science whereas puzzles (should) have exactly one. I suppose I find comfort in solving puzzles with clear answers as I aspire to get a handle on bigger questions in my job that may not even be solvable.

4. What is your favorite sudoku variation to solve? What is your favorite variation to construct? Do your solving and construction interests overlap?

Thomas Snyder



I particularly like variations that add in some properties of the numbers 1-9 without losing the simplicity and elegance of sudoku itself. My two favorites are Thermo-

Sudoku, a style I created, and Arrow Sudoku, a style I first found from Tetsuya Nishio. Both styles place constraints on adjacent cells, particularly on which can hold big numbers and which can hold small numbers, but rarely do these constraints give enough information that you can ignore sudoku solving rules entirely. Just as these are my favorite styles of sudoku to solve, they are also my favorite to construct. In addition to the interesting logic that arises in them, both styles have distinct graphical elements that are pretty easy to build into visual themes. I like to construct beautiful puzzles, and it is very easy (for me) to make beautiful, logically interesting Thermo-Sudoku and Arrow Sudoku.

PALMER INTERVIEWED BY THOMAS

1. Congratulations again Palmer. While I predicted you would make the US Puzzle Team in 2010, I was certainly surprised by your rapid rise to win both the USPC and WPC in 2011. To what do you attribute your rapid improvements? When did you first think you had a chance to win?

There are a number of things I can consider responsible for my quick improvement. One of them was the growing online competition scene. It's never been easier for anyone new to logic puzzles without a chance to attend a WPC to get practice. Even back before the 2010 USPC, before LMI had truly taken off, there were the OAPC archives for me to go through for practice.

Another thing was my knowing that improving on a type meant more than just doing a lot of puzzles of that type. I had made this realization earlier in 2009 when I was new on nikoli.com. I was wondering how on earth some people were consistently topping the leaderboards with such fast times. Through the feature on that site to view a replay of other solves, I found that these people were solving the puzzle in exactly the same way I was. The difference was that they just didn't stop. Every step came quickly to them. That taught me the important lesson that it was how you went about looking for deductions that was more important, not any sort of arcane knowledge. Rather than simply repetitively doing a ton of puzzles, one has to think about what kinds of steps are stumping them, and how they can change their approach to a puzzle so that those steps won't take so long.

With those epiphanies, it only took a bit of dedicated effort to also consistently top the leaderboard on nikoli.com for some types, despite not having been there for more than a few months. And then much later, following my experience in the WPC and elsewhere in 2010, I had a pretty good

idea of what kinds of puzzles I needed work at, and I knew exactly what I needed to do to get better. After spending the next few months cleaning up those weaknesses, that resulted in my solid performance on the 2011 USPC.

Finally, there's no denying that a ton of luck has been involved. My performance on round 4, Borderless, in Hungary is the shining example.

The first time I figured I had a chance to win the USPC was after finishing the test Magic Cube at LMI. At that point it really felt like a matter of avoiding errors. Given that Thomas is a top finisher in the WPCs already, feeling I had a chance to win the USPC came hand-in-hand with feeling I had a chance to win the WPC. The following months just made me feel like it would take a little less luck to do.

2. You stated on your blog after the WPC that „A good showing next year might take some work to clean up the weaknesses I have left. There's no getting complacent from one win this year.“ What are some of these weaknesses and what have you been doing to prepare to defend your title in Kraljevica?

There are quite a lot of weaknesses that remain. A few „evergreens“ I haven't done enough of: Magnets, Dominoes, Paint by Numbers, Pyramid. Several latin square types: Sudoku, Easy As, Japanese Sums, Kropki. Any kind of dissection puzzle. Observational puzzle types, counting puzzles, and other more conventional things that don't appear in many places besides the USPC these days, just in case a WPC decides to go the way Brazil did and include a lot of them.

Hungary seemed to avoid a lot of these types last year, instead going with all kinds of more abstract innovations that I performed much better on. This is why I did not feel a whole lot of security from that win alone.

Palmer Mebane



3. You just graduated from college; what are you doing these days (besides preparing for the WPC)?

Actually, preparing for the WPC is not on my recent list of things I've been doing. I really struggled to make any time to take the previous two LMI puzzle tests, much less prepare. I have been doing a lot of puzzle construction work, but since I mainly make types I'm already quite efficient at, it's not a whole lot of help for solving. This has probably shown in some recent LMI performances, where I'm starting to make dumb errors again.

As for why, between mid-May and the end of June I was working as a staff member in two International Math Olympiad training camps, and I was kept very busy. One was in Saudi Arabia, and the other was in the US. I'm not really sure how or why I got so involved with these things as I find most IMO-style problems silly, but some of them are nice and fun in the same ways logic puzzles can be. As an extension to the Saudi Arabia work I'll be attending the International Math Olympiad from July 3rd to July 16th in Argentina.

In September I will be starting at Art of Problem Solving (<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/>) in San Diego, which is involved in the same kind of contest math, although for business reasons much of their material is focused at a lower level. They also have a few projects where a puzzle author can be of use.

4. What is your favorite puzzle to solve? What is your favorite puzzle to construct? Do your solving and construction interests overlap?

It's difficult to pin down one favorite type in both solving and construction. Tapa is the type I probably enjoy constructing the most. There are other types I am able to do more with, like Statue Park (<http://mellowmelon.wordpress.com/category/puzzle-types/statue-park/>) which is a type of my own design, but it is quite easy to run yourself into a corner with no way of finishing an almost-constructed puzzle. Making Tapa rarely involves such frustrations.

For solving, perhaps due to my work with the Statue Park pack I released back in March, I have found myself enjoying shape placement puzzles, such as those with Pentominoes, a lot more than anything else. I suspect this is because I was always fond of that kind of logic, but the annoyance of having to remember what shapes had been used and what hadn't been kept it from being a favorite. Now with all that work constructing the pack done, it's easier for me to keep track of what shapes have been used than it is to figure out which of 1-9 is missing in row/column/box of a sudoku.

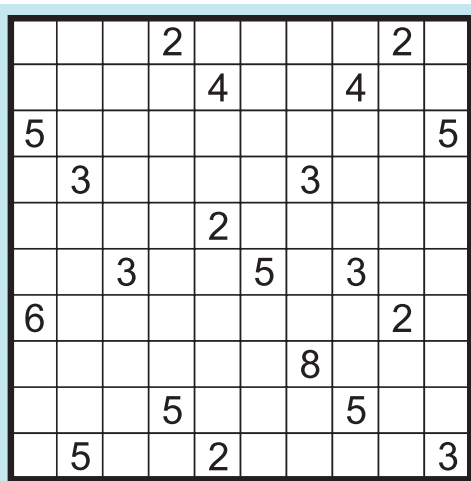
My solving and constructing interests do typically align fairly well. The simple reason for this is that when constructing I make puzzles that I myself would enjoy. I typically get as much enjoyment out of constructing a good puzzle as I do from solving a similar one from someone else. As a result I tend to make a lot of puzzles that are hard and have some sort of innovative global logic to them, which is my favorite kind of thing to see.

FOUR WINDS

Author: Zoltán Horváth

One or more horizontal or vertical lines are drawn from each numbered square. Lines cannot cross other numbered squares. Each number indicates how many squares are connected by its lines; the numbered squares themselves are not counted. No lines overlap or intersect each other.

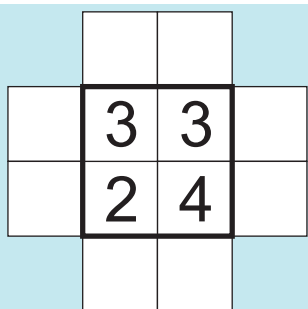
This puzzle (ab)uses the fact that in its rules there is no obligation to use all the cells. Hence as for creating and for solving this preconception is very much used it caused a mental block to many solvers to realize what is the trick in this one.



ARROWS

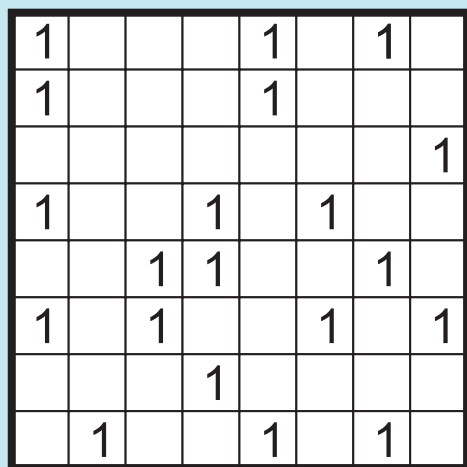
Author: Péter Nagy

Draw arrows into the empty squares around the grid. An arrow may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal. Every number inside the grid is equal to the number of arrows that are pointing to it. NOTE: All arrows point to at least one number.



Comments in italics by world puzzle champion 2007 Pál Madarassy (Hungary).

The very small size gives the impression that it is easy to solve. The 64 possible variations are limiting the difficulty but it was not easy at all.



OPEN OFFICE

Author: Zoltán Horváth

The grid represents an office, with each cell being a cubicle. Place some walls so that each number indicates the number of other cubicles visible from that of the number (visibility is horizontal or vertical only). The office needs to remain connected.

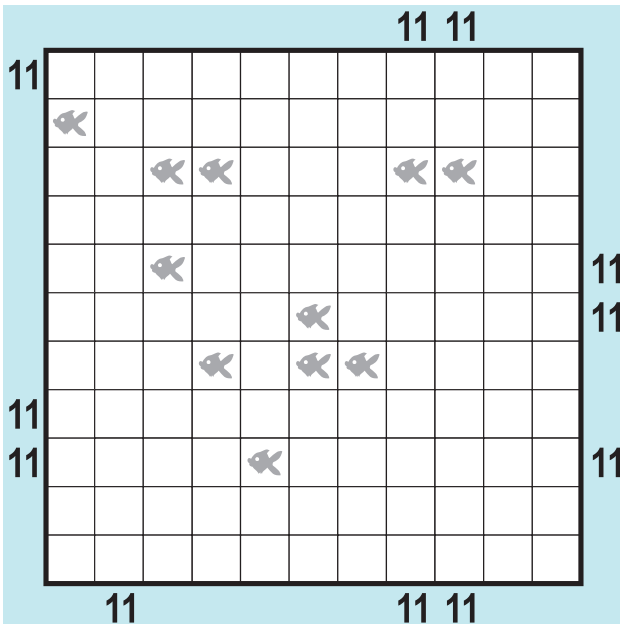
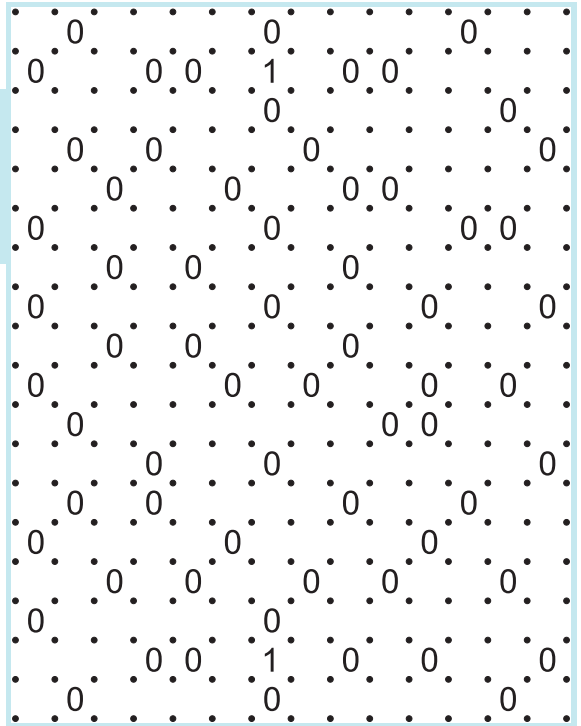
One from the evergreens around. All puzzles of the round needed special solving skills, in this one practically the solver had to draw the whole labyrinth from the given short dead ends.

FENCES

Author: Pál Madarassy

Draw a single continuous loop into the grid, travelling horizontally and vertically through some of the dots given. Numbers denote how many sides of the square containing the number are occupied by the loop.

It seemed to be impossible to innovate the fences type. Practically if all the givens are zeros than the solver have to solve a labyrinth-loop puzzle. Hence it was innovative, it was popular as well, it was solved by most of the solvers.



ANGLERS

Author: Pál Madarassy

The grid represents a lake and some squares contain a fish. There are a few anglers sitting around the lake, each of whom have caught a fish. The cords only travel horizontally or vertically and do not cross or overlap themselves or each other. Numbers reveal the length of the cord that connects the given angler with his fish.

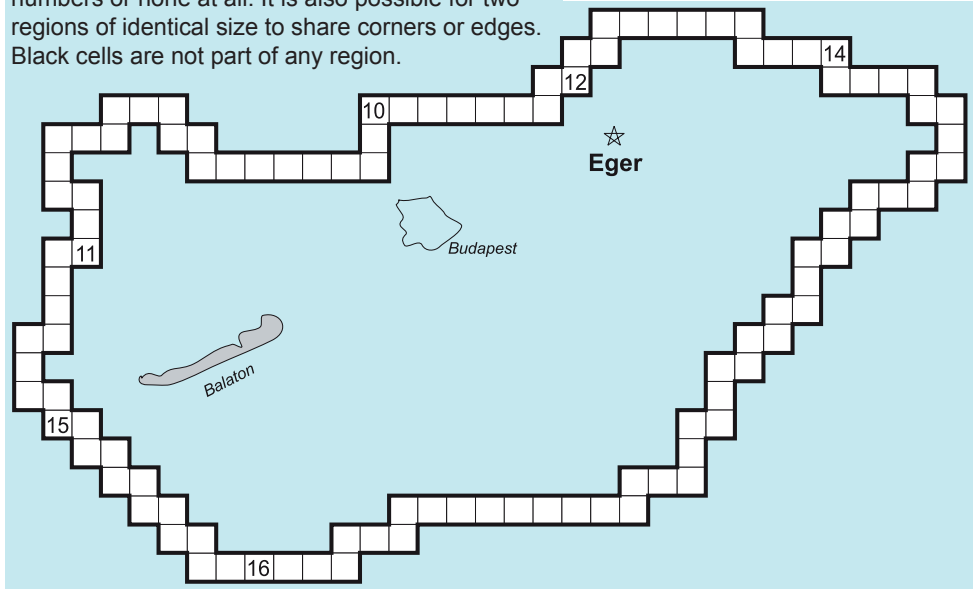
Our eleventh round started at 11:11 on 11/11/2011. The puzzles were connected with this magic number. This one was a perfect 11X11 Anglers.

DIVIDE AND CONQUER

Author: Pál Madarassy

Divide the given shapes into several regions along the grid lines. The sizes of the regions are given. Each number equals to the size of the region it is in. It is possible for a region to contain multiple numbers or none at all. It is also possible for two regions of identical size to share corners or edges. Black cells are not part of any region.

Our thematic round was the „Divide and conquer“. This one was a nice puzzle using the contour of the map of Hungary.

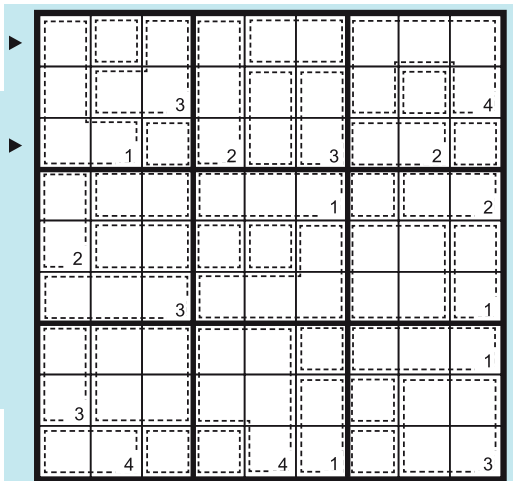


WSC Puzzles

SMALL ZONE SUDOKU

Author: Pál Madarassy

Fill in the grid with digits 1 through 4 so that each digit appears in each row, column and bold region exactly once. There is exactly one number in each of the dotted regions. If such a zone has a number indicated, that number has to appear in that zone (but not known which cell). Dotted regions may cross the bold ones.

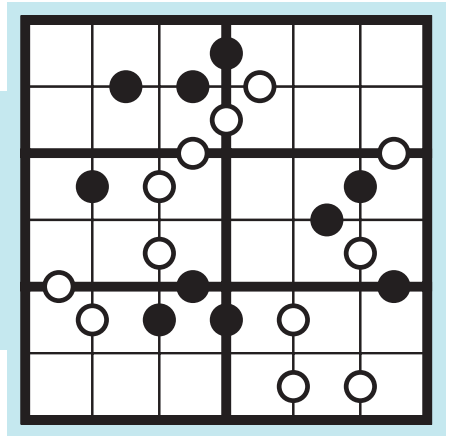


A special combination of sudoku and area based puzzle.

KROPKI

Author: Pál Madarassy

Fill in the grid with digits from 1 through 9 so that no digit repeats in any row, column or region. All edge adjacent cells containing digits with difference 1 are marked with a white circle. All edge adjacent grid cells with one of the digits being twice the other are marked with a black circle. Neighbouring cells containing 1 and 2 may be marked with either a white circle or a black one. All available circles are given.



This was also an innovative puzzle. The solver has to find which numbers to use in the kropki.

	4	4		3
	5			
		3	3	5
1	4	3	4	
1			3	1

FALSE SUDOKU

Author: Zoltán Horváth

Each row/column/region contains digits 1-N (n is the length of the side) exactly once. All given clues are wrong.

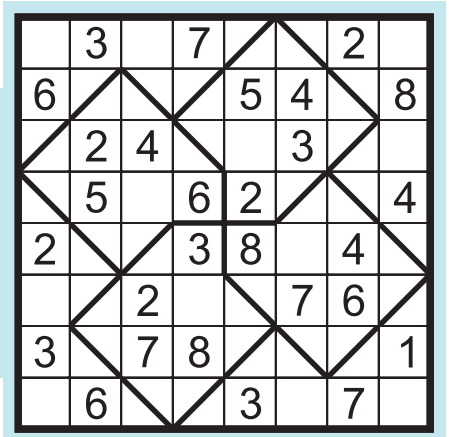
This is not different from a pencilmark sudoku still it is more elegant.

IRREGULAR

Author: Zoltán Horváth

In this variation, some cells are halved by one of the diagonals. For any such cell, exactly one of its two halves shall contain a number. That number is considered to belong to the row and column containing its cell, as well as to the area connected to the half cell the number is in.

Using definitions above, standard Amorphous Sudoku rules apply: each row, column and area contains each number exactly once.



This type is a simple innovation of the basic sudoku. Easy to understand the rules, but hard to solve.

ACTIVITIES OF THE UK PUZZLE ASSOCIATION

BY ALAN O'DONNELL, CHAIRMAN, UKPA



Puzzling has been a popular pastime in the UK for decades. If you are on a train in Britain, and walk through the carriages, very many children will have a pencil in one hand, puzzle book on the table, and be staring at a word-search, spot-the-difference, or sometimes with their parents, completing a sudoku. It's the same on holiday, round some sun-soaked pool – most of the people with puzzle books are British! It is therefore somewhat of a mystery to me that it has been so difficult to find a truly competitive group of 4 from our shores to seriously challenge for the World Puzzle Championships. We certainly have a pedigree of producing and promoting some extraordinary minds – Newton, Boyle, Faraday, Turing, Hawking and the eponymous Higgs, to name but a few. We have some of the most elite educational establishments in the world, and numerous world-leading technology companies. So where are these elite minds, and how can they be enticed back into the mentally rewarding world of puzzling?

Although some astute Brits attended the 1996 WPC in Utrecht (whom I will come back to), it was in 2000 that Nick Deller, Chris Dickson, Ken Wilshire and Lionel Wright funded themselves on an adventure

to Stamford, and got the British puzzle ball rolling. For planning the 2001 adventure to Brno, along with Nick Gardner, they set up a Yahoo group. With other internet contests such as PQRST and Russian contests on Diogen attracting British entrants, those people soon discovered and joined the burgeoning discussion group. I joined 9 months later. From this point on, team places were competed for, and selection agreed by mutual agreement. Mostly this came down to who was available and prepared to self-fund!

In 2003, we were talking about officially applying for the vacant UK seat on the WPF, but someone beat us to it! We were very annoyed at first, thinking that was the end of our say, and experiences, in the selection process. A month or 2 later, Nick Gardner and myself met with Tim Preston, publishing director of the new WPF member, Puzzler Media. We were delighted to learn that they were happy not only to continue with the groundwork that we had established, but were prepared to foot the bill for the UK competitors! At the Arnhem WPC that year, we learned that the MD of Puzzler Media, Mel Lewis, and 3 of his puzzling colleagues were the original 1996 WPC British competitors! These were exciting times. With this funding, the UK had its first top 20 individual finisher (David McNeill) in Arnhem, and finished 12th of 22 teams in Opatija.

After a few years, it became clear that Puzzler Media were not getting the expected return on investment, and reduced funding year on year, until eventually resigning its WPF membership in 2010. In June 2010,

the current UK WPC and WSC captains – myself and Mike Colloby, with the support of nearly all past WPC/WSC British competitors – founded the UK Puzzle Association, which was accepted as the new UK WPF member.

With a simple website (www.ukpuzzles.org) and forum, web content is largely driven by the forum's users. Popularity among puzzlers internationally has led to it becoming the first choice site for discussion of international puzzling in the English language. Behind the main forum is a private Members area, with nearly as much activity as the public area. British puzzlers can apply for full membership of the association, for a small annual fee, which gives them a voice in determining UKPA matters, such as contest organisation, selection procedures, and media communications. These fees cover basic web hosting costs, and the UK's WPF membership fee. A search for corporate sponsorship is always ongoing. We have had many very promising leads, but none so far have led to any deals. Therefore, we are back to self-funding our trips at the moment.

Britain had never hosted a Puzzle Championship before 2010, and besides The Times newspaper's Classic Sudoku tournament, no Sudoku Championships either! Since then, we have hosted several! The enthusiasm of the UKPA members to promote puzzling in the UK has seen interest grow substantially. From 10-15 regulars, we now have over 100 British puzzlers registered on the forum, with more joining all the time. The wider we can cast our net, the more chance we have of finding a future World Champion. This was proved last year with a novice British puzzler, Neil Zussman, finishing in the top 10 at the 2011 WPC. What will happen this year, we will have to wait and see, but puzzling has never been so exciting in Britain.

In 2011, we held our first Puzzle/Sudoku Convention in Manchester, so that fellow puzzlers could meet up and do puzzley

things! With the success of this event, we had high hopes of repeating the event in 2012, with higher aspirations. Thanks largely to the efforts of Gareth Moore, and contributions from puzzle authors globally, we hosted the first on-site multi-round UK Open Puzzle and Sudoku Championships, using these to select a team member for each of the WPC/WSC teams.

Based on the success of this event, which was run in parallel on-line, and very much like a mini WPC/WSC, the UKPA members are very keen to see the WPC/WSC hosted in the UK!

The UKPA members have high aspirations for promoting puzzling, especially in the UK, and have lots of plans and ideas: University contests, beginners guides, schools championship, and maybe even a TV documentary? What the future holds will be entirely as a result of the selfless efforts of the marvellous, inspirational people that make up the association, that I am very proud to be a part of.

<http://www.ukpuzzles.org/>



Alan O'Donnell: Chairman UKPA - An appreciation by Ken Wilshire:

As Alan is not in a position to praise himself I would like to do it for him. He glosses over his main achievement describing www.ukpuzzles.org as a „simple web site“. Since its creation in 2010, Alan has worked continuously to maintain and expand it, thereby greatly raising the UK's presence in the world of puzzling. As others know this is no easy task: Alan has boundless energy and commitment, and his efforts are greatly appreciated.

BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SUDOKU TOURNAMENT 2012

BY HANA KOUDELKOVÁ

Beijing International Sudoku Tournament 2012 – big Sudoku event was held in China in May 2012. It was sponsored and organized by China's WPF member, the Beijing Media Network.

The tournament was held May 17-21 in a gorgeous five-star hotel. There were 51 competitors (many of them regular WSC participants) from 14 countries and regions. Significant cash prizes were offered, and the competition level was very high. Prizes were also offered in two age categories – Under 18 and Over 40.

The competition was professionally organized and ran smoothly. Most of the puzzles were created by Miss Cen Chen, a Chinese sudoku expert. Wei-Hwa Huang oversaw the competition, from the preliminary rounds through the semifinals and finals.

The two finalists were Jakub Ondroušek from the Czech Republic (the winner of last year's tournament) and Kota Morinishi from

Japan. They were sequestered in a small room and filmed while they solved the playoff puzzles. The whole proceedings were projected onto large screens in the main hall, where an audience of several hundred watched. Cen and Wei-Hwa gave play-by-play commentary and explained how the puzzles could be solved, using giant copies of the grids. It was all very exciting.



2012北京国际数独大奖赛
Beijing International Sudoku Tournament
2012.5.17—5.21



THE FINAL RESULTS:

- 1 Kota Morinishi (Japan)
- 2 Jakub Ondroušek (Czech Republic)
- 3 Tiit Vunk (Estonia)
- 4 Jan Mrozowski (Poland)
- 5 Hideaki Jo (Japan)
- 6 Yuhei Kusui (Japan)
- 7 Wu Dongyi (Chinese Taipei)
- 8 Thomas Snyder (USA)
- 9 Mohd Farhan Bin Hassin (Malaysia)
- 10 Florian Kirch (Germany)

18 AND UNDER

- 1 Zuzana Hromcová (Slovakia)
- 2 Qiu Yanzhe (China)
- 3 Sarah Jane Cua (Philippines)

40 AND OVER

- 1 Taro Arimatsu (Japan)
- 2 Martin Krebs (Slovakia)
- 3 Henning K. Poulsen (Denmark)

BIST 2012 attracted wide media attention both domestic and from overseas. Chinese Central Television (CCTV) reported on the event many times, with 2-3 updates a day. And like last year, a documentary on the event is being prepared for later broadcast on Chinese TV. Last year's tournament documentary was seen by tens of millions of Chinese – probably the largest audience ever for a TV program on puzzles.

More info about the 2012 BIST appears at <http://bist2012.sudoku.org.cn/>.



Kota Morinishi



Will Shortz starting the tournament



All competitors



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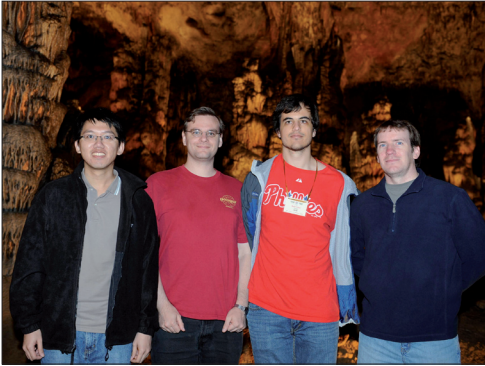
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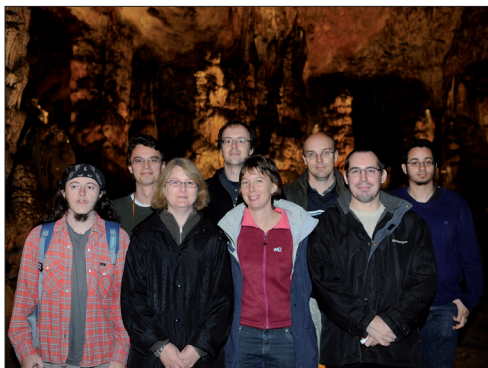
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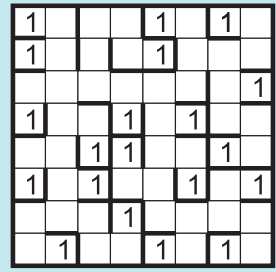
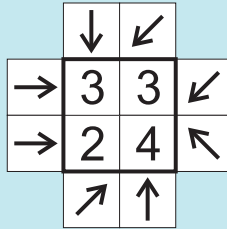
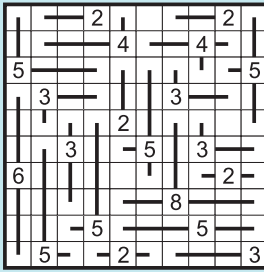
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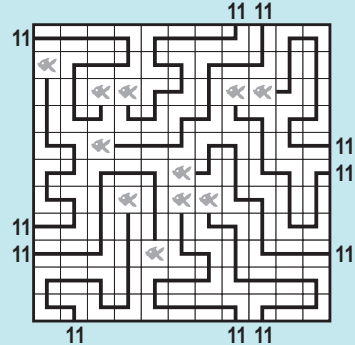
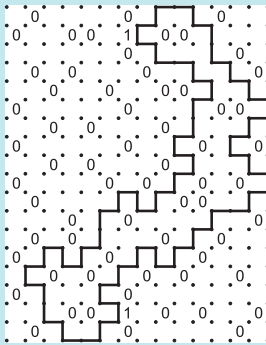
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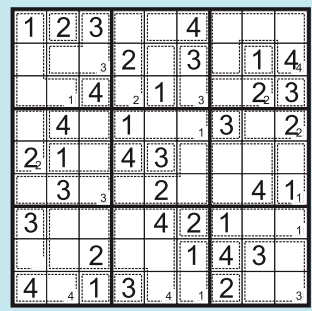
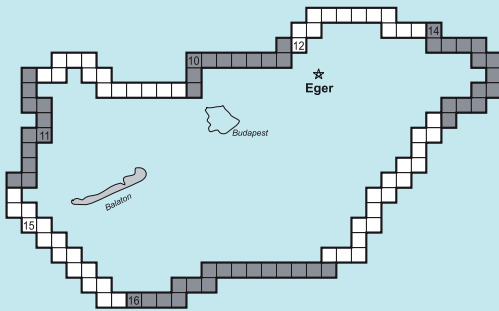
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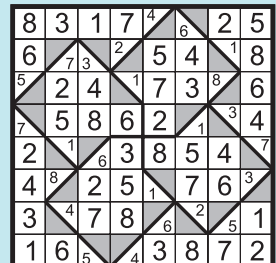
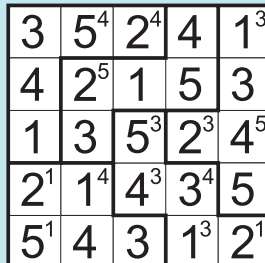
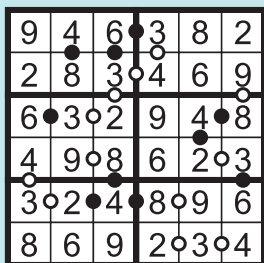
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