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USA2 ... Results of the Final:

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
2	Simson	228	32	18	49	46	11	72
3	Street	174	12	50	17	19	66	10

Congratulations to Team Simson ... India Bound!

Thanks Everyone ...

Thanks to everyone who made these Senior United States Bridge Championships a success.

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Thanks to the players for coming to Schaumburg. You all played great. We appreciate your attendance. Good luck to the winners... Have fun and do well in India this fall!

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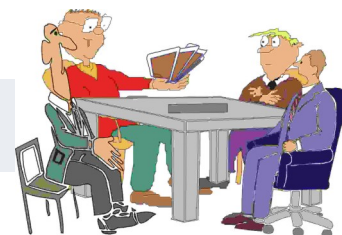
2nd place, USA2—Street, Passell, Bramley, Jacobus, Wold, Stansby



Winners: USA2—Zwerling, J. Clerkin, Tolliver, Aker, Simson, D. Clerkin

Meltzer	Rose Meltzer, Capt Peter Boyd Steve Garner	John Mohan Steve Robinson Ron Smith
Milner	Reese Milner, Capt Zia Mahmood Mark Lair	Hemant Lall Michael Rosenberg Robert Hamman
Street	Paul Street, Capt Bart Bramley Marc Jacobus	Mike Passell Eddie Wold Lew Stansby
Kasle	Gaylor Kasle, Capt Neil Chambers Drew Casen	Larry Kozlove John Schermer Jim Krekorian
Morse	Dan Morse, Capt Chip Martel Kit Woolsey	John Sutherlin Mark Feldman Fred Stewart
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**Team List
in
Seeding Order**



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Being in the Right Place at the Right Time ...

Board 7
Segment 3
Dealer: S
All Vul.

♠ A643
♥ AJ2
♦ A753
♣ AT

♠ KQ5
♥ Q9754
♦ AKQ2
♣ K



♠ T972
♥ KT63
♦ 6
♣ J986

♠ J8
♥ 8
♦ T984
♣ Q75432

Both teams play strong club systems and the auctions were identical in both rooms.

West	North	East	South
Aker	Jacobus	Simson	Street
Passell	J Clerkin	Wold	D Clerkin
			Pass
1C (strong)	Pass	1D (neg)	Pass
1H	Pass	2NT	Pass
4H	All Pass		

In the Open Room, Jacobus led the CA and continued with the CT to the jack and queen, ruffed with the H4. Aker cashed the DA and ruffed a diamond in dummy. Time to play trump...

Did you ever notice how common it is among bridge players, with essentially even odds, missing the AJ, to lead toward the high honor in the opposing hand and back to the 9 or T where it started?

In keeping with this custom, Aker led a trump to the queen, losing to the ace. Jacobus led a diamond. Aker won in hand and for whatever reason, disdained the possibility of the 2-2 split and successfully finessed the HT... making 4H!

In the Closed Room, J Clerkin led the D5. Passell won in hand and immediately played on trump. Since he was in his hand, he led a heart to the king. He might simply have been playing for the 2-2, but when Denny showed out, he inserted the nine, losing to Jerry's jack. Jerry cashed his aces and the contract was light one. 12 IMPs to Simson.

Board 27
Segment 4
Dealer: S
None Vul.

♠ 943
♥ 98
♦ QJ63
♣ JT43

♠ KQJ62
♥ AKT642
♦ 8
♣ 7



♠ AT
♥ QJ753
♦ A74
♣ A86

♠ 875
♥
♦ KT952
♣ KQ952

Stansby	Tolliver	Bramley	Zwerling
			Pass
1H	Pass	2C	2NT (minors)
3S	4NT (more minors)	6H	All Pass
D Clerkin	Passell	J Clerkin	Wold
			Pass
1H	Pass	2NT (for. H raise)	3NT (minors)
4NT	5D	Pass	Pass
5H	Pass	5NT (GSF)	Pass
7H	All Pass		

The Clerkin brothers earned their 11 IMPs on this board. They had a great auction to reach the cold grand slam. Jerry chose well to use 2NT as a forcing raise in hearts. It set trump early and made the whole auction easier. There was nothing to the play. Passell led a spade and Denny claimed 13 tricks. +1510

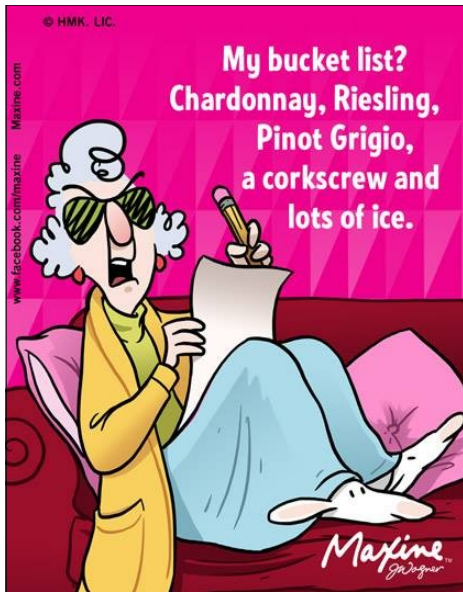
In the other room, Bramley chose a somewhat obscure response of 2C to his partner's 1H opening. (He later commented that he wished he had chosen 2NT to establish the trump suit.)

When Zwerling bid 2NT (minors) and Stansby showed his spades, Tolliver furthered the confusion with 4NT, and the auction was jammed. Bramley was in a situation where exploration was no longer possible. Anything he bid could be passed and an ace ask would ask in spades. He did the best he could. He took the middle ground and bid 6H.

11 IMPs to Simson ... the score after 60: 145 Simson to 98 Street ... Someone who's team name starts with S will almost surely win!

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

Sudoku 1



Sudoku 2 Solution

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

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Puzzle Page ...

ACTORS:

- OMIT CURSE (3,6)
- A PAL ICON (2,6)
- COOL EGO ENERGY (6,7)
- GERMAN FOREMAN (6,7)
- LESS RELEVANT TO SLY (9,9)
- WILL USE CRIB (5,6)
- INERT BROODER (6,2,4)
- COOL RAINDROP IDEA (8,2,6)
- MONK HATS (3,5)
- BIG MELONS (3,6)
- JAW DUEL (4,3)
- SCOWL ANTIDOTE (5,8)

ACTRESSES:

- LENGTHY PART WOW (7,7)
- RAINY WONDER (6,5)
- WARY UNIVERSE EGO (9,6)
- IN FINE TORN JEANS (8,7)
- NO ALIENS DARLING (7,8)
- REALLY HERB (5,5)
- IDOL NICKNAME (6,6)
- NO EAGLE IN JAIL (8,5)
- SEEN AT A RICH JET-ZONE (9,4-5)
- TWEAK TINSEL (5,6)
- ROBUST JAILER (6,6)
- TRY REM SLEEP (5,6)



Answers to Puzzle

- Actresses:**
- MERYL STREEP
 - JULIA ROBERTS
 - KATE WINSLET
 - CATHERINE ZETA-JONES
 - ANGELINA JOLIE
 - NICOLE KIDMAN
 - HALLE BERRY
 - GILLIAN ANDERSON
 - JENNIFER ANISTON
 - SIGOURNEY WEAVER
 - WINONA RYDER
 - GWYNETH PALTROW
- ANAGRAM SOLUTIONS - ACTORS**
- CLINT EASTWOOD
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 - MEL GIBSON
 - TOM HANKS
 - LEONARDO DI CAPRIO
 - ROBERT DE NIRO
 - BRUCE WILLIS
 - SYLVESTER STALLONE
 - MORGAN FREEMAN
 - GEORGE CLOONEY
 - AL PACINO
 - TOM CRUISE

This week, Bart Bramley told me about one of his personal philosophies, which he picked up at MIT: six diamonds always makes (SDAM). He even has it on his convention card. It's not surprising that his team, **Street**, picked up a swing in 6♦ en route to a comeback victory against *Morse* in the USA2 semifinal match. This was the second board final segment of the *Morse-Street* match:

Board 17
 Vul: None
 Dealer: North

	North	
	♠ ---	
	♥ AKJ6	
	♦ A953	
	♣ K8652	
West		East
♠ J1032		♠ A8764
♥ Q982		♥ 743
♦ 74		♦ Q
♣ A104		♣ QJ97
	South	
	♠ KQ95	
	♥ 105	
	♦ KJ10862	
	♣ 3	

Some Hands from Oren Kriegel

Open Room:

South	West	North	East
<i>Woolsey</i>	Stansby	<i>Stewart</i>	Bramley
---	---	1♦ ¹	1♠
2♦ ²	3♥ ³	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room:

South	West	North	East
Wold	<i>Feldman</i>	Passell	<i>Martel</i>
---	---	1♦ ¹	1♠
2♦ ²	3♠	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

- 1: 2+ diamonds, 10-15 HCP
- 2: forcing
- 3: mixed raise

In the Open Room, Bramley led the ♣Q and Stewart eventually made 12 tricks by setting up clubs. In the Closed Room, Martel led the ♥7. Passell cashed three rounds of hearts, pitching dummy's club, ruffed out the clubs, and made 13 tricks: 11 imps to **Street**, who took the lead.

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Later in the segment, Stansby declared 4♠ here:

Board 24
Vul: None
Dealer: West

	North			
	♠ 6			
	♥ Q7652			
	♦ A73			
	♣ A932			
West		East		
♠ K92		♠ AJ8743		
♥ AJ98		♥ K103		
♦ Q102		♦ J9		
♣ KJ5		♣ Q6		
	South			
	♠ Q105			
	♥ 4			
	♦ K8654			
	♣ 10874			
South	West	North	East	
<i>Woolsey</i>	Stansby	<i>Stewart</i>	Bramley	
---	1NT ¹	Pass	4♥ ²	
Pass	4♠	All Pass		

Have a safe trip home!

- 1: 14-16
- 2: transfer to spades

Stewart led the ♥2 (3rd from even, low from odd), and dummy's ♥10 held. This marked Stewart with ♥Qxx or ♥Qxxxx. Stansby thought a lead from ♥Qxx was impossible on the auction, so he placed Stewart with ♥Qxxxx, which made Woolsey a favorite to hold length in spades. Stansby cashed the ♠A, and with Woolsey holding ♠Q10x and being able to ruff a heart and cash the ♦AK and ♠A for down one and a push.

After the hand, Stansby told Woolsey if Stewart had followed with the ♠10, he would have finessed Woolsey for ♠Qxx, making his contract. "Oh, that would be nasty!" was Woolsey's response.

With two boards to play, *Morse* trailed by 12 imps and desperately needed a swing here:

Board 29
Vul: All
Dealer: North

	North			
	♠ AJ953			
	♥ 109			
	♦ Q107			
	♣ AJ10			
West		East		
♠ 10		♠ Q876		
♥ AKQ8643		♥ J52		
♦ 4		♦ J83		
♣ 9742		♣ Q86		
	South			
	♠ K42			
	♥ 7			
	♦ AK9652			
	♣ K53			

Thanks for a Great VuGraph Show

4♠ made with an overtrick at both tables, but, of course, SDAM. If Woolsey (South) had arrived in 6♦ he could have gotten revenge on Stansby (West) by cashing the ♠A, dropping the ♠10, and running the ♠J, later finding the ♠Q for 12 tricks.

Is this realistic? Not really. First of all, North-South would have to *reach* 6♦ on their combined 25 HCP and then Woolsey would have needed to play West for specifically singleton ♠10, rather than ♠Q-doubleton or -third. But it would have made for an incredible story.

Did you spot it? By Oren Kriegel

This deal arose in the third segment of the *MORSE-STREET* semifinal match for USA2:

Board 8
Vul: None
Dealer: West

	North		
	♠ A984		
	♥ Q109852		
	♦ 95		
	♣ 4		
West		East	
♠ 10		♠ KQ52	
♥ AK43		♥ 6	
♦ KQ3		♦ A10762	
♣ A8762		♣ Q105	
	South		
	♠ J763		
	♥ J7		
	♦ J84		
	♣ KJ93		
South	West	North	East
<i>Martel</i>	Stansby	<i>Feldman</i>	Bramley
---	1♣ ¹	2♥	3♥ ²
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦ ³
Pass	4NT ⁴	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- 1: strong, artificial, forcing
- 2: three-suited, short hearts
- 3: keycard for clubs
- 4: 2 keycards, no ♣Q

Feldman (North) led the ♥10 to the ♥6, ♥7, and ♥A. Stansby led his singleton ♠10 and when Feldman ducked his ace, Stansby was in with a chance. He advanced the ♣Q from dummy—♣K, ♣A, ♣4—and led the ♣2 to the ♣10, getting the bad news when Feldman discarded a heart. After winning the ♣J, Martel led a spade, ruffed by declarer. The position was now:

	North		
	♠ A9		
	♥ Q985		
	♦ 95		
	♣ ---		
West		East	
♠ ---		♠ Q5	
♥ K43		♥ ---	
♦ KQ3		♦ A10762	
♣ 87		♣ 5	
	South		
	♠ J6		
	♥ J		
	♦ J84		
	♣ 93		

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With West on lead, would you like to play or defend?

You should defend. There are several variations:

(1) Say declarer ruffs a heart in dummy and plays four rounds of diamonds (or takes three rounds of hearts, then ruffs a heart, then leads the fourth round of diamonds). South ruffs low. Declarer must overruff and remains with a heart loser at the end.

(2) It is no better to cash the ♥K and then ruff a heart: South refuses to overruff, discarding a *diamond*, and now can ruff the third round of diamonds. If declarer plays a diamond to his hand and plays a trump, South wins and returns a spade, which promotes his ♣3.

(3) If declarer takes three rounds of diamonds ending in his hand and plays ♥K and ruffs a heart, South overruffs and returns a black card, locking declarer in hand with a heart loser.

At the table, declarer took a fourth line: He played four rounds of diamonds at once. South ruffed low, so declarer overruffed, ruffed a heart in dummy, and the fifth diamond took care of his losing heart (whether South ruffed or not). However, the defense has a counter here too: South ruffs with the ♣9 and exits the ♣3. Declarer must win in hand and loses a heart.

So should 5♣ always fail, even when North ducks the ♠A? No! Declarer must preserve the ♣2. He plays along the same lines, leaving:

West	North	East
♠ --- ♥ K43 ♦ KQ3 ♣ 82	♠ A9 ♥ Q985 ♦ 95 ♣ ---	♠ Q5 ♥ --- ♦ A10762 ♣ 5
	South	
	♠ J6 ♥ J ♦ J84 ♣ 93	

Now playing four rounds of diamonds succeeds: If South ruffs low, declarer overruffs and ruffs a heart, producing the ending that was occurred at the table. With the ♣2 left, South cannot defeat the contract by ruffing high, because declarer can let the ♣3 ride around to dummy's ♠5 and cash the fifth diamond.

