

Volume 6, Issue 7
June 10, 2015

USA1

#	TEAM	TOTAL	Carry Over	1-15	16-30
1	Simson	46.5	10.5	19	17
2	Milner	76		34	42

USBF President
Howie Weinstein

USBF Vice President
Cheri Bjerkan

USBF Secretary
Jan Martel

USBF Chief Operations Officer
Jan Martel

USBF Chief Financial Officer
Stan Subeck

Directors - Senior USBC
Matt Smith
McKenzie Myers

Operations Managers
McKenzie Myers
Peter Wilke

Appeals Administrator
Robb Gordon

Appeals Committee:
Bart Bramley
Larry Cohen
Steve Garner
Gail Greenberg
Gaylor Kasle

Stephen Landen
John Lusky
Dan Morse
Beth Palmer
Kerri Sanborn
Ron Smith
Adam Wildavsky
Richard Budd
Barry Rigal
Sue Picus
Steve Robinson
Tom Carmichael
Danny Sprung

VuGraph Organizer
Jan Martel

Bulletin Editor
Suzi Subeck

Photographer
Peg Kaplan

Local Hospitality Chairs
Martha Katz
Chris Benson
Carol Hillard

Webmaster
Kitty Cooper

UNITED STATES SENIORS BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Old Times ...

The Longest Day/Bid 2 Bid

For the third consecutive year the ACBL is a global partner of **The Longest Day**, a fundraising event sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Held annually on the summer solstice, The Longest Day symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

Here's how you, as a bridge player, can get involved.

Find a registered club near you. Offer to help, make a donation, or simply mark your calendar to play bridge for The Longest Day. This year clubs can hold fundraising games on both June 21 and 22. Check with your club for more details.

Participate in an online auction. Several fundraising teams are offering access to some of the game's greatest minds to benefit The Longest Day. Attending the Chicago NABC August 6-16? **Kibitz for a Cause** allows you to get up close and personal with players like Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Zia Mahmood and more! Bid 2 Bid offers you the chance to join the fun no matter where you live. This is your chance to play a Bridge Base Online speedball game with pros like Bob Hamman and ACBL Player of the Year Bobby Levin.

Visit acbl.org/longestday to learn more about the event. Questions? Contact Darbi Padbury at thelongestday@acbl.org.

USA2

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30
3	Morse	53	28	25
8	Levine	40	10	30
4	Street	73	30	43
7	Meltzer	43	32	11
5	Kasle	27	9	18
6	Sorkin	59	43	16

Seniors' United States Bridge Championship

Schedule of Play

Day	Date	Time	Boards Played
Friday	6/5	9:45 am	Captains' Meeting
ROUND ROBIN			
Friday	6/5	10:00 - 11:12 11:20 - 12:32 12:40 - 1:52 3:15 - 4:27 4:35 - 5:47 5:55 - 7:07	Boards 1-8 Boards 9-16 Boards 17-24 80 Minute Lunch Break Boards 1-8 Boards 9-16 Boards 17-24
Saturday	6/6	10:00 - 11:12 11:20 - 12:32 12:40 - 1:52	Boards 1-8 Boards 9-16 ** Boards 17-24 **
** Last two matches are sequestered –no comparison and no change of Closed Room players is allowed.			
QUARTER-FINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 32			
Saturday	6/6	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Sunday	6/7	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
SEMI-FINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 16			
See page 10 for /RR schedule please			
Monday	6/8	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Tuesday	6/9	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL			
Tuesday	6/9	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Wednesday	6/10	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
USA2 SEMI-FINAL			
Thursday	6/11	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Friday	6/12	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
USA2 FINAL			
Friday	6/12	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Saturday	6/13	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90

Howie Doing ...

Levine will be the first to sink...
The last to leave at night with drink!

Meltzer will admit defeat
Succumbing to the gang called Street.

Thought that Kasle would survive
But Sorkin looks to be alive!

Simson's gonna use his skill
To prove he's really not roadkill!

Jack knows nothing. He can't say
Who will go and who will stay!

Howie Doing... stellar!

Limey Jack ...

Hallo Yanks:

Limey Jack has more ways for you to win a few bob than Howie Dung has teeth in his wretched head. He is right barmy in his coin flipping.

Simson-Milner: Simson has been the Robin Hood story so far, but Milner has far more experience in these matters. Of course by beloved Zia being on the team is no mistake. Simson will get another opp.

Street-Meltzer: The filly is by far outclassed by the stallions. Fine effort to get this far.

Morse-Levine: Levine has long overstayed his welcome. Morse wins but only for the moment. They are cheeky to think they can prevail.

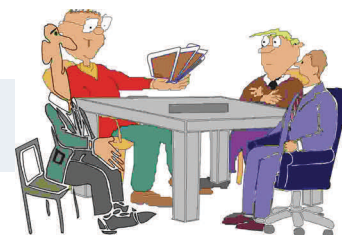
Kasle-Sorkin: the locals survive to play against a real team in Kasle, but take a gander at whom they are trying to budge up and you find the drawbridge as they try to cross the moat.

Limey Jack will stay up far into the night help you make a flutter and post the punters. Howie Dung will blather on in anti-verse.

Cheers, LJ

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
Levine	Michael Levine, Capt Sam Lev Roger Bates	Dennis McGarry Russell Ekeblad Matthew Granovetter
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Craig Allen	Claude Vogel Jim Phillips
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Marc Zwerling Dennis Clerkin	Jeff Aker Mark Tolliver Jerry Clerkin
Katz	Robert Katz, Capt Linda Lewis Robert Bitterman	Robert Cappelli Paul Lewis Lukasz Lebioda
Sorkin	Jon Sorkin, Capt David Lehman Cheri Bjerkan	Jeffry Mandell Richard Melson Larry Robbins

**Team List
in
Seeding Order**



Neil is a retired tax accountant from Price Chopper Supermarkets (Golub Corp) who plays bridge professionally.

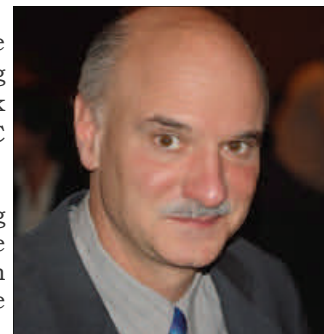
He lives in upstate NY with his wife Donna, and has one son (Adam) from his previous marriage to Juanita.

Neil's partnership with John Schermer goes back to the late 60's.

Golf, bridge and his wife are his passions. He's looking forward to more time with them all now that he's retired.

Jim Krekorian, formerly of New York City-now a recent Pensacolian, graduated from Duke engineering school in 1974 and served as a U.S Air Force pilot from 1974 to 1981, achieving the rank of Captain, C-130 aircraft commander. Jim traded options on the American Stock Exchange from 1986 to 2003, was a floor official for 5 years, and formed Blue Hercules LLC in 1999. At Duke he was a 3-year letterman in track and is still an avid runner and racer.

Jim is now a fulltime bridge professional and consultant and part-time artist with oils being his favorite medium for his paintings. He won the Life Master Men's Pairs in 1986, the Grand National Open Pairs in 1992 and 2009, the Blue Ribbon Pairs in 1996, the Open BAM Teams 1997, and in his renewed partnership with Drew Casen the Cavendish double (pairs in 1987, teams in 2007) and Senior KO's in 2010.



KIBITZING RULES ...

WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. However, except in the Open Room during the Round Robin, you will be subject to the following regulations:

Kibitzers may enter the room ONLY at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed. A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next session.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament. When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

SCREENS

All of the Senior USBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see much, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBF KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

- a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
- b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
- c. Kibitzers must enter the playing room before play commences. Kibitzers are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
- d. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
- e. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.
- f. These rules may be revised in specific instances by the DICs for the orderly running of the event.

One day, while strolling down the boardwalk, John bumped into an old friend of his, Rob, from high school. "You look great John, how do you stay looking so young? Why you must be 60 already but you don't look a day over 40!" Rob exclaimed.

"I feel like I'm 40 too!" replied John.

"That's incredible" exclaimed Rob, "Does it run in the family? How old was your dad when he passed?"

"Did I say he was dead?" asked John. "He's 81 and is more active then ever. He just joined the neighborhood basketball team!" responded John.

"Whoa! Well how old was your Grandfather when he died?"

"Did I say he died" asked John. Rob was amazed. "He just had his 105th birthday and plays golf and goes swimming each day! He's actually getting married this week!"

"Getting married?!" Rob asked. If he's 105, why on earth does he want to get married?!

John looked at Rob and replied, "Did I say he wanted to?"

Senior Humor



Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2015 Senior USBC is Suite 2321. Players, volunteers, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join Martha Katz, Chris Benson and Carol Hillard for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-11:00 am.

Lunch on Friday & Sunday through Saturday from 2:30 - 4:30.

The Hospitality Suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of play each day.

The Players' Lounge (room 1321) will also be open each day. You will find coffee and snacks there during play.

Pula Bridge Festival! September 5th-13th Pula, Croatia.

We are giving free accommodation (apartment for 4-6 persons) during [Pula Bridge Festival](#) to one US junior team. Festival is one of the biggest in Europe (over 100 teams, about 250 pairs).

If interested, contact me for details
tihana@pilar.hr

There will be an SITTC meeting at the summer NABC in Chicago at the Hilton on Saturday morning, August 8th, at 10:30.

The room location will be announced in the Daily Bulletin at the NABC.

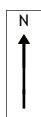
Committee members are expected to attend. Please plan accordingly.

Declarer: Beware!

Board 27
Segment 4
Dealer: S
None Vul.

♠ Q942
♥ AQT76
♦ Q2
♣ 43

♠ T853
♥ 32
♦ AT84
♣ J76



♠ J
♥ J985
♦ KJ96
♣ QT95
♠ AK76
♥ K4
♦ 753
♣ AK82

West	North	East	South
Feldman	Rosenberg	Martel	Zia
Pass	2C	Pass	1NT
Pass	4S	All Pass	2S
Lair	Stewart	Hamman	Woolsey
Pass	2D (positive—Hts)	Pass	1C (strong)
Pass	3S (2nd suit)	Pass	2NT
Pass	4S	All Pass	4C

At Zia's table where the hand was played from South, Feldman led the H3. Zia won in his hand with the king and cashed the SA, noting the fall of the jack. He played carefully to make his contract.

A heart to the ace; a heart ruffed with the seven, overruffed with the eight. A diamond to the king and another heart. Zia ruffed with the king, finessed the spade nine, pulled trump and scored 10 tricks.

At Stewart's table where the hand was played from North, Hamman led the CT. Stewart won the king in dummy. He cashed the SA; cashed the spade king... and now he was in trouble. He played king of hearts and a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart with the S6. Lair overruffed with the 8 and played ace of diamonds and a diamond to Hamman's king. Hamman played his last heart.

Stewart ruffed with the seven but Lair still had the ten. He overruffed and the contract was defeated a trick.

The hand could be made from either side. Declarer just had to be cautious to draw only one round of trump, leaving one high honor in dummy.

10 IMPs to Milner.

Vugraph

The Knockout stages of the 2015 Senior USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph. We plan to cover 4-8 tables in the Round of 16 and Quarter-finals, all 4 tables in the Semi-finals and both tables in the Finals, and all of the tables in the USA2 Semi-finals and Finals, as well as some of the Quarter-finals. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or download the BBO software to run BBO on your computer. If you choose the latter approach, after downloading, install the software on your computer, log on, follow the directions to become a BBO member and you'll be magically transported to the Lobby of the largest bridge club in the world. Click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the USSBC matches you want to watch.

There will usually be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, some of whom may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**):

10:00 - 12:10: Segment 1
12:20 - 2: 30: Segment 2
3:40 - 5:50: Segment 3
6:00 - 8:10: Segment 4

Segments 2 and 4 may start a little earlier or later than they are scheduled depending on when segments 1 and 3 end.

In the Round of 16, each match will play a different set of boards. In the Quarterfinal, the matches may play the same boards or different boards. In the Semi-Finals all of the teams will play the same boards, but for security reasons, if the matches do not all start at the same time, we will not start the Vugraph broadcast until all matches have started play.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the events currently available to see what we'll have for the 2015 Senior USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.



**Plan to Attend the
2015 Summer NABC
August 6-16
Hilton and Towers
Downtown Chicago**

Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku 2

Two elderly ladies are chatting on a park bench:

“My memory is gone Mildred,
so I changed my password to “Incorrect.”

That way when I log in with the wrong password, the
computer will tell me... “Your password is incorrect.”

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Puzzle Page ...

Question:

Five pirates discover a chest containing 100 gold coins. They decide to sit down and devise a distribution strategy. The pirates are ranked based on their experience (Pirate 1 to Pirate 5, where Pirate 5 is the most experienced). The most experienced pirate gets to propose a plan and then all the pirates vote on it. If at least half of the pirates agree on the plan, the gold is split according to the proposal. If not, the most experienced pirate is thrown off the ship and this process continues with the remaining pirates until a proposal is accepted. The first priority of the pirates is to stay alive and second to maximize the gold they get. Pirate 5 devises a plan which he knows will be accepted for sure and will maximize his gold. What is his plan?

“Sugar why don’t you sit down by the table and we’ll start supper.” Said Dorothy to her Husband of 50 years.

“Sure thing,” said her husband settling himself down.

“Now darling, would you like the soup first or the salad?” Questioned Dorothy.

“Umm I guess I’ll take the soup.” He responded.

After a whole meal of one endearing term after another, their guest Bob couldn’t contain his curiosity any longer. Bob snuck into the kitchen and asked, “Dorothy do you always talk to your husband like that?”

“Bob, I’ll be honest with you,” Dorothy replied. “It’s been five years now, I just can’t remember his name, and I am just too embarrassed to ask him!”

Getting Old...

“C’mon Ma you have got to try it” I pleaded to my elderly Mother.

I don’t know how my Mother lasted this long without ever using the internet, but enough was enough! I thought.

“Ok” she said reluctantly settling down by the computer and slowly putting on her reading glasses “what do I do now?”

“Now I’m going to open the home page of google”, I explained. “OK here it is! Now type in ANY question you want into the bar over here and you will find an answer to your question.” I confidently assured her.

My Mother looked at me warily, thought for a second, and slowly began to type, How is Gertrude doing this morning?

Answers to Puzzle

To understand the answer, we need to reduce this problem to only 2 pirates. So what happens if there are only 2 pirates. Pirate 2 can easily propose that he gets all the 100 gold coins. Since he constitutes 50% of the pirates, the proposal has to be accepted leaving Pirate 1 with nothing.

Now let’s look at 3 pirates situation, Pirate 3 knows that if his proposal does not get accepted, then pirate 2 will get all the gold and pirate 1 will get nothing. So he decides to bribe pirate 1 with one gold coin. Pirate 1 knows that one gold coin is better than nothing so he has to back pirate 3. Pirate 3 proposes {pirate 1, pirate 2, pirate 3} {1, 0, 99}. Since pirate 1 and 3 will vote for it, it will be accepted.

If there are 4 pirates, pirate 4 needs to get one more pirate to vote for his proposal. Pirate 4 realizes that if he dies, pirate 2 will get nothing (according to the proposal with 3 pirates) so he can easily bribe pirate 2 with one gold coin to get his vote. So the distribution will be {0, 1, 0, 99}.

Smart right? Now can you figure out the distribution with 5 pirates? Let’s see. Pirate 5 needs 2 votes and he knows that if he dies, pirate 1 and 3 will get nothing. He can easily bribe pirates 1 and 3 with one gold coin each to get their vote. In the end, he proposes {1, 0, 1, 0, 98}. This proposal will get accepted and provide the maximum amount of gold to pirate 5.

Answer:



Henry Bethe (1944-2015)

The bridge community lost an important member on June 7th, when Henry Bethe passed away.

Henry Bethe, of Ithaca, NY, was a retired bank officer and member of the ACBL since 1960. Bethe has three NABC titles: (Nail) LM Men's Pairs with John Solodar, 1968; Keohane NA Swiss, 1987, with Kitty Munson (Bethe) Cooper, Alan and Dorothy Truscott; and Silodor Open Pairs 1991 with Larry Mori. Bethe also won the Herman Trophy in 1968.

Bridge writings include contributions to The Bridge World, Bridge Today, the Bridge Bulletin, and International Popular Bridge Monthly. He was active in bridge governance including Board of Governors, President of GNYBA (1989-1991) and Unit 112 (1995-1996). He was a contributor to the ACBL masterpoint plan, including creation of Silver Points as member of McConnell Committee, changing overall award structure in multi-session events, and original suggestion of ranks beyond Life Master (e.g. Bronze, Silver, etc.). He made the initial suggestion leading to "Mini-Spingsolds" and additional flights of LM pairs. He established conditions for Cavendish Pairs and wrote an early program for scoring IMP-pair events. He redesigned the IMP-to-victory-point conversion for use in the U.S. team trials. He is a frequent commentator on BBO vugraph. His other interests include philately and mathematical recreation including baseball statistics.

Henry suffered from a variety of health problems in his later years, and eventually succumbed to cardiac arrest from pulmonary complications. Henry was the son of Physics Nobel Laureate Hans Bethe (one of the creators of the Atom Bomb), and is survived by his son Paul and mother Rose.

Board 1
 Segment 5 ♠ JT763
 Dealer: N ♥ QT962
 None Vul. ♦ A
 ♣ T6

♠ K94 ♠ Q852
 ♥ K85 ♥ J7
 ♦ T7543 ♦ J962
 ♣ Q2 ♣ AK5

♠ A
 ♥ A43
 ♦ KQ8
 ♣ J98743



Open Room	Simson/Street		
West	North	East	South
D Clerkin	Passell	J Clerkin	Wold
	Pass	1D	2C
Pass	2H	Pass	3H
Pass	4H	All Pass	

Closed Room	Simson/Street		
Street	Aker	Jacobus	Simson
	Pass	1D	2C
3C	Pass	3D	All Pass

In the Open Room, Passell and Wold pushed to a game in hearts. If Jerry leads his ace/king of clubs and gives Denny a ruff, Denny will still score his HK for the setting trick. Once Wold overcalled 2C, the club lead became less attractive.

Jerry led a third best diamond. Passell won the ace and played a spade to dummy. He cashed the king and queen of diamonds, pitching his two small clubs. He ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, played another club from dummy and Denny ruffed in with his HK. Eleven tricks were claimed... +450

In the Closed Room, Street made an aggressive cuebid showing a limit raise in diamonds. This worked effectively to silence Aker/Simson. Jacobus played a calm 3D, went light one, losing three trump tricks and two major suit aces. 9 IMPs to Street

In the Milner/Morse match, Rosenberg/Zia stopped in 2H and made five on the same sequence of plays as in the Open Room above.

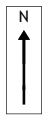
Stewart/Woolsey bid the game after Lall passed the East hand and Woolsey opened a Precision 2C. Lall led a third best spade. Stewart won the ace in dummy. He played a diamond to the ace and ruffed a spade. He cashed the DKQ pitching his clubs. He played ace of hearts and a heart from dummy. Milner ducked and Stewart misguessed and played the ten. Lall won his jack. The DJ tapped Stewart's hand. He played the ST, but with no trump left in dummy, this lost to the king. Milner cashed his HK and Stewart still had to lose a high spade for down one. Six IMPs to Milner

A "Forcing" Play or Down One's Good Bridge

Board 11
Segment 5
Dealer: S
None Vul.

♠ AQ
♥ AQ2
♦ Q82
♣ AK752

♠ 42
♥ J9854
♦ K9753
♣ 9



♠ KT986
♥ 6
♦ AJT6
♣ QJ6

♠ J753
♥ KT73
♦ 4
♣ T843

Closed Room	Simson/Street		
West	North	East	South
Street	Aker	Jacobus	Simson
			Pass
2H	3NT	Double	All Pass

Open Room	Simson/Street		
D Clerkin	Passell	J Clerkin	Wold
			Pass
Pass	1C	1S	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3C
Pass	3D	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Open Room	Milner/Morse		
Milner	Stewart	Lall	Woolsey
			Pass
Pass	1C	1S	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Closed Room	Milner/Morse		
Sutherlin	Rosenberg	Morse	Zia
			Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3C
Pass	3D	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

At both tables in Simson/Street, the CQ was led.

In the Closed Room, Aker won the ace, cashed the king and led a third club toward the dummy. Jacobus won his jack and found the down TWO shift: the DJ! Street could not work out the position ... though the J should deny the Q in most situations... and ducked! Aker won his queen; cashed two more clubs; cashed the heart ace, queen, king and led a spade to his ace for nine tricks. +550

In the Open Room, the play was the same up to trick three. On trick four, Jerry Clerkin gave up on defeating the hand two tricks in order to insure defeating it one. He led his diamond six! Denny was forced to play his king and another and the defense collected four diamonds and one club for down one and 12 IMPs.

In Milner/Morse, no one led a club!

In the Open Room, Lall led his singleton heart. Lall won his ace and played ace of clubs, king of clubs and a club, Lall winning his queen. Lall made the same play as Jacobus, and Milner made the same mistake Street made. He ducked the DJ. Stewart wrapped up ten tricks for +430.

In the Closed Room, Morse led the ST. According to the VuGraph, Rosenberg won his ACE! He now played the usual three rounds of clubs, Morse winning the queen. Morse played the spade eight and Rosenberg won his QUEEN! He quickly cashed his winners and made the same 430 as his counterpart in the Open Room for a push.

The moral of the story: In IMPs, don't give your partner a chance to go wrong. If leading the D6 would "force" a down one, take it. The fifty point gain by beating a non-vulnerable contract an extra trick is not worth the aggravation when it makes! *Note: The lead of the J is necessary if partner holds K98x.*