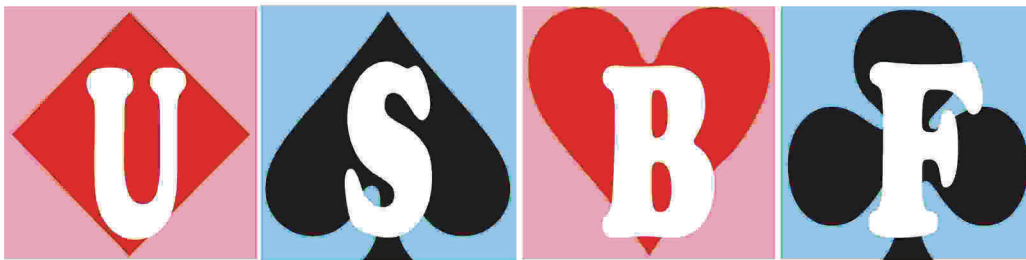


# “Trials” and Tribulations



Team Name	Total	10	4	15	14	9	7	6	5	17	19	11	16	8	12	21	13	18	20
10. Robinson	247.68		16.64	10.99	12.75	14.92	7.25	17.12	19.22	14.92	10.99	8.10	17.99	20.00	17.79	4.76	19.22	16.64	18.38
4. Lall	213.20	3.36		19.22	2.42	6.47	15.83	6.47	9.01	16.64	14.59	11.90	10.00	14.59	17.99	14.59	16.64	14.92	18.56
15. Juster	202.51	9.01	.78		13.15	9.01	4.76	18.56	3.11	15.24	4.17	9.01	19.65	11.46	14.59	20.00	19.65	11.46	18.90
14. Lo	199.89	7.25	17.58	6.85		12.33	9.50	10.50	13.53	11.46	5.75	13.53	4.46	17.58	8.54	20.00	13.15	18.38	9.50
9. Fireman	190.15	5.08	13.53	10.99	7.67		5.75	6.47	13.90	5.41	16.89	12.75	19.65	13.90	10.00	20.00	3.11	11.90	13.15
7. Mahaffey	179.21	12.75	4.17	15.24	10.50	14.25		7.67	9.01	3.36	8.10	17.58	0.00	14.92	17.35	5.41	11.46	11.90	15.54
6. Morris	177.86	2.88	13.53	1.44	9.50	13.53	12.33		12.75	11.46	8.54	3.11	3.89	9.50	18.19	16.11	15.24	13.53	12.33
5. Borker	176.02	.78	10.99	16.89	6.47	6.10	10.99	7.25		13.90	9.50	9.01	14.25	3.11	16.64	1.27	9.50	19.37	20.00
17. Molson	171.17	5.08	3.36	4.76	8.54	14.59	16.64	8.54	6.10		13.53	3.89	11.46	3.11	13.15	18.19	15.24	13.53	11.46
19. Schireson	168.54	9.01	5.41	15.83	14.25	3.11	11.90	11.46	10.50	6.47		2.65	5.41	14.59	17.58	7.67	10.99	6.47	15.24
11. Meltzer	166.76	11.90	8.10	10.99	6.47	7.25	2.42	16.89	10.99	16.11	17.35		5.41	7.25	13.53	16.38	2.21	5.41	8.10
16. Doub	165.78	2.01	10.00	.35	15.54	.35	20.00	16.11	5.75	8.54	14.59	14.59		6.47	2.21	10.99	11.90	16.38	10.00
8. Gupta	163.06	0.00	5.41	8.54	2.42	6.10	5.08	10.50	16.89	16.89	5.41	12.75	13.53		6.85	1.81	17.12	14.25	19.51
12. Harris	144.73	2.21	2.01	5.41	11.46	10.00	2.65	1.81	3.36	6.85	2.42	6.47	17.79	13.15		12.33	16.11	16.11	14.59
21. Cohen	144.05	15.24	5.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.59	3.89	18.73	1.81	12.33	3.62	9.01	18.19	7.67		14.25	2.42	16.89
13. Ozdil	132.98	.78	3.36	.35	6.85	16.89	8.54	4.76	10.50	4.76	9.01	17.79	8.10	2.88	3.89	5.75		13.53	15.24
18. Lewis	120.27	3.36	5.08	8.54	1.62	8.10	8.10	6.47	.63	6.47	13.53	14.59	3.62	5.75	3.89	17.58	6.47		6.47
20. Reynolds	96.14	1.62	1.44	1.10	10.50	6.85	4.46	7.67	0.00	8.54	4.76	11.90	10.00	.49	5.41	3.11	4.76	13.53	

## Round Robin Finish

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# Teams Entered... listed in seeding order

Fleisher	Martin Fleisher, Capt Eric Greco	Chip Martel Geoff Hampson Brad Moss
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Bye to Rnd of 8	Jeff Meckstroth	Eric Rodwell
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Robert Hamman	Aaron Silverstein David Berkowitz
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Morris	Michael Levine Mike Passell Greg Hinze	Eddie Wold Marc Jacobus David Grainger
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Gupta	Vinita Gupta, Capt Huub Bertens Oren Kriegel	Billy Miller Ron Smith
Fireman	Paul Fireman, Capt John Kranyak Joel Wooldridge	Gavin Wolpert Vincent Demuy John Hurd
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Bart Bramley Mark Feldman	Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey Ross Grabel
Meltzer	Rose Meltzer, Capt Steve Garner Kevin Dwyer	Nik Demirev Owen Lien Shan Huang
Harris	Martin Harris, Capt Matthew Granovetter Miriam Harris-Botzum	Jacob Morgan Pam Granovetter John Botzum
Ozdil	Melih Ozdil, Capt Drew Casen	Brian Glubok Jim Krekorian
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Alex Kolesnik Ira Hessel	William Pettis Bob Etter Dan Morse
Juster	Jeffrey Juster Adam Grossack Howard Weinstein	Franklin Merblum Zachary Grossack Adam Wildavsky
Doub	Doug Doub, Capt Karen McCallum Vic King	John Stiefel Geoffrey Brod
Molson	Janice Seamon-Molson, Capt Kerri Sanborn Beth Palmer	Tobi Sokolow Stephen Sanborn Sylvia Shi
Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Danny Sprung Robert Cappelli	Linda Lewis JoAnn Sprung Robert Bitterman
Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Geeske Joel	Debbie Rosenberg William Watson
Sam Dinkin, NPC	Tom Reynolds David Pelka	Lance Kerr William Hall
Cohen	Seth Cohen, Capt James Glickman	Howard Einberg Bill St Clair



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What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight - it's the size of the fight in the dog.

Dwight D. Eisenhower



# Tournament Schedule

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
FRIDAY	MAY 11	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
FRIDAY	MAY 11	10:00 - 10:55 11:05 - 12:00 12:10 - 1:05 1:15 - 2:10  3:30 - 4:25 4:35 - 5:30 5:40 - 6:35 6:45 - 7:40	MATCH 1, BOARDS 1-6 MATCH 2, BOARDS 7-12 MATCH 3, BOARDS 13-18 MATCH 4, BOARDS 19-24 80 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 5, BOARDS 1-6 MATCH 6, BOARDS 7-12 MATCH 7, BOARDS 13-18 MATCH 8, BOARDS 19-24
SATURDAY	MAY 12	10:00 - 10:55 11:05 - 12:00 12:10 - 1:05 1:15 - 2:10  3:20 - 4:15 4:25 - 5:20 5:20 - 5:25 5:35 - 6:30 6:35 - 7:30 7:35 - 8:30	MATCH 9, BOARDS 1-6 MATCH 10, BOARDS 7-12 MATCH 11, BOARDS 13-18 MATCH 12, BOARDS 19-24 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 13, BOARDS 1-6 MATCH 14, BOARDS 7-12 SHORT CAPTAINS' MEETING * MATCH 15, BOARDS 13-18 * * MATCH 16, BOARDS 19-24 * * MATCH 17, BOARDS 25-30 *

\* THE FINAL 3 MATCHES ARE SEQUESTERED - ONE PAIR ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY ALL 3 MATCHES & MUST REMAIN IN THE CLOSED ROOM FOR ALL 3 MATCHES. NO SCORE COMPARISON ALLOWED.

ROUND OF 16			
SUNDAY	MAY 13	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
SUNDAY	MAY 13	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY	MAY 14	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
QUARTER-FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 15	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
WEDNESDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
SEMI-FINAL			
THURSDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
FRIDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
FINAL			
SATURDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY	MAY 20	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30

## Hospitality Information...

The hospitality suite for the 2018 USBC will be in room 1068-70. Our wonderful hostesses, Lisa Berkowitz and Martha Katz have made the "trek" to Houston to welcome you to the Suite. They will be joined by Nancy Strohmer, Betty Starzec, Shawn Quinn and other local volunteers.



Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch starting on Sunday from 1:00-4:00.

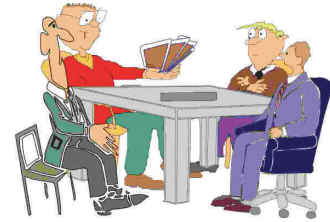
The hospitality suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan's office) will be in the playing area (room 862, around the corner from most of the playing rooms, all of which are on the 8th floor. ). It will be available for the entire tournament. We will have coffee, soft drinks and snacks available while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

On Friday and Saturday, we will be serving a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. More details about that after we work them out with the hotel.

## From the Round Robin ... Team Gupta Shines

E Deals	♠ K6	14
None Vul	♥ AK42	
	♦ 83	
	♣ K9874	
♠ 1072		♠ 9843
♥ Q8		♥ 10953
♦ AQJ74		♦ 105
♣ AQJ		♣ 1065
	♠ AQJ5	
13	♥ J76	
16 0	♦ K962	
11	♣ 32	
S 3♠; S 3♥; NS 2N; N 2♠;		
N 2♥; S 3♣; S 2♦; N 2♣;		
N 1♦; Par +140		



East	South	West	North
	Huub Bertens		Billy Miller
Pass	1D	1NT	Double
2H (majors)	Pass	2S	3NT
All Pass			

Art Desmond reported this hand yesterday.

Billy Miller had a chance for a huge score by doubling 2S. It could be defeated four tricks. Instead, he took what seemed to be the middle road by bidding 3NT. If East had found the lead of the DT, there would be no story. The defense would eventually come to five minor suit tricks for a one trick set. However, since East knew his side held seven or eight spades, he led fourth best in that suit.

Billy rose to the occasion. Given the chance to succeed, he grabbed it.

He won the opening spade lead and played three more rounds of spades. He led a club from dummy; West ducked; Billy won his king. He followed this by cashing three rounds of hearts when the queen fell doubleton.

After winning the HJ, he led a club from dummy and West was endplayed. Down to D: AQJ C: AQ, West was forced to win the trick and concede a diamond to dummy's king.

Making 3! Well played, Billy.

**Top Ten  
Seeds  
(the rest  
tomorrow)**

R Z A W W M  
 C M I E G J T N J  
 W C H A M B E R S I A  
 B O S I A K Y Y T V G C K  
 S L O P O L H L C K E N F K Q  
 C E L U T S E G T P M K Y X E  
 V S G S C X B N Y R Y O J M Z E L  
 B L E E W R Z H H B A Y N E T P Q L  
 H K I Y O C L A V Y D I O R A L A U T U T O T I P O L C E Z C U X Q B I L  
 O W R K H I L E W Y C C N W K P N S L A B H G Y R E V L L E T R A M W M D  
 W O K R G T K Z V F S U I G Y Q N G M I L P L I R P L I N Y O D F A M P D  
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 L L E S S A P X R E L U Z L E R I S I T H D R O S E N B E R G Q W G G E K  
 E C C Y G J U M O U N R F W J A O L W I J P A H K R W C H Q O A R K M N Z  
 S P H M W F W G S M G M N N H N L Z T I W O K R E B N C O H E N G R I F P  
 K X F R B V S E P X E C B A E R R R Z Z Y A W J A E C B J Y R E N Q X  
 D L N X C H G N Q O C D Q N M I H W F Z D D Z M U A B A V A H R M V L  
 L B E W H E E T E V X V K N X E S F P M E R D Q T O C Q B C R L E N D  
 E O V I C O H Y B J E X B G W R L M M P L A R S O R E S D T Q B A  
 M M W I A P A L N N K A S O E P I U K E H L Y B J L Y E L M A R B  
 J F A N H L N S T R X V E Y O Y F F Z Y S U T N O S P M A H I  
 G T F K E M M S J A D T O M D X P U P S S D R O N Z R N G K E  
 J L J O V V O T N T T R F G O E N A M M A H N S R R R S K  
 C G L B W N M E Y S V A E G D I R D L O O W B T S D R U H  
 E L V C K U X A R D S F P K E Z R D V Y C Z A K V F F  
 A W L R S L K U C S R N L U E H W Z K G U P T A M  
 L V G T A T Y H Z O I E G O R G O H S N E T R E B  
 Q W Q M Q R T Z N K G I E W Y I H I N A N E G  
 G O L A C A E I O U H C L N G E P C P D R  
 P D T H B N G P S K E Z P A Z D C H E  
 C P D A D Z I S E E E U T U H I C  
 X M W F E R E K R O B H X C O  
 H T L F S I K C B E K I O  
 F J B E E N A G Y E O  
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BATHURST  
 BERKOWITZ  
 BERTENS  
 BORKER  
 BOYD  
 BRAMLEY  
 CHAMBERS  
 COHEN  
 COHLER  
 DEMUY  
 FELDMAN  
 FIREMAN  
 FLEISHER  
 GINOSSAR  
 GRABEL  
 GRAINGER  
 GRECO  
 GRUE  
 GUPTA  
 HAMMAN  
 HAMPSON

HINZE  
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 KATZ  
 KORBEL  
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 MAHAFFEY  
 MAHMOOD  
 MARTEL  
 MECKSTROTH

MILLER  
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 NICKELL  
 PASSELL  
 PSZCZOLA  
 ROBINSON  
 RODWELL  
 ROSENBERG  
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 WOLD  
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 WOOLDRIDGE  
 WOOLSEY

**No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.**  
**This applies to players AND kibitzers.**  
**Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.**  
**Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door. The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone (excepting those with pace makers or like equipment) entering the playing field.**



**Happy  
 Mother's  
 Day!!**

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

# Excrutiating Sudoku

**HOW DO YOU KEEP A  
BAGEL FROM GETTING  
AWAY?  
PUT LOX ON IT.**

**WHY CAN'T YOU EXPLAIN  
PUNS TO KLEPTOMANIACS?  
THEY ALWAYS TAKE  
THINGS LITERALLY.**

**A MAN TELLS HIS DOCTOR,  
"DOC, HELP ME. I'M  
ADDICTED TO TWITTER!"  
THE DOCTOR REPLIES,  
"SORRY, I DON'T FOLLOW  
YOU ..."**

**Answers to Puzzle  
No Peeking!**

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

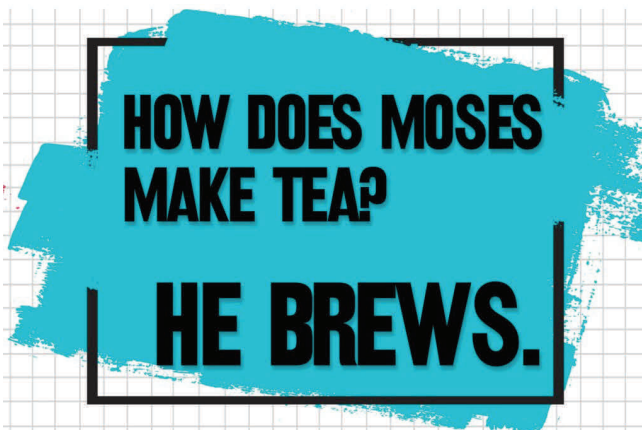
# Puzzle Page ...

	ferret	quilt	toolbox	pictures	Mr. Eastman	Mrs. Harmony	Mr. Knight	Mrs. Spade	10am	11am	1pm	2pm
Holly												
Kelly												
Peter												
Sherry												
10am												
11am												
1pm												
2pm												
Mr. Eastman												
Mrs. Harmony												
Mr. Knight												
Mrs. Spade												

Time	Type	Duration	Name
Holly			
Kelly			
Peter			
Sherry			
-----	ferret	Mr. Eastman	10am
-----	quilt	Mrs. Harmony	11am
-----	toolbox	Mr. Knight	1pm
-----	pictures	Mrs. Spade	2pm

Sara had Quadruplets – four kids born at the same time. They were all in second grade now and all in different classes. Tomorrow was Show & Tell at school so there was a flurry of activity this afternoon while they tore their rooms apart, deciding what to bring in to share with their class. After a few heated arguments when two siblings wanted to bring in the same thing, all decisions were made and the household was back to more or less peaceful coexistence by suppertime. Determine the name of each quadruplet, what each brought in for Show & Tell the next day, the name of each one’s teacher, and at what time each class had Show & Tell (it was different for each class, the times were 10am, 11am, 1pm, and 2pm).

1. The vacation pictures weren't shown by Kelly.
2. Show & Tell in Mr. Eastman's class was three hours after the event in Kelly's class.
3. Sherry shared her Show & Tell an hour after Mrs. Harmony's class.
4. The quilt was shown in Mrs. Spade's class but not in the morning.
5. Peter's Show & Tell was the toolbox that he made with his Dad.
6. The four siblings, in no particular order, were Holly, the one in Mr. Knight's class, the one who showed her ferret, and the one whose class had Show & Tell at 1pm.



## Answer to Puzzle

1pm	Mr. Knight	pictures	Sherry
1pm	Mr. Eastman	toolbox	Peter
10am	Mrs. Harmony	ferret	Kelly
2pm	Mrs. Spade	quilt	Holly
Name	Duration	Type	Time

# Leading the Way...

<b>D</b> Board 9		<b>N</b> chip	West	North	East	South
<b>W</b> Hampson		♠ Q632	3♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
♠ 7		♥ 8654	3NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
♥ KJ93		♦ 104				
♦ A95		♣ A42				
♣ 108653		<b>S</b> mfleisher				
		♠ AJ1098				
		♥ 72				
		♦ 873				
		♣ QJ9				
			3NT East		NS 0 EW 0	

Preparing for the Round of Eight when the Fleisher team enters the fray, Friday afternoon found four teammates practicing on BBO. Greco opened 2NT a point shy of his range. Hampson bid Stayman, and when Greco had no four card major, placed the contract in the NT game. Had Fleisher been looking at all four hands as we are, he would have led a club to Martel's ace, and Martel could have shifted to his SQ through Greco's K54 to collect five spades and the club ace for down two. Unfortunately for Marty, he did not have this advantage. He made the normal lead of the spade jack and Greco quickly claimed ten tricks. In the words of Joey Silver: NEXT! 10.3 IMPs to E/W

<b>D</b> Board 7		<b>N</b> chip	Pass		Pass	
<b>W</b> Martel		♠ AK	Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
♠ 6		♥ AKQ6	Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
♥ 9732		♦ K1083	Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
♦ 942		♣ 742	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
♣ K9865		<b>S</b> mfleisher				
		♠ QJ743				
		♥ J105				
		♦ A76				
		♣ QJ				
			3NT North		NS 0 EW 0	

Friday must have been the day for leading clubs! Martel opened a club (could be 2); Fleisher bid 1H (trans to spades); Martel showed 17-19; 2H asked for shape and Fleisher showed a 5-3-3-2 pattern. Greco made a "minor" error when he led the DQ! Martel won and claimed 11 tricks. The lead of the other minor... either an A or the T would have resulted in down one! 9.7 IMPs to N/S



# Meet the Players

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## James M. Glickman



**James M. Glickman, FSA, MAAA, CLU**

**President-Elect, Society Of Actuaries**

### Biography

James M. Glickman is the president and CEO of LifeCare Assurance Company, a long-term care (LTC) reinsurer, which he helped found in 1988. Prior to that, Glickman spent 16 years working at four other insurance companies in product development and reinsurance roles.

Glickman is SOA President-Elect and will take office as SOA President in October 2018. He was the founding chairperson of the SOA's Long Term Care Insurance Section and served as its chairperson two additional years. Since its formation in 2005, he has served as executive director of the Intercompany Long-Term Care Insurance Conference Association, Inc. (ILTCI), and he was one of the founding ILTCI Board members.

Jim is on the Cohen team playing with Bill St. Clair. In 2002, he played in the Mini-Spingold with Howard Einberg (also on the Cohen team), Michael Mikyska, David Sokolow, and Alan Myerson, and won the event.



**Max Schireson** is a technology executive, best known as CEO of MongoDB, and a competitive bridge player. In 2014, he stepped down from CEO to focus more on his family. A tipping point for Schireson came on a long-delayed overnight flight to Austin. The CEO woke up in Tucson to discover his flight had gone through an emergency landing and needed to replace some crew members traumatized by the experience—all while he slept, desperately trying to catch up on rest.

At age 14, Schireson enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley to study math but left before graduating to pursue a career in Silicon Valley.

Schireson has won one North American Bridge Championship, the 2017 Grand National Teams Flight C, an event limited to teams of Non-Life-Masters with under 500 masterpoints.

He has a wife who is a doctor and professor. Together they have three children.

**Board 15**  
 South Deals  
 N-S Vul

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♠ K 9 2 ♥ A 10 8 ♦ K Q 10 7 2 ♣ 7 5						
West <i>Feldman</i>	North <i>McCallum</i>	East <i>Grabel</i>	South <i>Brod</i>			
Pass	1 ♠	2 ♣	1 ♦			
Rdbl	2 ♠	3 ♠	Dbl			
3 NT	All pass		Pass			

# Appeal # 1



During the play of the hand, declarer, West, said aloud "I'm not going down a lot." Play continued after this. On the ♠ A lead, North revoked with the ♣ 6. This was replaced with the ♠ 7, but the ♣ 6 remained as a penalty card. At this point the Director was called into the room. When South later got in with the ♥ A, West exercised his right to require a club lead and was able to take nine tricks.

North maintains that declarer's statement constitutes a claim and N-S should be credited with defeating the contract.

Law 68A defines a claim: *Any statement to the effect that a contestant will win a specific number of tricks is a claim of those tricks. A contestant also claims when he suggests that play be curtailed, or when he shows his cards.*

Law 68D states: *After any claim or concession, play ceases (but see Law 70D3). If the claim or concession is agreed, Law 69 applies; if it is doubted by any player (dummy included), the Director must be summoned immediately and Law 70 applies. No action may be taken pending the Director's arrival.*

It was determined that West's statement did not meet any of the criteria of 68A and therefore did not constitute a claim. The score was not adjusted.

**Committee:** Ralph Katz, Chairman, George Jacobs, Kerry Smith  
**Result:** Committee Upholds the Director's Ruling: Table Result Stands  
**Committee Discussion:**

The committee determined that there is nothing in the rules that remotely suggests that Feldman's statement constituted a claim. All three committee members are very sympathetic to erroneous comments during play that could accidentally mislead an opponent or could cause an opponent to let his guard down. The comment "I am not going down a lot" was an honest and accurate statement.

Taking this argument a step further, if the committee were to change the result based on that statement, we feel that any comments then could be misconstrued and result in many future director calls. A player yelling, coughing, sneezing, etc. could distract an opponent and cause an exposed card.

Today's Matchups:

United States Bridge Championship - 2018											
Round of 16 (120 boards)											Penalties
13-MAY-2018											
#	TEAM	TOTAL	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	
3	Rosenthal										
14	Schireson										
4	Lall										
13	Molson										
5	Morris										
12	Lo										
6	Borker										
11	Juster										
7	Mahaffey										
10	Meltzer										
8	Robinson										
9	Fireman										

**Good Luck Everyone**

**Welcome  
Team  
Rosenthal!**



The 17th edition of the World Youth Team Championships will be held in **Wujiang, China**, from August 8th to 18th at **Li Ze Culture and Sports Palace**.

The Championships comprise the following events:

- **The Jaime Ortiz-Patino Trophy - Junior Teams**
- **The Gianarrigo Rona Trophy - Girls' Teams**
- **The José Damiani Trophy - Youngsters Teams**
- **The Koç University Trophy - Kids' Teams**
- **Board-a-Match**

## Limey Jack...

Blimey:

Limey Jack has all the tools to help you Colonials fetch a fiver or two. Unlike that insufferable Howie Dung who whinges incessantly, and in tongue to boot.

The Round Robin went as predicted, with one notable exception; Robinson. The wee ones must have been swotting for weeks at the Uni to pull off this major feat of qualifying.

Robinson-Fireman: The joust of the day. Fireman is mostly a solid squad, while Robinson lacks a cheque-writer. Robinson is used to being left for roadkill in the early stages, but they showed some mettle. In a very close encounter, Fireman pinches some imps at the end and prevails.

Rosenthal-Schireson: Schireson did not expect to qualify and had to wash their knickers. In a right good showing they did quite well, but Rosenthal has the horses and wins whip-up.

Lall-Molson: Limey Jack was partial to the team of Fillies, but they are unfortunate to be playing Zia. They could play yonks (ED: for ages) and the results would nary be changed.

Morris-Lo: In what could have been Morris-Morse, the Lo team gets told TTFN. (ED: Ta-ta for now) The Dung one will not only get this one wrong, but will blather about it.

Borker-Juster: Limey Jack admits to having no inkling about Juster but they had a right fine showing in the RR, and have some exciting players on their squad. In a huge upset, Borker comes a-cropper and the seed is nicked from them.

Mahaffey-Meltzer: Meltzer gives it welly, but the sly dogs for Mahaffey prove too much. Another Dung debacle.

Limey Jack has it all sussed and makes a quid or 2 for you, while the Dungster fills your head with more drivel than one can handle.

Cheers

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## Howie Doing...

Important I pick  
One match at a time,  
But Rosenthal/Schireson's  
A tough one to rhyme...

Four get no rest.  
Six get a break.  
Schireson is tired.  
Andy's awake!

First you have Steve  
He has a harem...  
But two Lalls are awesome;  
They're gonna scare 'em.

Morris v Lo:  
A great group of guys...  
Lo's gonna upset  
And be a surprise!

Borker v Juster  
Youth all the way  
And talent and skill  
They really can play

Prisoner taking:  
Not Adam or Zack.  
Borker leads early  
But Juster comes back.

Mahaffey v Meltzer,  
With all that I've seen...  
I have to pick Cohler  
Though really like Lien.

Robinson/Fireman?  
Paul and the kids...  
Bound to ignore  
Woolsey's skip bids.

Please VuGraph people  
If you are able,  
Don't put Mark and Joel  
At the same table!

Yours through 120 boards...  
Howie Doing... pretty good!