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Results: WUSBC Semi-Final USA1

1	Disa	154	49	63	42		
4	Pepsi-colas	49	11	28	10	WD	
2	Baker	100	19	27	16	38	
3	Bjerkan	97	40	32	5	20	

Open USA2 Semi-Final Halfway

1	Rosenthal	62	9	30	10	13
4	Wolfson	161	45	55	30	31
2	Fleisher	135	26	48	42	19
3	Kriegel	106	45	14	12	35

Correction:

On page 8 of Thursday's printed bulletin, Michael Rosenberg was credited as being the only declarer to bid and make 7S on Board 4. The declarer was actually Billy Miller as shown in the auction block. Michael Rosenberg was his opponent. At the conclusion of the article, we posed the question: Why did Michael take the line he took? Yesterday morning, Billy called to answer this question (see page 7 of this bulletin for explanation). Accept our apologies, Billy. You made a great play. The online bulletin is correct.

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USBC Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

There are 18 teams entered. Teams are listed in seeding point order, except for teams with byes, which are listed first in PP order.

Rosenthal Bye to Rnd of 8	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken David Berkowitz	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Migry Zur Campanile
Fleisher Bye to Rnd of 16	Martin Fleisher, Capt Eric Greco Joe Grue	Chip Martel Geoff Hampson Brad Moss
Wolfson	Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt Zia Mahmood John Hurd	Steve Garner Michael Rosenberg Joel Wooldridge
Kranyak	John Kranyak, Capt Greg Hinze	Vincent Demuy David Grainger
Kriegel	Oren Kriegel, Capt John Diamond	Ron Smith Brian Platnick
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Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Adam Wildavsky Jiang Gu	Larry Robbins Doug Doub
Watson	William Watson, Capt Vinita Gupta	Geeske Joel Debbie Rosenberg
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Rose Meltzer	Yoko Sobel Nikolay Demirev
Grossack	Adam Grossack, Capt Bart Bussink Alex Hudson	Arjun Dhir John McAllister Peter Boyd-Bowman
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Alex Kolesnik	Bob Etter Michael Shuster
Reynolds	W. Thomas Reynolds, Capt David Pelka Ellen Kent	Lance Kerr William Hall Robert Kent
Warner	Marc Warner, Capt Stephen Zolotow	Anam Tebha Glenn Eisenstein

When you win, say nothing. When you lose, say less.

Paul Brown

WUSBC Teams Entered

Baker	Lynn Baker Kerri Sanborn Beth Palmer Sam Dinkin, NPC	Karen McCallum Irina Levitina Sylvia Shi
Bjerkan	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt Pamela Wittes	Rozanne Pollack Peggy Sutherlin
Eythorsdottir	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Capt Janice Seamon-Molson Cindy Bernstein	Linda Lewis Lynn Deas Sally Wheeler
OSMO	Toni Bales, Capt Nalita Hall	Mary Ose Kathleen Wood
Sakr Order: Alphabetical	May Sakr, Capt Gen Geiger Kristen Onsgard	Gigi Simpson Allison Howard

His Name Suits Him Well

Board 7 ♠ AQ53
 Dealer: E ♥ KJT4
 All Vul. ♦ KJ9
 Segment 1 ♣ T5

♠ 7642 ♠ K8
 ♥ 7 ♥ Q8652
 ♦ Q643 ♦ AT5
 ♣ K76 ♣ 932

♠ J9
 ♥ A93
 ♦ 872
 ♣ AQJ84



The auction was the same in both rooms of the Fleisher/Kriegel match. Both Wests led a 4th best spade. Both declarers ducked in dummy and East won his king.

In the Open Room, Hampson continued spades and Kriegel won his jack. Kriegel played a club toward the ten, West ducking. A club to his queen followed, Greco winning his king. Greco played another spade and the queen held in dummy. Kriegel cashed the SA, played the HK and the HJ to his ace. He cashed the CA and claimed 9 tricks. +600

In the Closed Room, Diamond won the opening spade with his king and found the critical switch... Diamond switched to diamonds! His D5 rode to Platnick's queen, ducked in dummy. Platnick continued diamonds. Diamond won the jack with his ace and played the ten.

Platnick	Grue	Diamond	Moss
Greco	Smith	Hampson	Kriegel
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	1NT
Pass		Pass	Pass

Moss won in dummy and played a spade to his jack. He tested hearts by cashing the HA and a heart to the king. When the queen didn't drop, he took his high spades and finessed the CK. When Platnick won, he was able to cash his remaining diamond. Down 1!! 12 IMPs to Kriegel

THURSDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
FRIDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
FINAL			
SATURDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
SUNDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		12:25 - 2:35	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30

USBC Schedule

Show me a gracious loser, and I'll show you a failure.

Knute Rockne

You learn more from losing than from winning. You learn how to keep going.

Morgan Wootten

Two horses I know have been an item for ages. They are in a stable relationship.

Who did the breeder call when his horse was possessed by an evil spirit? An exhorsist!

How did the cowboy ride into town on Friday, stay for three days, and ride out on Friday? His horse's name was Friday!

Did you hear about the man who was hospitalized with six plastic horses inside him? The doctor described his condition as stable.

What do you call a horse that likes to be ridden at night? A night-mare!

I put a bet on a horse to come in at 10 to 1 – and it did! Unfortunately all the others came in at 12.30.

Q: You're riding a horse full speed, there's a giraffe right beside you, and a lion nipping at your heels. What do you do?
A: Get off the carousel and sober up.

A German walk up to the bartender and says "Two martinis mein Herr" the bartender says "Dry?" The German says "Nein, I only want two!"

Two girls: "A tray of sushi, please." Waiter: "To eat or to post photos of on Instagram?"

How do spiders communicate? Through the World Wide Web.



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Taking Ethics to New Heights

Board 26 ♠ KJ76
 Dealer: E ♥ 7
 All Vul. ♦ K3
 Segment 2 ♣ AQJT8

♠ T43 ♠ AQ82
 ♥ A653 ♥ JT94
 ♦ JT4 ♦ A95
 ♣ 532 ♣ 96

♠ 95
 ♥ KQ82
 ♦ Q8762
 ♣ K7

This hand is a perfect example of active ethics, ironically at BOTH tables in the Fleisher/Kriegel match.

Both North/South pairs reached 3NT from South.

Platnick, sitting West, took a long time before leading the DJ. His agreement with Diamond is that they lead Rusinow from 4 card or longer holdings, and standard in all other situations.

Declarer played the DK and Diamond won his ace. If partner had length in diamonds, e.g. QJTx, it was clear to return a diamond. Given the slowness of the lead, Diamond suspected that partner was not leading from length and strength, therefore, a heart shift would be attractive.

Being an extremely ethical player, John believed that Platnick's tempo suggested the shift. He backed up his thinking with the very ethical play of continuing diamonds and living with the consequences. Declarer ducked Diamond's nine and won the diamond continuation to claim nine tricks.

Grue	Platnick	B Moss	Diamond
		1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Fleisher	Smith	Martel	Kriegel
		1♣	Pass
1♦	2♣	2♥	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In the other room, Fleisher and Martel had bid and raised hearts. Fleisher led the DT, playing Rusinow opening leads, to dummy's king and the ace. Martel thought a long time and returned the HJ. Declarer played the queen and Fleisher won his ace. Because Martel broke tempo before returning the HJ, Fleisher sensed that Martel did not hold JT98 because he would have led that quickly. Fleisher knew it was probably right to discontinue hearts, however, as an ethical player, he felt that discontinuing hearts was suggested by his partner's tempo. In an effort to ignore any possible unauthorized information, Marty continued hearts and he, too, had to live with the consequences.

Declarer won this trick and ran the clubs. On the run of the clubs, Martel had to make four awkward discards. He came down to the SAQ and HT4. When declarer led a diamond from dummy to his queen, Martel pitched his SQ. Declarer exited a spade to Martel's ace. Martel was squeezed and endplayed. He won his ace and had to lead from his HT4, allowing declarer to score his H8 for his 9th trick.

It is worth noting that when Fleisher, USBF president, wrote his welcome letter in the USBC and WUSBC newsletters, he asked one thing of the players... maintaining the highest of ethical standards. He promised to do the same and exemplified it here.

Both Fleisher and Diamond are good for the game!

WUSBC Schedule

FINAL & USA2 SEMI-FINAL (2 USA2 TEAMS)			
FRIDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
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		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
USA2 FINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
MONDAY	MAY 20	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK

Board 19 ♠ 4
 Dealer: S ♥ AK9865
 E/W Vul ♦ KQ63
 Segment 2 ♣ Q8

♠ T76532 ♠ 98
 ♥ 4 ♥ QJ72
 ♦ J54 ♦ T87
 ♣ T92 ♣ K763

♠ AKQJ
 ♥ T3
 ♦ A92
 ♣ AJ54

On Board 19 most pairs played in 6H. The poor heart split doomed this contract.

In the Rosenthal/Wolfson match, Rosenberg and Zia had an excellent auction and made a good decision to play in 6NT, disdaining the 6-2 heart fit. If hearts split 3-2, 6NT would be an easy make. When hearts failed to split, declarer had a low percentage fallback. He needed six tricks from the minors. The combination of the CK on sides and a 3-3 diamond split would produce the desired result.

Zia went to plan B and took 12 tricks! Presumably, he was disappointed to use 9 IMPs on the Board.

At the other table, Willenken/Ginossaur had a long auction to reach a low percentage 7D contract on a Moysian fit.

Hurd led the D7. Ginossaur won in hand, played the HA, followed by the CQ. Hurd ducked. When the queen held, he drew trumps and repeated the club finesse for 13 tricks.

Had Hurd covered the CQ, Ginossaur could cash a second club and ruff a club in hand, draw trumps, and run dummy's spades. Hurd is squeezed in clubs and hearts to bring home the grand.

In Ginossaur's auction, 1C is strong and could be as short as 2. 1D shows hearts. 1NT showed 17-19 balanced. 2D forced 2H. At some point, the auction entered uncharted waters, but all's well that end's well!

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	7♦

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6NT	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Women's event, in the Disa/Sakr match, this hand was an anomaly. Usually women bid more timidly than men, however in one room, Disa/Molson had an accident and found themselves in 7NT. This failed two tricks.

At the other table, Geiger and Simpson reached the normal 6H contract and gained two IMPs.

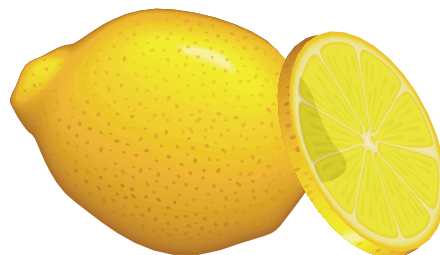
Went to the shop today to buy some lemons and apples, but they didn't have any. It was a fruitless trip.

A friend of mine lost his job at the lemon factory. He couldn't concentrate.

When life hands you lemons, find someone with tequila and salt.

Why did the lemon stop when he was crossing the road?
 He ran out of juice.

What do you give an injured lemon? Lemon-aid!





Oren Kriegel, deep in thought!

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Miller speaks... (from page one)

Billy Miller based his line of play on what happened at trick one. Rosenberg led the CJ and Zia overtook with the CQ. This gave Miller the impression that Zia had either the singleton CQ or queen doubleton. If the club was a singleton, he needed to test trumps to determine whether the CK would be a useful entry to his hand. When he found out that spades were divided 4-1, he was pretty sure he would not be able to use the CK as an entry. His only other entry would involve ruffing a diamond and that would make it difficult to handle the trump suit. He wisely decided to draw the trumps and fall back on the heart finesse. This play would only be wrong if Zia held Qx or Qxx of hearts. In those cases, the play taken by the other declarers would have worked.

Hospitality Suite...

The Hospitality Suite for the 2019 Open USBC will be located in room **2321**. Our wonderful hostesses, Lisa Berkowitz and Martha Katz, will welcome you at the site. They will be assisted by lots of helpful volunteers. **One of those volunteers is Martha's mother, Chris Benson. Thanks Chris for all you are doing .**

Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch each day starting on Sunday from 1:00-4:00. On the first Friday & Saturday, we will be serving lunch in the hotel restaurant from about 2:00-4:00

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

Players, kibitzers, friends, spouses and children are welcome to join us in the suite.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan & McKenzie's office) will be in room **1321**. It will be available for the entire tournament. Coffee, soft drinks and snacks will get you through the wait while your slow teammates finish playing.

**Hostesses:
Chris, Martha, Lisa**



Upping the Ante...

Board 26 ♠ KT9
 Dealer: E ♥ AQJ62
 All Vul ♦ 3
 Segment 4 ♣ 8762

♠ J8765
 ♥ T753
 ♦ K6
 ♣ 54

♠ A432
 ♥ K84
 ♦ AJT5
 ♣ AQ

♠ Q
 ♥ 9
 ♦ Q98742
 ♣ KJT93

West	North	East	South
Grue	Platnick	Moss	Diamond
		1D	Pass
2H (5S/4H non inv)	Pass	4S	Pass
Pass	Double	Redouble	All Pass

Kriegel	Hampson	Smith	Greco
		1D	Pass
1S	2H	3S	All Pass

Board 26 in the 4th segment of the USBC Semi-Final seems innocuous. East has a balanced eighteen count and West has a semi-balanced four count. With a nine-card spade fit, the hand would likely be played in a spade partial.

In the Open Room, Smith opened 1D and raised Kriegel's 1S response to the three level. North led his singleton diamond, picking off his partner's queen. Declarer was able to discard a club on the third round of diamonds to make his contract. In today's world of responding on very weak hands to block the opponents, the opener does well to bid cautiously.

In the Closed Room, Moss also opened 1D. Grue responded with a gadget bid. 2H showed a five card spade suit and a four-card heart suit with less than invitational values (in this case much less than invitational values). Moss quite reasonably jumped to 4S and Platnick doubled for penalties based on his good major suit holdings. Moss decided that the redouble risk was low. Diamond led his singleton heart and the contract was defeated two tricks for a loss of 1000 points and a gain of 15 IMPs for Kriegel.

The redouble "only" cost 3 IMPs.

Answers to Sudoku Puzzles on page 9

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

Puzzle 1

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

Puzzle 2

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

Sudoku 1

Difficult Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 10:

Team Captain	Team Name	Team Color	Final place	Event won
Ann	Bears	red	4th	balloon toss
Greg	Lions	blue	3rd	volleyball
Larry	Tigers	black	1st	water relay
Sharon	Panthers	white	5th	100 yard hit
Tom	Wolves	green	2nd	sack race

Sudoku Solutions on Page 8

Puzzle Page ...

	Bears	Lions	Panthers	Tigers	Wolves	black	blue	green	red	white	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	100 yard hit	balloon toss	sack race	volleyball	water relay
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blue																				
green																				
red																				
white																				

This year, all the employees at Gizmo, Inc participated in the annual company picnic games. The employees were randomly placed on five different teams and competed in five different events. The teams all had a chosen team captain, who selected the team name and color. As it happened, each team won a different event and placed in various others. The overall winning team was the one with the most points scored in the individual events. From the clues, determine the name of each team captain, the team names, the team colors, each team's final place, and the event each team won.

1. The Bears didn't win the volleyball match. The Tigers won the water relay but their team color wasn't blue.
2. The Lions beat the white team but were beaten by both Larry's team and the team that won the sack race.
3. Ann's team wasn't the Panthers. Sharon's team wasn't the team that won the balloon toss and the Bears wasn't her team name.
4. The teams placed, from first to fifth, as follows: the black team, the Wolves, Greg's team, the red team, and the team that won the 100-yard hit.
5. Tom picked green for his team's color. Larry's team didn't win the balloon toss.
6. The team that won the sack race was in 2nd place and beat, in no particular order, Ann's team, the team that won the volleyball match, and the white team.

Answer to Puzzle on Page 9!

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Irina Levitina is the only person in the world to win world championships in both chess and bridge. She has won six bridge World Championships, including all of the Women's events (Venice Cup, McConnell, Olympiad and Women's Pairs) as well as the Transnational Mixed Teams.

Especially well respected for her declarer play, Irina was one of 34 world-class players (including only 4 women) invited to participate in the World Par Contest, a declarer play competition, held in connection with the 1998 World Championships in Lille, France. In finishing 14th overall (and first among the women), Irina placed ahead of such stars as Benito Garozzo, Chip Martel, Steve Weinstein, and Zia.

Born in St. Petersburg, Russia, Irina was first taught chess as a young child by her father. By the age of 18 she was a member of the Soviet team and was the top woman at the chess Olympiad. At age 18, Irina also took up bridge, introduced to the game by Simeon Furman, her chess teacher (and Karpov's) at the time. Immigrating to the US in December 1990, Irina co-founded the International Chess Academy in Teaneck, NJ, in 1997 (you can read more about the chess school and Irina's chess career at www.icanj.net).

Meet the Players



Inducted into the ACBL's Hall of Fame in 2007, Kerri Sanborn is a nine-time world champion. She has won at least one World Championship in each of four consecutive decades, a record of "longevity at the top" equaled only by Bob Hamman. (Indeed, one wonders if anyone in any competitive endeavor outside of bridge has, or could, come close to that record of sustained excellence.)

Although (because?) her parents played bridge, Kerri swore she never would. But, she finally succumbed during her sophomore year at Miami University in Ohio, and played her first local duplicate with her father. She soon moved to California, where she credits many experts for helping her during her early years as a player: Mike Shuman, Harold Guiver, Mike Smolen, Hermine Baron, Harold Kandler, Rhoda Walsh, and, most significantly, Barry Crane.

Kerri's first victory at the world level was the 1978 Mixed Pairs in which she and Barry Crane bested a world-class field by an astonishing margin of 5 boards. During her highly successful 14-year partnership with Barry, she was responsible for buying his coffee (2/3 of a cup, black) and filling out the convention card, while he handled the travel arrangements. Kerri's five subsequent world championships were won in partnership with Karen McCallum (1989, 1990, 1993) and Irina Levitina (2002, 2006). Her most recent world championships were a repeat Mixed Pairs win, this time with Jie "Jack" Zhao in 2014, the World National Women's Teams in 2016 and the McConnell in 2018.

A full-time player beginning in the early 1970s, Kerri changed careers in 1988 when she began trading options full-time on the floor of the American Stock Exchange. She retired in 2001. An avid golfer, Kerri lives in Delray Beach, FL, with her husband, Steve, and cat Brooke.

Kerri is currently a member of the ACBL Hall of Fame committee. She also serves as a member of the USBF Appeals Panel.

Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, is available again this year. She has agreed to come to the Hyatt after 1:00 pm on the following days. People who want a massage should sign up with Jan.

Monday, 5/12

Wednesday, 5/15

Thursday, 5/16

Monday, 5/20

Thursday, 5/23 (that's Mixed of course)

Monday, 5/27

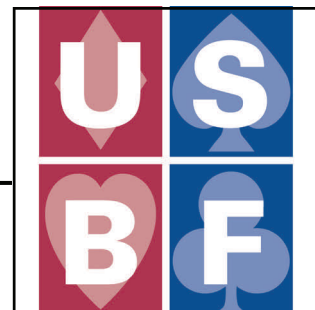
Thursday, 5/30 (between Mixed & Seniors)

Monday, 6/3

Thursday, 6/6



Relaxation Therapy!



USBF Supporting Membership

If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

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We hope you will join us.

Limey Jack...

As always, Limey Jack calls winners. For a cert, Baker had a large scare, but vanquished Bjerkan. Eythorsdottir didn't even need to show up after tea time.

This morning starts the final chukker for the Lassies.

Eythorsdottir-Baker: This is a most evenly sided tilt with an interesting side plot. One of the most famous Woman Pairs of the last double decade has been Deas-Palmer. No more. Each is playing hard to hear their name spoke over the tannoy, but only one can prevail. Howie Dung will pick the wrong squad for the wrong reason. At the last furlong, experience will decide who represents the Colonies and Baker simply has more.

In the playoffs, Bjerkan, smarting from their close encounter, has the whip in the air by the ¾ pole.

Cheers, LJ

Howie Doing...

Tested and true...

Tested and tried...

USA1 will be
Magnus's bride!

Baker will play
For USA2

But she'll fall to Bjerkan
When playing is through!

Good luck to all!
Howie Doing... More in 2 days!



Sam Dinkin, Kerri Sanborn, Irina Levitina



Brad Moss and Julie Arbit



Peggy Sutherland

USBC Appeal #2



Committee Report

Committee: Craig Allen, Chairman, Mark Feldman, Kit Woolsey,

Present: Wooldridge, Hurd, and Willenken

McKenzie Myers, presenting director.

McKenzie explained what had occurred at the table, which was completely consistent with the committee document. He reported that after questioning E/W, the directors concluded there was no agreement about the meaning of West's 3H call and ruled that the table result stands.

Willenken made the case that this is an experienced partnership and the fact that East had accurately surmised what West held was an indication of a partnership agreement. East said he was trying to figure out what West meant,

Board 25
North Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A Q 10 4	♠ K	♠ J 9 6 3
♥ K 10 9 2	♥ Q J 7 6 4 3	♥ A 8 5
♦ 10 4	♦ 9 7 5	♦ A K 3
♣ A 7 3	♣ J 10 8	♣ Q 6 2

E 5♠; EW 4N; W 4♠; EW 2♥; EW 2♦; EW 2♠; Par -650			
West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Ginossar	Hurd	Willenken
2NT ¹	2♥	Dbl	Pass
3♥ ²	Pass	3♠ ¹	Pass
	Pass	3NT	All pass

1. lebensohl
2. W to S: "Undiscussed" (written, with a drawing of a sad face)
E to N: "I'm not sure, but probably four ♠ and a ♥ stopper" (verbally)

The opening lead was the ♠ T (Rusinow), which held. North continued the ♠ J, covered by the ♠ Q and ♠ K, ducked again by declarer. South now returned a third club.

South argues that had he known that West held four spades as well as his assumed four hearts and ♠ Axx, he would have led the ♦ Q at trick three and set the contract.

East-West are a long term partnership, but both claim to not have an agreement on or experience with this auction as a pair. The pair does not have comprehensive system notes.

Law 21B1(b) states: "The director is to assume Mistaken Explanation rather than Mistaken Call in the absence of evidence to the contrary."

Law 75D2 expands on player's responsibilities: "It is a condition of any partnership agreement that both players possess the same mutual understanding, and it is an infraction to describe an agreement where the same mutual understanding does not exist. If the Director determines that the misleading explanation was not based upon a partnership agreement, he applies Law 21B."

The directing staff discussed this and decided that the combination of West's explanation of "No agreement" and East's explanation starting with "I'm not sure, but..." was sufficient "evidence to the contrary" for purposes of Law 21B1(b). Since there was determined to be no infraction on the hand, there was no basis to adjust the score.

and gave a complete answer when he said that he wasn't sure but.....

The committee inquired of E/W about their written methods after Lebensohl and were told there were none.

West also pointed out that if South had shifted to a diamond honor, he would have known that North was highly likely to hold the SK since N/S play sound weak 2's and 4HCP would not be good enough.

The committee questioned East about what he had said, and he replied that he said what he thought West might have based on bridge logic but that he wasn't sure because this auction had not been discussed. It was pointed out that to say that you have an agreement when you don't is also a violation of the laws.

When the committee deliberated, we determined that there was no agreement and therefore upheld the ruling at the table.

Table Result: Made 3

Craig Allen, Chairman