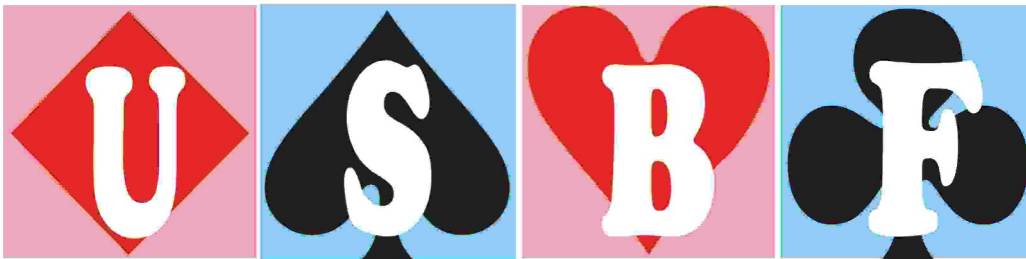


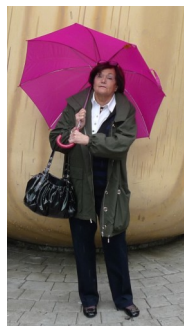


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“Trials” and Tribulations—Pre-Bulletin



Under Joan’s Umbrella...



Joan Gerard, USBF President, wants to welcome you to the Hyatt Regency Woodfield Hotel in Schaumburg, IL, for the 2012 International Team Trials:

Eighteen teams will be vying to represent the United States of America at the World Mind Sports Games in Lille, France, from August ninth to August twenty-third. I wish you all the best of luck.

The Pre-Bulletin contains all the necessary information to get you through the 10 day Trials. Please retain this issue for your reference as future hard copies will contain hand analysis, scores, and updated news, however, much of the rules, regulations, IMP charts, and schedules will not be included. (Online versions will contain full coverage.)

Have a great time while in the Chicago area. The tournament committee (Jan Martel, Barbara Nudelman, and I) will do what we can to make your stay enjoyable.

Suggestions for spouse activities and local dining are included within this publication. There is great shopping in the immediate area. The Sox and Cubs will be in and out of town during your stay so plan your sit-outs accordingly. Museums and tours downtown make for excellent spouse activities.

Play well. Familiarize yourself with the conditions of contest...

I wish you all a memorable experience... Let the games begin!!

Joan Gerard, USBC President

From the Editor:

Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. Team lists and schedules will not be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions in order to make room for new content at a substantial savings to the organization. Thank you!!

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Mistakes are the usual bridge between inexperience and wisdom.
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Bye to Rnd of 8		
Diamond	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Brad Moss	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Fred Gitelman
Bye to Rnd of 8		
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Bye to Rnd of 16		
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Robbins	Larry Robbins, Capt Jon Sorkin	Jeffry Mandell Joseph Stokes

All About Kibitzing

WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. 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 segment.

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 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, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBC 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:

1. General Rules

- 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.

2. In the Open Room:

- a. If there is a live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room, kibitzers shall abide by the same rules as those applicable to the Closed Room.
- b. If there is no live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room then kibitzers, media, and NPC's may enter and return until such time as any table from the closed room has finished the segment. Once any table in the Closed room has finished, no one may return to the Open room after leaving unless escorted while absent.
- c. In either event, Open Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room and returning (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).

3. In the Closed Room:

- a. Kibitzers must enter the Closed Room before play commences. Kibitzers in the closed room are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Closed Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
- b. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
- c. 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.

Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2012 USBC is Suite 3321. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join us for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-10:00 am

Lunch on Monday-Sunday from 2:30-4:00.

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

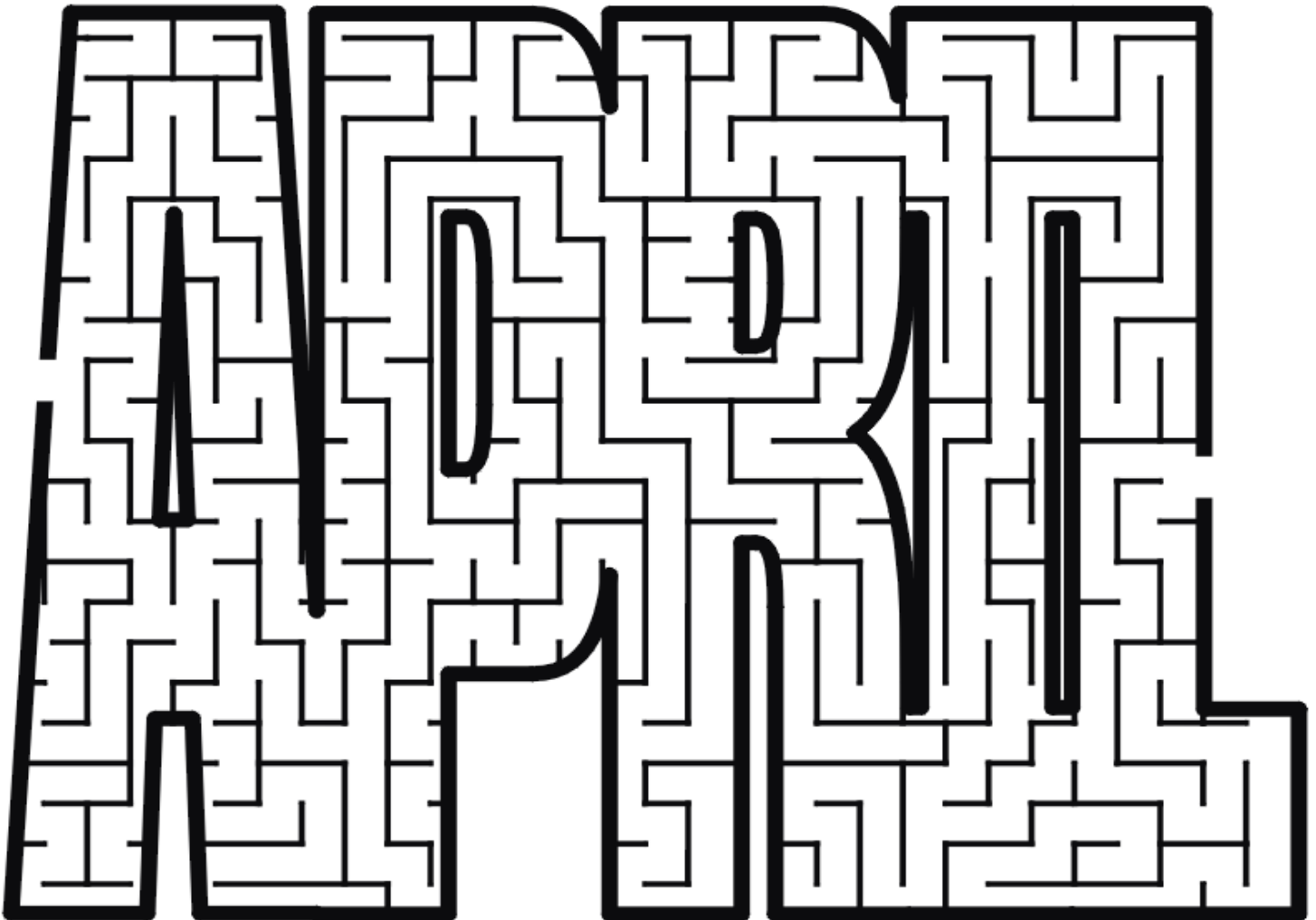
NOTE: on Friday-Sunday, we have arranged with the hotel to have a buffet lunch available at the break between sessions. We will be distributing coupons to pay for the lunch to team captains.

Barbara Nudelman, Joan Gerard and crew are working to make this as comfortable as possible for you and your guests. Please stop in and say hello whenever the mood strikes you.



A-Maze-Ing...

Enter at the A and exit at the L to get through the April Maze...



VuGraph Information

The 2012 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16. We will endeavor to cover 2 or 3 matches (there will be 6 matches in the Round of 16). The Round of 16 starts Sunday, April 29th. **From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play.** 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 USBC matches you want to watch. To watch on your smartphone or tablet, go to Bridgebaseonline/mobile.

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, who may not have time to respond to private messages.

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

10:00-12:10
12:25-2:35
3:45-5:55
6:10-8:20

During the Semifinals and Finals, all of the teams will play the same boards.

During the Rounds of 16 & 8, each team will play a different set of boards.

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 older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2012 USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted approximately half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for Vugraph matches on the PSBRIDGE website at <http://psbridge.gotdns.com/bbo/allvug/> as well as on the USBF site, linked to the scorecards you can reach by clicking on 2012USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page. This will allow you to better understand the conventional auctions.

The USBF is not responsible for computer glitches and will endeavor to keep them at a minimum. Please bear with us. Sometimes hotel bandwidth is a problem. Thank you.

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 entering the playing field.



Round Robin

Friday April 27th	10:00 - 12:15 12:25 - 2:40 2:40 - 3:50 3:50 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:30	Bds 1-7 & 8-14, clumped Bds 15-21 & 22-28, clumped 1 hour 10 minute break Bds 29-35 & 36-42, clumped Bds 43-49 & 50-56, clumped
Saturday April 28th	10:00 - 12:15 12:25 - 2:40 2:40 - 3:50 3:50 - 4:55 5:00 - 6:05 6:10 - 7:15	Bds 57-63 & 64-70, clumped Bds 71-77 & 78-84, clumped 1 hour 10 minute break Boards 85-91 * Boards 92-98 * Boards 99-105 *

*** NOTE: last 3 matches are "sequestered" - Closed Room pairs must play all 3 matches, no comparisons allowed ***

DRAW FOR BRACKET & CAPTAINS' MEETING FOR ROUND OF 16 WILL BE HELD AT ABOUT 7:30 PM (AS SOON AS QUALIFYING TEAMS ARE DETERMINED).

Round of 16

Sunday April 29th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1, Boards 1-15 Segment 2, Boards 16-30 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Monday April 30th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 7 Boards 91-105 Segment 8 Boards 106-120

**Tournament
Schedule**

Quarterfinals

Tuesday May 1st	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Wednesday May 2nd	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 7 Boards 91-105 Segment 8 Boards 106-120

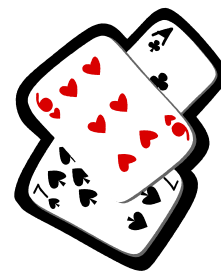
Semi-Finals

Thursday May 3rd	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Friday May 4th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 7 Boards 91-105 Segment 8 Boards 106-120

Finals

Saturday May 5th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Sunday May 6th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 7 Boards 91-105 Segment 8 Boards 106-120

ROUND ROBIN INFORMATION



The 2012 USBC Round Robin will be a 2-day complete Round Robin, with 7 board matches, scored using the USBF 7 board Victory Point scale. The event will use blind lineup submission, because each team meets each other team only once. The specific schedule is set forth on page 6 of this publication. On Friday, there will be 8 matches, played in 2-match clumps. On Saturday, the first session will have four matches played in 2-match clumps; the second session will have 3 matches played in one clump and with the closed room sequestered. With an odd number of teams, each team will have a sit-out during the Round Robin. Jan will be able to tell you at any time after Thursday evening, April 26th, when you have your sit-out. The procedures for lineup & score submission, as well as for the sequestered matches, are:

LINE-UP SUBMISSION

Before each clump of 2 or 3 matches, each team must turn in a lineup card listing which players will play each match in each room. Except for the sequestered matches, you may change pairs each match, so long as they are properly listed on your lineup card and the new pair is available when the second match of the clump starts.

SCORE SUBMISSION

After each two matches, you must turn in a form showing your score (in IMPs) for each match. Please confirm the score with your opponent before submitting it.

SEATING ASSIGNMENT

After you have turned in your lineup and scores, you will get two assignment cards, one for the Open Room and one for the Closed Room, telling you which tables to go to for each of the next two matches.

SEQUESTERED MATCHES

The final three matches on Saturday will have the Closed Room sequestered. One pair on your team must play all 3 final matches in the Closed Room. No score comparison is allowed during the 3-match clump. For the first two sequestered matches, the NS pair at each table will be asked to complete a score sheet & have the EW pair verify that it is correct. We will pick up those score sheets and enter the scores into the computer in order to have your scores for those matches completed by the time you finish the final match. Those scores will be shown on a wall near the playing area. You will be asked to confirm that those scores are correct when you turn in your score for the final match. We hope that this procedure will help speed up the determination of which teams have qualified.

Margin	Winner	Loser		Margin	Winner	Loser		Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	14	15.22	4.78	<input type="checkbox"/>	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	<input type="checkbox"/>	15	15.51	4.49	<input type="checkbox"/>	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	<input type="checkbox"/>	16	15.78	4.22	<input type="checkbox"/>	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	<input type="checkbox"/>	17	16.04	3.96	<input type="checkbox"/>	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	18	16.29	3.71	<input type="checkbox"/>	32	19	1
5	12.18	7.82	<input type="checkbox"/>	19	16.53	3.47	<input type="checkbox"/>	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	<input type="checkbox"/>	20	16.76	3.24	<input type="checkbox"/>	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	<input type="checkbox"/>	21	16.99	3.01	<input type="checkbox"/>	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.3	6.7	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	17.21	2.79	<input type="checkbox"/>	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	<input type="checkbox"/>	23	17.42	2.58	<input type="checkbox"/>	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	<input type="checkbox"/>	24	17.62	2.38	<input type="checkbox"/>	38	19.8	0.2
11	14.32	5.68	<input type="checkbox"/>	25	17.82	2.18	<input type="checkbox"/>	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	<input type="checkbox"/>	26	18.01	1.99	<input type="checkbox"/>	40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07	<input type="checkbox"/>	27	18.19	1.81	<input type="checkbox"/>			

**USBF
7 Board VP Scale**

Some Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure ...



Thai Garden, 225 W Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL

Thai Garden has proudly served the northwest suburbs of Chicago since 1997....
(847) 986-8943

Checkers Pancake House, 506 W Wise Rd, Schaumburg, IL

50's style Atmosphere - New specials every day - Checkers Pancake House is a delicious new restaurant open for breakfast, lunch and carry-out
(847) 613-4676

Rosati's Pizza, 1770 W Wise Rd, Schaumburg, IL

From our homemade sauce to our authentic Italian cooking style, Rosati's Pizza makes old fashioned pizza the right way. Serving Chicagoland, we bring our customers more than five decades of local, quality service.

The Rosati family has been in the Italian restaurant business in America since the late 1890's, and in 1964, the first Rosati's Pizza was opened in the Chicago area. With this much history and tradition, it's no wonder the Rosati family can still make a delicious pizza.

Our menu selections include: • Pizza • Appetizers • Seafood • Barbeque • Chicken • Deli
(847) 352-4750

Pita House Restaurant, 365 S Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL

Place Orders Online Or Call Ahead - Pita House is a Middle Eastern Restaurant
(847) 985-7070

Canton Chef, 620 S Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL

Gourmet Chinese food - We have great Mandarin & Hunan Delicacies. We deliver our gourmet Chinese food to all over Schaumburg & Hoffman Estates. We also have a dining room available for your family if preferred. Let us show you why our food is the finest around. We look forward to seeing you soon!
(847) 882-5340

Yu's Mandarin Restaurant, 200 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL

We cook in front of your eyes! - One of the Finest Chinese Mandarin and Szechwan cuisines in the NW Suburbs! We cook in front of your eyes. Offering lunch, dinner and carry out orders. Featuring Yu's famous Peking Duck (24 hours notice please) and our homemade noodles. Party and banquet room available for up to 100 people. Unusual banquet dishes are a specialty of our chef and a special menu to suit your occasion can be prepared. Our products include chow mein and fried rice, pork, fowl, vegetarian, fresh fish, soup, appetizers.
(847) 619-3300

Gaylord Fine Indian Cuisine, 555 Mall Dr, Schaumburg, IL

Beautiful passage to Indian food. - Fine Indian cuisine - carry out.
(847) 524-4380

P. F . Chang's China Bistro, 5 Woodfield Mall Schaumburg, Schaumburg, IL (847) 519-1770

Wild Bull Bar & Grill, 1819 W Golf Rd, Schaumburg (847) 781-0820

Old Town Pizza, 906 W Bode Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 610-8000

Champs' Restaurant & Bar, 955 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 619-9095

Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 1925 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 619-5001

Pompei Bakery, 1261 E Higgins Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 619-1900

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Rainforest Cafe, 5 Woodfield Mall D-121, Schaumburg, IL (847) 524-1900

Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, 357 S Barrington Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 891-6900

Jet's Pizza, 1847 W Irving Park Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 397-1313

Embassy Suites Hotel, 1939 N Meacham Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 882-2466

Great Chicago Pizza, 1911 W Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 884-7060

Bahama Breeze, 406 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 882-4482

Chinese Garden Restaurant, 754 E Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 781-3900

Nanna's Cucina, 204 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 843-8884

Outback Steakhouse, 216 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 995-9400

Entourage Restaurant, 1301 American Ln, Schaumburg (847) 969-0126

TGI Friday's, 1695 E Golf Road Schaumburg (847) 969-0126

Old Town Pizza, 906 W Bode Rd, Schaumburg (847) 781-0820

Seven Luck Chinese Restaurant, 889 S Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL (847) 891-2888

Jason's Deli, 1530 Mcconnor Pkwy, Schaumburg, IL (847) 240-0516



Award Winning Schaumburg Area Eateries:



Seasons 52

1770 E. Higgins Road

Schaumburg

Price: \$31 to \$50

- **Dining Style:** Casual Elegant
- **Phone:** (847) 517-5252
- **Hours of Operation:** Lunch Daily: 11:30am - 4:00pm; Dinner: Sunday - Thursday: 4:00pm - 10:00pm, Friday - Saturday: 4:00pm - 11:00pm
- **Payment Options:** AMEX, Discover, MasterCard, Visa
- **Cuisine:** Contemporary American
- **Executive Chef:** Jason Klever
- **Dress Code:** Business Casual
- **Accepts Walk-Ins:** Yes
- **Additional Details:** Bar Dining, Bar/Lounge, Beer, Chef's Table, Entertainment, Fireplace, Full Bar, Non-Smoking Restaurant, Takeout, Wheelchair Access, Wine, Wine Bar
- **Cross Streets:** Higgins and Martingale
- **Parking:** Valet

Parking Details: We offer complimentary valet service.

Seasons 52 is a casually sophisticated fresh grill and wine bar that invites you to discover the sensational flavors of our seasonally inspired menu. At Seasons 52, you'll enjoy a warm, welcoming ambiance with rich mahogany accents, custom built wine cellars, and lush greenery that create an air of... casual sophistication. With an award-winning international wine list of over 100 wines, with 52 or more available by the glass, we will find the perfect match to complement your menu selection. Our restaurant is open for lunch and dinner daily, with extended hours on the weekend. We feature entertainment at our piano bar nightly.

Morton's the Steakhouse

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**1470 McConnor Pky
Schaumburg, IL**

Cuisine: Steak

Price: \$50 and over

- **Dining Style:** Fine Dining
- **Phone:** (847) 413-8771
- **Hours of Operation:** Bar: Daily at 5:00pm Dinner: Monday - Thursday 5:30pm - 10:00pm Friday & Saturday 5:00pm - 11:00pm Sunday: 5:00pm - 10:00pm
- **Payment Options:** AMEX, Diners Club, Discover, MasterCard, Visa
- **Cuisine:** Steak, Seafood, American
- **Dress Code:** Business Casual
- **Accepts Walk-Ins:** Yes
- **Additional Details:** Bar Dining, Bar/Lounge, Beer, Full Bar, Happy Hour, Non-Smoking Restaurant, Private Room, Smoking Area, Takeout, Wheelchair Access, Wine

Parking: Private Lot

USDA prime-aged beef, succulent seafood, fine wines, chilled cocktails, decadent desserts, crisp white linens and exceptional service...Morton's serves The Best Steak Anywhere. For more than 30 years,... Morton's is the steakhouse by which all others are measured. Morton's signature prime rib available Friday and Saturday nights only.

Please note: To assure we can accommodate any special requests, please call the restaurant directly to confirm.

www.mortons.com/holiday Holiday Gift Card Special: Buy \$300 get a \$50 Reward or buy \$500 & get a \$100 Reward. Celebrate with Morton's over Lunch.

**Maggiano's
1901 East Woodfield Rd.
Schaumburg, IL**

Cuisine: Italian
Price: \$30 and under

- **Dining Style:** Casual Dining
- **Phone:** (847) 240-5600



Hours of Operation: Lunch: Daily: 11:15am - 3:00pm Dinner: Monday - Thursday: 3:00pm - 10:00pm, Friday - Saturday: 3:00pm - 11:00pm, Sunday: 3:00pm - 9:00pm

Payment Options: AMEX, Diners Club, Discover, MasterCard, Visa

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Executive Chef: Ryan Neach

Dress Code: Casual Dress

Accepts Walk-Ins: Yes

Additional Details: Bar Dining, Bar/Lounge, Beer, Chef's Table, Delivery, Full Bar, Gluten-free Menu, Non-Smoking Restaurant, Patio/Outdoor Dining, Takeout, Wheelchair Access, Wine

Parking: Valet

Parking Details: Our Guests may use valet or park in the public lot.

Welcome to Maggiano's Schaumburg, located adjacent to the famous Woodfield Mall in the Streets of Woodfield. Our 375 seat dining room is convenient to the Rosemont Theater & Arlington racetrack. We are open seven days a week for both lunch & dinner. On Sundays & on most holidays, we serve the dinner menu all day. The seasonal patio setting has an old-world feel of dining on the bustling streets of Florence.

Montarra
1491 S. Randall Rd
Algonquin, IL

- **Phone:** (847) 458-0505
- **Hours of Operation:** Tuesday - Thursday: 4:00pm - 9:00pm, Friday & Saturday: 4:00pm - 10:00pm, Sunday: 4:00pm - 9:00pm, Lounge open later nightly Closed Monday
- **Payment Options:** AMEX, Diners Club, Discover, JCB, MasterCard, Visa
- **Cuisine:** Contemporary American, Steak, Seafood
Price: \$31 to \$50
- **Executive Chef:** Dave Perlick
- **Dress Code:** Business Casual
- **Accepts Walk-Ins:** Yes
- **Additional Details:** Bar Dining, Bar/Lounge, Beer, Full Bar, Gluten-free Menu, Non-Smoking Area, Non-Smoking Restaurant, Personal wines welcome (corkage fee applies), Takeout, Wheelchair Access, Wine
- **Cross Street:** County Line Rd
- **Parking:** Private Lot: Well lit, paved parking lot just steps from the front door.



Montarra the "hidden gem" of the Northwest Suburbs is located in Algonquin. Whether it is our Prime Aged Steaks, or our delivered daily fresh seafood, Executive Chef Dave Perlick, using the finest locally grown produce and locally raised beef, has created a menu of Contemporary American Cuisine... with International influences that is sure to please everyone. Our extensive wine list of over 100 wines, includes 30 wines by the glass and representing more than 10 countries world wide, is sure to give even the most discerning diner an array of choices to accentuate Chef Perlick's amazing menu to create a most wonderful and memorable dining experience. Come in and enjoy Montarra, with its relaxing "water wall" and its two "chihully" chandeliers and experience downtown Chicago without the drive! Discover for yourselves why Phil Vettel of the Chicago Tribune gave Montarra " * * * " stars and wrote, "If Montarra were closer to the city, I would dine there often".

For Your Information: I-294/I-90 Tri-Level Bridge Project

The Tri-Level Bridge Project is reconstructing the flyover ramp bridge structures carrying traffic from the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90). The two-year project is scheduled to be complete by fall 2012. In 2012, the ramp bridge carrying northbound I-294 traffic to westbound I-90 will be reconstructed.

Construction Update (03-28-2012)

The ramp carrying traffic from eastbound I-190 to westbound I-90 and the ramp carrying traffic from northbound I-294 to westbound I-90 are closed. A detour will be in place through early July 2012.

Detour Route:

Northbound I-294 traffic is routed through the cash side of the Touhy Toll Plaza, exit at Touhy Avenue West, turning right at River Road and immediately re-entering I-294 southbound to reach the exit ramp to westbound I-90.

Eastbound I-190 traffic is directed to northbound I-294 to follow the same detour route via Touhy Avenue.

No Double Tolls Charged

The detour route takes drivers through a second toll plaza, but customers will not be charged twice. I-PASS customers should go through the I-PASS Only lane at the Touhy Toll Plaza and at the Devon Toll Plaza. Only the 75 cent toll at the Devon Toll Plaza will be posted to I-PASS accounts.

Cash-paying customers should use the lane identified by overhead detour signage, located to the right of the I-PASS Only lane. Customers must request a receipt to avoid a double toll on the detour route. Passenger cars will be charged the \$1.50 Devon toll rate at the Touhy Toll Plaza in the detour lane only. A receipt will be provided which must be presented at the Devon Toll Plaza to avoid a double toll.

Things to Do In and Around Chicago:

Sports:

White Sox host Boston, April 26-29 and the Indians, May 1-3.

Cubs host the Dodgers May 4-6.



The Bulls will be hosting Cleveland on April 26th. Following this game, there will be playoff games but no schedule has been posted at press time. Check online or call the Bulls home office for information.

Museum Campus Happenings

Everything that defines Chicago—world-class museums, vast expanses of public parkland, sports, a dazzling skyline and that big, big lake—can be found on 57 acres called the Museum Campus. After a Shedd visit, check out more things to see and do.

Chicago CityPASS includes admission to all three Museum Campus attractions: Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum and Adler Planetarium. But there's more! CityPASS includes other Chicago favorites: Skydeck Chicago and a choice between the John Hancock Observatory OR the Museum of Science and Industry—all for 52 percent off. [Buy yours now.](#)

Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum

Take off on a *Deep Space Adventure* at the Adler Planetarium. A new immersive space experience like no other in the world, *Deep Space Adventure* takes you aboard the observation deck of a futuristic starship where you will be surrounded by the larger-than-life phenomena of our universe. The centerpiece of *Deep*

Golf Courses in the Area



Arboretum 401 W Half Day Road Buffalo Grove



Arlington Lakes Golf 1211 South New Wilkie Road
Arlington Heights



Barrington Hills CC 27300 W County Line Rd Bar-
rington



Barrington Park District 235 Lions Drive Barrington



Biltmore CC 160 Biltmore Drive Barrington



Buffalo Grove 48 Raupp Blvd. Buffalo Grove



Chevy Chase 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling



Countryside East & West 20800 Hawley Mundelein



Golf Club of Illinois 1575 Edgewood Dr Algonquin



Highland Woods 2775 N. Ela Road Hoffman Estates



Hillcrest Country Club 3217 RFD Long Grove



Hilldale 1625 Ardwick Drive Hoffman Estates



Indian Valley CC Rt 83 & Hwy 45 Mundelein



Inverness Golf Course 102 N Roselle Road Palatine



Ivanhoe Country Club 28846 North Thorngate Drive
Mundelein



Kemper Lakes Old McHenry Road Long Grove



Lake Barrington Shores CC 40 Shoreline Rd Bar-
rington



Lake Zurich 564 N Old Rand Road Lake Zurich



Lakemoor 29000 Sullivan Lake Road Lakemoor



Makray Memorial Golf Club 1010 East Northwest
Highway Barrington



Marriott Lincolnshire 10 Marriott Drive Lincolnshire



Medinah Country Club 6N001 Medinah Rd Medinah



Mt. Prospect 600 S See Gwun Mt. Prospect



Nickol Knoll 3800 North Kennicott Arlington Hts



Old Orchard CC 700 West Rand Road Mt. Prospect



Palatine Hills 512 West Northwest Highway Palatine



Pine Meadows One Pine Meadow Lane Mundelein



Poplar Creek CC 1400 Poplar Creek Dr Hoffman
Estates



Randall Oaks 37 W 361 Binnie Rd Dundee



Redtail Golf Course 7900 RedTail Drive Lakewood

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Rob Roy 505 East Camp McDonald Rd Prospect Heights



Rolling Green CC 2525 East Rand Road Arlington Heights



Schaumburg 401 North Roselle Road Schaumburg



Schaumburg Golf Club Tournament Course 401 N. Roselle Road Schaumburg



Steeple Chase 200 N La Vista/(Holly St) Mundelein



Stonehenge CC 27250 West Highway 22 Barrington



Stonewall Orchard 25675 West Hwy 60 Grayslake



Terrace Hill 4015 West Algonquin Road Algonquin



Twin Lakes 1200 East Lake Drive Palatine



Vernon Hills Golf Course 291 Evergreen Dr Vernon Hills



Village Green CC 2501 N. Midlothian Rd Mundelein



Walnut Greens 1050 N Walnut Lane Schaumburg



Whisper Creek Golf Club 12840 Del Webb Blvd Huntley



White Deer Run Golf Club 250 West Greggs Parkway Vernon Hills

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Space Adventure is the Grainger Sky Theater, which offers audiences the most technologically advanced theater experience ever developed. Encounter the universe at a level of realism that can only be surpassed by actual space travel.

Field Museum

Explore one new exhibit at the Field Museum this spring.

Field Museum visitors can also travel to ancient Mongolia in the exhibition *Genghis Khan* (Feb. 24–Sept. 3) and discover more than 200 stunning artifacts including 13th century weaponry, jewelry, silk robes and religious items from across his vast empire.

Soldier Field

Experience more than the parking garage—take a short walk west on McPettridge Drive to check out the Doughboy Statue and Veteran’s Memorial water wall.

Grant Park

Stroll under Lake Shore Drive and into Grant Park, with spectacular gardens and the world-famous Buckingham Fountain.

The Chicago Region Birding Trail

Twice a year, Chicago is a major rest-and-refuel stop for millions of migrating birds. Many migratory species also make Chicago their summer home, where they raise their families. The Chicago Region Birding Trail (PDF) runs through the Museum Campus, including Grant Park and Northerly Island. So bring your binoculars when you visit. You might also add to your life list around Shedd’s native gardens.

Water Taxis and Sightseeing Boats

Take a different approach to Shedd—take a water taxi! Shoreline Sightseeing water taxis run between Navy Pier and the Museum Campus dock, at lake level on the north side of Shedd.

Public Transportation From O’Hare Airport:

Board the Blue Line CTA train and exit at Washington, where you can grab the southbound #146 bus on State Street



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Sudoku

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

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A lady is having a bad day at the tables in Vegas. Down to her last \$100, completely exasperated, she cries, "What rotten luck! What in the world should I do now?"

A gent next to her, trying to calm her down a bit, calmly suggests, "I don't know... Why don't you play your age?"

He walks away. Moments later, his he is intrigued to hear a great commotion at the roulette table. Maybe, she won!

Rushing back to the table and pushing his way through the crowd, he is stunned to see the lady lying limp on the floor, with the table operator kneeling over her.

He asks, "What happened? Is she all right?"

The operator replies, "I don't know, buddy.... She put all her money on 29. When 36 came up she fainted!"

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. As they lay down for the night, Holmes said: "Watson, look up into the sky and tell me what you see".

Watson: "I see millions and millions of stars".

Holmes: "And what does that tell you?"

Watson: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes: "Somebody stole our tent."

Anagrams:

DORMITORY:

When you rearrange the letters:

DIRTY ROOM

PRESBYTERIAN:

When you rearrange the letters:

BEST IN PRAYER

DESPERATION:

When you rearrange the letters:

A ROPE ENDS IT

THE MORSE CODE:

When you rearrange the letters:

HERE COME DOTS

SLOT MACHINES:

When you rearrange the letters:

CASH LOST IN ME

ANIMOSITY:

When you rearrange the letters:

IS NO AMITY

MOTHER-IN-LAW:

When you rearrange the letters:

WOMAN HITLER

SNOOZE ALARMS:

When you rearrange the letters:

ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

A DECIMAL POINT:

When you rearrange the letters:

IM A DOT IN PLACE

THE EARTHQUAKES:

When you rearrange the letters:

THAT QUEER SHAKE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO:

When you rearrange the letters:

TWELVE PLUS ONE

More Kibitzer Activities:

If you're sitting out and want something to do, there is live racing at Arlington Park on May 4, 5, and 6.

The track is only a couple of miles from the playing site.

Limey Jack...

Spring is in the air, I saw a black tailed Godwit and a collared dove, and that means the Colonies will be hosting their trials, sure as I am alive. It is Limey Jack speaking to you, giving you the inside scoop and the early Punter's line regarding the riff and the raff which will joust for position to have the honour of facing Nickell, Diamond and Fleischer whenever they deem to arrive. On to the round robin.

Positive survivors will be Spector, Jacobs, Gordon, Deutsch, Robinson, Wolfson (for now) and strangely the leader at the turn will be Weinstein, a team with no name recognition but the heart of Sir Arthur.

Mahaffey seems to have cobbled together a team from the four corners of the earth: Seamon from the Cayne team, Jacobus from the O'Rourke team, Passell from the Lynch team and Lev and Pepsi from hunger. Is this a team or a collection of miscreants? If they can survive the round robin, they could make it further, indeed.

It will be a short run for Lee, Chan, Robbins and Becker. It is most likely that the Cinderella team of Falk will lay an air biscuit (ED note: The most delicate way to phrase this is to pass gas)

Robinson, heretofore known as the wee people, will now be known as the slow people. While they will survive, they will finish last, and I do not mean in the standings.

Don't think Limey Jack daft to predict a fine showing by Levine as I understand one of their pairs has "rounded" nicely into form.

It is easy to argue the toss on Rogoff. They are neither fish nor fowl, but more ducks will fly than not when this two day event concludes.

Limey Jack will be with you every step of the way as long as these matches finish at a civilized hour. If I stay up too late here awaiting the results, I tend to have an extra nip or two. Should the sponsors be willing to spring for an extra pound or two, Limey Jack is planning to come Stateside to view the last 6 days in person.

As for listening to Howie Dung, that hideous creature, a mind is a terrible thing to waste.

Cheerio,

LJ

Howie Doing...

I am your hero, albeit unsung.
My name's Howie Doing... it's not Howie Dung.

Since picking Zagorin, my stock's gone sky high.
And that silly Brit braggart should eat S*** and die!

He hasn't a clue. His picks are a mess.
He's always been jealous that I'm a success.

When I pick the winner two years in a row,
Jack will be dazzled by all that I know.

Now to the Round Robin ... I can't tell a lie.
Most of the teams will tie 'gainst the bye.

Fifteen begin, Eleven arrive.
Lee, Chan and Becker are loathe to survive.

Lee hasn't a Chan-ce with only four guys.
And two many broads means no Chan-ce for the prize.

Drew Becker's got locals who could play o'k,
But they're sure to lose IMPs for repeated slow play!

Rogoff and Parker are fresh out of dough.
Says Padma, "Please pack up your knives and just go."

The seeding's not perfect and that is a shame.
Robbins is better than Mandell would claim.

Can't wait for the head-ups when all teams drop in.
For now, we're awaiting the games to begin.

Howie Doing ... not bad!

Practice Makes Perfect...

	G JACOBS				
Board 15	♠ K32				
N/S Vul.	♥ JT753				
Dealer: S	♦ 65				
	♣ T95				
R KATZ		NICKELL			
♠ QJ7		♠ AT95			
♥ A	↑ N	♥ 98			
♦ AT93		♦ KQJ84			
♣ AKQJ4		♣ 83			
	BEATTY				
	♠ 864				
	♥ KQ642				
	♦ 72				
	♣ 762				

Watching the practice play on BBO in advance of the Trials is always fun.

George Jacobs and Steve Beatty were playing against Ralph Katz and Nick Nickell on this board in an IMP Pairs game.

Katz and Nickell were the only pair out of the sixteen tables in the event to bid the grand slam. They had an excellent auction:

West	North	East	South
1C	Pass	1S	Pass
2D	Pass	4D (good 5 card support)	Pass
4H (RKC)	Pass	5D (2 w/queen)	Pass
5H (grand slam interest)	Pass	5NT (no outside Kings but still interest)	Pass
7D	All Pass		

Jacobs took away the chance for fallback on the spade finesse by leading the deuce of spades. As the cards lie, Katz didn't need the spades. He rose with the ace and the grand rolled home.

Good bidding! Good lead!

Silence Is Golden ... from a recent Under 21 USA2 Team Practice from Stan Subeck, Team Coach

The hand below is taken from a recent Under-21 Team practice match. In the West seat is Ben Kristensen, a young (14 years old) member of the USA-2 team that will be representing the USA at the World Youth Team Championships in Shanghai from July 25 — August 4 of this year. On this hand, Ben is partnered by his father, Curt, who will be captaining the team in Shanghai.

At the other table, another young West player and member of the team, Hakan Berk, chose to open 3C on this hand. North (Arjun Dhir) doubled and South (Murphy Green) jumped to 4H. The opening lead was the two of spades. Declarer logically assumed this was a singleton. He rose with the ace and hoped that West held either the heart Ace or diamond King for his vulnerable preempt on a known weak suit. In the modern world, there is no assurance, but this is a pretty good bet. This play works as long as West didn't lead from Kxx of spades with no red suit honors. At that point, he drove out the trump ace, won the diamond switch, and made four hearts.

At my table, Ben passed in first seat and simply overcalled 2C later. Now when he led the two of spades (3rd best), declarer was faced with an awkward guess. Nothing matters if West holds the diamond King. So assume the diamond King is offside. The spade two can be from three small, Kxx, or singleton. Rising with the Ace works against the singleton or three small holdings (the Kx blocks the suit and a ruff can't be negotiated). Math is no help; there are four Kxx holdings and four three small/singleton deuce holdings.

I'm glad I wasn't declarer faced with this guess. Ben's team won 12 IMPs when declarer guessed wrong and ducked. Nice "PASS" Ben and Congratulations on becoming a Life Master two weeks ago.

STAN SUBECK
 Board 4
 Dealer: W
 All Vul.

BEN

♠ 2
 ♥ A74
 ♦ 97
 ♣ QT87543

CURT

♠ KT93
 ♥ 3
 ♦ KT8532
 ♣ 96

ECKERT

♠ QJ84
 ♥ KQT85
 ♦ Q4
 ♣ KJ

West	North	East	South
Ben	Subeck	Curt	Eckert
Pass	1D	Pass	1H
2C	2H	Pass	4H
All Pass			

From left:
 Burke Snowden,
 David Soukup,
 Hakan Berk,
 Ben Kristensen

Not pictured:
 Murphy Green,
 Arjun Dhir




More Practice from the Big Guys...

Board 9
 Dealer: N
 E/W Vul.
 ♠ 962
 ♥ 9
 ♦ KQ9652
 ♣ 732



George Jacobs, USBC VP
(photo courtesy of Peg Kaplan)

♠ AJ854
 ♥ JT8752
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 5



♠ KQT7
 ♥ Q4
 ♦ JT4
 ♣ QT64

♠ 3
 ♥ AK63
 ♦ A83
 ♣ AKJ98



Steve Beatty

West	North	East	South
Ralph Katz	George Jacobs	Nick Nickell	Steve Beatty
	2D	Pass	2NT
3D	Pass	4S	5D
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

George opened a seemingly normal 2D bid, however, since Jacobs and Beatty play very wide ranging weak twos, Beatty chose science over reason. He bid 2NT asking for more information. When Katz interfered by bidding Michaels and Nickell jumped to four spades, science went out the window.

Beatty believed his vulnerable opponents rather than George (can you blame him?)

He took the low road and bid only 5D.

Nickell balanced with a double and Beatty was not unhappy. He considered redouble, but still couldn't believe his partner had as much as he did.

Playing on BBO, you sometimes survive these debacles. As luck would have it, none of the other 15 pairs bid slam or, for that matter, even made slam. Nine IMPs to George and Steve... I have my doubts that they will survive this sort of bidding in Schaumburg.

Card Game Humor...

What is the difference between a large pizza and a professional poker player?
The large pizza can feed a family of four.

I was playing poker...with Tarot cards. I got a full house and four people died.

What is the...difference between prayer in a church and at the poker table?
At the **poker table**, you really mean it.

Two rules for...success in poker:
1) Never tell everything you know.

From the poker dictionary: lottery (noun) - A tax on people who are bad at math.

Some nuns at a small convent were left a modest estate. Each nun got \$50 in cash to give away as she saw fit. Each nun announced how she would spend her bequest. Sister Ann decided to give her share to the first poor person she saw. Right then, she saw a beggar across the street that looked down on his luck. She walked to the man, slipped him the \$50, and said, "I'm Sister Ann. Godspeed, my good man."

The next day, the man returned to the convent and rang the bell. "I'd like to see Sister Ann," he said. The nun at the door refused this, but offered to give a message. The man said, "Give her this \$100 and tell her Godspeed came in second in the third race at Arlington."

A blonde woman was on a girls' weekend in Las Vegas. She stood in front of a candy machine, put in two quarters, turned the knob, and a candy bar fell out. She repeated the process, and again a candy bar fell out. Elated, she tried again as a man approached, saying, "Excuse me miss, what are you doing?"

She said, "Hello! I'm winning here!"

Don't ever use a fake Jamaican accent at a Caribbean Stud Poker table.

How do you get a sweet little 80-year old woman to yell (^#&^?
Get another sweet little 80-year old woman to yell "BINGO!"

How do you get a professional poker player off your doorstep?
Pay him for the pizza.

What is the difference between a poker player and a dog?
The dog will eventually stop whining.

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Tommy had a serious gambling problem and was a terrible poker player too. Every time he came home from the casino, his wife asked how much he lost.

One night, he didn't come home at all. Finally, he staggered in at 9 AM. His wife started in on him, but he cut her off. "I have to confess. I got drunk at the bar last night and went home with a beautiful cocktail waitress."

"Don't give me that bull," she replied. "How much did you lose last night?"

A man comes home from his weekly poker game late. His annoying wife is waiting for him. "Where the heck have you been?"

"Sorry, but I lost you in a poker game. You'll have to leave."

"How did you manage that, you fool?"

"It wasn't easy. I had to fold a royal flush."

What is the...difference between a professional poker player and God?
God doesn't think He's a professional poker player.

Why didn't the elephant like to play poker in the jungle?
Because there are too many cheetahs.

The regular Friday night poker game was still going strong after midnight. One of the players returned from the restroom, saying "Bill, I just saw your wife in the bedroom with Frank!"

"OK, that's it, guys. This is definitely the last hand."

Some cowboys were...playing poker in an Old West saloon. One of them laid down the winning hand, and another jumped up, yelling, "He's cheatin! He aint playin the cards I dealt him!"

A doctor answers his phone at home on a Friday night. His colleague says, "We need an eighth player for poker." The doctor replied, "Hold on. I'll be there ASAP." As he was grabbing his coat and keys, his wife asked, "Is it serious?" "It sure is," he said. "There are already seven other doctors there!"

The regular Friday night poker game was going on when John lost \$500 on a single hand, had a heart attack, and died. "Who's going to tell his wife?" They drew cards, and Bill drew the low card. He knocked on John's door and told his wife, "John lost \$500 at poker tonight."

She turns red and yells, "Tell that \$#*^_^ to DROP DEAD!"

Bill walks away sheepishly and says, "I'll tell him."