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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

Bidding the Right Grand ...

Board 8 ♠ AT9
 Dealer W ♥ X
 None Vul ♦ AKXXXX
 ♣ AQX



♠ KQJ87
 ♥ AQX
 ♦ QX
 ♣ KXX

West	North	East	South
2H	Double	Pass	3H
Pass	4D	Pass	4S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5S
Pass	5NT	Pass	6C
Pass	7S		

In the Sunday Swiss at the Lake Geneva Regional, our team was on the right side of two grand slam swings. The first occurred when the opponents bid 7NT and I was on lead with the ♥KQ and ♦A. I was so surprised, I failed to double, however, I did lead the DA to defeat the contract. The HK would have allowed it to succeed.

The second was more deserved when we bid 7S on the above auction, avoiding the 7NT trap when diamonds didn't break.

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Teams Entered... Ordered by Byes then Alphabetical

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

Gordon

Bye to Rnd of 8
Mark Gordon, Capt
David Berkowitz
Jacek Pszczola
Pratap Rajadhyaksha
Alan Sontag
Michael Rosenberg

Diamond

Bye to Rnd of 16
John Diamond, Capt
Eric Greco
Kevin Bathurst
Brian Platnick
Geoff Hampson
Justin Lall

Fireman

Bye to Rnd of 16
Paul Fireman, Capt
John Kranyak
John Hurd
Gavin Wolpert
Vincent Demuy
Joel Wooldridge

Coren

Richard Coren, Capt
Russell Ekeblad
Matthew Granovetter
Roger Bates
Steve Garner

Dinkin

Sam Dinkin, Capt
Owen Lien
Adam Grossack
Cenk Tuncok
Zachary Brescoll
Zachary Grossack

Fleisher

Martin Fleisher, Capt
Joe Grue
Ishmael Delmonte
Chip Martel
Brad Moss
Chris Willenken

Gupta

Naren Gupta, Capt
Peter Weichsel
Neil Chambers
Billy Miller
John Schermer

Harris

Martin Harris, Capt
George Jacobs
Jay Barron
Jacob Morgan
Claude Vogel

Humphreys

Greg Humphreys, Capt
Peggy Ware
Sheri Winestock
Spencer Jones

Jacobus

Marc Jacobus, Capt
Jan Janitschke
Brenda Jacobus
Bonnie Smith
Jeff Holligan

Jolly

Christian Jolly, Capt
Gregory Herman
Julie Arbit
Anam Tebha

Lo

Ai-Tai Lo, Capt
Sylvia Shi
Howard Liu
William Pettis

McAllister

John McAllister, Capt
Ron Smith
Kevin Dwyer
Oren Kriegel

Nickell

Frank Nickell, Capt
Bobby Levin
Jeff Meckstroth
Ralph Katz
Steve Weinstein
Eric Rodwell

Reynolds

W. Reynolds, Capt
David Pelka
Lance Kerr
Alan Daniels

Robinson

Steve Robinson, Capt
Kit Woolsey
Bart Bramley
Peter Boyd
Fred Stewart
Robert Hamman

Schwartz

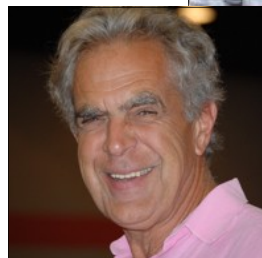
Richard Schwartz, Capt
Chris Compton
Huub Bertens
J. Allan Graves
Mike Passell
Curtis Cheek

Wildavsky

Adam Wildavsky, Capt
Steve Beatty
Migry Zur Campanile
Larry Robbins

Wolfson

Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt
Gary Cohler
Zia Mahmood
Neil Silverman
Billy Cohen
Michael Kamil



Our greatest
weakness lies in
giving up. The most
certain way to
succeed is always to
try just one more
time.
Thomas A. Edison

**Team
Coren**

Tournament Schedule (continued on page 4)

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
FRIDAY	MAY 6	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
FRIDAY	MAY 6	10:00 - 11:00 11:10 - 12:10 12:25 - 1:25 1:35 - 2:35 3:45 - 4:45 4:55 - 5:55 6:10 - 7:10 7:20 - 8:20	MATCH 1, BOARDS 1-7 MATCH 2, BOARDS 8-14 MATCH 3, BOARDS 15-21 MATCH 4, BOARDS 22-28 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 5, BOARDS 29-35 MATCH 6, BOARDS 1-7 MATCH 7, BOARDS 8-14 MATCH 8, BOARDS 15-21
SATURDAY	MAY 7	10:00 - 11:00 11:10 - 12:10 12:25 - 1:25 1:35 - 2:35 3:45 - 4:45 4:55 - 5:55 6:05 - 7:05	MATCH 9, BOARDS 22-28 MATCH 10, BOARDS 29-35 MATCH 11, BOARDS 1-7 MATCH 12, BOARDS 8-14 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 13, BOARDS 15-21* MATCH 14, BOARDS 22-28* MATCH 15, BOARDS 29-35*
* 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 8	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
SUNDAY	MAY 8	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 9	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

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.



QUARTER-FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 10	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 11	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 12	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 13	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 14	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 15	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



Team Fireman

Meet the Players...



Originally from New Zealand and then Australia, Ish married Lisa in 2013 and moved to the United States. This will be his second USBC.

Michael Brad Moss was born in 1971 in New York City. It should come as no surprise to find that he took to bridge like a duck to water - his parents are Mike Moss and Gail Greenberg.

Brad was named the ACBL King of Bridge at the age of 18. Two years later, he became the youngest player ever to win the New York Player of the Year title. Also in 1991, he was a member of the USA team that just missed out on a medal at the World Junior Teams in Ann Arbor, Michigan, finishing fourth, and won his first National title - the Master Mixed Teams. In 1993, he added to his tally by winning the Grand National Teams and the Life Masters Open Pairs.

His successful partnership with Fred Gitelman included wins in the 1998 NABC Board-a-Match Teams, a third in the 1998 Cavendish Invitational Pairs, first in the 2005 & 2010 Spingolds, the 2010 Roth Open Swiss, the 2012 Jacoby Open Swiss, the Bronze medal in the 2005 Bermuda Bowl and gold in the 2010 Rosenblum teams.

With Joe Grue he finished second in the 2013 Spingold (tied at the end of regulation play).



Hospitality Suite Information



The hospitality suite for the 2016 USBC will be room 2612. Lisa Berkowitz and assistant Susie Miller will make the "trek" to Denver to welcome you to the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. They will serve breakfast each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch starting on Sunday day from 2:00-4:00.

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.

As we have the last two years, we will also have a "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan's office) near the playing rooms from Tuesday on. We will have coffee, soft drinks and some snacks available in that room while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

On Friday and Saturday, we will be serving a buffet lunch catered by the hotel - as soon as we know the location, we'll let you know.



Team Nickell

USBF 7 Board IMP Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.50	4.50	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19.00	1.00
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.77	3.23	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.31	6.69	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.80	0.20
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

Round Robin

The 2016 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 Round Robin schedule is set forth on the **Tournament Schedule page**.

SCORE SUBMISSION

After each match, you must turn in a form showing your score (in IMPs) for the match; please enter the IMPs for each team, not the net IMPs. If you have time to confirm the score with your opponent before submitting it, please do so, but if you don't have time, turn the score in anyway. Write your lineup for the next match on the back of the score ticket, and turn in the score ticket to receive your assignment for the next match.

SEQUESTERED MATCHES

The final 3 matches on Saturday will have the Closed Room sequestered. One pair on your team must play all 3 matches in the Closed Room. No score comparison is allowed during the 3-match clump. For the first 2 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.

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Puzzle Page ...

Colorado River

N	R	I	A	I	O	Z	N	S	U	M	I	S	G
I	S	E	T	A	T	S	D	E	T	I	N	U	R
R	E	V	I	R	N	A	U	J	N	A	S	D	A
O	G	S	N	E	V	A	D	A	E	R	I	F	N
C	S	G	X	L	C	U	T	A	I	S	A	X	D
A	O	C	I	X	E	M	A	I	U	V	I	N	C
N	N	A	V	L	S	T	M	G	A	T	N	O	A
U	Z	N	A	N	A	C	L	E	A	I	R	A	N
X	A	A	A	R	U	R	U	T	A	H	O	X	Y
A	V	A	N	E	I	U	I	T	N	N	F	C	O
E	A	V	Y	A	S	Z	D	V	T	N	I	A	N
I	I	I	I	N	L	Z	O	O	E	C	L	O	J
F	S	L	R	D	T	N	C	N	T	R	A	E	U
E	T	U	N	N	I	G	Y	A	A	V	C	D	E

GILA RIVER
NEVADA
ARIZONA
GRAND CANYON
CALIFORNIA
SANJUAN RIVER
UTAH
UNITED STATES
MEXICO

A man just assaulted me with milk, cream and butter. How dairy.

The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A new type of broom came out, it is sweeping the nation.

I'm glad I know sign language, it's pretty handy.

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When Peter Pan punches, they Neverland.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was a nurse said 'No change yet'.

I don't trust these stairs because they're always up to something.

There was once a cross-eyed teacher who couldn't control his pupils.