

Volume 10, Issue 4  
May 8, 2016

# “Trials” and Tribulations

## UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Round Robin Final: 12 Teams Continue to the Knockout

Team Name	Total	4	10	9	6	5	8	7	19	13	17	12	18	11	14	16	15
4. Nickell	194.36		18.01	12.18	19.56	12.57	12.18	5.37	7.06	5.37	9.08	16.53	13.31	13.65	18.36	17.82	13.31
10. Gupta	184.69	1.99		11.35	13.99	.85	14.32	7.06	12.18	17.82	14.32	10.92	17.21	13.99	19.00	13.65	16.04
9. Robinson	181.08	7.82	8.65		7.43	10.00	14.32	3.23	13.31	14.63	13.31	17.42	19.29	4.78	20.00	12.57	14.32
6. Schwartz	174.89	.44	6.01	12.57		10.92	12.18	13.65	15.78	11.77	18.01	9.08	7.43	7.82	17.62	13.99	17.62
5. Fleisher	171.57	7.43	19.15	10.00	9.08		11.77	5.07	9.08	12.18	6.69	14.32	19.15	9.53	12.57	10.92	14.63
8. Coren	167.70	7.82	5.68	5.68	7.82	8.23		10.00	15.22	14.63	5.37	13.65	11.77	17.21	13.65	16.04	14.93
7. Wolfson	160.92	14.63	12.94	16.77	6.35	14.93	10.00		10.47	14.63	11.35	9.08	7.06	5.07	5.68	13.31	8.65
19. Jolly	148.32	12.94	7.82	6.69	4.22	10.92	4.78	9.53		11.77	3.23	8.65	6.69	14.32	19.56	12.57	14.63
13. Wildavsky	139.38	14.63	2.18	5.37	8.23	7.82	5.37	5.37	8.23		9.08	14.93	14.32	14.32	11.35	8.65	9.53
17. Dinkin	137.75	10.92	5.68	6.69	1.99	13.31	14.63	8.65	16.77	10.92		14.63	8.65	5.37	1.31	10.00	8.23
12. Harris	134.54	3.47	9.08	2.58	10.92	5.68	6.35	10.92	11.35	5.07	5.37		3.47	15.78	13.65	16.53	14.32
18. Reynolds	131.68	6.69	2.79	.71	12.57	.85	8.23	12.94	13.31	5.68	11.35	16.53		20.00	11.77	5.68	2.58
11. McAllister	131.33	6.35	6.01	15.22	12.18	10.47	2.79	14.93	5.68	5.68	14.63	4.22	0.00		11.35	10.47	11.35
14. Jacobus	119.90	1.64	1.00	0.00	2.38	7.43	6.35	14.32	.44	8.65	18.69	6.35	8.23	8.65		16.77	19.00
16. Humphreys	113.97	2.18	6.35	7.43	6.01	9.08	3.96	6.69	7.43	11.35	10.00	3.47	14.32	9.53	3.23		12.94
15. Lo	107.92	6.69	3.96	5.68	2.38	5.37	5.07	11.35	5.37	10.47	11.77	5.68	17.42	8.65	1.00	7.06	

**USBF President**  
Howie Weinstein

**USBF Vice President**  
Bob Katz

**USBF COO & Secretary**  
Jan Martel

**USBF Chief Financial Officer**  
Stan Subeck

**Directors - USBC**  
Chris Patrias  
Sol Weinstein

**Operations Manager**  
McKenzie Myers

**Appeals Administrator**  
Suzi Subeck

**Appeals Committee:**  
Bart Bramley  
Larry Cohen  
Steve Garner  
David Caprera  
John Lusky  
Dan Morse  
Beth Palmer  
Kerri Sanborn  
Ron Smith  
Stan Subeck  
Adam Wildavsky  
Tom Carmichael  
Danny Sprung  
Ronnie Gerard

**Video**  
Marcin Waslowicz  
**VuGraph Organizers**  
Jan Martel

**Bulletin Editor**  
Suzi Subeck

**Photographer**  
Peg Kaplan

**Local Hospitality Chairs**  
Lisa Berkowitz  
Susie Miller



**The one,  
The only,  
CLAUDE VOGEL**

# 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

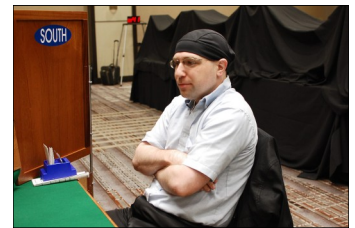
Richard Schwartz, Capt  
Chris Compton  
Huub Bertens  
J. Allan Graves  
Mike Passell  
Curtis Cheek

## 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



If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?

Milton Berle



## 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



**Happy  
Mother's  
Day!**





# Upcoming Senior USBC Information

## LOCATION AND DATES

The 2016 Senior USBC will be held at the **Grand Hyatt, Denver, CO**, starting on Friday, June 17th and ending on Wednesday, June 22nd. Room rate for the Senior USBC is \$169 per night, including internet. You can make a reservation at the USBF **online reservation page** or by calling the hotel at (303) 295-1234 and mentioning USBF. **NOTE:** The hotel is fully booked on June 20, 21, and 22. The hotel has assured me that when those of you who made reservations for the last few days lose and check out, they will extend the reservations of those of you who are still playing. So please just reserve through 6/20 and we will work out the remaining days if you are still playing. If you have any problems with hotel reservations, **email Jan** and she will try to straighten things out. **The cut-off date to make reservations at our rate is Friday, May 20th.**

## AIRPORT RAIL OPEN

The train goes from the airport to downtown Union Station, which is about 12 blocks from the Grand Hyatt. Cost is \$9 each way.

## ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries are now open and will close at midnight EDT on May 23, 2016; additional entries will be accepted through June 3, but only if those additional teams will improve the format of the event. Any team that is reduced to fewer than 4 players because team members have qualified to represent the USBF in the Women's Teams in Wroclaw can withdraw its entry to the Senior USBC and receive a full refund of the entry fee.

## FORMAT

The Senior USBC will last for 6 days.

The first stage will be a 1.5 day Round Robin. The top 8 teams will qualify for the Quarterfinal. The event will continue with 1.5 day KO matches for the Quarterfinal, Semi-Final & Final.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday, May 20:** Final day to submit Advance Submission Forms if you are playing a Super Chart method.

**Friday, June 3:** Final day to submit System Summary Form & ACBL Convention card. Penalty for late submission of the SSF is loss of seating rights in one segment of the team's first KO match per day that the form is late.

**Friday, May 20:** Last day to make hotel reservations and be assured of receiving our hotel rate. The hotel may honor the rate for later reservations, but is not required to do so.

**Wednesday, June 15:** Last day for roster changes without Credentials Committee approval.

## Hospitality Suite Information

The hospitality suite for the 2016 USBC will be room 2612. Lisa Berkowitz and assistant Susie Miller are your hostesses during your stay. 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.



## Today's Matchups:

Diamond vs Dinkin  
Fireman vs Jolly  
Nickell vs Reynolds  
Fleisher vs Wildavsky  
Schwartz vs Harris  
Wolfson vs Gupta  
Robinson vs Coren

## Howie Doing...

In the mile high city, you just can't go Lo.  
As Jacobus, McAllister, Humphreys now know.

We'll see in the matches today who survives.  
Who will remain when Gordon arrives?

In Diamond v Dinkin, the relays are key.  
If slow play's no factor, it's Diamond for me!

Fireman, Jolly: Here is the truth.  
Fireman's seasoned and both teams have youth.

Katz have nine lives and Reynolds will fail.  
Wildavsky will fall but his bones will not ail.

Schwartz has the power. Who is Harris's Jay?  
Wolfson will blow poor Gupta away.

Robinson rules... And that is no joke.  
Coren has Russ and goes up in smoke!

Watching the VuGraph, I promise no booing.  
Till two days from now... I remain Howie Doing!

## Limey Jack ...

Well, Mates; that was quite a show so far. Not one to boast, Limey Jack was spot on as per usual. That Howie Dung character is likely to get bugger all correct moving ahead in the round of 16, so ring up your punter and harvest some bob.

Diamond-Dinkin: even though Diamond comes in brass monkeys, they will still obliterate Dinkin. Just not enough firepower or experience here.

Gupta-Wolfson: Wolfson may be a bit gobsmacked by having to alter lineups at the last furlong. Limey Jack has communicated with Zia, who has assured him that them playing 5 handed will be Mother Superior to the Gupta quintet.

Schwartz-Harris: Limey Jack abhors short handed teams in the Yanks' Open, but this is not the strongest team The Horse has fielded. Harris gets a Pyrrhic victory by playing all 8 sets.

Jolly-Fireman: more apt wouldst be Fireman-Jolly. Jolly is 4 handed and played aces, but will now be knackered and it will show.

Nickell-Reynolds: there always needs to be a sacrifice to the bridge Gods. This is the one. Nickell by a considerable margin.

Wildavsky-Fleisher: while Limey Jack spurns the 4 handed, Fleisher seems a bit in disarray. If the oddsmakers give enough vig, this is how you might make enough to buy a new car park.

Robinson-Coren: Robinson will leave Coren kerfuffled as to what lorry hit them. They will be reeling much like that Howie Dung cretin at sixth form final exams. It is no dishonour to lose to Robert Hamman.

Limey Jack will be back two days hence and will be pure to point out all of the Dung picks which have gone to pot.



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

Sudoku 1

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

## Puzzle Page ...

### COLORADO'S PEAKS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



ANTERO  
BELFORD  
BIERSTADT  
COLUMBIA  
CRESTONE

CULEBRA  
EL DIENTE  
HUMBOLDT  
LA PLATA  
LINCOLN

LINDSEY  
REDCLOUD  
SAN LUIS  
SHAVANO  
SHERMAN

SNOWMASS  
TABEGUACHE  
UNCOMPAGRE  
WETTERHORN  
WINDOM

## Meet The Players ...



Pratap is semi-retired from the Engineering and Construction business. An ACBL Grand Life Master, he won the 2000 Wernher Open Pairs, the 2002 Reisinger BAM Teams, the 2003 US Team Trials, the 2006 Cavendish Open Teams, the 2007 Blue Ribbon Pairs and the 2011 Jacoby Open Swiss.

In WBF competition Pratap won the Bronze medal at the 2003 Bermuda Bowl and finished fourth in the 2007 and 2011 World Transnational Teams, before winning the event in 2013.



# 2016 Mixed USBC

In 2016, the [World Bridge Games](#), to be held in Wroclaw, Poland from September 3 through September 17th, will include a Mixed Teams event. USBF will hold a hybrid online & face-to-face selection event, the 2016 Mixed United States Bridge Championship. The USBF Tournament Committee is working on the details of the competition, but what we expect is that it will be in 3 stages:

1. An online Swiss Teams event to be held on BBO on Saturday & Sunday, July 9 & 10, 2016. Any USBF member who has paid dues for 2016 may enter this event. The exact format will be determined by the number of teams. Each player will be required to provide a monitor, who will sign a statement that the player did not communicate with anyone during play and did not have any window other than the BBO playing window open during play.
2. Online Knockout Rounds of 16 and 8 on BBO on Saturday & Sunday, July 16 & 17 (teams in the Round of 16 may arrange to play their match earlier than July 16). The top 16 teams from the Swiss stage will participate, and they will be seeded in the order of finish in the Swiss. Each match will probably be 64 boards long, but that has still to be finally determined. Each player will be required to have a monitor, who will have to be approved in advance and may have to be an ACBL certified director. The monitor will sign a statement that the player did not communicate with anyone during play and did not have any window other than the BBO playing window open during play. Arrangements may be made for multiple players to compete at a local bridge club.
3. Face to face Semi-Final and Final matches to be played in Washington, DC on Aug. 1-3 (the three days after the Summer NABC). These matches will be 90 boards long. We hope to arrange space for this stage of play at the NABC tournament hotel, but are still working on that.

## ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries are now open and will close on June 27th, 2016; additional entries will be accepted after June 27th, but only if those additional teams will improve the format of the event.

## ENTRY FEES

Entry fees for this event will be lower than for the Open, Senior & Women's events, because USBF costs will be lower. The tournament committee has not yet determined the exact entry fees. Best guess right now is that there will be an event entry fee of \$240 per team, and no additional fees until the Semi-Final. Players will, however, be required to compensate their monitors and to pay any fees that local bridge clubs may charge if they play at a local club. Session fees for the Semi-Final and Final will be the same as for other USBF events - \$150 per team per session, so \$450 for each stage.


## COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Please [email Jan](#) if you have any suggestions, comments or questions about this event.



## From the Round Robin ...

Board 29  
 Dealer: N  
 Both Vul.  
 ♠ T63  
 ♥ AT9  
 ♦ T84  
 ♣ Q743

♠ J9		♠ AK5
♥ K72		♥ QJ4
♦ KQ5		♦ A62
♣ 8652		♣ AKJ9

♠ 8742  
 ♥ 8653  
 ♦ J973  
 ♣ T

Board 29 is an interesting hand. It is not often that one side, in this case, East/West, can succeed at the five level or higher in each of the four suits.

Looking at the hand, you see that spades, hearts and diamonds are 3-3 fits that produce eleven tricks.

Clubs is an eight card fit that produces twelve tricks and no-trump does as well.


Sometimes bridge defies the odds!



A couple who work at the circus go to an adoption agency  
 Social workers there raise doubts about their suitability.  
 The couple produces photos of their 50 foot motor home, which is equipped with a beautiful nursery.  
 The social workers then are doubtful about the education that the child would get.  
 "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills."  
 Then there are doubts about raising a child in a circus environment.  
 "Our nanny is an expert in pediatric welfare and diet."  
 The social workers are finally satisfied.  
 They ask, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"  
 "It doesn't really matter, so long as he fits in the cannon."

## From George Jacobs...

Board 32  
 Dealer: W  
 E/W Vul.  
 ♠ J  
 ♥ T8653  
 ♦ AK43  
 ♣ J83

♠ QT864		♠ K9732
♥ AT72		♥ K
♦ J		♦ 652
♣ Q72		♣ KT65

♠ A5  
 ♥ QJ4  
 ♦ QT987  
 ♣ A94

On Board 32, George's opponents reached 4D with the N/S cards. After the lead of a black suit, E/W took two tricks in hearts and two tricks in clubs to defeat the contract.

At the other table, George's teammates reached 5DX, saving over the spade game. Oren Kriegel, West, listened to the auction. Once his opponents showed the double fit, Oren correctly discerned that his partner had a singleton heart. He led the HA, felling Ron Smith's king! Poor Oren... he won the battle but lost the war when his opponents scored up the doubled game.

Interestingly, four spades is cold E/W and 5D would be a good save even if it was defeated.