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## Seniors in the Open USA2 R of 16

Board 22 ♠ KQ432  
Dealer: E ♥ QJ3  
E/W Vul. ♦ 64  
Segment 8 ♣ AJ3

♠ T5		♠ A97
♥ K7		♥ AT84
♦ KQ982		♦ AJ753
♣ KQ98		♣ 4

♠ J86  
♥ 9652  
♦ T  
♣ T7652

Sometimes you just can't get out of your own way!

Sontag, East, and Berkowitz, West, bid to 3NT from East after a 2S overcall by Robinson, North.

Boyd, South, led a small spade; Robinson put in the queen and Sontag ducked. Robinson continued with a small spade to Boyd's jack. Boyd cleared the suit.

Sontag ran five rounds of diamonds. On the

5th diamond, North had to choose between a heart and a spade discard. If he discarded a winning spade, declarer would drive out the CA and have 9 tricks. North discarded a heart hoping that his partner held the HT. In turn, the HT became the 9th trick. This was a simple squeeze and there was no way to break it up.

13 IMPs to Rosenthal when Woolsey and Stewart had a misunderstanding at the other table and played in their 4-2 heart fit going down 2 tricks.

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	16	15.26	4.74	31	18.25	1.75
1	10.41	9.59	17	15.50	4.50	32	18.40	1.60
2	10.81	9.19	18	15.74	4.26	33	18.55	1.45
3	11.20	8.80	19	15.97	4.03	34	18.69	1.31
4	11.58	8.42	20	16.20	3.80	35	18.83	1.17
5	11.94	8.06	21	16.42	3.58	36	18.97	1.03
6	12.29	7.71	22	16.63	3.37	37	19.10	0.90
7	12.63	7.37	23	16.83	3.17	38	19.22	0.78
8	12.96	7.04	24	17.03	2.97	39	19.34	0.66
9	13.28	6.72	25	17.22	2.78	40	19.46	0.54
10	13.59	6.41	26	17.41	2.59	41	19.58	0.42
11	13.89	6.11	27	17.59	2.41	42	19.69	0.31
12	14.18	5.82	28	17.76	2.24	43	19.80	0.20
13	14.46	5.54	29	17.93	2.07	44	19.90	0.10
14	14.74	5.26	30	18.09	1.91	45	20	0
15	15.00	5.00						

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## listed in seeding point order

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*Age does not determine what's right.*

*It only determines who's left!*



An MIT graduate, **Bart Bramley**, grew up in Connecticut.

He learned bridge at a young age (both parents played) and got serious in college. Among his wins are the Vanderbilt, the Reisinger, Blue Ribbon Pairs (twice), LM Pairs and the 2007 World Senior Bowl.

In WBF events, Bart was third in the Rosenblum, fifth in the Bermuda Bowl, second in the Transnational Teams and second in the World Par Contest. He captained the U.S. team in the 1996 Olympiad. Bart writes frequent bridge articles, mostly for The Bridge World, where he is also a director of the Master Solvers Club. In his spare time he follows sports avidly, especially his Yankees, and plays a mediocre game of golf. He's a serious Deadhead. Bart now resides in Dallas with his wife, Judy.

Bart currently chairs the Ethical Oversight Committee for the American Contract Bridge League.

<b>ROUND ROBIN</b>			
<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>BOARDS</b>
WEDNESDAY	MAY 17	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING IN ROOM 1321
WEDNESDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 11:20 11:30 - 12:50 1:00 - 2:20  3:45 - 5:05 5:15 - 6:35 6:45 - 8:10	BOARDS 1 - 9 BOARDS 10 - 18 BOARDS 19 - 27 85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK BOARDS 1 - 9 BOARDS 10 - 18 BOARDS 19 - 27
THURSDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 11:20 11:30 - 12:50 1:00 - 2:20	BOARDS 1 - 9 BOARDS 10 - 18 BOARDS 19 - 27 100 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
* THE FINAL 2 MATCHES ARE SEQUESTERED - ONE PAIR ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY BOTH MATCHES & MUST REMAIN IN THE CLOSED ROOM FOR BOTH MATCHES. NO SCORE COMPARISON ALLOWED.			
<b>QUARTERFINAL &amp; USA2 ROUND OF 32 (KO ON SAME SCHEDULE)</b>			
THURSDAY	MAY 18	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
FRIDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
<b>SEMIFINAL &amp; USA2 ROUND OF 16 (SCHEDULE SOON)</b>			
SATURDAY	MAY 20	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY	MAY 21	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 95 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
<b>FINAL &amp; USA2 QUARTERFINAL (6 USA2 TEAMS)</b>			
SUNDAY	MAY 21	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY	MAY 22	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
<b>USA2 SEMIFINAL</b>			
TUESDAY	MAY 23	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 24	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 95 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
<b>USA2 FINAL</b>			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
THURSDAY	MAY 25	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35  3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30

# Tournament Schedule

# Hospitality Suite

The hospitality suite for the 2017 Senior USBC is Suite 2321, on the level above the playing rooms. Players, volunteers, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join hostesses Susie Miller, Lisa Berkowitz & Martha Katz for:

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

Lunch Friday through Tuesday from 1:30-4:00.

Wednesday & Thursday, lunch will be a buffet served in the hotel restaurant.

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 play each day.

The Players' Lounge (room 1321) will also be open throughout the tournament. We will have coffee and snacks there during play.



**ALERT!**  
**On many of the boards,**  
**cards slide between pockets**  
**when being carried.**  
**Please count**  
**your cards on**  
**every hand!**

**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.**



## Senior Laughs...

An old man lying on a bed in the kitchen was dying. His wife was baking. He said, "Dear is that a raisin pie you're baking?" she said "yes"-- He said "Can I have a piece?" She said "NO" -- it's for the wake.

Three old guys, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning. One says to another, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the second man answers, "it's Thursday." The third guy, listening in, pipes up, "So am I! Let's grab a beer."

A woman goes to a doctor. The doctor tells her that she only has one month to live and that the bill will be \$1000. The woman replies that there is no way that she will be able to pay the doctor's bill of \$1000 before the end of the month. The doctor then replies, "Okay then, I'll give you six months to live."

Son: my Accounting teacher died yesterday  
Dad: OLD ACCOUNTANTS never die, they just lose their balance.

Son: Are you proud of your hair sir?

Old man: It's great to have a gray hair. Ask anyone who's bald.

The doctor tells his patient: "Well I have good news and bad news..."

The patient says, "Lay it on me Doc. What's the bad news?"

"You have Alzheimer's disease."

"Good heavens! What's the good news?"

"You can go home and forget about it!"

A boy asks an 88 year old man the difference between young and old.

He replied, "When you are young, you want to be the master of your fate and the captain of your soul. When you are older, you will settle for being the master of your weight and the captain of your bowling team."

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280. Please be careful!"

"Hell," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

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		8		7				4
	2						8	
	5							9
			6		3			

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

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories.

After an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.

"But why?" they asked, as they moved off.

"Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

# Hard Sudoku

## Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

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

Top

Bottom

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

# Puzzle Page ...

This is the season for the Triple Crown races – the highlight of the year for everyone interested in horse racing, both fans and sportsmen alike. The three races - the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, and the Belmont – have only been won by the same horse nine times in over 100 years of events. For this year’s race, there were four popular horses signed up to run in the Kentucky Derby. While all four of them places in the top four winners, none of them placed in the same position as their starting post position (the gate number where each horse started the race from). Determine the name of each racehorse, their starting post positions, the winning placement of each horse, and the stable colors of each racehorse.

1. Galloping Grocer didn't have hot pink stable colors. The fourth place horse didn't have the post position 2.
2. The second place horse had a higher numbered post position than OneForTheMoney, but a lower post position than the Galloping Grocer.
3. Eat My Dust had a post position one higher than the horse with blue & white striped stable colors.
4. The purple with white diamonds stable colors belonged to the horse who won third place.
5. The horse with post position 7 won the race. Alec's Pride had the green & black checkered stable colors.
6. The horse at post position 5 was not OneForTheMoney.



	2	5	6	7	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	blue & white striped	green & black checkered	hot pink	purple w/white diamonds
Alec's Pride												
Eat My Dust												
Galloping Grocer												
OneForTheMoney												
blue & white striped												
green & black checkered												
hot pink												
purple w/white diamonds												
1st												
2nd												
3rd												
4th												

**Puzzle Answer:**

Racehorse Name	Post Position	Winning Placement	Stable Colors
Alec's Pride	5	2nd	green & black checkered
Eat My Dust	7	1st	hot pink
Galloping Grocer	6	4th	blue & white striped
OneForTheMoney	2	3rd	purple w/white diamonds

# From the USA2 R of 16 ...

Board 19 ♠ K87542

Dealer: S ♥ T754

E/W Vul. ♦ 5

Segment 8 ♣ 72

♠ AQT

♥ J8632

♦ 6

♣ KT83



♠ J9

♥ AQ9

♦ AKQ87432

♣

♠ 63

♥ K

♦ JT9

♣ AQJ9654

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Robinson	Sontag	Boyd
Pass	1H (spades)	5D	All Pass
Woolsey	Ginossar	Stewart	Willenken
1H	2H (6+ spades)	3D	All Pass

## Open Room

Last week's United States Bridge Championships here in Schaumburg sported several interesting distributional hands. This hand from the USA2 Round of 16 is one example.

In the Closed Room, Sontag, a man of action, holding 16 HCP, a club void, and a solid eight card diamond suit, decided to put the maximum pressure on his opponents. If they'd already found a useful spade fit, so be it, and they would compete. If not, he would make it as difficult as he could for them to save. He knew he had a good hand, a good suit, and a good chance to make a game.

Berkowitz knew that red vs. black, Sontag held values, but he held no fit with diamonds and only one quick trick. He passed and they played it there, making six. Boyd led the S6. Sontag won dummy's ace and pulled three rounds of trump. He played the HQ which Boyd won with the king.

Boyd could have played a spade at this point and the defense would have scored two tricks but he wanted to defeat the contract. If his CA cashed, he would return to spades for down one. As it was, Sonty ruffed the CA and claimed 12 tricks. +620

In the Open Room, Woolsey and Stewart were West/East respectively. They are known for light action and aggressive bidding habits. Willenken opened 1C; Woolsey overcalled a standard 1H; Ginossar bid 2H promising six+ spades. Stewart wanted to describe his hand, not just force the auction. He hoped Woolsey would take a second call. To that end, he chose 3D. When Woolsey passed, Stewart hoped it was one of their "usual" aggressive overcalls that Kit had chosen when he bid 1H.

Unfortunately for him, his partner had a 10 count and game was easy.

The play went much the same as it went in the Closed Room. Willenken led a spade; Stewart won dummy's ace and pulled trump. Stewart thought, "Dayenu! It's enough!" Accordingly, when Stewart got around to hearts, he applied the Rabbi's Rule (NEVER lose to a singleton king!) and played the ace, felling the singleton king with South. Like Sontag, Stewart made six, but he scored only +170.

10 IMPs to Rosenthal

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Board 24 ♠ T943  
Dealer: W ♥ T8  
None Vul. ♦ Q532  
Segment 8 ♣ T53

♠ 5 ♠ KJ7  
♥ 62 ♥ AJ53  
♦ AKJ874 ♦ T6  
♣ K972 ♣ AQ86  
♠ AQ862  
♥ KQ974  
♦ 9  
♣ J4



### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Robinson	Sontag	Boyd
1D	Pass	1H	1S
2D	Pass	3NT	All Pass

### Open Room

Woolsey	Ginossar	Stewart	Willenken
1D (13-15 if balanced, 2+D)	Pass	1H	1S
2D (<3 hearts)	3S	Double	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Sontag played a routine 3NT. Boyd led the HQ which held the trick. He continued with the H4 to the ten and jack. Sontag took the losing finesse for the DQ.

Robinson switched to the ST to the jack and queen. Boyd cashed the SA and the contract was successful. +400

In the Open Room, after Willenken's 1S overcall, Ginossar got frisky and made a truly preemptive jump on his 2 count with four trumps. Stewart, holding a strong no-trump including KJx of spades opposite a partner who opened the bidding felt confident he was beating the hand and confidently doubled.

Woolsey led the DA. He saw dummy and switched to the S5 to the three, seven and eight.

Willenken played the HK to Stewart's ace. Stewart played his SJ covered by the queen. Willenken cashed his HQ and ruffed a heart in dummy. He ruffed a diamond in hand and another heart in dummy. He claimed nine tricks for +530 and 14 IMPs to Rosenthal.

Note that the contract could have been defeated by getting trumps going before the DA was cleared.

One night Rodney was driving home along a road he knew well. When he reached the Stop sign he slowed down but did not actually come to a halt, whereupon a police officer pulled Rodney's car over. 'What difference does it make' said Rodney, 'slow down or stop'. 'I will give you a demonstration' said the officer and started beating Rodney with his truncheon.' Now would you like me to slow down - or stop?

A short Polish immigrant went to the DVLA to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test.

The optician showed him a card with the letters. On the bottom row were these letters: 'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.'

'Can you read this?' the optician asked.

'Read it?' the Polish guy replied - 'I know the fellow.'

