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Results: Semi Finals USA1

1	Cappelli	69.24	12.24	5	37	13	2	WD		
4	Wold	161		54	21	47	39			
2	Hamman, NPC	153.67	8.67	23	26	41	34	17	4	
3	Gupta	143		39	24	5	12	31	32	

USA1 Final

1	Wold	50.33	8.33	16	26
2	Hamman, NPC	54		24	30

2017 SENIOR USBC USA2 FINAL ROUND ROBIN SCORES

Team	TOTAL	vs Lewis	vs Mahaffey	vs Pollack	vs Wolfson	vs Falk	Penalty
Falk	47.64	13.97	2.55	15.56	15.56		
Mahaffey	44.31	10		12.55	4.81	17.45	-0.5
Lewis	39.51		10	9.09	14.39	6.03	
Wolfson	36.72	5.61	15.19	11.48		4.44	
Pollack	28.32	10.91	7.45		8.52	4.44	-3

USA2 Quarterfinals

3	Gupta	40	34	6
8	Wolfson	67	24	43
4	Cappelli	52	33	19
7	Falk	88	49	39
5	Lewis	53	35	18
6	Mahaffey	44	31	13

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Hamman, NPC	Hemant Lall Zia Mahmood Robert Hamman	Reese Milner Steve Garner Bart Bramley
Wolfson	Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt David Berkowitz Michael Becker	Neil Silverman Alan Sontag Allan Graves
Wold	Eddie Wold, Capt Marc Jacobus Dennis Clerkin	Michael Levine Mike Passell Jerry Clerkin
Gupta	Vinita Gupta, Capt Kit Woolsey Steve Robinson	Billy Miller Fred Stewart Peter Boyd
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Lewis	Paul Lewis, Capt Jim Krekorian	Linda Lewis Drew Casen Mark Itabashi
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Pollack	Bill Pollack, Capt Mark Feldman Larry Robbins	Ron Rubin Mark Cohen Steve Beatty
Cappelli	Robert Cappelli, Capt David Caprera	Robert Bitterman Anne Brenner
Reynolds	W. Thomas Reynolds, Capt William Hall Sally Woolsey	Lance Kerr Brenda Jacobus



The d'Orsi Seniors Trophy was inaugurated in 2001. This event takes place every odd numbered year in conjunction with the Bermuda Bowl and the Venice Cup. In 2005 the event took the name of the WBF Past President Ernesto d'Orsi who presented the Trophy and provided replicas for the winners.



- 2015, Chennai - INDIA
- 2013, Nusa Dua, Bali - INDONESIA
- 2011, Veldhoven - THE NETHERLANDS
- 2009, São Paulo - BRAZIL
- 2007, Shanghai - CHINA
- 2005, Estoril - PORTUGAL
- 2003, Monte Carlo - MONACO
- 2001, Paris - FRANCE

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
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.			
QUARTERFINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 32 (KO ON SAME SCHEDULE)			
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
SEMIFINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 16 (SCHEDULE SOON)			
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
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL (6 USA2 TEAMS)			
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
USA2 SEMIFINAL			
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
USA2 FINAL			
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 Humor...

Last year, I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive double pane energy efficient kind. But this week, I got a call from the contractor complaining that his work had been completed a whole year and I had yet to pay for them.

Boy, oh boy, did we go around! Just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I proceeded to tell him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year. He said that in one year, the windows would pay for themselves. There was silence on the other end of the line, so I just hung up, and he hasn't called back. Guess he was embarrassed.

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time.

The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.. "He's a funeral director," she answered. "Interesting," the newsman thought... He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ring-master when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director.

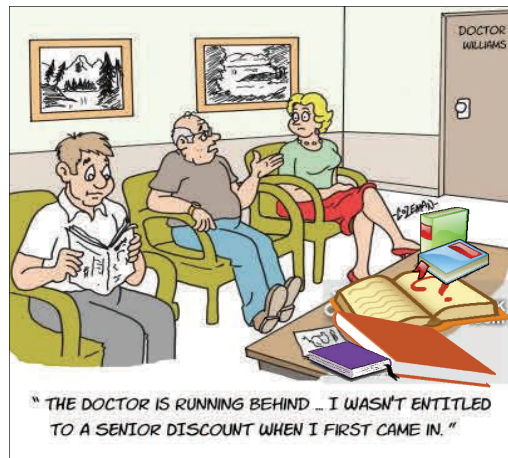
The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

- She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

Hard Sudoku

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

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



**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Bottom

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

Top

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

Puzzle Page ...

With spring in the air, everyone's starting to think about spring clean-up so Jeff spent all week after school and all weekend doing odd jobs around the neighborhood to earn some spending money. He tilled gardens, raked leaves, cleaned up tree limbs, pruned hedges, and even spent one afternoon babysitting! Each day he worked for a different neighbor on a different chore. He charged each neighbor a reasonable rate for his work, but sometimes he got tips too. By the end of the week, he was quite pleased with the amount that he'd earned and each of the neighbors was pleased with the quality of work that he'd done. Determine the last name of each neighbor, what chore Jeff completed for each neighbor, what day of the week Jeff worked for each neighbor, how long each task took him (2 to 4 hours), and how much he earned for each task (\$20 to \$36).

1. Jeff helped Mrs. Agnew till her garden but it didn't take him 4 hours. Mr. Summer didn't need help on Thursday.
2. He spent an extra hour working on Thursday than he did on Wednesday but he wasn't pruning hedges on either day.
3. On Sunday, he earned \$8 more than he did when the day he was babysitting, which earned him \$4 more than he earned from Mr. Compton.
4. Jeff made \$20 from the job he spent 2 hours doing, which wasn't removing tree limbs.
5. Mr. Numen, who didn't ask him to rake leaves, paid him \$32 but it didn't take him 3 hours. The job on Friday for Mrs. Fields took less time than the garden tilling job.
6. The hedge pruning job took him 3-1/2 hours to complete, a half hour longer than the job he did on Thursday. Jeff made \$36 from the job he spent 4 hours doing, which was on Saturday.

	babysitting	garden tilling	hedge pruning	raking leaves	tree limb removal	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	2 hours	2-1/2 hours	3 hours	3-1/2 hours	4 hours	\$20	\$24	\$28	\$32	\$36
Mrs. Agnew																				
Mr. Compton																				
Mrs. Fields																				
Mr. Numen																				
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Sunday																				

Puzzle Answer:

Last Name	Task	Day of Week	Time Taken	Money Earned
Mrs. Agnew	garden tilling	Thursday	3 hours	\$28
Mr. Compton	raking leaves	Wednesday	2 hours	\$20
Mrs. Fields	babysitting	Friday	2-1/2 hours	\$24
Mr. Numen	hedge pruning	Sunday	3 1/2 hours	\$32
Mr. Summer	tree limb removal	Saturday	4 hours	\$36

Meet the Players:

Eddie Wold



Eddie Wold has come a long way from his start in bridge. It happened one day on the Rice University campus. He was on his way to dinner when a friend recruited him to be a fourth in a bridge game, “I don’t really play,” Wold said. The response was, “We don’t really care.”

It wasn’t long until Wold found himself playing bridge for pay. He made his mark in 1977 when he was on the winning team in two national events: The Grand National Teams and the Spingold Knockout Teams.

Since then Wold has won an additional 13 national events which include two victories in each of the big three: the Vanderbilt, the Spingold and the Reisinger. He has won the Barry Crane Top 500 three times, the Mott-Smith Trophy (most masterpoints at the Spring NABC) three times and the Lou Herman Trophy (now Goren – given for the most masterpoints at the Fall NABC) twice.

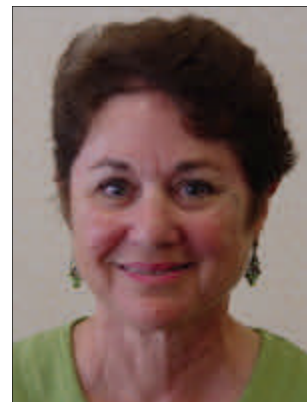
Wold won the Transnational Teams in 2001 and eventually the d’Orsi Senior Bowl in 2013. He decoded the illegal coughing signals used by a pair of doctors playing on the German national team. Uncovering the cheating ultimately resulted in the Germans having their gold medal stripped. The medal was awarded to the Lynch Team (Carolyn Lynch, Garey Hayden, Mike Passell, Marc Jacobus, Roger Bates and Wold) in 2014 at the Fall NABC in Providence RI. Wold also earned a silver medal in the 2010 World Mixed Teams and bronze in the 1978 Rosenblum Teams.

Wold has been a very active teacher in the Houston area for many years. From individuals to groups to hosting Wold’s World seminars, Wold is happy to share his bridge expertise with upcoming players. He has hosted similar seminars by invitation across the ACBL. Wold also expanded his teaching venues by hosting bridge cruises for the past decade. Houston players can often be heard saying “Eddie says...”

Assisting junior players has also become a major focus for Wold when he started teaching for credit at his alma mater in 2013. His students subsequently established a bridge club and they competed for the first time in the 2015/2016 College Bridge Bowl. Wold has also successfully hosted a summer bridge camp for upcoming junior players many of whom are competing internationally for the ACBL.

Meet the Staff:

Jan Martel



Jan Martel, whose tireless dedication and selfless service has made a major impact on the bridge community, is the chief operating officer of the United States Bridge Federation.

In the early 1990s, Martel was one of the founders of the ACBL's Women's Committee, which oversaw the process for selecting women's teams for world championship play. The committee created the seeding point scale for the Women's Knockouts as well as establishing the ACBL child care program at NABCs.

After the International Team Trial Committee was formed, the Women's Committee became the Women's International Team Trial Committee and Martel served as its chair from inception until the late 1990s. She almost single-handedly created the Conditions of Contest for the women's trials and continues to update them every year. Martel brought her organizational skills and enthusiasm to the Senior International Team Trial Committee as well, writing the Conditions of Contest and organizing the U.S. Senior Bridge Championship.

When the U.S. Bridge Federation was organized, Martel served as a board member and as its president. When she reached her term limit, she became the first and only USBF Chief Operating Officer – a position created specifically for her because the Board of Directors had become so dependent on her organizational skills.

Behind the scenes, Martel's volunteer responsibilities grew to where she chose to retire as an attorney so that she could devote her energy fulltime to the avocation she clearly cherishes. A woman with a closet full of hats, Martel manages the USBF website, bills active member dues and archives trial records and official documents in addition to her administrative duties. She takes photos at championships. She organizes BBO vugraph presentations for NABC events, and frequently serves as a vugraph operator at major championships. She served on the Hall of Fame Committee from 2003 to 2008. In short, she does whatever needs to be done.

Martel has been the non-playing captain of three Bermuda Bowl Teams, two Junior Teams and one Senior Team and has coached several other teams over the last 25 years. As a player, she has won seven NABC titles and was also second in seven NABC events. Of her titles, her favorite was winning the Baldwin North American Pairs with husband Chip in 1988.

From the Last Segment on Saturday Night... USA1 Semi-Final

Board 20 ♠ KT652
 Dealer: W ♥ QJ
 All Vul. ♦ Q2
 ♣ Q632

♠ A98743 ♠ Q
 ♥ 9 ♥ AKT6543
 ♦ K965 ♦ 7
 ♣ K4 ♣ J975

♠ J
 ♥ 872
 ♦ AJT843
 ♣ AT8



Both tables in the Hamman/Gupta match arrived in 4H absent any bidding by the opposition. Robinson failed while Bramley succeeded. Communication was the problem and being in the right place at the right time was critical.

The SJ was led at both tables, dummy's ace winning the trick. Bart played the H9 to his ace and king, and was gratified to see the queen and jack fall. He played his HT pulling the last trump.

Still in his hand, he led the D7 toward the king in dummy. Gupta rose with the ace. Gupta played the C8 and Bramley took the play he would have to have taken if left on his own. He rose with the king! When this held, he had seven hearts, one diamond, one spade, and one club for ten!

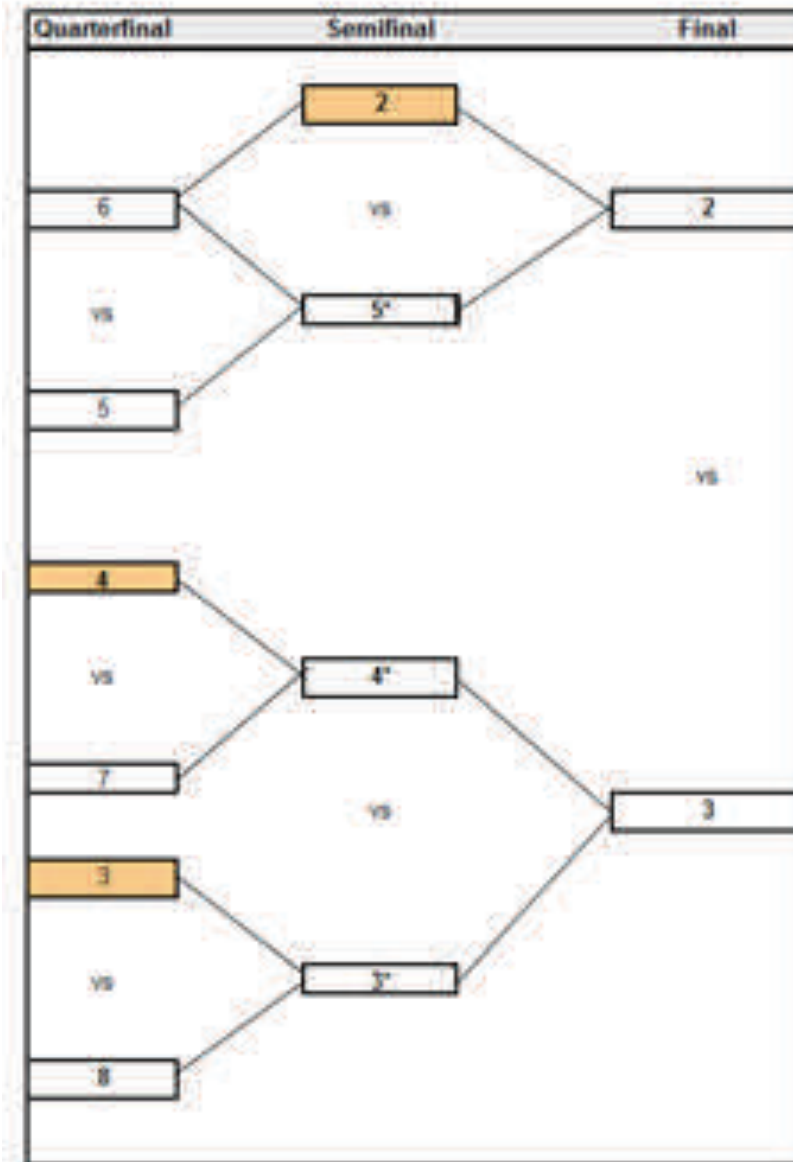
In the other room, Robinson won the opening spade in dummy with the ace and as Bramley, played a trump to his A, K and T. Like Bramley, he continued with a diamond toward the king. Unlike Gupta, Zia ducked! Robinson won the king. His diamond loser had vanished. Now he could afford to lose three clubs... but not four! He led a small club from dummy and inserted the nine. This lost to Zia's ten. Zia exited with a diamond and Robinson played a second

club. Zia won the CA and played another diamond. Robinson had to decide whether to bury the C8 or play for the CQ to drop.

He led a small club to Zia's eight and eventually lost the queen of clubs as well for down one.

In the Wold/Cappelli match, both tables went down in 4H.

12 IMPs to Hamman



USA2 Bracket Sheet

USA1 Quarterfinals...

Board 19
 Dealer: S
 E/W Vul.

- ♠ A4
- ♥ KJT32
- ♦ K954
- ♣ A7

- ♠ 8763
- ♥ 65
- ♦ Q62
- ♣ QJ86



- ♠ T9
- ♥ AQ7
- ♦ JT7
- ♣ K9532
- ♠ KQJ52
- ♥ 984
- ♦ A83
- ♣ T4

West	North	East	South
Becker	Cappelli	Graves	Bitterman
Pass	4S	All Pass	2S

En route to knocking the Wolfson team out of USA1, Bob Bitterman made a creative play to bring home a 4S contract that was doomed to defeat after the opening lead.

Mike Becker led the CQ which was ducked. He continued clubs.

You can see that if Bitterman draws trumps and they are not 3-3, he must find the HQ on his left or he will be tapped out. One play would be to draw trumps and play the H9. When this loses to the queen, East will continue clubs and Bitterman will be out of trumps. This will result in down two.

Instead, Bitterman led the HK from dummy. If either player has Axx of hearts, he will be unable to score the two heart tricks and a ruff. Even in the situation that actually existed, where Graves could have cashed the ace/queen of hearts and given his partner a ruff, he was unsure of the count and who was ruffing. Graves and Becker were playing standard count but it was not clear what Becker would play from 8653 since the 8 was potentially an important card. Accordingly he switched to a diamond. Bitterman won the ace in hand, drew trumps and drove out the HQ to score ten tricks.

At the other table in the match, the opening lead was a heart. Now the contract could not be defeated.

We don't want anyone "pen"alized!
Our supply of 1000 BBO pens is dwindling!
Please, please return any you have appropriated.
No questions asked!

The USBF Wishes to Thank Those Who Have Been So Generous in Their Donations to the Junior Program

The USBF Junior Program is grateful to the donors whose generosity is funding the 2017 Michael Seamon Junior USBC. The program would not be what it is today without your kind support.

Many thanks to Jimmy and Patty Cayne, Mike Levine, Lynn Baker, John Diamond, Connie Goldberg, Vinita Gupta, John McAllister, Sylvia Moss, Lou Ann O'Rourke, Alex Perlin, Jeff Wolfson, and Dan Zagorin.

We also want to thank those who have given so much of their time coordinating, coaching and mentoring the youth. This has been a really successful program for years and with your help, we look forward to even more success in the future.

First Day Senior Action ... RR

Board 17
 Dealer: N
 None Vul.
 ♠ Q6
 ♥ A85
 ♦ QT2
 ♣ QJ975

♠ 852
 ♥ T93
 ♦ 9864
 ♣ 632

N
↑

♠ JT93
 ♥ KJ72
 ♦ KJ3
 ♣ T4

♠ AK74
 ♥ Q64
 ♦ A75
 ♣ AK8

Most pairs played this board in 4NT. Two tables that we know of played in 6NT and were unsuccessful. At one table the auction was:

West	North	East	South
	1C	Pass	1S
Pass	1NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

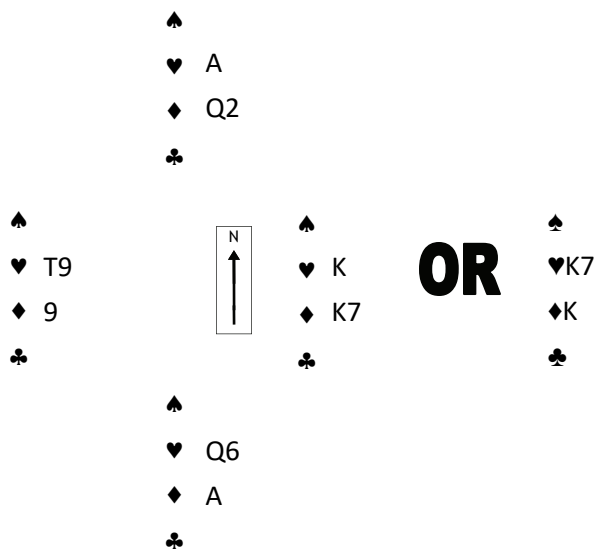
The opening lead was the SJ. Declarer won in hand crossed to dummy in clubs and led a diamond to the ten, losing to East's jack. With perfect discarding, the hand could no longer be made.

Had declarer won the opening lead in hand and led a heart toward the queen, there would be a simple spade/diamond squeeze on East. East would probably win the trick and exit with a spade. (Note: if East doesn't play the HK, declarer wins the queen and ducks a heart around to rectify the count.) Next, declarer

cashes a third spade (discarding a diamond from hand), followed by his two heart winners and four rounds of clubs, bringing dummy and East down to one spade and two diamonds. On the last club, if East pitches a diamond, dummy would pitch a spade and vice-versa. And the slam would come home.

On this same hand, David Caprera reports that at his table Sam Lev declared 6NT from the South hand, and received a club lead. Lev won the CA and led a diamond to the ten and jack. David thought he knew the layout. After winning the DJ, Caprera exited with a club and Lev continued clubs. On the third and fourth clubs, Caprera discarded hearts. On the fifth round of clubs, Caprera chose to discard a spade rather than stiffing the heart king.

At this point, had Lev worked out the position, he could have played four rounds of spades producing this ending:



Caprera has been caught in a crisscross squeeze. Interestingly, by discarding the HJ and holding the H7, he might make Lev misguess which king East has stiffed!

From the USA1 Semifinal... Segment 5

Board 9
 Dealer: N
 E/W Vul.

♠ JT42
 ♥ A3
 ♦ K743
 ♣ 753

♠ AKQ875
 ♥ 64
 ♦ AQJT6
 ♣

♠ 963
 ♥ Q875
 ♦ 85
 ♣ AT92



West	North	South	East
Woolsey	Garner	Stewart	Zia
	1C	1S	Double
3C (S raise)	3H	4H	Pass
4S	5H	5S	All Pass

Milner	Robinson	Lall	Boyd
	1H	Double	2D
2S	4H	5S	Pass
Pass	6H	Pass	Pass
6S	All Pass		

The story of this segment can be summed up in two hands.

On Board 9, Milner/Lall bid a vulnerable 6S on their combined 24 HCP and made seven without a finesse. The slam bid wasn't obvious. In fact, the auction was about to end at 5S, when Robinson took the cheap sacrifice (down three for -500) in 6H. Good thing Robinson didn't take the save in seven since the grand was as cold as the small!

At the other table, Stewart/Woolsey stopped in 5S and Zia/Garner let them play it there. 13 IMPs to Hamman

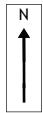
Easy come.... Easy go...

Board 13
 Dealer: N
 All Vul.

♠ QT932
 ♥ AQ97
 ♦ 3
 ♣ AJ9

♠ A
 ♥ KJ63
 ♦ AK754
 ♣ Q86

♠ J76
 ♥ T8
 ♦ JT98
 ♣ KT72



Woolsey	Garner	Stewart	Zia
	Pass	1C (strong)	Pass
1H (positive)	Pass	2D	Pass
2H	Pass	3H	Pass
4C	Pass	4D	Pass
5H	Pass	6H	All Pass

Milner	Robinson	Lall	Boyd
	Pass	1D	Pass
1S	Pass	2NT	Pass
3D	Pass	3H	Pass
4C	Pass	4D	Pass
4H	All Pass		

On Board, Stewart/Woolsey had an unimpeded strong club auction to reach a solid 6H contract. This made seven on a cross-ruff when the club finesse worked and everything else behaved. In the other room Lall/Milner stopped in a calm 4H contract. 13 IMPs to Gupta.

Limey Jack...

Well Yanks: The final chequer of the pseudo quest for USA 1 is upon us. Whilst Howie Dung struggles to remember his own name, Limey Jack gave you the winner before the event even started. True to form, Zia and his supporting cast will stop Wold in its tracks.

In the joust for USA 2, Pollack put up no resistance and has been summarily dispatched.

The remaining matches:

Wolfson-Gupta: Each team is composed of bits and bobs and would be chuffed to advance. Only Wolfson will be allowed.

Cappelli-Falk: As well known, Limey Jack abhors teams sans full armour. Cappelli is 4 handed, but Falk is made redundant anyway.

Lewis-Mahaffey: You don't have to be from a first tier Uni to know that Lewis is five handed. Howe'er, as that daft cow, Howie Dung, only picks favourites, Limey Jack does the honourable and goes with Lewis.

It is near the end of the path to the moor, Lads and Lassies.

Cheers, LJ

Howie Doing...

In Hamman v Wold,
It's Toyota v Lexus...
Predicting the winner
Is coming from Texas.

Hamman is beer,
Wold is fine wine...
Milner succumbs
To the likes of Levine!

So far team Wolfson
Is missing it's calling
Like the Dow Jones,
They are rising and falling.

I think it's curtains
For Gupta's small crew.
Wolfson emerges on top
When it's through!

Cappelli and Falk...
For this, needn't roam.
They could have played
Much closer to home.

Predicting this winner
From Michigan state!
Caprera leaves early.
Falk stays till late.

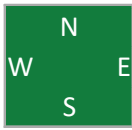
Mahaffey v Lewis,
Mahaffey is done.
Lewis emerges
The match, number one!

See you all shortly...
This game never ends.
Hope when it's over,
You all are still friends!

Howie Doing... Fine thanks!

Board 6
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ A Q 8 5
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ A K 7 4 2
 ♣ 10 6



♠ K J
 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ J 8 5
 ♣ A Q 8 4 3 2

♠ 7 6 3
 ♥ A J 9 8 6 2
 ♦ Q 10 9
 ♣ K

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Robinson	Chambers	Boyd

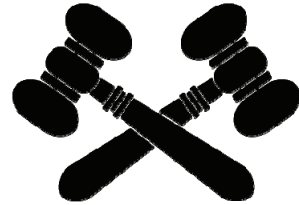
Pass 1 ♥

Dbf	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
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3 NT All pass

Trick	Lead	2nd	3rd	4th
1. N	♥ 3	5	<u>A</u>	Q
2. S	♥ J	<u>K</u>	7	10

Senior Appeal #1 amended by the Chair



Appeals Committee: Ralph Katz, Chairman Kerri Sanborn, Member Michael Kamil, Member
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Declarer unblocked spades, led a diamond to the king, and cashed spades pitching clubs from dummy. South pitched the ♥ 6 on the last spade. Declarer reported that this was a very slow discard.

At this point declarer (West) asked his screenmate (South) what North's tendencies are with four hearts in this position. South replied that sometimes he would bid and sometimes he wouldn't. Declarer then ducked a diamond, playing for 5-4 hearts; South claimed his hearts for down one. After the hand, North said that he would "probably always bid unless" he was 3=4=3=3. West said that with that information, he would have made the winning play of cashing minor winners to drop an honor.

A top expert was consulted on the play. He said that he was waffling between the line of play taken at the table and the winning line. He then asked about their tendencies; when given North's statement he said it was very clear to cash top tricks to attempt to drop ♦ Q or ♣ K.

With this information, it was decided that this player with the correct information was overwhelmingly likely to take nine tricks. Therefore, the information about the slow discard was no longer relevant. The score was changed to +600E-W.

Committee Decision: Table Result Stands (+100 N/S)

The committee did not believe that an 8-10 second hesitation before a first discard should be considered usually long.

The discard of the 6 of hearts, and not the 2, was important.

The committee felt the declarer should make the hand for the following reasons:

1. It was likely that North had only three hearts at favorable, with 4432 or 23, North would have made a call.
2. South was unlikely to discard a heart with only 5.

The committee also felt that Boyd's answer was adequate on whether partner would raise with 4 hearts. Answering a tendency is perception, and although it is possible Boyd's perception was off, we felt it was an honest answer. Had the committee felt we had felt Boyd's answer was not honest, which would have been a different issue, it would not have changed the committees ruling.