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**Results:**

# USA2 Semi-Final

2	Diamond	208	31	85	50	42					
5	Harris	68	11	16	21	20	WD				
3	Dwyer	196	17	21	47	12	30	28	15	26	
4	Fleisher	288	38	40	25	42	41	46	8	48	

# Women's Final

2	<u>Eythorsdottir</u>	104	15	26	29	34
3	<u>Jenkins</u>	117	25	29	36	27



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

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“Trials” and Tribulations

## Saving ...

Board 21 ♠ T983  
 Dealer: N ♥ A  
 N/S Vul. ♦ KT6532  
 Segment 4 ♣ J4

♠ J6 ♠ 542  
 ♥ J9842 ♥ KQT7  
 ♦ A ♦ QJ4  
 ♣ AQT72 ♣ K63

♠ AKQ7  
 ♥ 653  
 ♦ 987  
 ♣ 985



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Tornay	DeYoung	Bernstein	Kislityna
	2D	Pass	2S
Double	4S	5H	All Pass

Closed Room			
Jenkins	Disa	Winestock	Lewis
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1H	Pass	2C (Drury)	Pass
3C	Pass	4C	Pass
4H	All Pass		

**Disa/Jenkins**

In the Open Room, DeYoung and Kislityna bid a speculative 4S game. As it was, 4H was cold for the opponents and 4S would be down only one... a good save as the cards lie. Tornay and Bernstein didn't know who was making and who was saving. They bid 5H as insurance. DeYoung and Kislityna took their two spades and their ace of trump for a 1 trick set. Kislityna's 2S bid was well considered. With 3 card diamond support, she always had a resting place.

In the Closed Room, their teammates bid 4H with no interference. 4H was easy to make, losing the same three tricks that were lost in the other room. 10 IMPs to Jenkins

The same swing occurred in the Open USA2 match. There, Lee, North, opened 2D, but Kamil didn't bid 2S and Fleisher balanced with 2H. Lee came to life and made a T/O double and N/S reached 4S forcing Fleisher and Martel to the 5 level for 10 IMPs to Dwyer when Cohler and Cohen bid to 4H with the E/W cards on an unimpeded auction. Cohler opened 1H on the 3-4-3-3 in second seat with the East cards. Cohen made a forcing raise and Cohler bid the game.

## Limey Jack...

Hallo Yanks:

After a very long fortnight Limey Jack is chuffed to report that this interminable championship of yours has the end on patch. The organizers and directors did a right corker of a job, but this event is too long by half. The Lassies and Seniors are quite civilized.

The Women's final will be down to the last furlong as Limey Jack correctly stated.

The Harris band of Joe Bloggs gave underdogs everywhere some hope but in the end it was hard cheese for them. As for Dwyer, one member withdrew leaving a group of odds and sods to play the semifinal of USA 2, and it painfully showed.

The last final match will pit two favourites at each's throat: Diamond and Fleisher. Diamond could have won outright, whilst Fleisher was humbled by Harris early to the fore.

This will be very painful to lose, especially for Fleisher, but lose they must. Diamond is just too strong a squad for them.

Howie Dung, who is all mouth and no trousers, will have one last chance to blather without rhyming. Limey Jack gives it to you straight as the razor and will make you a few more bob come the Seniors two weeks hence.

Cheers, LJ

## Howie Doing...

The tournament draws to a close.

Who will win it? Howie knows!

Diamond's guys get too uptight.

You should have seen them Sunday night!

If Marty wins, it will be fine.

The Seniors will not drop to nine.

Jeffrey Wolfson won't despair.

He'll add just one or add a pair.

I need onomatopoeia.

I say Jeff should just add Zia!

The Senior Teams will be a riot!

See you soon back at the Hyatt!

Howie Doing... very well!

# 2017 Women's USBC TEAMS

*There are 7 teams entered.* The teams are listed in their Round Robin number order.

Clerkin	<b>Joanne Weingold</b> <b>Migry Zur Campanile</b> <b>Beth Palmer</b> <b>Dennis Clerkin, NPC</b>	<b>Jill Meyers</b> <b>Sylvia Shi</b> <b>Shannon Cappelletti</b>
Eythorsdottir	<b>Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Capt</b> <b>Cindy Bernstein</b>	<b>Linda Lewis</b> <b>Claire Tornay</b>
Sakr	<b>May Sakr, Capt</b> <b>Anam Tebha</b>	<b>Allison Howard</b> <b>Cristal Nell</b>
Baker	<b>Lynn Baker, Capt</b> <b>Kerri Sanborn</b> <b>Tobi Sokolow</b>	<b>Karen McCallum</b> <b>Irina Levitina</b> <b>Janice Seamon-Molson</b>
Wittes	<b>Pamela Wittes, Capt</b> <b>Cheri Bjerkan</b>	<b>Ljudmila Kamenova</b> <b>Rozanne Pollack</b>
Jenkins	<b>Bronia Jenkins, Capt</b> <b>Sylvia Moss</b> <b>Bernace De Young</b>	<b>Sheri Winestock</b> <b>Connie Goldberg</b> <b>Irina Kislitsyna</b>
OSMO	<b>Teri Smoot</b> <b>Toni Bales</b> <b>Paul Pugsley, NPC</b>	<b>Brenda Pugsley</b> <b>Kimberly Music</b>

## Hospitality Information...



The hospitality suite for the 2017 Open USBC is room 2321, one level up from the playing rooms. Our wonderful hostess, Lisa Berkowitz, and her co-chair, Martha Katz, will serve breakfast each day from 8:00-10:30, as well as lunch from 1:00-4:00. **Please note: Sit outs are encouraged to come as early as possible for lunch to avoid overcrowding the suite. Everyday, lunch will be served both in 2321 and 1321 to handle the expected overflow.**

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.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan's office) is room 1321. It will be available for the entire tournament. You can find coffee, soft drinks and snacks in that room while you wait for slow teammates to finish playing.

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**The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.**



# OpenTeams Entered... listed in RR seeding order

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

Nickell Bye to QF	Frank Nickell, Capt Jeff Meckstroth Bobby Levin	Ralph Katz Eric Rodwell Steve Weinstein
Diamond Bye to QF	John Diamond, Capt Justin Lall Eric Greco	Brian Platnick Kevin Bathurst Geoff Hampson
Fleisher Bye to R16	Martin Fleisher, Capt Brad Moss Michael Rosenberg	Chip Martel Joe Grue Jacek Pyszczola
Fireman Bye to R16	Paul Fireman, Capt John Hurd John Kranyak	Gavin Wolpert Joel Wooldridge Vincent Demuy
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken David Berkowitz	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Alan Sontag
Meltzer	Rose Meltzer, Capt Steve Garner Bart Bramley	Nikolay Demirev Ron Smith Robert Hamman
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Neil Chambers Matthew Granovetter	Sam Lev John Schermer Russell Ekeblad
Dwyer	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Billy Cohen Michael Kamil	Roger Lee Gary Cohler Michael Becker
Wold	Eddie Wold, Capt Marc Jacobus Chris Compton	Michael Levine Mike Passell David Grainger
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt JoAnna Stansby	Jeff Aker Lew Stansby
Miller	Jeffrey Miller, Capt Reese Milner Joshua Stark	William Engel Hemant Lall
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Bill Pollack	Peter Boyd Fred Stewart Ron Rubin
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Dick Bruno David Lehman	Claude Vogel Jeffrey Schuett Richard Melson
Harris	Martin Harris, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Jay Barron	Jacob Morgan Howard Liu
Ivatury	Uday Ivatury, Capt Lapt Chan	Christal Henner Jon Sorkin
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt W. Thomas Reynolds	Michael Shuster Lance Kerr
Kent	Robert Kent Brenda Pugsley	Ellen Kent Paul Pugsley



**"Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."**

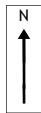
**Vince Lombardi**

# USA2 Marches On... Board 3 from the Open

Board 3     ♠ AT5  
 Dealer: S     ♥ A62  
 E/W Vul.     ♦ QT8  
 Segment 5     ♣ J753

♠ Q76     ♠ 83  
 ♥ KQT753     ♥ J4  
 ♦ 65     ♦ AK432  
 ♣ 86     ♣ Q942

♠ KJ942  
 ♥ 98  
 ♦ J97  
 ♣ AKT



Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Becker	Pepsi	Kamil	Rosenberg
Pass	1NT (forcing)	Pass	1S
Pass	2D (5H or GH)	Double	2C (2+)
Pass	3S (3-3-3-4)	All Pass	Pass

Open Room			
B Moss	Cohler	Grue	Cohen
Pass	1NT (forcing)	Pass	1S
Pass	3S	All Pass	2C

In the Closed Room, after Kamil's double of 2D, Becker led the D6 to Kamil's AK and Kamil gave him a diamond ruff. Becker continued with the HK. Rosenberg won in dummy and took an immediate club finesse. He played the CA followed by the SK. He tried a third round of clubs which Becker ruffed with the SQ, cashing the HQ for down one.

In the Open Room, Moss did not know to lead diamonds. He started with the HQ (Rusinow) which was ducked. He continued with the HK. Cohen won this with dummy's ace. He decided to attack diamonds. He led the D8. Grue won the ace, playing Cohen for shortness. He switched to the club deuce. Cohen won the ace and continued with the DJ. Grue won this and gave Moss a diamond ruff. Moss returned a third round of hearts. Cohen ruffed, played a spade to the ace and a spade to the king. He crossed to dummy's ST, took the hook in clubs and made three. 5 IMPs to Dwyer

USA2 FINAL				Open
WEDNESDAY	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	
THURSDAY	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	

USA2 FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 9	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 10	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



Women's

# The Lasses... Board 3 from the Women's

Board 3     ♠ AT5  
 Dealer: S     ♥ A62  
 E/W Vul.     ♦ QT8  
 Segment 1   ♣ J753

♠ Q76	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">           N            ↑         </div>	♠ 83
♥ KQT753		♥ J4
♦ 65		♦ AK432
♣ 86		♣ Q942
♠ KJ942		
♥ 98		
♦ J97		
♣ AKT		

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Lewis	Goldberg	Disa	S Moss
Pass	3C (LR 3 trump)	Pass	1S
All Pass			

Closed Room			
Jenkins	Tornay	Winestock	Bernstein
Pass	1NT (forcing)	Pass	2C
Pass	3S	All Pass	1S

In both rooms of the Women's Final, North/South reached 3S from South.

In the Open Room, Lewis led the HK. Moss won the ace in dummy, played the SA, Disa following with the THREE. Moss took the losing finesse for the SQ, Disa playing the EIGHT! Lewis cashed her HQ and exited the D6. Disa won her ace, cashed her king and gave her partner a diamond ruff. Lewis had two small doubletons. How did Lewis know to shift to a diamond rather than a club? She and Disa play trump suit preference. Disa's play of the trump 3 on the first round should have suggested a club shift. After ruffing the diamond, Lewis exited her hand with the HT. Moss ruffed but had no entries to dummy to take the winning club finesse. Down 2 for -100

In the Closed Room, Jenkins, like Lewis, led her HK. Bernstein won dummy's ace; played the SA and finessed the queen. Jenkins won, cashed the HA and exited her HT which Bernstein ruffed. Bernstein played the DJ to the DQ, Jenkins played the 5 (UDCA) and Winestock won the ace and returned a SMALL! diamond. Declarer won this in dummy, took the club hook, pulled the trump on which Winestock discarded the DK in order to protect her club holding. Making 4 for +170 and 7 IMPs.

If declarer is going to play spades after winning the HA, it is probably best to run the ST from dummy. This maintains communication and is only bad when it loses to singleton queen.

Although it didn't matter as the cards were played, Bernstein probably should not have left a trump outstanding. She could only be tapped out if West has two entries in diamonds and clubs. Since W has already shown up with a good six-card heart suit and the SQ, it is highly unlikely that she hold any two of the missing honors.



**There is new FB page devoted to these Team Trials. It can be accessed at:**  
[https://www.facebook.com/United-States-Bridge-Federation-1963001673929727/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/United-States-Bridge-Federation-1963001673929727/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)  
**There are pictures, links to these newsletters online ... and you can post Trials relevant messages. Check it out!**

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

Sudoku 1

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

# Puzzle Page ...

Sara really needed to go to the doctor for her check-up... and to her dentist, chiropractor, and optometrist. All four had been persistently reminding her that she was overdue for check-ups. But she'd been travelling a lot for work and just hadn't had the time to make her appointments. So, in a fit of reckless abandon, she scheduled all FOUR of them for the same day – next Tuesday, the one day she was home between two business trips. Getting four appointments in the same day was a challenge but fortunately they were all in the same medical center so she didn't have to allow for travel time. Determine the time of each appointment (times were 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:30 pm), the type of doctor she was seeing, how long each appointment was scheduled for (1/2 hour or 1 hour), and each doctor's name.

1. Sara's one-hour appointments were scheduled with Dr. Borne and the dentist.
2. Her appointment with Dr. Swan was scheduled for half an hour.
3. Dr. Bigelow was the physician.
4. The appointment with her optometrist was scheduled to start on the half hour.
5. She saw her chiropractor before Dr. Swan but after her appointment with Dr. Mann.
6. Her appointment with Dr. Mann wasn't at 9:00 am.

	chiropractor	dentist	optometrist	physician	1/2 hour	1/2 hour	1 hour	1 hour	Dr. Bigelow	Dr. Borne	Dr. Mann	Dr. Swan
9:00am												
11:30am												
1:00pm												
3:30pm												
Dr. Bigelow												
Dr. Borne												
Dr. Mann												
Dr. Swan												
1/2 hour												
1/2 hour												
1 hour												
1 hour												

## Answers:

Time	Type	Duration	Name
9:00am	physician	1/2 hour	Dr. Bigelow
11:30am	dentist	1 hour	Dr. Mann
1:00pm	chiropractor	1 hour	Dr. Borne
3:30pm	optometrist	1/2 hour	Dr. Swan



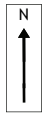
# Houdini Makes It Happen...

**Women's**

Board 15    ♠ AKJ9  
 Dealer: S    ♥ Q3  
 N/S Vul    ♦ JT943  
 Segment 1    ♣ 64

♠ Q43    ♠ 765  
 ♥ AT98762    ♥ KJ5  
 ♦ Q    ♦ A6  
 ♣ 83    ♣ JT752

♠ T82  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ K8752  
 ♣ AKQ9



Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Jenkins	Tornay	Winestock	Bernstein
			1D
3H	Double	5H	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

Open Room			
Lewis	Goldberg	Disa	S Moss
			1D
3H	Double	4H	5C
Pass	6D	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, where Jenkins preempted 3H over Bernstein's 1D opener, East/West played in 5HX, the same contract that was reached in both rooms of the Open USA2 matches. 5HX went down three tricks for -500, the defense collecting two clubs and three spades.

In the Open Room, Sylvia Moss was a modern Houdini. Against 6D, Lewis elected not to lead her HA. Perhaps she thought she could talk Moss out of a spade finesse by leading a spade. Lewis led the S3. Moss rose with dummy's king and made a critical play. She led a small diamond off dummy to her KING!

Let's see what might have made her do that... She likely reasoned that both missing (cashing) aces were probably not in one hand or that hand would have doubled the slam. Also, had both aces been with LHO, she most certainly would have led them. If the aces were split, it was more likely that Lefty held the HA and Righty the DA since Lefty held the length in hearts.

Once the DK held, Moss finessed the SQ, winning the nine in dummy. She cashed the SA and played the SJ. East was helpless. She could ruff with the ace while Moss discarded her heart or she could discard while Moss discarded a heart. Either way, Moss would collect twelve tricks for +1370 and 13 IMPs.

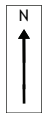
Board 8    ♠ QT6  
 Dealer: W    ♥ A963  
 None Vul.    ♦ J75  
 Segment 5    ♣ JT2

B Moss	Cohler	Grue	Cohen
Pass	Pass	1S	2C
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Double	All Pass		

**Open**

♠ 43    ♠ AKJ987  
 ♥ QT5    ♥ 742  
 ♦ T8432    ♦ K96  
 ♣ AQ7    ♣ 3

♠ 52  
 ♥ KJ8  
 ♦ AQ  
 ♣ K98654



Gary Cohler is known for being an aggressive bidder. His style often pays off big. This hand is the other side of the coin. After Cohen overcalled 2C, Gary made a very aggressive 2NT call. He had a marginal spade stopper and a shortage of HCP. His club fit looked nice but it was nothing to write home about. Holding 13 HCP and the expected 6-card suit, Cohen decided that 3NT would have a reasonable play. Moss was pretty sure that he held a double club stopper and he had two spades to play to his partner. He doubled and everyone passed. Grue found the best lead of a heart to the 8, T, and A. Cohler led the CJ toward dummy and played the CK hoping to find Moss with Qx of clubs and Grue with Ax. If that was the position, Cohen would collect 5 clubs, 2 hearts and either 2 diamonds or a diamond and a spade. Unfortunately for Gary, Moss won the CA and played a spade through. After 6 rounds of spades, Grue exited with a heart.

Cohler lost 2 more tricks for down 5: -1100 and -14 IMPs    9

# Women's

## Double Double Toil and Trouble...

Board 6     ♠ AJ82  
 Dealer: E     ♥ 872  
 E/W Vul.     ♦ JT62  
 Segment 3     ♣ QJ

♠ 63     ♠ KQT94  
 ♥ KT643     ♥  
 ♦ 54     ♦ A97  
 ♣ A974     ♣ 86532

♠ 75  
 ♥ AQJ95  
 ♦ KQ83  
 ♣ KT



Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
DeYoung	Tornay	Kislitsyna	Bernstein
		Pass	1H
Pass	2H	2S	3H
All Pass			

Open Room			
Disa	S Moss	Lewis	Goldberg
		Pass	1H
Pass	1S	Pass	2D
Pass	2H	Pass	2NT
Pass	4H	Double	All Pass

Not only do the guys in the Open go for 1100, but the gals in the Women's do too!

In the Closed Room, Tornay and Bernstein stopped in a heart partial. The 5-0 trump split proved too much to handle and the contract was set two tricks ... -100

In the Open Room, Goldberg and Moss's auction got out of hand. Over 2D, Moss took a simple preference to 2H. She could have held a doubleton. Goldberg must have really liked her 15 HCP. She bid 2NT ... one try too many for Moss. Moss jumped to game.

Lewis made a really well thought out double. She reasoned that N/S did not hold more than eight hearts so Disa had to hold five of them. She held the DA and the SKQ making those suits likely to produce at least two tricks on defense. It just seemed prudent to double and see how many tricks the defense could collect.

Disa led the S6, won in dummy with the ace. A heart was led to the jack and king, Lewis tossing the C8. Another spade was led to Lewis's nine with the SK returned and ruffed by Goldberg's nine, Disa tossing the D4. The DQ was led to East's ace. The C6 went to the king and ace. A club was continued to the queen and a small heart went to the ace.

The HQ was cashed and the DK was led and ruffed by West. The ten of hearts drew the ten of diamonds and ten of spades as well as declarer's last trump.

All in all, declarer took five only tricks and went light five tricks for -1100 and a loss of 14 IMP's.

Good double and good defense!

