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| Roundof16 (120 boards) |  |  | Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal o Ruling. IMPs Total may change. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 01-May-2024 |  |  | The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating ric segment of play. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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May 2, 2024

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## Open Teams Entered



## Mixed Teams Entered



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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.


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## Open Team Tournament Schedule

| OPEN SCHEDULE |  |  |  |
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| Day | Date | Time (CDT) | Boards |
| Round of 16 (if 14-16 teams enter; fewer than 14 will be rr with different schedule) |  |  |  |
| Wednesday | May 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Lunch Break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| Thursday | May 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 6 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Lunch Break <br> Segment 7 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 8 Boards 46-60 |
| Quarterfinal |  |  |  |
| Friday | May 3 | $\begin{aligned} & 10: 00-12: 00 \\ & 12: 15-2: 15 \\ & \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & 5: 45-7: 45 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Lunch Break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| Saturday | May 4 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 6 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Lunch Break <br> Segment 7 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 8 Boards 46-60 |
| Semifinal |  |  |  |
| Sunday | May 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 10: 00-12: 00 \\ & 12: 15-2: 15 \\ & \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & 5: 45-7: 45 \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| Monday | May 6 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 6 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 7 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 8 Boards 46-60 |
| Final |  |  |  |
| Tuesday | May 7 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| Wednesday | May 8 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 6 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 7 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 8 Boards 46-60 |



| $\|$$\|l\| l \mid$ <br> PRE-TOURNAMENT CAPTAINS \& PLAYERS MEETINGS <br> On Zoom <br> Event Day |
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| Open | Tuesday $\quad$ Date $\quad$ Time (CDT) | Mixed | Thursday |
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| Senior | Saturday |
| Women's | Monday or Wednesday |


| Mixed Schedule |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Round Robin or KO - Schedule will depend on number of teams |  |  |  |
| Day | Date | Time | Boards |
| Friday | May 10 |  |  |
| Saturday | May 11 |  |  |
| Quarterfinal |  |  |  |
| Sunday | May 12 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| Monday | May 13 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 6 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 7 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 8 Boards 46-60 |
| Semifinal |  |  |  |
| Tuesday | May 14 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| Wednesday | May 15 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 6 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 7 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 8 Boards 46-60\| |
| Final |  |  |  |
| Thursday | May 16 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 5 Boards 61-75 <br> Segment 6 Boards 76-90 |
| Friday | May 17 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 6 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 7 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 8 Boards 46-60 |

I complained to my mailman that the package I received was damp!
He said it must have come postage dew!

One day at school, the lad who sat next to me swallowed his calculator. Everyone called him a weirdo! I stood up for him... I said, "It's what's inside him that counts!"

I'm breeding race deer to make a fast buck and some quick doe!

I accidently rubbed catsup in my eye. Now I have Heinzsight!


2024 USBCs Kibitzing - There will be delayed kibitzing for all of the 2024 USBCs on LoveBridge
You can follow the USBC on the https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/ website. If you get to the voice commentary and there is no sound, you need to "unmute." When you first get to the page, there is a small icon of a speaker in the middle of your screen with an $x$ on it. Click there to unmute.If you miss that icon, move your cursor to the bottom left of the screen and you should see a something like this:

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Click on the speaker to unmute.
Vugraph is delayed for 30 minutes or until all tables have completed play on a board, whichever is later.
Kibitzing Schedule (EDT)
For all KO days of the 2024 USBCs, kibitzing times will be :
Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT; Segment 2: 1:45 pm EDT
BREAK
Segment 3: 5:00 pm EDT; Segment 4: 7:15 pm EDT
For Round Robin days, each kibitzing segment will start 30 minutes after play starts. No voice for RR's. To listen to commentary, search for the TV icon! It will send you to the page where you can choose from the available live commentators. If it doesn't do anything, no one is commenting.
Deep Involvement: Choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into 4 small screens -2 of them showing the 2 tables of the match you choose, the other 2 having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the $2 \times 2$ view you can personalize the content in all your windows. (The $2 \times 2$ view is not available on mobiles.)
Think together!
When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do.

## More Information:

Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner, the arrow takes you to the scoresheet, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

## Navigation icons:

While surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue where you were.
Replay:
After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board, the same buttons move you through the list.


## 2024 USBCs Hospitality

We are returning to our pre-pandemic hospitality, with the hospitality suite (room 2321) open most of the day for socializing, Vugraph, and snacks. We will be providing breakfast and lunch each day of play. Marie-France Benoit will be our lead hostess, with help from Jacob Morgan and Julie Arbit, who makes the best guacamole. If you're at the tournament and can volunteer to help with hospitality (pick up items at Costco or nearby stores or restaurants, preparing food) please let Jan or Marie-France know.

Breakfast: From 8-10 am. There will be the usual breakfast food: cereal, bagels, toast, salmon, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. For those who prefer Keurig coffee, that will be available. So long as the suite doesn't become too crowded, you are welcome to eat there. No masking requirement.

Lunch: On the first four days of each event we will be serving a buffet lunch in a hotel banquet room, usually the Slate and Cyan rooms at the front of the hotel; we will have signs in the Player Break Room and Hospitality Suite with daily location. The hotel will be supplying what they do best: salads and chips. We will be bringing in 2 or 3 hot dishes from a local restaurant each day. There should be enough room for you to eat in the hotel banquet room, but you are welcome to take food from there to an outside table or to your hotel room. Lunch will be served from about half an hour before the morning session is supposed to end until about half an hour after the afternoon session starts.
After the first 4 days of each event, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite at the break. There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, berries, cookies or other desserts. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators. As with breakfast, you are welcome to eat in the hospitality suite unless it is too crowded.

Let us know if you have specific needs. Our hosts will do their very best to accommodate you. to put on a mask when you summon a director or ask for coffee, water or an escort outside to smoke.

## Playing Rooms \& Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.
We will have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. Please keep your voices down in the Break Room where we are working.

Masks will be required in playing rooms only if your screenmate asks you to wear one. You do not have

Marie-France


Julie Arbit




Sudoku 1

Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Pierce Brosnan, and Daniel Craig met at a bar for a drink while watching a game. Typical male bonding!

Someone glued my deck of cards together. I just can't deal with it!!

A pun enters a room and murders ten people! Pun in, ten dead!

Valuable information, Invaluable information... What's the difference?

Before it was carver, Mount Rushmore's beauty was unpresidented!

I'm going to take up coin collecting... the change will do me good!

Dad: I bought you a dictionary for your birthday!
Son: Wow! I don't know what to say! Dad: That's why I bought you a dictionary!

I was so tired last night I fell asleep next to the kitchen sink. Now I'm totally drained!

If thieves wear sneakers and artists wear sketchers, then linguists must wear converse!


Sudoku 2

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## Puzzle Page ...

## Asīan Countries

Find and circle all of the countries of Asia that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell four more Asian countries.

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| BAHRAIN | IRAQ | MYANMAR | SYRIA |  |
| BANGLADESH | ISRAEL | NEPAL | TAJIKSTAN |  |
| BHUTAN | JAPAN | NORTHKOREA | THAILAND |  |
| BRUNEI | JORDAN | OMAN | TIMORLESTE |  |
| CAMBODIA | KAZAKHSTAN | PAKISTAN | TURKEY |  |
| CHINA | KUWAIT | PHILIPPINES | UZBEKISTAN |  |
| CYPRUS | LAOS | QATAR | VIETNAM | It's in the |
| GEORGIA | LEBANON | RUSSIA | YEMEN | cards! |
| INDIA | MALAYSIA | SAUDI ARABIA |  |  |

Following the first five events of the World Bridge Tour in Japan, Iceland, and Australia, Hugh McGann and Brian Mace (left) shared the top spot with Tom Jacob \& Brian Mace (right).


Breaking that "Down Under" dominance were Dennis Bilde \& Martin Schaltz in shared third and Sabine Auken \& Roy Welland in ninth place.

The first American partnership, Adam Kaplan \& Finn Kolesnik were in $17^{\text {th }}$ place. That changed when the Tour moved to Louisville/Kentucky in March at the recent ACBL NABC where three Tour events were decided, including the top ranked Vanderbilt teams.

Following that, with their victory in the South American Transnational Teams, Kevin Bathurst \& John Hurd (below) took the pole position in the overalls, just ahead of their teammates Joe Grue \& Brad Moss. They overtook the then frontrunners, Giovanni Donati \& Giacomo Percario ,who dropped to third place.

Close behind are Sabine Auken \& Roy Welland in fourth with Bobby Levin \& Steve Weinstein and Eric Greco \& Geoff Hampson sharing the fifth spot. It will be interesting to see if the latter four are destined to share a position since they are playing all Tour events as teammates. Pair events could matter!


## World Bridge News



The next event on the Tour calendar, the European Winter Championships in Alpe d'Huez, will clearly impact the standings. We will see which partnerships are best at handling the high altitude.

## Quips of Steven Wright

1 - I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
2 - Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
3 - Half the people you know are below average.
4-99\% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
$5-82.7 \%$ of all statistics are made up on the spot.
6 - A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.


7 - A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
8 - If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.
9 - All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.
10 - The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
11 - I almost had a psychic girlfriend, ..... But she left me before we met.
12 - OK, so what's the speed of dark?
13 - How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
14 - If everythng seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
15 - Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
16 - When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
17 - Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
18 - Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
19 - I intend to live forever ... So far, so good.
20 - If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
21 - Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
22 - What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
23 - My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
24 - Why do psychics have to ask you for your name
25 - If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
26 - A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
27 - Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
28 - The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
29 - To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
30 - The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
31 - The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
32 - The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
33 - Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.
34 - If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
35 - If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?
For those of you who are interested, Ela has agreed to come to the Hyatt to provide massages any day that we have 3 or more people who want her. So if you want a massage, please let me know a day or two in advance, including what your timing is, and I'll try to make things work.

For now, Ela said she could come on April 30th for anyone who wants a post-flight, pre-tournament massage. So if you want one, please let me know and tell me what time(s) would work for you.


I think Ela still charges $\$ 100$ for an hour. She'll be setting her table up in my room (5117) and will have a key so she can get in and can the let you in when it's your turn.

Any questions, let Jan know!
Massage Therapist message from Jan

## Logic Puzzle Page

|  | First Names |  |  |  | Orchids |  |  |  |  | Professions |  |  |
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DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE ICE CREAM TRUCK THAT CRASHED?
THE DRIVER BLAMED IT ON THE ROCKY ROAD!


## Answer to Puzzle on page 16

1. The person who planted the bee orchid is not Kai or Perla.
2. The politician is not Nehemiah.
3. The patient with the $\$ 1580$ hospital bill planted the bee orchid.
4. The patient with the $\$ 410$ hospital bill is Nehemiah.
5. The person who planted the fly orchid is not Kai.

6. The doctor is not Kai or Gracie.

| Hospital Bills | First Names | Orchids | Professions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 250$ |  |  |  |
| $\$ 410$ |  |  |  |
| $\$ 570$ |  |  |  |
| $\$ 1580$ |  |  |  |

8. The person who planted the pigeon orchid owes less money than the person who planted the lady orchid.
9. The captain is not Gracie and didn't plant the pigeon orchid.
10. Either the doctor or the philosopher is Perla.
11. The person who planted the pigeon orchid is not Nehemiah or Gracie.
12. Of the philosopher and Gracie, one has the $\$ 570$ hospital bill and the other planted the bee orchid.

## Meet the Players

## Hand taken from the New York Times July 11, 2012

Michael Kamel won the ACBL Sidney H. Lazard Jr. Award for Sportsmanship in 2012. Michael was not only known for his sportsmanship but also for his kindness. He is one of the nicest people you will ever meet. He has a multitude of national championships.

When asked for a deal in 2012, he submitted this one that occurred during a knockout team in Albany in 1981. Kamil was South, partnering Marty Bergen.

One should pick up a 7-6-0-0 hand approximately every 17,857 deals. Kamil was wondering how to bid it when West passed, and Bergen opened 1S. East passed. Reasonably, Kamil responded 2D. Now things got weird. West made a takeout double; North and East passed. What would you do with the $S$ hand? Kamil took a long time deciding, primarily because two diamonds doubled was not game and his side might have had a slam, though, presuming that West had four hearts, that was unlikely.

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|  WEST (D) <br> $\&$ A7  <br> $\bullet$ J 752 <br> $\&$ 63 <br> $*$ AQ 1083 | EAST |
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North and South were vulnerable. The bidding:

| West North | East | South |
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| Pass $1 \&$ | Pass | $2 \diamond$ |
| Dbl. Pass | Pass | ?? |
| West led the spade ace. |  |  |

The longer South thought, the more nervous North became, worried that his partner would assume that his pass said that he could tolerate diamonds.

Eventually Kamil passed, making North even more uncomfortable. West led the spade ace. South ruffed, cashed his diamond ace and drove out East's diamond king. East shifted to a club, but declarer ruffed, drew trumps, and ran the heart ten through West.
Then the players spent some time calculating the result, agreeing on 1,180.

At the score-up their teammates, John Lowenthal and Phillip Martin, said that they had defeated seven hearts by three tricks. Plus 1,180 and plus 300 gave them 16 IMPs on the board.

The match, though, ended in a tie. There had to be an eight-board playoff, which the Kamil team won narrowly. The only other person still in the building was a tournament director.

When the Kamil team went through the boards, the players realized that two diamonds doubled and vulnerable with four overtricks was only 980, not 1,180. They had lost the match in regulation!
The director did not feel that he could do anything at 2 a.m., the other team's players having left. No one knew where to find them.

After some discussion the team members agreed that if their opponents came to play the next afternoon, they would tell them about the error and concede the match.
The other team did not show and the Kamil team was relieved to lose its next match.
Since 2012, Michael has made some big changes in his life. The most meaningful is his marriage to Gabby. He and Gabby have become a successful partnership and a very happy couple with two adorable pups. They've lived in several places around the USA and always find something good to say about where they've been.


## Tom Swifties...

"I told you not to ride that horse," Tom nagged.
"That's nothing!" said Tom naughtily.
"I haven't had my photographs developed yet," said Tom negatively.
"Let's take a vacation in the south of France," said Tom nicely.
"That just doesn't add up," said Tom, nonplussed.
"I can't do it!" Tom said notably.
"What's the value of a dollar bill?" asked Tom noteworthily.
"What's a wide-angle lens?" asked Tom obtusely.
"That horse looks like a good bet at 20 to 1," said Tom oddly.
"Oops! There goes my hat!" said Tom off the top of his head.
"Do you buy and sell stolen goods?" asked Tom offensively.
"I've been feeding the crocodile," said Tom offhandedly.
"I prefer trout to salmon," Tom said officiously.
"I know which boyd gets the woym," said Tom in an oily voice.

"The door's ajar," said Tom openly.
"My bicycle wheel is damaged," said Tom outspokenly.
"I swallowed some of the glass from that broken window," Tom said painfully.
"I had an accident in the kitchen," said Tom with panache.
"I've joined the Airborne Medical Corps," said Tom paradoxically.
"There, there," was Tom's pat answer.
"I've deduced that this is the right way," said Tom pathologically.
"I'm waiting to see the doctor," said Tom patiently.
"I didn't look at all!" Tom peeped.
"I wish I had something to write with," Tom said pensively.
"Has my magazine arrived?" Tom asked periodically.
"3.14159265," Tom said piously.
"Who's your favorite operatic tenor?" Tom asked placidly.
"I've removed all the feathers from this chicken," said Tom pluckily.
"It has zero height, zero width, and just a little depth," said Tom, stretching the point.
"The exit is right there," Tom pointed out.
"My pencil is blunt," said Tom pointlessly.
"Where shall I plant these water lilies?" Tom pondered.
"I haven't had any tooth decay yet," said Tom precariously.
"I have a gift for you," said Tom presently.
"That's already been taken care of," Tom pretended.
"I'm just an ordinary soldier," Tom admitted privately.

"Crosby is my favourite singer. Who is yours?" asked Tom probingly.
"I teach at a university," Tom professed.
"This movie will be very popular," Tom projected.
"This is the real male goose," said Tom producing the propaganda.
"I've stuck a pin through my nose," said Tom punctually.
"The cat sounds as if she's happy now she's been fed," said Tom purposefully.

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Dwyer claimed nine tricks for down two! 11 IMPs to Juster

## A Kolesnik Dwyer Huang Smith

| $\mathbf{W}$ | $\mathbf{N}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ |
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|  | $10^{\boldsymbol{-}}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | 3 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | PASS | PASS |
| DBL | PASS | PASS | PASS |

The normal auction started with 1H by North followed by 2H Michaels by East. West jumped to 4 S at their next turn and $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{S}$ had to decide whether to pass or save at even non-vulnerable.

In Bramley/Schireson, Olivia Schireson opened 1H; Bramley bid 2H Michaels; McAllister doubled; Woolsey jumped to 4 S and Schireson showed her 5-card club suit. Bramley doubled with his AJ942 of clubs and McAllister disdained his 7-card diamond suit to bid 5H.

Woolsey Olivia Bramley McAllister

| $\mathbf{W}$ | $\mathbf{N}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 | $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ | DBL |
| $4 \boldsymbol{5}$ | $5 \%$ | DBL | 5 |
| DBL | PASS | PASS | PASS |

At both tables where 5 H was the save of choice, the contract went 800.
Because Max Schireson and Debbie Rosenberg were allowed to declare 4S in the Open Room of Bramley/Schireson, the reward to Bramley was 9 IMPs as opposed to the 11 IMPs to Juster.


Wooldridge, North, led the DQ!! Hinze is still cold for ten tricks if he plays the DK from dummy but he never imagined that Joel was being so deceptive. He played low hoping for a favorable layout including a singleton or doubleton DA with South.

The DQ held and Wooldridge cashed the DA. Noting the signal from partner, he continued diamonds and gave Grainger his ruff. The HJ, still destined to score, became the setting trick!

Great deceptive lead, Joel!

At the other table in that match, Hamman led the DA after a strong club auction by his opponents. 13 IMPs to Simson

The only other somewhat odd result was in Rosenthal/Balleisen where Demuy, sitting North, doubled the NT game on the auction to the right: $\qquad$
Cheng Demuy Balleisen

| Kranyak |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{W}$ | N | E | S |
|  |  | 19 | PASS |
| 1NT | PASS | 2 | PASS |
| 2 | PASS | 33 | PASS |
| 3 | PASS | 3NT | PASS |
| PASS | DBL | PASS | PASS |
| PASS |  |  |  |



The auction:
Garner Jones Berkowitz Lien

DBL 10 2- PASS
PASS 3 30 3NT

DBL PASS PASS PASS 1700 was a big score for East/West. It was worth 18 IMPs to Robinson.

Garner led the H 4 , Owen winning his king. Owen played the S 4 to the king in dummy and ran the DQ. The hand imploded!!

Garner grabbed his king, cashed the ace and king of clubs and played a club to Berkowitz. Berk cashed his clubs and shifted to back to hearts. The defense took five hearts, four clubs and a diamond for down SIX.

Most pairs played in hearts making three of four. There were two 12 IMP swings where one table bid game and made it while the other table stopped in a part score.


Sometimes you have one too many gadgets... While it did not matter all that much since his teammates did not bid the slam, Kovachev chose to use a very specific convention he had in his arsenal against Bathurst and Hurd of the Fleisher squad. Val thought it important to tell his partner not to lead diamonds so he doubled the slam!!The double was alerted as such.
Hurd took full advantage to assure Bathurst that all was well by redoubling. The little known score of 1820 created a 16 IMP swing for Fleisher! Two other tables produced 11 IMP swings where one table in each match stopped in game while the other bid the slam!
Bathurst Kovachev

| $\boldsymbol{W}$ | Hurd | Haag |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2NT | PASS | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ |
| PASS |  |  |  |
| 3NT | PASS | $\mathbf{6}$ | PASS |
| PASS | DBL | RDBL | PASS |
| PASS | PASS |  |  |

X=don't lead diamonds!

