

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
UNITED STATES WOMEN'S BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team "Trials" and Tribulations



Happy Birthday Rena Hetzer!!



Two Major Upsets in RR2 as the 6 & 7 Seed Bid Us Farewell

The teams captained by Roy Welland (the original 6 seed) and Charlie Weed (the original 7 seed) were eliminated in RR2 competition yesterday afternoon. Harris, the original 16 seed, Allegaert, the original 17 seed, Schuett, the original 18 seed, and Einberg, the original 21 seed, all made it. This bodes well for the locals as several of the Midwesterners are still in the hunt. .

Team Name	Total	Carry Over	12	1	7	3	4	20	19	18	14	13	6	17	15	2	9	10
12. Schwartz	217	117		4	14	15	10						16			9.5	16	17
1. ORourke	216	112	16					9.1	19	5.4	15	20		15	5.1			
7. Harris	200	119	6.4					15	10	6.4	17	8.2		16	1.3			
3. Gordon	200	102	4.8					4.8	17	14	18	9.5		11	18			
4. Deutsch	184	101	10					2.4	12	9.5	19	6.4		6.4	18			
20. Einberg	182	87.8		11	4.8	15	18						8.7			15	4.8	17
19. Schuett	180	95.8		0.7	10	3	8.2						17			13	20	13
18. Allegaert	180	88.2		15	14	5.7	10						8.7			7.4	15	16
14. Robinson	174	101		5.1	2.6	1.8	1.3						19			16	17	10
13. Weed	174	87.3		0	12	10	14						7.1			15	17	11
6. Cole	169	95.6	4.5					11	3.2	11	1.2	13		12	17			
17. Onstott	164	95.8		5.4	3.7	9.1	14						8.2			10	3.7	14
15. Hollman	160	77.3		15	19	2.2	2						3			15	11	16
2. Welland	140	80.9	10					5.1	7.1	13	3.7	4.8		10	5.4			
9. Benson	136	81.2	4.2					15	0.8	4.8	2.8	3.2		16	8.7			
10. Weinstein	124	78.8	3.2					2.8	7.1	4	10	8.7		5.7	3.7			

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-George Burns

**"One man alone
can be pretty
dumb sometimes,
but for real bona
fide stupidity,
there ain't
nothin' can beat
teamwork."
- Edward Abbey**

USBC Teams

Allegaert: Withrop Allegaert, Jaggy Shivdasani, Lapt Chan, Aaron Silverstein, Kevin Bathhurst, Judith Bianco

Benson: Richard Benson, Martha Katz, Donna Compton, Lynne Feldman

Cole: William Cole, Ai-Tai Lo, John Fout, Jeff Roman, Alan Falk, Venkatrao Koneru

Deutsch: Seymon Deutsch, Gary Cohler, Bart Bramley, Sidney Lazard, Grant Baze, John Kranyak

Einberg: Howard Einberg, Tony Ames, William Hall, Jim Munday

Ekeblad (bye ► round of 8): Russell Ekeblad, Ron Rubin, Fred Gitelman, Brad Moss, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby

Gordon: Mark Gordon, Chuck Burger, Stephen Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein

Harris: Martin Harris, Jacob Morgan, Dan Gerstman, Tom Carmichael

Hollman: Bob Hollman, Bruce Ferguson, Dennis Clerkin, Jerry Clerkin

Meltzer (bye ► round of 16): Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Alan Sontag, Roger Bates, Billy Cohen, Ron Smith

Nickell (bye ► semi-finals): Frank Nickell, Dick Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell

Onstott: John Onstott, Garey Hayden, Kerry Smith, Claude Vogel, Larry Robbins, Peter Weichsel

O'Rourke: Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson

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Weinstein: Jonathan Weinstein, Robert Heitzman, Glen Milgrim, Jeff Aker, Jiang Gu, Xiaodong Shi

Welland: Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Martin Fleisher, Michael Kamil, Chris Willenken

USWBC Teams

Baker (bye ► RR2): Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Kerri Sanborn, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer

Narasimhan: Hansa Narasimhan, Irina Levitina, Jill Levin, Jill Meyers, Debbie Rosenberg, JoAnna Stansby

Quinn: Shawn Quinn, Sue Picus, Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Rozanne Pollack

Sulgrove: Kathleen Sulgrove, Candace Griffey, Laurie Kranyak, Linda McGarry, Cindy Bernstein, Sally Wheeler

Two women were comparing notes on the difficulties of running a small business.

"I started a new practice last year," the first one said. "I insist that each of my employees take at least a week off every three months."

"Why in the world would you do that?" the other asked.

She responded, "It's the best way I know of to learn which ones I can do without."

HOSPITALITY INFORMATION from Barbara Nudelman, Joan Gerard, and Rena Hetzer

The hospitality suite is in room 3321. It will be open for **Breakfast** at 8:30 AM till game time for all players.

USBC Lunch: Lunch will be served in the suite at the mid-afternoon break (approximately 2:45 PM). We may be a bit crowded but we'll see to it that everyone gets to eat.

USWBC Lunch – There are not actual lunch breaks so we will try and offer a more substantial breakfast in the hour just before your starting time. Of course, you are welcome to join us for the regular lunch break the rest of the week.

The suite will be open most days until the completion of play for soft drinks and snacks.

Hotel Restaurants: **Metro:** 6am - 10pm daily; **Tre Cena:** Breakfast: 6:30am-11 AM M-F, 7am-11am S/S; Lunch 11am-5pm daily; Dinner 5pm-10pm daily; **Knuckles** 4:30pm-12am Su-F, 4:30pm-1am Saturday

Check in-room for **room service menu** ... available 6am-12am.

Additional local restaurant advice may be found on page 2 of this and future editions of the daily bulletin.

Once again, we are here to feed you and listen to all of your trials and tribulations at the bridge table. If you need something just ask... we might not be able to help but we will surely try.

Getting to the Airport in Comfort:

There is no shuttle from the hotel to the airport. We recommend that you call **Windy City Limousine** to arrange transportation **(866) 94-WINDY**. Their drivers are courteous and helpful ... and unlike many of the cab drivers, they speak English and know their way around the city and the suburbs.

More "Best of Late Night"

"You know what's exciting is the 'American Idol'? Do you folks watch the 'American Idol'? And you know what? It looks like that kid Sanjaya could win the whole thing. When is Al Sharpton going to step in on this one?" -David Letterman

"Because of the storms back east, over two hundred fifty thousand people are still without power. In fact, it is so bad in Washington D.C., Attorney General Alberto Gonzales had to resort to destroying emails by hand." -Jay Leno

"More people running for president. Republican Congressman Duncan Hunter has filed papers to run for president. But in his official filing, he misspelled the word "president." Political experts say it's all part of his plan to attract Bush supporters." -Conan O'Brien

"Last night on Fox News, host Sean Hannity said his opinion of the Don Imus scandal is that conservatives are going to be the victims of this. So Don Imus insults the Rutgers women's basketball team and who's the victim? Rich white guys."

-Jay Leno

"A marathon will be run at the North Pole. The winner is the guy who runs 26 miles and can still find his testicles." -Conan O'Brien

"In a recent interview, first lady Laura Bush said she can't fall asleep at night without reading. She says that her nightstand holds so many books she fears it may collapse. I guess that makes it easy to tell what side of the bed is hers." -Jay Leno

"I wouldn't worry about Imus. He's already working on a new show, "The Amazing Racist." -Craig Ferguson

"Don Imus apologized to another girls basketball team today: The New York Knicks." -Jay Leno

"By God, here's good news, ladies and gentlemen: our good friend Regis Philbin is returning to his show a week from Thursday, a week from tomorrow. That will be tremendous. And, you know, he had what turned out to be a triple bypass surgery, and the same guys who did my surgery also did Regis Philbin's surgery. They're tremendous. And the pain is, you really don't feel much because they go in through your wallet." -David Letterman

"And Regis is doing great. He's in tremendous shape. And I was thinking about it: this is not the first major surgery Regis has had. Are you aware of this? Remember seven year ago, he had Kathie Lee removed." -David Letterman

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Newspaper Headlines in the Year 2035

Ozone created by electric cars now killing millions in the seventh largest country in the world, California.
White minorities still trying to have English recognized as California's third language.
Spotted Owl plague threatens northwestern United States crops & livestock.
Baby conceived naturally.... Scientists stumped.
Authentic year 2000 "chad" sells at Sotheby's for \$4.6 million.
Castro finally dies at age 112; Cuban cigars can now be imported legally, but President Chelsea Clinton has banned all smoking.
George Z. Bush says he will run for President in 2036.
35 year study: diet and exercise is the key to weight loss.
Upcoming NFL draft likely to focus on use of mutants.
Average height of NBA players now nine feet, seven inches.
Microsoft announces it has perfected its newest version of Windows so it crashes BEFORE installation is completed.
New federal law requires that all nail clippers, screw-drivers and baseball bats must be registered by January 2036.

Keep in Mind...

Love is grand; divorce is at least a hundred grand.
Time may be a great healer, but it's also a lousy beautician.
Remember: amateurs built the ark, professionals built the Titanic.
Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.
Conscience is what hurts when everything else feels so good.
An optimist thinks that this is the best possible world. A pessimist fears that this is true.
Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just stand there.
My inferiority complex is not as good as yours is.
I am having an out of money experience.
It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.

Interview With A Blonde...

The local sheriff in a small suburban town was looking for a deputy. He posted ads in the paper, and sure enough, Lisa, a wonderful looking blonde, went in to try out for the job. She wasn't the sharpest nail in the bucket, but seeing as she had a natural charisma about her, the sheriff gave her an interview...

"Okay," the sheriff drawled, "Lisa, what is 1 and 1?"

"11!" she enthusiastically replied.

The sheriff thought to himself, "That's not what I meant, but she's right in a way..."

"What two days of the week start with the letter 'T'?"

"That's easy," the blonde replied. "Today and tomorrow!"

The sheriff was again surprised that Lisa supplied a correct answer that he had never thought of himself.

He thought of his next question carefully to make sure there could be no equivocation about the answer:

"Now Lisa, listen carefully: Who killed Abraham Lincoln?"

Lisa looked a little surprised, thought really hard for a minute and finally admitted, "I don't know."

"Well, why don't you go home and work on that one for a while," the sheriff replied with satisfaction.

So, Lisa wandered over to the salon where her pals were waiting to hear the results of the interview.

"How'd it go?" they all asked.

Lisa was ecstatic. "It went great! First day on the job and I'm already working on a murder case!"

OUR PRESIDENT

Before his 2001 inauguration, George Bush was invited to a get acquainted tour of the White House.

After drinking several glasses of iced tea, he asked Bill Clinton if he could use his personal bathroom.

When he entered Clinton's personal bathroom, he was astonished to see that President Clinton had a solid gold urinal.

That afternoon, George told his wife, Laura, about the urinal.

"Just think," he said, "when I am president, I could have a gold urinal too. But I wouldn't do something that self-indulgent! "

Later when Laura had lunch with Hillary at her tour of the White House, she told Hillary how impressed George had been at his discovery of the fact that, in the President's private bathroom, the President had a gold urinal.

That evening, when Bill and Hillary were getting ready for bed, Hillary smiled, and said to Bill...

"I found out who Pissed in your Saxophone."

"Boys will be boys, and so will a lot of middle-aged men."

- Kin Hubbard

VIENNA COUP - A Tribute to the Birthday Girl!!

(From Bulletin of NABC-Phoenix): **Rena Hetzer** and Ruth Hamilton may not have set the LM qualifiers on fire but Hetzer displayed nice technique here.

♠ A 5 3
♥ K 9 7 4
♦ A 4
♣ K Q 9 6

♠ 10 8 6 2 ♠ K J 7 4
♥ 6 2 ♥ Q J 8 5 3
♦ 10 9 8 5 3 2 ♦ K Q J
♣ 10 ♣ 5

♠ Q 9
♥ A 10
♦ 7 6
♣ A J 8 7 4 3 2



On June 4, 780 -BC- 1st total solar eclipse reliably recorded by Chinese
and **on June 4, 1070** Roquefort cheese created in a cave near Roquefort, France
and **on June 4, 1825** Unseasonable hurricane hits NYC
and **on June 4, 1940** 1st night game at Forbes Field (Pirates 14, Braves 2) & 1st NL night game at Sportsman's Park (Dodgers 10, Cardinals 1)

When Rena opened 1NT, Ruth (who admits to having celebrated her 90th birthday and who attracted Rena's admiration by deciding to play the Open, not the Women's, LM Pairs) raised to 3NT. On the ♦ K lead, Rena exhibited good technique. She ducked the first trick, won the diamond continuation, cashed the ♠ A and ran all the clubs. This was the three-card ending:

♠ --
♥ K97
♦ --
♣ --

♠ 10 ♠ K
♥ 6 2 ♥ Q J 8
♦ - ♦ --
♣ -- ♣ --

♠ Q
♥ A 10
♦ --
♣ -

1951 Pirate's Gus Bell hits for the cycle helps beat Phillies 12-4

1964 LA Dodger Sandy Koufax 3rd no-hitter beats Phil Phillies, 3-0

1981 E Bowell discovers asteroids #2494 Inge, #2797 Teucer, #2870 Haupt, #3169 Ostro & #3726

1949 "Cavalcade of Stars" debuts (DuMont); Jackie Gleason made host in 1950




Appropriately, on June 4, 1984 Bruce Springsteen released "Born in the USA"

And on June 4, 1968 Don Drysdale pitched his 6th straight shutout, en route to 58 innings

And on June 4, 1964 the Beatles "World Tour" began in Copenhagen Denmark

East still had to discard and was helpless – a perfect Vienna Coup. If he discarded the ♠ K, dummy's ♠ Q would be good. If he discarded a low heart, Rena could cash three hearts.

Born on your birthday, Rena:
 1738: George III, King of England during the Revolutionary War
 1919: Opera singer Robert Merrill
 1924: Actor Dennis Weaver
 1937: Singer Freddie Fender
 1953: Actor Parker Stevenson



On this date in history:
 1896: Henry Ford wheeled his first car from a brick shed in Detroit, and drove it around the darkened streets on a trial run.
 1985: The Supreme Court struck down an Alabama minute-of-silence law as specifically fostering classroom prayer.
 1989: Tiananmen Square massacre, at least hundreds of pro-democracy students were killed and thousands wounded as Chinese troops swept demonstrators from the square in Beijing.

A thought for your Day:
 Henry Ford said, "Might-have-beens can never be measured or verified; and yet sometimes it cannot be doubted that possibilities never realized were actual possibilities once."

Puzzle Page

There are 5 houses in 5 different colors in a row. In each house lives a person with a different nationality. The 5 owners drink a certain type of beverage, smoke a certain brand of cigar, and keep a certain pet. No owners have the same pet, smoke the same brand of cigar, or drink the same beverage.

Question: Who owns the fish?

Hints:

- The Brit lives in the red house.
- The Swede keeps dogs as pets.
- The Dane drinks tea.
- The green house is on the immediate left of the white house.
- The green house's owner drinks coffee.
- The owner who smokes Pall Mall rears birds.
- The owner living in the center house drinks milk.
- The owner of the yellow house smokes Dunhill.
- The Norwegian lives in the first house.
- The owner who smokes Blends lives next to the one who keeps cats.
- The owner who keeps the horse lives next to the one who smokes Dunhill.
- The owner who smokes Bluemasters drinks beer.
- The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.
- The German smokes Prince.
- The owner who smokes Blends lives next to the one who drinks water.

Solution at bottom of page... no peeking!

Car Troubles...

An blond was driving home on the freeway after work when she was hit by a hailstorm that left her car completely dented all over. She decided to go to a body shop and asked the owner how much he would charge to remove the dents. Seeing that she was a blond, he winked at his partner, and told her it wouldn't cost anything if she followed his instructions carefully.

She drove home and when her blond roommate came out of the house she found her friend sitting on the ground at the back of the car blowing really hard in the tail pipe.

"What on earth are you doing" she asked.

Her friend looking up with big smile and a black ring around her mouth said "The man at the body shop told me that I could save a lot of money on repair work if I blew really hard into the tail pipe. he said that all the dents would pop out"

"Duhhh" said her friend, "but first you have to roll up all the windows!!!"

Beauty and The Beast...

When Bob found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a woman to enjoy it with. So one evening he went to a singles bar where he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen.

Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said as he walked up to her, "but in just a week or two my father will die, and I'll inherit 20 million dollars."

Impressed, the woman went home with him that evening.

Three days later, she became his stepmother.

If you are very good, you do not need the hint "The owner who smokes Blends lives next to the one who drinks water." " to find the solution.
The German owns the fish.

Hands from the Sulgrove - Baker Match

Board 2
Dealer: E
N/S Vul.

♠ AT96
♥ KQJ5
♦ 5
♣ AT52

♠ KJ8732
♥ 3
♦ 962
♣ J63



♠ Q5
♥ Ax
♦ KQT4
♣ KQ974

♠ 4
♥ T98764
♦ AJ873
♣ 8

Yesterday, Valerie Westheimer quoted Lynn Baker on VuGraph as saying, **“Women’s bridge is like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic!”** I’m not sure what that means, but I think it is a great line!

East	South	West	North
Deas	Wheeler	Palmer	Bernstein
1♣ (strong)	Pass	1♦ (negative)	Double (majors)
1NT	2♥	Pass	Pass
2NT	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

This board reminds me of a hand Mary Gardner and I played in a Regional Women’s Swiss many years ago. We were comparing with our teammates after the match. They said, “passed out” and we said, “+980!”

Here is a hand where you would expect one side or the other to get to the game. The above auction occurred in the Closed Room. It must take more than six card support to boost your partner to the three level these days... after a vulnerable takeout for the majors ...

Of course, Deas could not imagine this was the hand. She balanced in an effort to push the opponents higher... dangerous in this case, since game was cold. Wheeler came to life now and showed her diamonds. Of course, that did not improve Bernstein’s hand at all... plus how could she imagine this shape on this auction? North/South settled in three hearts making five.

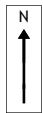
In the Open Room, the ladies were no more aggressive. Baker/Sanborn never took a call with the N/S cards and McGarry and Kranyak bid quietly to three spades making three, and picking up 8 IMPs in the process.

Summon the Police! Someone’s Stealing...

Board 8
Dealer: W
None Vul.

♠ 95
♥ QJ54
♦ AK5
♣ T943

♠ KJ632
♥ A973
♦ 9
♣ Q75



♠ 74
♥ 862
♦ T76
♣ AJ82

♠ AQJ8
♥ KT
♦ QJ843
♣ K6

West	North	East	South
Palmer	Bernstein	Deas	Wheeler
1♠ (light opener)	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Wheeler tanked a long time before her last pass. She didn’t want to throw in the towel, but she had no convenient bid. Two hearts went down three at 50 a pop. Still, it was a better than defending no-trump on a major suit lead.

In the other room, Kranyak and McGarry had the same auction up to two hearts. McGarry preferenced two spades and they played it there. Two spades went down only two so Sulgrove picked up another 2 IMPs on the hand.

The VuGraph commentators (mostly men in this room) are snoozing!! They want more action!

Maximum Pressure ... Hands from the Narasimham/Quinn Match

Board 21
Dealer: N
N/S Vul.

♠ Jxx
♥ Axx
♦ Kxx
♣ KQJx

♠ xxx
♥ QJ9xx
♦ xx
♣ xxx



♠ AT
♥ KTxxx
♦ JTxx
♣ xx

♠ KOxxxx
♥
♦ AQxx
♣ ATxx

On this board, Hansa Narasimham gets credit for trusting her partner and putting maximum pressure on the opponents with an aggressive raise.

North	East	South	West
Sue Picus	Irina Levitina	Shawn Quinn	Narasimham
1♣	1♥	1♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♣	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

South's seven club bid is questionable given that she had already shown a very good hand and invited, if not forced, slam. Without Hansa's four heart interference, avoiding seven off an ace would have been routine. In fact, at the other table, where Disa held the East cards and Rosanne Pollack held the West cards, the first three bids were identical, but Rosanne only bid three hearts and the opponents were able to find the excellent six club slam.

Levin/Meyers Stymie the Field on This One!

Levin and Meyers, North/South, take the advice of Bob Hamman and bid 3NT whenever it seems right!

While the other tables in the USWBC Semi-finals landed in 4♥, a tricky contract at best, Levin and Meyers found the easy 3NT on the following auction:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Board 23
Dealer: S
All Vul.

♠ JTx
♥ AJ7
♦ Tx
♣ AKJxx

♠ K8xx
♥ KQ952
♦ 9xx
♣ x



♠ 9xx
♥
♦ Kxxx
♣ T9xxxx

♠ AQx
♥ T8643
♦ AQJx
♣ Q

At two of the other tables, South bid two spades instead of 3NT (too much science!) and at the fourth table, North raised one heart directly to four (too little science!) The results were varied with one declarer taking only nine tricks and one taking ten tricks in four hearts doubled. Three no-trump is so much simpler... Congrats to Levin/Meyers for finding it.

There was this little guy sitting in a bar, drinking his beer, minding his own business when all of a sudden this great big dude comes in and -- WHACK!! -- knocks him off the bar stool and onto the floor. The big dude says, "That was a karate chop from Korea!"

The little guy thinks "GEEZ," but he gets back up on the stool and starts drinking again when all of a sudden -- WHACK!! -- the big dude knocks him down AGAIN and says, "That was a judo chop from Japan."

So the little guy has had enough of this... He gets up, brushes himself off and quietly leaves. The little guy is gone for an hour or so. But he thinks for awhile and thinks, "Why shouldn't I be at the bar if I want to?"

"He walks up behind the big dude and -- WHAM!!!" -- knocks the big dude off his stool, knocking him out cold!!! The little guy looks at the bartender and says, "When he gets up, tell him that's a crowbar from Sears!"

Hands from USBC

Board 5
Dealer: N
N/S Vul.

♠ T76
♥ 65
♦ AQ7
♣ JT742

♠ QJ3
♥ KT74
♦ J3
♣ AK53



♠ 952
♥ J3
♦ KT98654
♣ 8

♠ AK84
♥ AQ982
♦ 2
♣ Q96

At both tables East opened 3♦ and South doubled.

When Tom Carmichael held the North cards, he chose to bid 4♣. This was passed around to Kit Woolsey in the West seat and he doubled.

The opening lead was the jack of hearts. Woolsey won this and switched to the queen of spades. This was won in dummy and the nine of clubs was played to Kit's king.

At this point, Woolsey played the jack of spades and declarer was now able to cash two spades and take ten tricks on a cross ruff.

At the other table, Dan Morse decided to try 3NT in response to his partner's takeout double. This was passed around to Marty Harris who doubled to end the auction.

Interestingly, the opening lead was again the heart jack, however this time, it met with more success. Morse finessed and Harris won the heart king. He now switched to the diamond jack and Morse ducked twice. Now Morgan, East, played a club and Morse won in hand. He now cashed the ace of diamonds and played a heart, losing to Harris' ten. Harris cashed the clubs for down two and

a fifteen IMP swing! Notice that the auctions were identical including all doubles and passes other than the 3NT/4♣ contract placing bids by North.

Lead Leads to Confusion!

In the Deutsch/Gordon match, Steve Weinstein of the Gordon team, made an excellent choice of leads against 2NT when he lead low from Kx in his partner's suit. In most cases, this lead could be expected to block the spade suit, however on this hand, it created an entry to the South hand that would be valuable later.

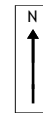
Bramley won the first trick with his ace of spades and played on diamonds. Weinstein covered the jack with his queen (editors note: This usually results with the queen and king compressing on the same trick when we do it!!). In this case it worked just fine. Bramley won the ace of diamonds and continued the suit to Levin's king. Levin now played the ten of spades, jack, king, and Weinstein set up his diamonds. Now when Bramley played a heart to Weinstein's jack, he was able to cash two diamonds and exit with a club, eventually taking the setting trick with his king of hearts.

Bramley guessed badly on the hand, but the lead clearly misled him.

Board 13
Dealer: N
Both Vul.

♠ QT983
♥ 83
♦ K3
♣ QT97

♠ 6
♥ Q754
♦ AT42
♣ AK54



♠ AJ742
♥ AT6
♦ J9
♣ 862

♠ K5
♥ KJ92
♦ Q8765
♣ J3

North	East	South	West
Levin	Bramley	Weinstein	Lazard
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Some people have taken offense at joking comments in the Boris and Natasha predictions. None of it is meant to be taken seriously. Nothing in any of these bulletins is intended to be offensive. We are all volunteers and we are trying to provide you with a little entertainment as a break from the seriousness of the game. Ed.

USWBC: The [NARASIMHAN team](#) came back from 33 down in an exciting final quarter to beat the [QUINN team](#) in their semi-final match. The [SULGROVE team](#) led most of the way in their win against [BAKER](#) in the other semi-final. The winners of the finals between Narasimhan and Sulgrove will be USA 1 for the Venice Cup in Shanghai. Quinn and Baker will play in the first Playoff to determine which of them gets to play the loser of the finals to choose USA2 for Shanghai.

		<u>Total</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	
3	O'Rourke	50	13	37	
14	Schuett	43	39	4	
4	Meltzer	73	43	30	
13	Einberg	32	15	17	USBC
5	Gordon	63	14	49	
12	Deutsch	56	33	23	
6	Schwartz	100	38	62	
11	Allegaert	70	54	16	
7	Robinson	91	23	68	
10	Harris	58	33	25	

Boris and Natasha ... revisited ...

Boris feels like he ate some spoiled borscht. Boris was making joke about comrades Wold and Passell and never imagined that anyone would have feelings hurt. Boris is deeply sorry that anything was taken as a slap to these fine fellows. Boris loves and respects both of them. It was inside joke and they were never dumped at all. It was comedy of errors. To explain all, would make worse. Comrades Mike and Eddie, Boris asks you to forgive and come over for big meal later.

In **Open**, Boris gets 7 out of 9 correct. Natasha, you pick like parrot eating turnip.

90 board matches gives Boris some wiggle room here. But Boris go out on tree and pick winners right now. Not so easy with all great players and teams and good food at hospitality. Boris a little tired, but only 7 more days to play. The great winter of 72 much worse. To business.....

Meltzer-Einberg: The Einberg team did great to escape the RR 1 and 2 but they have run into the first lady of bridge. This four time world champion has dropped in and will drop a haymaker.

Deutsch-Gordon: Boris has a few rubles bet on this one. Nail biter down to the wire when Deutsch pulls ahead as youth and seniority are well represented. Tough Gordon team, but 1st time out is hardest.

Harris-Robinson: Harris cruised 4 handed through the RR 1 and 2, but this is the Big leagues now. The Little People, aided by the Old People, put their horrendous losing streak behind them. Kit and Fred take charge and the Harris team cannot overcome the "big" club of the "Little" people.

O'Rourke-Schuett: The powerful O'Rourke team which I predicted would cruise out of the RR plays the Chicago team which had a RR bye. Note that they played well and didn't need it. O'Rourke could go in overconfident and find themselves looking up. Schuett needs to fire on all 6 cylinders in order to win this match. Anything less than that will send them driving home. While O'Rourke looks best on paper, this could be the upset special. Don't bet your borscht on it.

Schwartz-Allegart: I know that Allegart is off to an early lead, but Richie isn't here for a game of "HORSE". He is here to win. Drew Casen is the hottest player in bridge right now and will spread that to his teammates. Schwartz by 3 lengths.

Over to the Ladies: Quinn and Hansa are too close to call. I suggest you wait for the results. **Baker-Sulgrove:** Who are these people and where did they come from? There are some household names playing some unhousehold names. Well, you better learn those names, because they are Boris's upset special of the week! Baker has 3 players playing every hand and that is physically and mentally draining. Boris used to play 4 handed and it was like trying to take a bath with a rake. Sulgrove to China Boris very tired now. Playing, writing, apologizing very stressful. Will be happy when all over.

Natasha is insulted by the parrot eating turnip remark. She loves parrots and hates turnips! Now that the ladies semi-finals are completed, the long battle starts. Natasha and **Narasimhan** start with the same two letters, so how can she pick anyone else? Hansa's team will cover the spread and wear out the **Sulgrove** team before the long battle for US2. In the meantime, the five girl **Baker** team will wear down the four handed **Quinn** squad and win the battle against **Sulgrove** for the coveted US2 spot.