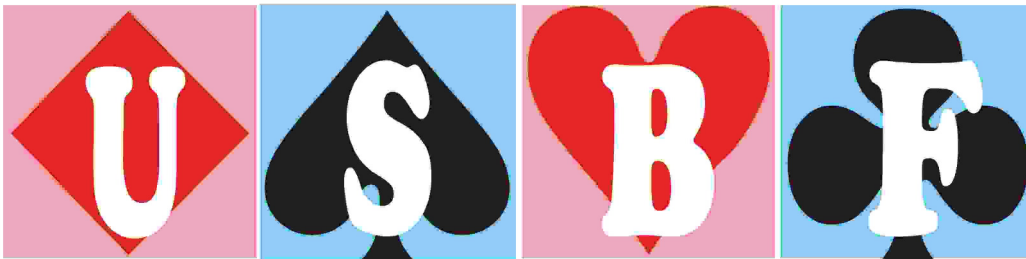




Volume 4, Issue 2
June 18, 2010



UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

Welcome from the Chief Operations Officer, Jan Martel



Hi everyone!

Welcome to the Windy City. It's great to have you here. We hope you are settled in the hotel and ready to play. Today is the start of the competition. Our hospitality crew has everything in place to offer you the same excellent service you've come to expect at these tournaments. Barbara and Joan will

do whatever is necessary to keep you and your guests happy, fed and entertained!

Please note that today's hard copy bulletin is only four pages long. We have decided to offer the complete bulletin on-line with team lists, kibitzing rules, round robin details, VuGraph information, etc. repeated from day to day as applicable... but to print only the four front pages (the “news” so to speak) for our attendees in hard copy. This will keep down our costs and allow us to offer you the best goodies from day one! You all have access to the Internet and can download the online version. Otherwise, refer to your pre-bulletin please.

If there is anything you need, please let one of our many volunteers know. We are here to improve your stay at the site. Good luck to you all! “Play Bridge!!”

Kibitzer Activities:

Arts & Culture

The Museum of Science and Industry 23 mi.
John Hancock Observatory 15.0 miles
Adler Planetarium 18.0 miles
Field Museum 18.0 miles

Local Attractions

Arlington Park Racecourse 10.0 miles
Empress 20.0 miles
Victoria Casino 20.0 miles

Recreation

Lincoln Park Zoo 15.0 miles
Shedd Aquarium 18.0 miles
Great America Park 40.0 miles

Shopping

Woodfield Mall 7.0 miles
Oakbrook Shopping Center 12.0 miles

Entertainment

Allstate Arena (aka Rosemont Horizon) .1 mi.
Ravinia Festival (Music Arena) 20.0 miles

Parking Info: Parking in the hotel lot is \$18 for 8+ hours; \$12 for 8 or less hours; BUT there is a free parking garage behind the hotel. It can be accessed from the hotel driveway or off of Zemke Road which is just South of the hotel. To park for free, push the speaker button and explain that you are a guest of the hotel. You will be allowed to enter and park. To leave the garage, simply push the exit button at the gate.

USBF President

Bill Pollack

USBF

Vice President

Steve Beatty

USBF Secretary

Joan Gerard

USBF Treasurer

Sylvia Moss

USBF Chief Operations Officer

Jan Martel

USBF Chief Financial Officer

Barbara Nudelman

Directors - USBC

Chris Patrias
Sol Weinstein

Operations Manager

Ken Horwedel

Appeals Coordinator

Joan Gerard

Appeals Administrator

Bill Rosenbaum

Appeals Committee

Joan Gerard
Bill Rosenbaum
Ron Gerard
Robb Gordon

Henry Bethé
Jeffrey Polisner
Peggy Sutherland
John Sutherland
Bart Bramley
Adam Wildavsky
Doug Doub
Bill Pollack
Chip Martel

VuGraph Organizers

Jan Martel
Joe Stokes

Bulletin Editor

Suzi Subeck

Hospitality Chairs

Barbara Nudelman
Joan Gerard

Webmaster

Kitty Cooper

Volunteer Coordinator

Tom Sucher

Take the Lead!

Board 3
E/W Vul.
Dealer: S

♠ 873
♥ K86
♦ 9752
♣ KQ7

♠ T2
♥ A9752
♦ K83
♣ T53



♠ K654
♥ J4
♦ A
♣ AJ9862

♠ AQJ9
♥ QT3
♦ QJT64
♣ 4

Aker	Rosenberg	Richter	Feldman
West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	2♣	1♦
2♥	3♦	Pass	2♦
Pass			Pass

Jeff Aker, practicing on-line with partner, Brad Richter, against Mark Feldman and Michael Rosenberg, found a great lead to beat this part score.

It looked like Feldman had only four losers: the diamond ace and king, the club ace, and the heart ace. However, after trick one, the contract was doomed.

Aker led the ten of spades... successfully avoiding removal of either entry from his partner's hand while waiting patiently for his soon to be available spade ruff.

Declarer won the ten of spades with the queen and played the jack of diamonds to East's ace. Richter won and continued spades. Feldman inserted the jack and played a low diamond toward dummy's nine.

Aker was ready. He pounced with his king, played a club to his partner's ace, and got his ruff for the setting trick. Leads from doubletons can be risky, but sometimes they're the only way to defeat a contract.

Hospitality Information From Barbara Nudelman

The hospitality suite for the 2010 USBC is Suite 1100. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament.

Please join us for:

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

Lunch will be served from 2:35-3:45 the first Sunday and thereafter (there will be no lunch served on the first Friday or Saturday). The hotel will have a buffet available on Friday, and if it gets enough participation, it will have one on Saturday too.

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks at any other time, except from 4:00-5:30 each afternoon, when the suite will be closed for refreshing.

There is free internet available in the lobby with free printing. If you use the internet in your room there is a charge.

The Best of Late Night...

"An American adventurer strapped himself to a bunch of helium balloons and floated from England to France. Immediately afterwards, people in Mexico asked 'Exactly how many balloons?'" Jimmy Fallon

"The Gulf oil spill, now officially the worst in U.S. history. In fact, they're calling this the biggest environmental disaster since the State of New Jersey." Jay Leno

"A new study found that the average person has lost an hour of sleep at night during the recession. Luckily, most of them can just sleep in late the next day." Jimmy Fallon

"British Petroleum is still trying to minimize the PR damage. You know what they said today? They said all the oil that spilled this month is on the house. No charge." Jay Leno

"Earlier today, British Petroleum began this operation known as 'top kill,' which comes on the heels of their previous operations, 'fish kill' and 'bird kill.'" Jay Leno

Some Things to Consider ...

"Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip." -Will Rogers

"Eighty percent of married men cheat in America. The rest cheat in Europe."

-Jackie Mason

"There are worse things in life than death. Have you ever spent an evening with an insurance salesman?"

- Woody Allen

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." - Thomas Edison

"We live in a Newtonian world of Einsteinian physics ruled by Frankenstein logic."

- David Russell

"A little inaccuracy sometimes saves tons of explanation."

- Saki

"The key to being a good manager is keeping the people who hate me away from those who are still undecided."

- Casey Stengel

A 17 IMP Swing ...

Board 9
E/W Vul.
Dealer: N

♠ 852
♥ J76
♦ AKT65
♣ T2

♠ Q9
♥ AT42
♦ QJ83
♣ 654



♠ KT763
♥ KO8
♦
♣ AKJ97

♠ AJ4
♥ 953
♦ 9742
♣ Q83

West	North	East	South
Roberto	Duboin	Totaro	Cayne
	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Bigdeli	Aslin	Janssens	Aydogdu
	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	2♦	3♣	3♦
3NT	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

While looking for hands from practice session, I came across this one... and I couldn't pass up a good 17 IMP swing!

At Jimmy Cayne's table, against four spades, Cayne led the four of diamonds. While it doesn't look like there are a lot of losers here, it isn't clear that there are ten winners.

Declarer played small and ruffed North's ten. He cashed the ace of clubs, the king of clubs, the king of hearts, queen of hearts, and led a heart to dummy's ace... everyone following! He then led the six of clubs, Duboin shedding a diamond, and Cayne winning his queen. Cayne exited a low diamond to the eight, ace, and ruffed. Declarer played the seven of clubs. Cayne discarded a diamond; declarer ruffed in dummy with the nine and Duboin threw a low diamond. The jack of diamonds was ruffed with the seven of spades.

Declarer now led the nine of clubs. Cayne ruffed low... declarer ruffed with dummy's queen... and Duboin was forced to under ruff with his deuce of trump! Cayne scored the last two tricks with his ace and jack of spades, but the contract succeeded for +620 East/West!

At the other table, things were even crazier! North led the ♥7. Looking at all four hands, it seems there might be enough time to collect four hearts, four clubs, and maybe a spade for a possible nine... if not, it will be down one!

North won the heart in dummy with the queen. He now played the three of spades to the queen and a club to the jack and queen. South shifted to the diamond nine... declarer played the queen; North played the king, and East pitched a low spade. North played a spade to his partner's jack and the seven of diamonds came through to the eight and ten. The five of spades was played to the ace, and the FOUR of diamonds was led to the three and the FIVE! Two more rounds of diamonds were cashed, and when the smoke cleared, the contract was down four for -1100 East/West and 17 IMPs!

Join us for breakfast, lunch, and dinner in our beautiful Luna Grille restaurant. Enjoy contemporary and creative American Cuisine in a casual setting. Breakfast features a bountiful hot and cold buffet as well as a menu full of early morning favorites. Lunch offerings include soups, salads, sandwiches, and more. Dinners range from entrée salads and pasta dishes to steaks, seafood, and pizzas, all part of Sheraton Cuisine essential menus. Reasonable prices with outstanding service await you.

Restaurants & Lounges at the Sheraton:

LUNA GRILL

Cuisine: American
hours: 6:00 AM - 2:00 PM; 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Atmosphere: All Day Dining

72 WEST LOUNGE

Cuisine: Bar Menu
hours: 2:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Atmosphere: Casual



**Eating
at the
Sheraton**

Board 7
All Vul.
Dealer: S

♠ QJT95
♥ AJ85
♦ J83
♣ Q

♠ K83
♥ 9742
♦ T94
♣ T42



♠ 6
♥ KQT63
♦ KQ765
♣ A9

♠ A742
♥
♦ A2
♣ KJ87653

West	North	East	South
	M. Rosenberg		Mark Feldman
Pass	1♠	Double	1♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♠

West	North	East	South
L. Stansby	Janice Molson	J. Stansby	D. Rosenberg
Pass	1♠	2♣	1♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	5♠

What a difference a lead makes!! At Michael Rosenberg's table, against four spades, East led an innocent king of hearts. Hearts hadn't been bid North/South and his pips were slightly better in that suit. Michael was able to win the heart with the ace in hand, pitching his diamond loser, and claim five.

At the other table, Janice Molson made an effort to get to slam. She tried five hearts. Had Joanna Stansby led the king of hearts, she too would have made five. Having been warned off that lead, Joanna led the king of diamonds. Janice won this in dummy and couldn't get off the board without giving up the lead. Janice tried a club to the queen, but Joanna won her ace, cashed her diamond, and waited for Lew's offside king of trump!

Chuck Norris Exposed...

When the Boogeyman goes to sleep every night, he checks his closet for Chuck Norris.
 Chuck Norris doesn't read books. He stares them down until he gets the information he wants.
 There is no theory of evolution. Just a list of creatures Chuck Norris has allowed to live.
 Outer space exists because it's afraid to be on the same planet with Chuck Norris.
 Chuck Norris does not sleep. He waits.
 Chuck Norris is currently suing NBC, claiming Law and Order are trademarked names for his left and right legs.
 Chuck Norris is the reason why Waldo is hiding.
 Chuck Norris counted to infinity - twice.
 There is no chin behind Chuck Norris beard. There is only another fist.
 When Chuck Norris does a pushup, he isn't lifting himself up, he's pushing the Earth down.
 Chuck Norris is so fast, he can run around the world and punch himself in the back of the head.
 Chuck Norris hand is the only hand that can beat a Royal Flush.
 There is no such thing as global warming. Chuck Norris was cold, so he turned the sun up.
 Chuck Norris can lead a horse to water AND make it drink.
 Chuck Norris doesn't wear a watch, HE decides what time it is.
 Chuck Norris gave Mona Lisa that smile.
 Chuck Norris can slam a revolving door.
 Chuck Norris does not get frostbite. Chuck Norris bites frost.
 Remember the Soviet Union? They decided to quit after watching a DeltaForce marathon on Satellite TV.
 Contrary to popular belief, America is not a democracy, it is a Chucktatorship.

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

"In Hollywood a marriage is a success if it outlasts milk." -Rita Rudner

Sudoku

Solution to today's Sudoku

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

In Seeding Order

A fat woman goes to the doctors and asks 'what's the easiest exercise I can do to help me lose weight?'

He replies, 'shake your head from side to side,' she asks 'how often should I do this?'

Doctor says 'every time you're offered food'

Nickell	Bye to Rnd of 8	Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth	Ralph Katz Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell
Diamond	Bye to Rnd of 8	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Brad Moss	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Fred Gitelman
Fleisher	Bye to Rnd of 8	Martin Fleisher, Capt Bobby Levin Chip Martel	Michael Kamil Steve Weinstein Lew Stansby
Meltzer	Bye to Rnd of 16	Rose Meltzer, Capt Alan Sontag Michael Rosenberg	Kyle Larsen David Berkowitz Mark Feldman
Robinson	Bye to Rnd of 16	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Adam Wildavsky	Peter Boyd Fred Stewart Doug Doub
Schwartz		Richard Schwartz, Capt Russell Ekeblad Drew Casen	Matthew Granovetter Ron Rubin Jim Krekorian
Welland		Roy Welland, Capt Steve Garner Ron Smith	Chris Willenken Howard Weinstein Billy Cohen
Jacobs		George Jacobs, Capt Chris Compton Marc Jacobus	Steve Beatty Bart Bramley Eddie Wold
Mahaffey		Jim Mahaffey, Capt Peter Weichsel Sam Lev	Mike Passell Michael Seamon Jacek Pszczola
Gordon		Mark Gordon, Capt Curtis Cheek John Hurd	Pratap Rajadhyaksha Joe Grue Joel Wooldridge
Milner		Reese Milner, Capt John Mohan Robert Blanchard	Gary Cohler Roger Bates Shane Blanchard
Rogoff		Bruce Rogoff, Capt Doug Simson Xiaodong Shi	Josh Parker Walter Johnson Jiang Gu
Deutsch		Seymon Deutsch, Capt Justin Lall Kevin Bathurst	John Kranyak Hemant Lall
Harris		Martin Harris, Capt Stephen Landen	Jacob Morgan Dan Gerstman
Chan		Lapt Chan, Capt Renee Mancuso	Christal Henner Sheri Winestock
Cohen		Mark Cohen, Capt Jeff Aker Greg DeFotis	Milt Rosenberg Brady Richter Harold Mouser
Miller		Jeffrey Miller, Capt Jeffrey Schuett David Yang	William Wickham Dick Bruno Greg Hinze
Demirev		Darina Demirev, Capt Will Engel Nik Demirev	Howard Liu Daniel Levin William Watson
Stauber		Allan Stauber, Capt Kerri Sanborn	Stephen Sanborn Lewis Finkel
Weinstein		Jonathan Weinstein, Capt Clement Jackson	Franco Baseggio Josh Sher
Todd		Robert Todd, Capt Les Bart	McKenzie Myers Gloria Bart
Rosenfeld		Jason Rosenfeld, Capt Victor Chubukov	Drew Becker Eric Mayefsky
Zeller		Michael Zeller, Capt Matthew Meckstroth	Kelley Zeller Cameron Shunta

All About Kibitzing

WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. However, except in the Open Room during the Round Robin, you will be subject to the following regulations:

Kibitzers may enter the room **ONLY** at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed. A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next session.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

Screens

All of the USBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see much, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBF KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

1. General Rules
 - a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
 - b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
2. In the Open Room:
 - a. If there is a live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room, kibitzers shall abide by the same rules as those applicable to the Closed Room.
 - b. If there is no live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room then kibitzers, media, and NPC's may enter and return until such time as any table from the closed room has finished the segment. Once any table in the Closed room has finished, no one may return to the Open room after leaving unless escorted while absent.
 - c. In either event, Open Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room and returning (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
3. In the Closed Room:
 - a. Kibitzers must enter the Closed Room before play commences. Kibitzers in the closed room are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Closed Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
 - b. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
 - c. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.

VuGraph Information

The 2010 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16, in which we will probably cover 3 or 4 matches (there will be 5 matches in the Round of 16). The Round of 16 starts in the afternoon of Monday, June 21st. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website (www.bridgebase.com)** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch or download the BBO software to run BBO on your computer. If you choose the latter approach, after downloading, install the software on your computer, log on, follow the directions to become a BBO member and you'll be magically transported to the Lobby of the largest bridge club in the world. Click on the button labeled VUGRAPH THEATRE and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch. For cell phone logon, go to **www.bridgebase.com/mobile**.

There will usually be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site <http://www.bridgebase.com/vugraph/schedule.php>**)

10:00-12:10

12:25-2:35

3:45-5:55

6:10-8:20

During the Semifinals and Finals, all of the teams will play the same boards, unless one or more matches gets sufficiently far behind that they have to start later than the other match, in which case, for security reasons, they will play different boards.

During the Rounds of 32, 16 & 8, each team will play a different set of boards.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2010 USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

You can usually find the hand records for Vugraph matches on the PSBRIDGE website at

<http://psbridge.gotdns.com/bbo/allvug/>, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2010USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

State Mottos... or NOT!

Alabama - Heck Yes, We Have Electricity.
Alaska - 11,623 Eskimos Can't Be Wrong!
Arizona - But It's A Dry Heat.
Arkansas - Literacy Ain't Everything.
California - By 30, Our Women Have More Plastic Than Your Honda.
Colorado - If You Don't Ski, Don't Bother.
Connecticut - Like Massachusetts, Only The Kennedy's Don't Own It Yet.
Delaware - We Really Do Like The Chemicals In Our Water.
Florida - Ask Us About Our Grandkids, and Home Of The Early Bird Special
Georgia - We Put The Fun In Fundamentalist Extremism.
Hawaii - Haka Tiki Mou Sha'ami Leeki Toru (Death To Mainland Scum, Leave Your Money)
Idaho - More Than Just Potatoes... Well, Okay, We're Not, But The Potatoes Sure Are Real Good
Illinois - Please, Don't Pronounce the "S"
Indiana - 2 Billion Years Tidal Wave Free
Iowa - We Do Amazing Things With Corn
Kansas - First Of The Rectangle States
Kentucky - Five Million People; Fifteen Last Names
Louisiana - Were Not ALL Drunk Cajun Wackos, But That's Our Tourism Campaign.
Maine - Were Really Cold, But We Have Cheap Lobster
Maryland - If You Can Dream It, We Can Tax It
Massachusetts - Our Taxes Are Lower Than Sweden's
Michigan - First Line Of Defense From The Canadians
Minnesota - 10,000 Lakes...And 10,000,000,000,000 Mosquitoes

Mississippi - Come And Feel Better About Your Own State
Missouri - Your Federal Flood Relief Tax Dollars At Work
Montana - Land Of The Big Sky, The Unabomber, Right-wing Crazies, and Very Little Else.

Nebraska - Ask About Our State Motto Contest

Nevada - Prostitutes and Poker!

New Hampshire - Go Away And Leave Us Alone

New Jersey - You Want A ##\$%##! Motto? I Got Yer ##\$%##! Motto Right here!

New Mexico - Lizards Make Excellent Pets

New York - You Have The Right To Remain Silent; You Have The Right To An Attorney...

North Carolina - Tobacco Is A Vegetable

North Dakota - We Really Are One Of The 50 States!

Ohio - At Least We're Not Michigan

Oklahoma - Like The Play, But No Singing

Oregon - Spotted Owl...It's What's For Dinner

Pennsylvania - Cook With Coal

Rhode Island - Were Not REALLY An Island

South Carolina - Remember The Civil War? Well, We Didn't Actually Surrender Yet

South Dakota - Closer Than North Dakota

Tennessee - The Edyoocashun State

Texas - Se Hablo Ingles

Utah - Our Jesus Is Better Than Your Jesus

Vermont - Ay, Yep

Virginia - Who Says Government Stiffs And Slackjaw Yokels Don't Mix?

Washington - We Have More Rain Than You Do

West Virginia - One Big Happy Family...Really!

Wisconsin - Come Cut The Cheese!

Wyoming - Where Men Are Men... And The Sheep Are Scared

ROUND ROBIN INFORMATION

There are 18 teams entered in the Round Robin. They are divided into 2 divisions, the Bulls and the Bears.

Assigning Teams to Divisions

Teams will be separated into two divisions as follows:

The highest seeded team in the Round Robin will be assigned to the Bears.

The second highest seeded team in the Round Robin will be assigned to the Bulls.

The next four highest seeded teams in the Round Robin will be separated into two pairs, with team 3 and team 6 one pair and team 4 and team 5 the other.

These pairs will be randomly assigned to the Bears and the Bulls.

This method of dividing each group of 4 teams into two pairs and randomly assigning the pairs to either Bears or Bulls will be repeated for the rest of the teams in the Round Robin.

Bears	Bulls
1. Schwartz	11 Welland
2. Jacobs	12 Mahaffey
3. Milner	13 Gordon
4. Rogoff	14 Deutsch
5. Chan	15 Harris
6. Miller	16 Cohen
7. Demirev	17 Stauber
8. Weinstein	18 Todd
9. Zeller	19 Rosenfeld

Each division will play a complete Round Robin of 9 board matches on Friday, June 18th and Saturday, June 19th. The matches will be scored using the **USBF 9 Board Victory Point Scale** (see page 6). At the end of this Round Robin, the 3 teams in each division with the lowest number of Victory Points will be eliminated.

On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, the 12 teams remaining in the Round Robin after stage 1 will play 6 more matches, with each surviving team playing each of the surviving teams from the other division. These matches will also be 9 boards long and scored using the USBF VP scale. Each team will carryover its full VPs from matches against the surviving teams in its division, and a percentage of the VPs from matches against teams that have been eliminated.

How the carryover is to be calculated.

Carryover From First Stage of Round Robin

A. For matches between two teams that both continue to the second RR stage, there will be 100% carryover of VP scores.

B. Carryover from matches against the 3 non-qualifiers in each Division will be determined by a two-step process. The net result will be that the 6 Continuing Teams from Division A, as a group, will have exactly the same aggregate carryover (457.5 VPs) as the 6 Continuing Teams from Division B.

First step: if your team continues to RR2, we'll discount your score against each individual non-qualifier as follows:

(a) take that non-qualifier's total Winning Percent (its VPs/160); then

(b) double that Winning Percent ; and then

(c) multiply this second figure times your VP score against that team, to calculate your "Discounted Carryover Score."

(For example, suppose Grundy, a non-qualifier, scores 70 total VPs, for a 43.75% Winning Percent. If you beat Grundy by a score of 16 - 4 VPs, you'd get 87.5% (2 x 43.75%) of your 16 VPs against Grundy, so your Discounted Carryover Score from that match would be 14 VPs).

Second step: In each Division, the Continuing Teams collectively are entitled to a total of 157.5 carryover VPs from their matches vs. the non-qualifiers. To achieve that goal, we'll pro-rate their Discounted Carryover Scores vs. non-qualifiers, to ensure they sum to 157.5 (i.e., we'll multiply them by 157.5/X, where "X" is the aggregate of all their Discounted Carryover Scores).

(For example, for the Continuing Teams in Division A as a group, if their Discounted Carryover Scores vs. non-qualifiers sum to 210 VPs, each Continuing Team would get 75% (157.5 / 210) of its Discounted Carryover Scores vs. the non-qualifiers. In the Grundy example, you'd get 75% x 14 VPs, which yields a net carryover of 10.5 VPs from that match).

Provided, no VP score against any non-qualifier can end up counting for more than 100% of its original face value. If, in a rare case, it turns out the carryover formula would produce that result, scores against that non-qualifier will be factored down (pro-rated) to 100% of face value, while scores against the other two non-qualifiers will be factored up by a combined equal amount (so that total carryover from matches against all non-qualifiers still equals 157.5).

NOTE: Average carryover from the first stage to the second stage will be 76.25.

After the full Round Robin, the 8 teams with the highest VP totals will advance to the Round of 16, where they will be joined by the Meltzer & Robinson teams, who have byes to the Round of 16. The bracket for the KO stages of the USBC will be set before the Round of 16.

(Continued on page 9)

(Continued from page 8)

Setting the KO Bracket

After the Round Robin, the teams will be assigned numbers that establish the bracket for all of the Knockout rounds. We're often asked how the assignment is done, so here is what will happen. First, the team seeding points will be adjusted by adding 8 seeding points to the totals for each of the first and second place finishers in the Round Robin, 4 to the 3rd place finisher and 2 to the 4th place finisher. Then the teams qualifying from the Round Robin will be ranked based on their current seeding point totals. The teams will then be assigned KO team numbers as follows, subject to one other adjustment - the team that scored the highest Victory Point total in the Round Robin has the right, after the assignments have been done, to request that it be "re-shuffled" with its original shuffle group.

- 1 Nickell
- 2 Diamond
- 3 Fleisher or Meltzer randomly assigned
- 4
- 5 Robinson or highest seeded team
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 6
- 7 Second & third seeded teams
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 8
- 9 Fourth, fifth, sixth & seventh seeded teams
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13 Bye (loses to Fleisher in R16) & eighth ranked team
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish)
(numbers depend on 3-4 shuffle)
- 14
- 15-16 Byes (lose to Nickell & Diamond in Round of 16)

USBF 9 Board VP Scale

Gone Golfing...

One lovely morning, Ben and Thomas were out golfing. Ben slices his ball deep into a wooded ravine. He grabs his 8-iron and proceeds down the embankment into the ravine in search of his ball.

Ben searches diligently through the thick underbrush and suddenly he spots something shiny. As he gets closer, he realizes that the shiny object is in fact an 8-iron in the hands of a skeleton lying near an old golf ball.

Ben excitedly calls out to his golfing partner : "Hey Thomas, come here, I got big trouble."

Thomas runs to the ravine, "What's the matter Ben?"

Ben shouts back in a nervous voice: "Throw me my 7-iron! Looks like you can't get out of here with an 8-iron."

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	15	15	5	30	18.09	1.91
1	10.41	9.59	16	15.26	4.74	31	18.25	1.75
2	10.81	9.19	17	15.5	4.5	32	18.4	1.6
3	11.2	8.8	18	15.74	4.26	33	18.55	1.45
4	11.58	8.42	19	15.97	4.03	34	18.69	1.31
5	11.94	8.06	20	16.2	3.8	35	18.83	1.17
6	12.29	7.71	21	16.42	3.58	36	18.97	1.03
7	12.63	7.37	22	16.63	3.37	37	19.1	0.9
8	12.96	7.04	23	16.83	3.17	38	19.22	0.78
9	13.28	6.72	24	17.03	2.97	39	19.34	0.66
10	13.59	6.41	25	17.22	2.78	40	19.46	0.54
11	13.89	6.11	26	17.41	2.59	41	19.58	0.42
12	14.18	5.82	27	17.59	2.41	42	19.69	0.31
13	14.46	5.54	28	17.76	2.24	43	19.8	0.2
14	14.73	5.27	29	17.93	2.07	44	19.9	0.1
						45	20	0

There are 23 teams entered in the 2010 USBC. Dates and stages are:

Friday, June 18th, and first session Saturday, June 19th: RR1.

Second session Saturday, June 19th and first session Sunday, June 20th: RR2.

Top 8 teams join 2 teams with byes in the Round of 16

Second session Sunday, June 20th & all of Monday, June 21st: Round of 16 (90 board matches)

Tuesday, June 22 & Wednesday, June 23: Quarterfinal (120 board matches)

Thursday, June 24 & Friday, June 25: Semifinal (120 board matches)

Saturday, June 26 & Sunday, June 27: Final (120 board matches)

Kiddush tonight: Matt Granovetter will hold a Kiddush following the game this evening. There is a sign outside the playing area with detailed information on when and where. Everyone is welcome. We would be delighted to have you join us in this celebration of the Sabbath.