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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# “Trials” and Tribulations—Pre-Bulletin

## Welcome from Joan Gerard



Hi Everyone!

Welcome to the United States Bridge Championships.

Vegas is always a popular spot with bridge players but remember: Late night gambling can be hazardous to your morning bridge match!!

There are 15 teams in this year’s competition. We wish them all good luck. Not everyone can win, but everyone can have fun trying!

Please read through this Pre-Bulletin to learn about what we are planning to make your stay more comfortable.

Our VuGraph organizers will provide you with the best possible online coverage. Check the daily schedule on Bridge Base for match times.

This issue of the Daily Bulletin is a full issue. Subsequent issues will be approximately four pages in an effort to reduce printing costs. The “operational material” will not be repeated so refer to your pre-bulletin if you need to consult this information later in the week.

Have a great time while you’re here. There are golf courses, movie theaters, shops and more for “spouse” entertainment.

We will do whatever we can to make your visit a success. Here’s to a great USA2 to join Fleisher in representing us in the 2011 Bermuda Bowl! May the best team win!

Joan Gerard, USBF President

### From the Editor:

**Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. Team lists and schedules will not be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions in order to make room for new content at a substantial savings to the organization. Thank you!!**

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**"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."  
-Groucho Marx**

**Yogi Berra Quotes**

- "Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't come to yours."
- "Baseball is 90 percent mental. The other half is physical."
- "If the people don't want to come out to the park, nobody's gonna stop them."
- "No wonder nobody comes here; it's too crowded."
- "We made too many wrong mistakes."
- "You can observe a lot by just watching."
- "I usually take a two-hour nap from 1 to 4."

## 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. 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 segment.

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, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

### USBC 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).

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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.

### **2011 Women's International Team Trials**

The 2011 USWBC will select the two USA teams for the **2011 Venice Cup**, to be held in Eindhoven, the Netherlands October 15-29, 2011.

### **2011 Senior's International Team Trials**

The 2011 USSBC will select the two USA teams for the **2011 Senior Bowl**, to be held in Eindhoven, the Netherlands October 15-29, 2011.

### **LOCATION AND DATES**

The 2011 USWBC and USSBC will be held in Detroit, Michigan at the **Marriott Renaissance Center**. Room rate is \$115 plus tax for single or double rooms. To make reservations, call 800-352-0831.

The USWBC will start on Monday, June 6th and will end on Saturday, June 11th.

The USSBC will start on Monday, June 6th and will end on Saturday, June 11th.

For more information, go to the USBF website.

Bill and Sandy Arlinghaus are the local tournament chairs. Hospitality will be awesome. Don't miss the action online or if you are in the area, drop in to kibitz firsthand.



## VuGraph Information

The 2011 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 7 matches in the Round of 16). The Round of 16 starts on Tuesday, May 10. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can 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 and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch. To watch on your smartphone or I-Pad, go to **<http://www.bridgebase.com/mobile/>** and select the match you want to watch (you can also use this link on your computer but will have fewer options than with the normal BBO on your browser or Windows). **Ed. Note: AlwaysOnPC.com offers a suite that will give you full flash capabilities using Chrome or Firefox (also in the suite.) It runs \$20 for the I-Phone and \$25 for the I-Pad. It works great. We watched the finals of the Vanderbilt all the way home from Louisville. We could chat and everything. It is also offered for the Android.**

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 Las Vegas times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

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.

During the Rounds of 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 2011 USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after 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/>** as well as on the USBF site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2011USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

If you are going to be in Las Vegas during the USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please contact Jan Martel at [marteljan@gmail.com](mailto:marteljan@gmail.com).

**No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.**

**This applies to players AND kibitzers.**

**Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.**

**Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.**

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

# Bridge Humor ...

Giving a man his physical, the doctor noticed several dark, ugly bruises on his shins, so he asked, "Do you play hockey, soccer, or some physical sport?"

"No," he answered. "I play bridge with my wife."

Mae West It may not be generally known that Mae West – the sex symbol of the forties -- was a keen bridge player. Perhaps that inspired her to quip the following when someone, noticing her jewelry, said to her "Goodness, What wonderful Diamonds you have"  
"My Dear, Goodness had nothing to do with it"

Below is a quotation from the former US presidential candidate and owner of the highly respected Forbes Magazine -- Malcolm Forbes. " Playing bridge reflects intelligence. It's one of the really great pleasures of life. I think anybody who's missing bridge is missing so much in life. Don't make the mistake of missing out on the fun of bridge."

Quite an endorsement from a super busy multi-millionaire who sits on the board of so many companies as well as the bridge table!

a. Sorry partner. I would have led my singleton but it was so small I could not see it.

b. Now what are you complaining about partner. I led my singleton as you wanted. How was I to know that it does not apply to the trump suit?

Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster.

We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing.

## **There are two kinds of bridge players:**

1. Those who can count, and 2. Those who can't.

## **Q & A :**

Do you know what the difference is between a mad psycho serial killer and a bridge partner? ... A : You can reason with the serial killer.

## **Double Trouble**

Learning she was going to have twins, the bridge playing wife said, ... "That's just like my husband, doubling me when I'm vulnerable".

## **Quick Tip of the Month**

Experts avoid the use of Blackwood, but novices love it and even use it with a void!

## **Memory School**

Two elderly gentlemen were playing Bridge on Saturday evening, as they have for the past 35 years. Max, the older, is having problems remembering which cards were which, and he usually needs help from his wife. At the end of the card game, Ed says to Max, "You did very good tonight. You didn't need any help at all. Why is that?" Max replies, "Ever since my wife sent me to that memory school, I haven't had any problems at all." "Memory school? What memory school?" Ed asks. Max thinks for a moment. "Oh, what's that flower that's red with thorns? A really pretty flower?" "A rose?" "Yeah, that's it!" Max says. He then turns to his wife and mumbles, "Hey, Rose! What's the name of that memory school you sent me to?"

## **When to Give up Bridge**

First you forget how to finesse, then you forget what picture cards have been played. After that you forget what the contract was and finally you forget to pull your zipper up!

## **How Observant Are You?**

The King of which Suit is stabbing himself in the head?

The King of which Suit you can see only one eye?

Check your cards to see if you are correct!

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### **A Woman's Viewpoint**

Life with Men is like Bridge  
You need a Heart to love them;  
A Diamond to marry them;  
A Club to beat them;  
And a Spade to bury them.

### **A Man's Viewpoint**

The bride came down the aisle, and when she reached the altar, she saw the groom with a deck of bridge cards in his tuxedo pocket.  
She said, "Darling, what are your bridge cards doing here?"  
He looked her right in the eye and said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"

### **A Child's Viewpoint**

The teacher asked little Johnny if he knows his numbers.  
"Yes," he said.  
"Good! Can you tell me what comes after three."  
"Four," answers little Johnny.  
"What comes after six?"  
"Seven."  
"Very good," says the teacher.  
"What comes after ten?"  
"Jack!," says little Johnny.

### **Bart Simpson decides to learn Bridge.**

He convinces his dad Homer to buy him some cards and a beginner's book and starts to learn.  
A week later, the cards are scattered and the book is buried in a closet.  
Homer asks "Bart, why aren't you learning Bridge?"  
"It's too hard, Dad," Bart replies.  
"Son," the elder Simpson mused philosophically, "anything that's hard can't be worth doing. Let's go watch TV!"

**The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table.**



### **Pearls of Corporate Wisdom...**

"As of tomorrow, employees will only be able to access the building using individual security cards. Pictures will be taken next Wednesday, and employees will receive their cards in two weeks."  
(Microsoft Corp. in Redmond WA)

"What I need is an exact list of specific unknown problems we might encounter."  
(Lykes Lines Shipping)

"E-mail is not to be used to pass on information or data. It should be used only for company business."  
(Accounting manager, Electric Boat Company)

"This project is so important we can't let things that are more important interfere with it."  
(Advertising/Marketing manager, United Parcel Service)

"Doing it right is no excuse for not meeting the schedule."  
(Plant Manager, Delco Corporation)

"No one will believe you solved this problem in one day! We've been working on it for months. Now go act busy for a few weeks and I'll let you know when it's time to tell them."  
(R&D supervisor, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing/3M Corp.)

Quote from the Boss: "Teamwork is a lot of people doing what I say."  
(Marketing executive, Citrix Corporation)

My sister passed away and her funeral was scheduled for Monday. When I told my Boss, he said she died on purpose so that I would have to miss work on the busiest day of the year. He then asked if we could change her burial to Friday. He said, "That would be better for me."  
(Shipping executive, FTD Florists)

"We know that communication is a problem, but the company is not going to discuss it with the employees."  
(Switching supervisor, AT&T Long Lines Division)

## Some Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure ...



### **Bonefish Grill**

10839 Eastern Ave, Henderson  
(702) 228-3474

When you go to the Bonefish Grill, you have to try a wide variety of fish selections, like the Atlantic Salmon, Snapper, Rainbow Trout, Ahi Tuna, the Jumbo Sea Scallops, Atlantic Swordfish, or maybe some Lobster tails. With the secret sauce that the chef is well known for, like the warm mango salsa, or the chimichurri sauce. Lemon butter and Pan Asian sauce are available too. Your taste buds and your stomach will thank you.

### **Amlee Gourmet**

3827 E Sunset Rd, Las Vegas  
(702) 898-3358

This place has some very good food at good prices. It is a beautiful and clean place. They have polite services and are very attentive. The chicken is tender with salt and pepper. Henderson Chinese food never tasted so good.

### **Omelet House**

316 North Boulder Highway, Henderson  
(702) 566-7896

Try the breakfast special with 2 eggs, 2 slices of bacon or 1 sausage patty, toast and spuds. Or maybe 1 egg sandwich with 2 pieces of bacon or 1 sausage patty, topped with American cheese and spuds of \$3.99. A Country Style Scrambler might hit the spot with scrambled eggs, ham, mushrooms, onions, cheddar cheese, toast and spuds.

### **Terra Verde**

Green Valley Ranch Resort  
(702) 617-7075

Terra Verde offers a wide variety of authentic Italian dishes. It is conveniently located in the Green Valley Ranch Resort. Try the famous gamberoni al limone carpaccio. This is a large jumbo shrimp with lemon butter, garlic sauce and sautéed leeks thinly sliced beef with agrumato oil, arugula, fried capers, parmigiano reggiano and sea salt.

### **Cafe Rio**

9595 S Eastern Ave, Las Vegas  
(702) 953-2500

Tacos made with fresh home made tortillas, flour or corn, toasted with cheese and filled with your choice of meat and shredded lettuce. Served with green Chile, rice, black or pinto beans with pico de gallo.

### **Rosatis Pizza**

5717 Merrill Ave  
702-456-3333

With some of the finest pizza in Henderson Nevada, Rosatis pizza is one of the most famous pizza spots. They offer calzones, family specials, hot pan pizza, pastas and much more.

### **Mimi's Cafe**

596 N Stephanie St, Henderson  
(702) 458-0726

Come in and try some of the Fresh Asparagus Omelets. This fine omelet comes with diced fresh asparagus and tomatoes. It is then topped with jack cheese, broiled asparagus spears and tomato asiago cream sauce. It is then served with a side of freshly baked muffin and red skin potatoes.

Restaurant recommendations from locals on page 15!!

## **Eateries Within the Hotel... (see page 8 for Terra Verde)**

### **Hank's Fine Steaks**

As one of the top steakhouses in Las Vegas, Hank's combines the best of all worlds but is renowned for simply having the best steak in Vegas! A restaurant of impeccable quality, prime Las Vegas steaks, fresh seafood, signature appetizers and unique side dishes - all carefully prepared by a hand-picked team of master chefs. Enjoy live entertainment at the piano bar for a pre-dinner drink or a romantic night cap.

Open for main room dining at 5:30pm. For reservations please call 702.617.7075.

### **Feast Buffet**

Voted "Best Brunch" buffet in Las Vegas by the readers of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, the Feast at GVR is a renowned for its freshness, selection and value. Indulge your taste for specialties from around the globe. It's the original concept that changed the ordinary hotel buffet into an All-You-Can-Eat Extravaganza of culinary delights and the best of the best Las Vegas buffets. Featuring six live-action cooking stations and serving Italian, American, Mongolian, Chinese and International specialties prepared right before your eyes. A wide selection of low-carb menu items is also available.

Feast Buffet is open daily from 8am to 10pm.

### **Sushi + Sake**

Sushi + Sake is a contemporary Las Vegas sushi restaurant in a hip setting with an incredible selection of sushi and Japanese specialties.

Allow Chef Ryuji Hasimoto to demonstrate the definitive sensory-sushi experience in Las Vegas Japanese food presentation. Sushi is the ultimate three-dimensional visual art, rooted in thousands of years of history and tradition. Sushi + Sake Asian restaurant touches on that tradition with a magnificent display of Sashimi, Nigiri, Make and Cones.

Sushi + Sake offers an exclusive collection of exotic infused sakes.

Opens nightly at 5pm.

### **China Spice**

Serving the best Chinese food in Las Vegas, China Spice creates a beautiful and relaxed atmosphere for when Chinese cravings just won't leave you alone. Featuring a full menu of standard and exotic Chinese favorites including authentic soups, fried rice piled high and duck, oh, don't forget the succulent duck. Tables just for two or groups in our private back room accommodate all parties of all sizes. Chinese restaurants in Las Vegas are many. There's only one China Spice!

#### **Hours:**

Sunday - Thursday: 5pm - 1am

Friday & Saturday: 5pm - 3am

### **Tides Oyster Bar**

Voted "Best Seafood" in Las Vegas by the readers of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Tides Oyster Bar is, in a word: fresh. Tides seafood in Las Vegas' desert is fresh and refreshing. Celebrate the spirit of New Orleans with Tides' pan roasts, gumbos, Po' Boys and an extensive raw bar with the best oysters in Las Vegas. Oh, don't forget to try the chowder!

Sunday - Thursday 11am - 10pm

Friday & Saturday 11am - 11pm

### **Original Pancake House**

Since 1953, The Original Pancake House has been the home for hearty appetites of Las Vegas pancake eaters. Acclaimed for its menu of time-tested international recipes, The Original Pancake House uses only the freshest ingredients to create the most delicious waffles and pancakes in Las Vegas.

Featuring an expanded menu of sandwiches and dinner dishes, The Original Pancake House at Green Valley Ranch serves up more than just Las Vegas' best pancakes but delectable breakfast, lunch and dinner menus, too.

Monday - Thursday 6am - 3pm

Friday - Sunday 6am - 8pm

### **Turf Grill**

More than just a Las Vegas burger joint, at the Turf Grill you can eat in or carry out a fresh Philly Cheese steak, club sandwich, hamburger and hot dogs, bacon and eggs, and other comfort foods. Located next to the Sports Book, hit the Turf between, during or after all the big games and races.

Sunday - Thursday 11am - 10pm

Friday & Saturday 11am - 11pm

### **Quick Serve Outlets**

If quick and informal is more your speed, our Las Vegas fast food restaurants provide additional offerings such as Villa Pizza, Panda Express, Fatburger, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Tropical Smoothie Café, Capriotti's and the newly opened U-Swirl.



# Schedule of Events

| <b>Round of 16</b>    |  |   |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Tuesday<br>May 10th   | 10:00 - 12:10<br>12:25 - 2:35<br>2:35 - 3:45<br>3:45 - 5:55<br>6:10 - 8:20 | Segment 1, Boards 1-15<br>Segment 2, Boards 16-30<br>1 Hour 10 minute break<br>Segment 3 Boards 31-45<br>Segment 4 Boards 46-60   |
| Wednesday<br>May 11th | 10:00 - 12:10<br>12:25 - 2:35<br>2:35 - 3:45<br>3:45 - 5:55<br>6:10 - 8:20 | Segment 5 Boards 61-75<br>Segment 6 Boards 76-90<br>1 Hour 10 minute break<br>Segment 7 Boards 91-105<br>Segment 8 Boards 106-120 |
| <b>Quarterfinals</b>  |  |   |
| Thursday<br>May 12th  | 10:00 - 12:10<br>12:25 - 2:35<br>2:35 - 3:45<br>3:45 - 5:55<br>6:10 - 8:20 | Segment 1 Boards 1-15<br>Segment 2 Boards 16-30<br>1 Hour 10 minute break<br>Segment 3 Boards 31-45<br>Segment 4 Boards 46-60     |
| Friday<br>May 13th    | 10:00 - 12:10<br>12:25 - 2:35<br>2:35 - 3:45<br>3:45 - 5:55<br>6:10 - 8:20 | Segment 5 Boards 61-75<br>Segment 6 Boards 76-90<br>1 Hour 10 minute break<br>Segment 7 Boards 91-105<br>Segment 8 Boards 106-120 |
| <b>Semi-Finals</b>    |  |   |
| Saturday<br>May 14th  | 10:00 - 12:10<br>12:25 - 2:35<br>2:35 - 3:45<br>3:45 - 5:55<br>6:10 - 8:20 | Segment 1 Boards 1-15<br>Segment 2 Boards 16-30<br>1 Hour 10 minute break<br>Segment 3 Boards 31-45<br>Segment 4 Boards 46-60     |
| Sunday<br>May 15th    | 10:00 - 12:10<br>12:25 - 2:35<br>2:35 - 3:45<br>3:45 - 5:55<br>6:10 - 8:20 | Segment 5 Boards 61-75<br>Segment 6 Boards 76-90<br>1 Hour 10 minute break<br>Segment 7 Boards 91-105<br>Segment 8 Boards 106-120 |
| <b>Finals</b>         |  |   |
| Monday<br>May 16th    | 10:00 - 12:10<br>12:25 - 2:35<br>2:35 - 3:45<br>3:45 - 5:55<br>6:10 - 8:20 | Segment 1 Boards 1-15<br>Segment 2 Boards 16-30<br>1 Hour 10 minute break<br>Segment 3 Boards 31-45<br>Segment 4 Boards 46-60     |
| Tuesday<br>May 17th   | 10:00 - 12:10<br>12:25 - 2:35<br>2:35 - 3:45<br>3:45 - 5:55<br>6:10 - 8:20 | Segment 5 Boards 61-75<br>Segment 6 Boards 76-90<br>1 Hour 10 minute break<br>Segment 7 Boards 91-105<br>Segment 8 Boards 106-120 |

## If I Only Had A Brain...

A mid-level executive was so frustrated at being passed over for promotion year after year, that, in frustration, he went to a brain-transplant center in the hope of raising his I.Q. 20 points.

After a battery of physical and psychological tests, the center's director told him that he was an acceptable candidate.

"That's great!" the executive said. "But I understand that this procedure can be really expensive."

"Yes, sir, it can," the director replied. "An ounce of accountant's brain for example, costs one thousand dollars; an ounce of an economist's brain costs two thousand; an ounce of a corporate president's is forty-five thousand. An ounce of a politicians brain is seventy-five thousand dollars."

"Seventy-five thousand dollars for an ounce of a politician's brain? Why on earth is that?"

"Do you have any idea," the director asked, "how many politicians we would have to kill?"

## The Best Part of Waking Up...

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife says, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband says, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

The wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

The husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages that it indeed says:

"HEBREWS"

# Practice Makes Perfect ...

Board 27  
 Dealer: S  
 None Vul.

♠ QJ432  
 ♥ 874  
 ♦ T8642  
 ♣

♠ 965  
 ♥ AJ962  
 ♦ 75  
 ♣ Q72



♠  
 ♥ KQ5  
 ♦ AKQ9  
 ♣ AKJT63

♠ AKT87  
 ♥ T3  
 ♦ J3  
 ♣ 9854

| West     | North    | East     | South   |
|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Schermer | Bramley  | Chambers | Welland |
|          |          |          | 2♠      |
| Pass     | 4♠       | 6♣       | Pass    |
| Pass     | 6♠       | Pass     | Pass    |
| 7♣       | All Pass |          |         |

Opening Lead: ♠A

Bramley/Welland and Schermer/Chambers were warming up for the Trials on line at Bridge Base last Monday night.

Roy has a reputation for aggressive bidding and he can be a formidable opponent. On this hand, considering his style, he might well have opened two spades on either the North or South hand. Sometimes, however, putting maximum pressure on the opponents forces them to their best spot. That was certainly the case on this hand.

Both Welland and Bramley were active in the auction and once Bramley jumped to four spades...

Chambers knew seven was a possibility but he had no way to find out about the heart ace. He took the high road and bid to six clubs.

Holding five trump, Bramley couldn't resist the push to six. After the hand, he apologized for his six level bid, pointing out in chat that once he'd made the bid, he wished he had continued to the seven level.

Indeed, seven spades is an excellent save over seven clubs!

Even with a 4-0 trump break, there was nothing to the play. Bidding and making the grand was worth 13.7 matchpoints for Schermer and Chambers.

Note: Bridge Base is an amazing tool for players at all levels. Whole teams can practice against one another in situations like this where partners live thousands of miles apart.

Others can sign onto BBO and kibitz the practice sessions. It is surprising how much one can learn simply by watching the best play against one another.

# Fun and Games Page ... Baseball Season ... Answers on Page 14

Baseball season has begun! Already five teams are showing real promise for having a great season this year. Both fans and analysts are already speculating how well these teams will do. However, a couple of the teams had a bumpy week - one team had some pitching problems and lost more games than they won. Another team played the most games during the week because they ended up playing a double-header (two games in one day against the same team) to make up for an earlier game that was rained out, but they did have the home team advantage for the two games. Determine the name of each team, the number of games each played this week (5 to 7), if they were at their home stadium or traveling all week, the number of games each team won, and the number of games each team lost.

1. The three teams that had away games were the team that won only two games, the Yankees, and the team that lost two games.
2. The Blue Jays didn't play five games.
3. One team had the same number of wins and losses.
4. The Cardinals, who played five games, had one more win than the Blue Jays.
5. The Mariners only lost one game.
6. The Red Sox played at home this week.

|           |      | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | Away | Away | Away | Home | Home | Won |   |   |   |   | Lost |   |   |   |   |  |
|-----------|------|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|------|------|------|-----|---|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|---|--|
|           |      | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | Away | Away | Away | Home | Home | 2   | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1    | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 |  |
| Blue Jays |      |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
| Cardinals |      |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
| Red Sox   |      |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
| Mariners  |      |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
| Yankees   |      |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
| Lost      | 1    |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | 2    |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | 3    |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | 3    |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | 4    |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
| Won       | 2    |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | 3    |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | 3    |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | 4    |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | 4    |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | Away |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | Away |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | Away |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | Home |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |
|           | Home |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |      |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |      |   |   |   |   |  |

  

| Team     | Games | Hm/Aw | Won | Lost |
|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|
| Bl. Jays |       |       |     |      |
| Cards    |       |       |     |      |
| R Sox    |       |       |     |      |
| Mariners |       |       |     |      |
| Yankees  |       |       |     |      |

**A Few Suggestions of Things to Do in Town when you're Sitting Out!!**

**Things To Do In Vegas, Besides Gamble**

**Outdoor Activities**

**Springs Preserve** - The Springs Preserve is a 180-acre non-gaming cultural and historical attraction designed to commemorate Las Vegas' dynamic history and to provide a vision for a sustainable future. Known as the birthplace of Las Vegas, the site of the Preserve was once home to bubbling springs that were a source of water for Native Americans living here thousands of years ago. It also sustained travelers of the Old Spanish Trail and Mormons who came to settle the West.

- Hoover Dam**
- Red Rock Canyon**
- The Atomic Testing Museum**
- Bonnie Springs Old Nevada**
- The Liberace Museum**
- Valley of Fire**
- Lake Mead**
- Clark County Museum**
- Outdoor Recreation**

**Golf (just a few suggestions... there are several more courses from which to choose):**

- Las Vegas Golf
- Revere at Anthem
- The Legacy
- Rhodes Ranch

**Arts**

- Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art
- The Clark County Exhibition Program
- Lied Discovery Children's Museum
- Community College of Southern Nevada - Community College displays student and guest works.
- Donna Beam Gallery
- Marjorie Barrick Museum - Located at UNLV
- Henderson Art Association - Non-profit organization to promote visual arts in Henderson.

**Unique Fun Activities**

- Ethel M Chocolate Factory**
- Fast Lap** - Indoor Go Carts
- Flyaway Indoor Skydiving**
- SkyMania** Trampolines and Dodge-ball...
- Las Vegas Motor Speedway** - From NASCAR events to race driving school. Events are held throughout the year.
- Exotics Racing**

**Free Stuff to do on the Strip**

**The Volcano at the Mirage** - Revamped and reopened in 2009. The new volcano features more fire and

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Solution to puzzle on page 13:

| Team Name | Games Played | Home/Away | Games Won | Games Lost |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Yankees   | 6            | away      | 3         | 3          |
| Red Sox   | 7            | home      | 4         | 3          |
| Mariners  | 5            | home      | 4         | 1          |
| Cardinals | 5            | away      | 3         | 2          |
| Blue Jays | 6            | away      | 2         | 4          |

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D |   | I | H | F |   |   |   | A |
|   | B |   |   | I |   |   | H | F |
|   | C |   |   |   | E |   |   |   |
|   |   | G | E | C |   |   |   | B |
|   | A | D | B |   | I | F | E |   |
| B |   |   |   | G | F | D |   |   |
|   |   |   | F |   |   |   | A |   |
| E | G |   |   | D |   |   | F |   |
| A |   |   |   | E | G | H |   | C |

# Sudoku

Alpha Sudoku uses the letters from A through I!!

## Stress Management!!

Just in case you are having a rough day, here is a stress management technique recommended in all the latest psychological journals. The funny thing is that it really does work and will make you smile.

1. Picture yourself lying on your belly on a warm rock that hangs out over a crystal clear stream.
2. Picture yourself with both your hands dangling in the cool running water.
3. Birds are sweetly singing in the cool mountain air.
4. No one knows your secret place.
5. You are in total seclusion from that hectic place called the world.
6. The soothing sound of a gentle waterfall fills the air with a cascade of serenity.
7. The water is so crystal clear that you can easily make out the face of the person you are holding underwater.

# Solution to today's Sudoku

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C | D | H | G | E | I | B | F | V |
| I | F | B | V | D | C | H | G | E |
| E | A | G | H | B | F | C | D | I |
| H | C | D | F | G | V | E | B | I |
| G | V | D | B | H | I | F | E | C |
| B | F | A | I | B | C | D | E | H |
| D | I | B | D | A | E | G | F | H |
| F | H | F | C | E | H | B | A | D |
| V | G | A | C | G | A | F | B | C |

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original music by Micky Hart from the Grateful Dead. Even if you have seen it before, it's worth seeing again.

**The Fountains of Bellagio** - Absolutely amazing. The fountains are great from the street, but I like to get a table on the terrace at the **Fontana Bar**. You can enjoy a cocktail and watch the fountain shows with a front row seat.

**The Botanical Gardens at the Bellagio** - The gardens are changed several time through out the year, so there's always something new to see.

**Caesars Palace Fall of Atlantis Show** - Located in the Forums Shops at Caesars Palace. If you hapen to get there around fish feeding time, its neat to see the divers in the huge fish tank on the back of the attraction.

**Freemont Street Experience** - Technically not on the strip. It's quite a walk, so you might want to take a cab. Amazing light show and free street concerts almost every night on several stages.

**The Sirens of TI** - at Treasure Island. I think the show was better before the revamp, but it's still a great setting and cool to see the ship sink. Stick around following the show to see the ship un-sink.

**The Lion Habait at the MGM Grand** - a one-of-a-kind Lion Habitat as a showcase for public education and appreciation for this majestic creature of nature.

**The Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas Sign** - Located south of Mandalay Bay in the middle of Las Vegas Boulavard. The sign used to be surrounded by dirt, but the area has recently been improved to include a parking lot and landscaping, making it an attractive and popular place for a photo opportunity.

**City Center** - An extraordinary urban resort destination brought to life by eight world-renowned architects, CityCenter offers a new era of resort experiences with an ambition to refine and redefine Las Vegas.

**Wynn Hotel Light Show** Changes every 15 minutes ... a rotation of four or five different scenarios

#### **More Restaurants - Off the Strip:**

**Rosemary's Restaurant**, 8125 W. Sahara

**Todd's Unique Dining** - 4350 E. Sunset

Excellent Food. Casual yet upscale dining. Try the Goat Cheese Wontons, Grumpy Salad and the Short Rib. **2010 winner of the Best of Vegas for Gourmet Restaurant**

**Metro Pizza** - 1395 E. Tropicana, 4001 S. Decatur #38, 4178 Koval

**Panevino** - 246 Via Antonio Avenue

Italian, great views of the strip without the hassle of the strip. Fantastic.

**The Golden Steer** - 308 W. Sahara

Historic. Fablous.

#### **Restaurants - On the Strip**

**Jaleo** - at the new Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. This Jose Andreas staple originally found in Washington DC is re-invented for it's Las Vegas implementation. I had dined at the DC sopt in 2010 and am really glad to see this incarnation in Las Vegas.

**Craftsteak** - at the MGM Grand. Chef Tom Colicchio's interation of the craft line of resturants. Really great food and service. Fennel salad fantastic, and whipped potatoes with enough butter to stop your heart, not to mention the steak. Ask about the prix fixe menu. We have been able to get a great cross section of many of the favorites for a reasonable (at least in the 'fine dining' category) price.

**Bouchon** - at the Venetian. Bouchon is the vision of world-renowned chef Thomas Keller, who was named "America's Best Chef" by Time magazine. He is also the sole recipient of consecutive "Best Chef" awards from the prestigious James Beard Foundation. Located in the Venezia tower, Bouchon brings to Las Vegas the top cuisine and service that have made it a Napa Valley institution. Try a gin a tonic with the house made tonic. French, elegant, but relaxed.

**Margaritaville** - ok. A little lower end than the previous mentions, but it's fun, good burgers and margarittas. Bring friends, try the conch fritters, a "Loaded Landshark", and don't forget the Heinz 57 on the burger. Located at the Flamingo Hotel.

## Howie Doing...

Some things never change and some never stay the same:

Roy is still Well-and bidding (see page 11 if you doubt that!) He tried to score a Homer but scored Homer's son instead.

You know fuel costs are rising and commodities are hot when Diamond and Nickell get strong Byes!

This year we add another element with the Silverstein team... Adam & Andrew went up two hills... To fetch two pails of water. They took two spills... and found two Jills... one who is Miss Gail's daughter!

Seymon is taking another shot with Smith and Cohen. I guess it's better than shooting himself in the foot with a Smith and Wesson!

Wolfson's back full force with The Law on his side ... Weinstein (the one who's my namesake) and Garner will have to pick up the pace when they're in with Ekeblad and Rubin or we'll be renaming the team: The delay relay!

Hinze has his 57 varieties alright! One American, two Chinese, an Indian, a Jew, and an Italian. Where do they go to dinner? A Mexican restaurant??

I hurd that Grue and Lall were practicing ... as were Bathhurst and Zagorin ... at a midwest Regional last week. Rumor has it that Bathhurst and Zagorin actually carried your editor to victory in the Compact KO ... If they could do that, this game should be a piece of cake!

I will leave the rest of the analysis to Jack and give you my early preferences. Most of the rest is Cristal clear, but sometimes things get wild and Woolsey ... a Casen point when I will Donn my thinking cap and recompute my choices.

I like the Brady Bunch... but their match will be off the Richter scale and they're heading for disaster. Have a safe flight home, Aker boys!

Nickell's gonna reign Katz and dogs from start to finish... I'm looking forward to watching them in the final.

Mark my words: The dough boys better plan to win in the casino because I heard it throught Le grape Vine ... they'll be at the quarter slots ... not the quarterfinals!

I see a car... no a limo... in my Cristal ball. Who is staying and who is Lee-ving? A team with a tongue twister like Jacobs/Jacobus can't be easily Beat-ty... Jacobs will use his horsepower full speed ahead to the semifinals.

Someone will be coming from beHinze... just not sure who!

The broads are good, but two Jills can't handle these Jacks ... to say nothing of the kings, queens and aces! Lucky for them, they have short trips home!

Mahaffey's team is smokin' ... I would Lev well enough alone and look for Cohler in the hall passing out "It's another round" cigars!

Bathurst has the hottest young upstarts... I hurd they'll be lalling their opponents into a false sense of security with their baby faces... Never underestimate these boys... they're all grue up!

Till tomorrow and the halftimes...

I'm off for a quick bite and a stiff drink before meeting Limey Jack at the 3 card Poker/Sixes wild/double or nothing tables... I am looking for big payoffs here... these new table games are really costly!

Tootles...

Howie Doing ... fine thanks!!

## Limey Jack...

I must say with the last few weeks being nutters leading up to the Royal's nuptials, the Trials on the far side of the pond will fill the void.

Typical of how the Yanks drive is how they count; 14 teams will play in the round of 16. But I am here to report, not judge.

Only two favourites are a lock, Nichol and Mahaffey. There could be early blood shed depending upon the shuffling. I would not fancy being Gordon (3) or Jacobs (4) and drawing the shuffled Levine team.

The highly placed Welland team bows out as does the equally well positioned Deutsch squad. These blokes all have hotel reservations for 4 days but will need to flee after but 2.

Aker and Ivatury only get this brief glimpse of what might have been.

Silverstein? That is the question isn't it. It is not like playing for the Primrose Cup, but Aaron has some experience and the finest distaff pair in the world. He will be far better hoisting a victorious pint with them than seeking comfort and solicitousness from them. The results may well come in two different time zones. Judgment is reserved.

Well then, see you all in a few days to accept profuse congratulations on stellar prognostications by the man who comes by the gift honourably.

Cheers, Limey Jack

## More Practice Makes Perfect ... Slamming the Field

Board 23  
Dealer: S  
Both Vul.

♠ QT92  
♥ 54  
♦ J95  
♣ QT75

♠ 65  
♥ AKQJ873  
♦ Q  
♣ A93



♠ AKJ87  
♥ 96  
♦ AT743  
♣ 4

♠ 43  
♥ T2  
♦ K862  
♣ KJ862

| West        | North    | East                      | South     |
|-------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------|
|             | H Lall   | J Lall                    | I Chorush |
|             |          |                           | Pass      |
| 1♣ (strong) | Pass     | 1♠ (positive with spades) | Pass      |
| 2♥          | Pass     | 3♦                        | Pass      |
| 4♥          | Pass     | 4NT                       | Pass      |
| 5♦          | Pass     | 5♠                        | Pass      |
| 7♥          | All Pass |                           |           |

Justin Lall and his partner did very well to bid the grand on only 28 HCP. Several pairs in the field missed slam completely.

+2210 was worth 16.2 matchpoints!