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“Trials” and Tribulations—Pre-Bulletin

Day One: 15 Teams Enter Round of 16

Another Slam for Practice...

Board 12
Dealer: W
N/S Vul.

♠ AK6
♥ QT6
♦ 872
♣ QJ64

♠ K8543
♥ KJ94
♦ T985



♠ T9853
♥ J7
♦ QT65
♣ 72

♠ QJ742
♥ A92
♦ A3
♣ AK3

North	South
Beatty	Jacobs
1♣ (could be 2)	1♣
1NT	2♦ (2 way check-back)
2♠	4NT
5♥	6♠
All Pass	

Since we haven't any hands from the tournament yet, we're featuring a practice hand from BBO.

E/W (Peggy Kaplan/Paul Meerschart) happily passed throughout the auction.

Six spades is on a heart guess so long as trumps behave in a reasonable manner. Even on a diamond lead, declarer's three can be shed on the long club in dummy.

Unfortunately, trumps broke 5-0 and it was hopeless.

Exhibiting the same great sense of humor that makes George's column in the National bulletin so entertaining, he commented to Steve (and the BBO audience), "I've told you not to bid slams when trumps go out 4-1 or worse!" Good thing Beatty can take a joke... or it could be a long week!!!

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Hands from the Cavendish Teams...

Board 13
Dealer: N
All Vul.

♠ 75		♠ KQT92
♥ AQ8		♥ 9642
♦ AKT95		♦ Q7
♣ K64		♣ 53
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♠ J86		
♥ KJT53		
♦ 83		
♣ J72		
♠ A43		
♥ 7		
♦ J642		
♣ AQT98		

West	North	East	South
Casen	Levin	Krekorian	Weinstein
	1NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Double	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Hampson	Kalita	Greco	Gawrys
	1NT	Pass	3♥
Double	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

This was a big board for the O'Rourke team. In the Open Room, Kalita and Gawrys didn't even sniff at slam. In the Closed Room, however, Levin and Weinstein, keeping up their Cavendish tradition, forged their way to six diamonds.

The spade six was led and they needed either the queen of diamonds coming down in two rounds or in the event that possibility failed, a favorable break in clubs so they could shed North's small spade while someone ruffed in on a club.

The way the cards lie, the slam was easy and O'Rourke picked up 13 well deserved IMP's.

Kalita and Gawrys struck back on Board 15.

♠ J3		♠ 94
♥ AQ42		♥ 5
♦ KT43		♦ J987652
♣ A75		♣ T94
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♠ KT6		
♥ KJT9763		
♦ AQ		
♣ J		
♠ AQ8752		
♥ 8		
♦		
♣ KQ8632		

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Kalita	Greco	Gawrys
			1♠
4♥	Double	Pass	5♣
Double	All Pass		

Casen	Levin	Krekorian	Weinstein
			1♠
2♥	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Both tables collected the expected 12 tricks, 950 vs. 620 was worth 8 IMPs to Blanchard.

Board 19
Dealer: S
E/W Vul.

♠ AK75
♥ T652
♦ KQT
♣ 62

♠ Q96
♥ AKJ
♦ 875
♣ QT83



♠ 432
♥ 98743
♦ A93
♣ J7

♠ JT8
♥ Q
♦ J642
♣ AK954

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Bramley	Greco	Welland
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	All Pass	

Smirnov	Levin	Piekarek	Weinstein
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Welland needed to win this match 25-5 to tie for first. The team got off to a rocky start when Welland/Bramley passed out 1♠ cold for game in spades or no-trump. Bramley's one diamond bid showed hearts. Welland's one heart response denied a fit. We can only presume that Bramley intended one spade to be forcing or very forward-going. Roy had a poor hand opposite this auction and chose to pass.

At the other table, Levin/Weinstein bid to a really lucky 3NT. Singleton queen opposite Txxx is not always a stopper!! Since the AKJ of hearts is tripleton and the other hand has only one entry, the suit effectively blocks. Piekarek led the four of spades and nine tricks were easy.

Board 20
Dealer: W
All Vul.

♠ Q98
♥ T5
♦ K932
♣ T854

♠ AT7
♥ A
♦ Q654
♣ AJ763



♠ 54
♥ KJ873
♦ JT7
♣ KQ9

♠ KJ632
♥ Q9642
♦ A8
♣ 2

Smirnov	Levin	Piekarek	Weinstein
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♠	Double	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Hampson	Bramley	Greco	Welland
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Smirnov/Piekarek stopped in three clubs which made easily.

In the other room, Hampson opened 1NT with his singleton ace of hearts.

Unlucky for Welland, Bramley led the deuce of diamonds... not best for his side. Roy won the ace and returned the suit. Sadly for his side, even a shift to an immediate spade is too late. On any other lead, Bramley can win the first diamond and lead spades to defeat the hand while Roy still has an entry.

After two boards in the final round, Welland trailed 16-0!

Board 22
 Dealer: E
 E/W Vul.

♠ T76
 ♥ Q74
 ♦ JT432
 ♣ 53

♠ AQ9432
 ♥ K865
 ♦ 6
 ♣ T8



♠ K8
 ♥ JT32
 ♦ AKQ9
 ♣ AK6

♠ J5
 ♥ A9
 ♦ 875
 ♣ QJ9742

Hampson	Bramley	Greco	Welland
		2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Smirnov	Levin	Piekarek	Weinstein
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Welland struck back on Board 22.

Four hearts made five in the Open Room. Welland led the club jack and declarer lost two trump tricks.

In the Closed Room, Welland's teammates bid to slam, but not in hearts... in spades.

Levin led the four of hearts and declarer quickly collected one heart, six spades, three diamonds and two clubs for +1430 and 13 badly needed IMPs.

The results:

O'rouke 185
 Welland 155
 Blanchard 153
 Zimmerman 131
 Mahaffey 126
 Fallenius 123
 Deutsch 107
 Caprera 100

Solution to puzzle on page 6

double	3	first base	White	Rich
home run	3	second base	Payne	Mark
grand slam	4	catcher	Kelly	Cody
single	5	shortstop	Elliot	Dan
triple	4	center field	Brass	Bill
Scoring Hit	# of Hits	Position Played	Last Name	First Name

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.

Schedule of Events

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

Things You Should Know If You Have A Son

1. A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 square foot house 4 inches deep.
2. If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
3. A 3-year old boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
4. If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20 x 20 foot room.
5. You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up in the air a few times, before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
6. The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
7. When you hear the toilet flush and the words 'uh oh', it's already too late.
8. Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.
9. A six-year old boy can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year old man says they can only do it in the movies.
10. Certain Legos will pass through the digestive tract of a four-year-old boy.
11. Playdoh and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.
12. Super glue is forever.

Fun and Games Page ... Last night's baseball...

Last night's baseball game was great! Both teams played very well with first one team, then the other in the lead. While both teams had many hits during the game, there were five that were particularly spectacular and which allowed their team to score runs. Oddly, each star hitter played a different defensive position, and each drove in runs with a different hit. Determine the full name of each batter, the defensive position each played, the total number of hits each had for the night (from 3 to 5), and what type of hit each got that allowed their team to score runs.

1. Dan, whose last name wasn't Kelly, didn't play center field. Mr. Payne, who didn't play first base, didn't get five hits for the night. Mr. Kelly was the catcher, but he didn't hit a home run.
2. The two players that got four hits were the player that hit the grand slam and Mr. Brass.
3. Rich White didn't hit a triple. Cody's last name wasn't Elliot. Dan hit a single.
4. The shortstop got five hits for the night but didn't hit the home run. The center field player hit a triple.
5. Mark, whose last name wasn't Elliot, played second base. Bill, whose last name wasn't Kelly, didn't hit a home run.
6. The player whose position was at first base hit a double, but he didn't get four hits for the night. Bill, who wasn't the shortstop, didn't get three hits.

	Brass	Eliot	Kelly	Payne	White	Catcher	Center Fielder	First Base	Second Base	Shortstop	3	3	4	4	5	Single	Double	Triple	Homerun	Grand slam
Bill																				
Dan																				
Cody																				
Mark																				
Rich																				
Single																				
Double																				
Triple																				
Homerun																				
Grand slam																				
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4																				
5																				
Catcher																				
Center fielder																				
First base																				
Second base																				
Shortstop																				

1st name	Last name	# hits	Position	Scoring hit
Bill				
Dan				
Cody				
Mark				
Rich				

In Seeding Order

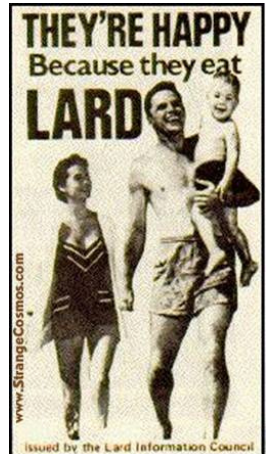
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Gordon	Mark Gordon, Capt David Berkowitz Michael Rosenberg	Pratap Rajadhyaksha Alan Sontag Chris Willenken
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Deutsch	Seymon Deutsch, Capt Billy Cohen Gavin Wolpert	John Kranyak Ron Smith Kyle Larsen
Wolfson	Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt Howard Weinstein Russell Ekeblad	Larry Cohen Steve Garner Ron Rubin
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Gary Cohler Sam Lev	Mike Passell Michael Seamon Jacek Pszczola
Welland	Roy Welland, Capt John Schermer	Bart Bramley Neil Chambers
Bathurst	Kevin Bathurst, Capt Joe Grue Joel Wooldridge	Dan Zagorin Justin Lall John Hurd
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Adam Wildavsky	Peter Boyd Fred Stewart Doug Doub
Silverstein	Aaron Silverstein, Capt Jill Levin	Andrew Rosenthal Jill Meyers
Hinze	Greg Hinze, Capt Venkatrao Koneru Jonathan Weinstein	David Yang Jiang Gu Franco Baseggio
Ivatury	Uday Ivatury, Capt Lapt Chan	Christal Henner Roger Lee
Levine	Michael Levine, Capt Dennis Clerkin Dan Gerstman	Dennis McGarry Jerry Clerkin Stephen Landen
Aker	Jeff Aker, Capt Doug Simson Barry Goren	Brady Richter Walter Johnson Joshua Donn

"There is no expedient to which a man will not go to avoid the labor of thinking."
-Thomas A. Edison



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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

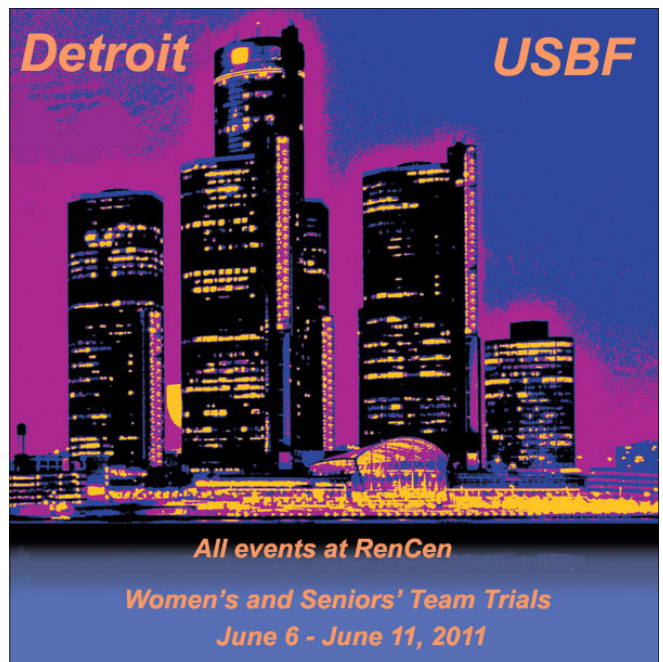
The 2011 USWBC and USSBC will be held in Detroit, Michigan at the **Marriott Renaissance Center**. Room rate is \$115 plus tax for single or double rooms. To make reservations, call 800-352-0831.

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.



Ed. Note:

Happy Birthday Scarlett!!

Nana loves you!



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 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.

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.' -Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.' - Eleanor Roosevelt

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement. - Mark Twain

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. - George Burns

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. - Victor Borge

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. - Mark Twain

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. - Socrates

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. - Groucho Marx