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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

Halfway through the USBC Round of 16:

Name	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	Total
2 Nickell	35	21	34	18	108
15 Ivatury	34	19	25	28	106
3 Gordon	14	27	35	44	120
14 Aker	47	39	28	38	152
4 Jacobs	30	18	13	47	108
13 Levine	15	26	11	3	55
5 Welland	24	45	39	29	137
12 Robinson	30	29	3	60	122
6 Wolfson	56	19	22	27	124
11 Silverstein	20	47	23	55	145
7 Mahaffey	25	36	31	18	110
10 Bathurst	34	50	45	30	159
8 Deustch	30	37	28	39	134
9 Hinze	38	15	36	11	100

Come to the Hospitality Suite, Room 8211, for breakfast between 8:30 and 10am. Pick up your Daily Bulletin there.

The Suite will close for an hour for clean-up and reopen from 11am till 10pm for soda and snacks.

There will be VuGraph in the Suite. Discuss the hands with the group. It will be social and fun.

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Off and Running...

Board 1
Dealer: N
None Vul

♠ J75		♠ K
♥ AKT876		♥ 92
♦ T743		♦ Q982
♣		♣ AKT852
♠ A432		♠ QT986
♥ 543		♥ QJ
♦ AK6		♦ J5
♣ Q64		♣ J973


West	North	East	South
Henner	Nickell	Ivatury	Katz
	Pass	1C	Pass
1S	2H	3C	Pass
3H	Pass	4C	Pass
5C	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

Mahmood	Lee	Hamman	Chan
	2H	3C	Pass
3H	Pass	4C	Pass
5C	All Pass		

Katz's double was aggressive. He might not have been happy if the ten of clubs had been with West. Both Souths led the queen of hearts. Both Norths overtook and continued two more rounds of hearts. On the third round of hearts in the Closed Room, Ivatury ruffed with the ten and Katz overruffed with the jack. Ten tricks were claimed and the contract was down one for +100 N/S.

In the Open Room, Hamman, unaware of the bad trump split, ruffed with the club ace, hoping trumps started 2-2. Hamman cashed his high club in hand and when Lee showed out, Hamman paid off to the great spots and went down two for a push!

Board 3
Dealer: S
E/W Vul.

♠ J543		♠ T
♥		♥ AK7432
♦ KT9		♦ A7532
♣ KJ7542		♣ 3
♠ AK72		♠ Q986
♥ Q85		♥ JT96
♦ Q86		♦ J4
♣ A96		♣ QT8

West	North	East	South
Mahmood	Lee	Hamman	Chan
			Pass
1NT	3C	3D (transfer)	Pass
3H	Pass	4D	Pass
5C	Pass	6D	Pass
6H	All Pass		

Henner	Nickell	Ivatury	Katz
			Pass
1NT	Pass	2D (transfer)	Pass
2H	Pass	3C (artificial)	Pass
3H	Pass	4D	Pass
4S	Pass	6H	All Pass

Another push! Both tables bid an aggressive slam... less than 50%. As is often true when a notrump opener faces a distributional hand, it can be difficult to pinpoint opener's values. With the right cards, seven hearts could have been laydown. Here, partner has reasonable support for both suits, and yet, six hearts turns out to be marginal. When trumps went 4-0, the slam had no chance. Both tables went down two...

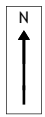
Board 6
 Dealer: E
 E/W Vul.

♠ AK9
 ♥ T9876
 ♦ A8
 ♣ 832

♠ QJT52
 ♥ QJ
 ♦ 42
 ♣ AJT9

♠ 8763
 ♥ 2
 ♦ KQT
 ♣ Q7654

♠ 4
 ♥ AK543
 ♦ J97653
 ♣ K



West	North	East	South
Henner	Nickell	Ivatury	Katz
		Pass	Pass
1S	Pass	2C	2S (Hearts and a minor)
Pass	4H	All Pass	

Mahmood	Lee	Hamman	Chan
		Pass	1H
1S	4H	4S	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

Hamman and Zia found the unfavorable save against four hearts. They were down one for a 7 IMP pick up. Interestingly, NOT opening the South hand proved more damaging to the opponents than opening it. By not opening the hand, Katz/Nickell were allowed to play in the making four hearts.

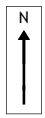
Board 21
 Dealer: N
 N/S Vul.

♠ 73
 ♥ 852
 ♦ KQ6
 ♣ KQ763

♠ 6
 ♥ K763
 ♦ J9873
 ♣ T85

♠ AK854
 ♥ AJ94
 ♦ T2
 ♣ A2

♠ KJT92
 ♥ QT
 ♦ A54
 ♣ J94



Henner	Nickell	Ivatury	Katz
	Pass	1S	Pass
Pass	Double	Redouble	Pass
2D	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

In the Open Room, Meckwell arrived in the expected 2H after Meck, East, opened a strong, artificial one club. The opening lead was the ♣4 and the contract made 3.

Katz made what looked like a dangerous double. If Henner plays for 3-3 diamonds and disdains the heart finesse, she will come to eight or maybe nine tricks. As it was, Nick led the spade seven, won with dummy's ace. He ten of diamonds sailed to the queen and another spade was led to the king. Another diamond was played to Katz's ace. Katz continued with spades. Henner ruffed and Nick pitched the club seven. Henner was not certain of the diamond position. Did Katz have four for his double?

In an effort to keep control and not go more than one trick down, Cristal played the king of hearts and a heart to the jack. This sealed her fate.

Katz won his queen and exited a small club to dummy's ace. Henner played the ace of hearts, Katz ruffing with the four of diamonds. Katz played another spade, ruffed by declarer and overruffed by Nickell. The defense still had a club trick coming and the contract failed by a trick for a six IMP gain to Nickell and company.

Board 25
 Dealer: N
 E/W Vul.

- ♠ AQT98
- ♥ AQT4
- ♦ K
- ♣ 862

- ♠ KJ74
- ♥ KJ987
- ♦ JT6
- ♣ 4



- ♠ 32
- ♥ 32
- ♦ Q9753
- ♣ AT73

- ♠ 65
- ♥ 65
- ♦ A842
- ♣ KQJ95

(Ed. Note:
 Notice the
 ♠/♥ spots
 in the
 East &
 South

Rodwell	Lee	Meckstroth	Chan
Henner	Nickell	Ivatury	Katz
	1S	Pass	1NT
Pass	2H	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The auction and the start of play was the same at both tables. West led the diamond jack, declarer winning dummy's singleton king and playing a club toward the king. Both Easts ducked and both declarers continued with another high club, both Easts ducking again while both Wests pitched a heart. At this point, things went south for Nickell.

Katz led a spade from hand to dummy's queen. Chan led a spade from hand to dummy's eight. Both declarer led dummy's last club, both Easts winning the ace and shifting to the three of hearts. Both Wests put up the king, dummy winning his ace.

Chan led the four of hearts from dummy and Rodwell won the nine. He was powerless. He could put Chan in his hand with a diamond, but the clubs were good for nine tricks. Or he could put Chan in dummy with a heart. Chan could then cash the hearts and exit with a spade, endplaying Eric. Contract making!

Katz cashed the ace of spades. Henner won her jack of spades and cashed her king. She shifted to the eight of hearts and dummy had to concede a heart at the end... contract failing by a trick. 10 IMPs to Ivatury!

Alert!! From Anna Grudge...

World Wide Bridge Contest

It is such a fun event ... held on **Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th June**, with clubs being able to play on either, or both, days as they are different hands.

Eric Kokish writes a very entertaining commentary and the event is scored across the whole field, with clubs uploading their results to world bridge servers and seeing the results appear as part of the overall scoring just a few minutes later.

See how you fare against the rest of the world. Don't miss it ... It's all happening at a club near you!!! Check your local club for details.

Celebrity sightings:

Several ACBL Board of Director reps have been spotted at the Green Valley Ranch kibitzing and mingling with the players. Among them are Merlin Vilhauser and his lovely wife, from District 20, Suzi Subeck and her husband, Stan, from District 13, and Joan Gerard from District 3. They are watching the action from the front lines. We welcome them and are glad they're here.

Answer to Puzzle on page 6:

writers' symposium	car	4 days	Smith	Wendy
room exhibitors	airplane	5 days	Price	Sara
games roleplaying	car	6 days	Vane	Paul
art show	airplane	6 days	Moore	Harry
card games	train	5 days	Dansk	Adam
Special Passion	Travel	Length of Stay	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

I Don't Wanna Work...

1. My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned. I couldn't concentrate.

2. Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.

3. After that, I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it - mainly because it was a sew-sew job.

4. Next, I tried working in a muffler factory, but that was too exhausting.

5. Then, I tried to be a chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme.

6. I attempted to be a deli worker, but any way I sliced it I couldn't cut the mustard.

7. My best job was a musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy.

8. I studied a long time to become a doctor, but I didn't have any patience.

9. Next, was a job in a shoe factory. I tried but I just didn't fit in.

10. I became a professional fisherman, but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income.

11. I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.

12. So then I got a job in a workout center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.

13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a historian - until I realized there was no future in it.

14. My last job was working in Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.

15. SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT AND FOUND THAT I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

What a difference in hand evaluation. Here are the auctions:

Board 31
Dealer: S
N/S Vul.

♠ QT2
♥ AK764
♦ 86
♣ 854

♠ 84
♥ T9
♦ KJT5
♣ AKJ63



♠ 9763
♥ Q
♦ AQ32
♣ Q972

♠ AKJ5
♥ J8532
♦ 974
♣ T

West	North	East	South
Wolfson	Silverstein	Cohen	Rosenthal
			Pass
1C	1H	Double	3C
3D	3H	5C	All Pass

Meyers	Weinstein	Levin	Garner
			Pass
1C	Pass	1S	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

This hand is a comedy of circumstances. Weinstein/Garner could have collected the first nine tricks against 1NT. In a manner of speaking, Weinstein did well not to overcall and keep the opponents out of NT. It simply required the lead of a high heart instead of the traditional fourth best. Weinstein is a traditionalist, however, and Meyers gladly scooped up her queen of hearts and cashed her minor suit winners, scoring up +180 in a very close match.

At the other table, after a very reasonable 1H overcall, NT was never in the picture. Wolfson/Cohen found their club fit and bid the close club game. Of course, as the cards lie, they faced one heart and two spade losers off the top. Down one for a loss of six IMPs.

Board 38
Dealer: E
E/W Vul

♠ 8
♥ J643
♦ KT764
♣ Q32

♠ J543
♥ T5
♦ 985
♣ AJ65



♠ AKQT92
♥ A8
♦ AQJ2
♣ 7

♠ 76
♥ KQ972
♦ 3
♣ KT984

Cohen and Wolfson bid to six spades without interference. Cohen opened two clubs; Wolfson showed game values, and the rest was easy.

At the other table, however, Jill Levin opened two clubs and Garner chimed in with two hearts. Meyers passed and Weinstein jumped to five hearts. Levin bid five spades; Garner passed and Meyers bid the small slam. It passed around to Garner, and at favorable, he properly took the push.

Meyers doubled.

The defense started with a spade to the queen, followed by the seven of clubs to the ace. Levin scored her club ruff, and East/West collected their five tricks to defeat the contract 1100.

This was good for a swing of 8 IMPs to Wolfson.

Life is like an onion; you peel off one layer at a time and sometimes you weep.

Life is just a phase you're going through...you'll get over it.

There are only two tragedies in life: one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it.

Everything has been figured out, except how to live.

An autobiography is the story of how a man thinks he lived.

The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win you're still a rat.

Limey Jack and Howie Doing ... halfway through the round of 16

Howie: Even in this glorious Vegas climate, I think there will be some chilling upsets.

I hope Cristal stays around to cheer for Roy. Her team's gonna fail and she's better looking than most of the kibitzers in this crowd! Katz has 9 lives and they're gonna **Nick** away at Ivatury today!

It's **Aker** over Gordon if yesterday is any indication. Mark my words!

Mazeratti man will run over Levine. The dough boys better win their dough in the casino or it's Adios Amigos.

Welland beating Robinson? Why not? Woolsey & Stewart been celebrating 24/7 since Sunday.

I would be surprised if a team with two broads could beat Wolfson but it's not against the Law ... It's a pick 'em!

Mahaffey's gonna take a bath... **Bathurst** that is! The kids have the stamina and they're way underrated!

It's **Deutsch** over Hinze... one Kranyak can beat 57 ingredients any time!

Limey Jack: My word... Is this entire tourney a charade or what? Luckily for Limey Jack the Punters (bookmakers-ED) are off on Holiday spending their Pounds made when the Royals were hitched with no major scandal unearthed.

I predicted Nickell to coast like Bread Basket in the Brighton Steeplechase but alas; this is the only view-graph worthy tilt. Truly, what is this upstart 4 handed squad doing flirting with the "Royal" upset? Stay glued to your telly as this one unveils.

Gordon is supposed to dally with Aker, yet the latter is upholding his own. Gordon may do the honourable thing and fall on the sword by the 7th furlong.

I was enamoured with the Wee Lads originally, but they had to have a huge comeback just to get within a fortnight of another 4 handed squad, also Welland. Hard to soldier on 4 handed, so the wee ones have a nip at the end.

Did I say the Levine team would be a surprise to whomever drew them? The surprise is how Jacobs is so easily putting paid to them. 55 imps is hardly a day's work.

The last of the 4 handed teams is also putting on a strong show, cruising past Wolfson at this hour. Perhaps at midnight the mice will stay as horses.

Did a lorry hit Mahaffey? No, but a bunch of whippersnappers are. This was my other sure thing. Gads, but this is traumatic.

Deutsch will carry on in dispatching his foe.

Limey Jack will stay out of the local pub for the rest of this round in order to have more favourable results in the round of 8. Cheers, LJ

Board 9

Dealer: N

E/W Vul.

♠ J962

♥ Q

♦ AQ7652

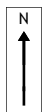
♣ Q4

♠ A5

♥ AT9875

♦ J83

♣ AJ



♠ 84

♥ KJ632

♦ K9

♣ T653

♠ KQT73

♥ 4

♦ T4

♣ K9872

West	North	East	South
Johnson	Berkowitz	Simson	Sontag
	1D	Pass	1S
2H	3S	4H	4S
Pass	Pass	5H	5S
Double	All Pass		

Gordon	Richter	Pratap	Aker
	Pass	Pass	2S
3H	4D	4H	Pass
Pass	4S	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

A common maxim is that the 5 level belongs to the opponents. This hand is a classic example. Berkowitz and Sontag pushed the opponents to 5♥ which had no play. Unfortunately for them, the favorable vulnerability seduced them to sacrifice in 5♠. Had they defended 5♥, their team would have been +100 at both tables and won 5 IMPs. Instead, they were -300 at their table and lost 5 IMPs.

Fun and Games Page ...

The Worldscapes Convention, the premiere gaming, science fiction, and fantasy event of the year, takes place this month! By land, sea, and air, people flock to Indianapolis at this time each year to experience four packed solid days of gaming, science fiction and fantasy in all its forms including an art show and writers' symposium, and an extensive exhibitor's room where companies provide gaming demonstrations, contests, and new product announcements. Like many others, five friends have been traveling to this convention for years and traditionally meet up the day before for supper to renew their friendship and plan out their schedule for the convention. Each friend has a special passion for one particular event. Determine the full name of each friend (one first name is Harry), how long each friend is staying for, the way each friend traveled to the convention, and each friends' special passion.

- The two people who traveled by airplane were the man who loved the art show and Sara.
- Mr. Vane didn't stay for five days. Paul, whose last name wasn't Moore, traveled by car.
- Adam stayed one day longer than the person who loved the writers' symposium. The person who came by train loved card games.
- The two people who stayed for 6 days were the person who loved roleplaying games and Mr. Moore.
- The person whose last name was Price loved the exhibitor's room. Wendy's last name was Smith but her favorite event wasn't the roleplaying games.
- Mr. Dansk's favorite event wasn't the art show. The woman who loved the writers' symposium only stayed for four days.

	Dansk	Moore	Price	Smith	Vane	4 days	5 days	5 days	6 days	6 days	Airplane	Airplane	Car	Car	Train	Art show	Card games	Exhibitors' room	Role playing games	Writer's symposium	
Adam																					
Harry																					
Paul																					
Sara																					
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(Answer on page 4)

1st name	Last name	Length of stay	Travel Means	Special Passion
Adam				
Harry				
Paul				
Sara				
Wendy				

In Seeding Order

Diamond Bye to Rnd of 8	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Brad Moss	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Fred Gitelman
Nickell Bye to Rnd of 16	Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth	Ralph Katz Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell
Gordon	Mark Gordon, Capt David Berkowitz Michael Rosenberg	Pratap Rajadhyaksha Alan Sontag Chris Willenken
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Marc Jacobus Drew Casen	Steve Beatty Eddie Wold Jim Krekorian
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

**"Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself."
-A. H. Weiler**

Legal Semantics...

A lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a sheriff's deputy. He thinks that he is smarter than the deputy because he is sure that he has a better education. He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the deputy's expense...deputy says, "License and registration, please."
 Lawyer says, "What for?"
 Deputy says, "You didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign ..."
 Lawyer says, "I slowed down, and no one was coming."
 Deputy says, "You still didn't come to a complete stop. License and registration, please."
 Lawyer says, "What's the difference?"
 Deputy says, "The difference is, you have to come to a complete stop, that's the law. License and registration, please!"
 Lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration and you give me the ticket, if not you let me go and no ticket."
 Deputy says, "Exit your vehicle, sir." At this point, the deputy takes off his gloves and starts slapping the lawyer and says, "Do you want me to stop or just slow down?"

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.

Play on Words...

- If you're too open minded, your brains will fall out.
- Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.
- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
- My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
- Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
- It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
- If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
- Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.



VuGraph Information

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.

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. Jimmy Durante

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. - Zsa Zsa Gabor

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. Alex Levine

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. - Rodney Dangerfield

Money can't buy you happiness .. But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. - Spike Milligan

Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was **SHUT UP**. Joe Namath

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon . Then it's time for my nap. Bob Hope

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it. W. C. Fields

We could certainly slow the ageing process down if it had to work its way through Congress. Will Rogers

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. Winston Churchill

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty .. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out. Phyllis Diller

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. Billy Crystal