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“Trials” and Tribulations

USBC Quarterfinals: Halfway to the Semis...

| Name | 1-15 | 16-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | Total |
|--------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 Diamond | 34 | 42 | 26 | 13 | 115 |
| 8 Deutsch | 37 | 12 | 21 | 43 | 113 |
| 2 Nickell | 10 | 69 | 14 | 32 | 125 |
| 7 (10) Bathurst | 31 | 26 | 64 | 40 | 161 |
| 3 (14) Aker | 8 | 34 | 21 | 30 | 93 |
| 6 Wolfson | 43 | 10 | 45 | 30 | 128 |
| 4 Jacobs | 25 | 24 | 14 | 40 | 103 |
| 5 Welland | 38 | 8 | 45 | 44 | 135 |

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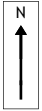
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Eight Ever... The Quarterfinals Get Underway...

Board 1
Dealer: N
None Vul.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <p>♠ AQJ72 ♥ 632 ♦ 4 ♣ AQ52</p> |  | <p>♠ K53 ♥ KJ7 ♦ AQT8 ♣ J64</p> |
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|---------------------------------------------|
| <p>♠ T986 ♥ QT4 ♦ 52 ♣ K973</p> |
|---------------------------------------------|

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Casen | Schermer | Krekorian | Chambers |
| | Pass | 1D | Pass |
| 1S | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 2D (GF check-back) | Double | Redouble | All Pass |

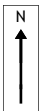
| Welland | Beatty | Bramley | Jacobs |
|---------------|----------|---------|--------|
| | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 2H (transfer) | Pass | 2S | Pass |
| 2NT (clubs) | Pass | 3S | Pass |
| 4S | All Pass | | |

The play in two diamonds redoubled was actually easier than the play in four spades. Chambers led the diamond deuce which rode to declarer's eight. Krekorian played a spade to the queen and another spade which

Schermer ruffed. Schermer led a small heart away from his ace to Chambers' queen. Chambers led a spade for Schermer to ruff. Schermer cashed his ace of hearts and led another to Krekorian's king. The six of clubs went to the queen and the ace of clubs was cashed. The ace of spades was led off dummy and Krekorian claimed his eight tricks for +560.

In four spades, Bramley had to play carefully. Jacobs led the spade ten, won with Dummy's jack. Bramley led a club to the jack and king. Jacobs won and exited another spade. Bramley took a diamond finesse for the king to have a pitch for a heart. He played a club to the ace and a trump off dummy, Beatty pitching a diamond. Bart cashed the ace of diamonds, pitching a low heart from dummy. He took his ace of spades, led a club, and endplayed George into leading a heart, guaranteeing ten tricks. 4 IMPs to Jacobs.

Board 2
Dealer: E
N/S Vul.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <p>♠ A9653 ♥ 954 ♦ A8 ♣ AJ9</p> |  | <p>♠ QJT4 ♥ 2 ♦ T7 ♣ T87542</p> |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|

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|---------------------------------------------|
| <p>♠ K7 ♥ 873 ♦ J942 ♣ KO63</p> |
|---------------------------------------------|

| Welland | Beatty | Bramley | Jacobs |
|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 4H | Pass | Pass | Pass |

| Casen | Schermer | Krekorian | Chambers |
|-------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 1H | 1S | Pass | Pass |
| 4H | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Four hearts has no play. Casen went down in the Open Room where Schermer led the ace of spades and a spade to Chambers' king. Chambers made the obvious shift to a trump and waited for his side's two diamond tricks.

In the Closed Room, Beatty led the ace of diamonds, shifted to the ace of spades and a spade to Jacobs' king. Welland still has a diamond loser even if Jacobs does not switch to a trump because Beatty can overruff dummy's deuce of trump. Only one way exists to make the hand... Unfortunately for George, he found it. He apparently thought Beatty had the king of diamonds for his lead and got sloppy. He returned a LOW diamond. The jack would have buried the ten and the contract would still have failed. Knowing Beatty was unlikely to lead the diamond ace from the ace/jack, Roy ducked the diamond to the ten. When the smoke cleared, he collected 10 tricks and a 10 IMP gain!

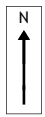
Board 7
 Dealer: S
 All Vul.

♠ K5
 ♥ K3
 ♦ KQJ9
 ♣ T9543

♠ J8
 ♥ J9742
 ♦ 732
 ♣ Q76

♠ Q942
 ♥ AQT65
 ♦ T54
 ♣ 2

♠ AT763
 ♥ 8
 ♦ A86
 ♣ AKJ8



| West | North | East | South |
|----------|------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Aker | Weinstein | Richter | Garner |
| | | | 1S |
| Pass | 2C | Pass | 3H (shortness) |
| Pass | 4C | Pass | 4D |
| Pass | 4S | Pass | 6C |
| All Pass | | | |
| Rubin | Simson | Ekeblad | Johnson |
| | | | 1C (strong) |
| Pass | 1NT (GF, 5+ ♣) | Pass | 2D (spades) |
| Pass | 2H (1-2 ♠ g. h.) | Pass | 3C |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4C |
| Pass | 4D (KC for ♣) | Pass | 4S (4 keycards) |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5C |
| All Pass | | | |

This is a good news/bad news hand. Weinstein/Garner, playing 2/1 and bidding what was in their hands, got to an unlucky club slam. Had the trumps been 2-2, it would have rolled. We've all been in worse slams than that many times. That is the bad news.

The good news is that bidding the suits they held put East on lead. Leading an ace from an AQ is never clear, even against a slam. Richter chose to lead a diamond. Garner scooped this up and played the ace and king of trump getting the bad news. He quickly played two more rounds of diamonds and when everyone followed, he played the last diamond from dummy and discarded his losing heart. The defense was helpless and he rolled up the slam.

In the other room, Simson and Johnson used science and avoided the slam... the good news. But science landed them in clubs from the short side... the bad news. It was easy for Rubin to lead a heart, and he did. Simson/Johnson made the game, but they'd have been a trick short in slam! 13 IMPs to Wolfson.

Board 26
 Dealer: N
 E/W Vul.

♠ KJT
 ♥ T75
 ♦ QJ9
 ♣ AQ52

♠ 8654
 ♥ AK
 ♦ T2
 ♣ KJ643

♠ 932
 ♥ 8642
 ♦ K864
 ♣ 98

♠ AQ7
 ♥ QJ93
 ♦ A753
 ♣ T7



| West | North | East | South |
|------------|---------------------|----------|------------|
| Wooldridge | Rodwell | Hurd | Meckstroth |
| | 1D (could be short) | Pass | 1H |
| Double | Redouble (support) | Pass | Pass |
| 2C | Double | All Pass | |

The message here is: Don't mess around with Meckwell!

Eric had no problem punishing two clubs. He passed Jeff's double like a shot and beat the hand three vulnerable tricks.

3NT was bid and made in the other room with no interference, but it wasn't vulnerable so Nickell gained another 9 IMPs.

Board 23
 Dealer: S
 All Vul.

♠ K7
 ♥ AKQ7543
 ♦ T6
 ♣ 43

♠ A8654
 ♥ T96
 ♦ 2
 ♣ KJT9



♠ J82
 ♥ KJ9874
 ♦ Q752
 ♣

♠ QJT932
 ♥
 ♦ AQ53
 ♣ A86

| | | | |
|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Nickell | Bathurst | Katz | Zagorin |
| Pass | 2H | Pass | 1S |
| Pass | 4H | All Pass | 2S |

| | | | |
|------------|---------|----------|------------|
| Wooldridge | Rodwell | Hurd | Meckstroth |
| Pass | 2H | Pass | 1S |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 2S |
| Pass | 3H | Pass | 3D |
| Pass | 4S | All Pass | 3NT |

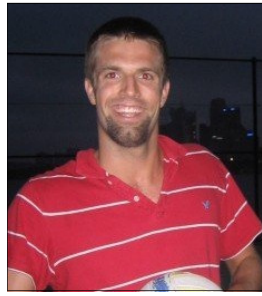
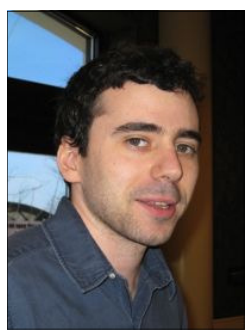
Against 4♥, Katz led the ♦9, 3rd and 5th. Bathurst should have ducked this to his ten. There was no harm. If the 9 was top of nothing, he could do nothing about it, but if it happened to be 3rd best (as it was), he wins big. Kevin won the ace and led a spade toward his hand. Nick won the ace and gave Katz a spade ruff. Katz cashed his now good diamond and exited with a club, killing all entry to dummy to collect the good spades.

The defense collected one spade, one diamond, and two ruffs. The contract failed by one trick. Had Kevin ducked the diamond at trick one, the game would have made easily.

In the other room, Wooldridge led his singleton diamond against 4♠. Meckstroth won the king with the ace, ducked a club, won the club return, and ruffed a club in dummy. He played off two rounds of high hearts to shed two small diamonds and came to ten tricks performe.

He was rewarded with 12 IMPs to Nickell for his efforts.

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Board 29
Dealer: N
All Vul.

♠ KT65
♥ AK9
♦ 6
♣ AQ753

♠ AQJ98
♥ Q754
♦ QJ4
♣ 4



♠ 7432
♥ JT
♦ KT952
♣ J8

♠
♥ 8632
♦ A873
♣ KT962

Wow! Some folks don't bid game on 23 highs. Here, one table bid six and one table bid seven. Distribution rocks!

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|
| Wooldridge | Rodwell | Hurd | Meckstroth |
| | 1C (strong) | Pass | 2S (g.f. short) |
| Double | 2NT | Pass | 3H |
| Pass | 3S | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 4H | Pass | 5C |
| Pass | 5S | Pass | 5NT |
| Pass | 6C | All Pass | |

| Nickell | Bathurst | Katz | Zagorin |
|---------|----------|----------|-------------|
| | 1C | Pass | 1H (spades) |
| 1S | Double | 3S | 4C |
| Pass | 4D | Pass | 5D |
| Pass | 7C | All Pass | |

Hurd led the ♣J against the small slam. Rodwell won the king, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a spade, played a heart to the king and a diamond to the ace. He ruffed a diamond and went about his business, easily collecting 12 tricks.

Katz led the same card against the grand. Bathurst took a similar line, hoping for a miracle (Axx of spades?) Unlucky for him, no miracles happened, and in the end, he was forced to concede a heart for down one.

16 IMPs to Nickell.

Board 14
Dealer: E
None Vul.

♠ J872
♥ KT5
♦ Q82
♣ K75

♠ A53
♥ J98
♦ A7
♣ AJT84



♠ QT
♥ AQ4
♦ T96543
♣ Q9

♠ K964
♥ 7632
♦ KJ
♣ 632

In the Jacobs/Welland match, both tables played in 3NT on unimpeded auctions.

Sometimes, spot cards are as important as high cards. This hand is an example. Both Schermer and Beatty led fourth best spades. Both Casen and Welland put up the queen, covered by the king and ducked. Another spade followed, ducked to North's jack. The spade suite was cleared and both declarers took a heart finesse... however, Welland led the nine of hearts to the queen and Casen led the jack of hearts, covered by the king to the ace.

Both declarers unsuccessfully finessed the king of clubs, and both Norths led their last low spade to South's nine.

Jacobs exited a heart to Beatty's ten and dummy's ace, while Chambers, unable to do that without setting up the ninth trick in hearts, exited the jack of diamonds to Casen's ace. Casen cashed the clubs and led the nine of hearts himself. Schermer covered with the ten and there were nine tricks for the taking.

Taking the double finesse in hearts gives declarer one extra opportunity to make the hand. If the club hook is on and clubs split, it is immaterial.

The result: 10 IMPs to Jacobs

Board 31
 Dealer: S
 N/S Vul.

♠ AQ54
 ♥ 7
 ♦ 9764
 ♣ Q964

♠ J732
 ♥ J4
 ♦ KJ8
 ♣ K875



♠ 96
 ♥ AQ932
 ♦ QT532
 ♣ 2

♠ KT8
 ♥ KT865
 ♦ A
 ♣ AJT3

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Beatty | Schermer | Jacobs | Chambers |
| Pass | 1S | Pass | 1H |
| Pass | 2H | Pass | 2C |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 2S |
| Pass | 4H | All Pass | 3NT |

It would seem that two hearts was passable and could be a doubleton in any system. Two spades by Chambers is aggressive but reasonable, however, when Schermer could only bid 2NT, driving to game seems like an all or nothing action. Schermer was lucky not to be doubled given East's heart holding! As it was, four hearts failed by three tricks for -300.

In the other room, Bramley, East, was allowed to play in three diamonds after Welland, West, made a takeout double of one heart. That contract failed by one trick and it was 8 IMPs to Jacobs.

Board 37
 Dealer: N
 N/S Vul.

♠ T2
 ♥ Q8754
 ♦ A8
 ♣ 8742

♠ Q9865
 ♥ 32
 ♦ 32
 ♣ KJ96



♠ J43
 ♥ AKJT9
 ♦ 754
 ♣ A5

| Welland | Wold | Bramley | Jacobus |
|---------|--------|----------|---------|
| 1NT | Double | Pass | 2S |
| Pass | 3D | All Pass | 1S |

| Beatty | Schermer | Jacobs | Chambers |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| 4H | 4S | All Pass | 1S |

Roy's antics really paid off when he bid 1NT holding five card heart support. Wold and Jacobus never dreamed there were enough points in the deck for a spade game to be making. Wold played a calm three diamonds and made four.

At the other table, Beatty, a traditionalist, made the "normal" raise to four hearts. Schermer bid the spade game, and with only one heart, one diamond, and one club to lose, he scored up +620. How come no one sacrificed?

Ten IMPs to Welland and the match changes hands!

No one realizes how important the volunteers are when it comes to running a tournament like this. The power behind the process has a name, and that name is Jan Martel.

Jan works steadily throughout the Trials, managing everything from the VuGraph operations to the smallest details to be sure events come off as planned. Jan deserves a great vote of confidence and a huge thank you for all her efforts.

Thanks Jan!!!!!!!!!!



Schedule of Events

Thoughts on Marriage...

- 1) Marriage is not a word. It is a sentence (a life sentence).
- 2) Marriage is very much like a violin; after the sweet music is over, the strings are still attached.
- 3) Marriage is love. Love is blind. Therefore marriage is an institution for the blind.
- 4) Marriage is an institution in which a man loses his Bachelor's Degree and the woman gets her Master's.
- 5) Marriage is a thing which puts a ring on a woman's finger, and two under the man's eyes.
- 6) Marriage certificate is just another word for a work permit.
- 7) Marriage is not just a having a wife but also worries inherited forever.
- 8) Marriage requires a man to prepare 4 types of "RINGS":
 - * The Engagement Ring
 - * The Wedding Ring
 - * The Suffe-ring
 - * The Endu-ring
- 9) Married life is full of excitement and frustration:
 - * In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens.
 - * In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens.
 - * In the third year, they both speak and the NEIGHBORS listen.
- 10) It is true that love is blind but marriage is definitely an eye-opener.
- 11) Getting married is very much like going to the restaurant with friends. You order what you want, and when you see what the other fellow has, you wish you had ordered that instead.
- 12) It's true that all men are born free and equal-but some of them get MARRIED!
- 13) There was this man who muttered a few words in the church and found himself married. A year later he muttered something in his sleep and found himself divorced.
- 14) A happy marriage is a matter of giving and taking; the husband gives and the wife takes.
- 15) Conversations between son & father:
 Son: How much does it cost to get married, Dad?
 Father: I don't know son, I'm still paying for it.

 Son: Is it true, Dad? I heard that in ancient China, a man didn't know his wife until he married her.
 Father: That happens everywhere, son, EVERYWHERE!

| 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 |

Answer to Puzzle on page 8:

| | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|------------|
| \$50 | \$25 | Winner's Delight | Carter | Ryan |
| \$65 | \$50 | Sunday Special | West | Mark |
| \$45 | \$35 | Wild Side Slide | Turner | Jim |
| \$55 | \$40 | Candy's Comet | Stevens | James |
| \$60 | \$30 | Express Delivery | Daniels | Greg |
| Ending Money | Starting Money | Racehorse Name | Last Name | First Name |

Fun and Games Page ...

James and four of his friends were delighted they could make the trip to Maryland to witness the Preakness race this year, the second leg of the Triple Crown races and the most sought-after prize of horse racing. To celebrate the event, each had some money put aside for betting on the races leading up to the Preakness, which was the last race of the day. Along with their enjoyment of a day at the races, they were pleased when each of them picked the winning horse in one of the races and so ended the day with more money than they started with. Determine the full name of each friend, the name of the racehorse each won on, and how much money each friend started and ended with.

1. Greg Daniels didn't win on Wild Side Slide. The man who won on Winner's Delight exactly doubled his starting money. Ryan started with \$25.
2. Mark was not the man who started with \$35 and ended the day with \$45. Mr. Turner, whose first name wasn't James, didn't win on Candy's Comet.
3. Jim started with more money than the man who won on Express Delivery but he ended with \$10 less than Mr. Stevens.
4. The person who won on Candy's Comet ended the day with more money than Mr. Carter but with less than the man who won on Sunday Special.
5. Mark's last name wasn't Stevens. Mr. West didn't start with \$40 but he ended with \$15 more than he started with. The person who won on Express Delivery had \$30 to start with, but it wasn't Mark.
6. The five friends were Jim, the man who started with \$50, the person who won on Candy's Comet, the man who ended the day with \$60, and Mr. Carter.

| | Carter | Daniels | Stevens | Turner | West | Candy's Comet | Express Delivery | Sunday Special | West Side Slide | Winner's Delight | Starting Money | | | | | Ending Money | | | | |
|------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------|------|------|------|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | \$25 | \$30 | \$35 | \$40 | \$55 | \$45 | \$50 | \$55 | \$60 | \$65 |
| Greg | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jim | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mark | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ryan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ending money | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$45 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$50 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$55 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$60 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$65 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Starting money | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| \$35 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$55 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Candy's Comet | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Express Delivery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday Special | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| West Side Slide | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winner's Delight | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

(Answer on page 7)

| 1st name | Last name | Race horse | Starting money | Ending money |
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Board 38
 Dealer: E
 E/W Vul.

♠ KQ9
 ♥ AKQ85
 ♦ 65
 ♣ KQJ

♠ 543
 ♥ J43
 ♦ AKJ8
 ♣ 873



♠ J8
 ♥ 6
 ♦ QT97432
 ♣ T94

♠ AT762
 ♥ T972
 ♦
 ♣ A652

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| Welland | Wold | Bramley | Jacobus |
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 1D | Double | 4D | 4S |
| All Pass | | | |

| Beatty | Schermer | Jacobs | Chambers |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | 3D | Double |
| 4D | 6H | All Pass | |

Jacobs chose to preempt aggressively on his 8 loser hand in first seat. You live by the sword, you die by the sword. Position matters in bridge. Chambers did not have a good hand but he had the right distribution... and he was at favorable vulnerability. Believe me, he did not expect for

the auction to come back to him at six hearts. However, six hearts is a more than reasonable spot... in fact, it's cold.

At the other table, Bramley passed in first seat. (Ed. Note: I would too!) Roy opened his best suit in 3rd seat. Wold made a takeout double of one diamond. Bart raised to four diamonds and Jacobus bid four spades. Having trouble evaluating partner's strengths in a strained auction, Wold thought the better part of valor was to pass and take the plus. Another 11 IMPs to Welland.

Board 39
 Dealer: S
 All Vul.

♠ A72
 ♥ 94
 ♦ AKJ65
 ♣ K73

♠ Q4
 ♥ KO8
 ♦ Q2
 ♣ AJ8542



♠ KJ9653
 ♥ A65
 ♦ 83
 ♣ QT

♠ T8
 ♥ JT732
 ♦ T974
 ♣ 96

Ever notice how when things start on a downward spiral, they go from bad to worse? It appears the wheels are coming off the limo.

| Beatty | Schermer | Jacobs | Chambers |
|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| | | | Pass |
| 1C | 1NT | Double | 2H |
| Double | All Pass | | |

| Welland | Wold | Bramley | Jacobus |
|-------------|----------|------------|---------|
| | | | Pass |
| 1NT (14-16) | Pass | 4H (Texas) | Pass |
| 4S | All Pass | | |

Four spades is a fine contract on only a club finesse. The finesse is off so it naturally fails by a trick.

Chambers was seeing his life pass before him when Beatty doubled two hearts vulnerable. Lucky for him, there were only five losers. Why Jacobs passed instead of bidding his six card spade suit will ever be a mystery. Had he bid spades, he might even have stayed low enough to get a plus score, knowing from the notrump overcall that every card was over Beatty's hand.

11 IMPs to Welland.

Howie Doing ...

I like my picks. I like 'em a lot.

Look how I'm "**Doing**" ... I'm totally hot!

I'm three for one... tomorrow will tell.

Jack's **doing** fine, but I'm **doing** well.

Jacobs needs help, but he isn't yet sunk.

Find Roy in the bar and buy wine till he's drunk.

Bathurst is cruising to each man's surprise.

Meckstroth dialed a slam before my own eyes.

See you tomorrow to rake in my praise.

And pick for the Semis... the next couple days!

Board 60

Dealer: W

N/S Vul.

♠ J965
♥ J52
♦ T843
♣ 73

♠ Q32

♥ KT7

♦ K972

♣ AK5



♠ AK874

♥ A864

♦ AQ

♣ 98

♠ T

♥ Q93

♦ J65

♣ QJT642

This may qualify as the most interesting hand of the tournament. Joel Wooldridge has been really steaming since Louisville and it shows.

Limey Jack ...

Quite the show the Yanks are putting on. No match is out of reach and one is in a foursquare tussle (We think that means tied-ED).

In the meanst this Howie Dung is filling the air on both sides of the pond with his dithering blather. That must come to an end. I shall properly pick the survivors of all four jousts and perhaps he will go back to his pablum and mash.

One needs some tuning up to play one's best. Diamond stays for only two days. Deutsch pulls Excalibur from the rock and places it firmly on Diamond's backside.

Wolfson seems to have enjoyed his five year sojourn and is back doing well. They are in fine fettle and thrash the upstart Aker lads.

Bathurst beats Nickell like a tambourine. Has the world gone batty?

Welland seems poised to make the minor upset, but playing four handed is like trying to walk a furlong in a peat bog. Jacobs will overcome the 30 something.

Only Limey Jack can give you the goods.

Cheers

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Wooldridge | Hamman | Hurd | Zia |
| 1NT | Pass | 2C | Double |
| 2D | Pass | 3H | Pass |
| 3S | Pass | 4D | Pass |
| 4H | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5D | Pass | 5H | Pass |
| 5NT | Pass | 6S | Pass |
| 6NT | All Pass | | |
| Meckstroth | Grue | Rodwell | Lall |
| 1NT | Pass | 2C | Double |
| Pass | Pass | Redouble | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | 6NT | All Pass |

Against Meckstroth, Grue led the five of spades. It went 4, 10, Q. Meck decided to put his opponents' feet to the fire. He played back a small spade. Smoothly and in tempo Grue played small. Meck thought forever and finally went up with the ace. Kit Woolsey (commentating on VuGraph) said Meck should have finessed because if spades were 3-2, North was likely to be caught in a red suit squeeze. There also are some double squeeze possibilities although the communication is clumsy. Had Meck finessed, as the cards lie, it would have been easy. As it was, Jeff missed the boat and even threw a club which removed any chance of the double squeeze.

At the other table, Wooldridge got the called for club lead. He immediately played the spade queen. When South followed with the ten, he played the deuce of spades and finessed the seven. Great play, Joel! This was worth 14 IMPs to Bathurst.

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 |

**"When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them."
- Rodney Dangerfield**

Know Thy Scripture...

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!' (Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: 'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.'

'Scripture?' replied the burglar. 'She said she had an ax and two 38s!'

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.

Only in America...

- can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
- do people order double cheese burgers, large fries, and a diet Coke.
- do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.
- do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
- do banks leave both doors to the vault open and then chain the pens to the counters.
- do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.
- are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
- do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front



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.

How does a pig go to hospital?

In a hambulance.

What clothes does a house wear?

Address.

If a long dress is evening wear, what is a suit of armor?

Silverware.

What country makes you shiver?

Chile.

What bird can lift the most?

A crane.

What did one elevator say to the other?

I think I'm coming down with something!

What bone will a dog never eat?

A trombone.

What did one magnet say to the other?

I find you very attractive.

What can you hold without ever touching it?

A conversation.