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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

USBC Quarterfinals: On to the Semis...

Name	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	Total
1 Diamond	44	45	9	63	276
8 Deutsch	49	20	8	21	211
2 Nickell	14	35	38	25	237
7 (10) Bathurst	23	14	62	22	282
3 (14) Aker	40	23	20	32	208
6 Wolfson	23	17	20	32	220
4 Jacobs	9	29	63	56	260
5 Welland	45	47	35	44	306

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.

Global Youth Event to Include Bridge

From June 26 to July 4, 2011, the Institute for International Sport will host its 5th World Scholar-Athlete Games (WSAG) throughout the Greater Hartford Connecticut area of the USA. The WSAG welcomes 15-19 year old scholar-athletes and scholar-artists over 150 nations. Bridge will again be one of the sport and art activities represented at the international event. The concept of WSAG is to foster understanding and friendship among young athletes representing many nations. This summer's program will feature the addition of the inaugural World Youth Peace Summit (WYPS) where participants will attend workshops to develop community building initiatives. The WYPS will feature keynote speakers including General Colin Powell, Former US Vice President Al Gore, Nobel Laureate Rigoberta Menchú and Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize family.

The WSAG is accepting applications for scholar-athletes. This event provides the opportunity for young scholars to showcase their skills on an international stage. Coaches, officials and general volunteers are encouraged to sign up as well. This event will provide the opportunity to build lasting connections and add to one's professional and community service portfolio.

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From Eight to Four... Approaching the Semifinals...

Board 58
Dealer: E
All Vul.

♠ AJ53		♠ T87
♥		♥ 5
♦ J632		♦ KQ875
♣ AQT96		♣ J532
♠ KQ962		♠ 4
♥ A973		♥ KQJT8642
♦ A		♦ T94
♣ K84		♣ 7

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Grue	Rodwell	Lall
		Pass	4H
Double	Pass	4S	Pass
Pass	Double	4NT	Pass
5C	Double	All Pass	

Wooldridge	Hamman	Hurd	Zia
		Pass	3NT (4 of Major)
Double	4C	4D	Pass
4S	Double	All Pass	

It isn't often you catch Meckwell speeding. And this ticket cost them 1100! In the other room, four spades doubled went down only one and those three extra undertricks in five clubs resulted in 14 IMPs to Bathhurst. Note that even if Meckwell languish in four spades, they will go down an extra trick because South can easily lead a club through the king to partner's ace/queen and get a ruff with his singleton trump. This is the power of the four heart opening!

Board 61
Dealer: N
All Vul.

♠ Q6		♠ AJ73
♥ K9862		♥ 7
♦ KJ873		♦ A42
♣ J		♣ T9852
♠ KT8542		♠ 9
♥ Q5		♥ AJT43
♦		♦ QT965
♣ K7643		♣ AQ

West	North	East	South
Aker	Weinstein	Richter	Garner
	Pass	Pass	1H
2H	4D (fit showing)	4S	5H
Pass	Pass	5S	6H
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

Rubin	Simson	Ekeblad	Johnson
	Pass	Pass	1H
2S (♠ & another)	2NT (artificial)	4S	5C
Pass	5H	Pass	Pass
5S	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

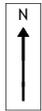
Aker made a run at Wolfson right from the start yesterday. Here's another distributional hand that takes good judgment at the five level. Simson and Johnson judged well to double five spades. Johnson felt his two aces and good club defense would be enough to beat the contract. He didn't see any way that his side could make a slam.

Garner, however, aware of the two-suited fit thought slam might well be making. Six hearts even looked like it could be insurance against five spades. Six hearts went light two while five spades was down one. 12 IMPs to Aker.

Board 62
Dealer: E
None Vul.

♠ 63
♥ AQT65
♦ Q64
♣ 964

♠ 9
♥ KJ874
♦ JT85
♣ AQ7



♠ AKQ85
♥ 932
♦ K2
♣ J83

♠ JT742
♥
♦ A973
♣ KT52

Aker	Weinstein	Richter	Garner
		1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	2C	Pass
2D (hearts)	Pass	2H	Pass
2NT	Pass	4H	Double
All Pass			

After losing 12 IMPs on the last hand, Garner took advantage of the opponent's auction to recover 5 of his lost IMPs.

E/W had a very straightforward auction to reach four hearts. Since West had only invited game, Steven knew that the opponents had only marginal game values and that his partner had a trump stack. He made the penalty double with the void trump.

The contract was defeated two tricks.

At the other table, Rubin/Ekeblad reached four hearts on an artificial auction and Johnson/Simson failed to double.

Board 63
Dealer: S
N/S Vul

♠ 9872
♥ T962
♦ 874
♣ 87

♠ AT5
♥ 8
♦ Q6
♣ AT96432



♠ KJ43
♥ KJ743
♦ J9
♣ KJ

♠ Q6
♥ AQ5
♦ AKT532
♣ Q5

Aker	Weinstein	Richter	Garner
			1C (artificial st)
2C	Pass (weak)	2H	Pass
3C	Pass	3S	Pass
4S	All Pass		

Rubin	Simson	Ekeblad	Johnson
			1C (artificial st)
3C	Pass (weak)	Pass	Pass

In both rooms, South opened a strong club and amazingly never bid again despite holding a very good six card diamond suit. If South bids three diamonds, he will probably be set one trick... unless the opponents play two rounds of spades followed by three rounds of clubs establishing the diamond queen via an uppercut. Then he will be set two tricks. Passing was certainly the winning action on this hand.

Making four clubs depended on the spade/club guess. Rubin made four.

On a fearless auction, Aker and Richter reached four spades. Strangely enough, this contract had play. Garner started with the ace/king of diamonds. Had he cashed the ace of hearts and played a third diamond, declarer would have been in a very tough position. If declarer ruffs low in dummy, he will not have the entries to pick up trumps and will likely be defeated. Garner did not find this defense, instead, exiting with a club after cashing his two diamonds. Now the contract was cold.

Richter needs to win the club and lead a spade to the ten. He can now pick up trumps, run clubs and make eleven tricks. Given the strong club opener on his left, this seems like the called-for play. If clubs were 3-1, North would be ruffing the 2nd club. To make the contract, declarer must play for South to have led a club from Qx.

Unfortunately for his side, Richter fell from grace, won the jack of clubs in hand and cashed the king before leading a spade to the ten. When the smoke cleared, he was down four. 8 IMPs to Wolfson

Board 76
Dealer: W
N/S Vul.

♠ T92
♥ KQ873
♦ K42
♣ T5

♠ AQJ4
♥ T
♦ 3
♣ AQ98732



♠ 87
♥ J9542
♦ AQT97
♣ 6

♠ K653
♥ A6
♦ J865
♣ KJ4

West	North	East	South
Larsen	Moss	Deutsch	Gitelman
1C	Pass	1H	Pass
1S	Pass	1NT	Pass
3C (inv)	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Diamond	Wolpert	Platnick	Kranyak
2C (♣ Opening Hand)	All Pass		

It is easy to see why Platnick did not get excited about his hand after a two club opener. Two clubs made four peacefully and they were likely happy with the result.

At the other table, playing a vanilla convention card, Larsen/Deutsch found their way to 3NT after Larsen bid an invitational three clubs.

What a lucky make! Gitelman led the five of diamonds and it went 3, king, ace. Deutsch led his singleton club and finessed the queen. When that held, he cashed the ace and led another, establishing six tricks in the suit.

Gitelman won his king and cashed his ace of hearts. Getting an encouraging signal from partner, he continued hearts hoping to score four tricks in the suit. Unfortunately for him, there were only three for the taking. No matter what Moss did, Deutsch was home with nine tricks. 7 IMPs to Deutsch.

Board 92
Dealer: W
N/S Vul.

♠ AQ87
♥ Q65
♦ 643
♣ K86

♠ T42
♥ K
♦ J987
♣ QJ972



♠ J965
♥ T932
♦ AT
♣ T53

♠ K3
♥ AJ874
♦ KQ52
♣ A4

In the Open Room, Bramley played four hearts from North after a transfer response auction.

In the Closed Room, Jacobus played it from South after responding one heart to one diamond on the first round of bidding.

Both opening leaders led a club. Wold won the club with the ace in his hand and led a small heart toward the queen in dummy. He could afford to lose one heart and two diamonds or one diamond and two hearts and still make the hand. Schermer won his singleton king and made it easy by leading a diamond to Chambers' ace.

Bramley won the club lead with the king in his hand. He now led the queen of hearts and finessed. This lost to the stiff king and a club was returned. Now Bramley had a problem getting to his hand to lead up to the diamonds without setting up an extra winner for the defense. He played 3 rounds of hearts putting Krekorian in with the ten. Krekorian exited with a club. Bramley needed to discard a diamond and lead up to the ♦KQ so he played 3 rounds of spades and led a diamond. Krekorian won his ace and cashed the good spade to defeat the contract.

In retrospect, Bramley had no chance on this line of play since if Krekorian had Ax of diamonds, he would have either a good club or spade to cash when he won his diamond ace. If he had Axx of diamonds, he would duck the diamond and score two tricks in that suit when Bramley was endplayed in his hand. Actually, Bramley's only hope was to find Krekorian with the singleton ace of diamonds and five spades in which case, he plays a small diamond from dummy and takes the discard later.

This play of the heart suit is of some interest. With this holding, if you cannot afford a loser, you have no choice but to play a heart to the jack, cash the ace and hope for Kx on side. Since you can clearly afford one heart loser on this hand, you must play to avoid two losers when trumps are 4-1. Bramley's play guarded against any small stiff on his right. Unfortunately for him, RHO held singleton K. In addition, leading the queen cost an entry to the North hand and created the losing end position.

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

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The USBF reserves the right to wad anyone entering the playing field.

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I have opinions of my own - strong opinions - but I don't always agree with them. - George Bush

One of the great things about books is sometimes there are some fantastic pictures. - George W. Bush

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher ... and that is a good thing for any man. - Socrates

Son, if you really want something in this life, you have to work for it. Now quiet! They're about to announce the lottery numbers. - Homer Simpson

I am not a vegetarian because I love animals; I am a vegetarian because I hate plants. - A. Whitney Brown

Personally, I don't think there's intelligent life on other planets. Why should other planets be any different from this one? - Bob Monkhouse

I did not have three thousand pairs of shoes, I had one thousand and sixty. - Imelda Marcos

I love Mickey Mouse more than any woman I have ever known. - Walt Disney

I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the president. - Hillary Clinton.

I would never die for my beliefs because I might be wrong. - Bertrand Russell

Life is not so bad if you have plenty of luck, a good physique and not too much imagination. - Christopher Isherwood

I never think of the future - it comes soon enough. - Albert Einstein

I don't think anyone should write their autobiography until after they're dead. - Samuel Goldwyn

I do not like broccoli. And I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it. And I'm President of the United States and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli. - George Bush.

Without censorship, things can get terribly confused in the public mind. -- General William Westmoreland

I like marriage. The idea. - Toni Morrison

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 can't even get three weeks off to have cosmetic surgery. - Paul Lynde

Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe. - Albert Einstein

I can resist everything except temptation. - Oscar Wilde.

Honesty is the best policy - when there is money in it. - Mark Twain

Ninety percent of the politicians give the other ten percent a bad reputation. - Henry Kissinger.

I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member. - Groucho Marx

I am not afraid of death, I just don't want to be there when it happens. - Woody Allen

Bart, with \$10,000, we'd be millionaires! We could buy all kinds of useful things like.. love! - Homer J Simpson.

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Fun and Games Page ...

The Gadget Company's Quality department has been very busy this week with a customer request. Their failure analysis group has been asked to process a large batch of parts that failed at the customer's site and to provide failure analysis reports to determine why the parts failed. So far, the parts that the failure analysis engineers have processed failed from a variety of reasons – anything from a simple bent pin to a bad solder connection on the printed circuit board. Determine the full name of each failure analysis engineer, the name of the printed circuit board that the problem was found on, and the specific problem found for each part.

1. Don, whose last name wasn't Nichols, didn't find the broken wire problem. Lewis found the problem on the daughter board but it wasn't a bent pin.
2. Wayne Collins didn't find a problem on the processor board. The problem on the mother board was a bad part.
3. The engineer whose last name was Garnet found the problem on the power board. Wayne didn't find the problem on the controller board.
4. Ryan's last name wasn't Hart. The bad connection problem was found by the engineer whose last name was Flume but it wasn't on the mother board.
5. The five engineers were Steve, the engineer whose last name was Hart, the one who found the problem on the mother board, the one who found the bent pin problem, and the engineer who found the problem on the processor board.
6. The bent pin problem was found by the engineer whose last name was Nichols. The solder short problem wasn't found by Steve.

	Collins	Flume	Garnet	Hart	Nichols	Controller	Daughter	Mother	Power	Processor	Bad part	Bad connection	Bent pin	Broken wire	Solder short
Don															
Lewis															
Ryan															
Steve															
Wayne															
Bad part															
Bad connection															
Bent pin															
Broken wire															
Solder short															
Controller															
Daughter															
Mother															
Power															
Processor															

1st name	Last name	Name of board	problem
Don			
Lewis			
Ryan			
Steve			
Wayne			

(Answer:

bad part	Mother	Collins	Wayne
broken wire	Power	Garnet	Steve
bent pin	Controller	Nichols	Ryan
solder short	Daughter	Hart	Lewis
bad connector	Processor	Flume	Don
Problem	Name of Board	Last Name	First Name

Board 95
Dealer: S
N/S Vul.

♠ 964
♥ 4
♦ KQ754
♣ K962

♠ QT3
♥ K9532
♦ T6
♣ AQ7



♠ AKJ7
♥ A
♦ A832
♣ J843

♠ 852
♥ QJT876
♦ J9
♣ T5

Schermer	Wold	Chambers	Jacobus
			1C (strong)
1H	2D	4H	5D
All Pass			

Casen	Bramley	Krekorian	Welland
			1C (a lot of hands)
1H	2D (art. Club raise)	5H	6C
All Pass			

Krekorian took advantage of the vulnerability and the nebulous nature of the opening club bid. He made an excellent tactical bid of five hearts and really put Roy's feet to the fire.

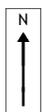
In the other room where Jacobus opening a strong club and Wold responded naturally, Chambers only bid four hearts and Jacobus bid five diamonds ending the auction.

Chambers made the hand easy with the lead of the club ten. If he leads a heart, declarer can draw trumps and lead a club toward the king. When he exits a club, West will be endplayed in spades.

Board 100
Dealer: W
All Vul.

♠ 763
♥ QJ9764
♦ J2
♣ 84

♠ AKQ85
♥ A8
♦ A653
♣ QT



♠ J2
♥ KT532
♦ K4
♣ 9653

♠ T94
♥
♦ QT987
♣ AKJ72

Lall	Meckstroth	Grue	Rodwell
1C (strong)	1H	2D	3H
3S	Pass	4H	Pass
4NT	Pass	5NT	Pass
6H	Pass	7S	All Pass

Zia	Hurd	Hamman	Wooldridge
1S	Pass	2C	Pass
2D	Pass	3H	Pass
3S	Pass	4S	Pass
4NT	Pass	6C	Pass
7C	Pass	7D	Pass
7H	Pass	7NT	All Pass

What was undoubtedly the largest swing of the tournament occurred on Board 100 of the Nickell/Bathurst match. In one room, Grue/Lall bid to the cold seven spades despite the interference from Meckwell. Seven spades requires the spades and clubs to behave... not the best percentage but we've all been in worse.

At the other table, Hamman/Zia set a new world's record!! They bid seven in four of the five possible denominations, skipping the only grand that makes.

There are 12 top tricks and the 13th trick in spades comes from trumping a heart.

20 IMPs to Bathurst!!

Howie Doing... not bad!!

From the round of 8 to the round or 4,
Jack got some right but I even more!

The limo king's preempts, they got in the way.
Or I'd have been perfect in picking today.

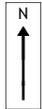
Dispatching Welland will prove not too tough.
Diamond's the dreaded one in the ruff!

Bathurst is steaming, the team full of fire.
I am predicting them second or higher.

Double or nothing says I will beat Jack!
But like a bad penny, he keeps coming back!

Howie Doing my best

Board 112 ♠ T92
Dealer: W ♥ T742
E/W Vul. ♦ Q2
♣ T983

♠ KJ643		♠ A7
♥ J93		♥ AKQ65
♦ AK3		♦ T765
♣ 65		♣ QJ
♠ Q85		

♥ 8
♦ J984
♣ AK742

Both tables in the Wolfson/Aker match arrived in four hearts from East. The obvious high club lead was unanimous, followed by another high club and a diamond.

Goren played three rounds of hearts ending in dummy, crossed to his hand with the ace of spades and pulled the last trump. He played a spade to the king, hoping to find the queen of spades falling in two rounds OR diamonds 3-3. When neither worked, he was down one.

At the other table, Ekeblad played a heart from the board to his king and a diamond to dummy's king. He played a third diamond which Simson ruffed with the four of trump. Simson switched to a spade which Ekeblad won with the ace. He ruffed his last diamond high, played a trump to his hand and claimed. Contract making. 12 IMPs to Wolfson

Jack of All Trades...

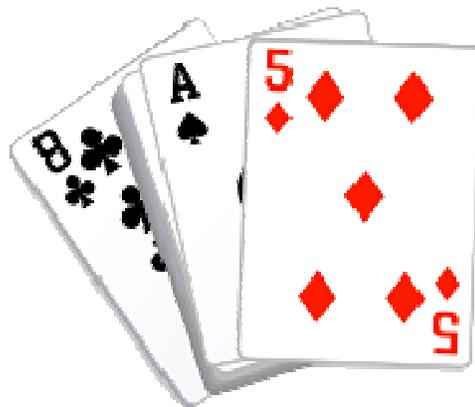
Well, these lads have played bloody well to get to this position and reach the semifinals.

Diamond-Welland: Playing four handed is a bit daft in a grueling event such as this, particularly when one of your pairs is a bit stodgy. Diamond survived the bye and was able to derail Deutsch. It being a tough match and all leads me to believe that they will handily remove Welland from the playing area. Welland seems peppery but cannot have a lot of bottle left. Diamond by a gentlemanly withdrawal, the first of the event.

Bathurst-Wolfson: That barmy Howie Dung will have this one all bollyxed up per usual. Wolfson is not very exciting, but the three pairs are mostly solid. If Garner-Weinstein come out of the paddock strong, they will be a force to reckon with. Meanwhile the Bathurst team with all these young lads has been cracking good and is the Cinderella story, slaying the 6 headed dragon. They are the feel good story and by all that is salted will make the valiant attempt to keep the hopes for the future of bridge alive. By Jove, and so they will. Youth is served.

The final will average the age of a Country Priest at his first posting. Limey jack will be there to guide you to the winner. Listen only to him, not any pretenders.

Cheers, L.J.



In Seeding Order

**"I was thrown out of college for cheating on the metaphysics exam; I looked into the soul of the boy sitting next to me."
-Woody Allen**

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

What did the mother broom say to the baby broom?
It's time to go to sweep.

What did the necktie say to the hat?
You go on ahead. I'll hang around for a while.

What did the rug say to the floor?
Don't move, I've got you covered.

What do bees do with their honey?
They cell it.

What do you call a calf after it's six months old?
Seven months old.

What do you call a guy who's born in Columbus, grows up in Cleveland, and then dies in Cincinnati?
Dead.

Why was Cinderella thrown off the basketball team?
She ran away from the ball.

Why were the teacher's eyes crossed?
She couldn't control her pupils.

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.

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To cease smoking is the easiest thing. I ought to know. I've done it a thousand times. - Mark Twain.

I'm in no condition to drive...wait! I shouldn't listen to myself, I'm drunk! - Homer J. Simpson

People think it must be fun to be a super genius, but they don't realize how hard it is to put up with all the idiots in the world - Calvin.

Advertisements contain the only truths to be relied on in a newspaper. - Mark Twain

Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant?? I'm half-way through my fish burger and I realize, Oh man... I could be eating a slow learner. - Lyndon B. Johnson



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.

Silly Sermons...

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars:

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol - Dead.

The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead

Third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead?

Fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive.

So the Minister asked the congregation - What can you learn from this demonstration?

Maxine was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"