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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

Semifinals Come to an End...

Name	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	Total
1 Diamond	2	50	13	24	243
4 (5) Welland	28	24	33	35	215
2 (10) Bathurst	12	32	61		262
3 (6) Wolfson	24	9	41	W/D	180

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.

Debbie Hyatt and Sue Grue will be volunteering in the hospitality suite. Thank you ladies!!

One Sunday, in counting the money in the weekly offering, the pastor of the Granville Presbyterian church found a pink envelope containing \$1,000. It happened again the next week.

The following Sunday, he watched as the offering was collected and saw a little old lady put the distinctive pink envelope in the plate. This went on for weeks until the pastor, overcome by curiosity, approached her. "Ma'am, I couldn't help but notice that you put \$1,000 a week in the collection plate," he stated.

"Why yes," she replied, "every week my son sends me money, and I give some of it to the church."

The pastor asked, "That's wonderful, how much does he send you?"

The old lady replied, "\$10,000 a week."

The pastor was amazed. "Your son is very successful! What does he do for a living?"

"He is a veterinarian," she answered.

"That is an honorable profession," the pastor said.

"Where does he practice?"

The little old lady said proudly, "In Nevada. He has two cat houses: one in Las Vegas and one in Reno "

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Semifinals ... Full Swing Ahead (or Full Swings Ahead!)

Board 6
Dealer: E
E/W Vul.

♠ AQ3
♥ AT93
♦ T6
♣ AT97

♠ T9
♥ K74
♦ A84
♣ KJ854



♠ KJ62
♥ J852
♦ 753
♣ 32

♠ 8754
♥ Q6
♦ KQJ92
♣ Q6

West	North	East	South
Grue	Weinstein	Lall	Garner
		Pass	Pass
1D (may be short)	Double	Pass	Pass
1H	Double	Pass	Pass
2C	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Grue was scrambling on this hand. The interesting thing is the symmetry of the auction. Weinstein made only one bid throughout: Double. Garner and Lall both passed throughout. Grue bid three of the four suits himself, landing in his best, but still going down 800.

In the other room, Bathurst and Zagorin played 3NT N/S but could come to only seven tricks. 14 IMPs to Wolfson.

Board 63
Dealer: S
N/S Vul.

♠ JT8532
♥ 65
♦ A32
♣ Q9

♠ 974
♥ QJ82
♦ J875
♣ T2



♠ A
♥ KT43
♦ KQ6
♣ A8643

♠ KQ6
♥ A97
♦ T94
♣ KJ75

Rubin	Bathurst	Ekeblad	Zagorin
			1C
Pass	2S (weak)	Double	3S
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
4H	All Pass		

Wooldridge	Weinstein	Hurd	Garner
			1C
Pass	1H	1S	Double
2H	2S	4H	All Pass

Weinstein/Garner defended this hand very well. Weinstein led the jack of spades. Wooldridge won the ace and immediately played on diamonds. Weinstein ducked the king of diamonds and the queen of diamonds, winning the third round with the ace.

He now made the timely shift to a trump. Garner won his ace and continued hearts. Wooldridge ducked a club around, but Garner was able to win this and play his third trump. No matter how Wooldridge played at this point, he was doomed. He could come to only nine tricks.

In the other room, Bathurst also led the jack of spades. Rubin won the ace and immediately ducked a club to Zagorin's king. This combined the possibility of a cross ruff with setting up the club suit.

At this point, Dan needs to exit a trump. Zagorin continued spades which Rubin ruffed in dummy. Rubin led a heart to his hand, ducked by Zagorin. A spade was ruffed in dummy and the king of hearts was played to Zagorin's ace. Zagorin played a club to dummy's ace and Rubin attacked diamonds. Bathurst ducked the king and won the queen with his ace. He now led another spade, but Rubin was able to ruff in hand, pull the last trump and take his good diamonds for ten tricks and making.

10 more IMPs to Wolfson.

Board 71
 Dealer: S
 All Vul.

♠ AKT53
 ♥ 53
 ♦ J98
 ♣ K73

♠ 42
 ♥ AKT8
 ♦ KQ642
 ♣ 64

♠ QJ98
 ♥ J964
 ♦ AT5
 ♣ Q2

♠ 76
 ♥ Q72
 ♦ 73
 ♣ AJT985



Wooldridge	Weinstein	Hurd	Garner
			Pass
1D	1S	1NT	2C
Pass	3C	Pass	Pass
3D	All Pass		

Rubin	Bathurst	Ekeblad	Zagorin
			Pass
1H (canape)	1S	2H	All Pass

In the Closed Room, there was little to the play in two hearts. Bathurst made it easy by cashing two high spades and leading a third which Zagorin ruffed with the seven, overruffed with the eight. In the fullness of time, Rubin was able to pull trump and collect 11 tricks.

In the Open Room, the play of three diamonds was much tougher. Weinstein cashed his two high spades and shifted to a club. Garner won the ace and continued clubs to partner's king. Weinstein now put declarer's feet to the fire. He led a third spade. Garner ruffed with the seven, forcing Wooldridge to overruff with the king. Wooldridge cashed queen of diamonds and led a diamond toward the AT in dummy. He had to get this right to make the hand. After much thought he worked out the position and finessed the ten. A tough play to lose 3 IMPs!

Had Hurd negative doubled, he and Wooldridge would likely have found the heart fit. If Garner still bids 2C in competition, it is reasonable to assume E/W would still have arrived at the three level.

Also, note that the canape system Rubin and Ekeblad are playing worked well on this hand to keep South out of the auction.

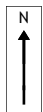
Board 75
 Dealer: S
 None Vul.

♠ J3
 ♥ K87
 ♦ AT753
 ♣ Q63

♠ AQ975
 ♥ AQ3
 ♦ 84
 ♣ T82

♠ K84
 ♥ J6542
 ♦ J6
 ♣ 954

♠ T62
 ♥ T9
 ♦ KQ92
 ♣ AKJ7



Wooldridge	Weinstein	Hurd	Garner
			1C
1S	1NT	2S	All Pass

Rubin	Bathurst	Ekeblad	Zagorin
			1C
1S	Double	2S	All Pass

This was an interesting board in the Open Room because Garner/Weinstein play a Polish Club style and could not open 1♦. Weinstein chose to bid 1NT without a spade stopper in deference to negative doubling without four hearts. When Hurd bid 2♠, Howie found it too rich to balance with three diamonds and sold out.

North/South can make 4♦ on the hand while 2♠ should go down one, the defense collecting three clubs, two diamonds and the king of hearts.

The club three was led at both tables. Both Souths won it and shifted to a trump. Rubin pulled trump and took the heart hook. Bathurst/Zagorin cashed their winners and defeated the contract.

Wooldridge was much trickier... and it worked. He won the spade shift and led the heart queen from hand. Weinstein won it and continued trump. Wooldridge now had four hearts and five spades... making 3!!

5 IMPs to Bathurst

Board 78
 Dealer: E
 None Vul.

♠ KT9
 ♥ J3
 ♦ Q82
 ♣ KQ432

♠ 653
 ♥ A54
 ♦ AJ
 ♣ AT975



♠ J4
 ♥ 876
 ♦ K7654
 ♣ J86

♠ AQ872
 ♥ KOT92
 ♦ T93
 ♣

West	North	East	South
Grue	Cohen	Lall	Wolfson
Rubin	Bathurst	Ekeblad	Zagorin
Pass	1NT	Pass	1S
Pass	3S	Pass	2H
All Pass			4S

Both tables arrived in four spades on the identical auction above. Both Wests led the three of trump. Neither declarer took the straightforward line of play: drawing trumps, finessing for the jack of diamonds and hoping he wouldn't be tapped out of trump. On this hand, the jack of diamonds is doubleton onside and this play works easily.

When Zagorin was declarer, he won the trump lead and led a heart. This was ducked. Dan played a second spade and a second heart. Rubin found the killing play. He led the ace of diamonds followed by the jack of diamonds to the queen and king, but Ekeblad failed to give him his ruff and the contract made.

At the other table, Wolfson won the opening trump and played a second trump to dummy. He followed this with the king of clubs and when it wasn't covered, he ruffed. At this point, he really had no chance to make the hand. He was likely to run out of trump before he could establish his side suit winners. He continued with a heart to the jack and a heart won by West's ace. Grue played ace of diamonds, jack of diamonds and got his ruff. The contract went light one. 10 IMPs to Bathurst

Two Score Adjustments from Saturday's Round, Diamond vs. Welland Both in Diamond's Favor:

On board 47, the auction went 2H-D-3H-P-P-slow 4C-P-4S. The Directors gave the West hand to about 8 of the players from the other match and most of them bid 4H or 4S over 4C, but two passed. So the directors concluded that the offending side should get the result of 4C-2 and the non-offending side should get the table result of 4S making. That meant that for the offending side (Welland) the IMP result was lose 11 and for the non-offending side the IMP result was win 1 (they made an overtrick at the other table). That averaged to +6 for the two sides, so the score for the segment was changed by 5 (+6 for Diamond instead of the +1 based on the table result).

On board 53, The auction went P-P-P (or maybe only 2 passes) 1NT-P-2C-2D. East bid the 2D and did not alert and had diamonds. South & West are on the same side of the screen. When the tray came over, West alerted 2D and said it showed hearts, although could be only a 4 card suit with a longer side suit. South, who had 4 hearts, concluded that if East had hearts, his partner must have an invitational hand for 2C since the only time he'd have a bad hand was if he was planning to pass a 2H response, so he bid 3NT, which went down 6 (West led a heart but later shifted to diamonds). EW did not have notes that clearly established that the 2D bid by a passed hand showed hearts, so the directors ruled misinformation and concluded that without the misinformation, NS would have ended in 2H making 2, so the result was changed to that.

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Board 86
 Dealer: E
 E/W Vul

♠ 86
 ♥ 532
 ♦ KQ972
 ♣ A75

♠ Q3
 ♥ AKJ864
 ♦ A86
 ♣ T2



♠ AKJ
 ♥ QT97
 ♦ 5
 ♣ QJ984

♠ T97542
 ♥
 ♦ JT43
 ♣ K63

Greco and Hampson got to a heart slam off the cashing ace/king of clubs. Greco opened two diamonds showing 10-15 HCP with short diamonds. Subsequent bidding revealed that he held a maximum with 3-4-1-5 distribution.

He did his best in the auction to get the slam played from his partner's side once the massive heart fit was known, but Hampson wouldn't cooperate. In retrospect, that was a good thing. Roy might well have led his ace of clubs and defeated the hand.

Bramley led a diamond (likely realizing that this this trick could go away more easily than others).

Someone pointed out that the hand would have gone down on a club lead. Bramley responded, "That was LAST lead I was thinking of making!"

At the other table, Platnick/Diamond bid a saner heart game from West. They also made six when Platnick led the diamond king.

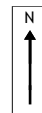
West	North	East	South
Garner	Hurd	Weinstein	Wooldridge
			1NT (14-16)
Double	Pass (forces a redouble)	Pass	Redouble
All Pass			

Grue	Cohen	Lall	Wolfson
			1C
1NT	2C	Pass	Pass
2D	2H	Pass	3C
Pass	Pass	3D	All Pass

Board 91
 Dealer: S
 None Vul.

♠ KT83
 ♥ J972
 ♦ 5
 ♣ Q532

♠ Q76
 ♥ KT6
 ♦ AQJT8
 ♣ A6



♠ 94
 ♥ Q543
 ♦ 9764
 ♣ K94

♠ AJ52
 ♥ A8
 ♦ K32
 ♣ JT87

The exuberance of youth!!

Ahead by 50+ IMPs, playing 1NT doubled and redoubled is not always a good thing to do. Hurd knew (or at least thought he knew) that his side had half the deck. That said, he disdained Stayman, the middle road perhaps... and took his chances passing the redouble. It would make a great story if it worked ... However...

Wooldridge went down three tricks after Garner led the ace of diamonds and a diamond for -1000. When Wooldridge's teammates made four diamonds at the other table, they were able to hold the loss to only 13 IMPs.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Edith Freilich Kemp. Edith passed away late in the afternoon last Saturday. She had been less active in recent years, but she will be remembered as a great lady and a wonderful bridge player.

Our sympathies to her family, including her niece, Janice Molson, and her nephew, Michael Seamon.

Board 93
Dealer: N
All Vul.

♠ KT3
♥ AQ4
♦ 762
♣ J754

♠ Q87
♥ KJT2
♦ KJT53
♣ Q



♠ 2
♥ 985
♦ A94
♣ AKT632

♠ AJ8654
♥ 763
♦ Q8
♣ 98

Grue	Cohen	Lall	Wolfson
	Pass	2C (6+ clubs)	Pass
2D (asking)	Pass	2S (shortness)	Double
2NT	Pass	3C	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Garner	Hurd	Weinstein	Wooldridge
	Pass	1C	1S
Double	1NT	2C	2S
3C	All Pass		

Bathurst took back 11 of their 13 IMPs lost on Board 91 on this hand.

3♣ was easy. Weinstein lost 2 hearts, one club and one spade for +110.

In the other room, things were a bit dicier. Wolfson doubled 2S to get Cohen off to a spade lead. Cohen couldn't decide which spade to lead so he led the **ace of hearts!!** A heart turns out to be the only lead to allow 3NT to make.

Perhaps "The Law" should follow Barry Crane's "Law" ... if partner bids a suit or shows a suit, lead it! If not, be void!

Board 95
Dealer: S
N/S Vul.

♠ T9643
♥ T
♦ 52
♣ T8732

♠ KQ875
♥ 85
♦ KJ74
♣ J9



♠ A2
♥ AQ9643
♦ A9863
♣

♠ J
♥ KJ72
♦ QT
♣ AKQ654

Garner	Hurd	Weinstein	Wooldridge
			1C
1S	Pass	2H	Pass
2S	Pass	3C	Pass
3D	Pass	6D	All Pass

Grue	Cohen	Lall	Wolfson
			1C
1S	3C	Double (T/O)	4C
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
4D	Pass	5C	Double
Pass	Pass	6D	All Pass

Hurd led the deuce of clubs. Garner ruffed in dummy, cashed the ace of diamonds and led a diamond to king. He took the losing heart finesse and claimed 12 tricks.

In the other room, Cohen led his singleton ten of hearts. Grue went up with the ace, played a diamond to his king, noting the fall of the ten on his right, and ran the seven of diamonds to Wolfson's queen. The power of the ten!! Only because Cohen led the TEN of hearts was Grue able to take this losing option. He knew there was distribution on his left from the preemptive three club call. He thought the heart lead was a singleton. What he didn't know was whether Cohen was 4-1-3-5 or 5-1-2-5. If the diamond finesse had worked, he would have pulled the last trump and played the eight of hearts forcing the jack. He could win Wolfson's return in the dummy and take a ruffing finesse against the king of hearts. Unfortunately for Grue, diamonds were 2-2 all along and when Wolfson won his queen, he was able to cash his heart king for down one.

14 IMPs to Wolfson

Board 100
 Dealer: W
 All Vul.

♠ AT74
 ♥ AKT63
 ♦ 4
 ♣ A96

♠ K93
 ♥ 9
 ♦ J753
 ♣ Q8532



♠ QJ852
 ♥ 82
 ♦ AQ86
 ♣ T7

♠ 6
 ♥ QJ754
 ♦ KT92
 ♣ KJ4

Garner	Hurd	Weinstein	Wooldridge
Pass	1H	Pass	3S
Pass	3NT	Pass	4H
Pass	4S	Pass	4NT
Pass	5C	Pass	5D
Pass	6H	All Pass	

Grue	Cohen	Lall	Wolfson
Pass	1H	1S	4H
All Pass			

Hurd and Wooldridge put the match nearly out of reach with the 13 IMP pick up on this 23 combined HCP slam. Why Weinstein didn't overcall one spade is not clear, but without interference, the slam was much easier to bid since Hurd and Wooldridge might each put some of Howie's points in his partner's hand. After making the slam, the margin was 77 IMPs with 20 boards to go.

Whose Gonna Do It? Howie Doing and Limey Jack Enlighten Us!

I am the best and it's only fittin'
 That Slimey Jack fellow should head back to
 Britain.

Diamond is tough and he'll gain on some deals.
 But 'gainst Bathurst and crew, he'll have less
 appeals.

Welland was good but they found it grueling.
 On three separate hands, they lost on a ruling.

Wolfson withdrew. He's on his way back.
 So much for you, Limey, you don't know Jack!

Bridge is 'bout odds... My team puts put math first.
 It's youth to the forefront... Go get 'em **Bathhurst!**

Howie Doing... never better!!

Thanks to the countless VuGraph operators who
 have done a mammoth amount of work this week at
 the Green Valley Ranch bringing you online
 coverage of the 2011 United State Bridge
 Championships.

Thanks especially to Debbie Hyatt who has acted as
 a jack of all trades and helped with the hospitality
 suite when we needed her there, the VuGraph when
 we needed her there and much more.

It's been great fun and we look forward to excellent
 representation from tomorrow's winners at the
 Bermuda Bowl. They will join the Fleisher team as
 USA2 in the Netherlands in October.

Dang Yanks!

They can't get anything right.

I am trying to arrange my transport back to bloody
 old England and Virgin is full. British Air loses my
 luggage with regularity ... what to do...

There is no way those young hooligans can beat the
 likes of the more experienced Diamond team.

In the words of my friend and compatriot, James
 "007" Bond, **Diamonds** are Forever!

Off to the lift to go to my room to print my boarding
 passes... if I ever get a flight, that is.

Been fun at the Green Valley Ranch (how can the
 Americans call this a Ranch when there are no
 horses?)

Till next year... wherever that will be...

Cheers and Bottoms Up!

See you in the VuGraph!

Limey Jack

Fun and Games Page ...

Five families in Alice's neighborhood are leaving town for the holidays; which is good news for Alice since each family has hired her to take care of their pet while they're gone. Alice loves animals so she doesn't mind taking care of them and it gives her a little extra spending money for the holidays. As a result, she always has someone's pets to care for when holidays come around. This time, she had five different pets to care for, each at a different home located on a different street. Determine the last name of the families who hired her to take care of their pet, the street each lived on, the type of pet (cat or dog), and the pet's name.

1. The Parker family lived on Maple Street but their pet wasn't named Mike. A cat lived on Forest Street but he wasn't named Spooky.
2. The two dogs were the one who lived on Rutland Street and the one whose name was Terry.
3. The Sanford family didn't have a dog but they lived on Curve Street. The Manning family had a pet named Brandy.
4. The Johnson family had a cat but he wasn't called Mike.
5. The Wood family lived on Forest Street but they didn't have a pet named Spooky.
6. One cat was named Sylvester and he lived on Brook Street.

	Brook Street	Curve Street	Forest Street	Maple Street	Rutland Street	Cat	Cat	Cat	Dog	Dog	Brandy	Mike	Spooky	Sylvester	Terry
Johnson															
Manning															
Parker															
Sanford															
Wood															
Brandy															
Mike															
Spooky															
Sylvester															
Terry															
Cat															
Cat															
Cat															
Dog															
Dog															

Answers:

Last Name	Street	Cat/Dog	Pet's Name
Johnson	Brook Street	cat	Sylvester
Manning	Rutland Street	dog	Brandy
Parker	Maple Street	dog	Terry
Sanford	Curve Street	cat	Spooky
Wood	Forest Street	cat	Mike

Last Name	Street	Cat/Dob	Pet Name
Johnson			
Manning			
Parker			
Sanford			
Wood			

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

1. Save the whales. Collect the whole set.
2. A day without sunshine is like... night.
3. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
4. 42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
5. 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
6. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
7. He who laughs last thinks slowest.
8. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
9. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
10. Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.
11. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
12. Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
13. If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
14. How many of you believe in psycho-kinesis? Raise my hand.
15. OK, so what's the speed of dark?
16. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
17. Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
18. Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
19. How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
20. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
21. What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
22. I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.
23. Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
24. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.
25. Just remember, if the world didn't suck, we would all fall off.
26. Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

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
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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
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"Do you realize if it weren't for Edison we'd be watching TV by candlelight?"
-Al Boliska

Men vs. Women:

ON NICKNAMES: If Laura, Suzanne, Debra and Rose go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Suzanne, Debra and Rose.

If Mike, Charlie, Bob and John go out for lunch, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla, Peanut-Head and Useless.

ON EATING OUT: Mike, Charlie, Bob and John will each throw in \$20, even though the bill's only \$22.50. None of them will have anything smaller, and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

ON MONEY: A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't want

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he wants.

ON BATHROOMS: The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify most of these items.

A man has six items in his bathroom: a toothbrush, tooth paste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel from the Holiday Inn.

ON ARGUMENTS: A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

ON CATS: Women love cats.

Men say they love cats, but when women aren't looking, men kick cats.

ON THE FUTURE: A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

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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A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

ON SUCCESS: A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

ON MARRIAGE: A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change and she does.

ON DRESSING UP: A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the garbage, answer the phone, read a book, get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

ON NATURE: Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

AND FINALLY... Any married man will forget his mistakes.

There's no use in two people remembering the same thing.



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.

Car Troubles...

An blond was driving home on the freeway after work when she was hit by a hailstorm that left her car completely dented all over. She decided to go to a body shop and asked the owner how much he would charge to remove the dents. Seeing that she was a blond, he winked at his partner, and told her it wouldn't cost anything if she followed his instructions carefully.

She drove home and when her blond roommate came out of the house she found her friend sitting on the ground at the back of the car blowing really hard in the tail pipe.

"What on earth are you doing" she asked.

Her friend looking up with big smile and a black ring around her mouth said "The man at the body shop told me that I could save a lot of money on repair work if I blew really hard into the tail pipe. he said that all the dents would pop out"

"Duhhh" said her friend, "but first you have to roll up all the windows!!!"