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“Trials” and Tribulations

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Day 1: 15 Teams Enter Round Robin

Another Day ... Another Practice!

Board 13 ♠ AJT842
 Dealer: N ♥ AJ2
 All Vul. ♦ 42
 ♣ K8

 ♠ Q9753 ♠ K63
 ♥ 8 ♠ AT8763
 ♦ KQJ5 ♦ AJ54
 ♣ 963 ♣ QT72

 ♠ K6
 ♥ QT9754
 ♦ 9
 ♣ QT72



West	North	East	South
Katz	Jacobs	Nickell	Beatty
	1S	2D	Double
4D	Pass	5D	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

Katz and Nickell bid aggressively to the 20 point game. Beatty led the king of spades which Nickell ruffed in hand. Nickell led a diamond to dummy and played the singleton eight of hearts toward his king. Jacobs ducked!! His duck was fatal. Nickell won his king, ruffed a heart in dummy, and played a club to his jack and Beatty's queen. Steve had no trumps to lead and was helpless. He exited his hand with a heart which Nickell ruffed in dummy. Nickell played a club to his ace and another to Beatty's ten before claiming 11 tricks. Had Jacobs risen with his heart ace, he could have played a second round of trump leaving declarer with ten tricks max! +750 was worth 11.1 IMPs to Nickell and Katz.

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In Seeding Order

*The game of life is
not so much in
holding a good hand
as playing a poor
hand well.*

— H. T. Leslie

Nickell	Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth Bye to Rnd of 8	Ralph Katz Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell
Diamond	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Brad Moss Bye to Rnd of 8	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Fred Gitelman
Fleisher	Martin Fleisher, Capt Bobby Levin Chip Martel Bye to Rnd of 16	Michael Kamil Steve Weinstein Lew Stansby
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Milner	Reese Milner, Capt Hemant Lall Justin Lall	John Kranyak Gavin Wolpert Kevin Bathurst
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Lee	Roger Lee, Capt Steve Garner	Nikolay Demirev Howard Weinstein
Falk	Allan Falk, Capt Mark Dahl Lloyd Arvedon	Doug Doub Peter Friedland John McLaughlin
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Fred Stewart Mark Feldman	Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey Bill Pollack
Chan	Lapt Chan, Capt Christal Henner	Uday Ivatury Sheri Winestock
Rogoff	Bruce Rogoff, Capt Jeff Aker	Josh Parker Brady Richter
Weinstein	Jonathan Weinstein, Capt Franco Baseggio Jiang Gu	David Yang Andrew Stark Xiaodong Shi
Becker	Drew Becker, Capt Jeffrey Miller Stephen McConnell	Howard Liu William Wickham Phil Warden
Robbins	Larry Robbins, Capt Jon Sorkin	Jeffry Mandell Joseph Stokes

A Hand from the Mixed Pairs in Memphis ... by Stan Subeck

Proving "Rules Are Made to Be Broken"

Board 7 ♠ QJ9853

1st Qual.

♥

Dealer: S

♦ J942

All Vul.

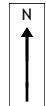
♣ 764

♠ A

♠ T62

♥ A942

♥ JT853



♦ KQ873

♦ AT6

♣ AT3

♣ QJ

♠ K74

♥ KQ76

♦ 5

♣ K9852

West	North	East	South
	Suzi		Stan
1D	1S	2D	1C
2H	Pass	4H	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
6H	All Pass		

East was lucky to find her partner with the QJ of clubs, making slam a good proposition. In fact, 6H cannot be defeated as the cards lie.

Knowing you cannot beat the hand legitimately, what is your best chance to make declarer go wrong?

We nearly NEVER lead from a jack-fourth holding. That said, Suzi thought for quite a while, and knowing that East/West held either eight or nine diamonds between them, she reluctantly tracked the diamond deuce, hoping I could ruff it.

Unfortunately I could not. However ... What a great result it produced!

The first trick went deuce, six, five, and three of diamonds.

Declarer, happy to have won the first trick in slam with a SIX, assumed correctly that I held the singleton five of diamonds. Now, though, she was afraid to risk the double heart finesse. If North won a heart honor, South could then ruff the second round of diamonds.

Swayed by her fear, declarer played a heart to the Ace and the roof caved-in.

The defense took four tricks for +300 and 36.5 out of 38 matchpoints.

Editor's note: The combination of J9 made the diamond lead even a worse choice. I thought I was desperate and desperate people take desperate options!

Suzi

Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2012 USBC is Suite 321. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join us for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-10:00 am

Lunch on Monday-Sunday from 2:30-4:00.

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

NOTE: on Today-Sunday, we have arranged with the hotel to have a buffet lunch available at the break between sessions. We will be distributing coupons to pay for the lunch to team captains.

Barbara Nudelman, Joan Gerard and crew are working to make this as comfortable as possible for you and your guests. Please stop in and say hello whenever the mood strikes you.



Peter celebrated his birthday on one day, and two days later his older twin brother, Paul, celebrated his birthday. How could this be?

Find the four digit number in which the first digit is one fourth of the last digit, the second digit is 6 times the first digit, and the third digit is the second digit plus 3.

A man is late for an appointment and, in his haste, takes a corner so fast that only two wheel were on the pavement. A police man is standing on the corner, but he did not give him a ticket. Why?

A certain number has three digits. The sum of the three digits equals 36 times this number. Seven times the left digit plus 9 is equal to 5 times the sum of the two other digits. 8 times the second digit minus 9 is equal to the sum of the first and third. What is the number?

What nine letter word in the English that is still a word when each of the nine letters is removed one by one?

Name an eight letter word that has kst in the middle, in the beginning, and at the end.

Pronounced as one letter,
And written with three,
Two letters there are,
And two only in me.
I'm double, I'm single,
I'm black, blue, and gray,
I'm read from both ends,
And the same either way.
What am I?

Riddles

Just before the start of the Trials, we learned that Seymon Deutsch entered the hospital. Seymon was supposed to be here in Chicago with us playing in the Trials. We wish him a speedy recovery and want him to know that our thoughts and prayers are with him.

An eye.

Inksstand (in the beginning, kst in the middle, and at the end).

I

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STRILING

STRILING

He was on a motorcycle.

1694

When the mother of the twins went into labor, she was travelling by boat. The older twin, Paul, was born first, barely on March 1st. The boat then crossed a time zone, and the younger twin was born on February the 28th. In a leap year the younger twin celebrates his birthday two days before his older brother.

Very Funny!

What time is it when you have to go the dentist? Tooth Hurty!

Who likes to drink cocoa? A Cocoanut!

What did one eye say to the other eye? Between you and me, something smells.

What did the teacher say when it rained cats and dogs? Be careful not to step on a poodle!

What is even smarter than a talking bird? A Spelling Bee!

Who is the greatest underwater spy? James POND!

What sickness does a martial artist have? Kung FLU!

Why did the students eat their homework? Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake!

What kind of a storm is always in a rush? A Hurry Cain!

Why are there gates around graveyards? Because everybody is DYING to get in!

What do you get if you mix a car, a fly, and a dog? A flying carpet!

What lies on the bottom of the ocean and shakes? A nervous wreck!

What did the nut say when it sneezed? "Cashew"!

What table can we eat? A vegeTABLE!

Which is faster: Hot or Cold? Hot, 'cause you can catch a cold!

Why did the boy tiptoe towards the medicine cabinet? Because he didn't want to wake the sleeping pills!

What did Cinderella say to the photographer? I want my "prints" back!

What is a cannibal's favourite game? Swallow the Leader!

Why couldn't the teddy bear eat his dessert? He was stuffed!

What does a farmer use to count his cattle? A COWculator!

Why didn't the skeleton dance? Because he had no body to dance with!

Who won when the two waves raced? They tide!

Why did the boy put lipstick on his head? Because he wanted to make up his mind!

What happened to the dog that swallowed a watch? It got ticks!

Who is the ruler of the beach? The Sand-witch!

Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize? Because he was out standing in his field!

No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.

This applies to players AND kibitzers.

Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.

Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.

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



Round Robin		
<i>Friday April 27th</i>	10:00 - 12:15 12:25 - 2:40 2:40 - 3:50 3:50 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:30	Bds 1-7 & 8-14, clumped Bds 15-21 & 22-28, clumped 1 hour 10 minute break Bds 29-35 & 36-42, clumped Bds 43-49 & 50-56, clumped
<i>Saturday April 28th</i>	10:00 - 12:15 12:25 - 2:40 2:40 - 3:50 3:50 - 4:55 5:00 - 6:05 6:10 - 7:15	Bds 57-63 & 64-70, clumped Bds 71-77 & 78-84, clumped 1 hour 10 minute break Boards 85-91 * Boards 92-98 * Boards 99-105 *
*** NOTE: last 3 matches are "sequestered" - Closed Room pairs must play all 3 matches, no comparisons allowed ***		
DRAW FOR BRACKET & CAPTAINS' MEETING FOR ROUND OF 16 WILL BE HELD AT ABOUT 7:30 PM (AS SOON AS QUALIFYING TEAMS ARE DETERMINED).		
Round of 16		
<i>Sunday April 29th</i>	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
<i>Monday April 30th</i>	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		
<i>Tuesday May 1st</i>	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
<i>Wednesday May 2nd</i>	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		
<i>Thursday May 3rd</i>	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
<i>Friday May 4th</i>	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		
<i>Saturday May 5th</i>	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
<i>Sunday May 6th</i>	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

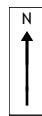
Tournament Schedule

If I Had a Nickell for Every Grand...

Board 10

Dealer: E
All Vul.
 ♠ Q
 ♥ KQ76543
 ♦ KJ7
 ♣ KJ

♠ KJ9743
 ♥ 9
 ♦ QT3
 ♣ T54



♠ T65
 ♥ J8
 ♦ 86542
 ♣ 876

♠ A82
 ♥ AT2
 ♦ A9
 ♣ AQ932

West	North	East	South
Roger Lee	Nickell	Raghu Rajkunar	Katz
		Pass	1C
2S	3H	Pass	3S
Pass	4C	Pass	4NT
Pass	5D	Pass	5S (queen ask)
Pass	7H	All Pass	

Nickell and Katz had an excellent auction to arrive at the cold grand slam in hearts.

Nick made a key bid when he responded four clubs to Ralph's three spade cue. Katz certainly felt more confident bidding Key Card knowing that his partner held what was the most important side king on this hand.

Nick's 5D bid showed all the key cards and Katz made a try for the grand.

When Katz asked for the queen of trump, it was easy for Nick to bid seven hearts with all the second round controls plus the lady in question.

Bidding and making the grand was worth 12.1 IMPs.

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.51	4.49	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19	1
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.76	3.24	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.3	6.7	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.8	0.2
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

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More Eateries in the Area ...

Asian Restaurants

The Asian Noodle Bowl on North Roselle Road is a simple Asian restaurant that serves up spectacular fare. The menu is filled with a variety of delicious options and the prices are shockingly affordable. Diners rave about the noodle dishes, especially the Malaysian noodles, especially if you are looking for some heat. On the weekends, Asian Noodle Bowl has Bah Kuh The, which is an intricate soup that is rarely served outside of South East Asian. To really have your senses amazed, go with one of the House Specialties.



Big Bowl on East Higgins Road serves fresh Chinese and Thai cuisine that is made from scratch daily. This authentic eatery begins each dish with only the highest quality ingredients such as naturally raised chicken, sustainable seafood and locally grown produce to ensure only the best food is served. The food typically has big and bold flavors and if you like spice, Big Bowl will not let you down. The kitchen pays attention to small details such as a lime slice, fresh fragrant herbs or seared Thai chiles to make sure every dish shines. When eating here, go with the barbecue pork fried rice, it will not disappoint. Other impressive dishes include the salmon pad thai, pot stickers and spicy curries.

Stir Crazy Café, located in the Woodfield Mall, received four out of five stars from diners on Google.com. Everything at this restaurant is made fresh and from scratch daily. The menu features Chinese, Japanese, Thai and Vietnamese dishes and there are more than 50 dishes to choose from. The restaurant is a different type of dining experience: guests choose what they want and how they want it made and can watch it made right in front of their eyes. The best part is that diners can return for a second bowl!

Mexican Restaurants

Found on West Golf Road, La Magdalena received four out of five stars on Urbanspoon.com. This Mexican restaurant, which is found in the corner of West Golf and Valley Lake Drive, has a pleasing Spanish décor. Well-prepared hot tortilla chips are delivered to the table nearly immediately upon sitting and they come with two types of salsa for dipping: a spicy and a mild. Both are flavorful and fresh. The perfect meal here would begin with a margarita and then move on to the enchiladas. The sauce that tops this dish is something that will have you dreaming about and may even have you considering licking your plate. When at La Magdalena, dessert should not be overlooked. The cinnamon crepe with strawberries, chocolate and ice cream serves as the perfect ending to the meal.



While most Mexican restaurants tend to serve a tex-mex version of the South of the Border fare, Pancho's serves the real thing. Pancho's Burritos prides itself for serving authentic Mexican dishes that is prepared with only the finest ingredients available. The menu features tacos, burritos, tortas, gorditas, sopas and more. All dishes are made to order and the selection of salsa will satisfy any taste buds. Enjoy this home-made salsa with the addictive homemade chips. Showing its authenticity, Pancho's serves lengua tacos and horchata and they are both incredible. As a nice perk, Pancho's offers complimentary fire-roasted jalapeños.

El Meson received four and a half out of five stars from Tripadvisor.com. This West Schaumburg eatery has been open for over 20 years. El Meson serves authentic Mexican-style home cooking based on traditional cooking techniques and recipes passed down from generation to generation. Ensuring that only the best ingredients are used, the owner of El Meson frequents the Chicago markets to purchase fresh tortillas, fruits, vegetables, cheese, seafood and meats. The most recommended dishes include the marinated steak, the

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sudoku

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

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shrimp Veracruz and the fresh tamales. The mole sauce is described as the best this side of Rio Grande.

Italian Restaurants

People exiting Ti Amo Café Italiano seem to only have four words on their lips: "That was so good!" This Italian café is located on Golf Road in Hoffman Estates and it is worthy of a special occasion celebration. The motto at this family friendly eatery is that they offer the finest, freshest ingredients in a unique dining experience that will seduce every taste and palate. The interior has a European feel with white tablecloths, brightly colored decorations and gentle music. During warmer months, Ti Amo has a lovely outdoor patio. The portions at Ti Amo are generous and they are delivered promptly from extremely friendly wait staff. Be prepared, you will fall in love with the Farfalle Campagnola and Capellini Caprese.



Rosebud Old World Italian is the perfect combination of high end Italian restaurant with a fun loving lounge and nightspot. This trattoria is both a sophisticated and sleek restaurant and your neighborhood hot spot. The interior is lush and inviting with hardwood floors, rich linens and a cozy fireplace. The food is completely homemade. The menu features the standard Italian fare such as thin crust pizzas, homemade pastas, seafood, pork chops and fresh salad. Portions are generous so be prepared to have leftovers. Try the Chicken Parmesan or the Whitefish Francese and you will not be disappointed.

Pompei Pizza prides itself in serving classic, high quality Italian dishes in a relaxed environment. The dishes at Pompei are crafted from three generations of Sicilian family recipes. The menu features hand cut pastas and hand rolled pizzas. Everything is made to order and prepared from scratch including the sauces and dressings. Despite its laidback and casual feel, Pompei knows how to keep its diners coming back with complimentary freshly baked bread and extremely friendly staff. The standout dish at Pompei is the enormous meatball served with marinara sauce. After filling up on dinner, save room for a cannoli. The ricotta cheese and chocolate chip filling is a delicious end to a perfect meal.

American Restaurants

Gayot.com awarded Fresh 1800 12 out of 20 stars. This American restaurant, which is located in the Hyatt Regency Woodfield, serves up seasonal fare in a nature-inspired atmosphere. The interior of this casual restaurant is soothing with its subtle green hues and sleek modern accents. Known for serving almost exclusively local fare, the menu at Fresh 1800 changes bimonthly. Expect to see items emerge from Executive Chef Hagop Hagopian's kitchen like Moroccan-spiced chicken served over a fruit filled couscous or the crab cake that has been perfectly fried and plated with a bed of cucumber, pea and grapefruit salad. On Sundays, Fresh 1800 serves up a noteworthy brunch.



Weber Grill is an all-American restaurant located on North Meachum. This restaurant received five out of five stars from Citysearch.com. The interior of Weber Grill is homely with dark wood furnishings and stone accents. The food at Weber is cooked on kettle grills, giving them a distinct flavor. A great way to taste all the goodness at Weber's is with the sampler which includes tender, teriyaki-marinated steak skewers, barbecued shrimp and a pile of onion curls. In addition to the grilled meats, the burgers and strip steak are mouthwateringly good. For certain items, including the beer can chicken, the server will provide a take home recipe for guests so they can try to reconstruct the meal at home.

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Urbanspoon.com selected Portillo's Hot Dogs as the top American restaurant in the city. This laidback eatery serves up hot dogs, burgers and some of the best onion rings to be found. According to several diners, once you have tried Portillo's dogs, you may never be able to eat another hot dog again. The Italian beefs, sausages and Chicago-style dogs live up to all expectations of a Chicago area hot dog restaurant. In addition to the hot dog, make sure to make room for the cheese fries or the onion rings; dipping them in the chipotle ranch dressing is the way to go.

Schaumburg Restaurants

The top rated sushi restaurant in Schaumburg according to Urbanspoon.com is Sushi Ya on South Roselle Road. This small restaurant is tucked away in a strip mall and can be considered a hidden gem. The presentation is top notch and the complimentary edamame and miso soup is a nice touch. When dining at Sushi Ya, be prepared to wait for your perfectly crafted rolls. There tend to only be two chefs creating the sushi, which can delay food but these men are artisans and it takes time to craft the perfection that is served at Sushia Ya. A few of the best rolls include the Hawaiian maki, red dragon roll and the Schaumburg roll.



Nobus Japanese Restaurant on North Roselle Road has been described as a four star restaurant at 2 star prices. While this eatery is located in a strip mall, it serves up authentic Japanese fare that is worthy of a special detour. The interior is simple and minimalistic, but you are coming for the food, not the environment when you eat at Novus. The menu is not your traditional American-Japanese fare; you will not find Godzilla rolls in this place. Instead, expect basic sushi rolls that are masterfully created. The rolls have large pieces of fish, which is always of exceptional quality. A few of the best rolls are the nigiri salmon, negi hamachi and spicy tuna.

Yelp.com awarded Daruma Japanese Restaurant with four and a half out of five stars. This eatery, which is situated on West Golf Road, has been referred to as a suburban gem. The restaurant is often filled with Japanese natives, reassuring diners of the authenticity of the fare. The interior features a sushi bar, a regular dining room and several small booth areas for private dining. Dishes like the Naporitan spaghetti and the mentaiko spaghetti are authentic and perfectly prepared. When it comes to the sushi and sashimi, everything is reasonably price. In addition to a list of specialty rolls, the kitchen at Daruma makes all of their own sauces from a sushi dipping sauce to a tonkatsu sauce. Try the signature Harumaki roll for the perfect blend of spicy or the Daruma-Don with salmon, tuna and hamachi.

Which cat would you never play poker with?
A Cheetah!

Why did the kid cross the park?
To get to the other slide!

Why couldn't the pirates play cards?
Because the captain was sitting on the deck!

What do you get when you cross a vampire with a snowman?
Frostbite!

Why did the child bring his dad to school?
'Cause he had a POP quiz!

When a duck has no money, what does it tell the waiter?
"Put it on my bill!"



Grand Slams Abound ... Everyone's Ready to Hold the Cards!

Board 2
N/S Vul.
Dealer: E

♠ T85
♥ QJ953
♦ 32
♣ 832

♠ AQ3	♠ KJ4
♥ K2	♥ AT76
♦ KQJT854	♦ A9
♣ J	♣ A974
♠ 9762	
♥ 84	
♦ 76	
♣ KQT65	



West	North	East	South
Howard Liu	Bathhurst	Peg Kaplan	Justin Lall
		1NT	Pass
4C	Pass	4NT	Pass
7D	All Pass		
Seymon Deutsch	Josh Donn	Jon Kranyak	Roger Lee
		1NT	Pass
4C	Pass	4NT	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

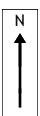
While both grand slams are cold, and the difference mathematically is minuscule, 7NT is clearly better on two counts: One, it scores more... and Two, there is NO danger of a ruff off the opening lead.

On the other hand, if you are going to bid 7NT, shouldn't you set diamonds as trumps so you can ask for specific kings?

Board 4
All Vul.
Dealer: W

♠ K
♥ AKT643
♦ Q83
♣ 987

♠ T42	♠ QJ75
♥ 7	♥ J98
♦ KJT94	♦ 65
♣ KQT6	♣ AJ43
♠ A9863	
♥ Q52	
♦ A72	
♣ 52	



West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Shi	Beatty	Jiang_Gu
Pass	1H	Pass	1S
Double	2H	3C	4H
All Pass			

Xiaodong Shi and Jiang_Gu won this board in the bidding. Most pairs in the IMP pairs played in a heart part score.

Without doubt, Jacobs/Beatty did their best to interfere, but it was to no avail. Even George's somewhat desperate take-out double with five diamonds and four clubs, and Beatty's free bid of three clubs did not stop North/South from bidding the game.

In fact, Jiang_Gu jumped the auction to get there.

With the king of diamonds onside and hearts behaving, there was no way to defeat the contract.

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Time	9:15 am Tuesday – Saturday 10 am Sunday	1:30 pm	7:00 pm
Date			
Mon. 10/8			KO #1 (1 st session of 4) Stratified Charity Pairs I/N Single Session Charity Pairs (0-5 mps free)
Tues. 10/9	KO #1 (2 nd session of 4) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #1 (3 rd session of 4) KO #2 (1 st session of 4) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #1 (final) KO #2 (2 nd session of 4) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Wed. 10/10	Morning Swiss #1 (1 st session) Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #2 (3 rd session of 4) KO #3 (1 st session of 4) Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #2 (final) KO #3 (2nd session of 4) Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Thurs 10/11	Morning Swiss #1 (2 nd session) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #3 (3 rd session of 4) KO #4 (1 st session of 4) Open IMP Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #3 (final) KO #4 (2 nd session of 4) Open IMP Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Fri 10/12	Morning Swiss #2 (1 st Session) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #4 (3 rd session of 4) KO #5 (1 st session of 4) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #4 (final) KO #5 (2 nd session of 4) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Sat 10/13	Morning Swiss #2 (2 nd Session) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #5 (3 rd session of 4) Compact KO (1 st session) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #5 (final) Compact KO (final) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Sun 10/14 10 am	Roger Anderson Aide-de-camp Stratiflighted SwissTeams play through Flight A/AX (3000+ and 0-3000) Strats B/C/D (1000-2000. 500-1000. 0-500)		

KO= 4 session Knockout Team Games CKO= 2 session Compact Knockout Team Games
Strats/Brackets are determined by the average of the pair's or team's MPs.

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Room Rates: \$90 single/double - \$110 Junior Suite - \$135 Innovation Suite
www.holidaymn.com

Reserve rooms by Sept. 10, 2012 (by phone 651-731-2220 or on the web)

Free Parking -- Free Coffee -Free Lunches- Dinner Shuttle for out of town guests

Entries: \$12/session for ACBL Members; \$9/session for single session I/N games; \$6/session for students under 25 with proper ID (non ACBL members and unpaid members: \$2 more per session)

Flights: Stratified Events: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750 (based on pair's MP average)
Stratiflighted Teams (Sunday) A: unlimited A/X 0-3000 B: 1000-2000 C: 500-1000 D: 0-500
I/N Strats: 0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300

All Knockouts are bracketed

KO = 4 session Knockout Team game CKO = 2 session Compact Knockout Team game

Intermediate - Newcomer Program (0-300)

Monday 7:00 pm (Free for 0-5 master points)

Tues. through Saturday 9:15 am 1:30, 7:00 single session pairs

Sunday Swiss Team 10 am and TBA (approx 1:45 pm)

I/N Strats: 0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300

A separate 0-49 section will be played if there are sufficient tables for a game.

Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoon and evening play in the Gold Rush Pairs (\$12/session)

Partnerships: Call or email Maureen Weiman at **603-882-9424** or jhnsnmaur@aol.com

(Do not call once the tournament has started.

Go to the partnership desk at the hotel 45 minutes before game time.)

Hospitality: Free coffee; Free lunches; Dinner shuttle for out of town guests

Special Events: Lecture Series 12:45-1:15 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Gold Point Events:

Consult the director for criteria to earn gold points. (Two or more session events)

Choice Pairs; Stratified Pairs; Gold Rush Pairs

Four-session KOs and two- session Compact Knockouts (CKO)

Morning Side Game Series (must play in 2 morning sessions to be eligible for gold points)

Afternoon Side Game Series (must play in 2 afternoon sessions to be eligible for gold points)

Evening Side Game Series (must play in 2 evening sessions to be eligible for gold points)

Sunday Stratiflighted Swiss Team play-through