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# “Trials” and Tribulations

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**On to the Finals ...  
And Then There Were Two!**

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120
1	Nickell	289	29	79	18	62	43	18	5	35
4	Milner	243	14	25	38	30	23	44	38	31
2	Diamond	282	46	33	30	83	48	42		
3	Lee	112	7	15	31	25	25	9	WD	

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**Good luck to  
both teams tomorrow.**

**May the best team win!!**

**In Seeding Order**

**Common sense and a sense of humor are the same thing, moving at different speeds. A sense of humor is just common sense, dancing.**  
William James

Nickell	Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth	Ralph Katz Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell
Bye to Rnd of 8		
Diamond	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Brad Moss	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Fred Gitelman
Bye to Rnd of 8		
Fleisher	Martin Fleisher, Capt Bobby Levin Chip Martel	Michael Kamil Steve Weinstein Lew Stansby
Bye to Rnd of 16		
Gordon	Mark Gordon, Capt Alan Sontag Ron Rubin	Pratap Rajadhyaksha David Berkowitz Matthew Granovetter
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Becker	Drew Becker, Capt Jeffrey Miller Stephen McConnell	Howard Liu William Wickham Phil Warden
Robbins	Larry Robbins, Capt Jon Sorkin	Jeffry Mandell Joseph Stokes

# More Truth and Fiction

- Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.
- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska
- The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%
- The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%
- The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$ 16,400
- The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.
- The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.
- Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David Hearts - Charlemagne Clubs - Alexander, the Great Diamonds - Julius Caesar
- $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987, 654,321$
- If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes
- Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4: John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.
- Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what? A. Their birthplace
- Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested? A. Obsession
- Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'? A. One thousand
- Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common? A. All were invented by women.
- Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A. Honey
- Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year? A. Father's Day
- In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase...'Goodnight , sleep tight'
- It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.
- In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down.' ... It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's'

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. 'Wet your whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.



## Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2012 USBC is Suite 3321. 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.

Barbara Nudelman, Joan Gerard, Adrienne Cohen and Randee Machotka 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.

Board 26

Dealer: E

All Vul.

♠ K97432

♥ T754

♦ K2

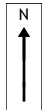
♣ 4

♠ QJ

♥ J86

♦ A98763

♣ T3



♠ 6

♥ AKQ

♦ 4

♣ AKQ98765

♠ AT85

♥ 932

♦ QJT5

♣ J2

### Mis-Reported Because of VuGraph Malfunction ...

In the room where Howard Weinstein and Steve Garner were playing the "famous" hand with the 8 card club suit, the Internet went down and the auction was lost. The VG operator could not restore the complex auction and simply entered a 4NT opening. Howard wrote this morning and clarified the situation and we are reporting it here:

Hi all,

The hand in the yesterday's bulletin where Steve allegedly opened 4N and I passed was incorrect. He should have opened 4N asking for specific aces (with 5C denying an ace). The auction actually went:

2C - 2H (one ace or two kings)

3C - 3D (natural)

4C - 4N (intended as a 5C raise with a little extra and forcing)

Pass (Steve worried that if he bid 5C I would think he was responding to Keycard with my perhaps the KQ of both round suits)

best,  
Howie

Alan Graves was commentating in the room at the time this happened. He wrote independently and corroborated the facts.

Thanks Howie and Alan ... we appreciate your input here.

### \*\*\* 2012 Cavendish Moves To Monaco \*\*\*

**THE CAVENDISH** in Monaco, October 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 2012.

**Cavendish Teams Tournament : Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Entry fee: 7,500 Euros      Auction: no auctions

**Cavendish Invitational Tournament: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Entry fee: 1,500 Euros      Auction: minimum 5,000 Euros

**Pairs International Tournament: (WBP Pairs) Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Entry fee: 500 Euros      Auction: minimum 500 Euro

For more, contact Donna Compton at [cdmra@mindspring.com](mailto:cdmra@mindspring.com) or 214.394.5830.



Board 68  
 Dealer: W  
 All Vul.

♠ KJ9  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ Q9876  
 ♣ AQT4

♠ 76532  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ T543  
 ♣ 953



♠ Q84  
 ♥ KJ87632  
 ♦ KJ  
 ♣ 6

♠ AT  
 ♥ AQT5  
 ♦ A2  
 ♣ KJ872

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Katz	Wolpert	Nickell	Kranyak
Pass	1D	2H	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Milner	Zia	H Lall	Hamman
Pass	1D	2H	3C
Pass	5C	Pass	7C
All Pass			

Hamman/Zia and Demirev/Lee reached a truly aggressive 7C. It could be made double dummy by winning the diamond lead, playing a club to dummy, finessing the ten of spades, cashing the spade ace, returning to dummy in trumps, cashing the spade king, pitching the diamond deuce, taking the heart finesse, ruffing a heart, ruffing out the diamond king, ruffing a heart, ruffing another diamond high, pulling the last trump and your hand is good... However that just wasn't going to happen. You could almost understand why Demirev/Lee bid this, needing as many big positive swings as they could generate. It is harder to understand why Hamman/Zia bid it.

Gitelman/Moss got to the making 6C.

And the strangest result was at the Katz/Nickell table where Nickell preempted 2H over 1D and was allowed to play it there doubled... down 3 for -800. The results: 16 IMPs to Diamond; 14 IMPs to Milner.

Open Room			
H Weinstein	Gitelman	Garner	Moss
Pass	1D	1H	2C
Pass	3H	Pass	4D
Pass	4H	Pass	4S
Pass	5S	Pass	5NT
Pass	6C	All Pass	

Closed Room:			
Hampson	Demirev	Greco	Lee
Pass	1D	1H	2C
Pass	3C	Pass	4NT
Pass	5D (one KC)	Pass	5H (queen ask)
Pass	5S (SK + CQ)	Pass	5NT
Pass	7C	All Pass	

**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**

<b>Friday April 27th</b>	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
<b>Saturday April 28th</b>	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**

<b>Sunday April 29th</b>	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
<b>Monday April 30th</b>	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

**Quarterfinals**

<b>Tuesday May 1st</b>	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
<b>Wednesday May 2nd</b>	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**

<b>Thursday May 3rd</b>	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
<b>Friday May 4th</b>	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**

<b>Saturday May 5th</b>	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
<b>Sunday May 6th</b>	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

**Minnesota USBF Regional (Mon – Sun)**

Co-sponsored by Unit 103 and Unit 178 -- Sanction #R1210087



**October 8-14, 2012**  
**Holiday Inn St. Paul East , 2201 Burns Ave.**



Time	9:15 am Tuesday – Saturday 10 am Sunday	1:30 pm	7:00 pm
Mon. 10/8			KO #1 (1 <sup>st</sup> session of 4) Stratified Charity Pairs I/N Single Session Charity Pairs (0-5 mps free)
Tues. 10/9	KO #1 (2 <sup>nd</sup> session of 4)  Morning Side Game Series  I/N Single Session	KO #1 (3 <sup>rd</sup> session of 4) KO #2 (1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> session)  Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Morning Side Game Series  I/N Single Session	KO #2 (3 <sup>rd</sup> session of 4) KO #3 (1 <sup>st</sup> session of 4) Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Afternoon Side Game Series  I/N Single Session	KO #2 (final) KO #3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> session)  Morning Side Game Series  I/N Single Session	KO #3 (3 <sup>rd</sup> session of 4) KO #4 (1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Session)  Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Morning Side Game Series  I/N Single Session	KO #4 (3 <sup>rd</sup> session of 4) KO #5 (1 <sup>st</sup> session of 4) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Afternoon Side Game Series  I/N Single Session	KO #4 (final) KO #5 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Session)  Morning Side Game Series  I/N Single Session	KO #5 (3 <sup>rd</sup> session of 4) Compact KO (1 <sup>st</sup> 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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## Minnesota USBF Regional (Mon- Sun)

Co-sponsored by Unit 103 and Unit 178 Sanction # R1210087

**October 8-14, 2012**



**Site:** Holiday Inn St. Paul East

2201 Burns Ave. (Exit I-94 at McKnight Road-- turn south to Burns Ave – hotel is on corner of Burns Ave. and McKnight Road) , St. Paul, MN 55119 , 651-731-2220

Room Rates: \$90 single/double - \$110 Junior Suite - \$135 Innovation Suite

[www.holidaymn.com](http://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](mailto: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



K	O	H		F		C	L		G		A		N		Q		E	S	J					
J	V			E					X	F		S	Y	M		D	O			C				
Q	T		N	J	D			X				L	E	C		U	W	A	V	H	I			
	X	F		I	Q		A	V				D	N				G	K	O	P	R			
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J			V	O		S		X		C		B	U		W		A	M		I	F	T	Q	
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	A			J	V			P		E			C	U	F	W	M	G	O		N		Y	B
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Q					B	D		F	V	P		X	K				I					O	M	
W	T		L		U			M		A			G		Y	R		N		P	I	V		

**Sudoku**

**Answers to Puzzle  
No Peeking!**

U	K	O	H	D	F	R	C	L	M	G	V	I	A	W	T	N	B	P	Q	X	E	Y	S	J
L	J	V	A	G	H	E	Q	I	Y	D	N	H	S	X	F	L	G							
G	O	S	P	B	V	R																		
P	Q	T	N	J	D			X				L	E	C		U	W	A	V			H	I	
H	E	I	O		M	Y			J	X	Q		F		T		D	B	R			V		
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W	T		L		U			M		A			G		Y	R		N		P	I	V		

## Appeal #2:

Board 59  
 Dealer: S  
 None Vul.  
 ♠ K 10 5 4  
 ♥ A 10  
 ♦ J 7 3  
 ♣ A K J 10

♠ 9 8	N ↑	♠ Q J 7 2
♥ K 9 7 4 2		♥ Q J 8 6 3
♦ K 8 4 2		♦
♣ Q 6		♣ 9 4 3 2

♠ A 6 3  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ A Q 10 9 6 5  
 ♣ 8 7 5



(Bates) S (Wold) conducted the following auction with E/W silent:

S	N
1D	1S
2D	3NT*
4S**	6D

\* 2 minute huddle and no alert to E.

\*\* 45 seconds to 1.5 minute huddle after which he alerted W that 3NT showed 5Ss and an option to play 3NT even if S had 3Ss and then bid 4S.

After 6D was made E/W called the TD contending that the out of tempo bids conveyed unauthorized information (UI) which assisted N/S to bid the slam rather than playing 3NT.

Bates told the TD and the Appeals Committee (AC) that his huddle was his trying to remember their agreements about his rebid and related that 2S was forcing, but that he wasn't sure that Wold would remember, and that 2NT was forcing, but he didn't remember that it was forcing, and they used to play 3NT as showing 5Ss giving partner the option of playing 3NT even if he had 3Ss, but that he thought that Wold had asked to drop that agreement even though it was still in their notes.

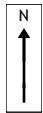
Wold told the TD (he was not present at the hearing) that his out of tempo action was trying to remember their methods and finally concluded that 3NT showed 5Ss and an option to play 3NT even with 3Ss and he then bid 4S. He did not recall the discussion about dropping that agreement.

The TD allowed the table result of N/S+920 to stand and E/W appealed.

The AC believed that N's 2 minute huddle in what would be expected to be a routine auction may have awakened Wold that Bates may have uncertainty about 3NT. The AC concluded that had 3NT been bid in tempo, it was reasonably likely that Wold would have passed 3NT and the result would have been down one and therefore changed the score to E/W +50.

Jeffrey Polisner, Chairman  
 John Sutherlin, Member  
 Henry Bethe, Member

Board 74  
 Dealer: E  
 All Vul.

♠ T ♥ AQJ64 ♦ KT532 ♣ A7		♠ AJ983 ♥ 7 ♦ AQJ ♣ 9832  ♠ K765 ♥ 93 ♦ 7 ♣ KQJ654  ♠ Q42 ♥ KT852 ♦ 9864 ♣ T
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Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Katz	Wolpert	Nickell	Kranyak
		Pass	Pass
1H	1S	2C	2S
Double	3S	All Pass	

Open Room			
Milner	Zia	H Lall	Hamman
		3C	Pass
3H	3S	Pass	Pass
4C	Pass	4H	All Pass

Wow! Look at all the different results. Clearly the most exciting was in the Lee/Diamond match where Hampson and Greco played 5C doubled and made six.

Lee led the H8, won by the queen in dummy. Greco played the ST. Demirev covered with the jack and Greco scored his king. Greco played a diamond to dummy's ten and Demirev's jack. Demirev played a club, won by the ace in dummy. A diamond was ruffed. A spade was ruffed. A diamond was ruffed and declarer claimed 12 tricks ... +950.

At the other table in that match, where Garner played in 4C, Moss led the ten of spades to the ace and Gitelman continued spades to Garner's king... Garner pitching a diamond from dummy. In the end, Garner lost the pointed aces and made 5 for 13 IMPs to Diamond.

Open Room			
H Weinstein	Gitelman	Garner	Moss
		Pass	Pass
1H	1S	2C	2S
3D	Pass	4C	All Pass

Closed Room			
Hampson	Demirev	Greco	Lee
		Pass	Pass
1H	1S	2C	2S
Double	3S	5C	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

In the Nickell/Milner match, Milner and H Lall played game in hearts. Zia led a club to declarer's ace. Declarer led a spade which Zia won. Zia continued clubs, ruffed by Hamman. Hamman switched to a trump, won in dummy with the jack. A diamond was led and won by the jack. A spade was led to the king, dummy pitching a diamond, and a club was led and ruffed and overruffed. A diamond was ruffed, a club ruffed and overruffed and a diamond went to the ace, declarer pitching a spade. A spade was ruffed in dummy and everyone pitched on the king of diamonds. A heart went to the king and declarer was two down for -200.

At the final table, Wolpert/Kranyak played 3S. Nickell led his singleton diamond and when the smoke cleared, declarer was two down.

The results:  
 9 IMPs to Nickell  
 13 IMPs to Diamond

# Limey Jack and Howie Doing...

## Howie Doing:

Diamond v Nickell... That's what I said.  
Poor Roger Lee was in over his head.

Reese went to pieces and it wasn't sweet.  
At the end of the semis, he made his retreat.

Katz have nine lives and that's who I'm choosing.  
Hope that you all found my banter amusing.

I'm just a fella who does this for fun.  
I've an uncanny sense of picking the "ONE!"

Last year Zagorin, this year it's Nickell.  
The Brit is a twit left behind in a pickle.

Be back for the Seniors and Women's to boot.  
I won't call them Broads... Hold your fire... Don't shoot.

Don't listen to Slimey. He's just a quack.  
I know what I'm "Doing" and he don't know "Jack!!!"

Howie Doing ... great, thanks!

## Limey Jack:

Cheerio:

As the sponsors were too tight with their funds, Limey Jack will watch the final from his drawing room rather than the front row. Before telling you who will emerge victorious, let's clear the air about Howie Dung. He is a pretender to the throne, spends all his time twining on, and is all fur coat and no knickers.

This Dung cretin is simply one sandwich short of a picnic who tends to dither and has no real grasp of how these things are done. If he ever went to the punters with his ridiculous picks, he wouldn't have a flat to live in by the end.

Remember, only Limey Jack can take you to the promised land, and does so now.

With two solid teams left, it figures to be a horse race, but will it be? Limey Jack says that while it will require two days, there will be some distance between the first and second place nags. It is mightily hard for a team which is in the throes of self immolation to play cohesively enough to warrant being the favourite. And so it is here. The vaunted Nickell sixsome will need to play their front pair all 8 chuckers, but will be loathe to do so. That is their only chance. For some reason Nickell thrives on starting poorly, but tomorrow will be the last time.

Diamond has 3 fine pairs who are playing in stroke and are fearless. If it was their first time at the faire, it would be Nickell via the choke, but it is not. They have been there, done that, and shall have the honour of accepting the crown. Limey Jack fancies the Diamond squad over Nickell in the one match that truly matters, the final.

I am sure that the Jester Dung will predict the other team and try to show some iambic pentameter of which he is incapable, but luckily you can rely on Limey Jack to steer you through.

Congratulations to the Colonies on this fine theatre which you have provided to us all and especially to the Diamond squad. Limey Jack will see you in Lille.

Cheers, LJ

Board 106  
 Dealer: E  
 All Vul.

♠ 742  
 ♥ Q3  
 ♦ 854  
 ♣ KQ984

♠ J965  
 ♥ JT52  
 ♦ AT3  
 ♣ J2



♠ AQT  
 ♥ 64  
 ♦ QJ962  
 ♣ A73

♠ K83  
 ♥ AK987  
 ♦ K7  
 ♣ T65

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	J Lall	Meckstroth	Bathurst
		1NT	All Pass

Open Room

Kranyak	Zia	Wolpert	Hamman
		1D	1H
Double	1NT	Double	2C
Pass	Pass	2D	3C
3D	All Pass		

Watching expert declarers, one will notice that they often play false spots from their hands on early tricks. These false cards don't always fool the defenders, but they always create an element of doubt in the defenders' minds.

A second form of a false card is to play a false spot from dummy at trick one in an effort to create an illusion that declarer has a different holding. An example of this is to play a medium high spot card from dummy when declarer's hand contains the singleton ace.

On this hand, Meckstroth created confusion in his opponent's mind with a fourth hand false card from dummy. Bathurst led the ace of hearts (asking attitude) and Meckstroth played the six from his hand. A heart was continued to Lall's queen. Justin led the king of clubs. Meckstroth played the seven from hand and the jack! from dummy. It appeared to Lall that Jeff held the AT7 of clubs. Justin assumed that Kevin's six of clubs was upside down attitude from 6-5 doubleton rather than upside down count from T65. Lall discontinued the attack on clubs and switched to a spade. Meckstroth won the ace and took the diamond finesse. When this worked he drove out the king of spades and made nine tricks for a 1 IMP gain. Of course if the diamond finesse failed, he would still make his contract if the opponents continued spades after winning the king of diamonds.

**The Wolpert family** is having a very good week. Mom Hazel Wolpert won the Canadian Women's Championship and will represent Canada in Lille.

Gavin, playing at the USBC, reached the semi-finals and lost a close match to the #1 seeded Nickell team.

Brother Darren has reached the finals of the Canadian Open Championship and starts play tomorrow with the hope of also representing Canada in Lille.

Of course, all of that pales when compared to the new little Wolpert... Gavin and Jenny's baby son ... who was born a short time ago and is home with Mommy and sister, Danielle.

Good luck tomorrow Darren. You are all making your family proud.

# Height did you knows

Did you know the typical wave height from Pacific tsunami is between 6 - 9 meters

Did you know clouds fly higher during the day than the night

Did you know when born a baby giraffe is 1.8m (6ft) tall

Did you know Mount Everest is 8.9km (5.5 miles) high

Did you know the tallest mammal is the giraffe

Did you know a newborn kangaroo is about 1 inch in tall

Did you know the Eiffel Tower is over 300m (984 ft) tall

Did you know banana plants can grow as high as 6 meters (20 feet) tall

Did you know acrophobia is the fear of heights

Did you know an astronaut can be up to 2 inches taller returning from space (the cartilage disks in the spine expand in the absence of gravity)

A man walks into a bar. He asks the bartender for a glass of water. The bartender pulls out a gun, and the man walks away happily. Why?

The man had the hiccups. The gun scared him, and the hiccups went away.

The Answer: