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UNITED STATES SENIORS' AND WOMEN'S BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oldies and Goodies

Women's Semi Final...

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	65-80	81-96
1	Joel	153	15	42	22	44	9	21
4	Sprung	254	37	53	50	26	30	58
2	Moss	203	32	27	25	49	32	38
3	Westheimer	159	42	33	24	28	13	19

Women's Final...

1	Sprung	68	33	35
2	Moss	81	25	56

Seniors Semi Final...

1	Lynch	134	34	23	58	19
4	Larsen	91	40	16	6	29
2	Milner	117	16	33	50	18
3	Schwartz	125	54	39	20	12

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Ladies First: Teams Entered In Seeding Order



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Never eat more than you can lift. ~Miss Piggy

On packing: Lay out all your clothes and all your money. Then, take half the clothes and twice the money.

You can never get enough of what you don't need to make you happy.

Computers are like Old Testament gods; lots of rules and no mercy.

Youth would be an ideal condition, if it came a little later in life.

When a habit begins to cost money, it's called a hobby.

They say a hobby can help develop a positive attitude. A positive attitude may not solve all of my problems, but it WILL annoy enough people to make it worth the effort!

Day	Date	Time	Stage
Friday	June 1	10:00 am	Captains' Meeting
Friday & Saturday	June 1 June 2	10:30 am - 11:00 pm	Round Robin 2
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Sunday	June 3	10:30 am - 12:45 pm	Boards 1-16
		1:00 - 3:15	Boards 17-32
		3:15 - 5:15	Dinner break
		5:15 - 7:30	Boards 33-48
Monday	June 4	7:45 - 10:00	Boards 49-64
		10:30 am - 12:45 pm	Boards 65-80
		1:00 - 3:15	Boards 81-96
<i>Final</i>			
Monday	June 4	5:15 - 7:30	Boards 1-16
		7:45 - 10:00	Boards 17-32
Tuesday	June 5	10:30 am - 12:45 pm	Boards 33-48
		1:00 - 3:15	Boards 49-64
		3:15 - 5:15	Dinner break
		5:15 - 7:30	Boards 65-80
		7:45 - 10:00	Boards 81-96

Women's Schedule

Vugraph

The 2012 USWBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Semi-finals. We hope to cover all 4 tables in play in the Semi-finals and both tables in the Finals. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either 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 matches you want to watch.

There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, some of whom may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:30-12:45
1:00-3:15
5:15-7:30
7:45-10:00

All of the teams will play the same boards, but for security reasons, if one match is sufficiently behind that we have to start it later than the other one, we will not start the Vugraph broadcast until both matches have started play.

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 events currently available to see what we'll have for the 2012 USWBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.



An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?' The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. 'I don't know,' he said 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown . '

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy:

'So I hear you're getting married?'

'Yep!'

'Do I know her?'

'Nope!'

'This woman, is she good looking?'

'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?'

'Naw, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?'

'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well, then, is she good in bed?'

'I don't know.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

The Women's Semi-Final Moves to a Close...

Board 82 ♠ KQT3
 Dealer: E ♥ A5
 N/S Vul ♦ AKT4
 ♣ AJ4

♠ 842 ♠ 9
 ♥ KT83 ♥ Q9642
 ♦ 972 ♦ QJ863
 ♣ Q76 ♣ 32

N
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♠ AJ765

♥ J7

♦ 5

♣ KT985

In the Sprung/Joel match, both tables reached 7S from North after North opened 2NT.

In the Open Room, Debbie Rosenberg, North, received the lead of the diamond jack (Rusinow). She drew trump and got a partial count on the hand before cashing the club ace and losing the finesse.

If declarer uses her best efforts, she can reach a three card end position where she knows that one player holds three clubs and the other holds one heart and two clubs. It does not appear that she can determine which hand is which... therefore making the 2-way finesse a complete guess.

In the Closed Room, Pat Norman... actually sitting South... held the North cards because the Board was placed on the table upside down. Pat guessed the club queen correctly.

Pat's partner, Georgiana Gates, pointed out that this was fortuitous for the team since she did not want to play the grand and might well have gotten it wrong! Destiny? Kismet? In this editor's opinion: YES!

Board 72 ♠ AJ9654
 Dealer: W ♥ T7
 None Vul. ♦ T2
 ♣ J83

♠ T8 ♠ 73
 ♥ 8652 ♥ KQJ93
 ♦ 843 ♦ AQJ7
 ♣ KT75 ♣ Q4

N
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♠ KQ2

♥ A4

♦ K965

♣ A962

West	North	East	South
Sprung/Joel			
Glasson	Sokolow	Sprung	Joel
Meyers	Bernstein	Levin	Wheeler
Moss/Westheimer			
Deas	Disa	Radin	Westheimer
Quinn	Migry	Breed	Stansby
Pass	2S	3H	4S
All Pass			

At all four tables in the USWBC, the auction was identical and a high heart was led against the spade game. Three out of four declarers made their contract. Migry demonstrated great declarer skill when she executed a well thought-out end-play to do it.

Both Disa and Migry won the heart, drew two rounds of trump and exited a heart. East at both tables won the heart and played ace and a diamond.

Migry won the diamond, ruffed a diamond, led a club to the ace and trumped the last diamond. She now led a club and East was endplayed. Contract making...

Disa apparently believed that East would have six hearts for her 3H call. Disa won the diamond return, ruffed a diamond and immediately played ace and a club, leaving East with a diamond exit for down one!

In the Sprung/Joel match, at both tables, the first four tricks were the same.

When Levin was East, she won the heart and immediately switched to the CQ hoping to set up two tricks and avoid the endplay.

Sprung cashed the ace of diamonds and followed with the queen of clubs.

Four spades making a both tables.

As played by Migry, the contract was always cold.

It seems it may be best to duck the opening heart lead, win the heart continuation, lead a spade to your hand and lead a diamond toward dummy. You need the DA onsides to have any chance. This line of play will succeed as the cards lie... and also win against some other positions where trumps are not 2-2 and a partial elimination is necessary.

Age After Beauty:

OLDIES AND GOODIES

Lynch	Carolyn Lynch, Capt Eddie Wold Garey Hayden	Mike Passell Marc Jacobus John Sutherlin
Milner	Reese Milner, Capt David Berkowitz Matthew Granovetter	Hemant Lall Alan Sontag Ron Rubin
Moss	Michael Moss Fred Hamilton Dan Morse	Mark Lair Arnold Fisher Bobby Wolff
Kasle	Gaylor Kasle, Capt Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey	Larry Kozlove Steve Robinson Fred Stewart
Larsen	Kyle Larsen, Capt Mark Feldman John Mohan	Rose Meltzer Bill Pollack Ron Smith
Schwartz	Richard Schwartz, Capt Neil Chambers Stephen Landen	Lewis Finkel John Schermer Sam Lev
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Brod	Geoffrey Brod, Capt Richard DeMartino Allan Falk	John Rengstorff Glenn Eisenstein John Lusky
Deutsch	Seymon Deutsch, Capt Bart Bramley Roger Bates	John Lantgen Lew Stansby Ross Gabel
Lay	Spike Lay, Capt Linda Smith	Larry Griffey Ronald Smith
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Claude Vogel Jon Sorkin	Steve Beatty Sangarapil Mohan Jeffry Mandell
Cappelli	Robert Cappelli, Capt Robert Katz	Robert Bitterman Michael Alioto
Kranyak	Kenneth Kranyak, Capt Craig Allen Jeffrey Miller	Phil Becker Michael Huston William Wickham
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Kenny Eichenbaum	Charles Kopp Gregory Potts

The World Bridge Productions and The Monaco Bridge Federation will co-host **THE CAVENDISH** in Monaco, October 15th - 19th 2012.

Cavendish Teams Tournament : Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th

Entry fee: 7,500 Euros Auction: no auctions

Cavendish Invitational Tournament: Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th, Friday 19th

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

Pairs International Tournament: (WBP Pairs) Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th, Friday 19th

Entry fee: 500 Euros Auction: minimum 500 Euro

For more information, please contact Donna Compton at cdmra@mindspring.com or 214.394.5830.



Seniors' Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Stage
Friday	June 1	10:00 am	Captains' Meeting
ROUND OF 16			
Friday	June 1	10:30 am - 12:35 pm 12:45 - 2:50 2:50 - 4:00 4:00 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:20	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Saturday	June 2	10:30 am - 12:35 pm 12:45 - 2:50	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
QUARTER-FINAL			
Saturday	June 2	4:00 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:20	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Sunday	June 3	10:30 am - 12:35 pm 12:45 - 2:50 2:50 - 4:00 4:00 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:20	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
SEMI-FINAL			
Monday	June 4	10:30 am - 12:35 pm 12:45 - 2:50 2:50 - 4:00 4:00 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:20	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Tuesday	June 5	10:30 am - 12:35 pm 12:45 - 2:50	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
FINAL			
Tuesday	June 5	4:00 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:20	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Wednesday	June 6	10:30 am - 12:35 pm 12:45 - 2:50 2:50 - 4:00 4:00 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:20	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90

The 2012 USSBC starts on Friday, June 1st. There are 15 teams entered, so there will be four 1.5 day KO matches.

HOSPITALITY SUITE INFORMATION:

The hospitality suite for the 2012 USWBC and USSBC is Suite 3321. Players, volunteers, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join us for:

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

Lunch on Monday through Thursday from 2:30 - 5:30.

The Hospitality Suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of play each day.

Please drop in. We look forward to seeing you there!

You hosts: Barbara Nudelman and Adrienne Cohen (Joan left yesterday afternoon!)

Board 93 ♠ KQ32
 Dealer: N ♥ K954
 All Vul. ♦ AT8
 ♣ T4

♠ J6 ♠
 ♥ J862 ♥ A
 ♦ J753 ♦ KQ9642
 ♣ AQ7 ♣ J96532

 ♠ AT98754
 ♥ QT73
 ♦
 ♣ K8

Closed Room:			
West	North	East	South
Meyers	Norman	Levin	Gates
	1NT (12-14)	4NT	6S
7D	Double	All Pass	

Open Room:			
Glasson	Rosenberg	Sprung	Seamon
	1D	Pass	1S
Pass	2S	Pass	3H
Pass	4S	Pass	6S
All Pass			

The auctions shown are from the Sprung/Joel match.

It is incredible to think that Sprung never bid on her 6-6 in the minors. It is more incredible when you realize that in the other match, Breed did not bid on it either! (Mildred explained that she was afraid would not work out that she held the minors after her opponent's 1D opening.)

Sprung and Glasson were chagrined when they realized that they were cold for six of a minor and had failed to double six spades, collecting only 300 of the 800 possible. Imagine their surprise when they found that they'd won 11 IMPs on the board.

In the Moss/Westheimer match, Judy Radin, East, overcalled 2C after North opened 1D. Eventually she bought the contract for 5C doubled and making.

In the other room, Breed's opponents took advantage of her silence and bought the contract in four spades. This is cold.

16 IMPs to Moss

And on to the Finals ...

Board 22 ♠ 87
 Dealer: E ♥ Q7
 E/W Vul. ♦ AKJT82
 ♣ KT7

♠ QJT6 ♠ A93
 ♥ AKJ9543 ♥ T6
 ♦ ♦ Q743
 ♣ 83 ♣ 9654

 ♠ K542
 ♥ 82
 ♦ 965
 ♣ AQJ2

Open Room:			
Glasson	Migry	Sprung	Stansby
		Pass	Pass
4H	All Pass		

Closed Room:			
Moss	Bernstein	Radin	Wheeler
		Pass	Pass
1H	2D	Pass	2H
3H	All Pass		

Glasson proved herself fearless when she opened four hearts Vul against not opposite a passed hand partner on the West cards. On the other hand, bidding close vulnerable games is the best way to win at IMPs.

The king of diamonds was led at both tables.

Both declarers ruffed the opening king of diamonds lead and played the ace and king of hearts felling the queen doubleton in North's hand. Both declarers took the spade finesse and when that lost, they claimed 10 tricks.

10 IMPs to Sprung

Four friends participated in July's day camp program this summer. Their parents would drop them off at the lakefront each morning and pick them up at suppertime each evening. The morning activity was a water sport of their choice and then the afternoon activity was a different non-water sport of their choice. As it happened, the friends all chose different activities during the day, though they still saw each other during lunch. Determine the full name of each friend, the water sport each chose to participate in, and the afternoon activity each chose.

1. Mike loved kayaking. The friend whose last name was Heart loved tennis.
2. Harry didn't play tennis. Sara didn't like archery. Ms. White didn't swim.
3. Mr. Mann didn't participate in the pottery class.
4. The person who went canoeing also participated in the painting session.
5. Mike didn't play tennis. Harry's last name wasn't Smith.
6. Sara, whose last name wasn't White, loved to sail.

	Heart	Mann	Smith	White	Canoeing	Kayaking	Sailing	Swimming	Archery	Painting	Pottery	Tennis
Cindy												
Harry												
Mike												
Sara												
Archery												
Painting												
Pottery												
Tennis												
Canoeing												
Kayaking												
Sailing												
Swimming												

Puzzle Page

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First Name	Last Name	Water Sport	P.m. activity
Cindy			
Harry			
Mike			
Sara			

Minnesota USBF Regional (Mon – Sun)

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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		Pre-Tournament Stratified Charity Pairs Chat Bridge Pairs	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 (2 nd 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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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

Board 20 ♠ 754
 Dealer: W ♥ Q2
 All Vul. ♦ A9862
 ♣ AK2

♠ K ♠ 63
 ♥ T8763 ♥ AKJ5
 ♦ KJT4 ♦ 5
 ♣ J73 ♣ QT9654

♠ AQJT982
 ♥ 94
 ♦ Q73
 ♣ 8



Closed Room:			
West	North	East	South
Moss	Bernstein	Radin	Wheeler
Pass	1NT (12-14)	Pass	4S
All Pass			

Open Room:			
West	North	East	South
Glasson	Migry	Sprung	Stansby
Pass	1D	1H	1S
4H	Pass	Pass	4S
All Pass			

This hand is a good example of how weak no-trumps can be effective.

In the Open Room, Migry opened 1D and Sprung was able to get a lead-directing 1H bid on the table. It was a great time to overcall the four card suit. A heart is the only lead to give the defense a chance. On any other lead, declarer has a quick pitch on the king of clubs. The Rabbi's Rule is the only cure... but sadly for Stansby, the finesse was the percentage play. Down one for -100, losing two hearts, one diamond, and one spade.

In the Closed Room, Bernstein opened a 12-14 NT. Given the absence of information, Moss chose the nearest thing to a trick and led the ten of diamonds (0 or 2 higher). Her partner needs as little as the queen to make this lead potentially right. Wheeler ducked it to her queen, and facing a quick pitch of a diamond or heart loser, gave up on the trump finesse in favor of laying down the ace and taking the discard, guaranteeing ten tricks. She was well rewarded when the singleton king fell offside. She made her game with an overtrick.

13 IMPs to Sprung

Board 24 ♠ 98
 Dealer: W ♥ KJ6
 None Vul. ♦ 832
 ♣ KJ963

♠ K ♠ AQT7543
 ♥ Q953 ♥ T
 ♦ 765 ♦ KT
 ♣ A8752 ♣ QT4

♠ J62
 ♥ A8742
 ♦ AQJ94
 ♣



Open Room:			
West	North	East	South
Glasson	Migry	Sprung	Stansby
Pass	Pass	1S	2S (Michaels)
Pass	3D (inv in H)	Pass	4H
All Pass			

Closed Room:			
West	North	East	South
Moss	Bernstein	Radin	Wheeler
Pass	Pass	1S	2S (Michaels)
Pass	3H	3S	Pass
4S	All Pass		

Everyone loves a double game swing!

In the Closed Room, Wheeler led the HA against the spade game. Little did she know she should have underled it...not for the club ruff, but to avoid establishing the HQ for the discard of a diamond. Wheeler continued hearts to her partner's jack, declarer ruffing. Radin played a spade to the king and ruffed another heart. She was ecstatic when the king popped. She had improved her chances by 50%. Instead of needing both the CK and DA right, she could shed a diamond on the HQ and only need the CK with North. Indeed that was the position and 4H succeeded.

In the Open Room, Glasson led the singleton king of spades against 4H. Sprung overtook and cashed the spade queen. She did her best at this point. She led the deceptive ten of diamonds. Having no alternative play, Stansby took the finesse. The ace of hearts, a heart to the jack, and the king of hearts followed. A diamond to the ace brought down the king and Stansby could run winners till Glasson ruffed in with her good queen of hearts.

13 IMPs to Moss

Senior Semis ...

Board 50 ♠ AT5
 Dealer: E ♥ J5
 N/S Vul. ♦ Q4
 ♣ AJ8742

♠ 6 ♠ Q98743
 ♥ KQT2 ♥ A43
 ♦ A6532 ♦ T
 ♣ K53 ♣ QT6

♠ KJ2
 ♥ 9876
 ♦ KJ987
 ♣ 9



Open Room:			
West	North	East	South
Feldman	Passell	Pollack	Sutherlandin
		2S	Pass
Pass	3C	All Pass	

Closed Room:			
Jacobus	Mohan	Wold	Smith
		2S	Pass
Pass	3C	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, Ronnie Smith must walk on water. He bid a vulnerable 3NT on 20 combined HCP. And the scary thing is... He Made It!!

Jacobus treated his KQT2 as if it were KQT9 and led the HQ. Wold had no reason to overtake since he held three cards in the suit. Jacobus won his queen and continued with the king. Now it seemed right for Wold to overtake... after all, the jack was falling doubleton in dummy. Eddie won his ace and continued hearts to Mark's ten, unfortunately for the Lynch squad, establishing declarer's nine in the process.

With the spade finesse pretty well marked on the auction, Smith won the fourth round of hearts, knocked out the diamond ace (noting the lucky fall of the ten), and collected nine tricks... amazing!

Meanwhile back in the Open Room, Sutherlandin, less imaginative than Smith, passed the 3C call. This had no chance. Pollack led a spade which was won in dummy with the jack. Passell cashed the ace of clubs and played the jack to Pollack's queen. Pollack gave Feldman a spade ruff, separating their trumps. Feldman cashed two hearts and the defense waited patiently for their ace of diamonds and their ten of clubs... down two.

13 IMPs to Larsen

Board 55 ♠ AKT63
 Dealer: S ♥ Q3
 All Vul. ♦ AKJ8
 ♣ A4

♠ 92 ♠ Q8754
 ♥ T52 ♥ 76
 ♦ 975 ♦ 6432
 ♣ KJ863 ♣ 92

♠ J
 ♥ AKJ984
 ♦ QT
 ♣ QT75



Open Room:			
Feldman	Passell	Pollack	Sutherlandin
			1H
Pass	1S	Pass	2H
Pass	4NT	Pass	5H
Pass	7H	All Pass	

Closed Room:			
Jacobus	Mohan	Wold	Smith
			1H
Pass	1S	Pass	2H
Pass	3C	Pass	4C
Pass	4D	Pass	4H
Pass	6H	All Pass	

Passell and Sutherlandin had a simple Key Card auction to get to the cold grand slam.

Mohan chose science instead and cue bid his way to 6H. It is unclear what he hoped to discover over his 3C bid holding all the controls in his own hand. When he disdained an ace ask over 4H he was relegated to guessing. 13 IMPs to Lynch

8	7			9			5
9		4		3		6	7
3				8		1	2
1		9	5				
	6		8			7	5
	4					2	
		8		3			
			2				
7							3

Puzzle 1 ... Answers Below...
No Peeking

2		8		7			
1		4	2	3	6	5	
				5	9		
3	4			9	7		8 1
			6	2		7	
	2						4 5
			3				1
	8						5 6
3							

Puzzle 2 ... Answers Below...
No Peeking

Sudoku

I went on a diet, swore off drinking and heavy eating, and in fourteen days, I lost two weeks.
Now that I'm retired, I find that nothing is ever fixed except my income.
The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
He who hesitates is probably right.
Flip Wilson, speaking as the character "Geraldine" said, If you can fly this plane 3,000 miles across the country, and find this little airport in the dark, then you can find my bags.
Don't tell me worry doesn't help. Whenever I really worry about something it never happens.
Money can't buy you happiness, but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.
I was planning to procrastinate, but decided to put it off.
If you tell the truth, then you don't have to write down what you said yesterday.

Answers to Puzzle 2

2	5	8	4	7	1	9	6	3
1	9	4	2	3	6	5	7	8
6	7	3	8	5	9	1	2	4
3	4	6	5	9	7	2	8	1
8	1	5	6	2	4	7	3	9
7	2	9	1	8	3	6	4	5
9	6	2	3	4	5	8	1	7
4	8	7	9	1	2	3	5	6
5	3	1	3	5				

Diplomacy is the art of letting someone else get *your* way.
Older people shouldn't eat health food, They need all the preservatives they can get.
If I keep waiting for my ship to come in, I've already missed the boat.
I haven't lost my mind. It's backed up on a disk somewhere.
Behind every successful woman is herself.
A woman is like a teabag...You don't know how strong she is until you put her in hot water.
All stressed out, and no one to choke.
Maybe it's true that life begins at 50, but everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.
How can I miss you if you won't go away?
The cardiologist's diet: If it tastes good spit it out.
By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.
Inflation is when you pay fifteen dollars for the ten-dollar haircut you used to get for five dollars when you had hair.
Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.

Answers to Puzzle 1

8	7	2	6	1	9	3	4	5
9	1	4	2	3	5	6	7	8
3	5	6	7	4	8	9	1	2
1	8	9	5	7	2	4	6	3
2	6	3	8	9	4	7	5	1
5	4	7	3	6	1	2	8	9
6	9	8	4	5	3	1	2	7
4	3	5	1	2	7	8	9	6
7	2	1	9	8	6	5	3	4

Answer to Puzzle on Page 8

P.m. activ-	Water Sport	Last Name	First Name
ity		White	Cindy
	Canoeing		
	Painting		
	Archery	Mann	Harry
	Swimming		
	Kayaking	Smith	Mike
	Pottery		
	Sailing	Heart	Sara
	Tennis		

Jack and Howie...

Howie...

Call me Doing
Call me Dung
Jack'll take Moss
But I'm taking Sprung

All of the following
Prove 'yond a doubt,
Sprung is the team
That's sure to win out!

It's got to be fate
That when Picus fell
She couldn't travel
And went on DL.

Sprung put together
A whole different crew
And at the last minute
To Chi town they flew.

Then in the Semis,
A grand slam no less
Hangs on a two way
Guessing finesse.

Joel goes one way...
The queen takes the trick
Leaving declarer feeling
Quite sick!

Sprung goes the other
And isn't it grand.
Norman whose North
Goes right with South's hand!

It's got to mean something
Coincidence? NO!
Let's hear it for Sprung.
Go Joann Go!

Jack...

Limey Jack is too humble a lad to brag on, but picking perfectly in the Ladie's event should be notated.

Picking Sprung to beat the heavily favoured Joel team was no easy matter, he was up to the task. The Moss team took care of business as expected.

So here we are:

Moss v Sprung: Sprung has been playing as if they knew what time the Preacher's wife would be home. They are gutty and mostly overlooked except by Limey Jack. But do they have enough petrol in the tank to drive the lorry all the way to Turnbury, or in this case; Lille?

This one is hard to determine yet Limey Jack is highly compensated and not easily daunted. This is a particularly trying time as Limey Jack is also attending the Royal's 90th Anniversary do simultaneously.

Alas, we shall leave the whinging to Howie Dung, who also might have attended in his role as Court Jester.

The Moss team is still playing 5 handed and playing well. Can one really pick against the defenders? Moss by a whisker.

Join me on the morrow to get the best senior picks as well as the most blather from the Jester, Howie Dung. Speaking in rhyming tongue as he does, would have gotten him the gallows some time back.

Cheerio, LJ

In Memoriam...

Sadly, as we went to press, we were informed that Robert Hartman's father passed away yesterday.

Robert is the new CEO of the ACBL.

We all extend our sincere sympathies to Robert and his family.