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The Prez Says


George Jacobs, President of the United States Bridge Federation, welcomes you to the Buena Vista Palace in sunny Orlando, Florida, for the 2013 United States Bridge Championship.

There are 16 teams entered. Two have byes to the Quarterfinal. The Conditions of Contest call for the event to start with a 1.5 day Round Robin among the 6 lowestseeded teams. Four of those 6 teams advance to the Round of 16 to join the other 8 non-bye teams. The Round of 16 will last 1.5 days. After the Round of 16 , the USA1 bracket will continue with 2 day Quarterfinal, Semi-Final and Final stages, concluding on Saturday, June 8th. The 6 losers from the Round of 16 will play in USA2. The two Round Robin losers have the choice of whether to play in USA2. Depending on the number of teams in USA2, the first stage of USA2 will be either a KO or a Round Robin to reduce to 4 teams opposite the USA1 Round of 8 . The USA2 bracket will continue with 1 day KO matches on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, followed by 1.5 day KO Semi-Final and Final matches on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. USA1 losers will drop into USA2.

Besides the action at the tables, there is much to do in the area for Kibitzers and non-playing family members. For up-todate information on all of this, plus hands and hand analysis during the event, be sure to read your Daily Bulletins.

For live coverage of the happenings, watch the VuGraph. Times and dates for sessions are on page 5 of this PreBulletin.

Lisa Berkowitz and Molly O'Neill are planning warm, friendly hospitality during the event. For a chance to watch the events with friends in the suite, see page 8 for information.

Again, welcome to the United States Bridge Championship. We will do whatever we can to make your experience memorable. Good luck to the teams!

George J

## From the Editor:

Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. While team lists and schedules will be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions, other pertinent information will not. We do this in order to make room for new content at a substantial print savings to the organization. Thank you!!


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A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

## Oliver Wendel1

 Holmes, Jr.

## 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, except in the Closed Room during the final sequestered matches of the Round Robin. However, you will be subject to the following regulations:

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 wil 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 much, 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:

## 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.
c. Kibitzers must enter the playing room before play commences. Kibitzers are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
d. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
e. 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.
f. These rules may be revised in specific instances by the DICs for the orderly running of the event.


| Time | Pairings | Seeded Team | Boards |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Friday, May 31st |  |  |  |
| 10:00-11:15 | $1 \mathrm{v} 6,2 \mathrm{v} 5,3 \mathrm{v} 4$ | 1, 2, 3 | 1-8 |
| 11:20-12:35 | $1 \mathrm{v} 4,2 \mathrm{v} 3,5 \mathrm{v} 6$ | 4, 3, 6 | 9-16 |
| 12:40-1:55 | $1 \mathrm{v} 5,2 \mathrm{v} 4,3 \mathrm{v} 6$ | 1, 2, 3 | 17-24 |
| 75 Minute Lunch Break |  |  |  |
| 3:10-4:25 | $1 \mathrm{v} 3,2 \mathrm{v} 6,4 \mathrm{v} 5$ | none | 25-32 |
| 4:30-5:45 | $1 \mathrm{v} 2,3 \mathrm{v} 5,4 \mathrm{v} 6$ | none | 33-40 |
| 15 Minute Break |  |  |  |
| 6:00-7:15 | $1 \mathrm{v} 6,2 \mathrm{v} 5,3 \mathrm{v} 4$ | 6, 5, 4 | 1-8 |
| 7:20-8:35 | $1 \mathrm{v} 4,2 \mathrm{v} 3,5 \mathrm{v} 6$ | 1, 2, 5 | 9-16 |
| Saturday, June 1st |  |  |  |
| 10:00-11:15 | $1 \mathrm{v} 5,2 \mathrm{v} 4,3 \mathrm{v} 6$ | 5, 4, 6 | 17-24 |
| 11:20-12:35 | $1 \mathrm{v} 3,2 \mathrm{v} 6,4 \mathrm{v} 5$ | none | 25-32 |
| 12:40-1:55 | $1 \mathrm{v} 2,3 \mathrm{v} 5,4 \mathrm{v} 6$ | none | 33-40 |


| Margin | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser | Margin | Winner | Loser |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 10 | 10 | 21 | 15.19 | 4.81 | 42 | 18.33 | 1.67 |
| 1 | 10.31 | 9.69 | 22 | 15.38 | 4.62 | 43 | 18.44 | 1.56 |
| 2 | 10.61 | 9.39 | 23 | 15.56 | 4.44 | 44 | 18.55 | 1.45 |
| 3 | 10.91 | 9.09 | 24 | 15.74 | 4.26 | 45 | 18.66 | 1.34 |
| 4 | 11.20 | 8.80 | 25 | 15.92 | 4.08 | 46 | 18.77 | 1.23 |
| 5 | 11.48 | 8.52 | 26 | 16.09 | 3.91 | 47 | 18.87 | 1.13 |
| 6 | 11.76 | 8.24 | 27 | 16.26 | 3.74 | 48 | 18.97 | 1.03 |
| 7 | 12.03 | 7.97 | 28 | 16.42 | 3.58 | 49 | 19.07 | 0.93 |
| 8 | 12.29 | 7.71 | 29 | 16.58 | 3.42 | 50 | 19.16 | 0.84 |
| 9 | 12.55 | 7.45 | 30 | 16.73 | 3.27 | 51 | 19.25 | 0.75 |
| 10 | 12.80 | 7.20 | 31 | 16.88 | 3.12 | 52 | 19.34 | 0.66 |
| 11 | 13.04 | 6.96 | 32 | 17.03 | 2.97 | 53 | 19.43 | 0.57 |
| 12 | 13.28 | 6.72 | 33 | 17.17 | 2.83 | 54 | 19.52 | 0.48 |
| 13 | 13.51 | 6.49 | 34 | 17.31 | 2.69 | 55 | 19.61 | 0.39 |
| 14 | 13.74 | 6.26 | 35 | 17.45 | 2.55 | 56 | 19.69 | 0.31 |
| 15 | 13.96 | 6.04 | 36 | 17.59 | 2.41 | 57 | 19.77 | 0.23 |
| 16 | 14.18 | 5.82 | 37 | 17.72 | 2.28 | 58 | 19.85 | 0.15 |
| 17 | 14.39 | 5.61 | 38 | 17.85 | 2.15 | 59 | 19.93 | 0.07 |
| 18 | 14.60 | 5.40 | 39 | 17.97 | 2.03 | 60 | 20 | 0 |
| 19 | 14.80 | 5.20 | 40 | 18.09 | 1.91 |  |  |  |
| 20 | 15 | 5 | 41 | 18.21 | 1.79 |  |  |  |

## Round

## Robin

## Schedule

## Round Robin Information

The 2013 USBC Round Robin will be a 1.5-day complete Round Robin, with 16 board matches, scored using the USBF 16 board Victory Point scale (see left please).

Each match will be played in halves. Each player on every team must play at least half of the match against each other team.

On Friday, there will be 7 half matches. On Saturday, there will be 3 half matches.

## SEQUESTERED MATCHES

The final two matches on Saturday will have the Closed Room sequestered. One pair on each team must play both matches in the Closed Room. No score comparison is allowed during these 2 matches.

For the first sequestered match, the NS pair at each table will be asked to complete a score sheet \& have the EW pair verify that it is correct. We will pick up those score sheets and enter the scores into the computer in order to have your scores for that match completed by the time you finish the final match.

Those scores will be shown on a wall near the playing area. Players will be asked to confirm that those scores are correct when they turn in your score for the final match.

We hope that this procedure will help speed up the determination of which teams have qualified.

John
Diamond

From Left:

Franco Baseggio, Bob Hamman, Fred Gitelman


## VuGraph Information

The 2013 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16 , in which we will probably cover 3 or 4 matches each session. The Round of 16 will start Saturday, June 1st at 3:45. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the USA1 tables in play. We will also cover the USA2, starting with the Round of 32.

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 USBC matches you want to watch. To watch on your smartphone or tablet, go to: http://www.bridgebase.com/mobile/ and select the match you want to watch or install the BBO app and watch using that.

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.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Florida 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 for both brackets, all of the teams will play the same boards.
During the USA1 Round of 16 , each team will play a different set of boards.
During the USA1 Quarterfinals, we don't know yet whether the physical set up will allow us to play the same boards in all matches.

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 2013 USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for VG 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 2013USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

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.


# Great Defensive Play by Ruth Ng, from the 2013 USBF Junior Training Program 

The USBF Junior Training program holds weekly practices. Last month, Ruth Ng, a University of Chicago student, sitting North, found a great defense to take advantage of declarer's slip in the play.

| Board 9 | ค K8 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Dealer: N | - 9852 |
| E/ | - AKOT95 |
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- T764
- J872
\& KJ85

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Ruth Ng |  |  |
| Pass | 1D | Double | 2D |
| 3 S | $4 D$ | Double | Pass |
| 4 S | Pass | Double | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | $5 S$ | 5D |
| Pass | Double | All Pass |  |

Ruth got the defense off to a good start by leading her singleton ten of clubs. Declarer won the ace of clubs, cashed the ace of spades and crossed to his hand with the king of hearts. Now he had no quick entry to dummy, so he led a second round of trumps to Ruth's king.

Since declarer clearly had the heart suit for pitches and no more than one diamond trick was available to the defense, Ruth knew her side needed at least one club trick. She found the killing play, underleading her diamond ace, king, queen to partner's jack.

Partner was able to cash her king of clubs to defeat the hand.


Stan Subeck, mentor

Ruth Ng, student

## Junior Online Training Program

In 2013, USBF initiated a training program for Juniors with international aspirations. Thanks to help from many USBF members who are serving as mentors, over 55 Juniors now practice on BBO each week. The Juniors are organized in groups of 4, and each group works with a regular mentor or sometimes two regular mentors. The groups play against other groups, so all of the players are exposed to a mentor other than their regular one. After the playing sessions, the groups and the mentor who watched their table discuss the hands, both online in BBO chat rooms and by email.

If you would like to kibitz any of the regular sessions, they are usually held on Thursday and Sunday evenings.

| Regular Online Training Mentors are: |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Leo Bell | Bob Katz | Barnet Shenkin |
| Steve Bloom | Brady Richter | Gabrielle Sherman |
| Tom Carmichael | Jennifer Richter | Stan Subeck |
| Migry zur Campanile | Karen McCallum | Sheri Winestock |
| Joshua Donn | Kent Mignocchi | Dan Wolkowitz |
| Fred Gitelman | Debbie Rosenberg | Joel Wooldridge |
| Barry Goren | Michael Rosenberg | Kit Woolsey |
| Michael Kamil |  |  |
| USBF Members who have volunteered to play with and against Juniors <br> online, providing wonderful feedback to our developing players: |  |  |
| Jeff Aker Robb Gordon Mike Passell <br> Bart Bramley Yul Inn Sue Picus <br> Drew Casen Ralph Katz John Schermer <br> Larry Cohen Roger Lee Barry Rigal <br> Gary Cohler Jill Levin Ron Smith <br> Kevin Fay Brad Moss Roy Welland |  |  |

## Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure

McDonald's\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Burgers, Fast Food 1596 West Buena Vista DriveStarring Rolls Café\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Bakery, Coffee 3300 North Bonnet Creek Road
Rainforest Café\$\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American 505 North Rainforest Road
Pepper Market\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American 1001 West Buena Vista Drive
Flame Tree Barbecue
\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Barbecue, American 601 West Savannah Circle
Restaurantosaurus
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Fast Food 601 West Savannah Circle
Tamu Tamu
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - African, Sandwiches/Subs 601 West Savannah Circle
Pizzafari\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Pizza, American, Fast Food 601 West Savannah Circle
Tusker House\$\$\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - African, Ethiopian/Eritrean, Moroccan601 West Savannah Circle
Yak \& Yeti Local Foods Café\$\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Asian, Chinese 660 West Savannah CircleKusafiri Coffee Shop\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Bakery, Desserts/Ice Cream, Breakfast/Brunch660 West Savannah Circle
Rix Lounge
\$\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Tapas 1000 W Buena Vista DrMaya Grill\$\$\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Latin American, American, Caribbean 1000 West Buena Vista DriveCohen's Deli and Butcher...
\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Sandwiches/Subs, Kosher 3011 Maingate Lane
Sci-Fi Dine-In Theater
\$\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Diner 50 Animation Drive

## Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2013 USBC is room 1122 in the Tower building. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join hostesses Lisa Berkowitz \& Molly O'Neill for:
Breakfast each day from 8:30-10:00 am


Lunch on Wednesday-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 Friday-Tuesday, we have arranged with the hotel to have a buffet lunch available at the break between sessions in the Watercress Restaurant.

Fajita Fresh Mexican Buffet...
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Mexican, Tacos, Buffet7571 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
$\frac{\text { Nature's Table Café }}{\text { \$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Sandwiches/Subs, Smoothies } 3030 \text { Maingate Ln }}$
Palm
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American 7601 Black Lake Rd
Bob Evans
\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Diner, Breakfast/Brunch7411 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy
WildSide Bar \& Grille
\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Barbecue, American, Modern American7725 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
IHOP
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Breakfast/Brunch7529 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Saucy's Pizza Parlor
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Pizza 7300 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy
Perkins Restaurant \& Bakery
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Bakery, American, Breakfast/Brunch7451 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy 1.3 mi
Denny's
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Breakfast/Brunch, Diner7631 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
McDonald's
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Burgers, Fast Food7627 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Crabby Joes Seafood
\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Seafood 7675 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy
Colorado House of Beef
\$\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Steakhouse, Mexican7571 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy
Wendy's Old Fashioned...
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Burgers, Fast Food7765 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
CiCi's Pizza
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Buffet, Pizza 7763 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Edy's Ice Cream
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Desserts/Ice Cream 7551 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
New York Deli Subs
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Pizza, Italian, Sandwiches/Subs7531 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy
Burger King
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Burgers, Fast Food7757 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hyy
Hurricane Jays Grill
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American 7761 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy


Dunkin' Donuts
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Donuts, Coffee, Breakfast/Brunch7644 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Shoney's
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American 7640 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy
Clay Oven Indian Cuisine
\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Indian 7696 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Golden Corral
\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Buffet, Breakfast/Brunch7702 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy

Passage to India
\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Indian 7618 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy
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Best Pizza
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Pizza 7726 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy
Allie's Family
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American 7602 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy
Sizzler
\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Buffet, Steakhouse7602 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Ponderosa Steakhouse
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Steakhouse, American, Buffet7598 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy
Black Angus Steak House
\$\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Steakhouse, Seafood, Barbecue 7516 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Golden China
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Chinese, Buffet 7777 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Bonefish Grill
\$\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Seafood 7801 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Lighthouse Lobster Feast
\$\$\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Seafood, American, Buffet 7675 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
T.G.I. Friday's
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Burgers 7798 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Outback Steakhouse
\$\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - Steakhouse, Seafood, American7804 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway
Buffalo Wild Wings
\$ Disney/Lake Buena Vista - American, Chicken, Burgers 3099 Formosa Gardens Boulevard
(Ed. note: Tomorrow's restaurant info will include less "Disney-esque" restaurants... Check it out when making your dining plans!)

I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed. Michael Jordan

Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They're made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find alloy called guts.
Dan Gable
If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score? Vince Lombardi
You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get. Michael Phelps
A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be. Wayne Gretzky
People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring. Rogers Hornsby

Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after. Henry David Thoreau
Half the lies they tell about me aren't true. Yogi Berra
Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game. Michael Jordan
Show me a good loser, and I'll show you a loser. Vince Lombardi

## Card Game Humor

## Bruised Shin

Giving a man his physical, the doctor noticed several dark,ugly bruises on his shins, so he asked, "Do you play hockey,soccer, or some physical sport?"
"No," he answered. "I play bridge with my wife."

## Bridge Quote - Malcolm Forbes

Below is a quotation from the former US presidential candidate and owner of the highly respected Forbes Magazine -Malcolm Forbes. "Playing bridge reflects intelligence. It's one of the really great pleasures of life. I think anybody who's missing bridge is missing so much in life. Don't make the mistake of missing out on the fun of bridge." Quite an endorsement from a super busy multi-millionaire who sits on the board of so many companies as well as at the bridge table!

## Bridge Excuses

a. Sorry partner. I would have led my singleton but it was so small I could not see it.
b. Now what are you complaining about partner. I led my singleton as you wanted. How was I to know that it does not apply to the trump suit?

## Bridge Statistics

Did you know 43.6 percent of all slam contracts fail.
62.7 percent of all bridge players are women.
97.8 percent of all bridge statistics, including these, are made up.

## So True ...

Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster.
We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing.
There are three kinds of bridge players:

1. Those who can count, and Those who can't.
$\boldsymbol{Q} \& \boldsymbol{A}$ : Do you know what the difference is between a mad psycho serial killer and a bridge partner? ... A : You can reason with the serial killer.

Double Trouble Learning she was going to have twins, the bridge playing wife said, ... "That's just like my husband, doubling me when I'm vulnerable".

Quick Tip of the Month Experts avoid the use of Blackwood, but novices love it and even use it with a void!
Huh? Why take a simple finesse to make your contract when you can go down in style on a triple squeeze play.
Deja Vous You know you're in trouble when you are the declarer and the opponents start drawing trumps.
Quote I never disliked a man so much that I would return his diamonds --- Zsa Zsa Gabor
A well-balanced player makes up for his inadequacy in the bidding with his ineptitude in the play.

## When to Give up Bridge

First you forget how to finesse, then you forget what picture cards have been played. After that you forget what the contract was and finally you forget to pull your zipper up!

## Player's Lament

"I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top."

## Things to Do In and Around Orlando:

Amusement Parks:<br>1 Disney's Animal Kingdom

551 N Rainforest Rd Lake Buena Vista, Florida

## 2 Disney's Hollywood Studio

351 S Studio Dr Lake Buena Vista, Florida

## 3 Epcot

1200 Epcot Resort Blvd Lake Buena Vista, Florida

## 4 Magic Kingdom

3111 World Dr Lake Buena Vista, Florida

## 5 SeaWorld Orlando

7007 SeaWorld Drive Orlando, Florida

## 6 Universal Studios Florida

1000 Universal Studios Plaza Orlando, Florida

## 7 Universal's Islands of Adventure

1000 Universal Studios Plaza Orlando, Florida

## Theaters:

1 Bob Carr Performing Arts Center
401 W Livingston St Orlando, Florida

## 2 Mad Cow Theatre

54 West Church Street Orlando, Florida

## 3 The Plaza 'Live' Theatre

425 North Bumby Avenue Orlando, Florida

## Museum:

Orlando Museum of Art
2416 North Mills Avenue Orlando, Florida

## Water Parks:

1. Aquatica

5800 Water Play Way Orlando, Florida

## 2 Blizzard Beach

1500 W Buena Vista Dr Lake Buena Vista, Florida

## 3 Discovery Cove

OOO Discovery Cove Way Orlando, Florida

## 4 Fantasy Surf

5151 Kyngs Heath Road Kissimmee, Florida

## 5 Orlando Watersports Complex

8615 Florida Rock Road Orlando, Florida

## 6 Typhoon Lagoon

1494 E Buena Vista Dr Lake Buena Vista, Florida

## 7 Wet and Wild

6200 International Dr Orlando, Florida

## Baseball:

## Tampa Bay Rays

The Rays (formerly the Devil Rays) will be in town from the 7th to the 10th of June.

They will be playing the Baltimore Orioles from the 7th through the 9th, and the Boston Red Sox on the 10th.

Tickets are available for all games.

## Shopping in Orlando:

Orlando Premium Outlets
8200 Vineland Avenue
Orlando, FL
(407) 238-7787

150 OUTLET STORES
Find impressive savings at Ann Taylor, Armani, Barneys New York, Burberry, Coach, Diesel, Elizabeth Arden, Fendi, Gap Outlet, Hugo Boss, Kenneth Cole, Lacoste, Marni, Nautica, Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, Prada, Salvatore Ferragamo, Tommy Hilfiger, Tory Burch.

## Lake Buena Vista Factory Stores

Monday-Saturday 10-9
Sunday 10-7
15657 State Road 535
Orlando, FL
(407) 238-9301

Hubby and I both play cards.
While hubby uses decks of cards...

I use the credit cards!


## Golf Courses in the Area



Lake Buena Vista Golf Course, Lake Buena Vista Course

18 holes over 6,819 yards with a par of 72 (Public)
2200 Club Lake Dr
Orlando, FL 32830
(407) 938-4653

2 miles from the center of Orlando.

Grand Cypress Resort, East Course

9 holes over 3,434 yards with a par of 36 (Public)
1 N Jacaranda St
Orlando, FL 32836-6618
(800) 835-7377

3 miles from the center of Orlando.
Grand Cypress Resort, North Course

18 holes over 3,521 yards with a par of 36 (Public)
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Orlando, FL 32836-6618
(800) 835-7377

3 miles from the center of Orlando.
Grand Cypress Resort, South Course

18 holes over 3,462 yards with a par of 36 (Public) 1 N Jacaranda St
Orlando, FL 32836-6618
(800) 835-7377

3 miles from the center of Orlando.
Grand Cypress Resort, The New Course

18 holes over 6,773 yards with a par of 72 (Public)
1 N Jacaranda St
Orlando, FL 32836-6618
(800) 835-7377

3 miles from the center of Orlando.
Hawk's Landing Golf Club, Hawk's Landing Course

18 holes over 6,900 yards with a par of 72 (Public)
8701 World Center Dr
Orlando, FL 32821-6358
(800) 567-2623

3 miles from the center of Orlando.

The Bridge Golfer:
Spades, Hearts, Diamonds and


Waldorf Astoria Golf Club, Bonnet Course

18 holes over 7,103 yards with a par of 72 (Public)
14224 Bonnet Creek Resort Ln
Orlando, FL 32821-4024
(800) 347-8182

5 miles from the center of Orlando.
Grande Pines Golf Club, Grand Pines Course

18 holes over 7,012 yards with a par of 72 (Public)
6351 International Golf Club Rd
Orlando, FL 32821-9348
(800) 371-1165

6 miles from the center of Orlando.
Grande Vista Golf Club, Grande Vista Golf Club Course

9 holes over 2,308 yards with a par of 32 (Public)
12001 Avenida Verde
Orlando, FL 32821-7071
(407) 238-7677

6 miles from the center of Orlando.
Bay Hill Club \& Lodge, Challenger/Champion Course

18 holes over 7,381 yards with a par of 72 (Private NonEquity)
9000 Bay Hill Blvd
Orlando, FL 32819-4880
(407) 876-2429

7 miles from the center of Orlando.
Shingle Creek Golf Club, Shingle Creek Course

18 holes over 7,213 yards with a par of 72 (Public) 9939 Universal Blvd
Orlando, FL 32819-8701
(866) 996-9933

8 miles from the center of Orlando.
Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, Grande Lakes Orlando, Ritz Carlton Course

18 holes over 7,122 yards with a par of 72 (Public)
4048 Central Florida Pkwy
Orlando, FL 32837-7662
(407) 393-4900

8 miles from the center of Orlando.
Hunters Creek Golf Course, Hunters Creek Course

18 holes over 7,432 yards with a par of 72 (Public)
14401 Sports Club Way
Orlando, FL 32837-6902
(407) 240-6003

9 miles from the center of Orlando.

## Finite Memory

"And how is Bridge supposed to make me smarter? Every time I learn something new, it pushes some old stuff out of my brain. Remember when I took that winemaking course, and I forgot how to drive?"
$\boldsymbol{H} \boldsymbol{u h} \boldsymbol{?}$ "I always arrive late for my Bridge, but I make up for it by leaving late."

## An Ode to Bridge

I'm giving up bridge - tonight's my last night It's amen to Stayman, I give up the fight.
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles. I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.

My cards are all rotten
And I have forgotten
Who has played what and what is trump
Sitting for hours with a sore rump
So it's all over tonight - I'm off to the backwoods
I'm bidding goodbye to Gerber and Blackwoods.
I can't stand the hassle,
I can't stand the pain
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.
Another bad night... Nothing's gone right.
My partner's a dope
I'm losing all hope.
When opponents say "double"
I know we're in trouble.
My points are not high,
and I'm wondering why
She kept on bidding right up to the sky.
We're in seven spades,
I doubt she makes
When surprise, surprise,
all tricks she takes
The defenders feel sick
My partner's really slick.
All of a sudden,
gone is my sorrow
And yes, I'll play again tomorrow!

## A Woman's Viewpoint

Life with Men is like Bridge
You need a Heart to love them;
A Diamond to marry them;
A Club to beat them;
And a Spade to bury them.

## A Man's Viewpoint

The bride came down the aisle, and when she reached the altar, she saw the groom with a deck of bridge cards in his tuxedo pocket.
She said, "Darling, what are your bridge cards doing here?" He looked her right in the eye and said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"


## Filosophy a la The Simpsons

Bart decides to learn Bridge.
He convinces his dad Homer to buy him some cards and a beginner's book and starts to learn.
A week later, the cards are scattered and the book is buried in a closet.
Homer asks "Bart, why aren't you learning Bridge?"
"It's too hard, Dad," Bart replies.
"Son," the elder Simpson mused philosophically,
"anything that's hard can't be worth doing. Let's go watch
TV!" -- from "The Simpsons" (modified)

## How True

The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table.

## A Child's Viewpoint

The teacher asked little Johnny if he knows his numbers. "Yes," he said.
"Good! Can you tell me what comes after three."
"Four," answers little Johnny.
"What comes after six?"
"Seven."
"Very good," says the teacher.
"What comes after ten?"
"A jack," says little Johnny.

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Sudoku 1

# Answers to puzzle No Peeking! 

Sudoku 2 Solution

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| 9 | 8 |  | 5 | 2 |  | 4 |  |  |
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| $\tau$ | S | $\varepsilon$ | 9 | 8 | $L$ | 6 | I | t |
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| I | 8 | 9 | $L$ | t | $\tau$ | S | 6 | $\varepsilon$ |
| $t$ | $\mathcal{E}$ | 6 | S | I | 8 | Z | $L$ | 9 |
| S | $L$ | $\tau$ | 6 | 9 | $\varepsilon$ | 8 | t | I |

Sudoku 1 Solution

| I | $L$ | $t$ | 8 | S | 9 | $\mathcal{E}$ | $\tau$ | 6 |
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## Puzzle Page ...

Four friends participated in a golf match for help raise money for a local charity. The competition between them was steep and each played one of the best games of his life. During the 18 -hole match, each friend played very poorly and over par at one hole. But, each also scored a hole-in-one at one hole. Most amazing, these accomplishments all happened at different holes. Determine the full name of each golfer, the hole number for each poor shot and each hole-in -one, and their final scores.

1. John got the first hole-in-one. Mr. Knight had the highest score (which in golf means he lost the match).
2. Steve, whose last name isn't Price, was over par six holes earlier than his hole-in-one shot.
3. Bill placed ahead of Walter but after Mr. Grant.
4. The man who got the last hole-in-one had the lowest score. The man who was over par last got his hole-in-one first.
5. From the highest score of 64 to the lowest score of 57 , the friends placed as: the man whose over par game was 12 , Bill, the man who got a hole-in-one at the second hole, and Mr. Mann.
6. The man who shot a hole-in-one in the 6th hole had his over par game in the 4 th hole.


## Limey Jack...

Greetings from the Empire:

I see you Yanks are back at it, conducting a tourney to crown a champion who will joust for the title in Bali. Limey Jack is back and will untaffle the confusion sowed by that insufferable wassock; Howie Dung.

Nickell and Fleisher have byes to the round of 8 so we will dispose of them later. For the moment we will focus on the round robin and who will flounder and who will cut bait. Only 6 of the 14 teams will start in the round robin. 4 will survive.

Aker has no trouble at either the bridge table or the Sumo ring.
Kolesnik is at the mercy of the Robinson team. If Robinson gets all ham-fisted Kolesnik could survive, but if Kolesnik has a bad hair day they will come acropper anyway.
Harris: Very rusty but Limey Jack is chuffed to report that they survive.
Ivatury: With the only two distaff members in attendance, they get to play one day for each lady, but then must retire.
Baseggio: Not much experience at this level, but they will be happy as Larry with the outcome.

Pay no heed to the disjointed ramblings of that cur, Howie Dung. He is daft as houses. It is Limey Jack who will show you the way.

Cheers, LJ

## Howie Doing...

Welcome Sir Slimey! (my archest of foes!)
I'll pick the winners while you pick your nose!

I brought you Zagorin and he brought me fame. I brought you Nickell who tarnished your name!

Hup Hup cheerio... you silly old quack... You're lousy at guessing and you don't know Jack!

Here at the beach, draw lines in the sand... Back to the Trials, the business at hand.

The winners will be the ones who take tricks. The odds are quite good at four out of six.

It's Aker's brass ring ... Jeff's first place prize. No stopping the dough boys when they start to rise!

It's Munday till Tuesday ... a come from be-hinze. I'm reading the palm (trees) to follow the signs!

Harris will Q for the stage "Repargee" Minus 3 IMPs 3 times for slow play.

Picking 'gainst Robinson's only for fools! In this group of six, it's Robinson Rules!

Rosenthal/Silverstein surely can play. They'll keep the others alive for a day.

Baseggio has a talented crew, With Schwartz and Stark and Lo, Lee, Gu.

Too bad for them ... they won't get past dawn... It's the consolation for Lowly Gu Gone!

Good luck to all ... Please silence your cell. Here's hoping my picks ... not Jack's ... all do well!!

## Practice Makes Perfect... Katz/Nickell vs. Blanchards on BBO



| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| S. Blanchard | Nickell | B. Blanchard | R. Katz |
|  |  |  | 1 H |
| 1 S | Pass | Pass | 3 H |
| Pass | 4 H | All Pass |  |

Katz knew better than to reopen with double over his partner's trap pass. East/West would have escaped to a successful part-score or game in clubs. He knew better because he attended and participated in the April Ozdil-Katz School of Bridge lesson series on Negative Doubles!! And right they were!

Shane Blanchard was faced with an assortment of unsupported aces from which to lead. Nothing from his hand looked attractive. He hoped his partner was short in spades and led the spade ace. Indeed, his dad was short in the suit, however, declarer was also.

Seeing dummy, Shane realized that a spade continuation was futile. He shifted to the DJ. It turns out that he needed to shift to a club, tapping dummy and removing dummy's entry prematurely.

If Katz counters by leading the SK, Bob will ruff and Ralph will overruff. If Ralph now leads the H5 toward dummy, Shane can rise ace and stop declarer from reaching dummy in trumps. If declarer leads a high trump, Shane must duck, saving the trump ace to stop a dummy entry. On the actual diamond shift, Katz simply needed the H 8 to fall.

Making ten tricks was worth 10.5 IMPs on Bridge Base!


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| S. Blanchard | Nickell | B. Blanchard | R. Katz |
| Pass | 1 C | Pass | 1 H |
| Pass | 3 H | Pass | 4 H |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

Same night... same match... Shane led the spade four, Katz ducking to Bob's queen. Bob shifted to the club queen. Katz won in dummy with the ace, played king of hearts, queen of hearts, a heart to the ace and the nine to the ten, East pitching three clubs.

Katz cleared the ace and king of spades and led a club to the ten. The club king followed. He was at the crossroads.

Katz led the four of diamonds. At the table, Shane played the five, Dummy the 6, and Bob won his 9. East/West was helpless. Bob could cash his ace or underlead it and either way, Katz would score the diamond king.

Shane should have split his diamond honors because playing small, the position was hopeless. Katz could always duck and score a trick in diamonds. As the cards lie, however, it mattered not. With the T/8 over the 9 in diamonds, Katz would have made his contract regardless of Shane's play.

The defense could have done a trick better had Bob switched to anything other than a club at trick two, but it was too early to tell ... and if Shane had a club honor, a club shift would be a big winner. 7 IMPs to Nickell/Katz.

## More Play time on BBO ... Chip and Zia vs Sabine and Roy



| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Zia | Sabine | Chip | Roy Welland |
| Pass |  | Pass | 2 S |


| Claudia V | Gunnar Hallberg | Marabelle | M Pasternak |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |
| Pass | 3 NT | Pass | 3 H |
| All Pass |  | Pass | 3NT |

Roy opened an undisciplined weak two in second seat. Sabine, with five quick tricks including the AK of trump raised to game.

Looking at all four hands, it looks like declarer faces a loser in each suit. In point of fact, the defense took the expected number of tricks, but not the tricks expected.

Zia led the heart ten, ducked to Chip's king. Chip continued hearts. Roy won in dummy and cashed the two high trumps. He exited dummy with the heart seven, ruffed by Martel with the trump ten. A club at this point would probably have led to down two, however, from Martel's point of view (not seeing the KTx of diamonds in declarer's hand), the diamond queen looked superior. Roy won the diamond with the ace and played a diamond to the ten. He led the king of diamonds and Zia ruffed with the trump queen. An unavoidable loser in clubs resulted in down one.

At the other table, things went quite differently. Playing the contract from North left East with a variety of miserable leads. Marabelle chose the diamond queen which made the hand easy. Gunnar won the diamond in hand with the ace. He cashed his high spades and led a diamond to the ten. Hoping for a 3-3 split in spades, he played a spade from the dummy and was rewarded with his wish. He now had four spades, three diamonds and two round aces for nine tricks and 10 IMPs. A club lead would likely have resulted in down one for a push result.


| Zia | Sabine | Chip | Roy |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 S | 2 H | Pass | 3 H |
| 3 S | 4 H | All Pass |  |
| Claudia V | Gunnar H | Marabelle | M Pasternak |
| 1 S | 2 H | Pass | 2 S |
| Double | 2 NT | Pass | 3 C |
| Pass | 3D | Pass | 3 H |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass |  |

Four hearts went down perforce on the lead of the singleton spade and a spade ruff. East won and played a club, and West waited for his two minor suit tricks.

In the other room, 3 NT is much more interesting. Marabelle led her stiff spade. Claudia won with the ace and cleared the suit. It looked pretty good with her holding the ace of diamond and the king of clubs offside.

However, things are not always as they seem. Poor West was doomed on the run of the hearts. The first three pitches were easy: small diamonds. On the fifth heart, she pitched a spade... and on the sixth, she bared the king of clubs. North saw it coming and played a club to the ace for ten tricks and 12 IMPs.

## Best of Late Night

## The Tonight Show with Jay Leno



CNN anchor Carol Costello was robbed of her iPhone in broad daylight while walking down the street in Atlanta. Unfortunately it was on CNN, so there weren't any witnesses.

Lindsay Lohan has checked into the Betty Ford Center. Celebrities who have been treated at Betty Ford swear by the place. In fact, they return again and again and again.

The Rolling Stones played the Staples Center here. They are on their big Centrum Silver tour. Tickets went for as much $\$ 650$. And that's minus the Medicare deductible.

## Conan

A Texas man has fired the first-ever gun created by a 3-D printer. Which raises the question: Don't you think a gun created by a printer would jam?

A cleric in Iran is warning that an earthquake is on the way, and it's the fault of women who wear revealing clothes. So yet another setback for the Tehran Hooters.

## Late Show with David Letterman

Cicadas are back, and there are going to be trillions of them. Cicadas mate once every 17 years. They're like Martha Stewart.

The stock market is at an all-time high. People at home are saying, "Well, that would be great if I had a job."

## The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson

Over the weekend, Arnold's son Patrick Schwarzenegger was kicked out of a nightclub in Hollywood. Apparently, Patrick threatened the DJ. It was a chaotic scene. Security rushed in and said, "Which one of you is Schwarzenegger's kid?" And 50 people raised their hands.

Over the weekend, the Rolling Stones played here at the Staples Center but they had to cut their ticket prices in half to fill the seats. I guess if people wanted go to the Staples Center to see old guys shuffling around way past their prime, they'd just go see the Lakers.

## Late Night with Jimmy Fallon

Mayor Bloomberg announced that large sections of New York City will get free Wi-Fi by the end of the year. Bloomberg says he's excited to bring a new service to New Yorkers. New Yorkers say they're excited to complain about it the moment it goes down.

## Answer to Purzle on page 16

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## Joan Gerard 1935-2013

An icon in the bridge world, Joan Levy Gerard, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Thursday, April 4th.

Joan was a driving force in District 3. She served as their District Director for nearly 27 years. She was a past president of the ACBL, meeting planner for the District, District President, and just about any other office you can imagine... except maybe Treasurer... Math was not her thing.

Most recently, Joan was the immediate past president of the USBF.
Following the Fall NABC in San Francisco, Joan was feeling poorly. Her children, Susan Pollack and David Levy, along with husband, Ron, made her take time from her busy, dedicated schedule to seek medical help... the fist time in 30+ years!

The doctors at Sloan Kettering found a small cancer and an enlarged liver. They did what they could to make Joan more comfortable, but there was nothing that could be done to save her life.

Joan will be missed by those whose lives she touched. She planned these Trials and was looking forward to being here with the players.

Joan is survived by husband, Ron, daughter Susan (Bruce) Pollack, son David (Nicky) Levy, four grandsons, one granddaughter, and a million bridge world friends.

## Beatty/Jacobs vs the Woolseys

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| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Kit | George | Sally | Steve |
| Pass | Pass | 1 H | 2 C |
| 3 C | Pass | 4 H | All Pass |

Here is a hand with only three apparent losers: one spade, one diamond and one club... however, look what happened to poor Sally!

The opening lead was the king of clubs, followed by the club ace. Declarer ruffed the club ace, played a heart to the king, and ruffed a club from dummy. Next came the spade ace, spade king and a third spade won by North, south pitching a club. North exited a small trump, Declarer overtaking her nine with the queen in dummy to ruff another spade with the heart ace.

Oops... the last four cards in dummy are the H: J7 and the D: 96. The last four cards with North are the H: T and the D: Q82.

Declarer can now play the ace and another diamond, but South wins and plays a club to promote his partner's heart ten!! Down one and 9 IMPs to North/South!

Had declarer not overtaken the H9 with the honor in dummy, North would have won the diamond and played back his last trump. Now declarer would have been short a ruff to make the hand.

Had declarer played ace of diamonds and a diamond at tricks three and four, she could have made the hand. The communication between the East and West hands would not have been disintegrated.

## Info on next year's trials...

The 2014 USBC, which will select USA1 for the 2015 Bermuda Bowl, will be held in Phoenix, starting on Friday, May 9 and most likely ending on Sunday, May 18. The tournament will be held at the Embassy Suites Scottsdale. Room rate is $\$ 139$ a night and includes free internet, a hot breakfast, and Embassy Suites' afternoon "Managers' Reception." The Managers' Reception is during play; when Jan told the sales person at Embassy Suites that most of you would be busy at that time, he asked "but couldn't they come out and get a drink and take it in to the table while they're playing?" made me laugh! The hotel is situated on a golf course that has special rates for hotel guests, for those who want to go a day or two early or get up early some mornings to enjoy golf. For those more interested in shopping, there's a large mall an easy walk from the hotel.

Phoenix is the largest Southwest hub in the country, so there are many flights to Phoenix from anyplace that Southwest flies, with the huge advantage that you can change the date of your return flight with no extra fee. We hope this will be a great place for the 2014 USBC.

## World Youth Bridge Open Championship in Atlanta

The WBF, with support from ACBL, USBF, MABC, ACBL District 7, ACBL District 9, as well as private donors, will hold the 3rd World Youth Bridge Open Championship in Atlanta this summer. The complete schedule of play is posted on the WBF website.

Thanks to the generous support of MABC and District 7, all participants will be provided with lunch and dinner each day. Entries are due by July 1, although the organizers will try to accommodate late entrants. All players must be born in 1988 or later; there are no residence or nationality requirements.

Participants will be treated to an Atlanta Braves Game.

## United States Women's and Seniors' Bridge Championships Information

The 2013 USWBC and the 2013 USSBC will be held at the Buena Vista Palace, in Orlando, FL, starting on Friday, July 12th. The USWBC will probably end on Thursday, July 18th; The USSBC will probably end Saturday, July 20. The room rate for both events is $\$ 129$ per night, including internet and the hotel's "resort fee." To make reservations online, go to our designated reservation page. To make reservations by phone, call 866-397-6516 and mention USBF. If you have any problem making a reservation, email Jan and she will try to straighten it out.

## SENIOR ENTRY Information

To enter, log into the USBF site and click on "Enter Senior Trials" under the User Menu, then follow instructions. To guarantee that you will be allowed to play, you must enter on or before Friday, June 14, 2013. Additional entries will be accepted until Friday, June 21 st, but only if they improve the format of the event.

## WOMEN'S ENTRY INFORMATION

To enter, log into the USBF site and click on "Enter Women's Trials" under the User Menu, then follow instructions. To guarantee that you will be allowed to play, you must enter on or before Monday, June 3, 2013. Additional entries will be accepted until Monday, June 24th, but only if they do not change the format of the event.

