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## CONGRATULATIONS TEAM KRANYAK USA1

| \# | TEAM | TOTAL | $1-$ <br> 15 | $16-$ <br> 30 | $31-$ <br> 45 | $46-$ <br> 60 | $61-$ <br> 75 | $76-$ <br> 90 | $91-$ <br> 105 | $106-$ <br> 120 | Pen- <br> alties |
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| 1 | Fleisher | 202 | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{2 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{6 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 9}$ |  |
| 2 | Kranyak | 270 | $\mathbf{2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 2}$ |  |

Diamond Withdraws!
Nickell and Fleisher Battle for
USA2... match to begin at 2pm Eastern


| TEAM | TOTAL | $1-15$ | $16-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-75$ | $76-90$ | Pen- <br> alties |
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| Nickell | 154 | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 2}$ |  |  |  |
|         <br> Diamond 76 $\mathbf{1 8}$ $\mathbf{2 0}$ $\mathbf{2 4}$ $\mathbf{1 4}$ WD  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



Gevin Wolpert, John Kranyak, Kevin Bathurst, Kevin Dwyer: USA1

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## Knockout Phase...



| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Zia | Dwyer | Martel | Bathurst |
| Pass | Pass | 1 C | 1 S |
| Double | 3 S | 3 NT | All pass |
| Kranyak | Rosenberg | Wolpert | Willenken |
| Pass | Pass | 2 NT | Pass |
| 3D | Pass | 3 H | 3 S |
| 3NT | 4 S | Double | All pass |

Both tables disdained the eight card major suit fit. Zia and Martel played in 3NT, failing a trick because of the 4-1 heart split. 3NT appears to be superior to four hearts.

Bathurst led the spade jack, Martel winning his king. He played king/queen of hearts and got the bad news. Now he played the ace/king of diamonds needing the the queen to drop to produce a 9th trick. When this failed, he was light one.

At the other table, Rosenberg/Willenken, took the early save against 3NT or 4H... we'll never know... Wolpert doubled and they played it there. There are four obvious losers. Down one ... 5 IMPs to Fleisher

The save works out to be a phantom either way. 3 NT goes down one and 4 H goes down at least that.


A Q 653

- 3
- AKO52
* AK9

Bathurst opened a strong club and Dwyer responded with 1D (negative). Fleisher doubled for the majors and Bathurst showed his diamond suit. Kamil's 2 S bid muddied the waters. Why would he bid his two-card suit in preference to his five card suit? He was hoping the opponents would bid 3NT and he would lead a heart. Dwyer bid 3D and Fleisher raised to 3S.

It was Bathurst's turn to create confusion by bidding 4C and now Kamil bid his real suit. Given that Kamil was willing to play 2 S , it seems that Dwyer should double the 4 H bid with a potential trump trick and no real offensive value. If he doubles or passes, East will bid 4 S and the doubling won't quit. If Dwyer and Fleisher pass, Bathurst might balance with double. In any case, 4 H will be defeated two tricks. 5D was defeated three tricks.

Who believes the "Law of Total Tricks"? The high cards are evenly divided. Each side has a nine card fit with a second seven card fit. Yet neither side can take more than eight tricks.

In the other room, Willenken opened a natural 1D and showed his strength by doubling 4H. This contract was defeated the expected two tricks. 10 IMPs to Fleisher

| Board 46 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Dealer: W |  | 865 |
| None Vul. |  | AK5 |
|  |  | AKO5 |
|  | $\boldsymbol{\wedge}$ | A93 |


| A KT73 |  |  | ^ AJ942 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | ^ AJ942 |
| $\bullet \text { Q98 }$ |  | $\stackrel{N}{N}$ | $\checkmark$ J |
| - 984 |  |  | -J72 |
| \& J64 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | \% KO82 |
|  | 4 | Q |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ | T76432 |  |
|  | - | T63 |  |
|  |  | T75 |  |


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Hampson | Rodwell | Greco | Meckstroth |
|  |  | 1 S | Pass |
| 1 NT | Double | 2 C | 2 H |
| 2 S | 4 H | All pass |  |
| S Weinstein | Platnick | Levin | Diamond |
| 2 S | Double | Pass | 2 NT |
| Pass | 3D | Pass | 3 H |
| Pass | 4 H | All Pass |  |

You never think about the power of the falsecard. Great players do! Here is a wonderful example of how effective a falsecard can be.

In the Open Room, Diamond played the hand out taking five hearts, four diamonds, and the ace of clubs for ten tricks. Nothing tricky.

In the Closed Room, Greco got the best of Rodwell... something that isn't easy for most of us. Hampson led the jack of clubs, declarer ducking, and a second club to the ace. Rodwell cashed the heart ace and the diamond ace. He played the heart king and Greco pitched a spade. Rodwell cashed the diamond king and Greco smoothly played the JACK!! Rodwell had no way to know that Greco was falsecarding. He discontinued diamonds and eventually lost four tricks.

10 IMPs to Diamond

| Board 37 | Q42 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Dealer: N |  |
| N/S Vul. | $\checkmark$ AO93 |
|  | - QJ6 |
|  | - 972 |


| ^ A8 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| - J82 | $\uparrow$ |
| - 852 |  |
| * AJT63 |  |

^ KJT976

- K6
- KT3
* K8

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| S Weinstein | Greco | Levin | Hampson |
|  | 1D (could be 2) | Pass | 1 S |
| 2C | Pass | 3 C | 4 S |
| All pass |  |  |  |


| Diamond | Rodwell | Platnick | Meckstroth |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Pass | Pass | 1 S |
| Pass | $2 \mathrm{C}(3$ crd LR) | Pass | 2 D (conventional) |
| Pass | 2 H (conventional) | Pass | 4 S |
| All pass |  |  |  |

Both tables reached the spade game from South. (Interestinly, Greco found a hand he could open that Rodwell didn't! Another strange happenstance!) Diamond, in keeping with his name led a diamond to partner's ace.

Platnick returned a club through the king to the ace and the defense collected one diamond, two clubs, and the ace of spades for down one.

At the other table, maybe because Greco opened one diamond, Weinstein decided to lead his ace of clubs. Needless to say, this blew the setting trick. The defense collected only one diamond, one club and one spade... contract making.

12 IMPs to Diamond

| Board 44 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dealer: W |  | AQJ42 |
| N/S Vul. |  | T2 |
|  |  | T 75 |
|  |  | 862 |



- T95
- O6
- AO983
* K43

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Diamond | Rodwell | Platnick | Meckstroth |
| Pass | Pass | 2D (3 suits short <br> diamonds $)$ | Double |
| 3 H | Pass | 4 H | All pass |


| S Weinstein | Greco | Levin | Hampson |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pass | Pass | 1 C | 1 D |
| 1 H | 1 S | 3 H | Pass |
| 4 H | All pass |  |  |

Hampson led the ace of diamonds and a diamond against Levin. Levin won the second diamond in dummy. In the fullness of time, he played for the $2-2$ in trump and finessed the club king. Hampson won the club king and led another club.

Levin pulled two rounds of trump with the ace and king and pitched dummy's spades on the now good clubs. Making five! +450

At the other table, perhaps mislead by the double, Diamond finessed the heart queen. When that lost, the opponents collected one diamond, one club, one spade and one heart... a trick in every suit for down one.

11 IMPs to Nickell

| Board 41  JT764 <br> Dealer: N ® T <br> E/W Vul $\bullet$ T 9864 <br>  $\bullet$ T | S Weinstein | Greco | Levin | Hampson |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2S | Pass | 2NT (asking) |
|  | Pass | 3S (minimum) | Pass | 4C (RKC ${ }_{\text {a }}$ ) |
|  | Pass | 4D (0 KC) | Pass | 6S |
|  | All pass |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Diamond | Rodwell | Platnick | Meckstroth |
|  |  | Pass | Pass | 1C (strong) |
|  | Pass | 1D (0-7) | Pass | 1H |
|  | Pass | 1S | Pass | 3C |
|  | Pass | 3D | Pass | 3S |
|  |  | 4S |  | 4NT |
|  | Pass | 4 S | Pass | 4NT |
|  | Pass | 5C | Pass | 5D |
| Both tables asked for key cards. When Rodwell had none and lacked the trump queen, Meckstroth reasonably signed off in 5S. | Pass | 5H | Pass | 5S |
|  | All Pass |  |  |  |

At the other table, Hampson thought quite reasonably, that his partner's opening 2 S might contain the queen of trump since it had no key cards.

North/South had to lose a diamond and a spade.
11 IMPs to Nickell ... .. Fu Funny that you can bid slam in four rounds and not bid it in eight!

## Jack’s Final Predication...

Greetings from the Isles:
Well, stone the crows! Kranyak, Wolpert, Dwyer, and Bathurst, along with two lads forthcoming, will be USA 1 in the Bali brawl. Even across the pond we have sat up and taken notice of the fine and convincing job these chappies have done. They have played with zeal and from the forward zone, showing that shy bairns get nowt. On to the USA 2 Finals.

Limey Jack has sources everywhere and knows that Diamond has fought the brave fight, but will throw in the gloves, leaving Nickell equally rested to battle Fleisher. Up stakes is now the vogue.

As predicted, Diamond won the grudge match against Spector but had naught to spare against Nickell. Nickell is like a feisty gamecock that keeps coming back for more.

Fleisher seemed content to laugh and scratch all during the first final, accepting their fate and knowing they would have a second bite of the apple. Daresay I that this was somewhat of a foppish attitude and augers poorly for tomorrow.

Nickell lives over the cliff, but will become USA 2. No matter what Mr. Howie Dung may say, it is Sir Limey Jack to whom homage will be paid.

Ta,
LJ

## Howie Doing... Doing His Last Stand for the tournament...

Nickell is lucky. He's getting some rest. Diamond declared the end of his quest.

It's Nickell v Fleisher ... two teams who had byes. Both are made up of really nice guys.

USA2.. whoever will play, Will make us all proud... Go Go USA!

Jack's picking Nickell so I'm picking Marty. Jack is too fickle and I am a smarty.

Good luck to the group ... we'll see you quite soon.
When the dames and the fogies play for the moon.
Safe trips to all. It's been quite a hoot.
Need a drink by the pool... really must scoot.
See you soon!
Howie Doing ... quite well, thank you!

Mother and son, Brad Moss and Gail Greenberg... Mazel Tov to Gail for her recent election to the ACBL Hall of Fame!


## Just Sayin'

How come wrong numbers are never busy?
Do people in Australia call the rest of the world 'up over'? Does killing time damage eternity?
Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
Why is it called lipstick if you can still move your lips?
Why is it that night falls but day breaks?
Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the radio?
Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
Can you buy an entire chess set in a pawn-shop?
Day light savings time - why are they saving it and where do they keep it?
Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as "4's"?
Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?
How can there be self-help "groups"?
How do you get off a non-stop flight?
If Barbie's so popular, why do you have to buy all her friends?
If blind people wear dark glasses, why don't deaf people wear earmuffs?
If cats and dogs didn't have fur would we still pet them?
If space is a vacuum, who changes the bags?
If swimming is good for your shape, then why do whales look the way they do?
If tin whistles are made out of tin, what do they make fog horns out of?
Why do the signs that say "Slow Children" have a picture of a running child?
Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game," when we are already there?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial cost and blamed it on the cost of living.
Just remember...if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a $90 \%$ probability you'll get it wrong.
It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.
You can't have everything, where would you put it? If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat drinking beer all day.
Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
Shin: A device for finding furniture in the dark.
As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.
A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
It was recently discovered that research causes cancer in rats.
Everybody lies, but it doesn't matter since nobody listens. I wished the buck stopped here, as I could use a few.
When you go into court you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people that weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.
Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.







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## 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 8:00-11:00 am
Lunch on Wednesday-Sunday from 2:00-4:00.


Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks \& snacks from 3:30 until 8:30 nightly.
The suite will close for maintenance from 11-2:00.

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| 6 | 3 |  | 7 | 5 |  |  | 2 |  |
|  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  | 7 |  |
| 4 |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |

Sudoku 2

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2 Solution

| S | 9 | $t$ | $z$ | 6 | 8 | $\mathcal{E}$ | I | $L$ |
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| I | 8 | 6 | $\varepsilon$ | $t$ | $L$ | $\tau$ | S | 9 |
| $L$ | $\tau$ | $\varepsilon$ | 9 | I | S | 8 | 6 | $t$ |
| 9 | I | $\tau$ | 8 | S | $t$ | 6 | $L$ | $\varepsilon$ |
| 6 | S | 8 | I | $L$ | $\varepsilon$ | 9 | $t$ | $\tau$ |
| $t$ | $\varepsilon$ | $L$ | 6 | 9 | z | S | 8 | I |
| $\mathcal{E}$ | 6 | 9 | t | 8 | I | $L$ | $\tau$ | S |
| 8 | $L$ | I | S | $\tau$ | 9 | $t$ | $\mathcal{E}$ | 6 |
| $\tau$ | $t$ | ¢ | $L$ | $\varepsilon$ | 6 | I | 9 | 8 |

Sudoku 1 Solution

| S | 9 | I | $\varepsilon$ | $\tau$ | 6 | $L$ | 8 | t |
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| $\varepsilon$ | $L$ | 6 | 9 | 8 | $t$ | $\boldsymbol{z}$ | S | I |
| t | $\tau$ | 8 | I | ¢ | $L$ | 6 | $\varepsilon$ | 9 |
| I | 6 | 9 | S | t | 8 | $\varepsilon$ | $L$ | $\tau$ |
| $L$ | 8 | $\varepsilon$ | $z$ | 6 | 9 | t | I | ¢ |
| $\tau$ | S | t | $L$ | I | $\varepsilon$ | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| 6 | I | $L$ | 8 | 9 | $\boldsymbol{z}$ | S | t | $\mathcal{E}$ |
| 9 | $\mathcal{E}$ | S | $t$ | $L$ | I | 8 | $\tau$ | 6 |
| 8 | t | $\tau$ | 6 | $\mathcal{E}$ | S | I | 9 | $L$ |

## Puzzle Page ...

One day, five mothers each brought their only child to the zoo. The children had a glorious time together watching the different animals and eating their favorite snacks. The kids were so good, at the end of the day each mother let her child get one item from the souvenir shop as they were leaving the zoo. Can you determine the full name of each child, each child's favorite snack and animal, and the souvenir each brought home?

1. Julia, who loves cotton candy, didn't like the elephants. Mary didn't get a caramel apple. The child who got the stuffed animal liked the giraffes best.
2. Alan Small, the girl who liked the lions, and the child who got the activity set didn't want to leave the zoo.
3. Neither of the boys got fried dough, but one got nachos and the other one liked the monkeys best. Tom didn't get a poster.
4. The Brown child almost got a coloring book with Mary but finally decided on a poster.
5. Tom, whose last name isn't Proctor, got a toy gun but didn't get a caramel apple. The MacGregor child had fried dough.
6. Beth, who didn't like the giraffes or the elephants best, got an activity set.

