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Day Two Results ... Into the Knockout Stage USA1

| Team Name | Total | $\mathbf{1}$ | 4 | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ |
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| 1. Aker | $\mathbf{6 7 . 9 2}$ |  | 12.55 | 14.18 | 19.16 | 10.00 | 12.03 |
| 4. Robinson | $\mathbf{5 9 . 3 5}$ | 7.45 |  | 9.09 | 14.60 | 11.48 | 16.73 |
| 3. Harris | $\mathbf{5 4 . 3 3}$ | 5.82 | 10.91 |  | 5.40 | 19.16 | 13.04 |
| 2. Kolesnik | $\mathbf{5 0 . 7 2}$ | .84 | 5.40 | 14.60 |  | $\mathbf{1 2 . 0 3}$ | 17.85 |
| 6. Baseggio | 41.51 | 10.00 | 8.52 | .84 | $\mathbf{7 . 9 7}$ |  | 14.18 |
| 5. Ivatury | 26.17 | 7.97 | 3.27 | 6.96 | 2.15 | 5.82 |  |


| Roundof16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| \# | TEAM | TOTAL | 1-15 | 16-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-75 | 76-90 |
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| 3 | Diamond | 69 | 38 | 31 |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | Harris | 23 | 6 | 17 |  |  |  |  |
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| 4 | Gordon | 99 | 55 | 44 |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Robinson | 35 | 8 | 27 |  |  |  |  |
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| 5 | Spector | 90 | 41 | 49 |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Kolesnik | 50 | 31 | 19 |  |  |  |  |
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| 6 | Blanchard | 43 | 4 | 39 |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Kranyak | 65 | 26 | 39 |  |  |  |  |
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| 7 | Mahaffey | 86 | 35 | 51 |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Aker | 37 | 30 | 7 |  |  |  |  |
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| 8 | Milner | 69 | 33 | 36 |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Weinstein | 61 | 34 | 27 |  |  |  |  |

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Gary Cohler

## More from the Round Robin...

| Board 8 | $\uparrow$ T873 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Dealer: W |  |
| None Vul. | - OT86 |
|  | * AO74 |


^ KO92

- J3
- J
* KJT652

| Board 52 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Dealer: W |  |
| All Vul. | J963 |
|  | - Q7654 |
|  | * QJ4 |

~ T9

- AT42
- AT2
* T652
^ AKQJ53
K85
- J
* AK8
- 8642
- O7
- K983
* 973

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 H | Pass | 4 H | All Pass |

Barry Rigal reported two interesting hands from Saturday's Round Robin.
At his table, the heart nine was led and won in Dummy with the king.
A club followed to South's ten. South exited with the jack of diamonds. Barry suggests that declarer win the ace of diamonds, trump a club, and lead the heart queen to the ace.

Declarer should now play the spade six and duck when North plays his seven!
North exits with the queen of diamonds. Declarer wins his king, plays a spade to the ace, crosses to Dummy with a heart and plays the jack of spades, discarding a diamond.

Poor South must lead a black suit giving declarer a ruff and sluff. Making four!

Barry's second hand is Board 52 from the seventh session of the round robin. This board produced a 17 IMP swing in the match between Aker and Robinson. Both tables played 6 S . On a passive trump lead, there is really no best line of play.

The declarer who played on clubs succeeded. He drew trump, cashing the club ace and then ducked a club. If the clubs don't work, this leaves open the possibility of a club-heart squeeze. The other declarer attacked hearts and failed. Since the heart and club spots are essentially the same, it seems there is no reason to choose one suit over the other.

After discussion among the tournament participants, it was concluded that on a diamond lead, it is best to "duck" to the singleton jack! First, holding the queennine, or its equivalent, and not the king, North might actually duck and allow the jack to win the trick. If North wins the diamond trick and shifts to a trump, you win the trump, cash the AK of clubs and cross to the spade ten. Now you ruff a club high, hoping clubs split 3-3. If this doesn't work, you can reduce to a hypothetical ending such as:


## A Tale of Three Heart Slams.

| Board 67 | ^ AQJ874 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Dealer: S <br> E/W Vul. | $\checkmark 4$ |
|  | - 9 |
|  | * A9854 |
| $\rightarrow$ <br> - KT752 <br> - KOJT3 <br> * KT6 |  |
|  | - T92 |
|  | - 096 |
|  | - 86542 |
|  | * 72 |


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Baseggio | Morris | Stark | Etter |
| 1 H | 4 S | Pass |  |
| 6 H | All Pass |  | Pass |

The ninth segment of the Round Robin was a story of heart slams. In the Open room of the Baseggio-Aker match both sides bid all three of their slams.

On Board 67, Baseggio-Stark were forced to guess at a high level.
Baseggio, West, opened one heart in second seat. Bob Morris jumped to four spades on the North hand, holding six good spades and five clubs to the ace on the side. Stark bid five hearts and Baseggio bid six hearts despite his lack of aces.

Morris declined to double with his two aces and South, Doug Simson, considered sacrificing, but finally passed. With the favorable club lie and good spade spots, six spades can only be defeated three tricks.

Baseggio went with the odds of playing the non-preemptor for heart length. He finessed South for the queen of trumps and chalked-up 1430.

| Board 68 | ค AT42 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Dealer: W |  |
| Both Vul. |  |
|  | - Q75 |

^ J96

- AKJ8765
- T32
$\%$


A 85

- 4
- Q97654
\& J964

ค KQ73

- Q 3
- A
* AKT832

They bid four clubs (see above) as RKC for hearts. The four spade response showed two keycards without the queen of trumps.

Baseggio won the diamond lead, cashed two hearts ending in dummy and discarded diamonds on the AK of clubs. He trumped a club high, drew the last trump and conceded the ace of spades.

Again, he successfully made six hearts.


## Carlin Quotes

Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?

## George Carlin

Some people see things that are and ask, Why? Some people dream of things that never were and ask, Why not? Some people have to go to work and don't have time for all that. George Carlin

The very existence of flame-throwers proves that some time, somewhere, someone said to themselves, You know, I want to set those people over there on fire, but I'm just not close enough to get the job done. George Carlin

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me they're cramming for their final exam. George Carlin

Frisbeetarianism is the belief that when you die, your soul goes up on the roof and gets stuck._George Carlin
Just cause you got the monkey off your back doesn't mean the circus has left town._George Carlin
Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things._George Carlin
I'm completely in favor of the separation of Church and State. My idea is that these two institutions screw us up enough on their own, so both of them together is certain death.

## George Carlin

I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, 'Where's the self-help section?' She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose._George Carlin

Inside every cynical person, there is a disappointed idealist._George Carlin
The reason I talk to myself is that I'm the only one whose answers I accept._George Carlin
If it's true that our species is alone in the universe, then I'd have to say the universe aimed rather low and settled for very little._George Carlin

Most people work just hard enough not to get fired and get paid just enough money not to quit.
George Carlin
Electricity is really just organized lightning._George Carlin
'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?
George Carlin
When you're born you get a ticket to the freak show. When you're born in America, you get a front row seat.
George Carlin
People who say they don't care what people think are usually desperate to have people think they don't care what people think._George Carlin

May the forces of evil become confused on the way to your house._George Carlin
Always do whatever's next._George Carlin
Atheism is a non-prophet organization._George Carlin
I have as much authority as the Pope, I just don't have as many people who believe it. George Carlin

The other night I ate at a real nice family restaurant. Every table had an argument going.
George Carlin
(Editor's note: It must have been between sessions!!)



## Junior Page

Board 11
Dealer: S
A KT943
None Vul.

- 93
- 762
\& A52

A 65

- 8
- AKOJ9852
* 74


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gianni Hsieh | Ruth Ng | Brandon <br> Harper | Jason Miller |
| 3NT <br> (gambling... <br> solid suit no <br> outside A/K) | Pass | 6NT | Pass |

ค QJ72

- T72
\& JT9863

There was no need for East to explore. All he had to do was trust partner, and he did just that.
The 3NT opening bid showed a solid seven or eight card minor suit with no outside aces or kings.
East could count twelve tricks and knew the opponents held the ace of clubs. 6 NT is a perfect contract unless partner holds a void club, in which case 7D will probably make. There are potential methods of diagnosing voids after a gambling 3NT opener, but those methods are not in our repertoire. Only an expert partnership should even consider worrying about these situations. Our responses to a Gambling 3NT are:

4 C: Pass or Correct to 4D

4 D: Asks for shortness
4H = Short Hearts
4S = Short Spades
4N = No Shortness (7-2-2-2)
5C = Short Diamonds
$5 \mathrm{D}=$ Short Clubs
4H: Natural
4S: Natural
5C: Pass or Correct to 5D
5D: To Play (Responder knows Opener has Diamonds)
6C: Pass or Correct to 6D
6D: To Play (Responder knows Opener has Diamonds)

Ellie Fashingbauer, USBF Junior Training Participant from District 13, prepares for the competition in Atlanta, playing with her favorite Junior partner, Gianni Hsieh.

Fashingbauer and Hsieh have been playing as a partnership for some time. Ellie's mom and dad both play avidly. In fact, her dad will be representing District 8 in the Championship Flight of the GNT in Atlanta this August.


4NT and 5NT are not well-defined and probably should be reserved for specialized use in very experienced expert partnerships.

## Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure

## Appetizers

MoonFish Steak Tar-Tar
Crackling Five Spice Calamari Kung Pao
Toasted Coconut Shrimp
Crab Louis Wonton
Sesame Duck Carpaccio
Seared Rare Tuna Sashimi
Shrimp Remoulade
Moonfish Seafood Cocktail
Crab Cake

## Moonfish

7525 W Sand Lake Rd, Orlando (407) 363-7262

Crispy Almond Fried Lobster Tails
Wok-Fried Soft Shell Crab
Beefsteak Tomato and Buffalo Mozzarella
Alaskan King Crab
Crab Claws
Tuna Tar-Tar Tacos
Bait Bar Sampler
Thai Red Curry Mussels
Mariniere Mussels
Fresh Shellfish Bar
Baked Oysters Rockerfeller
Coast to Coast Oyster Array
Wood Roasted Oysters
Iced Shellfish Tower
Stone Crab Claws

## Market Fresh Fish

12-15 Species of Fish
Served daily with chef inspired preparations as well as, classic citrus and oak wood fire grilled and blackened

## Steaks, Chops

Boneless New York Strip 18 oz.
Kansas City Strip Steak 20 oz.
Filet Mignon 12-13 oz.
Oscar Mignon
Prime Ribeye 24 oz.
Veal T-Bone 24 oz.
Grilled Pork Chops
Shanghai Duck Breast
Hawaiian-Style Double Chicken Breast

## 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.

## Howie and Jack Duel It Out!

## Howie Doing...

Not all my teams decided to win...
Baseggio's out and Harris is in!

The head ups are started and well on the way.
Here's how I think the matches will play:

Harris, a barrister, tries home brew stuff.
But Diamond's a jewel that shines in the ruff!

Greco and Hampson came South for the party. It's adios Morgan and so long to Marty!

Reese goes to pieces but still may survive.
Slow play by others could keep him alive.

Playing a team that does nothing quick, If he should remain, he'll thank Flash and Nick!

Gordon's challenge is really no joke.
Says Pepsi's the winner and Robinson's Coke!

It's Munday till Sunday since Spector's team's boss...
No one would pick 'gainst Gitelman/Moss.

Blanchard and Hamman go down to Dwyer, With Kranyak ahead at time to retire.

God's little Aker has done very well, But kudos in this match will go to Passell.

Since it's still early, I'm not keeping track.
But it goes without saying, I'm better than Jack!

Yours till the day breaks...


## Limey Jack...

Limey Jack is outraged by the unspeakably poor grammar and syntax perpetrated by Howie Dung. His rhymes don't, his flair isn't, and style fails.

Here is a nice ode:

The only way that Dung can win is if he polishes up his cheatin' He has no class, he has no clue, In truth he's just a miserable cretin.

Now, on to our affairs. In a series of ho-hum matches, Diamond disposes of Harris to uphold the honour of the four horsemen. Gordon has two edges to his blade. Robinson has yet again come acropper with one of their time honoured collapses and having two lads not yet shaving is not the winning recipe.

Spector sends Kolesnik for a kip (ED note: Nap) as they get set to spend a fortnight in Orlando.

Kranyak with no sponsor looming, playing four handed, all a little dodgy, still manages to fend off Blanchard in their farewell performance.

Mahaffey sends Rigal packing. If he was Regal, it would have been more atwinkle.

Finally a match worth having. The Dung cur will certainly pick the current prevailing team, Milner. Limey Jack says to you that the favourite is actually the underhorse. Weinstein, with all of their strange and outlandish pairs, still will hoist the first pint at the pub.

Limey Jack will be sure to send the Dung One for a well deserved Holiday on his winnings.

Cheers,

LJ


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

Sudoku 1

## Answers to Puzulle No Peeking！

|  | 4 | 1 | 7 | 2 |  |  | 8 |  |
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| $\checkmark$ | 乙 | 8 | 9 | 6 | $\varepsilon$ | $\angle$ | 9 | 1 |
| 9 | 1 | $\varepsilon$ | $L$ | 8 | 乙 | 6 | G | $t$ |
| 1 | $\varepsilon$ | 9 | 乙 | $L$ | 8 | † | 6 | G |
| 8 | † | $L$ | 1 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 乙 | $\varepsilon$ |
| 9 | 6 | 乙 | $\varepsilon$ | t | 9 | 8 | 1 | $L$ |
| 乙 | 9 | † | 8 | $\varepsilon$ | 1 | G | 2 | 6 |
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| $\varepsilon$ | 8 | G | 6 | 乙 | $L$ | 1 | ， | 9 |

Sudoku 1 Solution

| $\varepsilon$ | 9 | 1 | 8 | － | 9 | 乙 | $\angle$ | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 1 | 乙 | 6 | $\varepsilon$ | 9 | L | $\checkmark$ | 8 | 9 |
| G | 9 | $\checkmark$ | 乙 | 6 | 8 | $\varepsilon$ | 1 | L |

## Puzzle Page ... Going Golfing!

## Golf

Find and circle all of the golf words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a Mark Twain quotation.
 E ER H O L E S A O T H L R K R A
 H D | O Z C H | P A | P A E R C L $F \quad O \quad A \quad L \quad B \quad A \quad T \quad R \quad O \quad S \quad S \quad D \quad S \quad C \quad T \quad S \quad C$ $L O L \quad I \quad S \quad O \quad H \quad R \quad P \quad B \quad D \quad U \quad N \quad R \quad S \quad S \quad O$ A W E E H R P R A I O T O A R S U $G S R S \quad \mid \quad P \quad E \quad E \quad H \quad R \quad D E O H O C R$ S S O S A N K K B T N G U E K R S
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I $N$ | P S K C A B E G D E W L E E D R E T T U P T O V I D R | V E R

| ALBATROSS | CLUBHOUSE | GREEN | ROUGH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| APPROACH | CLUBS | GRIP | RULES |
| BACK NINE | CONDOR | GROSS | SHOT |
| BACKSPIN | COURSE | SCORE | SLICE |
| BALL | DIVOT | HANDICAP | STROKE |
| BIRDIE | DRIVER | HOLE IN ONE | SWING |
| BOGEY | DRIVING | HOLES | TEE OFF |
| BUNKER | RANGE | HOOK | TREES |
| CADDIE | EAGLE | IRON | WATER |
| CART | FAIRWAY | NET SCORE | HAZARD |
| CHIP | FLAGSTICK | PAR | WEDGE |
|  | FORE | PUTTER | WOOD |

## Info on next year's United States Bridge Championship ...

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 the ACBL, the USBF, the MABC, ACBL District 7, ACBL District 9, private donors from around the bridge world, and the Common Game Bridge Club in Florida, 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.
While in Florida, visit The Common Game ... Theirs and others generosity made possible much of the great hospitality planned for the Juniors in Atlanta!!

## 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 ending 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 21st, 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.

Solution to Puzzle on Page 11

GHTIOdS YTVA



The Break Room


Hospitality Chair, Lisa Berkowitz, daughter, Dana, and Barry Rigal


Gary Cohler (in a rare moment, no cigar! And David Berkowitz in the Hospitality Suite, 1122


David Yang, Jan Martel, Jim Munday, Alex Kolesnik


Chris Compton


Baseggio Team comparing scores

## Welcome to the Teams <br> Who arrived yesterday!



Jiang Gu, Tommy Carmichael, Walter Lee and David Grainger
(continued from page 5)

Board 70
Dealer: E
E/W Vul.

|  | $\bullet 97$ |
| ---: | :--- |
|  | AO9 |

^ J864

- 965
- 863
\& J62
^ A97
- O8432


A K 2

- AKT7
- AKO54
\& T4

Finally, it was North-South's turn to shine.

On Board 70, Morris-Simson bid to a cold seven hearts on the auction shown.

The five spade bid guaranteed all the Keycards and the queen of trumps.

Simson's diamond suit was a little weak for the seven diamond bid. It seems that a direct seven heart bid would not risk a potential bad guess by partner.

All's well that ends well, North corrected to seven hearts and there was little to the play. Making 1510!

