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UNITED STATES WOMEN'S AND SENIORS' BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oldies and Goodies

Women's USA2: Congratulations Team Westheimer

2	Baker	217	40	17	29	28	41	21	21	20
3	Westheimer	221	30	12	34	22	22	41	22	38

Senior's USA2 SemiFinals

2	Lynch	123	52	11	41	19				
5	Street	85	34	25	19	7				
3	Meltzer	125	27	46	44	8				
4	Simson	86	30	25	14	17				

Alert!

ALL PLAY FROM TODAY ON WILL BE ON THE LOBBY LEVEL (ELEVATOR FLOOR #3) IN SMALL ROOMS WITH ONE OR TWO TABLES IN EACH ROOM. BRACKET SHEETS WILL BE POSTED NEAR THE PLAYERS' LOUNGE (CHELSEA ROOM)



Jenny Wolpert, Valerie Westheimer, Disa, Jill Levin

**Congratulations
Team
Westheimer
USA2 Women's
Champions**

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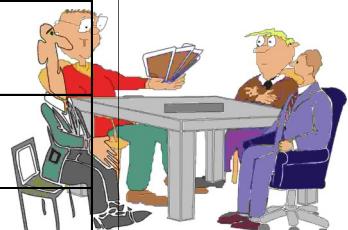
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**Women's Teams:
RR Number Order
(Random Draw)**



Lynch	Carolyn Lynch, Capt Eddie Wold Roger Bates	Mike Passell Garey Hayden Marc Jacobus
Schwartz	Richard Schwartz, Capt Sam Lev Neil Chambers	J. Allan Graves Robert Hamman John Schermer
Strul	Aubrey Strul, Capt Lew Stansby Drew Casen	Lewis Finkel Bart Bramley Jim Krekorian
Kasle	Gaylor Kasle, Capt Arnold Fisher Kit Woolsey	Larry Kozlove Fred Hamilton Fred Stewart
Morse	Dan Morse, Capt John Sutherlin Howard Weinstein	Bobby Wolff Dan Gerstman Ron Smith
Levine	Michael Levine, Capt Russell Ekeblad Jerry Clerkin	Dennis McGarry Peter Weichsel Dennis Clerkin
Meltzer	Rose Meltzer, Capt Mark Feldman Steve Beatty	John Mohan Bill Pollack Mark Cohen
Street	Paul Street, Capt Matthew Granovetter Hemant Lall	Barnet Shenkin Ron Rubin Ira Chorush
Cappelli	Robert Cappelli, Capt Kenneth Kranyak John Onstott	Robert Katz Phil Becker Bruce Ferguson
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Mark Tolliver Mark Lair	Jeff Aker Marc Zwerling Clement Jackson
Friedland	Peter Friedland, Capt Gloria Bart	Mark Dahl Les Bart
Brod	Geoffrey Brod, Capt Glenn Eisenstein Robert Bitterman	John Rengstorff William Wickham Jerry Helms
Lay	Spike Lay, Capt Ronald Smith	Linda Smith Larry Griffey

**Senior Teams
(Seeding Order)**



Day	Date	Time	Stage
Friday	July 12	9:30 am	Captains' Meeting
Friday & Saturday	July 12 July 13	10:00 am - 8:00 pm	Round Robin
SEMI-FINAL			
Sunday	July 14	10:00 am - 12:15 pm 12:25 - 2:40 4:00 - 6:15 6:25 - 8:40	Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32 Dinner break Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64
FINAL & USA2 SEMI-FINAL			
Monday	July 15	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Lunch break Boards 30-45 Boards 46-60
Tuesday	July 16	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90 Dinner break Boards 90-105 Boards 106-120
USA2 FINAL			
Wednesday	July 17	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Lunch break Boards 30-45 Boards 46-60
Thursday	July 18	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90 Dinner break Boards 90-105 Boards 106-120

Women's United States Championship Schedule of Play

A group of prosperous businessmen were dining at the Sam's Town Hotel in Las Vegas.



"Seems to me you are getting a little slimmer," remarked one.

"I should be!" replied the other. "I went on one of those high protein diets. Nothing but expensive steaks and chops. And would you believe it?-in just two weeks I lost thirty dollars!"

When the lodge meeting broke up, John confided to a friend. "Mike, I'm in a terrible pickle! I'm strapped for cash and I haven't the slightest idea where I'm going to get it from!"

"I'm glad to hear that" answered Mike.

"I was afraid you might have an idea you could borrow it from me!"

Board 84
Dealer: W
All Vul.

♠ J87643
♥ 96
♦ K764
♣ 9

♠ AK2
♥ AJ3
♦ A853
♣ K53

♠ QT95
♥ Q54
♦ JT
♣ AQ82



West
Bernstein
1D
2NT
Double

North
Disa
Pass
4S
All pass

East
Wheeler
1H
Pass
Pass

South
Westheimer
Double
Pass

Levin
1D
2NT
3H

McCallum
Pass
Pass
Pass

Wolpert
1H
3D
4H

Baker
Pass
Pass
All pass

Baker led the S9 against 4H. Wolpert won in dummy and discarded a small diamond. Wolpert played ace of hearts, jack of hearts, losing to Baker's queen. Baker exited with the SQ, Wolpert winning in dummy and tossing another small diamond. The H3 went to the king and a small club was led to the king in dummy. The club spots were evil for Wolpert. Baker was able to collect three clubs and the heart queen for down one.

There was much more action in the other room. Westheimer thought her 4-4 in the blacks with 11 HCP was worth a vulnerable takeout double opposite her passed hand partner. Bernstein showed her values and Disa, looking at a four count with six spades and a singleton club, decided to take the early save. Bernstein made the sporting double with her ace/king of trump and two outside aces. Wheeler started with a heart to Bernstein's jack. Bernstein cashed the king of trump and the ace of hearts and exited with a heart. When the smoke cleared, the game was down three.

GIRL TALK

Seniors' United States Championship Schedule of Play

Day	Date	Time	Boards Played
Friday	July 12	9:30 am	Captains' Meeting
Round Robin			
Friday	July 12	10:00 - 10:55 11:00 - 11:55 12:00 - 12:55 2:15 - 3:10 3:15 - 4:10 4:15 - 5:10 5:30 - 6:25 6:30 - 7:25 7:30 - 8:25	Boards 1-6 Boards 7-12 Boards 13-18 80 Minute Lunch Break Boards 19-24 Boards 25-30 Boards 31-36 20 Minute Break Boards 37-42 Boards 43-48 Boards 49-54
Saturday	July 13	10:00 - 10:55 11:00 - 11:55 ** 12:00 - 12:55 ** 1:00 - 1:55 **	Boards 55-60 Boards 61-66 ** Boards 67-72 ** Boards 73-78 **
Quarter-Final & USA2 Round of 32 (click here for schedule)			
Saturday	July 13	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Sunday	July 14	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 70 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
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Final & USA2 Quarterfinal			
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Wednesday	July 17	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 70 Minute Lunch Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
USA2 Semi-Final			
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Friday	July 19	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
USA2 Final			
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Funny Sayings:

What's another word for Thesaurus?

"Be nice to your children – they will be choosing your nursing home"

The pessimist may be right in the long run, but the optimist has a better time during the trip....

Dear G-D please help me have patience and please make it quick!

A recent study shows that men who are married live longer than single men, but they're a lot more willing to die....

Time is the best teacher, the only problem is it kills all of its students.

When everything else fails – try the directions....

Married men should forget their mistakes. There is no need for two people, to remember the same thing....

Despite what people think @#!*% is not the last name of G-D....

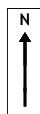
Men are like parking spaces; The good ones are taken, and the only ones left are handicapped....



Meltzer/Simson ...

Board 34 ♠ 873
 Dealer: E ♥ 7
 N/S Vul. ♦ AT9
 ♣ QJT963

♠ 9 ♠ K2
 ♥ K654 ♥ AJ83
 ♦ K8652 ♦ QJ73
 ♣ A54 ♣ K87
 ♠ AQJT654
 ♥ QT92
 ♦ 4
 ♣ 2



West	North	East	South
Lair	Feldman	Jackson	Pollack
		1D	3S
Double	4S	Pass	Pass
5D	Pass	Pass	5S
Double	All pass		
Cohen	Aker	Beatty	Simson
		1D	3S
Double	4S	Pass	Pass
5D	All pass		

North/South have only 16 HCP between them, but distribution is a powerful asset in bridge. When 5D passed around to Simson, he tapped the table, choosing to defend.

East/West started with four losers and ended with four losers...

Pollack wasn't going away so easily. When 5D-P-P got to him, he bid 5S. Lair had 10 HCP and his partner had opened the bidding. He thought he had a real chance to defeat the contract so he doubled.

Lair led the diamond deuce, won in dummy with the ace. Pollack played the singleton heart toward his hand. Jackson rose with the HA and played back a trump. Pollack finessed and it won.

He now made an interesting play. There was a negative double on his left so he took the "double ruffing finesse" in hearts. He led the queen out of hand and Lair erred. He ducked. Pollack pitched a club from dummy, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond to his hand, ruffed another heart, ruffed another diamond, and pulled Jackson's last trump. At this point, he had 11 tricks. Had Lair covered, Pollack would have been down one for a loss of 7 IMPs. Instead, he was making. 13 IMPs to Meltzer

Don't Miss the Hall of Fame Induction at the Atlanta NABC:

Patron Members: \$37.50

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Honoring: *Max Hardy, the Blackwood Award*
Gail Greenberg, the von Zedwitz Award
Benedicte Cronier & Sylvie Willard, Sidney Lazard Sportsmanship Award



Sunday, August 4th, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia

Featuring Emcee George Jacobs and Celebrity Presenters Black Tie Optional, Hors d'oeurves, Cash Bar

Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2013 Women's and Seniors' USBC is Suite1222. Players, volunteers, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join hostesses Lisa Berkowitz and Molly O'Neill for:

Breakfast each day from 8:00-11:00 am.

Lunch on Monday through Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.

The Hospitality Suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the most of the playing hours, and for a short time after the end of play each day. **It will be closed from 11:00-2:30 while our hostesses are shopping and preparing lunch.**

Sudoku 1

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

Sudoku

I work as a pediatric nurse, and often have the painful job of giving shots to the children. One day upon entering the examining room to give a shot the little girl starting screaming “NO! NO! NO!”

“Jessica” her mother scolded, “that is not polite behavior!”

At that the girl continued to scream **“NO THANK YOU! NO THANK YOU! NO THANK YOU!”...**

Sudoku 2

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

Jerry was in the hospital recovering from surgery when a nurse asks him how he is feeling.

“I’m OK but I didn’t like the four-letter-word the doctor used in surgery,” he answered.

“What did he say,” asked the nurse.

“OOPS!”...

Before going in for surgery I thought it would be funny if I posted a note on myself telling the surgeon to be careful. After the surgery I found another note on myself .”Anyone know where my cell phone is?????????”

Sudoky 1 Solution

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

Sudoky 2 Solution

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

Puzzle Page ...

United States Trivia ...

1. There's one popular sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. What is it?
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. Name the only sport in which the ball is always in possession of the team on the defense and the offensive team can score without touching the ball?
5. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
6. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
7. Where are the lakes that are referred to in the "Los Angeles Lakers?"
8. There are seven ways a baseball player can legally reach first base without getting a hit. Taking a base on balls-a walk-is one way. Name the other six.
9. It's the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh. What is it?
10. Name six or more things that you can wear on your feet that begin with the letter "S."



Answers to Puzzle

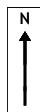
1. Boxing
2. Niagara Falls - the rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
3. Asparagus and rhubarb
4. Baseball
5. Strawberry
6. The pear grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and pears are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the whole growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
7. In Minnesota. The team was originally known as the Minneapolis Lakers and kept the name when they moved west.
8. Batter hit by a pitch; passed ball; catcher interference; catcher drops third strike; fielder's choice; and being designated as a pinch runner.
9. Lettuce
10. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, snowshoes, stockings

From the Senior USA2 SemiFinals

Board 2
Dealer: E
N/S Vul.

♠ 43
♥ AKJ52
♦ KT4
♣ KJ8

♠ Q96
♥ 9743
♦ 9
♣ T7542



♠ T
♥ T6
♦ AJQ86532
♣ Q6

♠ AKJ8752
♥ Q8
♦ 7
♣ A93

West	North	East	South
Passell	Lall	Lynch	Chorush
		4D	4S
All pass			

Shenkin	Hayden	Street	Bates
		3NT (♠ or ♦ pre)	4S
Pass	4NT (KC)	Pass	5C (0 or 3)
Pass	5D (Q ask)	Pass	6S (no Q)
Pass	6NT	All pass	

The swings started on Board 2 in the Lynch/Street match. Carolyn opened four diamonds on her 8-card suit; Chorush overcalled 4S and bought the contract.

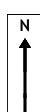
Passell led his singleton diamond to the ten and jack. Carolyn returned the deuce which Chorush ruffed with the trump king, promoting Passell's nine. Chorush cashed the SA, one high heart and conceded two trump tricks. Contract making.

At the other table, Bates and Hayden got too high. It's hard to fault Hayden for his optimism when his partner made a four level overcall, vulnerable against not. It is hard to evaluate which contract is better: 6S or 6NT. Both contracts fail when the SQ is offside third, however, 6S goes down even when spades are 2-2 if the queen is offside. The slam failed by two tricks. 13 IMPs to Street

Board 4
Dealer: W
All Vul.

♠ Q9764
♥ AK96
♦ JT7
♣ 5

♠ J32
♥ 854
♦ K2
♣ KQT98



♠ AK5
♥ J73
♦ A9864
♣ A4

♠ T8
♥ QT2
♦ Q53
♣ J7632

Shenkin	Hayden	Street	Bates
Pass	1S	1NT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Passell	Lall	Lynch	Chorush
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

The second swing came on Board 4. Both tables arrived in a "normal" 3NT contract from East.

Bates never had to think about the opening lead. His partner helped him by opening the bidding, and he dutifully led partner's suit... no need for heroics here. The ST went to the king and Street played three high clubs. He led the CT to Bates's jack and Bates continued spades to Street's ace. Street led a diamond to the king in dummy and cashed the club nine. He returned to his diamond ace and conceded down two.

Things were quite different at Lynch's table. Lall didn't open the bidding and Chorush got off to the inspired lead of a low heart from his QTx. Lall won the king and continued with the ace. Chorush unblocked his HQ. Lall continued hearts, Lynch winning the jack.

Lynch now had two spades, one heart, two diamonds, and four clubs for nine. Contract making.

12 IMPs to Lynch

World Youth Bridge Open Championship in Atlanta

The WBF, with support from the ACBL, the USBF, the MABC, ACBL District 7, ACBL District 9, the Common Club, 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. All participants will be provided with lunch and dinner each day. All players must have been born in or after 1988.

Board 5	Dealer: N	West	North	East	South
QT5	98	Shenkin	Hayden	Street	Bates
♦ K432			Pass	1C	2D (majors)
♣ 9432		Double	2S	Pass	Pass
		3NT	All pass		

♠ K7	♠ 964	Passell	Lall	Lynch	Chorush
♥ 764	♥ AQ2		Pass	1D (could be short)	2H
♦ QJ876	♦ AT9	3H	Pass	4H	Pass
♣ AQJ	♣ K765	5D	Double	5H	Double
	♠ AJ832	6C	Double	All pass	

The third double digit swing came on Board 5. Passell had a misunderstanding somewhere along the line. They were way too high in the Moysian slam.

Lall led the H9, Carolyn disdaining the finesse and winning her ace. She pulled two rounds of trump and led the DQ off dummy. When this held, she continued with a diamond to the ten, Chorush pitching a low heart. Carolyn cashed the DA, played a spade to dummy's king, ducked by Chorush, and the last diamond was ruffed. Carolyn played a spade from hand, Chorush winning. He continued spades, ruffed by dummy's trump queen. Carolyn conceded down two.

Things were quite different in the other room. Street opened 1C and Bates bid 2D showing the majors. Shenkin doubled and Hayden chose spades. When it got back to Shenkin, he bid 3NT, ending the auction.

Hayden led the S5 to the 4, A, and 7. Bates continued spades to the king, Hayden safely unblocking the queen! Three rounds of high clubs were followed by the diamond finesse. Before the opponents could regain the lead, Shenkin collected his four clubs, three diamonds, one heart and one spade for nine. Contract making.

12 IMPs to Street

Board 6	Dealer: E	West	North	East	South
♠ K2	♥ Q32	Passell	Lall	Lynch	Chorush
♦ QT7532				1H	1S
♣ 83		2C	Pass	2NT	Pass
		3NT	All pass		

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		3NT	All pass		

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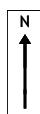
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♦ QT7532				1H	

Board 7
Dealer: S
All Vul.
♠ AJ854
♥ AQ7
♦ T32
♣ KT

♠ Q3
♥ 9862
♦ 9654
♣ J73



♠ T9762
♥ KT54
♦ KQ
♣ A5

♠ K
♥ J3
♦ AJ87
♣ Q98642

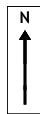
West	North	East	South
Passell	Lall	Lynch	Chorush
			Pass
Pass	1S	Pass	1NT
Pass	2D	Pass	3D
Pass	3NT	All pass	
Shenkin	Hayden	Street	Bates
			Pass
Pass	2S	Pass	3C (inv)
All pass			

The pentultimate double digit swing of the first set... Passell led a small heart against 3NT. Chorush ducked it to his jack. Chorush played a club to the king and Lynch's ace. Lynch couldn't lead a heart from her side successfully... a spade just looks wrong given dummy's holding... a diamond is futile since the suit is all blocked even if Mike holds them... so Carolyn played back her small club. Ira won the queen and continued clubs to Passell's jack. Passell put another heart through the AQ, Carolyn collecting her king.

Carolyn continued hearts to dummy's ace. Chorush played a diamond to his ace and ran off three rounds of clubs. Mike pitched a spade and Carolyn was feeling the squeeze. In the end, Chorush played his SK to his SA felling Mike's queen and Carolyn's nine in the process. Carolyn's ten fell under the jack, and Chorush ended with 10 tricks for +630 and 11 IMPs to Street.

Board 14
Dealer: E
None Vul.
♠ K6543
♥ 63
♦ AK5
♣ QT3

♠ AJT9
♥ 954
♦ T987
♣ J9



♠ 82
♥ AKOJT872
♦ 43
♣ A

♠ Q7
♥
♦ QJ62
♣ K876542

Shenkin	Hayden	Street	Bates
		2C	3C
Pass	3D	4H	5D
5H	All pass		
Passell	Lall	Lynch	Chorush
		4H	All pass

The last double digit swing of the first set occurred on Board 14.

Lynch was taking no prisoners. She opened 4H and bought the contract. The play was simple: 8 hearts and two outside aces.

It didn't look like a swing ...

At the other table, Street counted a trick short of game and opened his 14 HCP a strong two clubs. Bates was able to interfere so he did. He bid 3C; Shenkin passed; Hayden muddied the waters with a lead directing 3D. Street finally got to bid his real hand: 4H, and Bates, not realizing that Hayden was showing club support and a desire for a diamond lead, bid 5D!! Shenkin wasn't in on the joke. He wasn't even sure whose hand it was so he took the middle road and bid 5H.

Street had the same ten tricks that Carolyn had... only he was one level higher.

Down one.

10 IMPs to Lynch

Women's Humor ...

Bertha and her husband were watching a very sad play – an old-fashioned melodrama about unrequited love in which one of the sweethearts commits suicide and the other is beset with tragedy after bitter tragedy. Before the first act was over every women in the theater was weeping.

But Bertha's husband was unmoved. "Ridiculous!" he snorted every few minutes. At one particular scene, as the heroine lay dying in her lover's arms, and Bertha sobbed aloud, he actually laughed.

Bertha turned to him. "Look," she cried furiously through her tears, "if you don't like the play why don't you go home and let me enjoy myself?"

I told my friend that she drew her eyebrows on too high. She looked surprised....

- Women have more imagination than men. They need it to tell men how wonderful they are.
- Women have a number of faults. Men have only two – everything they say and everything they do.
- A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.
- Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.
- When women are depressed they either eat or go shopping. When men are depressed, they invade another country.
- A man is a person who will pay £2 for a £1 item he wants. A woman, however, will pay £1 for a £2 item that she doesn't want.
- Diamonds are a girl's best friend. Dogs are a man's best friend. Now you know which sex is smarter.
- It's not true that men prefer foolish women. Rather they prefer women who can pretend to be foolish whenever necessary, which is the very core of intelligence.
- Men always want to be a woman's first love. Women have a more subtle instinct: What they like is to be a man's last romance.
- To be happy with a man, a woman must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman, a man must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.
- A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change and she does.
- Men marry because they are tired; women marry because they are curious. Both are disappointed.
- A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband, while a man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.
- A woman will always cherish the memory of the man who wanted to marry her; a man will always cherish the memory of the woman who he didn't.
- There are two times when a man doesn't understand a woman – before marriage and after marriage.
- Only two things are necessary for a man to do to keep his wife happy. One is to let her think she is having her own way, and the other is to let her have it.
- Married men live longer than single men, but married men are a lot more willing to die.
- Any married man should forget his mistakes – it's no use two people remembering the same thing.
- Some husbands are living proof that a woman can take a joke.
- Husbands are like cars: all are good the first year.
- A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

Harry was finally a groom and was very excited about his upcoming marriage. He was on his way out of the office when his boss came over to him with an outstretched hand, "congratulations Harry, I just wanted to tell you I've been married for twenty two years, and I am sure that you will always remember this day with the fondest of memories, as the happiest day of your life." "But sir", said Harry, "a little bit confused, I'm not getting married until tomorrow!" "Yeah, I know", said his boss



Senior USBC Appeal 1:

Board 17
Vul: None
Dealer: North
West (Marc Jacobus)
 ♠ J 7 6
 ♥ -----
 ♦ A 6 4
 ♣ A J T 9 8 6 4

North (Sam Lev)
 ♠ A 4 3
 ♥ Q J T 6 5
 ♦ Q T 8
 ♣ K 7
 ♠ J 7 6
 ♥ -----
 ♦ A 6 4
 ♣ A J T 9 8 6 4

East (Eddie Wold)
 ♠ K T 8 5 2
 ♥ 8
 ♦ J 5 3 2
 ♣ Q 3 2

South (Bob Hamman)
 ♠ Q 9
 ♥ A K 9 7 4 3 2
 ♦ K 9 7
 ♣ 5



Bidding

N	E	S	W
1H	1S	2S	3C
4H	P	5C	P
5H	P	P	P

Opening lead: C2 (3rd & 5th best leads)

Table Result: -1, EW +50

Play:

C2 C5 CA C7
 S7 SA Sx S9
 CK C3 SQ Cx

Declarer then cleared hearts, ruffed out the black suits, ending in North and led the D8.

East thought for a while, then followed small and told declarer that he had had no problem.

Declarer played the DK, playing East to have 4 small diamonds for the comment.

Director's Ruling

NS +450

Appeals Committee Ruling

Note that 5H was played from the North side.

The appeal:

North and East were present.

The TD explained that he ruled per Law 73F:

Violation of Proprieties

When a violation of the Proprieties described in this law results in damage to an innocent opponent, if the director determines that an innocent player has drawn a false inference from a remark, manner, tempo or the like of an opponent who has no demonstrable bridge reason for the action, and who could have known, at the time of the action, that the action could work to his benefit, the director shall award an adjusted score (see Law 12c).

The TD decided to adjust the score on the basis that for a player of East's skill, had he thought a few seconds he certainly could have known that his comment, while well-intentioned, would serve to make declarer's waters muddier rather than clearer. The tempo alone would serve, if anything, to point declarer more towards the missing honor. The comment went too far the other way to cancel that inference (to which declarer was entitled). A skilled player "could have known" that, even though all would agree that this East had no ill intentions at all.

The TD then judged that had East played in tempo and kept silent declarer would likely have counted East for four diamonds to his partner's three and played East for the DJ.

West explained that his side had appealed because there was no possible holding where East could have had a problem. He also noted that his partner was tired and that after the deal he had explained that for a while he had not realized that NS were playing at the five level.

North explained that when East told him he had no problem he concluded that the only possible East diamond holdings were xxxx or Axxx. He thus played West for the DJ.

The ruling

The AC judged that East could not plausibly have realized that his tempo and statement might work to his own side's advantage. Accordingly the AC had no reason under the Laws to change the table result. It noted that per Law 73D1 inferences from such (innocent) variation are drawn by an opponent at his own risk.

The AC restored the table result of 5H-1, E/W +50 to both sides.

Appeals Committee

Howard Weinstein, Chair
 Chip Martel, Member
 Adam Wildavsky, Scribe

At play



From Peg's Pics

At work





**In contention
to the End**