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# Results: QuarterFinal Day Two

<u>Open USBC USA1 - 2022</u>											
QuarterFinal (120 boards)			Set score of form "Ax" or "Rx" indicates pending Appeal or Ruling. IMPs Total may change.								
18-May-2022			<i>The colored score boxes indicate the team with seating rights for that segment of play.</i>								
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7	SET #8	Adjustment (IMPs)
1	<a href="#">Nickell</a>	210	25	13	32	55	20	35	14	16	
8	<a href="#">Kolesnik</a>	208	21	35	17	4	51	38	28	14	
2	<a href="#">Spector</a>	269	54	50	41	21	44	24	35		
7	<a href="#">Beatty</a>	191	29	25	26	36	15	16	44	WD	
3	<a href="#">Rosenthal</a>	.238	46	14	47	44	20	36	4	.27	
6	<a href="#">Moss</a>	.232	10	60	49	0	34	24	28	.27	
4	<a href="#">Fleisher</a>	295	37	58	5	24	38	47	53	43	-10
5	<a href="#">Simson</a>	185	17	25	51	52	17	6	10	7	

Sorry this is being posted so late but we are waiting on results of a tournament committee!. Thanks to Jacob Morgan, George Jacobs, and Tom Carmichael for serving on the committee. It's late for you too! A committee write-up will appear in tomorrow's bulletin.



Zia...  
About to lose his keyboard!!!  
  
More pics on pages 13, 22, and 24

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**If you are in need or a message, see bottom of page 16 for information!**

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## “Trials” and Tribulations

# Teams Entered-Alphabetical

Beatty	Steve Beatty, Capt Marc Jacobus	Fred Stewart Jeff Juster
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt George Jacobs	Michael Shuster Craig Gardner
Fleisher	Marty Fleisher, Capt Joe Grue Bart Bramley	Chip Martel Brad Moss Kit Woolsey
Jenkins	Sheri Winestock Billy Cohen Ron Smith Bronia Jenkins, NPC	Josh Donn Gary Cohler
Kolesnik	Finn Kolesnik, Capt Jerry Stamatov	Ish DelMonte Kevin Rosenberg
Lebowitz	Larry Lebowitz, Capt Zach Grossack Joel Wooldridge	Adam Grossack Michael Rosenberg David Grainger
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt Jeff Meckstroth Daniel Korbel	Roger Lee Eddie Wold Zia Mahmood
Nickell	Nick Nickell Bobby Levin Geoff Hampson Jill Levin, NPC	Ralph Katz Steve Weinstein Eric Greco
Reynolds	Tom Reynolds, Capt Joe Viola John Jones	Lance Kerr Bill Hall Claude Vogel
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken Kevin Dwyer	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Shan Huang
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Glenn Milgrim Jiang Gu	Jeff Aker Barry Rigal Ai-Tai Lo
Spector	Warren Spector, Capt Vince Demuy Kevin Bathurst	Gavin Wolpert John Hurd John Kranyak
Stark	Andy Stark Alex Kolesnik, Capt Radu Nistor	Franco Baseggio Aaron Jones Iulian Rotaru
Tebha	Anam Tebha, Capt Max Schireson John McAllister	Debbie Rosenberg Stewart Rubenstein Will Watson
Wildavsky	Adam Wildavsky, Capt Peter Boyd Mark Lair	Doug Doub Steve Robinson Mike Passell
Yang	Tien-Chun Yang, Capt Hua Yang Jian-Jian Wang	Yanong Han Steve Chen Jun Shi





**VACCINATION REQUIRED:**  
**All players in the 2022 Open USBC MUST be vaccinated against CoVid19.**  
**Players must submit proof of vaccination to the USBF Secretary (Jan Martel) before play commences in the event.**  
**There are no exceptions to this rule.**



# Hospitality Suite...

Because of Covid, we won't be able to provide the full hospitality we have in the past, but we will do what we can.

Hosts **Maya Alela** and **Marie-France Benoit** will be in our hospitality suite (Room 2321). They will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch each day, except that on Monday and Tuesday, lunch will be a buffet in the hotel restaurant.

**Breakfast:** From 8-10 am. There will be individually packaged cereal, fruit, hard boiled eggs, bagels, and some hot options. Also individual butter, jam, peanut butter, and cream cheese, as well as condiment packages. Maya & Marie-France will be making coffee and will have individual packages of sugar, sweetener, and dairy & non-dairy creamers. For those of you who prefer Keurig coffee, that will also be available in the hospitality suite. We are limiting access to 6 players at any one time, so we ask that you come to the suite, pick up a large to go container and put the smaller packages in that to take with you as quickly as you can, and then go someplace else to eat. **Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Hospitality Suite at all times.** There will be a hand sanitizer station near the door and we encourage you to sanitize your hands before choosing what to take.

**Lunch:** Monday, from 2:30-5:00 and Tuesday from 2:00-4:30 there will be a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. You will need to show a convention card or SSF to prove you're with the bridge tournament. Please tell the hotel staff if you see someone who isn't one of us, since we are paying for each lunch. From Wednesday on, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite from 2-4 pm (the first half of play each day ends at 2:35; we encourage those of you who are sitting out the 2nd quarter to go early). There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, and berries... Also all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast. Water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

**Let us know what you want:** If there is a menu for a future day's lunch hanging on the wall outside the Hospitality Suite, please mark what you want, so we have a better idea of what to order.

## Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit.

**AGAIN: Masks that cover your nose & mouth must be worn in the Player's Break Room at all times, so you may not eat and drink in the room.**



You can follow the USBC on the <https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/> website. (See Schedule Below)

### Popcorn time!

If you want to listen to commentary, search for the TV icon to choose from the available live commentary. If it doesn't respond, no one is commenting.

### Nail biting!

You can choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event and your screen will split into four small screens – two showing the two tables of the match you choose, the other two having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the 2x2 view you can also personalize the content in your windows. (The 2x2 view is not available on mobile devices.)

### Think together!

When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do and see whether your player agrees.

### More Information:

The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you to the scoresheet, the DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

### Navigation icons:

While surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue.

### Replay:

After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board then the same buttons move you through the list. Push every button and enjoy!

### KIBITZING SCHEDULE (EDT)

On the first day of play, we added some time to the first segment to allow the players to get familiar with the tablets. Kibitzing times on May 16th will be:

Segment 1: 11:45 am

Segment 2: 2:30 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 6:00 pm

Segment 4: 8:35 pm

For all other days, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:45 am

Segment 2: 2:10 pm

BREAK

Segment 3: 5:30 pm

Segment 4: 7:55 pm



# Kibitzing...



Still angry at my classmates for voting me Most Likely to Hold a Grudge.

A few minutes ago, I came to the conclusion that tofu is overrated. It's just a curd to me.

Three friends and I imbibed too much cider, and after singing so long that our throats were sore, we created a huge, misshapen crop circle. We were the four hoarse men of the epic ellipse.

**Seeding Info:** The teams in the USBC are seeded based on ACBL Performance Points, including masterpoints, but adjusted by removing any seeding

SEED	TEAM NAME	TEAM AVERAGE SEEDING POINTS
1	Nickell	67.25
2	Spector	46.79
3	Rosenthal	45.80
4	Fleisher	44.85
5	Moss	40.56
6	Lebowitz	32.34
7	Wildavsky	21.45
8	Jenkins	18.11
9	Kolesnik	15.94
10	Stewart	13.99
11	Simson	13.06
12	Stark	10.35
13	Dinkin	8.80
14	Tebha	7.91
15	Reynolds	7.83
16	Yang	5.43

points earned on a team with a player who has confessed to or been convicted of cheating. The seeding points for an individual player are capped at 70. Teams are seeded based on the average seeding points for the team. These are the teams and their seed positions. On May 7th, teams were shuffled in pairs

to determine their bracket positions.

Heisenberg was speeding down the highway. A cop pulls him over and says, "Do you have any idea how fast you were going back there?" Heisenberg says, "No, but I knew where I was."

First Law of Thermodynamics: You can't win. Second Law of Thermodynamics: You can't break even. Third Law of Thermodynamics: You can't stop playing.

A Roman walks into a bar and asks for a martinus. "You mean martini?" the bartender asks. The Roman replies, "Slow down there! I'll let you know when I want more."

What does a dyslexic, agnostic, insomniac do at night? He stays up wondering if there really is a dog.

A logician's wife is having a baby. The doctor immediately hands the newborn to the dad. The wife says, "Is it a boy or a girl?" The logician says, "Yes."

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Same middle name.

I was horrified when my wife told me that my six-year-old son wasn't actually mine. Apparently I need to pay more attention during school pick-up.

What is the opposite of a croissant? A happy uncle.

Which branch of the military accepts toddlers? The infantry.

Did you know you can actually listen to the blood in your veins? You just have to listen varicosely.

Though I enjoy the sport, I could never date a tennis player. Love means nothing to them.

I was kidnapped by mimes once. They did unspeakable things to me.



**No Electronic Devices (except LoveBridge tablets) are permitted in the Playing Areas.**

**Severe, increasing penalties will be assessed.**

**The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.**



# Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure

## Starters

Our Pretzel Rolls & Cheddar Cheese Butter Available Upon Request, ask Your Server

- Baked French Onion Soup\$8.00
- Chef's Daily Soup or Chili\$6.00

Chicken Skewers\$10.00

Soy Glazed, Sesame Soy, Sweet Chili Mayo

Crispy Brussels Sprouts\$9.00

Lemon Aioli, Parmesan

Crab Cake\$17.00

Lump Crab, House Slaw, Whole Grain Mustard

Hill Country Egg Rolls\$11.00

Smoked Brisket, Corn, Cheddar, Black Beans, Hickory Sauce

Spicy Sticky Ribs\$12.00

Lemongrass Chili Glaze, Basil, Sesame

Charcoal Grilled Wings\$13.50

Buff-a-Que Sauce, Alabama Ranch, Celery

Fire Roasted Corn & Spinach Queso\$12.00

Sharp White Cheddar Cheese Dip, Tortilla Chips, Queso Fresco

Skillet Cornbread\$9.00

Molasses Butter

Grilled Shrimp Scampi\$15.00

Grilled Gulf Shrimp, Garlic Infused Olive Oil, Calabrian Chilies, Bread Crumbs, Dipping Toast

Jalapeño Poppers\$9.00

Croquette Style, Smoked Jalapenos, Cheese, Bacon, Raspberry Pepper Jelly

## Salads

Enhance Your Salad with Chicken Breast \$6 | Gulf Shrimp \$9 | Hanger Steak \$9

Mixed Green Salad\$5.00

Tomato, Radish, Cucumber, Onion, White Balsamic

Thai Steak Salad\*\$19.00

Greens, Fresh Herbs, Campari Tomatoes, Mango, Peanuts, Miso Lime Vinaigrette

Caesar Salad\$5.00

Aged Parmesan, Croutons

Bacon & Blue\$12.00

Maytag Blue Cheese Dressing, Grape Tomatoes, Red Onion, Double-Smoked Bacon

Roasted Chicken Caesar\$15.00

Aged Parmesan, Croutons

Chopped Chicken Salad\$15.00

Bacon, Avocado, Cucumber, Tomato, Smoked Corn Relish, Gorgonzola, Tortilla Strips, Ranch

Detox Salad\$12.00

Kale, Cabbage, Broccoli, Avocado, Grapefruit, Toasted Coconut, Chia Seeds, Golden Raisins, Lemon Ginger Tahini Dressing

## Burgers & Handhelds

Served with a Choice of French Fries, House Slaw or Kettle Chips

Classic Burger\*\$13.00

Half-pound Grilled All-natural Angus Beef, LTO, American Cheese, Brioche Bun

BBQ Bacon Burger\*\$14.00

# Weber Grill

1010 North Meacham Road, Schaumburg

Hours of operation

Lunch Mon–Fri 11:00 am–4:00 pm

Dinner Mon–Thu 4:00 pm–9:00 pm Fri

4:00 pm–10:00 pm Sat 11:30 am–

10:00 pm Sun 1:00 pm–8:00 pm

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Without Notice**



## Weber Grill, continued from page 7

Half-pound Grilled All-natural Angus Beef, BBQ Sauce, Double Smoked Bacon, Cheddar Cheese, Onion, Brioche Bun

Patty Melt\*\$14.00

Two, 4oz. All Angus Beef Patties, Spicy Mayo, Caramelized Onions, Swiss & American Cheese, Grilled Sourdough

Impossible Burger\$16.00

Plant-based Burger, LTO, Lemon Aioli, Brioche Bun

BBQ Pulled Pork\$12.50

Smoked All-natural Pork Shoulder, Hickory BBQ Sauce, Onion, Bread & Butter Pickles, Brioche Bun

Crab Cake Sammie\$19.00

Cilantro Lime Slaw, Jalapeno Tartar Sauce, Pickles

The Firebird\$14.00

Smoked, Crispy-Fried Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Hot Honey Slaw, Sweet Chili Mayo, Buttered Brioche Bun

### Steaks

All Steaks Served with Butcher's Butter and Garlic Mashed Potatoes. Add Some Extra Sizzle with Our Weber Grill Steak Enhancements: Gorgonzola Crust \$3.50 | Truffle Butter \$3 | Mushrooms \$4 | Grilled Shrimp \$9

Filet Mignon\*

USDA Angus Beef, Aged 28 Days

O 10oz\$41.00

Filet Mignon\*

USDA Angus Beef, Aged 28 Days

O 7oz\$35.00

Delmonico Ribeye\*

USDA Angus Beef, Aged 28 Days

O 14oz\$45.00

New York Strip\*

USDA Angus Beef, Aged 28 Days

O 14oz\$37.00

Prime Bone-In Ribeye\*

USDA Prime Angus Beef, Aged 28 Days Sea Salt, Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Choice Of Side

20oz\$69.00

### Entrees

Add a 1/3 Rack of Ribs to any entree for \$8

12 Hour Smoked Beef Brisket\$23.00

USDA Prime - Limited Quantities. Friday & Saturday Dinner Only. "When It's Gone, It's Gone!" - Served with Bourbon Baked Beans and House Slaw. Friday & Saturday Dinner Only

26th Street Shrimp\$24.00

Grilled Gulf Shrimp, Buttered Basmati Rice, Sautéed Spinach, Ancho Butter Sauce

Smoked Pork Chops\*\$22.00

Two Center Cut Chops, Carolina Mustard Glaze, Garlic

Mashed Potatoes And Sautéed Spinach

Cedar Planked Salmon\*\$26.00

8oz., Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Bourbon Glazed, Green Beans Almondine

Beer Can Chicken\$21.00

All-natural Roasted Half-Chicken, Beer Can Jus, Garlic Mashed Potatoes

BBQ Baby Back Ribs

Slow-Smoked Pork Ribs, Served With Bourbon Baked Beans, House Slaw

O Half Slab\$19.50

O Full Slab\$29.50

Grilled Vegetable Kabob\$17.00

Sesame Soy, Basmati Rice, Spinach

Big G's Barbecue Chicken\$20.00

All Natural Roasted Half-Chicken, Hickory Barbecue Sauce, French Fries

Brick Chicken Verde\$21.00

All-Natural, Semi Boneless Chicken Breast, Salsa Verde, Crispy Parmesan Potatoes, Campari Tomato Salad

BBQ Meatloaf\$23.00

All-Natural Angus Beef, Hickory BBQ Sauce Glaze, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine

### Make It a "Dinner for Two"

Make It a "Dinner for Two"\$25.00

When you purchase two Entrees, you can add any Starter, a Bacon & Blue Salad, and any Dessert, for an additional

### Sides

● Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes\$5.00

● White Cheddar Mac & Cheese\$8.00

● Bourbon Baked Beans\$4.00

● Loaded Baked Potato\$6.00

● Sautéed Spinach\$5.00

● Green Beans Almondine\$6.00

● French Fries\$3.00

● House Slaw\$3.00

Grilled Asparagus\$7.00

### Signature Desserts

● Chocolate Fudgecake\$8.00

● Crème Brulee Cheesecake\$8.00

● Key Lime Pie \$8.00

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

Sudoku 1

When you die, what part of the body dies last? The pupils...they dilate.

A friend of mine went bald years ago, but still carries around an old comb. He just can't part with it.

I'm thinking of a career where I estimate crowd sizes at different outdoor events. I wonder how many people are in that field.

What do you call a woman who sets fire to all her bills? Bernadette.

What's E.T. short for? Because he's got little legs.

What do you call a Frenchman wearing sandals? Phillippe Phillope.

Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.

Two men meet on opposite sides of a river. One shouts to the other, "I need you to help me get to the other side!" The other guy replies, "You're *on* the other side!"

What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo? One is really heavy, and the other is a little lighter.

# Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 16

# Winding Down the QuarterFinals...

2  
EAST  
N-S

♠ Q 9 8 6 2  
♥ A J T 7 4  
♦ 6 5  
♣ 3

♠ A 7  
♥ Q 8  
♦ A K 9 7 4  
♣ K Q 9 5

♠ K J T 3  
♥ K 9 6  
♦ Q 3  
♣ J 8 4 2

♠ 5 4  
♥ 5 3 2  
♦ J T 8 2  
♣ A T 7 6

Par: 100

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	10	10	4	4	8
EW	3	3	9	9	3

Home team   Visiting team   Room   C   By   1   =   ☆   P

				NS	EW	Home	Visiting
Nickell	Kolesnik	Open	2♠	W	♦A	=	110
		Closed	3N	S	♠6	+1	630
Fleisher	Simson	Open	3♥	E	♥2	=	140
		Closed	3♠x	E	♠4	+2	730
Rosenthal	Moss	Open	3♠	E	♦J	=	140
		Closed	2♥	W	♦K	+1	140
Spector	Beatty	Open	3♥	W	♦A	-1	50
		Closed	3♠	W	♦A	=	140

Kolesnik/DelMonte live by the sword and die by the sword! Board 2 is a perfect example. Playing the all-star Nickell team requires skill AND luck if you are going to survive. If Kolesnik doesn't make it, it isn't for lack of trying.

♠ A7  
♥ Q8  
♦ AK974  
♣ KQ95

N Ish DelMonte

♠ KJT3  
♥ K96  
♦ Q3  
♣ J842

E Geoff Hampson

♠ Q9862  
♥ AJT74  
♦ 65  
♣ 3

W Eric Greco

♠ 54  
♥ 532  
♦ JT82  
♣ AT76

S Finn Kolesnik

W	N	E	S
		1♦	P
2♥	DBL	2♠	2NT
P	3NT	P	P
P			

1D=Precision  
2H=5+H; 4+S; non inv  
2NT=minors

A heart lead would defeat the game. Should Greco consider a heart lead, knowing the opponents are ready for spades? Maybe... Or not... after all, his partner did preference spades and some of bridge is a mind game!

Greco led the spade. Finn won the ace and cashed the king and queen of clubs, guessing that suit correctly. He picked up the CJ and when diamonds were 2-2, he claimed 10 tricks. +630 ... 12 IMPs to Kolesnik!

(Continued on page 11)

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
		P	P
1♠	1NT	DBL	P
2♥	P	2♠	P
P	P		

DDS

NORTH  
WEST 2 DEALER  
SOUTH

♠ A7  
♥ Q8  
♦ AK974  
♣ KQ95  
N Bobby Levin

♠ Q9862  
♥ AJT74  
♦ 65  
♣ 3  
W Kevin Rosenberg

♠ KJT3  
♥ K96  
♦ Q3  
♣ J842  
E Jerry Stamatov

♠ 54  
♥ 532  
♦ JT82  
♣ AT76  
S Steve Weinstein

WEST 2♠

DDS

At the other table in Nickell/Kolesnik, Rosenberg opened "light" in third seat. Levin overcalled "strong" (18) with 1NT. Stamatov, not in on the joke, doubled. Rosenberg showed hearts with his spades and Jerry took a preference.

Levin took the first three tricks with the DAK and CK. He continued clubs to Weinstein's ace, ruffed with the S2.

Rosenberg knocked out the SA, Levin continuing the spade suit. Rosenberg won and played the HJ out of

hand. Levin played low and Rosenberg rose with dummy's king and finessed Weinstein for the HQ. Levin won the queen and Rosenberg claimed eight tricks for +110.

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
		1♦	P
2♥	2NT	3♠	P
P	DBL	P	P
P			

1D=2+  
2H=5+H; 4+S; non inv

DDS

NORTH  
WEST 2 DEALER  
SOUTH

♠ A7  
♥ Q8  
♦ AK974  
♣ KQ95  
N Doug Simson

♠ Q9862  
♥ AJT74  
♦ 65  
♣ 3  
W Joe Grue

♠ KJT3  
♥ K96  
♦ Q3  
♣ J842  
E Brad Moss

♠ 54  
♥ 532  
♦ JT82  
♣ AT76  
S Jeff Aker

EAS 3♠

Meanwhile in Fleisher/Simson, there was more action on this board.

In the room where Bramley/Woolsey were N/S and Gu/Lo were E/W, Gu opened the West hand 2D, weak in a major. Bramley overcalled 2NT and Lo bid 3H pass or correct. Woolsey led the H2, picking up Bramley's queen, and the contract was easily successful.

In the other room, there was more excitement. When Moss bid 3S, Simson balanced with a double and Aker/Simson defended it there.

N/S started with two rounds of trump. Moss won in hand and played the H6 to the ace in dummy. He continued with the HJ to the Q, K, 2.

At this point, Brad was home with eleven tricks for +730!

At the other table, Lo, East, declared 3H undoubled successfully to lose 11 IMPs.

# Word Find...

## Pizza

Find and circle all of the pizza ingredients and toppings that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell four additional pizza toppings.



B A O N T L P O S E O T A M O T C H  
 A K O G I O Y E N A S E M R A P V I  
 C E C S A S M O P S U S C R T S H I  
 O C A A T I L A K P H S T E E N M Z  
 N B S E J O S M T R E I A V F O E U  
 G A R O V Y R A I O C R I G Z I S C  
 O S T O N B E M T H S L O Z E L M C  
 A A R L O E P R O N O A A N S O O H  
 T P L I L M P K E K A R U N I C O I  
 C R S M I A E A C T E L O C R C R N  
 H I C A V H P A L L N I P U E O H I  
 E C I L E P L I L A N O S G N R S G  
 E O L A O B L A E O J T M A G B U O  
 S T R S I F E E B D N U O R G E M U  
 E T A P L P B L A S P A R A G U S D  
 S A G S R E P P E P A N A N A B E A  
 S P I N A C H G R E E N O L I V E S

ARTICHOKE HEARTS  
 ASIAGO  
 ASPARAGUS  
 BACON  
 BANANA PEPPERS  
 BASIL  
 BELL PEPPERS  
 BLACK OLIVES  
 BROCCOLI

CRUST  
 EGGPLANT  
 FETA  
 GARLIC  
 GOAT CHEESE  
 GOUDA  
 GREEN OLIVES  
 GROUND BEEF  
 HAM

JALAPENOS  
 MONTEREY JACK  
 MOZZARELLA  
 MUSHROOMS  
 OLIVE OIL  
 ONIONS  
 OYSTERS  
 PARMESAN  
 PEPPERONI

PROVOLONE  
 RICOTTA  
 SALAMI  
 SAUSAGE  
 SHRIMP  
 SPINACH  
 TOMATO SAUCE  
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# Day Four - QuarterFinal

## Cross IMPS

1.	John Hurd - Kevin Bathurst	Spector	0.79	58.91	75
2.	Chip Martel - Marty Fleisher	Fleisher	0.74	54.94	74
3.	Joe Grue - Brad Moss	Fleisher	0.71	62.86	89
4.	Daniel Korbel - Zia Mahmood	Moss	0.70	62.74	90
5.	Gavin Wolpert - Warren Spector	Spector	0.58	34.51	60
6.	Finn Kolesnik - Ish DelMonte	Kolesnik	0.49	58.77	120
7.	Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein	Rosenthal	0.28	16.94	60
8.	Bart Bramley - Kit Woolsey	Fleisher	0.26	19.31	73
9.	Bobby Levin - Steve Weinstein	Nickell	0.18	16.14	90
10.	Geoff Hampson - Eric Greco	Nickell	0.12	10.80	90
11.	John Kranyak - Vince Demuy	Spector	0.06	4.43	75
12.	Eldad Ginossar - Chris Willenken	Rosenthal	-0.01	-0.49	90
13.	Sylvia Moss - Roger Lee	Moss	-0.20	-11.91	60
14.	Shan Huang - Kevin Dwyer	Rosenthal	-0.23	-20.54	90
15.	Marc Jacobus - Jeff Juster	Beatty	-0.28	-28.97	105
16.	Ralph Katz - Nick Nickell	Nickell	-0.29	-17.49	60
17.	Ai-Tai Lo - Jiang Gu	Simson	-0.41	-24.14	59
18.	Doug Simson - Jeff Aker	Simson	-0.47	-41.09	88
19.	Eddie Wold - Jeff Meckstroth	Moss	-0.52	-46.74	90
20.	Jerry Stamatov - Kevin Rosenberg	Kolesnik	-0.57	-68.23	120
21.	Steve Beatty - Fred Stewart	Beatty	-0.66	-68.89	105
22.	Glenn Milgrim - Barry Rigal	Simson	-0.81	-71.89	89

In yesterday's Bulletin, on page 22, there was a comment that Michael Schuster posted on the USBF FB page with some concerns about playing conditions.

Jan Martel responded:

"We can't change the tablet size, but the hotel is working with us to arrange to have higher tables in all of the rooms for next year. We hope that will help."



Eldad Ginossar



Beatty, Jacobus, Juster ... Getting ready to do battle!



The directors masked up in the breakroom!

# Logic Puzzle

## Answer on Page 15

		First Names					Accessories					Teachers				
		Alyssa	Josiah	Lucy	Madalyn	Sage	belt	earrings	hat	scarf	shoes	Mr. Ackerman	Mr. Finklestein	Mr. Mockel	Mrs. Koralis	Mrs. Rocek
Rewards	\$380															
	\$780															
	\$1050															
	\$1540															
	\$2220															
Teachers	Mr. Ackerman															
	Mr. Finklestein															
	Mr. Mockel															
	Mrs. Koralis															
	Mrs. Rocek															
Accessories	belt															
	earrings															
	hat															
	scarf															
	shoes															

1.

- Mr. Ackerman's student didn't buy the earrings.
- Madalyn was not rewarded with \$1050 and didn't buy the belt.
- Mrs. Koralis's student didn't buy the shoes.
- The person who bought the scarf is not Alyssa.
- Either Mr. Finklestein's student or Mr. Mockel's student bought the hat.
- Mr. Mockel's student didn't buy the scarf.
- The 5 people were the person who bought the shoes, Mrs. Rocek's student, Josiah, the one who received the \$1540 reward, and the person who bought the scarf.
- The one who received the \$380 reward is not Sage or Madalyn.
- Mrs. Koralis's student was rewarded less than the person who bought the earrings.
- The one who received the \$1540 reward was one of Mr. Finklestein's students.
- Mrs. Rocek's student was rewarded less than Mrs. Koralis's student.
- The one who received the \$1050 reward bought the scarf.
- The person who bought the hat received a larger reward than Madalyn.
- Between Lucy and Josiah, one was one of Mr. Finklestein's students and the other bought the earrings.

# Meet the Players

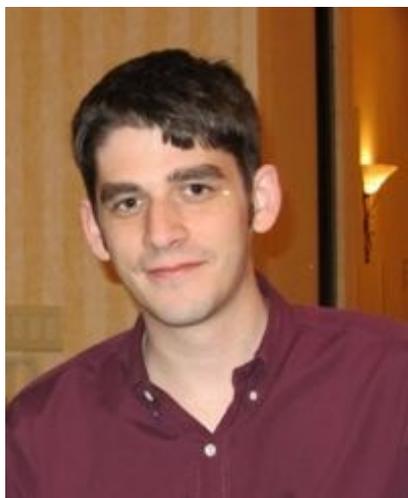


**Kevin Dwyer** started playing bridge at 14. His brother brought home a bridge book, but Kevin wasn't interested. His brother taunted him long enough that Kevin's competitiveness took over and he started playing at the local club.

After two years, he was asked by a member of the club to play and teach a woman for 45 dollars/session. That was a lot of money for a 16 year-old and it was the beginning of his bridge career. Sadly, the beginning of a bridge career meant an end to his studies.

Kevin now plays full time professional bridge.

Bridge is his way of life, but not his entire life. While he loves playing and loves the travel, someday he wants to settle down and have a family and a dog.



*Excerpted from an interview with Christina Lund Madsen*

Ed. Note:

With the delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to write up hands. If anyone has a hand of interest, please submit it to me at stan-subeck@prodigy.net. I welcome any human interest stories, news or gossip as well!!

Thanks.

Suzi



## Answer to Puzzle on Page 14

\$2220	Josiah	Earrings	Mr. Mockel
\$1540	Lucy	Hat	Mr. Finklestein
\$1050	Sage	Scarf	Mrs. Korallis
\$780	Madalyn	Shoes	Mr. Ackerman
\$380	Alyssa	Belt	Mrs. Rocek

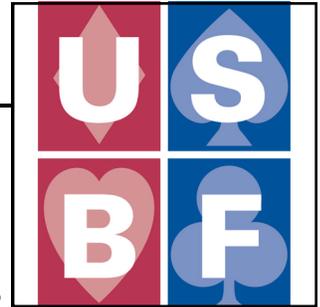
4	7	3	6	5	9	2	8	1
9	6	2	7	8	1	3	4	5
1	5	8	3	2	4	6	9	7
5	2	7	8	9	6	1	3	4
6	3	4	2	1	5	9	7	8
8	9	1	4	3	7	5	6	2
2	8	5	9	4	3	7	1	6
7	1	9	5	6	8	4	2	3
3	4	6	1	7	2	8	5	9

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

## Sudoku Answers

Answer to Sudoku 1    Answer to Sudoku 2

### USBF Supporting Membership



If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators.

The USBF is an **all-volunteer** organization.

Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

### In Case Your Partner's Bidding "Rubs" You Wrong... Massage, Anyone?



Ella, our wonderful massage therapist, will arrange to visit the Hyatt during the USBC between 10 am and 8 pm if scheduled.

Ella charges \$100 per hour, including tip.

If players wish to schedule a massage, please alert Jan Martel in the Breakroom and she will organize the times.

Ella has served the USBCs in the past and it has been much appreciated by players sitting on less than comfortable chairs during play.

3 SOUTH E-W

♠ AK 8 5  
♥ J  
♦ AK 8 6  
♣ Q J 9 7

♠ JT 4 3 2  
♥ KT 8 6  
♦ Q 7 4  
♣ T

♠ Q  
♥ A Q 9 5  
♦ T 9 3 2  
♣ 8 6 5 3

♠ 9 7 6  
♥ 7 4 3 2  
♦ J 5  
♣ AK 4 2

Par: 130

NS	10	7	5	8	8
EW	3	5	7	5	5

Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	1	=	★	
NS EW Home								
Nickell	Kolesnik	Open	1♠	N	♠Q	+1	110	5
		Closed	6♣	N	♣6	-2	100	
Fleisher	Simson	Open	3N	N	♦2	=	400	10
		Closed	3N	S	♥6	-1	50	
Rosenthal	Moss	Open	5♣	N	♥A	-1	50	2
		Closed	5♣	N	♥A	-2	100	
Spector	Beatty	Open	3N	S	♥6	=	400	7
		Closed	2N	S	♥6	=	120	

The action continued on Board 3.

Three pairs bid 3NT. Two pairs played 5C. Two pairs stopped in a partscore.

**One pair bid slam!!**

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
P	1♣	P	2♠
P	2♥	P	3♦
P	3NT	P	P

1C strong, art.  
2D=8-10 bal  
2H art. Ask  
3D=3-4-2-4

♠ AK85  
♥ J  
♦ AK86  
♣ QJ97

N Bart Bramley

♠ JT432  
♥ KT86  
♦ Q74  
♣ T

W Jiang Gu

♠ Q  
♥ AQ95  
♦ T932  
♣ 8653

E Ai-Tai Lo

♠ 976  
♥ 7432  
♦ J5  
♣ AK42

S Kit Woolsey

NORTH NS  
3NT 0

Fleisher/Simson was interesting. Both tables arrived in 3NT, one from North and one from South.

Played from North, Lo led a diamond instead of a heart, probably because he knew South was 3-4-2-4 with four hearts. Bramley won the DK and played a small spade from his hand. Lo won the queen and continued with the DT. Bramley won the ace and played three rounds of clubs, Gu pitching one heart and one spade.

Bramley read the position well. Based on the diamond/club plays, it appeared that West held 9 major suit cards. Bart read RHO as starting with five spades for his spade pitch. Bart ran the S9 for a ninth trick ... He took three spades, four clubs and two diamonds to bring home the game!

At the other table, against 3NT by South, Grue led a fourth best heart. E/W cashed four hearts, declarer discarding two spades and a diamond. Grue exited with a spade and when the DQ did not fall singleton, the hand was over.

3NT failed by one trick.  
10 IMPs to Fleisher

(Continued on page 18)

HOME CARDS SPLIT

W	N	E	S
P	1♣	P	2♠
P	3♦	P	3♥
P	3♠	P	3NT

1C=Precision  
2D=8-10 bal  
3D=D or 4S & 1H  
3S=4S & 1H

♠ AK85  
♥ J  
♦ AK86  
♣ QJ97

N Doug Simson

♠ JT432  
♥ KT86  
♦ Q74  
♣ T

W Joe Grue

♠ Q  
♥ AQ95  
♦ T932  
♣ 8653

E Brad Moss

♠ 976  
♥ 7432  
♦ J5  
♣ AK42

S Jeff Aker

DEALER

(Hand, Continued from page 17)

Again, Kolesnik and DelMonte live by the sword, die by the sword!

Hand details from the screenshot:

- N Bobby Levin:** ♠ AK85, ♥ J, ♦ AK86, ♣ QJ97
- W Kevin Rosenberg:** ♠ JT432, ♥ KT86, ♦ Q74, ♣ T
- E Jerry Stamatov:** ♠ Q, ♥ AQ95, ♦ T932, ♣ 8653
- S Steve Weinstein:** ♠ 976, ♥ 7432, ♦ J5, ♣ AK42

Contract: 1♣ (North)

Levin and Weinstein had a simple (no alerts, no explanations) auction, taking three bids to arrive at the one level in the Moysian spade fit.

Stamatov led his singleton SQ. Levin won the ace, cashed two high diamonds and ruffed a diamond in dummy.

He played a club to the queen and ruffed the D8 with the S7, overruffed by Rosenberg with the ST.

Rosenberg played two rounds of hearts, the second ruffed by Levin with the S5. Levin played a club which Rosenberg ruffed. Rosenberg played a heart which Levin ruffed. Levin pulled a round of spades and claimed 8 tricks. Contract making with an overtrick for +110. Expecting a push? NOT!

Hand details from the screenshot:

- N Ish DelMonte:** ♠ AK85, ♥ J, ♦ AK86, ♣ QJ97
- W Eric Greco:** ♠ JT432, ♥ KT86, ♦ Q74, ♣ T
- E Geoff Hampson:** ♠ Q, ♥ AQ95, ♦ T932, ♣ 8653
- S Finn Kolesnik:** ♠ 976, ♥ 7432, ♦ J5, ♣ AK42

Contract: 1♣ (North)

Bidding Table:

	W	N	E	S
				P
P		1♣	P	1♥
P		1♠	P	2♣
P		2♦	P	4♣
P		4♦	P	4NT
P		6♣	P	P
P				

1C=2+  
 1S usually unbal but not after passed hand  
 4D RKC  
 4NT 2 without

Again, live by the sword, die by the sword... After great success bidding a close, aggressive slam two days ago... and succeeding off two aces, Finn and Ish bid another close slam... however, this one was not so successful!

Hampson led the C6. Ish won the ace in dummy. Ish played the DJ to the Q, K, 2. He cashed the DA and ruffed a diamond in dummy. A spade to the ace dropped the queen and another diamond was ruffed with the CK. The C4 revealed the bad split. Ish extracted the rest of the trump. Ish played the SK and claimed 10 tricks, contract failing by 2!

Considering Risk/Reward, Kolesnik/DelMonte were right overall ... they won more for their earlier slam than they lost on this one so they're money ahead!!!

5 IMPs to Nickell (Ed. Note: Flip to page 20 to see how our young heros get back these IMPs + interest!!!)

8  
WEST  
NONE

♠ Q 9 2  
♥ K J 9 5  
♦ 8 4  
♣ T 9 8 7

♠ 7 4 3  
♥ T 3 2  
♦ A K Q 6 3  
♣ J 4

♠ K 8  
♥ Q 6 4  
♦ J T 9 5 2  
♣ 6 5 2

♠ A J T 6 5  
♥ A 8 7  
♦ 7  
♣ A K Q 3

Par: 920

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
NS	12	7	11	11	8
E	0	6	2	1	0
W	:	:	0	0	:

Boards 4-7 were primarily flat. Board 8 was flat in all but one Beatty/Spector.

Seven out of eight pairs played in 4S making four or five. There were three 1 IMP swings.

In Beatty/Spector, however, Juster got frisky and opened the West hand 2D in first seat.

Kranyak, North, passed, and Jacobus, not taking any prisoners, jumped to 4D.

Demuy, holding the best hand at the table, doubled. Juster passed. Kranyak, thinking that this would be as good as 4H, passed, and Jacobus had nowhere to go.

Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	1	=	*
		NS		EW		Home	
Nickell	Kolesnik	Open	4♠	S	♦K	+1	450
		Closed	4♠	S	♦K	=	420
Fleisher	Simson	Open	4♠	S	♠3	+1	450
		Closed	4♠	S	♦Q	=	420
Rosenthal	Moss	Open	4♠	S	♦Q	+1	450
		Closed	4♠	S	♦K	=	420
Spector	Beatty	Open	4♦x	W	♦4	-4	800
		Closed	4♠	S	♦A	=	420

Kranyak led the D4, Juster winning his king. Juster played the DQ, felling the trumps.

At this point, Juster's best chance to take a trick outside of the diamond suit was to lead toward the SK and hope the ace was onside. The S3 went to the 2, K, A.

Demuy cashed the club king and queen and the spade jack. He tried the CA which Juster ruffed.

Juster ruffed a spade in dummy, played a diamond to his hand and followed with the heart deuce. When Kranyak contributed the nine, Juster ducked!! The defense cashed two more hearts and played a club which was ruffed in both hands! Too much symmetry in the E/W distribution...

Contract finishing down four for -800.

9 IMPs to Spector



10 EAST ALL

♠ Q  
♥ K J 8 7 3  
♦ T 7  
♣ K Q 9 4 3

♠ K 8 7 5 4 3  
♥ T 9 2  
♦ 9 3  
♣ 8 2

♠ T 6  
♥ A 6 5  
♦ Q J 8 4 2  
♣ J 7 5

♠ A J 9 2  
♥ Q 4  
♦ A K 6 5  
♣ A T 6

Par: 1440

N	12	10	12	9	11
S	:	:	:	:	12
EW	1	3	1	4	1

Darned if they didn't do it again!!

As an editor and writer, I was missing Zach Gros-sack who al-ways creates good copy.

Now I have concluded that Finn will be the next Zach... And, like Meck-stroth and Rodwell were known as Meckwell all these years, Finn and Ish will be known as "Finnish!"

Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	1	=	*	P
				NS	EW	Home	Visiting	
Nickell	Kolesnik	Open	3N	S	♣8	+3	690	12
		Closed	6♥	N	♠T	=	1430	
Fleisher	Simson	Open	3N	S	♥T	+2	660	1
		Closed	3N	S	♠5	+3	690	
Rosenthal	Moss	Open	3N	S	♠5	+2	660	1
		Closed	3N	S	♦9	+3	690	
Spector	Beatty	Open	3N	S	♠3	+3	690	
		Closed	3N	S	♣8	+3	690	

♠ Q ♥ K J 8 7 3 ♦ T 7 ♣ K Q 9 4 3	N Ish DelMonte
♠ K 8 7 5 4 3 ♥ T 9 2 ♦ 9 3 ♣ 8 2	W Eric Greco
♠ T 6 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ Q J 8 4 2 ♣ J 7 5	E Geoff Hampson
♠ A J 9 2 ♥ Q 4 ♦ A K 6 5 ♣ A T 6	S Finn Kolesnik

W	N	E	S
		P	1♦
P	1♥	P	2NT
P	3♦	P	3♥
P	4♣	P	4♦
P	4♠	P	5♣
P	6♣	P	6♥
P	P	P	

Board 10 was basically flat until it reached the "Finnish" line!!

- 3D=H
- 3H=forced
- 4C=no agreement ... natural
- 4S=kickback
- 5C=0 or 3

Hampson led the ST and Ish won the ace in dummy. He played the HQ to Hampson's ace. Hampson continued spades and DelMonte ruffed. DelMonte pulled trump ... which nicely split 3-3... He cashed the DA and the SJ, the DK and claimed 12 tricks. 6C would have been a better contract with 8 clubs and only 7 hearts, but this contract scored more and every IMP matters in high-level knockouts!

12 IMPs to Kolesnik

Board 12

W N E S

P 1♣ 1♠ 2♥

4♣ 5♥ P P

P

♠ Q6  
♥ AQ82  
♦ KJ5  
♣ 9754

N Andrew Rosenthal

♠ JT53  
♥ K4  
♦ Q862  
♣ KT2

W Sylvia Moss

♠ K9842  
♥ J6  
♦ A43  
♣ 863

E Roger Lee

♠ A7  
♥ T9753  
♦ T97  
♣ AQJ

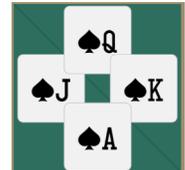
S Aaron Silverstein

SOU 5♥

Five pairs played Board 12 in 4H North/South ... all successful.

In Fleisher/Simson both tables played in spade partscores East/West...

Sylvia Moss and Roger Lee did well to find the favorable 4S save over the 4H game to push Rosenthal/Silverstein to the five level. Moss led the SJ (Ed. Note: note that this high wish trick was played in a row: J, Q, K, A!!):



Silverstein won the ace and played the HT to the queen. He cashed the HA and trumps were drawn. A small club from dummy was led to the jack and king. Moss played the S3, won by Lee's eight. Lee played a club which Silverstein won with the queen. He cashed the CA. The D7 went to Lee's ace and the contract was down one!

12 IMPs to Moss

15 SOUTH N-S

♠ A J 8 7 5  
♥ K J 9 2  
♦ T 9  
♣ 7 6

♠ Q 6 4 3  
♥ 7 6 5 3  
♦ Q 7 4  
♣ J T

♠ 2  
♥ Q T 8 4  
♦ 5 3 2  
♣ K 9 5 4 2

♠ K T 9  
♥ A  
♦ A K J 8 6  
♣ A Q 8 3

Par: 2210

NS	EW	10	12	10	13	12
NS	EW	3	1	3	0	1

Home team	Visiting team	Room	C	By	1	=	★	P
		NS	EW	Home	Visiting			
Nickell	Kolesnik	Open	4♠	N	♣2	+2	680	13
		Closed	6♠	S	♣J	+1	1460	
Fleisher	Simson	Open	5♠	S	♣J	+1	680	13
		Closed	6♠	N	♣2	=	1430	
Rosenthal	Moss	Open	4♠	N	♥4	+1	650	13
		Closed	6♠	N	♣2	+1	1460	
Spector	Beatty	Open	4♠	N	♦2	+2	680	13
		Closed	6♠	N	♥8	=	1430	

Look at the traveler for Board 15...

A 13 IMP swing in every match where one table bid the vulnerable slam and one didn't.

Rearrange the team compositions and there could be four pushes instead of four 13 IMP swings.

# Faces of the Game!



Directors: McKenzie Myers, Chris Wiegand, Ken Hordwedel



Jerry Stamatov



Geoff Hampson



Gavin Wolpert



Marc Jacobus



Chris Willenken



Joe Grue

# Limey Jack...

Blimey Yanks:

Apparently a ruling went far into your night, keeping Limey Jack from his morning cuppa.

Details unknown, but Rosenthal scuppered Moss to advance to the Semifinals.

Some familiar faces have managed to survive to the round of four. Limey Jack again cautions you to ignore that blathering Dung twit. He will cost you more than betting on Bitcoin. Limey Jack is sure to take a few quid off the punter.

Two of the pre-race favourites square off here:

Nickell-Fleisher: When Nickell manages to not put himself in bogs of Baskerville during the first furlong, they are formidable. Limey Jack believes this to be the case here. It should be noted that Nickell used one of his lives to get to this juncture.

Rosenthal-Spector: In past lore, Spector has been an enigma, flailing about. But recently they have seemed to have righted the lorry. As Rosenthal will have the adrenaline high wearing off from their late night frivolities, it is likely that Spector will have their way with them

Limey Jack will be here for the final in two days hence. Howie Dung may have his credentials removed by then. More's the pity.

Ta.

## Howie Doing...

Nickell v. Fleisher  
Should be good play.  
And in the end,  
It could go either way!

Lots of experience.  
Lots of great skill.  
But only one winner...  
It will be a thrill.

I am expecting  
You know how I'll pick...  
It's easier rhyming  
Something with Nick!

Match number 2  
Depends on committee.  
My pick is contingent  
And that is a pity!

If Spector v Rosenthal  
I am quite torn...  
But I'm thinking  
Andrew will win over Warren.

If it should be,  
The survivor is Moss.  
I don't think Spector  
Will suffer the loss!

Till Saturday, I remain... Howie Doing!!



Doug Simson



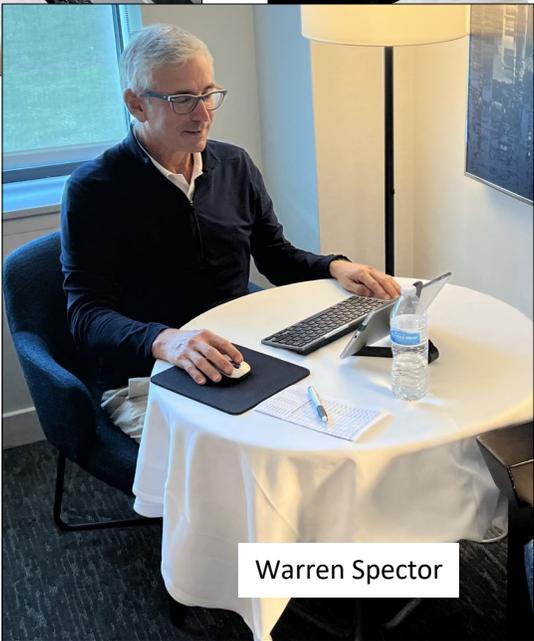
Brad Moss



Steve Beatty



John Kranyak



Warren Spector