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## WELCOME



Hi and welcome to the 2006 United States Bridge Championship. We're all excited to have such a great turn-out here and to be at such a wonderful site. With so many new players, and some new procedures, we have lots of information to give you. We hope that this Pre-Bulletin will answer all of your questions.

Jan Martel  
USBF President

## Round Robin Procedures

The Round Robin consists of 27 4-board matches. In order to save time, the matches are played in clumps of 4-4-5 matches on Friday and 4-4-6 matches on Saturday. The procedures for the clumps are the same for all but the last one.

- Pairings are not known until after lineups are submitted
- The pairs in the Closed Room may not change during the clump
- Open Room pairs may be changed after each match but must be determined in advance
- Before the clump, each team gives the DIC their lineup for the entire clump and receives in exchange a list of which teams they will be playing and at which tables
- Comparisons are allowed after each match, but only if you have finished early and will be able to get to the next table in a timely fashion. The Open and Closed rooms will be on different floors of the hotel, so this is very unlikely.
- During the final clump on Saturday, the Closed Room is sealed. No comparisons are allowed, even for the speedy teams.

We are trying something new this year. In the past we've only reported net VP's for the match. This year we will be showing board by board results with links to hand results. The North player at each table will be responsible for completing the Table Scorecard for the round. If you don't complete the Scorecard, your results will not be properly recorded on our website. And we will give your e-mail address to anyone who complains about missing results :)



Everything great about this tournament can be attributed to Joan's hard work. Anything wrong is due to other people not cooperating. We're able to hold the 2006 USBC here in White Plains only because of Joan, so if you like White Plains tell her so! Of course, if you don't like it, remember that Joan lives here, so be careful what you say :-).

#### 4 BOARD VP SCALE

Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10
1	10.61	9.39
2	11.2	8.8
3	11.76	8.24
4	12.29	7.71
5	12.8	7.2
6	13.29	6.71
7	13.75	6.25
8	14.18	5.82
9	14.6	5.4
10	15	5
11	15.38	4.62
12	15.74	4.26
13	16.09	3.91
14	16.42	3.58
15	16.73	3.27
16	17.03	2.97
17	17.31	2.69
18	17.58	2.42
19	17.84	2.16
20	18.09	1.91
21	18.33	1.67
22	18.56	1.44
23	18.78	1.22
24	18.98	1.02
25	19.17	0.83
26	19.35	0.65
27	19.52	0.48
28	19.69	0.31
29	19.85	0.15
30	20	0

#### Contestants:

- 1 or 2. EKEBLAD - Ekeblad-Rubin, Gitelman-Moss, Greco-Hampson
- 1 or 2. NICKELL - Nickell-Freeman, Meckstroth-Rodwell, Hamman-Soloway
3. JACOBS - Jacobs - Katz, Garner-Weinstein, Rosenberg-Zia
4. ROBINSON - Robinson-Boyd, Woolsey-Stewart, Morse-Wolff
5. WELLAND - Welland-Fallenius, Martel-Stansby, Casen-Krekorian
6. LYNCH - Lynch-Dawson, Berkowitz-Cohen, Passell-Wold
7. SCHWARTZ - Schwartz-Becker, Willenken-Baze, Hurd-Wooldridge
8. O'ROURKE - O'Rourke-Jacobus, Cohen-Smith, Cheek-Grue
9. WEED, NPC - Cayne-Seamon, Levin-Weinstein, Garozzo-Reisig
10. MAHAFFEY - Mahaffey-Shenkin, Cohler-Lair, Lev-Pszczola
11. MELTZER - Meltzer-Larsen, Bates-Sontag, Bramley-Feldman
12. ONSTOTT - Onstott-Hayden, Clerkin-Clerkin, Cohen-Compton
13. DEUTSCH - Deutsch-Chang, Chorush-Mohan, Lall-Lall
14. GORDON - Gordon-Burger, Landen-Pratap, Shivdasani-Allegaert
15. BATHURST - Bathurst-Silverstein, Doub-Wildavsky, Chan-Bianco
16. ROGOFF - Rogoff-Parker, Aker-Milgrim, Fleisher-Kamil
17. LEWIS - Lewis-Lewis, Chambers-Schermer
18. COLCHAMIRO - Cochamiro-Colchamiro, Bloom-Bloom
19. FOUT - Fout-Roman, Ehlers-Rengstorff
20. EISENSTEIN - Eisenstein-Westheimer-Rosenbloom, Glubok-Kopera
21. McKELLER - McKeller-Oshlag, Lamprey-Rosner
22. BUTLER - Butler-Dahl, Schwartz-Lo
23. MARTEL - Martel-Woolsey, Kearsse-Pollack, Gwozdzinsky-Herman
24. GREENBERG - Greenberg-Hand, Sprung-Sprung, Stansby-Ornstein
25. BROD - Brod-Earl, Stark-Baseggio, Nussbaum-Saxe
26. WEINSTEIN - Weinstein-Lee, Heitzman-Allen-Handelman
27. HARRIS - Harris-Morgan, Yang-Shi, Demirev-Gu
28. IVATURY - Ivatury-Gleick, Arias-Ray
29. RASMUSSEN - Rasmussen-Miller, Aquino-Virgile
30. BORKER - Borker-Proulx, Cohen-Gertner
31. ZELLER - Zeller-Zeller, Zeller-Cappelletti
32. ROWNTREE - Rowntree-Walker, Glasthal-Massimilla

#### SEEDING by Jan Martel

Teams are initially seeded in the USBC as follows:

Teams with byes are seeded based on Positioning Points earned during the cycle Other teams are seeded based on the average Individual Seeding Points of their players

After the Round Robin, the first and second place teams will receive an additional 8 team seeding points and the third place team will receive an additional 4 seeding points. The teams will then be reordered based on their initial seeding points plus those earned in the Round Robin. Then each pair of two teams (3-4, the two teams with byes to the Round of 16, 5-6, 11-12, and 13-14)2 will be randomly shuffled. The Round Robin winner is then entitled to ask that their pair be randomly shuffled again. After all of that, the bracket for the rest of the event will be fixed.

Individual seeding points are calculated based on each player's Positioning Points, Masterpoints and Vanderbilt / Spingold / Reisinger seeding points. For details, see the Conditions of Contest for the 2006 USBC. The missing positions are taken up by the two teams with byes to the semi-finals. In the Round of 16, #16 loses to #1, #15 loses to #2, #8 plays #9 and the winner loses to #1 in the Quarterfinals, #7 plays #10 and the winner loses to #2 in the Quarterfinals.

## HOSPITALITY NEWS

Hospitality Suite is located on the 12th Floor. All are welcome at the following hours:

8:30am till game time: Breakfast

1:00pm - 1:40pm - Sodas, coffee on 1st Friday and Saturday only

Lunch will be offered each day at the large break in mid-afternoon from the end of play to the beginning of the next segment. The Suite may be crowded for the first few days but the food and comradery will be up to USBF standards.

There are Restaurant Guides available in the Hospitality Suite. You will find that there are many good restaurants in every price range and many are within short walking distances. Others are just short cab rides away. Please call to check their hours and availability.

There is a deluxe market right on Bloomingdale Road, a very short, easy walk from the Hotel called Whole Foods. You can get prepared foods as well as fruit, juices etc... Bring money!! There is a much less expensive supermarket, Stop and Shop about a 10 minute walk; a short cab ride; or if Joan or Barbara are around,, and available they would be more than happy to drive you there.

Shopping is wonderful! The Westchester Mall is directly behind the hotel.... Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Pottery Barn, Restoration Hardware, Gap and Baby Gap; Coach, Cole Hahn, Sony, Apple Computer etc, etc. as well as plenty of food: A food Court; PF Chang's; City Limits Diner; Starbucks. Fortunoffs and Bloomingdales are also just down the road in the other direction - also walking distance.

Other Sports: Public Golf Courses are short distances away but if anyone wants to play, please contact Joan - she might be able to make other arrangements at a private course.

A short distance away is a train that runs to NYC almost 24 hours a day. The Hotel will take you to the train and pick you up if you call the hotel when you get back. So if anyone has the time, the city is a short 36 minute train ride away.

A movie theatre is about a ten minute walk. It is in a Mall that also has Target and Circuit City.

### Hotel Restaurant & Room Service Hours

#### Restaurant:

Breakfast: 6:30 am - 10:30 am

Lunch: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm (will be closed on Sat. Aug.19th)

Dinner: 6:00 pm to closing. If you are in restaurant by 9:30pm, they will remain open for you

Room Service: 6:00 am - midnight

Bar: Open till 1:00 am

Joan lives in White Plains. She has no sense of direction but is willing to tell what she knows.. and if all else fails, she does know who to ask. Welcome to White Plains. It's a great city!!!!

Barbara Nudelman and Joan Gerard

### Website & Vugraph Coverage of the 2006 USBC

By Jan Martel

We have very ambitious plans for internet coverage of this tournament. Your family and friends will be able to go to [www.usbc2006.org](http://www.usbc2006.org) for all sorts of

information about the tournament, including:

#### Team pages with:

- Links to the Systems information
- Brief biographies of the players who gave me biographical information
- Pictures of the players.

#### Results page with:

- For the Round Robin, results on individual boards linked to the hand records as well as the VP results of each match and the total VPs for each team.
- For the Round of 32, scorecards for each match, showing the Open and Closed Room contracts and results, linked to hand records. Possibly for one table we will have bidding and play records from a Vugraph presentation.
- For the Round of 16, scorecards for each match, with contracts and results linked to hand records which will have bidding for all of the tables and play for four of the eight.
- From the Quarterfinals on, scorecards with links to hand records with bidding and play for all tables.

#### The Results page will also have:

- A VP cross-table for the Round Robin
- A listing of the final placings in the Round Robin
- A bracket sheet for the entire event
- Scores for each segment and the total for the match. The segment scores will link to the scorecards with individual board results.

#### Other information pages with:

The time schedule, hotel information, lists of volunteers and contributors and anything else that seems useful (let me know if there's something that should be included).

#### BBO Vugraph

Our Vugraph coverage will also be extensive. One match (probably) from the Round of 32; 4 tables from the Round of 16 (we'll start with the Open Rooms from all the matches, but may go to both tables from the closer matches later); All 4 tables from the Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals. Because of our extensive Vugraph coverage, kibitzing at the table will be very limited. The Security provisions of the USBF General Conditions of Contest provide that kibitzers are not allowed at any table that is being shown on Vugraph. As a result, there will be no "live" kibitzing after the Round of 16. We will be showing one Vugraph table on a screen, probably in one of the guest rooms we are using as playing rooms during the Round Robin. We may also have a second projected Vugraph table in the hospitality suite.

#### How You Can Help

Thank you to all of you who provided me with advance information for the website. It wouldn't have been possible without you. During the tournament, I'm also going to need your help. Here are the main things I'm going to ask of you:

#### Round Robin & Round of 32 "Table Score Sheets"

There will be one Table Score Sheet for each match at each table during the Round Robin & Round of 32. The North player is responsible for completing the score sheet. It would be nice if you'd check it with the opponents. At the end of each match, when you change tables, please place the completed score sheet in the box that will be provided for it, near the coffee tables in the Open Room ballroom and in the hall outside of the Closed Rooms. During the Round of 32, we will probably have someone available to pick the score sheets up at the end of each 15 board segment. If you don't fill out and turn in these score sheets, there will be no way for us to enter the results into the computer so we can show individual board results on the website.

#### Help the Vugraph Operators do a Good Job

It's tough being a Vugraph operator – you have to pay attention to all the bids and plays, try to explain the alerts, answer both sensible and foolish questions from the commentators and audience, and not get in the players' way. You can make it much easier for the Vugraph operators (all of whom are volunteers, doing this so all the people around the world who want to watch you are able to) if you:

- Play your cards face up on the table so they can be seen (don't hide them with your hand or body).
- Be very clear about claims – how many overtricks or undertricks were claimed? If the operator gets it wrong, he or she can correct it in the movie, but that will result in losing the bidding and play from the hand (unless Fred finds an extra few hours in some day to fix that before this tournament).
- Hand the operator the notes about alerts after the end of the auction (if you remember).

#### Website Stuff

Smile when I take your picture. Give me or Jesus Arias, who is editing the Daily Bulletin, any interesting hands or anecdotes or whatever you think we should feature on the website or in the Bulletin.

Thank you all and have a great tournament.

## Event Schedule

### Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

10:00 pm open Captains meeting  
Hospitality Suite, 12th Floor

### Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>

(ROUND ROBIN; 1<sup>st</sup> of two days play)

10:30 am 1:10 Four 4-board Matches - Clumped  
1:10 pm 1:40 pm 30-minutes break  
1:40 pm 4:20 pm Four 4-Board Matches - Clumped  
4:20 pm 5:30 pm 70-Minutes Break  
5:30 pm 8:50 pm Five 4-Board Matches - Clumped

### Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

(ROUND ROBIN; 2<sup>nd</sup> day of two days play)

10:00 am 12:40 pm Four 4-Board Matches - Clumped  
12:40 pm 1:10 30-Minutes Break  
1:10 pm 3:50 pm Four 4-Board Matches - Clumped  
5:00 pm 9:00 pm Six 4-Board Matches  
Clumped & Closed Room Sealed

*Captains' Meeting immediately after conclusion of Round Robin*

### Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

(ROUND OF 32; 12 Teams 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF 1.5 DAYS PLAY)

10:00 am 12:15 pm Segment 1 (Boards 1-15)  
12:30 pm 2:45 pm Segment 2 (Boards 16-30)  
2:45 pm 4:00 pm 1 Hour 15 minute break  
4:00 pm 6:15 pm Segment 3 (Boards 31-45)  
6:30 pm 8:45 pm Segment 4 (Boards 46-60)

### Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

(ROUND OF 32; 12 Teams 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF 1.5 DAYS PLAY)

10:00 am 12:15 pm Segment 5 (Boards 61-75)  
12:30 pm 2:45 pm Segment 6 (Boards 76-90)

*Captains' Meeting immediately after conclusion of Round of 32*

2:45 pm 4:15 pm 1 Hour 30 minute break

(ROUND OF 16; 8 Teams 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF 1.5 DAYS PLAY)

4:00 pm 6:15 pm Segment 1 (Boards 1-15)  
6:30 pm 8:45 pm Segment 2 (Boards 16-30)

### Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

(ROUND OF 16; 8 Teams 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF 1.5 DAYS PLAY)

10:00 am 12:15 pm Segment 3 (Boards 31-45)  
12:30 pm 2:45 pm Segment 4 (Boards 46-60)  
2:45 pm 4:00 pm 1 Hour 15 minute break  
4:00 pm 6:15 pm Segment 5 (Boards 61-75)  
6:30 pm 8:45 pm Segment 6 (Boards 76-90)

*Captains' Meeting immediately after conclusion of Round of 16*

### Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

(QUARTERFINALS; 4 Teams 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF TWO DAYS PLAY)

10:00 am 12:15 pm Segment 1 (Boards 1-15)  
12:30 pm 2:45 pm Segment 2 (Boards 16-30)  
2:45 pm 4:00 pm 1 Hour 15 minute break  
4:00 pm 6:15 pm Segment 3 (Boards 31-45)  
6:30 pm 8:45 pm Segment 4 (Boards 46-60)

### Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

(QUARTERFINALS; 4 Teams - 2<sup>nd</sup> of two days play)

10:00 am 12:15 pm Segment 5 (Boards 61-75)  
12:30 pm 2:45 pm Segment 6 (Boards 76-90)  
2:45 pm 4:00 pm 1 Hour 15 minute break  
4:00 pm 6:15 pm Segment 7 (Boards 91-105)  
6:30 pm 8:45 pm Segment 8 (Boards 106-120)

*Captains' Meeting immediately after conclusion of Quarter finals*

### Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

(SEMIFINALS; 4 Teams - 1<sup>st</sup> of two days play)

10:00 am 12:15 pm Segment 1 (Boards 1-15)  
12:30 pm 2:45 pm Segment 2 (Boards 16-30)  
2:45 pm 4:00 pm 1 Hour 15 minute break  
4:00 pm 6:15 pm Segment 3 (Boards 31-45)  
6:30 pm 8:45 pm Segment 4 (Boards 46-60)

### Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

(SEMIFINALS; 4 Teams - 2<sup>nd</sup> of two days play)

10:00 am 12:15 pm Segment 5 (Boards 61-75)  
12:30 pm 2:45 pm Segment 6 (Boards 76-90)  
2:45 pm 4:00 pm 1 Hour 15 minute break  
4:00 pm 6:15 pm Segment 7 (Boards 91-105)  
6:30 pm 8:45 pm Segment 8 (Boards 106-120)

*Captains' Meeting immediately after conclusion of Semi-finals*

### Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

(FINAL; 2 Teams - 1<sup>st</sup> of two days play)

10:00 am 12:15 pm Segment 1 (Boards 1-15)  
12:30 pm 2:45 pm Segment 2 (Boards 16-30)  
2:45 pm 4:00 pm 1 Hour 15 minute break  
4:00 pm 6:15 pm Segment 3 (Boards 31-45)  
6:30 pm 8:45 pm Segment 4 (Boards 46-60)

### Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

(FINAL; 2 Teams - 2<sup>nd</sup> of two days play)

10:00 am 12:15 pm Segment 5 (Boards 61-75)  
12:30 pm 2:45 pm Segment 6 (Boards 76-90)  
2:45 pm 4:00 pm 1 Hour 15 minute break  
4:00 pm 6:15 pm Segment 7 (Boards 91-105)  
6:30 pm 8:45 pm Segment 8 (Boards 106-120)