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**UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**“Trials” and Tribulations**

**Round of 32**

5	Cohler	150	35	50	23	42
28	Yates	96	14	28	37	17
7	Meltzer	103	37	15	16	35
26	Nussbaum	96	12	39	31	14
10	Beatty	105	36	16	40	13
23	McKellar	115	31	22	39	23
11	Robinson	123	23	45	55	
22	McLaughlin	33	7	17	9	
12	Fleisher	158	46	32	38	42
21	Blanchard	152	17	36	43	56
13	Lewis	114	48	17	16	33
20	Ozdil	187	36	40	56	55
14	Rogoff	154	34	13	41	66
19	Cole	112	39	36	18	19

**Round of 16**

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30
3	Diamond	49	39	10
14	Rogoff	69	40	29
4	Jacobs	67	49	18
13	Ozdil	51	11	40
5	Cohler	63	10	53
12	Fleisher	59	39	20
6	Strul	51	20	31
11	Robinson	71	52	19
7	Meltzer	82	6	76
10	McKellar	53	38	15

**USA 2 — Round Robin**

Team Name	Total	5	3	2	1	6	4	7	BYE
5. Beatty	41.30					6.11	19.22	15.97	
3. Blanchard	40.59			12.96	12.63	15.00			
2. Lewis	31.77		7.04					14.73	10.00
1. Cole	28.95		7.37				11.58		10.00
6. Nussbaum	28.89	13.89	5.00						10.00
4. McLaughlin	21.83	0.78			8.42			12.63	
7. Yates	16.67	4.03		5.27			7.37		

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"The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none."  
-Thomas Carlyle

<b>Nickell</b>	Bye to SemiFinals	<b>Frank Nickell, Capt</b> <b>Robert Hamman</b> <b>Jeff Meckstroth</b>	<b>Richard Freeman</b> <b>Zia Mahmood</b> <b>Eric Rodwell</b>
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<b>Meltzer</b>		<b>Rose Meltzer, Capt</b> <b>Alan Sontag</b> <b>Neil Chambers</b>	<b>Kyle Larsen</b> <b>Roger Bates</b> <b>John Schermer</b>
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<b>Fleisher</b>		<b>Martin Fleisher, Capt</b> <b>Russell Ekeblad</b> <b>Ron Rubin</b>	<b>Michael Kamil</b> <b>Peter Weichsel</b> <b>Matthew Granovetter</b>
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<b>Weed</b>		<b>Jimmy Cayne</b> <b>Chuck Burger</b> <b>Greg Hinze</b>	<b>Michael Seamon</b> <b>Stephen Landen</b> <b>Nagy Kamel</b>
<b>Lewis</b>		<b>Paul Lewis, Capt</b> <b>Mark Itabashi</b> <b>Eddie Wold</b>	<b>Linda Lewis</b> <b>Ross Grabel</b> <b>Bart Bramley</b>
<b>Robinson</b>		<b>Steve Robinson, Capt</b> <b>Kit Woolsey</b> <b>Adam Wildavsky</b>	<b>Peter Boyd</b> <b>Fred Stewart</b> <b>Doug Doub</b>
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<b>Rogoff</b>		<b>Bruce Rogoff, Capt</b> <b>Doug Simson</b> <b>Glenn Milgrim</b>	<b>Josh Parker</b> <b>Walter Johnson</b> <b>Jeff Aker</b>
<b>Ozdil</b>		<b>Melih Ozdil, Capt</b> <b>Jiang Gu</b> <b>Xiaodong Shi</b>	<b>Mark Lair</b> <b>Jonathan Weinstein</b> <b>David Yang</b>
<b>Cole</b>		<b>William Cole, Capt</b> <b>Ai-Tai Lo</b> <b>Jian-Jian Wang</b>	<b>Alan Schwartz</b> <b>Hailong Ao</b> <b>John Adams</b>
<b>Ivatury</b>		<b>Uday Ivatury, Capt</b> <b>Christal Henner</b>	<b>Lapt Chan</b> <b>Ari Greenberg</b>
<b>Blanchard</b>		<b>Robert Blanchard, Capt</b> <b>Gail Greenberg</b> <b>John Hurd</b>	<b>Shane Blanchard</b> <b>Jeffrey Hand</b> <b>Joel Wooldridge</b>
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## All About Kibitzing

### WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. However, except in the Open Room during the Round Robin, you will be subject to the following regulations:

Kibitzers may enter the room **ONLY** at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed.

A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next session.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

### Screens

All of the USWBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see much, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

### USBF KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

1. General Rules
  - a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
  - b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
2. In the Open Room:
  - a. If there is a live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room, kibitzers shall abide by the same rules as those applicable to the Closed Room.
  - b. If there is no live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room then kibitzers, media, and NPC's may enter and return until such time as any table from the closed room has finished the segment. Once any table in the Closed room has finished, no one may return to the Open room after leaving unless escorted while absent.
  - c. In either event, Open Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room and returning (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
3. In the Closed Room:
  - a. Kibitzers must enter the Closed Room before play commences. Kibitzers in the closed room are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Closed Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
  - b. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
  - c. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.

<b>Sprung</b>	<b>Danny Sprung, Capt</b> <b>Abraham Pineles</b> <b>Michael Massimilla</b>	<b>Hal Mouser</b> <b>Alex Allen</b> <b>Louis Glasthal</b>
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<b>Yates</b>	<b>David Yates, Capt</b> <b>Michael McNamara</b>	<b>Daniel Wolkowitz</b> <b>Sylwia McNamara</b>

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## VuGraph Information

The 2009 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 32. In the Rounds of 32 and 16 we will be covering 1, 2 or 3 of the matches being played. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play.

To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch or download the BBO software to run BBO on your computer.

If you choose the latter approach, after downloading, install the software on your computer, log on, follow the directions to become a BBO member and you'll be magically transported to the Lobby of the largest bridge club in the world.

Click on the button labeled EXPLORE BRIDGE and then on the button labeled VUGRAPH THEATRE and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch.

There will usually be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, some of whom may prefer not to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are New York times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:00-12:10  
12:25-2:35  
3:45-5:55  
6:10-8:20

During the Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals, all of the teams will play the same boards, unless one or more matches gets sufficiently far behind that they have to start later than the other matches, in which case, for security reasons, they will play different boards.

During the Rounds of 32 & 16, all of the teams shown on Vugraph will play the same boards in the first and third segments each day. In the second and fourth segments, those matches that start on time will play the same boards.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2009 USBC.

Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

# USBF 7 Board VP Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.51	4.49	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19	1
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.76	3.24	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.3	6.7	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.8	0.2
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

## Important Message:

The Crowne Plaza Hotel will pick up anyone arriving at the White Plains train station daily if you call upon arrival at the station. The number for the front desk is: **1-914-682-0050**.

We want to accommodate the players in any way we can.

In the words of Alfred Hitchcock: "**The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.**"

**Remember: Bridge, too, is a timed event!**

## Hospitality Information

The hospitality suite for the 2009 USBC is in **Rooms 1206 & 1208** in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are always welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join us for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-10:00 am

**Lunch on Friday from 2:45-4:15**

**Lunch on Saturday from 1:35-3:30**

**Lunch, for the rest of the tournament, from 2:35-3:45**

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks and snacks at any other time, **except from 4:00-5:30 each afternoon**, when the suite will be closed for refreshing.

**FYI: There is an extensive restaurant guide available in the Hospitality Suite. Come anytime the suite is open and take one!!**

Joan and Barbara are looking forward to seeing you there!

What do you get when you cross an insomniac, an agnostic, and a dyslexic?  
"Someone who lies awake at night wondering if there really is a *DOG*."

A hydrogen atom comes running into a police station asking for help:

Hydrogen atom: "Somebody just stole my electron!"

Policeman: "Are you sure?"

Hydrogen atom: "Yes, I'm positive"

Q: How many nuclear engineers does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Seven: One to install the new bulb, and six to figure what to do with the old one for the next 10,000 years

One Day the Devil challenged the Lord to a baseball game.

Smiling the Lord proclaimed, "You don't have a chance, I've got Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, and all the greatest players up here."

"Yes", laughed the devil, "but I have all the umpires!"

Q: What do you get when you cross a tree with a baseball player?

A: Babe Root

## From the Jacobs/Ozdill Match

Board 22      ♠ KJ2  
 Dealer: E      ♥ A5  
 E/W Vul.      ♦ AQT54  
                  ♣ Q32

♠ T8763      ♠ A95  
 ♥ KJ873      ♥ QT  
 ♦              ♦ 63  
 ♣ K86        ♣ AJT974

♠ Q4  
 ♥ 9642  
 ♦ KJ9872  
 ♣ 5



West	North	East	South
Yang	Jacobs	Shi	Katz
		1♣	3♦
Double	3NT	Pass	4♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Cheek	Ozdil	Grue	Lair
		2♣ (Precision)	Pass
2♥	2NT	Pass	3NT
4♣	Double	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Ralph Katz preempted three diamonds on the South cards over an opening one club bid. When George bid three no-trump after the negative double, Ralph wisely pulled to four diamonds knowing the deck could not be rich enough for three no-trump to make. He probably expected a small gain on the board since East/West could make four spades on a club guess, but North/South would almost certainly sacrifice.

In the Open Room, Grue opened a precision two clubs and when the opponents bid 3NT, Cheek took insurance and bid four clubs. Ozdil had heard enough. He penalty doubled. Lair led his singleton club and Grue quickly scored eleven tricks for +910.

Imagine Katz's surprise when he gained 14 IMPs on the board.

## Taking the Premature Save ... Yates vs. Cohler

Board 12      ♠ A98542  
 Dealer: W      ♥  
 N/S Vul.      ♦ T92  
                  ♣ AJ92

♠ T76              ♠ J3  
 ♥ AQ432        ♥ KJT865  
 ♦ K63            ♦ 8  
 ♣ K3             ♣ Q754

♠ KO  
 ♥ 97  
 ♦ AQJ754  
 ♣ T86



In the Open Room, Passell and Mahaffey had an easy auction to four hearts. Passell opened one heart on the West cards; Mike McNamera over-called one spade; and Mahaffey jumped to the heart game and played it there unmolested. After losing a quick four tricks: one diamond, two spades and one club, declarer settled for down one or -50.

In the Closed room, Pepsi and Lev competed to four diamonds North/South. Wolkowitz, likely looking at the favorable vulnerability and his lack of defensive values, skipped the bidding to five hearts.

Pepsi doubled. Wolkowitz had the same losers as his counterparts in the other room ... unfortunately for him, he was doubled and playing one level higher...

The result was -300 and 6 IMPs to Cohler.

THURS. JUNE 4TH	10:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
<b>ROUND ROBIN 1</b>		
FRIDAY JUNE 5TH	10:00 - 12:15 12:30 - 2:45 4:15 - 6:30 6:45 - 9:00	BDS 1-7 & 8-14 CLUMPED BDS 15-21 & 22-28 CLUMPED BDS 29-35 & 36-42 CLUMPED BDS 43-49 & 50-56 CLUMPED
SATURDAY JUNE 6TH	10:00 - 11:05 11:20 - 1:35	BOARDS 57-63 BDS 64-70 & 71-77 CLUMPED
<b>ROUND OF 32</b>		
SATURDAY JUNE 6TH	3:30 - 5:40 5:55 - 8:05	SEGMENT 1, BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2, BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
<b>ROUND OF 16</b>		
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1, BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2, BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY JUNE 8TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
<b>QUARTERFINALS</b>		
MONDAY JUNE 8TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
TUESDAY JUNE 9TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>		
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY JUNE 11TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<b>FINALS</b>		
FRIDAY JUNE 12TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY JUNE 13TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

**USA1**  
**Schedule of Events**

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	3:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
ROUND OF 128 ROUND ROBIN (7 LOSING TEAMS FROM USA 1 R32)		
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	3:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 7:20	BOARDS 1-9 & 10-18, CLUMPED BOARDS 19-27
MONDAY JUNE 8TH	10:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 3:45	BOARDS 28-36 & 37-45, CLUMPED BOARDS 46-54 & 55-63, CLUMPED
ROUND OF 64 ( 5 USA1 R16 LOSERS + 5 TEAMS FROM R128)		
MONDAY JUNE 8TH		EVENING OFF TO REGROUP, PARTY OR PREPARE
TUESDAY JUNE 9TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
ROUND OF 32 (3 USA1 R8 LOSERS + 5 USA2 R64 WINNERS)		
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
ROUND OF 16 (4 ROUND OF 32 WINNERS)		
THURSDAY JUNE 11TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
QUARTER-FINALS		
FRIDAY JUNE 12TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SEMI-FINALS		
SATURDAY JUNE 13TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 15 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SUNDAY JUNE 14TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
FINALS (USA1 LOSING FINALIST VS USA2 SEMI WINNER)		
SUNDAY JUNE 14TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY JUNE 15TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90

USA2  
Schedule of Events



# A Rare Push... Hands from the Meltzer/Nussbaum Match

Board 24  
Dealer: W  
None Vul.

♠ KQJ2  
♥ QJT84  
♦ K  
♣ AQT

♠ A9864  
♥ 2  
♦ AQ43  
♣ J84



♠ T3  
♥ AK96  
♦ J98  
♣ 9753

♠ 75  
♥ 753  
♦ T7652  
♣ K62

In the round of 32, the Meltzer/Nussbaum match produced a rare push board. Even the auction was the same at both tables:

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Walker	Chambers	Rowntree
Heitzman	Sontag	Prahin	Bates
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

Both tables made two hearts for +470, losing three hearts, a diamond, and a spade.

This hand is another example of "The Five Level Belongs to the Opponents!"

West	North	East	South
Heitzman	Sontag	Prahin	Bates
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Double	4♠	5♦
5♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Walker	Chambers	Rowntree
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Double	2♠	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	5♦
Double	All Pass		

Board 22

Dealer: E

E/W Vul.

♠ 85  
♥ K653  
♦ K83  
♣ AQ87

♠ QJ  
♥ AJT97  
♦ JT  
♣ 9653



♠ AK76432  
♥ 2  
♦ 64  
♣ KJT

♠ T9  
♥ Q84  
♦ AQ9752  
♣ 42

In five spades, Heitzman/Prahin lost the obvious three tricks: two diamonds and a club.

In five diamonds doubled, Schermer/Chambers slopped a trick on defense, taking only two spades, one heart and one heart ruff. Schermer led the queen of spades and Chambers overtook with the king. He switched to his singleton heart, won by Schermer with the ace.

Schermer dutifully played the jack of hearts for Chambers to ruff. Chambers ruffed but failed to read the jack as being suit preference for spades. He cashed his spade ace and Schermer was out of entries. Had Chambers read the position correctly, he would have underled his spade ace and received another ruff. As it was the contract failed two tricks and the result was 9 IMPs to Meltzer.

The MegaMillions Lottery was a sponsored lottery in which 13 different states participated and a winning ticket hadn't been drawn in several months. Finally on Wednesday night, the MegaMillions jackpot was won – by five people in different states. Since the total was so large, each winner received over 70 million dollars. Each of the winners was interviewed shortly after discovering they held a winning ticket, revealing what each first planned to do with the sudden wealth. Determine the full name of each winner, what state each winner lived in, and what each planned to do first with their winnings.

1. Jeffrey didn't travel the world. Ms. Marsh didn't live in Massachusetts. Maria didn't buy a house.
2. The woman who quit working at her job didn't live in Montana. Ann Saint didn't pay off debts. The one whose last name was Price bought a house.
3. Ted's last name wasn't Cleft. Rhoda bought a new car.
4. The one who wanted to travel around the world lived in Mississippi.
5. The winner whose last name was Cleft lived in Missouri. Ted's last name wasn't Price.
6. The five winners were the one who lived in Michigan, Mr. Post, the woman who quit her job, Ann, and the one who lived in Massachusetts.

	Cleft	Marsh	Post	Price	Saint	Massachusetts	Michigan	Mississippi	Missouri	Montana	Buy a house	Buy a new car	Pay off debts	Quit working	Travel the world
Ann															
Jeffrey															
Maria															
Rhoda															
Ted															
Buy a house															
Buy a new car															
Pay off debts															
Quit working															
Travel the world															
Massachusetts															
Michigan															
Mississippi															
Missouri															
Montana															

Answers to Puzzle ... no Peeking!!

1st	Last	State	First	Name	Act
Ann	Saint	Missis-	Travel		
Jeffrey	Price	Mass.	Buy a		
Maria	Cleft	Miss-	Quit	Work-	
Rhoda	Marsh	Mich.	Buy car		
Ted	Post	Mont.	Pay		

# The Lottery Winners

## Baseball Humor...

A young lady arrived at her first ballgame during the 5th inning. "The score is 0 to 0," she heard a nearby fan say. "Oh, good," she cooed to her boyfriend, "then we haven't missed a thing."

Bill Clinton was at a baseball game. Before the game began a secret service man came up to him and whispered in his ear. President Clinton suddenly picked up Hillary and threw her out on the field. The secret service man came running up to him and said, "Mr. President Sir, I think you misunderstood me; I said throw out the first pitch."

Q: What is the difference between baseball and law?

A: In baseball, if you're caught stealing, you're out.

A recent Scottish immigrant attends his first baseball game in his new country and after a base hit he hears the fans roaring run....run! The next batter connects heavily with the ball and the Scotsman stands up and roars with the crowd in his thick accent: "R-r-run ya bahstard, r-run will ya!" A third batter slams a hit and again the Scotsman, obviously pleased with his knowledge of the game, screams "R-r-run ya bahstard, r-r-run will ya!" The next batter held his swing at three and two and as the ump calls a walk the Scotsman stands up yelling "R-r-run ya bahstard, r-r-run!" All the surrounding fans giggle quietly and he sits down confused.

A friendly fan, sensing his embarrassment whisper, "He doesn't have to run, he's got four balls."

After this explanation the Scotsman stands up in disbelief and screams, "Walk with pr-r-ride man!"

Wade Boggs, Steve Garvey and Pete Rose are in a bar. A pretty woman walks by and Boggs says, "I'm going to ask her out." Garvey replied, "You can't do that, she's carrying my baby." To which Rose added, "You wanna bet?"

Q: What is the difference between Yankee fans and dentists?

A: One roots for the yanks, and the other yanks for the roots.

Baseball fans are hoping that President Clinton may throw out the first pitch at one of the World Series games. Normally, we'd ask Hillary," said a baseball spokesman. "Because she seems to be the one with the balls."

Q: Why is it so windy at Candlestick Park? A: Because of all the Giant Fans!

For those of you who asked about why Ron Gerard was playing in Bill Pollock's stead, Bill had to leave the tournament early due his father's unexpected illness.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill and his family.

**Remember: Absolutely no Electronic Devices are Allowed in the Playing Area**

## From the Round Robin... submitted by Flash Gordon

Board 58  
Dealer: E  
All Vul.

♠ T543  
♥ J98732  
♦  
♣ K52

♠ A2  
♥ 4  
♦ AKJ9652  
♣ T43



♠ KO6  
♥ AQT  
♦ Q7  
♣ AQJ87

♠ J987  
♥ K65  
♦ T843  
♣ 96

One of the more interesting exhibits from the second day Round Robin matches was Board 58.

After a 2NT opener, one approach with the diamond hand is to assume that partner holds at least three small diamonds or Qx, and simply bid four clubs (Gerber.) The more 'scientific' approach would invoke whatever mechanism the partnership uses for minor suit slam exploration. Something on the order of 2NT-3♠\*-3NT-4♦\*\*-4NT-5NT-6NT-? might allow the 2NT opener to participate in choosing the final contract. (Since partner can't know about the 7th diamond, it feels right to bid a grand; however, grand slams off a possible cashing ace aren't high on anyone's short list of favorite contracts.)

Looking at both hands, we'd prefer to play 7NT to avoid an opening lead through one of the rounded AQ holdings. (Indeed, one match produced a push in seven diamonds when the opening lead at one table was a heart... Declarer rose ace and later took a club finesse... and at the other table, the opening lead was a club... Declarer looked at his LHO and took the first round finesse. Know your customer!)

The final hurdle, assuming we get to declare 7NT on a pointed-suit lead, is to find a 13th trick. The small mathematical advantage of laying down the club ace and falling back on the heart finesse may well not compensate for having

to give up the table feel of running pointed suit winners and coming down to a 3 card ending.

In the Mets bracket, this board was played 10 times and only the Kahn East/West reached 7NT. Five other pairs bid the grand in diamonds. Certainly, some of those pairs may have declared diamonds from the East hand.

## From the Beatty/Gerard Match... submitted by Jeff Miller

Board 53  
Dealer: N  
N/S Vul.

♠ JT9  
♥ KJ93  
♦ AKJ53  
♣ Q

♠ K653  
♥ A842  
♦ 74  
♣ A72



♠ 7  
♥ T  
♦ 982  
♣ KJT98543

♠ AQ842  
♥ Q765  
♦ QT6  
♣ 6

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Beatty	Rosner	Gerard
	1♦	4♣	Double
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Beatty/Gerard played 4♥ after the 4♣ pre-empt from Rosner. Rosner led his singleton spade and Beatty stepped up in dummy to win the trick. He played a heart to the king, catching the ten and a heart back to the queen. Sanborn ducked, creating some real defensive pressure. If Beatty carries on with trumps, he is a trick short. He needs to develop a spade trick first, so he led a spade from dummy. Now he has ten tricks if the defenders play trumps.

Instead, Sanborn played two rounds of clubs, tapping the dummy. Once again, Beatty cannot lead trumps or Sanborn will win, and tap again. Instead, he pitched his last spade, planning to use dummy's spades as "substitute trumps." But first there was one other little problem. He

could not let Sanborn pitch diamonds on the spades. Having a complete count on the hand, he accurately played exactly two diamonds before leading spades from the dummy.

This was good play by all, and a nice illustration of handling bad trump splits as well as card reading. It avoided a big loss, since 620 was also scored in the other room. Amazingly, the eight-card club suit was never mentioned (!) in that room and North/South managed to make four spades.

## **Pablo Prognosticates!**

Hola!!

It's a beautiful night in Brazeel.

I peek four out of seven from the Round of 32... not bad at all. Natasha called from the Riviera to congratulate me... Thanks to Cohler, Meltzer, Robinson and Rogoff!! What befell Lewis, Beatty, and Blanchard? Beatty, Bramley and Blanchard no can play for the Astros since they are NOT the killer bees! They were killed and now they play in the USA2 Round Robin.

Who to peek for the round of 16? I'm sticking with Cohler, Robinson, Meltzer (love those fillies) and Rogoff... and I'm adding the leemo king to the meex. It gives me a good mix of Chaos (Cohler), Reality (Robinson, Rogoff), Magic (Meltzer) and Luck (Leemo)! I love alliteration!

In the USA2 Round Robin, only two teams fail to qualify... It is easier to peek the losers than the weeners. In thees case, McLaughlin and Yates are down for the count. The others survive for another day. In other words, McLaughlin Melts and Yates Yields!! Safe treeps home you two!!

Buenos Noches!! Up to you Jack!

Pablo

## **Who Don't Know Jack?**

Good morning Boys and Girls.

In the matches that matter most, there are what I would deem a couple of upsets brewing.

Rogoff, which would seem to be outgunned, is giving Diamond all that and more. Can Rogoff hold on? Only Limey Jack can say for certain, but indeed they can. Diamond will have to come through fringes.

Jacobs put a pasting on my favourite team, Ozdil. Is it the end of the current dream for Melih and crew? They did make a nice comeback in the second chucker but they need more. I believe they will also be playing against Diamond quite soon.

Cohler, who keeps putting one foot in the grave, has again come back to be leading by 5 over the three Amigos. However, all good things must end and so it shall be for Cohler. The triple double squad will prevail.

Robinson, which will make it all the way to the semis, continues to pound their opponents. Strul will join some other good teams with one strike against them.

Alas, the last team from the Isles will be bidding adieu, possibly at the end of the third quarter. Meltzer is unbeatable on this day.

This is Limey Jack signing off from Merry Old England.

Cheers.