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**UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**“Trials” and Tribulations**

**USA1**

**SemiFinals**

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120
1	<b>Nickell</b>	80	44	7	16	13				
4	<b>Fleisher</b>	148	31	53	35	29				
2	<b>Welland</b>	112	35	9	31	37				
3	<b>Robinson</b>	143	40	65	15	23				

**USA2**

**Round of 32**

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60
5	<b>Ozdil</b>	145	52	17	11	65
14	<b>Diamond</b>	131	12	43	63	13
6	<b>Rogoff</b>	122	30	37	39	16
13	<b>Jacobs</b>	152	46	48	13	45
7	<b>Meltzer</b>	125	38	28	27	32
12	<b>Cohler</b>	128	50	35	24	19
10	<b>Nussbaum</b>	66	22	20	24	0
11	<b>Strul</b>	170	77	57	36	0

In today's action, we will see Ozdil against Strul and Cohler against Jacobs in the USA2 matchups.

In addition to this, we will follow the second half of the USA1 competition.

Don't miss the events as they unfold. Tune into BridgeBaseOnline and watch the festivities firsthand.

See you there!



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**'Today is a gift, that is why it is called The Present.'**

<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>
<b>Welland</b>	Bye to Rnd of 8	<b>Roy Welland, Capt</b> <b>Steve Garner</b> <b>Billy Cohen</b>	<b>Chris Willenken</b> <b>Howard Weinstein</b> <b>Ron Smith</b>
<b>Jacobs</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>George Jacobs, Capt</b> <b>Bobby Levin</b> <b>Joe Grue</b>	<b>Ralph Katz</b> <b>Steve Weinstein</b> <b>Curtis Cheek</b>
<b>Diamond</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>John Diamond, Capt</b> <b>Eric Greco</b> <b>Fred Gitelman</b>	<b>Brian Platnick</b> <b>Geoff Hampson</b> <b>Brad Moss</b>
<b>Strul</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>Aubrey Strul, Capt</b> <b>David Berkowitz</b> <b>Chip Martel</b>	<b>Michael Becker</b> <b>Larry Cohen</b> <b>Lew Stansby</b>
<b>Cohler</b>		<b>Gary Cohler, Capt</b> <b>Jacek Pszczola</b> <b>Mike Passell</b>	<b>Michael Rosenberg</b> <b>Sam Lev</b> <b>Jim Mahaffey</b>
<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>Beatty</b>		<b>Steve Beatty, Capt</b> <b>Michael Moss</b>	<b>Bill Pollack</b> <b>Brian Glubok</b>
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<b>Lewis</b>		<b>Paul Lewis, Capt</b> <b>Mark Itabashi</b>	<b>Linda Lewis</b> <b>Ross Gabel</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>
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# Hands from the Jacobs/Rogoff Match...

Board 10  
 Dealer: E  
 All Vul.  
 ♠ 42  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ JT532  
 ♣ T5432

♠ KQJ765  
 ♥ AQ75  
 ♦ A74  
 ♣  
 ♠ T98  
 ♥ 9642  
 ♦ 98  
 ♣ AQJ8  
 ♠ A3  
 ♥ KT83  
 ♦ KO6  
 ♣ K976



West	North	East	South
Parker	Levin	Rogoff	S. Weinstein
		Pass	1NT
2♣ (majors)	2♦	2♥	3♦
3♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Cheek	Simson	Grue	Johnson
		Pass	1NT
2♣ (majors)	2♦	3♥	Pass
3♣	4♣	Double	All Pass

Rogoff played four hearts and settled for down one when hearts broke 4-1. It's unlikely that he expected to lose 14 IMPs on the hand.

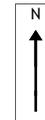
At the other table, it was clear that no one steals from Doug Simson. After making a free bid of two diamonds, he pressed on over three spades and bid four clubs. With AQJ8 of trumps and a partner who had shown the majors, Grue couldn't figure out where Simson thought he'd collect his tricks. Accordingly, he doubled and 800 later, went happily on to the next board... 14 IMPs to Jacobs

West	North	East	South
Cheek	Simson	Grue	Johnson
			1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Parker	Levin	Rogoff	S. Weinstein
			2♦ (Flannery)
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Board 11  
 Dealer: S  
 None Vul.  
 ♠ Q3  
 ♥ A532  
 ♦ KJ73  
 ♣ 532

♠ 98754  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ QT842  
 ♣ Q9  
 ♠ AK  
 ♥ J9  
 ♦ A965  
 ♣ A8764



♠ JT62  
 ♥ KQT876  
 ♦  
 ♣ KJT

Bart Bramley wasn't in this match, but believe me, he's proud of the result. Flannery has long been Bart's favorite convention... and it should be Weinstein and Levin's after this hand too.

Johnson opened one heart on the South cards in the Open Room. This put Cheek on lead with the obvious 98754 of spades. Why would he choose another lead? He had no idea that declarer held four spades. He led the nine of spades to Grue's king, and Grue tabled a low club. Simson played low and lost two tricks in each black suit and a ruff.

In the Closed Room, Weinstein opened Flannery. Levin jumped to the heart game. Rogoff didn't want to set up the spades so he disdained the spade lead. He didn't want to lead from J9 of trumps, so he had to choose between his unsupported aces. Having more clubs than diamonds, it was more likely that a club trick could disappear. In keeping with this thinking, Rogoff chose the ace of clubs.

This lead turned out to be fatal. When the ace of clubs held, Rogoff continued the suit. Levin bounced with Dummy's king, felling Parker's queen. Bobby drew trump and conceded two spades... making four ... another 11 IMPs to Jacobs.

## 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.

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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.

## Distinctive Tombstone!



### 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!

## Hand-y Man

A gynecologist had become fed up with malpractice insurance and HMO paperwork, and was burned out.

Hoping to try another career where skillful hands would be beneficial; he decided to become a mechanic.

He went to the local technical college, signed up for evening classes, attended diligently and learned all he could.

When the time of the practical exam approached, the gynecologist prepared carefully for weeks, and completed the exam with tremendous skill.

When the results came back, he was surprised to find that he had obtained a score of 150%.

Fearing an error, he called the Instructor, saying, "I'm grateful for such an outstanding result, but I wonder if there is an error in the grade."

The instructor said, "During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which was worth 50% of the total mark. You put the engine back together again perfectly, which is also worth 50% of the mark."

After a pause, the instructor added, "I gave you an extra 50% because you did it all through the muffler, which I've never seen done in my entire career."

## From the Nickell/Fleisher Match...

Board 39     ♠ Q52  
 Dealer: S     ♥ AQ52  
 All Vul.     ♦ J98  
                  ♣ T94

♠ J7  
 ♥ 96  
 ♦ QT6532  
 ♣ A85



♠ AT83  
 ♥ T43  
 ♦ K7  
 ♣ J762

♠ K964  
 ♥ KJ87  
 ♦ A4  
 ♣ KQ3

Both rooms played 3NT from South. Both Wests led a small diamond and both declarers made the mathematically favored play of the eight from dummy to the king and ace.

Since declarer needs to drive out both black aces, diamonds must be 6-2 for the hand to make. Looking at all the hands, we can see that simply laying down the king of clubs will work well since the jack of clubs is in the pocket. Declarer isn't playing double dummy.

Eric Rodwell, declarer in the Closed Room, won the diamond lead and led a spade to dummy's queen and Rubin's ace. A diamond was returned and he had no play.

Since the jack of clubs and ace of clubs are equally likely to be favorably placed, Mike Kamil found a small improvement on the play in the Open Room. As a result, he made 3NT. He crossed to dummy in hearts and led a spade FROM dummy... a variant on the Morton's Fork.

When RHO holds the ace of spades, he is not likely to rise and declarer can now revert to clubs. In the event that RHO rises with the spade ace, declarer has a good play for three spade tricks and will not need to drive out the club.

In the actual case, RHO ducked. Kamil won his spade king and played the club king from hand. As long as the club jack was on his right, the opponents were helpless.

Even if RHO held both black aces, Kamil might have had time to develop a ninth trick since the diamonds would be stranded.

Kudos to Kamil for an outstanding line of play.

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

## BIGTRAIN Derailed!!

Board 16     ♠ 9832  
 Dealer: W     ♥ T7  
 E/W Vul.     ♦ 52  
                  ♣ AQ873

♠ KQ  
 ♥ AK  
 ♦ AQJ963  
 ♣ J95



♠ AJ6  
 ♥ 86543  
 ♦ K7  
 ♣ K42

♠ T754  
 ♥ QJ92  
 ♦ T84  
 ♣ T6

West	North	East	South
Johnson	Katz	Simson	Jacobs
1♣ (strong)	Pass	1♠ (5 or more ♥)	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

For those of you who may not know it, Walter Johnson plays on Bridge Base Online under the alias: Bigtrain. Here Walter, and his partner, Doug Simson were merrily bidding their way to toward slam when suddenly Simson passed four hearts and there they were.

Four hearts made five ... but 6NT was cold. Bigtrain better instruct the ca-boose to stay on the track next time!

At the other table, they played 3NT making six for a 1 IMP gain to Jacobs.

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
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## Classic Putdowns!

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." – Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." – Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." – Groucho Marx

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." – Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." – Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend... if you have one." -- George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill... followed by Churchill's response:  
"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second, if there is one." – Winston Churchill

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." – Stephen Bishop

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." – John Bright

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." -- Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." – Samuel Johnson

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." – Paul Keating

"He had delusions of adequacy." – Walter Kerr

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" – Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." – Oscar Wilde

Lady Astor once remarked to Winston Churchill at a Dinner Party, "Winston, if you were my husband, I would poison your coffee!" Winston replied, "Madam if I were your husband I would drink it!"

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# Sudoku

Answers to Puzzle ... no Peeking!!

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

## **APHORISM:**

### **A SHORT, POINTED SENTENCE EXPRESSING A WISE OR CLEVER OBSERVATION OR A GENERAL TRUTH.**

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a cat and you will have a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM. It could be a right number.
13. No one ever says 'It's only a game.' when their team is winning.
14. I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.
15. Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
17. Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!)
18. Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.
19. After 50, IF you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead!!
20. Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind, and the ones who mind, don't matter!

**"Humankind cannot stand very much reality."**

*-T.S. Eliot*

**"A good listener is a good talker with a sore throat."**

*-Katharine Whitehorn*

# Appeals 2, 3, and 4 ... read on...

Table 5, USA2

Board 1     ♠ AKQ874  
 Dealer: N    ♥ AK6  
 None Vul.    ♦ AKT  
               ♣ A

West	North	East	South
	2♣	All Pass	

♠ 96  
 ♥ JT  
 ♦ 52  
 ♣ Q975432



♠ J3  
 ♥ Q7532  
 ♦ 764  
 ♣ KT8

♠ T52  
 ♥ 984  
 ♦ QJ983  
 ♣ J6

After a few seconds the person who passed his partner's 2C opening realized what he had done and gasped "wait, wait". He was not allowed to change his call since the call was not inadvertent but deliberate, i.e. an intended call caused by not seeing the auction correctly.

**Committee Decision:**

The Committee had no reason to disturb the ruling, since no facts were established to demonstrate that East's Pass was inadvertent. East admitted that he did not see the 2♣ bid, so he intended to pass on the auction he saw.

The Committee felt that Trials players should know to identify rulings on matters of law, appeals from which are severely limited in scope.

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Double	2♥	3♥	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Board 13  
 Dealer: N  
 Both Vul.  
 ♠ Q73  
 ♥ K842  
 ♦ AQ87  
 ♣ KT

♠ KJ94  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ KT92  
 ♣ AJ95



♠ AT852  
 ♥ A63  
 ♦ 643  
 ♣ 87

♠ 6  
 ♥ QJT95  
 ♦ J5  
 ♣ Q6432

After 2♥-3♥, the tray remained on the other side of the screen for over one minute. After the 4♠ bid, the director was summoned by the player on the same side of the screen as the slow passer. After the hand was played, the Director determined that there had indeed been a one minute break in tempo and the break in tempo was noticed by the players on the other side of the screen. Six players were asked about the hand and all six bid 4♠ (quickly) and did not consider passing. The table result was allowed to stand (E/W +620, 4♠ making 4.)

**Committee Decision**

The Committee agreed with the poll (all 6 respondents bid 4♠, 5 did so without thought) that Pass was not a Logical Alternative to 4♥, thus making irrelevant the issue of whether any Unauthorized Information had been transmitted from the other side of the screen. Although East did not commit himself to bidding game when he bid 3♥ (it was assumed he would have passed had the auction continued Pass - 3♠ - Pass), the auction literally dictated that he bid 4♠ for all the obvious reasons - partner almost certainly had a singleton heart, either game might make, etc. The Committee upheld the table result of 4♠ making 4.

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Board 17  
 Dealer: N  
 None Vul.

♠ T5 ♥ KQJ987 ♦ KJ7 ♣ QJ	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">           N            ↑         </div>	♠ KQ62 ♥ A5 ♦ A986 ♣ A87
♠ J3 ♥ T63 ♦ T542 ♣ T953		

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♣ (strong)	Pass
1NT (12+HCP & ♥)	Pass	2♣ (clubs or balanced hand)	Pass
2♥ (six hearts)	Pass	3♥ (sets trump)	Pass
3NT (♦ shortage)	Pass	4♣ (cuebid)	Pass
4♦ (1st round control)	Pass	5♦ (two keycards w/o queen... excluding diamonds)	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

There was a one to two minute time lapse before the tray came back with 5♥-P. The Director was summoned after the 6♥ bid. Six players were questioned about the bidding and three said they would pass 5♥. Other players were questioned about bidding slam with various possible hands and the consensus was that there were some likely hands where slam would be below 50%. The Director assigned a score of 480 to N/S (5♥ making 6.)

### Committee Decision

The Committee did not view this as a typical Hesitation Blackwood auction, both because West had not asked for keycards and because two keycards could not be missing with the opponents holding the KQJ of diamonds according to system. Therefore East was entitled to reconstruct possible West hands to determine whether slam would be desirable. East had contended that West would not bid 2♥ with only J109xxx but would rebid his 4-card black suit, so that if the KQ of hearts were missing West would have a 7-card suit. No evidence was introduced to support this contention. The Committee felt that in what was essentially a coded auction, West's exercise of judgment would more likely be limited to promoting an 11-count than making a rebid that in theory denied a 6-card suit when he held one.

Thus given a 12 or promoted 11-count and a diamond void, there were hands on which E-W wanted to be in slam (Axxx, QJxxxx, -, KQx; AJx, J10xxxxx, - KQx), hands on which they wouldn't really care (Axx, KJ10xxx, -, QJxx; AJx, Jxxxxxx, -, KQJ) and hands on which they didn't want to be in slam (Jxx, KJ10xxx, -, KQJx; AJx, Q9xxxx, -, KQxx). It was clear even without the poll that had been taken (3 out of 6 passed 5♥, and all of the others thought about it) that Pass was an LA.

The Committee agreed that some part of West's hesitation was likely to be confirming the meaning of 5♦, but the fact that it lasted well beyond normal indicated that West had continued interest in slam after processing the Exclusion Keycard information. Thus the hesitation did demonstrably suggest that East bid 6♥, which he could not be permitted to do. The fact that West had a completely different problem was not relevant, since all that mattered was East's perception consistent with their methods. The Committee upheld the directors' ruling to adjust the score to 5♥, making 6.

Finally, the Committee thought that it is incumbent on pairs playing exotic methods to be aware of system-created tempo sensitive situations so as not to create a possible advantage for their side. That is not to say that East wouldn't have engaged in the same analysis he did over 5♥ without a hesitation and made the same decision. Rather, when system players like East and West both know that a slow signoff like 5♥ could be caused in part by system uncertainty, they can not benefit when East chooses a winning action after extended system review that such uncertainty encourages.

## Jack Gets His Revenge...

Pablo, Pablo, Pablo.

My little Spanish friend; you got so excited that you finally got more right than wrong. Alas, it was so short lived as today you resumed your normal position on the totem pole; bottom. Please note that Limey Jack had ALL the winners and ALL the leaders in USA 1. Not only that but Limey Jack even called the matches where pippage occurred and those of a more substantial gappage.

My word it feels good to be perfect.

Limey Jack does not get any extra bob for hands, but this one will be talked about for a long time to come. My best boy Melih bid to a grand slam in his match against Diamond where at one point they were down 53 in the fourth quarter. Their side suit of Clubs was QJx opposite xxx. When the grand was doubled, Melih redoubled, the wrong suit was led and a 19 imp swing went scurrying to Istanbul.

Ozdil is playing as though they fear no man. Let's have them knock off the Strul team tomorrow, shall we. There are many partnerships at this event that are in their swan song; of which the most famous is Berkowitz-Cohen. Godspeed, gentle fellows.

Jacobs-Cohler: Very tough to call. With 3 New Yorkers to only two, I shall give home field advantage, as well as the win, to Jacobs.

In the main event; just to show that there is honour among thieves, I shall spot Pablo 30 imps to use as he sees fit and take the front running duo just as I predicted yesterday.

Cheers to all you Yanks and enjoy the show.

## Pablo Picks up the Pieces...

No one can be perfect every day. Jack was only semi-perfect in spite of his claim of infallibility ... Don't take any wooden Nickells, Jack... remember team Nickell has had some memorable comebacks. If my memory serves me right, one of those comebacks was against the limo king... and you're picking the king to pull through tomorrow.

The Cohler-Jacobs match is a tough call. Cohler is apt to get hung up in the car wash... but since I have 30 IMPs to play with, I'll take Jacobs plus 30 ... and Cohler straight up. Jacobs is good but Cohler is Smokin' ... only outside please!!

Your Turkish buddy and his team are heading home. You can smoke anywhere in Istanbul and still not lose three IMPs. It'll be a "grand" day for Strul... not Ozdil... when the smoke clears.

And I must apologize for my typo yesterday... Ed Shapiro of Camp Hill, PA pointed out that it is the Chevy Nova, not the Chevy Vega that is the "no Go" limo... not that either one of them was worth driving... and we all wonder why GM is in the throes of bankruptcy.

See you manana!!

Pablo



## From the Diamond/Ozdil Match...

Board 51     ♠ JT942  
 Dealer: S     ♥ 72  
 E/W Vul.     ♦ T5  
                  ♣ AK95

♠  
 ♥ AJ3  
 ♦ AKQJ764  
 ♣ QJ2



♠ KQ8  
 ♥ KQT8654  
 ♦  
 ♣ 876

♠ A7653  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ 9832  
 ♣ T43

West	North	East	South
Lair	Greco	Ozdil	Hampson
			Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Redouble	All Pass

Going into the fourth quarter of yesterday's match, Ozdil was trailing by 34 IMPs.

The first five boards of the final segment didn't change this score. Obviously Ozdil and Lair needed some swings.

With that in mind, Lair gambled on a small slam on Board 51 and Ozdil, not realizing that Lair had taken the gamble, upped the ante by raising it to a grand slam.

Given Lair's jump to six hearts, it's likely he holds a void somewhere. Otherwise, he could have easily Blackwooded instead of guessing the slam.

The seven heart bid by an aggressive player is a good gamble when his team needs a swing. In the absence of this match condition and the known gambling penchant of East, it would seem that North's double clearly asked for a diamond lead ... the only suit that West bid naturally. If he had never bid a suit, one could argue the double is for clubs. In this case, it appears North was probably trying to tell his partner that he had a cashing ace and expected to beat the hand.

Unfortunately for Hampson/Greco, with no double, South probably would lead a club since he suspects a spade void. Instead, he played the double to call for the lead of dummy's first bid suit, and dutifully led the called for diamond.

Lair/Ozdil scored +2940 for a gain of 18 IMPs. At the other table, Gitelman and Moss bid six hearts but Shi and Yang took the six spade sacrifice, going down five for -1100.

Four old retired guys are walking down a street in Naples, Florida . They turned a corner and see a sign that says, 'Old Timers Bar - all drinks 10 cents.' They look at each other, and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true. The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, 'Come on in and let me pour one for you!

What'll it be, Gentlemen?' There seemed to be a fully-stocked bar, so each of the men ask for a martini. In short order, the bartender serves up four iced martinis...shaken, not stirred, and says, 'That'll be 10 cents each, please' The four men stare at the bartender for a moment. Then look at each other...they can't believe their good luck.

They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round. Again, four excellent martinis are produced with the bartender again saying, 'That's 40 cents, please.' They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity is more than they can stand. They have each had two martinis and so far they've spent less than a dollar. Finally one of the men says, 'How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime a piece?' 'I'm a retired air traffic controller,' the bartender said, and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery for \$25 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime - wine, liquor, beer, it's all the same. "Wow!!!! That's quite a story," says one of the men. The four of them sipped at their martinis and couldn't help but notice seven other people at the end of the bar who didn't have drinks in front of them, and hadn't ordered anything the whole time they were there.

One man gestures at the seven at the end of the bar without drinks and asks the bartender, "What's with them?" The bartender says, "Oh, they're all bridge players. They're waiting for happy hour when drinks are half price."

Board 58     ♠ QJ542  
 Dealer: E     ♥ A74  
 All Vul.     ♦ T2  
                  ♣ QT8

♠ T8763  
 ♥ 96  
 ♦ KQ76  
 ♣ 96



♠ 9  
 ♥ KT852  
 ♦ 854  
 ♣ J732

♠ AK  
 ♥ QJ3  
 ♦ AJ93  
 ♣ AK54

The Ozdil team benefited from another slam swing later in the match.

This time it was Yang/Shi who bid an aggressive 31 HCP no-trump slam from South.

Looking at just the N/S cards, some luck will be necessary... probably the king of hearts outside and split diamond honors... certainly not a high percentage slam.

Gitelman led a high diamond from his KQ and Shi showed himself to be an able declarer.

He won the diamond and returned a diamond. Gitelman won this and continued the suit. Shi now cashed the spade AK on which Moss discarded a heart. Shi continued ace of clubs and a club to the queen and then cashed the spade QJ, discarding hearts from his hand.

This created the following four card end position:

On the play of a third club, Gitelman discarded a diamond, delaying the pain.

Shi won the club king and cashed the jack of diamonds.

Gitelman was forced to give up his heart guard, and simultaneously, Moss was squeezed in hearts and clubs.

Moss chose to discard a heart and the last two tricks were taken by dummy's A7 of hearts.

Nice play, Xiaodong, for a 13 IMP gain.

♠ 5  
 ♥ A7  
 ♦  
 ♣ T

♠ T  
 ♥ 96  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣



♠  
 ♥ KT  
 ♦  
 ♣ J7

♠  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ K5

## Odoriffic...

"The blonde walks into a pharmacy and asks the assistant for some bottom deodorant. The pharmacist, a little bemused, explains to the woman that they don't sell bottom deodorant, and never have. Unfazed, the blonde assures the pharmacist that she has been buying the stuff from this store on a regular basis, and would like some more.

"I'm sorry," says the pharmacist, "we don't have any."

"But I always get it here," says the blonde.

Do you have the container it comes in?"

Yes!" said the blonde, "I will go and get it."

She returns with the container and hands it to the chemist who looks at it and says to her, "This is just a normal stick of underarm deodorant."

The annoyed blonde snatches the container back and reads out loud from the container, "To apply, push up bottom."