









From the Operations Officer...



You would think things would run smoothly in a small event. unfortunately, we were planning on eight teams and when Gene Freed became ill and his teammates could not find another pair, it threw a monkey wrench into our plans.

I'm sorry we cannot please everyone all of the time, but we didn't have adequate supplies at such a late date to arrange things differently.

Luckily for us, Roberta and Mark Epstein, Jan George and Mark LaFleur, all local to the Vegas area, agreed to play as our eighth team and the situation resolved itself.

Putting things in perspective, we all realize there are more important things in life than bickering over tournament formats. If nothing else, we learned that, if we're patient, things have a way of resolving themselves.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gene. We wish him a speedy recovery and swift return to the game. Good Luck to you all in today's play... Jan

HOW TO GET A BIMBO WIFE

Bob, a 70-year-old extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy 25-year-old blonde who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal and charm who hangs over Bob's arm and listens intently to his every word. His buddies at the club are all agog.

They corner him and ask, "Bob, how'd you get the trophy girlfriend?"

Bob replies, "Girlfriend? She's my wife!"



They're knocked over, but continue to ask. "So, how'd you persuade her to marry you?"

Bob says, "I lied about my age."

His friends respond, "What do you mean? Did you tell her you were only 50?"

Bob smiles and says, "No, I told her I was 90."

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I decided
to take
an
aerobics class.
I bent,
twisted,
gyrated

and jumped up and down for an hour.

But, by the time I got my leotard on, the class was over.

Teams Entered ... In Seeding Order ...

Larsen	Kyle Larsen, Capt Alan Sontag Bart Bramley	Rose Meltzer Roger Bates Lew Stansby
Lynch	Carolyn Lynch, Capt Mark Lair John Sutherlin	Mike Passell David Berkowitz Dan Gerstman
Schwartz	Richard Schwartz Russell Ekeblad Allan Cokin, NPC	Bob Jones Matthew Granovetter
Wolff	Bobby Wolff, Capt John Solodar Fred Hamilton	Dan Morse Paul Swanson Arnold Fisher
Kasle	Gaylor Kasle, Capt Ron Smith Neil Chambers	John Onstott Drew Casen John Schermer
Wojewoda	Edward Wojewoda, Capt Jim Looby James Tritt	Farid Assemi Keith Garber Bob Etter
Vernay	Colby Vernay, Capt Larry Griffey	Barry Schaffer Spike Lay
Epstein	Mark Epstein, Capt Jan George	Roberta Epstein Bob LaFleur

You can judge your age by the amount of pain you feel when you come in contact with a new idea. -- Pearl S. Buck

HOSPITALITY SUITE INFORMATION

The hospitality suite for the 2009 USSBC is Room 6260 in the Palmer Tower of the JW Marriott Hotel. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in tihe Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join us for:

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

Lunch each day from 2:30-4:30

Snacks, soft drinks, Vugraph and casual chat the rest of the day, except between 4:30 and 5:30 when the suite will be closed for cleaning



Seeding Information

The teams in the 2009USSBC have been ranked by seeding points in accordance with the Conditions of Contest for the event.

Blonde Jokes ...

CAR TROUBLE

A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic that it just died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly.

She says, "What's the story?" He replies, "Just crap in the carburetor."

She asks, "How often do I have to do that?"

SPEEDING TICKET

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license.

She replies in a huff, "I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you took away my license and today you expect me to show it to you!"

EXPOSURE

A blonde is walking down the street with her blouse open and her right breast hanging out.

A policeman approaches her and says, "Ma'am, are you aware that I could cite you for indecent exposure?"

She says, "Why officer?"

"Because your breast is hanging out." he says.

She looks down and says, "OH MY GOD, I left the baby on the bus again!"

KNITTING

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting!

Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, "PULL OVER!"

"NO!" the blonde yelled back, "IT'S A SCARF!"

IN A VACUUM

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night. It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature.

Her question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?"

She thought for a time and then asked, "Is it on or off?"

NAMING THE DOGS!

A girl was visiting her blond friend who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were.

The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex.

Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?"

"HelOOOooo," answered the blond. "They're watch dogs!"

FINAL EXAM

The blonde reported for her university final examination that consists of yes/no type questions.

She takes her seat in the examination hall, stares at the question paper for five minutes and then, in a fit of inspiration, takes out her purse, removes a coin and starts tossing the coin, marking the answer sheet: Yes, for Heads, and No, for Tails.

Within a half hour she is all done, whereas the rest of the class is still sweating it out. During the last few minute s she is seen desperately throwing the coin, muttering and sweating.

The moderator, alarmed, approaches her and asks what is going on.

"I finished the exam in half an hour, but now I'm rechecking my answers."



One blonde to the other: So how come the sun makes my skin darker and my hair lighter??

You know
you're getting
old when you
get to that one
candle on the
cake. It's like,
"See if you can
blow this out."
-- Jerry
Seinfeld

Vugraph

The 2009 USSBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting on Tuesday with the Semi-Finals. We hope to cover 2 matches each round. 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 USSBC matches you want to watch.

There may 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. If USBF is not online, it is because Jan is a Vugraph operator - she will be Vugraphul and will try to answer your general questions. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Las Vegas times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vug-raph schedule site**)

10:00-12:10 12:25-2:35 4:30-6:40 7:00-9:10

All of the teams in each bracket will play the same boards each segment. If a match is sufficiently far behind that another match starts early, the Vugraph presentation will not start until the slower match starts.

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 other 2009 events currently available to see what we'll have for the 2009 USSBC. Web Vugraphs are posted as soon as possible after completion of the Vugraph show.

Morrie Makes His Move ...

Hey guys and dolls...

There's a new team in town but my picks remain the same!!

I still like them broads and I'm sticking with Meltzer and Lynch ... if they'll let me!! Get it?

Vernay will "Lay" down for Larsen and enter the race for USA2.

Kasle will crush the smokin' (not in the playing area please) Schwartz 4-bagger (Don't you people know anything? You need SIX in a Seniors event. Old people wear out early!)

Wojewoda (Wow! Did I say that correctly?) will topple the Wolff squad...

While Epstein (thanks for entering... at least you won't have far to get home!)succumbs to Passell-power... Watch the action on BBO VuGraph ... and see it unfold!!

Getting that urge to play craps... "Hey baby... another prune juice" and I'm rolling!!

See you tomorrow...

Morrie

MONDAY								
JULY 6	9:30 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING (PLAYING ROOM)						
Quarterfinals								
	10:00-12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15						
	12:25 - 2:30							
MONDAY		SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30						
MONDAY JULY 6	2:30 - 4:30	2 HOUR BREAK						
	4:30 - 6:40	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45						
	7:00 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60						
Semi-Finals & USA2 Round of 16	1.00 0.10							
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	12:25 - 2:30	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30						
TUESDAY								
JULY 7	2:30 - 4:30	2 HOUR BREAK						
	4:30 - 6:40	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45						
	7:00 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60						
Final & USA2 Quarterfinals								
	10:00-12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15						
	12:25 - 2:30	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30						
WEDS								
JULY 8	2:30 - 4:30	2 HOUR BREAK						
	4:30 - 6:40	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45						
	7:00 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60						
Final & USA2 Semi Finals	7.00 0.10							
		SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75						
	10:00-12:10	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90						
	12:25 - 2:30	(Segments 1 & 2 of USA2 Semi-						
THURS		Finals)						
JULY 9	2:30 - 4:30	END OF USA1						
	4:30 - 6:40	USA2 SEMI-FINALS CONTINUE						
		SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45						
	7:00 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60						
USA2 Final		•						
	10:00-12:10							
	12:25 - 2:30	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15						
	7.20 <u>2.22</u>	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30						
FRIDAY	2:30 - 4:30	2 HOUR BREAK						
JULY 10								
	4:30 - 6:40	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45						
	7:00 - 9:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60						

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. 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 USSBC 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.

USBC 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.

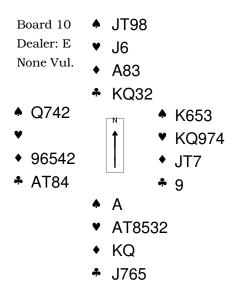
2. In the Open Room:

- 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.

More From the Practice Sessions ...



West	North	East	South
Stansby	H. Lall	Bramley	Demirev
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

Being a hair light for his favorite convention, Flannery, Bramley passed in first seat. Imagine his delight when South opened one heart. He might have been surprised to hear one spade from Hemant, but he knew it wasn't his hand and waited on the sidelines till it went "Pass, Pass..." to him. Now he sat up in the chair and played his red card.

A brutal lie for Nick! Now imagining an entryless dummy, he won the diamond lead in hand with the queen and cashed the king. Now he led a small heart to

the jack, hoping trumps were not 5-0, and he could enter dummy with a club and finesse against the high heart honor.

As you can see, Lew pitched andBramley won a high heart. He exited with a spade to Nick's ace. Nick still didn't know how hopeless it was. He played a club toward dummy and Lew won the ace. Lew exited a spade, tapping Nick's hand. This could have been a blessing if he could shorten his trumps enough for a coup, however, it was devastating when Bramley ruffed the second club and there was no entry to the dummy.

Down two or -300 was worth 6.7 IMPs to East/West.

West	North	East	South	Board 8	♠ AKJ6554
Stansby	H. Lall	Bramley	Demirev	Dealer: W None Vul.	★ A42★ 54
1♥	1♠	Pass	1NT		◆ 54 * J5
Pass	3NT	All Pass		◆ T32 ◆ K9876	↑ Q87 ↑ ∀ T3
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Unfortunately fo	or Lew, he led the	e diamond king.			♥ QJ5
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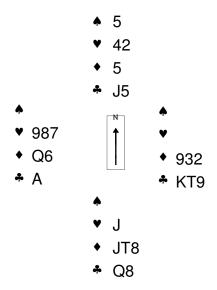
THE FUNERAL

A funeral service is being held for a woman who has just passed away. At the end of the service, the pallbearers are carrying the casket out, when they accidentally bump into a wall, jarring the casket. They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive.

She lives for ten more years, and then dies. A ceremony is again held at the same place, and at the end of the ceremony, the pallbearers are again carrying out the casket.

As they are walking, the husband cries out, "Watch out for the frigging wall!"

now played the ace and king of spades, tossing a club and a heart. On the spade six, Bramley and Lew both threw hearts while Nick threw a club. On the spade five, Bramley threw his club six; Lew, his club three; and Nick, his club seven... leaving this position:



On the spade four, Bramley parted with a low diamond; Lew parted with a low diamond; and Nick parted with the diamond eight.

The five of diamonds now rode to Nick's ten and Lew's queen.

Lew exited a heart. Nick won in hand with the jack and claimed his nine tricks.

Stansby didn't work out that Demirev had squeezed his own hand on the run of the spades. Had Lew seen it coming, he would have thrown a heart on the five of spades instead of a club. Now when he won his diamond queen, he could cash the ace of clubs and lead a club to Bramley's KT to score a diamond, three clubs and a spade.

Making 3NT was worth 7.3 IMPs to North/South.

West	North	East	South
Stansby	H. Lall	Bramley	Demirev
			Pass
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♦ (Texas)	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Nothing like the power of great spot cards! Lew had enough tens and nines to give Bart better than a fighting chance.

Nick led the seven of clubs to Lall's queen and Bart's ace. Bart cashed the two high trumps, happy to see the suit split 3-2. He now ruffed a diamond in dummy and led a club toward his hand. Lall won his king, cashed his good jack of hearts, but had to exit with a spade or a diamond.

♥ Q4◆ KT653

9874

No more guesswork here... Either return gives declarer a sure ten tricks.

+420 was worth 8 IMPs to East/West.



No Electronic Devices Are permitted in the Playing Area.

Violators will be penalized.

(Senior exception: Pace Makers are allowed.)

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How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?

-- Satchel Paige

Age is not important unless you're a cheese.

-- Helen Hayes

Men should think twice before making widowhood women's only path to power.

-- Gloria Steinem



A man who correctly guesses a woman's age may be smart, but he's not very bright.

-- Lucille Ball

A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.

-- John Barrymore

At my age flowers scare me.

-- George Burns

Answers to puzzle... no peeking!!

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Take the 50's Senior Quiz ...

1. In 1950, the Famous Brinks Robbery netted \$2.8 million.

Where did it occur?

- A. Boston
- **B.** New York
- C. Chicago
- 2. Who said "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away."
- A. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower
- B. Gen. Omar Bradley
- C. Gen. Douglas MacArthur
- 3. Catcher in the Rye's portrayal of Holden Caufield's 16-year-old-life was a huge success. Who wrote the book?
- A. Herman Wouk
- B. J.D. Salinger
- C. William Faulkner
- 4. Which longest running daytime drama moved from radio to TV in 1952?
- A. Days of Our Lives
- **B.** General Hospital
- **C.** Guiding Light
- 5. In 1952 Richard Nixon made a speech known as the "Checkers" speech in answer to allegations against him. Who or what was the subject of this speech?
- A. Cocker Spaniel Dog
- **B.** The game of politics
- **C.** A favorite pastime
- 6. What accomplishment in 1953 made Edmund Hilary and Tenzing Norgay famous?
- **A.** Break the sound barrier
- B. Summit Mt. Everest
- C. Run a four minute mile
- 7. What did Francis Watson and James Crick become famous for discovering?
- **A.** The polio vaccine
- **B.** The transistor
- C. The "double helix" of DNA
- 8. In 1954, the law known as Brown v. Board of Education was passed. What did the law prohibit?
- A. School segregation
- **B.** School sports
- **C.** Affirmative action
- 9. What was the name of the new company formed when Nash-Kelvinator and Hudson Motor Car Co. merged?
- A. Chrysler
- B. General Motors
- C. American Motors
- 10. What fast-food franchise opened to the jingle, "Hold the pickle! Hold the lettuce!" in 1954?
- **A.** Burger King
- **B.** Pizza Hut
- C. McDonalds
- 11. Psychologist Joyce Brothers won the "\$64,000 Question." What was her topic?
- **A.** Eastern philosophy
- **B**. American literature
- C. Boxing
- 12. What motto did Congress authorize all US currency and coins to say in 1953?
- A. In God We Trust
- B. United States of America
- C. Liberty

13. Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on a bus led to a Supreme Court decision outlawing bus segregation. Where did this happen?

- A. Memphis, Tennessee
- B. Macon, Georgia
- C. Montgomery, Alabama

14. Which of these is NOT true about Ann Landers?

- **A.** Her real name was "Eppie" Lederer
- **B.** She began her column at the Los Angeles Times
- C. Her twin sister wrote "Dear Abby"

ANSWERS—No Peeking Please!!

1. A. Boston

The entire robbery only took 17 minutes from beginning to end

2. C. Gen. Douglas MacArthur

In his farewell speech to Congress in 1951.

3. B. J.D. Salinger

Herman Wouk wrote the Caine Mutiny and Faulkner will win the Noble Prize for his many works.

4. C. Guiding Light

"The Guiding Light" was one of the most popular soaps ever produced.

5. A. A cocker spaniel dog named Checkers.

This was in response to the accusation that Nixon had a secret fund. He said all he had accepted was the gift of the dog.

6. B. Summit Mt. Everest

Fighting great odds, this pair became the first to reach the top of the World's Tallest Mountain.

7. C. The "double helix" of DNA

The discovery changed the world forever. Jonas Salk gets the credit for the polio vaccine. Researchers at Bell Labs came up with the transistor.

8. A. School segregation

The Court said, "Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

9. C. American Motors

A new series of automotive products emerged from this company and proved to be very popular with the automobile buying public.

10. A. Burger King

"Have it your way" was a new concept in fast food in the 50's.

11. C. Boxing

She made herself an expert on boxing exclusively for this show.

12. A. In God We Trust

This motto caused much discussion about the separation of Church and State.

13. C. Montgomery, Alabama

This city was a hotbed of the Civil Rights Movement.

14. B. She began her column at *The Los Angeles Times*

Esther "Eppie" Lederer first took the job in 1955 at the Chicago Sun-Times, replacing the previous writer on an advice column, "Ask Ann Landers. Ann Landers became on of the most popular "Advice to the lovelorn" columnist in history,