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Good Ol' Times

Four Top Seeds Survive:

USA1 Quarterfinals

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60
1	Larsen	140	5	79	20	36
8	Vernay	81	19	15	25	22
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2	Lynch	150	17	19	49	65
7	Epstein	57	22	20	2	13
8						
3	Schwartz	120	17	30	43	30
6	Kasle	80	15	31	5	29
7						
4	Morse	174	42	46	43	43
5	Wojewoda	119	18	30	38	33

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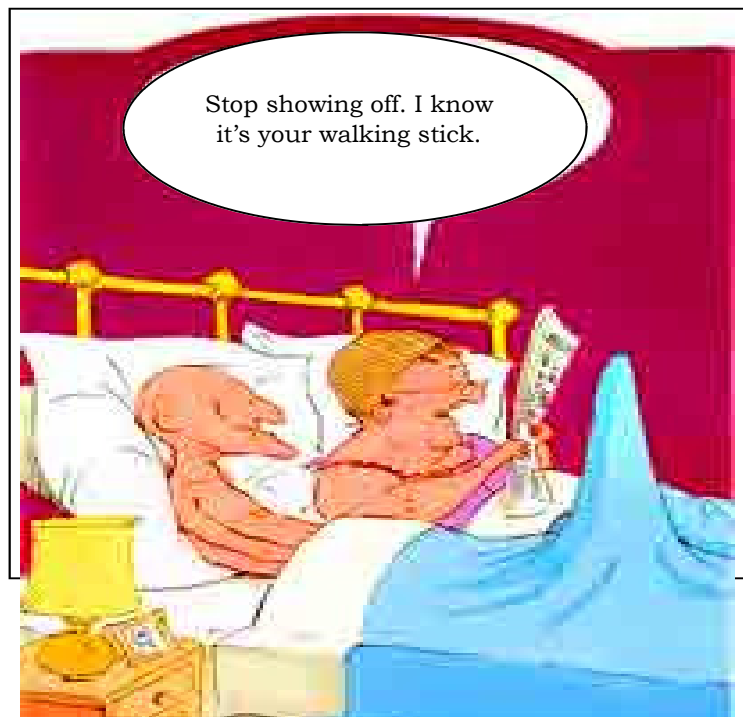
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I used to dread getting older because I thought I would not be able to do all the things I wanted to do, but now that I am older I find out I don't want to do them.
-- Nancy Astor

A couple of New Jersey hunters are out in the woods when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing, his eyes are rolled back in his head. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps to the operator: "My friend is dead! What can I do?"

The operator, in a calm, soothing voice, says: "Just take it easy. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead."

There is a silence, then a shot is heard. The guy's voice comes back on the line. He says: "Okay, now what?"

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson goes on a camping trip. After a good dinner and a bottle of wine, they retire for the night, and go to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes up and nudges his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

I see millions and millions of stars, Holmes," replies Watson.

"And what do you deduce from that?"

Watson ponders for a minute.

"Well, astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three.

"Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are a small and insignificant part of the universe. What does it tell you, Holmes?"

Holmes is silent for a moment. "Watson, you idiot!" he says. "Someone has stolen our tent!"

A Little Humor ...

CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

A man found a bottle on the beach, and when he opened it, out popped a genie, and he was granted three wishes. He wished for a million dollars, and "POOF" there was a million dollars. Then he wished for a convertible, and "POOF" there was a convertible. And then, he wished he could be irresistible to all women....
"POOF"
He turned into a box of chocolates!

Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.

FEELING LIKE 30 AGAIN?

I'm still shaken when young girls look right through me. My 30-year-old within makes me forget that I'm bald now. Not to mention a belly that only a wife could consider cute.

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

SHE WAS SO BLONDE, SHE...

1. Took her new scarf back to the store because it was too tight.

2. Couldn't learn to water ski because she couldn't find a lake with a slope.

3. Can't work in a pharmacy because the bottles won't fit into the typewriter.

4. Got excited because she finished a jigsaw puzzle in 6 months and the box said "2 to 4 years".

5. Was trapped on an escalator for hours when the power went out.

6. Couldn't call 911 because there was no 11 on any phone button.

7. When asked what the capital of California was, she answered "C."

8. Burnt her nose bobbing for French Fries.

9. Baked a turkey for 5 days because the instructions said 1 hour per pound and she weighed 125.

10. Can't make Kool-Aid because 8 cups of water won't fit into those little packets.

11. Hates M&Ms because they are so hard to peel.

12. Got hurt while raking leaves; fell out of the tree.

13. Changes the baby's diaper only once a month because the label said good up to 20 pounds."

We do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

CHICKEN SOUP AND THE BEER DRINKER

"I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day." - Frank Sinatra

"An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with his fools." - Ernest Hemingway

"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading." - Henny Youngman

"24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not." - Stephen Wright
"When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. Sooooo, let's all get drunk and go to heaven!" - Brian O'Rourke

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." - Benjamin Franklin

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza." - Dave Barry

BEER: HELPING UGLY PEOPLE HAVE SEX SINCE 3000 BC!!! " - Unknown"

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight because by then, your body and your fat are really good friends.

AFGHAN BLESSING

I've been told that there are too many Irish Blessings, so for a change, here is an Afghan one just for you.

May the fleas of a thousand Afghan camels infest the crotch of the person who screws up your day and may their arms be too short to scratch.... Amen

The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, someone else does.

**You know you're getting old when you've got money to burn, but the fire's gone out.
-- Hy Gardner**

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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 Vugraphu1 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 Vugraph 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.

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

MONDAY JULY 6	9:30 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING (PLAYING ROOM)
ROUND ROBIN		
MONDAY JULY 6	10:00-1:45 1:45-3:30 3:30-6:00 6:30-9:00	MATCH 1 BOARDS 1-8 MATCH 2 BOARDS 9-16 MATCH 3 BOARDS 17-24 1 HOUR 45 MINUTE BREAK (LUNCH SERVED IN HOSPITALITY SUITE) MATCH 4 BOARDS 25-32 MATCH 5 BOARDS 33-40 MATCH 6 BOARDS 41-48 MATCH 7 BOARDS 49-56 (NO SCORE COMPARISON ALLOWED BETWEEN MATCHES 6 & 7)
SEMI-FINALS & USA2 ROUND OF 16 NOTE: USA2 ROUND OF 16 IS A 3-WAY WITH 2 SURVIVORS		
TUESDAY JULY 7	10:00-12:10 12:25 - 2:30 2:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:40 7:00 - 9:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 2 HOUR BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINALS		
WEDS JULY 8	10:00-12:10 12:25 - 2:30 2:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:40 7:00 - 9:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 2 HOUR BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
FINAL & USA2 SEMI FINALS		
THURS JULY 9	10:00-12:10 12:25 - 2:30 2:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:40 7:00 - 9:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 (SEGMENTS 1 & 2 OF USA2 SEMI-FINALS) END OF USA1 USA2 SEMI-FINALS CONTINUE SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
USA2 FINAL		
FRIDAY JULY 10	10:00-12:10 12:25 - 2:30 2:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:40 7:00 - 9:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 2 HOUR BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60

Tournament Schedule

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.

**My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where the hell she is.
-- Ellen DeGeneres**

Board 27 ♠ A5
 Dealer: S ♥ A7
 None Vul. ♦ AQJT943
 ♣ K8

♠ QJT764	N ↑	♠ K932
♥ QT4		♥ J92
♦ 62		♦ 87
♣ T3		♣ J94

♠ 8
 ♥ K653
 ♦ K5
 ♣ AQ7652

While we don't have the auctions available, the Kasle team won 11 IMPs on this board by reaching the excellent grand slam in diamonds which can only be beaten by a 5-0 club split with the five card suit on lead.

At the other table, Schwartz and Jones settled in the small slam and consequently lost 11 IMPs.

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YET ANOTHER GENIE JOKE

Two friends were playing golf when one pulled out a cigar. He didn't have a lighter, so he asked his friend if he had one.

"I sure do," he replied while he reached into his bag and pulled out a foot long Bic lighter.

"Wow!" said his friend, "Where did you get that monster lighter?"

"I got it from my genie."

"You have a genie?"

"Yes, right here in my golf bag."

"Could I see him?" He opens his golf bag and out pops a genie.

The friend asks the genie, "Since, I'm a good friend of your master, "Will you grant me one wish?"

"Yes I will" the genie replies.

The friend asks the genie for a million bucks.

The genie hops back into the bag and leaves him standing there waiting for his million bucks.

Suddenly, the sky begins to darken and there's a million ducks flying overhead. The friend tells his buddy, "DAMN!! I asked for a million bucks, not a million ducks!"

He answers, "I forgot to tell you that the genie has a cleft pallet -- do you think I'd ask for a 12 inch Bic?"

I gave up jogging for my health when my thighs kept rubbing together and setting my pantyhose on fire.

LOST DAD

A small boy was lost at a large shopping mall. He approached a uniformed policeman and said, "I've lost my dad!"

The cop asked, "What's he like?"

The little boy replied, "Beer and women with big breasts."

"OLD" IS WHEN..... Your sweetie says, "Let's go upstairs and make love," and you answer, "Pick one, I can't do both!"

AND FINALLY, HERE'S ONE ABOUT THE WORLD'S BEST HUSBAND

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cell phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands free speaker-function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello"

WOMAN: "Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes"

WOMAN: "I am at the mall now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, ...go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2003 models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$60,000"

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing...the house we wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$950,000."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and give them an offer, but just offer \$900,000."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you!"

MAN: "Bye, I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are looking at him in astonishment. Then he asks: "Anyone know who this phone belongs to?"

Good Auction ... from the Schwartz/Kasle Match

Board 47 ♠ AT864
 Dealer: S ♥ A
 N/S Vul. ♦ AK75
 ♣ KQ4

♠ J92 ♠ Q53
 ♥ JT762 ♥ KQ4
 ♦ Q2 ♦ T93
 ♣ T52 ♣ A987

 ♠ K7
 ♥ 9853
 ♦ J864
 ♣ J63



West	North	East	South
Schermer	Ekeblad	Chambers	Granovetter
			Pass
Pass	1♣ (strong)	Pass	1♦ (negative)
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	Kasle	Jones	Smith
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Ekeblad and Granovetter had a good auction to avoid 3NT.

Five diamonds is significantly better than 3NT since it can be made whenever spades and diamonds behave reasonably. Three no-trump also requires 4-4 hearts or a non-heart lead AND the queen of diamonds doubleton.

Schwartz found the natural heart lead against 3NT; Jones unblocked the king under the singleton ace and it was all over but the shouting.

In the other room, Schermer led the jack of hearts against five diamonds but there was no defense to beat six led alone five diamonds.

Had Ekeblad chosen to pass four spades, this would have proven an easy contract and created a different big swing.

Plus 620 was worth 12 to Schwartz.



**No Electronic Devices Are permitted in the Playing Area.
 Violators will be penalized.
 (Senior exception: Pace Makers are allowed.)**

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Giant Sudoku

Time sneaks up on you like a windshield on a bug.
-- John Lithgow

I look better, feel better, make love better and I'll tell you something else... I never lied better.
-- George Burns

Senior Quotes

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent -- that is to triumph over old age.
-- Thomas Bailey Aldrich

Gray hair is God's graffiti.
-- Bill Cosby

I have a problem about being nearly 60: I keep waking up in the morning and thinking I'm 31.
-- Elizabeth Janeway

Answers to puzzle... no peeking!!

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Morrie Makes His Move ...

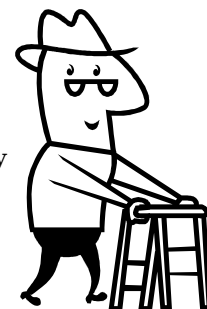
All the seeds pulled out wins... it wasn't even close.

The broads are still in there and roaring along... I'm rooting for them.

In the USA2 bracket, Kasle will trounce Epstein ... And, Wojewoda will beat Vernay in a close contest.

Unfortunately, as I predicted from day one, USA2 is a lost cause anyway since they will all be beat by the dames!!

More prune juice... Stay away snake eyes!! Luck be a Lady tonight!



Board 49 ♠ K
 Dealer: N ♥ KQT862
 None Vul. ♦ J965
 ♣ T8

♠ A87542 ♥ A543 ♦ 42 ♣ 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> N ↑ </div>	♠ T6 ♥ 7 ♦ KQT87 ♣ J9762
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♠ QJ93
 ♥ J9
 ♦ A3
 ♣ AKQ53

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Ekeblad	Chambers	Granovetter
	Pass	Pass	1♣ (strong)
1♠	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	Kasle	Jones	Smith
	2♥	Pass	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

In one room, Kasle opened a standard weak two in hearts on the North hand. Smith raised to four. Had the auction ended her, it would have been 420 to North/South.

Instead, Schwartz gambled that his partner would have spade length to go with his expected heart singleton. He dutifully bid four spades. Smith happily doubled and collected 500.

In the other room, Ekeblad was apparently unable to open a weak two hearts. After Granovetter's strong club opening and a one spade overcall, North/South reached an awkward and unmakeable 3NT.

A spade was led to the king and Schermer ducked hearts once to sever communications.

After winning the ace of hearts, he shifted to a diamond and declarer could come to only eight tricks for a swing of 1IMPs to Kasle.