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#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60
1	Morse	171	59	43	37	32
2	Schwartz	99	17	3	48	31

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3	Lynch	154	29	42	43	40
5	Vernay	82	15	28	16	23
4	Larsen	124	10	45	22	47
6	Kasle	125	30	47	20	28

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Reigning champs lose by an IMP!

Tomorrow Lynch will face Kasle to determine who will become the loser of the USA1 match.

It promises to be exciting!!



"Lately, I've been feeling lethargic, listless and apathetic, and if I stand up too suddenly, I get dizzy. My daughter says she has to smoke two joints to feel like that."



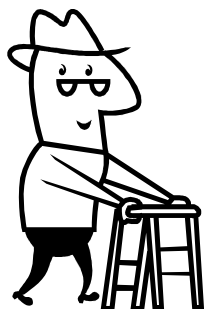
UNITED STATES SENIOR BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Good Ol' Times

Oops We Goofed...

In the July 7th Daily Bulletin we reported that the Kasle team won 11 IMPs by bidding and making a grand slam on Board 27. In fact, it was the Schwartz team who won 11 IMPs when Richie Schwartz and Bob Jones bid the grand and the Kasle missed it. Sorry Richie!!

Interesting Fact at the Trials: This is Ekeblad and Granovetter's third Team Trial Finals this year ...



Lynch will have Kasle for lunch!! Go girl!! Carolyn and crew must reign now that Meltzer lost by a nose...

It's hard to pick against Morse's squad with their big lead...

So it's Lynch vs. Schwartz this weekend.

Had too much prune juice today ... so like, Larsen, I gotta go... go ...go... go... go...

Have a safe trip home guys!!

See you next year... if you're still old enough!

Nite!!

It's no longer a question of staying healthy. It's a question of finding a sickness you like.
-- Jackie Mason

ANNUAL PHYSICAL

70-year old George went for his annual physical. All of his tests came back with normal results. Dr. Smith said, "George, everything looks great physically. How are you doing mentally and emotionally? Are you at peace with yourself, and do you have a good relationship with God?"

George replied, "God and me are tight. He knows I have poor eyesight, so he's fixed it so that when I get up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom poof the light goes on, when I'm done poof the light goes off."

"Wow!" commented Dr. Smith, "That's incredible!"

A little later in the day, Dr. Smith called George's wife. "Ethel," he said, "George is doing fine. Physically he's great. But, I had to call because I'm in awe of his relationship with God. Is it true that he gets up during the night and poof the light goes on in the bathroom, and then when he is through poof the light goes off?"

Ethel exclaimed, "Oh, my God! He's peeing in the refrigerator again!"

STICK IT

Two elderly women were eating breakfast in a restaurant one morning. Ethel noticed something funny about Mabel's ear and she said, "Mabel, did you know you've got a suppository in your left ear?"

Mabel answered, "I have? suppository?"

She pulled it out and stared at it. Then she said, "Ethel, I'm glad you saw this thing. Now I think I know where my hearing aid is."

CRUISIN'

An elderly couple was on a cruise and it was really stormy. They were standing on the back of the boat watching the moon, when a wave came up and washed the old woman overboard. They searched for days and couldn't find her, so the captain sent the old man back to shore with the promise that he would notify him as soon as they found something.

Three weeks went by and finally the old man got a fax from the boat. It read: "Sir, sorry to inform you, we found your wife dead at the bottom of the ocean. We hauled her up to the deck and attached to her butt was an oyster and it had a pearl worth \$50,000please advise"

The old man faxed back: "Send me the pearl and re-bait the trap"

WALL FLOWERS

A funeral service is being held for a woman who has just passed away. At the end of the service, the pall bearers are carrying the casket out when they accidentally bump into a wall, jarring the casket. They hear a faint moan! They opened the casket and find that the woman is actually alive! She lived for ten more years, and then dies. Once again, a ceremony is held, and at the end of it, the pall bearers are again carrying out the casket. As they carry the casket towards the door, the husband cries out: "BE CAREFUL!!! WATCH THAT DAMN WALL!!!!!!!"

ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT

An elderly couple was driving across the country. While the woman was behind the wheel, the couple was pulled over by the highway patrol.

"Ma'am, did you know you were speeding?" the officer said.

The woman, hard of hearing, turned to her husband and asked, "What did he say?"

"He said you were speeding!" the old man yelled.

The patrolman then asked, "May I see your license?"

The woman turned to her husband again, "What did he say?"

The old man yelled back, "He wants to see your license!"

The woman then gave the officer her license.

"I see you are from Arkansas," the patrolman said. "I spent some time there once and went on a blind date with the ugliest woman I've ever seen."

The woman turned to her husband again and asked, "What did he say?"

The old man replied, "He said he knows you!"

THE VET

Every Sunday a little old lady placed \$1,000 in the collection plate. It went on for weeks until the priest, overcome with curiosity, approached her.

"My dear, I couldn't help but notice that you put \$1,000 a week in the collection plate," he said.

"Why yes," she replied, "every week my son sends me money, and what I don't need I give to the church."

"That's wonderful. How much does he send you?" the priest asked. "He sends me \$2,000 a week," she replied proudly.

"Your son is very successful," said the priest. "What does he do for a living?"

"He is a veterinarian," she answered. "That is a very honorable profession," the priest assured her.

"Where does he practice?"

"Well, she replied, "he has one cat house in Kansas City and another in New Orleans."

Hands from the USA1 Final

Board 1 ♠ J7
 Dealer: N ♥ Q84
 None Vul. ♦ 5
 ♣ AJ98752

♠ 3 ♥ KT63 ♦ AQJ864 ♣ K6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> N ↑ </div>	♠ T962 ♥ A2 ♦ T9732 ♣ Q3
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♠ AKQ854
 ♥ J975
 ♦ K
 ♣ T4

West	North	East	South
Granovetter	Wolff	Ekeblad	Morse
	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Solodar	Schwartz	Swanson	Jones
	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

With diamonds 1-1 and the king on sides, the play for 11 tricks was routine. Both tables took their tricks, but bidding the game scored 6 early IMPs for Morse.

Morse returned the IMPs with interest on board 2 when both sides of his team played in clubs.

West	North	East	South
Solodar	Schwartz	Swanson	Jones
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Granovetter	Wolff	Ekeblad	Morse
		1♠	2♣
All Pass			

Board 2 ♠ JT652
 Dealer: E ♥ K976
 N/S Vul. ♦ QT6
 ♣ 6

♠ ♥ J543 ♦ 98542 ♣ KQJ9	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> N ↑ </div>	♠ AQ873 ♥ AQT ♦ J7 ♣ 543
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♠ K94
 ♥ 82
 ♦ AK3
 ♣ AT872

There was good news and bad news for Morse on this hand.

The bad news is that the two Morse declarers combined to go down five tricks.

The good news is that neither table was doubled and the non-vulnerable declarer went down the three tricks and the vulnerable declarer only failed by two!!

8 IMPs to Schwartz

Larsen vs. Kasle... USA2

Board 39 ♠ 9
 Dealer: S ♥ AQJ964
 All Vul. ♦ QJT5
 ♣ J9

♠ QJT52 ♠ K64
 ♥ T ♥ 8
 ♦ 764 ♦ AK982
 ♣ A842 ♣ K653

♠ A873
 ♥ K7532
 ♦ 3
 ♣ QT7



West	North	East	South
Schermer	Bramley	Chambers	Stansby
Pass	2♥	Double	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Sontag	Casen	Bates	Onstott
Pass	2♥	Double	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Both Norths opened a weak two hearts. Both Easts doubled for takeout. Both Souths jumped to the heart game with their five card trump support. Both Wests happily bid their five card spade suits.

Onstott sold out to four spades and beat it three tricks. Onstott led his singleton diamond. Bates won in hand and led the spade king. Onstott ducked. Bates led another spade to the dummy and again Onstott ducked. Bates tried to return to hand with the king of diamonds... Onstott trumped, cashed his ace of spades and Bates conceded down two.

Stansby must have thought his side had a chance to make five hearts. He knew Bramley was short in spades, couldn't have a trump loser, and he, himself, was short in diamonds. He hoped for a second round club control in Bramley's hand. Accordingly, he bid five hearts. Chambers doubled and this contract failed one trick... off the ace and king of clubs and the ace of diamonds.

The combined -400 was worth 9 IMPs to Kasle.



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				4	F		B	E	2					
		3	8		7	B	5	9		6	4	0		
	D	5						C			1	3		
		6			8	2	D				F			
D		1			0	4	F					B	3	
6	9				7		3		D	E				
	8			D	B			C	1		4	E	F	
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		B	6	5		E	9			0	A			7
					A	6		8		5			9	4
	4	A					2	D	B			8		3
			9					0	7	C			E	
		C	1			3							6	B
		7	D	F		B	C	3	5			9	4	
					1	8	A		6		E			

Sudoku

What's Your Name, Again?

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to playing cards a few times a week.

One day when playing cards, one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends a long time, but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

Grandma's Visit

"Oh, I sure am glad to see you," the little boy said to his grandmother (on his mother's side). "Now Daddy will do the trick he's been promising us."

The grandmother was curious. "What trick is that?" she asked.

"He told Mommy that he'd climb the walls if you came to visit," answered the boy.

Answers to puzzle... no peeking!!

5	3	4	F	2	1	8	A	9	6	B	E	C	7	D	0
E	6	7	D	F	0	B	C	3	5	A	2	9	4	1	8
A	0	C	1	7	9	3	E	4	8	F	D	2	6	B	5
B	2	8	9	6	4	D	5	0	7	C	1	3	E	F	A
0	4	A	7	C	F	1	2	D	B	6	9	5	8	E	3
3	1	D	E	B	A	6	7	8	F	5	C	0	2	9	4
8	C	B	6	5	3	E	9	2	4	0	A	D	1	7	F
F	5	9	2	0	D	4	8	E	3	1	7	B	A	6	C
4	B	E	3	9	2	C	F	6	0	7	8	A	D	5	1
7	8	2	5	D	B	A	6	C	1	3	4	E	F	0	9
6	9	F	0	1	7	5	3	A	D	E	B	8	C	4	2
D	A	1	C	8	E	0	4	F	2	9	5	7	B	3	6
9	E	6	B	3	8	2	D	1	A	4	0	F	5	C	7
2	D	5	4	E	6	9	0	7	C	8	F	1	3	A	B
1	F	3	8	A	C	7	B	5	9	D	6	4	0	2	E
C	7	0	A	4	5	F	1	B	E	2	3	6	9	8	D

A Difference in Evaluation?

Board 44 ♠ Q762
 Dealer: W ♥ 9873
 N/S Vul. ♦ 94
 ♣ J65

♠ A9	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> N ↑ </div>	♠ T53
♥ A64		♥ T
♦ KT763		♦ AQJ85
♣ 874		♣ QT93
		♠ KJ84
		♥ KQJ52
		♦ 2
		♣ AK2

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Bramley	Chambers	Stansby
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sontag	Casen	Bates	Onstott
1♦	Pass	2♦	Double
3♦	Pass	4♥	Double
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

It's hard to imagine the wide range of results on Board 44 in the USA2 Team Trials.

West	North	East	South
Vernay	Sutherlin	Schafer	Gerstman
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

At one table in the Kasle/Larsen match, six diamonds was freely bid off the cashing ace and king of clubs and a side spade trick.

West	North	East	South
Lair	Lay	Berkowitz	Griffey
1♦	Pass	2♦	2♥
3♦	Pass	Pass	Double
Redouble	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

At the other table, the two hands that bid six diamonds couldn't find an opening bid between them, and when Stansby opened one heart in fourth seat, East could not even find a balance with his singleton heart.

Stansby took nine tricks and made three hearts while his teammates went down two in the slam.

In the Vernay/Lynch match, the results made more sense. East/West bid to the par four diamond contract in one room while their teammates got to play two hearts in the other.

Red Means Stop!

Board 55 ♠ AK3
 Dealer: S ♥ AKQT2
 All Vul. ♦ 5
 ♣ 9832

♠ Q9852	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> N ↑ </div>	♠ T4
♥ 4		♥ J9876
♦ A97		♦ K84
♣ KJT7		♣ 654

♠ J76
 ♥ 53
 ♦ QJT632
 ♣ AQ

West	North	East	South
Bramley	Schermer	Stansby	Chambers
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Double	Redouble	3♣	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

Was there a full moon last night? Is the world ending?

Bart Bramley NEVER sits West.

Bart is known for making aggressive takeout doubles... even on flat minimum opening hands. On this hand, he stretched even his reputation to the limit.

West	North	East	South
Kasle	Bates	Smith	Sontag
			Pass
Pass	1♣ (strong)	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

He stepped out of line making a takeout double between two bidding opponents ... one with an opening bid and the other with a passed hand two over one.

Does this really rate to work... vulnerable?

If partner couldn't bid over one heart, can he hold a useful hand or are you looking for trouble?

Even if you avoid trouble, you might just be helping the opponents play the hand by marking the position of the high cards and the distribution.

In this case, poor Lew had to play three clubs doubled on his three-four fit. It went down three for -800.

At the other table Sontag/Bates bid to 3NT on their combined 26 HCP.

Unfortunately for them, every card was wrong for their side and like Stansby, they too went down three... undoubled for -300 and a 15 IMP swing.