



Women's Team "Trials" and Tribulations . Pre-Bulletin

Welcome from Bill Pollack



Bill Pollack, USBF President, welcomes you to the 2009 United States Women's Bridge Championships in Sacramento, CA.

There are eight teams in the 2009 USWBC; seven will start in the Round Robin on May 23rd and 24th, the eighth team, (Dinkin) has a bye to the Semi-final, starting on May 25th. The Venice Cup will be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil; it will start August 29 and end September 12.

Teams are seeded on the basis of ACBL Wagar KO seeding points. The cycle of qualifying events for the 2009 USWBC ended with the Spring NABC. The BAKER team (Dinkin, NPC) has a bye to the Semi-finals and the FIREMAN and GLASSON teams had byes to Round Robin 2 had there been two Round Robins. No other team earned a bye.

The USWBC is being held at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento, the site of the Sacramento Regional which starts on May 25th.

We appreciate the co-operation of the Sacramento Regional staff. They have graciously allotted us one page a day in their Daily Bulletin to keep you up to date on USWBC standings and happenings. More in depth coverage will be available daily on our website at USBF.org.

Please indulge us if bulletins are not available until morning. Our editor is located in the Midwest and the time difference may wreak havoc on certain evenings. We will do the best we can, however, and hope that you enjoy our coverage.

Good luck to all the participating teams. Two teams will go to Sao Paulo. With only eight teams in the event, everyone has an excellent chance.

Join us for VuGraph coverage at BridgeBase Online. Check their site for a complete schedule.

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Round Robin Schedule

Time	Pairings	Seeded Team	Boards
Saturday, May 23rd			
11:00-12:15	1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5	1, 2, 3, 4	1-8
12:15-1:30	1 v 7, 2 v 6, 3 v 5, 4 v 8	7, 6, 5, 8	9-16
BREAK			
2:00 - 3:15	1 v 6, 2 v 5, 3 v 8, 4 v 7	1, 2, 3, 4	17-24
3:15 - 4:30	1 v 5, 2 v 8, 3 v 7, 4 v 6	5, 8, 7, 6	25-32
4:30 - 5:45	1 v 4, 2 v 3, 5 v 8, 6 v 7	1, 2, 5, 6	33-40
DINNER BREAK			
8:00-9:15	1 v 3, 2 v 4, 5 v 7, 6 v 8	3, 4, 7, 8	41-48
9:15 -10:30	1 v 2, 3 v 4, 5 v 6, 7 v 8	1, 3, 5, 7	49-56
SUNDAY, MAY 24TH			
11:00-12:15	1 v 2, 3 v 4, 5 v 6, 7 v 8	2, 4, 6, 8	1-8
12:15-1:30	1 v 3, 2 v 4, 5 v 7, 6 v 8	1, 2, 5, 6	9-16
BREAK			
2:00 - 3:15	1 v 4, 2 v 3, 5 v 8, 6 v 7	4, 3, 8, 7	17-24
3:15 - 4:30	1 v 5, 2 v 8, 3 v 7, 4 v 6	1, 2, 3, 4	25-32
4:30 - 5:45	1 v 6, 2 v 5, 3 v 8, 4 v 7	6, 5, 8, 7	33-40
DINNER BREAK			
8:00-9:15	1 v 7, 2 v 6, 3 v 5, 4 v 8	1, 2, 3, 4	41-48
9:15 -10:30	1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5	8, 7, 6, 5	49-56

"Don't you wish there was a knob on the TV to turn up the intelligence? There's one marked 'Brightness,' but it doesn't work."
- Gallagher

Round Robin Information

There are 7 teams in the Round Robin. Teams are numbered in Seeding Point order. Each team will have a bye each day. Team Bye was randomly assigned number 1, so each team will have a bye at the time they are scheduled to play team 1.

ORDER OF PLAY ON MAY 24TH IS OPPOSITE TO THAT ON MAY 23RD.

EVERY PLAYER ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY AGAINST EACH OTHER TEAM (USBF General Conditions of Contest Section VIII B).

Last two matches on May 24th are segregated, no comparisons, no substitutions in closed room.

The seeded team has seating rights per General Conditions of Contest.

USBF 8 Board VP Scale	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
	0	10	10	15	15.23	4.77	30	18.37	1.63
1	10.44	9.56	16	15.49	4.51	31	18.53	1.47	
2	10.86	9.14	17	15.75	4.25	32	18.68	1.32	
3	11.27	8.73	18	16	4	33	18.83	1.17	
4	11.67	8.33	19	16.23	3.77	34	18.97	1.03	
5	12.05	7.95	20	16.46	3.54	35	19.11	0.89	
6	12.42	7.58	21	16.68	3.32	36	19.25	0.75	
7	12.77	7.23	22	16.9	3.1	37	19.38	0.62	
8	13.11	6.89	23	17.11	2.89	38	19.5	0.5	
9	13.45	6.55	24	17.31	2.69	39	19.62	0.38	
10	13.78	6.22	25	17.5	2.5	40	19.74	0.26	
11	14.09	5.91	26	17.69	2.31	41	19.85	0.15	
12	14.39	5.61	27	17.87	2.13	42	19.96	0.04	
13	14.68	5.32	28	18.04	1.96	43	20	0	
14	14.96	5.04	29	18.21	1.79				

USWBC Teams

There are 8 teams entered. They are listed in seeding order.

Dinkin

Bye to SemiFinals

Lynn Baker
Kerri Sanborn
Beth Palmer
Sam Dinkin, NPC

Karen McCallum
Irina Levitina
Lynn Deas

Fireman

Bye to RR2

Phyllis Fireman, Capt
Janice Seamon-Molson
Jill Meyers

Shannon Cappelletti
Tobi Sokolow
Jill Levin

Glasson

Bye to RR2

Joann Glasson, Capt
Sue Weinstein
Rozanne Pollack

Lisa Berkowitz
Cheri Bjerkan
Stasha Cohen

Radin

Judi Radin, Capt
JoAnna Stansby
Mildred Breed

Stacy Jacobs
Pam Granovetter
Marinesa Letizia

Mancuso

Renee Mancuso, Capt
Shawn Quinn
Connie Goldberg

Peggy Sutherlin
Pamela Wittes
JoAnn Sprung

Moss

Sylvia Moss, Capt
Sue Picus
Linda Lewis

Migry Zur Campanile
Linda Perlman
G.Margie Gwozdzinsky

Walsh

Rhoda Walsh, Capt
Carreen Hinds

Sally Clark
Judy Pede

Boyd

Nancy Boyd, Capt
Jody Williams

Marcia Dean
Leila Sink



No more eating bon
bons while we play
online, ladies. This is
for real!!

It's showtime!!

From the Editor:

Welcome to the Women's Team Trials. We want to give this event the respect it deserves by offering daily coverage. Please bear with us. We are operating off-site (as we did in last year's Open). We are dealing with time zone quirks... and of course, the Internet. We promise to do our best and we hope it's good enough. This bulletin and the subsequent "bulletin pages" devoted to the Trials are intended substantially for you, as women, playing the game. Good luck to everyone! If you have a hand you want included or a funny story about the event, contact me voice at 847-509-0311 or by email at stansubeck@prodigy.net. Thanks.

Suzi

For Families and Kibitzers: Things to Do and See in Sacramento

Free Friday night concerts in Cesar Chavez Park! This free 15-week concert series will rock Cesar Chavez Plaza every Friday night from 5 pm to 9 pm with the sounds of live, local music.

Even in its 18th season, the Concerts in the Park series remains true to its roots and continues to provide a free, all ages venue to showcase Sacramento's local music scene. This season's line up features a total of 51 local bands including 27 new acts to the park series. The bands reflect a broad spectrum of musical acts including blues, punk, country, rock, indie, soul, pop, reggae and hip hop.

The Rail Splitter & The Railroads: Lincoln, the Union and the Golden State

May 9, 2009-February 15, 2010

The exhibit-timed to also commemorate the 140th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad-has been created especially for the California State Railroad Museum by Guest Curator Peter A. Hansen with support from the California State Railroad Museum Foundation. It demonstrates how Lincoln was instrumental in determining the role of American railroads in the transportation and early movement of crops and, eventually, even California gold. Additionally, the exhibit content includes interesting elements from Lincoln's law career as it related to key issues concerning the railroad. "The Rail Splitter and the Railroads" will be showcased in the Museum's Theater Mezzanine Gallery through February 15, 2010.

Aerospace Museum of California

Since we opened the new Museum pavilion and air park in February 2007, over 150,000 visitors have come to view our unique collection of 40 military and civilian aircraft, the 15 restored engines on display, use the educational programs, and enjoy the Air Force and Coast Guard art collections. Visitors see aircraft from a fully restored 1932 Curtiss-Wright "speed wing" biplane to an A-10 Warthog and engines including models from pre-World War I, the first jet engine, and a J-58 jet engine that powered the SR-71 Blackbird to 3 times the speed of sound. Our Aerospace Learning Center allows visitors to fly non-motion flight simulators or ride in a motion ride simulator. From February 9 through September 6, 2009, we will have an 8,000 square foot interactive exhibit open - *Space: A Journey to Our Future*.

In addition to housing of the McClellan Air Force Base history, the Foundation is focused on expanding its educational programs. The museum will depict the military presence in the Greater Sacramento area, history of local flying clubs, and the impact of aerospace companies such as Aerojet that represent the spectrum of aviation and aerospace activities that have grown and flourished locally.

The Museum has been twice recognized by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for sponsoring their continuing education teacher workshops. If we act on our vision, the educational programs and teacher workshops can open the door for young people to the limitless adventures and career opportunities that are available in aerospace, aviation and other technical fields.

Adults: \$8.00
Seniors (65 and over): \$6.00
Youth (13-18): \$6.00
Children (6-12): \$5.00
Children under 6: FREE
Active Duty Military: FREE (with ID)

The Aerospace Museum of California is open seven days a week excluding Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter Sunday. Monday through Saturday the museum is open to the public from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. On Sundays, the museum is open to the public from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm



For Your Dining Pleasure: Arden Fair



Restaurant	Cuisine	Location	Type
Auntie Anne's (916)925-1630	Sweets & Treats	Upper Level	Specialty
California Cafe (916)925-2233	American	Lower Level	Sit Down
Carl's Jr. (915)567-0340	American	Upper Level	Food Court
Cinnabon (916) 927-1964	Sweets & Treats	Upper Level	Specialty
Cold Stone Creamery (916)568-1415	Sweets & Treats	Upper Level	Specialty
Fresh Choice (916)649-3839	American	Lower Level	Sit Down
Godiva Chocolatier (916)649-1906	Sweets & Treats	Lower Level	Specialty
Hibachi-San (916) 920-5578	Asian	Upper Level	Food Court
Hot Dog on a Stick 1 (800) 321-8400	American	Lower Level	Food Court
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Jamba Juice (916)924-5945	Sweets & Treats	Lower Level	Specialty
Johnny Rockets (916)564-9567	American	Lower Level	Sit Down
Leasing Opportunity (415)924-8557	Sweets & Treats	Upper Level	Specialty
Mrs. Fields (916)927-5483	Sweets & Treats	Lower Level	Specialty
Panda Express (916) 920-0959	Asian	Upper Level	Food Court
Pretzel Time (916)927-5483	Sweets & Treats	Lower Level	Food Court
Rollerz (916)646-4850	Sandwiches	Upper Level	Food Court
Sbarro (916)564-0341	Italian	Upper Level	Food Court
See's Candies (916)925-7353	Sweets & Treats	Lower Level	Specialty
Starbucks Coffee (916)568-7420	Coffee, Tea & Smoothies	Lower Level	Specialty
Steak Escape (916)924-8552	American	Upper Level	Food Court
Sweet Factory (916)929-5133	Sweets & Treats	Upper Level	Specialty

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abercrombie kids
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Aeropostale
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(916)370-0826

Aldo
(916) 924-1945

American Eagle Outfitters
(916)920-2483

Anchor Blue
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Ann Taylor
(916)927-3162

Ann Taylor Loft
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(916)643-0960

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Auto Trends

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Brookstone
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Cache
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Disney Store
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Foot Locker
(916)925-1696

FootAction USA
(916) 564-4160

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(916) 927-9913

Fragranza
(916)929-1111

Fred Meyer Jewelers
(916)923-9107

Frederick's of Hollywood
(916)922-7124

Fresh Choice
(916)649-3839

GameStop
(916)924-3394

Gap
(916)927-7242

Gap Kids
(916)648-3948

Glamour Shots
(916)923-3881

GNC
(916)646-9855

Godiva Chocolatier
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Good Hand Massage
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(916) 925-8275

Icing
(912)920-3429

J. Crew
(916)924-3657

Jamba Juice
(916)924-5945

Janie and Jack
(916)922-1622

JCPenney
(916)564-0315

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Jessica McClintock
(916) 830-9980

John Robert Powers

Johnny Rockets
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Jos A. Bank
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Journeys
(916)568-6440

Juicy Couture
(916) 927-1120

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Lane Bryant
(916) 927-0081

LEGO
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LensCrafters
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Lids
(916)922-2922

L'Occitane en Provence
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M.A.C
(916) 921-2812

Macy Woman
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Macy*s
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Men's Wearhouse
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Merlo's Cutlery
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MetroPCS
(916) 565-1255

Motherhood Maternity
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Mrs. Fields
(916)927-5483

Naartjie
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Papyrus
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Pottery Barn
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Pottery Barn Kids
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Pretzel Time
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Sears
(916)924-6133

See's Candies
(916)925-7353

Sephora
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Sittra
(916)925-2268

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Slim 30
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Solarx Eyewear
(559)284-0574

Solstice Sunglass Boutique
(916)649-0100

Soma Intimates
(916) 924-1294

Sports Fever
(916)920-3387

Starbucks Coffee
(916)568-7420

Steak Escape
(916)924-8552

Stride Rite
(916)648-1174

Sunglass Hut
(916)923-6071

Swarovski
(916)646-6044

Sweet Factory
(916)929-5133

Teavana
(916)921-2456

The Body Shop
(916)920-4660

The Limited
(916)922-8972

The Walking Company
(916)649-9255

Things Remembered
(916)-646-1742

Torrif
(916)923-1015

Trade Secret
(916)927-3360

T-Shirts Plus
(916) 929-7318

Up Against The Wall
(916)468-0222

Vans
(916)-923-2377

Verizon Wireless
(916) 225-7584

Victoria's Secret
(916)925-3345

Wet Seal
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White House | Black Market
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Zumiez
(916)924-1547

Dining in the Hotel:

Espresso Bar - To-Go Counter is open for: Breakfast Lunch Dinner
Attire: Casual

Hours:

Monday	5:45 AM - 10:00 PM
Tuesday	5:45 AM - 10:00 PM
Wednesday	5:45 AM - 10:00 PM
Thursday	5:45 AM - 10:00 PM
Friday	5:45 AM - 10:00 PM
Saturday	5:45 AM - 10:00 PM
Sunday	5:45 AM - 10:00 PM

R.J. GRINS

Double Tree's locally renowned sports bar! Music provided by our in-house DJ and Karaoke! Bar features pool tables, darts, and other fun games and activities. ****(Dress code enforced)****

R.J. GRINS is open for: Lunch Dinner
Attire: Casual

Hours:

Monday	4:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Tuesday	4:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Wednesday	4:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Thursday	4:00 PM - 1:00 AM
Friday	4:00 PM - 1:00 AM
Saturday	12:00 PM - 1:00 AM
Sunday	12:00 PM - 11:00 PM

CITYSIDE CAFE

The Cityside Cafe is located just off the lobby and it offers casual dining in a comfortable atmosphere for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Featuring a lavish breakfast buffet and traditional breakfast fare as well as salads, pastas and sandwiches for lunch and dinner. Cityside Cafe has something for all diners.

CITYSIDE CAFE is open for: Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Attire: Casual

Hours:

Monday	6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Tuesday	6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Wednesday	6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Thursday	6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Friday	6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Saturday	6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Sunday	6:00 AM - 10:00 PM

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.

Vugraph

The 2009 USWBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Semi-finals. We hope to cover all 4 tables in play in the Semi-finals and both tables in the Finals and Playoffs. 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 USWBC 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 California times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

11:00-1:20
 1:35-3:55
 6:00-8:20
 8:35-10:55

All of the teams will play the same boards, unless one match gets sufficiently far behind that they have to start later than the other match, in which case, for security reasons, they will play different 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 USWBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

Semi-Final				Semi-Final and Final + Playoff Schedules
Monday	May 25	11:00 am - 1:20 pm 1:35 - 3:55 3:55 - 6:00 6:00 - 8:20 8:35 - 10:55	Semi-final Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32 Dinner break Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64	
Final & Playoff 1				
Tuesday	May 26	11:00 am - 1:20 pm 1:35 - 3:55 3:55 - 6:00 6:00 - 8:20 8:35 - 10:55	Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32 Dinner break Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64	
Wednesday	May 27	11:00 am - 1:20 pm 1:35 - 3:55 3:55 - 6:00	Boards 65-80 Boards 81-96 Dinner Break	
Playoff 2				
Wednesday	May 27	6:00 - 8:20 8:35 - 10:55	Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32	
Thursday	May 28	11:00 am - 1:20 pm 1:35 - 3:55 3:55 - 6:00 6:00 - 8:20 8:35 - 10:55	Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64 Dinner break Boards 65-80 Boards 81-96	

WIT: for the “W”omen’s “I”nternational “T”eam Trials!!

Keep in mind, this is a Women’s event so we will do our best to feature material with a female bias!

Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and you cry with your girlfriends. -Laurie Kuslansky-

Thirty-five is when you finally get your head together and your body starts falling apart. -Caryn Leschen-

Inside every older person is a younger person -- wondering what the hell happened. -Cora Harvey Armstrong-

The hardest years in life are those between ten and seventy. -Helen Hayes (at 73)-

When I was young, I was put in a school for retarded kids for two years before they realized I actually had a hearing loss. And they called ME slow! -Kathy Buckley

Things are going to get a lot worse before they get worse. -Lily Tomlin-

My second favorite household chore is ironing. My first being, hitting my head on the top bunk bed until I faint. -Erma Bombeck-

Old age ain't no place for sissies. -Bette Davis-

I have yet to hear a man ask for advice on how to combine marriage and a career.-Gloria Steinem-

I am a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man I keep his house. -Zsa Zsa Gabor-

Every time I close the door on reality it comes in through the windows. -Jennifer Unlimited-

I'm not going to vacuum 'til Sears makes one you can ride on. -Roseanne Barr-

I try to take one day at a time, but sometimes several days attack me at once. -Jennifer Unlimited-

If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning. -Catherine-

I refuse to think of them as chin hairs. I think of them as stray eyebrows. -Janette Barber-

I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb ... and I'm also not blonde. -Dolly Parton-

If high heels were so wonderful, men would still be wearing them. -Sue Grafton-

When women are depressed they either eat or go shopping. Men invade another country. -Elayne Boosler-

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission. -Eleanor Roosevelt-

The phrase "working mother" is redundant. -Jane Sellman-

Restaurant Recommendations from Jan ...



The Arden Fair Mall is right across the street from the hotel. The restaurants listed on page 5 are all on one end of the Mall.

There are several more restaurants at the other end of the Mall: Max's Opera Café, 1735 Arden Way, California Pizza Kitchen, also 1735 Arden Way, and a yummy self-service frozen Yoghurt place are among them.

One of Chip and my favorite local eateries ... same location as above... is Dos Coyotes. It is a Northwestern-style (not really Mexican) restaurant that started in Davis and now has a Sacramento branch. The address is 1735 Arden.

In addition, The Elephant Bar Restaurant is located at 1500 Arden Way (916-564-2526). They are a chain facility with many locations around the country. For late nighters, this restaurant is open till 10 on weekdays and 11 on weekends.

AND, last, but not least, there is my personal favorite ice cream and sandwich parlor, Leatherby's ... a short 2 miles away at 2333 Arden Way!

See you Sundae!!



Ten Things Only Women Understand:

- 10. Why it's good to have five pairs of black shoes.
 - 9. The difference between cream, ivory, and off-white.
 - 8. Crying can be fun.
 - 7. FAT CLOTHES.
 - 6. A salad, diet drink, and a hot fudge sundae make a balanced lunch.
 - 5. Discovering a designer dress on the clearance rack can be considered a peak life experience.
 - 4. The inaccuracy of every bathroom scale ever made.
 - 3. A good man might be hard to find, but a good hairdresser is next to impossible.
 - 2. Why a phone call between two women never lasts under ten minutes.
- AND THE NUMBER ONE THING ONLY WOMEN UNDERSTAND:
1. OTHER WOMEN!

Women's T-Shirt Sayings

Don't piss me off! I'm running out of places to hide the bodies.
 Guys have feelings too. But like... who cares?
 I don't believe in miracles. I rely on them.
 Next mood swing: 6 minutes.
 I hate everybody, and you're next.
 Please don't make me kill you.
 And your point is...?
 I used to be schizophrenic, but we're ok now.
 I'm busy. You're ugly. Have a nice day.
 Warning: I have an attitude and I know how to use it.
 Remember my name - you'll be screaming it later.
 You KNOW you want me.
 Don't worry. It'll only seem kinky the first time...
 Of course I don't look busy... I did it right the first time.
 Why do people with closed minds always open their mouths?
 I'm multi-talented: I can talk and piss you off at the same time.
 You, me, whipped cream, handcuffs. Any questions?
 Do NOT start with me. You will NOT win.
 You have the right to remain silent, so please SHUT UP.
 All stressed out and no one to choke.
 I'm one of those bad things that happen to good people.
 How can I miss you if you won't go away?
 Sorry if I looked interested. I'm not.
 If we are what we eat, I'm fast, cheap and easy.
 Nobody knows I'm not wearing underwear.
 I'm out of estrogen and I have a gun.

Sudoku

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

Baseball Sex Change

A group of guys and one girl are sitting together at a ball game. During the game, the guys notice that the girl knows just as much about the game as they do, and they're really impressed.

After the game they ask her, "How is it that you know so much about baseball?"

She replies, "Well, I used to be a guy and had a sex change operation."

The guys are amazed, but very curious about the process. "What was the most painful part of the process? Was it when they cut off your penis?" one of them asked.

"That was very painful, but it was not the most painful part."

"Was it when they cut off your testicles?"

"That was very painful, but was not the most painful part."

"Well, what was the most painful part?" one of the other guys inquired.

"The part that hurt the most was when they cut my salary in half!"

Puzzle Answer

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

Distribution Rocks!

This is a hand from the 2000 Venice Cup match between Netherlands and the USA. USA won 18 IMPs on the Board for a very good reason: They valued their distribution that way they should. Here is the hand:

Dealer: E
 N/S Vul

♠ J6432
 ♥ 98
 ♦
 ♣ AT9543

♠ AT
 ♥ T7543
 ♦ AQ9
 ♣ 862

N
↑

♠
 ♥ AJ
 ♦ KJ875432
 ♣ KQJ

♠ KQ9875
 ♥ KQ62
 ♦ T6
 ♣ 7

In the Closed Room, where Connie Goldberg was North and Roseanne Pollack was South for the USA, this was the auction:

West	North	East	South
Van der Pas	Goldberg	Vriend	Pollack
		1♦	1♠
2♥	4♠	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♠	Double!!	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Vriend could have been right. They might have had enough defense to beat the contract ... on the other hand, shouldn't she have suspected that perhaps her EIGHTH diamond would stop her side from collecting any diamond tricks ... and a heart and a spade would just not be enough?

At the other table, where Deas was West and Palmer was East, the auction went differently:

West	North	East	South
Deas	Pasman	Palmer	Simons
		1♣	1♠
Double	4♠	5♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Deas freely raised five diamonds to six... and she was right!

There was little to the play at either table and 920 plus 850 was a stunning result!

Flight Attendant Humor

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"Our seat belts work just like every other seat belt, and if you don't know how to operate one, you shouldn't be out in public unsupervised. In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, margarine cups will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask and pull it over your face. If you have a small child travelling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are travelling with more than one small child...pick your favorite."

"Last one off the plane has to clean it!"

"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

"Should the cabin lose pressure, oxygen masks will drop from the overhead area. Please place the bag over your own mouth and nose before assisting children or other adults who are acting like children."

The Power of Pink ...

I, Peaches Pastel, the Popular Pink Prognosticator picked Rachel Alexandra in the Preakness ... and I'm picking Glasson in the WITT. I'm not Perfect, but I'm Pretty Precise and my Picks are Passionately Predicated on Perfection.

"P" is for Pink (and Payton who is now Potty trained and knows where to Pee ... will explain later) and I Positively LOVE Pink and "P"ayton and "P". I drink Pink Ladies. I carry Prada Purses. I vacation in Paris and I Pick Winners! Glasson has all "P"ros and "P"ollack to boot... that's an edge. I know... I know ... Radin has "P"am ... Mancuso has "P"eggy and "P"amela... Fireman has "P"hyllis... Dinkin has "P"almer ... Moss has "P"icus and "P"erlman ... and Walsh has "P"ede ... but I'm sticking with Glasson... It's well Practiced Professional Power ... and Perfect Partnerships that matter!

The round robin will Prove Puzzling. Only four teams will Play in the Semi-finals ... by definition. (I've just Polished off my Pentultimate Pink Lady and am waiting for my last... Please Pardon the slurPing!)

I Profess that for the semis, we'll see: Glasson (Perfect!); Fireman (Probably USA2); Radin (by far my Personal favorite); Dinkin (in bye default!) It's the top four seeds to the finish line! Fillies Pace true to form!

More tomorrow...
 if my Publisher Prepares the Paper Properly!

XOXOXO ... Peaches

