

Women's Team "Trials" and Tribulations

USWBC 2009 1ST ROUND ROBIN

Team Name	Total	5	7	4	3	6	2	8
5. Mancuso	85.91		13.45	4.51	11.67	14.39	14.39	17.50
7. Walsh	85.12	6.55		9.14	12.42	14.09	17.69	15.23
4. Radin	78.75	15.49	10.86		6.22	16.46	14.68	5.04
3. Glasson	73.85	8.33	4.58	13.78		4.51	16.90	15.75
6. Moss	63.01	5.61	5.91	3.54	15.49		7.23	15.23
2. Fireman	46.22	5.61	2.31	5.32	3.10	12.77		17.11
8. Boyd	44.14	2.50	4.77	14.96	4.25	4.77	2.89	

From the Operations Officer...



It's good news and bad news ... Why should this tournament be different from all other tournaments?

The good news is that everyone arrived in time to play. The venue is great and the Regional hosts in Sacramento are wonderful people with whom to work. It is fun running an event like this one simultaneously at one location in conjunction with a Regional tournament.

The bad news is that some of our equipment, along with PDF copies of our hand records, is lost somewhere in UPS land. We are doing our best to deal with the situation. Hopefully, it will all be straightened out tomorrow.

We will keep you posted and try to keep you entertained while we unscramble the situation. Thanks in advance for your patience!

Jan



Look Carefully!

Can you see the three women?

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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

**"Personally I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught."
- Winston Churchill**

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

Poetic Justice...

A woman and her daughter spent the day shopping together for the perfect dress for her to wear as mother-of-the bride at the daughter's wedding next month. They had wonderful luck and emerged from the day ecstatic over the purchase, having found "the perfect dress".

The next weekend the daughter visited her dad and the woman he was dating (who was, of course, considerably younger than her mother). She was appalled when her father's girlfriend showed her the dress she was planning to wear to the wedding. It was identical to the one they had just bought for her mother!

The daughter tells the girlfriend what has happened and asks her to return it to the store and choose something else. "I certainly will NOT", the girlfriend replied, "I look absolutely stunning in this dress...it shows off my fabulous figure and the color accentuates my suntan perfectly. No way am I taking it back!"

Heartsick, the daughter broke the bad news to her mother, who responded, "No problem, honey, I'll wear something else. This will be the most special day of your life, and I want it to be absolutely perfect for you."

"Mom, you're the greatest . . . so understanding and supportive. I sure hope you don't have any trouble getting a refund on the dress."

"Oh, I'm not returning the dress", the mother answered. "I'll just wear it to the rehearsal dinner!"

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

Ch, Ch, Ch, Ch, Changes...

A middle aged woman has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital.

While on the operating table she has a near-death experience. A bright light approaches her and as she the light gets brighter, she sees God and wonders if, "This is it..."

God, omnipotent as he is, reads her mind and definitely says:

"No. This is not it." He goes on to explain that she has another 30 to 40 years to live.

The bright light fades away and the woman begins to awake. After her complete recovery, the woman decides to stay in the hospital and get a face lift, liposuction, breast augmentation, and a tummy tuck. She even has someone come in to change her hair color. She figures since she's got another 30 to 40 years she might as well make the most of it.

After the last operation, she walks out of the hospital and right in the parking lot, she's killed by an ambulance speeding up to the emergency room!

She approaches the white light again and finally arrives before God. She asks, "I thought you said I had another 30 to 40 years?" To which God replied:

"Sally? Is that you? Oh, dear. Sorry, I didn't recognize you."

Horsing Around...

Brian and his two friends are hanging out at a bar. They're talking about life, sports and other guy things when the conversation finally gets around to to their marriages.

His first friend says: "I think my wife is having an affair with the electrician. The other day I came home and found wire cutters under our bed and they weren't mine."

His second friend says: "You know what? I think my wife is having an affair with the plumber the other day I found a wrench under the bed and it wasn't mine."

Brian, surprised by the candor of his friends, decides to come forth with his marital concerns: "I think my wife is having an affair with a horse."

Both his friends look at him, or course, with utter disbelief.

"No I'm serious. The other day I came home and found a jockey under our bed."

How To Fix Your Marriage...

After just a few years of marriage filled with constant arguments, a young man and his wife decided the only way to save their marriage was to try counseling. They had been at each other's throats for some time and felt that this was their last straw.

When they arrived at the counselor's office, the counselor jumped right in and opened the floor for discussion. "What seems to be the problem?" Immediately, the husband held his long face down without anything to say. In contrast, the wife began talking 90 miles an hour, describing all the wrongs within their marriage.

After 15 minutes of listening to the wife, the counselor went over to her, picked her up by her shoulders, kissed her passionately and sat her back down. Afterwards, the wife sat speechless.

The marriage counselor looked over at the husband, who stared in disbelief. The counselor said to the husband, "Your wife NEEDS that at least twice a week!"

The husband scratched his head and replied, "I can have her here on Tuesdays and Thursdays."

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

Sudoku

Marvelous Management...

A magazine ran a "management quotes" contest. They were looking for people to submit quotes from their real-life dysfunctional managers.

Here were the top ten finalists:

1. "As of tomorrow, employees will only be able to access the building using individual security cards. Pictures will be taken next Wednesday and employees will receive their cards in two weeks."
2. "What I need is an exact list of specific unknown problems we might encounter."
3. "E-mail is not to be used to pass on information or data. It should be used only for company business."
4. "This project is so important, we can't let things that are more important interfere with it."
5. "Doing it right is no excuse for not meeting the schedule."
6. "No one will believe you solved this problem in one day! We've been working on it for months. Now, go act busy for a few weeks and I'll let you know when it's time to tell them."
7. Quote from the Boss: "Teamwork is a lot of people doing what I say."
8. My sister passed away and her funeral was scheduled for Monday. When I told my Boss, he said she died on purpose so that I would have to miss work on the busiest day of the year. He then asked if we could change her burial to Friday. He said, "That would be better for me."
9. "We know that communication is a problem, but the company is not going to discuss it with the employees."
10. One day my Boss asked me to submit a status report to him concerning a project I was working on. I asked him if tomorrow would be soon enough. He said, "If I wanted it tomorrow, I would have waited until tomorrow to ask for it!"

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

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.

Board 1 from the Round Robin ...

♠ Xx		♠ KQJx
♥ X		♥ Kx
♦ AKQTx		♦ Xx
♣ KQ9xx		♣ AJxxx
		
♠ Xxx		
♥ Oxxx		
♦ Jxxx		
♣ Tx		
♠ AT9x		
♥ AJTxxx		
♦ Xx		
♣ x		

It isn't easy to win 13 IMPs on a board without bidding and making a vulnerable game at one or the other of the tables. However, the Radin team managed this on the very first board out of the box... and it couldn't have been a vulnerable game situation since no one is ever vulnerable on board one.

At the table where Stacy Jacobs was East and Judi Radin was West, Pam Wittes was North and Shawn Quinn was South, Pam opened 1♦. Stacy overcalled 1♠. Shawn bid 2♥ and Judi passed. Pam bid 3♣. Stacy passed. Shawn bid 3♥ and calmly played it there, going down one after Judi led a spade.

At the other table it went 1♦ by North; 2♣ by East; Double by South (negative); and a pass by North who happily converted the double to penalties looking at five clubs to the king, queen. This went down four for -800 E/W.

There is a lot of logic to Stacy's one spade overcall. Certainly KQJx is as good as most five card holdings... and it is a level lower than overcalling two clubs on AJxxx. In addition, if partner is on lead at the end of the auction, you would most certainly prefer a spade lead to a club lead any day.

Stacy, who has been practicing like a demon for this event, humbly comments, "I guess that's why Judi tells me not to overcall 5 card minors!"

Thanks to Stacy and Judi for taking time out of their busy schedules to furnish me with this hand. I am working at a major deficit here in Chicago without hand records readily available.

Jan Martel is searching for the hand records... currently lost in UPS land... Please bear with us. We are doing the best we can.

Peaches Preaches ...

I can't stay up till the end of the matches today. The Pool opened at the condo and everyone is out there Picnicking. I've been drinking Planters Punch and Pink Ladies with the neighbors and I'm Plum Puckered out.

Hubby is Playing golf ... Putting at 6am... yawn! I hate those early tee times... Jacobs' hubby isn't Playing till after noon... with his bowling buddies... hope they don't get confused... those big balls will never make it into those little cups!

Ladies, Please! Those big balls are bowling balls ... get your minds out of the gutter!

Anyway, with five matches down and one to go, the scoreboard looks like this:

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Not exactly what I Predicted... but it isn't over till the fat lady sings ... and she isn't singing till tomorrow night.

Fireman and Glasson will rally ... hard for those Floridians to cross all those time zones and Play Perfectly the first day.

Look for Lisa, Joanne and Shannon to Pick up the Pace and join Stacy

and crew in the Semis at the completion of Play tomorrow evening... Walsh will waffle... Mancuso will imPlode.

The White Sox came back with two wins after a gut-wrenching 20-1 loss to the Twins. SouthPaw assures me that Stacy would not miss the Sox games unless she Planned to win a berth in Sao Paulo.

Ok... one last drinky Poo and I'm hitting the Pillows! Taking Payton to see the Sox beat the Pirates tomorrow afternoon! Go ladies!!

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	