



# Women's Team "Trials" and Tribulations

Finals		26-MAY-2009						
#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	65-80	81-96
1	Dinkin	102	32	22	18	30		
2	Mancuso	107	10	35	50	12		
Playoff								
3	Glasson	157	49	60	45	3		
4	Moss	89	7	0	20	62		

## Three Out of Four IS Bad...

Board 48	♠ AK82		♠ T9
Dealer: W	♥ AQJ		♥ KT763
E/W Vul.	♦ KJ		♦ 762
	♣ A642		♣ JT7
♠ J63			
♥ 4			
♦ A9853			
♣ KO93			
	♠ Q754		
	♥ 9852		
	♦ QT4		
	♣ 85		



bring home ten tricks. Even if that works, the hand may be unmakeable on some layouts.

At all three tables where the play is known, the opening lead was a club, won by North with the ace. Bjerkan made the simple play of laying down the ace and king of spades. When trumps broke, she led a third round to dummy and knocked out the ace of diamonds. Ten tricks home free!!

At the two tables in the Finals, declarer won the club lead with her ace and played a diamond before testing trumps. West won her ace of diamonds and led her singleton heart. Since neither declarer had tested trumps, they both finessed and were down one when West trumped the heart return. It's good to know that even the best players make mistakes.

For the second time in 48 boards, both declarers in the Finals went down in a cold game... (see story on page 2)

In the Playoff, Bjerkan, once again showed her talent by being the only declarer to make the hand.

All four tables are in four spades. Due to the a technical malfunction, we do not know the line of play in the fourth room.

We do know that a diamond lead followed by a heart switch will force declarer to guess whether she needs the heart finesse. If trumps are 3-2, there are ten top tricks: five spades, two hearts, two diamonds and one club.

If spades are not 3-2, declarer must rely on the heart finesse to



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# A Hand from the 2nd Quarter Finals and Playoff

Board 19  
 Dealer: S  
 E/W Vul.

♠ AKJ6	♥ AK54	♦ Q86	♣ A8
♠ Q5	♥ JT87632	♦ 9	♣ QJ3
♠ 3	♥ 9	♦ AKJ5432	♣ K652
	♠ T98742	♥ Q	♦ T7
	♣ T974		

West	North	East	South
Mancuso	McCallum	Sutherlin	Baker
			2♣
Pass	2NT	3♦	Pass
3♥	4♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Deas	Goldberg	Palmer	Sprung
			Pass
2♦* (multi)	Double	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Baker and McCallum play that their weak twos show three to nine HCP and a five card suit non-vulnerable. This is all part of their extremely light opening/get-in get-out system. Since McCallum held a 21 count and four card support to three of the top four honors, she had no problem ending the auction in game.

West	North	East	South
Perlman	Bjerkan	Picus	Weinstein
			Pass
Pass	2NT	3♦	4♥ (Texas)
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

At the other table in the finals, Sprung passed. Deas opened a multi two diamonds. Goldberg doubled and Sprung bid three hearts (transfer to spades). Goldberg showed slam interest with her club cue and Sprung signed off in the spade game.

West	North	East	South
Glasson	Lewis	Berkowitz	Margie G.
			Pass
Pass	2NT	3♦	4♥ (Texas)!!
Pass	Pass	Pass	

At both tables, the opening lead was the nine of diamonds to the jack, king and ace. Surprisingly, since one of these teams WILL be representing us in Sao Paulo, both declarers played too quickly. Both Souths ruffed with the ten of spades and got overruffed with queen for down one when they still had to lose the king of clubs.

The contract was cold if declarer had simply pitched a small club on the third diamond and later pitched two small clubs on the ace and king of hearts.

In the playoffs, Bjerkan got it right and made the hand. At the other table, Lewis and Margie G. had a misunderstanding and Lewis passed her partner in her Texas transfer.

Over three diamonds, bids of three hearts, three spades and four clubs are all forcing calls. Assuming that double would be negative, four diamonds and four hearts can still be used as transfers. Obviously Margie thought that was what they were playing. The result: down 6 for a loss of 12 IMPs.

Peaches is haPPily downing Pink ladies since she Picked Glasson to continue and Glasson has the only declarer to Produce a Positive result on the hand!

A gourmet who thinks of calories is like a tart who looks at her watch.

*James Beard*

**USWBC Teams**

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

<b>Dinkin</b>  Bye to SemiFinals	<b>Lynn Baker</b> <b>Kerri Sanborn</b> <b>Beth Palmer</b> <b>Sam Dinkin, NPC</b>	<b>Karen McCallum</b> <b>Irina Levitina</b> <b>Lynn Deas</b>
<b>Fireman</b>  Bye to RR2	<b>Phyllis Fireman, Capt</b> <b>Janice Seamon-Molson</b> <b>Jill Meyers</b>	<b>Shannon Cappelletti</b> <b>Tobi Sokolow</b> <b>Jill Levin</b>
<b>Glasson</b>  Bye to RR2	<b>Joann Glasson, Capt</b> <b>Sue Weinstein</b> <b>Rozanne Pollack</b>	<b>Lisa Berkowitz</b> <b>Cheri Bjerkan</b> <b>Stasha Cohen</b>
<b>Radin</b>	<b>Judi Radin, Capt</b> <b>JoAnna Stansby</b> <b>Mildred Breed</b>	<b>Stacy Jacobs</b> <b>Pam Granovetter</b> <b>Marinesa Letizia</b>
<b>Mancuso</b>	<b>Renee Mancuso, Capt</b> <b>Shawn Quinn</b> <b>Connie Goldberg</b>	<b>Peggy Sutherlin</b> <b>Pamela Wittes</b> <b>JoAnn Sprung</b>
<b>Moss</b>	<b>Sylvia Moss, Capt</b> <b>Sue Picus</b> <b>Linda Lewis</b>	<b>Migry Zur Campanile</b> <b>Linda Perlman</b> <b>G.Margie Gwozdzinsky</b>
<b>Walsh</b>	<b>Rhoda Walsh, Capt</b> <b>Carreen Hinds</b>	<b>Sally Clark</b> <b>Judy Pede</b>
<b>Boyd</b>	<b>Nancy Boyd, Capt</b> <b>Jody Williams</b>	<b>Marcia Dean</b> <b>Leila Sink</b>

**Polly Wants a Cracker...**

A woman went to a pet shop and immediately spotted a large, beautiful parrot. There was a sign on the cage that said \$50.00. "Why so little?" she asked the pet store owner. The owner looked at her and said, "Look, I should tell you first that this bird used to live in a brothel and sometimes it says some pretty vulgar stuff."

The woman thought about this, but decided she had to have the bird anyway. She took it home and hung the bird's cage up in her living room and waited for it to say something. The bird looked around the room, then at her, and said, "New house, new madam."

The woman was a bit shocked at the implication, but then thought, "That's really not so bad."

When her two daughters returned from school the bird saw and said, "New house, new madam, new girls." The girls and the woman were a bit offended but then began to laugh about the situation considering how and where the parrot had been raised.

Moments later, the woman's husband came home from work.

The bird looked at him and said, "Hi, Keith!"

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

This morning on the Interstate I looked over to my left, and there was a woman in a brand new Cadillac, doing 65 mph, with her face up next to her rear view mirror, putting on her eyeliner.

I looked away for a couple of seconds, and when I looked back, she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup.

As a man I don't scare easily, but she scared me so much I dropped my electric shaver, knocking a donut out of my other hand.

In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car--- and using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my cell phone away from my ear and into the coffee between my legs; it splashed, and burned Big Jim and the twins, ruined the damn phone, soaked my trousers, and also disconnected an important call. . .

Damn Women Drivers!!



During a commercial airline flight an Air Force Pilot was seated next to a young mother with a babe in arms. When the baby began crying during the descent for landing, the mother began nursing the infant as discreetly as possible.

The pilot pretended not to notice and, upon disembarking, he gallantly offered his assistance to help with the various baby-related impedimenta.

When the young mother expressed her gratitude, the pilot responded, 'Gosh, that's a good looking baby...and he sure was hungry!'

Somewhat embarrassed, the mother explained that her pediatrician said nursing would help alleviate the pressure in the baby's ears.

The Air Force Pilot sadly shook his head, and in true pilot fashion exclaimed, 'And all these years, I've been chewing gum.'



Yesterday I was at my local COSTCO buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Biscuit, the Wonder Dog and was in the checkout line when woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had, an elephant?

So since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.) Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me.

I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter's ass and a car hit us both.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. Costco won't let me shop there anymore.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.



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

# Sudoku

## The Best Part of Waking Up...

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife says, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband says, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

The wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

The husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages that it indeed says:

"HEBREWS"



**Puzzle Answer**

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

## You Can Lead a Horse to Water ... but You've Gotta Make 'Em Think

Board 25  
Dealer: N  
E/W Vul.

♠ KT42  
♥ 2  
♦ T2  
♣ AT7643

♠ 93  
♥ KJ963  
♦ AK876  
♣ 9



♠ A5  
♥ QT74  
♦ QJ94  
♣ KQ5

♠ QJ876  
♥ A85  
♦ 53  
♣ J82

West	North	South	East
Mancuso	McCallum	Sutherlin	Baker
	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Karen McCallum should be congratulated for finding the spade lead on this hand to defeat five hearts. Her partner didn't help her out by doubling four spades, but she reasoned correctly that her partner also did not support her clubs.

She tracked the four of spades and Mancuso could only take ten tricks, losing one spade, one club and one heart.

## Sometimes You Make It ... Sometimes You Don't!

Board 42  
Dealer: E  
All Vul.

♠ J865  
♥ K543  
♦ 954  
♣ K4

♠ AK32  
♥ T  
♦ KQT8  
♣ A973



♠ QT74  
♥ J962  
♦ J762  
♣ Q

♠ 9  
♥ AQ87  
♦ A3  
♣ JT8652

At two of the tables ... one in the Finals and one in the Playoff, declarer, West, found herself in four spades. In the Finals, Wittes was doubled ... In the Playoff, Lewis was untouched.

Against Lewis' four spades, Bjerkan led a heart to the ace and Weinstein won and played ace and a diamond. Declarer won this with dummy's jack of diamonds. Since South had opened the bidding one club and bid hearts after North's negative double, it is clear for declarer to ruff a heart low while she can, and then embark on a club/heart crossruff.

Declarer apparently missed this position and played on trumps, ruffing only one heart in her hand, resulting in only nine tricks.

Against Baker's four hearts, McCallum led the king of clubs. Baker had opened one club so this lead made a lot of sense. Declarer won the ace and fired back the ten of hearts, won by North's king. McCallum continued clubs, trumped in dummy. Again declarer must ruff a heart low before North gets a chance to discard and overruff. However, declarer, instead led a diamond, ducked to her king, and continued diamonds. Now South fell from grace, and returned a heart, allowing declarer to ruff small and make the hand on a crossruff.

At the other table in the final, Deas arrived in one no-trump making two and suffered a 12 IMP loss for her efforts.

At this point in the Finals, Mancuso had recovered 32 IMPs in the third segment, going from down nine to up 23 after board 42.

## 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.

<b>Semi-Final</b>				<b>Semi-Final and Final + Playoff Schedules</b>
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	<b>Semi-final</b> Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32 Dinner break Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64	
<b>Final &amp; Playoff 1</b>				
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	
<b>Playoff 2</b>				
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	