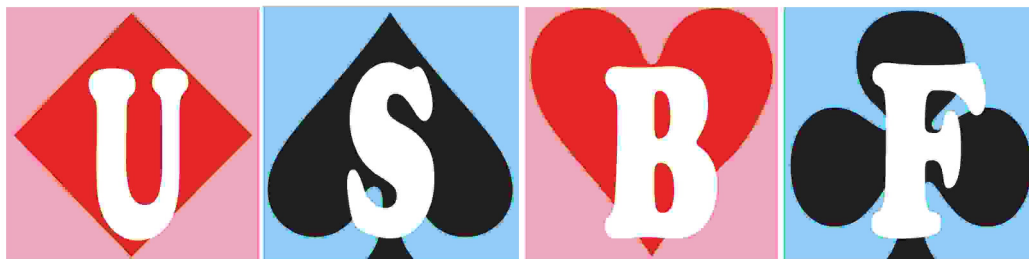




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# “Trials” and Tribulations

## Congratulations Fleisher Team! USA1

Finals									
TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120
<b>Fleisher</b>	260	28	51	20	33	34	16	57	21
<b>Diamond</b>	218	45	6	33	37	34	30	4	29

## Congratulations Team Rizzo! USA2

Under 21-USA2 Team Trials - 2010					
Finals					
#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-16	17-32	33-48
2	<b>Rizzo</b>	159	50	55	54
3	<b>Das</b>	90	47	2	41

Play finished today in the 2010 Team Trials and in the U-21 Team Trials.

Congratulations to the team of Marty Fleisher, Michael Kamil, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Bobby Levin and Stevie Weinstein. They will represent the USA as USA1 in the Bermuda Bowl next year.

Next year's Trials will produce USA2 for the same event.

Fleisher had a bye to the round of 8. They played great as a team and even their toughest opponents said how well they performed.

Hope everyone had fun in Chicago... and a safe trip home.

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# The Final Day...

Board 112  
E/W Vul.  
Dealer: W

♠ AKJ9874  
♥ AKT73  
♦  
♣ Q

♠ Q63  
♥ 962  
♦ KJ973  
♣ 84



♠ T  
♥ 84  
♦ AQT652  
♣ KT52

♠ 52  
♥ QJ5  
♦ 84  
♣ AJ9763

West	North	East	South
Moss	Weinstein	Gitelman	Levin
Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
2♠	Double	3♦	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Stansby	Greco	Martel	Hampson
Pass	1♣	2♦	3♣
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Board 112 of the final match was an opportunity for a big swing.

Careful play brings home a grand slam in hearts. Declarer wins the opening lead, cashes two rounds of trump and then tests spades. Since East holds a singleton spade but only two hearts; declarer can trump the third round of spades in dummy, return to his hand, draw the last trump, and claim his contract.

But life is never so simple.

In the open room Levin-Weinstein bid to six spades without ever mentioning the heart suit. Notice that the two spade cue bid by Moss made it very difficult for Weinstein to show a virtually slam forcing hand with great spades and a secondary heart suit. Any heart bid over two spades could be passed by his partner. When Levin raised spades, Weinstein took an imprecise approach of asking for aces and bidding six spades. This seemed to be a good decision since the bad spade break beats the spade grand.

The Fleisher team seemed destined to win a slam swing, when Greco and Hampson started with a strong club and were also unable to introduce the heart suit, arriving in seven spades.

Trailing in the match, and needing some quick swings, Greco gambled on the spade grand slam.

With the bad trump break this contract seemed destined to fail.

If Martel didn't lead a trump against the grand, Greco would have to play him for a singleton to make his contract. More likely, he would play for the queen in Martel's hand, dropping in one or two rounds. Fortunately for Greco, Martel DID lead his singleton trump and the Diamond team gained a slam swing. 11 IMPs to Diamond

## Where Do We Come From?

A little girl asked her mother, 'How did the human race begin?' The mother answered, 'God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so all mankind began with His creation.'

Two days later the girl asked her father the same question. The father answered, 'Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved.'

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, 'Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they evolved from monkeys?'

The mother answered, 'Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his.'

## Par for the Course!

Board 102  
 E/W Vul. ♠ 85  
 Dealer: E ♥ Q2  
 ♦ AQJ5  
 ♣ 86432

♠ AJ932      ♠ KQT76  
 ♥ KJT985      ♥ A6  
 ♦              ♦ 643  
 ♣ K5            ♣ Q97

♠ 4  
 ♥ 743  
 ♦ KT9872  
 ♣ AJT



West	North	East	South
Diamond	Weinstein	Platnick	Levin
		1♠	2♦
5♦ (Exclusion KC)	7♦	Double	All Pass

Stansby	Gitelman	Martel	Moss
		Pass	2♦
4♦ (majors)	5♦	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	6♣	All Pass

The seventh segment of the finals was a decisive victory for the Fleisher team. Fleisher outscored the Diamond team 57 to 4 in that set of fifteen boards.

Their biggest swing of the segment came on Board 102.

In an effort to take science away from his opponents, Weinstein put on maximum pressure by jumping to seven diamonds over the exclusion keycard bid.

Since Diamond knew his side was missing an ace, he had no choice but to double seven diamonds and settle for the four trick non-vulnerable set.

At the other table, on a similar auction, Gitelman bid only five diamonds with Weinstein's cards and Stansby/Martel bid a less scientific six spades. This made with an overtrick when the opponents didn't cash their club ace at trick one. 12 IMPs to Fleisher.

Board 99  
 E/W Vul. ♠ K9752  
 Dealer: S ♥ KT4  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ KQT8

♠ Q8            ♠ AJT63  
 ♥ J53           ♥ 72  
 ♦ 96543       ♦ KQT7  
 ♣ 964           ♣ J5

♠ 4  
 ♥ AQ986  
 ♦ AJ2  
 ♣ A732



West	North	East	South
Diamond	Weinstein	Platnick	Levin
			1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣ (splinter)
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Stansby	Gitelman	Martel	Moss
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦ (4th suit forc)	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Board 99 is best played in the 4/4 club fit as opposed to the 5/3 heart fit. Levin/Weinstein played in a comfortable four heart contract. A diamond was led; Levin won and trumped a diamond in dummy. He led a small spade and Platnick erred by playing the ace of spades. Levin made two overtricks for a score of 480.

In the other room Moss/Gitelman bid six hearts. A diamond was led and needing twelve tricks, Moss attacked spades. When the ace was offside and the suit broke badly, he was down one.

6♣ by North seems impregnable. Best defense is a heart lead reducing entries to the South hand, but since clubs behave and the ♠A is with the doubleton heart, declarer can still make the hand with careful play. He wins the heart, cashes the ace of diamonds and trumps a diamond, returns to dummy with a heart to trump a second diamond. After cashing the ♣KQ, he leads the ♠K. East wins and is helpless. The ♠K lead permits only one of the opponents to win the trick. Hopefully, that will be the player with the doubleton heart.

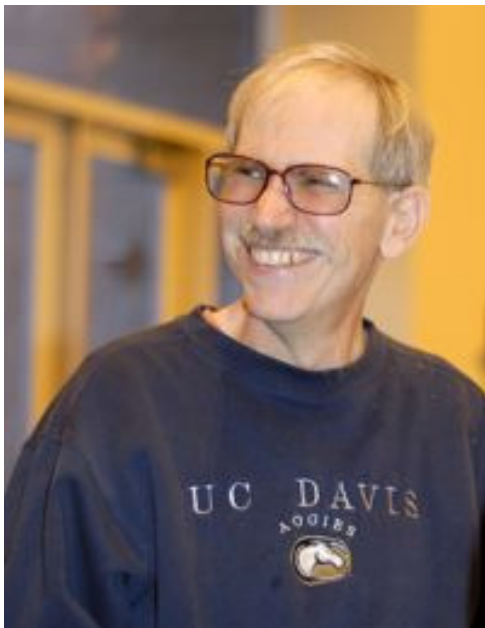


Marty Fleisher, Captain



Michael Kamil

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Chip Martel



Bobby Levin

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Lew Stansby



Steve Weinstein

### Thoughts from Steven Wright

1. A lot of people are afraid of heights. not me, I'm afraid of widths.
2. Cross country skiing is great if you live in a small country.
3. Curiosity killed the cat, but for a while I was a suspect.
4. Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time.
5. For my birthday I got a humidifier and a de-humidifier... I put them in the same room and let them fight it out.
6. George is a radio announcer, and when he walks under a bridge... you can't hear him talk.
7. How young can you die of old age?
8. I had to stop driving my car for a while... the tires got dizzy.
9. I have an answering machine in my car. it says, I'm home now. But leave a message and I'll call when I'm out.
10. I have an existential map. it has 'you are here' written all over it.
11. I have the world's largest collection of seashells. I keep it on all the beaches of the world... perhaps you've seen it.
12. I installed a skylight in my apartment... the people who live above me are furious!
13. I intend to live forever. So far, so good.
14. I like to reminisce with people I don't know.
15. I live on a one-way street that's also a dead end. I'm not sure how I got there.
16. I put instant coffee in a microwave oven and almost went back in time.
17. I saw a subliminal advertising executive, but only for a second.
18. I used to work in a fire hydrant factory. you couldn't park anywhere near the place.
19. I was at this restaurant. the sign said "breakfast anytime." so I ordered French toast in the Renaissance.
20. I was reading the dictionary. I thought it was a poem about everything.
21. I was trying to daydream, but my mind kept wandering.
22. I went to a general store but they wouldn't let me buy anything specific.
23. I went to the museum where they had all the heads and arms from the statues that are in all the other museums.
24. I wrote a few children's books... not on purpose.
25. I'm writing a book. I've got the page numbers done.
26. I'm writing an unauthorized autobiography.
27. If a word in the dictionary were misspelled, how would we know?
28. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do all the rest have to drown too?
29. If you are in a spaceship that is traveling at the speed of light, and you turn on the headlights, does anything happen?
30. If you had a million Shakespeares, could they write like a monkey?
31. If you saw a heat wave, would you wave back?
32. If you shoot at mimes, should you use a silencer?
33. Last week the candle factory burned down. everyone just stood around and sang happy birthday.
34. There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.
35. Tinsel is really snakes' mirrors.
36. What's another word for thesaurus?
37. When I die, I'm leaving my body to science fiction.
38. You can't have everything. Where would you put it?