



“Trials” and Tribulations

| Round of 16 | | | |
|-------------|-------|------|-------|
| TEAM | TOTAL | 1-15 | 16-30 |
| Meltzer | 39 | 21 | 18 |
| Weinstein | 62 | 32 | 30 |
| Robinson | 94 | 39 | 55 |
| Chan | 66 | 33 | 33 |
| Welland | 71 | 40 | 31 |
| Cohen | 52 | 32 | 20 |
| Jacobs | 86 | 44 | 42 |
| Deutsch | 63 | 22 | 41 |
| Milner | 47 | 6 | 41 |
| Harris | 77 | 38 | 39 |

Howie Doing... GREAT!

While Weinstein has more than his Sher of IMPs for now, Meltzer will come out smelling like a Rose! By tonight, the little guys will have Lapt Chan while Cohen is only mark-ing time... no one robs Roy. Deutsch won the RR, but the Limo Guy just keeps rolling along. Harris may think he will Chorush Milner, but Gary will come smoking' back! Till tomorrow... I remain

Howie Doing ... just fine!

(Jack on page 3)

RR2:

| Team Name | Total | Carry Over | 14 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 16 | 3 | 15 | 5 | 13 | 6 | 18 | 1 |
|--------------|--------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 14. Deutsch | 182.83 | 22.29 | | 14.18 | 17.22 | 11.94 | 16.63 | 15.00 | 13.59 | 9.59 | 11.58 | 10.81 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| 2. Jacobs | 152.57 | 29.43 | 5.82 | | 10.41 | 14.73 | 3.58 | 15.50 | 5.82 | 19.58 | 10.00 | 18.25 | 14.18 | 5.27 |
| 11. Welland | 146.13 | 35.61 | 2.78 | 9.59 | | 3.80 | 11.20 | 4.50 | 14.18 | 18.97 | 1.45 | 19.46 | 9.59 | 15.00 |
| 8. Weinstein | 144.22 | 30.56 | 8.06 | 5.27 | 16.20 | | 11.58 | 2.07 | 12.29 | 2.97 | 17.22 | 19.22 | 9.59 | 9.19 |
| 16. Cohen | 139.52 | 29.75 | 3.37 | 16.42 | 8.80 | 8.42 | | 10.81 | 1.03 | 11.94 | 15.97 | 13.28 | 5.27 | 14.46 |
| 3. Milner | 137.21 | 21.13 | 5.00 | 4.50 | 15.50 | 17.93 | 9.19 | | 10.41 | 13.89 | 12.29 | 2.78 | 14.18 | 10.41 |
| 15. Harris | 128.09 | 24.16 | 6.41 | 14.18 | 5.82 | 7.71 | 18.97 | 9.59 | | 14.18 | .66 | 4.26 | 12.96 | 9.19 |
| 5. Chan | 127.36 | 30.81 | 10.41 | .42 | 1.03 | 17.03 | 8.06 | 6.11 | 5.82 | | 11.20 | 11.20 | 10.81 | 14.46 |
| 13. Gordon | 126.60 | 14.55 | 8.42 | 10.00 | 18.55 | 2.78 | 4.03 | 7.71 | 19.34 | 8.80 | | 8.42 | 13.59 | 10.41 |
| 6. Miller | 125.58 | 21.09 | 9.19 | 1.75 | .54 | .78 | 6.72 | 17.22 | 15.74 | 8.80 | 11.58 | | 16.20 | 15.97 |
| 18. Todd | 116.69 | 31.12 | 0.00 | 5.82 | 10.41 | 10.41 | 14.73 | 5.82 | 7.04 | 9.19 | 6.41 | 3.80 | | 11.94 |
| 1. Schwartz | 108.18 | 24.48 | .00 | 14.73 | 5.00 | 10.81 | 5.54 | 9.59 | 10.81 | 5.54 | 9.59 | 4.03 | 8.06 | |

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Michael Rosenberg raised an interesting issue. Do you think there is any significance to the fact that the hospitality room is suite 1100? I think there might be. During the power outage on Friday, Joan, Barbara and I were stranded in that room. We could look over the rail and see others on 5 and on 1. We thought about walking down the stairs to join our friends, but on the other hand, we didn't want to go down 1100 to do it!

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Too High ...

Board 8
None Vul.
Dealer: W

♠ AQ92
♥ JT652
♦ J7
♣ 64

♠ 73
♥ Q9874
♦ AT4
♣ A92

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♠ K4
♥ A3
♦ K8632
♣ QT75

♠ JT865
♥ K
♦ Q95
♣ KJ83

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|----------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Baseggio | Berkowitz | J. Weinstein | Sontag |
| Pass | Pass | 1D | 1S |
| 2H | 3H | Pass | 3S |
| All Pass | | | |

Board 8 from the Meltzer/Weinstein Round of 16 match was well defended by Weinstein and Baseggio. Looking at all four hands, it is apparent that Berkowitz and Sontag were too high.

Still, good defense resulted in an extra under-trick. Baseggio led the diamond ace and continued a diamond to Weinstein's king. Weinstein recognized that they'd set up a pitch on a diamond and knew that timing was of the essence. At trick three, he led a low club from his queen.

Berkowitz rose with the king! in an effort take advantage of the now good diamond queen. Baseggio won his ace, played a club to Weinstein's queen, and waited for the ace of hearts and king of trumps to score for down two.

At the other table, East/West landed in 3NT. Jackson led a spade to Sher's ace and a spade was returned. Larsen won the king and played the ace, king and a third diamond. Jackson won the queen, cashed his good spades and exited with the king of clubs. Larsen won the ace and claimed eight tricks... down one ... 4 IMPs to Weinstein.

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| | 12:25 - 2:35 | SEGMENT 4 | BOARDS 46-60 |
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Spreading the Stupidity...

Only in America.....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in America.....do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

Only in America.....do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

Only in Americado we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Only in America.....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

Only in Americado they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering

AND DO YOU EVER WONDER...

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

Hospitality Information From Barbara Nudelman

Hospitality for the 2010 USBC is in Suite 1100. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament.

Please join us for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-10:00 am

Lunch will be served from 2:35-3:45 the first Sunday and thereafter

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks at any other time, except from 4:00-5:30 each afternoon, when the suite will be closed for refreshing.

There is free internet available in the lobby with free printing. If you use the internet in your room there is a charge.

If you need a few items from the store, please let Barbara or Joan know and they will pick them up for you.

Appeal #1...

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|-----------|---------|----------|--------|---|------------|
| Board 44 | ♠ QT653 | West | North | East | South |
| N/S Vul. | ♥ 6 | Mancuso | Hurd | Winestock | Wooldridge |
| Dealer: W | ♦ J84 | 1H | 1S | 3D (explained as a preemptive heart raise by East to North and explained as a WJS in comp by West to South) | 3H |
| | ♣ KQ84 | | | | |
| ♠ | | 5D | Double | 5H | Double |
| ♥ KJT832 | ♠ 8742 | All Pass | | | |
| ♦ AT9653 | ♥ 9754 | | | | |
| ♣ 3 | ♦ K | | | | |
| | ♣ T976 | | | | |

- ♠ AKJ9
♥ AQ
♦ Q72
♣ AJ52

The result: 5H doubled by South making... +650 N/S

The director was called after the hand. South asserted that he would not have doubled 5H if he was given the same explanation as his partner. He would have passed since their agreement was that this would be a forcing auction. He'd leave it to partner to make the decision to bid 5S or double... sure that partner would bid 5S on the hand he held. He did not believe that the same forcing auction rule would apply with 3D being a weak jump shift rather than a preemptive raise.

The committee (Bill Pollack, chair; John Sutherlin; Robb Gordon) upheld the director's ruling: Result stands.

The committee felt that, despite the incorrect explanations that South was given, no matter which explanation he wanted to believe about East's hand (clearly, he could rule out "weak in diamonds"), doubling 5H was the main cause of the poor N-S result. Even after a forcing pass of 5H, however, would North really bid 5S with such poor spades, limited values, and problematic diamonds?

So the first decision was that N-S's result would stand. They had ample opportunity to figure out what had happened, and were unlikely to go right in any event.

But for E-W, the rules for an adjusted score are more closely dependent on the misinformation they gave on a straightforward auction -- they should know the meaning of 1H - (1S) - 3D. There was sympathy and considerable discussion about some kind of adjustment; either a 2 to 3 imp procedural penalty (although the committee generally finds such adjustments unattractive) or an adjusted score. Since we felt it was only between 10% to 25% that N-S would have gone right with proper explanations, we were not prepared to adjust the E-W score to -100 (in 6HX, the expected result if N-S did compete to 5S). All other adjustments would be to artificial scores, which we were not willing to proffer. So we decided not to adjust the E-W score, either.

Holy Flapjacks, Robin! Whilst Commissioner Gordon was taking his nap, the Number One Son stole his knickers. Apparently there was some "Chrystal Blue Persuasion" heard by the committee members. Limey Jack has no influences over committee decisions and therefore does not suffer from picking the Lapt Dancers to to tango in Paris, but not Chicago. By Jove, that is quite the story. Will the fairy tale continue with a victory over the wee lads? Nay; the offenders from last year will advance.

Deutsch won the RR and had the option to draw for a new seed. They opted to keep their original spot, guaranteeing that they would never see Nickell until the final. They chose poorly as they are down and are like a lad on a bicycle driving through a bog to impress the Parson's daughter.

Another Lassie joined the fray today. Ah Rose, we hardly saw you. A very inexperienced Weinstein team takes a licking but keeps on ticking. The other "Rose" on that team may not even finish tomorrow. There is a move afoot to have Feldman and Rosenberg start 1 hour before their opponents. When I played against him regularly 30 years ago, he was merely slow; now glacial.

"Welland Hand" is the other Weinstein, who faces a team that time forgot. Although Limey Jack correctly predicted that Cohen would survive the RR, they will really have to shake off the cobwebs to advance. Welland by a sheep's whisker.

Milner-Harris Is tricky. In fact I don't even care to tell you the winner.

Again a tip of the chapeau to Limey Jack for making the outrageous and monumentally astute call that the "Horse" would not finish the race and not even make it to the third furlong.

Let us see how Flub-a-Dub's sidekick does with all this!

Cheers, Limey Jack

Blimey from Limey

Board 45
 All Vul.
 Dealer: N

♠ J8643
 ♥ 94
 ♦ Q95
 ♣ J65

♠ K97
 ♥ A875
 ♦ KJ6
 ♣ 943



♠ T2
 ♥ J63
 ♦ AT742
 ♣ T72

♠ AQ5
 ♥ KQT2
 ♦ 83
 ♣ AKQ8

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------------|---------|-------|
| Compton | Milt Rosenberg | Bramley | Cohen |
| | Pass | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3H (transfer) | Pass | 3S |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4S |

Cohen played Jacobs in the penultimate match of the second round-robin. The Jacobs team was well-placed in the event and was playing for maximum positioning points.

The Cohen team of four old-time Chicago players was on the cusp for qualification and badly wanted to win their last two matches. On the last board of this match, Milt Rosenberg, who came out of a 20 year retirement to play with Mark Cohen, put maximum pressure on his opponents by bidding an aggressive vulnerable game. Cohen opened two no-trump. Rosenberg transferred to spades and gave partner a choice of games.

Against four spades, Compton led the three of clubs. Cohen rose with the jack and took the losing spade finesse. Compton knew his partner had some values, but he needed to find them quickly since declarer clearly had good clubs available for discards. He led the ace of hearts.

Playing upside-down attitude, Bramley played what he thought was a discouraging six. Unfortunately, Compton couldn't read this card when dummy played the four and declarer followed with the two. He continued hearts and four spades made with an overtrick. Bart graciously pointed out that in retrospect, he should have played the jack!, not the six of hearts. Perhaps Bart is shouldering too much of the blame. If the declarer held both the 2 & 3 of hearts, and wanted to discourage hearts, he would play the 3 or even a higher heart. Accordingly, Compton should have a reasonable chance of reading the 6 to be discouraging.

The Best of Late Night...

"BP is now saying they've captured anywhere from 35 percent to 75 percent of the oil that is gushing out of the well. Of course, you've got to keep in mind they usually lie anywhere from 85 percent to 95 percent of the time." Jay Leno
 "It was on this day in 1934 the first Donald Duck cartoon premiered. He's 76 years old. You'd think if America loved a 76-year-old guy with a hot temper so much, we would have elected John McCain." Craig Ferguson
 "Looks like this Gore divorce could end up being pretty costly. In fact, Al Gore now talking about only trying to save half the planet." Jay Leno
 "You remember the guy who tried to blow up his car in Times Square? Now, they arrested a couple of guys in New Jersey who were also going to be terrorists, and they trained to become terrorists. Every week, they would play paintball. Next step, honestly, was laser tag." David Letterman
 "There are signs the divorce is starting to get ugly. In fact, today, Tipper stopped recycling and bought a Humvee." Jay Leno
 "You know who performed at the Rush Limbaugh wedding? Elton John. Isn't that amazing. It proves that there's absolutely no ideological gap that a million-dollar check can't bridge." David Letterman
 "BP CEO Tony Hayward said he would just like to get his life back. He wants to get his life back. You know, I say give him life plus 20." Jay Leno
 "The BP oil spill turned 50 days old today. If you get it a cake, don't light the candles." Jimmy Kimmel
 "BP officials are now saying the campaign to clean it up could last until fall. That's why they call it a campaign. You know why it's called a campaign? Because it's like an election. It's dirty, it's slimy, it never seems to end." Jay Leno

"Comedy is simply a funny way of being serious." Peter Ustinov

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| | 1 | | | | | 5 | |
| 3 | | | 2 | | | | |
| 7 | 8 | | | | | 2 | |
| | 2 | 4 | | | 6 | 7 | |
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Sudoku

Solution to today's Sudoku

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

In Seeding Order

"People who say you're just as old as you feel are all wrong, fortunately."
-Russell Baker

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| Nickell | Bye to Rnd of 8 | Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth | Ralph Katz Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell |
| Diamond | Bye to Rnd of 8 | John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Brad Moss | Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Fred Gitelman |
| Fleisher | Bye to Rnd of 8 | Martin Fleisher, Capt Bobby Levin Chip Martel | Michael Kamil Steve Weinstein Lew Stansby |
| Meltzer | Bye to Rnd of 16 | Rose Meltzer, Capt Alan Sontag Michael Rosenberg | Kyle Larsen David Berkowitz Mark Feldman |
| Robinson | Bye to Rnd of 16 | Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Adam Wildavsky | Peter Boyd Fred Stewart Doug Doub |
| Schwartz | | Richard Schwartz, Capt Russell Ekeblad Drew Casen | Matthew Granovetter Ron Rubin Jim Krekorian |
| Welland | | Roy Welland, Capt Steve Garner Ron Smith | Chris Willenken Howard Weinstein Billy Cohen |
| Jacobs | | George Jacobs, Capt Chris Compton Marc Jacobus | Steve Beatty Bart Bramley Eddie Wold |
| Mahaffey | | Jim Mahaffey, Capt Peter Weichsel Sam Lev | Mike Passell Michael Seamon Jacek Pszczola |
| Gordon | | Mark Gordon, Capt Curtis Cheek John Hurd | Pratap Rajadhyaksha Joe Grue Joel Wooldridge |
| Milner | | Reese Milner, Capt John Mohan Robert Blanchard | Gary Cohler Roger Bates Shane Blanchard |
| Rogoff | | Bruce Rogoff, Capt Doug Simson Xiaodong Shi | Josh Parker Walter Johnson Jiang Gu |
| Deutsch | | Seymon Deutsch, Capt Justin Lall Kevin Bathurst | John Kranyak Hemant Lall |
| Harris | | Martin Harris, Capt Stephen Landen Ira Chorush | Jacob Morgan Dan Gerstman Ventkatrao Komeru |
| Chan | | Lapt Chan, Capt Renee Mancuso | Christal Henner Sheri Winestock |
| Cohen | | Mark Cohen, Capt Jeff Aker Greg DeFotis | Milt Rosenberg Brady Richter Harold Mouser |
| Miller | | Jeffrey Miller, Capt Jeffrey Schuett David Yang | William Wickham Dick Bruno Greg Hinze |
| Demirev | | Darina Demirev, Capt Will Engel Nik Demirev | Howard Liu Daniel Levin William Watson |
| Stauber | | Allan Stauber, Capt Kerri Sanborn | Stephen Sanborn Lewis Finkel |
| Weinstein | | Jonathan Weinstein, Capt Clement Jackson Bob Etter | Franco Baseggio Josh Sher Alex Kolesnik |
| Todd | | Robert Todd, Capt Les Bart | McKenzie Myers Gloria Bart |
| Rosenfeld | | Jason Rosenfeld, Capt Victor Chubukov | Drew Becker Eric Mayefsky |
| Zeller | | Michael Zeller, Capt Matthew Meckstroth | Kelley Zeller Cameron Shunta |

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 USBC 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 Information

The 2010 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16, in which we will probably cover 3 or 4 matches (there will be 5 matches in the Round of 16). The Round of 16 starts in the afternoon of Monday, June 21st. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website (www.bridgebase.com)** 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 VUGRAPH THEATRE and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch. For cell phone logon, go to **www.bridgebase.com/mobile**.

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, who may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site <http://www.bridgebase.com/vugraph/schedule.php>**)

10:00-12:10

12:25-2:35

3:45-5:55

6:10-8:20

During the Semifinals and Finals, all of the teams will play the same boards, unless one or more matches 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.

During the Rounds of 32, 16 & 8, each team will play a different set of 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 2010 USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

You can usually find the hand records for Vugraph matches on the PSBRIDGE website at

<http://psbridge.gotdns.com/bbo/allvug/>, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2010USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

New Words, Old Words -

1. Cashtration: The act of buying (or building) a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
2. Ignoramus: A person who's both stupid and an ass.
- 3 Intoxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize that it was your money to start with.
4. Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
5. Bozone: The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
6. Foreplay: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of having sex.
7. Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
8. Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
9. Inoculate: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
10. Hipatitis: Terminal coolness.
11. Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease.
12. Karmageddon: It's like when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, and then the Earth explodes and it's a serious bummer.
13. Decafalon: The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
14. Glibido: All talk and no action.
15. Dopeler Effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem

smarter when they come at you rapidly.

16. Arachnoleptic Fit: The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

17. Beelzebug: Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

18. Caterpallor: The color you turn after finding half of a worm in the fruit you're eating.

The Best of Late Night...

"Now, according to The Wall Street Journal, a new study says a parent should not be alarmed if their child tells a lie. They say it's a natural part of development and there are three phases adolescent lying, young adult lying, and of course, oil executive lying. That is the biggest." Jay Leno

"BP, Transocean and Halliburton are blaming each other for the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. They are all right." Jay Leno

"These people make Goldman Sachs look responsible, don't they?" Jay Leno

"Police in Cairo have detained an American man who arrived on a flight from JFK with two handguns, 250 bullets, swords, daggers and knives in his luggage. When they heard this, JFK screeners were like, 'Sure he had all these things, but here's what he didn't have bottled water or nail clippers.'" Jimmy Fallon

Setting the KO Bracket

After the Round Robin, the teams will be assigned numbers that establish the bracket for all of the Knockout rounds. We're often asked how the assignment is done, so here is what will happen. First, the team seeding points will be adjusted by adding 8 seeding points to the totals for each of the first and second place finishers in the Round Robin, 4 to the 3rd place finisher and 2 to the 4th place finisher. Then the teams qualifying from the Round Robin will be ranked based on their current seeding point totals. The teams will then be assigned KO team numbers as follows, subject to one other adjustment - the team that scored the highest Victory Point total in the Round Robin has the right, after the assignments have been done, to request that it be "re-shuffled" with its original shuffle group.

- 1 Nickell
- 2 Diamond
- 3 Fleisher or Meltzer randomly assigned
- 4
- 5 Robinson or highest seeded team
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 6
- 7 Second & third seeded teams
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 8
- 9 Fourth, fifth, sixth & seventh seeded teams
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13 Bye (loses to Fleisher in R16) & eighth ranked team
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish)
(numbers depend on 3-4 shuffle)
- 14
- 15-16 Byes (lose to Nickell & Diamond in Round of 16)

More New Words, Old Words -

1. Coffee: (n.) the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted: (adj.) appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
3. Abdicate: (v.) to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade: (v.) to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-Nilly: (adj.) impotent.
6. Negligent: (adj.) absentmindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.
7. Lymph: (v.) to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle: (n.) olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. Flatulence: (n.) emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash: (n.) a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle: (n.) a humorous question on an exam.
12. Rectitude: (n.) the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. Pokemon: (n.) a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. Oyster: (n.) a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. Frisbeetarianism: (n.) the belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. Circumvent: (n.) an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

"Why isn't there a special name for the tops of your feet?" -Lily Tomlin

"When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro."
-Hunter S. Thompson

Top 8 teams join 2 teams with byes in the Round of 16
Second session Sunday, June 20th & all of Monday, June 21st: Round of 16 (90 board matches)
Tuesday, June 22 & Wednesday, June 23: Quarterfinal (120 board matches)
Thursday, June 24 & Friday, June 25: Semifinal (120 board matches)
Saturday, June 26 & Sunday, June 27: Final (120 board matches)

If I Only Had A...

An elderly patient needed a heart transplant and discussed his options with his doctor.

The doctor said, "We have three possible donors.

The first donor is a young, healthy athlete who died in an automobile accident.

The second donor is a middle-aged businessman who never drank or smoked and who died flying his private jet.

And, the third donor is an attorney who died after practicing law for 30 years.

Which do you want?"

After some careful thought, the patient replied, "I'll take the lawyer's heart."

After a successful transplant, the doctor asked the patient why he had chosen the lawyer's heart.

"It was easy," explained the patient...

"I wanted a heart that hadn't been used."