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“Trials” and Tribulations

QuarterFinals										
#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120
1	Nickell	108	16	23	40	29				
8	Harris	113	44	28	13	28				
2	Diamond	169	51	39	58	21				
7	Jacobs	80	16	29	26	9				
3	Weinstein	116	11	24	55	26				
6	Welland	96	16	27	43	10				
4	Fleisher	145	35	35	39	36				
5	Robinson	89	27	8	22	32				

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Last night **Aileen Osofsky**, an amazing lady who has stood for good will in the bridge world for the past 20 years passed away in New York surrounded by her family and loved ones. Aileen was a fixture at National tournaments. Everyone loved her and appreciated all she did for bridge. She will be missed by everyone whose life she touched. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to Aileen's family.

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On to the Quarterfinals...

Board 10
All Vul.
Dealer: E

♠ Q8
♥ AQT853
♦ K8
♣ T94

♠ AKT9763
♥ K
♦ A9
♣ 532



♠ 542
♥ J742
♦ QT2
♣ AQ8

♠ J
♥ 96
♦ J76543
♣ KJ76

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Beatty	Platnick	Jacobs
		Pass	2♦
2♠	3♦	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Compton	Greco	Bramley	Hampson
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Live by the sword... die by the sword. Steve Beatty thought he had a great chance to defeat this game when his partner opened a weak two diamonds. King of diamonds and a diamond to partner's likely ace, a promotion for the queen of spades... and the heart ace... down one!

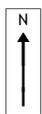
Unfortunately for Steve, George's hand contained neither the ace nor queen of diamonds. Instead of the planned outcome, Steve's king of diamonds was won by declarer's ace and North/South's diamond trick was history. Collecting only two off side club tricks and the ace of hearts, Diamond made his contract easily.

At the other table, in the absence of a preempt, Greco led the easy ten of clubs and the defense earned its two clubs, one diamond and a heart for down one. Perhaps George should realize that when there is a known "Diamond" on his left, he should leave that suit to John! 12 IMPs to Diamond.

Board 22
E/W Vul.
Dealer: E

♠ T97
♥ J72
♦ K76
♣ AKT9

♠ K8432
♥ Q9
♦ AT98
♣ 42



♠ Q
♥ A83
♦ 5432
♣ 87653

♠ AJ65
♥ KT654
♦ QJ
♣ QJ

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Landen	Meckstroth	Gerstman
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Harris	Hamman	Morgan	Zia
		Pass	2♦ (Flannery)
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Defending the part score, on lead from West, Rodwell led the club four. Gerstman won in dummy with the ace and led a small heart toward his hand. Meckstroth, disdaining the old adage "second hand low" rose with the ace and played his spade queen. Gerstman won in hand and cashed the heard king felling Rodwell's queen. When the smoke cleared, the hand made five.

At the other table, Hamman and Zia, employing Bart Bramley's favorite convention, opened Flannery. They got to the game from North. Morgan and Harris were like a well oiled machine. The defended this perfectly and beat it two tricks. Morgan led his spade queen. Hamman won in dummy and played the queen of diamonds. Harris won, and returned a club. Hamman won in dummy and played a small heart. Morgan ducked and Hamman played the ten, losing to Harris' queen. NOW Harris cashed his spade king and gave Morgan his ruff. In total, the defense collected three heart tricks, one spade and one diamond for a seven IMP pick up against the arguably strongest team in the field. Nice job!

Board 23
 All Vul.
 Dealer: S

♠ J75
 ♥ J93
 ♦ KJT3
 ♣ T98

♠ AT
 ♥ AK7
 ♦ AQ
 ♣ AQJ642



♠ KQ98643
 ♥ 5
 ♦ 654
 ♣ K53

♠ 82
 ♥ QT8642
 ♦ 9872
 ♣ 7

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Landen	Meckstroth	Gerstman
			Pass
1♣ (strong, art.)	Pass	1♥ (pos. w/spades)	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	7♣	All Pass
Harris	Hamman	Morgan	Zia
			Pass
1♣ (strong)	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

In the first seven boards of the second segment, it was 25-0 Harris. On board 23, Nickell finally gained 12 IMPs when his teammates bid the cold grand that Morgan and Harris missed. The Harris auction is fraught with relays. Harris may have known his partner held the spade queen from one of the responses, but I don't know why he didn't ask for the club king. Had Morgan known they had all the keycards, he might have liked his hand enough to go.

Hilarious Headlines...

Crack Found on Governor's Daughter
 Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
 Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
 Is There a Ring of Debris around Uranus?
 Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
 Miners Refuse to Work after Death
 Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
 War Dims Hope for Peace
 If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
 Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
 Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
 Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
 Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge
 New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
 Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
 Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
 Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors
 Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

"I believe that professional wrestling is clean and everything else in the world is fixed." - Frank Deford

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

Sudoku

"I just need enough to tide me over until I need more." -Bill Hoest

State legislators are merely politicians whose darkest secret prevents them from running for a higher office. - Dennis Miller

If crime fighters fight crime, and fire fighters fight fire, then what do freedom fighters fight? They never mention that to us, do they? - George Carlin

If you're going to do something tonight that you'll be sorry for tomorrow, sleep late. - Henny Youngman

The Swiss have an interesting army. Five hundred years without a war. Pretty impressive. Also pretty lucky for them. Ever see that little Swiss Army knife they have to fight with? Not much of a weapon there. Corkscrews, bottle openers. 'Come on, buddy, let's go. You get past me, the guy in back of me, he's got a spoon. Back off. I've got the toe clippers right here.' - Jerry Seinfeld

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. - Mark Twain

We had gay robbers last night. They broke in and rearranged the furniture - Robin Williams

Solution to today's Sudoku

3	6	9	4	7	5	8	1	2
2	8	7	5	9	4	3	6	1
4	3	9	6	2	1	5	8	7
9	4	2	5	3	8	7	6	1
7	5	8	1	6	9	3	2	4
3	1	6	2	7	4	9	5	8
5	9	4	7	8	2	1	3	6
6	8	7	3	1	5	2	4	9
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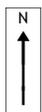
Ed. Note: When this was published in yesterday's bulletin, the facts portion was missing. It is here now and we are reprinting it in its entirety so it is accurate and makes sense. Thank you!

Appeal #2 ... Complete ...

Board 47
N/S Vul.
Dealer: S

♠ Q4
♥ AK3
♦ KQ54
♣ QT72

♠ 97652
♥ 87
♦ 9
♣ AK986



♠ AJT3
♥ QJ2
♦ 632
♣ 543

♠ K8
♥ T9654
♦ AJT87
♣ J

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Beatty	Deutsch	Jacobs
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦ (transfer)
2♥	Double	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

The facts: West explained his 2H bid to South as Michaels. East explained it to North as "takeout". East led the 3 of clubs to the king. West shifted to the 9 of diamonds, won by dummy's ten. Declarer led a low spade towards his queen, won by East who gave his partner a diamond ruff. The final result was down one doubled.

North claimed that he was afraid to play even one round of trumps for fear of losing control if trumps were 5-0. If he could steal a spade trick, he could then shift to the red suits and emerge with 8 tricks. He said that had he been given West's explanation, he would have drawn at least one round of trumps, but with the likelihood of a 3-suiter looming he wanted to minimize the damage.

The directors polled three players, all of whom said that a trump at trick 3 seemed automatic and that they considered a low spade obscure. As a result, they ruled that the score stood for both pairs. They considered but rejected a procedural penalty against East-West for creating the problem by their differing explanations.

The committee presumed misinformation, as it is directed to do under the Law, even though evidence of the agreement was not conclusive. It felt that in a vacuum there were three possible reasons to play as declarer had at trick 3:

- A) Limit the undertricks if trumps were 5-0
- B) Limit the undertricks if trumps were 4-1
- C) Make the contract if trumps were 4-1 (requires East to have underled the ace of clubs).

If a low spade slipped by the ace the result of A) would be down 2, the result of B) would be down 1 and the result of C) would be making (via spade queen, club ruffing finesse, heart to hand, spade pitch on the good club). The alternate results by playing a trump at trick 3 would have been, respectively, A) down 2 (declarer can tap East out and must make a spade trick or an extra trump trick), B) down 1 (enough time to score a spade trick) and C) down 1 (after heart and then ruffing finesse, West would not duck a low spade). So the only advantage was in scenario C), granting the ace of clubs assumption. All scenarios assumed that West, rather than East, had the diamond length.

Declarer stated that he was afraid to play even one round of trumps for fear that he would lose control if the hearts were 5-0, so he was not playing to make the hand. Even if he were, the hand could not be as it would have had to have been for his play to be successful and West would not have ducked the ace of spades. North also stated that in an earlier hand one of his opponents had passed a hand with AK, A. However, if trumps were 5-0 that would have given West Axxxx, -, xxx, AKxxx, which was probably considerably different than the earlier hand that had passed AK, A.

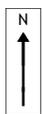
Since declarer's play was no better than break even and could lose to the actual distribution, the damage was not a consequence of the misinformation but was only subsequent to it and was caused by declarer's faulty assumptions as to the lie of the cards. Accordingly, the committee upheld the director's ruling as to North-South and agreed that East-West had not earned an unwarranted result or a procedural penalty through their presumed misinformation. The committee also assessed an Appeal Without Merit Warning to North-South. It felt that the appellants should have known not to pursue the appeal, having been told that the peer consultants strongly disagreed with declarer's play and felt it automatic to play a trump at trick 3. They brought no new information to the committee that had not been disclosed to the directors and the consultants. They also probably did not sufficiently consider the alternative results after a trump at trick three. If appellants are going to claim damage from a failed line of play, it is their responsibility to have done a minimum amount of analysis to support their contention.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Gerard (Chairman), Jeff Polisner, John Sutherland

Board 12
N/S Vul.
Dealer: W

♠ Q5
♥ KQJT875
♦ A943
♣

♠ KJ9
♥ 42
♦ K87
♣ JT976



♠ 62
♥ 9
♦ QJ52
♣ K85432

♠ AT8743
♥ A63
♦ T6
♣ AQ

West	North	East	South
Levin	Wildavsky	S. Weinstein	Doub
Pass	1♥	2♣	2♣
3NT (a good 4 club raise)	5♥	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

Woolsey	Martel	Stewart	Stansby
Pass	4♣ (Namyats)	Pass	4♦ (slam try)
Pass	5♣ (club void/2 Keycards)	Pass	5♦ (transfer)
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

On Board 12 in the Fleisher/Robinson match, Wildavsky and Doub bid to a very aggressive grand slam using little or no science after interference by Weinstein and Levin. After Levin's 3NT bid, Wildavsky had no good way to show the playing strength of his hand except by jumping to five hearts.

With three aces and the well placed clubs, Doub couldn't resist bidding the grand.

The opening lead was a club and Adam finessed the queen to discard a diamond. Since spades were three/two, this discard was really unnecessary. Wildavsky cashed the black aces and trumped a spade high. He played the heart queen and a heart to the ace and trumped another spade. He led his carefully preserved five of hearts to dummy's six to enjoy his good spades!

At the other table, Martel, taking full advantage of science, started with a four club Namyats bid. Using scientific responses, Stansby settled for the small slam. A spade was lead and Martel took the safest line for 12 tricks. He won the ace of spades, played the ace of clubs, discarding a spade, and ducked a diamond. He could now crossruff for 12 tricks with little fear of an overruff.

Board 39
All Vul.
Dealer: S

♠ A975
♥
♦ Q5
♣ AT98632

♠ T864
♥ KJ8
♦ J972
♣ Q7



♠ 32
♥ Q97432
♦ KT843
♣

♠ KQJ
♥ AT65
♦ A6
♣ KJ54

West	North	East	South
Baseggio	Willenken	J. Weinstein	Welland
Pass	1♥ (showed spades)	2♣	1♣ (clubs or balanced hand) Double
2♥	5♣	All Pass	

This hand is a perfect fitter. Looking at North and South's hands, it is hard to think of any reason not to be in the grand.

The board before was played successfully in seven spades at both tables in the Welland/Weinstein match. And to be truthful, my mother always told me that slams were back-to-back.

At the other table, Sher and Jackson bid calmly to six clubs with no interference from the opponents.

Apparently East/West's bidding confused the situation for Chris and Roy. Chris' five level game bid preempted his partner and ended the auction. Perhaps on a game going hand, it would be better to show a seven card minor before a mediocre four card major.

13 IMPs to Weinstein

Limey Jack and Howie Doing (fine thanks) took the night off to get ready for major picks following the quarterfinal tomorrow night.

In Seeding Order

"All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others."
-George Orwell

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 V. Koneru	Jacob Morgan Dan Gerstman Ira Chorush
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.

Three Contractors...

Three contractors are bidding to fix a broken fence at the White House in D.C.; one from New Jersey, another from Tennessee and the third, from Florida. They go with a White House official to examine the fence.

The Florida contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil. "Well", he says, "I figure the job will run about \$900: \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The Tennessee contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$700: \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The New Jersey contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the White House official and whispers, "\$2,700."

The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?"

The New Jersey contractor whispers back, "\$1000 for me, \$1000 for you, and we hire the guy from Tennessee to fix the fence."

"No man needs a vacation so much as the man who has just had one."

-Elbert Hubbard

An Anniversary To Remember...

At Saint Mary's Catholic Church they have a weekly husband's marriage seminar. At a session, last week, the Priest asked Luigi, who was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Luigi replied to the assembled husbands, "Well, I've a-ried to treat-a her nice, spend the money on her, but best is that I took-a her to Italy for the 20th anniversary!"

The Priest responded, "Luigi, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary."

Luigi proudly replied, "I'm a-gonna go to get her."

"If you look good and dress well, you don't need a purpose in life."

- Robert Pante

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)