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# “Trials” and Tribulations

## USBC Round of 16 Comes to a Finish:

Name	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	Total
2 Nickell	57	40	34	24	262
15 Ivatury	14	9	47	42	218
3 Gordon	57	2	13	37	229
14 Aker	16	28	31	14	241
4 Jacobs	43	26	14	29	220
13 Levine	26	37	35	30	173
5 Welland	41	26	34	28	266
12 Robinson	6	24	32	52	236
6 Wolfson	53	43	8	41	269
11 Silverstein	17	27	41	7	237
7 Mahaffey	18	47	44	37	256
10 Bathurst	42	16	38	36	291
8 Deustch	41	6	45	50	276
9 Hinze	10	39	17	25	191

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## Round of 16 Draws to a Close...

Board 59  
Dealer: S  
None Vul.

<p>♠ JT32 ♥ 93 ♦ T95 ♣ J863</p>		<p>♠ 6 ♥ AQJ876 ♦ ♣ AKQ542</p>
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South	West	North	East
Boyd	Welland	Robinson	Bramley
Pass	Pass	1S	2S
Pass	3C (non-forward going; pass or correct)	Double	Pass
4D	Pass	5D	6C
6D	7C	7D	All Pass

Even Roy couldn't find an opening bid on his two jacks, however, he could have been declarer in a grand had his opponents defended seven clubs.

This is a very interesting hand: Bart decided to await developments when North doubled three clubs. He knew he was going to bid a lot and thought he might benefit from his opponents' auction.

He was a little surprised when his next chance to bid came at the six level. His real problem was yet to come when the tray returned to his side and Roy had bid seven clubs. When Bart's screenmate, Steve Robinson, bid seven diamonds, Bart had three choices. If he believed 7D was making, he would have to bid 7H. This seemed like a poor choice holding two aces and a partner who has denied a heart fit. Should he pass or double?

At first blush, double with two aces would seem correct, however, Bramley realized this would be a bad choice since partner, marked with some spade length, might play him for a void spade and singleton diamond. Note that 7D will make on the lead of a spade. (Declarer will work out the spade position and collect six spades and seven trump tricks.)

Bart chose to pass and Roy dutifully led a heart. Declarer ruffed with dummy's eight and found himself one entry short to ruff out his clubs, set up his spades, and draw trumps! Note that the traditional trump lead against a grand will also defeat the hand in a similar manner.

Of additional interest is the lead problem that Bramley would face if Robinson were declarer from North. Since Bart cannot lead trumps, he will likely lead one of his aces. The ace of hearts is fatal because dummy's king becomes the 13th trick.

Similarly, a club lead by Bart is no different than a club lead by Roy. Declarer will have the entries to take all the tricks.

Therefore, Bart must lead his singleton in declarer's first bid suit ... without any trumps... in order to beat the hand.

At the other table, North/South chose to double and defend seven clubs, beating it two tricks.

An 8 IMP pickup for Welland.

Board 63  
 Dealer: S  
 N/S Vul.  
 ♠ AQT2  
 ♥ T82  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ J9653

West	North	East	South
Doub	Welland	Wildavsky	Bramley
			1S
Double	4S	All Pass	

♠ K7  
 ♥ A765  
 ♦ KT763  
 ♣ A4  
 ♠ 86  
 ♥ KJ943  
 ♦ Q542  
 ♣ Q2  
 ♠ J9543  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ AK9  
 ♣ KT87



In the Open Room, Robinson and Boyd, looking at a combined 18 HCP, sold out to four hearts which failed by two tricks.

Roy's aggressive style paid off well when he shot out the low high card vulnerable game.

Doub led his 5th best diamond. Bart won the queen with the ace and successfully finessed trumps.

When the club finesse worked and clubs were 2-2, Bramley brought home 11 tricks and an 11 IMP gain for Welland.

West	North	East	South
Katz	Ivatury	Nickell	Henner
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	Pass	Double	3D
Double	All Pass		

Board 66  
 Dealer: E  
 N/S Vul.  
 ♠ Q93  
 ♥ 974  
 ♦ JT986  
 ♣ 32

♠ AT4  
 ♥ QJ8  
 ♦ AK4  
 ♣ K864  
 ♠ 852  
 ♥ AK  
 ♦ Q532  
 ♣ AQT5  
 ♠ KJ76  
 ♥ T6532  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ J97



Chan	Hamman	Lee	Zia
		Pass	1NT
All Pass			

Ivatury made a good decision to Stayman and get out after his partner opened a strong no-trump. Once he passed two diamonds, Nickell realized that his partner must have a very good hand. He backed up his thinking by balancing with a double on his 5 HCP.

Henner now fell from grace when she followed the Law, playing her partner for a 5 card diamond suit. She raised to three diamonds. With the best hand at the table, including the ace/king of trumps, Katz had no trouble doubling and collecting six tricks.

+500 was a gain of 7 IMPs.

This was one board in a string of good results for the Nickell team. They were up two IMPs entering this segment, and picked up 32 more in the first nine boards of the segment.

Board 69

Dealer: N

N/S Vul.

♠ T875  
♥ T875  
♦ A  
♣ Q763

♠ K942  
♥ Q43  
♦ KQ73  
♣ K2



♠ AJ6  
♥ AK92  
♦ JT85  
♣ T9

♠ Q3  
♥ J6  
♦ 9642  
♣ AJ854

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Robinson	Chambers	Boyd
	Pass	1D	Pass
1S	Pass	2S	Pass
2NT	Pass	3D	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the Closed room, Wildavsky declared 3NT from East after a weak no-trump opening and a Stayman bid by partner. Bramley had no trouble leading a club from the South hand, easily defeating the contract.

Robinson, North, was on lead in the Open Room. There were two unbid suits. A club would seem more favorable than a heart because it would be in keeping with the tried and true: "fourth from his longest and strongest."

Robinson, however, recognized that declarer had fewer than four hearts for his spade response and NT rebid. Sometimes too much information is a dangerous thing. Robinson led a heart. Schermer won the ace and immediately led a diamond toward the jack in dummy. Robinson was forced to win his ace and the offense was able to collect nine tricks. Another 10 IMPs to Welland.

The **2011 World Bridge Championships**, comprising the *Bermuda Bowl*, *Venice Cup*, *d'Orsi Senior Bowl* and *Transnational Open Teams* com-pe-ti-tions, will take place in Veldhoven, The Netherlands, 15-29 October 2011.

The *Bermuda Bowl* is the symbol of world supremacy at bridge. It is awarded to the winner of the open teams competition between the rep-re-sen-ta-tives of the WBF geographical zones. Since its inauguration in 1950, the competition has been played 39 times. So far, the **United States** has been victorious 18 times, while its European rival, *Italy*, prevailed 14 times. The other titles have been won by **France** (twice), **Great Britain**, **Brazil**, **Iceland**, **The Netherlands** and **Norway**. The current holder is the United States.

The *Venice Cup* is awarded to the winner of the zonal competition for women players. It was established in 1974 and, so far, only five countries have won it. The reigning champion, **China**, is the first *Venice Cup* holder from outside Europe and North America (WBF zones 1 & 2); they ascended to the podium in *São Paulo '09*. The **United States of America**, leads the race with 10 titles, while Europe follows with six successes achieved by **Great Britain** (twice), **Germany** (twice), **The Netherlands** and **France**.

The *Senior Bowl* is a new competition for senior players

(60 years of age or older) competing for the trophy presented by Ernesto d'Orsi, a former WBF president, in 2009. Representative teams from all zones are invited to participate. Until 2009, the only winner of this competition had been the **United States** which won the inaugural event, in 2001 in Paris, France; in 2003, in Monte Carlo, Monaco; in 2005, in Estoril, Portugal and in 2007, in Shanghai, China. In *São Paulo '09*, **England** broke this record and became the second country in five contests to win the *d'Orsi Senior Bowl*.

The *World Transnational Open Teams Championship* came into being in 1997 in Hammamet, Tunisia. It is contested by teams nominated by the NBOs without nationality or other restrictions. The first winners were the team led by **Leandro Burgay** of *Italy*, while the last event held in *São Paulo*, Brazil 2009, was won by the **Zimmermann** team, comprised of two French, two Italian and two Norwegian players.



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**Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.**  
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Board 90  
 Dealer: E  
 All Vul.

♠ A984  
 ♥ 97543  
 ♦ T  
 ♣ AK2

♠ T  
 ♥ AJ8  
 ♦ A9863  
 ♣ QT97

♠ Q7632  
 ♥  
 ♦ Q75  
 ♣ J8543

♠ KJ5  
 ♥ KQT62  
 ♦ KJ42  
 ♣ 6



West	North	East	South
Rosenthal	Cohen	Silverstein	Wolfson
		Pass	1H
Pass	2NT (forcing ♥ raise)	Pass	3C (shortness)
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
All Pass			
Garner	Levin	Weinstein	Meyers
		Pass	1H
Pass	4D (splinter)	Pass	4S (kickback)
Pass	5H	All Pass	

This could be the unluckiest hand of the tournament for the Silverstein team. Cohen chose to show a forcing raise in hearts with 2NT. Wolfson responded showing his singleton club and they stopped in the easy heart game.

At the other table, Levin chose to show her singleton diamond by splintering over her partner's one heart opening. Meyers, with all the second round controls, thought it was a perfect time to ace ask. She bid four spades, kickback, assuming she was safe at the five level if Levin was short a keycard for slam.

The partnership landed in five hearts. The only thing that could stop this from making was a 3-0 trump break with the AJx over the KQTxx. Down one meant 12 IMPs to Wolfson.

Board 96  
 Dealer: W  
 E/W Vul.

♠ 932  
 ♥ T8765  
 ♦ KQ954  
 ♣

♠ J8  
 ♥ 932  
 ♦ A7  
 ♣ A87643

♠ AKQ  
 ♥ AJ  
 ♦ JT6  
 ♣ KJ952

♠ T7654  
 ♥ KO4  
 ♦ 832  
 ♣ QT



Imps were flying fast and furious in the Mahaffey/Bathurst contest. Everyone seems to get frisky at favorable.

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Lev	Hurd	Pepsi
Pass	2H (5♥ & 5 of another)	Double	3H
4C	Pass	5C	All Pass
Cohler	Grue	Seamon	Lall
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3S	Pass	3NT	Pass
4D	Double	Pass	Pass
Redouble	Pass	5NT	Pass
6C	All Pass		

Lev put the pressure on Wooldridge and Hurd by opening a two suited 2♥. Pepsi cooperated by raising over the double. Wooldridge took a pretty dim view by bidding only four clubs. Lall raised to five and maybe Joel should have re-evaluated his hand. If Lall could raise without the ace of diamonds or ace of clubs over a simple preference, six does not seem out of the realm of possibility.

It was, in fact, easier for Cohler and Seamon to get to the slam without interference. Everyone took 12 tricks, but only Mahaffey collected 13 IMPs.

## Limey Jack and Howie Doing ... Looking to the Quarterfinals...

### Howie Doing:

**Diamonds** are forever. They're staying till the end.

Good bye Seymon. You're going home. We'll miss you here, my friend.

Nickell, Nickell rhymes with pickle. **Dan**, that is a tell!

Bring some dill and Katz will chill ... It's adios Meckwell.

Count your trumps or take your lumps when playing 'gainst the **Law**.

You made it here and it is clear, this will be your last straw.

Welland's smart to play with Bart. But playing four is tough.

**George**, alive, in overdrive... he's got the better stuff!

Jack's a joke... a silly bloke... he has no sense of hum"our"

He will fall down and break his crown ... that's fact and not just rum"our."

Howie Doing... pretty good, thanks!

### Limey Jack:

Blimey but you Yanks are hard to figure. Let's just say Limey Jack was a touch askew and leave it lay.

Diamond strolls into the fray like it was his own flat, but leaves after 2 stressful days. While the superior technical group of blokes, there is nothing like being in stroke. Sometimes you bite the bye and sometimes the bye bites you.

Nickell is looking like he has seen the hounds of Baskerville as he keeps looking over his shoulder. The power pair on that team winds up playing the last 7 chuckers but too little, too late. Can any favourite win?

Aker cancels their flight home to stay another two days, but Wolfson gives them their comeuppance

In a match I would give a shilling or two to attend, the last four handed team is dispatched, but not without wearing their old school ties with pride.

Limey jack is tired and may not be available tomorrow. But put a pound on these picks for sure.

Cheers, Limey Jack



The USBF wants to thank Bobby and Jill Levin for the wonderful party they made in honor of the Trials on Monday night. They hosted a large group of people at their beautiful new home. It was warm, friendly and fun. It got the United States Bridge Championships off on the right foot.

Thanks so much for all the effort you put into entertaining the players and the staff!

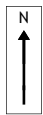
Board 110

Dealer: E

None Vul.

♠ 9762  
♥ 864  
♦ 97  
♣ T863

♠ QJ4  
♥ AQJ753  
♦ A5  
♣ Q9



♠ A83  
♥ K92  
♦ Q6  
♣ AJ754

♠ KT5  
♥ T  
♦ KJT8432  
♣ K2

Both rooms in the Mahaffey/Bathurst match reached six hearts after a strong NT opener and a preempt in diamonds by South.

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Lev	Hurd	Pepsi
		1NT	3D
4D (Texas)	Pass	4H	Pass
4S	Pass	4NT	Pass
5S	Pass	6H	All Pass

Passell	Grue	Mahaffey	Lall
		1NT	3D
6H	All Pass		

Wooldridge and Hurd play transfers in this auction. Evidently Passell and Mahaffey don't. Wooldridge transferred and it was the winning action. Hurd was by no means overjoyed with dummy. Pepsi led his singleton trump, unwilling to underlead any of his kings a trick one.

Hurd deliberated for quite some time. Finally he concluded that his best action would be to lead toward dummy's club queen. He pulled two rounds of trump ending in his hand and played a small club. Pepsi won the king, exited with a club, and the rest was history.

At the other table, Passell received the unfriendly lead of the nine of diamonds through dummy's queen. It queen, king, ace. He pulled one round of trump and finessed the club king. Lall won the king and cashed the high diamond. 14 IMPs to Bathurst.

Board 109

Dealer: N

All Vul

♠ 54  
♥ T6  
♦ AJT532  
♣ K43



♠ AK  
♥ AKJ753  
♦ K964  
♣ 2

♠ 862  
♥ Q84  
♦ Q87  
♣ Q975

♠ QJT973  
♥ 92  
♦  
♣ AJT86

Passell	Grue	Mahaffey	Lall
	Pass	1H	2H
Pass	2NT	Double	3C
3H	4C	4H	4S
All Pass			

Wooldridge	Lev	Hurd	Pepsi
	Pass	1H	3S
Pass	Pass	4H	All Pass

Pepsi jumped to three spades and Hurd shot out the heart game. At the other table, Grue asked for Lall's minor, and received the expected answer: clubs. When Mahaffey bid the heart game, Lall was certain it was right to bid four spades on his 6/5. It might make or it might be a good save. Either way, he couldn't do anything else. It was right. Four hearts made while four spades went light only one. 11 more to Bathurst.

# Schedule of Events

Round of 16		
Tuesday May 10th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1, Boards 1-15 Segment 2, Boards 16-30 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Wednesday May 11th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 7 Boards 91-105 Segment 8 Boards 106-120
Quarterfinals		
Thursday May 12th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Friday May 13th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 7 Boards 91-105 Segment 8 Boards 106-120
Semi-Finals		
Saturday May 14th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Sunday May 15th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 7 Boards 91-105 Segment 8 Boards 106-120
Finals		
Monday May 16th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1 Boards 1-15 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 3 Boards 31-45 Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Tuesday May 17th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 5 Boards 61-75 Segment 6 Boards 76-90 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 7 Boards 91-105 Segment 8 Boards 106-120

- Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
- A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
- Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
- A dyslexic man walks into a bra.
- A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."
- Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"
- "Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'" "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" "Well, It's Not Unusual."
- Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning." "I don't believe you," says Dolly. "It's true, no bull!" exclaims Daisy.
- An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.
- Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.
- I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.
- A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't - I've cut off your arms!"
- I went to a seafood disco last week...and pulled a mussel.
- What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.
- Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says "Dam!".
- Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why," they asked, as they moved off. "Because", he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

oatmeal raisin	3rd	Field	Sally
white chocolate macadamia nut	Favorite	Stewart	Manon
multigrain	4th	Green	Elliot
chocolate chip	2nd	Crofer	Eileen
double chocolate	1st	Stevens	Charlie
Cookie Type	Winning Place	Last Name	First Name

Puzzle  
Answer  
From  
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# Fun and Games Page ...

Over Labor Day weekend, the 52nd Annual Cookie Challenge was held by the Tastefully Sweet Bakery Shop. The Cookie Challenge traditionally signaled the end of summer for Millersville, but was also greeted with great enthusiasm by the townspeople. Each year, the town's aspiring bakers brought in their best-ever cookie recipes and on Labor Day, the official Bake-off challenge was held, complete with prizes awarded to the winners. Dozens of cookies were made from the ten finalist recipes and were open to all for judging. The final four winners were determined by the official judges of the event and a fifth prize was awarded to the favorite cookie chosen by the attending townspeople. This year the favorite cookie was not one of the four contest winners, a phenomenon that seldom occurred. Determine the full name of each cookie challenge winner as well as the winning place and type of cookie of each recipe.

1. Marion's cookie, which wasn't oatmeal raisin, didn't win first place. The person whose last name was Green submitted the multigrain cookie recipe.
2. Charlie Stevens didn't submit a chocolate chip cookie recipe.
3. The favorite cookie wasn't Eileen's recipe. The fourth place winner wasn't the double chocolate cookie.
4. The oatmeal raisin cookie beat Elliot's cookie by one place. Ms. Stewart's cookie, which wasn't chocolate chip, was voted the favorite cookie of the event.
5. The person whose last name was Crofter won second place, but not with a double chocolate cookie. The white chocolate macadamia nut cookie wasn't the first place winner.
6. The oatmeal raisin cookie, which wasn't Eileen's recipe, was made by the person whose last name was Field. Sally's cookie, which wasn't the multigrain, won third place.

	Crofter	Field	Green	Stevens	Stewart	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	favorite	Chocolate chip	Double chocolate	Multigrain	Oatmeal Raisin	WC macadamia nt
Charlie															
Eileen															
Eliot															
Marion															
Sally															
Chocolate chip															
Double chocolate															
Multigrain															
Oatmeal Raisin															
WC macadamia nut															
1st															
2nd															
3rd															
4th															
favorite															

(Answer on page 7)

1st name	Last name	Winning place	Cookie type
Charlie			
Eileen			
Eliot			
Marion			
Sally			

**In Seeding Order**

Diamond Bye to Rnd of 8	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Brad Moss	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Fred Gitelman
Nickell Bye to Rnd of 16	Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth	Ralph Katz Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell
Gordon	Mark Gordon, Capt David Berkowitz Michael Rosenberg	Pratap Rajadhyaksha Alan Sontag Chris Willenken
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Marc Jacobus Drew Casen	Steve Beatty Eddie Wold Jim Krekorian
Deutsch	Seymon Deutsch, Capt Billy Cohen Gavin Wolpert	John Kranyak Ron Smith Kyle Larsen
Wolfson	Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt Howard Weinstein Russell Ekeblad	Larry Cohen Steve Garner Ron Rubin
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Gary Cohler Sam Lev	Mike Passell Michael Seamon Jacek Pszczola
Welland	Roy Welland, Capt John Schermer	Bart Bramley Neil Chambers
Bathurst	Kevin Bathurst, Capt Joe Grue Joel Wooldridge	Dan Zagorin Justin Lall John Hurd
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Adam Wildavsky	Peter Boyd Fred Stewart Doug Doub
Silverstein	Aaron Silverstein, Capt Jill Levin	Andrew Rosenthal Jill Meyers
Hinze	Greg Hinze, Capt Venkatrao Koneru Jonathan Weinstein	David Yang Jiang Gu Franco Baseggio
Ivatury	Uday Ivatury, Capt Lapt Chan	Christal Henner Roger Lee
Levine	Michael Levine, Capt Dennis Clerkin Dan Gerstman	Dennis McGarry Jerry Clerkin Stephen Landen
Aker	Jeff Aker, Capt Doug Simson Barry Goren	Brady Richter Walter Johnson Joshua Donn

**"A bore is a man who deprives you of solitude without providing you with company."  
-Gian Vincenzo Gravina**

**The Kids Are Alright...**

Two little kids are in a hospital, lying on stretchers next to each other outside the operating room.

The first kid leans over and asks, "What are you in here for?"

The second kid says, "I'm in here to get my tonsils out and I'm a little nervous."

The first kid says, "You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done when I was four. They put you to sleep, and when you wake up they give you lots of Jello and ice cream. It's a breeze.

"The second kid then asks, "What are you here for?"

The first kid says, "A circumcision."

"Whoa!" the second kid replies. "Good luck buddy. I had that done when I was born. Couldn't walk for a year."

## 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.

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 segment.

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, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

### USBC 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).

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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.

## 2011 Women's International Team Trials

The 2011 USWBC will select the two USA teams for the **2011 Venice Cup**, to be held in Eindhoven, the Netherlands October 15-29, 2011.

## 2011 Senior's International Team Trials

The 2011 USSBC will select the two USA teams for the **2011 Senior Bowl**, to be held in Eindhoven, the Netherlands October 15-29, 2011.

## LOCATION AND DATES

The 2011 USWBC and USSBC will be held in Detroit, Michigan at the **Marriott Renaissance Center**. Room rate is \$115 plus tax for single or double rooms. To make reservations, call 800-352-0831.

The USWBC will start on Monday, June 6th and will end on Saturday, June 11th.

The USSBC will start on Monday, June 6th and will end on Saturday, June 11th. .

For more information, go to the USBF website.

Bill and Sandy Arlinghaus are the local tournament chairs. Hospitality will be awesome. Don't miss the action online or if you are in the area, drop in to kibitz firsthand.



A wise old gentleman retired and purchased a modest home near a junior high school. He spent the first few weeks of his retirement in peace and contentment.

Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young boys, full of youthful, after-school enthusiasm, came down his street, beating merrily on every trash can they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the wise old man decided it was time to take some action.

The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists as they banged their way down the street. Stopping them, he said, "You kids are a lot of fun. I like to see you express your exuberance like that. In fact, I used to do the same thing when I was your age. Will you do me a favor?"

"I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing." The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the trashcans. After a few days, the old-timer greeted the kids again, but this time he had a sad smile on his face. "This recession's really putting a big dent in my income," he told them. "From now on, I'll only be able to pay you 50 cents to beat on the cans."

The noisemakers were obviously displeased, but they accepted his offer and continued their afternoon ruckus.

A few days later, the wily retiree approached them again as they drummed their way down the street. "Look," he said, "I haven't received my Social Security check yet, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?"

"A freakin' quarter?" the drum leader exclaimed. "If you think we're going to waste our time, beating these cans around for a quarter, you're nuts! No way, dude. We quit!" And the old man enjoyed peace and serenity for the rest of his days.

## VuGraph Information

From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can 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 and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch. To watch on your smartphone or I-Pad, **go** to **<http://www.bridgebase.com/mobile/>** and select the match you want to watch (you can also use this link on your computer but will have fewer options than with the normal BBO on your browser or Windows). **Ed. Note: AlwaysOnPC.com offers a suite that will give you full flash capabilities using Chrome or Firefox (also in the suite.) It runs \$20 for the I-Phone and \$25 for the I-Pad. It works great. We watched the finals of the Vanderbilt all the way home from Louisville. We could chat and everything. It is also offered for the Android.**

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 Las Vegas times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

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.

During the Rounds of 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 2011 USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after 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/>** as well as on the USBF site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2011USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

Due to recent budget cuts and the rising cost of electricity, gas and oil, as well as current market conditions and a few trillion dollars in bailouts for some corporations, the Light at the End of the Tunnel has been turned off. We apologize for the inconvenience.

How can you get four suits for a dollar?

*Buy a deck of cards.*

How do dinosaurs pay their bills?

*With Tyrannosaurus checks.*

What do you call a dinosaur that smashes everything in its path?

*Tyrannosaurus wrecks.*

What do you call a dinosaur that wears a cowboy hat and boots?

*Tyrannosaurus Tex.*

How do we know the Indians were the first people in North America?

*They had reservations.*

How do you make a hot dog stand?

*Steal its chair.*

How do you make an egg laugh?

*Tell it a yolk.*