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“Trials” and Tribulations

USBC Semifinals Get Underway...

Name	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	Total
1 Diamond	29	70	19	36	154
4 (5) Welland	36	26	26	7	95
2 (10) Bathurst	26	48	30	53	157
3 (6) Wolfson	42	3	32	29	106

Come to the Hospitality Suite, Room 8211, for breakfast between 8:30 and 10am. Pick up your Daily Bulletin there.

The Suite will close for an hour for clean-up and reopen from 11am till 10pm for soda and snacks.

There will be VuGraph in the Suite. Discuss the hands with the group. It will be social and fun.

Thanks to Barbara Nudelman and Joan Gerard who have managed and run the suite through today. They've been great, shopping for groceries every day and preparing the snacks. We will miss you ladies. Have safe trips home to Chicago and New York!



Your editor is returning home today too. The bulletins will continue but will be produced in Chicago.

See you all at the Women's and Senior Trials in Detroit in June!!

Suzi

Good luck to all the teams still in the event!!

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More from the Quarterfinals...

Board 111
Dealer: S
N/S Vul.

♠ AJ9875
♥ Q8
♦ KT43
♣ 3

♠ KQ6
♥ K975
♦ J87
♣ KT9

♠ 4
♥ JT6
♦ AQ965
♣ J876

♠ T32
♥ A432
♦ 2
♣ AQ542



West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Moss	G Wolpert	Gitelman
			Pass
1C	1S	Double	2C
2H	3D	Pass	4S
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

Hampson	Smith	Greco	Cohen
			Pass
1D (could be short)	1S	3C (diamonds)	4S
All Pass			

Not often do you see four spades doubled make at one table while four spades undoubled goes down three at the other.

Greco made the best lead of his singleton trump. Smith won it and finessed the king of clubs losing to West. Hampson continued with the king and a trump. At this point, declarer had no hope. He had no trumps in dummy and the diamonds lie badly.

At the other table, Wolpert led the jack of hearts, ducked to his partner's king. Kranyak underled the king/queen of spades and declarer ducked this to the ten in dummy. Now a diamond was led and the defense was helpless.

14 IMPs to Diamond

Board 110
Dealer: E
None Vul.

♠ 653
♥ QJ3
♦ AKJT976
♣

♠ 942
♥ KT64
♦ 5
♣ QJT53

♠ AJ87
♥ A9875
♦
♣ K987

♠ KQT
♥ 2
♦ Q8432
♣ A642



Hampson	Smith	Greco	Cohen
		1H	Pass !!!
4H	All Pass		

Kranyak	Moss	Wolpert	Gitelman
		1H	Double
3H	5D	Double	All Pass

Gitelman and Cohen evaluated their hand somewhat differently. Gitelman made a takeout double over one heart while Cohen passed. When it came to Smith at the four level, it seemed a bit too high to enter the auction freely... especially looking at queen/jack third of trump.

Moss, on the other hand, knowing he would see values in Gitelman's hand, jumped to five diamonds. Wolpert, holding two aces and thinking that diamonds were breaking badly, doubled. Five diamonds doubled made while four hearts went peacefully down one. 11 IMPs to Diamond.

Perhaps even without the takeout double, Smith could have ventured five diamonds knowing that his partner had at most one heart and some type of diamond support.

Board 114
 Dealer: E
 N/S Vul.
 ♠ QT862
 ♥ A6
 ♦ 3
 ♣ AQ872

Kranyak	Moss	Wolpert	Gitelman
Hampson	Smith	Greco	Cohen
		2H	Pass
4H	4S	All Pass	

Both tables had the same auction to arrive in the spade game.

♠ AK9
 ♥ T932
 ♦ J72
 ♣ K93



♠ 43
 ♥ KQJ87
 ♦ Q654
 ♣ T6

Both Easts led the king of hearts, won by declarer's ace. Both declarers led a diamond to dummy's king and ace, discarding their losing heart, and following this with the winning club finesse.

♠ J75
 ♥ 54
 ♦ AKT98
 ♣ J54

Both declarers cashed the ace of clubs and led a third club establishing the suit in hand.

At Moss's table, Kranyak now led a heart. Moss ruffed low and played his spade ten. Kranyak won this and played a diamond. Moss ruffed low again and claimed his ten tricks.

At Smith's table, Hampson now led a diamond. Smith was afraid that Greco, holding a not unlikely six card preempt, might be out of diamonds. In an effort to stop Greco from overruffing, Smith ruffed with the ten. This was fatal. Smith led a spade to the jack and king, but when Hampson exited with a heart, Smith was forced to ruff and find himself endplayed in hand. Another 14 IMPs to Diamond.

On to the Semifinals...

Board 53
 Dealer: N
 N/S Vul.
 ♠ 98643
 ♥ AJ93
 ♦ 543
 ♣ T

West	North	East	South
Schermer	Moss	Chambers	Gitelman
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2C	2D***	3NT
All Pass			

♠ AJ5
 ♥ 75
 ♦ K8
 ♣ Q98765



♠ Q72
 ♥ Q64
 ♦ AJT762
 ♣ 2

Hampson	Welland	Greco	Bramley
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2H (transfer)	3D	All Pass

This was a routine board in the Hampson/Greco/Bramley/Welland room, however, it was anything but routine in the other room. Apparently, Schermer and Gitelman were screenmates, Schermer explained Chambers' 2♦ bid as showing hearts and a possibly longer suit. Armed with that information, Gitelman thought his partner could not be on any sort of garbage Stayman hand so he must have values. With hearts well stopped, Gitelman felt justified to accept any game try so he came back in with 3NT. This was a massive disaster when the defense scored six diamonds, three spades and a club for down six vulnerable tricks. Chambers believed his bid was natural by a passed hand.

Needless to say, the director was summoned and we will await further developments after checking Schermer/Chambers notes tomorrow. For now, this produced a 10 IMP gain to Welland when three diamonds made three at the other table.

Board 50
 Dealer: E
 N/S Vul.

♠ AK963
 ♥ 542
 ♦ 8654
 ♣ T

♠ 4
 ♥ A63
 ♦ KT32
 ♣ J9754



♠ 82
 ♥ 97
 ♦ QJ7
 ♣ AQ8632

♠ QJT75
 ♥ KQJT8
 ♦ A9
 ♣ K

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Welland	Greco	Bramley
Pass	3NT (spade raise)	Pass	1S
Pass	4D	Pass	4NT
Pass	5S	All Pass	

Schermer	Moss	Chambers	Gitelman
		Pass	1S
Pass	3H (spade raise)	Pass	4S
All Pass			

With all the action in the Welland/Diamond match, it is surprising that neither East/West pair was able to mention their eleven card club fit. Both Norths made conventional jump raises and the auction was just too high by the time it got to East. Bramley and Welland sniffed at slam and were over their heads when Bramley asked for key cards. Hampson led a club. Greco won and switched to diamonds... down one. Moss and Gitelman bid game in three bids and made it.

East/West have a good save at the five level... down one against the vulnerable game if you play for the slightly favored 1-1 in clubs. 12 Imps to Diamond

Gadzooks, but Limey Jack has talent.

That cheeky fool, Howie Dung, is feeding you a bunch of codswallop. I am certain he is past posting (betting on a race after it has started-ED) the results or somehow getting sneaks at my pick. The man would botch his own breakfast.

It is not blooming likely that either of the two underdogs will mount any type of comeback. At 50 in the glue, the hill is higher up than down.

Diamond needs the practice and will grudgingly accept the bowing out, but wins either way.

Bathurst will get tested but will prevail. These lads are far too young and cocksure to feel the fear of the impending final. They continue to flog the older and wiser Wolfson team.

Imagine the Diamond team being considered the old men of the sea in the finals. Tomorrow, Limey Jack will tell you the winner, guaranteed. If Howie Dung should attempt to ring me up, he will find my line engaged and will need to do his own thinking.

Cheers, LJ

Limey Jack

Howie is Doing the best that he can.

He's ahead in both matches... he's miracle man!

Diamond is staying. He won't go away.

Nothing will stop him... not even slow play.

Bathurst is steaming. He's here to the finish.

Welland's fair run is sure to diminish.

Tomorrow I'll tell you who's certain to win.

Jack has no clue till the scores all come in!

Howie Doing... great, thanks!

Howie Doing

**No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.
 This applies to players AND kibitzers.
 Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.
 Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.
 The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.**

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

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a 4-leaf clover?
A rash of good luck.

What happens when frogs park illegally?
They get toad.

What has 6 eyes but can't see?
3 blind mice.

What has a lot of keys but can not open any doors?
A piano.

What has one horn and gives milk?
A milk truck.

What kind of cats like to go bowling?
Alley cats.

What kind of eggs does a wicked chicken lay?
Deviled eggs.

What kind of ties can't you wear?
Railroad ties.

What lies on its back, one hundred feet in the air?
A dead centipede.

What do you call a country where everyone has to drive a red car?
A red carnation.

What do you call a country where everyone has to drive a pink car?
A pink car-nation.

What would the country be called if everyone in it lived in their cars?
An in-car-nation.

What's gray, eats fish, and lives in Washington, D.C.?
The Presidential Seal.

What's green and loud?
A froghorn.

What's round and bad-tempered?
A vicious circle.

Where did the farmer take the pigs on Saturday afternoon?
He took them to a pignic.

Where do fortune tellers dance?
At the crystal ball.

Why did the doughnut shop close?
The owner got tired of the (w)hole business!

Fun and Games Page ...

Five roommates met last Wednesday to celebrate Louis' birthday, another mutual friend. During the birthday festivities, the roommates ended up in a cheerful debate about how best to travel in the traffic-clogged city. While many creative suggestions were offered by other birthday guests, the roommates decided to try a little test on their way home that evening. Each would use a different mode of transportation to get back home. Since their departure and arrival destinations were the same, it would be a good test of actual transportation times. Determine the full name of each roommate, the mode of transportation each chose for the return trip home, and how long it took each of them to arrive (20 to 40 minutes).

1. Ed didn't use the bus. Mr. Sullivan's first name was Chris.
2. Mr. Manning spent ten minutes longer to arrive home than it took Clyde but he was back five minutes faster than the roommate who took the bus.
3. The roommate who walked spent 20 minutes getting home. Earl came home in a car.
4. David didn't use the subway to get home but he arrived five minutes before Mr. Park, whose first name wasn't Ed.
5. Mr. Stewart arrived home in 30 minutes.
6. The roommate who used a bicycle returned ten minutes earlier than Earl but his last name wasn't Pennant.

	Manning	Park	Pennant	Stewart	Sullivan	Bicycle	Bus	Car	Subway	Walking	20 minutes	25 minutes	30 minutes	35 minutes	40 minutes	
Chris																
Clyde																
David																
Earl																
Ed																
20 minutes																
25 minutes																
30 minutes																
35 minutes																
40 minutes																
Bicycle																
Bus																
Car																
Subway																
Walking																

First name	Last Name	Transport	Arrival Time
Chris			
Clyde			
David			
Earl			
Ed			

(Answer:

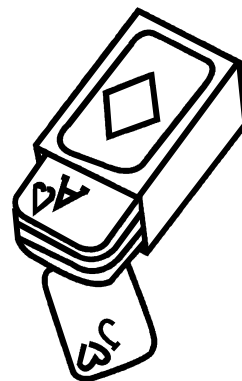
First Name	Last Name	Mode of Transportation	Time to Arrive
Ed	Stewart	subway	30 min
Earl	Manning	car	35 min
David	Pennant	walking	20 min
Clyde	Park	bicycle	25 min
Chris	Sullivan	bus	40 min

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

"I always find it more difficult to say the things I mean than the things I don't."
-W. Somerset Maugham

- What do you call a pig that does karate?
A pork chop.
- What do you call a song sung in an automobile?
A cartoon.
- What do you call the best butter on the farm?
A goat.
- What do you do when your chair breaks?
Call a chairman.
- What do you get if you cross a chicken with a cement mixer?
A brick layer!
- What do you get if you cross an elephant and a kangaroo?
Big holes all over Australia!
- What do you get if you cross an insect with the Easter rabbit?
Bugs Bunny.
- What do you get when you cross a stream and a brook?
Wet feet.



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.



One day while he was at the track betting on the ponies and nearly losing his shirt, Mitch noticed a priest who stepped out onto the track and blessed the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race.

Lo and behold, that horse -- a very long shot -- won the race. Before the following race, the Priest blessed yet another horse. Mitch made a beeline for the window, and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse the priest had blessed won the race. Mitch collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the priest would bless for the 6th race. The priest showed, blessed a horse, Mitch bet a large amount of money on it, and it won!

True to his pattern, the priest stepped out onto the track before the last race and blessed the forehead, eyes, ears, and hooves of one of the horses. Mitch bet every cent he had, including his life savings and the deed to his house. Mitch then watched the horse come in dead last. He was dumbfounded.

He made his way to the track, and when he found the priest, he demanded, "What happened, Father? All day long you blessed horses and they won. The last race, you blessed a horse and he lost. Now, thanks to you, I've lost all my savings!"

The priest nodded wisely and said, "That's the problem with Protestants -- you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and the Last Rites!"

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.

A Summer Skirt Situation...

As the bus stopped and it was her turn to get on, a lovely looking woman became aware that her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to come up to the height of the first step of the bus.

Slightly embarrassed and with a quick smile to the bus driver, she reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little, thinking that this would give her enough slack to raise her leg. She tried to take the step, only to discover that she couldn't.

So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little more, and for the second time attempted the step

Once again, much to her chagrin, she could not raise her leg.

With a little smile to the driver, she again reached behind to unzip a little more and again was unable to take the step.

About this time, a large Texan who was standing behind her picked her up easily by the waist and placed her gently on the step of the bus.

She went ballistic and turned to the would-be Samaritan and yelled, "How dare you touch my body! I don't even know who you are!"

The Texan smiled and drawled, "Well, ma'am, normally I would agree with you, but after you unzipped my fly three times, I kinda figured we was friends."