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Congratulations Bathurst! USA 2!

Name	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	Total
1 Diamond	46	10	30	82	257
2 (10) Bathurst	52	20	47	32	288

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

You are right to point out the potential contamination of the committee pool by on-line comments made by observers of Board #96 in the Welland-Diamond semifinal.

However, I can assure you and all interested parties that the actual committee was free of any taint or undue influence. I personally was not watching when those comments were made and if either of my fellow committee members were they showed no evidence of being compromised at all. They discharged their committee responsibilities with the detachment and thoroughness that has been a trademark of their participation in the past. And if you look at the list of possible committee members in the right margin, I dare say you would be hard pressed to find one who would allow an on-line observer to do his thinking for him.

Ron Gerard

Thanks Everyone for Your Support!

Joan Gerard, USBF President, wants to thank everyone who attended the Trials for making it a success. Thanks to Sol Weinstein and Chris Patrias for keeping things running smoothly... only one committee? Amazing. Thanks to Jan Martel for her great planning. Thanks to Barbara Nudelman, Debbie Hyatt, and Sue Grue for their excellent job in the hospitality suite. Thanks to Ken Horwedel for duping the boards. Thanks to Billy Rosenbaum for assistance in every phase of the Trials!! Thanks to Suzi Subeck for writing and producing the bulletins. Thanks to Stan Subeck for delivering them to the suite each night. Thanks to the Appeals Committee for standing by and being there when we needed them. Thanks to Joe Stokes, Barry Goren, and the rest of the fantastic VuGraph operators. See you all next year!! Without you, we'd be lost!

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The End of the Line...

Board 61
Dealer: N
All Vul.

♠ A7
♥ T53
♦ KQJ6
♣ 8432

♠ 63
♥ AKQ98
♦ T54
♣ QJT



♠ QJ942
♥ J6
♦ A732
♣ A7

♠ KT85
♥ 742
♦ 98
♣ K965

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Bathurst	Zagorin	Platnick
Wooldridge	Greco	Hurd	Hampson
	Pass	1S	Pass
2H	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Both teams had the same auctions and landed in the same game. Looking at all four hands, it is easy to defeat 3NT just by starting diamonds. Both Souths, however, couldn't see all the hands and started with the five of clubs. Both Easts won the club in dummy and led a spade to the queen, losing to the king. Now we diverge...

Hampson counted five sure hearts and two sure clubs for declarer. He reasoned that declarer was playing on spades... therefore, a diamond rated to be the best chance to defeat the hand. Dutifully, he switched to the nine of diamonds, ducked around, and the eight of diamonds to the

king and ace. Hurd cashed out the hearts and led a spade from dummy. Having the setting tricks in his hand, Greco rose with the ace and cashed the diamonds for down one!

Zagorin chose a neutral defense... not best when you need to defeat a game at IMPs. He exited a heart. This gave declarer nothing... but timing. Platnick cashed out the hearts and led a spade from dummy. Bathurst won, but without having diamonds established, he was helpless. 13 IMPs to Diamond.

Board 62
Dealer: E
None Vul.

♠ AQJ5
♥ J96
♦ AJ8
♣ 864

♠ 82
♥ QT8732
♦ 9754
♣ 2



♠ KT93
♥ AK54
♦ QT
♣ AT7

♠ 764
♥
♦ K632
♣ KQJ953

Wooldridge	Greco	Hurd	Hampson
		1NT	Pass
2D	Pass	2S (super accept)	3C
Pass	Pass	3H	Pass
4H	All Pass		
Diamond	Bathurst	Platnick	Zagorin
		1NT	3C
All Pass			

Wooldridge and Hurd did well to get to game on their combined 18 HCP. Hampson led the queen of clubs, Hurd winning the ace in hand. Hurd cashed the ace of trump and ruffed a club in dummy. The deuce of spades followed. Greco won his ace and played another trump. Hurd won dummy's ten and played the four of diamonds to South's king.

Hampson played a diamond to Greco's ace and Greco cleared the trumps, Hurd winning dummy's queen. Hurd played a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade and took the last trick with dummy's good nine of diamonds. Well done!

At the other table, Zagorin preempted his 6-4 in diamonds and clubs. With only a two count opposite a limited hand, Diamond thought better of bidding at the three level. He passed and the auction sailed out there. Should Platnick reopen? If partner bids diamonds, he may well have a 5 card suit.

Diamond led the ♠8, and in the fullness of time, Zagorin collect nine tricks for +110 and 11 IMPs.

Board 67
 Dealer: S
 E/W Vul.

♠ 97
 ♥ AT987
 ♦ QT3
 ♣ JT7

Diamond	Bathurst	Platnick	Zagorin
			Pass
1NT (14-16)	Pass	3C (invitational)	Pass
3D	Pass	3NT	All Pass

♠ AT84
 ♥ KQ
 ♦ J84
 ♣ A952



♠ 65
 ♥ J62
 ♦ A95
 ♣ KQ864

Wooldridge	Greco	Hurd	Hampson
			2S
All Pass			

♠ KQJ32
 ♥ 543
 ♦ K762
 ♣ 3

Hampson stole big time on this board. His opening five card weak two was just enough in just the right suit to keep Bathurst from bidding. Bathurst had no sort of a takeout double over his ATxx suit. Zagorin might have considered a balancing double, but without four hearts, it did not look attractive. Two spades went down one for -50.

At the other table, Diamond and Platnick bid easily to three notrump. Diamond opened a 14-16 1NT and Platnick invited with a ten count and five clubs. Diamond was minimum, but he had a great club fit. Bathurst led the ten of hearts. Diamond won this, cashed five rounds of clubs and knocked out the ace of hearts to arrive at two hearts, one spade, one diamond and five clubs for nine! Nine was fine and 11 IMPs went to Diamond for his effort.

Board 73
 Dealer: N
 E/W Vul.

♠ K64
 ♥ A43
 ♦ 94
 ♣ JT652

Wooldridge	Greco	Hurd	Hampson
	Pass	Pass	3S
Double	4S	4NT	Pass
5D	Pass	5H	All Pass

♠ Q87
 ♥ KT98
 ♦ AKQJ5
 ♣ 9



♠ 5
 ♥ QJ752
 ♦ 863
 ♣ A843

Diamond	Bathurst	Platnick	Zagorin
	Pass	Pass	1S
Pass	2C (Drury)	Pass	2S
All Pass			

♠ AJT932
 ♥ 6
 ♦ T72
 ♣ KQ7

One man's one bid is another man's preempt!

Hampson opened three spades. Wooldridge didn't want anyone stealing from him. He figured he could always correct clubs to diamonds so he doubled. Greco furthered the preempt and Hurd bid 4NT. Wooldridge showed diamonds and Hurd had no trouble preferencing hearts at the five level.

The play was easy. Hurd took five diamonds, four hearts, the ace of clubs and a club ruff and made +650.

Zagorin opened one spade. Diamond thought he would come in later... or not. Bathurst bid Drury, and Zagorin signed off in two spades. Dan lost a spade, two diamonds and a club to make three.

Diamond might have come back in with three diamonds at this point, but it is doubtful that would have propelled them to the heart game.

13 IMPs to Bathurst

Board 74
 Dealer: E
 All Vul.

♠ T
 ♥ QT4
 ♦ KJ9765
 ♣ 942

♠ Q9765
 ♥ AKJ72
 ♦
 ♣ A63



♠ AK843
 ♥ 53
 ♦ A4
 ♣ J875

♠ J2
 ♥ 986
 ♦ QT832
 ♣ KQT

Diamond	Bathurst	Platnick	Zagorin
		1S	Pass
4D	Pass	4S	Pass
4NT	Pass	5H	Pass
6D	Pass	6H	Pass
6S	All Pass		

Wooldridge	Greco	Hurd	Hampson
		1S	Pass
2H	Pass	2NT	Pass
3S	Pass	3NT	Pass
4C	Pass	4D	Pass
4H	Pass	4NT	Pass
5S	Pass	5NT	Pass
6H	Pass	6S	Pass
7S	All Pass		

Wooldridge and Hurd didn't get this far chicken-bidding. Even with a 40 IMP lead, it's hard to change styles when it's working so well. They forged their way to the spade grand slam. Hampson led the king of clubs and Hurd recognized that he needed three pitches to make the contract. In accordance, he pulled trump and hooked the queen of hearts. Sometimes it's your lucky day. This time it wasn't. Greco won the queen and played a club through the jack... down two.

At the other table, Platnick and Diamond bid to only six spades. The small slam was easy just by ruffing out the hearts.

17 IMPs to Diamond

Because ... these finalists all came up through the Junior program, we feel especially in debt to Dr. Jim Sternberg for his recent donation of \$500 to support the Youth program.

Jim had served as a Coach for our Junior teams in the past. He is very fond of the program.

Thank you so much Jim. As we can all see, this IS the future of bridge. If we are to keep the game alive, we need to work with and train more and more of these young people.

"I don't necessarily agree with everything I say."
 - Marshall McLuhan

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."
 - Harry S Truman

Answer to Puzzle on page 6:

607	toilet paper	history channel	Burns	Patty
622	towels	soap operas	Palm	Lois
531	glasses	religious channel	Holt	Holly
504	stationary	talk shows	Daley	Doris
512	soaps	game shows	Locke	Betty
Room #	Replaced Item	TV Show	Last Name	First Name

**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.

Board 118
 Dealer: E
 E/W Vul

♠ KQT985
 ♥
 ♦ A53
 ♣ A652

♠ J762
 ♥ QT83
 ♦ 84
 ♣ JT9



♠ A43
 ♥ J52
 ♦ QJ9762
 ♣ 3

♠
 ♥ AK9764
 ♦ KT
 ♣ KO874

West	North	East	South
Grue	Hampson	Lall	Greco
		Pass	1C
Pass	1S	Pass	2C
Pass	2S	Pass	3C
Pass	4C	Pass	5S
Pass	7C	All Pass	

Moss	Hurd	Gitelman	Wooldridge
		2D	4C
Pass	6C	All Pass	

When you're down big in a match and it's nearing the end, there's nothing like a potential grand slam hand... unless it's two grand slam hands in a row!!

The first one is 28 HCP and a pair of voids!

Board 119
 Dealer: E
 All Vul.

♠ 972
 ♥ J753
 ♦ AKT2
 ♣ K9

♠ Q643
 ♥ T4
 ♦ 9864
 ♣ J43



♠ KJT8
 ♥ 98
 ♦ J7
 ♣ QT876

♠ A5
 ♥ AKQ62
 ♦ Q53
 ♣ A52

Moss	Hurd	Gitelman	Wooldridge
			2NT
Pass	3C	Pass	3H
Pass	3S	Double	Redouble
Pass	3NT	Pass	4C
Pass	4D	Pass	4S
Pass	5C	Pass	6H
All Pass			

Grue	Hampson	Lall	Greco
			1C (strong)
Pass	1H	Pass	2H
Pass	2NT	Pass	3C
Pass	3H	Pass	4S
Pass	5C	Pass	5S
Pass	7H	All Pass	

The second was reached on 30 HCP and no distribution at all.

Though it was too little too late, it certainly accounts for a large part of the 50 IMP pick up in the final segment.

Howie Doing is Doing just grand!!
 Limey's returned to his native land.

Howie is bragging 'cause he picked the winner.
 Jack is claiming his luck is beginner!

Look for the two to joust with big smiles
 Next month in Detroit at the next set of Trials.

Not a Senior nor dame, this month could win...
 So all teams for June Trials will safely be in!

Fun and Games Page ...

Five maids were busy cleaning hotel rooms for the next night's guests. Each maid watched TV in the rooms while she worked and each room needed items replaced from the guests who stayed the night before. From the clues, determine the full name of each maid, what kind of TV shows each watched, what item each had to replace, and what room number each cleaned.

- Betty, who didn't clean room #607, doesn't like the soap operas but did replace the soaps. The maid who liked watching the religious channel replaced the used glasses but she wasn't Mrs. Daley or Patty.
- Lois, whose last name isn't Holt, cleaned room #622.
- The maid who replaced the glasses, the maid who watches game shows, and Doris didn't clean on the 6th floor.
- Each room number, from the lowest to the highest, is represented by the following list: the maid who watches talk shows, Mrs. Locke, Holly, the maid who watches the history channels, the woman who replaced the towels.
- Mrs. Daley, whose first name is not Lois, didn't replace the toilet paper.
- Patty's last name is Burns.

	Burns	Daley	Holt	Locke	Palm	Game shows	History channel	Religious channel	Soap operas	Talk shows	Glasses	Soaps	Stationary	Toilet paper	Towels	504	512	531	607	622
Betty																				
Doris																				
Holly																				
Lois																				
Patty																				
504																				
512																				
531																				
607																				
622																				
Glasses																				
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Towels																				
Game shows																				
History channel																				
Religious channel																				
Soap operas																				
Talk shows																				

(Answer on page 4)

1st name	Last name	Item replaced	Tv show	Room #

Board 75
 Dealer: S
 None Vul.

♠ K752
 ♥ QJ84
 ♦ 9832
 ♣ Q

♠ 4
 ♥ KT76
 ♦ Q5
 ♣ AT9873



♠ Q6
 ♥ 95
 ♦ AKT74
 ♣ K542

♠ AJT983
 ♥ A32
 ♦ J6
 ♣ J6

Wooldridge	Greco	Hurd	Hampson
			1S
2C	3C	3S	Double
Pass	Pass	5C	All Pass
Diamond	Bathurst	Platnick	Zagorin
			1S
Pass	2S	2NT	3S
4H	Double	All Pass	

And we end the first segment of the last day with a bang not a whimper!

It looks like the wheels came off the bus for Platnick/Diamond. Looking at the hands, it would appear that Platnick's 2NT suggested the minors. Perhaps Diamond had trouble believing that was it holding six clubs. For whatever reason, Diamond bid 4H. Platnick thought he'd shown his hand and passed the double. The contract went down three for -500.

Meanwhile, at the other table, Wooldridge took the "safer" option in IMPs. He overcalled his six card suit at the two level. Now there were no misunderstandings. Hurd drove to game in clubs and it was an easy make.

14 IMPs to Bathurst.

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.



Board 82
Dealer: E
N/S Vul.

♠ J3
♥ T54
♦ K5
♣ QT7653

♠ T7
♥ KJ872
♦ A63
♣ A84



♠ AKQ65
♥ Q63
♦ QT
♣ J92

♠ 9842
♥ A9
♦ J98742
♣ K

Grue	Greco	Lall	Hampson
		1NT	Pass
2D (transfer)	Pass	2H	Pass
2S	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Diamond	Bathurst	Platnick	Zagorin
		1NT	Pass
2D (transfer)	Pass	2H	Pass
3NT	Pass	4H	All Pass

Grue and Lall found a magic spot. Hampson led a fourth best diamond, Lall ducked and Greco won the king. Greco continued diamonds. Lall won the queen in hand and played on hearts. Hampson won the second round of hearts with his ace and cleared the diamonds. At this point, Lall had two diamonds, three spades, and four hearts. When he cashed the club ace, he was rewarded with the fall of the king to score up ten

tricks and +430 on the board.

At the other table, Diamond and Platnick played in their 5-3 heart fit. Usually that is the right decision. Zagorin led a diamond, ducked to Bathurst's king. Bathurst returned his small diamond to Platnick's queen. Now, Platnick led a heart to the jack and a heart to the queen and ace. Dan gave Kevin the upper cut by leading a diamond and they still had a club trick coming for down one. Platnick should have crossed in spades and led a heart toward the king to prevent this.

10 IMPs to Bathurst

Board 91
Dealer: S
None Vul.

♠ AK43
♥ KOT86
♦ J5
♣ 75

♠ J6
♥ 972
♦ A876
♣ K862



♠ Q7
♥ J53
♦ KQ9
♣ AQJT4

West	North	East	South
Moss	Hurd	Gitelman	Wooldridge
			Pass
Pass	1H	2C	Pass
2H	Pass	3H	Double
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Grue	Hampson	Lall	Greco
			Pass
Pass	1H	2C	Double
2H	2S	2NT	Pass
3C	3S	All Pass	

This is a good lesson hand.

In the Closed Room, Hampson and Greco played in a sane three spades. The opponents took their four minor suit tricks and it looked like a nothing board.

In the Open Room, however, Gitelman thought he could walk on water and bid 3NT in the face of the opponent's one heart opening and subsequent double for the lead. Wooldridge believed his partner and led the ace of hearts and a heart. To get maximum mileage out of the hand, Hurd should have won the heart and cashed his ace and king of spades. That way, Wooldridge would not have been faced with the problem of what to pitch on the run of the hearts. As it was, Joel pitched the ten and nine of spades and the defense beat 3NT only (?) five tricks instead of the possible six!! 3 IMPs to Bathurst.

The USBF has received two generous donations for the promotion of bridge in United States. These donations will be used to support the Junior Program and the other USBF bridge projects.

Thanks to Mark Mceneaney (sp?) for his contribution. We will use it wisely.

Thanks also to Hallie Eads for her contribution.

Hallie writes:

You are so welcome..

I am a student of Eddie Wold's in Houston and watching the trials was one free lesson after another.

I need to be thanking you!

It was wonderful..wish I could watch that level bridge every day..just the best.

Sincerely, Hallie Eads

Board 112
 Dealer: W
 E/W Vul.
 ♠ A6543
 ♥ KT9
 ♦ J532
 ♣ A

♠ JT8
 ♥ QJ53
 ♦ Q8764
 ♣ 5



♠ 72
 ♥ A82
 ♦
 ♣ JT976432
 ♠ KQ9
 ♥ 764
 ♦ AKT9
 ♣ KQ8

It could have been disastrous, but since they won, it is just a good story.

At the other table, N/S played a calm 4S making five when declarer lost only one diamond and one heart.

Two clubs redoubled was an accident in itself. Gitelman psyched his notrump overcall, got doubled and ran to two clubs. Moss SOS redoubled but where was Gitelman to go? He sat and the nervous opponents crashed their club honors on the first round when Fred led his jack out of hand... oops!

Thank goodness it didn't matter to the outcome!

Moss	Hurd	Gitelman	Wooldridge
Pass	1S	1NT	Double
Pass	Pass	2C	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Redouble	All Pass		



Management Lesson #1

A sales rep, an administration clerk and the manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out in a puff of smoke.

The Genie says, "I usually only grant three wishes, so I'll give each of you just one."

"Me first! Me first!" says the admin clerk. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Poof! She's gone.

In astonishment, "Me next! Me next!" says the sales rep. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an Endless supply of pina coladas and the love of my life." Poof! He's gone.

OK, you're up," the Genie says to the manager.

The manager says, "I want those two back in the office after lunch."

Management lesson?

Always let your boss have the first say.

Management Lesson #2

A crow was sitting in a tree, doing nothing all day. A small rabbit saw the crow, and asked him,

"Can I also sit like you and do nothing all day long?"

The crow answered: "Sure, why not."

So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow, and rested.

All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Management Lesson:

To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.