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12. Rogoff	93.54		12.57	4.49	5.68	13.65					14.93			8.23	13.99	20.00	
6. Milner	92.71	7.43		10.47		13.30	13.30				14.63		8.65			14.93	10.00
3. Wolfson	90.81	15.51	9.53		11.35	3.71				16.76		12.18	11.77				10.00
14. Becker	90.03	14.32		8.65			10.92		.57	16.76		13.30		15.51			10.00
4. Jacobs	86.56	6.35	6.70	16.29					12.94		16.53	11.35	4.22		12.18		
2. Spector	84.44		6.70		9.08			10.00		13.65	13.99		14.32			6.70	10.00
9. Falk	84.01						10.00		13.99	13.30		1.99	6.01	15.78	12.94		10.00
10. Robinson	82.85				19.43	7.06		6.01			3.01	12.57	18.69	7.43	8.65		
1. Gordon	81.09			3.24	3.24		6.35	6.70				17.42		15.78		18.36	10.00
5. Mahaffey	80.48	5.07	5.37			3.47	6.01		16.99				6.35	19.80		17.42	
13. Weinstein	75.31			7.82	6.70	8.65		18.01	7.43	2.58	13.65					10.47	
8. Lee	72.05		11.35	8.23		15.78	5.68	13.99	1.31		.20				15.51		
7. Levine	69.57	11.77			4.49			4.22	12.57	4.22					6.01	16.29	10.00
15. Robbins	65.87	6.01				7.82		7.06	11.35		2.58		4.49	13.99		12.57	
11. Chan	50.68	.00	5.07				13.30			1.64		9.53		3.71	7.43		10.00

In Seeding Order

A man's idea in a game of cards is war, cruel, devastating, and pitiless. A lady's idea of it is a combination of larceny, embezzlement, and burglary.

— Finley Peter Dunne

Nickell	Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth	Ralph Katz Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell
Bye to Rnd of 8		
Diamond	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Brad Moss	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Fred Gitelman
Bye to Rnd of 8		
Fleisher	Martin Fleisher, Capt Bobby Levin Chip Martel	Michael Kamil Steve Weinstein Lew Stansby
Bye to Rnd of 16		
Gordon	Mark Gordon, Capt Alan Sontag Ron Rubin	Pratap Rajadhyaksha David Berkowitz Matthew Granovetter
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Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Mike Passell Sam Lev	Michael Seamon Marc Jacobus Jacek Pszczola
Milner	Reese Milner, Capt Hemant Lall Justin Lall	John Kranyak Gavin Wolpert Kevin Bathurst
Levine	Michael Levine, Capt Peter Weichsel Dennis Clerkin	Dennis McGarry Russell Ekeblad Jerry Clerkin
Lee	Roger Lee, Capt Steve Garner	Nikolay Demirev Howard Weinstein
Falk	Allan Falk, Capt Mark Dahl Lloyd Arvedon	Doug Doub Peter Friedland John McLaughlin
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Rogoff	Bruce Rogoff, Capt Jeff Aker	Josh Parker Brady Richter
Weinstein	Jonathan Weinstein, Capt Franco Baseggio Jiang Gu	David Yang Andrew Stark Xiaodong Shi
Becker	Drew Becker, Capt Jeffrey Miller Stephen McConnell	Howard Liu William Wickham Phil Warden
Robbins	Larry Robbins, Capt Jon Sorkin	Jeffry Mandell Joseph Stokes

Keeping in Practice...

Board 17 ♠ JT642
 None Vul. ♥
 Dealer: N. ♦ Q543
 ♣ Q753

♠ K83
 ♥ QJ4
 ♦ J82
 ♣ A962



♠ 7
 ♥ AK9653
 ♦ AKT7
 ♣ K8
 ♠ AQ95
 ♥ T872
 ♦ 96
 ♣ JT4

West	North	East	South
Nickell	Sabine Auken	Katz	Welland
	2S	Double	4S
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

Katz and Nickell certainly got fooled on this hand. Sabine opened a very light weak two bid, not vulnerable at even vulnerability. Had Welland held less, she would have been slaughtered.

Katz had a three and a half heart bid so he chose the middle road and doubled. Nickell's flat eleven count did not look impressive. Welland jumped to game in spades, and it sailed back to Katz who doubled again. Nickell sat and East/West defeated the contract one trick for +100.

Things would have been quite different had Nickell made a responsive double over Welland's jump. Katz could then have bid five hearts.

Slam, though cold, is a mediocre proposition, needing the diamond queen right, but game is certainly there. The result: Katz and Nickell lost 10.1 IMPs in the IMP Pairs event.

When Barack Obama was running for President, he met with the Queen of England. He asked her, "Your Majesty, how do you run such an efficient government? Are there any tips you can give to me?"

"Well," said the Queen, "the most important thing is to surround yourself with intelligent people." Obama frowned, and then asked, "But how do I know the people around me are really intelligent?"

The Queen took a sip of tea. "Oh, that's easy; you just ask them to answer an intelligent riddle." The Queen pushed a button on her intercom. "Please send Tony Blair in here, would you?"

Tony Blair walked into the room and said, "Yes, my Queen?"

The Queen smiled and said, "Answer me this please, Tony, your mother and father have a child. It is not your brother and it is not your sister. Who is it?"

Without pausing for a moment, Tony Blair answered, "That would be me."

"Yes! Very good," said the Queen.

Obama went back home to ask Joe Biden, his vice presidential choice the same question. "Joe, answer this for me. Your mother and your father have a child. It's not your brother and it's not your sister. Who is it?"

"I'm not sure," said Biden. "Let me get back to you on that one.." He went to his advisors and asked every one, but none could give him an answer. Finally, he ended up in the men's room and recognized Colin Powell's shoes in the next stall.

Biden asked Powell, "Colin, can you answer this for me? Your mother and father have a child and it's not your brother or your sister. Who is it?"

Colin Powell yelled back, "That's easy, it's me!"

Biden smiled, and said, "Thanks!" Then, he went back to speak with Obama. "Say, I did some research and I have the answer to that riddle. It is Colin Powell!"

Obama got up, stomped over to Biden, and angrily yelled into his face, "No! You idiot! It's Tony Blair!"

And that is what's wrong with our government.

Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2012 USBC is Suite 3321. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join us for:

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

Lunch on Monday-Sunday from 2:30-4:00.

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

NOTE: on Friday-Sunday, we have arranged with the hotel to have a buffet lunch available at the break between sessions. We will be distributing coupons to pay for the lunch to team captains.

Barbara Nudelman, Joan Gerard and crew are working to make this as comfortable as possible for you and your guests. Please stop in and say hello whenever the mood strikes you.



Quite a View ... or ... Better in Practice Online than in Play at the Table!

Board 7
All Vul.
Dealer: S

♠ J64
♥ 96
♦ K9872
♣ 753

♠ T982
♥ JT532
♦
♣ AQT2



♠ Q7
♥ KQ874
♦ AQJ43
♣ 9

♠ AK53
♥ A
♦ T65
♣ KJ864

West	North	East	South
Chorush	Bramley	H. Edgar	Compton
			1D (2+)
Pass	1S	2H	4H
6H	Pass	Pass	6S
Double	All Pass		

This hand was a complete debacle.

Bramley/Compton were playing a strong club system. Compton opened a nebulous one diamond. Bramley presumably had no convenient diamond raise available and didn't want to pass one diamond. As a result, he was forced to bid a "hasty one spade" on his three card holding.

Harmon Edgar bid two hearts; Compton splintered; and Ira Chorush put North/South's feet to the fire. He bid six hearts. He obviously thought his partner was very short in spades, and he himself had five card trump

support with first round control of diamonds and clubs.

Compton was a believer and bid a vulnerable six spades. Chorush doubled and it was 1700 light before the smoke cleared. -1700 cost North/South 15.9 IMPs in the IMP Pair game.

The commentary after the hand was amusing. Edgar led the nine of clubs to the queen and Chorush returned the deuce of spades to the king in dummy. Bramley led a club to Chorush's ten and Chorush led another spade. Bramley played small and won the queen in dummy with the ace.

Compton congratulated Bramley on this play, saying that his duck on the second spade probably saved them from going 2300!!

Geneva Gem...

Board 8
None Vul.
Dealer: W

♠ K862
♥ Q92
♦ AQ2
♣ J64

♠ QT
♥ J75
♦ J865
♣ 952



♠ AJ9754
♥ A
♦ 93
♣ KT73

♠ 3
♥ KT8643
♦ KT7
♣ AQ8

West	North	East	South
Adam Zmudzinski	Suzi	Cesare Balicki	Stan
Pass	1NT (10-12)	2S (natural)	4H
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

This hand occurred in an early KO round in the second KO at the Lake Geneva Regional, running concurrently with these Trials.

Adam led the queen of spades, ducked around. The ten of spades was covered by the king, ace and ruffed.

Stan carefully crossed to dummy in diamonds and led the deuce of hearts, catering to the singleton ace.

Cesare continued spades and Stan trumped with the king, led a heart to the nine, and drew the last trump.

He now conceded a club to score +590 and a 12 IMP win when his teammates played a spade partscore (3S) on this hand and went +140.

Having had rare success against this pair, this hand is memorable for us!

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.



Round Robin

Friday April 27th	10:00 - 12:15 12:25 - 2:40 2:40 - 3:50 3:50 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:30	Bds 1-7 & 8-14, clumped Bds 15-21 & 22-28, clumped 1 hour 10 minute break Bds 29-35 & 36-42, clumped Bds 43-49 & 50-56, clumped
Saturday April 28th	10:00 - 12:15 12:25 - 2:40 2:40 - 3:50 3:50 - 4:55 5:00 - 6:05 6:10 - 7:15	Bds 57-63 & 64-70, clumped Bds 71-77 & 78-84, clumped 1 hour 10 minute break Boards 85-91 * Boards 92-98 * Boards 99-105 *

*** NOTE: last 3 matches are "sequestered" - Closed Room pairs must play all 3 matches, no comparisons allowed ***

DRAW FOR BRACKET & CAPTAINS' MEETING FOR ROUND OF 16 WILL BE HELD AT ABOUT 7:30 PM (AS SOON AS QUALIFYING TEAMS ARE DETERMINED).

Round of 16

Sunday April 29th	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
Monday April 30th	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

**Tournament
Schedule**

Quarterfinals

Tuesday May 1st	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 2nd	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

Thursday May 3rd	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 4th	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

Saturday May 5th	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 6th	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

Pushy People Bid Pushy Games!

Board 28
N/S Vul.
Dealer: W

- ♠ KOxx
- ♥ KQ
- ♦ Txx
- ♣ JT86

- ♠ Axxxx
- ♥ Axxxx
- ♦ x
- ♣ 97



- ♠ Jxx
- ♥ Xx
- ♦ Kxx
- ♣ AQxxx

- ♠ X
- ♥ Jxxx
- ♦ AQJxxxx
- ♣ Kx

West	North	East	South
Casen	Suzi	Krekorian	Stan
Pass	Pass	1C	1NT (2 suit T/O)
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Double	3NT	All Pass	

Dick Bruno	Allegart	Bob Gardner	Bianco
Pass	Pass	1C	1D
1S	2C	Pass	2H
Double	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Usually when you bid and make a lucky 3NT on 22 HCP, you expect to win IMPs! On this hand, both tables felt the same way.

At our table, the C9 was led, covered by the ten and ducked. The ten of diamonds was floated and a diamond was led to the jack. A heart went to West's ace and West continued with the C7 to East.

East is helpless. Any play he makes allows declarer to fulfill his contract and take nine tricks. East made the best effort by returning a diamond.

What a lucky lie of the cards... Both major suit aces are onside... the diamond finesse working ... AND the club spots falling.

Just another push board!

Margin	Winner	Loser		Margin	Winner	Loser		Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10		14	15.22	4.78		28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53		15	15.51	4.49		29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08		16	15.78	4.22		30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65		17	16.04	3.96		31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23		18	16.29	3.71		32	19	1
5	12.18	7.82		19	16.53	3.47		33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43		20	16.76	3.24		34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06		21	16.99	3.01		35	19.43	0.57
8	13.3	6.7		22	17.21	2.79		36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35		23	17.42	2.58		37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01		24	17.62	2.38		38	19.8	0.2
11	14.32	5.68		25	17.82	2.18		39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37		26	18.01	1.99		40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07		27	18.19	1.81				

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7 Board VP Scale**

No "Kid"ding ...

Board 10
All Vul.
Dealer: E

♠ K83
♥ AQ3
♦ 94
♣ K9743

♠ J97
♥ T
♦ QT852
♣ QT52



♠ A654
♥ 8765
♦ J76
♣ A8

♠ QT2
♥ KJ942
♦ AK3
♣ J6

West	North	East	South
Hakan Berk	Burke	David Soukup	Ben Kris-
		Pass	1H
Pass	2C	Pass	2NT
Pass	4H	All Pass	

Four of the youngsters on our US2 team for Shanghai in July were practicing last Thursday evening. All of them are 13 or 14 years old. Some of them were featured in the Pre-Bulletin in an earlier Practice Session.

What is the best line of play to make 4H on this hand?

Ben was declarer. He won the diamond lead and made the straightforward play of a club to the king. When clubs didn't work, he ultimately fell back on the spade finesse.

Is there a way to combine chances in spades and clubs?

Looking at all the hands, it is clear that the following line succeeds:

D: 2-4-6-A
C: J-Q-K-A
D: J-K-5-9
C: 6-T-3-8

Trump the diamond return.

The fall of the club 8 reveals the club position. (It would be an amazing false card from a four card holding.)

Play a high club. If this is trumped by East, overtrump and return to dummy in trumps for the play of another high club. If this is trumped, overtrump and pull the last trump ending in dummy. Now cash the last club, discarding a spade and lead a spade, claiming 4H.

O			K	A	M	W	C	S				J	P	D	T							
L	R	A			O	I	K	C	J	U	T		F	D	Q	Y						
			J			D	E	F			I	R	K		O	C	H	S				
V				U	J	H	L	T	X	N		F	A	W	C			I				
C	W	F			Y				K	L	M			H	S	V	A	G	X			
S		B			Q	F		P	T	L	D	H	R	C	O		K	V	W	N		
T	N		K	Y	D	J			X	S		P				W	C		B	Q		
		Q		V			R	B				I	F			G	H	A	S			
X	I		H		M				Q	K	O		Y	S	B	E			P	J		
D	J	L			S				F	A	C		Q	P			T	Y	E	R	O	
O	Y		U	B		P	A			C	I	F	K		R			G	H			
	G	P	E	V	T	F			S		A				Y		D		J	C	K	
			R		X	E			U			S	T		Y							
N	H	D			B	S			M			T			A	E	R	O	P	W		
		S	I				U		W	H	O	E			C	K	X	F	A	V		
G	W	X	F	C				T	R		A	P		U			B			M	K	D
B	S					K	G	F	H		E	W	R			C	J	Q		L		
	K	M		U	J			A	Q				E	H		Y			O			
Q	A			L	X				M	T	K			P	J		B	C		E	F	
Y		R	T	J			B	D	H	V	C	X	G	K	L	Q		W			I	
R		J	W		H	L	T			Y	M	E		A		I		K		G		
	V				E	N		J	P		W	C	O	D	Q	L	B				H	
F	X	U			C		G	M		T			W	E	J			B				
		H	Q			P	B			I	D	A	V	Y	G	M			L	N	C	
A	G	P	O								U	V	H	S		N	F			M		

Sudoku

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

H	O	N	G	K	A	V	M	Q	W	C	S	R	Y	B	L	I	E	X	J	P	U	D	F	T
L	R	A	X	E	S	O	I	K	C	J	U	T			F	D		Q	Y					
M	V	A	B	I	C	H	S																	
R	B	J	W	D	H	L	T	V	S	N	Y	M	Q	E	X	C	A	F	U	I	P	K	O	G
Y	E	R	T	J	P	N	B	O	D	H	V	C	X	G	K	L	Q		W					
Q	A			L	X				M	T	K			P	J		B	C		E	F			
B	S	V	P	N	M	K	G	F	H		E	W	R			C	J	Q		L				
G	W	X	F	C				T	R		A	P		U			B			M	K	D		
N	H	D			B	S			M			T			A	E	R	O	P	W				
F	X	U			C		G	M		T			W	E	J			B						
A	G	P	O								U	V	H	S		N	F			M				

Off to play the Internationals ...

Made in Japan...

There was a Japanese man who went to America for sightseeing. On the last day, he hailed a cab and told the driver to drive to the airport. During the journey, a Honda drove past the taxi. Thereupon, the man leaned out of the window excitedly and yelled, "Honda, very fast! Made in Japan!"

After a while, a Toyota sped past the taxi. Again, the Japanese man leaned out of the window and yelled, "Toyota, very fast! Made in Japan!"

And then a Mitsubishi sped past the taxi. For the third time, the Japanese leaned out of the window and yelled, "Mitsubishi, very fast! Made in Japan!"

The driver was a little angry, but he kept quiet. And this went on for quite a number of cars. Finally, the taxi came to the airport. The fare was US\$300.

The Japanese exclaimed, "Wah... so expensive!"

There upon, the driver yelled back, "Meter, very fast! Made in Japan!"

Scotch Tape...

A kilted Scotsman was walking down a country path after finishing off a large amount of whisky at a local pub. He felt quite sleepy and decided to nap against a tree.

As he slept, two female tourists heard his loud snoring. When they found him, one said, "I've always wondered what a Scotsman wears under his kilt."

She boldly walked over to the sleeper, raised his kilt, and saw that he wore nothing at all. Her friend said, "Well, the mystery is solved! Let's thank him for sharing!"

She took off her pretty blue hair ribbon and gently tied it around the Scotsman's endowment. A while later, the Scotsman was awakened by the call of nature. He raised his kilt and was bewildered at the sight of the neatly tied blue ribbon. He stared for a minute, then said, "I don't know where y'been laddie... but it's nice ta see you won firrst prrrrize!"

Canadian Coins...

Hang on to any of the new Newfoundland quarters. If you have them, they may be worth much more than 25 cents. The Canadian Mint announced today that it is recalling all of the Newfoundland quarters that are part of its program featuring quarters from each province. "We are recalling all the new Newfoundland quarters that were recently issued," Canadian Mint Deputy Minister Jack Shackelford said Monday. "This action is being taken after numerous reports that new quarters will not work in parking meters, toll booths, vending machines, pay phones, or other coin-operated devices." The quarters were issued in the order in which the various provinces joined Confederation, and have been a tremendous success among coin collectors worldwide. "The problem lies in the unique design of the Newfoundland quarter, which was created by a team of Newfoundlanders," Shackelford said. "Apparently, the duct tape holding the two dimes and the nickel together keeps jamming the coin-operated devices."

Speaking with the Chinese...

That's not right...
Sum Ting Wong

Are you harboring a fugitive?...
Hu Yu Hai Ding?

See me ASAP...
Kum Hia Nao

Stupid Man...
Dum Gai

Small Horse...
Tai Ni Po Ni

Did you go to the beach?...
Wai Yu So Tan?

I bumped into a coffee table...
Ai Bang Mai Ni

I think you need a face lift...
Chin Tu Fat

It's very dark in here...
Wai So Dim?

I thought you were on a diet...
Wai Yu Mun Ching?

This is a tow away zone...
No Pah King

Our meeting is scheduled for next week...
Wai Yu Kum Nao?

Staying out of sight...
Lei Ying Lo

He's cleaning his automobile...
Wa Shing Ka

Your body odor is offensive...
Yu Stin Ki Pu

Minnesota USBF Regional (Mon – Sun)

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October 8-14, 2012
Holiday Inn St. Paul East , 2201 Burns Ave.



Time	9:15 am Tuesday – Saturday 10 am Sunday	1:30 pm	7:00 pm
Mon. 10/8			KO #1 (1 st session of 4) Stratified Charity Pairs I/N Single Session Charity Pairs (0-5 mps free)
Tues. 10/9	KO #1 (2 nd session of 4) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #1 (3 rd session of 4) KO #2 (1 st session of 4) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #1 (final) KO #2 (2 nd session of 4) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Wed. 10/10	Morning Swiss #1 (1 st session) Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #2 (3 rd session of 4) KO #3 (1 st session of 4) Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #2 (final) KO #3 (2 nd session of 4) Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Thurs 10/11	Morning Swiss #1 (2 nd session) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #3 (3 rd session of 4) KO #4 (1 st session of 4) Open IMP Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #3 (final) KO #4 (2 nd session of 4) Open IMP Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Fri 10/12	Morning Swiss #2 (1 st Session) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #4 (3 rd session of 4) KO #5 (1 st session of 4) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #4 (final) KO #5 (2 nd session of 4) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Sat 10/13	Morning Swiss #2 (2 nd Session) Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #5 (3 rd session of 4) Compact KO (1 st session) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Afternoon Side Game Series I/N Single Session	KO #5 (final) Compact KO (final) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750) Evening Side Game Series Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session
Sun 10/14 10 am	Roger Anderson Aide-de-camp Stratiflighted Swiss Teams play through Flight A/AX (3000+ and 0-3000) Strats B/C/D (1000-2000. 500-1000. 0-500)		

KO= 4 session Knockout Team Games CKO= 2 session Compact Knockout Team Games
 Strats/Brackets are determined by the average of the pair's or team's MPs.

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Entries: \$12/session for ACBL Members; \$9/session for single session I/N games; \$6/session for students under 25 with proper ID (non ACBL members and unpaid members: \$2 more per session)

Flights: Stratified Events: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750 (based on pair's MP average)
Stratiflighted Teams (Sunday) A: unlimited A/X 0-3000 B: 1000-2000 C: 500-1000 D: 0-500
I/N Strats: 0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300

All Knockouts are bracketed

KO = 4 session Knockout Team game CKO = 2 session Compact Knockout Team game

Intermediate - Newcomer Program (0-300)

Monday 7:00 pm (Free for 0-5 master points)

Tues. through Saturday 9:15 am 1:30, 7:00 single session pairs

Sunday Swiss Team 10 am and TBA (approx 1:45 pm)

I/N Strats: 0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300

A separate 0-49 section will be played if there are sufficient tables for a game.

Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoon and evening play in the Gold Rush Pairs (\$12/session)

Partnerships: Call or email Maureen Weiman at 603-882-9424 or jhnsnmaur@aol.com

(Do not call once the tournament has started.)

Go to the partnership desk at the hotel 45 minutes before game time.)

Hospitality: Free coffee; Free lunches; Dinner shuttle for out of town guests

Special Events: Lecture Series 12:45-1:15 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Gold Point Events:

Consult the director for criteria to earn gold points. (Two or more session events)

Choice Pairs; Stratified Pairs; Gold Rush Pairs

Four-session KOs and two- session Compact Knockouts (CKO)

Morning Side Game Series (must play in 2 morning sessions to be eligible for gold points)

Afternoon Side Game Series (must play in 2 afternoon sessions to be eligible for gold points)

Evening Side Game Series (must play in 2 evening sessions to be eligible for gold points)

Sunday Stratiflighted Swiss Team play-through

Did you know the average golf ball has 336 dimples
Did you know if you filled a matchbox with gold it could be flattened into a sheet the size of a tennis court
Did you know tennis was originally played with bare hands
Did you know the Olympic flag was designed in 1913
Did you know a bowling pin will fall at a tilt of 7.5 degrees
Did you know the average soccer ball is made up of 32 leather panels and held together by 642 stitches
Did you know soccer is the most followed sport
Did you know volleyball was invented in 1895
Did you know the first rugby club was formed in 1843
Did you know the most common injury in ten pin bowling is a sore thumb
Did you know orienteering originated from Sweden
Did you know before 1850 golf balls were made of leather and were stuffed with feathers
Did you know the game of Tug-of-war was an Olympic sport from 1900-1920
Did you know the surface area of your lungs is roughly the same size as a tennis court
Did you know according to manufacturer Spalding the average lifespan of an NBA basketball is 10,000 bounces
Did you know 11% of people are left handed
Did you know a bear has 42 teeth
Did you know 8% of people have an extra rib
Did you know 85% of plant life is found in the ocean
Did you know the Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters
Did you know armadillos have 4 babies at a time and are all the same sex
Did you know the longest recorded flight of a chicken was 13 seconds
Did you know when lightning strikes it can reach up to 30,000 degrees Celsius (54,000 degrees Fahrenheit)
Did you know Tennessee is bordered by 8 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina and Virginia - more than any other in the US
Did you know the longest street in the world is Yonge street in Toronto Canada measuring 1,896 km (1,178 miles)
Did you know about 90% of the world's population kisses
Did you know sound travels almost 5 times faster underwater than in air
Did you know Koalas sleep around 18 hours a day
Did you know the average speed of a skydiver is 200kph (124mph)
Did you know all insects have 6 legs
Did you know that 90% of an iceberg sits under water
Did you know African Grey Parrots have vocabularies of over 200 words
Did you know a giraffe can clean its ears with its 21 inch tongue
Did you know the Grand Canyon can hold around 900 trillion footballs

Bulletin Staff does not guarantee the veracity of these facts!!

Before the start of the Trials, we learned that Seymon Deutsch entered the hospital. Seymon was supposed to be here in Chicago with us playing in the Trials. We wish him a speedy recovery and want him to know that our thoughts and prayers are with him.

A GRAND Misunderstanding in Lake Geneva...

- ♠ Q6
- ♥ AK5
- ♦ AJ32
- ♣ J642



South	North
Owen Lien	Kevin Wilson
1C	3NT
4C	4NT
5S	7C

- ♠ A98
- ♥
- ♦ KQT4
- ♣ AQ9853

Thursday's Swiss Team in Lake Geneva was decided by this board from the final match: Whipple vs. Subeck. Playing with Whipple were Jay (Captain), his wife, Kimberly, Owen Lien, Kevin Wilson, and Kevin Dwyer. Playing with Subeck were the Subecks and Ginny Schuett, Chris Benson and Larry Cohen (Chicago!!)

Lien and Wilson had a misunderstanding to reach a grand slam off the king of trump. Owen intended 4C to be natural, but Kevin believed it was a quantitative ace-asking bid. i.e., he answers aces when he likes the club bid and signs off when he doesn't.

In this case, he attempted to sign off with 4NT. (His 3NT bid had shown 15-17 already.)

Owen thought 4NT was keycard... and answered 5S (2 with the queen of trump!) Kevin decided that 5S was a grand slam try looking for the king or queen of spades. Dutifully, he bid the grand!

Now it was up to Lien to make 7C. The opening lead was the jack of spades, queen, king, ace. Lien crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds and played the ace, king of hearts discarding his spades and led the jack of clubs. At the crossroads... East followed with the 7.

Mathematically, it is clear to finesse since East would play the 7 from KT7 or K7 and might play either the T or the 7 from T7, the only relevant cases. Lien decided to go against the math and rose ace of clubs, dropping the singleton king offside. He later explained that he discounted the KT7 combination because if East held the KT7 and a singleton diamond, he would cover the jack with the king knowing declarer would be hand locked. Also, he believed that West might have overcalled with a club void.

(See hand diagram on right for full layout.)

Making the hand resulted in a 6 IMP match win for Whipple, and a 1st overall in the event.

- E/W Vul.
Dealer: E
- ♠ Q6
 - ♥ AK5
 - ♦ AJ32
 - ♣ J642

- ♠ JT2
 - ♥ QJ832
 - ♦ 9765
 - ♣ K
-
- ♠ K7543
 - ♥ T9764
 - ♦ 8
 - ♣ T7

- ♠ A98
- ♥
- ♦ KQT4
- ♣ AQ9853