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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

Round of 16 1st Day Results:

| United States Bridge Championship - 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Roundof16 | | | | | | | | | | |
| # | TEAM | TOTAL | 1-15 | 16-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-75 | 76-90 | 91-105 | 106-120 |
| 3 | Fleisher | 207 | 42 | 41 | 74 | 50 | | | | |
| 14 | Weinstein | 119 | 39 | 26 | 18 | 36 | | | | |
| 4 | Mahaffey | 194 | 58 | 56 | 31 | 49 | | | | |
| 13 | Robbins | 56 | 6 | 2 | 27 | 21 | | | | |
| 5 | Wolfson | 111 | 32 | 29 | 8 | 42 | | | | |
| 12 | Milner | 145 | 27 | 33 | 46 | 39 | | | | |
| 6 | Lee | 145 | 25 | 22 | 53 | 45 | | | | |
| 11 | Robinson | 137 | 46 | 24 | 33 | 34 | | | | |
| 7 | Jacobs | 200 | 55 | 54 | 30 | 61 | | | | |
| 10 | Becker | 46 | 29 | 8 | 3 | 6 | | | | |
| 8 | Spector | 256 | 61 | 68 | 71 | 56 | | | | |
| 9 | Falk | 58 | 22 | 9 | 11 | 16 | | | | |

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*** 2012 Cavendish Moves To Monaco ***

The World Bridge Productions and The Monaco Bridge Federation will co-host **THE CAVENDISH** in Monaco, October 15th - 19th 2012.

Cavendish Teams Tournament : Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th
Entry fee: 7,500 Euros Auction: no auctions

Cavendish Invitational Tournament: Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th
Entry fee: 1,500 Euros Auction: minimum 5,000 Euros

Pairs International Tournament: (WBP Pairs) Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th
Entry fee: 500 Euros Auction: minimum 500 Euro

For more, contact Donna Compton at cdmra@mindspring.com or 214.394.5830.



In Seeding Order

Life is like a game of cards. The hand that is dealt you represents determinism; the way you play it is free will.

— Jawaharlal Nehru

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| 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 |
| Spector | Warren Spector, Capt Joe Grue Joel Wooldridge | Gary Cohler Curtis Cheek John Hurd |
| Wolfson | Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt Bart Bramley Chris Willenken | Larry Cohen Chris Compton Michael Rosenberg |
| Jacobs | George Jacobs, Capt Eddie Wold John Schermer | Steve Beatty Roger Bates Neil Chambers |
| 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 |
| Robinson | Steve Robinson, Capt Fred Stewart Mark Feldman | Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey Bill Pollack |
| Chan | Lapt Chan, Capt Christal Henner | Uday Ivatury Sheri Winestock |
| 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 |

Slam Swings in the 4th Segment of the Wolfson/Milner Match

The fourth segment of this match contained a series of three East/West slam swings. None of them were pushes... All of them in hearts... what are the odds?

On the second hand of the set, board 47, Wolpert/Kranyak bid an aggressive 6H, needing a diamond finesse .

Board 47
Dealer: S
N/S Vul.

♠ Q7
♥ J
♦ QT75
♣ AKQ652

♠ J
♥ AKQT74
♦ K942
♣ J4



♠ A432
♥ 98532
♦ AJ6
♣ T

♠ KT9865
♥ 6
♦ 83
♣ 9873

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Kranyak | Bramley | Wolpert | Compton |
| | | | Pass |
| 1H | 3C | 4C | 5C |
| 5D | Pass | 6H | All Pass |

At the other table, Rosenberg/Willenken stopped in five hearts.
11 IMPs to Milner

On the very next board, Rosenberg and Willenken had a nice auction to reach a vulnerable six heart contract.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| Willenken | J Lall | Rosenberg | Bathhurst |
| 1S | Pass | 2C | Pass |
| 2H | Pass | 3H | Pass |
| 3NT (non serious) | Pass | 4D | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5D (0 or 3) | Pass |
| 6H | | | |

Board 48
Dealer: W
E/W Vul.

♠ J64
♥ T3
♦ 652
♣ AJ764

♠ Q7532
♥ AQJ96
♦ KT
♣ 3



♠ A
♥ K854
♦ AQ84
♣ QT82

♠ KT98
♥ 72
♦ J973
♣ K95

Willenken's line of play required a combination of trumps behaving and either the king of spades falling in three rounds or a diamond/spade squeeze.

The opening lead was the ace of clubs and clubs were continued. Willenken trumped the club, led a spade to the ace and returned a trump to his hand. He trumped a spade and led another trump to his hand. He trumped another spade, and when the king didn't fall, he crossed to his hand with the king of diamonds, played his remaining trumps and South was squeezed.

At the other table, Kranyak/Wolpert stopped in four hearts. Bramley led the diamond deuce, picking off his partner's jack and the play ended quickly.

13 IMPs to Wolfson

From the Fleisher/Weinstein Match ...

Board 23

Dealer: S

All Vul.

♠ 6
♥ A52
♦ QJT92
♣ T742

♠ AK873

♥ 83

♦ K864

♣ 53



♠ JT9542

♥ 94

♦ A7

♣ AKQ

♠ Q

♥ KQJT76

♦ 53

♣ J986

| | | | |
|---------|----------|--------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Stansby | Gu | Martel | Shi |
| | | | 2H |
| 2S | 5H | 6S | 7H |
| Double | All Pass | | |

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|-----------|----------|----------|-------|
| Weinstein | Fleisher | Yang | Kamil |
| | | | 2H |
| Pass | 4H | All Pass | |

Another heart slam? Not exactly!

In both rooms, South opened the bidding with a very normal 2H preempt.

Weinstein chose to pass with his ten highs and five card spade suit.

Fleisher jumped to 4H and Yang took an obscure view, thinking he would likely beat 4H, while not considering how little it would take to make 4S.

Yang/Weinstein took all their tricks and beat 4H three tricks for +300, a probable 8 IMP loss.

At the other table, Stansby bid an aggressive 2S on Weinstein's hand. Gu made an incredible 5H call on a three card holding. Wow! Martel guessed wrong when he bid 6S, however, the preempter came to his rescue and took the 1700 sac against a non-making slam.

This created a 16 IMP swing for Fleisher.



How did that happen???

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

Minnesota USBF Regional (Mon – Sun)

Co-sponsored by Unit 103 and Unit 178 -- Sanction #R1210087



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 |
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| 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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Site: Holiday Inn St. Paul East

2201 Burns Ave. (Exit I-94 at McKnight Road-- turn south to Burns Ave – hotel is on corner of Burns Ave. and McKnight Road) , St. Paul, MN 55119 , 651-731-2220

Room Rates: \$90 single/double - \$110 Junior Suite - \$135 Innovation Suite

www.holidaymn.com

Reserve rooms by Sept. 10, 2012 (by phone 651-731-2220 or on the web)

Free Parking -- Free Coffee –Free Lunches– Dinner Shuttle for out of town guests

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

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Sudoku

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

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Things to Consider on Your Way Home!

At Midway Airport, an individual later discovered to be a public school teacher was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a set square and a calculator. Authorities believe he is a member of the notorious al-Gebra movement. He is being charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

Rules of the Sky:

1. Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
2. If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.
3. Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.
4. It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.
5. The ONLY time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
6. The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.
7. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
8. A 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. A 'great' landing is one after which they can use the plane again.
9. Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
10. You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.
11. The probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of arrival. Large angle of arrival, small probability of survival and vice versa.
12. Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.
13. Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide out in clouds.
14. Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you've made.
15. There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.
16. You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.
17. Helicopters can't fly; they're just so ugly the earth repels them.
18. If all you can see out of the window is ground that's going round and round and all you can hear is commotion coming from the passenger compartment, things are not at all as they should be.
19. In the ongoing battle between objects made of aluminum going hundreds of miles per hour and the ground going zero miles per hour, the ground has yet to lose.
20. Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.
21. It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.
22. Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.
23. Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to repeal.

The three most useless things to a pilot are the altitude above you, runway behind you, and a tenth of a second ago.