



Ladies First: Teams Entered In Seeding Order

Joel Bye to SemiFinals	Geeske Joel, Capt Janice Seamon-Molson Jill Meyers	Tobi Sokolow Debbie Rosenberg Jill Levin
Dinkin	Lynn Baker Karen McCallum Beth Palmer Sam Dinkin, NPC	Kerri Sanborn Irina Levitina
Bjerkan	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt Pamela Wittes	Rozanne Pollack Linda Lewis
Westheimer	Valerie Westheimer, Capt Shawn Quinn Jenny Wolpert	Hjordis Eythorsdottir Mildred Breed
Moss	Sylvia Moss Lynn Deas JoAnna Stansby Patricia Magnus, NPC	Judi Radin Migry Zur Campanile
Sprung	JoAnn Sprung, Capt Georgiana Gates Cindy Bernstein	Joann Glasson Pat Norman Sally Wheeler
Burger	Suzy Burger, Capt Beverly Gardner	Lynne Schaeffer Marilyn Maddox
Torrence	Anita Torrence, Capt Terry James Jan Assini	Cheryl Schneider Toni Bales Joanne Weingold

STICK IT

Two elderly women were eating breakfast in a restaurant one morning. Ethel noticed something funny about Mabel's ear. She said, "Mabel, did you know you've got a suppository in your left ear?"

Mabel answered, "I have? A suppository?"

She pulled it out and stared at it. Then she said, "Ethel, I'm glad you saw this thing. Now I think I know where my hearing aid is.

CRUISIN'

An elderly couple was on a cruise and it was really stormy. They were standing on the back of the boat watching the moon, when a wave came up and washed the old woman overboard. They searched for days and couldn't find her, so the captain sent the old man back to shore with the promise that he would notify him as soon as they found something.

Three weeks went by and finally the old man got a fax from the boat. It read: "Sir, sorry to inform you, we found your wife dead at the bottom of the ocean. We hauled her up to the deck and attached to her butt was an oyster and it had a pearl worth \$50,000please advise"

The old man faxed back: "Send me the pearl and re-bait the trap"

Women's Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Stage
Friday	June 1	10:00 am	Captains' Meeting
Friday & Saturday	June 1 June 2	10:30 am - 11:00 pm	Round Robin 2
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Sunday	June 3	10:30 am - 12:45 pm 1:00 - 3:15 3:15 - 5:15 5:15 - 7:30 7:45 - 10:00	Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32 Dinner break Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64
Monday	June 4	10:30 am - 12:45 pm 1:00 - 3:15	Boards 65-80 Boards 81-96
<i>Final</i>			
Monday	June 4	5:15 - 7:30 7:45 - 10:00	Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32
Tuesday	June 5	10:30 am - 12:45 pm 1:00 - 3:15 3:15 - 5:15 5:15 - 7:30 7:45 - 10:00	Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64 Dinner break Boards 65-80 Boards 81-96

Schedule of Play for Round Robin

Time	Pairings	Seeded Team	Boards
Friday, June 1st			
10:30-11:45	2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5, 1 sit out	none	1-8
11:45-1:00	1 v 7, 2 v 6, 3 v 5, 4 sit out	none	9-16
BREAK			
1:30 - 2:45	1 v 6, 2 v 5, 4 v 7, 3 sit out	1, 2, 4	17-24
2:45 - 4:00	1 v 5, 3 v 7, 4 v 6, 2 sit out	5, 7, 6	25-32
4:00 - 5:15	1 v 4, 2 v 3, 6 v 7, 5 sit out	1, 2, 6	33-40
DINNER BREAK			
7:30-8:45	1 v 3, 2 v 4, 5 v 7, 6 sit out	3, 4, 7	41-48
8:45 -10:00	1 v 2, 3 v 4, 5 v 6, 7 sit out	1, 3, 5	49-56
SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND			
10:30-11:45	1 v 2, 3 v 4, 5 v 6, 7 sit out	2, 4, 6	1-8
11:45-1:00	1 v 3, 2 v 4, 5 v 7, 6 sit out	1, 2, 5	9-16
BREAK			
1:30 - 2:45	1 v 4, 2 v 3, 6 v 7, 5 sit out	4, 3, 7	17-24
2:45 - 4:00	1 v 5, 3 v 7, 4 v 6, 2 sit out	1, 3, 4	25-32
4:00 - 5:15	1 v 6, 2 v 5, 4 v 7, 3 sit out	6, 5, 7	33-40
DINNER BREAK			
7:30-8:45	1 v 7, 2 v 6, 3 v 5, 4 sit out	none	41-48
8:45 -10:00	2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5, 1 sit out	none	49-56

Vugraph

The 2012 USWBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Semi-finals. We hope to cover all 4 tables in play in the Semi-finals and both tables in the Finals. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either 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 matches you want to watch.

There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, some of whom may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:30-12:45
1:00-3:15
5:15-7:30
7:45-10:00

All of the teams will play the same boards, but for security reasons, if one match is sufficiently behind that we have to start it later than the other one, we will not start the Vugraph broadcast until both matches have started play.

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 events currently available to see what we'll have for the 2012 USWBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

There are 7 teams in the Round Robin. Teams will be numbered in Seeding Point order.

ORDER OF PLAY ON JUNE 2ND IS OPPOSITE TO THAT ON JUNE 1ST.

EVERY PLAYER ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY AGAINST EACH OTHER TEAM

Last two matches on June 2nd are segregated, no comparisons, no substitutions in closed room. Because this means there can be no seating rights for those matches, there are no seating rights in the first two matches on June 1st.

Practice Makes Perfect!

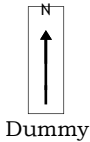
You are West on the following deal from a recent online U-21 USA2 team practice.

Board 5
N/S Vul.
Dealer: N

West	North	East	South
	1S	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	All Pass	

You

- ♠ 3
- ♥ KJ987
- ♦ 8652
- ♣ A92



Dummy

- ♠ QT7
- ♥ Q5
- ♦ QT
- ♣ KQ8543

Partner leads the 7 of clubs.

Declarer plays the 3 of clubs from dummy. You win the ace and declarer follows with the 10.

How do you proceed?

Assuming declarer holds five or six good spades, you almost certainly need partner to hold the ace of hearts to defeat four spades. Partner certainly would have led a high diamond if he held the AK.

If partner holds both red aces and a doubleton club, you may have three red winners to cash and you must cash them before they go away on dummy's clubs. This of course assumes that declarer has two or more hearts. On the other hand if partner does not hold the ace of diamonds, you need partner to hold a singleton club.

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Women's 8-Board Victory Point Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser		Margin	Winner	Loser		Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10		15	15.23	4.77		30	18.37	1.63
1	10.44	9.56		16	15.49	4.51		31	18.53	1.47
2	10.86	9.14		17	15.75	4.25		32	18.68	1.32
3	11.27	8.73		18	16	4		33	18.83	1.17
4	11.67	8.33		19	16.23	3.77		34	18.97	1.03
5	12.05	7.95		20	16.46	3.54		35	19.11	0.89
6	12.42	7.58		21	16.68	3.32		36	19.25	0.75
7	12.77	7.23		22	16.9	3.1		37	19.38	0.62
8	13.11	6.89		23	17.11	2.89		38	19.5	0.5
9	13.45	6.55		24	17.31	2.69		39	19.62	0.38
10	13.78	6.22		25	17.5	2.5		40	19.74	0.26
11	14.09	5.91		26	17.69	2.31		41	19.85	0.15
12	14.39	5.61		27	17.87	2.13		42	19.96	0.04
13	14.68	5.32		28	18.04	1.96		43	20	0
14	14.96	5.04		29	18.21	1.79				



Guess this is where I belong... I'm on a 6 person team and the captain said I was benched this round!

Age After Beauty: Senior Teams in Seeding Order

Lynch	Carolyn Lynch, Capt Eddie Wold Garey Hayden	Mike Passell Marc Jacobus John Sutherlin
Milner	Reese Milner, Capt David Berkowitz Matthew Granovetter	Hemant Lall Alan Sontag Ron Rubin
Moss	Michael Moss Fred Hamilton Dan Morse	Mark Lair Arnold Fisher Bobby Wolff
Kasle	Gaylor Kasle, Capt Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey	Larry Kozlove Steve Robinson Fred Stewart
Larsen	Kyle Larsen, Capt Mark Feldman John Mohan	Rose Meltzer Bill Pollack Ron Smith
Schwartz	Richard Schwartz, Capt Neil Chambers Stephen Landen	Lewis Finkel John Schermer Sam Lev
Onstott	John Onstott, Capt Drew Casen Farid Assemi	Bruce Ferguson Jim Krekorian Edward Wojewoda
Levine	Michael Levine, Capt Peter Weichsel Dennis Clerkin	Dennis McGarry Russell Ekeblad Jerry Clerkin
Brod	Geoffrey Brod, Capt Richard DeMartino Allan Falk	John Rengstorff Glenn Eisenstein John Lusky
Deutsch	Seymon Deutsch, Capt Bart Bramley Roger Bates	John Lantgen Lew Stansby Ross Gabel
Lay	Spike Lay, Capt Linda Smith	Larry Griffey Ronald Smith
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Claude Vogel Jon Sorkin	Steve Beatty Sangarapil Mohan Jeffry Mandell
Cappelli	Robert Cappelli, Capt Robert Katz	Robert Bitterman Michael Alioto
Kranyak	Kenneth Kranyak, Capt Craig Allen Jeffrey Miller	Phil Becker Michael Huston William Wickham
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Kenny Eichenbaum	Charles Kopp Gregory Potts

STANDARDS — Senior Women’s Humor...

Little old lady is sitting on a bench in Miami Beach. A man walks over and sits down on the other end of the bench. After a few moments, the woman asks, "Are you a stranger here?" He replies, "I used to live here years ago."

"So, where were you all these years?"

"In prison," he says.

"For what did they put you in prison?" He looks at her, and very quietly says, "I killed my wife."

"Oh," says the woman. "So you're single..."

Seniors' Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Stage
Friday	June 1	10:00 am	Captains' Meeting
ROUND OF 16			
Friday	June 1	10:30 am - 12:35 pm 12:45 - 2:50 2:50 - 4:00 4:00 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:20	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Saturday	June 2	10:30 am - 12:35 pm 12:45 - 2:50	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
QUARTER-FINAL			
Saturday	June 2	4:00 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:20	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Sunday	June 3	10:30 am - 12:35 pm 12:45 - 2:50 2:50 - 4:00 4:00 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:20	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
SEMI-FINAL			
Monday	June 4	10:30 am - 12:35 pm 12:45 - 2:50 2:50 - 4:00 4:00 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:20	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Tuesday	June 5	10:30 am - 12:35 pm 12:45 - 2:50	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
FINAL			
Tuesday	June 5	4:00 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:20	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Wednesday	June 6	10:30 am - 12:35 pm 12:45 - 2:50 2:50 - 4:00 4:00 - 6:05 6:15 - 8:20	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90

The 2012 USSBC starts on Friday, June 1st. There are 15 teams entered, so there will be four 1.5 day KO matches.

HOSPITALITY SUITE INFORMATION:

The hospitality suite for the 2012 USWBC and USSBC is Suite 3321. Players, volunteers, 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 Tuesday through Thursday from 2:30 - 5:30.

On Friday, Saturday & Sunday lunch will be a buffet in the hotel restaurant (Fresh 1800 on the lobby level).

We will give each captain coupons for the buffet at the Captains' Meeting on Friday morning. If you find you need additional coupons, they will be available.

The Hospitality Suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of play each day.

Please drop in. We look forward to seeing you there!



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There is no foolproof play on this hand. But, it appears that playing the heart king at trick two is your best shot. If this holds (and you must hope it will), partner will either encourage you to continue hearts or tell you to discontinue hearts ... in which case, a club ruff is likely. If he discourages you and you give him his ruff, he will know to cash a red ace to defeat the contract.

The only time playing the king of hearts backfires is when partner holds a singleton club and declarer holds a singleton heart. In that case you need to return the 9 of clubs and get a heart back for a second club ruff.

Arjun Dhir, a member of the USA2 Under-21 team, sitting North, declared this hand.

When Arjun's opponent switched to a low heart, he could no longer be defeated.

Barry Crane's Rule # 5 was right: "Sevens are Singletons."

- ♠ AKJ954
 - ♥ 2
 - ♦ KJ4
 - ♣ JT7
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- ♠ 3
 - ♥ KJ987
 - ♦ 8652
 - ♣ A92
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- N
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 - ♠ 862
 - ♥ AT643
 - ♦ A973
 - ♣ 6
-
- ♠ QT7
 - ♥ Q5
 - ♦ QT
 - ♣ KQ8543

Arjun Dhir
USA2 Under-21 team



1	3		2	7				6
	6				3			2
8		9		6				5
4		7	9			2		
				1				
			7	5		8	1	
9		8	5			7		
					7		9	
		1						

Puzzle 3

Puzzle 4

5	9		7					3
		8	6					2
1					3			
			9	7		4	6	
		3		8				1
6	5		3					
		6					9	
	8			2		6		5
9		7		1				

Sudoku

8	3	2	1	9	7	5	6	4
5	7	9	6	2	4	1	8	3
4	6	1	8	3	5	9	7	2
6	2	8	4	1	3	7	5	9
1	5	7	9	8	2	3	4	6
9	4	3	7	5	6	2	1	8
7	9	5	3	6	8	4	2	1
7	3	1	6	5	4	9	8	3
3	8	4	2	7	1	6	9	5

Answer to Puzzle 4

Answer to Puzzle 3

2	4	5	6	8	3	1	7	9
8	6	9	7	4	1	2	5	3
1	3	7	9	2	5	8	4	6
3	1	8	4	5	7	6	9	2
6	7	4	2	1	9	3	8	5
5	6	2	8	3	6	7	1	4
7	5	3	1	9	4	6	2	8
4	2	4	1	3	6	8	5	7
6	8	9	5	7	2	4	3	1

Summer camp at Camp Hiawatha is in full swing! Alicia loves being a camper at Camp Hiawatha – the activities and fun and doing things with lots of other kids is great! But, she IS annoyed about one thing – even at summer camp she can’t get away from chores! Each camper is expected to keep their bunk bed, trunk, and the possessions in their area neat. In addition, each week the campers in each cabin share the common chores, like sweeping the cabin floor and taking out the trash. Once a week, the cabins are inspected by the camp leaders and if your cabin isn’t tidy and clean, then your whole cabin suffers – no dessert! Fortunately, Alicia’s in a cabin with other neat-minded kids so their cabin hasn’t suffered without dessert so far. Determine the full name of Alicia and her cabin-mates, which ones are in the top or bottom bunks of the bunk beds, and who’s assigned to each chore this week.

1. Alicia, whose last name wasn’t Ryan, cleaned the bathroom this week.
2. Betty Peterson didn’t sweep the floor.
3. The inspector tidied up the cabin but it wasn’t Lisa’s job this week.
4. Ms. Knell took out the trash. Ms. Ryan didn’t have a top bunk.
5. Patti’s last name wasn’t Goodman.
6. Lisa and Ms. Ryan had the bottom bunks.

	Goodman	Knell	Peterson	Ryan	Top Bunk	Top Bunk	Bottom Bunk	Bottom Bunk	Clean Bathroom	Inspector	Sweep Floor	Take Out Trash
Alicia												
Betty												
Lisa												
Patti												
Clean Bathroom												
Inspector												
Sweep Floor												
Take Out Trash												
Top Bunk												
Top Bunk												
Bottom Bunk												
Bottom Bunk												

Puzzle Page

First Name	Last Name	Top/Bottom	Chore
Alicia			
Betty			
Lisa			
Patti			

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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		Pre-Tournament Stratified Charity Pairs Chat Bridge Pairs	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 SwissTeams 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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Room Rates: \$90 single/double - \$110 Junior Suite - \$135 Innovation Suite

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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

Even the Newest Hall of Famers Practice for the Trials...

Board 20 ♠ A6
 Dealer: W ♥ Q653
 All Vul. ♦ A92
 ♣ AK95

♠ 9742 ♠ QJT8
 ♥ KJ72 ♥ T9
 ♦ KJ76 ♦ T843
 ♣ 6 ♣ QT4

♠ K53
 ♥ A84
 ♦ Q5
 ♣ J8732



West	North	East	South
R Smith (CA)	Larsen	Mohan	Meltzer
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT (puppet)
Pass	3C (1 or more 4 card major)	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A week ago Wednesday, the Meltzer squad opted for online practice.

Mohan led the jack of spades against 3NT. Larsen won the ace. He played ace of clubs, king of clubs; Smith pitching the encouraging H7 (odd/even); and a club ... Mohan winning while Smith pitched the spade deuce.

Mohan did what he believed partner wanted. He switched to the heart ten. Larsen ducked; Smith won his king and reverted to spades.

It was too late to do damage. Declarer had two spades, two hearts, one diamond, and four clubs for certain. As the cards lie, once Smith pitched a heart, the contract made four when the five of hearts became Larsen's tenth trick.

From the bidding and lead, Smith could assume that declarer held four hearts. If he discarded the discouraging H2, East/West might have succeeded in defeating the contract on a diamond shift. They would have collected three diamonds, one club, and one heart.

Making 4NT was worth 8.4 IMPs in the IMP Pairs.

Congratulations to Kyle Larsen... not so much on this hand, but on his upcoming induction into the Hall of Fame!

And while we're on the subject, it must be said that not only is Kyle being inducted into the Hall of Fame, but Jan Martel, Chief Operations Officer of the USBF and chairman of these Trials, is being awarded the Hall of Fame Blackwood Award. Jan is an amazing worker for the USBF AND for the ACBL. She spends countless hours making sure every I is dotted and every T is crossed when it comes to these Trials. She is single-handedly responsible for the success of the VuGraph presentation at the Trials. Her dedication is incredible. All USBF members and volunteers salute the Hall of Fame for making such perfect choices this year!



Jan Martel



Kyle Larsen

Congratulations to Both of You!!

Patti	Ryan	Bottom	Sweep Floor
Lisa	Knell	Bottom	Take Out Trash
Betty	Peterson	Top	Inspector
Alicia	Goodman	Top	Clean Bathroom
First Name	Last Name	Top/Bottom	Chore

Memorial Day Practice for Jacobs/Beatty

Board 3 ♠ Q9
 Dealer: S ♥ AK643
 E/W Vul. ♦ 9
 ♣ JT974

♠ KJT7 ♠ A852
 ♥ ♥ T87
 ♦ K654 ♦ AQJ83
 ♣ AK653 ♣ 8

♠ 643
 ♥ QJ952
 ♦ T72
 ♣ Q2



West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Peg Kaplan	Beatty	Timo Erkoc
1C (could be 2)	1H	2D	4H
5H	Pass	5S	Pass
5NT	Pass	6D	All Pass

Beatty and Jacobs did well to bid the 25 point diamond slam. Beatty did especially well to turn down the 5NT grand slam try.

South led the HQ, ruffed in dummy. A diamond went to the queen and another heart was ruffed with the king of diamonds. Beatty pulled the last two trump, cashed the ace and king of clubs, pitching his last heart, and played a spade to the ace and took the losing spade finesse

for the queen.

Twelve tricks was worth 12.7 IMPs to East/West.

Board 4 ♠ 732
 Dealer: W ♥ QJ98
 All Vul. ♦ AJ543
 ♣ 3

♠ J ♠ AQT9865
 ♥ AK764 ♥
 ♦ 72 ♦ KQ9
 ♣ AKJT2 ♣ 764

♠ K4
 ♥ T532
 ♦ T86
 ♣ Q985



Jacobs	Peg Kaplan	Beatty	Erkoc
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
2C	Pass	2D	Pass
3C	Pass	3S	Pass
4S	Pass	6S	All Pass

Apparently, flush with success... and knowing from the not-so-perfect bridge axioms that slams are back-to-back, Beatty exuberantly bid six spades.

Six spades is not a very good slam. It requires singleton king or Kx of spades on sides to make.

Blackwood would have helped... if Steve knew he was off two keycards, he might have disdained slam in favor of the sure plus score. As it was, down one cost him 9.8 IMPs

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