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UNITED STATES SENIORS' AND WOMEN'S BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oldies and Goodies

Senior Quarterfinals Results:

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
1	Lynch	211	51	28	41	41	27	23
8	Brod	188	30	15	39	16	22	66
2	Milner	186	40	53	52	41		
7	Onstott	60	22	22	14	2	Wd	
3	Moss	187	32	21	54	38	36	6
6	Schwartz	193	33	13	48	25	48	26
4	Kasle	160	30	2	20	33	27	48
5	Larsen	186	18	47	32	35	29	25

Women's Quarterfinal Results after 64 Boards:

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64
1	Joel	123	15	42	22	44
4	Sprung	166	37	53	50	26
2	Moss	133	32	27	25	49
3	Westheimer	127	42	33	24	28

Good Luck Everyone!

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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
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A husband is at home watching a football game when his wife interrupts, "Honey, could you fix the light in the hallway? It's been flickering for weeks now."

He looks at her and says angrily, "Fix the light? Now? Does it look like I have a G.E. logo printed on my forehead? I don't think so."

"Well then, could you fix the fridge door? It won't close right."

To which he replied, "Fix the fridge door? Does it look like I have Westinghouse written on my forehead? I don't think so."

"Fine," she says, "Then could you at least fix the steps to the front door? They're about to break."

"I'm not a damn carpenter and I don't want to fix the steps," he says. "Does it look like I have Ace Hardware written on my forehead? I don't think so. I've had enough of you. I'm going to the bar!!!"

So he goes to the bar and drinks for a couple hours.

He starts to feel guilty about how he treated his wife, and decides to go home and help out. As he walks into the house, he notices the steps are already fixed. As he enters the house, he sees the hall light is working. As he goes to get a beer, he notices the fridge door is fixed. "Honey, how'd this all get fixed?"

She said, "Well, when you left, I sat outside and cried. Just then a nice young man asked me what was wrong, and I told him. He offered to do all the repairs, and all I had to do was either screw him or bake him a cake."

He said, "So, what kind of cake did you bake him?"

She replied, "Hellooooo... Do you see Betty Crocker written on my forehead?"

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	Boards 1-16
		1:00 - 3:15	Boards 17-32
		3:15 - 5:15	Dinner break
		5:15 - 7:30	Boards 33-48
Monday	June 4	7:45 - 10:00	Boards 49-64
		10:30 am - 12:45 pm	Boards 65-80
		1:00 - 3:15	Boards 81-96
<i>Final</i>			
Monday	June 4	5:15 - 7:30	Boards 1-16
		7:45 - 10:00	Boards 17-32
Tuesday	June 5	10:30 am - 12:45 pm	Boards 33-48
		1:00 - 3:15	Boards 49-64
		3:15 - 5:15	Dinner break
		5:15 - 7:30	Boards 65-80
		7:45 - 10:00	Boards 81-96

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.

Two husbands were discussing their married lives. Although happily married, they admitted that there were arguments sometimes. The Chad said, "I've made one great discovery. I know how to always have the last word."

"Wow!" said Sherman, "how did you manage that?"

"It's easy," replied Chad. "My last word is always 'Yes, Dear.'"

One Liners

Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off NOW!

Q: How can you tell when a FAX had been sent from a blonde?

A: There is a stamp on it.

Always remember you're unique - just like everyone else.

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, Thursday 18th, Friday 19th

Entry fee: 1,500 Euros Auction: minimum 5,000 Euros

Pairs International Tournament: (WBP Pairs) Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th, Friday 19th

Entry fee: 500 Euros Auction: minimum 500 Euro

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



Senior Quarterfinals Get Underway...

Board 5 ♠ A9852
 Dealer: N ♥ 653
 N/S Vul. ♦ 92
 ♣ Q84

♠ Q73 ♠ KJ4
 ♥ KT2 ♥ AQJ98
 ♦ AT3 ♦ K5
 ♣ AJ72 ♣ KT5

♠ T6
 ♥ 74
 ♦ QJ8764
 ♣ 963



Open Room:			
West	North	East	South
Smith	Kasle	Mohan	Kozlove
	Pass	1H	Pass
2C	Pass	3C	Pass
3H	Pass	3S	Pass
4D	Pass	4S	Pass
5C	Pass	6H	All Pass

Closed Room:			
Woolsey	Larsen	Stewart	Meltzer
	Pass	1C (Precision)	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the Open Room, Smith and Mohan were playing 14-16 NT's, therefore, Mohan opened his hand 1H. Using mostly "Standard" methods and a lot of cue bidding, they had a straightforward auction to land in 6H.

Koslove chose an unfortunate opening lead: the DQ! Mohan won his king, pulled three rounds of hearts ending in hand and played the SK. Kasle won his ace and continued spades, Mohan winning his jack. Mohan cashed dummy's spade queen and played his ace and king of clubs. Noting that the queen did not fall, he played the five of diamonds, finessing against the likely jack in South's hand. Mohan's losing club was discarded on the DA and the contract made easily.

In the Closed Room, with science on his side, Stewart opened a strong club. Woolsey responded 1NT which showed game values and a flat-type hand without length in either major. Stewart bid the no-trump game and it ended the auction. Larsen led a spade. Woolsey won the king in dummy and ran the club ten, losing to the queen with Larsen. Larsen cashed his SA, and Woolsey claimed eleven tricks. 11 IMPs to Larsen

Board 10 ♠ 2
 Dealer: E ♥ AQ43
 All Vul. ♦ Q54
 ♣ JT863

♠ Q8743 ♠ AT95
 ♥ KT2 ♥ 985
 ♦ 863 ♦ AK2
 ♣ A2 ♣ KQ7

♠ KJ6
 ♥ J76
 ♦ JT97
 ♣ 954



Closed Room:			
Woolsey	Larsen	Stewart	Meltzer
		1NT (14-16)	Pass
2H (transfer)	Pass	3S (super accept)	Pass
4S	All Pass		

Open Room:			
Smith	Kasle	Mohan	Kozlove
		1NT (14-16)	Pass
2H (transfer)	Double	3S (super accept)	Pass
4S	All Pass		

Both rooms arrived in a spade game, the only difference in the auctions was Kasle's double of the transfer bid. The double worked great as a smokescreen.

Kozlove led a heart through the dummy... Kasle winning his queen. Kasle switched to the CJ, won with the ace in dummy. Mohan played a spade to the ace and cashed his two high clubs, pitching a diamond from West. He played his A and K of diamonds and ruffed a diamond in dummy... He thought Kasle started with five hearts to the AQJ so he pinned his hopes on finding Kasle with the now stiff SK to execute an endplay. Dutifully, Mohan led a low spade from dummy; North played small and South won his jack. Down one when the defense collect two hearts and two spades!

In the Closed Room, Meltzer led the DJ. Stewart won in hand, cashed the ace of spades and played a spade toward the dummy. Meltzer won her king and tried a small heart. Stewart ducked, losing to North's queen. Larsen cleared diamonds. Stewart pulled the last trump, played three rounds of clubs, pitching dummy's last diamond and eventually finessed successfully against the jack of hearts to claim his contract, the defense collecting only two hearts and one spade.

12 IMPs back to Kasle

Age After Beauty:

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

Twins

Two girls were born to the same mother, on the same day, at the same time, in the same month and year and yet they're not twins.

How can this be?

Answer: The two babies are two of a set of triplets.

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 31-45 Boards 46-60 Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
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

Seniors' Schedule

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 8:30-10:30 am.

Lunch on Monday 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.

Board 9 ♠ QJ5432
 Dealer: N ♥ 53
 E/W Vul. ♦ 9732
 ♣ 5

♠ K ♠ 986
 ♥ A64 ♥ QJT2
 ♦ KQJ84 ♦ A65
 ♣ QJ96 ♣ AK2

 ♠ AT7
 ♥ K987
 ♦ T
 ♣ T8743



Open Room:			
West	North	East	South
Rengstorff	Jacobus	Brod	Wold
	2S	Double	4S
4NT	Pass	5C	All Pass

Closed Room:			
West	North	East	South
Passell	Eisenstein	Lynch	DeMartino
	2S	Double	4S
5D	All Pass		

Preempts put extreme pressure on opponents... and that's why we use them!! In the Closed Room, Passell/Lynch survived nicely when Passell simply picked his five card minor rather than giving East a choice of suits. A club was led, won by the ace. Declarer pulled trumps, took the heart finesse, and made his game.

In the Open Room, Rengstorff showed both minors, his 4NT call working much like a responsive double in his auction. Brod, holding equal length in both minors, picked the lower ranking, clubs. The Moysian was a disaster when trumps broke 5-1 and the long hand would have to take the taps in spades. Wold led a club; Brod won and finessed against the king of hearts. When that held, he tried the ace of clubs, getting the news. He repeated the heart finesse and cashed his other high heart, but he could not succeed on any line of play. He finished down three. 14 IMPs to Lynch

Appeal #1 in the Seniors...

Board 20 ♠ KJ
 Dealer: S ♥ 854
 All Vul. ♦ 3
 ♣ AKT7432

♠ AT87 ♠ Q654
 ♥ KJ3 ♥ AQT
 ♦ QT862 ♦ A97
 ♣ 9 ♣ 865

 ♠ 932
 ♥ 9762
 ♦ KJ54
 ♣ QJ



West	North	East	South
Lusky	McGarry	Falk	Levine
Pass	1C	Pass	1H
Double	Redouble	2S	Pass
Pass	3C	All Pass	

FACTS

In a contested auction shown below, N (McGarry) made a support redouble and alerted E (Falk) of that fact. S (Levine) did not alert and when asked about the the meaning of the redouble by W (Lusky) Levine just shrugged. W believed that the RDBL was therefore showing a strong hand and he therefore interpreted his partner's jump to 2S as preemptive in nature. and he therefore passed and passed again when N competed to 3C which was made for 110 for N/S.

The TD ruled that the failure to alert the redouble was misinformation "MI" and that the result of that MI prevented E/W from bidding and making 4S and adjusted the table result to E/W +620. N/S appealed.

THE DECISION

The Appeals Committee "AC" initially agreed that S's failure to alert W of the meaning of XX and shrugged when W inquired as to it's meaning was MI which may have discouraged E/W from bidding higher in Spades. The AC considered the applicable law 12C1(e) which requires awarding the non offending side (E/W) an assigned score the most favorable result that was likely had the irregularity (the MI) not occurred. The AC concluded that the combination of both bidding 4Ss and making it had it been bid did not meet the standard required by the law and as such awarded E/W+170. However, the law requires a different standard to be applied to the offending side (N/S) which is the most unfavorable result that was at all probable had the irregularity not occurred and awarded N/S -620.

Jeffrey Polisner, Chairman
 Chip Martel, Member
 Peggy Sutherland, Member

While the northern regions are struggling with yet another snowstorm, the southern regions are gearing up for spring, and planting time. This week, four farmers planted seed in the first of their fields. As it happens, each farmer planted on a different day, in a different direction, and even planted a different crop. Determine the name of each farmer (one was Jack), what day each planted, the direction that each field lay from the farmer's house, and what type of grain each farmer planted.

1. Joe planted in the west field. The corn wasn't planted on Tuesday.
2. The farmer who planted in the north field didn't plant oats.
3. The farmer who planted in the south field planted wheat. Joe didn't plant the corn.
4. On Thursday, the east field was planted. The oats weren't planted on Wednesday.
5. Jake planted on Monday, but he didn't plant the corn. Jeff planted oats.
6. The farmer who planted rye didn't plant on Thursday.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	East	North	South	West	Corn	Oats	Rye	Wheat
Jack												
Jake												
Jeff												
Joe												
Corn												
Oats												
Rye												
Wheat												
East												
North												
South												
West												

Puzzle Page

Name	Day	Direction	Crop
Jack			
Jake			
Jeff			
Joe			

Answers to this Puzzle on Page 11

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
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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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

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use Group Code: ABL (case sensitive)

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

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

Puzzle 1 ... Answers Below...
No Peeking

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

Puzzle 2 ... Answers Below...
No Peeking

Sudoku

My Job Search

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it -- mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. Then, tried being a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but anyway I sliced it.... couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
9. Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.
10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
11. Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
12. So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.
14. My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.
15. SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT AND I FOUND I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

Answers to Puzzle 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 8

Joe	Tues.	W	Rye
Jeff	Thurs.	E	Oats
Jake	Mon.	S	Wheat
Jack	Wed.	N	Corn
Name	Day	Direction	Crop

Answers to Puzzle 1

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

Appeal #1 in the Women's...

Migry		West	North	East	South
Board 3	♠ KT5				1H
Dealer: S	♥ 843				
E/W Vul.	♦ Q873	Pass	2H*	Double	Pass
Glasson	♣ K04 Sprung	3D	All Pass		
♠ Q42		On NE side of screen, 2H alerted as constructive raise. No alert on SW side.			
♥ AQ92	♠ AJ86	Hearing no description from S, West felt she had to show good hand and bid 3D. If she had heard "constructive" agreement she would know probably no game EW and would have bid 2S			
♦ JT65	♥ 7				
♣ T5	♦ 942				
	♣ AJ862				
	♠ 973	North alerted East that 2H was "constructive, usually 8 to 10." South did not alert West. West thought she was in a lebensohl-type auction and bid what she intended as a forward-going 3D, hoping to be able to reach 3NT. (In fact, West had misconstrued her system and 3D carried no strength implications.) West stated that had she been alerted as East had been, she would not have thought game was possible and would probably have bid 2S (again, thinking that 3D would have shown values.)			
	♥ KJT65				
	♦ AK				
	♣ Q73				
South stated that she did not think an alert was required to 2H when playing forcing notrump. N/S said that their "constructive" raises could be 8 to 10 balanced or less if distributional. E/W said that even playing forcing notrump constructive raises are not necessarily standard, since they play one without the other. South contended that 2S was more likely to get East excited than 3D so that even given her system confusion West had misjudged.					
The director ruled that South's failure to alert constituted misinformation that caused West damage. The result was adjusted to 2S making 3, based on the fact that there were only 4 top losers and the Deep Finesse analysis.					
The committee asked the director why she felt an alert was required, and she stated that she thought it was information that E/W were entitled to and could not necessarily assume on their own. At the committee's request, the director consulted with the other directors and reported that they did not feel an alert was required. Therefore, she stated that her ruling had been in error and no adjustment should have been made. The committee agreed that single raises do not require an alert, whether encouraging or not, and restored the table result. They also instructed N/S to be more specific if asked to explain their single raises, since "constructive" is a historical misnomer and "usually 8 to 10" does not convey the lesser distributional possibility. A subsequent reference to the ACBL convention chart indicated that a single raise is not alertable, being a natural bid where neither common treatment is unusual.					
Ron Gerard, Chairperson Gail Greenberg Jeffrey Polisner					

Amusing Tale from the VuGraph

Yesterday I was doing VuGraph for the Women's. I had a computer with a sticky "K" key. Debbie Rosenberg kindly gave me a sheet with explanations of the bidding on one hand ... It read: 2H asks... response... 3C asks... response. When I typed 2H asks into the machine, it came up 2H ass!! And then 3C ass!! If anyone saw that, it wasn't my fault!

Jack on Track...

Greetings and salutations from The Kingdom:

Brod put on quite a show before being put down by Lynch. Larsen, with a strange collection of misfits, was never headed after the second chucker as the penny dropped for Kasle. Milner pasted Onstott and is the team in best form right now. Moss and Schwartz were up and down like the Tower Bridge, with Schwartz overcoming a 14 imp deficit with one to go, winning by 6.

On to the semis:

Lynch v Larsen: Two fillies entered the field and one leaves. Rose has far more experience than does Carolyn, but Lynch has a far better supporting cast. Limey Jack is tired of betting against Larsen, but feels compelled to do so yet again. Some of the Larsen team are showing great heart but must be paggered (Ed Note: tired). The Lynch team will keep coming at them like bats to a sausage and their demise comes two days hence.

Howie Dung, the village wally, will be too busy raising funds to cover the bad cheques he has had to write to pay the punters for his Gawd-awful picks to make any accurate predictions here. What do you expect from a man who speaks in attempted rhyme tongue?

Milner v Schwartz: Schwartz has come thusly with smoke and mirrors. Milner, while not great either, will toy with the Horse like catnip until the inevitable withdrawl.

Limey Jack says to put a fiver on a Milner-Lynch final, and so it will be.

Ta, LJ

Howie Doing...

I am predicting the final will be:

Milner v Lynch on the big screen TV.

The Horse breaks a leg and gets set out to roam,
While Larsen and Rose limp along home.

Jack will be guessing... he doesn't know.
He picks who he picks because they are "Mo"

Eeny and Meany go out the door.
I'm scientific and average the score.

Tomorrow I'm back to choose from the dames.
I'll see you on VuGraph watching the games!

Howie Doing... good thanks

