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Senior Results:

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
1	Lynch	158	15	38	44	44	7	10
2	Schwartz	174	40	44	12	20	33	25

UNITED STATES SENIORS' AND WOMEN'S BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oldies and Goodies



2nd place:

Eddie Wold, John Sutherlin, Mike Passell, Carolyn Lynch, Mark Jacobus, Gary Hayden



Winners:

Richie Schwartz, Sam Lev, Steve Landen, Lew Finkel
Missing from photo: Neil Chambers and John Schermer

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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
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

Joan Gerard, USBF President, Thanks You All!!

Thanks to all the volunteers who made this Trials a huge success... to Jan Martel for running the tournament and taking care of day-to-day operations... to Barbara Nudelman and Adrienne Cohen for running the hospitality suite... to Suzi Subeck for doing the Daily Bulletins... to the locals who came to Shaumburg to run errands (Carl Sharp), do the VuGraph (Jan Churchwell, Joe Stokes, Martha Katz, Rao, Stan Subeck, Earle Davis, Mike Saltzman, Larry Cohen), to others who were at the tournament for a variety of reasons and pitched in to help when needed (Debbie Rosenberg, Stacy Jacobs, Debbie Hyatt)... to the excellent directing staff (Terry and Bernie and Ken). We could not operate as we do without all of you!!

It was great fun. It was great to see you all. See you next year in Florida!!

Joan



Correction from Tuesday's Bulletin... Women's Teams...

♠ KQT3

♥ A5

♦ AKT4

♣ AJ4

♠ 842

♥ KT83

♦ 972

♣ Q76



♠ 9

♥ Q9642

♦ QJ863

♣ 32

♠ AJ765

♥ J7

♦ 5

♣ KT985

Board 96

Dealer: E

E/W Vul.

♠ 652

♥ K32

♦ QJ

♣ KQT84

♠ KJT73

♥ QJ6

♦ 7643

♣ 7



♠ Q94

♥ 874

♦ T2

♣ J9632

♠ A8

♥ AT95

♦ AK985

♣ A5

Migry was the hero, opening the North hand. With 19 HCP, Stansby drove to slam. There were 3 seven card fits and she had to pick the right one.

The opening lead was the C7 to the 8, 9, and A. Stansby led a diamond to the J and played the queen off dummy overtaking with the king in hand. She cashed the ace of diamonds and 9 of diamonds, N & E pitching spades. She played a club to the king, W pitching a spade and cashed the queen pitching a spade from hand as W did the same. She played a heart to the ace and a heart to the king. She gave up a heart and claimed the rest... Making six and winning the Trials!

It was a great VuGraph show... a great Trials... and a great ending for the Moss squad. Good luck to Moss in Lille!!

Winners: Migry, Joanna Stansby, Judy Radin, Sylvia Moss, Lynn Deas



On Tuesday we reported:

"In the Sprung/Joel match, both tables reached 7S from North after North opened 2NT."

This was erroneous.

In the room where Pat Norman was declarer (and made 7S), Jill Meyers actually opened the East hand 2H. As a result, Pat took the club finesse against the Q in West.

Sometimes we convey too much information in an aggressive effort to "get in the way."

While it makes life much tougher in the bidding, it can make things much easier in the play.

Just wanted to set the record straight. The board was played upside down at the table and it extremely was difficult to VuGraph accurately. My apologies.

The board that made the difference... The Women's competition was in doubt all the way through. The lead flip-flopped between the teams with every other board. Going into the final board, Sprung led by 4! Coming out of it, she trailed by 6!!

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Glasson	Campanile	Sprung	Stansby
Pass	1C (2+)	Pass	1S (no 4 crd maj unless gf)
Double	Pass (11-13 bal)	Pass	2H (D & H gf)
Pass	3C	Pass	3D
Pass	4D	Pass	6D
All Pass			

Open Room:

Deas	Bernstein	Radin	Wheeler
Pass	Pass	Pass	1D
1S	2C	Pass	2H
Pass	2S	Double	Pass
Pass	3D	Pass	3H
Pass	4H	All Pass	

2nd Place: Pat Norman, Sally Wheeler, Cindy Bernstein, Georgianna Gates ... Missing from photo: Joann Sprung and Joann Glasson



Senior Finals Come to a Close...

Board 46 ♠ KQ7542

Dealer: E ♥ 2

None Vul. ♦ AT93

♣ 63

♠ AJT

♥ AJT764

♦ 862

♣ A



♠

♥ Q85

♦ KQJ4

♣ KQJ952

♠ 9863

♥ K93

♦ 75

♣ T874

Here is a hand that demonstrates how you never know what is happening in the room next door:

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Passell	Schermer	Lynch	Chambers
		2C (Precision)	Pass
2H	2S	3H	3S
4H	4S	5H	All Pass

Passell knew, on seeing dummy, that he was off two keycards. He hoped the heart king was offside so slam wouldn't make.

The opening lead was the SK. Passell ruffed in dummy, finessed the heart twice and claimed 12 tricks. He hoped his counterparts at the other table hadn't stumbled into slam... however they did... and Passell WON 11 IMPs on the board.

Here was their auction:

Closed Room:

Lev	Jacobus	Landen	Wold
		1C	Pass
1H	2S	3C	3S
5H	Pass	5S	Pass
6C	Pass	6D	Pass
6H	Pass	7H	All Pass

Jacobus cashed his ace of diamonds and the hand ended before it began.

11 IMPs to Lynch

Board 55 ♠ T653

Dealer: S ♥ 4

None Vul. ♦ 4

♣ AKT8642

♠

♥ QJT975

♦ AKT98

♣ J5



♠ J874

♥ AK862

♦ 75

♣ 93

♠ AKQ92

♥ 3

♦ QJ632

♣ Q7

Closed Room:

Lev	Jacobus	Landen	Wold
			1S
2S	4S	5H	5S
6H	6S	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

Open Room:

Passell	Schermer	Lynch	Chambers
			1S
2H	3H	4H	4S
5H	5S	All Pass	

Sam Lev found an excellent save on this hand and it worked better than he imagined. When he bid 6H, Jacobus, looking at 1st and 2nd round control of clubs and 2nd round control of hearts and diamonds could not help but take the push. It could be a good save for him or it could be a make.

Six spades went light a trick when the opponents collected their two red aces, while five spades made easily.

11 IMPs to Schwartz

Age After Beauty: Senior Teams In Alphabetical 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
Schwartz	Richard Schwartz, Capt Neil Chambers Stephen Landen	Lewis Finkel John Schermer Sam Lev
Larsen	Kyle Larsen, Capt Mark Feldman John Mohan	Rose Meltzer Bill Pollack Ron Smith
Levine	Michael Levine, Capt Peter Weichsel Dennis Clerkin	Dennis McGarry Russell Ekeblad Jerry Clerkin
Onstott	John Onstott, Capt Drew Casen Farid Assemi	Bruce Ferguson Jim Krekorian Edward Wojewoda
Deutsch	Seymon Deutsch, Capt Bart Bramley Roger Bates	John Lantgen Lew Stansby Ross Grabel
Brod	Geoffrey Brod, Capt Richard DeMartino Allan Falk	John Rengstorff Glenn Eisenstein John Lusky
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Claude Vogel Jon Sorkin	Steve Beatty Sangarapil Mohan Jeffry Mandell
Lay	Spike Lay, Capt Linda Smith	Larry Griffey Ronald Smith
Kranyak	Kenneth Kranyak, Capt Craig Allen Jeffrey Miller	Phil Becker Michael Huston William Wickham
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Kenny Eichenbaum	Charles Kopp Gregory Potts
Cappelli	Robert Cappelli, Capt Robert Katz	Robert Bitterman Michael Alioto

**Have a safe trip home!
See you next year in Florida!**

Appeal #3 ... This One From the Women's Trials...

Board 58	♠ A5	Deas, N	N	E	S	W
Dealer: E	♥ T83			1♦	P	2♦
E/W Vul.	♦ T876		P	2♠	P	3NT
Gates, W	♣ 9743	Norman, E	P	5NT*	P	6♣**
♠ 96		♠ KQJ3	P	6NT	P	P
♥ AJ6		♥ Q72	table result: 6NT W +6 1440			
♦ 9542		♦ AKQ3	*	North & East side: Explained as Natural and Invitational to 6NT		
♣ AK62		♣ Q5	**	South & West side: Explained as Grand Slam Force		
				North & East side: Explained as Natural		
				South & West side: Explained as weakest possible trump holding		
Radin, S	♠ T8742		Ruling: MI, Law 40.B4 The non offenders were not damaged by the			
	♥ K954		misinformation.			
	♦ J					
	♣ JT8					

E/W had no agreement about the 5NT and 6C bids. They had never been discussed (although 6C in response to the GSF had been discussed) and East's explanations constituted MI. The correct explanation should have been "We have no agreement."

North led the H3 to the 2, K and A. Declarer cashed two rounds of diamonds, led the king of spades and eventually squeezed North in the minors for 12 tricks.

North's statements: She led a heart because she thought the minors were running, especially if West had 5 clubs, and she would need to develop a fast heart trick to go with her ace of spades. Had she received the correct explanation, she would have led a club. This would have resulted in down one, unless West led a spade to the king and ducked a spade "and I don't think anyone would do that." She didn't beat the hand with the wrong explanation and would have beaten the hand with the correct explanation.

The directors ruled that there was no adjustment because the MI did not cause damage. However, that conclusion was based on a faulty analysis of the play with a club lead that overlooked the shortage of entries to the West hand.

The committee had no reason to doubt or to believe North's statement about a club lead, so it was not a determining factor. However, there was some possibility of a different lead with the correct explanation, a possibility that was viewed in the most favorable light to N/S as the nonoffenders. The ace of spades would not be successful, but with a minor suit lead South would have been prevented from playing the king of hearts at trick one. Declarer would then have had a much tougher time making 6NT.

In order to adjust the score, there had to be damage to N/S as a consequence of the MI (Law 40B.4.) Damage exists when, because of an infraction, an innocent side obtains a result less favorable than would have been the expectation had there been no infraction (Law 12B.1.)

The committee felt that the damage was not caused by the MI, therefore no adjustment was warranted. Even assuming that the expectation would have been down one with a minor suit lead, the MI only caused the heart lead and did not cause South to play the king. Had South played the 9 (North could not be underleading the ace for any number of reasons), declarer would have been in the same position as with a minor suit lead. That South would have had no chance to play the HK with a different lead was subsequent to the MI, not a consequence of it. It is not enough that the result would likely have been different.

The committee considered adjusting E/W's score to down one as "at all probable" (Law 12C.1.(e)(ii)), but did not feel that the different standards for adjusting the two sides could change the fact that the MI did not cause damage. The committee was not unanimous on this point.

Finally, the committee determined that 6NT should be made on any lead with best play and defense. With a heart lead to the 9 and J or a minor suit lead, declarer leads a spade toward the honors, cashes two rounds of diamonds and then would have no choice but to play for the ace of spades doubleton since she cannot afford to cross back to her hand to lead up again. Whether or not this would have happened was a minor concern, but it does show that in a vacuum there was no damage resulting from the MI.

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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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All Knockouts are bracketed

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

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

Sunday Stratiflighted Swiss Team play-through