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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

At the End of Day 2 ...

Roundof16								
#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
3	<u>Diamond</u>	166	<u>38</u>	<u>31</u>	40	27	30	
14	<u>Harris</u>	50	<u>6</u>	<u>17</u>	7	4	16	wd
4	<u>Gordon</u>	238	55	44	37	12	12	78
13	<u>Robinson</u>	128	8	27	13	30	32	18
5	<u>Spector</u>	231	41	49	<u>53</u>	<u>50</u>	38	
12	<u>Kolesnik</u>	109	31	19	<u>24</u>	<u>10</u>	25	wd
6	<u>Blanchard</u>	158	<u>4</u>	<u>39</u>	22	38	17	38
11	<u>Kranyak</u>	234	<u>26</u>	<u>39</u>	48	41	39	41
7	<u>Mahaffey</u>	233	<u>35</u>	<u>51</u>	26	41	50	30
10	<u>Aker</u>	158	<u>30</u>	<u>7</u>	24	11	49	37
8	<u>Milner</u>	249	33	36	66	41	37	36
9	<u>Weinstein</u>	182	34	27	14	42	20	45



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All our dreams can
come true, if we
have the courage to
pursue them.

Walt Disney

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Bye to Rnd of 8		
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Screen Mates

Knockout Phase...

Board 14
Dealer: E
None Vul.

♠ KJ98742
♥ QT953
♦ 3
♣

♠ Q53
♥ K6
♦ KQ7542
♣ K5



♠ AT
♥ A
♦ AJ6
♣ AQ96432

♠ 6
♥ J8742
♦ T98
♣ JT87

Board 14 in the Diamond/Harris match was certainly interesting. North held 12 major suit cards, while his opponents held two nine card minor suit fits.

The preponderance of the points were with East/West ... so which minor suit slam should you play?

Answer: the one that splits, of course! But note that in this case, the diamond jack eliminates any possibility of a bad diamond split.

West	North	East	South
Harris	Hampson	Morgan	Greco
		2C	Pass
2D	3S	4C	Pass
4S	Pass	4NT	Pass
5D	Pass	5S	Pass
6C	All Pass		

Against Morgan, Greco led his singleton spade. Morgan won his ace in hand and immediately went about pulling trump. Following three rounds of clubs, Morgan cashed his heart ace and led a diamond to the king in dummy. He cashed the heart king, pitching his spade loser, and conceded the club jack to make six. +920

Diamond	Carmichael	Platnick	Grainger
		1C (16+)	Pass
2D (5+♦, 12+hcp)	5D (majors)	Pass (forcing)	5H
Double	5S	5NT	Pass
6D	Pass	7D	All Pass

Against Diamond, Carmichael led a fifth best heart. Diamond won the king in dummy, pulled trump, and claimed, ruffing a club to establish that suit. Making 7! +1440 and 11 IMPs to Diamond.

Simply seeing the scores, this looks like one of those hands where one side bid the grand and one didn't. It looks like the one who didn't, played safe for six. Looking more closely, it becomes much more interesting.

Board 10
Dealer: E
All Vul.

♠ Q8
♥ A876432
♦ QJ
♣ QJ

♠ 632
♥ K
♦ T9853
♣ 7542



♠ KT75
♥ Q95
♦ K762
♣ A3

♠ AJ94
♥ JT
♦ A4
♣ KT986

Harris	Hampson	Morgan	Greco
		1C (could be 2)	1S
Pass	2H	Pass	3H
Pass	4H	All Pass	

Diamond	Carmichael	Platnick	Grainger
		1D (could be 2)	1S
Pass	2H	Pass	3H
Pass	4H	All Pass	

Both Easts led from kings: Morgan, the diamond king... and Platnick, the spade king. Here, play diverged.

Hampson ducked in dummy to his diamond queen, knocked out the club ace, rose on the spade return, played a trump to his ace and overtook his club jack with the king to play the club ten and discard his losing spade eight. Making 4 ... +620

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Carmichael was suspicious of the spade lead after South overcalled the suit. He feared a singleton. Dutifully, he rose with the ace and sealed his fate.

He played a heart to the ace and a second heart, hoping for the 2-2 split. If this worked, he could hold his losers to one heart, one club and one spade. Unlucky for him, hearts split 3-1. Platnick won his heart queen and cashed out his heart nine, club ace, and spade king... down one! -100 and another 12 IMPs to Diamond

Board 4
 Dealer: W
 All Vul.
 ♠ AJ83
 ♥ QJ7
 ♦ 75
 ♣ AK75

♠ KQ7652
 ♥ T532
 ♦ 4
 ♣ Q3



♠ T9
 ♥ AK4
 ♦ AKJ832
 ♣ J9

♠ 4
 ♥ 986
 ♦ QT96
 ♣ T8642

Board 4 in the Kranyak/Blanchard match presented an unlikely push.

Both tables 2NT doubled and making vulnerable on the same auction for +690!

West	North	East	South
Bathhurst	J Lall	Dwyer	Hamman
Woolridge	Wolpert	Hurd	Kranyak
2S	2NT	Double	All Pass

Both Easts led a high diamond, and seeing dummy, switched to a spade. Both declarers won the spade, tested clubs, and went about the business of collecting eight tricks.

Declarer has a counter to any lead. E/W can never develop a 6th trick without first setting up declarer's 8th trick.

An often-seen push score, but not for this contract!!

Board 5
 Dealer: N
 N/S Vul.
 ♠ T985
 ♥ 87
 ♦ T952
 ♣ 654

♠ J2
 ♥ QJT95
 ♦ KJ
 ♣ KJ83



♠ A743
 ♥ K32
 ♦ A7
 ♣ Q972

♠ KQ6
 ♥ A64
 ♦ Q8643
 ♣ AT

Bathurst	J Lall	Dwyer	Hamman
	Pass	1D (could be 2)	1NT
Double	All Pass		

On the very next board, another unusual happenstance... Bob Hamman went for 1100!!

Bathurst led the jack of hearts (Rusinow), ducked. He continued with a heart to his partner's king and a third heart, Hamman winning the ace. With no hope for the hand, Hamman did the best he could. He played the king of spades... ducked... and led a diamond toward dummy. Bathurst won his jack, cashed hearts and knockout out Hamman's club ace. The bloodshed stopped at down four. Notice that N/S can run out to two diamonds. This contract is cold unless E/W negotiate a spade ruff... not likely to happen.

Woolridge	Wolpert	Hurd	Kranyak
	Pass	1C	Double
1H	Pass	1NT	Pass
2C	All Pass		

At the other tables, things were quite different.

Kranyak was able to make a takeout double over one club, disdaining the NT overcall. 1NT was bid... but again, it was bid by Hamman's team! Woolridge escaped to two clubs and Hurd, declarer, made four.

Kranyak led a low diamond, won in hand by declarer. There was little to play... Declarer losing one club, one heart, and one spade. +130 and 14 IMPs to Kranyak.

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Carlin Quotes ...

By and large, language is a tool for concealing the truth. **George Carlin**

If you can't beat them, arrange to have them beaten. **George Carlin**

Well, if crime fighters fight crime and fire fighters fight fire, what do freedom fighters fight? They never mention that part to us, do they? **George Carlin**

Not only do I not know what's going on, I wouldn't know what to do about it if I did. **George Carlin**

There are nights when the wolves are silent and only the moon howls. **George Carlin**

One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor. **George Carlin**

When someone is impatient and says, 'I haven't got all day,' I always wonder, How can that be? How can you not have all day? **George Carlin**

I would never want to be a member of a group whose symbol was a guy nailed to two pieces of wood. **George Carlin**

What does it mean to pre-board? Do you get on before you get on? **George Carlin**

In comic strips, the person on the left always speaks first. **George Carlin**

Dusting is a good example of the futility of trying to put things right. As soon as you dust, the fact of your next dusting has already been established. **George Carlin**

You know the good part about all those executions in Texas? Fewer Texans. **George Carlin**

I think people should be allowed to do anything they want. We haven't tried that for a while. Maybe this time it'll work. **George Carlin**

Death is caused by swallowing small amounts of saliva over a long period of time. **George Carlin**

I recently went to a new doctor and noticed he was located in something called the Professional Building. I felt better right away. **George Carlin**

There's no present. There's only the immediate future and the recent past. **George Carlin**

I'm always relieved when someone is delivering a eulogy and I realize I'm listening to it. **George Carlin**

One can never know for sure what a deserted area looks like. **George Carlin**

At a formal dinner party, the person nearest death should always be seated closest to the bathroom. **George Carlin**

If we could just find out who's in charge, we could kill him. **George Carlin**

When you step on the brakes your life is in your foot's hands. **George Carlin**

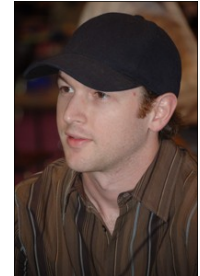
Religion is just mind control. **George Carlin**

I think it would be interesting if old people got anti-Alzheimer's disease where they slowly began to recover other people's lost memories. **George Carlin**

Standing ovations have become far too commonplace. What we need are ovations where the audience members all punch and kick one another. **George Carlin**



USA1 ROUND OF SIXTEEN		
CAPTAINS' MEETING IN PLAYING AREA AFTER ROUND ROBIN		
SATURDAY JUNE 1ST	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY JUNE 2ND	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
USA1 QUARTERFINALS & USA2 ROUND OF 64 (8 TEAM KO OR 6 OR 7 TEAM ROUND ROBIN)		
MONDAY JUNE 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
TUESDAY JUNE 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
USA1 SEMI-FINALS & USA 2 ROUND OF 32		
WEDNESDAY JUNE 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
USA1 SEMI-FINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 16 (TIMES ARE SAME, BOARD NUMBERS START AT 1)		
THURSDAY JUNE 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
USA 1 FINAL & USA2 QF		
FRIDAY JUNE 7TH	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
USA1 FINAL & USA2 SEMI-FINAL (BOARDS 1-60)		
SATURDAY JUNE 8TH	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
USA2 SEMI-FINAL		
SUNDAY JUNE 9TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 4:00	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 25 MINUTE BREAK
USA2 FINAL		
SUNDAY JUNE 9TH	4:00 - 6:10 6:25 - 8:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY JUNE 10TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90



Two Kevins:
Dwyer (above)
Bathhurst
(right)

Knockout Stage



Schedule



John Kranyak

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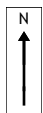
Board 32
 Dealer: W
 E/W Vul.

♠ 8
 ♥ Q
 ♦ AQT9753
 ♣ A982

♠ J542
 ♥ AJ92
 ♦ 8
 ♣ Q763

♠ AT93
 ♥ T7543
 ♦ 2
 ♣ KT4

♠ KQ76
 ♥ K86
 ♦ KJ64
 ♣ J5



Both tables in the Kranyak/Blanchard match reached five diamonds on this board. In the Closed Room, after hearing the following auction, Dwyer found the killing lead. It was clear from the 3H call, Hamman was worried about clubs for 3NT.

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	J Lall	Dwyer	Hamman
Pass	1D	Pass	1S
Pass	2D	Pass	2H
Pass	3D	Pass	3H
Pass	4C	Pass	4D
Pass	4NT	Pass	5D
All Pass			

Dwyer led a club!

In the other room, Bob Blanchard didn't find the club lead and the contract made. 10 IMPs to Kranyak.

Board 34
 Dealer: E
 N/S Vul.

♠ 875
 ♥ T9
 ♦ AKQJ76
 ♣ Q2

♠ 3
 ♥ AQJ62
 ♦ 43
 ♣ K8643

♠ AJ6
 ♥ K875
 ♦ T952
 ♣ 95

♠ KQT942
 ♥ 43
 ♦ 8
 ♣ AJT7



West	North	East	South
Robbins	Schermer	Demirev	Chambers
		Pass	2S (10-13, 6 ♠)
3H	4S	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Milner	Weinstein	H Lall	Grabel
		Pass	1S
2S	3C	4H	Pass
Pass	4S	All Pass	

Chambers' two spade opening worked brilliantly. Robbins did not have enough distribution or strength to make a Michaels' style bid. He overcalled three hearts. The auction left Demirev no room to raise hearts.

Robbins had no reason to lead from an AQJ holding.

He tried the surprise attack by leading the suit he hadn't already advertised. The small club blew the club trick while also giving declarer time to immediately pitch his heart losers on high diamonds. Robbins ruffed the second diamond but it was too late. He tried to cash his heart ace. Chambers ruffed, led the trump king, ducked, and cashed the club ace and ruffed a club in dummy. Demirev overruffed, but Chambers was able to hold himself to three spade losers to make the hand... not the tricks you'd suspect he would lose.

In the other room, where Milner bid Michaels over the one spade opener, Lall jumped to game in hearts. When his opponents bid their spade game, Milner was not afraid to start his hearts and did. He cashed the two high hearts off the top and the contract was defeated a trick easily.

12 IMPs to Milner

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310 Restaurant ... Sample Menu:

Open 7 Days:

Mon-Sat 11am-2am / Sunday 10am-2am

Sunday Brunch:

10am-2pm (Full Menu also available)

Dining Room Serving:

Sun-Wed ~ 10pm / Thu-Sat ~ 11pm

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Zucchini Flatbread 11

Boneless Buffalo Bites 8

Gator Tail 13

Tuna Kobachi 14

Crab Cakes 14

Cold Tomato Bruschetta 8

Smoked Salmon 15

Salmon Bites 10

Assorted Cheese Platter 14

310 Garden Salad 10

1/2 310 Garden Salad 6

Caesar Salad 10

1/2 Caesar Salad 6

310 Cobb Salad 14

1/2 Cobb Salad 8

Mediterranean Salad 12

1/2 Mediterranean Salad 7

Seafood Salad 13

Tuna Filet Salad 17

~ Entrees ~

All entrees served with starch and vegetable of the day.

Filet Mignon 29

N.Y. Strip 30

Pork Chop 310 22

Roasted Duck 22

Chicken Roulade 18

Chicken Tarragon 16

Mahi 22

Grilled Salmon Filet 22

Fish & Chips 14

~ Pasta ~

Fettuccine Carbonara 12

Fettuccine tossed with smoked bacon, peas and mushrooms.

w/ shrimp 21

w/ chicken 17

Chicken Picatta 16

Chicken Penne Pasta 16

Linguine 14

Chicken Ravioli 14

Mushroom Ravioli 14

310 Smoked Salmon Pappardelle 17

~Sandwiches~

Akaushi Burger 15

Vegetable Sandwich 10

Hot Italian Sandwich 11

Park South Club 11

Tuna Salad Melt 10

Grilled Chicken Muffaletta 10

310 Blackened Fish 11

Turkey Sandwich 10

Angus Burger 10

Chicken Salad 10

Loaded Burger 11

Steak 310 13

Salmon Burger 11



Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2013 USBC is room 1122 in the Tower building. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join hostesses Lisa Berkowitz & Molly O'Neill for:

Breakfast each day from 8:00-11:00 am

Lunch on Wednesday-Sunday from 2:00-4:00.

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks from 3:30 until 8:30 nightly.

NOTE: on Friday-Tuesday, we have arranged with the hotel to have a buffet lunch available at the break between sessions. See Jan Martel for lunch coupons please.

The suite will close for maintenance from 11-3:30 Monday-Tuesday and from 11-2:00 from that time forward.



Howie and Jack Duel It Out!

Howie:

Calling me “Dung” is really quite scummy,
It was Jack after whom they coined the term, “Dummy.”

He can't pick a winner. He can't pick his clothes.
He's just 50-50 when picking his nose!

He can insult me. But as stones and sticks...
I can ignore him and laugh at his picks.

Fleisher is fresh ... Milner is tired.
Both of them playing with teams that they've hired.

Zia's got flair and he's good for a laugh.
I'm picking Marty to wow the Vu Graph.

Smart money's betting that Nick will go far.
Cohler pulls close but gets no cigar!

I am predicting ... and you know it's true.
Kranyak will finish as USA2.

No crystal ball, no metal detector...
I'd mortgage my house to bet against Spector!

Now let me say, and I say this to you...
Here are my picks for USA2:

Franco is leaving. Weinstein is in.
Again I am picking my namesake to win.

Aker will rock. The dough boys will thrill.
The Crystal will shatter. The Sherry will spill.

Harris is through. Morgan is done.
I'm gonna bet on the father and son!

See you in two days when matches are through.
Don't do anything I wouldn't do!

Howie Doing... not bad!

Jack:

Cheerio Yanks:

As always, Limey Jack will raise the amber nectar at the conclusion of the festies. That barking mad Howie Dung would have to give a backhander (bribe) to the scoring attendant so as to have the slightest notion as to which team was ahead at any point, let alone at the finale. But that is what you get when you allow a gent who is all mouth and no trousers to pretend to be Limey Jack's equal.

On to the round of 8. All participants have assembled.

Fleisher-Milner: Let's get it right out on the butcher block. Milner will prevail in this match. It will turn black as Newgate's knocker for Fleisher around the 5/8 pole.

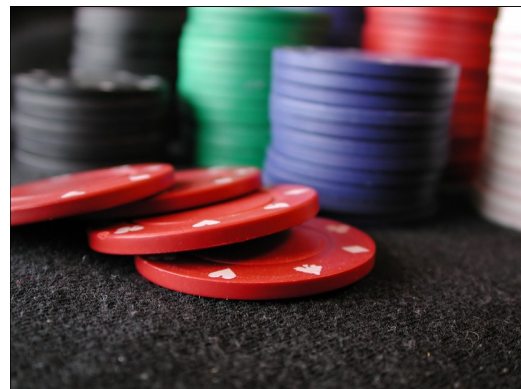
Nickell-Mahaffey: This match will go all the way. As usual, Nickell will start slow and keep the punters on edge, but at the conclusion it will be the stronger team that wins. A fine showing by Mahaffey with panache.

Diamond-Kranyak: In this final showdown of four handed teams, Diamond has the experience and the pedigree, while Kranyak has the heart and stamina of unadulterated youth. Playing on their own dime will not seem such a fine idea for long, but for now the bloom is still upon the rose. Look for Kranyak to win with the whip upheld.

Gordon-Spector: Gordon is a perennial also-ran and one would need to be banjo'd to pick them. I am mad keen over this Spector team and dare I say they will be hunting for the whole Monty. Spector by a wide space.

Listen to Limey Jack and not that Dung buffoon and you will soon be cashing in many chips.

Cheers, LJ



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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Puzzle Page ...

Saturday night, four couples went to the town's annual fall dance competition. Each couple dressed in matching colors and they all performed very well. The competition was fierce but friendly and everyone had a grand time. Determine the name of each couple, their place in the competition, and the color each couple wore.

1. Tom, who wasn't married to Jean, placed better than Mary and her husband but worse than the West couple did.
2. The couple wearing brown won the event. Mr. and Mrs. King came in 4th place.
3. Bill Snow and his wife didn't wear the green outfits. Jean wasn't married to John.
4. The couple wearing blue placed after the couple wearing red but before the King couple.
5. From 4th place to 1st place, the couples won in the following order: John and his wife, the couple wearing blue, Mr. and Mrs. Forest, Brenda and her husband.
6. George and his wife placed better than Tom and Sara.

	Brenda	Jean	Mary	Sara	Forest	King	Snow	West	1st place	2nd place	3rd place	4th place	Blue	Brown	Green	Red
Bill																
George																
John																
Tom																
Blue																
Brown																
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First name	First name	Last name	Place	Color

Info on next year's United States Bridge Championship ...

The 2014 USBC, which will select USA1 for the 2015 Bermuda Bowl, will be held in Phoenix, starting on Friday, May 9 and most likely ending on Sunday, May 18. The tournament will be held at the Embassy Suites Scottsdale. Room rate is \$139 a night and includes free internet, a hot breakfast, and Embassy Suites' afternoon "Managers' Reception." The Managers' Reception is during play; when Jan told the sales person at Embassy Suites that most of you would be busy at that time, he asked "but couldn't they come out and get a drink and take it in to the table while they're playing?" - made me laugh! The hotel is situated on a golf course that has special rates for hotel guests, for those who want to go a day or two early or get up early some mornings to enjoy golf. For those more interested in shopping, there's a large mall an easy walk from the hotel.

Phoenix is the largest Southwest hub in the country, so there are many flights to Phoenix from anyplace that Southwest flies, with the huge advantage that you can change the date of your return flight with no extra fee. We hope this will be a great place for the 2014 USBC.

World Youth Bridge Open Championship in Atlanta

The WBF, with support from ACBL, USBF, MABC , ACBL District 7, ACBL District 9, as well as private donors, will hold the 3rd World Youth Bridge Open Championship in Atlanta this summer. The complete schedule of play is posted on the WBF website.

Thanks to the generous support of MABC and District 7, all participants will be provided with lunch and dinner each day. Entries are due by July 1, although the organizers will try to accommodate late entrants. All players must be born in 1988 or later; there are no residence or nationality requirements.

Participants will be treated to an Atlanta Braves Game.

United States Women's and Seniors' Bridge Championships Information

The 2013 USWBC and the 2013 USSBC will be held at the Buena Vista Palace, in Orlando, FL, starting on Friday, July 12th. The USWBC will probably ending on Thursday, July 18th; The USSBC will probably end Saturday, July 20. The room rate for both events is \$129 per night, including internet and the hotel's "resort fee." To make reservations online, go to our designated reservation page. To make reservations by phone, call 866-397-6516 and mention USBF. If you have any problem making a reservation, email Jan and she will try to straighten it out.

SENIOR ENTRY INFORMATION

To enter, log into the USBF site and click on "Enter Senior Trials" under the User Menu, then follow instructions. To guarantee that you will be allowed to play, you must enter on or before Friday, June 14, 2013. Additional entries will be accepted until Friday, June 21st, but only if they improve the format of the event.

WOMEN'S ENTRY INFORMATION

To enter, log into the USBF site and click on "Enter Women's Trials" under the User Menu, then follow instructions. To guarantee that you will be allowed to play, you must enter on or before Monday, June 3, 2013. Additional entries will be accepted until Monday, June 24th, but only if they do not change the format of the event.

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red	2nd place	Forest	Sara	Tom
green	4th place	King	Mary	John
brown	1st place	West	Brenda	George
blue	3rd place	Snow	Jean	Bill
Color	Place	Last name	First name	First name

Junior Page ...

Board 6
 Dealer: E
 E/W Vul.

♠ J984
 ♥ 843
 ♦ A9654
 ♣ 7

♠ AK
 ♥ QJ7
 ♦ 2
 ♣ AK98532



♠ Q62
 ♥ AKT
 ♦ QJ87
 ♣ QT4

♠ T753
 ♥ 9652
 ♦ KT3
 ♣ J6

West	North	East	South
Tyler Hart	Evan Berman	Ryan Wessels	Stan Subeck
		1D	Pass
2C	Pass	2NT	Pass
4C	Pass	4H	Pass
4NT (RKC)	Pass	5D (1 or 4)	Pass
6C	All Pass		

This was a well bid slam by 15 year-old Tyler Hart (West) playing for the first time with 25 year-old Ryan Wessels (East).

After the 2NT rebid by Wessels, Hart was confident that his side had at least a nine-card club fit. He set trumps by jumping to 4C. The 4H cuebid by East was just what Tyler needed to hear. He assumed that his partner would not cuebid with only two small clubs. He bid 4NT (RKC in clubs) and settled in 6C when partner showed one keycard.

Even if East's clubs were only Jx, slam would be a good play requiring either a 2-2 break or a singleton queen.



Tyler Hart of Reno, NV



Michael Rosenberg, working with wife, Debbie, to co-ordinate the junior player partnerships for the upcoming Youth competitions in Atlanta, GA, this summer

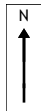
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Board 68
 Dealer: W
 All Vul.

♠ AKJT9
 ♥ 974
 ♦ K83
 ♣ J4

♠ 87542
 ♥ J
 ♦ A9654
 ♣ T2

♠ Q63
 ♥ T86
 ♦ QJ7
 ♣ 9753



West	North	East	South
Compton	Pollack	Wold	Feldman
1C (str., art.)	1S	Pass	2S
3S	Pass	4C	Pass
4S	Pass	4NT	Pass
6C	All Pass		

The trick on this hand is to avoid slam... and it isn't easy. You can make six hearts on a non-trump lead if you decide to play for 3-3 hearts, but why not play for 3-3 clubs instead?

As it was, Compton/Wold played in 6C, a reasonable contract doomed by the 4/2 break in trumps.

Pollack led the predictable spade king. Compton ruffed and played a heart to dummy's jack. He played a club to the ace and king, noting the fall of North's jack. He cashed one heart and led the queen of clubs. When the bad news was

confirmed, he conceded down one and moved on.

At the other table, Demirev and Robbins played in six hearts after a NAMYATS auction.

Demirev	Schermer	Robbins	Chambers
4C (NAMYATS)	Pass	4H (Let me out!)	Pass
4S	Double	Pass	Pass
Redouble	Pass	5D	Pass
6H	All Pass		

While Schermer might have led a spade from his AKJT9, Demirev and Robbins wrongsided the contract and Chambers had no trouble finding a trump lead.

The result was a push at a point where Weinstein need swings badly. One chance slipped away...

Board 47
 Dealer: S
 N/S Vul.

♠ KT85
 ♥ AK
 ♦ J72
 ♣ KQ86

Diversions ... from Barry Rigal

Board 47 of the Round Robin was a straightforward hand. But straightforward hands are sometimes whimsical. Most, if not all NS pairs will play in 3NT. If a diamond is led, the defense will take the first five tricks. Barry Rigal is the source of our whimsy.

♠ QJ973
 ♥ 93
 ♦ AQ863
 ♣ T

♠ 64
 ♥ QT542
 ♦ K95
 ♣ J42

♠ A2
 ♥ J876
 ♦ T4
 ♣ AT953



He proposes that the diamond seven and the diamond eight be interchanged with North as declarer. Now, East leads the five of diamonds to West's ace, North follows with the deuce. West returns the diamond six and North follows with the JACK!

East wins the king and returns the nine. If East started with K985, West must duck to avoid blocking the suit and taking only four tricks. On the other hand, if East started with K95, West must play the queen to avoid taking only three tricks in the suit.

Perhaps, East should lead the king. This could solve the problem on this hand. West would have no choice but to cash the diamonds and pray for the suit to run. Unfortunately, king leads are dangerous, since they often call for a specific play (e.g. attitude or unblock/count). With a different hand, East might win and

discontinue the suit in order to avoid setting up a trick for declarer when his partner started with K9 doubleton.

Another possibility is to lead third best when trying to avoid suit blockage. The partnership would need some agreement like, "the eight or higher is never fourth best". Then one would lead fifth best from holdings like AQT85 and third best from K985.

What is your partnership's agreement?