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UNITED STATES WOMEN'S AND SENIORS' BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Oldies and Goodies

## Senior USA1 SemiFinals:

#	TEAM	TOTAL	Carry Over	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Penalties
1	Lynch	153.78	5.78	29	27	49	43			
4	Kasle	121		47	42	5	27			
2	Schwartz	243.04	2.04	77	44	55	65			
3	Street	93		35	12	21	25	WD		

## USA2 Round of 16:

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60
5	Simson	137	41	32	51	13
12	Morse	90	29	13	14	34
6	Levine	136	20	37	63	16
11	Cappelli	144	39	33	31	41
7	Lay	124	13	33	38	40
10	Meltzer	149	28	61	26	34
8	Friedland	108	12	33	33	30
9	Brod	101	11	32	30	28

## Women's Finals:

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60
1	Baker	114	50	13	20	31
2	Sonsini	136	11	55	23	47
<b>Playoff</b>						
3	Westheimer	114	11	62	20	21
4	Sprung	90	24	9	24	33



I miss Alex and Emmy.  
This is too tough!

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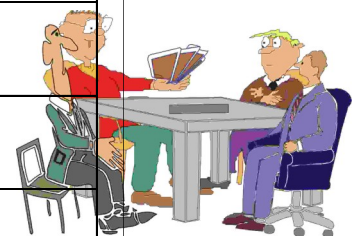
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**Women's Teams:  
RR Number Order  
(Random Draw)**

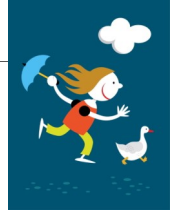


<b>Lynch</b>	<b>Carolyn Lynch, Capt</b> <b>Eddie Wold</b> <b>Roger Bates</b>	<b>Mike Passell</b> <b>Garey Hayden</b> <b>Marc Jacobus</b>
<b>Schwartz</b>	<b>Richard Schwartz, Capt</b> <b>Sam Lev</b> <b>Neil Chambers</b>	<b>J. Allan Graves</b> <b>Robert Hamman</b> <b>John Schermer</b>
<b>Strul</b>	<b>Aubrey Strul, Capt</b> <b>Lew Stansby</b> <b>Drew Casen</b>	<b>Lewis Finkel</b> <b>Bart Bramley</b> <b>Jim Krekorian</b>
<b>Kasle</b>	<b>Gaylor Kasle, Capt</b> <b>Arnold Fisher</b> <b>Kit Woolsey</b>	<b>Larry Kozlove</b> <b>Fred Hamilton</b> <b>Fred Stewart</b>
<b>Morse</b>	<b>Dan Morse, Capt</b> <b>John Sutherlin</b> <b>Howard Weinstein</b>	<b>Bobby Wolff</b> <b>Dan Gerstman</b> <b>Ron Smith</b>
<b>Levine</b>	<b>Michael Levine, Capt</b> <b>Russell Ekeblad</b> <b>Jerry Clerkin</b>	<b>Dennis McGarry</b> <b>Peter Weichsel</b> <b>Dennis Clerkin</b>
<b>Meltzer</b>	<b>Rose Meltzer, Capt</b> <b>Mark Feldman</b> <b>Steve Beatty</b>	<b>John Mohan</b> <b>Bill Pollack</b> <b>Mark Cohen</b>
<b>Street</b>	<b>Paul Street, Capt</b> <b>Matthew Granovetter</b> <b>Hemant Lall</b>	<b>Barnet Shenkin</b> <b>Ron Rubin</b> <b>Ira Chorus</b>
<b>Cappelli</b>	<b>Robert Cappelli, Capt</b> <b>Kenneth Kranyak</b> <b>John Onstott</b>	<b>Robert Katz</b> <b>Phil Becker</b> <b>Bruce Ferguson</b>
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<b>Brod</b>	<b>Geoffrey Brod, Capt</b> <b>Glenn Eisenstein</b> <b>Robert Bitterman</b>	<b>John Rengstorff</b> <b>William Wickham</b> <b>Jerry Helms</b>
<b>Lay</b>	<b>Spike Lay, Capt</b> <b>Ronald Smith</b>	<b>Linda Smith</b> <b>Larry Griffey</b>

**senior Teams  
(Seeding Order)**



# Women's United States Championship Schedule of Play



Day	Date	Time	Stage
Friday	July 12	9:30 am	Captains' Meeting
Friday & Saturday	July 12 July 13	10:00 am - 8:00 pm	<b>Round Robin</b>
SEMI-FINAL			
Sunday	July 14	10:00 am - 12:15 pm 12:25 - 2:40 4:00 - 6:15 6:25 - 8:40	Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32 <b>Dinner break</b> Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64
FINAL & USA2 SEMI-FINAL			
Monday	July 15	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 <b>Lunch break</b> Boards 30-45 Boards 46-60
Tuesday	July 16	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90 <b>Dinner break</b> Boards 90-105 Boards 106-120
USA2 FINAL			
Wednesday	July 17	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 <b>Lunch break</b> Boards 30-45 Boards 46-60
Thursday	July 18	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90 <b>Dinner break</b> Boards 90-105 Boards 106-120

## Women's Humor...

A lady is having a bad day at the tables in Vegas. Down to her last \$100, completely exasperated, she cries, "What rotten luck! What in the world should I do now?"

A gent next to her, trying to calm her down a bit, calmly suggests, "I don't know... Why don't you play your age?"

He walks away. Moments later, he hears a great commotion at the roulette table. Rushing back and pushing his way through the crowd, he is stunned to see the lady lying limp on the floor, with the table operator kneeling over her.

He asks, "What happened? Is she all right?"

The operator replies, "I don't know, buddy.... She put all her money on 29. When 36 came up she fainted!"

<p>Board 32 Dealer: W E/W Vul.</p> <p>♠ 97643 ♥ QT ♦ KJ92 ♣ AQ</p> <p>♠ KQJ2 ♥ J9 ♦ QT8543 ♣ 7</p> <p>♠ T ♥ 752 ♦ A6 ♣ KJ98543</p>		<p>♠ A85 ♥ AK8643 ♦ 7 ♣ T62</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>West</td> <td>North</td> <td>East</td> <td>South</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sonsini</td> <td>P Granovetter</td> <td>Radin</td> <td>J Stansby</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1NT (12-16)</td> <td>2C (one suit)</td> <td>3NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Bernstein</td> <td>Deas</td> <td>Wheeler</td> <td>Palmer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>1S</td> <td>2H</td> <td>All pass</td> </tr> </table> <p>Wheeler took ten tricks in 2H. With the trump J9 falling, there were eleven available but that is not so important in the part score. Deas was smart to pass the auction out at a low level. Her side has no game. She is not vulnerable, and, as it was, reopening with a double could only improve the opponent position.</p> <p>At the other table, it was more interesting. Granovetter opened a 12-16 NT. Radin showed an unknown one suiter. With a lack of strength, but a possible source of seven club tricks plus the ace of diamonds, Stansby jumped to game.</p> <p>Radin had to lead hearts from the top to defeat 3NT.</p>	West	North	East	South	Sonsini	P Granovetter	Radin	J Stansby	Pass	1NT (12-16)	2C (one suit)	3NT	All pass				Bernstein	Deas	Wheeler	Palmer	Pass	1S	2H	All pass
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Pass	1S	2H	All pass																								

As usual, Judy was up to it. It was perfect for her. She led her ace, saw partner's nine, and continued with the king. If partner held singleton nine, there was nothing she could do about it anyway.

The contract could have been defeated six tricks, however, Sonsini pitched one of her spades and it went down only five! 2 IMPs to Sonsini

# Seniors' United States Championship Schedule of Play

Day	Date	Time	Boards Played
Friday	July 12	9:30 am	Captains' Meeting
<b>Round Robin</b>			
Friday	July 12	10:00 - 10:55 11:00 - 11:55 12:00 - 12:55  2:15 - 3:10 3:15 - 4:10 4:15 - 5:10  5:30 - 6:25 6:30 - 7:25 7:30 - 8:25	Boards 1-6 Boards 7-12 Boards 13-18 80 Minute Lunch Break Boards 19-24 Boards 25-30 Boards 31-36 20 Minute Break Boards 37-42 Boards 43-48 Boards 49-54
Saturday	July 13	10:00 - 10:55 11:00 - 11:55 ** 12:00 - 12:55 ** 1:00 - 1:55 **	Boards 55-60 Boards 61-66 ** Boards 67-72 ** Boards 73-78 **
<b>Quarter-Final &amp; USA2 Round of 32 (click here for schedule)</b>			
Saturday	July 13	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Sunday	July 14	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30  3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 70 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
<b>Semi-Final &amp; USA2 Round of 16</b>			
Monday	July 15	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30  3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 70 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Tuesday	July 16	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
<b>Final &amp; USA2 Quarterfinal</b>			
Tuesday	July 16	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Wednesday	July 17	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30  3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 70 Minute Lunch Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
<b>USA2 Semi-Final</b>			
Thursday	July 18	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30  3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 70 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Friday	July 19	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
<b>USA2 Final</b>			
Friday	July 19	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Saturday	July 20	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30  3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 70 Minute Lunch Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90

## Woman's Shootings

A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him.

But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together.

How can this be?

**The Answer:**

**The woman was a photographer.**

## Age Problem

My age today is three times what it will be three years from now minus three times what my age was three years ago. How old am I?

**The Answer:**

**The math way:**

**X = The current age.**

$$X = 3(X+3) - 3(X-3)$$

$$X = 18.$$

**If I was 18 then three times my age three years from now would be  $21 \times 3$  (63). Three times my age three years ago would be  $15 \times 3$  (45). Subtract 45 from 63 and I am 18.**

# From the Senior USA1 Event:

Board 16 ♠ KJ9862  
 Dealer: W ♥ 87  
 E/W Vul. ♦ T9  
 ♣ J94

♠ A74  
 ♥ AK96  
 ♦ AQ3  
 ♣ AQ5



♠ 3  
 ♥ 53  
 ♦ K875  
 ♣ K87632

♠ QT5  
 ♥ QJT42  
 ♦ J642  
 ♣ T

West	North	East	South
Kasle	Jacobus	Kozlove	Wold
2C	3S	Pass (positive)	4S
Pass	Pass	6C	All pass

Passell	Fisher	Lynch	Hamilton
1C (strong)	2S	Double (values)	3S
3NT	All pass		

Passell and Lynch, for all their science (Precision), could not get past the level of game. Their counterparts in the other room, Kasle and Kozlove, despite aggressive interference by their opponents, used the most old-fashioned of methods (apropos in the Seniors) to get to the small slam. Both East/Wests took all 13 tricks on a red suit squeeze.

The opening lead at both tables was a spade. In 3NT, Passell won the spade and ran off six rounds of clubs, South suffering the discards of two hearts and one diamond. Now Mike took four rounds of diamonds. Done! +720

The play was somewhat different in six clubs (Declarer ruffed some hearts), but it could have been the same. Kasle, too, took all thirteen tricks. A blown opportunity for both teams ...

12 IMPs to Kasle

Schermer	Rubin	Chambers	Granovetter
2NT (23-24)	Pass	3S (transfer to clubs)	Pass
3NT (super acceptance)	Pass	4D	Pass
4H	Pass	4S	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
5H	Pass	6C	All pass

In the Street/Schwartz match, on this same hand, no one took 13 tricks! Everyone settled for twelve.

With no interference from Rubin and Granovetter, Schermer and Chambers got to the small slam from East, scoring +1370 after the lead of the HQ.

Chorush	Lev	Lall	Hamman
2C	2S	Pass	4S
Pass	Pass	5C	All pass

In the other room of that match, Chorush opened 2C, and again the opponents, Lev and Hamman, aggressively interfered. Lall bid 5C in the pass out position and Chorush, with a lot of controls, went quietly. Five clubs made six after the lead of a spade, Chorush, quite reasonably, not concerned about squeezes for seven while playing in game.

13 IMPs to Schwartz

## Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2013 Women's and Seniors' USBC is Suite1222. Players, volunteers, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join hostesses Lisa Berkowitz and Molly O'Neill for:

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

Lunch on Monday through Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.

The Hospitality Suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the most of the playing hours, and for a short time after the end of play each day. **It will be closed from 11:00-2:30 while our hostesses are shopping and preparing lunch.**

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

Sudoku 1

# Sudoku

## Senior Sentiments

"At age 4 success is...not peeing your pants.  
 At age 12 success is...having friends.  
 At age 17 success is...having a driver's license.  
 At age 20 success is...having sex.  
 At age 35 success is...having money.  
 At age 50 success is...having money.  
 At age 65 success is...having sex.  
 At age 70 success is...having a driver's license.  
 At age 75 success is...having friends.  
 At age 80 success is....not peeing your pants."

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

Sudoku 2

# Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

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

Sudoky 2 Solution

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

# Puzzle Page ...

Sally and three of her friends decided to plant a new tree in their yard to celebrate Arbor Day. The new trees would each be put in a different area of their yards. As it happened each friend bought a different kind of tree and planted the new tree on a different day of the week. From the clues below, determine the full names of each friend, what kind of tree each bought, where in the yard it was planted, and on what day of the week each tree was planted.

Wanda, whose last name wasn't Frost, didn't plant her spruce tree by the patio.

Tracy planted her tree before Mrs. Dart but after the woman who planted the ash tree.

Mrs. Best, whose first name wasn't Sally, planted her tree in the front yard, but not on Friday.

Rhonda didn't plant her tree on Monday.

Mrs. Grand planted her tree before the woman who planted her tree in the back yard. Rhonda didn't plant the cherry tree.

The trees were planted, in chronological order, as follows: Mrs. Frost, in the garden, Wanda, the maple tree.

	Best	Dart	Frost	Grand	Ash tree	Cherry tree	Maple tree	Spruce tree	By the garden	By the patio	In the back yard	In the front yard	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rhonda																
Sally																
Tracy																
Wanda																
Monday																
Wednesday																
Thursday																
Friday																
By the Garden																
By the patio																
In the back yard																
In the front yard																
Ash tree																
Cherry tree																
Maple tree																
Spruce tree																

## Answers to Puzzle

Rhonda Dart, maple tree, in the backyard, Friday  
 Sally Frost, ash tree, by the patio, Monday  
 Tracy Grand, cherry tree, in the garden, Wednesday  
 Wanda Best, spruce tree, in the front yard, Thursday

# From the Women's ...

Board 16

Dealer: W  
E/S Vul.

♠ Q832  
♥ KJ9  
♦ 8765  
♣ T5

♠ 765  
♥ Q864  
♦ A4  
♣ J972



♠ AK4  
♥ A752  
♦ KJT  
♣ AQ6

♠ JT9  
♥ T3  
♦ Q932  
♣ K843

Ironically, Board 16, though a different hand, was volatile in the Women's too.

West	North	East	South
Bernstein	Deas	Wheeler	Palmer
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3C	Pass	3H	Pass
4H	All pass		

Sonsini	McCallum	Radin	Baker
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3C (puppet)	Pass	3D (one or more 4 card major... no 5 card major)	Pass
3S (four hearts)	Pass	4H	All pass

To lead aggressively or not to lead aggressively ... that is the question. Against Sally Wheeler's 4H, Beth Palmer chose to lead the spade jack. Wheeler won in hand, played the diamond jack toward dummy. When Palmer played small, Wheeler rose with the ace and finessed the ten to the queen in South. Palmer continued her attack on spades. Wheeler won the king and played the trump ace followed by the diamond king, tossing the losing spade from dummy. The heart deuce went to the queen and king. The heart jack was cashed, and a club through the AQ produced the fourth trick for the defense... down one.

In the other room, Baker chose a very aggressive lead especially considering her obvious spade holding. She led her third best club from the king. Radin made swift work of the hand. She won the club with the queen and played ace of trump and a trump toward the queen, losing to the king. McCallum switched to the spade but it was too late. Radin was able to establish dummy's club jack for the pitch of her spade loser. Contact making ... 12 IMPs to Sonsini

Board 16

Dealer: W  
E/W Vul.

♠ Q3  
♥ A872  
♦ KJ6  
♣ KQ93

♠ J874  
♥ T3  
♦ A9542  
♣ J6



♠ T96  
♥ 94  
♦ Q873  
♣ A872

♠ AK52  
♥ KQJ65  
♦ T  
♣ T54

In the Women's matches, the boards are unique...

J Levin	S Cohen	J Wolpert	J Sprung
Pass	1NT	Pass	2C
Pass	2H	Pass	3S (sets ♥ as trump)
Pass	4H	Pass	4S
Pass	5C	Pass	6H
All pass			

Quinn	Disa	Breed	Westheimer
Pass	1NT	Pass	2C
Pass	2H	Pass	3S
Pass	4H	All pass	

Obviously the wheels came off the bus for Cohen/Sprung when Cohen cuebid her 2nd round club control. At both tables, East/West took their two minor suit aces ... 11 IMPs to Westheimer ... Sprung should have recognized that her partner was showing second round control of clubs when she neglected to cue directly over the 3S bid. A 4C bid directly over 3S would have been clear 1st round control.

## World Youth Bridge Open Championship in Atlanta

The WBF, with support from the ACBL, the USBF, the MABC, ACBL District 7, ACBL District 9, the Common Club, 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.

All participants will be provided with lunch and dinner each day. All players must have been born in or after 1988.



Board 53  
 Dealer: N  
 N/S Vul.

- ♠ A963
- ♥ 654
- ♦ Q962
- ♣ 52

- ♠ Q42
- ♥ 98
- ♦ A
- ♣ KQJT974



- ♠ KT7
- ♥ AKT73
- ♦ K53
- ♣ 63

- ♠ J85
- ♥ QJ2
- ♦ JT874
- ♣ A8

West	North	East	South
Passell	Fisher	Lynch	Hamilton
	Pass	1H	Pass
2C	Pass	2NT	Pass
5C	All pass		

Kasle	Bates	Kozlove	Wold
	Pass	1H	Pass
2C	Pass	2NT	Pass
3C	Pass	3NT	All pass

Shenkin	Schermer	Street	Chambers
	Pass	1H	Pass
2C	Pass	2H	Pass
3C	Pass	3NT	Pass
5C	All pass		

Lev	Chorush	Hamman	Lall
	Pass	1H	Pass
2C	Pass	2NT	Pass
3C	Pass	3NT	All pass

Two tables found 3NT and went down.  
 Two tables found 5C and made 6. Of course, one of each scenario took place in each match.

Five clubs is easy. There are only two losers, the two black aces. At both the tables in 5C, the ace of spades went away when the declarer led toward the spade king and North ducked.

Against 3NT both Souths led a diamond. The transportation on the hand is miserable. If one sets up the clubs, it is useless because you cannot get there to use them. Declarer can only come to one club, two diamonds, four hearts (ducking one first), and one spade for eight tricks.

11 IMPs to Lynch

11 IMPs to Street

# Peg's Pics!



Board 20  
 Dealer: W  
 All Vul.

♠ Q763  
 ♥ T643  
 ♦ J9  
 ♣ 762

♠ AKJT  
 ♥ A95  
 ♦ K842  
 ♣ 84



♠ 82  
 ♥ KQJ7  
 ♦ Q3  
 ♣ AKQ95

♠ 954  
 ♥ 82  
 ♦ AT765  
 ♣ JT3

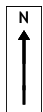
With clubs 3-3, twelve tricks are easy. In the Street/Schwartz match, the board was a push. In the Lynch/Kasle match, however, 13 IMPs went to Kasle when Passell/Lynch avoided the cold slam.

In three of the auctions, East, holding 17 HCP and a good five card suit, took the initiative and bid the slam. Carolyn invited. Mike was looking at a minimum.

Board 22  
 Dealer: E  
 E/W Vul.

♠  
 ♥ KQJ9753  
 ♦ 52  
 ♣ KJ92

♠ KT83  
 ♥ A64  
 ♦ 763  
 ♣ T43



♠ J4  
 ♥ T82  
 ♦ QT82  
 ♣ A876

♠ AQ97652  
 ♥  
 ♦ AKJ9  
 ♣ Q5

In the Lynch/Kasle match, Board 22 was a push. Both tables arrived in game in the better of their 7-0 trump fits. Hamilton/Fisher got there the "old" way, while Wold/Jacobus used more science.

What happened in the other match? Hamman/Chorush found 4H on an easy auction. Rubin/Granovetter, however, reached the inferior 4S game. The ugly trump split defeated this contract.

Somehow, it just seems wrong that using the relays, Matt could learn so much more about his partner's hand than others could with the old fashioned systems and then be the only one to arrive in the wrong spot. 11 IMPs to Schwartz

West	North	East	South
Kasle	Jacobus	Kozlove	Wold
1NT	Pass	2C	Pass
2S	Pass	3C	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	All pass

Passell	Fisher	Lynch	Hamilton
1NT	Pass	2C	Pass
2S	Pass	3C	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	All pass

Chorush	Lev	Lall	Hamman
1NT	Pass	2C	Pass
2S	Pass	3C	Pass
3NT	Pass	4C	Pass
4D	Pass	6NT	All pass

Schermer	Rubin	Chambers	Granovetter
1NT	Pass	2D	Pass
2S	Pass	3C	Pass
3NT	Pass	4C	Pass
4S	Pass	6NT	All pass

Passell	Fisher	Lynch	Hamilton
		Pass	1S
Pass	2H	Pass	2S
Pass	4H	All pass	

Kasle	Jacobus	Kozlove	Wold
		Pass	1C (strong)
Pass	1H	Pass	1S
Pass	2H	Pass	2S
Pass	3H	Pass	3S
Pass	4H	All pass	

Chorush	Lev	Lall	Hamman
		Pass	1S
Pass	2H	Pass	2S
Pass	4H	All pass	

Schermer	Rubin	Chambers	Granovetter
		Pass	1C (strong)
Pass	1NT	Pass	2C
Pass	2D	Pass	2H
Pass	2NT	Pass	3C
Pass	3H	Pass	4S
All pass			

Board 37  
 Dealer: N  
 N/S Vul.  
 ♠ AKJT764  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ KT54

♠ 5  
 ♥ AK8643  
 ♦ 753  
 ♣ 972  
 ♠ 93  
 ♥ T95  
 ♦ KQ42  
 ♣ AQJ6  
 ♠ Q82  
 ♥ QJ2  
 ♦ AJT96  
 ♣ 83



West	North	East	South
Bernstein	Deas	Wheeler	Palmer
	1S	Double	Redouble
4H	4S	Pass	Pass
5H	5S	All pass	

Sonsini	Granovetter	Radin	Stansby
	1S	Pass	2H
Double	4S	All pass	

Bernstein/Wheeler won this board in the auction. Wheeler's takeout double made it easy for Bernstein to take the save against four spades. Five hearts would probably have gone down two on a diamond lead. The defense would collect one diamond, one ruff, one spade, and one trump. (Declarer could pick up the QJ2 of trump in the slot but it is unlikely she will take that play after a diamond ruff by North.)

At the other table, Radin disdained the takeout double and simply passed her flat twelve count. Joanna Stansby's 2H call was artificial and showed a spade raise. Sonsini did her best by doubling to she hearts, but with only three, Radin had nothing she could do.

Against both contracts, East chose the HT lead to partner's king. Sonsini continued with the HA. Granovetter lost two clubs and one heart for ten tricks.

Bernstein won her HK and shifted to a club. Wheeler won the queen and cashed the ace, hoping partner was short. In the end declarer came to 10 tricks again... down one... 12 IMPs to Baker

Board 38  
 Dealer: E  
 E/W Vul.  
 ♠ J65  
 ♥ AT5  
 ♦ KQJT  
 ♣ AJ4

♠ AQ872  
 ♥  
 ♦ A73  
 ♣ Q9875  
 ♠ 3  
 ♥ KQJ8642  
 ♦ 942  
 ♣ T2  
 ♠ KT94  
 ♥ 973  
 ♦ 865  
 ♣ K63



Westheimer	Breed	Disa	Quinn
Sprung	Wolpert	Cohen	Levin
		3H	Pass
Pass	3NT	All pass	

Cohen led the heart queen, Wolpert winning in hand. Jenny played a spade to dummy's nine, losing to Sprung's queen. Sprung switched to a diamond, won with the king, and the jack of spades was played and ducked. Wolpert switched to the diamond queen which Sprung won with her ace. Sprung exited a club which Wolpert won with her ace. Another spade went to the ten and ace, Sprung exiting with the spade seven to the king in dummy. Wolpert cashed her good diamonds and played a club to the king. She could come to only eight tricks and the contract was defeated.

At the other table, Disa led the heart king. Breed won and played her king of diamonds, ducked. She led the spade five to the ten and queen. Westheimer exited with the club seven, won by declarer with the ace. The jack of spades went to the ace and another club was led, declarer, realizing that she needed the queen onside and putting in the jack. When the jack held, Breed was in a good position.

She could safely collect two spades, three diamonds, three clubs, and a heart... contract making!

It is hard to understand why both declarers went up with the club ace on the first round of that suit. Once the spade hook loses to the queen, declarer has one logical play to take nine tricks. She needs the queen of clubs onside. West had the opportunity to make the great deceptive play of winning the ace of spades instead of the queen. Declarer will think she has three spade tricks and she must retain the club king as a dummy entry. Assume East wins the ace of spades and returns a diamond, declarer wins and drives out the diamond ace. East ducks twice and returns a club. Declarer likely will rise ace, cash the fourth diamond and lead a small spade toward dummy, guarding against West holding queen doubleton... the plan being to capture the Qx, return to the SJ, and lead a club to dummy to cash the last spade.

Board 39  
 Dealer: S  
 All Vul.  
 ♠ KQJT2  
 ♥ T8  
 ♦ AQ  
 ♣ KQ92

♠ A8765  
 ♥ Q96432  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ 7  
 ♠ 4  
 ♥ AK75  
 ♦ T8543  
 ♣ 643  
 ♠ 93  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ KJ962  
 ♣ AJT85



West	North	East	South
Passell	Stewart	Hayden	Woolsey
			2NT (minors)
Pass	3S	Pass	4S
All pass			

Hamilton	Jacobus	Fisher	Wold
			Pass
Pass	1C (strong)	Pass	1H
1S	Pass	Pass	2D
2H	Pass	Pass	3C
Pass	3S	Pass	4H
Pass	5C	All Pass	

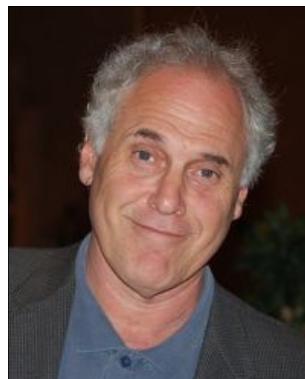
Against 4S, Hayden led the HA. He shifted to a club, won in hand by declarer who then ruffed a heart in dummy. A spade was led to the king and spades were continued to Passell's ace. Passell gave declarer a ruff and sluff and declarer played ace of diamonds and then led the queen over to the king. Passell ruffed this and the hand fell apart... down three.

In the other room, Fisher led his singleton spade against five clubs. If Hamilton wins it and gives Fisher a ruff, Fisher can still collect his heart ace for down one... however, Hamilton won the spade and switched to his singleton diamond, hoping Fisher held the DA. Jacobus collected twelve tricks and 14 IMPs for Lynch.

In the other Senior USA1 match:

Graves	Street	Schwartz	Shenkin
			Pass
Pass	1S	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4S
All pass			

Granovetter	Schermer	Rubin	Chambers
			Pass
Pass	1S	Pass	2NT
Pass	4S	All pass	



Schermer, left  
 Chambers, above

Street suffered the same fate as Stewart in the other match... Schwartz led ace of hearts, king of hearts, tapping dummy. Street played a trump to his king, a high club from hand, and led the spade queen. Graves won and continued hearts. East/West was able to tap out declarer's hand to defeat the contract three vulnerable tricks.

In the other room, Rubin led the heart ace and switched to the spade four. Declarer rose in dummy with the nine and Granovetter allowed that to hold. A diamond was led to the ace and the heart ten was ruffed small. A club to the king followed and the queen of spades was ducked around... East pitching his heart seven.

The king of spades was played and ducked, and the queen of diamonds followed, Granovetter pitching a heart! Schermer tried the deuce of clubs to the ace and Granovetter ruffed with the spade eight.

He waited so long to gain entry, all he could collect at this point was his trump ace. Schermer came to ten tricks and scored +620... a well earned 14 IMPs for Schwartz