

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Results:

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120
1	Diamond	231	38	19	<u>51</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	54	20
8	Mahaffey	212	1	32	<u>29</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>32</u>	24	35
2	Ganzer	233	<u>23</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>25</u>	53	14	36	30
7	Fireman	271	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>40</u>	14	23	36	25
3	Cayne	248	<u>39</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>26</u>	43	
6	Bramley	137	<u>27</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>1</u>	28	wd
4	Fleisher	203	<u>8</u>	<u>18</u>	29	12	<u>46</u>	<u>23</u>	16	51
5	Gordon	263	<u>35</u>	<u>39</u>	17	38	<u>28</u>	<u>23</u>	52	31

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**Don't miss the Trials-related
puzzle on page 2 from Michael Rosenberg!**

Howie Doing ...

Here is the news:
Jack's two for four.
I'm know what I'm "Doing"
So I got one more!!

Into the semis,
Four teams remain.
Bramley's withdrawn
So one must be Cayne.

It's Diamond v. Gordon
For USA2,
The winner decided
When this match is through.

Hampson's got Greco
And Diamond's got Brian
Bathhurst's got Lall
And this group is high flyin.

But Gordon's pumped up
With Sonty and Berk...
And somehow these partnerships
Just seem to work.

I'm picking for Mark.
His team has fine wit...
And after 3 No made,
Mark's due for a hit!
(Ed. note: See hand on top of page 4)

In Cayne versus Fireman,
Anyone's call...
Jimmy is tired
So I'm picking Paul.

The winner of this match
While proud they should be
Is really just playing
For USA3!

Howie Doing ... see you in two for the Final!

Hallo Yanks:

Limey Jack continues to call the results perfectly, but has to chivy along the Dung chap who is too dim to know that he is gormless. Thanks to my erstwhile idol, friend, and partner, Cayne continued their ascent unabated. When Limey Jack tells you to have a flutter on a match and Zia is part of it, one best take heed.

Diamond V Gordon: Gordon seems to have come alive and has piqued Limey Jack's interest, winning handily against the overmatched Fleisher squad. Can lightning strike twice? Yes, Gordon makes his first final, eking out Diamond when Hampson-Greco bid aggressively and find a ne'er-do-well split in trump.

Cayne V Fireman: Fireman has never been this far along the path to the Parsonage and Cayne cruelly prevents him from gazing upon the cliffs of Dover in the morning mist. Fireman, in spite of a lack of seasoning, has comported himself quite well indeed. The Laddies on his team are always eager but Cayne, even at 82 and recently stricken, has the Master at his side. Zia is determined to once again eat Indian food in India.

The blather will continue in nonsensical pseudo rhyming, but Limey Jack will see you through.

Cheers, LJ



I could tell you who will win for sure... but then I'd have to kill you!!!!

Good luck everyone!

A Puzzle From Michael Rosenberg: 0508040201

What is the significance of this number to these Trials? You can email your answers to Michael at microse59@gmail.com or to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net. We will announce the winners in subsequent bulletins. Good luck!

Teams in Order by Seeding

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

Diamond Bye to Rnd of 16	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Justin Lall	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Kevin Bathurst
Hamman Bye to Rnd of 16	Robert Hamman, Capt Ross Grabel Ron Rubin	Roger Lee Howard Weinstein Peter Weichsel
Fleisher Bye to Rnd of 16	Martin Fleisher Brad Moss Michael Rosenberg Jan Martel, NPC	Chip Martel Ishmael Delmonte Chris Willenken
Cayne	Jimmy Cayne, Capt Curtis Cheek Michael Kamil	Michael Seamon Joe Grue Zia Mahmood
Gordon	Mark Gordon, Capt Alan Sontag Jacek Pszczola	Pratap Rajadhyaksha David Berkowitz Kevin Dwyer
Bramley	Bart Bramley, Capt Kit Woolsey Matthew Granovetter	Lew Stansby Fred Stewart Roger Bates
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Gary Cohler Mike Passell	Sam Lev Billy Cohen Brian Glubok
Harris	Martin Harris, Capt Neil Chambers	Jacob Morgan John Schermer
Gupta	Vinita Gupta, Capt Steve Garner Adam Kaplan	Billy Miller Ron Smith
Fireman	Paul Fireman, Capt John Kranyak John Hurd	Gavin Wolpert Vincent Demuy Joel Wooldridge
Borker	Jay Borker Larry Robbins	Doug Doub Adam Wildavsky
Milner	Reese Milner, Capt Mark Lair David Grainger	Hemant Lall Ira Chorush
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Jeffrey Miller George Jacobs	David Caprera Steve Beatty Claude Vogel
Rigal	Barry Rigal, Capt Allan Falk	Jeff Aker John Lusky
Cappelli	Robert Cappelli, Capt Robert Bitterman Joe Harris	Frank Treiber III Jerry Helms Leon Lowe
Ivatury	Uday Ivatury, Capt Jon Sorkin	Christal Henner Lapt Chan
Denison	Daniel Denison, Capt Jason Feldman	Richard Unger Greg Hinze
Ware	Peggy Ware, Capt Greg Humphreys	Spencer Jones Adam Parrish
Ganzer	Craig Ganzer, Capt Franco Baseggio William Watson	Robert Brady Brady Richter Howard Liu
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Adam Grossack	Cenk Tunçok Zachary Grossack
Becker	Drew Becker, Capt Kenneth Zuckerberg	Jason Rosenfeld Daniel Wilderman

"The only freedom you truly have is in your mind, so use it."

— M.T. Dismuke



Day Two of the Quarterfinals

Fleisher started the day down 62 to Gordon. It's an interesting match with Berkowitz on Gordon and Willenken on Fleisher. Willenken is married to Berkowitz's daughter, Dana, a fine player in her own right. As Lisa Berkowitz told her daughter on the phone yesterday, "Someone you love will win this match!"

Fleisher made an amazing run in the first four boards on day two, scoring 45 IMPs in the first four boards.

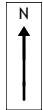
Board 1
 Dealer: N
 None Vul.

♠ Q76
 ♥ QJ54
 ♦ J65
 ♣ 982

♠ T9
 ♥ A8
 ♦ AKQ974
 ♣ A74

♠ KJ52
 ♥ 962
 ♦ 2
 ♣ JT653

♠ A843
 ♥ KT73
 ♦ T83
 ♣ KQ



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Willenken	Berkowitz	Rosenberg	Sontag
	Pass	Pass	1D
Double	1H	1S	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Gordon	Moss	Pratap	Delmonte
	Pass	Pass	1D
2D	All Pass		

In both rooms South opened 1D. Willenken, like most of the Wests who were faced with a 1D opening, doubled. Berkowitz bid 1H; Rosenberg 1S; Sonty passed and Willenken, with 8 probable tricks in his own hand, bid the NT game. With hearts 4-4 and diamonds 3-3, it all came down to the spade guess. Willenken ducked the heart lead, won the second heart with the ace, played six

rounds of diamonds, and ran the ST. Contract making.

Apparently, Gordon/Pratap play that 2D over a nebulous 1D opener is natural. While it's fun to use gadgets, this wasn't the time. Gordon overcalled 2D and played it there... Honestly, Gordon deserved better. 3NT is a poor game requiring both 3-3 diamonds and 4-4 hearts. 7 IMPs to Fleisher.

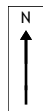
Board 2
 Dealer: E
 N/S Vul.

♠ 852
 ♥ KJ86
 ♦ 98532
 ♣ T

♠ T9
 ♥ Q7
 ♦ K764
 ♣ AK876

♠ J63
 ♥ T53
 ♦ AQJT
 ♣ Q32

♠ AKQ74
 ♥ A942
 ♦
 ♣ J954



Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Gordon	Moss	Pratap	Delmonte
		Pass	1S
2C	2S	3C	3H
Pass	4H	All Pass	

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Willenken	Berkowitz	Rosenberg	Sontag
		Pass	1S
Pass	1NT	Pass	2H
All Pass			

Usually when opponents interfere, it becomes harder to get to game. In the Closed Room where Gordon overcalled 2C, it apparently had no effect. Moss made a simple raise to 2S; Pratap supported Gordon's clubs; Delmonte, liking his partner's support and facing a non-minimum made a game try with 3H. Moss knew he was down in the match. Hearts looked better than spades to him given both his length and suit quality. He raised to game.

Gordon led the CA, followed by a diamond which Ish ruffed. Ish played two rounds of spades and two rounds of hearts, picking up the onside queen. He ruffed another diamond to hand, ruffed a club in dummy, pulled the last trump and claimed 11 tricks. 11 IMPs to Fleisher



VuGraph Information

The 2015 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16, in which we will cover 2 or 3 matches. The Round of 16 will start Sunday, May 10th. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can 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 USBC 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, who 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**)

10:00-12:10
12:25-2:35
3:45-5:55
6:10-8:20

During the Semifinals and Finals, all of the teams will play the same boards.

During the Round of 16, each team will play a different set of boards.

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. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on the USBF site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2015USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page

No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.

This applies to players AND kibitzers.

Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.

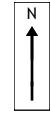
Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.

The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



Knockout Schedule

- Board 3 ♠ J83
 Dealer: S ♥ K98643
 E/W Vul. ♦ A65
 ♣ Q
- ♠ Q ♠ KT652
 ♥ AQJ2 ♥
 ♦ KJT73 ♦ Q982
 ♣ 986 ♣ T754
- ♠ A974
 ♥ T75
 ♦ 4
 ♣ AKJ32



<i>Round of Sixteen</i>		
<i>Captains' Meeting in Playing Area at 9:45 AM</i>		
SUNDAY MAY 10TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 45-60
MONDAY MAY 11TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>Quarterfinals</i>		
TUESDAY MAY 12TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>Semi-Finals</i>		
THURSDAY MAY 14TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
FRIDAY MAY 15TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>Final</i>		
SATURDAY MAY 16TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SUNDAY MAY 17TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

Closed Room			
Gordon	Moss	Pratap	Delmonte
			2D (11-15, 3 suits, short D)
Double	4H	4S	Double
All Pass			

Open Room			
Willenken	Berkowitz	Rosenberg	Sontag
			2D (11-15, 3 suits, short D)
Double	4H	All Pass	

It's interesting field protection when both tables play the same opening bids. Here, both Easts were able to open 2D showing three suits, short diamonds and 11-15 HCP.

In the Open Room, where Berkowitz was playing 4H, Rosenberg led a diamond to Berk's A; Berk ruffed a diamond; played a club to the queen; and ruffed a second diamond. He then cashed the A and K of clubs, pitching spades. In the end, he lost three trump tricks to make four hearts.

In the Closed Room, the auction was more exciting. Gordon doubled Delmonte's 2D opener, thinking he was showing diamonds. Pratap must have thought Gordon was showing a good hand takeout for his double. He feared that the opponents were stealing white on red. Backing up his thinking, he romped in with four spades. When Ish doubled, East/West could have escaped to 5D. That won't be a great success but it likely would have failed two less tricks.

Having no fit and no tricks, four spades went light five tricks for -1400. 14 IMPs to Fleisher.

Seeding Information

The teams in the USBC are seeded based on a combination of Individual Positioning Points & ACBL Performance Points, including masterpoints. The seeding points for an individual player are capped at 65. Teams are seeded based on the average seeding points for the team, except that the three teams with byes are seeded on the basis of their PPs. The teams and their seed positions are listed in the table below. Note that the top 4 finishers in the Round Robin receive additional seeding points, which may change the seeding order for the Knockout stage. Teams may also add or drop players before the USBC, which would change their seeding points.

Seed	Team Name	Team Average Seeding Points
1	Diamond	70 PPs
2	Hamman	46 PPs
3	Fleisher	41 PPs
4	Cayne	52.13 SPs
5	Gordon	43.56 SPs
6	Bramley	36.72 SPs
7	Mahaffey	30.82 SPs
8	Harris	28.54 SPs
9	Gupta	25.90 SPs
10	Fireman	23.05 SPs
11	Borker	17.41 SPs
12	Milner	16.00 SPs
13	Lo	13.58 SPs
14	Rigal	11.59 SPs
15	Cappelli	8.74 SPs
16	Ivatury	8.21 SPs
17	Denison	7.32 SPs
18	Ware	5.36 SPs
19	Ganzer	4.82 SPs
20	Dinkin	4.51 SPs
21	Becker	3.38 SPs



Hospitality Suite Information

The hospitality suite for the 2015 USBC will be room 3321. Our wonderful hostess, Lisa Berkowitz will make the "trek" to Chicago, where she will be joined by Martha Katz & Phyllis Cheek, to welcome you to the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. They will serve breakfast each day from 8:00 -10:30 and **lunch from Sunday-Sunday from 12:30-4:00.***

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 the day.

We will also have a "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan's office) near the playing rooms starting on Tuesday. We will have coffee, soft drinks and some snacks available in that room while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

***Note earlier starting time than originally planned please!**

Table Assignments Starting with the Quarterfinals...

Please note that starting on Tuesday, teams will be playing in the corridor with rooms 12xx and 13xx, two floors down from the hospitality suite corridor.

Percentages Matter in Bridge ... not so much elsewhere?

"I can let you have this top-of-the-line stereo for nine hundred dollars, minus six percent for cash," the salesman said.

The customer, not able to figure the calculation, said he would think about the deal and return the next day.

That evening, the fellow asked his blonde female friend, "If you were offered nine hundred dollars minus six percent, how much would you take off?" She replied, "Everything but my earrings!"

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**Giant
Sudoku**

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**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Puzzle Page ...

One Saturday afternoon, four boys visited the local 5 and 10 store to buy candy. Each boy bought just his favorite candy and they all had a different favorite. They each spent under one dollar and they each bought a different amount of their favorite candy. Can you determine each boy's full name, the type and quantity of candy each boy purchased, and how much each boy spent?

1. Peter, whose last name isn't Smythe, bought one piece less than the boy who bought the Tootsie Rolls but he spent 15 cents more.
2. Adam, who spent 35 cents, spent the least. The boy who bought the lollipops spent the most.
3. Tom Wilson, who spent 10 cents more than John, spent 60 cents.
4. The amount spent by each boy, from the least to the most, was the boy who bought the peppermints, the boy whose last name is Smythe, the boy who bought the Tootsie Rolls, and the boy whose last name is Brown.
5. Peter's last name isn't Parker.
6. The boy who bought ten gum drops, whose last name isn't Parker, bought the largest quantity. The boy who spent the most bought the smallest quantity.
7. The boy who got seven peppermints had two more pieces than the boy who got the lollipops.

Use the grid to help solve the puzzle!

	Brown	Parker	Smythe	Wilson	Gum drops	Lollipops	Peppermints	Tootsie rolls	pieces	pieces	pieces	pieces	cents	cents	cents	cents
Adam																
John																
Peter																
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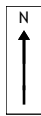
Answers to Puzzle:

● Adam Parker, peppermints, 7 pieces, 35 cents
 ● John Smythe, gum drops, 10 pieces, 50 cents
 ● Peter Brown, lollipops, 5 pieces, 75 cents
 ● Tom Wilson, Tootsie Rolls, 6 pieces, 60 cents
 Tom Wilson spent 60 cents (3), John spent 50 cents (3), and Adam spent 35 cents, which was the least amount spent (2). Peter's last name isn't Smythe (1) and isn't Parker (5), so by elimination Peter's last name is Brown. From Clue 4, Tom spent the most and so he bought lollipops (2) and he bought the smallest quantity (6). Also from Clue 4, Adam bought peppermints, John's last name is Smythe, and Tom bought Tootsie Rolls. Adam bought seven peppermints and Peter bought five lollipops (7). By elimination, John bought gumdrops and Adam's last name is Parker. John bought ten gumdrops (6). From Clue 1, Tom got six Tootsie Rolls and Peter spent 75 cents

Board 4
 Dealer: W
 All Vul.

♠ K9
 ♥ 973
 ♦ QJ974
 ♣ KJ8

♠ AJ5
 ♥ KQ6
 ♦ AT
 ♣ AT742



♠ Q7643
 ♥ A5
 ♦ 86
 ♣ Q653

♠ T82
 ♥ JT842
 ♦ K532
 ♣ 9

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Willenken	Berkowitz	Rosenberg	Sontag
1C	1D	1H (transfer to S)	3D
Double	Pass	4D	Pass
4S	All Pass		

Closed Room			
Gordon	Moss	Pratap	Delmonte
1C	1D	1S	3D
4D	Pass	4H	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
5H	Pass	5NT	Pass
6S	All Pass		

This hand was lost to Gordon in the auction. Both tables made four spades, but Gordon/Pratap were in slam. Slam is a poor proposition requiring Kx of spades in the pocket and the club suit behaving. 13 IMPs to Fleisher

Getting Even ...

Board 14
 Dealer: E
 None Vul.

♠
 ♥ T9652
 ♦ AJ983
 ♣ K86

♠ KQ4
 ♥ 8743
 ♦
 ♣ JT9742



♠ J92
 ♥ KQJ
 ♦ QT7642
 ♣ Q

♠ AT87653
 ♥ A
 ♦ K5
 ♣ A53

Closed Room			
Willenken	Berkowitz	Rosenberg	Sontag
		Pass	1C (strong)
Pass	1H (nat, gf)	Pass	1S
Pass	2D	Pass	2S
Pass	3D	Pass	3S
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Open Room			
Gordon	Moss	Pratap	Delmonte
		Pass	1C (strong)
2C	2H	Pass	2S
Pass	3D	Pass	3S
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Willenken decided not to bid over the strong club opener. Sontag and Berkowitz had a natural auction to reach 3NT. With diamonds having been bid twice, and spades three times, Rosenberg was faced with the choice of leading the K from KQJ of hearts (declarer's 1st suit) or leading the singleton queen of the unbid suit. He chose poorly on this hand. He led the HK. Declarer won the singleton ace in dummy and went to work on spades.

Willenken won the spade and shifted to a club but it was too late. Declarer won the club in dummy and played a second small spade. Willenken won this and shifted back to hearts. Declarer had nine tricks when spades split.

In the other room, Pratap had no problem leading his queen of clubs after Gordon's overcall. Declarer won the club in dummy and played the DK getting the bad news. He ducked a spade and clubs were continued, setting up the defenders' clubs. When Gordon gained the lead with his second high spade, he cashed for down three. 11 IMPs to Gordon.

Cayne vs. Bramley ... More Woes for Bramley ...

Board 17
Dealer: N
None Vul.

♠ Q9874
♥ A3
♦ Q87
♣ AJ7

♠ AK
♥ J9542
♦ T52
♣ Q85



♠ J5
♥ KQT76
♦ KJ9
♣ T63

♠ T632
♥ 8
♦ A643
♣ K942

In the second segment of the second day, trailing by nearly 100 IMPs, the Bramley squad came upon Board 17. It did nothing to improve their level of confidence. Both tables bid to 4S:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Granovetter	Kamil	Bates	Zia
	1S	Pass	3NT (S raise)
Pass	4S	All Pass	

Closed Room			
Seamon	Stewart	Cayne	Woolsey
	1S	Pass	2NT (S raise)
Pass	3C	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	All Pass	

Both Easts led the HK. Both declarers won with the ace and ruffed a heart in dummy. Both declarers came off dummy with a small trump; both Wests winning with the king.

In the Open Room, Granovetter won his king of spades and cashed his spade ace, giving up hope of regaining the lead to collect two diamond tricks before the 13th club is established for a pitch. Granovetter exited with a diamond; Kamil ducked Bates' king. Bates continued diamonds but Kamil won in dummy; played a club to his jack, cashed the ace of clubs and led a club to the king, hoping for the best. Clubs broke 3-3 and Kamil was able to discard his losing diamond, making four spades.

In the Closed Room, Seamon won his spade king and put through an immediate diamond. Stewart won his ace and played a second spade. Seamon was able to win his ace and cash two rounds of diamonds to defeat the contract one trick. 10 IMPs to Cayne

And the Rich Get Richer Once Again...

Like Bramley, Ganzer was trailing coming into Segment 7... Board 4 did not help their cause.

Board 4
Dealer: W
All Vul.

♠ J986
♥ 52
♦ 73
♣ QJ983

♠ Q7
♥ QJ94
♦ AK98
♣ T74



♠ T2
♥ AK876
♦ QJT542
♣

♠ AK543
♥ T3
♦ 6
♣ AK652

Open Room			
Ganzer	Kranyak	Brady	Demuy
1D	Pass	1H	2NT (t/o S & C)
3H	4S	5C	Pass
5D	Pass	5H	All Pass

Closed Room			
Hurd	Bassegio	Wooldridge	Richter
1D	Pass	1H	1S
2H	2S	4C (shortness)	4S
Pass	Pass	5C	Pass
5H	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

Against 5H, Demuy led two rounds of high spades and switched to the CA. Brady ruffed and claimed 11 tricks for +650.

Against 5HX, Richter led one high spade and switched to the CA. Wooldridge ruffed this and claimed 12 tricks for +1050. 9 IMPs to Fireman

Board 8
 Dealer: W
 None Vul.

♠ J7
 ♥ 964
 ♦ 9432
 ♣ JT86

♠ AK854
 ♥ 7
 ♦ J876
 ♣ A52

♠ QT962
 ♥ KQ82
 ♦ AKT
 ♣ 7

♠ 3
 ♥ AJT53
 ♦ Q5
 ♣ KQ943



Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Hurd	Bassegio	Wooldridge	Richter
1S	Pass	4C (shortness)	Double
Redouble	Pass	4NT	Pass
5C (0 or 3)	Pass	6S	All Pass

Open Room			
Ganzer	Kranyak	Brady	Demuy
1S	Pass	4C	Pass
4S	All Pass		

This hand was punishment for the Fireman team. The slam is certainly reasonable... one of two hooks... If either the HA or DQ are with North, the slam will come home.

Unfortunately for Fireman, both cards were with South and 6S was down one. 11 IMPs to Ganzer

Board 21
 Dealer: N
 N/S Vul.

♠ T85
 ♥ AT83
 ♦ KQ43
 ♣ 93

♠ J942
 ♥ K97
 ♦ T
 ♣ AKJ65

♠ AKQ76
 ♥ Q652
 ♦ A92
 ♣ 8

♠ 3
 ♥ J4
 ♦ J8765
 ♣ QT742



Open Room			
Ganzer	Kranyak	Brady	Demuy
	Pass	1S	Pass
4D	Pass	4NT	Pass
5C	Pass	6S	All Pass

Closed Room			
Hurd	Watson	Wooldridge	Liu
	Pass	1S	Pass
4D	Double	Redouble	Pass
4H	Pass	4NT	Pass
5D	Pass	6S	All Pass

Both tables bid the spade slam. One table made it.

In the Open Room, Demuy led his singleton three of trump. Brady won and played a club to the ace. The king of clubs followed, Brady pitching a heart. The C5 was led, Kranyak tossing a heart while Brady ruffed with the six. Brady played ace of diamonds and another diamond; again Kranyak pitched a heart while Brady ruffed. Brady led a heart to the king and Kranyak's king, and John exited with a trump to dummy's nine. Brady had the good heart left in hand a high cross ruff for the last two tricks. Contract making ... +980

In the Closed Room, Liu led a fifth best diamond. Wooldridge won and played three rounds of trump. He successfully finessed the club jack, and cashed the ace and king of clubs, pitching a heart and a diamond respectively. He ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond, and played a heart to the queen.

A heart went to Liu's jack and Wooldridge was out of steam. He had one trump too few and couldn't get to the good club in dummy.

Down one... 14 IMPs to Ganzer

Congrats to Ganzer for their fine performance in this event. We expect to see them back next year!