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USA2 RESULTS

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
3	Morse	159	28	25	45	40	13	8
8	Levine	138	10	30	38	24	25	11
4	Street	204	30	43	44	46	41	
7	Meltzer	105	32	11	18	21	23	wd
5	Kasle	140	9	18	36	22	26	29
6	Sorkin	150	43	16	16	22	33	20

USA1 FINAL ... CONGRATS TEAM MILNER!!

#	TEAM	TOTAL	Carry Over	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
1	Simson	104.5	10.5	19	17	27	14	17	wd
2	Milner	164		34	42	18	40	30	

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Old Times ...

The Longest Day/Bid 2 Bid

For the third consecutive year the ACBL is a global partner of **The Longest Day**, a fundraising event sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Held annually on the summer solstice, The Longest Day symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

Here's how you, as a bridge player, can get involved.

Find a registered club near you. Offer to help, make a donation, or simply mark your calendar to play bridge for The Longest Day. This year clubs can hold fundraising games on both June 21 and 22. Check with your club for more details.

Participate in an online auction. Several fundraising teams are offering access to some of the game's greatest minds to benefit The Longest Day. Attending the Chicago NABC August 6-16? **Kibitz for a Cause** allows you to get up close and personal with players like Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Zia Mahmood and more! Bid 2 Bid offers you the chance to join the fun no matter where you live. This is your chance to play a Bridge Base Online speedball game with pros like Bob Hamman and ACBL Player of the Year Bobby Levin.

Visit acbl.org/longestday to learn more about the event. Questions? Contact Darbi Padbury at thelongestday@acbl.org.

Seniors' United States Bridge Championship

Schedule of Play

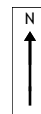
Three 10 IMP Swings in a Row!

Day	Date	Time	Boards Played
Friday	6/5	9:45 am	Captains' Meeting
ROUND ROBIN			
Friday	6/5	10:00 - 11:12 11:20 - 12:32 12:40 - 1:52 3:15 - 4:27 4:35 - 5:47 5:55 - 7:07	Boards 1-8 Boards 9-16 Boards 17-24 80 Minute Lunch Break Boards 1-8 Boards 9-16 Boards 17-24
Saturday	6/6	10:00 - 11:12 11:20 - 12:32 12:40 - 1:52	Boards 1-8 Boards 9-16 ** Boards 17-24 **
** Last two matches are sequestered –no comparison and no change of Closed Room players is allowed.			
QUARTER-FINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 32			
Saturday	6/6	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Sunday	6/7	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
SEMI-FINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 16			
See page 10 for /RR schedule please			
Monday	6/8	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Tuesday	6/9	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL			
Tuesday	6/9	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Wednesday	6/10	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 90 Minute Lunch Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
USA2 SEMI-FINAL			
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Board 4 ♠ AKQ6
 Dealer: W ♥ 53
 All Vul. ♦ T87
 ♣ KO94

♠ 7 ♠ JT53
 ♥ A92 ♥ KQJ8
 ♦ KJ962 ♦ A53
 ♣ AT82 ♣ J3

♠ 9842
 ♥ T764
 ♦ Q4
 ♣ 765



Open Room	Sorkin/Kasle		
West	North	East	South
Mandell	Krekorian	Sorkin	Casen
1D	1S	Double	2S
3C	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Closed Room			
Schermer	Robbins	Chambers	Bjerkan
1D	1S	Double	Pass
2C	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Ten is Sorkin's lucky number ... Since the end result in their match was a difference of ten, every board, every IMP mattered!

Sometimes the less said the better... The auction was the same in both rooms for the first three bids.

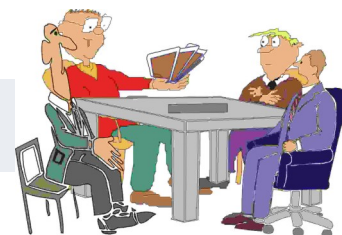
When Casen showed a weak raise in spades on his yarborough, Mandell completed the pattern of his hand, more or less propelling his side to the Vulnerable game.

When Bjerkan passed on the same cards, Schermer was able to complete the pattern a level lower; Chambers invited on his flat 12 count; and Schermer passed with his 12.

Both tables made 11 tricks. 10 IMPs to Sorkin.

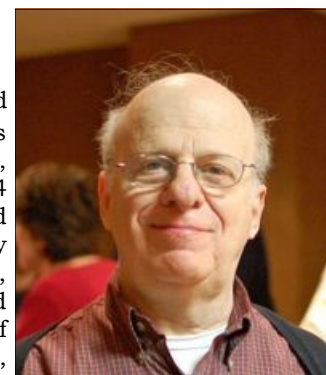
Meltzer	Rose Meltzer, Capt Peter Boyd Steve Garner	John Mohan Steve Robinson Ron Smith
Milner	Reese Milner, Capt Zia Mahmood Mark Lair	Hemant Lall Michael Rosenberg Robert Hamman
Street	Paul Street, Capt Bart Bramley Marc Jacobus	Mike Passell Eddie Wold Lew Stansby
Kasle	Gaylor Kasle, Capt Neil Chambers Drew Casen	Larry Kozlove John Schermer Jim Krekorian
Morse	Dan Morse, Capt Chip Martel Kit Woolsey	John Sutherlin Mark Feldman Fred Stewart
Levine	Michael Levine, Capt Sam Lev Roger Bates	Dennis McGarry Russell Ekeblad Matthew Granovetter
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Craig Allen	Claude Vogel Jim Phillips
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Marc Zwerling Dennis Clerkin	Jeff Aker Mark Tolliver Jerry Clerkin
Katz	Robert Katz, Capt Linda Lewis Robert Bitterman	Robert Cappelli Paul Lewis Lukasz Lebioda
Sorkin	Jon Sorkin, Capt David Lehman Cheri Bjerkan	Jeffry Mandell Richard Melson Larry Robbins

**Team List
in
Seeding Order**



Born in the nation's capitol, **Peter Boyd** has lived in the D.C. area all his life. Serious in nature, he is a true gentleman in every sense of the word, and is dedicated to the lofty ideals of the game. He learned to play while in junior high school but his love of the game did not deter his pursuit of an education, graduating from Harvard in 1972. Peter's determination and hard work produced one of the longest-lasting successful uninterrupted partnerships with Hall of Famer Steve Robinson which has spanned twenty-six years. Peter retired as a computer programmer and enjoys his life as a part-time bridge pro and self-employed game consultant. His leisure time is spent playing internet poker and watching good movies. Though he has won three Vanderbilts, one Reisinger and three Grand Nationals, his greatest achievement was in Miami in 1986, capturing the prestigious Rosenblum Cup, one of the three major world team championships.

Steve Robinson is the first player from the Washington, D. C. area to be inducted into the Living Hall of Fame (2003). As a teenager, he was intrigued by the game of chess and while at the Student Union at the University of Maryland, became exposed to bridge, the game that propelled him to great international heights --including victories in the 1974 World Mixed Teams, the 1986 Rosenblum Cup (World Team Championship), the 2000 World Senior Teams and countless other NABCs. Steve's administrative achievements are equally monumental. Besides serving as Treasurer of The Washington Bridge League and District 6, he authored Washington Standard, circulates a weekly email to approximately 1600 avid readers keeping them attuned to the local happenings and currently serves as Moderator of the bi-monthly Washington Bridge League Solver's Club. Before his retirement in 1996, Steve spent 32 years as a Programmer for the Department of the Army.



KIBITZING RULES ...

WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. However, except in the Open Room during the Round Robin, you will be subject to the following regulations:

Kibitzers may enter the room ONLY at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed. A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next session.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

SCREENS

All of the Senior USBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see much, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBF KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

- a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
- b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
- c. Kibitzers must enter the playing room before play commences. Kibitzers are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
- d. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
- e. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.
- f. These rules may be revised in specific instances by the DICs for the orderly running of the event.



Senior Humor



Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2015 Senior USBC is Suite 2321. Players, volunteers, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join Martha Katz, Chris Benson and Carol Hillard for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-11:00 am.

Lunch on Friday & Sunday through Saturday from 2:30 - 4:30.

The Hospitality Suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of play each day.

The Players' Lounge (room 1321) will also be open each day. You will find coffee and snacks there during play.

Pula Bridge Festival! September 5th-13th Pula, Croatia.

We are giving free accommodation (apartment for 4-6 persons) during [Pula Bridge Festival](#) to one US junior team.

Festival is one of the biggest in Europe (over 100 teams, about 250 pairs).

If interested, contact

Limey Jack ...

Hallo Yanks:

How could Limey Jack feel anything but Tickety-Boo after picking all the winners and having Zia and mates win USA-1. When he comes back home he will not have to buy any rounds. Simson had some collywobbles throughout the match and made an ill advised withdrawal down less than 60. Earlier in the fortnight there was a match with over 130 imps scored.

Simson-Sorkin: The locals continue to surprise. If Simson can shake off the pallour of losing, they should be well placed to return to the final. Sorkin is outmatched and outweighed.

Morse-Street: That daft cow Howie Dung will of course pick Morse, but they are showing signs of wear and Street will pounce on them like a crow feasting on a mince pie cooling on the sill.

Limey Jack is off to Bedfordshire. Listen not to the buffoon.

Cheers, LJ

Howie Doing ...

In Simson v. Sorkin, it's Simson who's done!
Sorkin's the area favorite son!

I like to rhyme... so it would be scary,
To pick 'gainst a team with Cheri and Larry!

Some Texans will win; Some feel defeat
In the match 'tween the teams of Morse and Street

Street will prevail. Morse will succumb.
When one of the players does something that's dumb.

Howie Doing... Better than Jack!
I am a wizard and he is a quack!



Vugraph

The Knockout stages of the 2015 Senior USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph. We plan to cover 4-8 tables in the Round of 16 and Quarter-finals, all 4 tables in the Semi-finals and both tables in the Finals, and all of the tables in the USA2 Semi-finals and Finals, as well as some of the Quarter-finals. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or download the BBO software to run BBO on your computer. If you choose the latter approach, after downloading, install the software on your computer, log on, follow the directions to become a BBO member and you'll be magically transported to the Lobby of the largest bridge club in the world. Click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the USSBC matches you want to watch.

There will usually be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, some of whom may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**):

10:00 - 12:10: Segment 1
12:20 - 2: 30: Segment 2
3:40 - 5:50: Segment 3
6:00 - 8:10: Segment 4

Segments 2 and 4 may start a little earlier or later than they are scheduled depending on when segments 1 and 3 end.

In the Round of 16, each match will play a different set of boards. In the Quarterfinal, the matches may play the same boards or different boards. In the Semi-Finals all of the teams will play the same boards, but for security reasons, if the matches do not all start at the same time, we will not start the Vugraph broadcast until all matches have started play.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the events currently available to see what we'll have for the 2015 Senior USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.



**Plan to Attend the
2015 Summer NABC
August 6-16
Hilton and Towers
Downtown Chicago**

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

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

Sudoku 1



Sudoku 2 Solution

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

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Puzzle Page ...

- 26 L of the A
- 7 D of the W
- 7 W of the W
- 12 S of the Z
- 66 B of the B
- 52 C in a P (W J)
- 13 S in the U S F
- 18 H on a G C
- 39 B of the O T
- 5 T on a F
- 90 D in a R A
- 3 B M (S H T R)
- 32 is the T in D F at which W F
- 15 P in a R T
- 3 W on a T
- 100 C in a D
- 11 P in a F (S) T
- 12 M in a Y
- 13 is U F S
- 8 T on an O
- 29 D in F in a L Y
- 27 B in the N T
- 365 D in a Y
- 13 L in a B D
- 52 W in a Y
- 9 L of a C
- 60 M in an H
- 23 P of C in the H B
- 64 S on a C B
- 9 P in S A
- 6 B to an O in C
- 1000 Y in a M
- 15 M on a D M C



Answers to Puzzle

1. 26 L of the A - 26 Letters of the Alphabet
2. 7 D of the W - 7 days of the Week
3. 7 W of the W - 7 wonders of the world
4. 12 S of the Z - 12 signs of the zodiac
5. 66 B of the B - 66 books of the bible
6. 52 C in a P (W J) - 52 cars in a pack (without jokers)
7. 13 S in the U S F - 13 stripes in the united states flag
8. 18 H on a G C - 18 holes on a golf course
9. 39 B of the O T - 39 books of the old testament
10. 5 T on a F - 5 toes on a foot
11. 90 D in a R A - 90 degrees in a right angel
12. 3 B M (S H T R) - 3 blind mice (see how they run)
13. 32 is the T in D F at which W F - 32 is the temperature in degrees ferenheight at which water freezes
14. 15 P in a R T - 15 players in a rugby team
15. 3 W on a T - 3 wheels on a tricycle
16. 100 C in a D - 100 cents in a dollar
17. 11 P in a F (S) T - 11 players in a football (soccer) team
18. 12 M in a Y - 12 months in a year
19. 13 is U F S - 13 is unlucky for some
20. 8 T on an O - 8 tentacles on an octopus
21. 29 D in F in a L Y - 29 days in Feburary in a leap year
22. 27 B in the N T - 27 books in the new testament
23. 365 D in a Y - 365 days in a year
24. 13 L in a B D - 13 loaves in a baker's dozen
25. 52 W in a Y - 52 weeks in a year
26. 9 L of a C - 9 lives of a cat
27. 60 M in an H - 60 minutes in an hour
28. 23 P of C in the H B - 23 pairs of chromosomes in the human body
29. 64 S on a C B - 64 squares on checkers board
30. 9 P in S A - 9 provinces in south africa
31. 6 B to an O in C - 6 bowls to an over in cricket
32. 1000 Y in a M - 1000 years in a millenium
33. 15 M on a D M C - 15 men on a dead man's chest

Board 5
 Dealer: N
 N/S Vul.

♠ T8732
 ♥ AQ
 ♦ JT9
 ♣ J74

♠ KQJ64
 ♥ 96
 ♦ 63
 ♣ KJ53



♠ A5
 ♥ KT73
 ♦ Q75
 ♣ AQ86

♠ 9
 ♥ J8542
 ♦ AK842
 ♣ 92

Open Room		Sorkin/Kasle	
West	North	East	South
Mandell	Krekorian	Sorkin	Casen
	Pass	1NT	2C (D or Mm)
Double	Pass	2H	Pass
3S	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room			
Schermer	Robbins	Chambers	Bjerkan
	Pass	1NT	Pass
4H (transfer)	Pass	4S	All Pass

10 IMP Swing #2: In the Open Room, Mandell and Sorkin again bid to a normal 3NT. Had Casen led a heart, it would have swung the match... Krekorian could win the ace and shift to the DJ. Declarer could not win it or duck it successfully.

As it was, Casen led a fourth best diamond and declarer collected one diamond, four spades and four clubs for +400.

In the Closed Room, Schermer took a position. He Texas transferred to his five card spade suit. He could have been right. As it was, however, Bjerkan led her ace/king of diamonds, followed by a heart to the ace. Robbins won the ace and waited for his trump trick. -50 and 10 more IMPs to Sorkin.

Board 6
 Dealer: E
 E/W Vul.

♠ KT863
 ♥ AJ5
 ♦ QT7
 ♣ A4

♠ Q74
 ♥ KQ4
 ♦ KJ9
 ♣ KQJ3



♠ AJ92
 ♥ 98
 ♦ 43
 ♣ T9652

♠ 5
 ♥ T7632
 ♦ A8652
 ♣ 87

Open Room			
Mandell	Krekorian	Schermer	Casen
		Pass	Pass
1NT (15-17)	All Pass		

Closed Room			
Schermer	Robbins	Chambers	Bjerkan
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2H (alerted)	Pass
2S	All Pass		

10 IMP Swing #3: In the Open Room, Krekorian led a 4th best spade against 1NT. Mandell won the seven. He knocked out the CA. Krekorian continued the attack on spades, Mandell winning his Q. Mandell crossed to dummy in spades and led a heart to the king and ace. Spades were continued and Mandell claimed nine tricks for +150.

In the Closed room, where Schermer and Chambers were in their Moysian spade fit, Robbins led a diamond to Bjerkan's ace. Bjerkan continued with a diamond which Schermer won with the king. The CQ went to the CA and a club was continued to the ten in dummy. A heart went to the king and ace and Robbins, determined not to break any suits himself, returned the heart jack to Schermer's queen. A spade to the jack was followed by the spade ace, revealing the bad news. A club was played to the jack and ruffed by Robbins.

When the smoke cleared, 2S was light three tricks for -300.

Another 10 IMPs to Sorkin who led start to finish. Applause for the locals!

Game Faces

