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Practice Makes Perfect ... Perfect Bidding to a Perfect Contract

Joanna Stansby, practicing in the Partnership Bidding Rooms with Sam Dinkin, arrived at a perfect minor suit game on a combined 23 HCP.

This is the hand:

Board 99	♠ 9		
Dealer: S	♥ A853		
E/W Vul.	♦ QJ654		
	♣ AQ4		
♠ AJ752		♠ Q83	
♥ KJ76	↑	♥ Q942	
♦ 2		♦ A7	
♣ 862		♣ T753	
	♠ KT64		
	♥ T		
	♦ KT983		
	♣ KJ9		

West	North	East	South
GIB	Sam Dinkin	GIB	Joanna Stansby
			2D
Pass	2H	Pass	2NT
Pass	3C	Pass	3D
Pass	3S	Pass	3NT
Pass	5D	All Pass	

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Day	Date	Time	Stage
Sunday	April 12	10:15 am	Captains' Meeting
Sunday & Monday	April 12 April 13	10:30 am - 9:50 pm	Round Robin
<i>SEMI-FINAL</i>			
Tuesday	April 14	10:30 am - 12:45 pm 12:55 - 3:15 4:45 - 7:00 7:10 - 9:30	Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32 Dinner break Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64
<i>FINAL & USA2 SEMI-FINAL</i>			
Wednesday	April 15	10:30 am - 12:40 pm 12:50 - 3:00 4:30 - 6:40 6:50 - 9:00	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Lunch break Boards 30-45 Boards 46-60
Thursday	April 16	10:30 am - 12:40 pm 12:50 - 3:00 4:30 - 6:40 6:50 - 9:00	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90 Dinner break Boards 90-105 Boards 106-120
<i>USA2 FINAL</i>			
Friday	April 17	10:30 am - 12:40 pm 12:50 - 3:00 4:30 - 6:40 6:50 - 9:00	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Lunch break Boards 30-45 Boards 46-60
Saturday	April 18	10:30 am - 12:40 pm 12:50 - 3:00 4:30 - 6:40 6:50 - 9:00	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90 Dinner break Boards 90-105 Boards 106-120

Tournament Schedule

Time	Pairings	Seeded Team	Boards
SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH			
10:30-12:20	1 v 6, 2 v 5, 3 v 4	none	1-12
12:30-2:20	1 v 4, 2 v 3, 5 v 6	none	13-24
2:30-4:40	1 v 5, 2 v 4, 3 v 6	1, 2, 6	25-36
DINNER BREAK			
6:00 - 7:50	1 v 3, 2 v 6, 4 v 5	3, 6, 5	1-12
8:00 - 9:50	1 v 2, 3 v 5, 4 v 6	1, 3, 4	13-24
MONDAY, APRIL 13TH			
10:30-12:20	1 v 2, 3 v 5, 4 v 6	2, 5, 6	1-12
12:30-2:20	1 v 3, 2 v 6, 4 v 5	1, 2, 4	13-24
2:30-4:40	1 v 5, 2 v 4, 3 v 6	5, 4, 3	25-36
DINNER BREAK			
6:00 - 7:50	1 v 4, 2 v 3, 5 v 6	none	1-12
8:00 - 9:50	1 v 6, 2 v 5, 3 v 4	none	13-24

Round Robin

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	18	15.15	4.85	36	18.28	1.72
1	10.36	9.64	19	15.37	4.63	37	18.41	1.59
2	10.71	9.29	20	15.58	4.42	37	18.54	1.46
3	11.05	8.95	21	15.79	4.21	39	18.66	1.34
4	11.38	8.62	22	15.99	4.01	40	18.78	1.22
5	11.70	8.30	23	16.18	3.82	41	18.90	1.10
6	12.01	7.99	24	16.37	3.63	42	19.02	0.98
7	12.31	7.69	25	16.55	3.45	43	19.13	0.87
8	12.61	7.39	26	16.73	3.27	44	19.24	0.76
9	12.90	7.10	27	16.91	3.09	45	19.34	0.66
10	13.18	6.82	28	17.08	2.92	46	19.44	0.56
11	13.45	6.55	29	17.24	2.76	47	19.54	0.46
12	13.71	6.29	30	17.40	2.60	48	19.64	0.36
13	13.97	6.03	31	17.56	2.44	49	19.74	0.26
14	14.22	5.78	32	17.71	2.29	50	19.83	0.17
15	14.46	5.54	33	17.86	2.14	51	19.92	0.08
16	14.70	5.30	34	18.00	2.00	52	20.00	0.00
17	14.93	5.07	35	18.14	1.86			

USBF 12 Board VP Scale

Dylan was in a queue at the Supermarket when he noticed that the rather dishy blonde behind him had just raised her hand and was waving him a big 'hello'.

He was taken aback that such a looker would be waving to him, and although her face was vaguely familiar, Dylan can't place how he knew her, so he says, 'Sorry, do you know me?'

She replied, 'I may be mistaken, but I thought you might be the father of one of my children'

Dylan's mind shoots back to the one and only time he has been unfaithful,

'Blimey!' he says, 'Did we meet on Frank's stag do in Newport?'

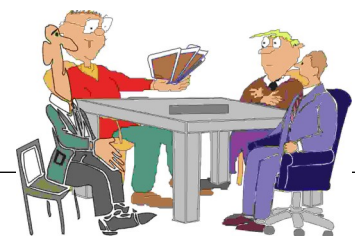
Dylan continued, 'When I was released from the police station and got back to the hotel room, you had gone.'

"No," she replied, 'I'm your son's English Teacher'.



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New Female Math

Yesterday I was having some work done on my car at the Ford dealer.

While I was talking to Bert, the Mechanic, a woman came in and asked for a seven-hundred-ten.... We all looked at each other, and the Bert asked, 'What is a seven-hundred-ten?'

She replied, 'You know, the little piece in the middle of the engine. I lost it and need a new one. It had always been there.'

Bert gave the woman a piece of paper and a pen and asked her to draw what the piece looked like. She drew a circle and in the middle of it wrote 710. He then took her over to another car which had the hood up and asked, 'Is there a 710 on this car?'

She pointed and said, 'Of course, it's right there.'



(hint: turn it upside down!!)

Love Affair?

An 80 year old woman was arrested for shop lifting. When she went before the judge in Cincinnati he asked her, 'What did you steal?'

She replied, 'A can of peaches.'

The judge then asked her why she had stolen the can of peaches and she replied that she was hungry.

The judge then asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied 6.

The judge then said, 'I will then give you 6 days in jail.'

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment, the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something.

The judge said, 'What is it?'

The husband said, 'She also stole a can of peas.'



Is Romance Dead?

Brian had asked Dave to help him out with cutting his rather large garden hedge after work, so Dave went straight over to Brian's home. When they got to the front door, Brian went straight up to his wife, gave her a big hug and told her how beautiful she was and how much he had missed her at work. When it was time for supper, he complimented his wife on her excellent cooking, kissed her and told her how much he loved her.

Once they were cutting the privet, Dave told Brian that he was surprised that he fussed so much over his wife. Brian said that he'd started this about six months ago, it had revived their marriage, and things couldn't be better. Dave thought he'd give it a go.

When he got home, he gave his wife a massive hug, kissed her and told her that he loved her. His wife burst into tears. Dave was confused and asked why she was crying. She said, 'This is the worst day of my life. First, little Nigel fell off his bike and twisted his ankle. Then, the washing machine broke and flooded the basement. And now, you come home drunk!'

VuGraph Information

The 2015 Women's USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Semi-finals. We hope to cover all 4 tables in play in the Semi-finals and both tables in the USA1 & USA2 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 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.

The schedule on Sunday (the 64 board Semi-Final) is:

10:00-12:15

12:30-2:45

4:00-6:15

6:30-8:45

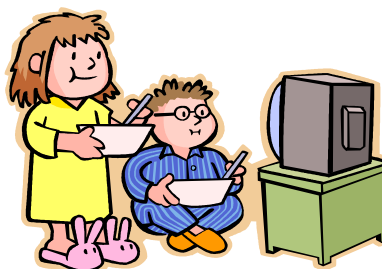
The schedule for each of the remaining days (60 boards a day) is the same (these are Florida times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**:

10:00 - 12:10: Segment 1

12:20 - 2: 30: Segment 2

3:40 - 5:50: Segment 3

6:00 - 8:10: Segment 4



I love watching in my jammies!

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

All of the teams will play the same boards, but for security reasons, if one match is sufficiently behind that we have to start it later than the other one, we will not start the Vugraph broadcast until both 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 Women's USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

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.



Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure



The Floridian

1410 E Las Olas Blvd
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Phone: (954)463-4041

Chef John Jennet

Everyone that comes in knows Chef John for his friendly demeanor and jovial personality. John has been at the Floridian for over 31 years. He started as a busboy, worked his way up to the dish room cleaning pots and pans, and then got his big break working in the kitchen alongside his father, brother and with long-time chef Butch, who was his mentor and is now the owner of the Floridian.

"I was inspired to become a chef because I grew up around restaurants all my life. I have watched my family cooking in the kitchen for as long as I can remember,"

Each day, Chef John and his team of experienced cooks mix up the best meals in town, including homemade soups, fresh chili, marinara sauce, their famous crab meat omelet which was featured on the Rachael Ray show, meatloaf, country ham which is flown in from West Virginia, a plethora of desserts such as cakes and brownies and much more. "We have a very traditional menu, with all the same original recipes from 30 years ago," he said.

Come in and try one of Chef John's many unique creations at The Floridian!

Hours of Operation:

Monday 12:00 AM — 12:00 AM
Tuesday 12:00 AM — 12:00 AM
Wednesday 12:00 AM — 12:00 AM
Thursday 12:00 AM — 12:00 AM
Friday 12:00 AM — 12:00 AM
Saturday 12:00 AM — 12:00 AM
Sunday 12:00 AM — 12:00 AM

Some sample selections ... gourmet burgers:

Hamburger 100% beef patty cooked to perfection. served on a toasted bun	(1/2lb) 8.25	(3/4lb) 9.25
	(16oz) 10.25	
Cheese Burger our classic burger topped with your choice of cheese	(1/2lb) 8.70	(3/4lb) 9.70 (16oz) 10.70
Chili Burger our classic burger smothered with homemade chili	(1/2lb) 8.80	(3/4lb) 9.80 (16oz) 10.80
Bleu Cheese Burger burger topped with crumbled blue cheese	(1/2lb) 8.95	(3/4lb) 9.95 (16oz) 10.95
American Burger american cheese, crisp bacon, lettuce and tomato	(1/2lb) 8.95	(3/4lb) 9.95 (16oz) 10.95
Italian Burger burger topped with tomato sauce & mozzarella cheese	(1/2lb) 8.95	(3/4lb) 9.95 (16oz) 10.95
Blue Patty Melt buffalo patty with melted blue cheese & bacon grilled between two slices of rye bread.		

Patty Melt grilled beef patty topped with melted cheese, and grilled onions on rye bread 8.50

The Ultimate Burger 1/2lb. burger, bacon, grilled onions, mushrooms, smothered with mozzarella cheese served on a toasted bun 9.95

Veggie Burger if you want to pass on the beef, this is for you 3.45

Turkey Burger made with fresh ground turkey (low fat, low cholesterol) served on a toasted bun 8.45

Buffalo Burger buffalo meat has 50% less, cholesterol, 70% less fat, & 30% more protein than beef-served with lettuce, tomato and onion

Big Country Burger (He's The Man) 2lb cheese burger served with chili cheese fries "so, big it needs 2 plates and 2 hands" 17.00

All Above Burgers Served With French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato & Cole Slaw. Substitute Cajun Fries, Onion Rings For \$1.50 Extra.

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Puzzle Page ...

Five bachelors who all lived in the same apartment building each ordered an item from the same catalog. Unfortunately, the shippers got confused and each item was delivered to the wrong apartment. Can you determine each man's full name, what each man ordered and what was actually delivered, and which apartment each man lived in.

1. Roger, who doesn't live in an end apartment, ordered the Television set. Tom lived next door to the man who received the dishware.
2. Mr. Weiseman, who didn't receive the automotive tools, lives two apartments from the man who ordered the downhill skis and one apartment from Harry.
3. Ed, whose last name isn't Smith, lives in apartment #3 but he didn't receive the automotive tools. Mr. Smith, who doesn't live in apartment #4, ordered the golf clubs but he received the item that Mr. Campbell ordered, which wasn't downhill skis.
4. The bachelor in apartment #1, which isn't Tom, ordered what Al received. The man in apartment #2, who didn't receive the golf clubs, lives next door to where what he ordered was delivered.
5. Mr. Bates didn't order the downhill skis. The television set was not delivered to Ed's apartment.
6. Tom lives in apartment #5.

		Ordered					Received					Apartment									
		Bates	Campbell	Harper	Smith	Weiseman	automotive tools	dishware	downhill skis	golf clubs	television set	automotive tools	dishware	downhill skis	golf clubs	television set	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
	Al																				
	Ed																				
	Harry																				
	Roger																				
	Tom																				
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	television set																				

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
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Answers to Puzzle (no peeking)

Solution to "What did you order? - a logic problem"

- Al Harper, downhill skis, dishware, #4
- Ed Campbell, automotive tools, golf clubs, #3
- Harry Bates, dishware, Television set, #1
- Roger Weiseman, Television set, downhill skis, #2
- Tom Smith, golf clubs, automotive tools, #5

Team Practice: Jill and Jenny vs Jill and Migry

Board 7 ♠ AKQT84
Dealer: S ♥ 932
All Vul. ♦ A7
 ♣ 83
♠ 97532 ♠ J
♥ 7 ↑ ♥ AJ85
♦ KJ542 ♦ QT93
♣ 54 ♣ QT72
 ♠ 6
 ♥ KQT64
 ♦ 86
 ♣ AKJ96

On Tuesday night, the Narasimhan team was spotted practicing in an IMP Pairs game online on BBO. Jenny Ryman (North) partnered Jill Levin (South) and Migry (East) partnered Jill Meyers (West).

On Board 7, Ryman/Levin bid and made 6H for a gain of 14.5 IMPs after Levin opened 1H and Ryman responded 1S. Levin bid 2C and Ryman bid 4th suit forcing. Levin bid 3C; Ryman bid 3D; Migry doubled and Levin wisely passed it around to her partner who redoubled to indicate first round control. Subsequent cuebids were followed by key card.

Ryman showed two key cards and Levin placed the hand in 6H.

Meyers led a fifth best diamond.

The winning line of play (double dummy) is not obvious. It involves taking an immediate club finesse!!

Instead, Levin won the diamond with the ace in dummy and played the ace of spades, followed by the spade king. Migry ruffed with the five, overruffed with the six.

Levin cashed her ace and king of clubs and led her club six. Meyers pitched a diamond and Levin ruffed low in dummy.

Levin played the queen of spades, Migry ruffing with the eight and Levin again overruffing with the ten.

Levin led the club nine and Meyer made the fatal play of trumping with her seven!!!

This was overruffed and followed with the spade ten. Migry chose to ruff with the heart jack but it mattered not. Levin overruffed with the heart queen and led the jack of clubs, discarding dummy's diamond. Levin ruffed a diamond in dummy.

In the end, Migry could collect her trump ace whenever she desired.

If Meyers hadn't ruffed with the seven of hearts, she would have been able to ruff declarer's good club with her trump, preventing the diamond discard from dummy.

Ironically, several pairs reached six spades on the hand. Even if East did not find the lead of the heart ace and a heart for the ruff, the contract was defeated because of the bad spade break.

Ryman/Levin did well to play the hand in hearts.

While I am sure it is fun to practice against one's teammates, it has to be tough to get excited about your big swings since you really are striving for both pairs to score well in face of the upcoming competition.

Good luck to all!!

Special Request from the Editor...

I will be doing these bulletins from South Bend, Indiana, and Gatlinburg, Tennessee. During the RR matches, I have no way to access the hands. I would greatly appreciate it if any of you who find an interesting hand would email it to me at stansubeck@prodigy.net ... along with the bidding and play if applicable to the write-up. If it is inconvenient to email it, you can call on my cell at 708-927-6819 or on Stan's cell at 708-927-6851. If you don't feed me a hand or two, I will have to improvise??? Thanks in advance.