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About the World Bridge Games in Wroclaw ...

The 2016 World Bridge Games, Wroclaw

The 2016 World Bridge Games will be staged in Wroclaw, Poland, from 3rd - 17th September at the magnificent Hala Stulecia, or Centennial Hall

Participants are urged to reserve their accommodation as early as possible in order to ensure that they can obtain the very favorable rates arranged by the Local Organizing Committee and also so that they can reserve rooms as close to the venue as possible.

The event comprises National Open, Women's, Senior and Mixed Teams and Pairs Championships. Each WBF Member Country is entitled (and will be invited to) send one team to participate in each of the four series.

There will be no limit on the number of pairs that each NBO may nominate to participate in the each of the four National Pairs events.

Note there are no Transnational events of any kind during these Championships.

The time schedule is :

- Saturday 3rd September - Opening Ceremony
- Sunday 4th - Friday 9th September - National Teams round robin
- Saturday 10th - Saturday 17th - Teams Knock-Out starting with a Round of 16
- Saturday 10th registration for the National Pairs Championships
- Sunday 11th - Tuesday 13th National Pairs Championships Qualification
- Wednesday 14th - Thursday 15th Pairs Semi-Finals A & B
- Friday 16th Pairs Finals A & B
- Saturday 17th Pairs Final A
- Saturday 17th Closing Ceremony

Right to enter

Each affiliated NBO in good standing with the WBF may be represented by its National team (one team per Country) and by an unlimited number of its National Pairs in each of the four categories, Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed.

To be eligible for participation in the 2016 World Bridge Games each player, non-playing captain, coach, trainer and other team official must comply with the WBF Laws of Duplicate Bridge, the Rules & Regulations pertaining to the Championships and furthermore must abide by the Competitors Commitment which they will be required to sign before the event. In addition the players and non-playing captains must comply with the conditions of eligibility set forth in the WBF Eligibility Code.

All entries are subject to approval by the Credentials Committee.

Participation in World Bridge Games as a condition for participation in the 2017 & 2019 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup

Only NBOs participating in the World Mind Sport Games are eligible to qualify to participate in the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup Championships held in either of the two subsequent odd-numbered years; in each case, an Open Team or at least one Open Pair must participate in the Games in order to be eligible for the Bermuda Bowl and a Women's Team or at least one Women's Pair must participate to be eligible for the Venice Cup. There is no such criteria for the d'Orsi Seniors Bowl.

Each affiliated NBO in good standing with the WBF may be represented by an unlimited number of their national pairs in each of the four categories, Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed.

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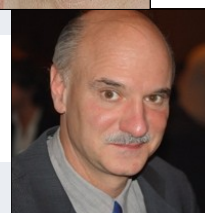
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Teams Entered... In Bracket Order

OLD TIMES

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| Hamman | Reese Milner Mark Lair Zia Mahmood Petra Hamman, NPC | Hemant Lall Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth |
| Morse | John Mohan Lew Stansby Steve Garner Jo Morse, NPC | Rose Meltzer Bart Bramley Ron Smith |
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The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.

Walter Bagehot



All About Kibitzing



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.**

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.



Tournament Schedule:

| <i>ROUND OF SIXTEEN</i> | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|---|---|
| <i>DAY</i> | <i>DATE</i> | <i>TIME</i> | <i>BOARDS</i> |
| FRIDAY | JUNE 17 | 9:45 AM | CAPTAINS' MEETING |
| FRIDAY | JUNE 17 | 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 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 |
| SATURDAY | JUNE 18 | 10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 | SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 95 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK |
| <i>QUARTER-FINAL</i> | | | |
| SATURDAY | JUNE 18 | 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30 | SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 |
| SUNDAY | JUNE 19 | 10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20 | SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 |
| <i>SEMI-FINAL</i> | | | |
| SUNDAY | JUNE 20 | 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 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 |
| MONDAY | JUNE 21 | 10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 | SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 95 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK |
| <i>FINAL</i> | | | |
| MONDAY | JUNE 21 | 4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30 | SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 |
| TUESDAY | JUNE 22 | 10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20 | SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 |

Doug is a life-long resident of Columbus, Ohio, except for the five years he lived in Philadelphia, where he earned both B.S. and M.A. degrees from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He is CEO and owner of First City Bank there. He loves spending time with his family - wife Joyce; daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Jason, attorneys in Seattle; son Alex, a high school counselor in Nashville; and grandsons Max and Teddy, also in Seattle. Among his many interests are golf (he recently shot an amazing 2-under-70 at Columbus Country Club, site of 1964 PGA Tournament!), classical music and jazz (he has a very sophisticated audio record system), Ohio State University sports, reading, movies, travel, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Doug learned bridge at his parents' kitchen table, and has always loved to play. His bridge partner of 25 years was the late Walter "WOJO" Johnson, who is dearly missed. Doug has been very fortunate to be mentored by two great teachers, Eric Rodwell and Marty Bergen. Jeff Aker and Doug have been working hard to develop a new and strong partnership. They play a very complicated precision system which requires great dedication and effort to play well. Fortunately, they both enjoy working at bridge and their results continue to steadily improve.

Doug has won two Life Master Pairs and two Grand National Teams events. In 2015, his team finished 2nd in the Senior USBC, 4th in Chennai, India at the D'Orsay Senior Teams, and tied for 5th-8th place in the Spingold. He also won the Pan American Pairs Gold Medal with Eric Rodwell in 1990.

Meet the Players...



VuGraph Information

The Knockout stages of the 2016 Senior USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph. We plan to cover all of the tables from the Quarterfinals on. 2 or 4 tables will have streaming video, and the other tables will have video uploaded after the day is over. 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. If you prefer to use the Windows version of BBO, after you log on, click on the button or line labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the Senior USBC matches you want to watch.

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

Each day's schedule is about the same (these are Denver 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

3:45 - 5:55: Segment 3

6:10 - 8:20: Segment 4



On Saturday and Tuesday, when a new match starts in the middle of the day, the third and fourth segments will be at:

4:00 - 6:10: Segment 3

6:20 - 8:30: 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.

All of the teams in the Semi-Finals will play the same boards. 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. The DIC will decide whether all of the Quarter-final teams will play the same boards after looking at any security issues.

Hints for BBO viewers

Useful information is available to browser BBO users [and perhaps some mobile BBO users] click on the name of the table/event name will provide a pop-up that:

*** displays the BBO Schedule for the specific vugraph event – calculated for the time zone of the viewer's electronic device**

*** has a link to the home page for event**

click on a player name will usually provide a pop-up that

*** displays a picture of the player**

*** shows links to System Summary Forms (SSFs), Convention Cards (CCs), and biographical information**

VIDEO: For those who use the original windows BBO - when you enter a room that has video, BBO will welcome you and broadcast the link to video. If video starts after you've entered the room or you forgot to grab the information, then exit the table and re-enter to see the automatic display. All other users will have a "Video" button at the bottom of the table. Just push the button and click on the link provided.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs. Take a look at the events currently available to see what we'll have for the 2016 Senior USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

If you are going to be in Denver during the Senior USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please **email Jan Martel**.

In the End... Play, that is ... Seniors in the Open ...

Board 6
Dealer: E
E/W Vul.

♠ T9
♥ J952
♦ 85
♣ AK542

♠ AKQ542
♥ K8
♦ T42
♣ T6



♠ J73
♥ AT7
♦ AQ76
♣ 983

♠ 86
♥ Q643
♦ KJ93
♣ QJ7

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Granovetter | Robinson | Ekeblad | Boyd |
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 1S (alerted) | Pass | 2C (drury like) | Pass |
| 3S | Pass | 4S | All Pass |
| Hamman | Garner | Bramley | Bates |
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 1S | Pass | 2C (drury like) | Pass |
| 2D (constructive) | Pass | 2S | All Pass |

In the Open Room, Granovetter/Ekeblad bid their vulnerable game.

In the Closed Room, Hamman/Bramley stopped in 2S.

It isn't the best game in the world, however, it is pretty good and likely worth the shot in IMPs.

Both declarers stripped the hand and endplayed South. The defense started with three rounds of clubs. Trumps were extracted. The king and ace of hearts were cashed and a third heart was ruffed in hand. Now all that remained was to lead a small diamond and cover whatever spot North played. South is forced to win the trick and can concede a ruff and sluff by leading a heart, or play a diamond from his KJ into the AQ in dummy. Nice offense!

On defense, however, both declarers can be held to nine tricks. To accomplish this, both Norths must shift to a diamond at either trick two or three. Declarer is forced to duck. South wins the diamond jack and exits with clubs. Eventually, declarer must try the losing diamond finesse.

Both pairs of defenders were playing UDCA. Since South is looking at the DKJ over the DAQ, he should realize that an early shift is desirable. Boyd played the CQ at trick 1 and was end-played when Robinson continued with a low club. Bates played the encouraging C7 so Garner continued with the king and a third club.

To get a diamond shift, playing upside down signals, South needs to play the discouraging CJ. This denies the queen. If North continues with the CK, South can play the C7. Since South's high/low in clubs shows an odd number of cards, and North knows that the only missing club is the queen, North should realize that South desires a shift.

North will have to decide which shift will defeat the contract. A heart shift could be right if South holds both red kings and declarer is able to shed a losing heart on a long diamond. If declarer has five red cards, he would need the JT of diamonds for this to occur. Also leading from J9xx with ATx in dummy is not an attractive proposition. The killing diamond shift seems best.

10 IMPs to Coren

More Seniors in the Open...

It's a bonus for Seniors to be able to play in the Open Trials, and, if eliminated, be able to compete in the Senior Trials. On this hand from the Open, we see several of the participants who "dropped down" to the Seniors from the Open.

Board 9
Dealer: N
E/W Vul.

♠ K87
♥ AQ82
♦ AT95
♣ AQ

♠ 9
♥ T93
♦ QJ83
♣ K6542



♠ J6542
♥ J764
♦ 4
♣ 983

♠ AQT3
♥ K5
♦ K762
♣ JT7

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|-------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Hamman | Garner | Bramley | Bates |
| | 1D | Pass | 1S |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3C (transfer to D) |
| Pass | 3D | Pass | 3H (cuebid) |
| Pass | 3S | Pass | 4D |
| Pass | 4H (KC) | Pass | 5C (2 w/o DQ) |
| Pass | 6D | All Pass | |
| Granovetter | Robinson | Ekeblad | Boyd |
| | 2NT | Pass | 3C (puppet) |
| Pass | 3D (1 or 2 4 crd M) | Pass | 3H (spades) |
| Pass | 3S (alerted) | Pass | 4S (alerted) |
| Pass | 5D | Pass | 6D |
| All Pass | | | |

Both tables in the Robinson/Coren match reached the diamond slam.

In the Closed Room, Bramley led a heart. Garner won the king and took the percentage play in trumps. He cashed the DK, and played a diamond toward his AT9. Hamman played small and Garner inserted the nine. When this held, Garner played the SK and a spade to the ace, revealing the 5-1 split. Hamman discarded a club on the SA. Garner cashed his trump ace and took the proven spade finesse, claiming 12 tricks.

In the Open Room, Ekeblad led a spade. Robinson won the king in hand and cashed the DA, banking on a 3-2 trump split. At first, this seems like a wrong play since he can only pick up QJ8x of trump in one direction, but Robinson was worried about 5-1 spades.

Robinson was right. Spades were 5-1, but when diamonds didn't split, he paid the price.

He led a diamond to the king and was forced to concede down one, yielding tricks to both the queen and jack of trump.

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Puzzle Page ...

At the local games evening, four lads were competing in the draughts and chess competitions.

Liam beat Mark in chess, James came third and the 16 year old won. Liam came second in draughts, the 15 year old won, James beat the 18 year old and the 19 year old came third. Kevin is 3 years younger than Mark. The person who came last in chess, came third in draughts and only one lad got the same position in both games.

Can you determine the ages of the lads and the positions in the two games?



Hint and Answer to Puzzle

| Answer: | |
|---------|--------------------|
| Name | Age Draughts Chess |
| James | 15 1 3 |
| Kevin | 16 4 1 |
| Liam | 18 2 2 |
| Mark | 19 3 4 |

Hint: Kevin is 16.

2016 Mixed USBC

In 2016, the [World Bridge Games](#), to be held in Wroclaw, Poland from September 3 through September 17th, will include a Mixed Teams event. USBF will hold a hybrid online & face-to-face selection event, the 2016 Mixed United States Bridge Championship. The USBF Tournament Committee is working on the details of the competition, but what we expect is that it will be in 3 stages:

1. An online Swiss Teams event to be held on BBO on Saturday & Sunday, July 9 & 10, 2016. Any USBF member who has paid dues for 2016 may enter this event. The exact format will be determined by the number of teams. Each player will be required to provide a monitor, who will sign a statement that the player did not communicate with anyone during play and did not have any window other than the BBO playing window open during play.
2. Online Knockout Rounds of 16 and 8 on BBO on Saturday & Sunday, July 16 & 17 (teams in the Round of 16 may arrange to play their match earlier than July 16). The top 16 teams from the Swiss stage will participate, and they will be seeded in the order of finish in the Swiss. Each match will probably be 64 boards long, but that has still to be finally determined. Each player will be required to have a monitor, who will have to be approved in advance and may have to be an ACBL certified director. The monitor will sign a statement that the player did not communicate with anyone during play and did not have any window other than the BBO playing window open during play. Arrangements may be made for multiple players to compete at a local bridge club.
3. Face to face Semi-Final and Final matches to be played in Washington, DC on Aug. 1-3 (the three days after the Summer NABC). These matches will be 90 boards long. We hope to arrange space for this stage of play at the NABC tournament hotel, but are still working on that.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries are now open and will close on June 27th, 2016; additional entries will be accepted after June 27th, but only if those additional teams will improve the format of the event.

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees for this event will be lower than for the Open, Senior & Women's events, because USBF costs will be lower. The tournament committee has not yet determined the exact entry fees. Best guess right now is that there will be an event entry fee of \$240 per team, and no additional fees until the Semi-Final. Players will, however, be required to compensate their monitors and to pay any fees that local bridge clubs may charge if they play at a local club. Session fees for the Semi-Final and Final will be the same as for other USBF events - \$150 per team per session, so \$450 for each stage.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Please [email Jan](#) if you have any suggestions, comments or questions about this event.



Board 11
 Dealer: S
 None Vul.

♠ QJT9
 ♥ Q86
 ♦ A5
 ♣ 8542

♠ A3
 ♥ 53
 ♦ QJT9742
 ♣ 76



♠ 75
 ♥ AT92
 ♦ K86
 ♣ AK93

♠ K8642
 ♥ KJ74
 ♦ 3
 ♣ QJT

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|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Hamman | Garner | Bramley | Bates |
| 3D | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

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|-------------|----------|---------|----------|
| Granovetter | Robinson | Ekeblad | Boyd |
| 3D | Pass | 5D | All Pass |

In the Closed Room, this was an unlucky hand for Hamman/Bramley. Bramley made an educated gamble to bid 3NT. If Hamman held as little as ace, queen, sixth of diamonds and three small spades, 3NT would depend on a diamond split and either 4-4 spades or a non-spade lead.

If spades happened to be 5-3 and the opening leader had the three card holding, he would likely lead from one of his other holdings.

As the cards lie, only a spade will defeat the contract. Unfortunately for Bramley, Bates held five spades and four hearts and made the normal lead of the S4. When Bramley knocked out the DA, North/South took four spade tricks for down one.

In the Open Room, this hand was extremely lucky for Granovetter/Ekeblad. Ekeblad chose to bid 5D instead of 3NT, opting for the 11 trick game. What a lucky lie! If the QJT of clubs don't fall in three rounds, there is no play. Because they do, however, 5D is cold. Robinson led a spade; Granovetter knocked out the trump ace; Robinson cashed a spade; In the end, the small heart loser was tossed on the club nine to bring in 11 tricks.

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Hospitality Suite Information

The hospitality suite for the 2016 Senior USBC is Suite 2612. Players, volunteers, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join hostesses Lisa Berkowitz & Martha Katz for:

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

Lunch Sunday through Wednesday from 2:30-4:00.

On Friday & Saturday, lunch will be a buffet served in the Aspen foyer, outside the Aspen Ballroom playing area.

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 1901) will also be open on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. We will have coffee and snacks there for you during play.

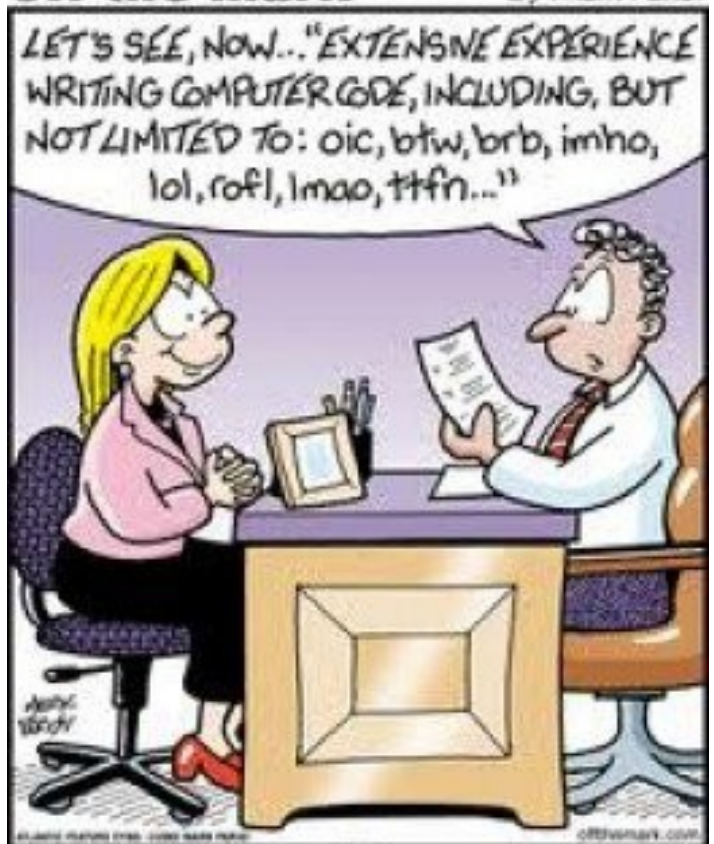


Senior Humor...



I still get carded
(when I ask for my senior citizen discount).

off the mark by Mark Parisi



Today's generation will never get to know the satisfaction



of slamming down the phone during an angry hang-up!