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“Trials” and Tribulations

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team Name	Total	10	9	4	8	5	6	7	19	17	13	18	12	11	16	14	15
10. Gupta	111.78		11.35		14.32		13.99		12.18		17.82	17.21	10.92	13.99			
9. Robinson	109.68	8.65				10.00	7.43					19.29	17.42		12.57	20.00	14.32
4. Nickell	102.52						19.56	5.37		9.08	5.37			13.65	17.82	18.36	13.31
8. Coren	94.94	5.68						10.00	15.22	5.37		11.77		17.21	16.04	13.65	
5. Fleisher	94.26		10.00				9.08		9.08		12.18	19.15	14.32	9.53	10.92		
6. Schwartz	86.60	6.01	12.57	.44		10.92						7.43			13.99	17.62	17.62
7. Wolfson	82.29			14.63	10.00				10.47	11.35	14.63	7.06	9.08	5.07			
19. Jolly	79.72	7.82			4.78	10.92		9.53			11.77	6.69	8.65			19.56	
17. Dinkin	79.29			10.92	14.63			8.65			10.92		14.63		10.00	1.31	8.23
13. Wildavsky	71.77	2.18		14.63		7.82		5.37	8.23	9.08			14.93				9.53
18. Reynolds	71.40	2.79	.71		8.23	.85	12.57	12.94	13.31					20.00			
12. Harris	63.70	9.08	2.58			5.68		10.92	11.35	5.37	5.07					13.65	
11. McAllister	62.37	6.01		6.35	2.79	10.47		14.93				0.00			10.47		11.35
16. Humphreys	61.13		7.43	2.18	3.96	9.08	6.01			10.00				9.53			12.94
14. Jacobus	54.85		0.00	1.64	6.35		2.38		.44	18.69			6.35				19.00
15. Lo	53.70		5.68	6.69			2.38			11.77	10.47			8.65	7.06	1.00	

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Teams Entered... Ordered by Byes then Alphabetical

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

Gordon

Bye to Rnd of 8
Mark Gordon, Capt
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Ron Smith
Kevin Dwyer
Oren Kriegel

Nickell

Frank Nickell, Capt
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Reynolds

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Alan Daniels

Robinson

Steve Robinson, Capt
Kit Woolsey
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Peter Boyd
Fred Stewart
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J. Allan Graves
Mike Passell
Curtis Cheek

Wildavsky

Adam Wildavsky, Capt
Steve Beatty
Migry Zur Campanile
Larry Robbins

Wolfson

Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt
Gary Cohler
Zia Mahmood
Neil Silverman
Billy Cohen
Michael Kamil

God could not be
everywhere, and
therefore he made
mothers.
Rudyard Kipling

Tournament Schedule (continued on page 4)

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
FRIDAY	MAY 6	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
FRIDAY	MAY 6	10:00 - 11:00 11:10 - 12:10 12:25 - 1:25 1:35 - 2:35 3:45 - 4:45 4:55 - 5:55 6:10 - 7:10 7:20 - 8:20	MATCH 1, BOARDS 1-7 MATCH 2, BOARDS 8-14 MATCH 3, BOARDS 15-21 MATCH 4, BOARDS 22-28 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 5, BOARDS 29-35 MATCH 6, BOARDS 1-7 MATCH 7, BOARDS 8-14 MATCH 8, BOARDS 15-21
SATURDAY	MAY 7	10:00 - 11:00 11:10 - 12:10 12:25 - 1:25 1:35 - 2:35 3:45 - 4:45 4:55 - 5:55 6:05 - 7:05	MATCH 9, BOARDS 22-28 MATCH 10, BOARDS 29-35 MATCH 11, BOARDS 1-7 MATCH 12, BOARDS 8-14 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 13, BOARDS 15-21* MATCH 14, BOARDS 22-28* MATCH 15, BOARDS 29-35*
* THE FINAL 3 MATCHES ARE SEQUESTERED - ONE PAIR ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY ALL 3 MATCHES & MUST REMAIN IN THE CLOSED ROOM FOR ALL 3 MATCHES. NO SCORE COMPARISON ALLOWED.			
ROUND OF 16			
SUNDAY	MAY 8	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
SUNDAY	MAY 8	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	MAY 9	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30

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.



QUARTER-FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 10	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
WEDNESDAY	MAY 11	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
SEMI-FINAL			
THURSDAY	MAY 12	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
FRIDAY	MAY 13	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
FINAL			
SATURDAY	MAY 14	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
SUNDAY	MAY 15	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30



Team Gordon

Upcoming Senior USBC Information

LOCATION AND DATES

The 2016 Senior USBC will be held at the **Grand Hyatt, Denver, CO**, starting on Friday, June 17th and ending on Wednesday, June 22nd. Room rate for the Senior USBC is \$169 per night, including internet. You can make a reservation at the USBF **online reservation page** or by calling the hotel at (303) 295-1234 and mentioning USBF. **NOTE:** The hotel is fully booked on June 20, 21, and 22. The hotel has assured me that when those of you who made reservations for the last few days lose and check out, they will extend the reservations of those of you who are still playing. So please just reserve through 6/20 and we will work out the remaining days if you are still playing. If you have any problems with hotel reservations, **email Jan** and she will try to straighten things out. **The cut-off date to make reservations at our rate is Friday, May 20th.**

AIRPORT RAIL OPEN

The train goes from the airport to downtown Union Station, which is about 12 blocks from the Grand Hyatt. Cost is \$9 each way.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries are now open and will close at midnight EDT on May 23, 2016; additional entries will be accepted through June 3, but only if those additional teams will improve the format of the event. Any team that is reduced to fewer than 4 players because team members have qualified to represent the USBF in the Women's Teams in Wroclaw can withdraw its entry to the Senior USBC and receive a full refund of the entry fee.

FORMAT

The Senior USBC will last for 6 days.

The first stage will be a 1.5 day Round Robin. The top 8 teams will qualify for the Quarterfinal. The event will continue with 1.5 day KO matches for the Quarterfinal, Semi-Final & Final.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, May 20: Final day to submit Advance Submission Forms if you are playing a Super Chart method.

Friday, June 3: Final day to submit System Summary Form & ACBL Convention card. Penalty for late submission of the SSF is loss of seating rights in one segment of the team's first KO match per day that the form is late.

Friday, May 20: Last day to make hotel reservations and be assured of receiving our hotel rate. The hotel may honor the rate for later reservations, but is not required to do so.

Wednesday, June 15: Last day for roster changes without Credentials Committee approval.

Hospitality Suite Information

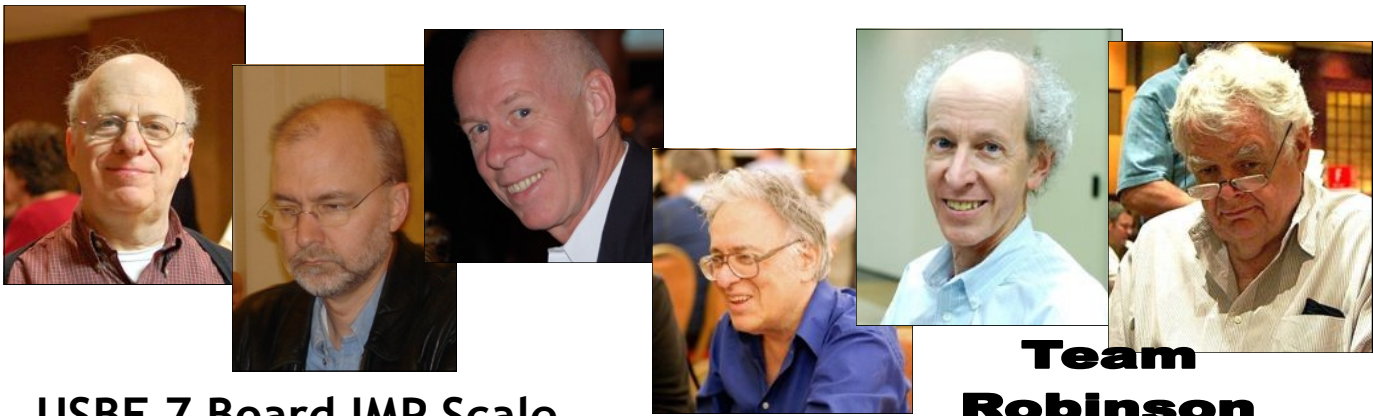
The hospitality suite for the 2016 USBC will be room 2612. Lisa Berkowitz and assistant Susie Miller are your hostesses during your stay. They will serve breakfast each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch starting on Sunday day from 2:00-4:00.

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.

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

On Friday and Saturday, we will be serving a buffet lunch catered by the hotel - as soon as we know the location, we'll let you know.





USBF 7 Board IMP Scale

Team Robinson

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.50	4.50	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19.00	1.00
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.77	3.23	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.31	6.69	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.80	0.20
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

Round Robin

The 2016 USBC Round Robin will be a 2-day complete Round Robin, with 7 board matches, scored using the **USBF 7 board Victory Point scale**. The Round Robin schedule is set forth on the **Tournament Schedule page**.

SCORE SUBMISSION

After each match, you must turn in a form showing your score (in IMPs) for the match; please enter the IMPs for each team, not the net IMPs. If you have time to confirm the score with your opponent before submitting it, please do so, but if you don't have time, turn the score in anyway. Write your lineup for the next match on the back of the score ticket, and turn in the score ticket to receive your assignment for the next match.

SEQUESTERED MATCHES

The final 3 matches on Saturday will have the Closed Room sequestered. One pair on your team must play all 3 matches in the Closed Room. No score comparison is allowed during the 3-match clump. For the first 2 sequestered matches, the NS pair at each table will be asked to complete a score sheet & have the EW pair verify that it is correct. We will pick up those score sheets and enter the scores into the computer in order to have your scores for those matches completed by the time you finish the final match. Those scores will be shown on a wall near the playing area. You will be asked to confirm that those scores are correct when you turn in your score for the final match. We hope that this procedure will help speed up the determination of which teams have qualified.

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Puzzle Page ...

Mother 's Day

K	S	O	N	S	U	H	G	N	I	D	E	E	F
I	I	R	I	E	Y	A	D	N	U	S	I	I	C
S	W	W	G	G	A	S	C	A	R	I	N	G	U
S	D	A	U	G	H	T	E	R	S	T	R	O	D
E	A	L	O	V	E	G	F	G	N	I	V	I	G
S	E	I	G	N	I	K	R	O	W	D	R	A	H
F	N	E	T	S	I	L	E	H	N	V	H	E	I
I	S	R	W	C	A	I	F	G	N	T	S	E	W
R	T	W	S	A	O	D	E	L	I	S	W	S	T
E	H	H	E	O	L	O	V	G	O	F	E	U	W
H	O	I	W	E	L	N	K	I	I	W	T	O	I
T	R	E	T	E	T	T	I	I	C	F	E	S	F
A	O	T	N	E	I	T	A	P	N	E	G	R	E
F	S	G	I	H	U	G	S	A	W	G	O	D	S

SUNDAY
GIFTS
INLAW
HARDWORKING
LISTEN
DAUGHTERS
SWEET
KISSES
HUGS
SONS
FATHER
FLOWERS
LOVE
FEEDING
PATIENT
CARING
GIVING
ADVICE
COOKING
WIFE

Meet The Players ...



Richard (Richie) Schwartz, born in 1943, is an ACBL Grand Life Master, WBF World International Master. He became fascinated with the world of horse racing in high school, and was not exposed to bridge until College (Michigan) around 1962. Success came quickly in bridge, his second lifetime passion, playing with his peers and mentors Eddie Mansfield and Freddy Hamilton. After college he worked in the Defense and Aerospace Industry for 5+years, then turned all his energies to his first passion and became one of the country's most successful horse handicappers from 1975 to 1989. During that time he played Rubber Bridge and put serious bridge competition on hold.

Since retiring from full time betting, Richie won the U.S. Senior Team Trials 2011, 2012 and 2013, which led to winning a silver medal at the World Mind Sports games in Lille in 2012.

He also won: National IMP Pairs in 1989, Jacoby Open Swiss 1992, 2013, 2015, 2016, Vanderbilt KO 1997, 1998 and 2005, Spingold KO 2014 Mixed BAM 2002. Also second in Spingold KO 1996, Reisingers 2002, 2004, 2014, Vanerbilt 2000, 2004, Lebhar IMP Pairs 1990, Wernher Open Pairs 1993, Nail Life Master Open Pairs 1998, U.S. Open Team Trials 2000, Mixed BAM 2006, and the Cavendish Invitational pairs in 1994. He plays rubber bridge several times a week in the "Big Game" in New York's Regency club.

Mom No. 1: How do you get your sleepy-head son up in the morning?

Mom No. 2: I just put the cat on the bed.

Mom No. 1: How does that help?

Mom No. 2: The dog's already there.

Son: Dad, do you know the difference between a pack of cookies and a pack of elephants?

Dad: No.

Son: Then it's a good thing Mom does the grocery shopping!

Sunday school teacher: Tell me, Johnny. Do you say prayers before eating?

Johnny: No, ma'am, I don't have to. My mom's a good cook.

Erin: What did the mother bullet say to the daddy bullet?

Fran: What?

Erin: "We're gonna have a BB!"

Joker: Why did the monster's mother knit him three socks?

Harvey: I have no clue.

Joker: She heard he grew another foot!

A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots. "Carrots are good for your eyes," she says.

"How do you know?" the boy asks.

The mother replies, "Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?"

Matthew: What did the mother rope say to her child?

Jim: What?

Matthew: "Don't be knotty."

A mother mouse and a baby mouse are walking along when suddenly a cat attacks them. The mother mouse shouts "BARK!" and the cat runs away. "See?" the mother mouse says to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"

Jack: What did the mother broom say to the baby broom?

Bill: What?

Jack: It's time to go to sweep!

Mother to son: I'm warning you. If you fall out of that tree and break both your legs, don't come running to me!

Daffynition: Sweater—something you wear when your mother gets cold.

Pee Wee: What did the digital clock say to its mother?

Westy: What?

Pee Wee: "Look, Ma! No hands!"

Ben: How come the mother needle got mad at the baby needle?


Jerry: I dunno.

Ben: It was way past its threadtime!

Scorin' with Oren by Oren Kriegel

Board 32 ♠ 965
 Match 5 ♥ A832
 Dealer: W ♦ J42
 E/W vul ♣ T95

♠ Q32
 ♥ Q654
 ♦ 65
 ♣ QJ72



♠ J8
 ♥ JT97
 ♦ AKQ87
 ♣ 64

♠ AKT74
 ♥ K
 ♦ T93
 ♣ AK83

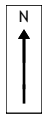
West	North	East	South (Oren)
Pass	Pass	1D	1S
Double	2S (weak raise)	All Pass	

West led the D6 to the queen, and East shifted to the C6. I could have succeeded by ducking the club, and later cashing the SAK and ruffing the fourth club in dummy. But I rose with the CA, cashed the HK, to which East followed with the H10 (standard count), and exited a diamond. East won, cashed the other top diamond (West discarded a heart) and played his second club.

If I cashed the top spades and gave up a club, West could draw trumps and take a second club. If I gave up a club without taking both high trumps, West could let East overruff dummy on the fourth club. Instead, I cashed the SA and exited a low spade: West couldn't profitably rise, so East won the SJ and was endplayed. A heart would let me discard a club, and a diamond would let me ruff high while discarding dummy's club, ruff a club in dummy and discard the other club on the HA.

Board 11 ♠ 32
 Match 7 ♥ K876
 Dealer: N* ♦ J7
 None Vul. ♣ KT753

♠ 865
 ♥ 53
 ♦ KQT9652
 ♣ 9



♠ QT97
 ♥ J94
 ♦ 43
 ♣ J642

♠ AKJ4
 ♥ AQT2
 ♦ A8
 ♣ AQ8

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	2C
3D	Pass (GF)	Pass	Double
Pass	3H	Pass	4D
Pass	5C	Pass	5D
Pass	6C	Pass	7H
All Pass			

*Hands have been rotated to make South the declarer.

Cover the E/W hands. West leads the DK ... Plan the play.

An intuitive line is to take the HA, then HK, staying alive if East has the Jxxx (you would cash SAK and ruff a heart, then draw trumps and try to run the clubs.) On that line, however, you can't make 7H as the cards lie. Hearts were 3-2 and clubs were 4-1, and even though you can ruff the clubs good, you need to take the (winning) spade finesse for 13 tricks and you don't have the entries to do everything.

The winning line as the cards lie is to take two high hearts in hand, then test clubs. If they are 3-2, you can draw the last trump and claim (2 spade tricks, 5 hearts, 1 diamond, and 5 clubs). On the actual hand, West shows out but can't ruff, so you ruff the clubs good, draw the last trump, cash the clubs, and take the spade finesse to score up +1510.

I don't think it's clear what the best line of play is.