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About the World Bridge Games in Wroclaw ...

World National Open, Women's, Seniors & Mixed Teams

The championship consists of 4 categories: in addition to the Open, Women's and Seniors, a Mixed Teams Championship has been introduced for the first time in this event.

In each of the four categories the teams will be divided into groups which will then play a single complete round-robin with all the teams within the group playing each other.

At the end of the round-robin the highest ranked teams from each group will be admitted to the knock-out stages: Round of 16, Quarter-final, Semi-final and Final & Play-off KO matches will be played.

Timetable for the Teams Championships

Teams Registration	Saturday 3 rd September 10.00 - 18.30 hrs.
Captains meeting	Saturday 3 rd September at 17.30
Opening Ceremony	Saturday 3 rd September at 19.30
Round Robin 1 st Match	Sunday 4 th September at 10.15
Round Robin Last Match	Friday 9 th September
Round of 16	Saturday 10 th - Sunday 11 th
Quarter-final	Monday 12 th - Tuesday 13 th
Semi-final	Wednesday 14 th - Thursday 15 th
Final & Play-Off	Friday 16 th - Saturday 17 th
Closing Ceremony - Prize-giving	Saturday 17 th at 20.00 hrs.

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Halfway Through the Semis...

#	TEAM	TOTAL	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4
1	Baker	143	39	50	41	13
4	Weingold	150	30	11	53	56
2	Wittes	69	35	15	2	17
3	Palmer	109	28	23	36	22

UNITED STATES WOMEN'S BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Miss” Print!!

Women's Teams: Listed in Quarterfinal Bracket Position Order



"MISS" PRINT!!

Newsletter
Editor,
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With one of her
five "assistants"

Baker Bye to SemiFinals	Lynn Baker Kerri Sanborn JoAnna Stansby Cenk Tuncok, NPC	Karen McCallum Irina Levitina Pam Granovetter
Wittes	Pamela Wittes Cheri Bjerkan Linda Lewis	Ljudmila Kamenova ----- Hjordis Eythorsdottir
Palmer	Beth Palmer, Capt Lynn Deas Tobi Sokolow	Sylvia Shi Juanita Chambers Janice Seamon-Molson
Weingold	Joanne Weingold Jill Meyers Kathleen Sulgrove	Shannon Cappelletti Jan Assini Debbie Rosenberg
OSMO	Mary Ose, Capt Ginny Curtis Joanne Merry	Teri Smoot Katherine Ewing Prudence Saunders

Meet the Players...



Joanna Stansby

Bridge is by far my favorite endeavor. Away from the table, I enjoy reading, hiking, Wikipedia, puzzles, board games, and practice public speaking at my local Toastmasters club.

I don't read the newspaper or watch television - this occasionally puts me in some rather curious situations!

For my "day job" I work part-time as a pharmacist.

I live in Dublin, California with my husband Lew who is also my best friend and has been a great bridge coach for me.

We have no pets except for Schroedinger's cat.

Tournament Schedule



QUARTERFINAL			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
MONDAY	MAY 30	10:15 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
MONDAY MATCH 1	MAY 30	10:30 - 12:40 12:55 - 3:05 4:15 - 6:25 6:40 - 8:50	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
TUESDAY MATCH 2	MAY 31	10:30 - 12:40 12:55 - 3:05 4:15 - 6:25 6:40 - 8:50	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SEMI-FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 1	10:15 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 1	10:30 - 12:40 12:55 - 3:05 4:15 - 6:25 6:40 - 8:50	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
THURSDAY	JUNE 2	10:30 - 12:40 12:55 - 3:05 4:15 - 6:25 6:40 - 8:50	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			
FRIDAY	JUNE 3	10:30 - 12:40 12:55 - 3:05 4:15 - 6:25 6:40 - 8:50	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 4	10:30 - 12:40 12:55 - 3:05 4:15 - 6:25 6:40 - 8:50	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30



Hospitality Suite ...

The hospitality suite for the 2016 Women's USBC is Suite 4019 in the Folsum Wing. Players, volunteers, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join hostesses Martha Katz and Chris Benson for:

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

Lunch each day from 2:30-4:30 pm.

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

All About Kibitzing

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. However, 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 Women's 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.

Kibitzing



Team Seeding Points

The teams in the Women's USBC are seeded based on ACBL Performance Points, including masterpoints (aka Wagar seeding points). The seeding points for an individual player are capped at 50. Teams are seeded based on the average seeding points for the team, except that the team with a bye to the Semifinal is seeded first. The teams and their seed positions are listed in the table below. To see information about each player's seeding points, download the **PDF Spreadsheet of 2016 Women's USBC Seeding Points** at the USBF site. If you want to see the ACBL information (masterpoints and ACBL Positioning Points) for players on each of the teams, you can **email Jan** to get a text document with detailed information for each player on each team.

Teams may add or drop players before the USBC, which would change the seeding points.



<i>SEED</i>	<i>TEAM NAME</i>	<i>TEAM AVERAGE SEEDING POINTS</i>
1	Baker	Bye
2	Wittes	39.93
3	Palmer	37.22
4	Weingold	25.92
5	OSMO	2.98

Vugraph Information

The 2016 Women's USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Quarterfinals. We hope to cover all tables in play in the event. 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 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 for each day (60 boards a day) is the same (these are California times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the BBO Vugraph schedule site:

10:30 - 12:40: Segment 1; 12:55 - 3:05: Segment 2; 4:15 - 6:25:

Segment 3; 6:40 - 8:50: 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 will play the same boards. 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. If you are going to be in Sacramento during the Women's USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please email Jan.

Hints for BBO viewers

Useful information is available to browser 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



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.

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.



You know prices are rising when you buy a winter jacket and even down is up.

Sign on a broken perfume bottle, "Out of odor".

The price of shingles is going through the roof.

The store clerk lost his job, so he set up a kiosk in the mall to vend for himself.

If they ever have a contest for the best looking mannequin, there will be stiff competition.



C		4							0	9				F	
A	B	3	9	C		2			F		D				
8	D			B		A		C	2		4		0		
	1	2				8	F	E							
	E	7						3		5	6			1	
		C	B		1				2				0	F	
					3		D					2	6	E	A
9				2	E	5		F	0						C
D						F	B		E	3	8				2
3	9	E	A					6		B					
	5	1				E				7		6	B		
F				3	D		1						4	5	
							0	8	3				7	9	
	4		7		5		8		D		F			B	3
			F		C				9		E	8	2	D	5
2				1	B								C		E

Big Sudoku

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

2	8	A	3	1	B	D	9	7	5	6	0	F	C	4	E
B	0	6	F	7	C	3	A	1	9	4	E	8	2	D	5
1	4	9	7	E	5	6	8	2	D	C	F	0	A	B	3
E	C	5	D	F	2	4	0	8	3	A	B	1	7	9	6
F	2	B	6	3	D	7	1	0	C	9	A	E	4	5	8
4	5	1	8	9	A	E	C	D	F	7	2	6	B	3	0
3	9	E	A	5	8	0	2	6	4	B	1	7	F	C	D
D	7	0	C	6	4	F	B	5	E	3	8	A	9	1	2
9	A	D	1	2	E	5	6	F	0	8	4	B	3	7	C
5	F	8	4	0	3	B	D	9	7	1	C	2	6	E	A
6	3	C	B	8	1	9	7	A	2	E	D	5	0	F	4
0	E	7	2	A	F	C	4	3	B	5	6	9	D	8	1
7	1	2	0	4	9	8	F	E	6	D	3	C	5	A	B
8	D	F	5	B	6	A	3	C	1	2	7	4	E	0	9
A	B	3	9	C	0	2	E	4	8	F	5	D	1	6	7
C	6	4	E	D	7	1	5	B	A	0	9	3	8	2	F

Puzzle Page ...

After a local art theft, six suspects were being interviewed.

Below is a summary of their statements.

Police know that exactly four of them told one lie each and all of the other statements are true.

From this information can you tell who committed the crime?

Alan said:

It wasn't Brian
It wasn't Dave
It wasn't Eddie

Brian said:

It wasn't Alan
It wasn't Charles
It wasn't Eddie

Charles said:

It wasn't Brian
It wasn't Freddie
It wasn't Eddie

Dave said:

It wasn't Alan
It wasn't Freddie
It wasn't Charles

Eddie said:

It wasn't Charles
It wasn't Dave
It wasn't Freddie

Freddie said:

It wasn't Charles
It wasn't Dave
It wasn't Alan

I'll never forget that rainstorm near Los Angeles and how the rain came down in Torrance.

Ever since Molly moved to Montana she wanted a shiny new kitchen with chrome on the range.

The first drinking establishment in Alaska was a polar bar.

Many people need to learn to be happy with the State they are in.

Fashionable women in Indiana all wear designer Hoosierey.

I just got back from my vacation along the northern Oregon coast, and have I got Astoria or two to tell you!

Juneau Alaska? It's up there next to Canada, Yukon see it on a map, so it's not just an Aleutian.

Someone led me to believe that graphite was discovered in Pennsylvania.

The author in northwest Alaska used a pen name. It was a Nome de plume.

Roanoke - that's where wooden oars are made.



The ladies I played
Think I am the devil.
I stole their hand
Below the game level.
Went down just one...
I thought that was fine.
But when I recounted,
My tricks totalled nine!
The ladies were angry...
Down to the core.
Now they are trying
To even the score!

Hint & Answers: No Peeking!

If any other person had committed the crime there would not be exactly 4 lies told.

Answer: Charles committed the crime.

Hint: If Alan had committed the crime, how many lies would there be?

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.

Did you hear about these new reversible jackets?
I'm excited to see how they turn out.

There was a big paddle sale at the boat store. It was quite an oar deal.

Greengrocers earn a meager celery, come home beet and just want to read the pepper, take a leek, turnip the covers endive into bed.

The store keeps calling me to come back and buy more bedroom furniture, but all I really wanted was one night stand.

The use of drones to deliver magazines will certainly raise some issues.

Women who wear \$200.00 perfume have no common scents.

Economic experts report that while cactus sales have spiked, aquarium sales have tanked.

There was a shootout in The Gap. There were many casual-tees.

The liquor store advertised, 'We De-Liver.'

A man walked into a chimney store and asked 'how much for this one?' The salesman replied 'It's on the house.'



Board 4
 Dealer: W
 All Vul.

♠ 7
 ♥ Q75
 ♦ 974
 ♣ QJT764

♠ 932
 ♥ K863
 ♦ AJ2
 ♣ K83

♠ AQT5
 ♥ AJT9
 ♦ KQT3
 ♣ A

♠ KJ864
 ♥ 42
 ♦ 865
 ♣ 952

West	North	East	South
Granovetter	Cappelletti	Stansby	Meyers
Pass	Pass	1C (strong)	Pass
1S (art. GF)	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3H	Pass
3NT	Pass	4C	Pass
4D	Pass	6H	All Pass

Rosenberg	McCallum	Sulgrove	Baker
Pass	3C	Double	4C
4H	Pass	4NT	Pass
5H	Pass	6H	All Pass

Both tables in the Weingold/Baker match bid to the heart slam. Stansby played it from East and Rosenberg played it from West. Having one spade pitch on the long diamond is just enough to make it if you get the heart right.

Meyers, on lead in the Open Room against Stansby, knew nothing about her partner's hand. A series of relays landed her opponents in slam. Leading into the strong hand made a spade unattractive and no other suit looked particularly attacking. In the absence of a clear choice, Jill led a trump pickling her partner's queen. Stansby collected twelve tricks for +1430.

In the Closed room, things went quite differently. McCallum, known for aggressive preempting (the Kit W school of bidding, perhaps?), opened 3C on her QJTxxx and Qxx of hearts. Sulgrove doubled and Baker furthered the preempt one level. Rosenberg bid 4H and Sulgrove invited the slam. McCallum led the CQ. Rosenberg won in dummy. Her only inference on the hand was club length with North. All other things being equal, this placed the heart length with South. Playing the odds, Rosenberg cashed the HA and finessed the jack to McCallum's queen. -100 ... 17 IMPs to Baker

Board 12
 Dealer: W
 N/S Vul.

♠ 96
 ♥ KJ42
 ♦ J32
 ♣ A954

♠ J52
 ♥ A985
 ♦ Q8
 ♣ JT87

♠ 43
 ♥ Q73
 ♦ T9654
 ♣ KQ3

♠ AKQT87
 ♥ T6
 ♦ AK7
 ♣ 62

Granovetter	Cappelletti	Stansby	Meyers
Pass	Pass	Pass	1S
Pass	1NT	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	All Pass	

Rosenberg	McCallum	Sulgrove	Baker
Pass	Pass	Pass	1S
Pass	1NT	Pass	2S
All Pass			

Meyers/Cappelletti had a "normal" auction to reach a normal game. A club was led. Meyers ducked Stansby's queen. The DT was returned, Myers winning in hand. Trump were extracted. Myers led a small heart toward dummy and guessed right, putting up the king. Making 5 for +650

For whatever reason, Baker chose to rebid 2S on her 16 HCP and two doubletons with AKQTxx of spades. This did not excite McCallum who held a flat 9 count with a doubleton spade. Baker made four, guessing the heart wrong. 10 IMPs to Weingold

Board 15
 Dealer: S
 N/S Vul.

♠ 5
 ♥ A8763
 ♦ 875
 ♣ AQ73

♠ AJ96432
 ♥ 4
 ♦ 32
 ♣ K95



♠ QT
 ♥ KQJ5
 ♦ AQ64
 ♣ 642
 ♠ K87
 ♥ T92
 ♦ KJT9
 ♣ JT8

West	North	East	South
Granovetter	Cappelletti	Stansby	Meyers
3S	All Pass		Pass
Rosenberg	McCallum	Sulgrove	Baker
3S	Pass	4S	All Pass

In the Open Room, Granovetter's 3S ended the auction. Cappelletti led the D5. Pam finessed and Meyers won her king. Meyers shifted to the CJ, K, A, 2. Cappelletti went back to diamonds, declarer winning the ace in dummy. The trump finesse was successful and trumps were drawn. A heart was led toward the dummy. Shannon grabbed her ace, cashed the CQ and led a club to her partner's ten... Contract failing by a trick.

In the Closed room, Sulgrove liked her hand more than Stansby did. She raised Rosenberg's preempt to game. McCallum chose to attack with the HA. This was fatal. With the SK right, Rosenberg was able to pull two rounds of trump, toss two clubs on two hearts, lead a third heart which Baker ruffed and Rosenberg overruffed, conceding only a diamond and a club to make game. 10 IMPs to Weingold

Board 21
 Dealer: N
 N/S Vul.

♠ KQT53
 ♥ A5
 ♦ K9
 ♣ QT52

♠ A98
 ♥ KT7
 ♦ T75
 ♣ 9764



♠ J742
 ♥ QJ9864
 ♦ 84
 ♣ 8
 ♠ 6
 ♥ 32
 ♦ AQJ632
 ♣ AKJ3

Rosenberg	McCallum	Sulgrove	Baker
Pass	1S	Pass	2D
Pass	3C	Pass	4C
Pass	4H	Pass	4NT
Pass	5C	Pass	6C
All Pass			
Sanborn	Assini	Levitina	Weingold
Pass	1S	Pass	2D
Pass	3C	Pass	4C
Pass	4H	Pass	4NT
Pass	5D	Pass	6C
All Pass			

In both rooms, N/S played 6C from North. Both Easts led the HQ.

In the Closed Room, McCallum played it carefully and made it. She won the HA, cashed two rounds of trump ending in dummy, played three rounds of diamonds, pitching her heart loser, ruffed a heart in hand, pulled the last trump and claimed 12 tricks, conceding a spade at trick 13. +1370

In the Open Room, Assini also won the HA. Unlike McCallum, she pulled THREE rounds of trump. This was devastating. Four rounds of diamonds followed. On the third round, Assini tossed her heart loser, but on the fourth round, Sanborn ruffed; Assini overruffed; and now Assini had nothing but spades left in her hand. Sanborn won her SA and was able to cash a high heart. Contract failing by a trick... 16 IMPs to Baker

Board 23
 Dealer: S
 All Vul.

♠ AT95
 ♥ AK92
 ♦ 9
 ♣ AJ65

♠ KJ84
 ♥ J753
 ♦ A3
 ♣ Q43



♠ 73
 ♥ T864
 ♦ 8742
 ♣ K97

♠ Q62
 ♥ Q
 ♦ KQJT65
 ♣ T82

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	McCallum	Sulgrove	Baker
			1D
Pass	1H	Pass	2D
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Sanborn	Assini	Levitina	Weingold
			2D
Pass	2NT	Pass	3D
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Again, an opening lead makes a huge difference.

In the Closed Room where McCallum responded 1H to 1D, Sulgrove led the S7, 2, J, A. McCallum played a diamond to the king and queen, knocking out the ace. Rosenberg shifted to a low club, ducked to Sulgrove's king. Sulgrove continued clubs and McCallum claimed 11 tricks.

In the Open Room, things went very differently. Weingold opened a weak 2D. Assini responded 2NT; Weingold rebid her diamonds and Assini bid the NT game. Having no excuse to lead anything but her longest and strongest, Levitina led the H8. This turned out to be brilliant. Assini could now establish dummy's diamonds but she had no entry to enjoy them. Where 3NT made five in the Closed Room, it made one in this room! 13 IMPs to Baker now leading 83-37

Board 17
 Dealer: N
 None Vul.

♠ A73
 ♥ K4
 ♦ AQ42
 ♣ A962

♠ 92
 ♥ 8762
 ♦ T985
 ♣ J74



♠ KQJT
 ♥ AJT3
 ♦ J63
 ♣ 85

♠ 8654
 ♥ Q95
 ♦ K7
 ♣ KOT3

Wittes	Palmer	Bjerkkan	Shi
	1D	Double	Redouble
1H	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Deas	Disa	Chambers	Lewis
	1NT	Pass	2C
Pass	2D	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, with 3NT declared in the North, Chambers, led the SK, ducked. She continued with the SQ won by the ace. Disa played two high clubs followed by a heart to the king and ace. Chambers cashed to hold declarer to nine tricks.

In the Open Room, with 3NT played in the South, Wittes led the H8 to the king and ace. Bjerkkan switched to the SK, ducked. She continued spades, declarer winning the ace. On the run of the clubs and diamonds, Bjerkkan was forced to choose between holding the HJT and the singleton SJ or the SJT and singleton HJ (note the twin holdings!!) In either case, declarer is able to score two more tricks to make 4NT. 1 IMP to Palmer

Had Bjerkkan continued hearts at trick two, or gone back to hearts at trick three, declarer would not have had the entries to operate the squeeze.