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Results:

USA1 FINAL

1	<u>Nickell</u>	222	<u>24</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>26</u>	
2	<u>Diamond</u>	164	<u>9</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	

USA2 Quarterfinal

3	<u>Dwyer</u>	254	<u>49</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>43</u>			
8	<u>Meltzer</u>	114	<u>17</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>23</u>	WD		
4	<u>Harris</u>	295	<u>38</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>	
7	<u>Simson</u>	228	<u>10</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>27</u>	
5	<u>Rosenthal</u>	196	<u>30</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>15</u>	
6	<u>Fleisher</u>	256	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>38</u>	

Women's

1	<u>Clerkin</u>	107	<u>30</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>
2	<u>Eythorsdottir</u>	118	<u>21</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>12</u>
3	<u>Jenkins</u>	112	<u>26</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>26</u>
4	<u>Wittes</u>	123	<u>23</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>10</u>

ALERT!
On many of the boards,
cards slide between pockets
when being carried.
Please count
your cards on
every hand!



Winners: USA1
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Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bobby Levin

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Trials and Tribulations

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Many thanks to Jimmy and Patty Cayne, Mike Levine, Lynn Baker, John Diamond, Connie Goldberg, Vinita Gupta, John McAllister, Sylvia Moss, Lou Ann O'Rourke, Alex Perlin, Jeff Wolfson, and Dan Zagorin.

We also want to thank those who have given so much of their time coordinating, coaching and mentoring the youth.

This has been a really successful program for years and with your help, we look forward to even more success in the future.
Joe Stokes, Junior Committee Chairman, USBF

Limey Jack...

Good Grief, Yanks; does this circular door ever end? After 10 days at least one champion has been crowned; Nickell. They were most workmanlike, if not astounding. As one of the pre tourney favourites, it is fitting that they should represent the Colonies. Well done Laddies.

How must Diamond feel? From undefeated to having to win 2 matches over 4 days or be left for the rubbish collector. Fortunately, they have drawn the weakest team on paper. However, paper will not determine who plays for USA 2. Harris has simply been amazing, vaulting over opponents as if t'were ordained.

These late nights are taking a toll on Limey Jack but perfection demands no quarter. Howie Dung, being from the U.S. has no time lag, so his excuse of incompetence holds water. He wouldn't know a ready cobbler if it was sitting on the sill of the parsonage to his windward.

Diamond-Harris: As e'er, Harris seems to have no more pudding. Each time they seem ready for the box, they get stronger. Limey Jack cannot brook 5 handed teams, but this one keeps pushing midnight back each day. With a partnership of Liu-Lo, they are even 5 lettered. They must be completely exhausted as well as out of clean knickers. Limey Jack must go with the strength here and declare Diamond the winner, but Harris will be the blokes that are not forgotten.

Dwyer-Fleisher: All eyes will be cast on this lot on the morrow. Dwyer's strength is three strong pairs with nary a Sponsor, while Fleisher has experience and has been here afore. Fleisher took a brutal beat-up from Harris and may be looking over their shoulder at the other match. Howie Dung will get this one reversed as sure as the Parson likes his Port. Limey Jack steers you right as Dwyer makes their biggest move yet.

Whilst the Lassies have a day to play until there is any winner, each match is within a length, at 11 imps. As always in the Women's, the claws have come out. There have been commitments of the whole and raucous cell phone penalties. Word has it that Howie Dung called to apologize to the wrong team he picked, not realizing it was a 2 day event.

Til the morrow. Cheers, LJ

Howie Doing...

USA1 is over and done!

As I predicted, the Nickell team won!

You're welcome I say, 'cause it went my way!
Now Nickell can leave but Diamond must stay.

USA2 is starting anew.

Two more days 'til the semis are through.

Twas Team Diamond 's need to be the top seed,
They didn't pick Harris because of his speed.

They better be careful is all I can say
'Cause three in the fray are known for slow play!

9 IMPs for cell phones? And this could be more.

Pick up the pace or damage your score!

I'm taking a stance... It may be a chance...

Harris emerges closer to France .

If Fleisher beats Dwyer what will ensue?

We'll have a replay in USA2.

It won't be a crime and it won't be a sin
And Howie will pick that a Marty will win!

While clearly Team Dwyer is playing on fire,
I think it's time that Dwyer retire.

The final will be Fleisher v Harris.

The winner will fly off with Nickell to Paris!

Congrats to David Turner, Fred Lerner, John Gowdy, Michael Schoenborn - Canadian National Team Championship Winners

Hope you are 2nd in France!

2017 Women's USBC TEAMS

There are 7 teams entered. The teams are listed in their Round Robin number order.

Clerkin	Joanne Weingold Migry Zur Campanile Beth Palmer Dennis Clerkin, NPC	Jill Meyers Sylvia Shi Shannon Cappelletti
Eythorsdottir	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Capt Cindy Bernstein	Linda Lewis Claire Tornay
Sakr	May Sakr, Capt Anam Tebha	Allison Howard Cristal Nell
Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Kerri Sanborn Tobi Sokolow	Karen McCallum Irina Levitina Janice Seamon-Molson
Wittes	Pamela Wittes, Capt Cheri Bjerkan	Ljudmila Kamenova Rozanne Pollack
Jenkins	Bronia Jenkins, Capt Sylvia Moss Bernace De Young	Sheri Winestock Connie Goldberg Irina Kislitsyna
OSMO	Teri Smoot Toni Bales Paul Pugsley, NPC	Brenda Pugsley Kimberly Music

Hospitality Information...



The hospitality suite for the 2017 Open USBC is room 2321, one level up from the playing rooms. Our wonderful hostess, Lisa Berkowitz, and her co-chair, Martha Katz, will serve breakfast each day from 8:00-10:30, as well as lunch from 1:00-4:00. **Please note: Sit outs are encouraged to come as early as possible for lunch to avoid overcrowding the suite. Everyday, lunch will be served both in 2321 and 1321 to handle the expected overflow.**

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.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan's office) is room 1321. It will be available for the entire tournament. You can find coffee, soft drinks and snacks in that room while you wait for slow teammates to finish playing.

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.



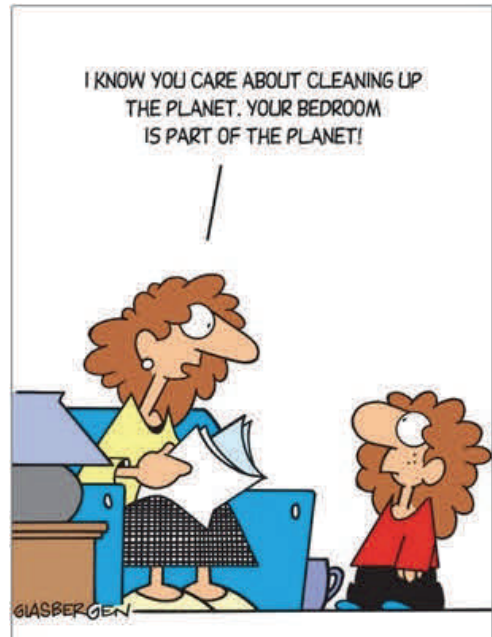
OpenTeams Entered... listed in RR seeding order

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

Nickell Bye to QF	Frank Nickell, Capt Jeff Meckstroth Bobby Levin	Ralph Katz Eric Rodwell Steve Weinstein
Diamond Bye to QF	John Diamond, Capt Justin Lall Eric Greco	Brian Platnick Kevin Bathurst Geoff Hampson
Fleisher Bye to R16	Martin Fleisher, Capt Brad Moss Michael Rosenberg	Chip Martel Joe Grue Jacek Pszczola
Fireman Bye to R16	Paul Fireman, Capt John Hurd John Kranyak	Gavin Wolpert Joel Wooldridge Vincent Demuy
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken David Berkowitz	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Alan Sontag
Meltzer	Rose Meltzer, Capt Steve Garner Bart Bramley	Nikolay Demirev Ron Smith Robert Hamman
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Neil Chambers Matthew Granovetter	Sam Lev John Schermer Russell Ekeblad
Dwyer	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Billy Cohen Michael Kamil	Roger Lee Gary Cohler Michael Becker
Wold	Eddie Wold, Capt Marc Jacobus Chris Compton	Michael Levine Mike Passell David Grainger
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt JoAnna Stansby	Jeff Aker Lew Stansby
Miller	Jeffrey Miller, Capt Reese Milner Joshua Stark	William Engel Hemant Lall
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Bill Pollack	Peter Boyd Fred Stewart Ron Rubin
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Dick Bruno David Lehman	Claude Vogel Jeffrey Schuett Richard Melson
Harris	Martin Harris, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Jay Barron	Jacob Morgan Howard Liu
Ivatury	Uday Ivatury, Capt Lapt Chan	Christal Henner Jon Sorkin
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt W. Thomas Reynolds	Michael Shuster Lance Kerr
Kent	Robert Kent Brenda Pugsley	Ellen Kent Paul Pugsley

To me, it doesn't matter how good you are. Sport is all about playing and competing. Whatever you do in cricket and in sport, enjoy it, be positive and try to win.

Ian Botham



"I hope you came with a receipt."



I know it's Mother's Day but she just went into labor. She probably won't be a mother for hours!!

Open

USA2 SEMI-FINAL			
MONDAY	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
TUESDAY	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
USA2 FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	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
THURSDAY	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			
SATURDAY	MAY 6	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
FINAL & USA2 SEMI-FINAL (2 USA2 TEAMS)			
SUNDAY	MAY 7	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
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Women's

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Puzzle Page ...

Chef Express ran the cafeteria at the Gadgetworks, Inc. corporate offices. Along with their normal daily offerings, each day they offered specials that changed from week to week. The specials, which included a soup, entrée, and dessert, were posted each Friday for the following week. Determine the specials (soup, entrée, and dessert) for each day of this week (Monday through Friday).

1. The clam chowder was the soup special two days before the mini Bundt cakes but a day after the roasted pork loin entrée.
2. On Friday, the soup special was split pea but the gourmet cookies were not available. One day, two of the specials were the vegetable orzo soup and the southwest turkey burger but it wasn't on Monday.
3. Each day is represented by one of the following, in no particular order: Italian sausage entrée, Cuban black bean soup, pudding parfaits, Wednesday, and country fried steak entrée.
4. The cream of mushroom soup wasn't served with the gourmet cookies. The apple pie was the dessert special on Monday.
5. The pudding parfaits were the dessert special on the day after the clam chowder and the day before the Italian sausage entrée.
6. The chicken tandoori entrée wasn't served on the same day as the chocolate cupcakes.

	Clam Chowder	Cream of Mushroom soup	Cuban Black Bean soup	Split Pea soup	Vegetable Orzo soup	Chicken Tandoori	Country Fried Steak	Italian Sausage	Roasted Pork Loin	Southwest Turkey Burger	Apple Pie
Monday											
Tuesday											
Wednesday											
Thursday											
Friday											
Apple Pie											
Chocolate Cupcakes											
Gourmet Cookies											
Mini Bundt Cakes											
Pudding Parfaits											
Chicken Tandoori											
Country Fried Steak											
Italian Sausage											
Roasted Pork Loin											
Southwest Turkey Burger											

There is new FB page devoted to these Team Trials. It can be accessed at:
https://www.facebook.com/United-States-Bridge-Federation-1963001673929727/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel
 There are pictures, links to these newsletters online ... and you can post Trials relevant messages. Check it out!

Answer:

Day of the Week	Soup Special	Entrée Special	Dessert Special
Monday	Cream of Mushroom soup	Country Fried Steak	Apple Pie
Tuesday	Cuban Black Bean soup	Roasted Pork Loin	Chocolate Cupcakes
Wednesday	Clam Chowder	Chicken Tandoori	Gourmet Cookies
Thursday	Vegetable Orzo soup	Southwest Turkey Burger	Pudding Parfaits
Friday	Split Pea soup	Italian Sausage	Mini Bundt Cakes

Time Marches On...

Board 1 ♠ AQ73
 Dealer: N ♥ Q963
 None Vul. ♦ K87
 Segment 5 ♣ 53

♠ T8 ♠ KJ5
 ♥ J74 ♥ AK85
 ♦ QJT94 ♦ A6532
 ♣ T87 ♣ J

♠ 9642
 ♥ T2
 ♦
 ♣ AKQ9642



Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Grue	Ginossar	Moss	Willenken
	1C ((natural or a balanced hand outside their NT range)	Double	5C
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
5D	All Pass		

Open Room			
Sontag	Pepsi	Berkowitz	Rosenberg
	1D	1H	Double
2H	2S	Pass	4s
All Pass			

Fleisher/Rosenthal

In the Closed Room, Ginossar's club opening understandably excited his partner. Willenken jumped to 5C. When Moss balanced with a second double, Grue bid 5D and played it there.

Ginossar led a club to Willenken's queen. Willenken shifted to the S2 leaving his partner a club as an exit card. Grue followed with the S8, Ginossar winning his ace. Grue playing the **JACK** from dummy. At this point, all Ginossar must do is exit a club and the contract is hopeless. The SJ should have put up a red flag! A club would force declarer to ruff in dummy and he'd have no other play than the king of spades and a spade ruff in order to enter his hand to finesse the DK ... still leaving him with a losing heart since there was no doubleton queen.

Ginossar actually continued with a small spade. Grue ducked to his ten, finessed the diamond, pulling trump, pitched the heart loser on the SK and claimed 11 tricks and 8 IMPs when Rosenberg and Pepsi went down one in 4S in the Open Room.

Closed Room			
Diamond	Katz	Platnick	Nickell
	Pass	1C (stong)	3C
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
3D	All Pass		

Open Room			
Weinstein	Greco	Levin	Hampson
	1D (2+)	1H	2C
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Nickell/Diamond

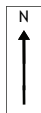
In Nickell/Diamond on this board, Diamond declared 3D and made three on the lead of the C5. Nickell won the club and returned the HT to the jack, queen and ace. Diamond played the ace and a diamond, eventually taking nine tricks for +110 E/W.

In the Open Room, it was more interesting. Since Greco opened 1D, Levin overcalled 1H with four hearts and five diamonds. When Greco bid 2NT and was raised to game, Bobby disdained a heart lead in favor of a small diamond. It really doesn't matter what he leads, declarer will come to nine tricks.

Basically, Levin gets caught in an endplay squeeze. 11 IMPs to Diamond

Board 15 ♠ J95
 Dealer: S ♥ A6
 N/S Vul. ♦ 85
 Segment 5 ♣ AK8542

♠ 632 ♠ A87
 ♥ QJ53 ♥ KT74
 ♦ QT32 ♦ AJ9
 ♣ 93 ♣ T76



♠ KQT4
 ♥ 982
 ♦ K764
 ♣ QJ

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Diamond	Katz	Platnick	Nickell
			Pass
Pass	1C	Double	1S
Pass	2S	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	All Pass	
Closed Room			
Weinstein	Greco	Levin	Hampson
			Pass
Pass	2C (6+ clubs)	Pass	2D (ask)
Pass	3C (the worst ; no 4 card major)	All Pass	

Nickell/Diamond

The most obvious game contract on this board is 3NT. On the normal lead of a heart, the defense will collect five tricks to defeat the game: three hearts and two outside aces. That is what occurred at one table in the Meltzer/Dwyer match where Bramley was on lead.

In Nickell/Diamond, in the Closed Room, the play in 3C was simple. Levin led the H7 and declarer collected his ten tricks.

In the Open Room, Katz and Nickell reached 4S in the Moysian fit from South.

The HQ was led; Declarer ducked in dummy; Platnick overtook with the king. Had he switched to the jack or nine of diamonds, the game could ultimately be defeated.

At the table, Platnick continued hearts. Nickell needed to win the ace and play on spades immediately to make the hand. Instead, he led a diamond off dummy to his king and ruffed a heart in dummy. He played a second diamond and Platnick won his ace.

At this point, a small spade would defeat the contract. Declarer would eventually lose control of the hand.

Not knowing that declarer had the doubleton QJ of clubs, Platnick chose to play ace of spades and a spade. Nickell won, drew the last trumps and ran the clubs for ten tricks.

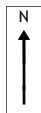
Tough declarer play and tough defense. This is one of those hands where it is important for the defender to preserve his trump ace for as long as possible... and for declarer to avoid opening up a side suit that could produce the setting trick.

10 IMPs to Nickell

Board 16 ♠ AT9
 Dealer: W ♥ KJT53
 E/W Vul. ♦ T83
 Segment 8 ♣ J6

♠ Q643 ♠ KJ85
 ♥ Q9 ♥ 8
 ♦ Q6 ♦ A94
 ♣ KT843 ♣ AQ952

♠ 72
 ♥ A7642
 ♦ KJ752
 ♣ 7



Board 16 resulted in double digit swings in several rooms.

Open Room				Harris/Simson
West	North	East	South	
Barron	J Stansby	Liu	L Stansby	
Pass	Pass	1C	2NT	
3C	4H	5C	Double	
All Pass				

Closed Room				Harris/Simson
Aker	Morgan	Simson	Harris	
Pass	Pass	1D	1H	
Double	4H	4S	5H	
Double	All Pass			

Against Liu's 5CX, Lew led the HA followed by a small heart to the Q, K, ruffed. Trumps were extracted and the S5 went to the queen and ace. Joanna played a small diamond to Lew's king and ended the hand for down one.

In the Closed Room of that match, Aker and Simson doubled Harris in 5H. Aker led the H9 from Q9 doubleton. Harris won it in dummy and pulled the last trump remaining in dummy. The DT rode to the queen and a small spade to the ace was next. A diamond went to the ace and the ace of clubs was cashed. Declarer claimed 9 tricks and went light two tricks

Open Room				Fleisher/Rosenthal
Sontag	Pepsi	Berkowitz	Rosenberg	
Pass	Pass	1D (2+ 11-15)	1H	
Double (4-5 S)	2NT (4 H's, LR)	4S	All Pass	

Closed Room				Fleisher/Rosenthal
Grue	Ginossaur	Moss	Willenken	
Pass	Pass	1C	1D	
1S	Double	3S	4H	
4S	All Pass			

11 IMPs to Simson

In Fleisher/Rosenthal, where both tables reached 4S, Rosenberg, in the Open Room, led his singleton club. When Pepsi won his trump ace, he gave Rosenberg a ruff. The heart ace and diamond king came later to defeat the contract. It seemed pretty routine at the time.

In the other room where Ginossaur was on lead, that things went differently... and not in a good way for Rosenthal. Ginossaur led a heart to Willenken's ace. Everyone followed.

It was at this point that the wheels came off the bus. Willenken went terribly wrong. Instead of leading his singleton club to score a club ruff to set the contract, he exited a small diamond from his king. Grue put up his queen and when it held, he had eleven tricks.

13 IMPs to Fleisher

Board 21 ♠ K983
 Dealer: N ♥ AQ5
 N/S Vul ♦
 Segment 8 ♣ AJT982

♠ AT652 ♠ QJ7
 ♥ T3 ♥ J7642
 ♦ AKQJ8 ♦ T65
 ♣ Q ♣ K7

♠ 4
 ♥ K98
 ♦ 97432
 ♣ 6543



Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Aker	Morgan	Simson	Harris
	1C	1H	Pass
2C	3C	Pass	4C
Double	All Pass		

Open Room			
Barron	J Stansby	Liu	L Stansby
	2C (6+ clubs, 11-15 HCP)	Pass	4C
4S	Double	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Morgan declared 4CX North/South. Simson led a spade to Aker's ace and Morgan took 11 tricks for +910.

In the Open Room, Barron declared 4SX East/West.

4S should be defeated. The defense is entitled to a minimum of one club, one spade, and two hearts... North can also score a diamond ruff when South wins his HK.

What happened?

Joanna led the CA. A heart switch is required at this point to hold declarer to nine tricks. Joanna found the heart switch but she fell from grace by switching to a LOW heart. Lew thought she had the queen-ten and not the ace... Accordingly, he played the eight. This was a massive failure when declarer won the HT and played a low diamond toward the ten in dummy.

Joanna placed a high diamond in partner's hand and pitched a club. Declarer won the diamond, cashed the club king, discarding his last heart, and gave up a spade for 11 tricks.

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Heard at the Trials...

Mackenzie Myers reports walking past the Break Room during the comparisons when he heard:

-280 ... Push!

