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Results:

USA2 Final

2	Diamond	77	30	22	25
3	Fleisher	124	43	45	36

Women's Final

2	Eythorsdottir	215	15	26	29	34	20	35	31	25	
3	Jenkins	259	25	29	36	27	46	47	18	31	



Congrats Team Jenkins... USA2 Women's!

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

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“Trials” and Tribulations

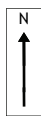
Board 4
 Dealer: W
 All Vul.

♠ AKT975
 ♥ 65
 ♦ 7
 ♣ T973

♠ Q86
 ♥ AK7
 ♦ T9852
 ♣ AJ

♠ J4
 ♥ T92
 ♦ AQJ4
 ♣ KQ64

♠ 32
 ♥ QJ843
 ♦ K63
 ♣ 852



Open Room	Open USA2	Final	
West	North	East	South
Diamond	Pepsi	Platnick	Rosenberg
1NT (14-16)	2D (one major)	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room	Open USA2	Final	
Grue	Greco	B Moss	Hampson
1D	2S	3S	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Open Room	Women's USA2	Final	
Disa	Jenkins	Lewis	Winestock
1D	1S	2C	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room	Women's USA2	Final	
Goldberg	Tornay	S Moss	Bernstein
1D	2S	3S	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Open

Women's

In both USA2 Finals, the Open and the Women's, all tables reached 3NT on Board 4. A low spade lead defeats the contract.

In the Open Room of the Open, Pepsi showed one unspecified major. He led the ten of spades against 3NT; Diamond immediately finessed for the DK. When that lost, Rosenberg continued spades and 3NT went down two tricks.

In the Closed Room, Greco, having preempted spades, and seen the opponents bid 3NT in his face, chose to lead a club. It was right to lead a spade if his partner had a doubleton and wrong to lead a spade if his partner had a singleton.

13 IMPs to Fleisher

In the Women's, both Wests opened 1D. Jenkins overcalled 1S in the Open Room; Tornay overcalled 2S in the Closed room. Both Wests arrived in 3NT. Jenkins led the S9 and defeated the hand. Tornay, again having preempted spades, was concerned that the opposition was ready for that lead. Like Greco, Tornay led a fourth best club.

13 IMPs to Jenkins.

It is interesting to note that in both Closed Rooms where North preempted spades and led clubs, the auctions were identical.

A thought: In the auction 1D-2S-3S, should double simply show 2 or more spades? That way on hands like this, partner will know he can safely lead a spade without stranding his AK.

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 Pyszczola
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

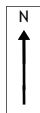
"The key is not the will to win... everybody has that. It is the will to prepare to win that is important."

Bobby Knight

Board 6 ♠ 62
 Dealer: E ♥ J5
 E/W Vul. ♦ JT543
 ♣ AK52

♠ AJ953 ♠ KQT
 ♥ AKQ982 ♥ T74
 ♦ A ♦ Q97
 ♣ 9 ♣ J743

♠ 874
 ♥ 63
 ♦ K862
 ♣ QT86



Open Room	Open USA2	Final	
West	North	East	South
Diamond	Pepsi	Platnick	Rosenberg
		Pass	Pass
1C (strong)	Pass	1H (positive)	Pass
1S	Pass	1NT	Pass
2C	Pass	2D	Pass
3H	Pass	3S	Pass
3NT	Pass	4H	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
5H	Pass	6S	All Pass

Diamond and Platnick had an excellent, albeit long, strong club auction to reach the spade slam. Most of the bids after 1NT were relays/asks and responses.

None of the other three tables in Schaumburg bid a slam or even played in spades! In the Women's, both tables reached 4H and made six for no swing.

Grue/Moss reached 4H and made six also.

Against 6S, Pepsi led the CK and shifted to a diamond. Diamond won this, pulled trump, tested hearts and claimed 12 tricks. 13 IMPs to Diamond

Closed Room	Open USA2	Final	
Grue	Greco	B Moss	Hampson
		Pass	Pass
1H	Pass	2H	Pass
4H	All Pass		

USA2 FINAL				Open
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	

USA2 FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 9	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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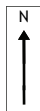
Women's

Board 16 ♠ KQJ8532
 Dealer: W ♥
 E/W Vul. ♦ JT5
 ♣ A82

♠ 974
 ♥ T7632
 ♦ AQ6432
 ♣ QJ

♠ AT6
 ♥ QJ984
 ♦
 ♣ K9543

♠ AK5
 ♦ K987
 ♣ T76



Open Room	Open USA2	Final	
West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Pepsi	Lall	Rosenberg
Pass	1S	Pass	2C
2D	2S	3D	3S
4D	Pass	5D	5S
Pass	6S	All Pass	

Closed Room	Open USA2	Final	
Fleisher	Diamond	Martel	Platnick
Pass	4S	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	5S
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

How often do you see two 15 IMP swings in a row let alone two 15 IMP swings in a row for the same team?

The classic “Striped-Tail Ape Double” occurs when non-vulnerable opponents are sacrificing against vulnerable opponents. The NV side doubles the opponents at the five level and runs like a striped-tail ape if the opponents redouble... the theory being that five doubled with an over trick scores less than the slam.

2017 USBC USA2 FINAL - Segment 2 of 8						
Diamond: 38 IMPs		Closed Room				
Fleisher: 77 IMPs						
	Closed Room	By	NS Score	EW Score	NS IMPs	EW IMPs
	4♥=	W		420		7
	Open Room	By	NS Score	EW Score	NS IMPs	EW IMPs
16	5♠x+2	N	850			4
17	2♠=	W		110	7	
18	4♥x-2	N		500		15
19	3NT-1	S		50		15
20	3♣+2	N	150		1	
21						
22						
23						
24						
25						
26						
27						
28						
29						
30						
Totals:			8		34	

This, of course, is primarily a matchpoint tactic. It is rare to see a hand where the sacrificing side is Vulnerable against Not! And it is not a true striped-tail when the doubler could have passed out the auction.

By defending 5SX making seven while their teammates were in 6S making seven, Fleisher/Martel won 4 IMPs! Had Diamond/Platnick redoubled (producing a score of 1400), Fleisher/Martel would have to run to 6D which only goes down two for -500! If the opponents defend 6DX, Fleisher/Martel win 11 IMPs. If the opponents bid 6S, Fleisher/Martel can sacrifice in 7D and win five IMPs, one more IMP than the actual score!

In the highly unlikely event that the opponents bid 7S, the operation is a success but the patient dies!

In the Women’s Final, both tables stopped short of slam.

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!

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Puzzle Page ...

Yesterday, Greg was very busy packing up some gifts to send out to family and friends. It was a busy month. He had a birthday, an anniversary, a wedding, and even a house warming to send gifts out for...and the events all took place in the same week! Because he moved away from his home area when he took his new job, he lived across the country from most of his family and friends now. As a result, he always tried to find something locally for each person to make each gift more personal and interesting. Determine the full name of each person he shipped a gift to, what state each lived in, what each event was, each person's relationship to Greg, and what day of the week each event was taking place (Wednesday through Saturday).

1. Greg's friend wasn't Ellen Fairview, who didn't live in Ohio. The birthday girl didn't have her party on Friday.
2. Rick's last name wasn't Bartley but his event was on Saturday night.
3. Greg's father wasn't getting married, but his last name was Gray.
4. The friend having a house warming didn't live in Ohio.
5. The wedding was for Greg's cousin. Heather, who didn't live in Texas, was Greg's sister but her event wasn't on Wednesday night.
6. Walter's event was one day earlier than the person whose last name was DeForest but after the person who lived in Washington. The anniversary was held in Montana.

	Bartley	DeForest	Fairview	Gray	Ohio	Montana	Texas	Washington	anniversary	birthday	house warming	wedding	cousin	father	friend	sister	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Ellen																					
Heather																					
Rick																					
Walter																					
Wednesday																					
Thursday																					
Friday																					
Saturday																					
cousin																					
father																					
friend																					
sister																					
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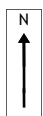
Answers:

Last Name	Task	Day of Week	Time Taken	Money Earned
Mr. Summer	tree limb removal	Saturday	4 hours	\$36
Mr. Numen	hedge pruning	Sunday	3-1/2 hours	\$32
Mrs. Fields	babysitting	Friday	2-1/2 hours	\$24
Mr. Compton	raking leaves	Wednesday	2 hours	\$20
Mrs. Agnew	garden tilling	Thursday	3 hours	\$28

Board 18 ♠ Q93
 Dealer: E ♥ QJT8764
 N/S Vul. ♦ J97
 ♣

♠ AJT72 ♠ 86
 ♥ K32 ♥ 5
 ♦ A2 ♦ K853
 ♣ J87 ♣ QT9532

♠ K54
 ♥ A9
 ♦ QT64
 ♣ AK64



The first of the two 15 IMP swings shown on page 6.

Closed Room	USA2 Open	Final	
West	North	East	South
Bathurst	Pepsi	Lall	Rosenberg
		3C	3NT
Pass	4C (hearts)	Pass	4H
All Pass			

Open Room	USA2 Open	Final	
Fleisher	Diamond	Martel	Platnick
		3C	3NT
Double	4H	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, 4H was played from South after a transfer.

In the Open Room, 4HX was played from North.

In the Closed Room, Bathurst led the ace of spades and Lall followed with the six (UPCA). Since Lall had opened 3C, there was a high probability that he held a singleton spade. Even if he didn't, it looked like minor suit tricks would not disappear so Bathurst continued with a second spade. This was fatal. Rosenberg won, cashed the ace of hearts and the ace/king of clubs pitching diamonds from dummy. The defense was held to three tricks.

In the Open Room where East was on lead, Martel led the S8; Fleisher winning his ace and Diamond falsecarding with the nine. Fleisher could see the CAK in dummy so he needed Martel to hold either a singleton spade or the king of diamonds to defeat 4H. Given that there were two spades outstanding below the eight, Fleisher tested the waters by cashing the DA. If Martel discouraged diamonds, he would shift back to spades. Martel encouraged diamonds so Fleisher continued the suit and scored his diamond ruff for down two when he ultimately scored the trump king.

In the Women's, 4H was defeated one in one room while 3NT went down four tricks E/W in the other. How did West arrive in 3NT? Tornay opened 3C in first seat; Winestock, holding 16 HCP with the ace/king fourth of clubs, passed; Bernstein bid 3NT and there she was!

Bernstein ducked the first two rounds of hearts and won the third. She played the CJ ducked around and another club to the king. A spade was returned to the queen and Jenkins cashed her hearts.

It was -200 and 7 IMPs to Jenkins



Board 23 ♠ J532
 Dealer: S ♥ 972
 All Vul. ♦ K96
 ♣ T53

♠ AQT9764
 ♥ 54
 ♦ T3
 ♣ 97



♠ K8
 ♥ AKQ86
 ♦ A
 ♣ AK864

♠
 ♥ JT3
 ♦ QJ87542
 ♣ QJ2

Open Room	Women's USA2	Final	
West	North	East	South
Bernstein	Jenkins	Tornay	Winestock
3S	Pass	6S	All Pass

Closed Room	Women's USA2	Final	
DeYoung	Disa	Kislitsyna	Lewis
3S	4D	5D	3D
5H	Pass	7H	Pass
7S	All Pass		

Three of the four tables in play bid 7S, a greater than 95% contract.

Claire Tornay made what many would consider a large underbid when she bid only six on the East cards.

As sometimes happens in bridge, she was rewarded for her underbid.

No swing in the Open.

17 IMPs to Disa

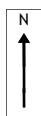
Open Room	Open USA2	Final	
Bathurst	Pepsi	Lall	Rosenberg
2S	Pass	4C (KC)	Pass
4S (1 with Q)	Pass	7S	All Pass

Closed Room	Open USA2	Final	
Fleisher	Diamond	Martel	Platnick
Pass	4D	4NT	3D
5S	Pass	6D	Pass
7S	All Pass		



Board 10 ♠ J8753
 Dealer: E ♥ 95
 All Vul. ♦ 8
 ♣ AJ975

♠ AT ♠ KQ94
 ♥ AKJ72 ♥ QT63
 ♦ KQ64 ♦ JT3
 ♣ T2 ♣ Q6



♠ 62
 ♥ 84
 ♦ A9752
 ♣ K843

Open Room	Women's USA2	Final	
West	North	East	South
DeYoung	Disa	Kislitsyna	Lewis
		Pass	Pass
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
2D	Pass	3H	Pass
4H	All Pass		

Women's

Closed Room	Women's USA2	Final	
Bernstein	Goldberg	Tornay	S Moss
		Pass	Pass
1H	1S	H	Double
4H	All Pass		

All tables contracted for ten tricks in hearts.

Taking it from the top, Disa led her singleton diamond in the Open Room of the Women's. Lewis won the ace and returned the deuce. Disa ruffed and led a small club away from her ace. Lewis won the king and gave Disa a second ruff. Disa cashed her CA and 4H was defeated two tricks.

In the Closed Room, Goldberg also led her singleton diamond. Bernstein played low from dummy, and Sylvia Moss

Open Room	Open USA2	Final	
Hampson	Grue	Greco	B Moss
		Pass	Pass
1C (strong)	Pass	1H	Pass
1NT	Pass	2C	Pass
2H	Pass	4H	All Pass

Open

Closed Room	Open USA2	Final	
Fleisher	Diamond	Martel	Platnick
		Pass	Pass
1H	Pass	2C	Pass
4H	All Pass		

ducked! Barry Crane used to say that eights and higher were doubletons, and perhaps Sylvia subscribes to that theory too. The duck was deadly. Bernstein won the diamond, cashed ace of hearts, king of hearts, ace of spades and a spade to the king and queen, pitching a club on the spade queen. In the end, Cindy claimed 12 tricks for +680 and 13 IMPs.

Brad Moss was fixed on this board when his strong club opponents placed the contract with East. He did well to find the lead of a diamond (although had he led a club, his partner would undoubtedly have won it and found the switch.) Unfortunately, something we've seen Brad do many times this week, he underled his ace and declarer brought home 11 tricks.

In the Closed Room of this match, Diamond was on lead from North. He led his singleton diamond and the play and defense went exactly like it did in the Open Room of the Women's. 13 IMPs to Diamond

Thanks Everyone!

This has been an exciting and fun two weeks. Thanks to everyone who made it possible... most especially Jan Martel. Having Jan in charge has guaranteed success year after year.

Thanks to Lisa Berkowitz and Martha Katz for the wonderful breakfasts and lunches. Thanks to those who assisted in chopping, mixing and setting up for the cast of thousands who were here.

Thanks to our great directing staff for keeping things moving along and generally keeping the players happy.

We thank all of you for travelling whatever distance it took to play in Schaumburg, IL. We appreciate your commitment to the game.

Looking forward to seeing everyone ... onsite or online for the Senior Trials!

The USBF Tournament Committee

Board 16 ♠ T9
 Dealer: W ♥ QT9864
 E/W Vul. ♦ 75
 ♣ Q84

♠ A82 ♠ 764
 ♥ AKJ ♥ 73
 ♦ JT96 ♦ Q432
 ♣ 972 ♣ KJT5

♠ KQJ53
 ♥ 52
 ♦ AK8
 ♣ A63



Open Room	Women's USA2	Final	
West	North	East	South
Tornay	DeYoung	Bernstein	Kislitsyna
1D	Pass	1NT	Double
Pass	2H	Pass	2S
Pass	3H	All Pass	

Closed Room	Women's USA2	Final	
Jenkins	Disa	Winestock	Lewis
1D	2H	Pass	4H
All Pass			

In the Open Room, Bernstein led the D3 against 3H. DeYoung won dummy's ace and played a small heart. Tornay rose with the king and was spot-on shifting to clubs, but off kilter shifting to the deuce instead of the nine. DeYoung could have made the hand at this point by playing low on the club and ducking when Bernstein played her ten. Bernstein could lead a diamond. DeYoung must win in dummy and play on spades. Once Tornay wins her SA, if she plays a club, DeYoung wins in dummy and cashes a high spade tossing her third club and it's all over but the shouting. As it was, DeYoung covered the C2 with the CQ. Bernstein played her king and the hand could no longer be made.

At the other table, Disa was declarer in the heart game. Winestock threw her partner a curve by leading the D2. They play third from even, low from odd. Disa won the diamond and played a heart. Jenkins won the heart and thought they could eventually cash a diamond if she played one back. She continued diamonds; Disa won in dummy, played another heart; Bronia won the heart and at this point, she could test the clubs by returning the nine, hopefully removing dummy's entry to the spades. Since Bronia still held the SA, she would get a second chance to cash the diamond if it was the setting trick.

This is almost foolproof. After winning the CA, declarer will be forced to play a spade. If she hasn't already read the position, Bronia can duck the spade. Declarer will pull the last trump and Sherri will be able to signal which suit is correct to play. Instead she played a third diamond. Disa ruffed, pulled Bronia's trump and knocked out the SA to make the hand. 10 IMPs to Disa