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Results:

Team Name	Total	9	8	6	7	15	5	12	11	13	14	10	17	16	BYE
9. <u>Wold</u>	177.09		19.62	6.88	15.50	9.56	16.46	5.04	19.11	15.50	15.50	17.50	17.69	8.73	10.00
8. <u>Dwyer</u>	167.37	.38		2.31	18.04	12.05	13.12	16.46	18.04	12.42	13.12	16.46	18.97	16.00	10.00
6. <u>Meltzer</u>	151.84	13.12	17.69		15.75	10.44	6.22	7.95	14.09	9.56	10.44	17.69	4.50	14.39	10.00
7. <u>Mahaffey</u>	142.71	4.50	1.96	4.25		2.89	15.50	13.45	8.33	13.78	17.69	10.86	20.00	19.50	10.00
15. <u>Ivatury</u>	140.29	10.44	7.95	9.56	17.11		6.22	13.12	9.56	14.09	9.56	18.68	4.00	10.00	10.00
5. <u>Rosenthal</u>	136.14	3.54	6.88	13.78	4.50	13.78		15.75	20.00	2.31	13.12	10.44	14.09	7.95	10.00
12. <u>Robinson</u>	126.82	14.96	3.54	12.05	6.55	6.88	4.25		11.67	12.05	15.75	4.00	14.68	10.44	10.00
11. <u>Miller</u>	125.11	.89	1.96	5.91	11.67	10.44	0.00	8.33		13.78	13.78	18.68	16.90	12.77	10.00
13. <u>Jacobs</u>	124.90	4.50	7.58	10.44	6.22	5.91	17.69	7.95	6.22		7.95	13.12	7.95	19.37	10.00
14. <u>Harris</u>	116.72	4.50	6.88	9.56	2.31	10.44	6.88	4.25	6.22	12.05		16.68	19.37	7.58	10.00
10. <u>Simson</u>	97.71	2.50	3.54	2.31	9.14	1.32	9.56	16.00	1.32	6.88	3.32		13.45	18.37	10.00
17. <u>Kent</u>	91.85	2.31	1.03	15.50	0.00	16.00	5.91	5.32	3.10	12.05	.63	6.55		13.45	10.00
16. <u>Dinkin</u>	91.45	11.27	4.00	5.61	.50	10.00	12.05	9.56	7.23	.63	12.42	1.63	6.55		10.00

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS "Trials" and Tribulations

1334	1332 Table B3	1330 Table C2	1328 Table A8	1326 Table A7	1324 Table A6	1322 Table A5	1320 Table A4
1235		1325 DIC Office	1323	1321 Players' Break Room	1319 Table C1	1317 Table A3	
1234 Table B4		COURTYARD					
1233 Table B5		Sections A & B are USA1 Sections C & D are USA2					
1232 Table B6		USA1 R of 16 - USA2 R of 64					
1231 Table B7							
1230 Table B8							
1229 Table C3							
1228							
1227 Workrm							
1225							



Limey Jack ...

Blimey, but you Yanks know how to throw a fortnight of a party. After the first round robin has been put to kip, nary a riff nor a raff has been pastured. They are all still answering the starter's bell. What does one need do to be sent to the woodshed?

Alas, Howie Dung will have more blathering time, but you mates who cop a Sherlock will bloody the Punters' noses.

Starting with the dregs: Simson, Dinkin, and the Kents will battle for the ignomy of being the first casualty in the game of musical thrones. Dinkin wins the honour postponing the inevitable for the others.

On with the main event:

Fireman-Ivatury: Ivatury has played surprisingly well and shown good form, but as you know, Limey Jack does not care for teams under full armourment. Fireman with the whip held high.

Fleisher-Harris: Harris has an oddball collection and plays 5 handed. Fleisher comes in cold, but is too much for this group of ruffians. Even Howie Dung will manage to get this one proper.

Rosenthal-Robinson: Robinson has a way of outing themselves early on in each joust, but Limey Jack does like their third stringers so this match will be an upset. Rosenthal comes through USA II.

Dwyer-Jacobs: The Jacobs team briefly led the field, but Dwyer has 3 decent pairs and will prevail, maybe even coaxing a withdrawal.

Mahaffey-Wold: Both of these teams are far more suited for the Seniors, but for now it is Wold moving to the fore.

Meltzer-Miller: Miller has two strikes against it; strange partnerships, and bad numbers. Meltzer continues to over-achieve decades later. As the only filly to ever win the Bermuda Bowl, she will enjoy this brief flirtation with the round of 8.

Limey Jack will amaze you while Howie Dung will befuddle you. Do not listen to that cretin even for the shortest moment with his rhymey blimey, frumpish rubbish. He is gone mental as they say.

Back in two days to help you collect your pounds sterling.

Cheers, LJ

Howie Doing ...

Of the three teams in 2, only one's through.

That would be Kent whose luck is all spent.

Meltzer v Miller will be quite a thriller,

The Rose, she will rise to the claim the grand prize.

In Jacobs v Dwyer, see Dwyer retire.

In Mahaffey v Wold, Jim's out in the cold.

Andrew v Steve will see Andy take leave.

In Uday v Paul, it's Uday take all.

In Fleisher v Harris, it's Marty in Paris.

I'm such a smarty since both teams are Marty!

It's Fleisher who stays in 1 for more days.

I'm back in two to pick more for you.

Don't listen to slimy. He's spouting the blimey.

Even the Brits think he is the pits.

Till Tuesday ...

Howie Doing

Doing the best!



Teams 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



By three methods
we may learn
wisdom: First, by
reflection, which is
noblest; Second, by
imitation, which is
easiest; and third by
experience, which is
the bitterest.
Confucius



Board 11 ♠ T64
 Dealer: S ♥ JT5
 None Vul. ♦ AKT7
 ♣ K53

♠ 93 ♠ KQ52
 ♥ 986 ♥ K42
 ♦ QJ ♦ 83
 ♣ JT9864 ♣ AQ72

♠ AJ87
 ♥ AQ73
 ♦ 96542
 ♣



West	North	East	South
Simson	Chan	Aker	Sorkin
			1D
Pass	2D (inverted)	Pass	4C (shortness)
Pass	4D	Pass	5C
Pass	6D	All Pass	

Sorkin and Chan reached a lucky slam.

Chan thought that 4D showed the minimum hand, while Sorkin believed it showed extra values. Since Sorkin had first round control of all three side suits, he made one more try for slam by cue bidding 5C. Chan knew he had denied the major suit controls, and assumed his good trumps were just what Sorkin needed.

For slam to make, declarer probably needs the diamonds to be 2-2 in order to ruff all three of dummy's clubs. Restricted choice won't help him much. Even with 2-2 diamonds, declarer needs the heart finesse and either 3-3 hearts or some luck in the spade suit.

This makes for a 15% slam at best. Of course, when it works, it makes for a big swing.

As the cards lie, you can't go wrong on this hand. Sorkin ruffed the opening lead; led a diamond to dummy; and ran the HJ. When that held, he played the ST to the king and ace. He played a second diamond to dummy getting the good news and continued to play on hearts. When that suit broke 3-3, he scored +920.

Good for Sorkin and Chan but kiddies, don't try this on your own at home!

(more hands on pages 11 and 12)

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 starting on Sunday from 2:00-4:00. **BUT: Sit outs are encouraged to come as early as 1pm for lunch to avoid overcrowding the suite. On Sunday, 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.

Tournament Schedule (continued on page 7)

ROUND ROBIN			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
FRIDAY	APRIL 28	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING Room 1321
FRIDAY	APRIL 28	10:00 - 11:10 11:20 - 12:30 12:40 - 1:50 3:15 - 4:25 4:35 - 5:45 5:55 - 7:05 7:15 - 8:25	MATCH 1 - BOARDS 1-8 MATCH 2 - BOARDS 9-16 MATCH 3 - BOARDS 17-24 85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 4 - BOARDS 1-8 MATCH 5 - BOARDS 9-16 MATCH 6 - BOARDS 17-24 MATCH 7 - BOARDS 25-32
SATURDAY	APRIL 29	10:00 - 11:10 11:20 - 12:30 12:40 - 1:50 3:15 - 4:25 4:40 - 5:50* 5:50 - 7:00*	MATCH 8 - BOARDS 1-8 MATCH 9 - BOARDS 9-16 MATCH 10 - BOARDS 17-24 85 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK MATCH 11 - BOARDS 1-8 *MATCH 12 - BOARDS 9-16 *MATCH 13 - BOARDS 17-24
* THE FINAL 2 MATCHES ARE SEQUESTERED - ONE PAIR ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY BOTH MATCHES & REMAIN IN THE CLOSED ROOM FOR BOTH MATCHES. NO SCORE COMPARISON ALLOWED.			
ROUND OF 16 & USA2 ROUND OF 64 (R of 64 ... see page 6)			
SUNDAY	APRIL 30	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
SUNDAY	APRIL 30	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 1	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
QUARTER-FINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 32 (8 USA2 TEAMS)			
TUESDAY	MAY 2	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 3	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 & USA2 ROUND OF 16 (8 USA2 TEAMS)			
THURSDAY	MAY 4	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 5	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 & USA2 QUARTERFINAL (6 USA2 TEAMS)			
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
SUNDAY	MAY 7	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 Round of 64

Time

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

(NOTE: EACH MATCH WILL HAVE A UNIQUE SET OF BOARDS 1-28)

IF ALL 3 TEAMS CONTINUE ON MONDAY, THIS SCHEDULE WILL REPEAT

*****BUT - THERE WILL BE NO SCORE COMPARISON ALLOWED AFTER THE 7TH SEGMENT (AT 5:55)*****

IF ONE TEAM IS QUALIFIED AT THE END OF SUNDAY, THE ROUND OF 16 SCHEDULE WILL BE USED ON MONDAY

10:00-11:00	C1	1 vs 2	1-7
	C2	2 vs 3	
	C3	3 vs 1	
11:10-12:10	C1	1 vs 3	1-7
	C2	2 vs 1	
	C3	3 vs 2	
SHORT BREAK FOR COMPARISON			
12:25-1:25	C1	1 vs 3	8-14
	C2	2 vs 1	
	C3	3 vs 2	
1:35-2:35	C1	1 vs 2	8-14
	C2	2 vs 3	
	C3	3 vs 1	
70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK			
3:45-4:45	C1	1 vs 3	15-21
	C2	2 vs 1	
	C3	3 vs 2	
4:55-5:55	C1	1 vs 2	15-21
	C2	2 vs 3	
	C3	3 vs 1	
SHORT BREAK FOR COMPARISON			
6:10-7:10	C1	1 vs 2	22-28
	C2	2 vs 3	
	C3	3 vs 1	
7:20-8:20	C1	1 vs 3	22-28
	C2	2 vs 1	
	C3	3 vs 2	


The leading team will qualify for the Round of 32 if it is ahead in both of its matches by 42 or more IMPs, either at the end of day 1 or at the half on day 2



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.



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		

Round Robin

The 2017 USBC Round Robin will be a 2-day complete Round Robin, with 8 board matches, scored using the **USBF 8 board Victory Point scale**.

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 2 matches on Saturday will have the Closed Room sequestered. One pair on your team must play both matches in the Closed Room. No score comparison is allowed during the 2-match clump. For the first sequestered match, the NS pair at each table will be asked to complete a score sheet & have the EW pair verify that it is correct. The score sheets will be collected and entered into the computer by the time you finish the second match. Those scores will be posted on a wall in the Players' Break Room. You will be asked to confirm that the first match score is correct when you turn in your score for the final match. We hope that this procedure will help speed up the determination of the qualifiers.

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	15	15.23	4.77	30	18.37	1.63
1	10.44	9.56	16	15.50	4.50	31	18.53	1.47
2	10.86	9.14	17	15.75	4.25	32	18.68	1.32
3	11.27	8.73	18	16.00	4.00	33	18.83	1.17
4	11.67	8.33	19	16.23	3.77	34	18.97	1.03
5	12.05	7.95	20	16.46	3.54	35	19.11	0.89
6	12.42	7.58	21	16.68	3.32	36	19.24	0.76
7	12.77	7.23	22	16.90	3.10	37	19.37	0.63
8	13.12	6.88	23	17.11	2.89	38	19.50	0.50
9	13.45	6.55	24	17.31	2.69	39	19.62	0.38
10	13.78	6.22	25	17.50	2.50	40	19.74	0.26
11	14.09	5.91	26	17.69	2.31	41	19.85	0.15
12	14.39	5.61	27	17.87	2.13	42	19.95	0.05
13	14.68	5.32	28	18.04	1.96	43	20	0
14	14.96	5.04	29	18.21	1.79			

**USBF
8 Board
VP Scale**

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Puzzle Page ...

Five friends pooled their resources one day and pieced a CD together from songs they had written. They called their band Frozen Cabbage and ended up playing a number of live gigs at local events. Determine the full name of each band member, the instrument (or mixing console) each played, the brand of equipment each used, plus each member's favorite magazine.

1. Steve wasn't the sound engineer. One of the women enjoyed EQ magazine.
2. Angie and Steve didn't like Recording magazine. The bass player used Ibanez equipment.
3. Mr. Magnus didn't use Mackie equipment. Mark's last name wasn't Hydal and he didn't play keyboard.
4. The sound engineer, whose last name wasn't Engel, enjoyed reading Mix magazine. The person who used Yamaha drums wasn't Robert, but their last name is Hydal.
5. The five band members (in no particular order) were: Mark Scott, the female bass player, the person who read Musician, the one who used Peavey equipment, and Robert.
6. Shelley's last name was not Hydal or McArthur and she didn't use Roland equipment. Mackie only developed equipment for live sound and recording NOT musical instruments.
7. Steve McArthur was the guitarist.

	Engel	Hydal	Magnus	McArthur	Scott	bass	drums	guitar	keyboard	sound	Ibanez	Mackie	Peavey	Roland	Yamaha	EQ	Home Recording	Mix	Musician	Recording	
Angie																					
Mark																					
Robert																					
Shelley																					
Steve																					
EQ																					
Home Recording																					
Mix																					
Musician																					
Recording																					
Ibanez																					
Mackie																					
Peavey																					
Roland																					
Yamaha																					
bass																					
drums																					
guitar																					
keyboard																					
sound																					

Answers to Puzzle:

Angie Hydal, drums, Yamaha, Musician
 Mark Scott, sound, Mackie, Mix
 Robert Magnus, keyboard, Roland, Recording
 Shelley Engel, bass, Ibanez, EQ
 Steve McArthur, guitar, Peavey, Home Recording



Eric Alan Greco was born July 21, 1975, in Englund, Florida. He graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in Finance and Accounting and now lives in Philadelphia and works as an equity options trader on the Philadelphia Options Exchange.

In 1991, Eric won the North American Non-Life Master Pairs playing with his father, Philip Greco. Two years later, they won the Flight 'B' Grand National Teams.

Eric first represented the USA at the 1993 World Junior Teams in Denmark, aged just 18. He collected a Bronze medal there and, six years later, added a Silver medal from the same event. In January 2000, while still technically a Junior, he finished fifth in the World Transnational Teams in Bermuda. In 2005, he added a bronze in the Bermuda Bowl to his medal collection.

Away from the table, Eric follows most sports.

Eric was ACBL Player of the Year in 2016!

Meet the Players

Geoffrey Hampson was born October 11, 1968 in Toronto, Ontario. He learned to count points at the kitchen table on his father's knee at around six years old, but didn't start to play until high school. "A teacher taught the entire class how to play by issuing a printout of most basic rules," explained Geoff. "The class quickly became addicted, and I never found the cure."

Geoff has been a full time professional bridge player for over 20 years. Now married to Lindsay Pearlman, Geoff lives in Las Vegas with his Newfoundland dog Atlas.

Geoff's first WBF medal came when he finished second in the 1991 World Junior Teams in Ann Arbor, Michigan, playing for Canada. A year later, he finished second in the Pan-American Games Open Teams in partnership with John Gowdy. After moving to the United States, Geoff added a gold medal in the 2010 Rosenblum and bronze medals in the 2005 Bermuda Bowl and 2014 Rosenblum.

Geoff won his first major domestic event at just 22 - the Canadian National Teams Championship, playing with John Gowdy. A year later, he claimed his first NABC title - the North American Swiss, playing with Mark Molson. He has since added 15 NABC titles to that one, including 2 Spingolds, the Reisinger and the Life Master Pairs.

Away from the table, Geoff is a serious movie buff and cyclist, who keeps in shape with time in the gym and on the golf course. His return to the Squash court was cut short when he ruptured his Achilles Tendon in 2013.



More Day Two USA1 Round Robin... continued from page 4

Board 6 ♠ J872
 Dealer: E ♥ AK52
 E/W Vul. ♦ K985
 ♣ 4

♠ AQT9 ♠ K643
 ♥ T8 ♥ QJ93
 ♦ AQJT3 ♦
 ♣ A5 ♣ QT983



♠ 5
 ♥ 764
 ♦ 7642
 ♣ KJ762

The first segment yesterday, like the first segment on day one, was loaded with action.

West	North	East	South
Passell	Ginossur	Jacobus	Willenken
		Pass	Pass
1C (strong)	Pass	1H (positive)	2C
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3C (Stayman)	Pass	3H	Pass
3NT	Pass	4S	All Pass

Marc Jacobus displayed his fine declarer skills on this hand. Willenken led a small diamond. Marc inserted the queen, covered by the king and ruffed. A spade was led to dummy and the D3 was trumped. Marc cashed the king of spades. If spades had been 3-2, there would be nothing more to say.

Facing 4-1 spades, Marc needed to find a way to make a loser disappear. He led a small heart to the ten. North won and returned a diamond. Marc cashed one more diamond and the ace of clubs. He led a heart and North was done! If North exited with a heart, Marc would cash his good heart discarding a club. If North played a spade, North would lose his trump trick.

Contract making ... +620 E/W

On the same hand, in the Meltzer/Miller match, the auction went:

Hamman	Milner	Bramley	Lall
		Pass	Pass
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
1S	Pass	2S	Pass
4S	All Pass		

Milner led the HA. He switched to the C4, won by Hamman's ace. Not knowing the club position, Hamman decided to play for trumps and clubs to behave.

He played the SQ and a spade to the king getting the bad news.

He conceded a club and a spade for down one.

Board 13 ♠ AQ9
 Dealer: N ♥ 642
 All Vul. ♦ KJ
 ♣ KT975

♠ J8 ♠ 6432
 ♥ AQT73 ♥ KJ9
 ♦ A87632 ♦ QT
 ♣ ♣ K864
 ♠ KT75
 ♥ 85
 ♦ 954
 ♣ AQ32



West	North	East	South
Simson	Chan	Aker	Sorkin
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1D	Double	1S (balanced hand)	Double (4 card spade holding)
2H	Pass	3H	Pass
4H	All Pass		

Looking at all four hands, one can see that 4H makes easily. Trumps are 3-2 and diamonds behave. At the table, this is less clear. Chan led three rounds of spades, the last of which was ruffed by declarer.

Simson led a diamond toward the queen.

Chan rose and played the club jack, tapping declarer. Simson led a diamond to the queen and returned to his hand with a trump. He played the ace of diamonds and Chan did well not to ruff. If he ruffs, declarer will overruff, draw the remaining trumps and claim.

When Chan didn't ruff, declarer thought there was a high probability that Chan held four hearts for his takeout double. If that were the case, he would be able to draw trumps by continuing diamonds till Chan ruffed. Then he could overruff and draw the trumps, again making four.

Alas, when Simson played the fourth diamond, Sorkin, South, was able to ruff with the H8, defeating the contract one trick for a gain of 12 IMPs.

If Simson's line had succeeded, he would be reading this article describing his great declarer play. One way or another, it was a newspaper hand!

(Ed. Note: Declarer probably could have gotten this right, since, if South held five clubs to the ace/queen and the king ten fourth of spades, he might well have bid clubs rather than simply doubling the one spade call)

A deck of 52 playing cards was originally a calendar:

52 week in the year
52 cards in the deck

12 months
12 court cards

4 seasons
4 suits

13 weeks in each of the four seasons
13 cards in each of the four suits



Suits Me Fine!