



May 4, 2017

Women's Team "Trials" and Tribulations—Pre-Bulletin

The Prez Says ...



Welcome to the 2017 Women's United States Bridge Championships, which will select the two teams to represent the United States in the 2017 World Championships. Seven teams are entered. The format will be:

Thursday & Friday, May 4 & 5: Competition begins with the Round Robin phase.

Saturday, May 6: The Semifinal for USA1.

Sunday & Monday, May 7 & 8: The Final for USA1 and Semifinal for USA2.

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 9 & 10: The Final for USA2

Over the past several years many foreign players have told me that they viewed our trials as the best in the world, in large part because of our superb organization (in particular the long matches) and high ethical standards. The USBF Board and the tournament organizers have done their best to make this the best trials it can be. Only the players can continue to uphold the ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which US bridge is known worldwide. I ask each of you to keep this in mind over the coming week.

Marty Fleisher, President, USBF



Mirror, Mirror on the Wall; Which team's gonna win it all?

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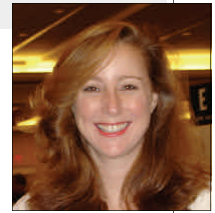
Local Hospitality Chairs

Lisa Berkowitz
Martha Katz

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



A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Hospitality Information...

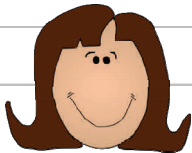


The hospitality suite for the 2017 Open USBC is room 2321, one level up from the playing rooms. Our wonderful hostess, Lisa Berkowitz, and her co-chair, Martha Katz, will serve breakfast each day from 8:00-10:30, as well as lunch from 2:00-4:00. **BUT: Sit outs are encouraged to come as early as 1pm for lunch to avoid overcrowding the suite. Every day, 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.

ROUND ROBIN SCHEDULE			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
THURSDAY	MAY 4	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING (ROOM 1321)
THURSDAY	MAY 4	10:00 - 8:15	SEE PAGE 4 FOR SCHEDULE
FRIDAY	MAY 5	10:00 - 8:15	SEE PAGE 4 FOR SCHEDULE



*** THE FINAL 2 MATCHES ARE SEQUESTERED - ONE PAIR ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY BOTH MATCHES & MUST REMAIN IN THE CLOSED ROOM FOR BOTH MATCHES. NO SCORE COMPARISON ALLOWED.**

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
MONDAY	MAY 8	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
WEDNESDAY	MAY 10	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

Tournament Schedule

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			

8 board VP Scale

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Round Robin Schedule

Time	Pairings	Seeded Team	Boards
<i>THURSDAY, MAY 4TH</i>			
10:00-11:00	1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5	none	1-8
11:15-12:15	1 v 7, 2 v 6, 3 v 5, 4 v 8	none	9-16
12:30-1:30	1 v 6, 2 v 5, 3 v 8, 4 v 7	1, 2, 4	17-24
<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>			
3:30 - 4:30	1 v 5, 2 v 8, 3 v 7, 4 v 6	5, 7, 6	1-8
4:45 - 5:45	1 v 4, 2 v 3, 5 v 8, 6 v 7	1, 2, 6	9-16
6:00 - 7:00	1 v 3, 2 v 4, 5 v 7, 6 v 8	3, 4, 7	17- 24
7:15 - 8:15	1 v 2, 3 v 4, 5 v 6, 7 v 8	1, 3, 5	25-32
<i>FRIDAY, MAY 5TH</i>			
10:00-11:00	1 v 2, 3 v 4, 5 v 6, 7 v 8	2, 4, 6	1-8
11:15-12:15	1 v 3, 2 v 4, 5 v 7, 6 v 8	1, 2, 5	9-16
12:30-1:30	1 v 4, 2 v 3, 5 v 8, 6 v 7	4, 3, 7	17-24
<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>			
3:30 - 4:30	1 v 5, 2 v 8, 3 v 7, 4 v 6	1, 3, 4	1-8
4:45 - 5:45	1 v 6, 2 v 5, 3 v 8, 4 v 7	6, 5, 7	9-16
6:00 - 7:00	1 v 7, 2 v 6, 3 v 5, 4 v 8	none	17-24
7:15 - 8:15	1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5	none	25-32



All About Kibitzing

WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event, except in the Closed Room during the final sequestered matches of the Round Robin. 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 segment.

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 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.

USBC 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:

GENERAL RULES

- 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.

2017 Michael Seamon Junior USBC

The United States Bridge Federation (USBF) is pleased to announce that the 2017 Michael Seamon Junior United States Bridge Championships (JUSBC) will be held December 27-30/31, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta. Players will compete in four categories:

1) open U16 (born in 2003 or later); 2) open U21 (born 1998 or later); 3) open U26 (born 1993 or later); and 4) women U26 (Rona Cup; born 1993 or later).

At least one team in each category will qualify to represent the USA at the World Youth Teams Bridge Championships in China in the summer of 2018 (sending an U16 team will require our having enough chaperones going at their own expense).

Teams may enter with 4, 5, or 6 players; winning teams with fewer than 6 players will augment so that 6-person teams represent the USA in China. Depending on the number of teams entered in each category, an online (BBO) qualifying may be required on one or two weekends in September. Further details and entry forms will be available this summer.

Although the USBF has no designated funds for the Michael Seamon JUSBC, we hope to raise enough money privately to cover most of the expenses (airfare, lodging) for those who play in Atlanta.

The schedule of play in Atlanta will depend on the number of teams competing and will likely be different for the four categories. In all cases we plan for participants to play at least two days before anyone is eliminated. All matches at the JUSBC will be played with screens.

Vugraph

The 2017 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the USA1 Round of 16 on Sunday, April 30th. From the USA1 Quarterfinals on, we will cover **all** of the USA1 tables in play. We will also cover all of the USA2 Semifinals and Finals, and as many tables as we have operators for in the earlier USA2 rounds.

To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website**. You can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch, or use the download version of the BBO software to run BBO on your computer (only available if you already have it, not to new users). If you choose the latter approach, from the Lobby, click on the button labeled VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the matches you want to watch.

To watch on your smartphone or tablet, install the BBO app and watch using that.

There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

10:00-12:10

12:25-2:35

3:45-5:55

6:10-8:20

All of the teams will play the same boards throughout the event.

Hints for BBO viewers

Useful information is available to browser BBO users [and perhaps some mobile 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

There will be live video of 2-4 tables each session. Video from the other tables will be uploaded to YouTube as soon as possible.

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. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2017 USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on this site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2017USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page

If you are going to be in Chicago during the USBC and want to volunteer to help as a Vugraph operator, please email Jan Martel.

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.



Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure



Fresh 1800
1800 E Golf Rd
0.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Elliott's Off Broadway Deli
1900 E Golf Rd Ste 116
0.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Olive Garden
1925 E Golf Rd
0.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

LongHorn Steakhouse
1901 E Golf Rd
0.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Ram Restaurant and Brewery
1901 McConnor Pkwy
0.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Joe's Crab Shack
2000 E Golf Rd
0.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Kuma's Corner
1570 E Golf Rd Wood Field Mall
0.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

The Cheesecake Factory
53 Woodfield Rd
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Garrett Popcorn Shops
5 Woodfield Mall, Woodfield Mall, Ground Floor
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Wildberry Pancakes and Cafe
1383 N Meacham Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Maggiano's Little Italy Schaumburg
Streets of woodfield
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Wetzel's Pretzels
5 Woodfield Mall
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Chill Bubble Tea
5 Woodfield Mall #F-319
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Texas de Brazil
5 Woodfield Mall D312
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Nestle Toll House Cafe
5 Woodfield Mall
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

A&W Restaurant
5 Woodfield Mall F118
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

IKEA Restaurant
1800 McConnor Pkwy
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Weber Grill Restaurant
1010 N Meacham Rd
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

California Pizza Kitchen
1550 E Golf Rd
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Seasons 52
1770 E Higgins Rd
0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cold Stone Creamery
5 Woodfield Drive
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Wildfire
1250 E Higgins Rd
1.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Subway
1478 E Golf Rd Plaza Drive & Meacham Road
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Arby's
1564 E Golf Rd
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Maggiano's Little Italy
1901 East Woodfield Rd.
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Panda Express
3 Woodfield Mall
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Level 257
2 Woodfield Mall Unit a
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

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Hooters
1705 E Golf Rd
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

P.F. Chang's
Woodfield Mall 5 Woodfield Mall Space D313
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Jason's Deli
1530 McConnor Pkwy
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Soups, Delicatessen

Portillo's
611 E Golf Rd
1.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian, American, Fast Food

Rainforest Cafe
D121 Woodfield Mall
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American

Cafe Zupas
1422 E Golf Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Cafe, Soups, Fast Food

Surf City Squeeze
E117 Woodfield Mall
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Chevys Fresh Mex
1180 Plaza Dr
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Mexican, Southwestern

TGI Friday's
1695 E Golf Rd
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

UNO Pizzeria and Grill
1160 N Plaza Dr
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian, Pizza

Westwood Tavern
1385 N Meacham Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Hooters - Schaumburg
1110 Perimeter Dr
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Egg Harbor Cafe
1310 American Ln Meacham Point
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Cafe

Argo Tea
5 Woodfield Mall
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Cafe, Healthy

Morton's the Steakhouse
1470 McConnor Pkwy
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Steakhouse

Great Steak
5 Woodfield Mall
0.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Steakhouse

Granite City Food and Brewery
801 N Plaza Dr
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Giordano's
930 N Meacham Rd
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian, Pizza

Moretti's Ristorante and Pizzeria
1893 Walden Office Sq
Cuisines: Italian, Pizza, American

Qdoba Mexican Grill
1408 E Golf Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Mexican, Fast Food

Shaw's Crab House
1900 East Higgins Road
1.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Seafood, Sushi

Sam & Harry's Steak House
1551 Thoreau Dr N Renaissance Schaumburg Convention
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Steakhouse

Stonewood Ale House
601 Mall Drive
0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

ZEAL Restaurant
680 Mall Dr
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian, American, Steakhouse

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Panera Bread
1140 N Plaza Dr
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Soups, Cafe, Fast Food

Noodles & Company
1400 N Meacham Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Japanese, Asian, Soups

Sarku Express
1408 E Golf Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Asian

Corner Bakery Cafe
1901 E Woodfield Rd
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Cafe, Healthy, Soups

Pie Five Pizza Co.
1428 N Meacham Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Pizza, Fast Food

Five Guys
1424 N Meacham Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Fast Food

Big Bowl Schaumburg
1950 E Higgins Rd
0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Chinese, Asian, Thai

Grillhouse by David Burke
1301 American Lane
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Soups, Steakhouse

Buffalo Wild Wings
1430 N Meacham Rd
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Bar, Pub, American

Einstein Bros. Bagels
1422 N Meacham Rd
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Roti Modern Mediterranean
892 N Meacham Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Middle Eastern, Lebanese, Fast Food, Mediterranean, Greek

Jimmy John's
1420 N Meacham Rd
0.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

The Beer Market
888 N Meacham Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pizza, Pub

Chicago Prime Italian
1370 Bank Dr
1.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian

The Clubhouse
1301 American Lane
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Starbucks
1018 N Meacham Road
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Meatheads
601 N Martingale Rd Streets of Woodfield Shopping Ctr
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Fast Food

Sakura Restaurant Woodfield
4011 Algonquin Rd
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Sushi, Japanese

Potbelly Sandwich Shop
880 N Meacham Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

La Charanga Mexican Restaurant
4003 Algonquin Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Mexican

Jamba Juice
601 N Martingale Rd Ste 310
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Benjyehuda
1022 N. Meacham
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Starbucks
601 N Martingale Rd Streets Of Woodfield
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Jersey Mikes
601 N Martingale Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Pizza

On the Border
870 N Meacham Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Mexican, Southwestern

Tokio Pub
1900 E Higgins Rd
1.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Asian, Japanese, Sushi, Pub

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Stadium
4015 ALGONQUIN RD
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Finn McCool's
1941 E Algonquin Rd
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American

Gameworks
601 N Martingale Rd Ste 115
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Gather Bar
1551 Thoreau Dr N Renaissance Convention Center Hotel
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Bar, Pub, American

Gaylord Fine Indian Cuisine
555 Mall Dr
0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Indian

Wintergarden Cafe
1551 Thoreau Dr N Renaissance Convention Center Hotel
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Taco Bell
650 Mall Dr
0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Mexican

Benihana
1200 E Higgins Rd
1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Japanese, Sushi, Asian

Mc Kenna's Restaurant
3405 Algonquin Rd
0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Punch Bowl Social
1100 American Ln
0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Gastropub

Red Lobster
800 E Golf Rd
1.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Seafood

Chef Ping
1755 Algonquin Rd
1.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Chinese, Asian

Egg'lectic
2905 Algonquin Rd
1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American

La Mirage
3223 Algonquin Rd
1.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Chicago Prime Steakhouse
1444 E Algonquin Rd
1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
"Cuisines: American, Steakhouse

Entre Bar & Grill
1725 E Algonquin Rd
0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian, Mexican, Chinese, American, Indian

Portillo's
1900 W Golf Rd
1.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Fast Food

Chick-fil-A
935 E Golf Rd between Plum Grove Rd & Commons Dr
1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Fast Food

Woo Lae Oak
3201 Algonquin Rd
1.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Asian, Korean

Big Chef
1602 E Algonquin Rd
1.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pizza, Pub

Hong Kong Cafe
1608 E Algonquin Rd
1.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Chinese, Asian

Embassy Cafe
1933 N Meacham Rd Ste 130
1.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Delicatessen

Bahama Breeze
406 E Golf Rd
1.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Caribbean, Seafood, Bahamian, Jamaican

Culver's
1410 E Algonquin Rd
1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Fast Food, American

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Tilted Kilt
1140 E Higgins Rd
1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Kouzina
795 E Golf Road
1.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Mediterranean, Greek

Pompei
1261 E Higgins Rd
1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian

Fuddruckers
436 E Golf Rd
1.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: American, Fast Food

Sake Sushi & Grill
697 E Golf Rd
1.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Sushi, Asian, Japanese

Minghin Cuisine
1440 Golf Rd Marketplace
1.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Chinese, Asian

Barnelli's Pasta Bowl
611 E Golf Rd
1.5 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian, Fast Food
Toscana
1859 W Central Rd
1.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian

La Michoacana Paeteria
2219 W Algonquin Rd
1.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

La Quiringua
#27 of 58 Restaurants in Rolling Meadows
1.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Mexican

There are many more restaurants within proximity of the playing site. The Schaumburg area is well respected for its great choice of ethnic cuisines and first class steakhouses.

When unsure, we recommend any of the Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants. They offer a big variety of fare and tend to be reasonably priced.

Bon Appétit!



Kibitzer Activities...

The **White Sox** are in town May 9-14th.

They are playing the Twins through the 11th and the Padres from the 12th to the 14th.



Tuesday through Friday games are at 7:10pm. Saturday is at 6:10pm and Sunday is at 1:10pm.

For ticket information, go to Chicago.WhiteSox.mlb.com.

The **Cubs** are in town from May 1-7th.

They are playing the Phillies through the 4th and the Yankees through the 7th.

For ticket information, go to Chicago.Cubs.mlb.com.

Woodfield Mall is a shopping mall located in Schaumburg at the intersection of Golf Road and Interstate 290. It is large... has a huge selection of stores... restaurants... movie theaters. It is a great place to take a break, get some exercise walking indoors, or stop for a meal or a snack. If you are sitting out for an entire session, you can even go see a movie.

Not far from the playing site, **Long Grove** is a special little village that retains all the character of its original farming community roots, with historic buildings, cobblestone walks and flowering gardens, set in a secluded rural atmosphere. And now, added to all the traditional favorites, Long Grove has an exciting new mix of attractions, offering contemporary goods and style, cool arts and entertainment, and festive spaces to fulfill the wishes of a whole new generation. For everyday shopping and dining, this is an easy "must-see" trip.

Long Grove is known for its eclectic and artsy shops and eateries and its old-fashioned country setting.

Nestled in historic homes and buildings that date back to the community's roots in the 1800's, Long Grove's many shops specialize in unique gifts, boutiques, exceptional art and home decor, and distinctive menus. Visitors can stroll the cobblestone walks that wind through the historic downtown and enjoy seasonal lush gardens and scenic views. And they can make it a quick trip or a day's outing, shopping and indulging their tastes with a variety of food and bakery products, cafés, and fine eating establishments.

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Long Grove Historic Village is located just 35 miles northwest of Chicago, near Routes 53 and 83 north of Lake Cook Road. This little crossroads was settled in the early 1800's by German farmers who came to town to buy their supplies and have their horses shod. The original homes and businesses now bear plaques recognizing their importance to Long Grove's history. The signature covered bridge and the village landmarks in the historic district have all been carefully guarded as the town evolved into a unique and charming destination for visitors. Additional Long Grove merchants and fine restaurants can be found outside of the historic district on Routes 83, 53, and 22.

Long Grove is also known for its fun. Their full schedule of festivals and concerts are among Chicagoland's premier outdoor events. Chocolate Fest in early May, Strawberry Festival in June and Apple Fest in October draw appreciative crowds, as do many other outdoor music and ethnic feasts and events throughout the year. Activities continue right through the holidays with music, winter activities and world-class shopping.

Area Golf Courses

Schaumburg Golf Club -Original Nine
Public - 9 holes
401 N Roselle Rd - Schaumburg
Distance: 1.24 miles

Schaumburg Golf Club -White & Blue (Tournament)
Public - 18 holes
401 N Roselle Rd - Schaumburg
Distance: 1.24 miles

Highland Woods Golf Course
Public - 18 holes
2775 N Ela Rd - Hoffman Estates
Distance: 1.31 miles

Hilldale Golf Club
Public - 18 holes
1655 Ardwick Dr - Hoffman Estates
Distance: 1.50 miles

Walnut Greens Golf Course
Public - 9 holes

1150 N Walnut Ln - Schaumburg
Distance: 1.64 miles

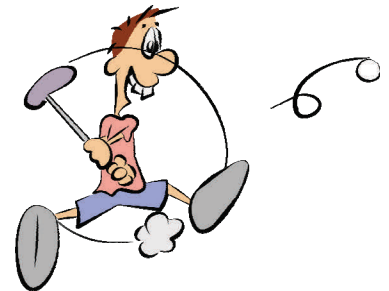
Poplar Creek Country Club
Public - 18 holes
1400 Poplar Creek Dr - Hoffman Estates
Distance: 2.20 miles

Fox Run Golf Links
Public - 18 holes
333 Plum Grove Rd - Elk Grove Village
Distance: 2.68 miles

Palatine Hills Golf Course
Public - 18 holes
512 W Nw Hwy - Palatine
Distance: 4.31 miles

Arlington Lakes Golf Club
Public - 18 holes
1211 S New Wilkes Rd - Arlington Heights
Distance: 4.74 miles

Twin Lakes Golf Course
Public - 9 holes
1200 E Twin Lakes Dr - Palatine
Distance: 5.46 miles



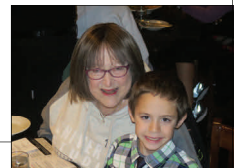
My shots on the golf course
work out better than my
shots at the bridge table!

From the Editor:

Please be advised to keep this issue of the newsletter. While team lists and schedules will be reprinted in subsequent hard copy editions, other information will not. We do this to make room for new content at a substantial print savings to the organization.

Thank you!!

Suzi



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	3		8		6			
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			3		9	8		
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	6							
4		5					2	

Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Puzzle Page ...

One day, five mothers each brought their only child to the zoo. The children had a glorious time together watching the different animals and eating their favorite snacks. The kids were so good, at the end of the day each mother let her child get one item from the souvenir shop as they were leaving the zoo. Can you determine the full name of each child, each child's favorite snack and animal, and the souvenir each brought home?

1. Julia, who loves cotton candy, didn't like the elephants. Mary didn't get a caramel apple. The child who got the stuffed animal liked the giraffes best.
2. Alan Small, the girl who liked the lions, and the child who got the activity set didn't want to leave the zoo.
3. Neither of the boys got fried dough, but one got nachos and the other one liked the monkeys best. Tom didn't get a poster.
4. The Brown child almost got a coloring book with Mary but finally decided on a poster.
5. Tom, whose last name isn't Proctor, got a toy gun but didn't get a caramel apple. The MacGregor child had fried dough.
6. Beth, who didn't like the giraffes or the elephants best, got an activity set.

	Brown	Cook	MacGregor	Proctor	Small	caramel apple	cotton candy	fried dough	nachos	popcorn	elephants	giraffes	lions	monkeys	seals	activity set	coloring book	poster	stuffed animal	toy gun	
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Beth																					
Julia																					
Mary																					
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Answers on page 15:

Limey Jack...

Hallo Yanks:

As the distaff side gets underway, Limey Jack is pondered to wit; is this the final U. S. Trials for women? As there are only two teams worth the powder, and one of them is four handed, perhaps appointing teams as the Empire appoints Guv'ner's is the lorry's path. Time will speak.

Picking the four survivors is easy-peasy for Limey Jack, but the Dungmeister will need a map of the Parish back roads to even come close.

The four groups that will favour us yonder are Weingold, Baker, Wittes, and Jenkins.

Limey Jack will enable you to enjoy the fruits of your labour by knowing the winners in advance, while Howie Dung will give you a migraine.

Cheers, LJ.

Howie Doing...

<p>With seven teams entered, They've all got a chance... To be one of two To fly off to France!</p> <p>The "byes" in the Open Mean early success... Playing less matches, And risking much less.</p> <p>The "byes" in the Women's Come AFTER day two... With four going on And good "byes" to a few.</p>	<p>Which teams are likely To be those who fail? Lacking experience, Bales will Bale!</p> <p>Predicting another To suffer a loss, In French, it's adieu To the feared Madame Moss.</p> <p>The third who in Schaumburg No longer will dwell Is Ms. Mary Sakr And teammate Ms. Nell.</p>
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Till Saturday I remain... the great Howie Doing!

Answers to Puzzle on page 14

Explanation: Alan's last name is Small. The Brown child got a poster, Beth got an activity set, and Mary got a coloring book. Since Tom didn't get a poster by elimination the Brown child is Julia. Beth didn't like the giraffes or the elephants best and one of the boys liked the monkeys best. Since Beth didn't like the lions by elimination, she liked the seals best. Tom got a toy gun and Julia got cotton candy. By elimination, Alan got the stuffed animal and the giraffes were his favorite animal. The monkeys were Tom's favorite and Alan got nachos. Julia didn't like the elephants so by elimination Mary liked the elephants and Julia liked the lions. Neither Mary nor Tom got a caramel apple, so by elimination Beth did. Since Tom didn't get fried dough, he got popcorn and Mary got fried dough. Mary's last name is MacGregor. Since Tom's last name isn't Proctor, Beth's last name is Proctor and Tom's last name is Cook.

- Alan Small, nachos, giraffes, stuffed animal
- Beth Proctor, caramel apple, seals, activity set
- Julia Brown, cotton candy, lions, poster
- Mary MacGregor, fried dough, elephants, coloring book
- Tom Cook, popcorn, monkeys, toy gun



Lynn Baker is a law professor at the University of Texas, and frequently serves as a consultant to other attorneys on issues of legal ethics in mass tort settlements. A graduate of Yale Law School and Yale College, she also holds a degree from Oxford University, which she attended as a Marshall Scholar.

A 16-time National Champion, Lynn's work commitments largely limit her tournament play to NABC women's team and pair events. In 2014, Lynn won her first World Championship, the McConnell Cup in Sanya, China. She has twice represented the US in the Venice Cup, winning a silver medal with USA I in 2009 (Sao Paulo, Brazil), and finishing 5th in 2001 (Paris, France). In 2015, she was on the winning Women's Team in the European Open Championships (Tromso, Norway).

A lifelong athlete, Lynn rowed for the Yale Varsity Women's Crew and was selected to one U.S. Olympic and three National Women's Rowing Team training camps during college. An avid downhill skier and runner in recent years, she has completed four marathons. She lives in Austin, Texas with her husband, Sam Dinkin, their 18-year-old daughter, and two cats, Reginald and Shadow.

Meet the Players

As many of you know, bridge is not just a game to me. It has and continues to transform my life. There is something about sitting down to play bridge that brings me an incredible sense of peace and belonging. A few years ago, responding to a call within the bridge community for young blood, I set out with friends to produce my first film. *Double Dummy* is a documentary that captures the game's unique ability to develop community, exercise the mind, risk some, lose plenty, and ultimately have fun. Now, I'm thrilled to report that we are in the final stages of production and we're in the early stages of planning our launch.

Why the name *Double Dummy*? To say you played a hand "double dummy" is one of the finest compliments you can pay a bridge player, you've played the hand as if you knew all the cards.

During filming, we had several coups. Phillip Alder, the *New York Times* columnist, was covering the 2012 World Youth Teams Championships, which makes up the primary through line of our film. Now, just a few years later, Alder's column is emblematic of the problem facing bridge today. The game has lost so much traction with younger audiences that even after nearly a century of coverage, the *Times* cancelled Phillip's column. (Fortunately, we made it in before it disappeared.) Like the newspapers themselves, bridge is facing signs of extinction. Keeping the game alive is one of the primary reasons we've made this film. The game is too important to me to let it simply fade into oblivion.

We're just getting started. Over the next couple of months, I'll be sharing a few behind the scenes moments on the process of making the film. We do not yet know when, where or how the film will be released.

Finally, I want to thank everyone in the bridge community and our incredible team of filmmakers for making this happen, and thanks to each of you for coming along on the journey with us.

McAllister



From the Recent Lake Geneva Regional... played by a woman!

Board 10
 All Vul.
 Dealer: E
 IMPs

♠ JT8
 ♥ X
 ♦ ATXX
 ♣ AKXXX

♠ KXXX
 ♥ XXXX
 ♦ XXX
 ♣ QX



♠ XX
 ♥ AQJXXX
 ♦ QJ
 ♣ XXX

♠ AQ97
 ♥ KX
 ♦ KXXX
 ♣ J9X

West	North	East	South (me)
		2H	Double
Pass	3H	Pass	3S (hated to bid NT with only Kx of hearts)
Pass	4S	All Pass	

(Hands rotated 180 degrees ...) We are nothing if not creative. On the convoluted auction above, we found ourselves in 4S on the Moysian... Clearly 3NT would have been saner.

West led a heart to East's ace. East shifted to the DQ.

I won the ace in dummy, wanting to be there to finesse the SK. Following my thinking, I finessed and West ducked. I repeated the finesse and West won.

West played a third spade. I won in hand. Now what?

I thought, "IMPS!!!" ... Play for the position that will allow you to succeed... ok... if the diamond honors are doubleton with East and the CQ is doubleton with anyone, this contract can be successful.

I pulled the last trump, held my breath, and played for the necessary position. Imagine my delight when the result was making FIVE!

Next hand!



Kerri Sanborn

Inducted into the ACBL's Hall of Fame in 2007, Kerri is a seven-time world champion. She has won at least one World Championship in each of four consecutive decades, a record of "longevity at the top" equaled only by Bob Hamman. (Indeed, one wonders if anyone in any competitive endeavor outside of bridge has, or could, come close to that record of sustained excellence.)

Although (because?) her parents played bridge, Kerri swore she never would. But, she finally succumbed during her sophomore year at Miami University in Ohio, and played her first local duplicate with her father. She soon moved to California, where she credits many experts for helping her during her early years as a player: Mike Shuman, Harold Guiver, Mike Smolen, Hermine Baron, Harold Kandler, Rhoda Walsh, and, most significantly, Barry Crane.

Kerri's first victory at the world level was the 1978 Mixed Pairs in which she and Barry Crane bested a world-class field by an astonishing margin of 5 boards. During her highly successful 14-year partnership with Barry, she was responsible for buying his coffee (2/3 of a cup, black) and filling out the convention card, while he handled the travel arrangements. Kerri's five subsequent world championships were won in partnership with Karen McCallum (1989, 1990, 1993) and Irina Levitina (2002, 2006). Her most recent world championship was a repeat Mixed Pairs win, this time with Jie "Jack" Zhao.

A full-time player beginning in the early 1970s, Kerri changed careers in 1988 when she began trading options full-time on the floor of the American Stock Exchange. She retired in 2001. An avid golfer, Kerri lives in Delray Beach, FL, with her husband, Steve, and brother-and-sister cats Boomer and Brooke.

Some people's noses and feet are built backwards: their feet smell and their noses run.

Novice pirates make terrible singers because they can't hit the high seas.

I mixed up the cardiac resuscitation equipment with the lie detector, but I will de-fib you later.

Sleeping comes so naturally to me, I could do it with my eyes closed.

What do you call a bald monster? A lock-less monster.

I would tell you a leech joke, but it would suck.

Jill broke her finger today, but on the other hand she was completely fine.

Einstein developed a theory about space, and it was about time.

Pencils could be made with erasers at both ends, but what would be the point?

When a female sheep turns around and goes the other way it makes a ewe turn.

What did the man say when the bridge fell on him. The suspension is killing me.

I should have been sad when my flashlight batteries died, but I was delighted.

Broken puppets for sale. No strings attached.

England doesn't have a kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool

A hungry traveler stops at a monastery and is taken to the kitchens. A brother is frying chips. 'Are you the friar?' he asks. 'No. I'm the chip monk,' he replies.

The magician got so mad he pulled his hare out.

I think I'm going to hire the same landscaper I used last year - he was really easy to get a lawn with.

What is a thesaurus' favorite dessert? Synonym buns.

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

John Deere's manure spreader is the only equipment the company won't stand behind.

Pun-tificating!