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## Round of 8 ... Final

#	TEAM	TOTAL	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4	SET #5	SET #6	SET #7
1	<u>Fleisher</u>	193	30	27	19	24	20	16	35
8	<u>Fireman</u>	207	15	31	39	6	24	16	38
2	<u>Nickell</u>	253	39	17	44	43	19	22	28
7	<u>Mahaffey</u>	171	31	35	8	6	30	20	20
3	<u>Rosenthal</u>	212	36	1	9	26	28	36	38
6	<u>Juster</u>	247	34	75	29	7	24	15	40
4	<u>Lall</u>	212	12	9	32	33	38	23	40
5	<u>Morris</u>	200	35	10	34	10	21	18	36

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# “Trials” and Tribulations



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# Teams Entered... listed in seeding order

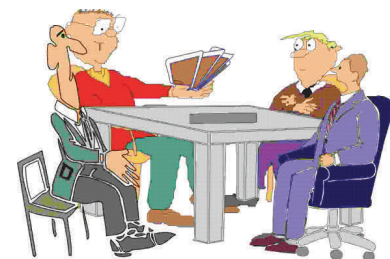
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	Howard Weinstein	Adam Wildavsky
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Schireson	Max Schireson, Capt Geeske Joel	Debbie Rosenberg William Watson
Sam Dinkin, NPC	Tom Reynolds David Pelka	Lance Kerr William Hall
Cohen	Seth Cohen, Capt James Glickman	Howard Einberg Bill St Clair

ROUND OF 16			
SUNDAY	MAY 13	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
SUNDAY	MAY 13	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35	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 14	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			
TUESDAY	MAY 15	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 16	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			
THURSDAY	MAY 17	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 18	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			
SATURDAY	MAY 19	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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## Tournament Schedule

If you don't know  
where you are  
going, any road  
will get you  
there.

Lewis Carroll



I would have redoubled  
But you would have run  
And 6 of a major  
Goes down only one!

Board 18  
Dealer: S  
N/S Vul.

- ♠ QT87
- ♥ KJ
- ♦ JT76
- ♣ JT2

- ♠ A965
- ♥ AQ762
- ♦ 3
- ♣ KQ5



- ♠ J32
- ♥ 985
- ♦ AQ54
- ♣ A93

- ♠ K4
- ♥ T43
- ♦ K982
- ♣ 8764

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Martel	Kranyak	Fleisher
		1D	Pass
1H	Pass	1NT	Pass
2D (CB)	Pass	2H	Pass
2S	Pass	2NT	Pass
3C	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Hampson	Hurd	Greco	Wooldridge
		1D	Pass
1H	Pass	1NT	Pass
2D (CB)	Pass	2H	Pass
2S	Pass	2NT	Pass
4H	All Pass		

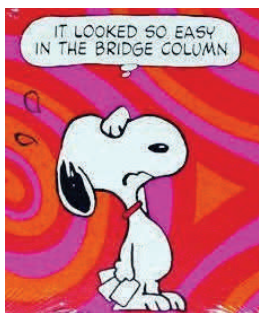
**Fleisher/Fireman**

On Board 18 in the sixth segment of the Quarterfinal, the first seven bids were identical in both rooms of the Fleisher/Fireman match. After 2NT, Demuy made an excellent decision to complete his pattern. Kranyak bid 3NT knowing that Demuy was 4-5-1-3. His chunky diamond holding made this contract look more promising than 4H with nothing to ruff in his own hand.

Fleisher led the C8. Kranyak carefully won the king in dummy preserving his hand entries. He cashed the HA safety playing that suit, while unblocking his eight. He took a club to his hand and led the H9 toward dummy. Fleisher played small and Kranyak called for dummy's deuce. Martel won the king and shifted to the DJ. Kranyak won his ace and cashed three rounds of hearts. He cashed the CQ and SA to come to nine winners.

In the other room, following 2NT, Hampson jumped to game in the known 8 card heart suit. The combined lie of the heart and spade suits doomed the game.

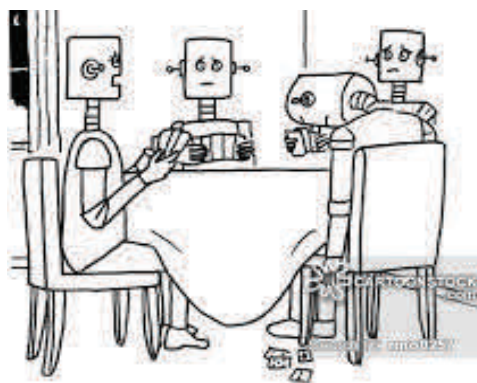
10 IMPs to Fireman



**The Home Game!!**



**After a Long Day on BBO**



He's not much fun at night. He's solar powered!

**Hospitality Information...**

The hospitality suite for the 2018 USBC will be in room 1068-70. Our wonderful hostesses, Lisa Berkowitz and Martha Katz have made the "trek" to Houston to welcome you to the Suite. They will be joined by Nancy Strohmmer, Betty Starzec, Shawn Quinn and other local volunteers.

Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch starting on Sunday from 1:00-4:00.

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) will be in the playing area (room 862, around the corner from most of the playing rooms, all of which are on the 8th floor. ). It will be available for the entire tournament. We will have coffee, soft drinks and snacks available while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

Board 2  
Segment 5  
Dealer: E  
N/S Vul.

♠ AQ  
♥ QT7  
♦ K65432  
♣ 98

♠ 9854  
♥ KJ4  
♦ J98  
♣ KJ3



♠ KJ732  
♥ A93  
♦ A  
♣ AQ42

♠ T6  
♥ 8652  
♦ QT7  
♣ T765

West	North	East	South	<b>Nickell/Mahaffey</b>
Cohen	Meckstroth	Cohler	Rodwell	
		1S	Pass	
3S (mixed raise)	Pass	4C	Pass	
4H	Pass	4S	Pass	
5C	Pass	5NT	Pass	
6S	All Pass			
S Weinstein	Lev	Levin	Mahaffey	
		1S	Pass	
2S	3D	4S	All Pass	

Weinstein and Levin bid to the reasonable spade game.

Cohler and Cohen bid to the aggressive spade slam.

Missing four spades to the ace, queen and ten, six was a really lucky make.

Both tables took 12 tricks. 11 IMPs to Mahaffey ...

Board 19  
Segment 8  
Dealer: S  
E/W Vul.

♠ 2  
♥ K974  
♦ Q85  
♣ KQT64

♠ 8654  
♥ A6  
♦ AJT92  
♣ 85



♠ AJT7  
♥ 8  
♦ 7643  
♣ J973

♠ KQ93  
♥ QJT532  
♦ K  
♣ A2

Hurd	Hampson	Wooldridge	Greco	<b>Fleisher/Fireman</b>
			1C (strong)	
1D	2C	3D	3H	
Pass	4D	Pass	4H	
All Pass				
Moss	Kranyak	Grue	Demuy	
			1H	
Pass	3S (splinter)	Double	Pass	
4S	5C	Pass	5H	
All Pass				

Hampson and Greco bid to four hearts. The play was easy and they lost only the three missing aces.

In the other room, Demuy opened 1H. Kranyak pushed the envelope with a 3S splinter. Grue seized the opportunity to double; Demuy passed; and Moss upped the ante with 4S.

Kranyak, believing the vulnerable game could make for his opponents, bid 5C, hoping to escape undoubled in a good save. Indeed, no one doubled and the hand was played in 5H going light one trick when his opponents collected their three aces. 10 IMPs to Fleisher

## Limey Jack...

You Colonials could have a problem. There is a team in the Semi-finals that is unknown. Whatever is a Juster and by what means did the Semis become bespoke to them? Limey Jack is not the only one with his knickers atwist. Howie Dung, that twit, cannot even acknowledge that Juster exists.

There should be a run on the punters today. It should be noticed that Limey Jack is cracking good. Only Limey Jack picked all 4 advancers, including the two upsets. Howie Dung is an imposter trying to diddle you, having gone ought for the fortnight, including ought for 4 to get to this reckoning. What a daft poodle is he.

Nickell-Juster: How can one bet the first quid against Nickell. Juster has had a right bloody fine run, but it comes to a halt today as sure as the Pastor's wife forgot to pull the shade.

Lall-Fireman: Tis a saddened day for Limey Jack, having to report that his favourite partner, player, and wine aficionado will not find the finale. For once Limey Jack wishes that the Dung One wasn't so addle brained and could actually come to the fore. He will most assuredly pick Lall, but alas tis not to be.

Limey Jack will return for the last match in two days hence. March down to the punter and collect a few bob.

Cheers.

### Correction:

Beth Palmer correctly pointed out to me that there were not SIX, but EIGHT married couples in this Championship when it started. In addition to the group described in yesterday's bulletin, Miriam and John Botzum and Pam and Matt Granovettor played on the Harris squad. Thanks Beth for catching this!

**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 (excepting those with pace makers or like equipment) entering the playing field.**



## Howie Doing...

Fleisher was upset  
By Fireman's crew  
See them next year  
For USA2!

Fireman's playing  
'Gainst father and son.  
Hoping to oust them  
When two days are done.

The kids all bid wild  
But play really sound  
Fireman stays  
At the end of this round.

I'd like to pick Nickell  
They've got the wood  
But Juster is playing  
A little too good.

Jack picks for favorites...  
Nickell he'll take  
But I'm picking Juster.  
He has my namesake!!

See you in two!

Howie Doing!!



Love playing bridge  
With the afternoon  
bunch...

Don't care who wins  
As long as there's lunch!

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

# Evil Sudoku

An English teacher asked a student to name two pronouns.  
Child McSass answered, "Who, me?"



What's the difference between a cat and a comma?  
One has claws at the end of its paws and the other is a pause and the end of a clause.

**Answers to Puzzle  
No Peeking!**

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

# Puzzle Page ...

Bagel Alley, the local bagel shop, was always a location of furious activity during the morning commute as people stopped by to get their coffee and bagel on the way to work. Fresh made on site each morning, the bagels were highly popular and the fact that the shop also had great coffee was like icing on the cake! The people who worked at Bagel Alley were cheerful and friendly, as well as competent, so despite the large volume of customers, the wait was never long or unpleasant. Joe and four of his coworkers stopped by this morning to see what everyone was raving about and were pleasantly surprised to find that the shop lived up to its reputation. Determine the name of each coworker, what kind of bagel with its topping, and what flavor and size of coffee (small, medium, or large) each ordered.

- Brad got his bagel, which wasn't wheat, with nothing on it. Walt ordered a small coffee.
- The two coworkers who got medium sized coffees were the one who got the hazelnut flavor and the one who got his bagel with peanut butter.
- The one who got the onion bagel, but not with butter, also got a French vanilla coffee, but not the small size.
- The five coworkers were Joe, the one who got a large coffee, the one who got Amaretto flavored coffee, the one who got a wheat bagel, and the one who got egg & bacon on his bagel.
- Rick didn't order the blueberry bagel but he did get Columbian coffee. The Amaretto coffee was ordered with the cheddar bagel but not by Walt.
- The cream cheese did not come with the blueberry bagel but it did come with a large coffee. The sesame bagel came with butter but Carlos didn't order it.

	blueberry	cheddar	onion	sesame	wheat	butter	cream cheese	egg & bacon	peanut butter	plain	Amaretto	Columbian	French vanilla	hazelnut	regular	large	medium	medium	small	small
Brad																				
Carlos																				
Joe																				
Rick																				
Walt																				
large																				
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medium																				
small																				
small																				
Amaretto																				
Columbian																				
French vanilla																				
hazelnut																				
regular																				
butter																				
cream cheese																				
egg & bacon																				
peanut butter																				
plain																				

Name	Type of Bagel	Bagel Topping	Coffee Flavor	Coffee Size
Brad				
Carlos				
Joe				
Rick				
Walt				

-----	blueberry	butter	Amaretto	large
-----	cheddar	cream cheese	Columbian	medium
-----	onion	egg & bacon	French vanilla	medium
-----	sesame	peanut butter	hazelnut	small
-----	wheat	plain	regular	small

What do you call Santa's elves?  
Subordinate Clauses.



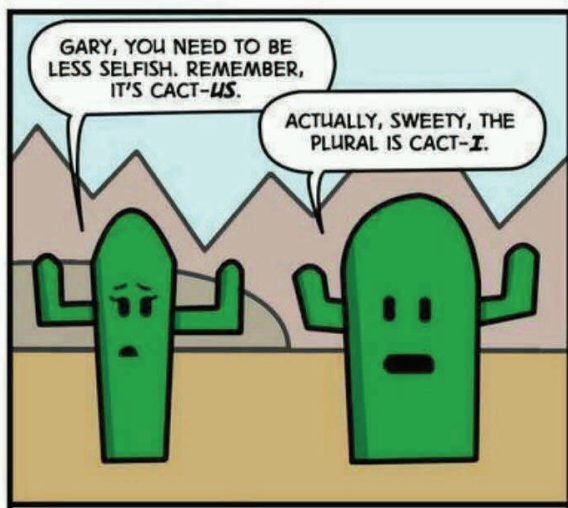
## Answer to Puzzle

Name	Type of Bagel	Bagel Topping	Coffee Flavor	Coffee Size
Walt	blueberry	egg & bacon	regular	small
Rick	wheat	peanut butter	Columbian	medium
Joe	sesame	butter	hazelnut	medium
Carlos	onion	cream cheese	French vanilla	large
Brad	cheddar	plain	Amaretto	small

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- ACTOR
- ANNEHATHAWAY
- ASIDE
- BARDOFAVON
- BLANKVERSE
- CHARACTERFLAW
- CHARACTERS
- COMEDIES
- COMICRELIEF
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- HAMLET
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- RHYMESHEME
- ROMEOANDJULIET
- SOLILOQUY
- SONNETS
- STRATFORDONAVON
- THEDARKLADY
- THEGLOBETHEATRE
- THEKINGSMEN
- THEME
- THEWOODENO
- TRAGEDIES
- TRAGICHERO
- TURN
- TWELFTHNIGHT



# Shakespeare





Board 26  
 Segment 6  
 Dealer: E  
 All Vul.

♠ T843  
 ♥ KJ94  
 ♦ 9875  
 ♣ 2

♠ J5  
 ♥ 76532  
 ♦ T  
 ♣ KQJ83



♠ Q76  
 ♥  
 ♦ AQ6432  
 ♣ A954

♠ AK92  
 ♥ AQT8  
 ♦ KJ  
 ♣ T76

West	North	East	South	<b>Rosenthal/Juster</b>
Willenken	Merblum	Ginossar	Juster	
		1D	Double	
2C	2H	5C	Double	
All Pass				
H Weinstein	Silverstein	Wildavsky	Rosenthal	
		1D	Double	
1H	Pass	2D	Double	
Pass	2S	All Pass		

Board 26 was boring at most tables.

Six of eight played in routine two or three level partscores. In Rosenthal/Juster, however, the hand became exciting at the Willenken/Ginossar table. East/West reached an aggressive 5C contract from West.

Timing is everything on this hand.

At the table, Merblum made the normal spade lead. This afforded declarer the timing he needed. But he had to see it.

If Merblum had led his singleton trump (which gives nothing away), declarer will eventually lose three tricks no matter how well he guesses the position.

Juster won the spade and returned a trump to dummy's nine. And here's where the timing comes into play.

Declarer knows he can establish a spade trick in dummy, so he needs to take ten minor suit tricks. He can play the DA and ruff a diamond. When he gets the good news, he can finish drawing trumps ending in dummy and ruff a second diamond. He can exit the SJ and dummy will be good. Making five!

At the table, Willenken did not see the timing problem that could occur. He played a spade at trick three to establish the spade trick. Juster won and played a heart, tapping dummy prematurely.

Willenken played the DA and ruffed a diamond, followed by a club to dummy's ace. Had trumps been 2-2, he would still have been fine. However, given the 3-1 trump break, he was unable to successfully establish the diamond suit.

9 IMPs to Juster...

# In the Hospitality Suite...



# Serious Play...