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Round Robin Results:

Team Name	Total	16	5	6	11	13	8	9	10	2	14	7	1	3	12	15	4
16. Wolfson	198.43		7.06	12.18	2.18	12.18	11.77	13.65	10.00	19.29	18.01	9.53	15.78	18.36	20.00	15.50	12.94
5. Hill	182.26	12.94		7.82	8.23	12.18	12.57	11.35	2.58	20.00	12.94	20.00	12.18	11.35	11.77	18.53	7.82
6. Kranyak	182.18	7.82	12.18		9.53	15.50	14.32	10.47	16.29	16.04	6.01	14.63	7.06	11.77	20.00	4.78	15.78
11. Pratap	181.37	17.82	11.77	10.47		13.31	1.64	18.36	13.31	8.65	15.50	16.04	7.06	16.77	9.08	12.94	8.65
13. Robinson	171.55	7.82	7.82	4.50	6.69		9.53	18.85	8.65	5.07	12.94	10.00	14.63	8.23	19.00	20.00	17.82
8. Lo	162.53	8.23	7.43	5.68	18.36	10.47		10.47	10.92	8.23	10.92	6.69	12.94	17.82	10.47	17.21	6.69
9. Mahaffey	158.59	6.35	8.65	9.53	1.64	1.15	9.53		12.18	14.93	12.57	16.53	14.63	9.53	11.77	13.31	16.29
10. Morris	149.74	10.00	17.42	3.71	6.69	11.35	9.08	7.82		4.22	3.71	11.35	17.21	13.65	2.58	12.94	18.01
2. Donn	148.45	0.71	0.00	3.96	11.35	14.93	11.77	5.07	15.78		6.01	11.77	15.22	6.69	13.99	13.99	17.21
14. Warner	148.18	1.99	7.06	13.99	4.50	7.06	9.08	7.43	16.29	13.99		7.06	10.92	10.92	5.07	14.63	18.19
7. Kriegel	146.51	10.47	0.00	5.37	3.96	10.00	13.31	3.47	8.65	8.23	12.94		15.78	19.92	12.57	10.92	10.92
1. Dinkin	133.15	4.22	7.82	12.94	12.94	5.37	7.06	5.37	2.79	4.78	9.08	4.22		14.32	9.08	18.53	14.63
3. Donner	117.19	1.64	8.65	8.23	3.23	11.77	2.18	10.47	6.35	13.31	9.08	0.08	5.68		12.94	8.65	14.93
12. Reynolds	110.95	0.00	8.23	0.00	10.92	1.00	9.53	8.23	17.42	6.01	14.93	7.43	10.92	7.06		6.69	2.58
15. Watson	108.59	4.50	1.47	15.22	7.06	0.00	2.79	6.69	7.06	6.01	5.37	9.08	1.47	11.35	13.31		17.21
4. Grossack	100.33	7.06	12.18	4.22	11.35	2.18	13.31	3.71	1.99	2.79	1.81	9.08	5.37	5.07	17.42	2.79	

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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations



Happy Mother's Day!

Limey Jack...

Jolly good show so far Yanks:

A few teams gave Limey Jack the haddabs but at least that scourge, Howie Dung, is licking his wounds. The round of 16 has but 7 tilts. Limey Jack will take you straight to the Parsonage without the porridge getting burnt. Onward.

Fleisher-Donner: On Donner, on Blitzen. Fleisher shows Donner about Blitzen.

Kranyak-Warner: The new resident Punter since the Horse's demise has an unlucky draw against the wildcard quartet of young lads who will make a nosebag of them. (Editor's note: this is not vulgar, but refers to the way they feed horses)

Wolfson-Dinkin: After having a bit of a natter with Zia recently, he predicted this scenario; playing a four handed gaggle with a bit of a bridge nutter at the helm. Wolfson carries the flag past the fort.

Rajadhyaksha-Lo: Blimey, why must you Colonials use shortened names. In London there is the epicentre of Indian food and all the names are proudly spelt out. Strangely, their seeds are quite remote at 12 and 5, but this is one of the two matches which will go to the final furlong. Put just a couple of bob on Rajadhyaksha as Lo, while trying to take the biscuit, have to play all 5 members as pairs. In the end they make an honourable attempt, but their legs give out.

Kriegel-Morris: That cabbage Howie Dung will pick Kriegel because he is afraid to raft upriver, but Morris is not yet ready to move to the Senior Trials. Another well played match here that ends far later at one table than the other with Morris by Judge's decision.

Hill-Donn: There is a great deal of talent here and pity they drew one another. The perennial Juniors are playing fours, while Donn has the second best player in the field in Bertens. Limey Jack goes against staid tradition by picking the Boys of Four in a nail biter.

Mahaffey-Robinson: In the battle of nowhere going fast, the fountain of dotterage is able to advance once more in his final at bat. Hamman makes 3NT on the penultimate board to secure victory.

Limey Jack is knackered from sleep deprivation, but Howie Dung has a deprivation too; common sense. You have the winners here. Invest heavily Lads and Lassies.

Cheers, LJ

Howie Doing...

Fleisher leads Donner right down to the wires.

Kranyak survives while Warner retires.

Dinkin is sinkin' and Wolfson takes all.

Lo will rise up while Pratap will fall.

Morris will rule and play on forthwith,

While Kriegel will echo playing with Smith.

The Hill is too steep for the Donn team to climb.

Though both Hill and Donn would be easy to rhyme.

With two Levs and Pepsi, Mahaffey's no joke,

But thinking of drinking, one always picks Coke!

The unlucky experts on Robinson's team,

Get through one more round before losing steam!

Howie is Doing better than Jack.

And likely will gain in two days when we're back.

Have a good Mother's Day going to brunch.

But don't miss the VuGraph following lunch!

Howie Doing... Great!

Heard at the Table:

On Board 5 yesterday morning, holding S:T7 H:T9832 D:T C:AKQ87, Ron Smith opened 1H. His partner, Oren Kriegel, bid INT. Ron responded 2C and Oren bid 2D. Before laying down the dummy, Ronnie apologized to Oren, saying "sorry pard." Oren looked up and said, "Oh no... is this the NEW FOURTEEN?"

Teams Entered...

There are 18 teams entered. Teams are listed in seeding point order, except for teams with byes, which are listed first in PP order.

Rosenthal Bye to Rnd of 8	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken David Berkowitz	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Migry Zur Campanile
Fleisher Bye to Rnd of 16	Martin Fleisher, Capt Eric Greco Joe Grue	Chip Martel Geoff Hampson Brad Moss
Wolfson	Jeffrey Wolfson, Capt Zia Mahmood John Hurd	Steve Garner Michael Rosenberg Joel Wooldridge
Kranyak	John Kranyak, Capt Greg Hinze	Vincent Demuy David Grainger
Kriegel	Oren Kriegel, Capt John Diamond	Ron Smith Brian Platnick
Rajadhyaksha	Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Capt John Schermer	Venkatrao Koneru Billy Miller
Hill	Kevin Dwyer Kevin Bathurst Joyce Hill, NPC	Shan Huang Justin Lall
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Billy Cohen Daniel Lev	Sam Lev Gary Cohler Jacek Pszczola
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Robert Hamman	Peter Boyd Bart Bramley Peter Weichsel
Donn	Joshua Donn, Capt Curtis Cheek Roger Lee	Huub Bertens Daniel Korbel Sheri Winestock
Morris	Michael Levine Mike Passell Dennis Clerkin Robert Morris, NPC	Eddie Wold Marc Jacobus Jerry Clerkin
Lo	Ai-Tai Lo, Capt Adam Wildavsky Jiang Gu	Larry Robbins Doug Doub
Watson	William Watson, Capt Vinita Gupta	Geeske Joel Debbie Rosenberg
Donner	Gary Donner, Capt Rose Meltzer	Yoko Sobel Nikolay Demirev
Grossack	Adam Grossack, Capt Bart Bussink Alex Hudson	Arjun Dhir John McAllister Peter Boyd-Bowman
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt Alex Kolesnik	Bob Etter Michael Shuster
Reynolds	W. Thomas Reynolds, Capt David Pelka Ellen Kent	Lance Kerr William Hall Robert Kent
Warner	Marc Warner, Capt Stephen Zolotow	Anam Tebha Glenn Eisenstein

The best thing I did was to choose the right heroes.

Warren Buffett

USBC Schedule

If past history was all there was to the game, the richest people would be librarians.
Warren Buffett

Life with Men is like Bridge
You need a Heart to love them;
A Diamond to marry them;
A Club to beat them; 😊
And a Spade to bury them.

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.



ROUND OF 16			
SUNDAY	MAY 12	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
SUNDAY	MAY 12	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
MONDAY	MAY 13	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
			SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
QUARTER-FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 14	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
WEDNESDAY	MAY 15	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
			SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
			SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
SEMI-FINAL			
THURSDAY	MAY 16	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
FRIDAY	MAY 17	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
			SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
			SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
FINAL			
SATURDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
SUNDAY	MAY 19	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
			SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
			SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience. "Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents." Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?" "Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it, and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was, 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' I'm like, hello? It's only 25 cents!"

Three heavyweight men; an American, and an English man and a sumo wrestler were going to commit suicide by jumping of the top of a building. The American jumped off and shouted "God save America!" The English man jumped off and shouted "God Save The Queen!" The Sumo wrestler jumped off and shouted "God save the person who I land on!"



If white wine goes with fish, do white grapes go with? Sushi!

I sat with my wife while she sipped on her glass of wine. She said, "I love you so much, you know. I don't know how I could ever live without you." I said, "Is that you or the wine talking?" She said, "It's me talking to the wine."

I refuse to give spare change to a homeless guy with a newer iPhone than mine.

What do you call an iPhone that isn't kidding around?
Dead Siri-ous.

Hospitality Suite...



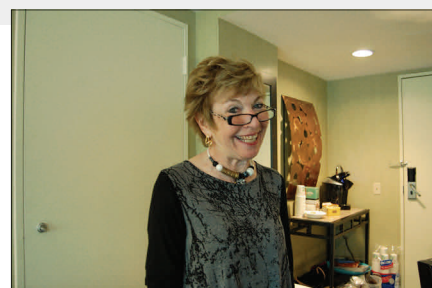
The Hospitality Suite for the 2019 Open USBC will be located in room **2321**. Our wonderful hostesses, Lisa Berkowitz and Martha Katz, will welcome you at the site. They will be assisted by lots of helpful volunteers.

Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch each day starting on Sunday from 1:00-4:00. On the first Friday & Saturday, we will be serving lunch in the hotel restaurant from about 2:00-4:00

The hospitality suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the playing hours and for a short time after the final session.

Players, kibitzers, friends, spouses and children are welcome to join us in the suite.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan & McKenzie's office) will be in room **1321**. It will be available for the entire tournament. Coffee, soft drinks and snacks will get you through the wait while your slow teammates finish playing.



Day Two Round Robin ...

Board 8 ♠ Q8532
 Dealer: W ♥ J972
 None Vul. ♦ K52
 Match 2 ♣ 4

♠ J97 ♠ KT4
 ♥ QT654 ♥ K8
 ♦ AT76 ♦ QJ83
 ♣ Q ♣ AJ52



♠ A6
 ♥ A3
 ♦ 94
 ♣ KT98763

Michael Rosenberg reported this hand from the second match of the Round Robin yesterday morning.

The auction:

West	North	East	South
	Robinson		Peter Boyd
Pass	Pass	1D	3C
3H	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Peter Boyd is soon to be inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame. This hand is only one example why...

Only one lead will defeat 3NT. Peter found it... can you? ***Don't read on until you choose your card!***

Peter led the CK! Declarer can duck it or win it... Peter will continue his attack on clubs. When declarer wins the CA, he will take the losing diamond finesse. North wins and returns a spade. Peter wins his SA, continues clubs, taking out the CJ. Declarer has three diamonds, two clubs and two spades (finessing the queen). He needs to establish two tricks in the heart suit. When he plays on hearts, Peter wins the ace and cashes his remaining clubs.

It's easy to find the play looking at all four hands, however, Peter found it at the table when it really mattered! We congratulate Peter on his well deserved, overdue entry into the HOF! In addition to Peter, we congratulate his teammate, Bart Bramley on his well deserved, overdue entry into the Hall as well.

Board 9 ♠ AK
 Dealer: N ♥ KQT96
 E/W Vul. ♦ JT
 Match 2 ♣ Q862

♠ J5 ♠ Q64
 ♥ AJ84 ♥ 7532
 ♦ 8632 ♦ 754
 ♣ AK7 ♣ J43



♠ T98732
 ♥
 ♦ AKQ9
 ♣ T95

On the very next hand, this time in the Hill vs. Lo match, Adam Wildavsky, one of the new North American Bridge Federation WBF Reps, representing the USBF, made a great defensive play.

The auction:

Wildavsky	Dwyer	Doub	Huang
	1NT (13+-16)	Pass	4H (Texas)
Pass	4S	All Pass	

Doub led the C3. Without thought, Wildavsky won his CA. He promptly returned the C7.

Dwyer thought briefly and followed with the club deuce. Doub won his CJ and continued with a club to Adam's king.

There was no way to avoid a loser in trump, contract failing by a trick.

Kevin Dwyer showed his class on the hand by congratulating his opponents on their fine defense.

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"Pun"tificating

A patient burst into a doctor's office, "Doctor, I believe I'm a deck of cards!"
The doctor calmly replies, "Go sit in the waiting room, please, I'll be dealing with you later."

A Spanish magician has a grand magical show and at the end he says he will disappear after counting to three. He starts to count, "Un, dos..."
Kazaam! He vanished without a tres.

This gravity joke is getting a bit old, but I fall for it every time.

A guy was admitted to hospital with 8 plastic horses in his stomach.
His condition is now stable.

Why did the balloon go near the needle?
He wanted to be a pop star.

I was hoping to steal some leftovers from the party but I guess my plans were foiled.

My cousin, a magician, decided to incorporate the use of trapdoors in his shows. But I think it's just a stage he's going through.

I got very lonely lately, so I bought some shares.
It's much nicer having some company.

Which country's capital is the fastest growing?
Answer: Ireland's.
Every year it's Dublin.

Why was the chef arrested?
He was beating eggs every day.

"Never date cross eyed people. They might be seeing somebody on the side!"

If you spent your day in a well, can you say your day was well-spent?

Answers to Sudoku Puzzles on page 8

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

Puzzle 1

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

Puzzle 2

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

Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 9:

Michael	Crawford	finance	Windows	Tuesday
John	Maxwell	customer service	Apple	Wednesday
Harvey	Grace	engineering	Windows	Friday
George	Bixby	marketing	Apple	Monday
Elliot	Almond	manufacturing	Windows	Thursday
First Name	Last Name	Department	Operating System	Day of the Week

Sudoku Solutions on Page 7

Puzzle Page ...

	Almond	Bixby	Crawford	Grace	Maxwell	customer service	engineering	finance	manufacturing	marketing	Apple	Apple	Windows	Windows	Windows	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Elliot																					
George																					
Harvey																					
John																					
Michael																					
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Answer to Puzzle on Page 8!

First Name	Last Name	Department	Operating System	Day of the Week
Elliot				
George				
Harvey				
John				
Michael				
-----	Almond	customer service	Apple	Monday
-----	Bixby	engineering	Apple	Tuesday
-----	Crawford	finance	Windows	Wednesday
-----	Grace	manufacturing	Windows	Thursday
-----	Maxwell	marketing	Windows	Friday

Richard works in IT support at Gadgetworks, Inc. and he noticed last Friday that he had several computers in need of updating. He arranged with each user to upgrade their computer this week. Since upgrading operating systems was rarely as simple as the programmers thought it was, Richard planned a full day for each computer and even provided loaners for the users. Determine the full name of each user, which department each worked in, which operating system each used (Windows or Apple), and which day of the week Richard worked on each computer.

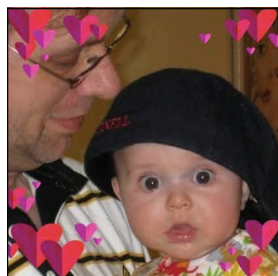
- The Windows users were, in no particular order, the user who worked in finance, Mr. Almond, and Harvey.
- The computer that Richard took on Wednesday belonged to an Apple user.
- John's last name wasn't Crawford but he worked in customer service. Mr. Grace didn't work in manufacturing.
- Mr. Maxwell's Apple computer was taken the day before Elliot's Windows computer but two days after the computer in marketing, which wasn't Harvey's computer.
- Mr. Crawford, whose first name wasn't Elliot, didn't work in engineering.
- Michael's computer was taken on Tuesday but he didn't work in marketing. The engineering computer was taken on Friday but George Bixby wasn't the user.



Aaron Silverstein is a well-known and popular New York area bridge teacher and player. He has managed, directed and played in numerous New York bridge clubs for the past 15 years. Aaron has won numerous tournaments at the national, international, regional and local level. He is a National Champion with over 20 years experience teaching bridge both privately and in classroom settings. He is a Grand Life Master with over 16,000 master points. He has been a certified director since 1987.

Aaron serves on the National Laws Commission of the American Contract Bridge League and on the Board of Directors for the Greater New York Bridge Association.

Aaron is married to Gennifer Binder, also a bridge player, professional chef and attorney. She and Aaron have one daughter, Avery, a bridge director & player in the making.



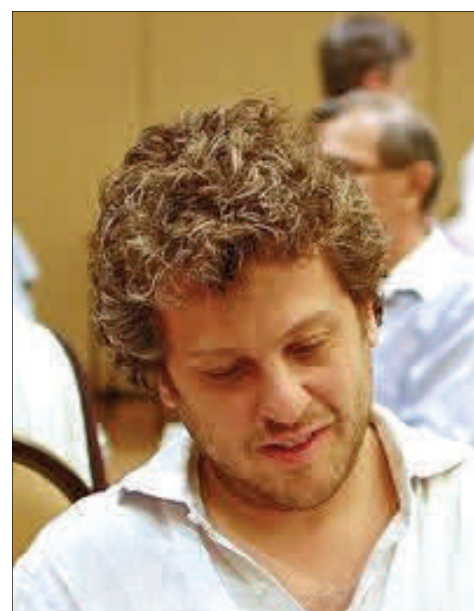
Meet the Players

Michael Brad Moss was born in 1971 in New York City. It should come as no surprise to find that he took to bridge like a duck to water - his parents are Mike Moss and Gail Greenberg.

Brad was named the ACBL King of Bridge at the age of 18. Two years later, he became the youngest player ever to win the New York Player of the Year title. Also in 1991, he was a member of the USA team that just missed out on a medal at the World Junior Teams in Ann Arbor, Michigan, finishing fourth, and won his first National title - the Master Mixed Teams. In 1993, he added to his tally by winning the Grand National Teams and the Life Masters Open Pairs.

His successful partnership with Fred Gitelman included wins in the 1998 NABC Board-a-Match Teams, a third in the 1998 Cavendish Invitational Pairs, first in the 2005 & 2010 Spingolds, the 2010 Roth Open Swiss, the 2012 Jacoby Open Swiss, the Bronze medal in the 2005 Bermuda Bowl and gold in the 2010 Rosenblum teams.

With Joe Grue he finished second in the 2013 Spingold (tied at the end of regulation play) and won the 2016 Spingold and 2017 Bermuda Bowl.



Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, is available again this year. She has agreed to come to the Hyatt after 1:00 pm on the following days. People who want a massage should sign up with Jan.

Monday, 5/12

Wednesday, 5/15

Thursday, 5/16

Monday, 5/20

Thursday, 5/23 (that's Mixed of course)

Monday, 5/27

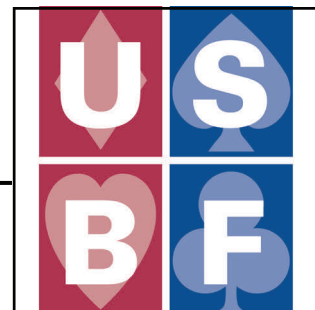
Thursday, 5/30 (between Mixed & Seniors)

Monday, 6/3

Thursday, 6/6



Relaxation Therapy!



USBF Supporting Membership

If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

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Board 16 ♠ 5
 Dealer: W ♥ AJT74
 E/W Vul. ♦ 874
 Match 3 ♣ J987

♠ QJT873 ♠ K42
 ♥ 53 ♥ 98
 ♦ AKQJ ♦ 532
 ♣ T ♣ AQ532

♠ A96
 ♥ KQ62
 ♦ T96
 ♣ K64



West	North	East	South
Donner	Wolfson	Sobel	Garner
1S	Pass	2S	Double
4S	5H	Double	Pass
5S	All Pass		

Steve Garner took advantage of the favorable vulnerability by making a takeout double on his shapeless 12 count. He knew his partner was short in spades because of his three-card holding. He was likely to have an eight-card fit somewhere.

This worked out well for Steve when his partner, Jeff Wolfson, was able to bid 5H over 4S. The double of 5H was ambiguous. Donner thought the double showed values, and therefore, 5S should have a reasonable play. Even if Donner passes the double, his partner will lead a spade and if Wolfson, pins the CT, he

will survive for -300 and a gain of 8 IMPs. If he doesn't guess the club, he will still gain 3 IMPs.

West might have bid 3D over the takeout double. This could steer his partner toward a diamond lead which will guarantee down 500 in this scenario.

Board 12 ♠ A974
 Dealer: W ♥ Q92
 N/S Vul. ♦ 3
 Match 2 ♣ AK862

♠ J32 ♠ KQT
 ♥ A76 ♥ KJ853
 ♦ KJ8754 ♦ T
 ♣ 3 ♣ Q954

♠ 865
 ♥ T4
 ♦ AQ962
 ♣ JT7



Cheek	Grossack	Bertens	McAllister
2C (either strong and artificial or a weak 2 in diamonds)	2D (takeout of diamonds)	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

Cheek's 2C bid can be really effective. Grossack and McAllister used the "standard" defense. 2D was takeout of diamonds. Double would have been either 13-15 balanced or any big hand. Herein, lies the rub... the defense sheet does not provide any follow-up calls after the 2D takeout.

Put yourself in McAllister's position. He made the practical bid of 2NT presumably natural and to play. Grossack worked it out and passed.

Now Cheek found the very good lead of the SJ. Declarer won the SA and Bertens followed with the queen! McAllister led a small club toward his JT. Bertens won his queen and played a heart to Cheek's ace. Cheek continued hearts and the defense cashed five hearts and two spades... taking eight tricks in total... for +300.

Sometimes the opening 2C bid backfires. On Board 17 Friday morning, Bertens opened 2C. This was against Platnick and Diamond. Diamond doubled. The next two hands passed. Assuming that Cheek's pass showed a desire to play in clubs, Bertens passed and played it there. Cheek, indeed, held the C:QJT9, however, as the cards lie, the opponents were cold for 3C on this hand. On best defense, Platnick and Diamond can collect 800. In actual play, they collected 500 against the opponents' non-vulnerable game.