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Results:

Round of 16 (120 boards)						
#	TEAM	IMPs Total	SET #1	SET #2	SET #3	SET #4
2	Fleisher	205	72	51	35	47
15	Donner	89	21	15	23	30
3	Kranyak	148	24	20	67	37
14	Warner	121	39	54	11	17
4	Wolfson	126	50	20	27	29
13	Dinkin	100	4	25	56	15
5	Pratap	126	7	39	43	37
12	Lo	98	55	14	10	19
6	Kriegel	117	32	17	38	30
11	Morris	67	16	20	11	20
7	Hill	129	19	20	24	66
10	Donn	125	45	45	30	5
8	Mahaffey	105	4	41	16	44
9	Robinson	131	64	22	31	14

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**Tomorrow we welcome
the Women
to Schaumburg
for the WUSBC!**

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

There is more stupidity than hydrogen in the universe,
and it has a longer shelf life.

Frank Zappa

USBC Schedule

Teamwork is important; it helps to put the blame on someone else.

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

I never set out to be weird. It was always other people who called me weird.

Frank Zappa

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
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
MONDAY	MAY 13	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
MONDAY	MAY 13	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		6:10 - 8:20	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
MONDAY	MAY 13	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
TUESDAY	MAY 14	10:00 - 12:10	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
		3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
WEDNESDAY	MAY 15	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		12:25 - 2:35	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
WEDNESDAY	MAY 15	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
THURSDAY	MAY 16	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
		3:45 - 5:55	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
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		10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15
		12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30
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		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15
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SATURDAY	MAY 18	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
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	70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
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(Schedule, continued from page 3)

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
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
FRIDAY	MAY 17	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
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
		6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15
SUNDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
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Customer Support: "I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop." Bob: "Ok."

Customer Support: "Did you get a pop-up menu?" Bob: "No."

Customer Support: "Ok. Right click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?" Bob: "No."

Tech Support: "Ok, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?"

Bob: "Sure, you told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'."

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.

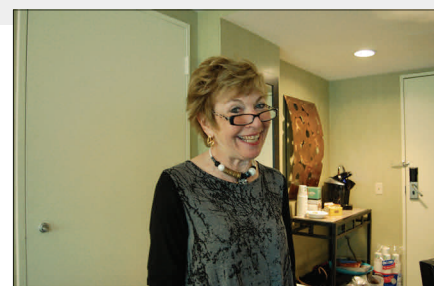
Breakfast will be served each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch each day starting on Sunday from 1:00-4:00. On the first Friday & Saturday, we will be serving lunch in the hotel restaurant from about 2:00-4:00

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.

Yesterday, it was pointed out that on the hand on page 13 of Saturday's Daily Bulletin, Mike Shuster, sitting South, of the Dinkin team, reached 6C even after North opened 1H on his four card suit. Mike found the safety play to bring home the slam! His teammates were impressed and reported it. We were impressed too. Nice play, Mike!



Just a Heads-Up!

Board 1 ♠ J974
 Dealer: N ♥ A97
 None Vul. ♦ 542
 ♣ A95

♠ KQT6 ♠ 83
 ♥ K6543 ♥ QJT82
 ♦ T ♦ Q7
 ♣ J73 ♣ 8642

♠ A52
 ♥
 ♦ AKJ9863
 ♣ KQT



Of the teams on Vu Graph in the first segment yesterday (Donn/Hill, Wolfson/Dinkin, Pratap/Lo), only one pair missed the cold diamond slam on Board 1. In the Wolfson/Dinkin match, Jeff Wolfson overcalled 1H on the West cards and Steve Garner muddied the waters by jumping to 3H over Kolesnik's negative double. Etter showed a big hand by jumping to game in diamonds but Kolesnik had a flat nine count and no room to explore. South could have bid 4H instead of 5D, however, confusion might set in if his partner assumed this was in support of spades. 11 IMPs to Wolfson

The only other interference occurred when Cheek doubled for the majors with Wolfson's cards in the Donn/Hill match, but that

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Shuster	M Rosenberg	Dinkin	Zia
	Pass	Pass	1D
Pass	1S	Pass	3H
Pass	4C	Pass	6D
All Pass			

Open Room			
Wolfson	Kolesnik	Garner	Etter
	Pass	Pass	1D
1H	Double	3H	5D
All Pass			

Open Room			
Bathurst	Lee	J Lall	Korbel
	Pass	Pass	2C
Pass	2D	Pass	3D
Pass	4D	Pass	4H
Pass	4NT	Pass	5D
Pass	5H	Pass	6C
Pass	6D	All Pass	

Closed Room			
Cheek	Dwyer	Bertens	Huang
	Pass	Pass	1C (strong)
Double (maj)	Redouble	3H	4D
Pass	4H	Pass	6D
All Pass			

Closed Room			
Adam W	Pratap	Doub	Koneru
	Pass	Pass	1D
Pass	1S	Pass	3C
Pass	3D	Pass	3S
Pass	4C	Pass	6D
All Pass			

Pratap/Lo

Open Room			
Schermer	Gu	B Miller	Robbins
	Pass	Pass	2C
Pass	2D	Pass	3D
Pass	4D	Pass	4S
Double	Pass	Pass	5D
Pass	5H	Double	6D
All Pass			

was not as effective as the overcall followed by the jump.

Clearly opening the South hand with a strong club or a strong 2C makes slam much easier to bid.

Wolfson/Dinkin

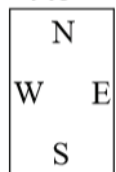
Donn/Hill

More of Friday's RR from Adam Wildavsky

Board: 6
Dealer: E
EW Vul

♠KJ84
♥J64
♦KT62
♣A3

♠9763
♥QT8
♦J987
♣Q6



♠QT5
♥A973
♦Q
♣T9842

	N	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	4	3	3	5	2
S	4	3	3	5	2
E					
W					

♠A2
♥K52
♦A543
♣KJ75

12
5 HCP 8
15

West	North	East	South
Wildavsky		Doub	
		Pass	1NT (15-17)
Pass	2C	Pass	2D
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Adam Wildavsky led the S7 through the KJ84 to Doub's ten and declarer's ace.

Declarer played a club to the ace and a club to the jack and Adam's queen. Doug followed with the 4-2 of clubs, a Hawk echo showing an even number of spades remaining.

It looked as though declarer had 9 tricks if Adam defended passively so he switched to the HT.

Declarer covered with the jack forcing Doub to win his Ace. Doub returned the 3, attitude promising something useful and which Adam knew had to be the 9.

Declarer did well to go up with the king but Adam unblocked the queen to prevent declarer from simply ducking a spade.

Declarer played a diamond to the Ace, cashed the CK, and played a diamond to the ten as Doug pitched two winning clubs. Declarer exited dummy with a heart which Doug ducked to Adam's H8 so that Adam could lead a spade through.

Down one for a push - a high spade was also led at the other table, but declarer took a different line.



Answers to Sudoku Puzzles on page 7

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

Puzzle 1

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

Puzzle 2

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

Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 8:

red	Toyota	Harrison	Sally
white	Mercedes	Gardner	Rosemary
blue	Subaru	Montoya	Joel
black	Kia	Parker	Elliot
gold	Volkswagen	Reynolds	Chris
Car Color	Car Make	Last Name	First Name

Sudoku Solutions on Page 6



Puzzle Page ...

	Gardner	Harrison	Montoya	Parker	Reynolds	Kia	Mercedes	Subaru	Toyota	Volkswagen	black	blue	gold	red	white
Chris															
Elliot															
Joel															
Rosemary															
Sally															
black															
blue															
gold															
red															
white															
Kia															
Mercedes															
Subaru															
Toyota															
Volkswagen															

Answer to Puzzle on Page 7!

First Name	Last Name	Car Make	Car Color
Chris			
Elliot			
Joel			
Rosemary			
Sally			
-----	Gardner	Kia	black
-----	Harrison	Mercedes	blue
-----	Montoya	Subaru	gold
-----	Parker	Toyota	red
-----	Reynolds	Volkswagen	white

The Millersville car dealership decided to do something different this year and so had a grand New Year's morning sale. Since Millersville was a small community, their one dealership carried a larger selection of car manufacturers than most dealership. Pretty much any make you wanted was available, although some manufacturers you had to special order to get. At any rate, Ralph was quite pleased on his way home – he was the senior salesman for the dealership and he'd sold five cars that morning. Determine the full name of each person who bought a car from Ralph, and the make and color of each car sold.

- Joel didn't buy a new Kia but he did get a blue car.
- The Volkswagen was bought by Mr. Reynolds. A woman bought the white car.
- Rosemary didn't get the red Toyota. The one whose last name was Parker bought the black car.
- The three men bought, in no particular order, the gold car, the Kia, and the car that Mr. Montoya bought.
- Elliot bought the black car but it wasn't the Mercedes. Sally's last name was Harrison.
- The one whose last name was Gardner didn't buy the Subaru.



Born in New York City, **Chris Willenken** graduated from Collegiate School in 1993 and Williams College in 1997.

While at Williams, Willenken competed in the American Parliamentary Debate Association; he and Amanda Amert earned Team of The Year honors as the most successful partnership of the 1996-1997 season.

Willenken is an American Contract Bridge League Grand Life Master and a World Bridge Federation Life Master.

In 2011, he won the gold medal at the inaugural Sport Accord World Mind Games Individual Championship. In World Bridge Federation competition, Willenken reached the finals of the 2018 World Mixed Team Championship and the semifinals of the 2010 Rosenblum Cup and 2011 World Transnational Open Teams Championship. He also has five NABC+ wins to date, as well as in the 2013 Open USBC.

He is married to Dana Berkowitz, an excellent player in her own right, and daughter of well-known bridge players, David (see below) and Lisa Berkowitz.

Chris was extremely helpful in 2015, evaluating data and accumulating hands for the ACBL Anti-Cheating effort.

Meet the Players

David Berkowitz is from Old Tappan, New Jersey.

In 1998, he came as close as it is possible to come to a world championship without winning it. In the World Open Pairs, he and Larry Cohen led throughout the five-session final, only to be overtaken on the last two boards.

He earned a bronze medal at the 2000 World Team Olympiad in Maastricht, Netherlands.

He was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2010. Berkowitz, whose wife, Lisa, is a former women's world champion, often comments, "I am not even the best player in my own house." David and Lisa reside in Boca Raton, Florida. Their daughter Dana and son Michael play bridge as well.

David has an impressive 31 NABC+ wins, along with other notable finishes such as in the Cavendish Invitational, and 2000 USBF Open Team Trials.



David serves as chairman of the ACBL NABC seeding committee. He is also a member of the ACBL Hall of Fame Committee.

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

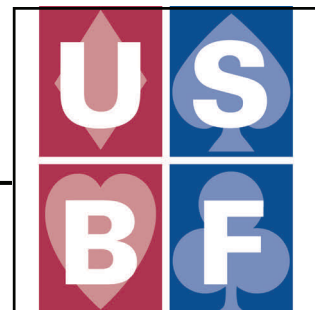
Thursday, 5/30 (between Mixed & Seniors)

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.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. Your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators. The USBF is an all-volunteer organization. Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.

Board 18 ♠ 9
 Dealer: E ♥ QJ987
 N/S Vul. ♦ 983
 ♣ AQ54

♠ AT86543
 ♥ 652 K
 ♦ AQ764 KJ5
 ♣ KJT83 96

♠ KQJ72
 ♥ AT43
 ♦ T2
 ♣ 72



Another boring push?

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Kolesnik	Hurd	Etter
		1S	Pass
1NT	2H	2S	4H
Double	All Pass		

Closed Room			
Shuster	M Rosenberg	Dinkin	Zia
		2S	Pass
3C	Pass	4S	Double
All Pass			

Wolfson/Dinkin

This board produced a variety of results, but, once again, it demonstrates how “the luck of the draw” makes a real difference.

In Lo/Pratap, both tables played in a calm 2S from East going down two... a push.

In Hill/Donn, Dwyer/Huang also played in 2S down two while Bertens/Cheek found their way to 3D after J Lall, North, balanced with double over 2S. When Bathurst passed for penalties, Cheek, West, bid 2NT and Bertens picked 3D. 3D made four and Donn gained 6 IMPs.

Needless to say, things were more spirited in the Wolfson/Dinkin match above... but again, who you play matters... In the Open Room, Kolesnik and Etter bid the 4H game. Wooldridge clearly expected to defeat the contract opposite his partner’s opening bid with his spade void and his strong minor suit holding. As it turns out, declarer has only two diamonds and one spade to lose so North/South scored +790.

At the other table, Dinkin opened 2S. Shuster responded 3C and Dinkin jumped to game in spades. Rosenberg and Zia had no chance to find their heart fit... no problem though. Zia, who just recently told me he ALWAYS doubles, was true to his word. He doubled 4S with four trump tricks and the HA not knowing his partner held the CAQ over the KJ, a pleasant surprise on defense. 4SX failed by 4 tricks for +800. As stated above... just another boring push!!

Had the 2S bidders played against the 4S bidder, there would have been a big swing.

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Had the 3D bidder played against the 4H bidder, there would have been a big swing.

Bridge is a game of skill but luck plays a part...





Raphael Hallerman, filled in on the Dinkin team when Alex Kolesnik missed his flight to Chicago.



Glenn Eisenstein considering his play.



Billy Cohen, deep in thought.



Billy Cohen, Geeske Joel



Wold, Bertens, Levine, Morris, Cheek



Rose Meltzer

From the Photo Gallery

Board 23

Dealer: S

All Vul.

- ♠ KJ4
- ♥ K832
- ♦ K53
- ♣ 753

- ♠ A982
- ♥ T94
- ♦ A
- ♣ AQJT4



- ♠ 3
- ♥ QJ765
- ♦ J7642
- ♣ 98
- ♠ QT765
- ♥ A
- ♦ QT98
- ♣ K62

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Wildavsky	B Miller	Doub	Schermer
			1S
2C	2S	All Pass	
Open Room			
Koneru	Gu	Pratap	Robbins
			1S
1NT	Double	2D (transfer)	Pass
2H	Double	All Pass	

Pratap/Lo

Board 23 provided some interesting results. In Pratap/Lo, we see the largest swing in the tournament so far: 15 IMPs! In the Closed Room, it was less than exciting. Wildavsky led his DA, followed by the HT. Schermer won his ace and played a trump to the king followed by the HK, pitching his C2. He played the SJ, ducked and a spade to the ten and ace. Wildavsky played the H9; declarer ruffed and claimed making three. +140

In the Open Room, things proceeded very differently. Koneru overcalled 1NT instead of 2C; Gu doubled; Pratap bid 2D transfer to hearts; Koneru bid 2H; Gu doubled again and they played it there. Gu led the H3 to Robbins's ace. Robbins switched to a small club and Koneru finessed against the king. Koneru played the HT which held followed by the H9 which was won by Gu's king, Robbins discarding a club. Gu played a spade to the queen and the ace and Koneru ruffed a spade in dummy. The HQ drew the last trump. The C9 drew the king and the ace. Koneru played off his clubs, and when the smoke cleared, he made two overtricks for +1070 and 15 IMPs to Pratap.

There was more action in Wolfson/Dinkin on this hand.

Open Room			
Shuster	M Rosenberg	Dinkin	Zia
			Pass
1D (15+ forcing)	Pass	1S (0-5)	Double
Pass	2S	2NT (two suits?)	Pass
4C	Pass	4D	Pass
4H	All Pass		
Closed Room			
Wooldridge	Kolesnik	Hurd	Etter
			1S
2C	3C	Pass	3S
All Pass			

Wolfson/Dinkin

Schuster/Dinkin used their creative bidding methods to reach a fine 4H contract, where hearts were mentioned for the first time at the four level.

The 1D opening was strong (15+ HCP) and forcing. East's 1S response showed 0-5HCP.

Zia doubled to show spades and Rosenberg bid 2S.

The 2NT appears to imply two suits. Zia and Michael did well not to double holding more than half of the HCP and good trumps.

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Unfortunately for North/South, kings and queens don't take tricks on cross-ruff hands.

The opening lead was a spade. Declarer won the ace, trumped a spade in dummy and finessed clubs. The nine held and a second club was played covered by the king and won with the ace by declarer. A third club was cashed and now declarer cross-ruffed diamonds and spades to take ten tricks.

In the other room, Bob Etter opened 1S on the South hand. This seems normal with 11HCP, a singleton and a five-card spade suit (Zia is getting conservative in his old age?) Wooldridge overcalled 2C and Kolesnik bid 3C as a limit+ raise in spades. Etter settled in 3S and was defeated one trick. 11 IMPs to Shuster

In the Hill/Donner match, both sides played in a calm 2S contract. In the Open room Curtis Cheek led a heart and Kevin Bathurst eventually took eight tricks.

In the Closed room, Kevin Dwyer led the CA and Dan Korbel eventually found a ninth trick for a 1 IMP gain.

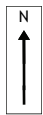
Board 4
 Dealer: W
 All Vul.

♠ A9
 ♥ 532
 ♦ A653
 ♣ AQJT

♠ T6
 ♥ QJ97
 ♦ T4
 ♣ K8542

♠ KJ852
 ♥ KT8
 ♦ KJ
 ♣ 963

♠ Q743
 ♥ A64
 ♦ Q9872
 ♣ 7



Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Zolotow	Kranyak	Eisenstein	Demuy
Pass	1NT (14+-17)	Pass	2D (transfer)
Pass	2H (denies 4 H)	Pass	2NT (4S inv/may or may not have hearts)
Pass	3H (shows 3 hearts)	Pass	3NT (even if I am 4-5 in majors, I want to play here)
All Pass			
Open Room			
Hinze	Tebha	Grainger	Warner
Pass	1NT (14-16)	Pass	2C
Pass	2D	All Pass	

Kranyak and Demuy had an interesting auction to reach a marginal 3NT contract on the North/South

cards. They were down 40+ going into this segment and maybe they were looking for a swing. If so, they found it here.

Eisenstein led the C3 which worked out poorly for his side. Partner played the king and now 4NT was cold. In the fullness of time, Kranyak made five for +660.

An opening heart lead holds the contract to three but that is unimportant.

In the Open Room, Warner, holding an 8 count opposite a 14-16 NT, decided to let his partner play in 2D rather than pushing for a marginal game. Grainger led the C3; Hinze played the king, and declarer was able to collect 11 tricks.

11 IMPs to Kranyak