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# Results: WUSBC Round Robin

Team Name	Total	Carry Over	3	1	5	2	4
3. Disa	107.23	57.33		6.28	15.85	10.00	17.77
1. Baker	101.12	45.06	13.72	TMPS	12.44	14.64	15.26
5. Sakr	85.13	39.30	4.11	0 - 3		17.91	16.21
2. Bjerkan	72.51	37.87	10.00	5.36	2.09		17.19
4. OSMO	34.01	20.44	2.23	4.74	3.79	2.81	

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# USBC Quarterfinal

1	Rosenthal	173	14	20	30	15	34	21	26	13
8	Robinson	166	8	24	19	46	34	2	14	19
2	Fleisher	226	33	36	28	20	35	39	13	22
7	Donn	216	39	38	35	24	26	20	9	25
3	Kranyak	192	12	12	43	23	8	38	11	45
6	Kriegel	215	28	17	22	44	34	20	31	19
4	Wolfson	240	37	35	26	41	49	9	10	33
5	Pratap	190	21	17	31	23	7	33	40	18

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

# USBC Teams Entered...

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

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

Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing!

Vince Lombardi

# WUSBC Teams Entered

<b>Baker</b>	Lynn Baker Kerri Sanborn Beth Palmer Sam Dinkin, NPC		Karen McCallum Irina Levitina Sylvia Shi
<b>Bjerkan</b>	Cheri Bjerkan, Capt Pamela Wittes		Rozanne Pollack Peggy Sutherlin
<b>Eythorsdottir</b>	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Capt Janice Seamon-Molson Cindy Bernstein		Linda Lewis Lynn Deas Sally Wheeler
<b>OSMO</b>	Toni Bales, Capt Nalita Hall		Mary Ose Kathleen Wood
<b>Pepsi NPC</b>	May Sakr, Capt Gen Geiger Kristen Onsgard		Gigi Simpson Allison Howard

## Lucky Decisions in the Open

(Teams in Alphabetical Order)

Board 6 ♠ 954  
Dealer: E ♥  
E/W Vul. ♦ KQJ953  
Segment 5 ♣ Q432

♠ 632  
♥ T98752  
♦  
♣ A985

♠ AKQJ  
♥ AK63  
♦ T86  
♣ 76

♠ T87  
♥ QJ4  
♦ A742  
♣ KJT

There were two small swings in four matches on Board 6, and surprisingly, none of the tables in play bid the 78% heart slam. As aggressive as the pairs in this event are, one would expect at least someone to push his way there. Perhaps it is the closeness of the matches that made the field more conservative? The slam only fails because the trump suit goes out 3-0. The QJ4 with South sit over the AK63 so there is no way to pick up the suit.

There was no swing in Kranyak/Kriegel; no swing in Wolfson/Pratap where both tables in both matches played 4H making 5; and a small 5 IMP swing in Rosenthal/Robinson when Weichsel, in the Closed Room, played 4H making 5, and Berkowitz, in the Open Room, played 5HX making five after Bramley/Woolsey bid the 5D save over the heart game. In Fleisher/Donn, Donn chose 4S instead of 4H when his opponents interfered and Winestock doubled to tell him to make a decision. Donn had no idea Sherri had six hearts and the quality of his spades was so good, he chose game there. Hampson doubled and Donn scored up 5 for +990 and 8 IMPs. (see F/D auctions below)

Grue	Bertens	B Moss	Cheek
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Winestock	Hampson	Donn	Greco
		1♣	Pass
1♦	3♦	Pass	4♦
Dbl	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass

# USBC Schedule

QUARTER-FINAL			
TUESDAY	MAY 14	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 15	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 16	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 17	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 18	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY	MAY 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

The key is not the will to win. .. Every-body has that. It is the will to prepare to win that's important.  
Bobby Knight

Losing feels worse than winning feels good.  
Vin Scully

A friend was explaining his Twitter addiction to me. I didn't follow him.

A friend of mine is addicted to drinking brake fluid. He says he can stop at any time.  
Another friend used to be addicted to drinking detergent, but he's clean now.

A heroin addict, a crack head, and a drug dealer are all sitting in a car. Who's driving?  
The police.

A nervous passenger decided to purchase flight insurance at the ticket counter. She had some time before the flights departure, so she stopped in a Chinese restaurant in the concourse. She started to shake as she read her fortune cookie: "today's investment will pay big dividends!"



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# Meet the Players

**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 and European Open events. In 2014, Lynn won her first World Championship, the McConnell Cup in Sanya, China. She won the McConnell Cup again in 2018 in Orlando, Florida. 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), and finished second in the same event in 2017 in Montecatini, Italy.

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, and two cats, Reginald and Babycat.

## WUSBC Schedule

SCHEDULE			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
TUESDAY	MAY 14	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
TUESDAY	MAY 14	10:00 - 8:30	ROUND ROBIN
WEDNESDAY	MAY 15	10:00 - 8:30	ROUND ROBIN
KNOCKOUT SCHEDULE			
SEMI-FINAL			
THURSDAY	MAY 16	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)			
FRIDAY	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
SATURDAY	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
USA2 FINAL			
SUNDAY	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
MONDAY	MAY 20	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

A seven-time world champion, **Karen McCallum's** most recent win is the McConnell Cup in Orlando, FL,

Karen is known for her aggressive and complex "light initial action" bidding system. Although the five-card (non-vul) "McCallum weak 2-bids" (with no restrictions on suit quality or side holdings) are no longer an oddity among experts, Karen saw their promise in the 1970s.

Respected around the world as a bidding theorist as well as a player, Karen has served as a coach of several Turkish national bridge teams (open, women, and junior), and of the Australian open national bridge team. She was the NPC for the Turkish juniors in the 2000 Junior World Championships in Antalya. Karen has been an invited participant in bidding panels in numerous bridge publications in England, Australia, Turkey, New Zealand, France and the US. She has also edited several bridge books, including the best-selling bridge book of all time, Larry Cohen's "To Bid or Not to Bid."

In addition to her great success in women's bridge, Karen has had some memorable experiences in open bridge. She was invited (with her partner, Kerri Sanborn) to play in the 1990 Rosenblum Teams with Peter Pender, Ralph Cohen, Bob Jones, and Mike Smolen, and the team faced a formidable opponent in the round of 16: Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Jimmy Cayne, and Chuck Burger. At the half, Pender's team was down 15 IMPs, and one team member suggested that perhaps "the four guys" should play the rest of the way. But Pender sent in McCallum and Sanborn for the second half and won the match. Pender's team eventually lost in the round of 8 to the German open team that won the event.

A woman of many talents and interests, Karen's primary work outside bridge is creating hand-crafted glass and beaded jewelry. You can see examples of Karen's stunning work at [www.electica3.com](http://www.electica3.com). She is an insatiable reader of all genres, with a home library of more than 50,000 volumes. She also enjoys gourmet cooking and playing the piano. She lives in a 215-year-old farmhouse in Exeter, New Hampshire.



## In the Grand Scheme of Things...

Board 25 ♠ QT52  
 Dealer N ♥ AJ9  
 E/W Vul. ♦ AQ843  
 Segment 6 ♣ K

In the Donn/Fleisher match, there were two 14 IMP swings in a row... the first to Fleisher on Board 25 when Korbel and Lee bid to 7S and Korbel misguessed the HQ, while Martel and Fleisher stopped in six and made it. After the hand, Korbel pointed out that 7D is always successful.

♠ 76  
 ♥ 765  
 ♦ 97  
 ♣ QJT763

♠ 43  
 ♥ Q43  
 ♦ T6  
 ♣ A98542

♠ AKJ98  
 ♥ KT82  
 ♦ KJ52  
 ♣



The second 14 IMP swing, this one to Donn, was on Board 26.

Board 26 ♠ AJ632  
 Dealer: E ♥ A92  
 All Vul. ♦ 97  
 Segment 6 ♣ A98

♠ 754  
 ♥ Q4  
 ♦ AKQ52  
 ♣ 643

♠ KQT  
 ♥ KJT87  
 ♦ JT4  
 ♣ QJ

♠ 98  
 ♥ 653  
 ♦ 863  
 ♣ KT752

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donn	Martel	Winestock	Fleisher
		1H	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

### Open Room

Grue	Korbel	B Moss	Lee
		1H	Pass
1S	Pass	1NT	Pass
Kaplan Inversion			
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Martel led a fourth best spade won with dummy's king. Donn played the HK off dummy ; Martel ducked. Donn played five rounds of diamonds and Martel discarded two of his clubs. When Donn put him in with the SA, Martel cashed his CA but could not get to his partner. Donn collected 9 tricks for +150.

In the Open Room, Grue invited game with his nice 11 count and five good diamonds. Moss accepted. Korbel, with three aces and a desire for a spade lead, doubled. Lee led the S9 to Korbel's ace. Korbel cashed his CA getting an encouraging signal from Lee. The C9 went to Lee's king. Lee cashed his clubs and the contract was defeated 3 tricks for +800.

It's not often you see two 14 IMP swings in a row!

Why do they have frosted glass on airplane toilet windows?  
Who's going to look in at thirty thousand feet!

Which is the longest word in the dictionary?  
"Smiles", because there is a mile between each 's'.

How do crazy people go through the forest?  
They take the psycho-path.

Why was the baby strawberry crying? Be-  
cause his mom and dad were in a jam.

Why should a bowling alley be quiet? So you can hear a pin  
drop!

I'm going to change my Facebook name to Benefits. Now, when  
someone adds me on Facebook, it will say: you are now friends  
with Benefits.

**Friendship between women:**

A woman didn't come home one night. The next day she told  
her husband she had slept over at a friend's house. The man  
called his wife's 10 best friends. None of them knew about it.

**Friendship between men:**

A man didn't come home one night. The next day he told his  
wife that he had slept over at a friend's house. The woman  
called her husband's 10 best friends. Eight of them confirmed  
that he had slept over, and two claimed that he was still there.

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I couldn't decide whether to go to Salt Lake City or  
Denver for vacation, so I called the airlines to get  
prices. "Airfare to Denver is \$300," the cheery  
salesperson replied. "And what about Salt Lake  
City?" "We have a really great rate to Salt Lake—  
\$99," she said, "but there is a stopover."  
"Where?"  
"In Denver," she said.

The first-time flier was very nervous as he buckled  
his seat belt before takeoff. He turned to the  
woman in the next seat and asked, "About how  
often do jetliners like this crash?" She thought a  
moment and replied, "Usually, just once."

## 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. **One of those volunteers is Martha's mother, Chris Benson. Thanks Chris for all you are doing .**

**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.

**Hostesses: Martha, Chris, Lisa**



# Abounding Slams!

Board 4	♠ AJ75	♠ 2
Dealer: W	♥ 54	♥ Q92
All Vul.	♦ AK8	♦ J964
Segment 7	♣ A752	♣ JT983
♠ T643		
♥ T7		
♦ Q7532		
♣ Q4		
	♠ KQ98	
	♥ AKJ863	
	♦ T	
	♣ K6	

Board 4 from the 7th segment will likely swing the most combined IMPs of any hand at all four Championships to be held in Schaumburg this year... and one match swung NONE! 17 IMPs in Kranyak/Kriegel; 20 IMPs in both Robinson/Rosenthal and Wolfson/Pratap; and it was a push in Fleisher/Donn.

Six pairs played in 7S. Only one declarer succeeded. Every table received the lead of a high club won in the North hand. After cashing two rounds of spades ending in South, these players followed with the heart AK and a third heart. West showed out and

discarded the CQ. Declarer could ruff low and cash a high spade, but when he attempted to reenter dummy with the CK, West was able to trump to defeat the contract.

Billy Miller took a different line of play. He won the opening lead in North and led a heart to the ace. He led a high spade from dummy and followed with a spade to his ace. When the trumps broke badly, Billy drew the remaining trumps and fell back on the winning heart finesse!

After finding the spade fit, Willenken pushed to 7H, apparently expecting Ginossar to pass or correct to 7S. Ginossar thought he had a third alternative. Since partner held such good hearts, he chose 7NT, clearly the lowest percentage grand slam since it required 3-2 hearts with the queen on sides. Of course, by landing in this contract, he endplayed himself into making it. He had no better option than to take the winning heart hook.

Finally, Smith/Kriegel felt badly. Kriegel unilaterally decided not to look for a spade fit. He transferred to 4H and keycarded, stopping in 6H. Thinking he missed the cold spade grand, he was pleasantly surprised to win 17 IMPs on the Board.

Now the question is "was there a better line of play than taken by these 6 expert players? It appears that hearts must be 3-2 for 7S to succeed. Given that, declarer can cash one high spade in North and follow with HAK. Continuing with the third round of hearts, if West shows out, ruff low and draw trumps. If West follows, ruff high and play a spade to hand. If the spades are 3-2, claim. If West shows out, cross to dummy with a diamond and finesse for the ST. This line fails only when West holds three cards in hearts and four spades to the ten.

Why did Miller choose his variation? Maybe he can tell us.

Fleisher	R Lee	Martel	Korbel
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Cheek	Greco	Bertens	Hampson
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	7♠	Pass	Pass

Zia	Miller	MRosenl	Scherme
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Koneru	Hurd	Pratap	Wooldric
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♠

Hamman	Ginossar	Weichse	Willenke
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	7♥
Pass	7NT	Pass	Pass

Silverste	Robinson	Rosenth	Boyd
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	7♠

Hinze	Smith	Grainger	Kriegel
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass

Platnick	Kranyak	Diamond	Demuy
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	7♠



Board 18 ♠ QT863  
 Dealer: E ♥ A65  
 N/S Vul ♦ KQ4  
 Segment 8 ♣ AQ

♠ A9  
 ♥ J743  
 ♦ AJT852  
 ♣ J

♠ K4  
 ♥ KT82  
 ♦ 76  
 ♣ T9732

♠ J752  
 ♥ Q9  
 ♦ 93  
 ♣ K8654

Coming into the last segment of the Kranyak/Kriegel match, the score was 147 to 196 Kriegel. Kranyak came fighting full steam ahead and gained 34 IMPs in the first 7 boards of this segment.

Board 18 accounted for 14 of those 34 IMPs.

In the Open Room, Kranyak opened 3D on the West hand, applying as much pressure as he could muster.

With diamonds double stopped and a full 17 count, 3NT seemed the best bid of choice. Platnick bid it and played it there.

Demuy led the D7, ducked to declarer's king. Declarer led the ST which Demuy won with the king. Demuy continued diamonds to Kranyak's ace. Kranyak played the DJ, knocking out Platnick's queen.

Kranyak	Platnick	Demuy	Diamond
		Pass	Pass
3♦	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
Kriegel	Grainger	Smith	Hinze
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	Dbl	Pass

Platnick had to hope the SA was with East.

He cashed the ace and queen of clubs and led a spade toward the jack in dummy. When Demuy showed out, Platnick knew he was doomed. The contract finished 2 light for -200.

In the other room, Kriegel took a much sunnier view of his third seat hand. Instead of preempting as Kranyak did, he opened 1D on the West cards. Grainger overcalled 1NT and Hinze bid Stayman. Once Hinze/Grainger found their spade fit, even Smith's feeble 3D bid could not

stop them from bidding their game. Smith doubled.

Smith led the D7. Kriegel won his ace. At this point, Kriegel can return a heart and declarer will always lose 4 tricks. Instead, he quite reasonably tried his singleton club hoping that his partner had the HA as an entry for a club ruff. Unfortunately, his partner held the SK instead of the HA. Declarer won the club and led a spade toward the dummy. Smith, thinking that his partner held three spades, rose with the SK and tried to give him the club ruff. If, instead, Smith had ducked the spade, Kriegel could win his SA and return a heart... again, setting up four tricks on defense. If declarer wins the HA and tries to cash diamonds for a pitch, Smith will ruff the third diamond with the SK and give Oren a club ruff. Tough hand... tough defense... Grainger scored +790 and 14 IMPs.

# Answers to Sudoku Puzzles on page 10

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

## Puzzle 1

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

## Puzzle 2

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

Sudoku 1

# Difficult Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers to Puzzle on Page 11:

chipmunk	lighthouse	digital	Garret	Will
duck	maple tree	35 mm	Adams	Tom
squirrel	covered bridge	35 mm	Sparks	Larry
rabbit	stream	digital	Smith	John
cardinal	church	digital	Lark	Bill
Animal	Still life	Camera type	Last name	First name

## Sudoku Solutions on Page 9

# Puzzle Page ...

	Adams	Garret	Lark	Smith	Sparks	35 mm	35 mm	digital	digital	digital	church	covered bridge	lighthouse	maple tree	stream	cardinal	chipmunk	duck	rabbit	squirrel	
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The photography club went on a photo outing last week to take advantage of the fall foliage. The weather was perfect and the countryside was beautiful. On this trip, they were experimenting with both digital and 35 mm cameras. Part of the field trip was to practice nature and still life techniques. Each photographer picked an animal and a still life subject to photograph. Determine the full name of each photographer, the type of camera they used, and what two subjects each used to take their pictures.

- Tom, whose last name wasn't Sparks, didn't take pictures of man-made structures or rabbits. Will's last name isn't Lark. The chipmunk was photographed by the man who took pictures of the lighthouse.
- Bill took pictures of a winged animal. Larry didn't take pictures of a rabbit.
- The three photographers using digital cameras were the one who took pictures of the church, John, and Mr. Garret. But John, who didn't take pictures of a squirrel, really liked the pictures Mr. Sparks took of the covered bridge.
- Mr. Adams, who wasn't Bill, used a maple tree for one of his subjects but didn't take pictures of a cardinal.
- The one who took a picture of the duck and Larry both used 35 mm cameras.
- Mr. Smith, whose first name wasn't Tom, didn't take pictures of winged animals but he did take pictures of a stream.

## Answer to Puzzle on Page 10!

First name	Last name	Camera type	Still life	Animal
Bill	Adams	35 mm	church	cardinal
John	Garret	35 mm	covered bridge	chipmunk
Larry	Lark	digital	lighthouse	duck
Tom	Smith	digital	maple tree	rabbit
Will	Sparks	digital	stream	squirrel

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)

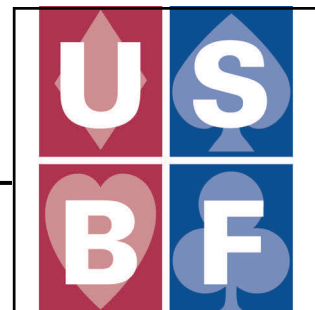
Monday, 5/27

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.

# Limey Jack...

Cheerio Yanks:

Limey Jack gets but a farthing's worth of a lie down, but protection needs to happen when Howie Dung lurks on the fen.

In the Distaff side

Eythorsdottir-Sakr: The Icelandic Goddess tramples the Lebanese Princess for the right to play Baker and her Russian compatriot in the final of the United States Women's Championship. Any queries?

Bjerkan-Baker: Whilst Bjerkan would fare well against most squads, it is their cracked teakettle to draw Baker in such an early round. Baker is far too strong and will be in the final.

Even Howie Dung is able to bluff his way through these tilts.

One thinks it will be half past the dinner hour before the committees deals a death blow to Fleisher or Donn

With Old Sol high in the sky, Limey Jack still takes care of his mates. If you are looking for a fat pay packet, fall in line. If you want to visit the Parson's Mum in the asylum, ring up Howie Dung. That dunderhead could not find his way out of a glassed wardrobe. If you offered him a pastie (ED note: Meat pie), he would eat the platter.

Limey Jack is chuffed when a match is decided in committee 'stead of on the playing field. It seems a bit dodgy and manky (ED note; gross); almost as if one team has been diddled.

Fleisher-Kriegel: Fleisher got a win the hard way and may well be wiped out. However Kriegel is violating the first law of Limey Jack and playing short handed with malice. They too saw much battle. Salutes to both Donn and Kranyak as either of them could have been today's feature. The upset is too alluring and the bob just hence too sweet so visit the punter straightaway and bet Kriegel. While misfitted, it is their due.

Rosenthal-Wolfson: Zia remains pristine as his sextet scarpered with the easy peasy thrashing of Rajadhyaksha. When asked for a quote Zia simply smirked and said that Indian is his favourite food. Rosenthal had a tough time disposing Robinson, and is somewhat shambolic at this sitting. Zia expects to be right on time for Supper and even Howie Dung can hardly fail the Fours here.

In two days hence, Kriegel-Wolfson will be on centre stage.

Cheers, LJ

**Women's**

May is May's month,  
Now it's Mayday!  
Disa and crew will  
Sack her in play.

In Karen v Cheri,  
It's anyone's game.  
Karen's team's stronger  
But Cheri's not lame.

Cheri's the home team  
But when it is through,  
She won't do better  
Than USA2.

**Howie Doing**

I hurd on the street,  
That like Tiger Woods,  
Zia is back  
And back with the goods!

Wolfson will garner  
The title with ease.  
Hope that his squad  
Likes eating Chinese!

Kriegel's a kid.  
He shoots from the hip.  
The world would love  
To see him beat Chip!

Whoever wins this  
It's not a big deal  
Unless it is close  
And ends in appeal!

**Open**

# Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend

Board 13 ♠ 6543  
 Dealer: N ♥ 974  
 All Vul. ♦ J83  
 Wed. RR ♣ QJ9

♠ 87		♠ J2
♥ KJ53		♥ T862
♦ KT652		♦ Q9
♣ 65		♣ AT432

♠ AKQT9  
 ♥ AQ  
 ♦ A74  
 ♣ K87

In the WUSBC match between Baker and Disa, South opened 2C following two passes. North responded 2D. South had a choice of rebids. Sally Wheeler of the Disa team, chose to rebid 2S and Bernstein jumped to 4S.

At the other table, South rebid 2NT and played in the NT game when her partner raised to three.

Assuming a low diamond lead against 3NT, declarer has a tough decision at trick one. West should insert the nine and declarer must decide whether to win this or duck. If diamonds are 4-3, declarer simply wins the ace, drives out the CA and takes nine tricks.

If diamonds are 5-2, declarer must choose between winning the ace and hoping for blockage, or, ducking and risking a heart shift.

As the cards lie, the winning play involves winning the DA and driving out the club. This is likely to be the correct play since with DKQTxx, leading into a strong hand, a player might well have chosen to lead the DQ.

Wheeler had a much tougher situation playing in 4S. The opening lead was a trump and Sally drew trump in two rounds. As the cards lie, perfect defense will defeat 4S, but Sally had a chance since the defense wasn't perfect.

Sally led the CQ from her hand. Beth Palmer followed with the C5. Sylvia Shi won the ace. Shi decided to exit with the H6. Wheeler played the queen and Palmer won the king. Palmer played a second club. Wheeler won in dummy, played a heart to the ace, returned to dummy with a club and trumped dummy's last heart, leaving this five card end position:

Wheeler had to decide how to play the diamond suit. She led the D4 from hand and played West to hold the KQ. She rose with the jack, losing to the queen. The D9 was returned and she lost two more diamond tricks. Contract -1 for a loss of 12 IMPs.

Wheeler played perfectly up to this point. If she had played the DA and exited with a diamond, East would be endplayed.

Should she have worked out this position?

Since West showed out on the third club, she knew that East held two clubs and three red cards. Based on the play in the heart suit... when Palmer won the HK, she might have returned the HJ if she held KJT. Instead, she chose to exit with a club. Considering Shi's play in the heart suit, it looked like she started with 4 hearts, and therefore, exactly two diamonds.

Given the cases of honor doubleton as opposed to small doubletons, there are 8 honor doubletons and only 6 small doubletons. It was probably right to play for honor doubleton.

Note that if Shi ducked the CA or won the club and exited with a club, declarer would need to abandon the heart finesse to set up this end position.

♠ 65  
 ♥  
 ♦ J83  
 ♣

♠		♠
♥ J		♥ T
♦ KT65		♦ Q9
♣		♣ T2

♠ AK  
 ♥  
 ♦ A74  
 ♣

Gigi Simpson, Rozanne Pollack,  
Gen Geiger, Cheri Bjerkan



Rozanne Pollack

Roger Lee, Eric Greco



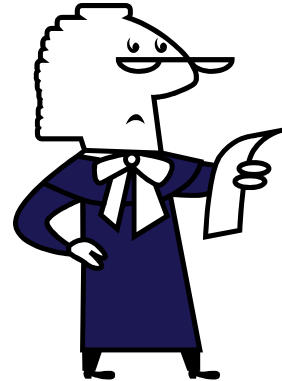
It is with great sadness that we have learned that Bruce Noda passed away earlier this week. Bruce was an excellent player, known to most of you and we wanted to let you know. Our sympathies are with his family and friends.

# USBC Appeal 1

## TD Write-Up

Board 27  
South Deals  
None Vul

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EW 7N; EW 7♠; EW 7♣; EW 6♦; EW 1♥; Par -1520

West	North	East	South
<i>Cheek</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Grue</i>
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	5 ♠ <sup>3</sup>	Pass
6 ♣ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	6 ♠ <sup>5</sup>	Pass
7 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Cuebid (3 NT would be ♥ cue)
2. 0 or 3 keycards for spades
3. 34 seconds
4. 3 keycards with ♠ Q and ♣ K
5. 85 seconds

West says that it was only after the 6 ♠ bid that he noticed he had two, and not three, keycards.

East wrote to North after 6 ♣ "He gave the wrong response to 4 NT."

Three players were polled. Two said that the break in tempo definitely suggested that the partnership was not off a keycard, and a prompt 6 ♠ would not give that inference. One player constructed the following hand that he said was consistent with East's auction, but would be off two keycards:

♠ JT<sub>x</sub>  
♥ KQJ  
♦ AKJ<sub>xxx</sub>  
♣ x

The third player said it was not clear what was going on at all, but he couldn't imagine going on over 6 ♠.

It was ruled that the unauthorized information of East's slow 6 ♠ demonstrably suggested bidding on over passing and that Pass was a logical alternative. The result was adjusted to 6 ♠ by West making 7.



# Appeal #1



## Preliminaries

The committee noted that it operates under ACBL procedures, but that those differ little from WBF procedures. In both jurisdictions, the TD ruling is initially presumed to be correct and the appellants must present arguments as to why they believe the TD's ruling is mistaken either as to bridge law or bridge judgment.

## Testimony

West spoke for the appellants. He noted that he realized he had miscounted his key cards shortly after he made his 6c bid and the tray had been passed to the other side. He pointed out that East must have at least two key cards to use RKCB, and that if East had held only two key cards he would have asked for the queen of trump. By inference, then, East must have held three key cards. He also needed at least one red king to take control of the auction, so thirteen tricks would be available if the spades broke evenly or perhaps even if they did not.

East also spoke to explain why he had hesitated, and that his hesitation over 6c was because he was considering passing it.

North spoke for the appellees. He noted that it was entirely possible that West had been "woken up" to the possibility that he has miscounted his key cards by East's two hesitations. He also noted the long delay before the 7N bid and thought that if the logic behind it were so clear it might well have been made sooner.

The committee asked about the E/W methods and was told that neither 3c nor 4c promised extra values - they were consistent with a minimum opener with a club control and no heart control.

## The committee's reasoning

The committee addressed three questions per Law 16:

### Was there UI?

Yes, both the slow 5S bid and the slow 6S bid provided unauthorized information to West. The auction was such that it could only have been East who was thinking. The times were taken from the video record, so there could be no dispute of this.

### Did the UI demonstrably suggest the action chosen (7N) over a less successful alternative (Pass)?

Clearly, it did. The TD's poll showed this, as well as straightforward bridge logic. A slow 6S must suggest the possibility of an alternative contract, almost certainly one at a higher level.

### Was the less successful action, here "Pass", a logical alternative?

This was the crux of the matter. West's logic seemed compelling. East needed to hold three key cards and a red king for

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his bidding to make sense. But many players would not get this far. How many of us, having miscounted our key cards, stop to recount them? West's actions were consistent with those of a player who had realized that he had miscounted only because of partner's long delay. A pass would be considered by most players who had miscounted their key cards, and many would in fact pass, as demonstrated by the TD's poll and consistent AC's judgment.

The USBF conditions of contest read:

A bidding tray returned in 15 seconds or less normally creates the presumption that there is no Unauthorized Information (UI). A tray returned after a longer period may be considered to have made UI available if it is apparent that one side is responsible for the delay.

Given that the auction was at a high level East might have been allowed a little more time than that. Had he made his admittedly difficult decisions within 15 seconds or so his partner would normally have had no UI and could have done as he pleased. East was free to take more time, but only at the risk of creating UI that constrained his partner's decisions.

## The ruling

The committee agreed with the TD that West's call over 6S was constrained by Law 16 and that passing was a logical alternative demonstrably suggested by UI. Accordingly, it ruled as the TD had, adjusting the result for both sides to 6S making seven.



Committee:  
Adam Wildavsky, chairman  
Kerri Sanborn  
Beth Palmer

Thanks to the Committee members for serving. We appreciate your willingness to help especially when it means late hours.

