

The Prez Says ...

Welcome to the 2019 Women’s United States Bridge Championships. Here, in Schaumburg, Illinois, we will select team USA1 and USA2 to represent the United States in the 2019 Venice Cup in Wuhan, China. Five teams are entered in our event.

There will be 4 stages: the first stage will be a 2-day Round Robin to select the four teams that will play in the KO stages. The Knockout matches will consist of a 60 board Semifinal match and 120 board USA1 Final and USA2 Semifinal and Final matches.

There is no seeding for the Round Robin. For the Knockout, the winning Round Robin team will be seeded 1 and will choose its opponent from the teams that finished third and fourth in the Round Robin. The second place Round Robin team will be seeded 2 and will play the remaining team.

While the USBF Board and the tournament organizers do their best to make this event the fairest Competition year after year, only YOU, the players, can continue to uphold the ethics, camaraderie and sportsmanship for which United States bridge is known worldwide. Many foreign players have told me that they view our Competition as the best in the world, in large part because of our long matches and high ethical standards.

I know I am doing my part to uphold these standards and I ask that each of you keep this in mind throughout the events (Open, Women’s, Mixed, and Seniors).

Good luck ladies! Let the games begin!

Marty Fleisher, USBF President

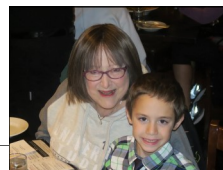
From the Editor:

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

From this point forward, the USBC and Women’s will have combined newsletters!

Thank you!!

Suzi



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WUSBC Teams Entered...

Alphabetical Order

"A woman with a voice is, by definition, a strong woman."

Melinda Gates

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Tournament Schedule

2019 WOMEN'S USBC Tournament Schedule

SCHEDULE			
DAY	DATE	TIME	BOARDS
TUESDAY	MAY 14	9:45 AM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
TUESDAY	MAY 14	10:00 - 8:30	ROUND ROBIN CLICK FOR SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAY	MAY 15	10:00 - 8:30	ROUND ROBIN CLICK FOR SCHEDULE
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

"If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman."
Margaret Thatcher

"I'm tough, I'm ambitious, and I know exactly what I want. If that makes me a bitch, okay."
Madonna

WUSBC Round Robin Schedule

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH & WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH - SAME SCHEDULE EACH DAY		
Time	Pairings	Boards
10:00-11:03	1 v 3 at table 1 2 v 4 at table 2 3 v 5 at table 3 4 v 1 at table 4 5 v 2 at table 5	A 1-7 A 8-14 A 15-21 A 22-28 A 29-35
11:05-12:08	1 v 4 at table 1 2 v 5 at table 2 3 v 1 at table 3 4 v 2 at table 4 5 v 3 at table 5	A 22-28 A 29-35 A 1-7 A 8-14 A 15-21
BREAK - SCORE COMPARISON AND LINEUP CHANGE		
12:25-1:28	1 v 5 at table 1 2 v 1 at table 2 3 v 2 at table 3 4 v 3 at table 4 5 v 4 at table 5	B 8-14 B 15-21 B 22-28 B 29-35 B 1-7
1:30-2:38	1 v 2 at table 1 2 v 3 at table 2 3 v 4 at table 3 4 v 5 at table 4 5 v 1 at table 5	B 15-21 B 22-28 B 29-35 B 1-7 B 8-14
LUNCH BREAK (72 MINUTES)		
3:50 – 4:53	1 v 3 at table 1 2 v 4 at table 2 3 v 5 at table 3 4 v 1 at table 4 5 v 2 at table 5	C 15-21 C 22-28 C 29-35 C 1-7 C 8-14
4:55 – 5:58	1 v 4 at table 1 2 v 5 at table 2 3 v 1 at table 3 4 v 2 at table 4 5 v 3 at table 5	C 1-7 C 8-14 C 15-21 C 22-28 C 29-35
BREAK - SCORE COMPARISON AND LINEUP CHANGE		
6:15 - 7:18	1 v 5 at table 1 2 v 1 at table 2 3 v 2 at table 3 4 v 3 at table 4 5 v 4 at table 5	D 22-28 D 29-35 D 1-7 D 8-14 D 15-21
7:20 - 8:28	1 v 2 at table 1 2 v 3 at table 2 3 v 4 at table 3 4 v 5 at table 4 5 v 1 at table 5	D 29-36 D 1-7 D 8-14 D 15-21 D 22-28

**USBF 14 board
VP Scale
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2019 Women's Round Robin Schedule

NOTES:

There are 5 teams in the Round Robin. Teams have been numbered in alphabetic order. In order to avoid a sit out round, the matches will be played in clumps of 7 boards at a time, in 2 halves. **EVERY PLAYER ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY 2 BOARD SEGMENTS AGAINST EACH OTHER TEAM** (USBF General Conditions of Contest Section VIII B). Each pair can play the 2 required segments either day. Because you are playing all at once, there are no seating rights, you cannot change lineups until both 7 board matches have been completed, and each match will have a different set of boards. For security reasons, your NS pair must remain in the playing room when EW pairs are changing tables. During play, no one can leave a playing room without an escort. Scoring: At the end of each day, you will have played a 14 board match against each other team. The IMP scores in those matches will be converted to Victory Points, using the USBF 14 board VP scale. Your score for the Round Robin will be the total VPs from the 8 matches you will have played at the end of the second day.

USBF 14 Board Victory Point Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	20	15.26	4.74	40	18.41	1.59
1	10.33	9.67	21	15.46	4.54	41	18.53	1.47
2	10.66	9.34	22	15.66	4.34	42	18.65	1.35
3	10.97	9.03	23	15.85	4.15	43	18.76	1.24
4	11.28	8.72	24	16.03	3.97	44	18.87	1.13
5	11.58	8.42	25	16.21	3.79	45	18.98	1.02
6	11.87	8.13	26	16.38	3.62	46	19.08	0.92
7	12.16	7.84	27	16.55	3.45	47	19.18	0.82
8	12.44	7.56	28	16.72	3.28	48	19.28	0.72
9	12.71	7.29	29	16.88	3.12	49	19.38	0.62
10	12.97	7.03	30	17.04	2.96	50	19.47	0.53
11	13.23	6.77	31	17.19	2.81	51	19.56	0.44
12	13.48	6.52	32	17.34	2.66	52	19.65	0.35
13	13.72	6.28	33	17.49	2.51	53	19.74	0.26
14	13.96	6.04	34	17.63	2.37	54	19.83	0.17
15	14.19	5.81	35	17.77	2.23	55	19.91	0.09
16	14.42	5.58	36	17.91	2.09	56	19.99	0.01
17	14.64	5.36	37	18.04	1.96	57	20	0
18	14.85	5.15	38	18.17	1.83			
19	15.06	4.94	39	18.29	1.71			

"Women belong in all places where decisions are being made... It shouldn't be that women are the exception."

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish."

Michelle Obama

"A woman is like a tea bag—you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water."

Eleanor Roosevelt



Hospitality Suite...

The hospitality suite for the 2019 Women's USBC will be room 2321. Our wonderful hostesses, Lisa Berkowitz and Martha Katz will be in Schaumburg to welcome you to the Suite. They will have help from other volunteers. Lisa and Martha will serve breakfast each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch each day from 1:00-4:00. Players, kibitzers, friends, spouses and children are welcome to join us in the hospitality suite.

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 & McKenzie's office) is room 1321. It will be available for the entire tournament. We will have coffee, soft drinks and some snacks available in that room while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

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.



Vugraph

The 2019 Women's USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Semifinals, in which we will try to cover both matches. The Semifinal starts Thursday, May 16th.

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

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

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

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

10:00-12:10

12:25-2:35

3:45-5:55

6:10-8:20

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



Hints for BBO viewers

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

if you click on the name of the table/event you will get a pop-up that:

- * displays the BBO Schedule for the specific vugraph event – calculated for the time zone of the viewer's electronic device
- * has a link to the home page for the event

if you click on a player name you will usually get a pop-up that

- * displays a picture of the player
- * shows links to System Summary Forms (SSFs), Convention Cards (CCs), and biographical information

VIDEO: Live video streaming is not available for this event.

Video from the event tables will be uploaded to YouTube as soon as we can manage.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2019 Open USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on this site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2019 Open USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

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

All About Kibitzing

WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event, except in the Closed Room during the final sequestered matches of the Round Robin, **subject to the following regulations:**

Kibitzers may enter the room **ONLY** at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed.

A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next segment.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

SCREENS

All of the USBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBC KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

GENERAL RULES

- a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
- b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
- c. Kibitzers must enter the playing room before play commences. Kibitzers are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
- d. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
- e. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.
- f. These rules may be revised in specific instances by the DICs for the orderly running of the event.



Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure



Fresh 1800 - (847) 605-1234
1800 E Golf Rd
0.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IKEA Restaurant
1800 McConnor Pkwy
0.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

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

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

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

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

Wildfire
1250 E Higgins Rd
1.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

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

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

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

Panda Express
3 Woodfield Mall
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

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

Hooters
1705 E Golf Rd
0.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Clubhouse
1301 American Lane
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Starbucks
1018 N Meacham Road
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

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

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

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

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

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

Benjyehuda
1022 N. Meacham
0.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

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

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

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

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

Stadium
4015 ALGONQUIN RD
0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

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

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Gameworks

601 N Martingale Rd Ste 115

0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Gather Bar

1551 Thoreau Dr N Renaissance Convention Center Hotel

0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Bar, Pub, American

Gaylord Fine Indian Cuisine (847) 619-3300

555 Mall Dr

0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Indian

Wintergarden Cafe

1551 Thoreau Dr N Renaissance Convention Center Hotel

0.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Taco Bell

650 Mall Dr

0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Mexican

Benihana

1200 E Higgins Rd

1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Japanese, Sushi, Asian

Mc Kenna's Restaurant

3405 Algonquin Rd

0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Punch Bowl Social

1100 American Ln

0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Gastropub

Red Lobster (847) 843-2743

800 E Golf Rd

1.3 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Seafood

Chef Ping (847) 843-2743

1755 Algonquin Rd

1.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Chinese, Asian

Egg'lectic

2905 Algonquin Rd

1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American

La Mirage

3223 Algonquin Rd

1.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Chicago Prime Steakhouse

1444 E Algonquin Rd

1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Steakhouse

Entre Bar & Grill

1725 E Algonquin Rd

0.9 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Italian, Mexican, Chinese, American, Indian

Portillo's

1900 W Golf Rd

1.6 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Fast Food

Chick-fil-A

935 E Golf Rd between Plum Grove Rd & Commons Dr

1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Fast Food

Woo Lae Oak

3201 Algonquin Rd

1.0 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Asian, Korean

Big Chef

1602 E Algonquin Rd

1.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Bar, Pizza, Pub

Hong Kong Cafe

1608 E Algonquin Rd

1.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Chinese, Asian

Embassy Cafe

1933 N Meacham Rd Ste 130

1.1 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Delicatessen

Bahama Breeze

406 E Golf Rd

1.8 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Caribbean, Seafood, Bahamian, Jamaican

Culver's

1410 E Algonquin Rd

1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Fast Food, American

Tilted Kilt

1140 E Higgins Rd

1.2 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: American, Bar, Pub

Kouzina

795 E Golf Road

1.4 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

Cuisines: Mediterranean, Greek

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

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

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

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

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

Toscana
1859 W Central Rd
1.7 miles from Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
Cuisines: Italian

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

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

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

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

Bon Appétit!



Kibitzer Activities



White squares indicate AWAY games for both Sox & Cubs

MAY Go Sox!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 BAL 7:10 NBCSCH	2 BOS 7:10 WGN	3 BOS 7:10 NBCSCH	4 BOS 6:10 NBCSCH
5 BOS 1:10 NBCSCH	6 CLE 5:10 NBCSCH	7 CLE 5:10 NBCSCH	8 CLE 5:10 NBCSCH	9 CLE 12:10 WGN	10 TOR 6:07 WGN	11 TOR 2:07 NBCSCH
12 TOR 12:07 WGN	13 CLE 7:10 NBCSCH	14 CLE 1:10 WGN	15	16 TOR 7:10 NBCSCH+	17 TOR 7:10 NBCSCH	18 TOR 1:10 NBCSCH
19 TOR 1:10 WGN	20 HOU 7:10 NBCSCH+	21 HOU 7:10 NBCSCH	22 HOU 7:10 WGN	23 HOU 7:10 NBCSCH	24 MIN 7:10 WGN	25 MIN 1:10 NBCSCH
26 MIN 1:10 NBCSCH	27 KC 1:10 NBCSCH	28 KC 7:10 NBCSCH	29 KC 7:10 WGN	30 CLE 7:10 NBCSCH	31 CLE 7:10 WGN	

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

And then there's the Cubs

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 SEA 5:40 WGN	2	3 STL 1:20 NBCSCH	4 STL 3:05 WGN
5 STL 6:05 ESPN	6 MIA 7:05 NBCSCH+	7 MIA 7:05 NBCSCH+	8 MIA 7:05 WGN	9 MIA 1:20 NBCSCH	10 MIL 1:20 NBCSCH	11 MIL 1:20 ABC7
12 MIL 6:05 ESPN Mother's Day	13	14 CIN 5:40 NBCSCH	15 CIN 5:40 WGN	16 CIN 5:40 NBCSCH	17 WSH 6:05 WGN	18 WSH 6:15 FOX
19 WSH 6:05 ESPN	20 PHI 7:05 NBCSCH	21 PHI 6:05 WGN	22 PHI 7:05 NBCSCH	23 PHI 1:20 ABC7	24 CIN 1:20 NBCSCH	25 CIN 1:20 ABC7
26 CIN 1:20 WGN	27 HOU 1:10 WGN Memorial Day	28 HOU 7:10 ABC7	29 HOU 7:10 NBCSCH	30	31 STL 7:15 NBCSCH	

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

Shopping Alternatives:



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

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

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

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

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

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



Area Golf Courses

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

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

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

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

Walnut Greens Golf Course
Public - 9 holes
1150 N Walnut Ln - Schaumburg
Distance: 1.64 miles

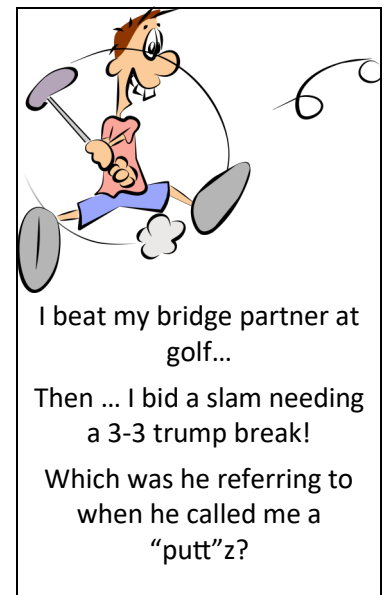
Poplar Creek Country Club
Public - 18 holes
1400 Poplar Creek Dr - Hoffman Estates
Distance: 2.20 miles

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

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

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

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



Hard Sudoku

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

Sudoku 1

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 15:

Tom's Ice Cream	Rockland	Friday	Peanut Butter
Sally's Ice Cream	Granite	Wednesday	Coffee Bean
Gary's Ice Cream	Marsh	Tuesday	Peppermint Stick
Alice's Ice Cream	Boulder	Thursday	Chocolate Chip
Ice Cream Stand	Town	Day of the Week	Ice Cream Flavor

Sudoku Solutions on Page 17

Puzzle Page ...

	Boulder	Granite	Marsh	Rockland	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	chocolate chip	coffee bean	peanut butter	peppermint stick
Alice's Ice Cream												
Gary's Ice Cream												
Sally's Ice Cream												
Tom's Ice Cream												
chocolate chip												
coffee bean												
peanut butter												
peppermint stick												
Tuesday												
Wednesday												
Thursday												
Friday												

Answer on page 14

Ice Cream Stand	Town	Day of the Week	Ice Cream Flavor
Alice's Ice Cream			
Gary's Ice Cream			
Sally's Ice Cream			
Tom's Ice Cream			

-----	Boulder	Tuesday	chocolate chip
-----	Granite	Wednesday	coffee bean
-----	Marsh	Thursday	peanut butter
-----	Rockland	Friday	peppermint stick

On her way home from work on Monday night, Sherry realized that on her daily commute she passed four ice cream stands. Each stand was in a different town along her route and the name of each was a different person's first name. Sherry loved ice cream and so felt compelled to try a different one on her way home each night for the rest of the week. Determine the name of each ice cream stand, what town each stand was in, what day of the week she stopped at each, and what kind of ice cream cone she ordered at each one.

1. Sally's Ice Cream wasn't in Rockland. Sherry didn't get peppermint stick ice cream on Thursday night.
2. Sherry stopped at the ice cream stand in Granite on the day before she got the chocolate chip ice cream and the day after she stopped at Gary's Ice Cream.
3. At Tom's Ice Cream she got peanut butter ice cream but not on Tuesday.
4. She got coffee bean ice cream on Wednesday, but not at Alice's Ice Cream.
5. She stopped at the stand in Marsh the day before she stopped at Sally's Ice Cream.
6. Alice's Ice Cream was in Boulder but Sherry didn't stop there on Friday night.



I think my insurance should cover my entry fees. The doctor says constant use of cell phones is hurting my hearing and this is my way of avoiding my cell!



This is the best game in town. You should taste their tuna salad!

Hallo Yanks:

When the Damsel Derby starts there will be 5 squads. After the first chukker there will be but four.

Baker comes in as the prohibitive favourite but the punters will be asking for outrageous odds.

The other four teams have some defects; some as glaring as the Parson leering at front row parishioners, and some quite subtle as a speck on a supper plate at the Savoy.

Limey Jack will help you all the way, but the pickings are slim.

Bjerkan survives handily for now.

Eythordottir has merit and avoids going anti-clockwise whilst performing quite well.

Osmo, alas, is cannon fodder, and cannot make it past the opening sermon.

Sakr is fine for now but, like Bjerkan, fails to field a full squad, which is abhorrent to Limey Jack.

Howie Dung may not notice these things and may yet be sleeping as he recovers from a rough couple of decades of Limey Jack besting him into submission.

Cheers, LJ

Limey Jack

Five teams are entered and after day two,
Four teams play on and one team is through!
Play very carefully. Watch what you do.
If you are the loser, it sucks to be you!

Lookin' ahead to what we will see,
Can't pick 'gainst a Ladies squad sporting a "Shi."
Thinkin' of Dinkin as team NPC,
He's braver than most men in his spot would be.

Pollack will frolic and Bjerkan will stay.
Living to play at least one more day.
"Survival o' the Wittes" may be a cliché.
But Sutherlin's back and she's here to play.

Disa in Schaumburg? She's recently wed.
She should be home with Magnus instead
He'll watch her on VuGraph to see what she's led...
She's skillful enough... he has nothing to dread.

Howie Doing...

Simpson and Geiger are daughter and mum,
In Mother's Day month, from Florida they've come.
Sakr has lately done better than some,
Betting against her would clearly be dumb.

One team is left that sadly will fail.
Toni and friends will be first to bale.
They wood if they could continue to sail,
Experience lacking, they're likely to trail.

Give them a hand, competing at all.
And recognize someone will be first team to fall.
Someday the names of Ose, Wood and Hall
Will be up in lights cheered on by us all.

Good luck to you dames. I need to confess.
I think this event breeds nothing but stress.
Gals need so much while guys need much less...
A field of fillies means high PMS!

Playing Keeps You Sharp

Board 12

N fpancoe	West	North	East	South
♠ A104	1♣	1♥	Pass	1♠
♥ K10764	Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
♦ J4	Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
♣ KJ5	Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
S cherilou				
♠ KQ82				
♥ J8				
♦ Q3				
♣ A10982				
E ijwolff				
♠ 976				
♥ 95				
♦ A10865				
♣ 763				
4♠ South				NS 0 EW 0

In advance of the Championships, many of the top players can be found online at Bridge Base sharpening their games for the competition. On May 7th, Cheri Bjerkan (South) was playing with Frank Pancoe against Ilan Wolff (East) and Nathan Finkle, two of the Juniors in the USBF Training Program.

Cheri and Frank reached a wise Moysian on the above deal. They needed careful bidding to avoid the NT game once Nathan opened 1C (could be as short as 2) instead of the "standard" 1D.

Frank's 3C bid was alerted as showing values.

Nathan led a small trump and Cheri won her queen. She ran the CT through the queen and when that held, she had an easy ten tricks for 10+ IMPs in the IMP pairs.

It is great when players of Cheri and Frank's caliber take time from their busy schedules to mentor the younger players. Ilan and Nathan are the future of the game and playing with the best is how they learn.

It is also great to realize the contribution Bridge Base Online plays in the learning process. Having access to the online game affords these player the chance to spend an afternoon playing without dealing with travel and traffic. Ilan is a student at the U of C and getting from there to the suburbs to play with Cheri and Frank can be a grueling experience. Bridge Base makes our game more available and we should use it to our best advantage.

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku Solutions from page 14

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

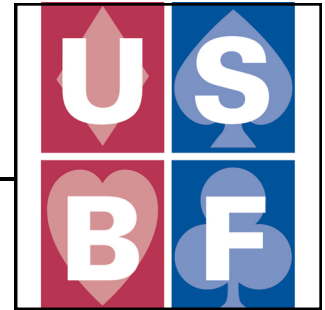
Thursday, 5/30 (between Mixed & Seniors)

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.



Sylvia Shi took up the game at the beginning of 2011. She had graduated from Johns Hopkins University and was living in Baltimore and attending graduate school. She was also finding a market for her artwork; she creates Japanese animation. “I was trying to decide between learning to fly a plane or bridge,” she says. “I wanted to feel like I was accomplishing something in addition to filling up my time. In the end, I chose bridge because it has a lower initial monetary cost.”

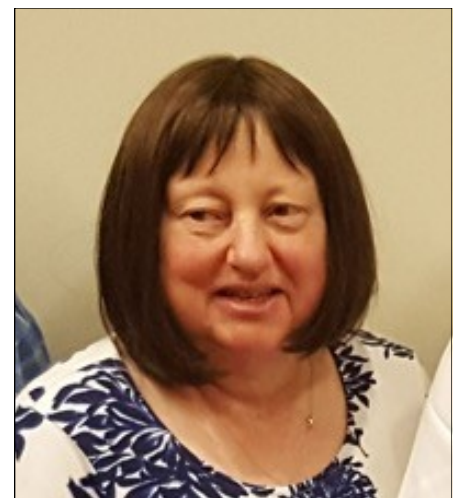
Shi grew her game in the Baltimore/Washington DC area, a fertile area for learning players. She played at the Laurel Bridge Club in Laurel MD, which she describes as having some of the strongest club games in the country. Shi now has multiple NABC+ wins under her belt, beginning with the Lebhar IMP pairs in 2015. She also became a world champion at the World Bridge Games in Wroclaw in 2016.

Meet the Players...

Beth Palmer has been an Administrative Judge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for 24 years, hearing complaints of employment discrimination. Prior to becoming a judge, she was a lawyer in private practice. Admired in the bridge world for her judicial temperament, Beth has generously given of her time throughout the years to serve in numerous administrative positions with the USBF, ACBL, and the Washington Bridge League.

Beth began playing bridge in law school in 1977 and her first serious partner was Bill Cole. Two years later, she played with Bill at the Norfolk, Virginia, nationals and her team made it to the round of 16 in the Vanderbilt. Lynn Deas reports that “Beth was the talk of the tournament, won more than 100 masterpoints, and made Life Master.”

Away from the bridge table, Beth enjoys reading and sports, but her primary interest is her daughter, Julie Pettis. Beth served as Julie’s Girl Scout troop leader for six years and has been coach of her basketball team for five. Beth lives with her husband, Bill Pettis (“Buffalo”) in Silver Spring, Maryland.



Beth is a member of the United States Bridge Federation Board of Directors.

A Look at the Competition...

Canadian Women's Championships

Open Room Board 17

W Harris ♠ 1073 ♥ KJ10965 ♦ Q83 ♣ J	N Wolpert ♠ KQJ92 ♥ A ♦ K95 ♣ K643	E Smith ♠ ♥ Q842 ♦ AJ107642 ♣ A10																				
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Le Blanc: 57 IMPs
Smith: 23 IMPs
Closed Room: 4♠ N +2 +480

7♦ x East NS 0 EW 1

Two completely different auctions on board 17 of the Canadian Women's Championships... and two completely different results.

In the Closed Room, South did not reveal her diamond shortage and the auction ended abruptly in 4S. Bryant chose the "wrong" ace to lead and Peters collected twelve tricks.

In the Open Room, things were more exciting.

Closed Room Board 17

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Le Blanc: 57 IMPs
Smith: 23 IMPs
Open Room: 7♦ x E -1 -100

4♠ North NS 1 EW 0

Once LeBlanc splintered diamonds, Smith had reason to believe that 6S could be successful.

In addition, Harris's 4H bid implied some diamond support and while Harris was unaware, Smith knew they had a big double fit.

Clubs were never bid and it was not at all clear that the lead of the CA and a club continuation would yield a ruff to

defeat 6S. Smith was taking insurance and her only question had to be whether to bid 7D or 7H. Smith chose 7D.

LeBlanc led her SA and Smith ruffed. Smith cashed the CA and ruffed a club in dummy. She ran the DQ, played a diamond to the jack and pulled the last trump. She conceded the HA and went quietly down one. Smith's team picked up 9 IMPs on the Board instead of the 11 it would have collected had Smith passed and led her CA and a club.

In IMPs, that's a very small price to pay... and it saves grief when someone slips on defense and a contract inadvertently succeeds.

As it was, there were several good decisions on the hand. Smith did well to bid 6D and not 6H where a diamond lead could defeat that contract. Wolpert did well to save in 6S since 6D was cold. The only other making slam turns out to be 6C N/S and that suit was never even bid!!!