

Team "Trials" and Tribulations

Welcome from Barbara Nudelman

I want to join Jan and Tom in welcoming all of you to the Windy City. We, locals on the committee, are honored to host the Trials this year. We appreciate your attendance and hope you have fun.



I want to thank the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for its generous donation to our VuGraph program. It is most appreciated by all. Thanks, too, to the countless volunteers who are assisting us in this on-line presentation. It should be great!

1. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
2. I went to the bookstore and asked where the self-help section was. The salesman said it would defeat the purpose if he told me.
3. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
4. If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
5. Is there another word for synonym?
6. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
7. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
8. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
9. Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
10. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
11. Can vegans eat animal crackers?
12. If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
13. Why do they put Braille on drive-through bank machines?
14. What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?
15. One nice thing about egotists, they don't talk about other people.
16. How is it possible to have a civil war?
17. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?
18. If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?
19. Whose cruel idea was it for the "lisp" to have an "S" in it?
20. Why are hemorrhoids called hemorrhoids instead of asteroids?
21. Why is it called tourist season if you can't shoot them?
22. If you spin an Oriental man in a circle three times, does he become disoriented?
23. Can an Atheist get insurance against acts of God?

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1939 N. Meacham | Schaumburg, IL | 847-397-1313 |

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Innovative French cuisine and a winner of the Wine Spectator's "Best of Award of Excellence." Price: \$30+ per person. Serves lunch & dinner. Reservations suggested. Handicap accessible. Private dining. Open for Lunch on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Express lunch: 2 courses-\$16, 3 courses-\$19.

Greek

Yanni's Greek Restaurant

10 E. Algonquin Road | Arlington Heights, IL | 847-952-1111 |

Hungarian

Paprikash Hungarian Restaurant

602 W. Northwest Hwy. | Arlington Heights, IL | 847-253-3544 | Hungarian cooking - A touch of Europe Hungarian Style

Indian

Dosti Bar & Restaurant

853 S. Roselle Rd. | Schaumburg, IL | 847-895-0100 |

A unique bar specializing in Indian cuisine. "Where Friends Meet"

Indian Garden Restaurant

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The best Indian Restaurant in the Chicagoland area.-Zagat Survey. Four locations in Chicagoland area. Price: \$ 10-20. Serves: lunch, dinner & Sunday brunch. Reservations suggested. Handicap accessible.

Irish

Finn McCools

1941 E. Algonquin Road | Schaumburg, IL | 847-303-5100 |

This Finn McCool's location brings a taste of Chicago's Division Street pub scene to Schaumburg. Thirty large, extra-bright flat screen TVs provide full coverage of the day's sporting events. Patrons can also play sports and trivia video games on the NTN satellite network. Tuesdays through Saturdays a DJ turns things up a notch with a mix of party favorites from 9:00 pm until 1:00 am during the week and 3:00 am on Friday and Saturday.

Peggy Kinnane's Irish Restaurant and Pub

8 North Vail Ave. | Arlington Heights, IL | 847-577-7733 |

The most authentic Irish pub in the northwest suburbs. The attention to detail has paid off, both in its décor and its delicious fare. Price: \$10-20 per person. Serves: lunch & dinner. Live entertainment, handicap accessible, outdoor seating. Authentic Irish pub with live music on Fridays.

"The Constitution gives every American the inalienable right to make a damn fool of himself."

- John Ciardi

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USBC Teams

Allegaert: Withrop Allegaert, Jaggy Shivdasani, Lapt Chan, Aaron Silverstein, Kevin Bathhurst, Judith Bianco
Benson: Richard Benson, Martha Katz, Donna Compton, Lynne Feldman
Colchamiro: Mel Colchamiro, Janet Colchamiro, Steve Bloom, Betty Bloom
Cole: William Cole, Ai-Tai Lo, John Fout, Jeff Roman, Alan Falk, Venkatrao Koneru
Deutsch: Seymon Deutsch, Gary Cohler, Bart Bramley, Sidney Lazard, Grant Baze, John Kranyak
Einberg: Howard Einberg, Tony Ames, William Hall, Jim Munday
Ekeblad (bye ► round of 8): Russell Ekeblad, Ron Rubin, Fred Gitelman, Brad Moss, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby
Gordon: Mark Gordon, Chuck Burger, Stephen Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein
Hammond: Nicolas Hammond, Ed Foran, Robert Todd, Christopher Moll, Kitty Cooper, Steve Cooper
Harris: Martin Harris, Jacob Morgan, Dan Gerstman, Tom Carmichael
Hollman: Bob Hollman, Bruce Ferguson, Dennis Clerkin, Jerry Clerkin
Lall: Hemant Lall, Ira Chorush, Justin Lall, Barnet Shenkin, Doub Daub, Adam Widavsky
Mahaffey: Jim Mahaffey, Mark Lair, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge
Meltzer (bye ► round of 16): Rose Meltzer, Kyle Larsen, Alan Sontag, Roger Bates, Billy Cohen, Ron Smith
Nickell (bye ► semi-finals): Frank Nickell, Dick Freeman, Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell
Onstott: John Onstott, Garey Hayden, Kerry Smith, Claude Vogel, Larry Robbins, Peter Weichsel
O'Rourke: Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson
Robinson: Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Kit Woolsey, Fred Stewart, Bobby Wolff, Dan Morse
Schuett: Jeffrey Schuett, Nikolay Demirev, Jeffrey Miller, William Wickham, David Yang, Sangarapil Mohan
Schwartz: Richard Schwartz, Michael Becker, Drew Casen, Jim Krekorian, David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen
Stark: Andrew Stark, Franco Baseggio, Gene Saxe, Daniel Nussbaum, Jim Rasmussen, Pamela Miller
Vose III: Clint Vose III, Tim Tullis, Bob Fashingbauer, Serge Bondar
Weed: Jimmy Cayne, Michael Seamon, Benito Garozzo, Richard Reisig, Sam Lev, Jacek Pszczola, Charlie Weed, NPC
Weinstein: Jonathan Weinstein, Robert Heitzman, Glen Milgrim, Jeff Aker, Jiang Gu, Xiaodong Shi
Welland: Roy Welland, Bjorn Fallenius, Martin Fleisher, Michael Kamil, Chris Willenken

USWBC Teams

Baker (bye ► RR2): Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Kerri Sanborn, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer
Goldberg: Connie Goldberg, Renee Mancuso, Cheri Bjerkan, Sue Weinstein, Pam Wittes, Linda Lewis
Kennedy: Betty Ann Kennedy, Shannon Cappelletti, Stacy Jacobs, Peggy Sutherlin, Ginny Schuett, Chris Benson
Lourie: Ora Lourie, Lori Jacobs, Margie Gwozdzinsky, Cathy Strauch
Moss: Sylvia Moss, Judi Radin, Mildred Breed, Marinesa Letizia, Janice Seamon-Molson, Tobi Sokolow
Narasimhan: Hansa Narasimhan, Irina Levitina, Jill Levin, Jill Meyers, Debbie Rosenberg, JoAnna Stansby
Quinn: Shawn Quinn, Sue Picus, Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Rozanne Pollack
Sulgrove: Kathleen Sulgrove, Candace Griffey, Laurie Kranyak, Linda McGarry, Cindy Bernstein, Sally Wheeler

HOSPITALITY INFORMATION from Barbara Nudelman, Joan Gerard, and Rena Hetzer

The hospitality suite is in room 3321. It will be open for **Breakfast** at 8:30 AM till game time for all players.

USBC Lunch: Lunch will be served in the suite starting tomorrow at the mid-afternoon break (approximately 1:30 PM tomorrow, and 2:45 PM the rest of the time). We may be a bit crowded but we'll see to it that everyone gets to eat.

USWBC Lunch – The suite will be open for lunch today during your short break at 1:40 PM. There is a buffet lunch available in the hotel restaurant. There are not actual lunch breaks from Sunday on, but we will try and offer a more substantial breakfast in the hour just before your starting time and you are welcome to join the regular lunch break the rest of the week.

The suite will be open most days until the completion of play for soft drinks and snacks.

Hotel Restaurants: **Metro:** 6am - 10pm daily; **Tre Cena:** Breakfast: 6:30am-11 AM M-F, 7am-11am S/S; Lunch 11am-5pm daily; Dinner 5pm-10pm daily; **Knuckles** 4:30pm-12am Su-F, 4:30pm-1am Saturday

Check in-room for **room service menu** ... available 6am-12am.

Additional restaurant advice is in this and future editions of the daily bulletin.

Once again we are here to feed you and listen to all of your trials and tribulations at the bridge table. If you need something just ask... we might not be able to help but we will surely try.

Bears Bracket - RR1


#	Seed	Name	Players
1	4	O'Rourke	Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus, Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson
2	6	Welland	Roy Welland, Björn Fallenius, Martin Fleisher, Michael Kamil, Chris Willenken
3	9	Gordon	Mark Gordon, Chuck Burger, Stephen Landen, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein
4	10	Deutsch	Seymon Deutsch, John Kranyak, Bart Bramley, Sidney Lazard, Grant Baze, Gary Cohler
5	13	Lall	Hemant Lall, Ira Chorush, Doug Doub, Adam Wildavsky, Justin Lall, Barnet Shenkin
6	15	Cole	William Cole, Ai-Tai Lo, Allan Falk, Venkatrao Koneru, John Fout, Jeff Roman
7	16	Harris	Martin Harris, Jacob Morgan, Dan Gerstman, Tom Carmichael
8	19	Colchamiro	Mel Colchamiro, Janet Colchamiro, Betty Bloom, Steve Bloom
9	20	Benson	Richard Benson, Lynne Feldman, Donna Compton, Martha Katz
10	22	Weinstein	Jonathan Weinstein, Robert Heitzman, Jeff Aker, Glen Milgrim, Jiang Gu, Xiaodong Shi
11	25	Vose	Clint Vose, Serge Bondar, Bob Fashingbauer, Tim Tullis
101		Bye round	

Bulls Bracket - RR2


#	Seed	Name	Players
12	5	Schwartz	Richard Schwartz, Michael Becker, David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen, Drew Casen, Jim Krekorian
13	7	Weed	Jimmy Cayne, Michael Seamon, Benito Garozzo, Richard Reisig, Sam Lev, Jacek Pszczola
14	8	Robinson	Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Dan Morse, Bobby Wolff, Fred Stewart, Kit Woolsey
15	11	Hollman	Bob Hollman, Bruce Ferguson, Dennis Clerkin, Jerry Clerkin
16	12	Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Mark Lair, John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold
17	14	Onstott	John Onstott, Garey Hayden, Kerry Smith, Claude Vogel, Larry Robbins, Peter Weichsel
18	17	Allegaert	Winthrop Allegaert, Jaggy Shivdasani, Kevin Bathurst, Aaron Silverstein, Judith Bianco, Lapt Chan
19	18	Schuett	Jeffrey Schuett, Nikolay Demirev, Jeffrey Miller, William Wickham, Sangarapli Mohan, David Yang
20	21	Einberg	Howard Einberg, Tony Ames, William Hall, Jim Munday
21	23	Stark	Andrew Stark, Franco Baseggio, Gene Saxe, Daniel Nussbaum, Pamela Miller, Jim Rasmussen
22	24	Hammond	Nicolas Hammond, Ed Foran, Kitty Cooper, Steve Cooper, Christopher Moll, Robert Todd
102		Bye round	

USBC Schedule:

Thursday, May 31 10:00 p.m. Captains' meeting: Mayoral Ballroom

Round Robin:

Friday, June 1 10:00-12:15 Boards 1-7 & 8-14 clumped
12:30-2:45 Boards 15-21 & 22-28 clumped

4:15-6:30 Boards 29-35 & 36-42 clumped
6:45-9:00 Boards 43-49 & 50-56 clumped

Saturday, June 2 10:00-11:05 Boards 57-63
11:20-1:35 Boards 64-70 & 71-77 clumped
- END OF RR1-
3:30-5:45 Boards 1-7 & 8-14 clumped
6:00-8:15 Boards 15-21 & 22-28 clumped

Sunday, June 3 10:00-2:35 Boards 29-35, 36-42,
43-49, & 50-56 clumped
Closed Room Pairs Sequestered

Round of 16:

Sunday, June 3 4:15-6:30 Segment 1, Boards 1-15
6:45-9:00 Segment 2, Boards 16-30

Monday, June 4 10:00-12:15 Segment 3, Boards 31-45
12:30-2:45 Segment 4, Boards 46-60
2:45-4:00 1 hour & 15 minute break
4:00-6:15 Segment 5, Boards 61-75
6:30-8:45 Segment 6, Boards 76-90

Quarterfinals:

Tuesday, June 5 10:00-12:15 Segment 1, Boards 1-15
12:30-2:45 Segment 2, Boards 16-30
2:45-4:00 1 hour & 15 minute break
4:00-6:15 Segment 3, Boards 31-45
6:30-8:45 Segment 4, Boards 46-60

Wed., June 6 10:00-12:15 Segment 5, Boards 61-75
12:30-2:45 Segment 6, Boards 76-90
2:45-4:00 1 hour & 15 minute break
4:00-6:15 Segment 7, Boards 91-105
6:30-8:45 Segment 8, Boards 106-120

Semifinals:

Thursday, June 7 10:00-12:15 Segment 1, Boards 1-15
12:30-2:45 Segment 2, Boards 16-30
2:45-4:00 1 hour & 15 minute break
4:00-6:15 Segment 3, Boards 31-45
6:30-8:45 Segment 4, Boards 46-60

Friday, June 8 10:00-12:15 Segment 5, Boards 61-75
12:30-2:45 Segment 6, Boards 76-90
2:45-4:00 1 hour & 15 minute break
4:00-6:15 Segment 7, Boards 91-105
6:30-8:45 Segment 8, Boards 106-120

Finals:

Saturday, June 9 10:00-12:15 Segment 1, Boards 1-15
12:30-2:45 Segment 2, Boards 16-30
2:45-4:00 1 hour & 15 minute break
4:00-6:15 Segment 3, Boards 31-45
6:30-8:45 Segment 4, Boards 46-60

Sunday, June 10 10:00-12:15 Segment 5, Boards 61-75
12:30-2:45 Segment 6, Boards 76-90
2:45-4:00 1 hour & 15 minute break
4:00-6:15 Segment 7, Boards 91-105
6:30-8:45 Segment 8, Boards 106-120

"Most of the time I don't have much fun. The rest of the time I don't have any fun at all."

-Woody Allen

USWBC Schedule:

Thursday, May 31 10:00pm Captains' meeting: 3321

Round Robin:

Friday, June 1 11:00-1:30 2 8-board matches
2:00-5:45 3 8-board matches
5:45-8:00 Dinner Break
8:00-10:30 2 8-board matches

Saturday, June 2 11:00-1:30 2 8-board matches
2:00-5:45 3 8-board matches
5:45-8:00 Dinner Break
8:00-10:30 2 8-board matches

Semi-Final:

Sunday, June 3 11:00-1:30 Boards 1-16
1:45-4:15 Boards 17-32
4:15-6:15 Dinner Break
6:15-8:45 Boards 33-48
9:00-11:30 Boards 49-64

Finals & 1st Playoff:

Monday, June 4 11:00-1:30 Boards 1-16
1:45-4:15 Boards 17-32
4:15-6:15 Dinner Break
6:15-8:45 Boards 33-48
9:00-11:30 Boards 49-64

Tuesday, June 5 11:00-1:30 Boards 65-80
1:45-4:15 Boards 81-96
4:15-6:15 Dinner Break

Second Playoff:

6:15-8:45 Boards 1-16
9:00-11:30 Boards 17-32

Wednesday, June 6 11:00-1:30 Boards 33-48
1:45-4:15 Boards 49-64
4:15-6:15 Dinner Break
6:15-8:45 Boards 65-80
9:00-11:30 Boards 81-96

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter". Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars". One year Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance." Esther replied, "Morris that helicopter is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars".

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word I won't charge you! But if you say one word, it's 50 dollars."

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know -- 50 dollars is 50 dollars."

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Italian

Cafe Alyce Italian Steakhouse

Best Western Chicago West | Elk Grove Village, IL 60007 | 847-981-1670 |

Indulge in the casual old-world charm of rustic Italy. Serving authentic Italian cuisine, steaks, pastas and more. Voted #1 Sunday brunch. Price: \$10-20 per person. Serves: breakfast, lunch, dinner & Sunday brunch. Reservations suggested. Handicap accessible, private dining.

Francesca's Tavola

208 S. Arlington Heights Road | Arlington Heights, IL 60005 | 847-394-3950 |

Contemporary, casually sophisticated, trattoria ambiance with authentic rustic cooking, friendly service and fair prices.

Gino's East

1321 W. Golf Rd. | Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 | 847-364-6644 |

"World's Most Celebrated" Pizza. Deep dish or thin crust. Party rooms, pre-orders, delivery, carry-out. Price: less than \$10 per person. Serves: lunch & dinner. Reservations suggested. Handicap accessible. Outdoor seating.

La Strada Ristorante

2380 Lakewood Blvd at Barrington Road | Hoffman Estates, IL 60192 | 847-765-1700 |

La Strada will feature Authentic Regional Classic Italian Cuisine, Prime Steaks, and chops, fresh seafood and lobsters, terrific children's menu, cocktail entertainment lounge, outdoor patio dining. Open Daily for Lunch and Dinner!

Maggiano's Little Italy

1901 E. Woodfield Rd. | Schaumburg, IL 60173 | 847-240-5600 |

Price: up to \$30 per person. Serves: lunch & dinner. Reservations suggested. Handicap accessible, outdoor seating.

Moretti's

1893 Walden Office Square | Schaumburg, IL 60173 | 847-397-4200

Moretti's specializes in pan and thin-crust pizza, Italian and American cuisine. Moretti's will be open at 11:30 AM, seven days a week for lunch, serving dinner until late night. Daily food and drink specials will be featured.

Penne Grill

1725 E. Algonquin Rd. | Schaumburg, IL 60173 | 847-397-1500 |

Northern Italian bistro offering great pasta, American cuisine, and an excellent selection of wine and beer. Price: \$10-20 per person. Serves: breakfast, lunch & dinner. Reservations suggested. Handicap accessible

Spaghetti Warehouse

101 Busse Rd. | Elk Grove Village, IL 60007 | 847-593-0374 |

Great Italian Food, Great Family Value — The taste of old world Italy with an American Abundance. Large Groups Welcomed!

Tre Cena

1800 E. Golf Road | Schaumburg, IL 60173 | 847-605-1234 |

Experience our fine Italian cuisine, featuring Northern Italian style pasta, seafood and hearty steak entrees. Price: \$10-20 per person. Serves: breakfast, lunch, dinner & Sunday brunch. Handicap accessible.

Vittorio De Roma-Italian Bistro

154 W. Northwest Hwy. | Palatine, IL 60067 | 847-991-7006 |

Fine Italian Cuisine in a Casual Atmosphere. Open Lunch and Dinner.

Caribbean

Bahama Breeze

406 E. Golf Rd. | Schaumburg, IL | 847-884-7060 |

A real cool, funky island spot. Eat, drink, and have a good time. Price: \$10-20 per person. Serves: lunch & dinner. Live entertainment. Handicap accessible. Outdoor seating.

USBC/USWBC ROUND ROBIN SCORING from Jan Martel

Scoring for the Round Robin in the USBC and USWBC this year will be done by the program on our website, based on score sheets that the North player completes at each table. For those of you who played in the USBC last year, the score sheets will look about the same as they did then. However, there is a significant difference this year – these are now **official score sheets** and **must** be turned in before you can start your next match. Although you will have an opportunity to correct an incorrect score later, it will be much easier for everyone if you are initially accurate. Please check the results with your opponents at the end of each match before turning in the score sheet.

After each round, the scores on the score sheets will be entered into the computer and the computer will calculate IMPs on each board and VPs for the match. These results will be posted online and in addition we will print a scorecard from the match for each team. The VP results will be entered on a cross-table (two for USBC Round Robin 1 which will have two divisions) on the USBF website. We will have computers with overhead projectors in the lobby areas of both the Open and Closed rooms that will project these cross tables on the wall.

If you disagree with a posted result, you must find the captain of the opposing team and the two of you must submit a score correction to one of the DICs, within one hour after the session in which the match was played.

USBC Round Robin Lineup Submission Procedure

This year, as for the last few years, we will be using a “blind” lineup submission procedure for the USBC Round Robin. This means that you will not know your opponents for a match until after you have submitted your lineup. Before each “clump” of matches, you will hand your lineup in to one of our logistics staff (Jan, Rena, Jeff or Tom) and he or she will give you your guide cards for the matches in that clump.

With the exception of the final clump of 4 matches in RR2, you may change your lineup between matches of a clump in either the Open or Closed Room. During the final clump of 4 matches in RR2, the Closed Room teams will be sequestered and may not talk to their teammates. No substitutions will be allowed in the Closed Room during those matches. You may make substitutions in the Open Room at any time. Note that the substitutions must be included on the lineup you submit for each clump. You may make substitutions during a match or clump **only** for emergencies and with permission from a DIC.

USBC FORMAT AND MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

The ITT Conditions of Contest Committee has approved the following format for the USBC Round Robin: The 22 teams playing in the Round Robin will be divided into two 11 team groups of roughly equal ability. Each team will play a 7 board match against each other team in its group. These matches will be played on June 1st and 2nd. The IMPs in each match will be converted to VP's using the USBF 7-Board VP Scale. At the conclusion of this RR, the bottom 3 teams from each group will be eliminated. The remaining 8 teams from each group (16 in all) will complete RR play. Each continuing team will play a 7 board match against each continuing team from the **other** group, on the second half of Saturday, June 2nd, and the first half of Sunday, June 3rd.

After completion of play, each of the continuing teams will have played a 7 board match against all other continuing teams. In addition, each of the continuing teams will have played 3 matches against eliminated teams. The continuing teams' final scores will be the full VPs earned against other continuing teams, whether those VPs were earned in the first day and a half of play or in the final day of play, plus a percentage of the VPs they earned against the eliminated teams. That percentage will depend on the scores of the eliminated teams - VPs earned against a team that did better will count more. The Round of 16 will start the afternoon of Sunday, 6/3, and take 1 1/2 days. Each of the Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals and Finals will take two days. See the tournament schedule on page 10 for exact times of each session of play.

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	14	15.22	4.78	28	18.36	1.64
1	10.47	9.53	15	15.51	4.49	29	18.53	1.47
2	10.92	9.08	16	15.78	4.22	30	18.69	1.31
3	11.35	8.65	17	16.04	3.96	31	18.85	1.15
4	11.77	8.23	18	16.29	3.71	32	19	1
5	12.18	7.82	19	16.53	3.47	33	19.15	0.85
6	12.57	7.43	20	16.76	3.24	34	19.29	0.71
7	12.94	7.06	21	16.99	3.01	35	19.43	0.57
8	13.3	6.7	22	17.21	2.79	36	19.56	0.44
9	13.65	6.35	23	17.42	2.58	37	19.68	0.32
10	13.99	6.01	24	17.62	2.38	38	19.8	0.2
11	14.32	5.68	25	17.82	2.18	39	19.92	0.08
12	14.63	5.37	26	18.01	1.99	40	20	0
13	14.93	5.07	27	18.19	1.81			

**USBF
7-BOARD
VP SCALE**

Puzzle Page

It's review time again at the Widget Factory. Fortunately, it's been a profitable year and most everyone's getting raises. Based on their performance level, some employees got a very generous raise while others got just the average percentage. One department in particular had five high-performance employees who all got well over the average percentage. However, since everyone's salary was at a different level, getting a high percentage raise didn't necessarily mean that they were getting more money than their fellow employees. Determine the full name of these five people, the percentage salary raise of each employee, and how much money each raise represented.

- Anne received a higher dollar amount but a lower percentage than the person who got an 8% raise. Lee, whose last name wasn't Krantz, didn't receive a 7% raise.
- The employees who got a \$4000, \$4200, or \$4500 salary increase were, in no particular order, Paula, Ms. Cary, and the employee who received a 5% raise.
- The employee who got a 6% raise, got a \$3600 salary increase. Harriet received \$200 more than Ms. Krantz.
- The employee who received a 9% raise got a smaller salary increase than what Ms. Cary received but a larger increase than what Ms. Fuller received.
- Maureen received a higher salary increase than Ms. Needham, but she got a lower percentage raise than Ms. Settle.
- Ms. Fuller did not receive the \$3400 salary increase. Ms. Needham received a \$4200 salary increase.

	Cary	Fuller	Krantz	Needham	Settle	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	\$3400	\$3600	\$4000	\$4200	\$4500	
Anne																
Harriet																
Lee																
Maureen																
Paula																
\$3400																
\$3600																
\$4000																
\$4200																
\$4500																
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First Name	Last Name	% Raise	Increase
Anne	Fuller	6%	\$3600
Harriet	Needham	5%	\$4200
Lee	Settle	8%	\$3400
Maureen	Cary	7%	\$4500
Paula	Krantz	9%	\$4000

Bridge in the Fast Lane

To celebrate the International Team Trials being in Chicago ... and to get in a little extra practice before the start of play, Chicago's "hostess with the mostest" (You know who.) held a small dinner and bridge party at her home in Hinsdale on Wednesday evening.

Dealer: W
N/S vul.

♠ JTxx
♥ A
♦ AKx
♣ Axxxx

There was a very interesting hand in the second round of the warm-up session that illustrates the difficulty in handling high level preempts. On the surface, the West hand is a fairly standard 3♦ call at favorable vulnerability. It appears to have seven losers and six winners. However, the club holding (JTx) makes the hand a more attractive 4♦ preempt, especially given the modern use of aggressive preempts.

♠
♥ xx
♦ QJT9xxxx
♣ JTX

♠ A98x
♥ xxxx
♦ x
♣ KOxx

♠ KOxxxx
♥ KQJTxx
♦ x
♣ x

At one table, West opened 3♦. It went pass, pass and South was able to balance with 4♦, allowing North to bid an easy 6♠.

At the other table, West opened 4♦ and South balanced with a sensible 4♥. Would you do anything different?

Now, North knew slam was likely, and holding a double diamond stopper along with the ace of partner's suit, North decided to bid 6NT. This, of course, failed miserably when East had an easy king of clubs lead.

One more time, maximum pressure pays off big!

"Phony" Italians!

Chris Patrias told a humorous story stemming from a past European Championship: Cell phones were banned there (much as they are here). Only at the European Championship, the penalty was 100 Euros as opposed to 3 IMP's (the cost of IMP's is rising like everything else these days!)

One of the wealthy Italian sponsors got a cell phone call. While standing around talking, the director approached and informed him it was illegal and it would cost him 100 Euros. The offender pulled out 200 Euros and handed it to the DIC. The director looked at him quizzically and said, "ONE hundred Euros!"

The Italian smiled knowingly and said, "No problem... I am expecting another call!"

Hospital Bloopers:

These were actual hospital patient reports...

1. The patient refused autopsy.
2. The patient has no previous history of suicides.
3. Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
4. She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
5. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
6. On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.
7. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
8. The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
9. Discharge status: Alive but without permission.
10. Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year old male, mentally alert but forgetful.
11. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
12. She is numb from her toes down.

USBC and USWBC Website Coverage

You can see the current scores in the USBC and USWBC online at <http://www.usbf.org/> as each round is completed and entered into the website scoring program. See the **USBC Round Robin scores for the Bears** and **USBC Round Robin scores for the Bulls** and the **USWBC Round Robin scores**. On the Cross tables, click on a score to see the scorecard for that match. On the scorecard, click on a result to see the hand record (hand records will be available online about two hours after the completion or play). Scores should be up about an hour after the completion of each round of play, but please be understanding if they aren't - we're doing our best, but sometimes accidents will happen.

You can also get to the cross tables by clicking on 2007USBC and 2007USWBC under "Web Vugraphs" in the left hand column on each page of this site.

In addition, you can read the daily bulletins on-line by clicking on the Daily Bulletins link. We are posting the Team *Trials and Tribulations* as soon as it is ready to go. Most often, this will be in the middle of the night the day before the issue is available in hard copy. Again, accidents happen so please bear with us if we are late posting an issue during the week

Getting to the Airport in Comfort:

There is no shuttle from the hotel to the airport. We recommend that you call **Windy City Limousine** to arrange transportation **(866) 94-WINDY**. Their drivers are courteous and helpful ... and unlike many of the cab drivers, they speak English and know their way around the city and the suburbs.

The Green Sheet! TWO Handicappers for the Price of One... See How They Run...

As many of you know, poor Pselma is in rehab but improving daily. Even though I am playing in the event, I feel that I can fairly and accurately report what is happening to you on a daily basis. Obviously, if I am playing in a close match and miss the deadline, I will have to make my predictions the following day. Rest assured that they will still be from my heart and not based on the results. I will go under a Nom De Plume to avoid all of you bugging me to give you a better rating or making fun of my play at the table. I get enough of that from my partner. Let's make this a committee and appeals free event. Play hard, play fair and give full disclosure and may my team win.

Boris aka the Pselma Psubstitute

The Open:

There are a slew of good teams which can, should, might, will and will not come out of RR#1. That said, you know who they are. If you insist, I will give you a sneak peek. I will also give you one upset special, in each direction.

Deutsch: This team has the oldest and the youngest player in the field. That averages out to average. Watch for them to be high up (or just high!)

Weed: First, we wish Charlie a speedy recovery, but this team is down from 4 Italians to one and could need a big boost of pasta. Lev and Pepsi have been hot, but they are no lock... in Pselma's words, "matzoh balls and sausage are no substitute for pspaghetti and meatballs!"

Schuett: The all Chicago (formerly) team, playing on their home court has been given a courtesy bye to come out of the RR. They are allowed to be 3rd or 4th, but not higher. While this may seem unfair to the first non-qualifier, it is a reasonable action for the committee to have taken. This is the equivalent of having Bermuda field a tem when the Bermuda Bowl was in Bermuda

Gordon: This is a hard one to tell. This is a powerful team but lacking direction. They may need to get longer nails in order to hang on. Have you ever had a Gordonburger?

O'Rourke: 3 scalding hot pairs. Your leader at the turn.

Onstott: Wechsel playing with a headache doctor. Hmmm. Cause and effect? This team can go either way. But will it? That is the question.

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Welland: This 5 handed team is strange. They will wear themselves out trying to remember who plays with whom and what they play with that whom.

Colchamiro will bloom.

Harris: While they would have an easier time skipping the RR and just playing in the KO's, as a courtesy they will qualify here first. Dan has recovered nicely from his frostbite and will try to carry the day, but his results will largely be irrelevant as the other pair is the only pair in either event to play the dreaded "Inverted Polish Club".

Mahaffey: This is all about Passell and Wold. First they were on the Meltzer team and got dumped. Then they were on the O'Rourke team and got dumped. Now they are on their own. They will carry this team or.....dump de dump dump.

The Ladies:

1) **Baker:** Very awkward to play 5 handed. They will struggle and are not the lock they once were to qualify, but they do have a lot of firepower. There should have been a trade here. Baker should have acquired Levitina from Narasimhan for a draft pick or two. Watch for that to happen next year.

2) **Goldberg:** Only one well established partnership and that is reconstituted. Could be a struggle to Q.

3) **Kennedy:** Can the wisdom, sageness, experience and long history of winning overcome the relative inexperience of the other two pairs. I think they are a bubble team with a reasonable chance to advance.

4) **Lourie:** This team will hang tough, but has too many countries to conquer.

5) **Moss:** I like this team to lead the field, but really...200 pages of notes to learn? That is a lot to ask of anyone, but Mildred is not just anyone. If she seems distracted when you speak to her, she is. I have played with Judy and it is far better to be with her than against her. These girls are just waiting to find out who the other 3 qualifiers are.

6) **Narasimhan:** Hansa has a nice team which has done well, but they are breaking up. That does not bode well. On paper this is a qualifier, but being a lame duck can have adverse consequences. Therefore, this match could go either way.

7) **Quinn:** Shawn now insists that everyone on the team play the Polish Club. Will this help or hurt them? I see 4 nice players and zero partnerships. We've been taught that bridge is a partnership game. This makes them a possibility at best. If they are down early, implosions may occur. Watch for some colorful language in an Icelandic accent.

8) **Sulgrove:** Some of this team have tasted success at the National level and have experience, but can they handle the curve balls sure to be thrown at them by some of the big names? Possibly a bubble team, depending on how they handle the pressure.

*I, too, wish Pselma a speedy recovery. THREE clairvoyants are better than TWO... unless you want to ruff the third round. I am NOT playing in the event. No one would have me on their team. Now I will get my revenge... telling it like it is! My nom de plume is **NATASHA**. I am Boris' good buddy from Rocky and Friends ... and, if the truth be told, I am a cheerleader for Boris' team!*

My picks:

UWBC-RR: Survivors – **Baker/Moss/Narasimham/Goldberg** (Both 4 person teams wear out and lose early.)

USBC – RR1: Bears eliminated – **Benson** - Sorry Dick but it takes more than 3 girls to carry your weight

Harris - Slow play penalties will catch this team (or their opponents) napping.

Vose - Nice local players but no match for the experienced top teams.

Bulls eliminated –

Hammond - Kitty is dealing with the website AND playing the premier event... too much to do and too little time to do it!


Stark - Remember what they say about Canadian slams... You can't teach an ex-Canadian new tricks!

Hollman – Good players but the “dough boys” need more than yeast to rise above this competition.

When the Overall Smoke Clears: The top 6 seeds from the Bears go to the next round... Only **Schwartz, Cayne** and **Onstott** make it from the Bulls... *Grin and BEAR it... and that's no BULL!!*

A Swing Hand from the USWBC or Trouble in the Closed Rooms!!

Board 2		East	West
Dealer: E	♠ xx	1♠	2♥
N/S vul.	♥ Qx	3♦	3♠
	♦ xxxxx	4♣	4NT
	♣ Kxxx	5♠	6♠

- ♠ Axx
 - ♥ AKJT9x
 - ♦ x
 - ♣ QTx
- 
- ♠ KQJxx
 - ♥ x
 - ♦ KQJx
 - ♣ A9x
- ♠ Txx
 - ♥ xxxxx
 - ♦ Axx
 - ♣ Jxx

Board 2 from the USWBC generated large swings in three of the four matches. In each of the Open Rooms, East/West bid and made six spades.

Stacy Jacobs and Shannon Cappelletti bid to six spades on the straight forward auction shown here... gaining 14 IMPs when their opponents at the other table played six hearts down one.

In six spades, on the lead of a club, declarer must either guess correctly in the club suit or play the hearts for no losers. The results from the Closed Rooms were six spades making, six spades down two, four spades making five, and six hearts down one.

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Team Name	Total	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	BYE
<u>4. Deutsch</u>	100.30		<u>10.00</u>		<u>14.63</u>	<u>11.77</u>	<u>15.78</u>	<u>6.35</u>		<u>11.77</u>	<u>20.00</u>		10.00
<u>1. ORourke</u>	100.11	<u>10.00</u>		<u>9.53</u>	<u>10.92</u>			<u>13.65</u>	<u>14.32</u>		<u>16.76</u>	<u>14.93</u>	10.00
<u>7. Harris</u>	98.49		<u>10.47</u>		<u>11.35</u>	<u>7.06</u>		<u>15.51</u>		<u>19.80</u>	<u>15.22</u>	<u>9.08</u>	10.00
<u>3. Gordon</u>	92.69	<u>5.37</u>	<u>9.08</u>	<u>8.65</u>			<u>11.77</u>		<u>20.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>7.82</u>		10.00
<u>6. Cole</u>	89.16	<u>8.23</u>		<u>12.94</u>			<u>7.06</u>	<u>16.99</u>	<u>9.08</u>	<u>15.78</u>	<u>9.08</u>		10.00
<u>10. Weinstein</u>	84.67	<u>4.22</u>			<u>8.23</u>	<u>12.94</u>		<u>5.07</u>	<u>16.76</u>	<u>6.70</u>	<u>16.76</u>	<u>13.99</u>	
<u>9. Benson</u>	82.01	<u>13.65</u>	<u>6.35</u>	<u>4.49</u>		<u>3.01</u>	<u>14.93</u>		<u>12.18</u>		<u>15.22</u>	<u>12.18</u>	
<u>11. Vose</u>	65.53		<u>5.68</u>		<u>.00</u>	<u>10.92</u>	<u>3.24</u>	<u>7.82</u>		<u>14.93</u>		<u>12.94</u>	10.00
<u>8. Colchamiro</u>	60.58	<u>8.23</u>		<u>.20</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>4.22</u>	<u>13.30</u>		<u>5.07</u>			<u>19.56</u>	10.00
<u>2. Welland</u>	54.36	<u>.00</u>	<u>3.24</u>	<u>4.78</u>	<u>12.18</u>	<u>10.92</u>	<u>3.24</u>	<u>4.78</u>				<u>15.22</u>	
<u>5. Lall</u>	52.10		<u>5.07</u>	<u>10.92</u>			<u>6.01</u>	<u>7.82</u>	<u>7.06</u>	<u>.44</u>	<u>4.78</u>		10.00

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Team Name	Total	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>	BYE
<u>17. Onstott</u>	97.91			<u>13.65</u>			<u>12.94</u>	<u>12.94</u>	<u>18.69</u>	<u>5.68</u>	<u>8.23</u>	<u>15.78</u>	10.00
<u>12. Schwartz</u>	96.13				<u>1.99</u>	<u>11.35</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>11.77</u>	<u>6.70</u>	<u>14.32</u>		<u>20.00</u>	10.00
<u>19. Schuett</u>	90.49	<u>6.35</u>			<u>14.63</u>	<u>18.53</u>		<u>3.96</u>		<u>17.82</u>	<u>11.77</u>	<u>7.43</u>	10.00
<u>14. Robinson</u>	82.82		<u>18.01</u>	<u>5.37</u>				<u>16.53</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>6.01</u>	<u>7.82</u>	<u>9.08</u>	10.00
<u>16. Mahaffey</u>	76.87		<u>8.65</u>	<u>1.47</u>			<u>14.32</u>	<u>10.92</u>	<u>5.68</u>	<u>13.65</u>	<u>12.18</u>		10.00
<u>20. Einberg</u>	75.21	<u>7.06</u>	<u>.00</u>			<u>5.68</u>		<u>11.77</u>	<u>3.71</u>	<u>11.77</u>	<u>16.53</u>	<u>18.69</u>	
<u>22. Hammond</u>	74.29	<u>7.06</u>	<u>8.23</u>	<u>16.04</u>	<u>3.47</u>	<u>9.08</u>	<u>8.23</u>				<u>12.18</u>		10.00
<u>13. Weed - NPC</u>	72.28	<u>1.31</u>	<u>13.30</u>		<u>10.00</u>	<u>14.32</u>	<u>16.29</u>			<u>10.00</u>	<u>7.06</u>	<u>.00</u>	
<u>18. Allegaert</u>	70.75	<u>14.32</u>	<u>5.68</u>	<u>2.18</u>	<u>13.99</u>	<u>6.35</u>	<u>8.23</u>		<u>10.00</u>				10.00
<u>21. Stark</u>	64.55	<u>11.77</u>		<u>8.23</u>	<u>12.18</u>	<u>7.82</u>	<u>3.47</u>	<u>7.82</u>	<u>12.94</u>			<u>.32</u>	
<u>15. Hollman</u>	58.70	<u>4.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>12.57</u>	<u>10.92</u>		<u>1.31</u>		<u>.00</u>		<u>19.68</u>		10.00

The United States Women's Bridge Championships

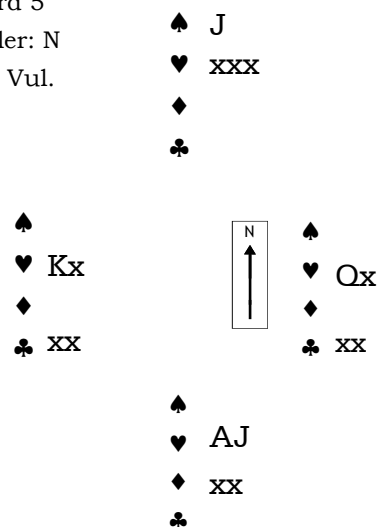
Team Name	Total	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>7. Sulgrove</u>	95.28		<u>15.23</u>	<u>14.68</u>	<u>18.68</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.44</u>	<u>9.14</u>	<u>17.11</u>
<u>2. Narasimhan</u>	90.23	<u>4.77</u>		<u>13.78</u>	<u>3.77</u>	<u>17.31</u>	<u>16.23</u>	<u>17.69</u>	<u>16.68</u>
<u>8. Lourie</u>	71.51	<u>5.32</u>	<u>6.22</u>		<u>4.77</u>	<u>18.68</u>	<u>10.86</u>	<u>14.39</u>	<u>11.27</u>
<u>6. Kennedy</u>	69.40	<u>1.32</u>	<u>16.23</u>	<u>15.23</u>		<u>10.44</u>	<u>17.50</u>	<u>6.89</u>	<u>1.79</u>
<u>4. Moss</u>	63.69	<u>10.00</u>	<u>2.69</u>	<u>1.32</u>	<u>9.56</u>		<u>15.49</u>	<u>9.14</u>	<u>15.49</u>
<u>3. Quinn</u>	60.68	<u>9.56</u>	<u>3.77</u>	<u>9.14</u>	<u>2.50</u>	<u>4.51</u>		<u>14.09</u>	<u>17.11</u>
<u>5. Goldberg</u>	58.22	<u>10.86</u>	<u>2.31</u>	<u>5.61</u>	<u>13.11</u>	<u>10.86</u>	<u>5.91</u>		<u>9.56</u>
<u>1. Baker</u>	50.99	<u>2.89</u>	<u>3.32</u>	<u>8.73</u>	<u>18.21</u>	<u>4.51</u>	<u>2.89</u>	<u>10.44</u>	

Appeals Committee Number One

This case involved a concession of a trick in a 6S contract for down one in a 4 card end position whereupon the Dummy called attention to the fact that Declarer had all of the tricks (which is not a violation of the laws as after a claim or concession is made, any player -including dummy- may call the director). This was the 4 card end position with N to play and it was clear that N knew that the two diamonds in dummy were good:

The Directors ruled that pursuant to Law 71 C (Implausible Concession) that the trick conceded could not be lost by any normal play of the remaining cards and adjusted the result to 1430 for each side. The Appeals Committee unanimously agreed with the Directors that considering the class of player involved that he would not have lost any tricks by any normal play of the remaining cards. That it would be irrational to play a H to the J at trick 10 which is the only line which would result in a loss of a trick.

Board 5
Dealer: N
N/S Vul.



"Save"ing Grace ... A Hand from the USBC

Board 5
Dealer: N
N/S Vul.
♠ K Q 10 8 5 2
♥ K 5
♦ A K Q 10 5
♣

In the Schwartz - Einberg match, Cohen and Berkowitz did well to find the six heart save over five spades holding (between them) the ace, king and queen of clubs, as well as the ace, queen and jack of hearts.

♠ J
♥ J 9 4
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A Q 9 7 3 2

N
↑

♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ A Q 8 7 6 2
♦ 8
♣ K 6

Their teammates made five spades vulnerable for +650, while they went down only three for -500 in six hearts.

♠ A 4
♥ 10 3
♦ J 7 6 4
♣ J 10 8 5 4