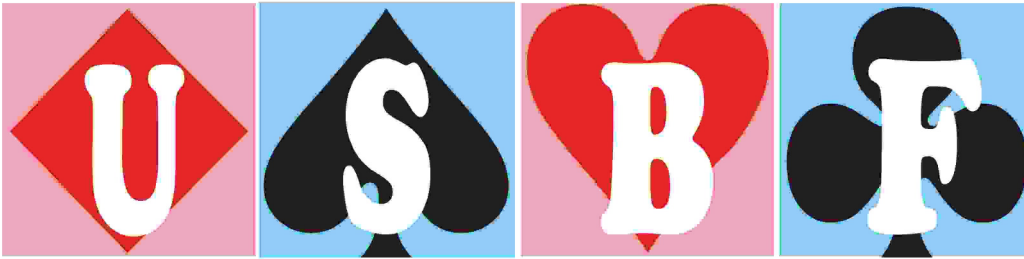


Team "Trials" and Tribulations



Surprising Finish to RR1 as Home Town Boys plus East Coast Pair Lead Field into RR2 ...

The Harris Team, captained by local Marty Harris, is leading the star-studded field into RR2. Playing with Harris are Jacob Morgan from Madison, WI, Dan Gerstman of Buffalo, NY, and Tom Carmichael from Middleton, NJ.

The top eight teams in each bracket continue into RR2. RR2 is a continuation of RR1 where each Bears team will play the eight remaining Bulls team and vice versa. The qualifiers for the KO stage will be the top nine finishers based on combined RR1 and RR2 scores. These teams will be joined in the Round of 16 by the Meltzer team.

Da Bears Bracket

| Team Name | Totl | 7 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 5 | 8 | BYE |
|-------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 7. Harris | 142 | | 10 | 11 | 15 | 7.1 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 9.1 | 20 | 10 |
| 1. ORourke | 136 | 9.5 | | 11 | 10 | 10 | 8.7 | 20 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 10 |
| 3. Gordon | 126 | 8.7 | 9.1 | | 5.4 | 14 | 7.8 | 12 | 16 | 20 | 3.5 | 20 | 10 |
| 4. Deutsch | 119 | 5.1 | 10 | 15 | | 12 | 20 | 16 | 6.4 | 5.1 | 8.2 | 12 | 10 |
| 6. Cole | 118 | 13 | 9.5 | 5.7 | 8.2 | | 9.1 | 7.1 | 17 | 9.1 | 14 | 16 | 10 |
| 2. Welland | 106 | 4.8 | 11 | 12 | 0 | 11 | | 3.2 | 5.4 | 16 | 15 | 17 | 10 |
| 10. Weinstein | 100 | 5.4 | 0.4 | 8.2 | 4.2 | 13 | 17 | | 5.1 | 17 | 14 | 6.7 | 10 |
| 9. Benson | 100 | 4.5 | 6.4 | 4.5 | 14 | 3 | 15 | 15 | | 12 | 12 | 4.2 | 10 |
| 11. Vose | 90 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 0 | 15 | 11 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 7.8 | | 13 | 15 | 10 |
| 5. Lall | 87 | 11 | 5.1 | 17 | 12 | 6.4 | 4.8 | 6 | 7.8 | 7.1 | | 0.4 | 10 |
| 8. Colchamiro | 85 | 0.2 | 6.4 | 0 | 8.2 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 13 | 16 | 5.1 | 20 | | 10 |

Da Bulls Bracket

| Team Name | Tot | 12 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 18 | 13 | 20 | 15 | 16 | 22 | 21 | BYE |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 12. Schwartz | 139 | | 2 | 19 | 10 | 14 | 6.7 | 20 | 20 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 10 |
| 14. Robinson | 126 | 18 | | 15 | 5.4 | 6 | 10 | 8.7 | 9.1 | 19 | 17 | 7.8 | 10 |
| 17. Onstott | 118 | 0.9 | 4.8 | | 14 | 5.7 | 19 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 13 | 8.2 | 10 |
| 19. Schuett | 117 | 9.5 | 15 | 6.4 | | 18 | 10 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 19 | 4 | 12 | 10 |
| 18. Allegaert | 112 | 5.7 | 14 | 14 | 2.2 | | 10 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 15 | 19 | 10 |
| 13. Weed - NPC | 110 | 13 | 10 | 1.3 | 10 | 10 | | 16 | 0 | 14 | 18 | 7.1 | 10 |
| 20. Einberg | 110 | 0 | 11 | 7.1 | 13 | 12 | 3.7 | | 19 | 5.7 | 12 | 17 | 10 |
| 15. Hollman | 106 | 0 | 11 | 4.2 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 1.3 | | 16 | 18 | 20 | 10 |
| 16. Mahaffey | 88 | 8.7 | 1.2 | 6 | 1.5 | 14 | 5.7 | 14 | 3.7 | | 11 | 12 | 10 |
| 22. Hammond | 83 | 8.2 | 3.5 | 7.1 | 16 | 5.4 | 1.8 | 8.2 | 2 | 9.1 | | 12 | 10 |
| 21. Stark | 82 | 7.1 | 12 | 12 | 8.2 | 0.9 | 13 | 3.5 | 0.3 | 7.8 | 7.8 | | 10 |

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Area Eateries



Mexican/Latin

Bocaditos

Brookfield Zoo | Brookfield, IL | 708-485-0263 |

Bocaditos is located on the second floor of the South American Marketplace, and offers outdoor balcony seating with spectacular views of Brookfield Zoo's Andean condors. The restaurant is air-conditioned and features a full bar. From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, Bocaditos is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, and remains open until 7:30 p.m. Sunday evenings in July.

El Meson Mexican Restaurant

34 W. Schaumburg Rd. | Schaumburg, IL | 847-882-1716 |

Colorful murals & decorative native artwork decorate this intimate Mexican restaurant, serving authentic south of the border cuisine. Price: \$10-20 per person. Serves: lunch, dinner & Sunday brunch. Reservations suggested. Handicap accessible, outdoor seating.

Fuego Mexican Grill & Margarita Bar

17 W. Campbell St. | Arlington Heights, IL | 847-590-1122 |

A taste adventure beyond traditional Mexican cuisine featuring specialty Mole sauces, recipes right from Grandma Paula's kitchen and fresh guacamole prepared tableside. Full service bar serving an endless selection of Margaritas, Tequilas and Cervezas. Live Mariachi music Wednesday nights.

Qdoba Mexican Grill

1408 E. Golf | Schaumburg, IL | 847-619-5220 |

Seafood

Bob Chinn's Crabhouse

393 S. Milwaukee Ave. | Wheeling, IL | 847-843-2722 |

Featuring the largest selection of live and fresh seafood. Price: \$30+ per person. Serves: lunch & dinner. Reservations suggested. Handicap accessible.

Bonefish Grill

180 S. Roselle Road | Schaumburg, IL | 847-534-0679 |

Our fish is delivered, inspected, and hand-cut daily. Then it's cooked to perfection over an oak-burning grill. Enjoy a fun, polished-casual atmosphere with refreshing everyday prices. We get fish everyday.

Dover Straits

1149 W. Golf Rd. | Hoffman Estates, IL | 847-884-3900 |

Superb seafood where freshness is a specialty. Price: \$20-30 per person. Serves: lunch & dinner. Live entertainment. Reservations suggested. Handicap accessible.

Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen

798 W. Algonquin Road | Arlington Heights, IL 60005 | 847-228-9551 |

Cajun restaurant whose motto is "Give 'em freshness, plenty to eat and drink at great prices." Price: \$20-30 per person. Serves: lunch & dinner. Live entertainment. Reservations suggested. Handicap accessible.

Shaw's Crab House

1900 E. Higgins Road | Schaumburg, IL | 847-517-2722 |

Serves a variety of fresh seasonal seafood and prime steaks. Price: up to 30+ per person. Serves: lunch & dinner. Reservations suggested. Handicap accessible. Outdoor seating.

"I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me."

- Noel Coward

News from the Canadian Team Trials

CNTC: Semi Final

Thurston 192

Ballantyne 117

Molson/Lebi 169

Frukacz 179

Paul **Thurston**, Rick Delogu, David Colbert, Keith Balcombe, Judith Gartaganis, Nicolas Gartaganis
Waldemar **Frukacz**, Piotr Klimowicz, Hervé Chatagnier, Rene Pelletier, Jeffrey Smith, David Sabourin

BRONZE: Aidan **Ballantyne**, Cam Doner, Jym Galland, Glen Thornborough, James McAvoy, Duncan Smith

BRONZE: Mark **Molson** (Honorary NPC), Robert Lebi, Dan Jacob, George Mittelman, Arno Hobart, David Grainger,
Daniel Korbel

CWTC: Final

GOLD: Sylvia **Caley**, Isabelle Smith, Julie Fajgelzon, Pamela Nisbet

SILVER: Dianna **Gordon**, Joan Eaton, Barbara Clinton, Sandra Fraser, Katrin Litwin, Beverly Kraft

BRONZE: Kathy **Adachi**, June Pocock, Julie Smith, Susan Peters

BRONZE: Susan **Culham**, Kismet Fung, Heather Peckett, Joyce Lemoine

Teams captained by Sylvia Caley and Dianna Gordon made it to the championship round of the Canadian Women's Team Championship. The winner (see above) will face a team from Mexico for the right to play in the Venice Cup at the World Bridge Championships in Shanghai, China, this fall.

In the Canadian Open Teams Championship, the winning team here will also face a team from Mexico with a berth in the Bermuda Bowl in Shanghai at stake.

The Canadian Senior Teams Championship is also underway. The winner of that event earns an automatic berth in the Senior Bowl in Shanghai.

(more updates on page 7)

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.

If your local Dairy Queen is closed from September through May, you live in Chicago
 If someone in a Home Depot store offers you assistance and they don't work there, you live in Chicago
 If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time, you live in Chicago .
 If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you live in Chicago.
 If "Vacation" means going anywhere south of I-80 for the weekend, you live in Chicago .
 If you measure distance in hours, you live in Chicago .
 If you have switched from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and back again, you live in Chicago
 If you can drive 75 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching, you live in Chicago .
 If you carry jumpers in your car and your wife knows how to use them, you live in Chicago.
 If you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit, you live in Chicago
 If the speed limit on the highway is 55 mph -- you're going 80 and everybody is passing you, you live in Chicago.
 If driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow, you live in Chicago.
 If you know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction, you live in Chicago.
 If you have more miles on your snow blower than your car, you live in Chicago
 If you find 10 degrees "a little chilly", you live in Chicago

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 at the mid-afternoon break (approximately 2:45 PM). We may be a bit crowded but we'll see to it that everyone gets to eat.

USWBC Lunch – There are not actual lunch breaks from today forward, but we will try and offer a more substantial breakfast in the hour just before your starting time. Of course, you are welcome to join us for 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 local restaurant advice is found on page 2 of 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.

Puzzle Page

A company was interviewing people for four jobs that had become available. One Monday morning, four people came in to interview. Each interviewee talked with a different manager about a different job. Determine the full name of each interviewee, the full name of each manager, and the job each interviewed for.

- The four people interviewed were Wanda, the person interviewed by Dick, the person who applied for the technician job, and the person who interviewed with Mr. Bourne.
- Terry Stock didn't interview with Cindy. Sara's last name wasn't Kingsley.
- Ms. Thompson didn't interview for the supervisor's job. Mr. Watts didn't interview Wanda. Mike's last name wasn't Heart.
- Ben was interviewing applicants to fill a position for an engineer. Ted's last name wasn't Madison. Cindy Mann didn't interview a woman.
- The person whose last name was Madison interviewed with the person whose last name was Heart, but not for the position of trainer.
- Sara didn't interview with Mike.

| | Kingsley | Madison | Stock | Thompson | Ben | Cindy | Dick | Mike | Bourne | Heart | Mann | Watts | engineer | supervisor | technician | trainer | |
|------------|----------|---------|-------|----------|-----|-------|------|------|--------|-------|------|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Sara | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ted | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Terry | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wanda | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| engineer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| supervisor | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| technician | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| trainer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bourne | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Heart | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mann | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Watts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ben | | | | | | | | | | | | | engineer | Heart | Ben | Madison | Wanda |
| Cindy | | | | | | | | | | | | | supervisor | Bourne | Mike | Stock | Terry |
| Dick | | | | | | | | | | | | | technician | Mann | Cindy | Kingsley | Ted |
| Mike | | | | | | | | | | | | | trainer | Watts | Dick | Thompson | Sara |
| Position | | | | | | | | | | | | | Last Name | First Name | Last Name | First Name | Position |



From the Editor

Welcome to the Windy City! Tobey Belmont, President of District 13, John Goldstein, President of Unit 123, and I are delighted to have you all back in Chicago so soon after the 2006 Summer NABC.

If you have an interesting hand, an amusing anecdote, or especially any printable (or not) gossip (Martha, I am counting on you!), you can find me (or Stan) hanging around the playing site or you can email me at: stan-subeck@prodigy.net. I welcome all submissions!!

I want to add our thanks to Tom Sucher for finding this great playing site... to Jan Martel and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for making this incredibly extensive VuGraph program possible... to Barbara Nudelman, Rena Hetzer and Joan Gerard for serving up their amazing brand of hospitality... and to Jeff Johnston for his successful "behind the scenes" operations.

If there is anything you need, please let us know and we will do our best to make it happen!

It was opening night at the Orpheum and the Claude the Amazing Hypnotist was topping the bill. People came from miles around to see the famed hypnotist do his stuff. As Claude took to the stage, he announced, "Unlike most stage hypnotists who invite two or three people up onto the stage to be put into a trance, I intend to hypnotize each and every member of the audience."

The excitement was almost electric as Claude withdrew a beautiful antique pocket watch from his coat. "I want you each to keep your eye on this antique watch. It's a very special watch. Its been in my family for six generations."

He began to swing the watch gently back and forth while quietly chanting, "Watch the watch, watch the watch, watch the watch.... "

The crowd became mesmerized as the watch swayed back and forth, light gleaming off its polished surface. Hundreds of pairs of eyes followed the swaying watch, until suddenly it slipped from the hypnotist's fingers and fell to the floor, breaking into a hundred pieces.

"Crap!" said the hypnotist. It took three weeks to clean up the theater.

A blonde decides to try horseback riding, despite having had no lessons or prior experience. She mounts the horse unassisted and the horse immediately springs into motion. It gallops along at a steady rhythmic pace, but the blonde begins to slip from the saddle. In terror, she grabs for the horse's mane, but cannot seem to get a firm grip. She tries to throw her arms around the horse's neck, but she slides down the side of the horse anyway. The horse gallops along, seemingly oblivious to its slipping rider.

Finally, giving up her frail grip, she leaps away from the horse to try and throw herself to safety. Unfortunately for the blonde, her foot becomes entangled in the stirrup and is now at the mercy of the horse's pounding hooves as her head is struck against the ground again and again. Her head is battered against the ground, mere moments away from unconsciousness when...

Stan the Walmart manager runs out to shut the horse off.

"Red meat is NOT bad for you. Now blue-green meat, THAT'S bad for you!"
-Tommy Smothers

Hospital Bloopers

While in ER, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.

The skin was moist and dry.

Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.

Patient was alert and unresponsive.

Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.

She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.

I saw your patient today, who is still under our care for physical therapy.

Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.

Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.

The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.

Skin: somewhat pale but present.

The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.

Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

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.

More on the Canadian Championships... (updated from page 3)

The team captained by Sylvia Caley defeated the Dianna Gordon squad 185-134 in the Canadian Women's Team Championship final in Winnipeg MB. Caley's teammates were Isabelle Smith, Julia Fajgelzon and Pamela Nisbet. They will face a team from Mexico later this year for the right to play in the Venice Cup at the World Bridge Championships in Shanghai, China.

In the Canadian Open Teams Championship, the Paul Thurston team earned a berth in the final, defeating the Aidan Ballantyne squad 192-117. Their opponents will be led by Waldermar Frukacz, 179-169 winners over the Mark Molson/Robert Lebi squad.

In the Canadian Senior Team Championship, the semifinal matchups, by captain, are John Carruthers versus David Greenough and Gary Whiteman versus Ray Jotcham.

The Moral of The Story Is ...

A teacher told her young class to ask their parents for a family story with a moral at the end of it, and to return the next day to tell their stories.

In the classroom the next day, Joe gave his example first, "My dad is a farmer and we have chickens. One day we were taking lots of eggs to market in a basket on the front seat of the truck when we hit a big bump in the road; the basket fell off the seat and all the eggs broke. The moral of the story is not to put all your eggs in one basket.."

"Very good," said the teacher.

Next, Mary said, "We are farmers too. We had twenty eggs waiting to hatch, but when they did we only got ten chicks. The moral of this story is not to count your chickens before they're hatched.."

"Very good," said the teacher again, very pleased with the response so far.

Next it was Barney's turn to tell his story: "My dad told me this story about my Aunt Karen.... Aunt Karen was a flight engineer in the war and her plane got hit. She had to bail out over enemy territory and all she had was a bottle of whiskey, a machine gun and a machete."

"Go on," said the teacher, intrigued.

"Aunt Karen drank the whiskey on the way down to prepare herself; then she landed right in the middle of a hundred enemy soldiers. She killed seventy of them with the machine gun until she ran out of bullets. Then she killed twenty more with the machete till the blade broke. And then she killed the last ten with her bare hands."

"Good heavens," said the horrified teacher, "What did your father say was the moral of that frightening story?"

"Stay away from Aunt Karen when she's been drinking..."

"Actually, it only takes one drink to get me loaded. Trouble is, I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or fourteenth."
-George Burns

The Best of Late Night...

"Not such a great day for the "Girls Gone Wild" guy, Joe Francis. He got sentenced to 35 days in jail for contempt of court in Florida. And he cried. He didn't want to be photographed going to jail so he pulled his T-shirt up over his head."

-Craig Ferguson

"While Simon Cowell was in Los Angeles working on "American Idol," his home in London was robbed. Police say it was the work of professional thieves, but Cowell described them as "amateurish and uninspired." -Conan O'Brien

"According to a news report out today, on the average, 2006 was the safest year for airlines. It's mostly due to JetBlue. You can't have an accident if you never leave the runway." -Jay Leno

"Sunday is Earth Day. In honor of Earth Day, all of today's jokes have been recycled." -David Letterman

"A new study says that heart disease is related to erectile dysfunction. No wonder Dick Cheney has been so grumpy all the time." -Jay Leno

"Jessica Simpson's father has offered to manage Britney Spears' career. When asked why he wants to manage Britney, he said, "She's like the third untalented daughter I never had." -Conan O'Brien

"Prime Minister Tony Blair says that bad drivers kill more people and are a bigger threat to the world than war and disease. In fact, I read that in the paper this morning in the car as I was driving to work." -Jay Leno

"Beautiful day. It was warm and still. Actually the only breeze we had was from the Yankees blowing another game." -David Letterman

"The story that has rocked show business: Rosie O'Donnell announced that she's leaving "The View." The sad part: None of the other hosts on "The View" heard what she said because they were all talking at the same time." -Jay Leno

"Big news: Rosie O'Donnell is leaving "The View." After making that announcement, she shaved her head and checked into rehab." -David Letterman

Taxicab Confessions...

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, when then the still shaking driver said, "I'm sorry but you scared the daylights out of me."

The frightened passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much. The driver replied, "No, no, I'm sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years."

Board 2

Dealer: E

N/S vul.

♠ 95

♥ Q7

♦ T5432

♣ K542

♠ A63

♥ AKJT93

♦ 9

♣ QT8



♠ KQJ42

♥ 6

♦ KQJ7

♣ A93

♠ T87

♥ 8542

♦ A86

♣ J76

Board Two from the 1st round of the USWBC

We featured Board 2 from the USWBC on page 12 of yesterday's bulletin.

It is interesting to note that the double dummy analysis on the hand records shows that by guessing perfectly (or knowing all the cards as in double dummy, of course), East/West can make six no-trump, six spades, six hearts, four diamonds, and four clubs.

How often do you see a board where one side can be successful at the four level or higher in all four suits AND no-trump?

No wonder there were so many swings on this hand.

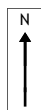
Some People Just Can't Follow "Directions!"

If the 7th round scores in the yesterday's USBC don't make sense to you, it could be because there was a double forfeit in the Hollman-Weed match. Both teams sat the same way as their teammates! (In a manner of speaking, you could have had TEN cell phone calls for the same price.)

Board 3
 Dealer: S
 E/W Vul.

♠ T984
 ♥ 2
 ♦ QT975
 ♣ Q53

♠ KJ653
 ♥ J83
 ♦ K
 ♣ AK86



♠ A7
 ♥ AKQ65
 ♦ A3
 ♣ T972

♠ Q2
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Squeeze for Seven Notrump ... from the USBC

This was indeed a strange board. In most of the first day matches, one table would get to four hearts while the other got to the heart grand. Taking thirteen tricks in hearts is easy. You simply set up the long spade for the thirteenth trick.

The hand record indicates that 7NT is cold... and it is. It just isn't that easy to see. Whatever South leads, North is hopelessly squeezed in the black suits.



You don't need to be a magician to pull this one off! With the queen of spades in the pocket, all you need is a 3/3 break or for one opponent to hold three clubs and four spades.

It's Russian Roulette as Natasha Takes One Bullet in the Bulls Bracket and Two in the Bears ... But She's Still Very Much Alive for RR2!

Natasha goes three for six in RR1 eliminations – It's early in the pennant race and playing .500 ball beats Pinella and his boys.

1 for 3 in the **Bears** bracket was not good handicapping. The "distaff" threesome must have been lifting weights in Stacy's gym as it dragged the old man across the finish line. Rumor has it that RK wanted to be NPC of the team but that really would have been too much weight to carry... Besides, when it was pickles for all to celebrate, he would have turned green and left.

The Harris team finished every round on time and leads the field into RR2. With Arlington Park around the corner, these locals have really picked up the pace.

Natasha would have been perfect in the **Bulls** bracket if the Hollman team hadn't rested for an extra round so they could make a charge to the finish line and nip Mahaffey by a length for the last qualifying spot.

The good news: Those of you who paid me for my picks will be pleased to know that 8 of my 9 picks to survive RR2 are still alive. Obviously the seeding committee drinks too much and reversed the Lall and Harris teams. Just call my 800 number, pay the juice and win again.

"What Women Want: To be loved, to be listened to, to be desired, to be respected, to be needed, to be trusted, and sometimes, just to be held. What Men Want: Tickets for the world series." -Dave Barry

"I am so busy doing nothing... that the idea of doing anything - which as you know, always leads to something - cuts into the nothing and then forces me to have to drop everything." -Jerry Seinfeld

It's Cold in Siberia but Heating Up in Chicago ... Boris' Blathers On ...

Well, this is a fine kettle of fish. What is going on here? I thought that Mike and Eddie would romp and stomp but they've "beet" a hasty retreat. You will note, however, that everything else is proceeding apace. This is a tough event with many good teams fighting for too few spots. The Musical Chairs continues....After 2 rounds played in RR2, you will notice that my three picks are running 1,2 and 3. Is it too late to make a bet on the Belmont Stakes?

I said Deutsch would be high, Harris didn't really need to bother and O'Rourke was a lock. If I get much better, the teams can save the airfare.

Here goes: It seems that if your team is near the end of the alphabet, then you will be in some trouble. Stark and Vose left early while Welland, Weed and Weinstein (sounds like a law firm) need to kick it up a notch in order to survive. Hollman is struggling but will put on a burst to make it while Einberg, who has been a factor, will slide.

The interesting team here is Gordon. They could come in anywhere from 2nd to 9th, based on volatility. But they will be there at the bell. Look for these 9 teams to be there at the finish:

Deutsch, O'Rourke, Harris, Gordon, Onstott, Schuett, Schwartz, with Welland, Weed, Hollman and Robinson clawing for the last two spots.

For those who were questioning the Schuett bye out of the RR, it does not apply to the Knockout phase. If you have any questions, please e-mail Barry Rigal at www.CametoUSAtomaketherules.com.

As for the ladies, Baker, who was all but cooked yesterday is staging a big comeback. Will it be enough? The answer is yes. Will they win the K/O's, though? You will find out from me tomorrow. Sulgrove, who was all but invincible yesterday is having trouble hitting those curveballs today and may be sent to the showers.

In the topsy turvy world of women's bridge, here are your 4 finalists: The major upset here is Moss. Kind of surprising as they were on everyone's list pre tourney, including mine.

Narasimhan with the whip in the air.

Baker/Phoenix

Quinn

Sulgrove

We look to survive, but the light seems to be dimming a bit. Too bad we are not playing in New York, in the "Borscht Belt". In lieu of that, I will go have a belt of Borscht.

Boris

p.s. Natasha's not doing badly either... but she's a little "heavy" handed for me! RK as NPC? BS!!

Twenty Four Short Hours...

A doctor walks into the room and tells his patient, "I have some bad news and some very bad news."

The patient, resigned to his fate, says, "Well, might as well give me the bad news first."

"The lab called with your test results," the doctor began. "Unfortunately, you've got a rare condition and they said you have 24 hours to live."

"24 Hours!?" exclaimed the patient. "That's terrible! What could be worse than that? What's the very bad news?"

"I've been trying to reach you since yesterday."

Fore...

A man and a friend are playing golf one day at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer.

His friend says: "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man."

The man then replies: "Yeah, well we were married 35 years."

USBC 2007 2nd Round Robin - 4 Matches to Go Tomorrow

| Team Name | Total | Carry Over | 12 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 19 | 20 | 3 | 17 | 18 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 2 | 9 | 10 |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. Schwartz | 171 | 116.53 | | 14 | | | | | | 15 | | | | | | 9.5 | 16 | |
| 7. Harris | 159 | 118.58 | 6.4 | | | | | 10 | | | | 6.4 | | 17 | | | | |
| 1. ORourke | 156 | 112.07 | | | | | | | 9.1 | | 15 | 5.4 | | 15 | | | | |
| 6. Cole | 150 | 95.63 | | | | | | | | | 12 | 11 | 13 | | 18 | | | |
| 4. Deutsch | 144 | 100.56 | | | | | | 12 | | | 6.4 | | 6.4 | 19 | | | | |
| 19. Schuett | 140 | 95.83 | | 10 | | | | 8.2 | | | | | | | | 13 | | 13 |
| 20. Einberg | 136 | 87.81 | | | 11 | | | | | 15 | | | | | | | 4.8 | 17 |
| 3. Gordon | 136 | 102.29 | 4.8 | | | | | | 4.8 | | | | 14 | 9.5 | | | | |
| 17. Onstott | 133 | 95.83 | | | 5.4 | 8.2 | 14 | | | | | | | | | 10 | | |
| 18. Allegaert | 131 | 88.15 | | 14 | 15 | 8.7 | | | | 5.7 | | | | | | | | |
| 13. Weed - NPC | 130 | 87.26 | | | | 7.1 | 14 | | | 10 | | | | | | | | 11 |
| 14. Robinson | 127 | 101.24 | | 2.6 | 5.1 | | 1.3 | | | | | | | | | | | 17 |
| 15. Hollman | 121 | 77.34 | | | | 1.8 | | | | | | | | | | 15 | 11 | 16 |
| 2. Welland | 114 | 80.86 | 10 | | | | | 7.1 | | | 10 | | | | 5.4 | | | |
| 9. Benson | 112 | 81.21 | 4.2 | | | | | | 15 | | | | | 2.8 | 8.7 | | | |
| 10. Weinstein | 101 | 78.8 | | | | | | 7.1 | 2.8 | | | | 8.7 | 3.7 | | | | |

USWBC - RR2 Finals-Narasimhan Picks Its Opponent for Today's KO

| Team Name | Total | Carry | 2 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 6 |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2. Narasimhan | 179.08 | 90.23 | | 16.46 | 4.51 | 15.23 | 12.05 | 10.86 | 17.69 | 12.05 |
| 7. Sulgrove | 160.66 | 95.98 | 3.54 | | 3.77 | 4.77 | 7.58 | 16.68 | 13.11 | 15.23 |
| 1. Baker | 145.04 | 50.99 | 15.49 | 16.23 | | 9.14 | 16.00 | 12.05 | 9.14 | 16.00 |
| 3. Quinn | 145.02 | 59.27 | 4.77 | 15.23 | 10.86 | | 11.27 | 10.44 | 15.49 | 17.69 |
| 4. Moss | 133.96 | 65.10 | 7.95 | 12.42 | 4.00 | 8.73 | | 6.22 | 17.87 | 11.67 |
| 5. Goldberg | 130.78 | 58.22 | 9.14 | 3.32 | 7.95 | 9.56 | 13.78 | | 19.25 | 9.56 |
| 8. Lourie | 118.21 | 71.51 | 2.31 | 6.89 | 10.86 | 4.51 | 2.13 | .75 | | 19.25 |
| 6. Kennedy | 107.25 | 68.70 | 7.95 | 4.77 | 4.00 | 2.31 | 8.33 | 10.44 | .75 | |

The one, two and three seeds moved on to the semi-final in the Women's Championship. Narasimhan becomes the one seed and will pick her opponent for today's head-up match. Sulgrove, the original seven seed, becomes the two seed in today's match.

Don't miss the action on Bridge Base Online when these teams square off against one another.

If you prefer to watch the Open, the Round of 16 will also be featured on VuGraph this afternoon and evening.

We are still looking for volunteers to man the VuGraph during the week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). Contact Jan Martel or Tom Sucher if you can help. Jan will train you so you can operate the machinery and do some color commentary for the spectators.