

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
UNITED STATES WOMEN'S BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team "Trials" and Tribulations

Harris Upsets Robinson! Deutsch Upsets Gordon!

Harris, the original 16 seed, beat the experienced Robinson squad in yesterday's round of 16. They advance to play Ekeblad today and tomorrow in the quarterfinals.

In today's other quarterfinal matches, O'Rourke will play Schwartz; Meltzer will play Deutsch.

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
3	O'Rourke	193	13	37	<u>40</u>	28	<u>35</u>	40
14	Schuett	177	39	4	<u>19</u>	40	<u>39</u>	36
4	Meltzer	153	43	30	42	38		
13	Einberg	73	15	17	21	20	W/D	
5	Gordon	180	<u>14</u>	49	14	<u>38</u>	<u>39</u>	26
12	Deutsch	200	<u>33</u>	23	34	<u>46</u>	<u>21</u>	43
6	Schwartz	242	38	62	58	22	30	32
11	Allegaert	162	54	16	39	22	11	20
7	Robinson	181	<u>23</u>	68	20	24	22	24
10	Harris	190	<u>33</u>	25	43	27	43	19

You can watch all of today's action live on VuGraph on Bridge Base Online. There will be expert commentators and scores of spectators to add to your enjoyment!

While working at a pizza parlor I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6 pieces. He thought about it for some time before responding. "Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces."

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Saving Grace ...

Board 49
 Dealer: N
 None Vul.

♠ KQ862
 ♥ QT
 ♦
 ♣ KQJ874

♠ 9743
 ♥ 9743
 ♦ K52
 ♣ 63



♠ J
 ♥ KJ862
 ♦ QT974
 ♣ AT

♠ AT5
 ♥ A5
 ♦ AJ863
 ♣ 952

In the Sulgrove/Baker match, North/South bid to four spades in the Closed Room. As you can see, six spades is an easy make. This would appear to be a likely loss for N/S, but Linda McGarry and Laurie Kranyak held the East/West cards in the Open Room. These ladies are not known to be shy bidders. The auction in the Closed Room was:

North	East	South	West
McCallum	McGarry	Sanborn	Kranyak
1♣	2NT	Double	4♥
4♠	Pass	6♣	6♦
Pass	6♥	Double	All Pass

Laurie either liked her fine distribution or the four pair she held in spades and hearts, but when Laurie saves, everything works out fine. Six hearts went down three tricks and Sulgrove lost only one IMP instead of the expected eleven!



"Golf and sex are about the only things you can enjoy without being good at."
 - Jimmy Demaret

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.

Area Eateries - Special at Shaw's

LOBSTER FEST AT SHAW'S CRAB HOUSE

Shaw's Crab House

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It's that time again! Shaw's Crab House is celebrating Maine lobsters this summer at its annual Lobster Fest. Stop by a Shaw's location (Chicago or Schaumburg) between June 1 and July 31, 2007, to enjoy special lobster dishes, such as Rocky's Lobster Deal (\$24.95), and a limited time menu in honor of these "rock" lobsters from the East Coast. Even better, every time you dine at Shaw's during Lobster Fest, you will have a chance to win a Rockin' Lobster Dinner Party for you and fourteen friends.

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USBC Teams

Allegaert: Withrop Allegaert, Jaggy Shivdasani, Lapt Chan, Aaron Silverstein, Kevin Bathhurst, Judith Bianco

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

Harris: Martin Harris, Jacob Morgan, Dan Gerstman, Tom Carmichael

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

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

USWBC Teams

Baker (bye ► RR2): Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum, Kerri Sanborn, Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer

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

Just when you thought you knew everything... Uses for Coca-Cola You Never Thought Possible!!

To clean a toilet: Pour a can of Coca-Cola into the toilet bowl. Let the "real thing" sit for one hour, then flush clean. The citric acid in Coke removes stains from vitreous china.

To remove rust spots from chrome car bumpers: Rub the bumper with a crumpled-up piece of Reynolds Wrap aluminum foil dipped in Coca-Cola.

To clean corrosion from car battery terminals: Pour a can of Coca-Cola over the terminals to bubble away the corrosion.

To loosen a rusted bolt: Applying a cloth soaked in Coca-Cola to the rusted bolt for several minutes.

To bake a moist ham: Empty a can of Coca-Cola into the baking pan; wrap the ham in aluminum foil, and bake. Thirty minutes before the ham is finished, remove the foil, allowing the drippings to mix with the Coke for a sumptuous brown gravy.

To remove grease from clothes: Empty a can of Coke into a load of greasy clothes, add detergent, and run through a regular cycle. The Coca-Cola will help loosen grease stains.

It will also clean road haze from your windshield!

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 no actual lunch breaks, 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 may be 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.

Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?

John Locke: Because he was exercising his natural right to liberty.

Machiavelli: The point is that the chicken crossed the road. Who cares why? The ends of crossing the road justify whatever motive there was.

Timothy Leary: Because that's the only kind of trip the Establishment would let it take.

The Bible: And God came down from the heavens, and He said unto the chicken, "Thou shalt cross the road." And the Chicken crossed the road, and there was much rejoicing.

Darwin #1: Chickens, over great periods of time, have been naturally selected in such a way that they are now genetically predisposed to cross roads

Darwin #2: It was the logical next step after coming down from the trees.

Jerry Seinfeld: Why does anyone cross a road? I mean, why doesn't anyone ever think to ask, "What the heck was this chicken doing walking around all over the place anyway?"

Martin Luther King, Jr.: I envision a world where all chickens will be free to cross roads without having their motives called into question.

Grandpa: In my day, we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Someone told us that the chicken had crossed the road, and that was good enough for us.

Bill Gates: I have just released the new Chicken 2000, which will both cross roads AND balance your checkbook, though when it divides 3 by 2 it gets 1.4999999999.

Colonel Sanders: I missed one?



Plato: For the greater good.

Aristotle: To actualize its potential.

Albert Einstein: Whether the chicken crossed the road or the road crossed the chicken depends upon your frame of reference.

Ralph Waldo Emerson: It didn't cross the road; it transcended it.

Joseph Stalin: I don't care. Catch it. I need its eggs to make my omelet.

Dr. Seuss: Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? Yes the chicken crossed the road, but why he crossed, I've not been told!

OJ Simpson: It didn't. I was playing golf with it at the time.

Actual Caddy Quotes

Golfer: "I've played so poorly all day; I think I'm going to go drown myself in that lake."

Caddy: "I doubt you could keep your head down that long."

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to be able to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try heaven. You've already moved most of the earth."

Golfer: "Well, I have never played this badly before!"

Caddy: "I didn't realize you had played before, sir."

Golfer: "Caddy, do you think my game is improving?"

Caddy: "Oh yes, sir! You miss the ball much closer than you used to."

Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time, caddy. It's distracting!"

Caddy: "This isn't a watch, sir, its a compass!"

Golfer: "Caddy, do you think it is a sin to play golf on Sunday?"

Caddy: "The way you play, sir, it's a sin any day of the week!"

Golfer: "This golf is a funny game."

Caddy: "It's not supposed to be."

Golfer: "That can't be my ball, caddy. It looks far too old."

Caddy: "It's a long time since we started, sir."

Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5-iron?"

Caddy: "Eventually."

Golfer (screaming): "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world!"

Caddy: "I doubt it. That would be too much of a coincidence!"



Riddles (answers on bottom of page)

I have two U.S. coins that add up to fifty-five cents. One is not a nickel. What coins are they?

A farmer had nine sheep, and all but seven died. How many did he have left?

Three large people try to crowd under one small umbrella, but nobody gets wet. How is this possible?

You are a bus driver. At the first stop of the day, eight people get on board. At the second stop, four get off, and eleven get on. At the third stop, two get off, and six get on. At the fourth stop, thirteen get off, and one gets on. At the fifth stop, five get off, and three get on. At the sixth stop, three get off, and two get on. What color are the bus driver's eyes?

If you take two apples from three apples, how many do you have?

A certain five letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it. What is the word?

An electric train is traveling northwest at 95 miles per hour, and the wind is blowing southwest at 95 miles per hour. In which direction does the smoke blow?

Some months have 30 days. Some months have 31 days. How many months have 28 days?

Alert!!

Please be aware that the victorious teams need to apply for Visas for Shanghai. Barbara Nudelman has the applications in her suite. At the end of competition, please see Barbara to obtain an application.

Update:

Jim Chiszar, long-time ACBL director from Chicago, is in the hospital in Florida. He had a quadruple by-pass a week ago. He is having difficulty breathing on his own, and has developed a blood infection.

We all wish him well and hope that his condition improves rapidly. We will keep you updated as information is made available to us.

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his Sweat- shirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," I replied. "What does it say on your shirt?"

He yelled back, "University of Oklahoma."

And they say blondes are dumb...



When they meet, they're both exactly the same distance from New York City

All of them

There isn't any smoke. It is an electric train.

Short.

Two.

Whatever color yours are. You're the bus driver.

The sun is shining; there's no rain.

Seven.

A nickel and a half dollar. Only one is not a nickel.

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
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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

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

Go Girl Go!

A man and his wife, now in their 60's, were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. On their special day a good fairy came to them and said that because they had been so good that each one of them could have one wish.

The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband.

Whoosh! Immediately she had airline/cruise tickets in her hands.

The man wished for a female companion 30 years younger...

Whoosh, immediately he turned ninety!!!

Gotta love that fairy!

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the mail folder "Instruction Manuals"

It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower, "honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?" "Probably that I married you for your money!" she replied.

Creating Upsets

E/W Vul.
Dealer: N

♠ QT6
♥ KJ
♦ QJ97
♣ KJ98

♠ A7
♥ 9632
♦ A62
♣ 7632



♠ KJ842
♥ AQT8
♦ T5
♣ A4

♠ 953
♥ 754
♦ K843
♣ QT5

In yesterday's Harris/Robinson match, the final score was 181-190. On this board from the final segment, Harris gained ten IMPs by bidding an aggressive vulnerable game. Here is the auction:

North	East	South	West
	Jacob Morgan		Marty Harris
1♦	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

As you can see, the cards lie favorably and East/West can actually make five hearts. Even if the cards were not this favorable, there are many positions in which 4♥ is cold. Most people would shy away from game on these hands because of the lack of distribution combined with a minimum amount of high card strength. Morgan-Harris did well to evaluate

the hand the way they did and bid the game. Harris' three heart bid was a little aggressive, but this is the secret to upsetting more experienced teams.

Sacrifice Slam Makes ... Freely Bid Slam Fails

Board 87
Dealer: S
All Vul.

♠ 2
♥ JT5
♦ AQ63
♣ AKQ82

♠ 653
♥ K964
♦ KJ8754
♣



♠ KQJT9874
♥ AQ
♦ T2
♣ 9

♠ A
♥ 8732
♦ 9
♣ JT76543

West	North	East	South
Miller	Grue	Wickham	Cheek
Pass	1♣	4♠	5♣
5♠	6♣	Pass	Pass
6♠	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West	North	East	South
Hampson	Schuett	Greco	Demirev
Pass	1♣	4♠	5♣
5♦	Double	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

In the final segment of the Schuett/O'Rourke match, sparks flew on Board 87, shown here. In one room, E/W took the sacrifice in six spades and scored +1660 when South led the ace of spades and followed it up with the a low heart. (Perhaps the trump deuce was interpreted as an upside suit preference signal?) When the JTx of hearts came down, declarer was able to use his carefully preserved four of spades as an entry to dummy to discard both of his losing diamonds.

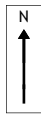
At the other table, six clubs went down one when declarer had no place to park two of his losing hearts.

Problem Board

Board 42
Dealer: E
All Vul.

♠ J986
♥ T754
♦
♣ T8743

♠ AK
♥ 3
♦ AKQT543
♣ KJ5



♠ T7532
♥ A98
♦ 9
♣ AQ62
♠ Q4
♥ KQJ62
♦ J8762
♣ 9

Most tables in the Round of 16 USBC arrived at either six or seven diamonds. Seven fails because of the 5-0 trump split. Six is cold by winning the opening lead, crossing to dummy and running the nine of trumps. However, on a black suit lead, declarer must decide if he is more worried about a 5-1 break in the led suit or a 5-0 trump split. Probably it is right to protect against the 5-0 trump split because the black suit singleton will only be able to ruff if it his partner holds the diamond jack. If South has a black singleton, he is slightly more likely to hold diamond length, and therefore, will hold the jack more than 50% of the time. This somewhat twisted reasoning leads to the conclusion that it is best to cross to dummy and run the trump nine.

In the Schuett/O'Rourke match, Miller and Wickham bid the diamond grand and failed two tricks because of the bad trump split. At the other table, the opponents played and made four spades in the five-two fit on the following auction:

West	North	South	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	2♥
3♦	4♥	4♠	All Pass

To say the least, the Schuett squad was disappointed when comparing!

Aggressive Bidding Pays Off Again!

Board 76
Dealer: W
N/S Vul.

♠ 98
♥ K73
♦ A832
♣ K975

♠ AQ753
♥ T82
♦ Q65
♣ T6



♠ JT642
♥ A
♦ J974
♣ AJ3
♠ K
♥ QJ9654
♦ KT
♣ Q842

Hampson and Greco are known for their aggressive style. On Board 76, from the final segment of their match against the Schuett team, they reached four spades doubled with the East/West cards. At the other table, the opponents played in a part score, gaining the O'Rourke team a 6 IMP swing.

As long as declarer guesses the diamond position, four spades cannot be beat.

At first it appears that South could get a diamond ruff with his singleton king of spades, however, if this occurs, declarer counters by discarding a club on his fourth diamond, and the opponents are helpless.

Again, it is a basically flat eight count opposite a minimum opener and it produces a game swing.

Two blonde girls were working for the city public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind her and fill the hole in.

They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one girl digging a hole, the other girl filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work, but I don't get it -- why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped her brow and sighed, "I suppose it looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the girl who plants the trees called in sick."

A Quiz for People Who Know Everything from Art Desmond

1. There's one "sport" in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. What is it?
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. Name the only sport in which the ball is always in possession of the team on defense, and the offensive team can score without touching the ball?
5. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
6. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
7. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw." They are all common. Name two of them.
8. There are fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name half of them?
9. Where are the lakes that are referred to in the "Los AngelesLakers?"
10. There are seven ways a baseball player can legally reach first base without getting a hit. Taking a base on balls (a walk) is one way. Name the other six.
11. It's the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh. What is it?
12. Name six or more things that you can wear on your feet that begin with the letter "S."

"Answers To Quiz"

1. There's one "sport" in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. What is it? Boxing.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward? NiagaraFalls. The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons.All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables? Asparagus and rhubarb.
- 4 Name the only sport in which the ball is always in possession of the team on defense, and the offensive team can score without touching the ball? Baseball.
5. What fruit has its seeds on the outside? Strawberry.
6. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine--it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle? The pear grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the whole growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snapped off at the stems.
- 7 Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw." They are all common. Name two of them. Dwarf, dwell, and dwindle.
8. There are fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name half of them? Period, comma, colon, semi-colon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.
9. Where are the lakes that are referred to in the "Los Angeles Lakers?" In Minnesota. The team was originally known as the Minneapolis Lakers and kept the name when they moved west.
10. There are seven ways a baseball player can legally reach first base without getting a hit. Taking a base on balls (a walk) is one way. Name the other six. Batter hit by a pitch; passed ball third strike; catcher interference; catcher drops third strike; fielder's choice; and being designated as a pinch runner.
11. It's the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh. What is it? Lettuce.
12. Name six or more things that you can wear on your feet that begin with the letter "S." Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

Vodka and Tonic Please... A Double!

Boris, Boris, Boris:

You were 9imps away from being perfect. Meltzer and Schwartz won handily, O'Rourke won in a dogfight, Deutsch completed the upset of Gordon, but Harris proved 9imps too tough for the Little People. Will the Inverted Polish Club become standard within a year?

We now have a Cinderella team in the round of 8 as well as a team with not one, but 2 new partnerships. Boris bet the Dacha that this would occur. What will the round of 8 bring us? Shall we see?

Eckblatt finally makes their debut as they performed drop into the round of 8. This is the team, with Martel-Stansby replacing Greco-Hampson, which lost a thrilling final to Jacobs in last year's Trials. They are back and taking no prisoners. They will start against Harris' upset quartet. Can Harris continue its magical run? Will the four handed David persevere against the vastly more experienced Goliath? Can steel turn into Vodka? No. Eckblatt by many.

Schwartz vs. O'Rourke: Toughest match of the day to call. The aforementioned Greco-Hampson anchor O'Rourke and seek redemption for coming up short last year, but Schwartz, who has just come from 3 weeks of R and R at a resort on the Volga river, where he studied under his famous uncle, **Franklin Albert Oscar** has chosen to play his best pair against the weakest pair on the other team, and vice versa. This strategy will earn him the E he needs to complete the HORSE. Schwartz by 1/2 furlong.

Deutsch-Meltzer: Nobody wants to see either team lose. There are some really nice people on these teams as well as some legends. I guess it all comes down to dirty laundry. Not really. Boris didn't expect to stay this long but nice lady at hotel is making clothes clean again. Meltzer is a very nice and powerful team, but they have won plenty already. It is time for youth and seniority to be served. If Deutsch will bid 1 more and Kranyak one less, if Sidney feels it and if Cohler never pulls out the blue card, Deutsch is your winner. However, Rose and her minions will be on full alert and may thwart the attack. Deutsch by less than a slam!

Ladies, if I may:

Boris predicted **Sulgrove** is winning. NYET! (Not Yet) Will they get a good night's sleep? Can they quiet the butterflies. Boris recommends a big breakfast of brown bread and sausage. Maybe a small glass of vodka. Play hard, play fast and you will eat Chinese food. If you play to the slower pace of Narasimhan, there will be 2 more days of uncertainty in your future. Hansa has very good team, but they will need to come through back door to become USA 2. Sulgrove and lesser known ladies go to China.

Baker-Quinn: 5 handed vs. 4 handed. At least with 4, you know when you are playing. Baker looks tuckered out to Boris. This pre-tournament favorite is going home with no eggroll. The Quinn team has enough gas left in tank to pull off the major upset. What will they have left when they face a frustrated team of New Yawkers, Lady lawyers and such. Stay tuned. It is gin for Quinn in a win.

Natasha, try to match this.

USWBC with 32 Boards to Go ...

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64
1	Narasimhan	107	35	12	2	58
2	Sulgrove	101	16	39	30	16
3	Baker	105	19	24	41	21
4	Quinn	128	20	56	10	42

Today we enter the final stages of the USWBC to determine USA I. The loser of the finals will go on to play the winner of the first playoff between Baker and Quinn to become USA2 by the end of the day, Wednesday.

This action will be on VuGraph today. Don't miss it... complete with the expert commentary.

Natasha Says “Nyet” ... It’s Not Over Till It’s Over!

A match made in heaven ... Harris has been “Clubbing” his opponents into submission with his “Inverted Polish Club System”. Now we’ll find out who has the “Bigger Club” when he meets the Ekeblad-Rubin “Relay Club”. These two pairs will be answering each others questions and complete confusion will ensue. It is the other pairs on these two teams who will make or break the match. Ekeblad has a 2-1 edge with two fresh pairs to Harris’s one tired pair. But then again Chip probably hasn’t slept much with the rigors of watching his wife coordinate these Trials. Harris has a slim chance but Natasha will bet her babushka on Ekeblad.

Schwartz has the “horses” and Arlington Park is just down the street.. I predict Lou Ann will make the trip to the track to watch the ponies on Friday and Schwartz will move on into the win/place/show pool that we call the semi-finals.

Ronnie Smith, Bart Bramley, and Gary Cohler --Isn’t this a Chicago team? None of them live here anymore, so we can’t call either team a hometown favorite. This match rates to be close, but Meltzer would seem to have the edge. AND we have to have one lady in the final four, so Rose gets the nod in overtime. Ronnie and Billy ought to drop a few three point shots in the closing quarter.

The semifinals will be: Nickell vs. Meltzer and Ekeblad vs. Schwartz.

Bet the Nickell-Schwartz “exacta”, but the other two will put on a good “show”.

