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“Trials” and Tribulations

Yankees

Team Name	Total	24	21	22	31	23	30	26	27	25	29	28	BYE
24. Robinson	150.55		8.65	16.53	16.76	13.65	11.77	10.47	20.00	14.93	15.22	12.57	10.00
21. Meltzer	138.59	11.35		5.07	8.23	17.42	16.53	6.35	19.68	7.43	16.53	20.00	10.00
22. Fleisher	130.63	3.47	14.93		6.35	12.57	3.47	12.57	19.80	10.92	16.99	19.56	10.00
31. Yates	119.25	3.24	11.77	13.65		8.65	12.18	10.00	5.07	16.76	13.30	14.63	10.00
23. Beatty	113.93	6.35	2.58	7.43	11.35		9.08	15.51	7.06	16.04	11.77	16.76	10.00
30. McLaughlin	109.36	8.23	3.47	16.53	7.82	10.92		12.18	12.18	9.08	12.94	6.01	10.00
26. Cole	104.85	9.53	13.65	7.43	10.00	4.49	7.82		12.57	2.79	11.35	15.22	10.00
27. Ivatury	98.07	0.00	.32	.20	14.93	12.94	7.82	7.43		18.19	8.23	18.01	10.00
25. Lall	96.25	5.07	12.57	9.08	3.24	3.96	10.92	17.21	1.81		16.04	6.35	10.00
29. Sprung	81.62	4.78	3.47	3.01	6.70	8.23	7.06	8.65	11.77	3.96		13.99	10.00
28. Saxe	66.90	7.43	0.00	.44	5.37	3.24	13.99	4.78	1.99	13.65	6.01		10.00

Mets

Team Name	Total	5	6	10	4	7	9	1	3	2	11	8	BYE
5. Rogoff	143.20		4.49	12.94	18.53	12.57	12.57	16.29	16.04	16.04	18.36	5.37	10.0
6. Ozdil	130.78	15.51		6.35	12.94	16.53	3.01	13.30	14.32	16.76	5.07	16.99	10.0
10. Nussbaum	119.28	7.06	13.65		8.65	5.07	7.82	7.82	18.53	7.43	17.21	16.04	10.0
4. Lewis	114.59	1.47	7.06	11.35		13.65	13.65	5.37	12.94	8.23	12.18	18.69	10.0
7. Blanchard	110.39	7.43	3.47	14.93	6.35		7.82	19.29	10.47	19.15	6.70	4.78	10.0
9. McKellar	109.57	7.43	16.99	12.18	6.35	12.18		1.31	12.57	1.31	14.93	14.32	10.0
1. Cohler	102.48	3.71	6.70	12.18	14.63	.71	18.69		11.77	3.01	7.43	13.65	10.0
3. Weed	101.16	3.96	5.68	1.47	7.06	9.53	7.43	8.23		10.92	18.69	18.19	10.0
2. Schwartz	99.47	3.96	3.24	12.57	11.77	.85	18.69	16.99	9.08		3.24	9.08	10.0
11. Meckstroth	97.54	1.64	14.93	2.79	7.82	13.30	5.07	12.57	1.31	16.76		11.35	10.0
8. Kahn	81.54	14.63	3.01	3.96	1.31	15.22	5.68	6.35	1.81	10.92	8.65		10.0

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30
5	Cohler	85	35	50
28	Yates	42	14	28
7	Meltzer	52	37	15
26	Nussbaum	51	12	39
10	Beatty	52	36	16
23	McKellar	53	31	22
11	Robinson	68	23	45
22	McLaughlin	24	7	17
12	Fleisher	78	46	32
21	Blanchard	53	17	36
13	Lewis	65	48	17
20	Ozdil	76	36	40
14	Rogoff	47	34	13
19	Cole	75	39	36

Round of 32

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"Reminds me of my safari in Africa. Somebody forgot the corkscrew and for several days we had to live on nothing but food and water."
- W. C. Fields

Nickell	Bye to SemiFinals	Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth	Richard Freeman Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell
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Schwartz		Richard Schwartz, Capt Chris Compton Bjorn Fallenius	Richard Coren Marc Jacobus Fred Chang
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Rogoff		Bruce Rogoff, Capt Doug Simson Glenn Milgrim	Josh Parker Walter Johnson Jeff Aker
Ozdil		Melih Ozdil, Capt Jiang Gu Xiaodong Shi	Mark Lair Jonathan Weinstein David Yang
Cole		William Cole, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Jian-Jian Wang	Alan Schwartz Hailong Ao John Adams
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Blanchard		Robert Blanchard, Capt Gail Greenberg John Hurd	Shane Blanchard Jeffrey Hand Joel Wooldridge
Saxe		Gene Saxe, Capt Victor King Geoffrey Brod	Franklin Merblum Alan Applebaum Glenn Eisenstein
Kahn		Allen Kahn, Capt G.Margie Gwozdzinsky	Jeffrey Rothstein Ira Herman
McKellar		Arch McKellar, Capt Warren Rosner Franco Baseggio	Chuck Lamprey Stephen Sanborn Andrew Stark

All About Kibitzing

WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. However, except in the Open Room during the Round Robin, you will be subject to the following regulations:

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

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

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

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

Screens

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

USBF KIBITZING RULES

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

1. General Rules
 - a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
 - b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
2. In the Open Room:
 - a. If there is a live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room, kibitzers shall abide by the same rules as those applicable to the Closed Room.
 - b. If there is no live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room then kibitzers, media, and NPC's may enter and return until such time as any table from the closed room has finished the segment. Once any table in the Closed room has finished, no one may return to the Open room after leaving unless escorted while absent.
 - c. In either event, Open Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room and returning (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
3. In the Closed Room:
 - a. Kibitzers must enter the Closed Room before play commences. Kibitzers in the closed room are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Closed Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
 - b. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
 - c. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.

Sprung	Danny Sprung, Capt Abraham Pineles Michael Massimilla	Hal Mouser Alex Allen Louis Glasthal
McLaughlin	John McLaughlin, Capt Pamela Miller Ljudmila Kamenova	Lloyd Arvedon Jim Rasmussen Stephen Gladyszak
Nussbaum	Daniel Nussbaum, Capt Robert Heitzman David Rowntree	Mark Aquino Michael Prahin Dougin Walker
Meckstroth	Matthew Meckstroth, Capt Kevin Dwyer Michael Zeller	Owen Lien Zachary Brescoll
Yates	David Yates, Capt Michael McNamara	Daniel Wolkowitz Sylwia McNamara

VuGraph Information

The 2009 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 32. In the Rounds of 32 and 16 we will be covering 1, 2 or 3 of the matches being played. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play.

To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can either log on directly from your browser, go to "Vugraph" and choose which table to watch or download the BBO software to run BBO on your computer.

If you choose the latter approach, after downloading, install the software on your computer, log on, follow the directions to become a BBO member and you'll be magically transported to the Lobby of the largest bridge club in the world.

Click on the button labeled EXPLORE BRIDGE and then on the button labeled VUGRAPH THEATRE and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch.

There will usually be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working Vugraph Operators, some of whom may prefer not to respond to private messages. Thank you.

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

10:00-12:10
12:25-2:35
3:45-5:55
6:10-8:20

During the Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals, all of the teams will play the same boards, unless one or more matches gets sufficiently far behind that they have to start later than the other matches, in which case, for security reasons, they will play different boards.

During the Rounds of 32 & 16, all of the teams shown on Vugraph will play the same boards in the first and third segments each day. In the second and fourth segments, those matches that start on time will play the same boards.

After a session, you can review the Vugraph action on our Web Vugraphs, which show each hand played with a link to bidding and play records. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2009 USBC.

Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

USBF 7 Board VP Scale

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			

Important Message:

The Crowne Plaza Hotel will pick up anyone arriving at the White Plains train station daily if you call upon arrival at the station. The number for the front desk is: **1-914-682-0050**.

We want to accommodate the players in any way we can.

In the words of Alfred Hitchcock: "**The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.**"

Remember: Bridge, too, is a timed event!

Hospitality Information

The hospitality suite for the 2009 USBC is in **Rooms 1206 & 1208** in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are always welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join us for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-10:00 am

Lunch on Friday from 2:45-4:15

Lunch on Saturday from 1:35-3:30

Lunch, for the rest of the tournament, from 2:35-3:45

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks and snacks at any other time, **except from 4:00-5:30 each afternoon**, when the suite will be closed for refreshing.

Joan and Barbara are looking forward to seeing you there!

You Can't Win Them All...

A man, called to testify at the IRS, asked his accountant for advice on what to wear. "Wear your shabbiest clothing. Let him think you are a pauper."

Then he asked his lawyer the same question, but got the opposite advice. "Do not let them intimidate you. Wear your most elegant suit and tie."

Confused, the man went to his rabbi, told him of the conflicting advice, and requested some resolution of the dilemma. "Let me tell you a story," replied the rabbi. "A woman, about to be married, asked her mother what to wear on her wedding night. 'Wear a heavy, long, flannel nightgown that goes right up to your neck.' But when she asked her best friend, she got conflicting advice. 'Wear your most sexy negligee, with a V neck right down to your navel.'

The man protested: "What does all this have to do with my problem with the IRS?"

"No matter what you wear, you are going to get screwed."

"The nice thing about being a celebrity is that when you bore people, they think it's their fault."

-Henry Kissinger

Round Robin Divisions ...

The DICs have randomly assigned pairs of teams to the two Round Robin brackets as follows. The numbers listed are the numbers that will be used for the Round Robin not the teams' original seed numbers or the numbers the qualifying teams will have for the Round of 32 Knockout.

METS

1. COHLER
2. SCHWARTZ
3. WEED
4. LEWIS
5. ROGOFF
6. OZDIL
7. BLANCHARD
8. KAHN
9. MCKELLAR
10. NUSSBAUM
11. MECKSTROTH

YANKEES

21. MELTZER
22. FLEISHER
23. BEATTY
24. ROBINSON
25. LALL
26. COLE
27. IVATURY
28. SAXE
29. SPRUNG
30. MCLAUGHLIN
31. YATES

Setting the Bracket for the KO

After the Round Robin, the teams will be assigned numbers that establish the bracket for all of the Knockout rounds.

We're often asked how the assignment is done, so here is what will happen. First, the team seeding points will be adjusted by adding 6 seeding points to the totals for each of the two team that won their Round Robin divisions and 2.25 seeding points to the totals for each of the two second place teams.

Then the teams qualifying from the Round Robin will be ranked based on their current seeding point totals.

The teams will then be assigned KO team numbers as follows, subject to one other adjustment - the team that scored the highest Victory Point total in the Round Robin has the right, after the assignments have been done, to request that it be "re-shuffled" with its original shuffle group.

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|----------|---|
| 1 | Nickell |
| 2 | Welland |
| 3/4 | Diamond or Jacobs randomly assigned |
| 5/6 | Strul or Highest Ranked Team from Round Robin, randomly assigned |
| 7 | Second ranked team from Round Robin |
| 8-9 | Bye (lose to Nickell in Quarterfinal) |
| 10/11/12 | Third, Fourth & Fifth ranked teams from Round Robin, randomly assigned |
| 13/14 | Sixth & Seventh ranked teams from the Round Robin, randomly assigned |
| 15-18 | Bye (lose to Nickell & Welland in Round of 16) |
| 19/20 | Eighth & Ninth ranked teams from the Round Robin, randomly assigned |
| 21/22/23 | Tenth, Eleventh & Twelfth ranked teams from the Round Robin, randomly assigned |
| 24-25 | Bye (lose to 8 & 9 in Round of 32) |
| 26/27/28 | One of these is the Bye team that loses to Strul in the Round of 32. The other 2 are the 13th & 14th teams from the Round Robin, randomly assigned. |
| 29-32 | Byes (lose to teams 1-4 in Round of 32) |

Remember: Absolutely no Electronic Devices are Allowed in the Playing Area

THURS. JUNE 4TH	10:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
ROUND ROBIN 1		
FRIDAY JUNE 5TH	10:00 - 12:15 12:30 - 2:45 4:15 - 6:30 6:45 - 9:00	BDS 1-7 & 8-14 CLUMPED BDS 15-21 & 22-28 CLUMPED BDS 29-35 & 36-42 CLUMPED BDS 43-49 & 50-56 CLUMPED
SATURDAY JUNE 6TH	10:00 - 11:05 11:20 - 1:35	BOARDS 57-63 BDS 64-70 & 71-77 CLUMPED
ROUND OF 32		
SATURDAY JUNE 6TH	3:30 - 5:40 5:55 - 8:05	SEGMENT 1, BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2, BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
ROUND OF 16		
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1, BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2, BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY JUNE 8TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
QUARTERFINALS		
MONDAY JUNE 8TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
TUESDAY JUNE 9TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90
SEMI-FINALS		
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
THURSDAY JUNE 11TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
FINALS		
FRIDAY JUNE 12TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SATURDAY JUNE 13TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

USA1
Schedule of Events

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	3:00 PM	CAPTAINS' MEETING
ROUND OF 128 ROUND ROBIN (7 LOSING TEAMS FROM USA 1 R32)		
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH	3:30 - 6:15 6:30 - 7:20	BOARDS 1-9 & 10-18, CLUMPED BOARDS 19-27
MONDAY JUNE 8TH	10:00 - 12:45 1:00 - 3:45	BOARDS 28-36 & 37-45, CLUMPED BOARDS 46-54 & 55-63, CLUMPED
ROUND OF 64 (5 USA1 R16 LOSERS + 5 TEAMS FROM R128)		
MONDAY JUNE 8TH		EVENING OFF TO REGROUP, PARTY OR PREPARE
TUESDAY JUNE 9TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
ROUND OF 32 (3 USA1 R8 LOSERS + 5 USA2 R64 WINNERS)		
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
ROUND OF 16 (4 ROUND OF 32 WINNERS)		
THURSDAY JUNE 11TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
QUARTER-FINALS		
FRIDAY JUNE 12TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SEMI-FINALS		
SATURDAY JUNE 13TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 1 HOUR 15 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
SUNDAY JUNE 14TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK
FINALS (USA1 LOSING FINALIST VS USA2 SEMI WINNER)		
SUNDAY JUNE 14TH	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY JUNE 15TH	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60 1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90

USA2
Schedule of Events

Cohler vs. Yates ... Segment 1

Board 5
Dealer: N
N/S Vul.

♠ J93
♥ AK6
♦ AQ9764
♣ K

♠ KT8652
♥ 8
♦ 85
♣ AQJ5



♠ Q74
♥ 972
♦ KJT2
♣ T72

♠ A
♥ QJT543
♦ 3
♣ 98643

West	North	East	South
Yates	Lev	Wolkowitz	Pepsi
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Double	2♣	4♥
4♠	Double	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Passell	M. McNamara	Mahaffey	S. McNamara
	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♠	2♦	2♣	3♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
Double	5♥	All Pass	

I was watching Pepsi and Lev. The VuGraph commentators were surprised when Pepsi sat the double of four spades. Looking at all four hands, it is evident that five hearts would make North/South on any lead. So how do you beat four spades doubled one trick and WIN seven IMPs?

At the other table, the McNamaras found their way to five hearts. Passell led a spade. Sylwia won the ace in hand and led a club. Passell won the ace and shifted to a trump. Declarer won her queen. She should have ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, pulled two more rounds of trump and conceded a club. All Sylwia would have lost was two club tricks.

Instead, she mistakenly took the diamond finesse, got another trump back from Mahaffey, and when the smoke cleared, was down two tricks in the cold game.


The Yates team did really well to get to the head-ups. They were the bottom seed among the 27 teams. They will have to play well today to overcome the 40 IMP deficit to Cohler.

West	North	East	South
Passell	M McNamara	Mahaffey	S Namara
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Yates	Lev	Wolkowitz	Pepsi
1♦ (nebulous)	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦ (a good 3 card spade raise or a very good minor)	Pass	2♥ (asking)	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Board 4
Dealer: W
All Vul.
♠ 74
♥ KOT3
♦ A9764
♣ 32

♠ KT2
♥ 65
♦
♣ AKQJ8765



♠ AQ65
♥ A82
♦ QT83
♣ 94

♠ J983
♥ J974
♦ KJ52
♣ T

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The Wordscapes Convention, the premiere gaming, science fiction, and fantasy event of the year, takes place this month! By land, sea, and air, people flock to Indianapolis at this time each year to experience four packed solid days of gaming, science fiction and fantasy in all its forms including an art show and writers' symposium, and an extensive exhibitor's room where companies provide gaming demonstrations, contests, and new product announcements. Like many others, five friends have been traveling to this convention for years and traditionally meet up the day before for supper to renew their friendship and plan out their schedule for the convention. Each friend has a special passion for one particular event. Determine the full name of each friend (one first name is Harry), how long each friend is staying for, the way each friend traveled to the convention, and each friends' special passion.

- The two people who traveled by airplane were the man who loved the art show and Sara.
- Mr. Vane didn't stay for five days. Paul, whose last name wasn't Moore, traveled by car.
- Adam stayed one day longer than the person who loved the writers' symposium. The person who came by train loved card games.
- The two people who stayed for 6 days were the person who loved role playing games and Mr. Moore.
- The person whose last name was Price loved the exhibitor's room. Wendy's last name was Smith but her favorite event wasn't the role playing games.
- Mr. Dansk's favorite event wasn't the art show. The woman who loved the writers' symposium only stayed for four days.

	Dansk	Moore	Price	Smith	Vane	4 days	5 days	5 days	6 days	6 days	Airplane	Airplane	Car	Car	Train	Art show	Card games	Exhibits room	Role playing game	Writer's symposium
Adam																				
Harry																				
Paul																				
Sara																				
Wendy																				
Art show																				
Card games																				
Exhibitors room																				
Role playing																				
Symposium																				
Airplane																				
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4 days																				
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Wordscapes Convention

Answers to Puzzle ... no Peeking!!

Adam	Dansk	5 days	Train	Card games
Harry	Moore	6 days	Airplane	Art show
Paul	Vane	6 days	Car	Role playing game
Sara	Price	5 days	Airplane	Exhibitors room
Wendy	Smith	4 days	Car	Writer's symposium

Jeff Foxworthy on Upstate NY

If you consider it a sport to gather your food by drilling through 36 inches of ice and sitting there all day hoping that the food will swim by, you might live in Upstate New York.

If you're proud that your region makes the national news 96 nights a year because Saranac Lake is the coldest spot in the nation, and Syracuse gets more snow than any other major city in the US , you might live in Upstate, NY.

If your local Dairy Queen is closed from October through May, you might live in Upstate New York.

If you instinctively walk like a penguin for six months out of the year, you might live, bundled up, in Upstate New York.

If someone in a Home Depot store offers you assistance, and they don't work there, you might live in Upstate NY.

If your dad's suntan stops at a line curving around the middle of his forehead, you might live in Upstate New York.

If you have worn shorts and a parka on the same day, you might live in Upstate New York.

If you have had a lengthy phone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you might live in Upstate New York.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A TRUE UPSTATE NEW YORKER WHEN:

"Vacation" means going South past Syracuse for the weekend.

You measure distance in hours.

You know several people who have hit a deer more than once.

You often switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and back again.

You can drive 65 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard, without flinching.

You install security lights on your house and garage and leave both unlocked.

You carry jumper cables in your car and your girlfriend/wife knows how to use them.

You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.

Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.

You know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter, and road construction.

You can identify a southern or eastern accent.

Down South to you means Corning

Your neighbor throws a party to celebrate his new shed!

You go out for a fish fry every Friday.

Your 4th of July picnic was moved indoors due to frost.

You have more miles on your snow blower than your car.

You find 10 degrees "a little chilly."

You actually understand these jokes, and you forward them to all your Upstate New York friends and to those who used to live here and left. (Chickens)

If the speed limit on the highway is 55 -- your going 80 -- and everybody is passing you, you may live in upstate New York.

If you have more miles on your snow blower than your car, you may live in upstate New York.

If you find 10 degrees a " little chilly ", you may live in upstate New York.

In honor of Yesterday's Belmont:

This man was sitting quietly reading his paper one morning, peacefully enjoying himself, when his wife sneaks up behind him and whacks him on the back of his head with a huge frying pan.

MAN: "What was that for?"

WIFE: "What was that piece of paper in your pants pocket with the name Barbara Ann written on it?"

MAN: "Oh honey, remember two weeks ago when I went to the horse races? Barbara Ann was the name of one of the horses I bet on."

The wife looked all satisfied, apologizes, and goes off do work around the house.

Three days later he is once again sitting in his chair reading and she repeats the frying pan swatting.

MAN: "What the heck was that for this time?"

WIFE: "Your horse called."

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It was surprising that neither table even made a try for the club slam. Passell could have bid four clubs over 3NT since it was likely that five clubs would be as safe as 3NT (although if his partner has wasted diamond cards, he could have three losers.) Over four clubs, Mahaffey would have shown his heart ace and it would have been fairly easy to justify bidding six clubs.

In the other room, it is even more interesting because the opponents had a highly artificial auction showing a very strong club suit and a hand that was just short of a strong club opening. It is pretty amazing that in their online notes, Wolowitz and Yates state that their nebulous one diamond opener can include hands such as "Axxx Jx VOID AKQTxxx." They got awfully close to the truth on this one!!

From the Meltzer/Nussbaum Match ...

Board 29
Dealer: N
All Vul.

♠ AKQJ8764
♥ 2
♦ KQ3
♣ 9

♠ T53
♥ J84
♦ AT942
♣ 62



♠ 92
♥ 9
♦ 75
♣ AKQJT854

♠
♥ AKQT7653
♦ J86
♣ 73

West	North	East	South
Heitzman	Sontag	Prahn	Bates
Schermer	Walker	Chambers	Rowntree
	1♣	5♣	6♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

The auctions and opening leads were the same at both tables. Both Easts led the ace of clubs. Schermer, playing standard signals, followed with the six. Declarer played the nine.

This presents an interesting problem. If one presumes that declarer would always play the nine from ♣92 as a mandatory false card, East is faced with a pure guess. On the other hand, if one assumes that declarer would occasionally get sloppy and play the deuce, the odds lean toward playing partner for the doubleton six. Obviously, Chambers believed declarer would always false card and continued clubs. Declarer claimed his slam.

In the other room, West, also playing standard signals, played the deuce. We don't have the full details of E/W's carding system. Apparently, East/West do not play count on the lead of the ace against slam. East shifted to a heart, successfully cutting off dummy and winning 17 IMPs. The switch to a heart only loses when declarer is void in hearts... and even then, one pitch may not be sufficient. Also, North may well have passed six hearts if he was void since partner's hand might be useless in spades.

Do you and your partner have firm agreements on the difference in the lead of the ace or the king against high level contracts? While the count on this hand was not ascertainable playing either right side up or upside down, if partner plays the deuce giving standard count, you know he holds the singleton. If he plays the upside down nine, you know he has a singleton.

It would seem that most players would be looking for count in these situations where the opponents have had to make a high level bidding guess.

On the other hand, if the opponents have bid slowly to a slam, one might disdain a count signal in favor of attitude or suit preference.

No one gets these right all the time but established partnerships with well-discussed methods have the best chance.

Board 38

Dealer: E

E/W Vul.

Andy Stark

♠ QJ6
♥ Q8
♦ J8742
♣ AT4

Jeff Hand

♠ T8743
♥ K932
♦ Q93
♣ 6



Baseggio

♠
♥ J54
♦ AK65
♣ KQJ952

Gail Greenberg

♠ AK952
♥ AT76
♦ T
♣ 873

East	South	West	North
1♠	2♣	4♣	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

[North and East are screenmates. South and West are screenmates.]

The director was summoned at the 5♣ call. East contended that the tray was very slow to be passed. East estimated a minute, North that it was about 25 seconds, West asserted at least 30 seconds. East revised her report to correspond to the other players.

As a first issue, the directors considered whether a break had occurred. The Conditions provide: "A bidding tray returned in 15 seconds or less normally creates the presumption that there is no Unauthorized Information (UI). A tray returned after a longer period may be considered to have made UI available if it is apparent that one side is responsible for the delay." The directors found that it was normal to infer that South was responsible for the delay, and that the time was adequate to convey UI.

As a second issue, the directors considered whether North chose from among logical alternatives one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information. The directors established that a normal tempo double would be consistent with a three suited takeout rich in quick tricks. The tempo suggested that South's hand fell short of that canonical hand. Either south's hand was marginal for quick tricks or suitable for an alternative auction (perhaps one-and-a-half suited). The directors concluded that each of these hand types would make bidding more likely to be successful. The directors felt that the distribution and location of honors would make pass an option that players would seriously consider.

Finally the directors analyzed the potential play in 4S doubled. The directors felt clubs were marked as 6-3 and that the diamonds were overwhelmingly likely to be four in the South hand and five in the North hand (as South had not bid 4NT -- the expected choice with 5-6 in the minors, and North had not pulled the double -- the expected choice with 6-3 in the minors). With these distributions pegged, the double and leave-in both suggest that South was 0-3 in the majors.

Under Law 12C1(e)ii, North-South were assigned -790, as it was "at all probable" that 4S would make. East-West were assigned +790 under 12C1(e)i, the directors judging that making 4S was a likely result.

The Committee determined that detailed analysis would suggest that North bid 5C, but that Pass was a logical alternative. It felt that an appreciable minority of North's peers, in fact of any North's peers, would seriously consider passing and that some smaller number would actually do so. It did not think that the peer group would overvalue its spade holding for defense, since whether it produced a trump trick would depend entirely on how the cards were dealt and not on the hope of a misguess (a competent East would not play for North to have passed with Hx in trumps). However, the Committee did think that North had to consider South's holding 0-4-3-6 distribution, in which case North's hand was more helpful for defense.

Having determined that Pass was an LA, the Committee found that the break in tempo demonstrably suggested that North not pass. The generic implication of the hesitation was that South was uncertain about doubling, either because of shaded values or lack of transferable values in case North chose to defend. In either case, North could not be permitted to choose the LA demonstrably suggested by the break in tempo. In particular, if South's hesitation was because he was considering bidding 4NT as an alternative, North's hand was much more valuable on offense than defense. Therefore the Committee adjusted the contract to 4S doubled.

The Committee was strongly of the opinion that East would make 4S doubled, agreeing with the directors that the distribution would be an open book. This result was deemed both at all probable and likely, so that the score was adjusted to ±790.

Hands from Robinson's Round Robin Matches ... submitted by Adam Wildavsky

Board 61
 Dealer: N
 All Vul.

♠ 86
 ♥ KT7654
 ♦ AK6
 ♣ K9

♠ 953
 ♥ 8
 ♦ Q982
 ♣ QT85

♠ QJ2
 ♥ J32
 ♦ JT53
 ♣ 742

♠ AKT74
 ♥ AQ9
 ♦ 4
 ♣ AJ63



North	South
Doub	Wildavsky
1♥	2♠
2NT	3♦ (4 card heart support + short diamonds ... a small lie)
3♥	4♣ (cue)
4♠ (RKCB)	4NT (3 keycards)
5♣ (Queen ask)	5♠ (trump queen + spade king)
7♥	

Doug Doub and Adam Wildavsky won 13 IMPs when they bid an excellent grand slam on this board. The play was straightforward.

East led a club. Doug went up with the ace and cashed the ace of trumps. Had trumps been 4-0 outside, he still had enough entries to ruff a diamond and play for the trump coup.

On Board 67, South played in two spades after East had overcalled hearts. Wildavsky and Doub showed their defensive prowess when they put declarer to an impossible guess.

Board 67
 Dealer: S
 E/W Vul.

♠ K
 ♥ JT97
 ♦ 98643
 ♣ 632

Adam led the heart ace and another heart to Doug's king. Doug cashed the king and ace of clubs as Adam discouraged... then played a third heart.

♠ 543
 ♥ A4
 ♦ JT752
 ♣ T98

♠ A98
 ♥ K8632
 ♦ K
 ♣ AK54



Declarer can actually make the hand by ruffing with the six, but that requires that East hold both the eight and nine of spades together with a singleton king of diamonds.

Declarer decided instead to pitch the diamond queen in a successful attempt to take seven tricks and settle for down one.

This actually cost North/South very little when the East/West pair at the other table managed to go -300.

♠ QJT762
 ♥ Q5
 ♦ AQ
 ♣ QJ7

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From the Hospitality Chairpersons:

Joan Gerard wants you to know that there is an extensive restaurant guide available in the Hospitality Suite. Come anytime the suite is open and take one!!

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Board 77 ♠ AKQ2
Dealer: N ♥ AJ2
All Vul. ♦ 95
 ♣ KJ98

♠ 73
♥ 87
♦ AJ4
♣ AT7643



♠ J65
♥ KQ3
♦ T87632
♣ 5

♠ T984
♥ T9654
♦ KQ
♣ Q2

Doub and Wildavsky had a pedestrian auction to arrive in four hearts down one off the top when the opponents negotiated one club ruff.

They thought they might win three IMPs since either four hearts or four spades could be set two tricks. They were surprised to win seven IMPs.

At the other table, Peter Boyd and Steve Robinson defended two clubs doubled and redoubled and beat it a trick.

North	East	South	West
1♣ (strong)	Pass	1♦ (negative)	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣ (Stayman)	Double
Redouble	All Pass		

Robinson won the Round Robin Yankees bracket. Winning the bracket moved them to the eleven seed from the thirteen seed when the eleven seed was vacated by Jimmy Cayne and crew who failed to survive the Round Robin.

Pablo Speaks...

Pablo I am... Picasso I'm not... so I didn't paint a totally clear picture going into the round of 32. But I plan to do better coming out of the round. I cannot pick against Robinson or Cohler... they're both favorites with big leads and strong teams. Gary has more imagination than anyone in the field and I respect him for that.

Fleisher and Blanchard is tougher to call... but I like the family structure... so I pick for Grandma Gail and crew. Lewis will outshine Ozdil. Bart's frame of mind will be better now that he's not in the Mets bracket! Meltzer is still my favorite (I still like the fillies!) She gets my vote... Beatty will outclass McKellar by a long shot, and last, but not least, Rogoff will beat Cole by a nose!

If you players let me down, I will be forced to move to the USA, enter the event myself next year and teach you a lesson!

Limey Jack Speaks...

Good morning to all my Colonial friends:

My word; Cohler must feel like a sow in a hedgerow, what? After being left like the Parsonage after the nuptials, they came back to hold on by the merest VP and now are having their way with the Yates team. Cohler is already looking ahead to see who they play tomorrow.

Meltzer is playing one of the many Cinderella teams that are left, and if Nussbaum has a big third chucker, they could move on, but Meltzer will prevail, if only temporarily.

Beatty, which is anchored by Moss, one of the original signers of the Constitution, is in a fight for their very existence, against another Cinderella team. While too close to call, Limey Jack does not arise this early for nothing. L.J. does see the McKellar coming out on top, thanks to its ancestry.

Even the Scottish Highlanders could not help McLaughlin to overcome those elfin-like creatures known only as "the Little People". After winning the RR (just as I forewarned) they are on a collision course to make the round of 4. Where they normally self destruct and lose to anyone with a pulse, they seem to have found new life.

In what I consider the most interesting match, The three Pro-Ams have a 25 imp lead on the three Generations. Truly, does Fleisher feel no shame putting paid to a sweet old Grandmother and a young Lad barely old enough to know 'is Up-pers? Showing some pity, they will allow the match to tighten up in the 3rd, before winning convincingly at the end.

Lewis is a fine team of Lads and Lassies, but they cannot withstand the might of the Terrible Turk and his band. Ozdil in a squeaker.

I am struggling with this one. Rogoff, who came out of the RR in fine fettle, is struggling against the mostly unknown (pray tell except for the Eastern shores) Cole team. If Rogoff can pick up 18 in the 3rd stanza, they will emerge victorious. However, if Cole holds their water in the 3rd, they shall step forward. We shall back Cole at the Punters as soon as they open.

I am heading back to my flat where I shall enjoy a cuppa and a scone before getting some well deserved rest. Keeping up with you Colonials is daunting work, but in for a tuppence, in for a pound.

Limey Jack will see you tomorrow and take a bow.

Cheers, L.J.