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Congratulations to Team Lynch, USA2 ...

USA2Finals

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60
2	<u>Schwartz</u>	86	16	19	35	16
3	<u>Lynch</u>	89	15	21	34	19

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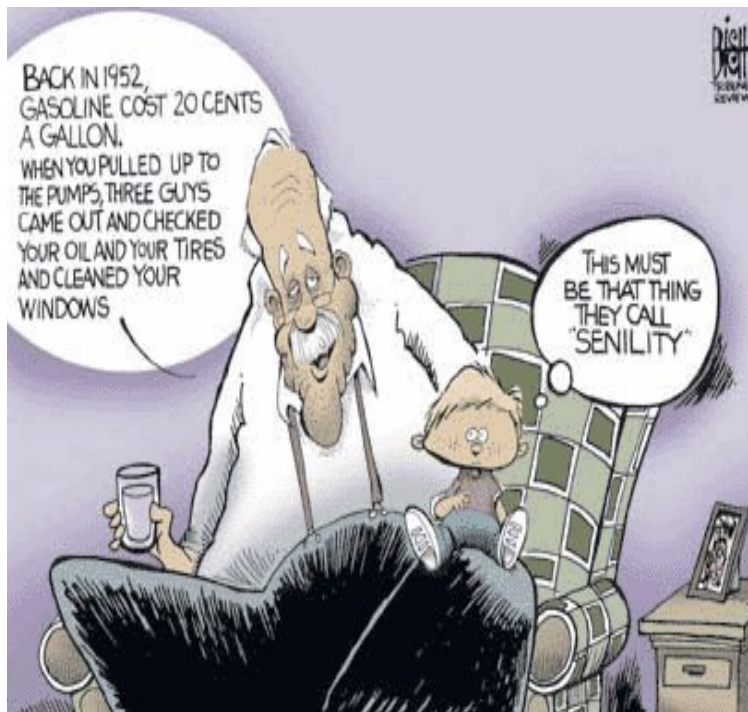
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UNITED STATES SENIOR BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Teams Entered ... In Seeding Order ...

Larsen	Kyle Larsen, Capt Alan Sontag Bart Bramley	Rose Meltzer Roger Bates Lew Stansby
Lynch	Carolyn Lynch, Capt Mark Lair John Sutherlin	Mike Passell David Berkowitz Dan Gerstman
Schwartz	Richard Schwartz Russell Ekeblad Allan Cokin, NPC	Bob Jones Matthew Granovetter
Wolff	Bobby Wolff, Capt John Solodar Fred Hamilton	Dan Morse Paul Swanson Arnold Fisher
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SENIOR MOMENTS

Four 'Senior' women were in a beauty parlor getting their hair done, when in walks a young chick with a low cut blouse that revealed a rose bud tattoo above one boob. One lady leaned over to another and said, "She doesn't know it yet, but in 50 years she'll be wearing a long stemmed rose in a hanging basket.

GRANNY

Granny was in her eighties, and much admired for her sweetness and kindness to all. The pastor came to call on her one afternoon early in the spring, and she welcomed him into her parlor.

He took a seat while she prepared some tea. As he sat facing her old pump organ, the minister noticed a cut glass bowl sitting on top of it, filled with water. In the water floated, of all things, a condom.

Imagine his shock, surprise, and, curiosity! Surely, Miss Granny had flipped! But he felt he couldn't mention the strange sight in her parlor.

"When she returned with tea and cookies, they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and the floating item, but soon it got the better of him, and he could resist no longer.

"Miss Granny" he said while pointing to the bowl, "I wonder if you would tell me about this?"

"Oh, yes," she replied, "isn't it wonderful? I was walking downtown last fall and I found this little package. The directions said to put it on the organ, keep it wet, and it would prevent disease! And you know, I haven't had a cold all winter."

From the USA2 Final... Lynch vs. Schwartz

Board 1 ♠ 842
 Dealer: N ♥ T8
 None Vul. ♦ J52
 ♣ KQ975

♠ K7653 ♥ A54 ♦ Q4 ♣ AT3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> N ↑ </div>	♠ AQT ♥ QJ963 ♦ K3 ♣ 842
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♠ J9
 ♥ K72
 ♦ AT9876
 ♣ J6

West	North	East	South
Granovetter	Gerstman	Ekeblad	Sutherlin
	Pass	1♥ (could be	3♦
Double	4♣	Pass	Pass
Double	4♦	Pass	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Ekeblad made a key duck on the first board of the USA2 final.

Sutherlin led the jack of clubs and Ekeblad ducked. Gerstman, thinking he might need to put a diamond through declarer's hand, overtook with the queen of clubs and led a low diamond; Ekeblad played low and Sutherlin won the ace and continued clubs.

Ekeblad won the ace of clubs and played ace and a heart. This is correct because if the heart finesse is on, the opponents cannot collect their last club trick and if it's off, there was never anything he could do unless the king was singleton. Well thought out declarer play!!

At the other table, Passell played in four spades. With no opponent bidding, Mike had to guess correctly to make the contract. The opening lead was the club king. Mike ducked and Jones continued the suit to the jack and ace. Passell drew trumps in three rounds ending in dummy and led the heart queen. Everyone ducked. Passell continued with the heart jack, pinning the ten when Schwartz ducked... and made four.

When the heart queen is led from dummy, many players will instinctively cover with Kx, therefore, playing South to hold Kxx is a slightly better proposition than playing for Kx.

We all know that with the 9 visible in dummy, the cover is useless, but it takes quick thinking to play low smoothly from Kx. Another well thought out play by declarer!! ... and an interesting Push board!

Thanks to Everyone for a Great Tournament

Thank you all for coming to Summerlin for a great Senior Team Trials. It's been fun and entertaining.

Jan Martel did her usual great work in putting everything together and keeping it all afloat. We'd be devastated without her.

Nadine Wood did great work on hospitality. All of our volunteer "ladies" do a perfect job of keeping our attendees happy and full.

Joan Gerard handled committees long distance and did an able job of recruiting team members, co-ordinating time schedules and adjudicating difficult situations. (With a three zone difference in time, this was no easy feat.)

Suzi Subeck somehow managed to produce the newsletters truly remotely not here in Vegas and not at her home... while also producing the daily bulletins at her local regional tournament and playing two or three sessions a day!

Thanks to all...

You make a great team and the USBF appreciates all that you do.



Bill

Board 14 ♠ Q86543
 Dealer: E ♥ 43
 None Vul. ♦ A2
 ♣ AJ8

♠ J	N	♠ A7
♥ AT97	↑	♥ QJ86
♦ Q97		♦ KJT853
♣ QT765		♣ 2

♠ KT92
 ♥ K52
 ♦ 64
 ♣ K943

West	North	East	South
Passell	Jones	Lynch	Schwartz
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣ (Drury)
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
		1♥ (canapé)	Pass
3♥	3♠	4♦	4♠
5♦	All Pass		

A double game swing for Schwartz!

Russ Ekeblad opened one heart with the East cards and his side was able to compete efficiently to five diamonds which was an easy make.

At the other table, Carolyn Lynch chose to pass the East hand and her side never entered the bidding. Unimpeded, Jones/Schwartz found their way to four spades.

Carolyn led her singleton club (best for her side) to the queen and ace. Declarer played a small spade and she properly rose with the ace and switched to the queen of hearts.

This was covered by the king and ace. Passell cashed the heart nine and Carolyn played the six. Unfortunately, Passell could not tell if Carolyn had started with QJ6 of hearts or QJ86.

Additionally, with no information from the auction, he could not be sure if her club lead was a singleton or low from Jxx. Perhaps he should have played the ten of clubs at trick one which would allow him to decipher the club holding... a nice discovery play.

Mike decided to rely on the heart cash to beat the hand, and when declarer ruffed, it was S.O.L.

Oops ...

A double game swing resulting in a 13 IMP pickup for Schwartz and the lead changed sides!!



USA2:
 Standing: John Sutherlin, Carolyn Lynch, David Berkowitz
 Seated: Dan Gerstman, Mike Passell, Mark Lair

Appeal One ...

Board 7 ♠ KQJ8
 Dealer: S ♥ 842
 All Vul. ♦ A98
 ♣ AT4

♠ A42	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> N ↑ </div>	♠ 73	
♥ Q63		♥ JT95	
♦ 5432		♦ KQJ76	
♣ QJ6		♣ K2	

♠ T985
 ♥ AK7
 ♦ T
 ♣ 98753



Bidding

S	W	N	E
P	P	1♠	P
2♦*	P	2♥**	P
3♠	P	4♠	all pass

* alerted on both sides of screen as 4 card Drury
 ** N to E normally a 4 card suit, but might be fewer if squeezed

The Play

E	S	W	N
♦K	♦10	♦2	♦A
♠3	♠5	♠A	♠Q
	CQ		

After the play of the ♠Q at trick three, the contract could no longer be defeated. E/W asked for a ruling based on alleged misinformation "MI" in that S did not alert W that the 2♥ bid could be made on fewer than 4. The Directors ruled that there was no partnership agreement about 2♥ and thus S was not required to alert. As such, there was no MI and no infraction. The Committee felt that N's explanation to E was an attempt to be actively ethical even though an alert is not required if there was no agreement by discussion or experience as to 2♥.

Committee Decision

Table result of N/S +620

Committee:

Jeffrey Polisner, Chair
 Ron Gerard
 Chip Martel