



Women's Team "Trials" and Tribulations

USWBC 2009 2nd ROUND ROBIN



Team Name	Total	Carry Over	5	3	6	2	8	4	7
5. Mancuso	159.13	75.91		13.11	16.68	4.25	3.10	18.04	18.04
3. Glasson	130.27	63.85	6.89		8.33	16.00	5.91	15.75	3.54
6. Moss	128.98	55.69	3.32	11.67		13.11	10.00	8.73	16.46
2. Fireman	125.80	46.22	15.75	4.00	6.89		7.23	19.25	16.46
8. Boyd	123.24	35.59	16.90	14.09	10.00	12.77		10.44	13.45
4. Radin	120.76	66.07	1.96	4.25	11.27	.75	9.56		16.90
7. Walsh	116.62	71.47	1.96	16.46	3.54	3.54	6.55	3.10	

From the Operations Officer...



Poor Jan! or More Good News and Bad News...

The good news: On Saturday night when Jan went to bed after the 1st day of the Round Robin, she was exhausted. The clock read 2:45 (yawn!!) but it was never reset for the time change. It was really 1:45 (yay!!)

The bad news is that when she woke up on Sunday morning, she looked at the clock and it read 8:45... Jan thought, "Cool... that's only 15 minutes early."

After getting up and dressed, she realized she hadn't reset the clock. It was really 7:45!!

Who said bridge is a timed event?

Ladies Speak Out!

"I do not want people to be agreeable, as it saves me the trouble of liking them." - Jane Austen

"The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat." - Lily Tomlin

"A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween." - Erma Bombeck

"Until you've lost your reputation, you never realize what a burden it was." - Margaret Mitchell

"A facility for quotation covers the absence of original thought." - Dorothy L. Sayers

"Lying increases the creative faculties, expands the ego, and lessens the frictions of social contacts." - Clare Booth Luce

USBF President

Bill Pollack

USBF

Vice President

Steve Beatty

USBF Secretary

Joan Gerard

USBF Treasurer

Sylvia Moss

USBF Chief

Operations Officer

Jan Martel

USBF Chief

Financial Officer

Barbara Nudelman

Director - USWBC

Terry Lavender

Round Robin

Director

Pam Hughes

Appeals Coordinator

Joan Gerard

VuGraph

Coordinator

Jan Martel

Bulletin Editor

Suzi Subeck

Hospitality Chairs

Nadine Wood

Lynn Johannesen

Webmaster

Kitty Cooper

Peaches and Payton Leave Sox Game with Lead...

It was a sad day in Mudville. Peaches and Payton left the Sox game in the top of the eighth with the hometown team in the lead. It was Pitcher Perfect until the bottom of the eighth when one run scored for the Pirates and Bobby Jenks came in to Pickle the team!

Peaches is drowning her sorrows in Peach Schnapps while Payton is Peacefully sleepPing beside her new rally monkey.

Picks for the Semi-finals Presented some Problems. Glasson came through but Fireman fized... Radin regressed... while Mancuso and Moss mysteriously maneuvered themselves into the money.

Tomorrow Dinkin will arrive, well-rested and ready to Play. Unfortunately for them, they are facing the Glasson squad whose years of exPerience and exPert Partnerships will Propel them to the finals. The all-Pro team is headed for glory.

Mancuso and Moss will meet in the Semis. Both teams have two "P's" ... tough Proposition ... but Mancuso has the Power and will come out on toP.

Planning ahead is no Pick-nic. And tomorrow is the biggest Picnic day of the year.

Have a haPPy holiday. Payton is coming for dinner with her Mommy and Daddy and her two little sisters.

HoPing for sunshine or PaPa is doing the grilling!

One more Peach SchnaPPs Please!

See you in the VuGraPh!

Peaches

"There was a time when we expected nothing of our children but obedience, as opposed to the present, when we expect everything of them but obedience."

- Ana tole Broyard

The Wisdom of Larry the Cable Guy...

1. A day without sunshine is night.
2. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
3. 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
4. 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
5. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
6. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
7. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
8. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
9. Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.
10. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
11. Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
12. If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
- 13... OK, so what's the speed of dark?
14. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
15. Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
16. How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
17. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
20. What happens if you get scared half to death, twice? Do We Die?
- 21 Why do psychics have to ask you your name?
22. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, 'What the heck happened?'
23. Just remember -- if the world didn't suck, we would all fall off.
24. Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
25. Life isn't like a box of chocolates. It's more like a jar of jalapenos. What you do today, might burn your butt tomorrow.

USWBC Teams

There are 8 teams entered. They are listed in seeding order.

Dinkin

Bye to SemiFinals

Lynn Baker
Kerri Sanborn
Beth Palmer
Sam Dinkin, NPC

Karen McCallum
Irina Levitina
Lynn Deas

Fireman

Bye to RR2

Phyllis Fireman, Capt
Janice Seamon-Molson
Jill Meyers

Shannon Cappelletti
Tobi Sokolow
Jill Levin

Glasson

Bye to RR2

Joann Glasson, Capt
Sue Weinstein
Rozanne Pollack

Lisa Berkowitz
Cheri Bjerkan
Stasha Cohen

Radin

Judi Radin, Capt
JoAnna Stansby
Mildred Breed

Stacy Jacobs
Pam Granovetter
Marinesa Letizia

Mancuso

Renee Mancuso, Capt
Shawn Quinn
Connie Goldberg

Peggy Sutherlin
Pamela Wittes
JoAnn Sprung

Moss

Sylvia Moss, Capt
Sue Picus
Linda Lewis

Migry Zur Campanile
Linda Perlman
G.Margie Gwozdzinsky

Walsh

Rhoda Walsh, Capt
Carreen Hinds

Sally Clark
Judy Pede

Boyd

Nancy Boyd, Capt
Jody Williams

Marcia Dean
Leila Sink

Excuses, Excuses...

A senior citizen in Florida bought a brand new Mercedes convertible. He took off down the road, flooring it to 80 mph and enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left on his head.

"This is great," he thought as he roared on down I-75. He pushed the pedal to the metal even more. Then he looked in his rear view mirror and saw a highway patrol trooper behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring.

"I can get away from him with no problem," thought the man and he tromped on it some more, and flew down the road at over 100 mph, then 110, 120mph. Then he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this kind of thing."

He pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the trooper to catch up with him. The trooper pulled in behind the Mercedes, and walked up to the man. "Sir," he said, looking at his watch. "My shift ends in 30 minutes and today is Friday. If you can give me any reason why you were speeding, that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The man looked at the trooper and said, "Years ago my wife ran off with a Florida State trooper, and I thought you were bringing her back."

The trooper replied, "Sir, have a nice day."

WIT: for the “W”omen’s “I”nternational “T”eam Trials!!

Please Hang Up And Try Again...

A man calls home to check in with his wife, to let her know he'll be home early, when suddenly, a strange woman answers. The confused man inquires, "Who is this?"

"This is the maid," answers the woman. "We don't have a maid," says the man.

The woman says, "I was hired this morning by the lady of the house." "I told her we didn't need one," the man muttered under his breath.

"Well, this is her husband. Is she there?"

The woman replies, "She is upstairs in the bedroom with someone...who I thought was her husband." The man, suddenly realizes what's going on and begins to fume. Moments later, he says to the maid, "Listen, would you like to make \$50,000?"

The maid hesitates, but answers, "What do I have to do?" The man explains to her: "I want you to get my gun from the desk, and shoot the witch and the jerk she's with." The maid pauses for a moment to consider the awful deed and puts the phone down.

A minute later, the man hears footsteps and then two gun shots!

The maid comes back to the phone breathing heavily, and with a slight quiver in her voice asks, "What do I do with the bodies?"

The man, quite despondent at this point, replies, "Throw them in the swimming pool." Puzzled, the maid answers, "But you don't have a pool."

A long pause follows.

Another long pause.

Finally the man asks: "Is this 567-5309?"

The Perfect Woman...

A young man finds the woman of his dreams and asks her to marry him. He tells his mother he wants her to meet his fiancé, but he wants to make a bit of a game out of it. He says he'll bring the girl over with two other women and see if his mother can guess which is the one he wants to marry. His mother agrees to the game.

That night, he shows up at his mother's house with three beautiful young ladies. They all sit down on the couch, and everyone has a wonderful evening talking and getting to know each other.

At the end of the evening, the young man asks his mother, "OK, Mom, which one is the woman I want to marry?"

Without any hesitation at all, his mother replies, "The one in the middle."

The young man is astounded. "How in the world did you figure it out?"

"Easy," she says. "I don't like her."

The Husband Store...

A store that sells husbands has just opened in Ottawa where a woman may go to choose a husband from among many men. The store is comprised of 6 floors, and the men increase in positive attributes as the shopper ascends the flights. There is, however, a catch. As you open the door to any floor you may choose a man from that floor, but if you go up a floor, you cannot go back down except to exit the building.

So a woman goes to the shopping center to find a husband.

(Continued on page 5)

	8	6		2		4	5	
	1						3	
	4	7		3		6	1	
		9		6		5		
6								7
			9		4			
			5		7			
1								6
		8		1		2		

Sudoku

(Continued from page 4)

On the first floor the sign on the door reads: "Floor 1 - These men have jobs." The woman reads the sign and says to herself, "Well, that's better than my last boyfriend, but I wonder what's further up?" So up she goes.

The second floor sign reads: "Floor 2 - These men have jobs and love kids." The woman remarks to herself, "That's great, but I wonder what's further up?" And up she goes again.

The third floor sign reads: "Floor 3 - These men have jobs, love kids, and are extremely good looking." "Hmmm, better." she says. "But I wonder what's upstairs?"

The fourth floor sign reads: "Floor 4 - These men have jobs, love kids, are extremely good looking, and help with the housework." "Wow!" exclaims the woman, "very tempting. BUT, there must be more further up!" And again she heads up another flight.

The fifth floor sign reads: "Floor 5 - These men have jobs, love kids, are extremely good looking, help with the housework, and have a strong romantic streak." "Oh, mercy me! But just think what must be awaiting me further on?" So up to the sixth floor she goes.

The sixth floor sign reads: "Floor 6 - You are visitor 3,456,789,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please."

Puzzle Answer

7	9	8	3	1	6	2	4	5
1	5	3	4	8	2	9	7	6
4	6	2	5	9	7	3	8	1
5	2	1	9	7	4	8	6	3
6	3	4	2	5	8	1	9	7
8	7	9	1	6	3	5	2	4
9	4	7	8	3	5	6	1	2
2	1	5	6	4	9	7	3	8
3	8	6	7	2	1	4	5	9

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.

A Hand from Saturday's Round Robin ... A Lead Problem ...

Board 9
 Dealer: N
 E/W Vul.
 ♠ AJ643
 ♥ J62
 ♦ T9
 ♣ J98

♠ 2
 ♥ AKQT98
 ♦ K852
 ♣ 65
 ♠ KQT97
 ♥
 ♦ J63
 ♣ QT743



On Board 9 from Saturday's RR, Pollack and Cohen bid to the solid six heart contract which required a 3-2 diamond break.

At the other table, Quinn and Wittes gave Weinstein and Bjerkan a chance for a brilliant defense by bidding six diamonds instead of six hearts. What would you lead from the South hand against six diamonds assuming you and your partner had competed in spades?

If you lead the king of spades, partner will likely let it hold and you will be unable to give yourself a heart ruff and defeat the hand. If you lead a small spade, partner may play you to have a holding like KTxxx in spades and have no hint you are looking for a heart ruff.

The best lead is the spade queen. If partner holds the AJ of spades or even only the Ace of spades with the jack in dummy, she will know you have made an unusual lead of the Queen. A heart shift is absolutely clear since you couldn't possibly be ruffing clubs and you obviously wanted her to win the trick and switch.

The heart shift is your only chance to defeat the hand.

Against six hearts, you must find the sacrifice in six spades, going down 800 against the vulnerable slam... and maybe only 500 if the ace of hearts is led

since there can no longer be a club ruff.

Same Set ... When to Invite and When to Go...

Board 14
 Dealer: E
 None Vul.
 ♠ QT42
 ♥ Q982
 ♦ QJ76
 ♣ J

♠ J86
 ♥ J6
 ♦ 843
 ♣ K7543
 ♠ AK3
 ♥ K743
 ♦ K95
 ♣ A86



Assuming that South opens a strong (15-17) no-trump, North should Stayman and at least invite game on any response. Obviously, if partner responds 2♦, you are not thrilled to invite with 2NT, but, if you have the agreement that you only accept these invitations with above average or maximum hands, there is little problem.

If partner responds two hearts or two spades, you should probably consider jumping to game since you have a known eight or nine card fit and seven high card points and a singleton... counting the singleton jack as merely a stiff.

Vulnerable at IMPs, the jump to game should be automatic. Here, you are not vulnerable, but an invitation is still a solid bid, and partner, with a prime 17 will be happy to accept.

Mancuso and Sutherlin bid the four heart game in their match against the Glas-son team while at the other table, Weinstein and Bjerkan stopped conservatively in two hearts.

Corrected Scores from RR1 ... Committee Decisions and Cell Phone Penalties Played a Role

Team Name	Total	5	7	4	3	6	2	8
5. Mancuso	85.91		13.45	4.51	11.67	14.39	14.39	17.50
7. Walsh	81.47	6.55		9.14	12.42	14.09	15.49	13.78
4. Radin	76.07	15.49	10.86		6.22	13.78	14.68	5.04
3. Glasson	73.85	8.33	4.58	13.78		4.51	16.90	15.75
6. Moss	65.69	5.61	5.91	6.22	15.49		7.23	15.23
2. Fireman	56.22	5.61	2.31	5.32	3.10	12.77		17.11
8. Boyd	45.59	2.50	6.22	14.96	4.25	4.77	2.89	

Vugraph

The 2009 USWBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Semi-finals. We hope to cover all 4 tables in play in the Semi-finals and both tables in the Finals and Playoffs. 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 USWBC 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 California times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site**)

11:00-1:20
 1:35-3:55
 6:00-8:20
 8:35-10:55

All of the teams will play the same boards, unless one match gets sufficiently far behind that they have to start later than the other match, in which case, for security reasons, they will play different 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 USWBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

Semi-Final				Semi-Final and Final + Playoff Schedules
Monday	May 25	11:00 am - 1:20 pm 1:35 - 3:55 3:55 - 6:00 6:00 - 8:20 8:35 - 10:55	Semi-final Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32 Dinner break Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64	
Final & Playoff 1				
Tuesday	May 26	11:00 am - 1:20 pm 1:35 - 3:55 3:55 - 6:00 6:00 - 8:20 8:35 - 10:55	Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32 Dinner break Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64	
Wednesday	May 27	11:00 am - 1:20 pm 1:35 - 3:55 3:55 - 6:00	Boards 65-80 Boards 81-96 Dinner Break	
Playoff 2				
Wednesday	May 27	6:00 - 8:20 8:35 - 10:55	Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32	
Thursday	May 28	11:00 am - 1:20 pm 1:35 - 3:55 3:55 - 6:00 6:00 - 8:20 8:35 - 10:55	Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64 Dinner break Boards 65-80 Boards 81-96	