

# Women's Team "Trials" and Tribulations

## Mancuso vs Dinkin in the Finals

### SemiFinals

25-MAY-2009

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64
1	<b>Dinkin</b>	124	39	33	21	31
4	<b>Glasson</b>	97	23	13	12	49
2	<b>Mancuso</b>	123	9	33	39	42
3	<b>Moss</b>	107	32	23	27	25

## Peaches Picks: One and One...

Glasson lost by 27 ... A Poor result for me...

But it was Plane to see that Peggy would Pull through on an American holiday.

Mancuso won by 16 ... and it's Dinkin and Mancuso in the finals.

I wasn't Perfect, but there time to imProve ... As I said, Mancuso's flying high and I'm picking them to go all the way. No need for seat cushion flotation devices on this ride ... it will be smooth sailing as they Play for a berth in Sao Paulo.

In the Playoff 1, it's Glasson and Moss. I still Prefer Glasson and I'm sticking to my guns. Look for Glasson and Dinkin in the race for USA2.

And Please, Pour me a Pink Lady and let me get some sleep. These late nights and VuGraph Perils are exhausting.

Till tomorrow...

Sleep tight Payton... Remember the Power of P ...

If you hold ♠AJ654 ♥T ♦QT32 ♣KT9 and it goes: Pass, Pass, four hearts, Pass, Pass, SAY PASS!

It will be more Perfect than going -790 if Partner won't Pick a suit!!



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## A Minor Difference...

Board 23  
 Dealer: S  
 All Vul.  
 ♠ 9762  
 ♥ T982  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ QT42

♠ 8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">                 N                  ↑             </div>	♠ AKJ4
♥ A6		♥ QJ7543
♦ QJT875		♦ K9
♣ 7653		♣ A
♠ QT53		
♥ K		
♦ A642		
♣ KJ98		

Disdaining the old-fashioned one diamond opener, Perlman and Bjerkan both opened one club on the South cards. West overcalled one diamond at one table and two diamonds at the other table. In both cases, East bid a constructive two hearts and the partnership reached four hearts.

Both tables made 11 tricks.

At a third table, Palmer opened a nebulous precision diamond. West now overcalled a natural two diamonds and East jumped to three no-trump. It would seem that East could have shown her heart suit. In this case, it didn't matter when South led a small spade and declarer made 11 tricks.

At the final table, Quinn opened an old fashioned one diamond. This seems best holding a four by one hand with a singleton heart. If partner happens to respond one no-trump, you can easily play in the minor you hold.

West had no call over one diamond. And Wittes chose the perfect time to respond one heart on her two count. East bid a natural two hearts and played it there... losing ten IMPs in the process.

So much for science!!

**"There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics."**  
 - Benjamin Disraeli

## To Double or Not to Double...

Board 112  
 Dealer: W  
 E/W Vul.  
 ♠ AJ6532  
 ♥ AK976  
 ♦  
 ♣ KT

♠ KT	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">                 N                  ↑             </div>	♠
♥ QJ		♥ T83
♦ AK		♦ QJT87643
♣ AQJ9542		♣ 86
♠ Q9874		
♥ 542		
♦ 952		
♣ 73		

Lewis, holding the West cards, chose to open an off shape 2NT. Apparently North/South had not discussed their methods over 2NT, and Wittes passed the North hand even with the favorable vulnerability. Gwozdzinsky jumped to five diamonds on her eight card suit.

Amazingly, this was passed out. One would think Wittes might have found the sporting double on her 15 count. This contract went down one when the club finesse lost.

Four spades is cold on this hand. Do you and your partner have a means of showing a major two-suiter in this auction? Perhaps you should.

Consider the fact that if South traded the deuce of hearts for West's deuce of clubs, six spades would be cold.

Never underestimate the power of the deuce ...

## 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**



## WIT: for the "W"omen's "I"nternational "T"eam Trials!!

1. Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
2. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
3. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
4. A dyslexic man walks into a bra.
5. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."
6. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"
7. "Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'" "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" "Well, It's Not Unusual."
8. Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning." "I don't believe you," says Dolly. "It's true, no bull!" exclaims Daisy.
9. An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.
10. Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.
11. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.
12. A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't - I've cut off your arms!"
13. I went to a seafood disco last week...and pulled a mussel.
14. What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fish.
15. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says "Dam!".
16. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
17. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why," they asked, as they moved off. "Because", he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

I had amnesia once -- or twice.  
Photons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.  
All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.  
I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.  
If the world was a logical place, men would ride horses side-saddle.  
What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?  
They told me I was gullible ... and I believed them.

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

# Sudoku

*(Continued from page 4)*

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to edge his car onto a freeway.

Two can live as cheaply as one, for half as long.

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.

Diplomacy is the art of saying "nice doggy" until you can find a rock.

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

My weight is perfect for my height - which varies.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

Is it possible to be totally partial?

Is Marx's tomb a communist plot?

Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off.

It's not an optical illusion. It just looks like one.

If you can lead it to water and force it to drink, it isn't a horse.

Finally, advice for today ..... Remember, a truly wise man never plays leapfrog with a unicorn.

**Puzzle Answer**

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

## 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.

## Bidding Over Preempts...

Board 41  
Dealer: N  
E/W Vul.

♠ 9		♠ 865
♥ Q953		♥ J
♦ 654		♦ AKJ972
♣ AQJ98		♣ T32
♠ JT7432		♠ AKQ
♥ K7642	♥ AT8	
♦ T8	♦ Q3	
♣	♣ K7654	

Many pairs have abandoned two diamonds as a weak preempt, however, all of the Norths in the Semi-finals preempted either two or three diamonds. In every case, a spurious result ensued.

Against Bjerkan and Weinstein, Levitina opened two diamonds. Bjerkan made the seemingly clear-cut takeout double. Weinstein ignored her good five card club suit to bid her moth-eaten four card heart suit. She also ignored her nine highs and a singleton when she chose to bid a non-constructive two hearts. Bjerkan raised to three hearts, and now, of course, Weinstein accepted. The defense was fairly normal and four hearts was defeated two tricks.

At the other table in this match, Glasson opened three diamonds; Palmer doubled; Deas also ignored her good club suit when she bid three hearts. Palmer could go no higher. Similar defense resulted in a one trick set and three IMPs to Dinkin.

In the other match, Wittes opened two diamonds. Gwozdzinsky, apparently feeling unprepared to hear a four card major response, chose to overcall three clubs on a poor five card suit. Quinn threw in the random three spade bid with the


South hand. Lewis, knowing her partner had a good hand with bad clubs, cue bid her singleton spade. Wittes, thinking sacrifice, doubled with her three spades to the eight. This was redoubled and pulled to the final contract of five clubs.

The double of four spades was fatal since Quinn now led a spade instead of the normal diamond. Declarer discarded two diamonds and claimed up five clubs.

We don't have the auction at the other table, but Sutherlin/Mancuso also disdained the ten card club fit and played in four hearts... down FOUR for a loss of 14 IMP's on a hand where the par result is four clubs making 130 East/West.

## Maximum Punishment ... the Trouble with Thinking

Board 13  
Dealer: N  
All Vul.

♠ KJ52		♠ Q8
♥ Q96		♥ KT752
♦ K64		♦ 2
♣ 864		♣ JT752
♠ T6		♠ A9743
♥ J843	♥ A	
♦ AQT987	♦ J53	
♣ Q	♣ AK93	

Poor Bjerkan... She opened one spade and bid game when her partner showed a four card limit raise. There was no opponent bidding ...

The opening lead was the queen of clubs. Realizing that her best chance to avoid four losers would be to pitch a diamond on the fourth round of clubs, she ducked the opening lead!! The defense was brutal. Ace of diamonds, diamond ruff, club ruff, diamond ruff, club ruff ... oops... down three!

At the other table, again with no opposition bidding, Levitina won the opening club lead, drew trumps in two rounds, and when clubs failed to work, led up to the king of diamonds... making four!

14 IMPs to Dinkin.

Even at unfavorable vulnerability, it is hard to picture LHO holding AQT sixth of diamonds and a singleton club. After all, many people would bid over a strong notrump holding the South hand.

Usually you want your partner to think... on this hand, it was a clearly a liability. Too much knowledge is a dangerous thing.

## 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.

<b>Semi-Final</b>				<b>Semi-Final and Final + Playoff Schedules</b>
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	<b>Semi-final</b> Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32 Dinner break Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64	
<b>Final &amp; Playoff 1</b>				
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	
<b>Playoff 2</b>				
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	