

Women's Team "Trials" and Tribulations

Final		TOTAL	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	65-80	81-96
#	TEAM							
1	Dinkin	162	32	22	18	30	26	34
2	Mancuso	154	10	35	50	12	23	24

Playoff		TOTAL	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	65-80	81-96
#	TEAM							
3	Glasson	207	49	60	45	3	21	29
4	Moss	160	7	0	20	62	40	31



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USA 2 Final

#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-16	17-32
1	Mancuso	74	16	58
2	Glasson	71	41	30

Good Luck to Dinkin, USA1, in Sao Paulo!!

Well Played in the Finals!

Board 92	♠ A9532	♠ QJ74
Dealer: W	♥ K74	♥ AJ983
N/S Vul.	♦ KJ	♦ 987
	♣ AJ6	♣ 2
	♠ KT6	
	♥ Q2	
	♦ Q62	
	♣ KT973	
	♠ 8	
	♥ T65	
	♦ AT543	
	♣ Q854	



Quinn, West, passed in first seat. Levitina opened 1NT and it rested there. Wittes lead her fourth best heart which rode to the queen and king. Levitina lead the jack of clubs from her hand, losing to the king in West. It would be best for West to duck, however, the pressure was too great and Quinn did not see what was coming.

Quinn returned the deuce of hearts to her partners jack and was now forced to discard spades on the run of the hearts. Wittes exited a spade to declarer's ace.

Declarer cashed the ace of clubs and the king of diamonds. She continued a club to the queen and exited a club, discarding her jack of diamonds.

Quinn was forced to win the club and lead a diamond from her Q6 into dummy's AT.

At the other table, East/West played two hearts down one for a one IMP swing.

Nice play by Levitina!

A Grand Finish to the First Segment

Board 16
 Dealer: W
 E/W Vul.

♠ AKT4
 ♥ KJ9
 ♦ 53
 ♣ AK82

♠ 62
 ♥ 32
 ♦ JT964
 ♣ T765

♠ 98753
 ♥ T5
 ♦ KQ87
 ♣ 94

♠ QJ
 ♥ AQ8764
 ♦ A2
 ♣ QJ3



West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Goldberg	Bjerkkan	Sprung
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Double	5♠*
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

*comment at the table after the auction: I meant to bid 5NT. Sorry if this is wrong.

Sprung made a good guess to bid seven hearts after the five spade accident. Had she bid 5NT, she would have found partner with both kings and easily bid the grand.

At the other table, Glasson and Berkowitz had a strong club auction which should have reached the grand, but North asked for aces and was now unable to count thirteen tricks. Since North had shown 16-18 HCP, South could not simply bid the grand based on strength.

Commentator Kit Woolsey made a good observation: "The player with the primes shouldn't Blackwood. The player with the fillers and a source of tricks should be the Blackwooder."

Peaches and Cream...

Well, maybe not cream... more like egg on my face. Dinkin pulled out the win in the Final. It was close all the way and I never would have imagined I could Pick so Poorly. No one is Perfect ... but I'll try to Pick the right Players in the quest for USA2.

I'm drowning my sorrows in Purple Passion Punch... and I'm feeling more Passionate with each sip.

It's so Pleasant here tonight, I wrote myself a tune:

When sipping Purple Passion Punch,
 One must stick with one's first hunch.

While I drink up my favorite brew,
 Glasson will be our team TWO!

One more drinky Poo Please!

See you tomorrow for the exciting end to this event.

**"We live in a
 Newtonian
 world of
 Einsteinian
 physics ruled
 by
 Frankenstein
 logic."
 - David Russell**

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

Speak English!

English has to be one of the hardest languages to understand. Read the paragraph below and try to understand the meaning.

Two individuals proceeded towards the apex of a natural geologic protuberance, the purpose of their expedition being the procurement of a sample of fluid hydride of oxygen in a large vessel, the exact size of which was unspecified. One member of the team precipitously descended, sustaining severe damage to the upper cranial portion of his anatomical structure; Subsequently the second member of the team performed a self rotational translation oriented in the same direction taken by the first team member.

In plain English what does this translate to?

Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water Jack fell down and broke his crown and Jill came tumbling after!

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

If you have sex with a prostitute against her will, is it considered rape or shoplifting?

Can you cry under water?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your two cents in'... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

If Wile E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME crap, why didn't he just buy dinner?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Why do they call it an asteroid when it's outside the hemisphere, but call it a hemorrhoid when it's in your butt?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?



Sudoku

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

First Class Fooling...

A blonde and a lawyer are seated next to each other on a flight from LA to NY. The lawyer asks if she would like to play a game. The blonde, who's tired and just wants to take a nap, politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks.

The lawyer persists and says the game is easy and a lot of fun. He explains, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5.00, and vice versa."

Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep. The lawyer, now agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5.00, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00."

This catches the blonde's attention; and figuring there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, she agrees to the game.

The lawyer asks the first question: "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?"

The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches into her purse, pulls out a \$5.00 bill, and hands it to the lawyer. "Okay," says the lawyer, "it's your turn."

She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs but comes down with four legs?"

The lawyer, puzzled, takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references--no answer. He taps into the airphone with his modem and searches the Net and the Library of Congress--no answer. Frustrated, he sends e-mails to all his friends and coworkers, to no avail. After an hour, he wakes the blonde and hands her \$500.

The blonde says "Thank you" and turns back to get some more sleep.

The lawyer, who is more than a little miffed, wakes the blonde and asks, "Well, what's the answer?"

Without a word, the blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep.

Puzzle Answer

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

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.

Duck, Duck, Goose!

Board 6
Dealer: E
E/W Vul.

♠ A75 ♥ 9853 ♦ KJT32 ♣ 2 ♠ KQ8 ♥ 2 ♦ AQ9 ♣ AQ9873 ♠ T63 ♥ QJ74 ♦ 764 ♣ JT5		♠ J942 ♥ AKT6 ♦ 85 ♣ K64
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In the USA2 Final, both tables reached a mundane 3NT and made six when the jack of diamonds was led. There was much discussion of the fact that East/West had missed a cold slam. While it is true that the slam is cold when seeing all four hands, an opportunity for great defense exists.


Assume that North leads a heart, not wanting to lead from an honor against a slam. Declarer wins the ace of hearts and plays a spade to the king. South should give honest count with the three and North should lie by playing her seven. Declarer will then play the spade queen... and North continues to lie with the spade five. Declarer must now make an early guess... are spades three-three, or is the diamond king on sides?

If she believes the defenders' carding, she will play the ace of clubs and the nine of clubs to dummy's king. She will now cash the king of hearts and take the diamond finesse for down one.

The trick is for South to give honest count so North will know what to do. Too bad no one had the opportunity to do this against a 6NT bid.

Cool Under Pressure...

Board 3
Dealer: S
E/W Vul.

♠ 964 ♥ 65 ♦ 2 ♣ AJ98542 ♠ A82 ♥ JT8 ♦ K986 ♣ T63 ♠ QJT7 ♥ Q973 ♦ JT73 ♣ 7		♠ K53 ♥ AK42 ♦ AQ54 ♣ KQ
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West	North	East	South
Sutherland	Glasson	Mancuso	Berkowitz
			Pass
Pass	3NT (4♣/♦ preempt)	Double	4♣
Double	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Joanne Glasson showed the value of aggressive preempting when she opened three no-trump revealing a four of a minor preempt. She was now in the last making contract for her opponents.

Mancuso, looking at an opening 2NT, doubled and East/West landed in four hearts down two.

At the other table, Goldberg, North, opened a normal three clubs; Bjerkan doubled and Weinstein responded three diamonds over which Cheri bid 3NT.

There was nothing to the play... and the result was an easy 13 IMP pick-up.

The best that Glasson's opponents could do was to double four clubs and collect a probable 500 for a small loss on the hand.

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.

Playoff 2 Schedule			
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

Til Death Do Us Part...

Little Johnny was attending his first wedding.

After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," Little Johnny responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly.

"How do you know that?"

"Easy," Little Johnny said.

"All you have to do is add it up, like the Bishop said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer"

Low High Card Game ... Well Bid by Berkowitz and Glasson

Board 22
Dealer: E
E/W Vul.

♠ 95
♥ T832
♦ 76
♣ AT974

♠ AJT82
♥ J7
♦ 9854
♣ Q6



♠ K743
♥ 6
♦ AKJ32
♣ 532

♠ Q6
♥ AKQ954
♦ QT
♣ KJ8

Berkowitz and Glasson did well to bid game on their combined 19 high card points. Of course, they got lucky to have both spades and diamonds break 2-2.

The auction:

West	North	East	South
Berkowitz	Mancuso	Glasson	Sutherland
		1♦	1♥
Double (negative)	3♥	3♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

At the other table, the auction went very differently, and Quinn and Wittes sold out to Cohen and Pollack's heart part score. Three hearts failed by a trick but scored up a gain of 12 IMPs for Glasson.

West	North	East	South
Quinn	Cohen	Wittes	Pollack
		1♦	1♥
1♠	3♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Lucky Bid ... Lucky Play

Board 25
Dealer: N
E/W Vul.

♠ 32
♥ JT752
♦ T42
♣ K96

♠ A6
♥ A98
♦ AQ83
♣ Q743



♠ K9754
♥ Q
♦ J7
♣ AJ852

♠ QJT8
♥ K643
♦ K965
♣ T

Wittes and Quinn did well to reach an aggressive and somewhat lucky six clubs on the East/West cards. East opened one spade and West responded two clubs. East splintered with three hearts. In response to her partner's four club (Minorwood?), East bid four hearts (one keycard?). Quinn, West, then bid the six club slam.

A diamond was led, giving Quinn the diamond finesse at trick one. Quinn now continued with a small club to the jack. This held and with clubs 3-1, she was able to pull two rounds of trumps, set up spades and claim.

It appears this play was flawed since Quinn can handle 4-0 clubs in only one direction. To counter this, she must lead the queen at trick two. If North holds the KT96 of trumps, she will cover and West can now lead a small club to the seven. Declarer will need spades to be 3-3. As long as spades are 3-3, she will be able to set up the spades and pick up North's four card trump holding for one loser.

Leading low to the jack does not handle a four card trump holding in either hand.

At the other table, Berkowitz and Glasson reached 3NT and went down a trick when Berkowitz, needing to bring in the club suit with no losers, mis-guessed

by leading low to the jack after Mancuso's killing heart lead. It would seem that five clubs is the best spot to play this hand, but both sides eschewed that... the result: 16 IMP's to Mancuso.

Notice that if North held the heart king and led a heart against 3NT, declarer would need to make the same club safety play.