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“Trials” and Tribulations

Finals										
#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120
1	Fleisher	132	28	51	20	33				
2	Diamond	121	45	6	33	37				

SemiFinals Under 21 Team Trials				
#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-16	17-32
1	Kaplan	94	72	22
4	Das	72	50	22
2	Rizzo	82	46	36
3	Dhir	76	22	54

Under 21 Team Trials - 2010					
Finals					
#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-16	17-32	33-48
1	Kaplan	105	45	60	
2	Rizzo	20	8	12	wd

Thanks everyone for following the Trials as diligently as you have. As always, it was great fun and great competition. Thanks to the locals who volunteered to operate the VuGraph, act as monitors and act as escorts. We appreciate all your efforts. Thanks Jan for coordinating the entire tournament.

Also, thanks to the “regulars” who work so well together that we sometimes take them for granted. Thanks to Barbara and Joan for the wonderful hospitality... to the appeals committee for being there when they were needed... to Ken Horwedel and Tom Sucher and Joe Stokes... to Suzi Subeck and Kitty Cooper... and everyone else who had a hand in making this event a success!

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The Beginning of the End...

Before looking at all the hands, consider this:

You hold: ♠AKQJ643 ♥void ♦963 ♣J97.

What do you lead?

Obviously partner is asking for an unusual lead, but the opponents have only bid one suit and it's trump. Or, is partner simply expecting to beat this on strength? 16 IMPs hang on your decision.

West	North	East	South
Fleisher	Diamond	Kamil	Platnick
	4♥	4♣	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♥
Double	All Pass		

Faced with this decision at the table, Kamil led the "normal" king of spades. He'd bid the suit in the auction and maybe partner was just saying he could beat it with the expected lead. What a dreadful position!

Diamond ruffed the spade and claimed 12 tricks after pulling trump and knocking out the ace of diamonds for two club pitches.

At the other table, the auction was quite different:

Hampson	Levin	Greco	S. Weinstein
	4♣ (NAMYATS)	4♠	5♣
Double	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♥	6♠	Double
All Pass			

Once Hampson had an opportunity to double for a club lead, this might well have been an even bigger swing had Greco not chosen to take out insurance in six spades. As it was, six spades went down two on the lead of the king of diamonds. 16 IMPs to Diamond!

Board 5
N/S Vul.
Dealer: N

♠ AKQJT8532
♥ 4
♦ 654
♣ T97

♠ AKQJ643
♥ 96
♦ 963
♣ J97

♠ 852
♥ 74
♦ KQJ5
♣ AT83

↑ N

Sunday June 27th	10:00 - 12:10	Segment 5 Boards 61-75
	12:25 - 2:35	Segment 6 Boards 76-90
	2:35 - 3:45	1 Hour 10 minute break
	3:45 - 5:55	Segment 7 Boards 91-105
	6:10 - 8:20	Segment 8 Boards 106-120

Hospitality Information From Barbara Nudelman

Hospitality for the 2010 USBC is in Suite 1100. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join us for:
Breakfast from 8:30-10:00 am
Lunch will be served from 2:35-3:45
There is free internet available in the lobby with free printing. If you use the internet in your room there is a charge.

I Just Wanna Bang On The Drum All Day...

A researcher arrives in Borneo to gather data for his thesis. Accompanied by his trusty guide, he seeks out a very remote locale for researching the mating behavior of the giant rat of Sumatra.

Around dusk of the first day, he's sitting by the campfire with his guide when in the distance, he hears tribal drums. They get louder. The guide announces, "I don't know guys, I don't like the sound of those drums."

Dusk turns to evening. The drums get louder. The guide says, "I really don't like the sound of those drums."

Evening turns to dead of night. The drums get louder and louder, until it is obvious that the drummers must be quite close. The guide cries out again, "I really don't like the sound of those drums!"

Suddenly the drums stop, and a voice from the darkness cries out, "Hey dude, lay off. He's not our regular drummer."

Board 20
 All Vul.
 Dealer: W

♠ Q975
 ♥ A3
 ♦ K83
 ♣ A432

♠ A8643
 ♥ K75
 ♦ Q74
 ♣ J9

♠ T2
 ♥ J9
 ♦ JT96
 ♣ KQ985

♠ KJ
 ♥ QT8642
 ♦ A52
 ♣ T6



West	North	East	South
Levin	Diamond	Weinstein	Platnick
Pass	1♦ (could be 2)	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Moss	Martel	Gitelman	Stansby
Pass	1NT (12-14)	Pass	2♦ (transfer)
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Fleisher was down by 17 going into the second segment. Boards 16-19 were all pushes. Then board 20 came along and the tides reversed. Diamond and Platnick had a simple auction. Because they play Precision, one diamond was limited to less than 16. With this in mind, Platnick saw no reason to bid beyond a com-

fortable two hearts on his 6 card suit and ten point hand with his LHO overcalling his king/jack doubleton. Of course, his partner actually held the spade queen, so that was no problem. As the cards lie, there are only three losers: one heart, one club and one spade. They scored +170.

At the other table, Martel opened a 12-14 one no trump. Stansby transferred. There was no overcall and Stansby invited. Martel was borderline, but he liked his hand and his diamond king and spade queen were "protected" so he accepted the invitation. The play was simple. Gitelman led the club king. Martel ducked. Gitelman switched to the diamond jack. Martel won in dummy with the ace and knocked out the spade ace. He now had a pitch for dummy's third diamond on the spade queen Martel, too, took ten tricks and scored +620... and more importantly, a 10 IMP swing to Fleisher.

Board 30
 None Vul.
 Dealer: E

♠ Q7
 ♥ J96
 ♦ 87642
 ♣ AT7

♠ J84
 ♥ A7
 ♦ AKQJ
 ♣ KQJ2

♠ K96532
 ♥ T32
 ♦ 53
 ♣ 65

♠ AT
 ♥ KQ854
 ♦ T9
 ♣ 9843



West	North	East	South
Levin	Diamond	Weinstein	Platnick
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♥ (Texas transfer)	Double
Redouble	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Moss	Martel	Gitelman	Stansby
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♥ (Texas transfer)	Double
Redouble	All Pass		

Nothing like a 17 IMP swing to wake the kibitzers!

Both auctions were the same up to the redouble. Apparently the redouble shows the heart ace. Weinstein knew that and bid four spades and went light one trick after Platnick led the heart king won by the ace in dummy. A spade was led to the king and ace, and eventually the declarer yielded two spades, one heart, and one club.

At the other table, there was an apparent large misunderstanding. Gitelman must have thought the redouble was business because he sat it holding only T32 in the suit. This was a complete fiasco. Stansby led the diamond ten won by the jack in dummy. The king of clubs was led to the ace and a heart was played through the ten to the ace on the board. Gitelman cashed the king and jack of clubs pitching a spade from hand and king and queen of diamonds pitching another spade from hand while Stansby ruffed. Stansby pulled the trump from declarer's hand and when the bleeding stopped, the contract was down four for - 1600 and 17 IMPs to Fleisher. Fleisher finished up 28 after two segments.

By the end of this final, the ball may have gone back and forth as many times as it did in the record long tennis match earlier this week!

Board 46
None Vul.
Dealer: N

♠ Q3
♥ AJ62
♦ T3
♣ Q7532

♠ AKJT954
♥ T7
♦ 6
♣ KJ4

♠ 8762
♥ K95
♦ 8752
♣ T8

♠
♥ Q843
♦ AKQJ94
♣ A96



West	North	East	South
Moss	Weinstein	Gitelman	Levin
		Pass	1♦
4♠	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

Martel	Greco	Stansby	Hampson
		Pass	1♣ (strong)
4♠	Double (values)	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

hearts and ace of clubs were perfectly placed for North/South and there were only three losers when Moss guessed the club right.

After opening his natural diamond suit, Levin reopened with double over four spades hoping his partner would “do the right thing.” Clearly, Weinstein had a hand with which he was not concerned about defending. He held four hearts but it wasn’t clear his side could take 11 tricks in that suit and he was pretty sure four spades would be defeated. Unfortunately for Levin/Weinstein, the ace of

In the other room, Hampson, having never shown diamonds, thought he might be making game. Dutifully, he pulled Greco’s double and bid five diamonds. He was unlucky when the king of hearts was offside and the trumps broke 4-1. Martel led the king of spades which Hampson ruffed in hand. He cashed the king and ace of trump, and took the losing heart finesse. Stansby continued spades and Hampson played the ace of clubs and a club toward the queen. Martel rose with the king and gave Stansby a club ruff for down one. 11 IMPs to Diamond.

Board 59
None Vul.
Dealer: S

♠ Q874
♥ J954
♦ 873
♣ 53

♠ AT
♥ A72
♦ AKJ654
♣ K4

♠ KJ953
♥ KQT3
♦
♣ AQ87

♠ 62
♥ 86
♦ QT92
♣ JT962



West	North	East	South
Moss	Weinstein	Gitelman	Levin
			Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	7♣	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

In the other room, Martel and Stansby reached a calm 6NT and made it. Gitelman and Moss had a colossal misunderstanding when Moss meant seven diamonds as pick a major and Gitelman thought it was a solid suit. Seven diamonds went down two ... Gitelman losing two trump tricks... and a heated discussion followed. 14 IMPs to Fleisher.

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

Sudoku

Juniors Semi-Finals		
Saturday	10:00 - 12:10	Segment 1 Boards 1-16
June 26th	12:25 - 2:35	Segment 2 Boards 17-32
	2:35 - 3:45	1 Hour 10 minute break
USA1 Finals & USA2 Semi-Finals		
Saturday	3:45 - 5:55	Segment 1 Boards 1-16
June 26th	6:10 - 8:20	Segment 2 Boards 17-32
Sunday 6/27	10:00 - 12:10	Segment 3 Boards 33-48
USA2 Finals		
	12:25 - 2:35	Segment 1 Boards 1-16
Sunday	2:35 - 3:45	1 Hour 10 minute break
June 27th	3:45 - 5:55	Segment 2 Boards 17-32
	6:10 - 8:20	Segment 3 Boards 91-105

Solution to today's Sudoku

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

From the U21 Event...

Board 20
 All Vul.
 Dealer: W

♠ A8743
 ♥ JT94
 ♦ J
 ♣ AK5

♠ KQ5
 ♥ Q652
 ♦ 9
 ♣ T9742



♠ JT962
 ♥
 ♦ KT654
 ♣ QJ8

West	North	East	South
Kaplan	R. Jeng	Grossack	A. Jeng
1♦ (could be 2)	1♣	Double	3♠
4♥	Double	All Pass	

Rizzo	Marriott	Green	Hudson
1♥	1♠ (could be can-	2♥	4♠
5♥	Double	All Pass	

Rizzo opened one heart on his six-five hand. When his partner raised in competition, it was easy for him to bid five hearts.

Marriott led the ace of clubs and found the best switch to a trump. Rizzo was unable to get out for less than down two.

In the other room, Kaplan opened one diamond and would have had a real bidding problem if South had raised to four spades, however, South bid only three spades and Kaplan was now able to show his heart suit.

R. Jeng led the ace of clubs but then shifted to his singleton diamond rather than to a trump. Declarer was now able to ruff out his losing diamonds and make four hearts doubled for a 15 IMP swing to Kaplan.

Board 22
 E/W Vul.
 Dealer: E

♠ 94
 ♥ A95
 ♦ T7
 ♣ AQ8642

♠ J7
 ♥ T8432
 ♦ AQ64
 ♣ 97



♠ AK83
 ♥ KJ6
 ♦ 83
 ♣ KT53

West	North	East	South
Kaplan	R. Jeng	Grossack	A. Jeng
		Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣ (inverted)	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Adam Kaplan chose an unusual lead on this hand and gained 11 IMPs.

Most people holding the West cards, would automatically lead their five card major. Adam chose the unusual lead of a diamond and caught his partner with five to the king/jack.

At the other table the auction was a simple 1NT/3NT and West made the conventional heart lead. Declarer made 11 tricks.

In Seeding Order

"It is not a bad idea to get in the habit of writing down one's thoughts. It saves one having to bother anyone else with them." - Isabel Colegate

Nickell	Bye to Rnd of 8	Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth	Ralph Katz Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell
Diamond	Bye to Rnd of 8	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Brad Moss	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Fred Gitelman
Fleisher	Bye to Rnd of 8	Martin Fleisher, Capt Bobby Levin Chip Martel	Michael Kamil Steve Weinstein Lew Stansby
Meltzer	Bye to Rnd of 16	Rose Meltzer, Capt Alan Sontag Michael Rosenberg	Kyle Larsen David Berkowitz Mark Feldman
Robinson	Bye to Rnd of 16	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Adam Wildavsky	Peter Boyd Fred Stewart Doug Doub
Schwartz		Richard Schwartz, Capt Russell Ekeblad Drew Casen	Matthew Granovetter Ron Rubin Jim Krekorian
Welland		Roy Welland, Capt Steve Garner Ron Smith	Chris Willenken Howard Weinstein Billy Cohen
Jacobs		George Jacobs, Capt Chris Compton Marc Jacobus	Steve Beatty Bart Bramley Eddie Wold
Mahaffey		Jim Mahaffey, Capt Peter Weichsel Sam Lev	Mike Passell Michael Seamon Jacek Pszczola
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Milner		Reese Milner, Capt John Mohan Robert Blanchard	Gary Cohler Roger Bates Shane Blanchard
Rogoff		Bruce Rogoff, Capt Doug Simson Xiaodong Shi	Josh Parker Walter Johnson Jiang Gu
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Harris		Martin Harris, Capt Stephen Landen Ira Chorush	Jacob Morgan Dan Gerstman V. Koneru
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Miller		Jeffrey Miller, Capt Jeffrey Schuett David Yang	William Wickham Dick Bruno Greg Hinze
Demirev		Darina Demirev, Capt Will Engel Nik Demirev	Howard Liu Daniel Levin William Watson
Stauber		Allan Stauber, Capt Kerri Sanborn	Stephen Sanborn Lewis Finkel
Weinstein		Jonathan Weinstein, Capt Clement Jackson Bob Etter	Franco Baseggio Josh Sher Alex Kolesnik
Todd		Robert Todd, Capt Les Bart	McKenzie Myers Gloria Bart
Rosenfeld		Jason Rosenfeld, Capt Victor Chubukov	Drew Becker Eric Mayefsky
Zeller		Michael Zeller, Capt Matthew Meckstroth	Kelley Zeller Cameron Shunta

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 USBC 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.

VuGraph Information

The 2010 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16, in which we will probably cover 3 or 4 matches (there will be 5 matches in the Round of 16). The Round of 16 starts in the afternoon of Monday, June 21st. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website (www.bridgebase.com)** 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 VUGRAPH THEATRE and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch. For cell phone logon, go to **www.bridgebase.com/mobile**.

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, who may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

Each day's schedule is the same (these are Chicago times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO Vugraph schedule site <http://www.bridgebase.com/vugraph/schedule.php>**)

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

During the 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 match, in which case, for security reasons, they will play different boards.

During the Rounds of 32, 16 & 8, each team will play a different set of 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 2010 USBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

You can usually find the hand records for Vugraph matches on the PSBRIDGE website at <http://psbridge.gotdns.com/bbo/allvug/>, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2010USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

The 2010 Under 21 Trials will be covered on BBO Vugraph. We anticipate covering the USA2 Finals.

Euphemisms for Workplace Incompetence -

He's two raisins short of a fruitcake.

Having him show up is like having 2 good men call in sick!

A Forest Killer - Somebody's who's able to produce paper, but no answers.

He must have donated his brain to science before he was done using it.

Not only is he not the sharpest knife in the drawer, but he is the spoon in the knife drawer.

Her staircase doesn't go all the way to the top floor.

She has two speeds...slow and stop!

Did he have an extra cup of stupid this morning?

If you gave him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change.

Results of a performance review: "I thought this guy's performance had reached rock bottom, but then he started to dig."

The wheel's spinning but the hamster's dead.

I've heard of people having an inferiority complex, but in your case it isn't a complex.

Not only does his elevator not go to the top, but the cable's broken.

A "file cabinet wearing a dress" is the way one of our members described one particularly "unbusy" woman.

And in an Information Systems department, one of our members had a term they used for clueless users with silly complaints. They'd call them: ID ten T errors (ID10T - better spelled IDIOT!)

I suppose every village needs at least one idiot...

He's a full six pack, but he's missing the plastic thing that holds them together.

If brains were taxed, he'd get a rebate.

She's as useful as a screen door on a submarine.

I am convinced that there are millions of brilliant people in this world...and none of them work for us.

If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.

I don't think she's plugged in.

The cheese slid off his cracker years ago.

A term used by a member who works in a tech department: PICNIC: Problem in Chair, Not In Computer

He came in late, but he'll make it up by leaving early.

At one workplace, they call the person who is exempt from the rules and who is not expected to do any work, the boss's "Prize Pig."

She must have checked her brain at the door and lost the claim ticket.

One member worked with a manager who called anyone incompetent, "A waste of skin."

She has delusions of adequacy.

Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled.

He is just one taco short of a combination plate.

One member, who works in a library, often says that, "Her book is missing the last chapter."

He's on the fast track to forced retirement.

There's no engineer on THAT train of thought....

It's hard to believe he beat out 1,000,000 other sperm.