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**Bulls after 6 Rounds:**

Team Name	Total	11	14	13	15	12	16	18	19	17	BYE
11. Welland	78.08			1.45	14.18	13.59	11.20		18.97	18.69	
14. Deutsch	75.46				13.59	7.71		20.00	11.20	12.96	10.00
13. Gordon	65.82	18.55				7.71	4.03	13.59	11.94		10.00
15. Harris	61.92	5.82	6.41				18.97	12.96	3.58	14.18	
12. Mahaffey	61.38	6.41	12.29	12.29				9.19	11.20		10.00
16. Cohen	56.81	8.80		15.97	1.03			5.27		15.74	10.00
18. Todd	48.99		0.00	6.41	7.04	10.81	14.73				10.00
19. Rosenfeld	48.11	1.03	8.80	8.06	16.42	8.80				5.00	
17. Stauber	43.43	1.31	7.04		5.82		4.26		15.00		10.00

**Bears after 6 Rounds:**

Team Name	Total	5	2	7	6	1	3	8	4	9	BYE
5. Chan	88.64			11.94	11.20	14.46		17.03	16.42	17.59	
2. Jacobs	68.87					5.27	15.50	14.73	12.96	10.41	10.00
7. Demirev	64.62	8.06			8.42	8.80			11.58	17.76	10.00
6. Miller	64.35	8.80		11.58		15.97	17.22	.78			10.00
1. Schwartz	62.12	5.54	14.73	11.20	4.03		9.59			17.03	
3. Milner	58.90		4.50		2.78	10.41		17.93		13.28	10.00
8. Weinstein	56.56	2.97	5.27		19.22		2.07		17.03		10.00
4. Rogoff	42.01	3.58	7.04	8.42				2.97		10.00	10.00
9. Zeller	33.93	2.41	9.59	2.24		2.97	6.72		10.00		

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**“Trials” and Tribulations**

Thanks to an afternoon thunder storm, the hotel completely lost its power and play was delayed one hour after the dinner break.

Players were stranded on the main floor, the fifth floor and the eleventh floor of the hotel. Luckily no one was stranded in the elevators.

Hopefully today's round robin will have less excitement.

Good luck everyone!

Thanks for your patience.

Jan Martel, Operations Officer

**Parking Info:** Parking in the hotel lot is \$18 for 8+ hours; \$12 for 8 or less hours; BUT there is a free parking garage behind the hotel. It can be accessed from the hotel driveway or off of Zemke Road which is just South of the hotel. To park for free, push the speaker button and explain that you are a guest of the hotel. You will be allowed to enter and park. To leave the garage, simply push the exit button at the gate.

# Don't Get Your Signals Crossed...

Board 41 ♠ A8643  
 E/W Vul. ♥ 9  
 Dealer: N ♦ 94  
 ♣ AKT93

♠ KQ7 ♠ T952  
 ♥ QT864 ♥ A753  
 ♦ T ♦ AK87  
 ♣ J654 ♣ Q

♠ J  
 ♥ KJ2  
 ♦ QJ6532  
 ♣ 872



Board 41 played in the 5<sup>th</sup> round of the round-robin presented an interesting defensive problem.

North opened one spade and his opponents, Roger Bates, West, and John Mohan, East, bid to an aggressive four heart contract. North led the ace of clubs.

With a singleton in dummy, South would normally give suit preference. If partner had the spade ace, a spade shift would be correct. However, South cannot afford for North to underlead the king of spades. What to do?

South should play the club deuce and North will shift to the diamond nine. South knows that if North regains the lead, it will be in spades. South should now play the Jack! of diamonds, denying the queen.

If declarer plays a spade North will have no problem, returning a spade for South to ruff. If declarer plays on hearts South will win and switch to spades, easily scoring four tricks. In the Miller/Milner match, South failed to play the diamond jack and North fell from grace by continuing diamonds after winning the spade ace at trick three.

North is not blameless. North/South's agreement is to play the queen from second hand holding the QJ combination and the jack of spades should be a singleton. Looking at the T9 in dummy, South would be unlikely to play the Jack from J7 doubleton and would probably play the king from KJ doubleton.

When North didn't continue spades, Bates succeeded in four hearts!

SATURDAY JUNE 19TH	10:00-11:20	BOARDS 55-63
	11:35-12:55	BDS 64-72
	1:10-2:30	BDS 73-81
	2:30-4:00	1 HOUR 30 MINUTE BREAK
ROUND ROBIN II		
SATURDAY JUNE 19TH	4:00-5:20	BOARDS 1-9
	5:35-6:55	BOARDS 10-18
	7:10-8:30	BOARDS 19-27

## 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 each day from 8:30-10:00 am  
 Lunch will be served from 2:35-3:45 the first Sunday and thereafter (there will be no lunch served in the hospitality room today.) **The hotel will have a sandwich/salad buffet available with cold cuts and an assortment of breads at the break.**

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks at any other time, except from 4:00-5:30 each afternoon, when the suite will be closed for refreshing. There is free internet available in the lobby with free printing. If you use the internet in your room there is a charge. If you need a few items from the store, please let Barbara or Joan know and they will pick them up for you.

### Fuzzy Numbers...

#### OFFICE ARITHMETIC

Smart boss + smart employee = profit  
 Smart boss + dumb employee = production  
 Dumb boss + smart employee = promotion  
 Dumb boss + dumb employee = overtime

#### SHOPPING MATH

A man will pay \$20 for a \$10 item he needs.  
 A woman will pay \$10 for a \$20 item that she doesn't need.

#### GENERAL EQUATIONS & STATISTICS

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.  
 A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.  
 A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.  
 A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

#### HAPPINESS

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.  
 To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

#### LONGEVITY

Married men live longer than single men do, but married men are a lot more willing to die.

#### DISCUSSION TECHNIQUE

A woman has the last word in any argument.  
 Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

#### HOW TO STOP PEOPLE FROM BUGGING YOU ABOUT GETTING MARRIED

Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me, "You're next." They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

## Directionally Challenged...

Board 51  
E/W Vul.  
Dealer: S

♠ KJT74  
♥ 52  
♦ AK3  
♣ T53

♠ 65  
♥ AK874  
♦ Q842  
♣ A2



♠ 92  
♥ JT6  
♦ JT75  
♣ J986  
  
♠ AQ83  
♥ Q93  
♦ 96  
♣ KQ74

Board 51, played in the 6<sup>th</sup> round of the round-robin was an opportunity to demonstrate good declarer technique.

As the cards lie, North cannot succeed without a defensive miscue.

In the Jacobs/Rogoff match, George Jacobs played four spades after a heart overcall by West. Routinely, he played for East to hold the ace of clubs.

Given the vulnerable overcall, it is very likely that West holds the club ace. If that is true, declarer can succeed when West holds the singleton ace of clubs, six hearts and exactly two spades? Declarer should duck the heart so that West can't win the heart, cash the ace of clubs and lead a heart to partner for a club ruff. If East shifts to clubs (unlikely looking at dummy), declarer should probably guess to play East for the jack and duck to his 10. This is the wrong play only when West holds exactly AJ doubleton of clubs. More likely the defense will passively continue with three rounds of hearts. North can trump high on the third round. Now he can play one trump, strip out the diamond suit, return to hand with a trump and lead a club toward dummy, West wins his singleton ace and is endplayed. Nice technique, but no cigar.

The moral of this story is to play this hand from South, concealing the club holding. At the other table, Chris Compton was on lead against three spades. He started with a high heart and his partner, Bart Bramley, discouraged with a low heart (a good holding for right-side up signals as Bart pointed out). Compton tried to beat three hearts by playing the ace of clubs. Oops! Four spades was suddenly cold and the opponents actually made five when Bart wasted a club spot. This mattered not since -220 and -250 are both 6 IMP losses. Compton has happy to be defending only three hearts.

Board 23 is fiction... just the kind of hand a newsletter editor hopes to see when kibitzing. Unfortunately, it is not reasonable...

What if...

East/West bid six spades from West...

Would you find the "killing" lead of the low diamond from A2?

Board 23  
Both Vul.  
Dealer: S

♠ J86  
♥ QT65  
♦ A2  
♣ JT94

♠ AKOT543  
♥ K43  
♦ 98  
♣ 5



♠ 7  
♥ AJ972  
♦ KJ764  
♣ A3

♠ 92  
♥ 8  
♦ QT53  
♣ KQ8762

### Howie Don't Know Jack!

Well, there were certainly some surprises in the field yesterday... Everyone in the Bears bracket was "broad" sided by the cuties and their Lapt dances. All is Well-and good for Roy in the Bulls bracket too. But it's Crystal clear who owns this field!!

After a fender bender in the second match, the Limo King and his screwy drivers drove themselves into second place. And the locals are surprising everyone with their third and fourth place finishes.

Miller looks like a good long shot as long as he doesn't have to play Feldman in a head up later ... 'Cause that's exactly what the match would be... later and later and later and later!

The market was up 16 points and I'm shorting Zeller (sorry Matt... there's only room in town for one Meckstroth), Weinstein, and Schwartz in the Bears ... and Stauber, Rosenfeld, and Todd in the Bulls ... see you in the Deli!

Howie Doing ... Good except for the heart burn, thanks!

Board 26  
Both Vul.  
Dealer: E

- ♠ 53
- ♥ J84
- ♦ J92
- ♣ Q8432

## Tough Defense...

One would expect board 26 from the 3rd match of the round-robin to be played in four spades by East at every table.

Since East showed a strong hand, South knows that he holds most his side's high cards. A trump would seem to be the most attractive lead.

- ♠ J9842
- ♥ T62
- ♦ QT
- ♣ J65



- ♠ AKQ6
- ♥ KQ93
- ♦ K75
- ♣ A9

Eddie Wold was declarer for the Jacobs team in the Jacobs/Weinstein match. After a trump lead, he played two rounds of spades and led a heart to his king. Josh Sher won his ace and cashed the ace of diamonds. Wold now made his contract easily.

- ♠ T7
- ♥ A75
- ♦ A8643
- ♣ KT7

At other tables, declarers met with similar success. Jeff Miller opening led a club and then won the ace of hearts. Fearing that he had blown the club suit he, too, cashed the ace of diamonds.

Gary Cohler was declarer in the Milner/Schwartz match. Matt Granovetter made a very aggressive lead of the diamond ace. Cohler had a pitch for dummy's third heart and the defense was helpless.

It seems that some South player should have found the play of leading a trump and ducking the heart ace. This play would be right, unless declarer is making an early lead toward an unsupported king of hearts. This is an unlikely play. Of course declarer can still go right by returning to dummy with a diamond and finessing for the jack of hearts, rather than playing for North to duck the ace of hearts twice.

Maybe declarer should lead to the queen of hearts in an effort to avoid the duck by South, who may now play for declarer to hold the QJ rather than the KQ of hearts.

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she became Amazon Dot Com. And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?" And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and the goods can be delivered by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were a wondrous happening. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever moving from his tent.

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secret himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading. And the young man did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. He was called a Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominant Siderite, or NERD for short.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land. And indeed did insist on making drums that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known "eBay" he said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham.

And that is how it all began.

**Origins of the Internet!!**

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

**"A little inaccuracy sometimes saves tons of explanation." - Saki**

**Sudoku**

**Solution  
to  
today's  
Sudoku**

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

*In Seeding Order*

"Don't worry about people stealing an idea. If it's original, you will have to ram it down their throats."  
-Howard Aiken

<b>Nickell</b>	Bye to Rnd of 8	<b>Frank Nickell, Capt</b> <b>Robert Hamman</b> <b>Jeff Meckstroth</b>	<b>Ralph Katz</b> <b>Zia Mahmood</b> <b>Eric Rodwell</b>
<b>Diamond</b>	Bye to Rnd of 8	<b>John Diamond, Capt</b> <b>Eric Greco</b> <b>Brad Moss</b>	<b>Brian Platnick</b> <b>Geoff Hampson</b> <b>Fred Gitelman</b>
<b>Fleisher</b>	Bye to Rnd of 8	<b>Martin Fleisher, Capt</b> <b>Bobby Levin</b> <b>Chip Martel</b>	<b>Michael Kamil</b> <b>Steve Weinstein</b> <b>Lew Stansby</b>
<b>Meltzer</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>Rose Meltzer, Capt</b> <b>Alan Sontag</b> <b>Michael Rosenberg</b>	<b>Kyle Larsen</b> <b>David Berkowitz</b> <b>Mark Feldman</b>
<b>Robinson</b>	Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>Steve Robinson, Capt</b> <b>Kit Woolsey</b> <b>Adam Wildavsky</b>	<b>Peter Boyd</b> <b>Fred Stewart</b> <b>Doug Doub</b>
<b>Schwartz</b>		<b>Richard Schwartz, Capt</b> <b>Russell Ekeblad</b> <b>Drew Casen</b>	<b>Matthew Granovetter</b> <b>Ron Rubin</b> <b>Jim Krekorian</b>
<b>Welland</b>		<b>Roy Welland, Capt</b> <b>Steve Garner</b> <b>Ron Smith</b>	<b>Chris Willenken</b> <b>Howard Weinstein</b> <b>Billy Cohen</b>
<b>Jacobs</b>		<b>George Jacobs, Capt</b> <b>Chris Compton</b> <b>Marc Jacobus</b>	<b>Steve Beatty</b> <b>Bart Bramley</b> <b>Eddie Wold</b>
<b>Mahaffey</b>		<b>Jim Mahaffey, Capt</b> <b>Peter Weichsel</b> <b>Sam Lev</b>	<b>Mike Passell</b> <b>Michael Seamon</b> <b>Jacek Pszczola</b>
<b>Gordon</b>		<b>Mark Gordon, Capt</b> <b>Curtis Cheek</b> <b>John Hurd</b>	<b>Pratap Rajadhyaksha</b> <b>Joe Grue</b> <b>Joel Wooldridge</b>
<b>Milner</b>		<b>Reese Milner, Capt</b> <b>John Mohan</b> <b>Robert Blanchard</b>	<b>Gary Cohler</b> <b>Roger Bates</b> <b>Shane Blanchard</b>
<b>Rogoff</b>		<b>Bruce Rogoff, Capt</b> <b>Doug Simson</b> <b>Xiaodong Shi</b>	<b>Josh Parker</b> <b>Walter Johnson</b> <b>Jiang Gu</b>
<b>Deutsch</b>		<b>Seymon Deutsch, Capt</b> <b>Justin Lall</b> <b>Kevin Bathurst</b>	<b>John Kranyak</b> <b>Hemant Lall</b>
<b>Harris</b>		<b>Martin Harris, Capt</b> <b>Stephen Landen</b> <b>Ira Chorush</b>	<b>Jacob Morgan</b> <b>Dan Gerstman</b> <b>Venkatrau Koneru</b>
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<b>Todd</b>		<b>Robert Todd, Capt</b> <b>Les Bart</b>	<b>McKenzie Myers</b> <b>Gloria Bart</b>
<b>Rosenfeld</b>		<b>Jason Rosenfeld, Capt</b> <b>Victor Chubukov</b>	<b>Drew Becker</b> <b>Eric Mayefsky</b>
<b>Zeller</b>		<b>Michael Zeller, Capt</b> <b>Matthew Meckstroth</b>	<b>Kelley Zeller</b> <b>Cameron Shunta</b>

## 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.

### Rascals of the Road...

There was once a truck driver who was almost always on the road. One particular day he was driving along a route that he had done a few times before. Up the road a bit he sees a man dressed from head to toe in yellow. This yellow dressed man was seemingly waving and motioning to him to get him to stop so, he complied and stopped the truck.

"Hi, can I help you?" asked the truck driver. "Yes, I am the Yellow Rascal of the road and I want something to drink and I want it now!!"

"Geez, alright, relax," said the truck driver. He then went into his truck looked around and found a soda, handed it to him, and then continued on his way.

A while later along the same highway, he came across a second man who this time was dressed from head to toe in red. Again, this man was signaling to him to stop. So, wondering what this man wanted he stopped his truck.

"Hi, can I help you sir?" asked the truck driver. "Yes, I am the Red Rascal of the road and I want something to eat and I want it now," screamed the red-dressed man. "Alright, Alright, relax," said the truck driver. "I'll see what I can do."

He went into his truck, looked around and found a sandwich. He handed it to him and then continued on his way.

Some more time passes and again he comes across a third guy who this time is dressed from head to toe in blue.

"Oh great! Not another one of these idiots," the truck driver said to himself. "I don't care what he wants, I am

not stopping my truck."

But of course this blue-dressed man was very persistent. He jumped into the middle of the road, held out his hands in a "I want you to stop" kind of way and screamed. "STOP YOUR TRUCK!!!"

The truck driver slammed on the brakes, ripped open his door and ran over to the blue-dressed man quite angry as you can imagine.

"Let me guess!!" the truck driver shouted, "you're the Blue Rascal of the road. What the heck do you want!!!?"

To which the man in blue replied:

"Your license and registration please."

**"The very first law in advertising is to avoid the concrete promise and cultivate the delightfully vague."**

*-Bill Cosby*

**"There are plenty of good five-cent cigars in the country. The trouble is they cost a quarter. What this country needs is a good five-cent nickel."**

*-Franklin P. Adams*

**"I gotta work out. I keep saying it all the time. I keep saying I gotta start working out. It's been about two months since I've worked out. And I just don't have the time. Which uh..is odd. Because I have the time to go out to dinner. And uh..and watch tv. And get a bone density test. And uh.. try to figure out what my phone number spells in words."** *-Ellen DeGeneres*

## ROUND ROBIN INFORMATION

There are 18 teams entered in the Round Robin. They are divided into 2 divisions, the Bulls and the Bears after June 11, the final date for teams to make roster changes.

### Assigning Teams to Divisions

Teams will be separated into two divisions as follows:

The highest seeded team in the Round Robin will be assigned to the Bears.

The second highest seeded team in the Round Robin will be assigned to the Bulls.

The next four highest seeded teams in the Round Robin will be separated into two pairs, with team 3 and team 6 one pair and team 4 and team 5 the other. These pairs will be randomly assigned to the Bears and the Bulls.

This method of dividing each group of 4 teams into two pairs and randomly assigning the pairs to either Bears or Bulls will be repeated for the rest of the teams in the Round Robin.

Bears	Bulls
1. Schwartz	11 Welland
2. Jacobs	12 Mahaffey
3. Milner	13 Gordon
4. Rogoff	14 Deutsch
5. Chan	15 Harris
6. Miller	16 Cohen
7. Demirev	17 Stauber
8. Weinstein	18 Todd
9. Zeller	19 Rosenfeld

Each division will play a complete Round Robin of 9 board matches on Friday, June 18th and Saturday, June 19th. The matches will be scored using the **USBF 9 Board Victory Point Scale** (see page 6). At the end of this Round Robin, the 3 teams in each division with the lowest number of Victory Points will be eliminated.

On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, the 12 teams remaining in the Round Robin after stage 1 will play 6 more matches, with each surviving team playing each of the surviving teams from the other division. These matches will also be 9 boards long and scored using the USBF VP scale. Each team will carryover its full VPs from matches against the surviving teams in its division, and a percentage of the VPs from matches against teams that have been eliminated.

### How the carryover is to be calculated.

Carryover From First Stage of Round Robin

A. For matches between two teams that both continue to the second RR stage, there will be 100% carryover of VP scores.

B. Carryover from matches against the 3 non-qualifiers in each Division will be determined by a two-step process. The net result will be that the 6 Continuing Teams from Division A, as a group, will have exactly the same aggregate carryover (457.5 VPs) as the 6 Continuing Teams from Division B.

**First step:** if your team continues to RR2, we'll discount your score against each individual non-qualifier as follows:

(a) take that non-qualifier's total Winning Percent (its VPs/160); then

(b) double that Winning Percent ; and then

(c) multiply this second figure times your VP score against that team, to calculate your "Discounted Carryover Score."

(For example, suppose Grundy, a non-qualifier, scores 70 total VPs, for a 43.75% Winning Percent. If you beat Grundy by a score of 16 - 4 VPs, you'd get 87.5% (2 x 43.75%) of your 16 VPs against Grundy, so your Discounted Carryover Score from that match would be 14 VPs).

**Second step:** In each Division, the Continuing Teams collectively are entitled to a total of 157.5 carryover VPs from their matches vs. the non-qualifiers. To achieve that goal, we'll pro-rate their Discounted Carryover Scores vs. non-qualifiers, to ensure they sum to 157.5 (i.e., we'll multiply them by 157.5/X, where "X" is the aggregate of all their Discounted Carryover Scores).

(For example, for the Continuing Teams in Division A as a group, if their Discounted Carryover Scores vs. non-qualifiers sum to 210 VPs, each Continuing Team would get 75% (157.5 / 210) of its Discounted Carryover Scores vs. the non-qualifiers. In the Grundy example, you'd get 75% x 14 VPs, which yields a net carryover of 10.5 VPs from that match).

**Provided,** no VP score against any non-qualifier can end up counting for more than 100% of its original face value. If, in a rare case, it turns out the carryover formula would produce that result, scores against that non-qualifier will be factored down (pro-rated) to 100% of face value, while scores against the other two non-qualifiers will be factored up by a combined equal amount (so that total carryover from matches against all non-qualifiers still equals 157.5).

**NOTE:** Average carryover from the first stage to the second stage will be 76.25.

After the full Round Robin, the 8 teams with the highest VP totals will advance to the Round of 16, where they will be joined by the Meltzer & Robinson teams, who have byes to the Round of 16. The bracket for the KO stages of the USBC will be set before the Round of 16.

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### Setting the KO Bracket

After the Round Robin, the teams will be assigned numbers that establish the bracket for all of the Knockout rounds. We're often asked how the assignment is done, so here is what will happen. First, the team seeding points will be adjusted by adding 8 seeding points to the totals for each of the first and second place finishers in the Round Robin, 4 to the 3rd place finisher and 2 to the 4th place finisher. Then the teams qualifying from the Round Robin will be ranked based on their current seeding point totals. The teams will then be assigned KO team numbers as follows, subject to one other adjustment - the team that scored the highest Victory Point total in the Round Robin has the right, after the assignments have been done, to request that it be "re-shuffled" with its original shuffle group.

- 1 Nickell
- 2 Diamond
- 3 Fleisher or Meltzer randomly assigned
- 4
- 5 Robinson or highest seeded team  
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 6
- 7 Second & third seeded teams  
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 8
- 9 Fourth, fifth, sixth & seventh seeded teams  
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish), randomly assigned
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13 Bye (loses to Fleisher in R16) & eighth ranked team  
(after adjustment for Round Robin finish)  
(numbers depend on 3-4 shuffle)
- 14
- 15-16 Byes (lose to Nickell & Diamond in Round of 16)

### Hot Dawg...

On a hot summer day, a country bumpkin came into town with his dog. He tied the dog under the shade of a tree and went into the bar for a cold beer.

About 20 minutes later a policeman came into the bar and asked who owned the dog tied under the tree. The bumpkin said that it was his. The policeman said, 'Your dog seems to be in heat.' The bumpkin replies, 'No way dog's in heat...she's cool kawse I got 'er tied unner the shade tree.'

The policeman says, 'No! You don't understand your dog needs to be bred.'

'No way,' the bumpkin says, 'dog don't need bread, she ain't hongry, kawse I fed 'ER beef jerky this mornin'.'

Now the policeman gets mad and yells out; 'NO! You don't seem to understand, your dog wants to have sex!'

The redneck looks at him with a long pause and says,

'Go 'head. I always wanted a police dog.'

### USBF 9 Board VP Scale

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	15	15	5	30	18.09	1.91
1	10.41	9.59	16	15.26	4.74	31	18.25	1.75
2	10.81	9.19	17	15.5	4.5	32	18.4	1.6
3	11.2	8.8	18	15.74	4.26	33	18.55	1.45
4	11.58	8.42	19	15.97	4.03	34	18.69	1.31
5	11.94	8.06	20	16.2	3.8	35	18.83	1.17
6	12.29	7.71	21	16.42	3.58	36	18.97	1.03
7	12.63	7.37	22	16.63	3.37	37	19.1	0.9
8	12.96	7.04	23	16.83	3.17	38	19.22	0.78
9	13.28	6.72	24	17.03	2.97	39	19.34	0.66
10	13.59	6.41	25	17.22	2.78	40	19.46	0.54
11	13.89	6.11	26	17.41	2.59	41	19.58	0.42
12	14.18	5.82	27	17.59	2.41	42	19.69	0.31
13	14.46	5.54	28	17.76	2.24	43	19.8	0.2
14	14.73	5.27	29	17.93	2.07	44	19.9	0.1
						45	20	0

There are 23 teams entered in the 2010 USBC. Dates and stages are:

Friday, June 18th, and first session Saturday, June 19th: RR1.

Second session Saturday, June 19th and first session Sunday, June 20th: RR2.

Top 8 teams join 2 teams with byes in the Round of 16

Second session Sunday, June 20th & all of Monday, June 21st: Round of 16 (90 board matches)

Tuesday, June 22 & Wednesday, June 23: Quarterfinal (120 board matches)

Thursday, June 24 & Friday, June 25: Semifinal (120 board matches)

Saturday, June 26 & Sunday, June 27: Final (120 board matches)