



“Trials” and Tribulations

For those who may be looking for Appeal #2, it was removed from this issue because it was incomplete, and published in its entirety in Issue 6! Please read the June 23 edition to see the proper write-up of the committee decision.

We apologize for any inconvenience this might have caused.

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Viewpoint from Dan Gerstman

After reading the committee report in Monday's Bulletin, Dan Gerstman made an interesting observation. 5 spades is only cold from South. If it's played from North, East simply leads a heart through the AQ. Declarer has to rise and cannot pull the trump and knock out the A and K of diamonds without creating a 3rd winner for the defense. Try it! Thanks Dan.

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Board 33 ♠ T9872
 None Vul. ♥ AJ96
 Dealer: N ♦ JT
 ♣ J9

♠ J6 ♠ AQ
 ♥ T84 ♥ 75
 ♦ A63 ♦ Q842
 ♣ QT876 ♣ A5432



♠ K543
 ♥ KQ32
 ♦ K975
 ♣ K

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Jacobus	Deutsch	Wold
	Pass	1♣	Double
2♣	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♣	3♥	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Jacobs got off to a great start yesterday afternoon, winning 9 and 10 IMPs on the first two boards. On the third board, John Kranyak balanced Wold and Jacobus into a game that was makeable on the "normal" diamond guess.

Seymon cashed his club ace and shifted to a small diamond at trick two. Jacobus knew Deutsch had to have at least one of the other two outstanding aces for his opening bid. Jacobus needed Deutsch to hold the spade ace to have any chance, but for some reason, he chose to play him for both missing aces and John for a really light balance.

Jacobus rose with the king of diamonds, John winning his ace... This was devastating for Jacobs. John led another diamond to Seymon's queen and Seymon continued the suit. Now when Jacobus led a spade toward the dummy, Seymon rose with his ace and led his last diamond. John was able to score an extra down trick on an uppercut for his spade jack.

Game made easily in the other room and Deutsch won back 11 of his IMPs! It pays to be lucky!

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QUARTERFINALS			
TUESDAY JUNE 22ND	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1	BOARDS 1-15
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2	BOARDS 16-30
	2:35 - 3:45	1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK	
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3	BOARDS 31-45
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4	BOARDS 46-60

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.

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.

Humorous Tomb Stones:

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York :
Born 1903--Died 1942.

Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery:
Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.

On the grave of Ezekial Aikle in East Dalhousie Cemetery , Nova Scotia :
Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102.
Only the Good Die Young.

In a London, England cemetery: Here lies Ann Mann, who lived an old maid but died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767

In a Ribbesford, England , cemetery:
Anna Wallace
The children of Israel wanted bread, and the Lord sent them manna.
Clark Wallace wanted a wife, and the Devil sent him Anna.

In a Ruidoso, New Mexico, cemetery:
Here lies Johnny Yeast. Pardon me for not rising.

In England: Sir John Strange. Here lies an honest lawyer, and that is Strange.

In a Uniontown, PA, cemetery: Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake.
Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

In a Silver City , Nevada , cemetery:
Here lays The Kid.
We planted him raw.
He was quick on the trigger
But slow on the draw.

John Penny's epitaph in the Wimborne, England cemetery:
Reader, if cash thou art in want of any, dig six feet deep and thou wilt find a Penny.

In a Hartscombe, England cemetery: On the 22nd of June, Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune.

Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont:
Here lies the body of our Anna,
Done to death by a banana.
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low,
But the skin of the thing that made her go.

On a grave from the 1880s in Nantucket, Massachusetts:
Under the sod and under the trees,
lies the body of Jonathan Pease.
He is not here, there's only the pod.
Pease shelled out and went to God.

In a cemetery in England: Remember man, as you walk by, as you are now, so once was I. As I am now, so shall you be. Remember this and follow me. To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone:
To follow you, I'll not consent until I know which way you went.

Board 36
 All Vul.
 Dealer: W

♠ AK95
 ♥ AJT83
 ♦
 ♣ K743

♠ 4
 ♥ KQ
 ♦ KT642
 ♣ JT952



♠ QJ3
 ♥ 972
 ♦ AQJ8753
 ♣
 ♠ T8762
 ♥ 654
 ♦ 9
 ♣ AQ86

IMPs were flying back and forth in the Jacobs/Deutsch 3rd quarter yesterday morning. On Board 35, Deustch and Kranyak stole from their opponents. Jacobus, North, opened one strong club in second seat. Deustch preempted two diamonds; Wold doubled showing a positive response; and Kranyak blasted five diamonds. Jacobus doubled with his AK/A opposite a value showing response, and lived to regret it. As you can see from the diagram, with only two losers, it was +750 for Deustch.

In the other room, Bathhurst, opened one heart in second seat. Bramley preempted 3♦; Lall bid 3♥; Compton bid 5♦ and Bathhurst's 5♥ ended the auction. Bramley thought a club ruff was his best chance to beat 5♥. He led his SMALLEST diamond from his AQJxxxx. Compton tried to win it, but Bathhurst ruffed. Needing an entry to dummy to lead toward his hearts, Kevin led a small club, and Bramley was gratified to score his trump deuce. Now, however, he simply needed to wait for his spade trick to defeat 5♥. Bramley made a somewhat reckless play at this point, leading the THREE! of spades to force Compton to win the ace if he held it. Of course, had Bramley chosen the jack of spades, Chris still would have won the ace if he held it, and it would not have allowed Bathhurst to make the hand. At the table, Bathurst won the spade nine, played ace of trump and a trump and claimed, losing only two trump tricks. The double game swing was worth 16 IMPs to Deustch.

The Harris/Milner match wasn't quite as filled with double digit swings, but it still produced some amazing results. On board 37, both East/Wests defended 2♣ doubled on the same auction:

West	North	East	South
Gerstman	B. Blanchard	Landen	S. Blanchard
Milner	Chorush	Cohler	Koneru
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Double	2♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

In the Open Room, Milner led the ♥5 won by the king in dummy. Koneru continued a heart to his ace and another ruffed in dummy. He played the ace of diamonds and a diamond to the king and ruffed a diamond. He came off dummy with a club won by Cohler's queen. Cohler continued with a small club, ruffed by declarer's five and overruffed by Milner's ten. Milner led the diamond eight. Koneru pitched a club from dummy; Cohler pitched his remaining heart and declarer ruffed in hand. Koneru led the thirteenth heart and Milner was helpless. If he ruffed, he could exit his hand with his diamond, but Koneru could ruff for his 8th trick. If he played a trump, Koneru would score his trump king for eight.

In the Closed Room, Gerstman led his singleton club. Landen won with the queen and played back his small trump. Gerstman won the trump and played a diamond won in dummy with the ace. Shane tried the king of clubs from dummy. Landen covered with the ace; Shane ruffed with the eight and Gerstman overruffed with the jack. Gerstman led a diamond, won in hand by declarer. Shane continued diamonds, ruffing in dummy. He played another club, ruffed and overruffed. Gerstman cashed his trump ace. Poor Shane was left with two heart losers in the end game for down one and a 13 IMP swing to Harris!

This hand from the Welland/Cohen match just goes to prove that Roy is the luckiest player on earth. He and Chris Willenken bid to six hearts by North! More than a bit aggressive ...

The opening lead was the three of spades. Chris won his ace and played a heart to the ace. He led a diamond to his ace and finessed the diamond queen. When that worked he cashed dummy's high diamond and pitched one of his losing spades. Next he played dummy's ace and king of clubs, tossing his other losing spade. He trumped a spade to hand and played the heart jack. Mark Cohen won his king but there were simply no more tricks for his side.

Needless to say, at the other table, Mouser and DeFotis did not get close to slam on the hand. 13 IMPs to Welland for his power bidding and lucky position of the cards!

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Board 37
 N/S Vul.
 Dealer: N

♠ 732
 ♥ K2
 ♦ A6
 ♣ K98532
 ♠ AQJT
 ♥ 853
 ♦ Q9874
 ♣ 6
 ♠ 4
 ♥ QJT4
 ♦ J32
 ♣ AQT74
 ♠ K9865
 ♥ A976
 ♦ KT5
 ♣ J



Board 37
 N/S Vul.
 Dealer: N

♠ A84
 ♥ QJ97653
 ♦ AT
 ♣ 8
 ♠ KJ6
 ♥ K84
 ♦ 9875
 ♣ 973
 ♠ T532
 ♥ T2
 ♦ Q32
 ♣ QJ64
 ♠ Q97
 ♥ A
 ♦ KJ64
 ♣ AKT52



Board 47
 N/S Vul. ♠ A
 Dealer: S ♥ KQT82
 ♦ KJ972
 ♣ 73

♠ AQT76432 ♠ J98
 ♥ 9753
 ♦ 86 ♦ QT4
 ♣ J652 ♣ 984

♠ K5
 ♥ AJ64
 ♦ A53
 ♣ AKQT



West	North	East	South
Cohen	Willenken	Milt Rosenberg	Welland
Pass	3♦ (transfer)	Pass	2NT
4♠	4NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	7♥	All Pass	5♦

There's always an exception to prove the rule. This hand proves that even the luckiest player on earth is not ALWAYS lucky!

Roy and Chris landed in 7♥. If the diamond queen had been with West or the jack of clubs had come down in three rounds, it would have proven the statement that Roy was the luckiest player ever. However, since the club jack was fourth with West... and the diamond queen third with East, neither of those came to pass and as a result, seven hearts went light a trick.

Live by the sword, die by the sword! 17 IMPs to Cohen when Aker and Richter stopped in the small slam at the other table.

Bar Troubleshooting...

"Symptom: Beer unusually pale and tasteless.
 Fault: Glass empty.
 Action: Get someone to buy you another beer.
 Symptom: Beer tasteless, front of your shirt is wet.
 Fault: Mouth not open, or glass applied to wrong part of face.
 Action: Retire to gents' room, practice in mirror.
 Symptom: Feet cold and wet.
 Fault: Glass being held at incorrect angle.
 Action: Rotate glass so that open end points toward ceiling.
 Symptom: Feet warm and wet.
 Fault: Improper bladder control.
 Action: Stand next to nearest dog, complain about its house training. Demand beer.

Symptom: Floor blurred.
 Fault: You are looking through bottom of empty glass.
 Action: Get someone to buy you another beer.
 Symptom: Floor moving.
 Fault: You are being carried out.
 Action: Find out if you are being taken to another bar.
 Symptom: Opposite wall covered with fluorescent lights.
 Fault: You have fallen over backward.
 Action: Have yourself leashed to bar.
 Symptom: Mouth contains cigarette butts.
 Fault: You have fallen forward.
 Action: See above.
 Symptom: Room seems unusually dark.
 Fault: Bar has closed.
 Action: Confirm home address with bartender.

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

Sudoku

A man on the street was asked how many symphonies Beethoven wrote. "Three," he replied. When asked which ones they were, he answered, "The Eroica, the Pastoral and the Ninth."
 And we all know what Beethoven is doing now: Decomposing!!

Solution to today's Sudoku

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

Howie Doing ... Limey Jack ... Today's Green Sheet!

Poor Marty... you made a great showing but you won't be Chorushing any more opponents... instead you'll be Landen on your butt! You had your excitement yesterday... The match could have been really close had five spades redoubled made on the last board as it should have for your opponents (Ed. Note: see below!) ... but having your sitouts phone Mohan's cell was a stroke of genius! Don't take any wooden Nickells!!

Diamonds are forever, but Bond is Limey's countryman... and he don't know Jack! The wheels on the limo go round and round... round and round ... round and round... I'm betting on the good "Wold" days!

As expected, Robinson Lapt Chan ... And while the broads were appealing, we'll have to get along without them. Tough match to call ... Fleisher against the little guys... The little guys did it last year and they could do it again.

Will Welland or Weinstein Win? Weinstein Will! (There's one Weinstein on each team! Gotcha!)
See you at the Quarterfinals!! Howie Doing ... better each day!

Gads but I am good! While others flounder around like "puppets", Limey Jack calls them true. Limey Jack doesn't simply write the name of the favourite or pluck the name out of the nearest steak and kidney pie. No indeed, it is almost as if Limey Jack knows. I even stayed up far into the wee hours to note that the team of two "Roses" finished last as well as finishing last. At least when Michael is my age he will have an excuse. On to the round of 8 which I am looking forward to on BBO, the British Broadcasting Organization.

With the addition of newcomers Fleisher, Diamond and Nickell, there are 3 Weinstains remaining in the hunt. In a rather shocking development, only one will remain two days hence. Much as in our own Gold Cup it is decidedly difficult to come in from the cold rain carrying only a bumbershoot for cover. The remaining 6 teams have been playing for days already and it may seem like a fortnight to some of them. But they are warm and have been tuning their lorries for some time. Yes, you little Doody Master, I am selecting Robinson to continue their Cinderella run in this event. Fleisher plays two days and then goes home for a nice warm beer.

Limey Jack is keen to watch the Weinstein-Weinstein match. Can these upstarts continue their winning ways. None of them expected to even be here today and one of them needs to be back at work on Thursday AM. It looks like they may have to put in for Holiday. Yes, upset #2. Diamond-Jacobs features one team feeling very cocky about their chances while the other has 3 pairs playing well. Again Diamond is in the rough and may have some rust. Will they cut glass or pass gas?, I shall belay this call until I have chosen to share it with you.

'Arris-Nickell. Much like my beloved Professor 'Iggins, it has a nice ring to it. It is easy to root against Nickell but hard to defeat him. All of my Countrymen hope for the Mouse that roared, but even Howdy Doody will have no trouble with this one. The withdrawal comes after the 6th chucker.

Cheers, LJ

Board 90

All Vul.

Dealer: E

♠ T3

♥ KT7

♦ AKT974

♣ 43

♠ J75

♥ J6532

♦ A9862

♠ 9

♥ A96543

♦ Q8

♣ KQT7



♠ AKQ8642

♥ QJ82

♦

♣ J5

West	North	East	South
Harris	Mohan	Morgan	Bates
		1S	2H
2S	4H	4S	5H
5S	Double	All Pass	
S. Blanchard	Landen	B. Blanchard	Gerstman
		1S	2H
3H	3S	Pass	4C
Double	4D	4H	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	5H
Pass	Pass	5S	Pass
Pass	Double	Redouble	All Pass

Both declarers received the king of clubs opening lead. Jacob Morgan found a nice line of play. He won the club and returned a club. Bates switched to spades but it was too late! Jacob won the spade in hand, played a spade to dummy and ducked the club nine around and claimed eleven tricks!

In the other room, Bob Blanchard started an immediate cross ruff. Unfortunately for him, he was overruffed on the third round of diamonds and went down one, losing a trump, a club and a heart! Given the 4D bid by North, Blanchard's line of play certainly looks vastly inferior to the line taken by Morgan. However, you do have to give Blanchard credit for his redouble. He knew his team was down by 41 IMPs entering the last segment but he knew they'd made up a lot of ground by doubling the opponents and collecting 800 and 500 on two part score hands. As it turns out, even if he'd made the hand, they'd have lost by one... and really, they'd have lost by 7 since John Mohan foolishly received a cell phone penalty of six IMPs to boot!

In Seeding Order

"There are worse things in life than death. Have you ever spent an evening with an insurance salesman?" - Woody Allen

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
Gordon		Mark Gordon, Capt Curtis Cheek John Hurd	Pratap Rajadhyaksha Joe Grue Joel Wooldridge
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
Deutsch		Seymon Deutsch, Capt Justin Lall Kevin Bathurst	John Kranyak Hemant Lall
Harris		Martin Harris, Capt Stephen Landen V. Koneru	Jacob Morgan Dan Gerstman Ira Chorush
Chan		Lapt Chan, Capt Renee Mancuso	Christal Henner Sheri Winestock
Cohen		Mark Cohen, Capt Jeff Aker Greg DeFotis	Milt Rosenberg Brady Richter Harold Mouser
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.

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)

New Stock Market Terms...

BULL MARKET - A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself for a financial genius.

BEAR MARKET - A 6 to 18 month period when the kids get no allowance, the wife gets no jewelry, and the husband gets no sex.

VALUE INVESTING - The art of buying low and selling lower.

P/E RATIO - The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing.

BROKER - What my broker has made me.

STANDARD & POOR - Your life in a nutshell.

STOCK ANALYST - Idiot who just downgraded your stock.

STOCK SPLIT - When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

FINANCIAL PLANNER - A guy whose phone has been disconnected.

MARKET CORRECTION - The day after you buy stocks.

CASH FLOW-- The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

YAHOO - What you yell after selling it to some poor sucker for \$240 per share.

WINDOWS - What you jump out of when you're the sucker who bought Yahoo @ \$240 per share.

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR - Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthouse.

SHARES- Not something selfish individuals buy.

INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE- The private sector's answer to public education standards so industrialists won't feel bad too.

PROFIT - An archaic word no longer in use.

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)

"All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed."

- Sean O'Casey

A Frog, A Rat, And A Hollywood Agent...

A drunk walks up to a barkeeper one day and says, "If I show you a trick will you give me a free drink?" The Barkeep says, "Depends on how good of a trick it is."

The Drunk reaches into his pocket and pulls out a frog and places him behind the piano. The frog starts to play the sweetest jazz riff the barkeeper has ever heard. He pours the drunk his drink.

The drunk, after killing his drink says, "If I show you another trick can I have another free one?" The barkeep says, "If it is anything like that last one, you can drink free all night." The drunk reaches into his other pocket, pulls out a rat, sets it on top of the piano, and the rat starts scattng along with the frog."

Impressed, the barkeeper starts to pour drinks as fast as the drunk can drink 'em. After several hours, a big time Hollywood agent walks in, sees the act and frantically asks the barkeeper who it belongs to. The barkeeper points to the drunk who is passed out on the floor.

The agent wakes him up and says, "I will give you a million dollars for that act." The drunk replies, "Sorry, not for sale". The agent says, "Okay, a hundred grand for just the scattng rat." The drunk thinks for a moment and finally replies, "You got yourself a deal." The agent writes the check and leaves with the rat.

The barkeeper, astonished, looks at the drunk and exclaims, "Are you nuts? You had a million dollar act that you just broke up for a wimpy hundred grand?"

To which the drunk replies:

"Relax, the frog is a ventriloquist."

You Can Ring My Bell...

A man is walking down the street one day when he notices a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy was very small and the doorbell was just too high for him to reach.

After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the man moved closer to the boy's position.

He stepped smartly across the street, walked up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder, leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring.

Crouching down to the child's level, the man smiles benevolently and says, "There you go! And now what, my little man?"

And with a grin, the boy replies,

"Now we run!"