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RR Results ...

| Team Name | Total | Carry Over | <u>5</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>4</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 5. Moss | 124.31 | 72.15 | | 7.69 | 13.71 | 3.45 | 14.70 | 12.61 |
| 3. Narasimhan | 122.43 | 63.90 | 12.31 | | 10.00 | 13.71 | 5.78 | 16.73 |
| 1. Goldberg | 97.65 | 42.64 | 6.29 | 10.00 | | 15.37 | 4.01 | 19.34 |
| 6. Baker | 95.58 | 41.26 | 16.55 | 6.29 | 4.63 | | 9.29 | 17.56 |
| 2. Quinn | 93.77 | 45.11 | 5.30 | 14.22 | 15.99 | 10.71 | | 2.44 |
| 4. Howard | 66.26 | 34.94 | 7.39 | 3.27 | .66 | 2.44 | 17.56 | |

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Tomorrow's Semi-Final:

Moss versus Goldberg

Baker versus Narasimhan

Good luck ladies!!

UNITED STATES WOMEN'S BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Miss” Print!!

Women's Teams: RR Number Order (Random Draw)



| | | |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Goldberg | Connie Goldberg, Capt Linda Lewis | JoAnn Sprung Hjordis Eythorsdottir |
| Quinn | Shawn Quinn, Capt Rozanne Pollack Juanita Chambers | Cheri Bjerkan Pamela Wittes |
| Narasimhan | Hansa Narasimhan, Capt Jill Meyers Jill Levin | Judi Radin Migry Zur Campanile Jenny Wolpert |
| Howard | Allison Howard, Capt Ellen Kozlove G.Margie Gwozdzinsky | Anam Tebha Jo Morse Ora Lourie |
| Moss | Sylvia Moss Janice Seamon-Molson Lynn Deas Michael Seamon, NPC | Joann Glasson Tobi Sokolow Beth Palmer |
| Baker | Lynn Baker, Capt Kerri Sanborn Pam Granovetter | Karen McCallum Irina Levitina JoAnna Stansby |



BBO Makes Practice Easy ...

Cheri/Rozanne ... Wednesday ... Getting Ready ...

Board 8 ♠ AJ632
 Dealer: W ♥ K5
 None Vul. ♦ AK8
 ♣ A87

♠ 84 ♠ QT97
 ♥ 97 ♥ QT3
 ♦ J653 ♦ T74
 ♣ KQJT4 ♣ 932

♠ K5
 ♥ AJ8642
 ♦ Q92
 ♣ 65

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| FogA | Rozanne | Frank Pancoe | Cheri |
| Pass | 1C (str. Art.) | Pass | 1H (pos.) |
| Pass | 1S | Pass | 2H |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |
| All pass | | | |

Rozanne and Cheri disdained the eight card heart fit in favor of the nine trick game.

East led a small diamond. Rozanne won the diamond in hand with the king and cashed the king of hearts, followed by a small heart to the jack. When this held, the hand was over.

In the fullness of time, the girls scored +490 for a 2.7 IMP gain in the IMP Pairs event.

Consider the play on a club lead. There are lots of alternatives. Declarer's first effort should be to discover the distribution of the club suit by ducking two rounds of clubs and watching the opponents' play to those tricks. If the clubs appear to be 4-4, declarer can simply cash the HK and take a heart finesse. If both opponents follow to two rounds of hearts, the defenders will have only four tricks.

If East shows out on the second round of hearts, declarer will have to fall back on the spade finesse.

An alternative would be to cash the HA/K hoping the queen drops. If this fails, again the spade finesse becomes key since declarer will have established the fifth trick for the defense.

If declarer believes that East has the club length, the obvious play is king of hearts and a heart finesse. As long as East follows to the second heart, declarer is home free. If East shows out on the second heart, declarer rises with the HA and falls back on the spade finesse.

Finally, if declarer believes that the club length is with West, she should cash the HA/K and take a first round spade finesse. If this succeeds, she can untangle nine tricks using the diamond entries. If the spade finesse loses, declarer still has one more string in her bow. She wins the return, crosses to dummy in spades and has two choices. She can play for the HQ with East or for 3-3 spades in which case the spades are established.

Notice that it is important not to play king and a spade because if that loses East will return a spade establishing the setting trick when she wins the heart queen. Similarly, if the first round spade finesse loses, it is possible to test the spades first but this risks East having four spades and the queen of hearts.

Four hearts is a better spot in IMPs since it cannot fail as long as hearts behave reasonably.



Hospitality Update:

Barbara Nudelman, hospitality chairman, reports that Hospitality will be in the Chart Room.

Breakfast and dinner will be served in the hospitality suite each day. Breakfast from 8:00-10:00 and dinner at the break in the schedule (4:40-6:00 during the Round Robin, 3:15-4:45 for the Semi-Finals, 3:00-4:30 for the rest of the KO)

Drop by when not playing and come in if the suite is open. We want to make your stay the best we can!!

| Day | Date | Time | Stage |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| Sunday | April 12 | 10:15 am | Captains' Meeting |
| Sunday & Monday | April 12 April 13 | 10:30 am - 9:50 pm | Round Robin |
| <i>SEMI-FINAL</i> | | | |
| Tuesday | April 14 | 10:30 am - 12:45 pm 12:55 - 3:15 4:45 - 7:00 7:10 - 9:30 | Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32 Dinner break Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64 |
| <i>FINAL & USA2 SEMI-FINAL</i> | | | |
| Wednesday | April 15 | 10:30 am - 12:40 pm 12:50 - 3:00 4:30 - 6:40 6:50 - 9:00 | Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Lunch break Boards 30-45 Boards 46-60 |
| Thursday | April 16 | 10:30 am - 12:40 pm 12:50 - 3:00 4:30 - 6:40 6:50 - 9:00 | Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90 Dinner break Boards 90-105 Boards 106-120 |
| <i>USA2 FINAL</i> | | | |
| Friday | April 17 | 10:30 am - 12:40 pm 12:50 - 3:00 4:30 - 6:40 6:50 - 9:00 | Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Lunch break Boards 30-45 Boards 46-60 |
| Saturday | April 18 | 10:30 am - 12:40 pm 12:50 - 3:00 4:30 - 6:40 6:50 - 9:00 | Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90 Dinner break Boards 90-105 Boards 106-120 |

Tournament Schedule

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First woman in space:

"Houston, we have a problem."

What?

"Never mind."

What's the problem?

"Nothing."

Please tell us.

"I'm fine."



A paralegal, an associate, and a partner of a prestigious law firm are walking through a city park and they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out in a puff of smoke. The Genie says, "I usually grant three wishes, so I'll give each of you one."

"Me first!" says the paralegal. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat with Tom Cruise." Poof! She's gone.

"Me next!" says the associate. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with a professional hula dancer on one side and a Mai Tai on the other." Poof! He's gone.

"You're next," the Genie says to the partner.

The partner says: "I want those two back in the office after lunch."

A woman and a man are involved in a car accident; it's a bad one. Both of their cars are totally demolished but amazingly neither of them are hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says, "So you're a man, that's interesting. I'm a woman. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days."

The man replied, "I agree with you completely."

"This must be a sign from God!" The woman continued, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." Then she hands the bottle to the man, The man nods his head in agreement, opens it and drinks half the bottle and then hands it back to the woman.

The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cork back in and hands it back to the man. The man asks, "Aren't you having any?" The woman replies, "No. I think I'll just wait for the police."

Josh: What do you call a blonde in an institute of higher learning? John: A visitor.

Woman 1: Oh! You got a haircut! That's so cute!

Woman 2: Do you think so? I wasn't sure when she gave me the mirror. I mean, you don't think it's too fluffy looking?

Woman 1: Oh God no! No, it's perfect. I'd love to get my hair cut like that, but I think my face is too wide. I'm pretty much stuck with this stuff I think.

Woman 2: Are you serious? I think your face is adorable. And you could easily get one of those layer cuts – that would look so cute I think. I was actually going to do that except that I was afraid it would accent my long neck.

Woman 1: Oh – that's funny! I would love to have your neck! Anything to take attention away from this two-by-four I have for a shoulder line.

Woman 2: Are you kidding? I know girls that would love to have your shoulders. Everything drapes so well on you. I mean, look at my arms – see how short they are? If I had your shoulders I could get clothes to fit me so much easier.

Man 1: Haircut?

Man 2: Yeah.

VuGraph Information

The 2015 Women's USBC 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 USA1 & USA2 Finals. 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 VUGRAPH and you'll be able to choose which of the matches you want to watch.

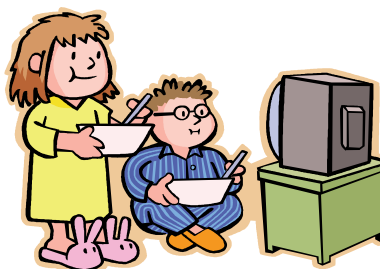
There will often be a "yellow" user on BBO called USBF. If you have general questions, please ask USBF, not one of the hard-working VuGraph Operators, who may not have time to respond to private messages. Thank you.

The schedule on Sunday (the 64 board Semi-Final) is:

10:00-12:15
12:30-2:45
4:00-6:15
6:30-8:45

The schedule for each of the remaining days (60 boards a day) is the same (these are Florida times; to see the times for your time-zone, go to the **BBO VuGraph schedule site**:

10:00 - 12:10: Segment 1
12:20 - 2: 30: Segment 2
3:40 - 5:50: Segment 3
6:00 - 8:10: Segment 4



I love watching in my jammies!

Segments 2 and 4 may start a little earlier or later than they are scheduled depending on when segments 1 and 3 end.

All of the teams will play the same boards, but for security reasons, if one match is sufficiently behind that we have to start it later than the other one, we will not start the VuGraph broadcast until both matches have started play.

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 events currently available to see what we'll have for the 2015 Women's USBC. Web VuGraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the VuGraph show.

No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.

This applies to players AND kibitzers.

Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.

Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.

The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



Some Nearby Suggestions For Your Dining Pleasure



Market 17

Health Food | Fort Lauderdale

FOOD 26 DÉCOR 24 SERVICE 24 COST \$65

Our Summary Review

This "hidden gem" in Fort Lauderdale boasts an "inventive" "farm-to-table" American-Eclectic menu that is "always changing and very tasty", delivered with "attentive and friendly" service in upscale digs; "wash it all down with great wine" (or craft beer or "unusual" cocktails) and "all is well in the world"; P.S. dining-in-the-dark meals in a special room are an "experience not to be missed."

1850 Southeast 17th Street

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

954-835-5507

www.market17.net

Greek Islands Taverna

Greek | Fort Lauderdale

FOOD 26 DÉCOR 20 SERVICE 23 COST \$37

Our Summary Review

At this "taste of Mykonos" a short walk from the Atlantic Ocean in Fort Lauderdale's Galt Ocean Mile, diners feel "transported to a cafe on the Aegean" via "some of the best Greek ever", including standouts like "don't-miss" octopus and "scrumptious" lamb chops; fans caution that a no-reservations policy means there is almost "always a line", but promise a table in the simple digs is "well worth waiting for."

3300 North Ocean Boulevard

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

954-565-5505

Steak 954

Steakhouse | Fort Lauderdale

FOOD 26 DÉCOR 27 SERVICE 25 COST \$76

Our Summary Review

"Stephen Starr succeeds" with this "fancy-fancy", "top-drawer" steakhouse at the W Hotel Fort Lauderdale, where "amazing" steak and seafood dishes are served against an aquatic backdrop: a striking jellyfish aquarium inside and a "terrific view" of the ocean outside; service "could not be more attentive without hovering", which is only fitting when the bill is this "expensive."

401 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Bl

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304

954-414-8333

www.steak954.com

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Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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| 8 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 3 |
| 2 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| 6 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 9 |
| 7 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
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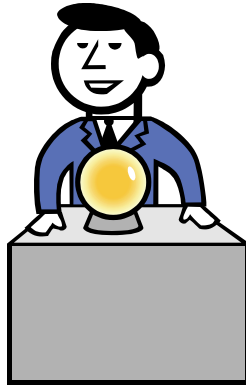
Howie Doing...

I'm picking Goldberg
To suffer the loss
When playing four handed
Against the team Moss.

The other match: tougher
And harder to call...
At the end of the Semis
Poor Baker will fall.

Howie knows where to find
the queen.
And knows that it will
thrill you.
But if he tells where she is,
He'll only have to kill you.

Security Matters!



Limey Jack...

Hello Yanks:

Howie Dung must be looking a skosh off-colour. Any fool like him can predict the four favourites to qualify. Limey Jack is feeling right proud of himself. He not only named the four final fillies, but accurately predicted the race coming down to the final furlong twixt Goldberg and Quinn. On to the show.

Limey Jack is surprised that the semi is only 64 boards, giving the underdogs a better chance.

Moss won the RR and picked Goldberg as their oppers. You know what the Dung one will say; favourites. Limey Jack boldly predicts the upset here. Moss will have a second bite of the apple. Goldberg is firmed up and not yet fatigued.

Narasimham gets Baker. Nobody wants to go to India more than this team, but they will have to wait for the train to Old Town's Ferry. Indeed Limey Jack says upset number two. The chemistry is flowing better for Baker. M. Dung of 221B Sod All street will pick the favourite yet again.

All the ladies get a second chance as will HD.

Cheers, Limey Jack.

I am a Brit
Doing's a Twit!
This is too grim.
I'm talking like him!



A Hand from Gatlinburg...

Board 11 ♠ 3
Dealer: S ♥ AK9
None Vul. ♦ AKQT852
 ♣ AT

| | | |
|--------|---|-----------|
| ♠ KT2 | ↑ | ♠ 85 |
| ♥ 7632 | | ♥ QJ |
| ♦ J6 | | ♦ 97 |
| ♣ 9752 | | ♣ KQJ8643 |

♠ AQJ9764
♥ T854
♦ 43
♣

The auction was simple... Who says you can't preempt from both sides of the table:

| South | North |
|----------|-------|
| 3S | 6D |
| All Pass | |

Six diamonds making seven was worth 17 out of 23.

Of course, as the hand records show 7NT, 7S and 7H are all cold!!