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Results: WUSBC USA2 Final

2	Disa	280	60	55	19	43	23	9	15	56	
3	Bjerkan	228	25	8	35	15	39	24	54	28	

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Congrats Team Disa! Venice Cup USA2!



Wheeler, Disa, Seamon-Molson, Lewis, Deas, Bernstein

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

Board 9

Bjerkan
 ♠ KJ104
 ♥ 10853
 ♦ 6
 ♣ 8765

Deas
 ♠ Q76
 ♥ AK764
 ♦ QJ3
 ♣ KQ

Molson
 ♠ 9
 ♥ Q
 ♦ A109874
 ♣ AJ1092

R Pollack
 ♠ A8532
 ♥ J92
 ♦ K52
 ♣ 43

NS: 0
EW: 0

Deas	Bjerkan	Molson	R Pollack
	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♥	4♠	5♣	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

PSutherl	L Lewis	Wittes	Disa
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Dbl	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	Pass

Bjerkan came into the second day of the Final down nearly 100 IMPs!

Coming into Board 11 of the first segment, her team had picked up only 8, even after Deas/Molson bid an aggressive slam on a finesse board 9, going down when the finesse was offside... while Sutherlin/Wittes stopped in game.

The Bjerkan squad found a chance for a gain on Board 11 and they took it.

Board 11

Bjerkan
 ♠ KQ9
 ♥ AKJ95
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A832

Deas
 ♠ A63
 ♥ 10643
 ♦ QJ875
 ♣ 4

Molson
 ♠ 1084
 ♥ Q72
 ♦ K1094
 ♣ 1095

R Pollack
 ♠ J752
 ♥ 8
 ♦ A32
 ♣ KQJ76

NS: 0
EW: 0

Deas	Bjerkan	Molson	R Pollack
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

PSutherl	L Lewis	Wittes	Disa
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Bjerkan/Pollack bid to 6C. Molson led a diamond. Bjerkan won in dummy, ruffed a diamond, played a trump to the king, ruffed another diamond, played a trump to the queen, pulled the last trump and claimed 12 tricks, losing only the ace of spades.

At the other table, Disa/Lewis stopped in 5NT. Sutherlin led a fourth best diamond to the 6, K, 3. Wittes continued with the DT, won in hand by declarer.

Five rounds of clubs followed.

Disa couldn't drive out the SA or the opponents would cash their diamonds so she took her only shot and finessed the HQ. When this lost to Wittes, Disa finished down three.

14 IMPs to Bjerkan

The Finals of the Women's USA2...

Board 21

Bernstein
 ♠ 9
 ♥ A109432
 ♦ K76
 ♣ 832

Bjerkan
 ♠ AJ5432
 ♥ KJ7
 ♦ J2
 ♣ A7

Pollack
 ♠ KQ10876
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A85
 ♣ J54

Wheeler
 ♠
 ♥ Q85
 ♦ Q10943
 ♣ KQ1096

NS: 0
EW: 0

Bjerkan	Bernstei	Pollack	Wheeler
	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Disa	Wittes	L Lewis	PSutherl
	2♥	2♠	4♥
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

On Board 21 of Segment 8, Bjerkan/Pollack had an easy road to the spade game when Bernstein opened a weak 2H, Pollack overcalled 2S, Wheeler bid only 3H despite the favorable vulnerability, leaving room for Bjerkan to cue 4H en route to the game.

At the other table, Peggy Sutherlin jumped to 4H over 2S and Disa was forced to sign off in game or cue at the five level to show her strong values.

Wanting her partner to make the decision and knowing that her opponents were down in the match and likely to push, she chose the five level cue. Unfortunately for her, the five level was one level too high!

Even with a heart lead, declarer playing the jack, the pitch comes in the wrong hand and there were only ten tricks.

10 IMPs to Bjerkan

<p>PRESBYTERIAN: When you rearrange the letters: BEST IN PRAYER</p>	<p>GEORGE BUSH: When you rearrange the letters: HE BUGS GORE</p>	<p>ELECTION RESULTS: When you rearrange the letters: LIES - LET'S RECOUNT</p>
<p>ASTRONOMER: When you rearrange the letters: MOON STARER</p>	<p>THE MORSE CODE: When you rearrange the letters: HERE COME DOTS</p>	<p>SNOOZE ALARMS: When you rearrange the letters: ALAS! NO MORE Z'S</p>
<p>DESPERATION: When you rearrange the letters: A ROPE ENDS IT</p>	<p>DORMITORY: When you rearrange the letters: DIRTY ROOM</p>	<p>A DECIMAL POINT: When you rearrange the letters: I'M A DOT IN PLACE</p>
<p>THE EYES: When you rearrange the letters: THEY SEE</p>	<p>SLOT MACHINES: When you rearrange the letters: CASH LOST IN ME</p>	<p>ELEVEN PLUS TWO: When you rearrange the letters: TWELVE PLUS ONE</p>

Rearrange the Letters!

Board 2 of Segment 7 was another gain for Bjerkan as they plow ahead trying to close the deficit.

In the Closed Room, when Lewis failed to raised spades after Disa overcalled, Sutherland judged her Q73 to be a stopper for NT. She bid 2NT and Wittes raised to game.

Disa led the SK and when Lewis played the nine (upside down attitude), Disa shifted to hearts.

Sutherland won the heart, played a diamond to the ace and finessed against Lewis's DQ. She collected five diamonds, two hearts and two clubs for nine tricks and the game.

In the other room, Pollack supported Bjerkan's spades and Molson was not so sure of her stopper.

Molson and Deas bid to 3D, played it there, making four.

10 IMPs to Bjerkan

What's the most romantic kind of yoga position a man can do? Pro-pose.

How do you know when you have taught a good Yoga Class? No one gets bent out of shape.

Phoned the gym about an advanced yoga class. They asked how flexible I was, I said I couldn't do Tuesdays or Thursdays.

A young woman who was worried about her habit of biting her fingernails down to the quick was advised by a friend to take up yoga. She did, and soon her fingernails were growing normally. Her friend asked her if yoga had totally cured her nervousness. "No," she replied, "but now I can reach my toe-nails so I bite them instead."

2

Deas
 ♠ 54
 ♥ 1076
 ♦ A103
 ♣ AK953

Bjerkan
 ♠ AKJ106
 ♥ J982
 ♦ 87
 ♣ 87

Pollack
 ♠ 982
 ♥ Q53
 ♦ Q95
 ♣ QJ64

Molson
 ♠ Q73
 ♥ AK4
 ♦ KJ642
 ♣ 102

NS: 0
EW: 0

Bjerkan	Deas	Pollack	Molson
		Pass	1♦
1♠	2♣	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbf	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Disa	Wittes	L Lewis	PSutherland
		Pass	1♦
1♠	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			



Answers to Sudoku Puzzles on page 10

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

Puzzle 1

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

Puzzle 2

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

Sudoku 1

Difficult Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

Answers to Puzzle on Page 6:

Stan	Michelle	Bartlett	Susie	Carousel
Michael	Jane	Charming	John	Roller coaster
George	Sally	Jackson	Tom	Ferris wheel
Bill	Kim	Walker	Ann	Flume
Al	Linda	Smith	Mary	Teacups
Father's 1st Name	Mother's 1st Name	Last Name	Child's 1st Name	Location of Lost Child

Sudoku Solutions on Page 9

Puzzle Page ...

	Jane	Kim	Linda	Michelle	Sally	Bartlett	Charming	Jackson	Smith	Walker	Ann	John	Mary	Susie	Tom	Carousel	Ferris wheel	Flume	Roller coaster	Teacups	
Al																					
Bill																					
George																					
Michael																					
Stan																					
Carousel																					
Ferris wheel																					
Flume																					
Roller coaster																					
Teacups																					
Ann																					
John																					
Mary																					
Susie																					
Tom																					
Bartlett																					
Charming																					
Jackson																					
Smith																					
Walker																					

One day, five couples took their children to the Millersville High Flying amusement park for a day of fun in the sun. While each couple had only one child, they were good friends who often traveled together so the children got along well together. Everyone enjoyed the day tremendously, though each child at one time or another managed to get lost for a time. Determine the full name of each couple, the first name of each couple's child (each child's last name is the same as their parent's last name), and where each lost child was found.

- Tom was George's son. Mary's last name was Smith. Ann's mother wasn't Sally.
- Jane's last name wasn't Bartlett. Kim Walker wasn't married to Michael.
- Stan's last name wasn't Smith. John Charming wasn't found at the flume. Susie's father wasn't Bill. Tom's last name wasn't Walker.
- Michelle, who wasn't married to Michael, found her daughter at the carousel.
- Sally Jackson didn't find her son at the teacups. When she looked by the flume, she found Bill's child.
- Al and his wife Linda didn't find their child near the Ferris wheel. Michael's son was found near the roller coaster.

Answer to Puzzle on Page 5!

Father's 1st Name	Mother's 1st Name	Last Name	Child's 1st Name	Location of Lost Child
Al				
Bill				
George				
Michael				
Stan				
-----	Jane	Bartlett	Ann	Carousel
-----	Kim	Charming	John	Ferris wheel
-----	Linda	Jackson	Mary	Flume
-----	Michelle	Smith	Susie	Roller coaster
-----	Sally	Walker	Tom	Teacups

Meet the Players



Heading into the Mixed...

Jenny Wolpert née Ryman (born mid-1980s) is a Swedish American professional bridge player and teacher. Before emigrating to North America she played as **Jenny Ryman** (to 2007).

Wolpert is a world champion winning the Venice Cup in 2013.

Jenny Ryman was born in Sweden. She played for the Sweden women in two world championship tournaments, the 2004 World Team Olympiad and the 2005 Venice Cup. In the European Bridge League championships she played for Sweden teams from 2002 (Schools, or under-21) to 2006 (Women).

She is married to Gavin Wolpert, also a professional bridge player. They have three children and live primarily in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Wins

Venice Cup 2013

North American Bridge Championships

Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs 2005

Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 2011

Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 2011, 2012

Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 2009, 2010

Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 2009

Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships

Mitchell Board-a-Match Teams 2013



Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, is available again this year. She has agreed to come to the Hyatt after 1:00 pm on the following days. People who want a massage should sign up with Jan.

Thursday, 5/23 (that's Mixed of course)

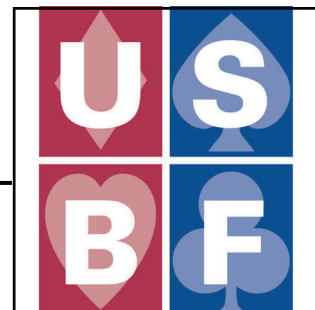
Monday, 5/27

Thursday, 5/30 (between Mixed & Seniors)

Monday, 6/3

Thursday, 6/6

Relaxation Therapy!



USBF Supporting Membership

If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. Your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators. The USBF is an all-volunteer organization. Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.