UNITEDSTATES SENIORS'AND WOMEN'S BRIDGECHAMPIONSHIPS

| $\#$ | TEAM | TOTAL | $1-16$ | $17-32$ | $33-48$ | $49-64$ | $65-80$ | $81-96$ |
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| 1 | Sprung | 217 | $\mathbf{3 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ |
| 2 | Moss | 223 | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 4}$ | $\mathbf{5 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 5}$ |

The Seniors... semi-finals

| $\#$ | TEAM | TOTAL | $1-15$ | $16-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-75$ | $76-90$ |
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| 1 | Lynch | 225 | $\mathbf{3 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9}$ | 41 | 50 |
| 4 | Larsen | 167 | $\mathbf{4 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{2 9}$ | 30 | 46 |
| 2 | Milner | 147 | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 8}$ | 4 | 26 |
| 3 | Schwartz | 190 | $\mathbf{5 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | 39 | 26 |

## The Seniors... Final 60 Boards to Go...

| $\#$ | TEAM | TOTAL | $1-15$ | $16-30$ |
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| 1 | Lynch | 53 | 15 | $\mathbf{3 8}$ |
| 2 | Schwartz | 84 | 40 | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |

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| Torrence | Suzy Burger, Capt <br> Beverly Gardner | Lynne Schaeffer <br> Marilyn Maddox |

An elderly gentleman...
Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear $100 \%$.
The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'
The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet.
I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'
Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'
Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'
'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?'
'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.

| Day | Date | Time | Stage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Friday | June 1 | 10:00 am | Captains' Meeting |
| Friday <br>  <br> Saturday | June1 <br> June 2 | 10:30 am - 11:00 pm | Round Robin 2 |
| Semi-Final |  |  |  |
| Sunday | June 3 | $\begin{gathered} 10: 30 \mathrm{am}-12: 45 \mathrm{pm} \\ 1: 00-3: 15 \\ 3: 15-5: 15 \\ 5: 15-7: 30 \\ 7: 45-10: 00 \end{gathered}$ | Boards 1-16 <br> Boards 17-32 <br> Dinner break <br> Boards 33-48 <br> Boards 49-64 |
| Monday | June 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 10: 30 \mathrm{am}-12: 45 \mathrm{pm} \\ & 1: 00-3: 15 \end{aligned}$ | Boards 65-80 <br> Boards 81-96 |
| Final |  |  |  |
| Monday | June 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 5: 15-7: 30 \\ & 7: 45-10: 00 \end{aligned}$ | Boards 1-16 <br> Boards 17-32 |
| Tuesday | June 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 10: 30 \mathrm{am}-12: 45 \mathrm{pm} \\ & 1: 00-3: 15 \\ & 3: 15-5: 15 \\ & 5: 15-7: 30 \\ & 7: 45-10: 00 \end{aligned}$ | Boards 33-48 <br> Boards 49-64 <br> Dinner break <br> Boards 65-80 <br> Boards 81-96 |

Three old guys are out walking.
First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'
Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'
Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'
A man was telling his neighbor, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'
'Really,' answered the neighbor 'What kind is it?'
' Twelve thirty.'
Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful."

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'


## Vugraph

The 2012 USWBC 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 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, some of whom 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)

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\begin{gathered}
10: 30-12: 45 \\
1: 00-3: 15 \\
5: 15-7: 30 \\
7: 45-10: 00
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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 2012 USWBC. Web Vugraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the Vugraph show.

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool..

After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?'
'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.

## The Women's Comes to a Close...

| Board 41 | $\wedge$ | J8764 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dealer: N | $\bullet$ | T74 |
| E/W Vul. | $\bullet$ | A |
|  | AQ65 |  |

- AK5
- K982
- JT
* 8742

- QT32
- Q53
- K6432
\& K

Closed Room:

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Moss | Norman | Radin | Gates |
|  | 1 S | Pass | 3D $(4 \mathrm{crd} \mathrm{LR})$ |

4S
All Pass
Open Room:

| Glasson | Migry | Sprung | Stansby |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 1 S | Pass | 3C (4 crd LR) |
| Pass | 4 S | All Pass |  |

In the Closed Room, Radin led the CJ against 4S. Norman won the king and played a diamond to her ace. She cashed the ace and queen of clubs, taking two quick heart pitches from dummy. At this point, she is down one no matter what card she leads... unless she gets help from her opponents.

Norman led the seven of spades to the ten in dummy and Moss won her king. She had a blind spot and did not see the crossruff coming. She led her DJ which was won in dummy with the king. Norman played the heart queen, poised to start ruffing... Moss needed to rise with the king and play two rounds of spades. She played the deuce and Radin was helpless. She won her HA, but she had no more trump. Radin played the DQ which Norman ruffed in hand while Moss pitched a club. Norman ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, and claimed ten tricks.

In the Open Room, Sprung led the ten of clubs (Rusinow). Migry, like Norman, won the king and played a diamond to the ace. She played the two high clubs and pitched two hearts. Now she played the six of clubs, allowing Sprung to win her jack and pitched the HQ. Sprung was astute. She played the S9 to her partner's king, and Glasson had no problem playing her ace and another spade. Migry could never come to ten tricks.

10 IMPs to Sprung

| Board 42 | - AK985 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Dealer: E | - KT3 |
| All Vul. | - AJ |
|  | * QT8 |
| $\cdots$ | - Q643 |
| - AQ9652 | $\uparrow$ - 8 |
| - Q8652 | - T7 |
| * J3 | * K97654 |
|  | - JT72 |
|  | - J74 |
|  | - K943 |
|  | * A 2 |


| Closed Room: |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Moss | Norman | Radin | Pass |

In the Closed Room, Norman/Gates chose 3NT over 4S even though they had a nine card spade fit. Radin led the C6. Norman ducked to the jack and queen. She played ace of spades, king of spades and a spade to Radin's queen while Moss pitched two hearts and a diamond. Radin played another club, taking the ace off dummy. Norman cashed the jack of spades, Moss tossing another heart, and led the HJ. Moss won the ace and played back a diamond. Norman won her ace and collected two diamonds, two clubs,, four spades and a heart for nine.

Age After Beauty:

| Lynch | Carolyn Lynch, Capt Eddie Wold Garey Hayden | Mike Passell Marc Jacobus John Sutherlin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Milner | Reese Milner, Capt David Berkowitz Matthew Granovetter | Hemant Lall Alan Sontag Ron Rubin |
| Moss | Michael Moss Fred Hamilton Dan Morse | Mark Lair Arnold Fisher Bobby Wolff |
| Kasle | Gaylor Kasle, Capt Peter Boyd Kit Woolsey | Larry Kozlove Steve Robinson Fred Stewart |
| Larsen | Kyle Larsen, Capt Mark Feldman John Mohan | Rose Meltzer Bill Pollack Ron Smith |
| Schwartz | Richard Schwartz, Capt Neil Chambers Stephen Landen | Lewis Finkel John Schermer Sam Lev |
| Onstott | John Onstott, Capt Drew Casen Farid Assemi | Bruce Ferguson Jim Krekorian Edward Wojewoda |
| Levine | Michael Levine, Capt Peter Weichsel Dennis Clerkin | Dennis McGarry Russell Ekeblad Jerry Clerkin |
| Brod | Geoffrey Brod, Capt Richard DeMartino Allan Falk | John Rengstorff Glenn Eisenstein John Lusky |
| Deutsch | Seymon Deutsch, Capt Bart Bramley Roger Bates | John Lantgen Lew Stansby Ross Grabel |
| Lay | Spike Lay, Capt Linda Smith | Larry Griffey Ronald Smith |
| Jacobs | George Jacobs, Capt Claude Vogel Jon Sorkin | Steve Beatty Sangarapil Mohan Jeffry Mandell |
| Cappelli | Robert Cappelli, Capt Robert Katz | Robert Bitterman Michael Alioto |
| Kranyak | Kenneth Kranyak, Capt Craig Allen Jeffrey Miller | Phil Becker Michael Huston William Wickham |
| Simson | Doug Simson, Capt Kenny Eichenbaum | Charles Kopp Gregory Potts |

The World Bridge Productions and The Monaco Bridge Federation will co-host THE CAVENDISH in Monaco, October $15^{\text {th }}-19^{\text {th }} 2012$.
Cavendish Teams Tournament : Monday $15^{\text {th }}$ and Tuesday $16^{\text {th }}$
Entry fee: 7,500 Euros Auction: no auctions
Cavendish Invitational Tournament: Wednesday $17^{\text {th }}$, Thursday $18^{\text {th }}$, Friday $19^{\text {th }}$
Entry fee: 1,500 Euros Auction: minimum 5,000 Euros
Pairs International Tournament: (WBP Pairs) Wednesday $17^{\text {th }}$, Thursday $18^{\text {th }}$, Friday $19^{\text {th }}$
Entry fee: 500 Euros Auction: minimum 500 Euro


For more information, please contact Donna Compton at cdmra@mindspring.com or 214.394.5830.


## HOSPITALITY SUITE INFORMATION:

The hospitality suite for the 2012 USWBC and USSBC is Suite 3321. Players, volunteers, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join us for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-10:30 am.
Lunch on Tuesday through Thursday from 2:30-5:30.

On Friday, Saturday \& Sunday lunch will be a buffet in the hotel restaurant (Fresh 1800 on the lobby level).
We will give each captain coupons for the buffet at the Captains' Meeting on Friday morning. If you find you need additional coupons, they will be available.

The Hospitality Suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks \& snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of play each day.

In the Open Room, Migry and Stansby played a normal 4S. Sprung led her singleton heart. Glasson won the heart and returned a heart, declarer inserting the ten and Sprung ruffing. Sprung played a low club. Migry, fearful of finding the king with West, rose with the ace in dummy and played ace, king and a spade to Sprung's queen. Sprung cashed the club king and the contract was down one.

Had Migry ducked the club, she was unstoppable. Of course, had spades split 2-2 or 3-1 with the original three in Sprung's hand, ducking could be suicidal if Glasson held the CK and Sprung ruffed a second heart.

Sometimes bridge proves a great frustration.
12 IMPs to Sprung

| Board 82 | $\wedge$ | AJ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dealer: E | $\bullet$ | J2 |
| N/S Vul. | $\bullet$ | K8543 |
|  | 9872 |  |



What an incredible hand!
In the Closed Room, Glasson presented her partner with a winning option: 3NT. Given the lie of the cards, declarer can always come to nine tricks.
Once we stretch, however, we get concerned about such bids because we think partner may be counting on us for more than 15 HCP for a our strong, artificial 2C opening.
That said, Sprung pulled 3NT to 4C and Glasson did the best she could by raising to game on her singleton.
In the Open Room, Radin opened one club. Wheeler overcalled 1H; Deas passed and Bernstein bid 1NT. Radin chose to jump to game in clubs. Wheeler doubled and they played it there.
At both tables, the opening lead was the ten of spades. This was truly fatal for the defense if declarer could decipher the position. Even after this lead, the hand could only be made with careful play and a squeeze and endplay. At both tables, North won the SA. In the Closed Room, it went spade ten, two, ace, four. In the Open Room, it went spade ten, two, ace, SEVEN! North continued spades, declarer winning the king. Both declarers ran off seven rounds of clubs.
In the Closed Room, Sprung misdiagnosed the lie and led the nine of hearts. South, having pitched down to S: 96 H : A D: A, won the heart and exited with the ace of diamonds, endplaying declarer in hand.
In the Open Room, declarer cashed the 8th club. South would have been squeezed had declarer not played the S 7 at trick one. She would be down to the same holding as her counterpart in the other room. If South pitches the diamond, she gets endplayed when declarer exits with her heart. If she pitches her heart, the king turns good in dummy, and if she pitches a spade, declarer's spades turn good.
Sadly for the Moss squad, Radin found the winning line but was not thinking that far ahead at trick one. South pitched her diamond ace on the 8th club, but when she won the heart ace, she could safely exit the nine of spades establishing the setting trick.
Note that if North wins trick one and simply shifts to her partner's overcalled suit, the hand goes down perforce!

2 IMPs to Sprung

Sara loves baseball so for her birthday，her family gave her tickets for this weekend＇s major baseball league game．She went with a friend，the weather was hot and sunny，but she had good seats with a great view of the game．Both teams played very well with some exceptional hits and plays．Determine the full names of four of the players，the position each played，and each player＇s best hit of the game．

1．Alec played the center field position．Sam Crisp didn＇t get the grand slam．
2．Brad，whose last name wasn＇t Reach，didn＇t play the 1 st base position．
3．The player who got a double wasn＇t the player who played the 3rd base position．
4．Mr．Ember didn＇t play in the center field position but he did get a single hit．
5．Mr．Mann got a triple．Will，whose last name wasn＇t Mann，didn＇t get a single．
6．The player in the catcher position got the grand slam．

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| Alec |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brad |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sam |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Will |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Double |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Triple |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand slam |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1st base |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| First name | Last name | Position | Best hit |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Alec |  |  |  |
| Brad |  |  |  |
| Sam |  |  |  |
| Will |  |  |  |

Minnesota USBF Regional (Mon - Sun)
Co-sponsored by Unit 103 and Unit 178 -- Sanction \#R1210087


October 8-14, 2012
Holiday Inn St. Paul East, 2201 Burns Ave.

| Time <br> Date | $\begin{gathered} \text { 9:15 am Tuesday - Saturday } \\ 10 \text { am Sunday } \end{gathered}$ | 1:30 pm | 7:00 pm |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Mon. } \\ & 10 / 8 \end{aligned}$ |  | Pre-Tournament Stratified Charity Pairs Chat Bridge Pairs | KO \#1 ( $1_{\text {st }}$ session of 4) Stratified Charity Pairs I/N Single Session Charity Pairs ( $0-5 \mathrm{mps}$ free) |
| Tues. 10/9 | KO \#1 (2nd session of 4) <br> Morning Side Game Series I/N Single Session | KO \#1 (3rd session of 4) KO \#2 ( $1_{\text {st }}$ session of 4) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300750) <br> Afternoon Side Game Series <br> I/N Single Session | KO \#1 (final) <br> KO \#2 (2nd session of 4) <br> Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) <br> Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300- $750)$ <br> Evening Side Game Series <br> Single Session Swiss Team <br> I/N Single Session |
| Wed. $10 / 10$ | Morning Swiss \#1 (1st session) <br> Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3) Morning Side Game Series <br> I/N Single Session | KO \#2 (3rd session of 4) KO \#3 (1 st $^{\text {stssion of 4) }}$ Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3 ) Afternoon Side Game Series <br> I/N Single Session | KO \#2 (final) <br> KO \#3 (2nd session of 4) <br> Choice Pairs (play any 2 of 3 ) <br> Evening Side Game Series <br> Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Thurs } \\ & 10 / 11 \end{aligned}$ | Morning Swiss \#1 (2nd session) <br> Morning Side Game Series <br> I/N Single Session | KO \#3 (3rd session of 4) KO \#4 (1 sts session of 4) Open IMP Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) <br> Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300750) <br> Afternoon Side Game Series <br> I/N Single Session | KO \#3 (final) <br> KO \#4 (2nd session of 4) <br> Open IMP Pairs (0-2000, $2000+\text { ) }$ <br> Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300- $750)$ <br> Evening Side Game Series <br> Single Session Swiss Team I/N Single Session |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Fri } \\ & 10 / 12 \end{aligned}$ | Morning Swiss \#2 (1st Session) <br> Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) Morning Side Game Series <br> I/N Single Session | KO \#4 (3rd session of 4) KO \#5 ( $1_{\text {st }}$ session of 4) Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3 ) Afternoon Side Game Series <br> I/N Single Session | KO \#4 (final) <br> KO \#5 (2nd session of 4) <br> Choice Pairs (play 2 of 3) <br> Evening Side Game Series <br> Single Session Swiss Team <br> I/N Single Session |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Sat } \\ 10 / 13 \end{array}$ | Morning Swiss \#2 (2nd Session) <br> Morning Side Game Series <br> I/N Single Session | KO \#5 (3rd session of 4) Compact KO (1st session) Open Pairs (0-2000, 2000+) Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300750) <br> Afternoon Side Game Series <br> I/N Single Session | KO \#5 (final) <br> Compact KO (final) <br> Open Pairs ( $0-2000,2000+$ ) <br> Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300- <br> 750) <br> Evening Side Game Series <br> Single Session Swiss Team <br> I/N Single Session |
| Sun <br> 10/14 <br> 10 am | ```Roger Anderson Aide-de-camp Stratiflighted SwissTeams play through Flight A/AX (3000+ and 0-3000) Strats B/C/D (1000-2000. 500-1000. 0-500)``` |  |  |

KO= 4 session Knockout Team Games CKO= 2 session Compact Knockout Team Games Strats/Brackets are determined by the average of the pair's or team's MPs.

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# Minnesota USBF Regional (Mon- Sun) Co-sponsored by Unit 103 and Unit 178 Sanction \# R1210087 October 8-14, 2012 

Site: Holiday Inn St. Paul East
2201 Burns Ave. (Exit I-94 at McKnight Road-- turn south to Burns Ave - hotel is on corner of Burns
Ave. and McKnight Road), St. Paul, MN 55119, 651-731-2220
Room Rates: \$90 single/double - \$110 Junior Suite - \$135 Innovation Suite
www.holidaymn.com use Group Code: ABL (case sensitive)
Reserve rooms by Sept. 10, 2012 (by phone 651-731-2220 or on the web)
Free Parking -- Free Coffee -Free Lunches- Dinner Shuttle for out of town guests
Entries: $\$ 12 /$ session for ACBL Members; $\$ 9 /$ session for single session I/N games; $\$ 6 /$ session for students under 25 with proper ID (non ACBL members and unpaid members: $\$ 2$ more per session)

Flights: Stratified Events: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750 (based on pair's MP average) Stratiflighted Teams (Sunday) A: unlimited A/X 0-3000 B: 1000-2000 C: 500-1000 D: 0-500

I/N Strats: 0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300
All Knockouts are bracketed
$\mathrm{KO}=4$ session Knockout Team game $\mathrm{CKO}=2$ session Compact Knockout Team game
Intermediate - Newcomer Program (0-300)
Monday 7:00 pm (Free for 0-5 master points)
Tues. through Saturday 9:15 am 1:30, 7:00 single session pairs
Sunday Swiss Team 10 am and TBA (approx 1:45 pm)
I/N Strats: 0-50, 50-100, 100-200, 200-300
A separate $0-49$ section will be played if there are sufficient tables for a game.
Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoon and evening play in the Gold Rush Pairs (\$12/session)
Partnerships: Call or email Maureen Weiman at 603-882-9424 or jhnsnmaur@aol.com
(Do not call once the tournament has started.
Go to the partnership desk at the hotel 45 minutes before game time.)
Hospitality: Free coffee; Free lunches; Dinner shuttle for out of town guests
Special Events: Lecture Series 12:45-1:15 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

## Gold Point Events:

Consult the director for criteria to earn gold points. (Two or more session events)
Choice Pairs; Stratified Pairs; Gold Rush Pairs
Four-session KOs and two- session Compact Knockouts (CKO)
Morning Side Game Series (must play in 2 morning sessions to be eligible for gold points)
Afternoon Side Game Series (must play in 2 afternoon sessions to be eligible for gold points)
Evening Side Game Series (must play in 2 evening sessions to be eligible for gold points)
Sunday Stratiflighted Swiss Team play-through

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Puzzle 1 ... Answers Below... No Peeking

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Puzzle 2 ... Answers Below... No Peeking

For the week of October 13, 2002 ... In honor of the national pastime and the California Angels comes the following quote from Casey Stengel while comparing the New York Yankees second baseman to the Chicago White Sox Second baseman. The same might have been true of the Angels and Twins prior to the Championship Series. They are very much alike in a lot of similarities
For the week of October 6, 2002... From Casey Stengel who might have said the following about Angels pitcher Francisco Rodriguez
The guy is 21 now and in 10 years he has a good chance to be 31 .
For the week of September 15, 2002... As we near the end of another baseball season here's a little sensitivity for the ever hopeful Cubs fans... From a resident of the Wrigley Field Area: This is no longer a slum neighborhood. I haven't heard of a Cubs fan being shot in a long time.
For the week of September 8, 2002... From the business card of a restaurant in Decatur, Texas: Mattie's Restaurant and Yogurt Palace"An Alternative to Good Eating."
For the week of August 18, 2002... From an ad in a Minnesota Lake newspaper: Painting Job this Summer? Call Howard Herbst for Free Estimates. If I'm not at home arrange a date with my wife.
For the week of July 28, 2002... Since we are in the heart of baseball season the following quote strikes at umpires. This seems like a perfect meeting place for the umpires... From a Daytona, FL newspaper: The Volusia County Umpires Association, which provides baseball and softball umpires for the city recreation department, is meeting Sunday at 7 p.m. EST at the Florida Regional Library for the Blind.
For the week of April 21, 2002... From Robert De Niro... According to a new survey, women say they feel more comfortable undressing in front of men than they do undressing in front of other women. They say that women are too judgmental, where, of course, men are just grateful.
For the week of March 17, 2002... From Earl Wilson: Vacation is time off to remind employees that the business can get along without them.
For the week of February 10, 2002... No wonder you cannot accurately predict the winner of a sporting event just check out these instructions from Bill Petersona Florida State Football coach
"You guys line up alphabetically by height." And "You guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle."

Answers to Puzzle 2

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Answers to Puzzle on Page 8

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Answers to Puzzle 1

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## Seniors Enter the Finals...

| Board 19 | - KJT9 |  |
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| Dealer: S | $\checkmark \mathrm{AJ}$ |  |
| E/W Vul. | - 942 |  |
|  | \& KQ65 |  |
| - 643 |  | - AQ2 |
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| Open Room: |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| West | North | East | South |
| Jacobus | Lev | Wold | Landen <br> Pass |
|  |  |  | Double |
| Pass | 1 C | 1 HT | Pass |
| Pass | 1 S | 2D | All Pass |
| 2C | Pass |  |  |
| Closed Room: |  | Finkel | Lynch |
| Schwartz | Passell |  | Pass |
|  | 1NT | Double | 2D |
| Pass | $2 H$ | 3NT | Pass |
| Pass | Pass |  |  |
| Pass | All Pass |  |  |
| $4 C$ |  |  |  |

After North's 1C opening, Wold found himself in 2D. With no sure entries to dummy, he decided to make the opponents play the hand for him.

Eddie won the opening club lead and led another club. Lev won, and decided to try his partner's heart suit. He cashed ace and a heart putting Eddie back on play. Eddie won the heart king and now it was Landen's turn to help him. Eddie exited his small heart; Landen won and played a spade to his partner's king and Wold's ace. Eddie now had two diamonds made.

He cashed ace of diamonds and led a small diamond toward the ten. Landen knew there was no future in winning his king. It would only hold declarer to two. In an effort to defeat 2D, Landen ducked and Eddie won the ten in dummy. Now he cashed the good nine of clubs discarding a spade while Landen ruffed with the king of diamonds. Making three!

At the other table, it was even more exciting ... if that's possible. Passell opened 1NT and Lynch transferred to hearts. Finkel doubled and Lynch tried a blocking bid of 3H. When it came back to Finkel, he wasn't sure who was stealing from whom. After all, N/S isn't vulnerable and this wasn't a 50 point deck.

No one steals from Lew... He balanced back in with 3NT and Richie Schwartz, unable to take a joke, rescued to 4 C .

As it turns out, 3NT would have failed by two tricks, but 4C failed by four! Passell led the heart ace and switched to the spade jack, thinking his partner held six hearts and a heart return was futile. Schwartz won the queen in dummy, cashed the spade ace, and exited a spade to Passell. Passell returned the HJ won with the king in dummy.

Richie played the ace of diamonds and a diamond which Carolyn won with her king. Carolyn cashed her high heart, Passell pitching his last diamond. Carolyn led a diamond. Schwartz ruffed with the jack of clubs while Passell pitched his king of spades.

Schwartz led the ten of clubs, covered by the queen and ace, and, in the fullness of time, failed by four tricks for -400 !

11 IMPs to Lynch

## The Final Stretch... Howie and Jack...

Jack...
Hello from the Royals' 90th celebration:
You Yanks probably are not paying much heed to our little bash, but here it is all the rage. Limey Jack knows he must take a breather to tell you what will transpire tomorrow.

First, we congratulate the team of Moss-Radin-Deas-Stansby-Campanile. To quote from the bulletin yesterday, Limey Jack predicted Moss by a whisker over Sprung. Winning by four with 400+ imps scored qualifies. That eejit Howie Dung, of course had it backwards. That chap does not have a baldy notion as to who would win a game of tiddlywinks even if he had the morning Times.

The Sprung team is also to be congratulated on a close call. Limey Jack notes that there was quite a bit of argy-bargy (Ed Note: arguing) during this match and that the gamesmanship was in full furl. It got quite dicey for a spot and there were some cheesed off participants. There was even talk of one or another being a bad egg.But they saw it though with no harm.

As for the Seniors, Limey Jack keeps giving you winners while the Dung Master simply gives us all a constant ear bashing. When will it be enough?

Lynch v Schwartz: Lynch has a neophyte but 5 stalwarts also. They have played well but allowed a much weaker Larsen team to stay close. Schwartz beat a fine opponent in Milner yet has two sponsors and one spanking new partnership. This match is dicey for cert. It has been many a year since Limey Jack has been able to give a call to the Horse after 5 furlongs, but here he and his rag-tag squad are in the final. On this squad is one of the finest players of our era; Sam Lev. Zia popped in to the club today and said there was no wagering against M. Lev. Limey Jack suspects he is spot on. While Lynch seems to be the odds on favourite, your winner will come from New York, making it a clean sweep for that burg of lustre.

Lynch fails in the stretch while the Horse applies the whip.
I fear you will have to listen to one more episode of dithering and blathering from that cretin, Dung. At least you can put your tired head down knowing that you have Limey Jack to count upon.

Cheerio and G-D save the Queen: LJ

## Howie...

Congratulations to Sylvia Moss.
Sorry to Sprung for their gut wrenching loss.
Had things been different, it could be a pity, Three MEN deciding the win in committee!

This way was better... this way was sure.
No one can say we were some less than pure.
The Seniors is harder the winner to choose. One team will win and one team will lose.

Schwartz has the younger oldsters at hand. But experienced players are still in demand.

As the match becomes later and starts to unwind, It's Lynch who will clinch in a win from behind!

Eddie and Mike just don't miss the Mark.
They'll find their way out of the dark.
Safe trips to all. See you next year...
When Howie trumps Jack in a victory clear!
Howie Doing... not bad at all

