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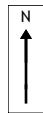
# “Trials” and Tribulations

## Gordon Makes His Mark!

Board 14      ♠ Q4  
 Dealer: E      ♥ A3  
 None Vul.     ♦ AJ85  
                  ♣ AK542

♠ KJ632      ♠ AT5  
 ♥ T97        ♥ 65  
 ♦ T74        ♦ KQ62  
 ♣ 97         ♣ QJT3

                 ♠ 987  
                  ♥ KQJ842  
                  ♦ 93  
                  ♣ 86



**Important Information Concerning RR Lineup, Assignment, and Score Submission Procedures on Page 4**

**Please read!**

West	North	East	South
Sontag	Pratap	Berkowitz	Gordon
		1D	3H
Pass	4H	All Pass	

Gordon did well in both the bidding and the play. His aggressive 3H bid propelled his partner to bid game. Once he was there, he needed to make it.

Sontag led the nine of clubs. Gordon won the ace in dummy and led a small spade away from the queen. Sontag won the jack and continued clubs. Gordon again won in dummy and played the SQ.

Berkowitz won the ace and led the jack of clubs for his partner to ruff. Gordon preempted that by ruffing with the trump jack. He ruffed a spade in dummy and cashed the HA. He ruffed a club high, promoting a trump for Sontag, however, he now had a place to pitch his losing diamond while Sonty ruffed. Making four was worth 6.8 IMPs in the IMP Pairs online.

Note that when Berkowitz won his SA, he attempted to promote a trump for his partner. Had he played his DK, he would have cut off dummy. He actually helped declarer by playing the CJ.

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# Teams in Order by Seeding

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

<b>Diamond</b> Bye to Rnd of 16	<b>John Diamond, Capt</b> Eric Greco Justin Lall	<b>Brian Platnick</b> Geoff Hampson Kevin Bathurst
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<b>Harris</b>	<b>Martin Harris, Capt</b> Neil Chambers	<b>Jacob Morgan</b> John Schermer
<b>Gupta</b>	<b>Vinita Gupta, Capt</b> Steve Garner Adam Kaplan	<b>Billy Miller</b> Ron Smith
<b>Fireman</b>	<b>Paul Fireman, Capt</b> John Kranyak John Hurd	<b>Gavin Wolpert</b> Vincent Demuy Joel Wooldridge
<b>Borker</b>	<b>Jay Borker</b> Larry Robbins	<b>Doug Doub</b> Adam Wildavsky
<b>Milner</b>	<b>Reese Milner, Capt</b> Mark Lair David Grainger	<b>Hemant Lall</b> Ira Chorush
<b>Lo</b>	<b>Ai-Tai Lo, Capt</b> Jeffrey Miller George Jacobs	<b>David Caprera</b> Steve Beatty Claude Vogel
<b>Rigal</b>	<b>Barry Rigal, Capt</b> Allan Falk	<b>Jeff Aker</b> John Lusky
<b>Cappelli</b>	<b>Robert Cappelli, Capt</b> Robert Bitterman Joe Harris	<b>Frank Treiber III</b> Jerry Helms Leon Lowe
<b>Ivatury</b>	<b>Uday Ivatury, Capt</b> Jon Sorkin	<b>Christal Henner</b> Lapt Chan
<b>Denison</b>	<b>Daniel Denison, Capt</b> Jason Feldman	<b>Richard Unger</b> Greg Hinze
<b>Ware</b>	<b>Peggy Ware, Capt</b> Greg Humphreys	<b>Spencer Jones</b> Adam Parrish
<b>Ganzer</b>	<b>Craig Ganzer, Capt</b> Franco Baseggio William Watson	<b>Robert Brady</b> Brady Richter Howard Liu
<b>Dinkin</b>	<b>Sam Dinkin, Capt</b> Adam Grossack	<b>Kenk Tunçok</b> Zachary Grossack
<b>Becker</b>	<b>Drew Becker, Capt</b> Kenneth Zuckerberg	<b>Jason Rosenfeld</b> Daniel Wilderman

I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.  
Michael Jordan



Dennison

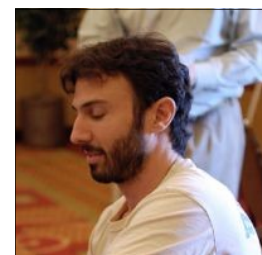


Unger



2

Hinze



Feldman

The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.

**Babe Ruth**

The game of basketball has been everything to me. My place of refuge, place I've always gone where I needed comfort and peace. It's been the site of intense pain and the most intense feelings of joy and satisfaction. It's a relationship that has evolved over time, given me the greatest respect and love for the game.

**Michael Jordan**

Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday's success or put its failures behind and start over again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day, and that's the way baseball is.

**Bob Feller**

Winners never quit and quitters never win.

**Vince Lombardi**

If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.

**Jack Lemmon**

Success is where preparation and opportunity meet.

**Bobby Unser**

Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game.

**Michael Jordan**

Baseball was, is and always will be to me the best game in the world.

**Babe Ruth**

Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They're made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find alloy called guts.

**Dan Gable**

A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be.

**Wayne Gretzky**

Football is football and talent is talent. But the mindset of your team makes all the difference.

**Robert Griffin III**

I am building a fire, and everyday I train, I add more fuel. At just the right moment, I light the match.

**Mia Hamm**

Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.

**Henry David Thoreau**

Sports do not build character. They reveal it.

**Heywood Broun**

You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get.

**Michael Phelps**

Hockey is a sport for white men. Basketball is a sport for black men. Golf is a sport for white men dressed like black pimps.

**Tiger Woods**

Serious sport has nothing to do with fair play. It is bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard of all rules and sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence. In other words, it is war minus the shooting.

**George Orwell**

You can't win unless you learn how to lose.

**Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**

To me, it doesn't matter how good you are. Sport is all about playing and competing. Whatever you do in cricket and in sport, enjoy it, be positive and try to win.

**Ian Botham**

Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you.

**Satchel Paige**

# Good Sportsmanship

# Round Robin Schedule



Gordon



Pratap



Berkowitz



Sontag

Round Robin		
Captains' Meeting in Playing Area at 9:45 AM		
FRIDAY MAY 8TH	10:00-10:55	BOARDS 1-6 BOARDS 7-12 BOARDS 13-18 80 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK BOARDS 19-24 BOARDS 25-30 BOARDS 31-36 BREAK BOARDS 1-6 BOARDS 7-12 BOARDS 13-18
	11:00-11:55	
	12:00-12:55	
	2:15-3:10	
	3:15-4:10	
	4:15-5:10	
	5:30-6:25	
	6:30-7:25	
	7:30-8:25	
SATURDAY MAY 9TH	10:00-10:55	BOARDS 19-24 BOARDS 25-30 BOARDS 31-36 80 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK BOARDS 1-6 BOARDS 7-12 BREAK BOARDS 13-18* BOARDS 19-24* BOARDS 25-30*
	11:00-11:55	
	12:00-12:55	
	2:15-3:10	
	3:15-4:10	
	4:30-5:25	
	5:30-6:25	
	6:30-7:25	

\* FINAL 3 MATCHES WILL BE SEQUESTERED, NO SUBSTITUTIONS IN CLOSED ROOM & NO COMPARISONS ALLOWED.

Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser	Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10	13	15.24	4.76	26	18.38	1.62
1	10.50	9.50	14	15.54	4.46	27	18.56	1.44
2	10.99	9.01	15	15.83	4.17	28	18.73	1.27
3	11.46	8.54	16	16.11	3.89	29	18.9	1.10
4	11.90	8.10	17	16.38	3.62	30	19.06	0.94
5	12.33	7.67	18	16.64	3.36	31	19.22	0.78
6	12.75	7.25	19	16.89	3.11	32	19.37	0.63
7	13.15	6.85	20	17.13	2.87	33	19.51	0.49
8	13.53	6.47	21	17.36	2.64	34	19.65	0.35
9	13.90	6.10	22	17.58	2.42	35	19.78	0.22
10	14.25	5.75	23	17.79	2.21	36	19.91	0.09
11	14.59	5.41	24	17.99	2.01	37	20	0
12	14.92	5.08	25	18.19	1.81			

## USBF 6 Board VP Scale

### Round Robin Lineup, Assignments and Score Submission Procedures

As usual, you must submit your lineup for each match before you know which team you are playing. Unless you are very late finishing a match, we also ask that you submit the score for each match before starting the next one. We will be giving you "Swiss Team" tickets before each match with your team number, table number and opponent.

To get your assignment ticket for the first match, tell Jan what your lineup will be and she will give you your ticket. For subsequent matches, please return the ticket to Jan after you have finished comparing, with the IMP score on the front and your lineup for the next match on the back. She will give you your ticket for the next match.

After everyone has submitted their lineup for a match, we will post a list of teams, tables & opponents in each playing area, so if you lose your assignment ticket, you will be able to figure out where to go.

# Attention Seniors: Entries for the SUSBC close on May 11th. Please reserve your spot accordingly!

## VuGraph Information

The 2015 USBC will be covered on BBO Vugraph starting with the Round of 16, in which we will cover 2 or 3 matches. The Round of 16 will start Sunday, May 10th. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the Vugraph online, go to the **BBO website** where you can 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 USBC 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.

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**)

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.

During the Round of 16, 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. Web Vugraphs are posted about half an hour after completion of the Vugraph show.

You can find the hand records for USBC matches on the USBF site, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2015USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page

**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.**



# Knockout Schedule



<i>Round of Sixteen</i>		
<i>Captains' Meeting in Playing Area at 9:45 AM</i>		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>MAY 10TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 45-60
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>MAY 11TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>Quarterfinals</i>		
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>MAY 12TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>MAY 13TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>Semi-Finals</i>		
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>MAY 14TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>MAY 15TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120
<i>Final</i>		
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>MAY 16TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 31-45 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 46-60
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>MAY 17TH</b>	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 61-75 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 76-90 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 91-105 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 106-120

## Mother's Day Dictionary

**Dumbwaiter:** One who asks if the kids would care to order dessert?

**Feedback:** The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

**Full Name:** What you call your child when you're mad at him.

**Grandparents:** The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

**Hearsay:** What toddlers do when anyone mutters a dirty word.

**Independent:** How we want our children to be for as long as they do everything we say.

**Puddle:** A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

**Show Off:** A child who is more talented than yours.

**Sterilize:** What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it, and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it and wiping it with saliva.

**Top Bunk:** Where you should never put a child wearing Superman jammies.

**Two-Minute Warning:** When the baby's face turns red and she begins to make those familiar-grunting noises.

**Whodunit:** None of the kids that live in your house.



# Seeding Information

The teams in the USBC are seeded based on a combination of Individual Positioning Points & ACBL Performance Points, including masterpoints. The seeding points for an individual player are capped at 65. Teams are seeded based on the average seeding points for the team, except that the three teams with byes are seeded on the basis of their PPs. The teams and their seed positions are listed in the table below. Note that the top 4 finishers in the Round Robin receive additional seeding points, which may change the seeding order for the Knockout stage. Teams may also add or drop players before the USBC, which would change their seeding points.

Seed	Team Name	Team Average Seeding Points
1	Diamond	70 PPs
2	Hamman	46 PPs
3	Fleisher	41 PPs
4	Cayne	52.13 SPs
5	Gordon	43.56 SPs
6	Bramley	36.72 SPs
7	Mahaffey	30.82 SPs
8	Harris	28.54 SPs
9	Gupta	25.90 SPs
10	Fireman	23.05 SPs
11	Borker	17.41 SPs
12	Milner	16.00 SPs
13	Lo	13.58 SPs
14	Rigal	11.59 SPs
15	Cappelli	8.74 SPs
16	Ivatury	8.21 SPs
17	Denison	7.32 SPs
18	Ware	5.36 SPs
19	Ganzer	4.82 SPs
20	Dinkin	4.51 SPs
21	Becker	3.38 SPs



## Hospitality Suite Information

The hospitality suite for the 2015 USBC will be room 3321. Our wonderful hostess, Lisa Berkowitz will make the "trek" to Chicago, where she will be joined by Martha Katz & Phyllis Cheek, to welcome you to the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. They will serve breakfast each day from 8:00 -10:30 and lunch from Sunday-Sunday from 2:30-4:00. Lunch will be served in the hotel restaurant on Friday and Saturday.

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 the day.

We will also have a "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan's office) near the playing rooms starting on Tuesday. We will have coffee, soft drinks and some snacks available in that room while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

**We hope to see you back in Chicago for  
the Summer NABC!  
Hilton and Towers Downtown August 6th-16th!  
YNABC August 6th-8th!  
Tell your friends!**

### Session Entry Fees

In addition to the \$360 entry fee for this event, which all of the teams pay in advance, there is an entry fee of \$150 per session (there are two sessions a day). This entry fee is to be paid for each stage of competition before the start of that stage. Thus the following amounts will be due for the following stages of competition on or before the following times:

1. 4 sessions of the Round Robin: fees of \$600, due with the event entry fee.
2. Round of 16 entry fee of \$600 for 4 sessions, due before 10:00 on Sunday, May 10th.
3. Quarterfinals session fees of \$600 for 4 sessions, due before 10:00 on Tuesday, May 12th.
4. Semifinals session fees of \$600 for 4 sessions, due before 10:00 on Thursday, May 14th.
5. Finals session fees of \$600 for 4 sessions, due before 10:00 on Saturday, May 16th

# Cayne Gets in Shape for the Trials ... Online Practice

Board 11

Dealer: S

None Vul.

- ♠ 9754
- ♥ A3
- ♦ T8543
- ♣ 86

- ♠ A
- ♥ KQT9754
- ♦ K72
- ♣ 54



- ♠ KT83
- ♥ 2
- ♦ AQJ6
- ♣ K972

- ♠ QJ62
- ♥ J86
- ♦ 9
- ♣ AQJT3

Jimmy Cayne was practicing online in one of his famous matches earlier this week. Jimmy was partnered by Dana De Falco and his teammates were Gawel and Brewiak from Poland. Cayne's team was facing a team of Jordanians.

West	North	East	South
Bitar Aloul	DeFalco	Abu-Jabar	Cayne
			Pass
1H	Pass	1S	2C
2H	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Gawel	Nimer	Brewiak	Samer
			Pass
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
2H	Pass	2NT	Pass
4H	All Pass		

Cayne defended 3NT. He led the club queen and Abu-Jabar ducked! Cayne shifted to a heart... Jabar inserted the ten from dummy forcing the ace from DeFalco. DeFalco returned a club but it was too late to do significant damage. The heart suit was running and Jabar scored his game.

At the other table, Gawel/Brewiak played in 4H. Nimer led a club to the king and ace. Samer cashed his club queen and continued clubs. Gawel ruffed with the ten, Nimer pitching a small spade.

With no other convenient entries to dummy to lead toward the H: KQ9, Gawel was forced to use a diamond to cross. He won the diamond queen and led the heart deuce, inserting the nine. North won his trump ace ace and continued a diamond... Oops! South ruffed and the contract was defeated one trick.

10 IMPs to Jordan

## Mother's Day Sayings...

The advice your son rejected is now being given by him to your grandson.

Working mothers are guinea pigs in a scientific experiment to show that sleep is not necessary to human life.

Parents often talk about the younger generations as if they didn't have anything to do with it.

**Remember this is Mother's Day Weekend...**

**Remember to call home before the Knockouts start on Sunday to keep peace in the family!!**



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

Sudoku 1

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

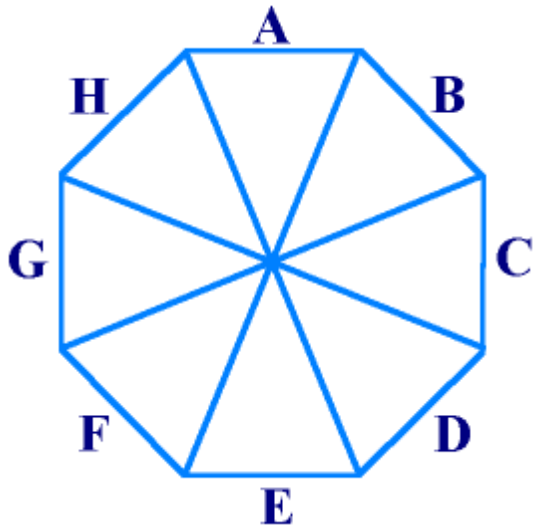
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1	4	8	3	9	5	6	2	7
5	3	2	7	1	6	4	9	8
4	5	9	1	7	3	2	8	6
8	2	7	4	6	9	5	3	1
3	6	1	2	5	8	7	4	9
2	1	3	6	8	7	9	5	4
6	8	5	9	4	2	1	7	3
7	9	4	5	3	1	8	6	2

Sudoku 1 Solution

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

## Puzzle Page ...

### OCTA-PLUS



Can you work out which eight numbers correspond with the letters A-H on the Octa-Plus diagram? No two numbers are the same. Each number is a whole number and no number is less than 1 or greater than 50.

1. D minus F is either 15 or 16.
2. B is half of F.
3. A seventh of D is a whole number and odd.
4. H is a third of F.
5. E equals H plus D.
6. G equals E minus B.
7. C is a fifth of G.
8. A is equal to 120 minus the sum of the other seven numbers.

## Answer to Puzzle:

All the numbers are whole numbers (intro). D divided by seven is a whole number and odd (clue 3), so D is an odd number. B is half of F (clue 2), so F is an even number, so D minus F is 15 (1). No number is less than 1 or greater than 50 (intro). D is a multiple of seven and odd (above) and D minus F is 15 (above), so D is 21, 35 or 49 and F is 6, 20 or 34. H is a third of F (4), so D is 21, F is 6, B is 3 and H is 2. E is 23 (5). G is 20 (6). C is 4 (7). A is 41 (8).