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## Results:

15	<u>Dinkin</u>	126	16	5	21	15	12	25
16	<u>Kent</u>	114	13	10	21	13	1	9
18	<u>Dinkin</u>	121	28	19	12	1	9	8
19	<u>Simson</u>	93	3	2	12	19	30	20
20	<u>Kent</u>	90	12	5	0	14	9	0
17	<u>Simson</u>	166	24	3	32	25	11	39

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3	<u>Fireman</u>	316	<u>23</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>77</u>	11	59	65	
14	<u>Ivatury</u>	180	<u>31</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>21</u>	48	25	4	WD
4	<u>Fleisher</u>	218	<u>29</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	31
13	<u>Harris</u>	222	<u>9</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>22</u>	45
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12	<u>Robinson</u>	212	<u>10</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>15</u>	19
6	<u>Dwyer</u>	203.8	14	40	33	39.8	<u>46</u>	<u>31</u>		
11	<u>Jacobs</u>	117	25	15	26	34	<u>1</u>	<u>16</u>	WD	
7	<u>Mahaffey</u>	226	9	38	19	27	12	65	<u>43</u>	13
10	<u>Wold</u>	289	42	22	52	27	55	16	<u>35</u>	40
8	<u>Meltzer</u>	257	30	57	38	27	77	28		
9	<u>Miller</u>	156	7	20	30	22	30	47	WD	

UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# “Trials” and Tribulations



"Of course we're not going to experiment on you - we just needed another hand for our bridge game!"

## Day Two Knockouts... USA1

Board 3 ♠ JT96  
 Dealer: S ♥ KJ93  
 E/W Vul. ♦ 765  
 Segment 5 ♣ 75

♠ 7                      ♠ AKQ4  
 ♥ Q876                ♥ T5  
 ♦ AKQ93              ♦ 82  
 ♣ KQ3                 ♣ AJ984

♠ 8532  
 ♥ A42  
 ♦ JT4  
 ♣ T62



Board 3 certainly produced interesting results.

In Fleisher/Harris, the swing was minimal when Morgan and Barron, in the Closed Room reached 3NT and made three while Moss and Grue, in the Open Room, had a bizarre situation. They reached 4NT which could have been defeated... but made 7! Liu led the H2; declarer played the 6 from dummy; Lo ducked!! (apparently declarer for singleton ace and his partner for a side entry) Declarer won the ten and took all the tricks. 3 IMPs to Fleisher.

In Jacobs/Dwyer, Bruno and Schuett, in the Closed Room, reached 6C from East. Kamil knew a heart lead was best, and with the suit bid on his left, he envisioned a possible KJxx with LHO. Accordingly, he underled his ace. This worked great since it was his partner who held the KJxx. Down one!

In the Open Room of that match, Cohen and Cohler bid and made 3NT. 12 IMPs to Dwyer

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Bruno	Becker	Schuett	Kamil
			Pass
1D	Pass	2C	Pass
2H	Pass	2S	Pass
3C	Pass	3NT	Pass
4C	Pass	4S	Pass
6C	Pass	Pass	Pass

Open Room			
Cohen	Jacobs	Cohler	Vogel
			Pass
1D	Pass	2C	Pass
2H	Pass	2S	Pass
3C	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room			
Woolsey	Ginossar	Stewart	Willenken
			Pass
1C (strong)	Pass	1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	2C	Pass
2D	Pass	3C	Pass
3D	Pass	3NT	Pass
4D	Pass	4S	Pass
5C	Pass	6C	All Pass

Open Room			
Berkowitz	Pollack	Sontag	Rubin
			Pass
1C (strong)	Pass	2C	Pass
2D	Pass	2S	Pass
3C	Pass	3S	Pass
3NT	Pass	4C	Pass
4D	Pass	4NT	Pass
6C	All Pass		

**Jacobs/Dwyer**

**Rosenthal/Robinson**

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The largest swing occurred in the Rosenthal/Robinson match.

In the Closed Room, Woolsey/Stewart bid to 6C from W on a strong club sequence. Ginossar had to find the heart lead to defeat the game. He took a long time at the table thinking, but, in the end, he stepped up to the plate and led a small heart. Down one!

In the Open Room, Berkowitz/Sontag also reached 6C from the E on a strong club auction. Pollack chose to lead a trump and the slam succeeded. 16 IMPs to Rosenthal

Board 4  
 Dealer: W  
 All Vul.  
 Segment 5

<p>♠ AJ42          ♥ KJ864          ♦ 54          ♣ 76</p>		<p>♠ T8753          ♥ 32          ♦          ♣ AK9854</p>
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♠ KQ96  
 ♥ 95  
 ♦ T8732  
 ♣ Q3

Sometimes it's your day and sometimes it's not. In the Open Room, Pollack and Rubin thought they missed a vulnerable game on Board 4, but discovered it mattered only slightly. In the Closed Room, Ginossar and Willenken had a disaster. Often you don't hold the perfect hand for your system. In this case...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Ginossar	Stewart	Willenken
Pass	1D	2C	Double
Pass	3C	Pass	3D
Pass	3H	Pass	4D
Pass	4S	All Pass!!	

Open Room

Berkowitz	Pollack	Sontag	Rubin
Pass	1C (strong)	2C	Double (alerted)
Pass	2D	Pass	3D
Pass	3H	Pass	3S
Pass	4D	All Pass	

Ginossar opened a natural 1D. Stewart overcalled 2C and Willenken, holding good diamond length and a quality 4 card spade suit, decided to negative double. It wasn't perfect without hearts but he could always correct to diamonds... or so he thought.

Ginossar cue bid over the double to show his strength. He had a great hand with what he thought was at least a 4-4 heart fit. He could even imagine a slam if Willenken held second round control of clubs.

Willenken, in an effort to slow things, responded with 3D, hoping that would set diamonds as trump.

Ginossar showed his heart suit. Willenken again bid diamonds!! Ginossar knew they were playing in a red suit and asked for the 2nd round club control by cuebidding the his 1st round control of spades... OOPS! Ginossar saw a way out before this steamrolled out of control. He thought his partner held all three suits he bid and passed. 4S went light SIX for -600 a 13 IMP swing for Robinson. Bidding the game would only have yielded three more IMPs!

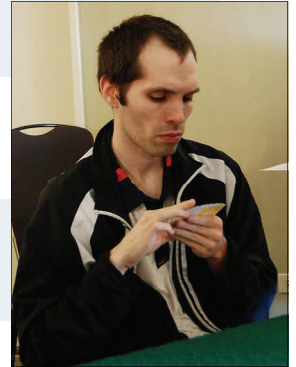
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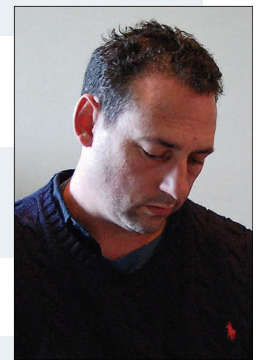
# Teams Entered... listed in RR seeding order

"TRIALS" AND TRIBULATIONS

Nickell Bye to QF	Frank Nickell, Capt Jeff Meckstroth Bobby Levin	Ralph Katz Eric Rodwell Steve Weinstein
Diamond Bye to QF	John Diamond, Capt Justin Lall Eric Greco	Brian Platnick Kevin Bathurst Geoff Hampson
Fleisher Bye to R16	Martin Fleisher, Capt Brad Moss Michael Rosenberg	Chip Martel Joe Grue Jacek Pszczola
Fireman Bye to R16	Paul Fireman, Capt John Hurd John Kranyak	Gavin Wolpert Joel Wooldridge Vincent Demuy
Rosenthal	Andrew Rosenthal, Capt Chris Willenken David Berkowitz	Aaron Silverstein Eldad Ginossar Alan Sontag
Meltzer	Rose Meltzer, Capt Steve Garner Bart Bramley	Nikolay Demirev Ron Smith Robert Hamman
Mahaffey	Jim Mahaffey, Capt Neil Chambers Matthew Granovetter	Sam Lev John Schermer Russell Ekeblad
Dwyer	Kevin Dwyer, Capt Billy Cohen Michael Kamil	Roger Lee Gary Cohler Michael Becker
Wold	Eddie Wold, Capt Marc Jacobus Chris Compton	Michael Levine Mike Passell David Grainger
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt JoAnna Stansby	Jeff Aker Lew Stansby
Miller	Jeffrey Miller, Capt Reese Milner Joshua Stark	William Engel Hemant Lall
Robinson	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Bill Pollack	Peter Boyd Fred Stewart Ron Rubin
Jacobs	George Jacobs, Capt Dick Bruno David Lehman	Claude Vogel Jeffrey Schuett Richard Melson
Harris	Martin Harris, Capt Ai-Tai Lo Jay Barron	Jacob Morgan Howard Liu
Ivatury	Uday Ivatury, Capt Lapt Chan	Christal Henner Jon Sorkin
Dinkin	Sam Dinkin, Capt W. Thomas Reynolds	Michael Shuster Lance Kerr
Kent	Robert Kent Brenda Pugsley	Ellen Kent Paul Pugsley



Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.  
Winston Churchill



There is a special species of bird that is really good at holding stuff together. They are called velcrows.  
 The dead batteries were given out free of charge.  
 When the cannibal showed up late to the luncheon, they gave him the cold shoulder.  
 My friend was fired from his job at the road department for stealing. I have to say I saw it coming. The last time I was at his house all the signs were there.  
 It's a lengthy article on Japanese Sword Fighters but I can Samurais it for you.  
 If towels could tell jokes they would probably have a dry sense of humor.  
 Smaller babies may be delivered by stork but the heavier ones need a crane.  
 What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway).  
 Did you hear about the crime that happened in a parking garage? It was wrong on so many levels.  
 My fear of roses is a thorny issue. I'm not sure what it stems from, but it seems likely I'll be stuck with it.  
 Always trust a glue salesman. They stick to their words.  
 If you lose your hearing, is it ear replaceable?  
 Don't trust people that do acupuncture, they're back stabbers.  
 I used to be addicted to soap, but I'm clean now.  
 When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.  
 My new theory on inertia doesn't seem to be gaining momentum.  
 Two peanuts were walking in a tough neighborhood and one of them was a-salted.  
 A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.  
 The tale of the haunted refrigerator was chilling.  
 Why did the pig stop sunbathing? He was bacon in the heat.



## Tournament Schedule (continued on page 7)

QUARTER-FINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 32 (8 USA2 TEAMS)			
TUESDAY	MAY 2	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 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
WEDNESDAY	MAY 3	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
SEMI-FINAL & USA2 ROUND OF 16 (8 USA2 TEAMS)			
THURSDAY	MAY 4	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 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
FRIDAY	MAY 5	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
FINAL & USA2 QUARTERFINAL (6 USA2 TEAMS)			
SATURDAY	MAY 6	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 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SUNDAY	MAY 7	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30

USA2 SEMI-FINAL			
MONDAY	MAY 8	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 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
TUESDAY	MAY 9	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 FINAL			
WEDNESDAY	MAY 10	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 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
THURSDAY	MAY 11	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30

## Hospitality Information...



The hospitality suite for the 2017 Open USBC is room 2321, one level up from the playing rooms. Our wonderful hostess, Lisa Berkowitz, and her co-chair, Martha Katz, will serve breakfast each day from 8:00-10:30, as well as lunch from 1:00-4:00. **Please note: Sit outs are encouraged to come as early as possible for lunch to avoid overcrowding the suite. Everyday, lunch will be served both in 2321 and 1321 to handle the expected overflow.**

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.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan's office) is room 1321. It will be available for the entire tournament. You can find coffee, soft drinks and snacks in that room while you wait for slow teammates to finish playing.

**Meet the Players** A former Washingtonian, now living in Kensington, California, **Kit Woolsey**, received a Bachelor's Degree from Oberlin and a Master's in Math from University of Illinois. He learned the rudiments of bridge from his parents at age eight. Backgammon and gambling games are among his hobbies and he is quite proficient at the computer and beyond. Kit worked in programming for eight years and options trading for thirteen.

His partnerships include Steve Robinson (1960-1978), Eddie Manfield (1978 till his death in 1999); and presently Fred Stewart.

Kit serves as Moderator and Technical Editor of The Bridge World Magazine. He holds many major NABC titles but his greatest thrill was the 1986 Rosenblum.

However, his achievements also abound in the writing field, authoring Partnership Defense, Matchpoints, Modern Defensive Signals, How to Play Tournament Backgammon, etc. In recognition of his success at the table and other outstanding contributions to the game, Kit was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005



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

Sudoku 1

# Sudoku

Sudoku 2

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

## Answers to Puzzle No Peeking!

Sudoku 2 Solution

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

Sudoku 1 Solution

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



# Puzzle Page ...

## Disney's Heroes, Villians, and Sidekicks

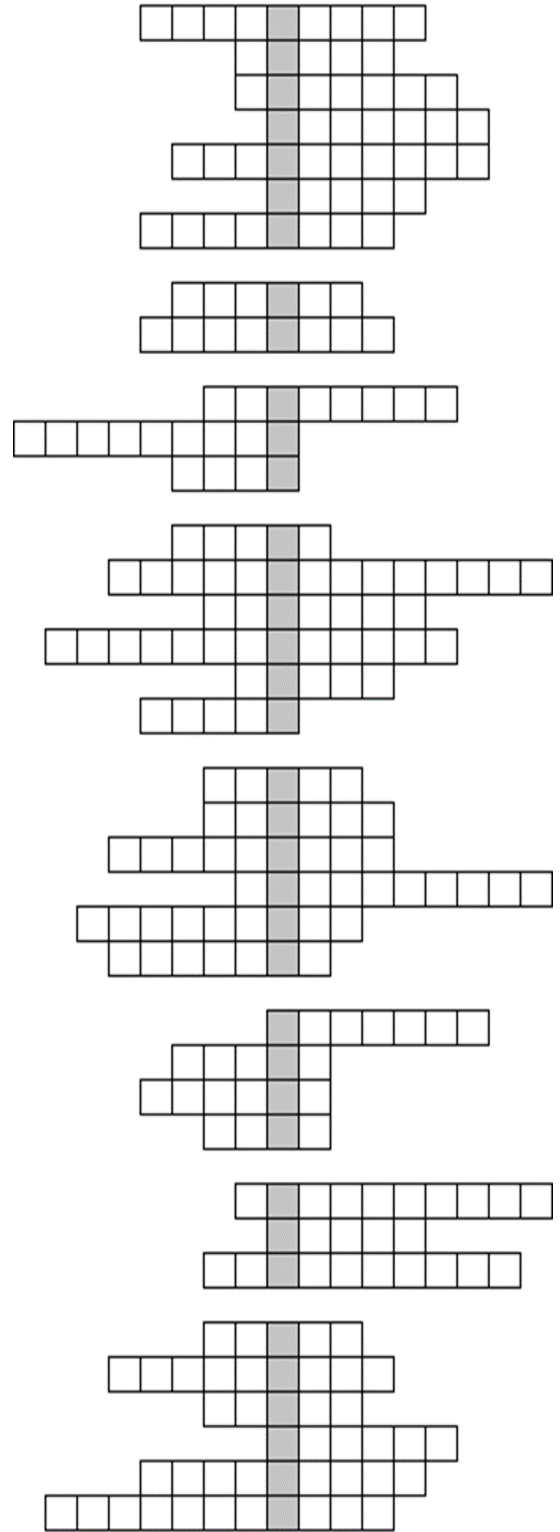
Using the clues given, fill in the grid boxes with the answers. In the grid (on page 10), each horizontal row is one clue and the clues should be entered from the top down. So the first horizontal row goes with clue 1, the second horizontal row goes with clue 2, etc. When the grid is complete, read the highlighted boxes from top to bottom for the hidden message.

HINTS: The clues all refer to characters in Disney animated movie features.

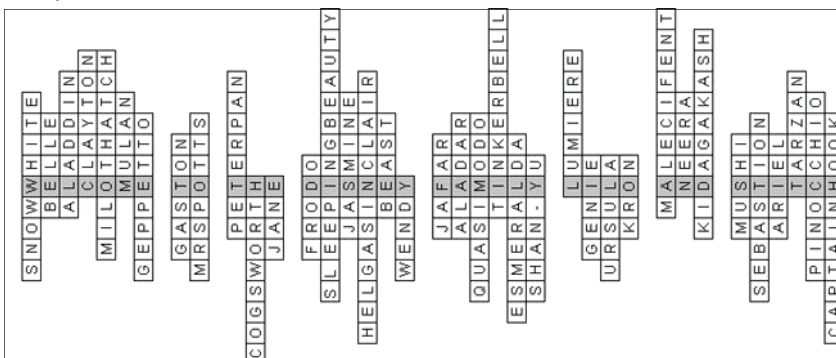
Some of the clues are one word, some are two.

Don't leave spaces between the words when entering a two word answer.

1. She bit into a poisonous apple
2. She sang "I want more than this provincial life."
3. He was a "diamond in the rough"
4. He wanted to capture the apes to sell to the circus
5. He was seeking the shepherds journal
6. She entered the army to protect her father and gained honor for herself when she defeated the enemy
7. The whale swallowed him whole
8. He liked to decorate with antlers and eat a dozen eggs every day
9. This household servant had a son named Chip
10. He lived in Never Never Land
11. He said "and as I always say - if it's not baroque than don't fix it....."
12. She came to the jungle to study the apes and decided to stay
13. This pious clergyman was no friend to gypsies or his adopted son
14. She pricked her finger on a spinning needle on her 16th birthday
15. This princess felt trapped and wanted to see the world
16. She blew up the balloon to stop Commander Rourke from getting away
17. Before his 21st birthday he needed loves first kiss or the spell would last forever
18. This girl's adventure had her pretending to be a mother to the lost boys
19. An advisor who wanted to be both king and an all powerful sorcerer
20. He and his adopted family barely escaped the island before the meteor struck
21. He rang the church bells and wanted to have friends
22. She sprinkled pixie dust
23. This gypsy girl fell in love with the captain of the guard
24. He broke through The Great Wall and wanted to rule China
25. He sang "Be our guest. Be our guest. Put our service to the test."
26. He said "Awesome living quarters, tiny living space"
27. She sang "In my past I've been a nasty, they weren't kidding when they called me wella witch"
28. This crusty oldster was watching over his sister and bringing the herd to a safer place
29. She spoke the magic words to change herself into a dragon
30. She liked the newcomer to the herd, he was kind to others and very different from her brother
31. She was heir to the kingdom and over 8000 years old
32. He wanted to be a real guardian of the ancestral spirits, instead of the gong ringer.
33. This creature, who liked to write symphonies, was told to watch over a young girl by his king
34. She wanted to walk on the beach, not swim in the sea
35. This boy was raised by apes after a tiger killed his parents
36. He said "I want to be a real boy"
37. This fierce pirate was afraid of crocodiles




# Answer:





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Board 17 ♠ K92  
 Dealer: N ♥ 72  
 None Vul. ♦ K9432  
 Segment 6 ♣ 732

♠ QT85		♠ A73
♥ KQ		♥ A98654
♦ AQJ6		♦ T8
♣ QT5		♣ J9

♠ J64  
 ♥ JT3  
 ♦ 75  
 ♣ AK864

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Lee	Jacobs	Dwyer	Vogel
	Pass	2H	Pass
2NT (asking)	Pass	3D (good hand)	Pass
4H	All Pass		


Closed Room			
Melson	Becker	Lehman	Kamil
	Pass	2H	Pass
2NT (asking)	Pass	3S (good hand)	Pass
4H	All Pass		

Both tables reached 4H. Both Souths led the CA and found the killing switch to the D7. Both Norths won the DK. In the Open Room, Jacobs switched back to clubs and Vogel won his king. In the Closed Room, Becker continued diamonds, declarer winning the DJ in dummy.

Now things changed course. In the Closed Room, Lehman cashed the king and queen of hearts. He could exit a club and put Kamil in, but then Kamil could exit his trump and there were no entries to dummy to discard the losing spades. Lehman tried the diamond ace, pitching one spade; Kamil ruffed and the contract was light one.

Vogel, on winning the CK could have generated an analogous position. He simply needed to exit a diamond. For whatever reason, he didn't see it. He made the fatal play of a spade from his Jxx. Declarer played the ten from dummy covered by the king and ace. Dwyer played to the HKQ and left dummy with a club ruff. He pulled the last trump and was able to reenter dummy with a diamond to take ten tricks. 10 IMPs to Dwyer

	Jacobs	
	Becker	
Board 18 ♠ JT74		
Dealer: E ♥ Q6		
N/S Vul. ♦ J95	Lehman	
Segment 6 ♣ QJ83	Dwyer	

♠ KQ63		♠ 85
♥ J72		♥ T98543
♦ 743		♦ KQT2
♣ KT2		♣ 6

Melson ♠ A92  
 Lee ♥ AK  
 ♦ A86  
 ♣ A9754

Both tables in Jacobs/Dwyer arrived in 3NT N/S after a weak 2H opening by East. Both Wests led the H2. Declarer won the HA, played the CA and a small club toward the dummy. West won his CK while East pitched a spade. The heart jack was returned. Declarer won and ran three rounds of clubs. Both Easts pitched two diamonds and a spade. The Wests diverged. On the last two clubs, Lee pitched two diamonds and Melson pitched two spades.

Declarer cashed his spade ace, both Easts pitching a heart. Vogel now cashed his diamond ace and conceded down one. Lee had two good spades and a heart to reach his partner.

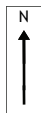
Kamil played a second spade without cashing the DA. He was still down one had Lehman pitched one of his high diamonds. Melson could exit with his last heart and the defense would collect three heart tricks and concede the DA at trick 13. Alas, Lehman tossed a heart and the contract made! 12 IMPs to Dwyer

Vogel  
 Kamil

Board 4 ♠ 2  
 Dealer: W ♥ T643  
 All Vul. ♦ KQT  
 Segment 7 ♣ KJ763

♠ AJT6 ♠ KQ9874  
 ♥ A9 ♥ 82  
 ♦ 75 ♦ 43  
 ♣ AQT52 ♣ 984

♠ 53  
 ♥ KQJ75  
 ♦ AJ9862  
 ♣



Closed Room				<b>Mahaffey/Wold</b>
West	North	East	South	
Passell	Lev	Jacobus	Mahaffey	
1NT (14-16)	Pass	2C (stayman)	2H	
2S	4H	4S	5H	
Double	All Pass			

Open Room				<b>Mahaffey/Wold</b>
Schermer	Levine	Chambers	Wold	
1NT (15-18)	Pass	2C	2H	
2S	3H	4S	5D	
5S	All Pass			

Starting the 7th segment, Jacobs and Miller withdrew... but they're not gone... just moving down to USA2.

Board 4 was quite distributional, creating a variety of results.

5H is cold.

In these three matches, one table in each played it there doubled.

Two tables made 5, but in Wold/Mahaffey, Passell led a diamond and when he won his trump ace, he continued diamonds. The result of this was making six when his spade trick went away.

+1050 for N/S and a 13 IMP swing when Schermer and Chambers played 5S undoubled down two in the other room.

In both other matches, the swing was 8 IMPs when 5HX made 5 and 5SX went down two for 500 to N/S.

Open Room				<b>Harris/Fleisher</b>
Harris	Martel	Morgan	Fleisher	
1NT (14-17)	Pass	2H (spades)	2S (Michaels)	
3S	4H	4S	5H	
Double	All Pass			

Closed Room				<b>Harris/Fleisher</b>
Moss	Lo	Grue	Liu	
1C	Pass	1S	2NT	
4S	5H	5S	Double	
All Pass				

Open Room				<b>Rosenthal/Robinson</b>
Rosenthal	Robinson	Silverstein	Boyd	
1NT	Pass	2H (spades)	2S (Michaels)	
3S	4H	4S	5D	
5S	Pass	Pass	Double	
All Pass				

Closed Room				<b>Rosenthal/Robinson</b>
Rubin	Ginossaur	Pollack	Willenken	
1C (strong)	Pass	1D (0-7)	2H	
Pass	4H	4S	5H	
Double	All Pass			

# Today's Matchups...

1	<u>Nickell</u>																
8	<u>Meltzer</u>																
2	<u>Diamond</u>																
7	<u>Wold</u>																
3	<u>Fireman</u>																
6	<u>Dwyer</u>																
4	<u>Harris</u>																
5	<u>Rosenthal</u>																

**USA1**

9	<u>Miller</u>																
16	<u>Simson</u>																
10	<u>Mahaffey</u>																
15	<u>Dinkin</u>																
11	<u>Jacobs</u>																
14	<u>Ivatury</u>																
12	<u>Robinson</u>																
13	<u>Fleisher</u>																

**USA2**

**GOOD LUCK  
EVERYONE!**

**Breaking News:**

Steve Beatty, former President of the USBF, has a new investment!! Congratulations to Steve and his family on the birth of his first grandchild, a little girl named Kerowyn!

## Limey Jack ...

Gadzooks but you Colonials like to take it down to the wire. What a thrilling finish in the Harris-Fleisher match where the random honour placement of a Jack, settled Fleishers hash. As per usual, Limey Jack has been spot on while the blather master can hardly find the loo.

In the USA 1, 8 teams remain. Limey Jack knows each winner and even the Parishioners will still the telly to run out and make a few quid.

Nickell-Meltzer: same church, different pew. Nickell starts poorly but finishes with blazes. Meltzer just does not have the soldiers.

Diamond-Wold: Diamond keeps getting byes and then coming in cold. They cannot afford to do so here or Wold will take their measure. diamond will prevail, but by the hair of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Fireman-Dwyer: Limey Jack predicted that Dwyer would get a withdrawal and so it came to pass. The seeds are reversed here. Dwyer is a big favourite and will earn the extra serving of Yorkshire pudding.

Harris-Rosenthal: often when you have a huge victory, there is a bit of a letdown, but not here. Although plagued by a five lad squad, Harris is still quite good enough to escort the Prince through the wetlands. Rosenthal is playing their final match together and their fare-the-well will need to come via USA 2

In USA 2, Howie Dung will likely get three wrong, starting with this one: Miller -Simson: Simson wins

Mahaffey-Dinkin: While much of the Mahaffey team is elderly and is playing in their final Trials, they have enough steam in the engine to outlast the Dinkin team. Dinkin has the most heart, but that will not help in the card play.

Jacobs-Ivatury: Although Ivatury is a descendant of one of the colonies, and Henner is somewhat royalty herself, and Sorkin is clearly a Brit, Limey Jack cannot brook 4 handed teams in these proceedings. Jacobs plays steady throughout and moves on.

Robinson-Fleisher: When will Robinson learn? Year after bloody year they under-achieve. This year they added a stalwart pair and still could not stand the King's favour when they self destructed to lose to a team they had beaten. For their reward they got Fleisher, coming off a horrendous humiliation in front of thousands. With a thorn in their paw, and bloodlust in their hearts, Fleisher will not be twice denied. Robinson both loses, and disbands. Fare thee well, Little People.

It's not the seniors, they're still young.

Jack picks winners, Howie; Dung.

Cheers, LJ

## Howie Doing...

Miller might in c"reese" his chance  
Of representing us in France,  
But I pick Simson's team to stay,  
To play at least another day.

Dinkin's sinkin'; Uday's toast;  
Jacobs will remain to boast!  
The multi men are gonna fail.  
Smarty Marty will prevail.

The Rose is soon to be deflowered  
By a metal super powered.  
Bond says Diamonds Are Forever,  
But Wold and crew are far more clever.

Fireman? Dwyer? Who will it be.  
Kamil's goes home to play GNT!  
Leaving will make it less of a hassle,  
Than having to call up and cancel on Cassel.

Andy's team has got the wood,  
But Harris has been playing good.  
Berk and Sonty: Senior bound.  
Jake and Josh will stay around!

Till Thursday...

I remain Sir Howie Doing!