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See page 16 for news of an upcoming competition and exhibition from the WBF with great incentives to participate.

## Senior Teams Entered

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| Bobby Levin |  |

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## Problem

You're standing on the surface of the Earth. You walk one mile south, one mile west, and one mile north. You end up exactly where you started.
Where are you?

## Hint

There is more than one solution.

## Ameswern

If you are standing directly on the north pole and you walk one mile south, then one mile west, then one mile north, you will arrive back at the north pole. It would look something like this:

But there is a more nuanced solution to this problem as well. Imagine a circle with a 1-mile circumference that has the south pole at its center. If you were to start one mile north of this circle, you would travel one mile south, one mile
 west all the way around the circle, and then one mile north back to your starting point.

In fact, you could start anywhere that is one mile north of the circle around the south pole. (In the diagram, the orange circle has a 1-mile circumference, and you could start anywhere around the thick black latitude line.)

And the solutions don't stop there. Imagine that the circle around the south pole has a circumference of $1 / 2$ mile instead of 1 mile. If you were to start one mile north of that $1 / 2$-mile circle, you would travel one mile south, one mile west around the $1 / 2$-mile circle twice, and then one mile north back to your starting position.


If the circle were $1 / 3$-mile, you could still start one mile north of it, and you would travel around the circle three times. The same is true for any fraction $1 / n$ where $n$ is a positive integer, and the result is that you walk around the circle $n$ times. If the circle around the south pole is only a tenth of a mile, you can still start one mile north of it, walk one mile south, one mile west around the circle ten times, and then one mile north back to your starting position.


## Senior Team Tournament Schedule

| Round Robin (Each team sits out one Match) |  |  |  |
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| DAY | Date | Time | Boards |
| Friday | May 19 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-11:30 } \\ & \text { 11:45-1:15 } \\ & \text { 2:30-3:45 } \\ & \text { 4:00-5:15 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Match 1 - Boards 1-10 <br> Match 2 - Boards 11-20 <br> 75 minute Lunch Break <br> Match 3 -Boards 21-30 <br> Match 4 - Boards 31-40 |
| SATURDAY | May 20 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-11:15 } \\ & \text { 11:30-12:45 } \\ & \text { 2:00-3:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-4:45 } \\ & \text { 5:00-6:15 } \end{aligned}$ | Match 5 - Boards 41-50 <br> Match 6-Boards 51-60 <br> 75 Minute Lunch Break <br> Матсн 7 - Boards 61-70 <br> Match 8 - Boards 71-80 <br> Match 9 - Boards 81-90 |
| USA1 Semifinal \& USA2 Stage 1 |  |  |  |
| Sunday | May 21 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| Monday | May 22 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 6 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 7 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 8 Boards 46-60 |
| USA1 FInal \& USA2 Quarterfinal |  |  |  |
| Tuesday | May 23 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| Wednesday | May 24 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 6 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break |
| USA1 FInAl \& USA2 Semifinal |  |  |  |
| Wednesday | May 24 | $\begin{aligned} & 3: 30-5: 30 \\ & 5: 45-7: 45 \end{aligned}$ | USA1 Segment 7 Boards 31-45 <br> USA2 Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> USA1 Segment 8 Boards 46-60\| <br> USA2 Segment 2 Boards 16-30 |
| USA2 Semi Final |  |  |  |
| Thursday | May 25 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & 5: 45-7: 45 \end{aligned}$ | Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 5 Boards 61-75 <br> Segment 6 Boards 76-90 |
| USA2 FINAL |  |  |  |
| Friday | May 26 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 1 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 2 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 3 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 4 Boards 46-60 |
| SATURDAY | May 27 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10:00-12:00 } \\ & \text { 12:15-2:15 } \\ & \text { 3:30-5:30 } \\ & \text { 5:45-7:45 } \end{aligned}$ | Segment 5 Boards 1-15 <br> Segment 6 Boards 16-30 <br> 75 minute Break <br> Segment 7 Boards 31-45 <br> Segment 8 Boards 46-60 |

## Kibitzing: There will be deferred kibitzing for all of the 2023 USBCs on LoveBridge

You can follow the USBC on the https://vugraph.lovebridge.com/ website. When available, voice commentary may be accessed by clicking on the TV screen icon. If there is no sound, you must unmute.

## Senior Kibitzing Schedule (EDT)

Kibitzing times on Friday will be:
Match 1: 11:30 am EDT
Match 2: 1:15 pm EDT
Match 3: 4:00 pm EDT
Match 4: 5:30 pm EDT
On Saturday times will be:
Match 5: 11:30 am EDT
Match 6: 1:05 pm EDT
Match 7: 2:35 pm EDT
Match 8: 5:10 pm EDT
Match 9: 6:45 pm EDT

After Saturday, the Seniors' times will match the Women's as follows:

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT
Segment 2: 1:45 pm ET
Segment 3: 5:00 pm ET
Segment 4: 7:15 pm ET

Note: The Women's starts Saturday and their times will be as above throughout.

## Nail biting!

Do you want to be deeply involved? Choose the "Match view" at the starting page of your event. Your screen will be divided into four small screens - two of them showing the two tables of the match you choose, the other two having the scoresheet for your match and the current scores of the other matches. In the $2 \times 2$ view you can also personalize the content in all your windows. (The $2 \times 2$ view is not available on mobiles.)

## Think together!

When watching a table, click on a name and choose "Kibitz". Instead of seeing all 4 hands, you will see what the player sees, and you can decide what you would do and see whether your chosen player agrees.

## More Information:

Be well informed and tell your friends: while following the play, you can click many items. The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board, in the bottom right corner the arrow takes you to the scoresheet, DDS shows the double dummy analyses, beside that there is a button for the other table of the same match, at the top left corner you can see the bidding with alerts and the explanations (mouse over), the tricks already played, and the double dummy analysis for the available number of tricks with the par score.

## The

Commentators
Know their stuff...

Like when to pitch
And when to ruff.

Soon l'll be
An expert too.
My favorite show Is called "The Vu!"

## Navigation icons:

While surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can go back to the main page with the "house" or to the standings with the "scores". If you cannot see the icons, move your mouse, or touch your screen and they pop up immediately. There is also a built-in back button because the back button of your browser will always take you to the starting page. If this is not what you wanted, push next in your browser and you can continue where you were.

## Replay:

After the event you can find every board from every table easily. While replaying the hands, the only surprise can be the way "next board" button works. If you have arrived from a scoresheet, it navigates through the scoresheet. If you have arrived from a screen where the results were shown for a given board, the same buttons move you through the list. Push every button and enjoy!



## 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.

## 2023 USBCs Hospitality

Although the Covid situation has improved, it is still out there. To keep our players and staff safe, we want to keep the number of people in the suite to a minimum at any one time. Our wonderful hostesses, Maya Alela and Marie-France Benoit will host you in our usual suite (Room 2321). Grab and go breakfast and lunch each day, except that on the first Monday and Tuesday, when lunch will be available in the Copper, Sage, and Maize meeting rooms off the corridor running from the hotel's front door to the back door.

Seniors and Women's: On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, breakfast will be in the hospitality suite, but lunch will be in the Slate Room at the front of the hotel.
The hotel will be doing what they do best, salads and on Sunday house made chips. We will be providing the main courses from local restaurants. On Friday, lunch will be from 1:00-3:30; on Saturday and Sunday, lunch will be from 2:00-4:00. From Monday on, lunch will be in the hospitality suite from a little before 2:00-4:00.

There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit and berries. Also, all the individual packages of add-ons we have for breakfast plus water and soft drinks will be available in refrigerators.

Let us know what you want: If you have specific needs or prohibition, please let Maya or MarieFrance know and they will do their very best to provide food that meets your needs.


Marie-France

Your hostesses would appreciate it if you would mask-up when in the hospitality area especially when crowded. Thank you!!

More on Hospitality and Regulations...


Playing Rooms \& Player's Break Room
We will have bottled water in the playing rooms and if there is a refrigerator in a playing room we'll stock it with soft drinks.

We will also have bottled water in the Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. We are working in that room and would appreciate it if you try to keep voices low.

Masks will be required in playing rooms only if your screenmate asks you to wear one. You do not have to put on a mask when you summon a director or ask someone to bring you coffee or water or escort you outside to smoke.

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Sudoku 1

"Orion's Belt is a big waist of
space."


Ed. Note: With delayed broadcasting, it is especially challenging to watch every hand for write ups. If anyone has a hand of particular interest, please send me the board number \& match and I will review it. Email to stansubeck@ prodigy.net. Thank you.
Suzi


## Old TV Shows 3

Find and circle all of the old TV shows that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of an additional old TV show.
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$T L S L F G K G W A O R D I A G Y U$

G U N S M O K E S U T G Y Y I R A S G
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| ADDAMS FAMILY | FAMILY TIES |
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| AVENGERS | GET SMART |
| BATMAN | GOLDEN GIRLS |
| BEWITCHED | GUNSMOKE |
| BRADY BUNCH | HAPPY DAYS |
| CHARLIE'S ANGELS | HARRY O |
| COACH | HIGHLANDER |
| COLUMBO | HOGAN'S HEROES |
| COSBY SHOW | HOTEL |
| CYBILL | I LOVE LUCY |
| DRAGNET |  |

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The Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Bowl and the Wuhan Cup are for national teams, respectively Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed, representing their countries, qualified from the 8 WBF Zonal Conferences.

The World Transnational Open Teams is open, without any qualification, to all teams, national or transnational, which want to participate, accordingly to the conditions of contest.

The World Bridge Teams Championships, the oldest WBF Championship, grew out of private initiatives principally by the late Norman Bach. The first world championship for the Bermuda Bowl was held in 1950, in Bermuda, 8 years before the World Bridge Federation itself was formed. After the first event of the series, the Bermuda Bowl developed into a regular challenge match between the USA and the winners of the European Championship, but in 1957 the contest widened to included teams representing other zones of the WBF.
In 1974, in Venice, Italy, a new event was launched, the Venice Cup. It started as a challenge match between women's teams from the USA and Italy (Europe 's representative) and today it is the equivalent of Bermuda Bowl for women, organized under the same laws and format.
A third series, the Senior Bowl, for senior players was added in 2001. Ernesto d'Orsi, Past President of the WBF and a member of the WBF Committee of Honor and the WBF Executive Council, presented the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy for the winners of this Championship at the World Teams Championships held in Brazil in 2009.

In March 2018 in Philadelphia the Executive Council added a fourth series for Mixed Teams starting from 2019 in Wuhan, China. This new event was named after the City of Wuhan which presented the prestigious trophy and provided, and will provide for the future editions, replicas for the winners.

WHEN YOURE AT A RESTAURANT WAITING FOR A WAITER
YOU BECOME A WATER

MY SUPERHERO NAME WOULD BE
-TYPOMANWRITER OF WRONGS

## TWO BED BUGS FELL IN LOVE <br> THEYRE GETTING MARRIED IN THE SPRING

ENGLAND HAS NO KIDNEY BANK

BUT IT DOES HAVE A LIVERPOOL


A-Pun, A-Two, AThree!

Senior Humor!

## If you boil a funny

bone it becomes a
laughing stock. That's humerus.


> IF WE SWITCHED FROM POUNDS TO KILOGRAMS OVERNIGHT


A Man with Unwanted Houseguests hired a polka band to annoy them so they'd leave.

It's all going accordion to plan!

|  | Members |  |  |  |  | Days Stayed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Summer is almost over. School starts next week, and so five families decide to squeeze in one more summer holiday before school starts. Each family chose to travel to Cape Cod, Massachusetts and spent the week renting a summer cottage, each in a different town. By some odd twist of fate, each family had either five or six family members and stayed on Cape Cod for either five or six days. Determine the surname (last name) of each family, the number of members in each family, the length of each family's stay, and the town on Cape Cod where each family rented a cottage.

1. The Dennison family spent the same number of days on vacation as they had family members, but it wasn't the same amount as the Harding family spent on vacation.
2. The family who stayed in Harwich had more family members than days they spent on vacation.
3. The Baker family stayed longer than the McFarland family, but neither family stayed in Eastham. The Harding family had less family members than the family that stayed in Falmouth.
4. The family that stayed in Provincetown wasn't the Harding family or the Baker family. Two families had the same number of members as the days they spent on vacation.
5. The Smith family stayed in Hyannis. Three families had six family members and three families stayed on vacation for five days.
6. Only one family had five family members and spent six days on vacation. The Dennison family didn't stay in Harwich.

## Meet the Players...

Allan Falk was born on January 18, 1947 in Sioux City, lowa. He is a 1972 graduate of Yale Law School, who was admitted to the State Bar of michigan the same year and has been practicing law since that time. Falk previously graduated from Michigan State University, where he was elected to Phi Betta Kappa and other honorary societies, was named a Woodrow Wilson fellow, and participated in Delta Phi Epsilon foreign service honorary. He has also attended courses at Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) State University and is an honors graduate of the U.S. Army Air Defense School.

In 1977, Falk was the first lawyer in the country after the Abood decision to formally challenge the use of mandatory bar dues by a unified bar organization. His pleadings and briefs were later borrowed by challengers, and used successfully, in New Mexico, Montant, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, California, and Wisconsin. The motivation for this initial objection to mandatory State Bar of Michigan dues was Falk's successful lobbying, as a member of Common Cause of Michigan, for open meetings and other political reform legislation. The state Bar opposed these reforms and used his dues in its attempt to thwart him.

Falk has served for more than six years on the Professional and Judicial Ethics Committee and the appellate Court Administration Committee of the State Bar of Michigan. He is a North American bridge champion, author of three books on the subject, and a member of the International Bridge Press Association.

## Wins

North American Bridge Championships
Blue Ribbon Pairs 1997
Silodor Open Pairs 1994
Wernher Open Pairs 1997

## Runners-up

North American Bridge Championships Grand National Teams 1996


Alan is playing in this event as a member of the Lusky team.


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## Sudoku Answers Purzles on Page 7

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## 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．

A Supporting Membership is $\$ 25$ for one year（ $\$ 75$ for 3 years）and 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．


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## Answer to Puzzle on page 11

 ful promoter of our game! She has worked wonders in
# Bridge: A MindSport For All 

 Connects People, Challenges Minds the last several years organizing and heading BAMSA. We support her wonderful work and hope you support it too!Bridge, Youth and Schools



Who am I? My name is Samantha Punch, Professor of Sociology at the University of Stirling, UK. I lead the international work of BAMSA.

What is BAMSA? Bridge: A MindSport for All (BAMSA) is a research project working collaboratively with bridge organisations to increase the number of players and transform the image of the mindsport.

BAMSA believes that bridge can be promoted as a potential solution to tackle big societal issues of social isolation, loneliness, mental health problems, inclusivity and healthy ageing.

BAMSA's new study
The new project aims to develop academic evidence that demonstrates the skills and wideranging benefits that bridge, as a mindsport, can offer young people. The study will investigate the benefits and challenges of teaching bridge in schools. The goal is to encourage schools to take bridge as seriously as chess, and mindsport education as seriously as physical education.

## How can donating help?

By donating, you enable BAMSA to conduct this work in the USA as well as Europe. The funding pays for the researchers to interview school teachers, bridge teachers, pupils and parents to explore what helps and hinders learning bridge. The funds are used to develop practical resources from the findings to enable growth of youth bridge communities in USA and Europe.

How can I donate? *All donations will be doubled* (matched by Levine Foundation)
Online via the University website: www.stir.ac.uk/carddonate Scroll to the bottom of the page and choose single gift, this will direct you to our donation form where you can select "Bridge Research Project" as your designated cause.

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# Please pick up a Chicago NABC flyer before you leave Schaumburg. We want to see you therell <br> Rooms are filling. <br> We have engaged the Intercontinental as our overfiow hotell 

Also, grab a Chicago NABC Convention Card Sticker from the table in the Break Room where the newsletters are.

## join $A B C$ <br> ACBL BIDDING CONTEST

Bid these Bidding Box hands on your phone or tablet!
$A B C$ is a free, ongoing weekly bidding contest organized by the ACBL using the app bid72. Enter the contest with your partner and automatically receive 5 hands on your phone/tablet every week. Compare your results with hundreds of other pairs. Monthly promotion/relegation ensures an exciting challenge for everyone. Please visit www.bid72.com/abc for more details and registration.


Extra: Bidding Box hands will be included in ABC two weeks before the Bridge Bulletin is published.

## From Jan Martel...

Once again this year, we've been able to persuade Ela, the wonderful massage therapist we've had in the past, to come to the Hyatt to help us unwind. Ela is flexible, but since she has a fairly long commute, she would prefer that we try to have 3 or 4 people in a row, which is why I am asking you to let me know in advance if you think you will want a massage on a specific day and in a specific time frame. If we all cooperate on this, I can set things up in advance.

Of course if you don't know now when you'll be sitting out or how much you will want a massage, you can talk to me in room 1321 when you're ready and I'll try to accomodate you. People who let me know in advance will get priority!

I will consult Ela as to what her fees are. I'll have her set up a table in my room (5117) and will give her a key to the room so she can ac-
cess it.


The World Bridge Federation has been invited to the Olympic Esports Week ("OEW") in Singapore, June 19-25, organized by the International Olympic Committee.

The WBF, together with the platform providers, BBO and Funbridge, will have a pavilion at the Free-To-Play Zone ("FTPZ") that the IOC is providing, June 22-25, for a limited number (10-15) of its recognised "International Federations" during the OEW. It is a great achievement for Bridge to have been selected to exhibit our progress in the field of electronic sports.

The FTPZ will be a large exposition at the Suntec Convention Centre, and tens of thousands of visitors are expected. It is an important opportunity to showcase Bridge as a modern sport, adopting the latest technology, including Artificial Intelligence.

At our pavilion, we will live-stream tournaments on both platforms with local and international competitors, provide "Minibridge" demonstrations, show play on Lovebridge tablets and various other promotional activities. Many activities can be followed online on YouTube, and possibly Twitch.

Leading up to the tournaments in Singapore we are arranging qualification events on both BBO and Funbridge.

The overall winner on each platform will be invited (travel and accommodation) to the Transnational week (August 28 - September 2) during the World Championships in Marrakech, and there will be a ranking by country with prizes in the form of the platform's "currencies".

## Programme for Online Bridge

Olympic Esports Week, June 19/25

## Qualification phase

19/21, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - Tournaments of 6 boards (100 tournaments available )
( 0.50 Babydollars BB\$ on BBO) ( 25 diamonds on Funbridge) per tournament Best five tournaments to qualify with a minimum average of $55 \%$

## Thursday off

Final
23/25 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, free of charge, 8 Tournaments of 6 boards Ranking according to the average of the best five.


Players should register on the sites and may play on either one or both. They should follow the online instructions, stating to which Federation they belong.

Registration implies complete acceptance of the BBO, Funbridge and WBF rules.

## More Information

Additional information about this event will be available on the BBO and Funbridge websites: https://www.bridgebase.com/
https://www.funbridge.com/


In bridge terms, David Caprera "alert"ed us to examine this Board. Watching the VuGraph, he was impressed by Woolsey's prowess.

Notice that there were no alerts in this "unscientific" auction!!
Ed. Note: If all hands were bid like this, there would be no time penalties!
Mark Aquino opened 2 H on the East hand. Woolsey jumped to $6 C$, realizing that if Bramley held any diamond control, the slam should have a play. The opening lead was the HQ.

Kit won the HA, discarding a small diamond. At trick two, Kit led the D2 from dummy. When East followed low, Kit inserted the D8, losing to West's ten. McDevitt played a small heart. Kit ruffed. Kit drew trumps and played the DQ, burying East's jack and creating an awesome high wish trick:

Dummy's last diamond provided a discard for the SJ.


Woolsey claimed 12 tricks, slam making... 16 IMPs to Lall
Interestingly, looking at the frequency chart below, 6C can be defeated on double-dummy defense... all on the opening lead!

The only lead to defeat 6C is a SPADE into declarer's AKJ!!
The extra spade trick is of no use to declarer while any other lead provides an extra dummy entry to take Kit's play in diamonds!

In Beatty/Lusky where Falk led the C4, Aker found the play of hopping with the C9 at trick one, however, he followed this with the play of a small club sealing his fate... again relying on the DK with East!

In the other match (see traveler), it took a few more rounds of bidding to reach 6 C .

The lead was the same but the declarers discarded the spade Jack and eventually lost 2 diamonds via diamond ace and

small toward the queen.
The board was played in 8 times.
Seniors USA2 Stage1 6C down 1 twice, 5C making and Woolsey 6C making
Seniors USA1 Final 6C down 1 opposite 6D down 1 for a push. $3 N+1$ vs $3 H X$ by east -3
Women USA1 Final 5C making vs 6D down 1
Women USA2 SemiFInal 6C down 1 vs $3 N+1$

Al Hollander also noted this hand and provided us with some interesting historical information:

Gabriel Chagas had a BOLs tip which introduced the term "intrafinesse" circa 1975:
" When you have to develop a shaky suit, consider whether you can prepare for an intra-finesse by ducking with an 8 or 9 on the first round"

Al says, "The diamond 8 from Woolsey was an intrafinesse in the making."
Great play, Kit! Great hand!!


When two hands at the table are great hands... either great distribution or great strength...

In the Open Room, Bramley chose to open 1 H , playing a strong club system. When Woolsey raised to 2 H , it was Kranyak's turn to bid and he had a tough problem. Maybe it would have been best to pass and assume that based on the opponents' bidding, his side does not have a game on these cards... On the flipside, with the trendy light openers, can he afford this luxury? Kranyak doubled. Bramley jumped to 4H. Becker bid 5D and Woolsey doubled. Becker held the damage to down four for -800 !

In the Closed Room, Aquino opened 1C. East overcalled 1D and South negative doubled (imperfect at best with only one four card major and a huge diamond stack!) West bid 3NT and Aquino did not imagine he was jumping from the frying pan into the fire. He bid 4 H . When Jacobus doubled, Mark redoubled.

The redouble has some edge. If 4 H makes, the XX will game 290 points. If 4 H is defeated one trick, it only costs 100 points. Given North's freak distribution, it seems reasonable to take this shot. Given the result at the other table, the XX cost only one IMP!




Jacobus made a winning double against 3 NT. He knew his opponents were missing significant strength in their heart suit and his partner had opened the bidding. When South showed cards in diamonds by bidding 2NT, Marc was aware that Wold could easily hold clubs with him.

Jacobus led a 4th best club. McDevitt ducked in dummy and Wold played the jack, holding. Wold continued clubs and McDevitt won dummy's ace. Pat ran the HJ to Jacobus's queen. Jacobus continued the attack on clubs, McDevitt winning the king in hand. At a loss for dummy entries, Pat cashed the HA setting up two heart tricks for the defense! He played the SK ducked around and a spade to the ten losing to East's jack.

Wold played the DK which McDevitt won with the ace. The DJ went to the queen; the SA was cashed and Wold led the C8 to his partner's 9. Jacobus cashed his hearts and contract failed 4 tricks.

At the other table, Bramley/Woolsey settled in an easy 2H partscore.

Kranyak led a club and Woolsey took the two top clubs, played a diamond to the DA, ruffed a club in dummy and played the H 3 , ducking when Becker played the H8. Becker cashed the DK and gave Kranyak a diamond ruff.

Kranyak cashed the HK and Woolsey claimed 8 tricks.


14 IMPs to Cappelli on a simple partscore hand

At the other table in the Seniors USA2, 4 IMPs changed hands when Aker/Simson played in 2H making while Roman/Hopkins played in 3 H after Hopkins tried the same 2NT bid that McDevitt tried.

3NT is easy on Board 30. Three of the North/South pairs found their way there in USA2.
The 4th pair found 4 H when nature called and North preferred to be dummy:

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| 3 | Beatty | Lusky |  | Open <br> Closed | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 3 N \end{aligned}$ | S N | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -1 \\ +4 \end{array}$ | 520 | 50 |  | 11 |
| 4 | Lall | Cappelli | (1) <br> (0) | Open <br> Closed | $\begin{aligned} & 3 N \\ & 3 N \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & Q \\ & 9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & +4 \\ & +2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 520 \\ & 460 \end{aligned}$ |  | 2 |  |

According to the Frequency Chart above, 3NT and 4 H can both score 11 tricks. Against 4H, Falk made the best lead for his side: a club! It cannot stop 4H but it gives declarer options...


Aker won dummy's CA. He played the DK to Lusky's ace. Lusky played a small club. Aker pitched a spade and won the CT in dummy.
Aker played a spade to the ace and ruffed a diamond in dummy. He played a spade to the king and ruffed another diamond. He played the CK and discarded the 59 while Falk ruffed with the H 4 .
Falk played the ST. Aker ruffed in dummy with the jack. Lusky pitched a diamond. Aker underruffed in hand with the H5. The CQ drew the DQ from East and Aker was pivoting on a dime. He had to get this right to succeed.

At the table, he ruffed with the H9, allowing Falk to overruff with the ten! Falk played the D7 which Lusky ruffed with the H 3 and Aker overruffed with the H7. Aker was endplayed in hand!!! He was down to HAQ and Lusky had HK6. Aker cashed the HA and conceded down one! 11 IMPs to Lusky

The opening club lead made this hand seem cumbersome since declarer was not going to be able to use the clubs for discards late in the hand. Finessing the opening bidder for the HK appears to be a simpler and just as likely to work approach.



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2. Kerri Sanborn - Jill Meyers Baker 1.4264 .0045
3. Karen McCallum - Lynn Baker Baker $1.00 \mathbf{3 0 . 0 0} 30$
4. Connie Goldberg - Lisa Berkowitz Wittes -1.11-50.00 45
5. Cheri Bjerkan - Rozanne Pollack Wittes -1.42-64.00 45
6. Ljudmila Kamenova - Pam Wittes Wittes -1.80-54.00 30
7. Allison Cappelletti - Joanne Weingold Cappelletti 0.9255 .0060
8. Gigi Simpson - Kristen Onsgard Cappelletti 0.9255 .0060
9. Irina Levitina - Emma Kolesnik

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4. Giorgia Botta - Anam Tebha Cole -0.92-55.00 60
5. Margie Cole - Emma Kolesnik Cole -1.33-20.00 15
6. Margie Cole - Irina Levitina Cole -2.33-35.00 15


Limey Jack

## Gadzooks:

As Zia was quaffing his $3^{\text {rd }}$ glass of wine, he may have mentioned that had he still been on the Wolfson team, this debacle might not have happened. He did put a fiver on them.

Limey Jack stands firm in his quest for you to make a few quid during this event. Howie Dung has nothing firm about him.

Usa1:
Hamman-Goodman: Both fine squads, both playing well. As this may be Hamman's last hurrah, he is the sentimental favourite. Alas, Limey Jack doesn't countenance such things. However, they will win on their merits.

USA2:
Lewis-Lall: Both middling groups happy to still be in it. Gobs of experience in both directions. Lewis prevails in a very close match.

Lusky-Wolfson: If Wolfson can gather themselves and paid put to what is done, they should come roaring back to salvage face and try for a second bite. 2 days hence.

Limey Jack will be with you all the way.
Ta.


Mirror Mirror on the Wall, Who is gonna take it all?

# Howie Doing... 

I know that Slimey
Will give me flack
But I think that Hamman
Is coming Back!
Good bye Andy, Jim and Drew.
Maybe you'll make it In USA2.

Like "Last Chance Kitchen,"
You might get back in...
And slaughter the others
To claim up the win!

Wolfson be warned When Lusky's third seat...

Don't let them steal
Or suffer defeat!!

Bramley and Woolsey
Are awesome to view.
They're playing lights out...
They could win bracket two
Till tomorrow...
Howie Doing!

