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UNITED STATES BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Trials” and Tribulations

Welcome to the Junior Trials

The two US teams for the Damiani Cup will be selected here in Rosemont this final weekend of the Open Team Trials, June 26 -27. There are 4 teams competing. Players must be Under 21 (born in 1990 or later).

Kaplan	Adam Kaplan, Capt Jesse Stern Alex Hudson	Adam Grossack Jourdain Patchett John Marriott
Rizzo	Zandy Rizzo, Capt Andrew Jeng	Murphy Green Richard Jeng
Dhir	Arjun Dhir, Capt Zhuo Wang	Kendrick Chow Edmund Wu
Das	Ricoh Das Mili Raina	William Dang Angie Green

Joe Stokes, well-respected Chicago area player, is the coordinator of the USBF Junior Program. Joe is on site and will keep us up to date on the competition!

It's Fleisher vs. Diamond in the Final

United States Bridge Championship - 2010										
#	TEAM	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120
1	Nickell	231	20	26	34	30	7	50	18	46
4	Fleisher	244	21	40	38	41	8	39	49	8
2	Diamond	305	25	85	29	42	30	34	38	22
3	Weinstein	216	32	17	30	31	12	42	39	13

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The Last Day of the Semi Finals Gets Underway...

Board 69
N/S Vul.
Dealer: N

♠ A52
♥ Q86
♦ AQ97
♣ 975

♠ JT76
♥ K
♦ K864
♣ AKQ4

N
↑

♠ 98
♥ AT7542
♦ T5
♣ T86

♠ KQ43
♥ J93
♦ J32
♣ J32

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Kolesnik	Platnick	Etter
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Jackson	Greco	Sher	Hampson
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	2♥	All Pass

To make 1NT, it looks like declarer has to make a correct guess in diamonds. However, that really isn't the case. Look what happens in the play. East leads his fourth best heart, won by West's king. West cashes four rounds of clubs, every one following to the first three, North discarding a diamond; East, a heart; and South a heart on the club four. West leads a high spade and declarer wins his king. Declarer finesses the diamond queen and plays a heart off dummy toward his now stiff jack. East rises with the ace and poor West is squeezed! He can't pitch a spade or he gives declarer his 7th trick with the spade three. He dutifully

itches the diamond six. If East exits with a spade, declarer wins the ace in dummy and cashes the queen of hearts. West is again squeezed in diamonds and spades.

FINALS			
SATURDAY JUNE 26TH	10:00 - 12:10	SEGMENT 1	BOARDS 1-15
	12:25 - 2:35	SEGMENT 2	BOARDS 16-30
	2:35 - 3:45	1 HOUR 10 MINUTE BREAK	
	3:45 - 5:55	SEGMENT 3	BOARDS 31-45
	6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 4	BOARDS 46-60

Two hearts was no problem either. The opening club lead was won with dummy's ace and the king of hearts was cashed. A spade was led to the nine and queen and South's club shift was won in dummy with the king. The queen and four of clubs were played, South ruffing the four with his trump nine while North pitched a diamond and declarer pitched a spade. A spade was ruffed. The ace of hearts was cashed... and declarer claimed his eight tricks.

5 IMPs to Weinstein!

Hospitality Information From Barbara Nudelman

Hospitality for the 2010 USBC is in Suite 1100. Players, kibitzers, friends and supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament.

Please join us for:

Breakfast each day from 8:30-10:00 am

Lunch will be served from 2:35-3:45 the first Sunday and thereafter (there will be no lunch served on the first Friday or Saturday). The hotel will have a buffet available on Friday, and if it gets enough participation, it will have one on Saturday too.

Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks at any other time, except from 4:00-5:30 each afternoon, when the suite will be closed for refreshing.

There is free internet available in the lobby with free printing. If you use the internet in your room there is a charge.

If you need a few items from the store, please let Barbara or Joan know and they will pick them up for you.

Parking Info: Parking in the hotel lot is \$18 for 8+ hours; \$12 for 8 or less hours; BUT there is a free parking garage behind the hotel. It can be accessed from the hotel driveway or off of Zemke Road which is just South of the hotel. To park for free, push the speaker button and explain that you are a guest of the hotel. You will be allowed to enter and park. To leave the garage, simply push the exit button at the gate.

I've Been Saved...

A man was stranded on a desert island for 10 years.

One day a beautiful girl swims to shore in a wetsuit....

Man: "Hi! Am I ever happy to see you."

Girl: "Hi! It seems like you've been here a long time. How long has it been since you've had a cigarette?"

Man: "It's been ten years!" With this information the girl unzips a slot on the arm of her wet suit and gives the man cigarette.

Man: "Oh thank you so much!"

Girl: "So tell me how long its been since you had a drink?"

Man: "It's been ten years" The girl unzips a little longer zipper on her wet suit and comes out with a flask of whiskey and gives the man a drink.

Man: "Oh... thank you so much. You are like a miracle!"

Girl: [Starting to unzip the front of her wet suit.] "So tell me then, how long has it been since you played around?"

Man: "Oh, my God, don't tell me you've got a set of golf clubs in there too?!"

You hold: ♠Q5 ♥6 ♦KT96532 ♣AT9. No one is vulnerable and you're in first seat. What do you open?

In yesterday's semi-finals, this hand was passed by Kamil, opened 1♦ by Platnick, opened 2♦ by Nickell, and opened 3♦ by Sher!

The hand:

Board 62 ♠ J643
None Vul. ♥ 8532
Dealer: E ♦ AJ
♣ 643

♠ 82 ♠ Q5
♥ AKJ7 ♥ 6
♦ Q74 ♦ KT96532
♣ KJ52 ♣ AT9

♠ AKT97
♥ QT94
♦ 8
♣ Q87



West	North	East	South
Fleisher	Hamman	Kamil	Zia
		Pass	1♠
Double	2♣	3♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Katz	S. Weinstein	Nickell	Levin
		2♦	Double
3♦	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Jackson	Greco	Sher	Hampson
		3♦	Double
5♦	All Pass		

Diamond	Kolesnik	Platnick	Etter
		1♦ (could be 2)	1♠
Double	3♣	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Like board 2 in Thursday's Semi-Final match, it is all a matter of being in the right place against the right opponents. When you passed in first seat or opened three diamonds, you got to game going down one.

When you opened two diamonds or one diamond, you got to a four diamond part score making easily.

Thursday, it was pushes for everyone, but yesterday it was 5 IMP swings for Nickell and Diamond when all the North/South pairs collected their two spades and high trump!

News flash: The Grand Opening of the new ACBL offices in Horn Lake, MS, is scheduled for Monday at 10. Your editor will be there for the festivities. The final newsletter from this tournament is online only and may not be posted until I return Monday evening. Thanks for your patience.

Barbara Nudelman is planning to close the hospitality suite on Sunday after the lunch break. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!

Juniors Semi-Finals		
Saturday June 26th	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45	Segment 1 Boards 1-16 Segment 2 Boards 17-32 1 Hour 10 minute break
USA1 Finals & USA2 Semi-Finals		
Saturday June 26th	3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1 Boards 1-16 Segment 2 Boards 17-32
Sunday 6/27	10:00 - 12:10	Segment 3 Boards 33-48
USA2 Finals		
Sunday June 27th	12:25 - 2:35 2:35 - 3:45 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	Segment 1 Boards 1-16 1 Hour 10 minute break Segment 2 Boards 17-32 Segment 3 Boards 91-105

A fellow had made a bad bid and gone for 1400. "I'm sorry," he said to his partner, "I had a card misplaced." Asked his partner innocently, "Only one card?"

"How should I have played that hand?"
"Under an assumed name"

A bumbling bridge player explained to his friend how he planned to improve his game: "Every night when I go to bed I think about the mistakes I made that day at the bridge table." The friend asked, "How do you get any sleep?"

Board 77
 All Vul.
 Dealer: N

♠ AJ65
 ♥ 4
 ♦ AJ875
 ♣ J54

♠ T973
 ♥ KT9
 ♦ Q94
 ♣ 987

N
↑

♠ K842
 ♥ Q8763
 ♦ KT2
 ♣ A

♠ Q
 ♥ AJ52
 ♦ 63
 ♣ KQT632

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Martel	Meckstroth	Stansby
	Pass	1♥	2♣
2♥	3♥	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Levin	Nickell	Weinstein	Katz
	Pass	2♦ (Flannery)	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Meckstroth's one heart opening made it easy for Stansby to enter the auction. Rodwell made a simple raise and Martel cued in support of clubs. Stansby's 6th club plus his knowledge that his partner held a singleton heart made five clubs a winning call.

Rodwell led the nine of hearts to Meck's queen and declarer's ace. Stansby ruffed a club, cashed the ace of spades, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade and led the good jack of hearts. Rodwell pitched a spade so Stansby threw a diamond from dummy. Stansby led a diamond to the ace and claimed 11 tricks, losing only one diamond and one club.

At the other table, Stevie Weinstein opened Flannery. Katz passed and Levin bid two hearts. It is a little surprising that when this came around to Katz, he didn't balance with three clubs. Instead, he passed and Levin played it there going down one after the lead of Nickell's singleton heart.

This resulted in an 11 IMP swing to Fleisher.

Bill: My cardiologist says I can't play bridge.
 Tom: Why not? Do you have a heart problem?
 Bill: Nope. He's just played with me enough to know I'm hopeless.

By Arnold Bennet: It is well, when judging a friend, to remember that he is judging you with the same godlike and superior impartiality.

By Albert Camus: People hasten to judge in order not to be judged themselves.

By Albert Camus: Don't wait for the last judgment; it takes place every day.

By Frederick Douglass: You are not judged by the heights you have risen, but the depth you have climbed.

By Wayne Dyer: When you judge another, you do not define them, you define yourself.

By Albert Einstein: Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of Truth and Knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the gods.

By Euripides: Judge a tree by its fruit, not by its leaves.

By Thoma Fuller: It is the property of fools, to be always judging.

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

Sudoku

"Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he's buying."
 -Fran Lebowitz

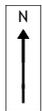
**Solution
to
today's
Sudoku**

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

Board 83
E/W Vul.
Dealer: S

♠ KQ5
♥ J984
♦ J87
♣ J54

♠ A4
♥ K652
♦ A96
♣ KQ76



♠ 9632
♥ T73
♦ Q2
♣ T832

♠ JT87
♥ AQ
♦ KT543
♣ A9

It usually isn't right when both sides of one team play in the same strain. The Nickell team found this out on board 83 of the semi-finals.

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Martel	Meckstroth	Stansby
			1♦
1NT	All Pass		
Levin	Nickell	Weinstein	Katz
			1NT
All Pass			

A lot of players would choose to open the South hand one diamond since diamonds and spades are not hard to show. The only response that makes it at all difficult is two clubs and these days most people play two-over-one where a rebid of two spades is not a reverse. Katz chose to open 1NT (14-17).

Levin led a third best heart to his partner's ten and Katz's queen. Katz played the seven of spades, Levin rising with his ace. The deuce of hearts was played to Ralph's ace and another spade was led to dummy's queen. Ralph played the nine

of hearts forcing the king from Levin's hand and Levin exited with the six of hearts to dummy's jack. Ralph cashed the spade king and led a diamond, misguessing by putting up his king and losing to Levin's ace. Levin played a diamond to Weinstein's queen and Katz claimed nine tricks for +150.

At the other table, Stansby opened one diamond. Rodwell overcalled 1NT on his flat 16 with the ace of diamonds. Everyone passed. The cards sit amazingly well for North/South as was evident in the Katz/Nickell room. As well as the cards are placed for North/South, so are they placed badly for East/West. Stansby and Martel were able to set up four diamond tricks and three spade tricks and they always had the good ace of clubs. Rodwell went down four vulnerable ... That was 6 IMPs to Fleisher.

Board 85
N/S Vul.
Dealer: N

♠ K6542
♥ A
♦ AKJ76
♣ K7

♠ A
♥ KJT
♦ QT985
♣ Q543



♠ Q8
♥ Q97532
♦ 3
♣ T962

♠ JT973
♥ 864
♦ 42
♣ AJ8

West	North	East	South
Levin	Nickell	Weinstein	Katz
	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Double	Redouble	5♥	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	
Rodwell	Martel	Meckstroth	Stansby
	1♠	Pass	2♣
Double	4♦	4♥	4♣
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

Meckstroth and Rodwell bid five hearts over four spades and got doubled. They went down three for -500... not a bad save against the vulnerable game.

In the other room, Nickell/Katz knew they were in trouble in the match. (So far this segment, the score was 35-1 against them... and they were down going into these boards.) This hand looked a reasonable opportunity to gain some IMPs by bidding a not-so-bad slam. AND opponents don't always make the perfect opening lead. If Weinstein chooses to lead his three of diamonds, Levin will win his trump ace and give him a ruff. The winds were changing, however, and Weinstein chose to lead the suit for which his partner had doubled: a heart. Nickell wrapped up his slam and earned a 14 IMP pick-up.

In the Diamond/Weinstein match, both tables bid to six spades and received the lead of the singleton diamond for one down and a push board.

Board 88
 None Vul.
 Dealer: W

♠ A43
 ♥ 9632
 ♦ JT976
 ♣ 2

♠ K976
 ♥ QT4
 ♦ 532
 ♣ 873



♠ J85
 ♥ 85
 ♦ AQ4
 ♣ KQ964

♠ QT2
 ♥ AKJ7
 ♦ K8
 ♣ AJT5

West	North	East	South
Baseggio	Gitelman	Weinstein	Moss
Pass	Pass	1♣	Double
1♥!!	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Diamond	Kolesnik	Platnick	Etter
Pass	Pass	1♦	Double
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Kolesnik made four hearts after the lead of the club king to dummy's ace, followed by the ace of trump and the club jack, declarer tossing one of his losing spades while Platnick won his queen. Platnick played a heart to the jack and queen and Diamond tried the nine of spades which Kolesnik ducked to dummy's ten. Kolesnik cashed his spade ace and led the jack of diamonds to Platnick's ace. Platnick played a spade which Kolesnick trumped in his hand. A diamond went to dummy's king. It went club ruff, diamond ruff, and Kolesnick claimed

ten tricks.

What a great effect Baseggio's one heart bid had on the auction at the other table. He completely stole the heart suit from Gitelman and Moss. Moss ended up in 3NT. This was not a success when Baseggio led a spade, ducked to Moss's queen, and Moss led the king of diamonds ducked around. Another diamond went to Weinstein's queen and a spade was played to Baseggio's nine. Baseggio cleared the spade suit. Moss led a club to the queen and ace, and followed that with the jack of clubs to the king. A heart was played to the ace and a club was cashed. A heart was led to Baseggio's ten and the king of spades was cashed. A diamond went to the ace and the 13th trick was taken with Weinstein's nine of clubs... contract failing by three tricks. 11 IMPs to Weinstein.

Board 92
 N/S Vul.
 Dealer: W

♠ QT
 ♥ JT4
 ♦ T743
 ♣ A432

♠ 874
 ♥ KQ83
 ♦ A2
 ♣ JT65



♠ A92
 ♥ 965
 ♦ KQJ5
 ♣ K97

♠ KJ653
 ♥ A72
 ♦ 986
 ♣ Q8

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Martel	Meckstroth	Stansby
1♦ (could be 2)	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Fleisher	Hamman	Kamil	Zia
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Hamman led the deuce of clubs against one no trump. This was ducked to Zia's queen. Zia switched to a spade and Fleisher ducked two rounds and won the third. The king of clubs was cashed. A heart went to the king and the diamonds were run. When the smoke cleared, Fleisher took seven tricks... contract making.

Meckwell bid to 3NT. Martel chose to lead from his three card heart holding which turned out to be disastrous. Stansby could win this and switch to a spade, but his entry was gone. Rodwell would be able to collect three hearts, four diamonds, one spade and one club. (assuming a good guess in that suit!)

Stansby won the ace of hearts and returned a heart. Rodwell won it and played the ten of clubs to Lew. Lew led another heart. Rodwell won and played a club to the king. Eric was now home free. In the end, he collected ten tricks for +430 and 8 IMP's to Nickell.

Board 106 ♠ 8
 All Vul. ♥ K962
 Dealer: E ♦ Q85
 ♣ A9532

♠ K74
 ♥ AJ7
 ♦ KJT762
 ♣ 8



♠ AJ95
 ♥ 5
 ♦ A93
 ♣ KQT64

♠ QT632
 ♥ QT843
 ♦ 4
 ♣ J7

One more time, both pairs in the Nickell/Fleisher match drove to six diamonds and suffered a one trick set for a push... while both pairs in the Weinstein/Diamond match stopped in five making for another push!

Six isn't an unreasonable spot on this hand. If diamonds divide 2-2, you might even like it.

Limey Jack and Howie Back!

Howie Doing... ok I guess!

I guess I have Hamman eggs all over my face! I promised you a Nickell/Diamond final and I'm afraid Nickell made no cents.

Diamond won't let any Moss grow under his feet... But Fleisher is sure to Chip away at the score.

Both teams are playing well, but Diamonds are for the bride ... not the bridesmaid ... In Lew of flowers, send jewels... and the jewels of choice are Diamonds!

Howie Doing... right on target!

Blimey from Limey!

Limey Jack must have mirrors!. Limey Jack seems to only tell you about upsets when they occur. Unlike the DodyMeister, Limey Jack does not always pick the favourite. However, once Limey Jack picks a team they seem to become the favourite.

As you may have heard, there was terrible weather in Chicago and I will not be able to make the journey to the Colonies. However, what good would it do to play the final without the benefit of Limey Jack's inside knowledge. When a team is good enough to achieve three finals in two years, the odds say that they will have to win one of them. That is the case here. While Diamond has yet to be even tested, the principle of repetition occurs this time. While I am having bangers and mash on Monday next, the Colonial Team Trials will be coming to a conclusion. Limey Jack tells you true that the lads who were there before will be there again.

It is Fleisher over Diamond by a nose at the wire. Call your Punter and place a few bob.

Cheers, Limey Jack

In Seeding Order

"A man's silence is wonderful to listen to."
-Thomas Hardy

Nickell	Bye to Rnd of 8	Frank Nickell, Capt Robert Hamman Jeff Meckstroth	Ralph Katz Zia Mahmood Eric Rodwell
Diamond	Bye to Rnd of 8	John Diamond, Capt Eric Greco Brad Moss	Brian Platnick Geoff Hampson Fred Gitelman
Fleisher	Bye to Rnd of 8	Martin Fleisher, Capt Bobby Levin Chip Martel	Michael Kamil Steve Weinstein Lew Stansby
Meltzer	Bye to Rnd of 16	Rose Meltzer, Capt Alan Sontag Michael Rosenberg	Kyle Larsen David Berkowitz Mark Feldman
Robinson	Bye to Rnd of 16	Steve Robinson, Capt Kit Woolsey Adam Wildavsky	Peter Boyd Fred Stewart Doug Doub
Schwartz		Richard Schwartz, Capt Russell Ekeblad Drew Casen	Matthew Granovetter Ron Rubin Jim Krekorian
Welland		Roy Welland, Capt Steve Garner Ron Smith	Chris Willenken Howard Weinstein Billy Cohen
Jacobs		George Jacobs, Capt Chris Compton Marc Jacobus	Steve Beatty Bart Bramley Eddie Wold
Mahaffey		Jim Mahaffey, Capt Peter Weichsel Sam Lev	Mike Passell Michael Seamon Jacek Pszczola
Gordon		Mark Gordon, Capt Curtis Cheek John Hurd	Pratap Rajadhyaksha Joe Grue Joel Wooldridge
Milner		Reese Milner, Capt John Mohan Robert Blanchard	Gary Cohler Roger Bates Shane Blanchard
Rogoff		Bruce Rogoff, Capt Doug Simson Xiaodong Shi	Josh Parker Walter Johnson Jiang Gu
Deutsch		Seymon Deutsch, Capt Justin Lall Kevin Bathurst	John Kranyak Hemant Lall
Harris		Martin Harris, Capt Stephen Landen Ira Chorush	Jacob Morgan Dan Gerstman V. Koneru
Chan		Lapt Chan, Capt Renee Mancuso	Christal Henner Sheri Winestock
Cohen		Mark Cohen, Capt Jeff Aker Greg DeFotis	Milt Rosenberg Brady Richter Harold Mouser
Miller		Jeffrey Miller, Capt Jeffrey Schuett David Yang	William Wickham Dick Bruno Greg Hinze
Demirev		Darina Demirev, Capt Will Engel Nik Demirev	Howard Liu Daniel Levin William Watson
Stauber		Allan Stauber, Capt Kerri Sanborn	Stephen Sanborn Lewis Finkel
Weinstein		Jonathan Weinstein, Capt Clement Jackson Bob Etter	Franco Baseggio Josh Sher Alex Kolesnik
Todd		Robert Todd, Capt Les Bart	McKenzie Myers Gloria Bart
Rosenfeld		Jason Rosenfeld, Capt Victor Chubukov	Drew Becker Eric Mayefsky
Zeller		Michael Zeller, Capt Matthew Meckstroth	Kelley Zeller Cameron Shunta

All About Kibitzing

WHEN CAN YOU KIBITZ IN THE PLAYING ROOMS?

You will be able to kibitz at any of the tables during this event. However, except in the Open Room during the Round Robin, you will be subject to the following regulations:

Kibitzers may enter the room **ONLY** at the start of play for a segment. Once play has started, the room will be closed. A kibitzer who leaves the room may not return until the start of the next session.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in the playing rooms, even if they are turned off. Any kibitzer who is found with a cell phone will be evicted and not allowed to kibitz during the remainder of the tournament.

When a match is being shown on BBO Vugraph, no kibitzer may sit on the same side of the table as the Vugraph operator.

Screens

All of the USBC is played with screens. If you've never kibitzed at a table with screens before, you need to know that it is quite different from kibitzing at a regular table. You need to be seated at an "open" corner of the table (not next to the screen) in order to see much, and once there are 4 kibitzers at a table it will be very hard for additional kibitzers to see.

USBF KIBITZING RULES

The USBF **General Conditions of Contest** contain specific rules about kibitzers. They are designed to promote security at the tournament and are set forth in the conditions of contest section labeled "Security." They are:

1. General Rules
 - a. During any use of duplicated boards across multiple matches, Kibitzers must select one table for kibitzing and may not move to any other table during a session or segment.
 - b. Kibitzers may not speak with players, must watch only one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see more than one hand at a time, may not sit in such a position as to see a computer screen in use for Internet broadcast, must check communication devices with the Director, cannot call attention to irregularities other than a board being placed incorrectly on the table (arrow positioning), but may serve as witnesses to a possible irregularity.
2. In the Open Room:
 - a. If there is a live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room, kibitzers shall abide by the same rules as those applicable to the Closed Room.
 - b. If there is no live, or nearly live Internet broadcast of any match in the Open Room then kibitzers, media, and NPC's may enter and return until such time as any table from the closed room has finished the segment. Once any table in the Closed room has finished, no one may return to the Open room after leaving unless escorted while absent.
 - c. In either event, Open Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room and returning (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
3. In the Closed Room:
 - a. Kibitzers must enter the Closed Room before play commences. Kibitzers in the closed room are required to remain until the segment of play is completed at the table they are watching or to leave the playing area entirely. Closed Room kibitzers are expected to abide by the same rules as the players regarding leaving the room (e.g. be escorted to the restroom).
 - b. Except as expressly provided in these conditions and appendices, NPC's shall be subject to the WBF General Conditions, Section 17.
 - c. No one other than the Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors may watch any computer screen or any other mechanism for enabling the Internet broadcast at any time in either the Closed or the Open Room.

VuGraph Information

The 2010 USBC will be covered on BBO VuGraph starting with the Round of 16, in which we will probably cover 3 or 4 matches (there will be 5 matches in the Round of 16). The Round of 16 starts in the afternoon of Monday, June 21st. From the Quarterfinals on, we will cover all of the tables in play. To watch the VuGraph online, go to the **BBO website (www.bridgebase.com)** 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 THEATRE and you'll be able to choose which of the USBC matches you want to watch. For cell phone logon, go to **www.bridgebase.com/mobile**.

There will usually 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 <http://www.bridgebase.com/vugraph/schedule.php>**)

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, unless one or more matches gets sufficiently far behind that they have to start later than the other match, in which case, for security reasons, they will play different boards.

During the Rounds of 32, 16 & 8, 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. Take a look at the older events currently available (under Archived Results) to see what we'll have for the 2010 USBC. Web VuGraphs are posted within about half an hour of completion of the VuGraph show.

You can usually find the hand records for VuGraph matches on the PSBRIDGE website at

<http://psbridge.gotdns.com/bbo/allvug/>, linked to the scorecards you can get to by clicking on 2010USBC under "Event Results" in the upper left of each page.

The 2010 Under 21 Trials will be covered on BBO VuGraph. We anticipate covering both matches in the Semi-finals and one match in the Finals and USA2 Finals.

Time To Retire...

You can live in Phoenix, Arizona where...

1. You are willing to park three blocks away because you found shade.
2. You've experienced condensation on your butt from the hot water in the toilet bowl.
3. You can drive for four hours in one direction and never leave town.
4. You have over 100 recipes for Mexican food.
5. You know that "dry heat" is comparable to what hits you in the face when you open the oven door.
6. The four seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!!

You can live in California where...

1. You make over \$250,000 but can't afford a home.
2. The fastest part of your commute is out your driveway.
3. You know how to eat an artichoke.
4. You drive your rented Mercedes to your block party.
5. When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there.
6. The four seasons are: fire, flood, mud, and drought.

You can live in New York City where...

1. You say "the city" and expect all know it's Manhattan.
2. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
3. You think Central Park is "nature".
4. You think that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multi-lingual.
5. You've worn out a car horn.
6. You think eye contact is an act of aggression.

You can live in Maine where...

1. You have 4 spices: salt, pepper, Ketchup, and Tabasco.

2. Halloween costumes fit over Parkas.

3. You have more than one recipe for moose.

4. Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with only 2 buttons.

5. The four seasons are: winter, still winter, almost winter, and construction.

You can live in the deep South where...

1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.

2. "y'all" is singular and "all y'all" is plural.

3. "he needed killin'" is a valid defense.

4. Everyone has two first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob...

You could live in Colorado where...

1. You carry a \$4,000 mountain bike on your \$500 car.

2. You tell your husband to pick up Granola on his way home and he stops at the day care center.

3. A pass does not involve a football or dating.

4. The top of your head is bald, but you still have a pony tail.

You can live in the Midwest where...

1. You've never met any celebrities, but the Mayor knows your name.

2. A traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor.

3. You've switched from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.

4. Sentences with a preposition, "Where's my coat at?"

5. When asked how your trip was to any exotic place, you say, "It was different!"

AND you can live in Florida where...

1. You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon.

2. All purchases include a coupon of some kind

3. Everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist.

4. Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.

5. Cars in front of you are driven by headless people.