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Results:

	Σ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hamman	104	12	39	21	2	26	4	WD
Ge	263	47	31	17	80	46	42	

Congrats Team Ge! USA1 Mixed 2027



Michael & Debbie Rosenberg, Xin Ge, Disa, Kevin Rosenberg, Amber Lin

1.	Amber Lin - Kevin Rosenberg	Ge	2.47	74.00	30
2.	Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg	Ge	1.77	159.00	90
3.	Disa Eythorsdottir - Xin Ge	Ge	1.42	85.00	60
4.	Kristen Onsgard - Mike Passell	Hamman	-1.42	-85.00	60
5.	Kerri Sanborn - Steve Sanborn	Hamman	-1.73	-104.00	60
6.	Bob Hamman - Jill Meyers	Hamman	-2.15	-129.00	60

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Mixed Schedule:

Mixed Schedule			
Round Robin (15 or 16 TEAMS - with 15, each team has a sit out)			
Day	Date	Time	Boards
Wednesday	April 22	10:00 - 11:25	Round 1 Boards 1-11
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 2 Boards 12-22
		2:30 - 3:55	80 minute Lunch Break
Thursday	April 23	4:15 - 5:40	Round 3 Boards 23-33
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 4 Boards 34-44
			Round 5, Boards 45-55
Friday	April 24	10:00 - 11:25	Round 6 Boards 1-11
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 7 Boards 12-22
		2:30 - 3:55	80 minute Lunch Break
Saturday	April 25	4:15 - 5:40	Round 8 Boards 23-33
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 9 Boards 34-44
			Round 10, Boards 45-55
Sunday	April 26	10:00 - 11:25	Round 11 Boards 1-11
		11:45 - 1:10	Round 12 Boards 12-22
		2:30 - 3:55	80 minute Lunch Break
Monday	April 27	4:15 - 5:40	Round 13 Boards 23-33
		6:00 - 7:25	Round 14 Boards 34-44
			Round 15, Boards 45-55
Quarterfinal			
Tuesday	April 28	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
Wednesday	April 29	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Thursday	April 30	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		3:15 - 5:15	60 minute Break
Friday	May 1	5:30 - 7:30	Segment 7 Boards 31-45
			Segment 8 Boards 46-60
Semifinal			
Saturday	May 2	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 1 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 2 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
Sunday	May 3	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60
Final			
Monday	May 4	10:00 - 12:00	Segment 5 Boards 1-15
		12:15 - 2:15	Segment 6 Boards 16-30
		3:30 - 5:30	75 minute Break
Tuesday	May 5	5:45 - 7:45	Segment 3 Boards 31-45
			Segment 4 Boards 46-60

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Hamman	Kristen Onsgard, Capt Bob Hamman Kerri Sanborn	Mike Passell Jill Meyers Steve Sanborn
Henner	Christal Henner, Capt Steve Garner Adam Wildavsky	Uday Ivatury Shawn Quinn Pam Wittes
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Delayed Kibitzing Throughout the USBCs on the LoveBridge site!

There will be delayed kibitzing for both of the 2026 USBCs on the LoveBridge website. Live Vugraph is delayed 30 minutes or until all tables have completed play on a board, whichever is later.

Live video commentary of Finals

In addition to your opportunity to watch the 2026 USBC play on LoveBridge Vugraph, Rob Barrington, Ewan McNay, and Adam Parrish will be hosting full day video commentary of the 2nd day of both Finals on the USBF YouTube channel at 11:30 AM and 5:00 PM EDT, on the following dates:

- April 21, Open Final, April 30, Mixed Final.

Highlights after each stage of each event

Teams of experts, including some of the players in the USBCs, will join Rob, Ewan, and Adam for round ups of each stage of play. These BridgeCasts will be posted on the USBF YouTube channel the morning after each segment airs:

- 4/16 - Open Round Robin;
- 4/18 - Open Quarterfinal;
- 4/20 - Open Semifinal;
- 4/25 - Mixed Round Robin;
- 4/27 - Mixed Quarterfinal;
- 4/29 - Mixed Semifinal.



Love to hear
My expert pal
Explain the bidding...
Thank you AI!

Kibitzing Schedule (EDT) For all KO days of the 2026 USBCs, kibitzing times will be :

Segment 1: 11:30 am EDT

Segment 2: 1:45 pm EDT

Segment 3: 5:00 pm EDT

Segment 4: 7:15 pm EDT

For Round Robin days, each kibitzing segment will start 30 minutes after play starts.

To view a Single Table, click on the blue arrow on the scores page. It provides the largest view of one table, with buttons to get to other information.

Match View will show the two tables of a match side by side on your screen;

Split View will give you 4 panes of your window and you can put whatever you want in each of them to watch 2 side-by-side matches at once, or one match and the scores of others.

Click on Buttons to get interesting information:

- The image of the sticker with the number of the board (upper right) takes you to the results of the board;
- the arrow in the bottom right corner takes you to the scoresheet
- the DDS shows the double dummy analyses. Besides 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.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Written commentary will show in a large area on the left of the screen in Single Table view and at the top of the screen in Match View. If you are interesting in providing written commentary, please email Jan and she will get you authorized.

Navigation icons:

While surfing here and there in the vugraph, or amongst the archive sessions, there are icons to help you. You can always go back to the main page with the “house” or to the standings with the “scores”. 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.

Helpful Information for Players On Site!

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.



MASSAGES

Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, will come to the hotel whenever there are enough people who want a massage. Hopefully, she will be coming on Sunday, April 12.

Please let Jan Martel (on site) know if you want a massage that Sunday or on any other day and Jan will arrange it.

HOSPITALITY

The hospitality suite (room 2321) will be open most of the day. You may watch Vugraph or get a snack when there. We are providing breakfast and lunch each day of play. **Marie France Benoit** will be our lead hostess, with help from **Jacob** and **Marge Morgan**. If you can volunteer to help with hospitality (mainly picking up last-minute things at Costco and other local stores) please let Jan Martel or Marie France know and they will put you to work!!

Breakfast: From 8:00-10:00 am. There will be the usual breakfast food: cereal, bagels, toast, salmon, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. Keurig coffee will be available in the hospitality suite. So long as the suite doesn't become too crowded, you are welcome to eat there.

Lunch: On the first three days of the Open and Mixed USBCs we will be serving a buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant. The hotel is unwilling to have people take food out of the restaurant to eat someplace else. Lunch will be served from 12:30-2:30. The second Round Robin match each day is scheduled to end at 1:10 and the third match starts at 2:30.

After the first 3 days of each event, lunch will be available in the hospitality suite from 1:45-3:45. There will be a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, main dish salads, pizza) as well as tuna salad, green salad, cheese, fruit, berries, cookies or other desserts.

There is a water dispenser in the hospitality suite. Please bring a water bottle to use. Soft drinks will be available in refrigerators. As with breakfast, you are welcome to eat in the hospitality suite unless it is too crowded.

Let us know if you have specific needs: please make our hosts aware of your needs and they will do their best to accommodate you.

Playing Rooms & Player's Break Room

We have a water dispenser in the Office/Player's Break Room (1321), as well as soft drinks, Nespresso, some packaged snacks, and some fruit. We ask that you recognize that we are working in that room, and others are playing in the rooms next door and across the hall, so please try to keep voices low.

NEW: The hotel has requested we use coupons for the in restaurant lunches we are providing. Please see your team captain to get a coupon on days when meals are being provided in the hotel dining room.

Puzzle Page ...

Beatles Songs

Find and circle all of the songs by The Beatles that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of an additional Beatles song.

E V N O W H E R E M A N I N E E D Y O U
E E L O V E M E D O C T O R R O B E R T
W O T R E T L E K S R E T L E H S R I E
H W H R E H E V O L I D N A Y U B F A B
A I I S O D Y S P E N N Y L A N E M L L
T L S M N G O T A H E L P C S E E U O I
G D B O A W M E P T H I E N L I E V M G
O H O N D R O W E H T B I F G J E S O C
E O Y O N N T R R G T A I G A Y O L O E
S N O I U O D H B H R N A Y O T D M L G
O E E T O O R E A D E M W U I E E F Y N
N Y U U Y C I N C M L A T R N T F T O I
R P L L S C V O K I Y O E S O U S I D V
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S E U V V R M N R C E U E T J O P I T L
O M O E O Y Y R I E M T Y A S A N D D Y
L G Y R L K C O T B H O M S R M Y M O M
A I R N E C A F E E V R A E B T I T E L
M R O K H O R R R A E L S E I G G I P L
I L F E S R S Y S H G O O D N I G H T A

ALL MY LOVING
AND I LOVE HER
BECAUSE
BLUE JAY WAY
COME TOGETHER
DIG IT
DOCTOR ROBERT
DRIVE MY CAR
FOR NO ONE
FOR YOU BLUE

GIRL
GLASS ONION
GOLDEN SLUMBERS
GOOD NIGHT
HELP
HELTER SKELTER
HER MAJESTY
I FEEL FINE
I NEED YOU
I'M A LOSER

I'M SO TIRED
LET IT BE
LOVE ME DO
LOVE YOU TO
MAGGIE MAE
MARTHA MY DEAR
NOWHERE MAN
OLD BROWN SHOE
PAPERBACK WRITER
PENNY LANE

PIGGIES
RAIN
REVOLUTION
ROCKY RACCOON
SAVOY TRUFFLE
SHE LOVES YOU
THE WORD
THIS BOY
WHAT GOES ON
WILD HONEY PIE



I don't want to be
a grump.
I like it best when
hearts are trump!

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

Sudoku 1

Hard Sudoku

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Sudoku 2

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

**How many skunks
does it take to
make a stink?**

Just a phew.

**Did you hear about
the archaeologist
who got fired?**

His career was
in ruins.



Please be "scent"sitive! Many players have allergies and have trouble breathing when perfumed aromas are present! Thank you!!



World Bridge News...

The World Bridge Federation was formed on **18th August 1958** in Oslo, Norway, by delegates from **Europe, USA and South America**. In Orlando in September 2018 the WBF celebrated its 60th anniversary.

Baron Robert de Nexon, from France, an inspiring figure in bridge, was elected as first President.

Charles J. Solomon, from USA (1964-1968) succeeded him as President, followed by **Count Carl Bonde**, from Sweden (1968-1970).

With the election of **Julius Rosenblum** in 1970, the WBF started to assume the mantle of a real **World Organisation**.

Rosenblum strongly believed that bridge needed to have a visible central organisation with a global reach rather than conducting its affairs on a local or continental basis.

When in 1976 Rosenblum decided to retire for health reasons, **Jaime Ortiz-Patiño** from Switzerland, was elected President. Under his guidance the WBF started its new modern era and in August 1977 was incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York as a “not for profit” organization. The Federation cast off the mantle of a paternalistic organization and was re-structured as an International Federation devoted to offering its member countries, the National Bridge Organisations (NBOs) the best possible service. The stimulation given by Ortiz-Patiño to building the organizational and administrative structure, to developing the discipline and its image, to introducing new rules and a rigid code of ethics is still effective even today. When he left the WBF in 1986 he was elected President Emeritus by acclamation for his exceptional services to bridge.

Denis Howard, from Australia, succeeded him to the Presidency from 1986 to 1990. Re-elected for a second term, Howard resigned in January 1991 following a crisis within the world of bridge.

Ernesto d’Orsi, from Brazil, who had distinguished himself as a leading bridge administrator succeeded him in 1991 and 1992 and successfully steered the WBF through this difficult and delicate situation.

In August 1992 he left the chair to **Robert S. Wolff**, from the USA, one of the most successful players in the history of bridge, who successfully completed the task started by d’Orsi and until August 1994, when **José Damiani**, from France, was elected President.

José Damiani completely changed the way forward, both for the WBF and Bridge itself. Under his leadership, following its initial recognition as an International Organisation in 1995 pursuant to Article 29 of the Olympic Charter, the WBF was recognised by the International Olympic Committee as an **International Sports Federation** in 1999.

In October 2000 in Monaco, the World Bridge Federation was admitted as a member of the **GAISF** (General Association of International Sports Federations – Olympic and non-Olympic) at the General Assembly of this Association. GAISF later became SportAccord, but has now reverted to its origins as GAISF. The WBF also became a member of **ARISF** (Association of Recognized International Sport Federations) and in October 2002 moved its headquarters to Lausanne (Switzerland), the Olympic City, where it is incorporated under Swiss Law.

The WBF is one of the founder members of **IMSA** (International Mind Sports Association) which was formed on 19 April 2005.

The WBF is recognised by **FISU** (International University Sport Federation), which organizes the World University Bridge Championship every two years and **UNESCO** (United Nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) and is Code Signatory of **WADA** (World Anti-Doping Agency).

José Damiani left the chair in November 2010 after 16 years of Presidency, having achieved tremendous success in the development of bridge. He introduced new concepts of communication and information, which attracted media, sponsors and supporters; improving technological systems to manage and run the Championships and other competitions, creating new events in which players of all categories could participate, and developing youth bridge, constantly supporting and improving the teaching of bridge and creating the opportunity for school children to be taught bridge from an early age. When he left, he was elected WBF Chairman Emeritus by acclamation for his extraordinary services to bridge and subsequently, following the death of Ortiz-Patiño in 2013, elected President Emeritus.



**Did you hear about
the equestrian that
got laryngitis?**

Now she's a hoarse
whisperer.

**Why did the frog
take the bus to
work?**

His car got toad.

**How many dance
instructors does it
take to change a
light bulb?**

Five ... six ... seven
... eight!

**What do lawyers
wear under their
pants?**

Briefs.

**I told a bad
chemistry joke
once.**

It didn't get much of
a reaction.

**What kind of
bagels do pilots
eat?**

Plain.

**Did you hear about
the stolen dog
collar?**

Police are looking
for leads.

**Did you hear about
the robbery at the
glue factory?**

It was a stickup.

**How did people
see in the dark
during medieval
times?**

They used knight
lights.

**Why did Darth
Vader go to the
dermatologist?**

He had Star Warts.

A Little Humor!



	Belmont	Lambert	Rondell	Stone	Willow	Angel	I Love You	Never Again	Solitude	Wild Ride	Anette	Mark	Ricky	Sammy	Sharon	Brown	Right	Star	Turner	White
Gary																				
Richard																				
Sara																				
Tina																				
Wanda																				
Brown																				
Right																				
Star																				
Turner																				
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Sammy																				
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Angel																				
I Love You																				
Never Again																				
Solitude																				
Wild Ride																				

**Answer to Puzzle
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First name	Last name	Song title	Artist first name	Artist last name

Friday night is Karaoke night at the Horseshoe Pub. Tina and four of her friends visited the Pub last week for Tina's birthday. They had a grand time and by the end of the evening all had gathered their courage up and performed a song solo, to the delight of the others. Determine the full name of each friend, the song title each sang, and the full name of the artist who first performed the song.

1. "Solitude" was not originally sung by Ricky Star. "Angel" was not originally sung by Ms. Turner. Anette, whose last name wasn't White, didn't sing the song that Sara chose.
2. Sara, whose last name isn't Lambert, didn't sing a song by Sharon. "I Love You" was sung by a woman, both originally and on karaoke night.
3. The man who sang "Wild Ride" originally was not Mr. Brown. Gary, whose last name wasn't Lambert, sang a song by Sammy, whose last name wasn't Right.
4. Mr. Right originally sung the song that Ms. Belmont, whose first name wasn't Tina, chose to sing.
5. "Never Again", which wasn't originally sung by Anette, was Richard's karaoke choice. Wanda, whose last name isn't Willow, sang Mark's song.
6. The five songs are represented by: Richard, Ms. Stone, "Solitude", Sara Rondell, "Wild Ride".

Meet the Players



Jill Meyers, born February 13, 1950, in New York City, is a composer with a law degree. She has worked with movies, commercials, sound track, albums and television. Among the soundtracks she has done are *Forrest Gump*, *Good Will Hunting* and the last five Woody Allen movies. She took care of the music for the Burger King set of commercials that featured music. Meyers works very hard to stay in shape. "I exercise a lot, and I take a lot of vitamins. I have tremendous stamina." Jill lives in California with husband, Sid Brownstein. In 2000, she was the top-ranked woman bridge player in the world, according to the World Bridge Federation. Among other victories in 1993-2000, she was on first- or second-place teams in the Venice Cup (women's world championship) three times.

Jill is here in Schaumburg as a member of the Hamman team playing with teammates: Bob Hamman, Kerri and Steve Sanborn, Kristen Onsgard and Mike Passell.

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Gianarrigo Rona, from Italy, former First Vice-President and EBL President (1999-2010) was elected WBF President in São Paulo September 2009 and took the chair in Philadelphia in November 2010. In Nusa Dua, Bali, November 2013, Rona was re-elected unopposed and again in Lyon, August 2017 for a third four-year term which run until 2022.

Veldhoven –

Under the Rona Presidency, the WBF Headquarters was settled in **Lausanne, Switzerland**, employing personnel and finalising the requirements for incorporation under Swiss Law. The structure and the legal status of the WBF were clearly defined. Since 30th January 2014 the World Bridge Federation, founded on August 18, 1958 in Oslo, is recognised as a **non-profit making organization of a strictly civil nature**, incorporated under Swiss Laws and registered in the Commercial Register in accordance with art. 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code. The Disciplinary Code, the Eligibility Code, the Code of Ethics, the Dress Code, the Players Commitment Form, the Reviewer, substituting the Appeal Committee, the Antibetting Regulations, the WBF Sentencing Guidelines, the HLPC Express Line were adopted as well as the Tournament Directors Official Register and Rules & Regulations. Afterwards the Sport Integrity Declaration and the IOC Code of Prevention were introduced. The Constitution and the By-Laws were updated in conformity with the Olympic Charter and the IOC Principles, respecting the fundamental principles of democracy, transparency and separation of powers. Disciplinary Organs consisting of a Disciplinary Panel, an Antidoping Hearing Panel and the WBF Tribunal were instituted with autonomous competence and jurisdiction on juridical and disciplinary matters.

The format of the World Bridge Games was modified with the introduction of the National Pairs Championship, following the National Teams Championship, as well as the format of the World Bridge Series with Mixed, Open, Women and Seniors events both for teams and in addition World National Teams Championship was expanded with the introduction of the National Mixed Teams and an increase in the number of the qualified teams. In the Youth Championship new categories of Girls (up to 25) and Kids (up to 15) were added to the already existing Juniors (up to 25) and Youngsters (up to 20). In Orlando in 2018 the E.C. decided to rename the youth categories in Under 26 Open, Under 26 Women, Under 21 and Under 16. Great attention was given to the development of bridge with particular emphasis on youth and school bridge and the Youth Fund and the Development Fund were instituted to accomplish and support the objective. The World Youth Online Bridge Teams Championship was launched as well the WBF Online Robot Tournaments and periodical Zonal Seminars for Officers and Zonal Courses for Tournament Directors. "Bridge is a Sport and, as such, its place is here like other Sports" declared the IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch on 7 September 1998 at the Opening of the 1st IOC Grand Prix for Bridge at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, on realizing that he was watching a true competition.

In August 2018 Bridge had the great privilege and honor, thanks to the efforts done by **Mr. Michael Bambang Hartono**, Chairman of the Indonesian Bridge Federation and **M.me Esther Chodchoy Sophonpanich**, APBF President, to be included and compete in the Asian Olympic Games in Jakarta, Indonesia, together with all the other Sports.

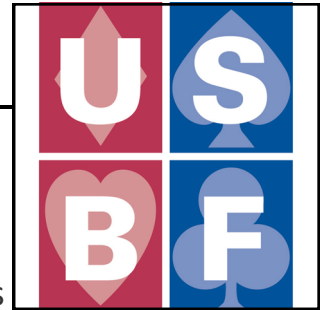
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7	3	2	8	1	4	5	9	6
9	1	4	6	2	7	8	3	5
6	5	8	9	7	3	1	4	2
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6	7	8	1	5	2	4	3	9
7	9	4	6	3	1	5	8	2
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4	6	9	8	2	7	5	3	1

Sudoku Answers Puzzles on Page 7

Answer to Sudoku 1

Answer to Sudoku 2



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.

**Where do
cucumbers go on
date night?**

The salad bar.



Answer to Logic Puzzle On Page 10

Right	Mark	Wild Ride	Belmont	Wanda
Turner	Anette	I Love You	Stone	Tina
Star	Ricky	Angel	Rondell	Sara
White	Sharon	Never Again	Lambert	Richard
Brown	Sammy	Solitude	Willow	Gary
Artist last name	Artist first name	Song Title	Last name	First name

In Orlando on 27th September 2018 the Congress approved new WBF Statutes and endorsed the new WBF By-Laws, provided by the Executive Council, not only in conformity with the Olympic Charter and the IOC Principles, but also respecting the fundamental principles of democracy, transparency and separation of the powers. These provide a Charter that will provide the foundation for the future of the Federation.

In 2022 **Jan Kamras**, from Sweden, former President of the European Bridge League, was elected President of the WBF. His presidency, however, did not reach its natural conclusion, as he sadly passed away in March 2025 after an illness.

Following his passing, new elections were held and **Franck Riehm**, President of the Fédération Française de Bridge, was elected to complete the mandate. Under Riehm's presidency, the World Bridge Federation has launched a development programme aimed at expanding the global reach and participation of the sport of bridge, renewed its website, and established a roadmap to develop tools supporting zones, NBOs, and players.

For purposes of **administration and furtherance of its objectives** and to comply with the International Olympic Committee's principles of the five IOC rings, the WBF structure is divided into **five geographical Continental Conferences** identical to the IOC's five rings.

For **organizational** reasons the WBF established **zones** within each of the five Continents which, although part of a Continent, shall be entitled to have at least one member on the Executive and berths at the WBF Championships. Each zone has its own Zonal Conference of its member NBOs, organising, managing and administering its activity and conducting both its own zonal competitions and those delegated to it by the WBF.

The eight Zonal Conferences are:

Zone 1 – Europe – European Bridge League – EBL

Zone 2 – North America – North American Bridge Federation – NABF

Zone 3 – South America – Confederacion Sudamericana de Bridge – CSB

Zone 4 – Asia and the Middle East – Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East – BFAME

Zone 5 – Central America and Caribbean – Central American & Caribbean Bridge Federation – CACBF

Zone 6 – Asia Pacific – Pacific Asia Bridge Federation – PABF

Zone 7 – Oceania – South Pacific Bridge Federation – SPBF

Zone 8 – Africa – African Bridge Federation – ABF



The WBF has shown strong and steady growth and its membership now comprises **100 National Bridge Organisations (NBOs)** with approximately **530,000 affiliated members** who participate actively in competitive bridge events (locally, nationally and internationally).

Each National Bridge Organisation agrees to fulfill certain requirements, such as opening its ranks to all its citizens and residents and upholding a standard of ethics acceptable to the WBF.

The WBF Executive Council consists of the **President**, who acts as Chairman, **17 Members**, elected from the eight WBF Zonal Conferences, **2 Members** elected from the High Level Players Commission and, starting from 2020, **3 Members** elected from the Congress. The **President/s Emeritus** and the **General Counsel** are non-voting members of the Executive Council.

"Bridge for Peace" is the official motto of the World Bridge Federation which is partner of "Peace and Sport", l'Organisation pour la Paix par le Sport'.

Current Zone 2 Reps to the WBF Executive Council are: Howard Weinstein and Suzi Subeck, USBF; Margot Hennings, ACBL; Paul Janicki (CBF) and Gonzalo Herrera (MFB).

Thank You to the Great Volunteers and Players Who Make This Tournament a Success Year after Year!

Thank you to Jan Martel, the amazing force behind this tournament. Jan's experience running the event puts players at ease and keeps things running on an even keel. We couldn't do it without her!

Thanks to Marie-France and Marge Morgan for handling the hospitality. The cooking and set-up and clean-up is a huge task and you have carried it out year after year. It is part of the reason players love this event.

Thanks to McKenzie, Ken and Chris for moving things along as well as you do. You make a great team and you keep the players happy, keep our supplies in order, and make everyone feel comfortable.

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Thanks to the players for supporting the USBC's, whatever the format, year after year. We recognize that change is not always welcome and you adapted really well to the online qualifying this year. It made things much easier and we appreciate your support.

Thanks to the Appeals Panel for being on standby. We are gratified not have needed to call you but we appreciate that you are there for us if we need you.

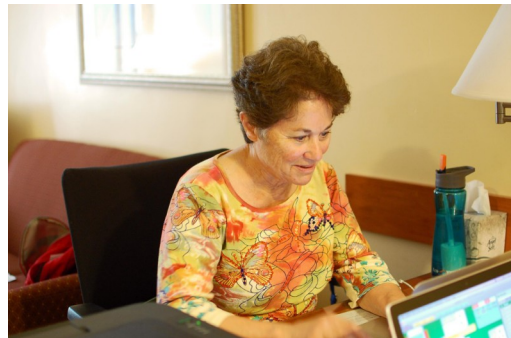
Thanks to Jack Oest, USBF Recorder, for handling any player memos that may have been sent to you.

The staff for this event believes strongly in teamwork and it shows.

Thanks everyone!

We look forward to seeing you back next year to play for USA2!!

Your USBF Tournament Committee



**Jan Martel,
Hard at Work!**

Board 25 from Wednesday's second quarter of the Finals created a 14 IMP swing.

W	N	E	S
	2♦	DBL	3♦
3♥	PASS	4♦	PASS
4♥	PASS	PASS	PASS

4D=better than 4H
X would have said "lead another"

DDS

♠ QJ85
♥
♦ QT9874
♣ T82

N Steve Sanborn

♠ 4
♥ AJT65
♦ 653
♣ 9643

W Disa Eythorsdottir

Open Room

♠ AK72
♥ 872
♦ J
♣ AKQ75

E Xin Ge

♠ T963
♥ KQ943
♦ AK2
♣ J

S Kerri Sanborn

In the Open Room, at favorable, Steve Sanborn opened a weak 2D. Ge doubled for takeout. Kerri Sanborn furthered the preempt with 3D and Disa bid her 5-card heart suit. Ge showed a big hand in support & Disa ended the auction in the heart game.

The 5-0 heart split doomed the very reasonable contract. Declarer went down 2.

In the Closed Room, things went quite differently.

Michael Rosenberg passed in first seat and Onsgard opened 1C=2+
1C. Debbie Rosenberg over-called 1H and Passell passed. Onsgard balanced with double. Passell bid 2C. Michael bid 2D, and the two sides competed their way up to 5CX by East.

The easiest way to defeat 5CX is for

South to lead a high heart. North can ruff out the ace and get back to South with a high diamond for a second ruff. Leading a high diamond and switching to a high heart will produce the same losers. Unfortunately for Ge, Debbie chose the lead of her singleton CJ!! Onsgard won the ace, pulled trump, played the H7 and when Debbie covered with the queen, ducked in dummy. Debbie cashed a high diamond and continued diamonds, ruffed by Onsgard. Onsgard played a heart to the ten and a spade to the ace to repeat the heart finesse. Onsgard claimed 11 tricks. 14 IMPs to Hamman

W	N	E	S
	PASS	1♣	1♥
PASS	PASS	DBL	PASS
2♣	2♦	3♣	3♦
5♣	DBL	PASS	PASS

DDS

♠ QJ85
♥
♦ QT9874
♣ T82

N Michael Rosenberg

♠ 4
♥ AJT65
♦ 653
♣ 9643

W Mike Passell

Closed Room

♠ AK72
♥ 872
♦ J
♣ AKQ75

E Kristen Onsgard

♠ T963
♥ KQ943
♦ AK2
♣ J

S Debbie Rosenberg

OTHER
W 4♥

EAST
5♣X

Board 27 from Friday's second quarter was another interesting hand when both tables in the Finals bid to the spade game. Ten tricks came home in the Closed Room. The Open Room was not so lucky.

W	N	E	S
			2♠
PASS	4♠	PASS	PASS
PASS			

Table: OP 1, Round: 2	
N-S: Hamman 35 IMP	
E-W: Ge 67 IMP	

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ J6 ♥ 9643 ♦ 863 ♣ QT43</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W Disa Eythorsdottir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ KQT3 ♥ J75 ♦ QJ4 ♣ A92</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N Steve Sanborn</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">♠ A9854 ♥ KT2 ♦ K5 ♣ 875</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S Kerri Sanborn</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 72 ♥ AQ8 ♦ AT972 ♣ KJ6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E Xin Ge</p>

To defeat 4S, the defense needs to get clubs going early ... before the diamond ace is knocked out, establishing a diamond for a club pitch.

In the Open Room, Disa did well to lead a club. Kerri Sanborn ducked in dummy. Ge won his CK, cashed his HA and played the CJ which Sanborn won in dummy with the ace. Two rounds of trump extracted spades. The DK went to East's ace. Ge played the C6 to Disa's CT to score the 4th defensive trick. Contract down one!

In the Closed Room, hearing East's diamond overcall, Passell led the D3!! That was fatal.

Onsgard won her DA but it was too late to set up the necessary club trick to defeat the game.

Onsgard cashed the HA and played a heart to declarer's ten.

Debbie pulled trump with dummy's king and queen, played dummy's diamonds, tossing away one of her club losers and claimed 10 tricks.

W	N	E	S
			PASS
PASS	1♣	1♦	1♠
PASS	2♠	PASS	4♠
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Table: CL 1, Round: 2	
N-S: Ge 67 IMP	
E-W: Hamman 35 IMP	

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ J6 ♥ 9643 ♦ 863 ♣ QT43</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W Mike Passell</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ KQT3 ♥ J75 ♦ QJ4 ♣ A92</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N Michael Rosenberg</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">♠ A9854 ♥ KT2 ♦ K5 ♣ 875</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S Debbie Rosenberg</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 72 ♥ AQ8 ♦ AT972 ♣ KJ6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E Kristen Onsgard</p>

10 IMPs to Ge

Board 11 from Wednesday's second quarter illustrates the frustrating practice of relying on the double dummy flow chart.

BOARD: 29
DEALER: NORTH
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ K32
♥ AJ9
♦ A97
♣ K964

♠ J65
♥ 876542
♦ Q84
♣ 2

♠ 84
♥ KQ
♦ JT532
♣ AQ53

Par: 620

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	10	7	8	10	9
S	:	6	7	9	:
EW	3	6	5	3	3

♠ AQT97
♥ T3
♦ K6
♣ JT87

Home team Visiting team ▶ Room By 1 = ★ IMP

NS EW Home Visiting

Hamman **Ge**

▶ **Open** 4♠ N ♦2 = 620 13

▶ **Closed** 3N N ♦3 -2 200

In the Open Room, 4S made easily, declarer losing 2 clubs and a heart. West led a diamond, won in dummy. Declarer pulled trump ending in her hand, ran the CT to the CQ. West played the HK to dummy's ace. Declarer played the C9 off dummy to her jack, East ducking. A heart to the jack lost to the queen. The CA was cashed and declarer claimed 10 tricks.

In the Closed Room, N/S played in 3NT... the flow chart claiming it's "cold." And it is! But only if declarer disdains the double heart finesse!! The double finesse is the percentage play and a great declarer like Michael Rosenberg was not going to "guess" some other play. As such, Michael lost 2 hearts, 3 diamonds and a club after East's opening diamond lead and repeated diamond leads every time East won a trick, set up that suit. 13 IMPs to Hamman

W	N	E	S
	1NT	PASS	2♥
PASS	2♣	PASS	3NT
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Table: CL 1, Round: 2
 N-S: Ge 78 IMP
 E-W: Hamman 35 IMP

♠ K32
♥ AJ9
♦ A97
♣ K964

N Michael Rosenberg

Closed Room

♠ 84
♥ KQ
♦ JT532
♣ AQ53

E Kristen Onsgard

♠ J65
♥ 876542
♦ Q84
♣ 2

W Mike Passell

♠ AQT97
♥ T3
♦ K6
♣ JT87

S Debbie Rosenberg

W	N	E	S
			PASS
PASS	1NT	2♦	PASS
2NT	PASS	3♦	PASS
3♠	PASS	PASS	PASS

Table: OP 1, Round: 3

N-S: Hamman
62 IMP

E-W: Ge
78 IMP

Board 35 on Wednesday was a vulnerable game swing for Hamman.

In the Open Room, Kevin Rosenberg and Amber Lin stopped short of game after Hamman's third seat 1NT opening.

With partner being a passed hand, it is easy to see when Amber passed 3S.

With spades 2-2 and the HK in the pocket, East/West can take 11 tricks.

In the Closed Room, Kerri Sanborn opened the West hand 1C.

Michael Rosenberg passed the North hand.

Steve Sanborn responded 1S. Kerri raised to 2S and Steve jumped to game.

+650 and -200 totaled 10 IMPs to Hamman!

W	N	E	S
			PASS
1♣	PASS	1♠	PASS
2♠	PASS	4♠	PASS
PASS	PASS		

Table: CL 1, Round: 3

N-S: Ge
78 IMP

E-W: Hamman
62 IMP

OTI
W 3

EAST
4♠

So far, it appears that Michael and Debbie have played every board. What great stamina! It is not easy to play this well day after day at this level of competition.

Board 47 was the start of a 3 board streak of slam swings that all went to Ge.

W	N	E	S
			PASS
1♠	2♦	4♦	PASS
4NT	PASS	5♦	PASS
7♣	PASS	PASS	PASS

4D=splinter
5D=0 or 3 KC

It is very easy to see 13 tricks E/W:

6 spades
5 hearts
1 diamond
And
2 clubs

In the Open Room, Hamman led a diamond. Kevin won the ace in dummy, pulled trump and played the HK. Surely he was relieved to see the king pop... He claimed his 13 tricks.

In the Closed Room, Michael Rosenberg led a diamond as did Hamman.

The play that followed was identical in both rooms.

11 IMPs to Ge

W	N	E	S
			PASS
1♠	PASS	2NT	PASS
3♦	PASS	3♠	PASS
4♣	PASS	4♥	PASS
4NT	PASS	5♣	PASS
5♥	PASS	6♠	PASS
PASS	PASS		

2NT=Jacoby
3D=shortness
4C=serious cue
5C=0 or 3
5H=asks kings
6S=no kings

W	N	E	S
PASS	1♦	PASS	1♥
1♠	2♣	PASS	2NT
PASS	3NT	PASS	PASS
PASS			

Table: OP 1, Round: 4

N-S: Hamman
72 IMP

E-W: Ge
107 IMP

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DDS

♠ 9
♥ AQ7
♦ AKQ954
♣ AQ8

N Bob Hamman

♠ AQ765
♥ 632
♦ J63
♣ 75

W Kevin Rosenberg

♠ JT82
♥ J9
♦ 72
♣ KJT96

E Amber Lin

♠ K43
♥ KT854
♦ T8
♣ 432

S Jill Meyers

Open Room

On Board 48, Hamman and Meyers bid 3NT in the Open Room on their combined 27 HCP. While that is certainly reasonable, perhaps Hamman could have re-evaluated the trick taking power of his diamond suit once Jill showed a stopper in spades.

It's a tough hand for North and South to envision the other's distribution.

In the Closed Room, the Rosenbergs had no interference from their opponents.

They had a long, scientific auction that made 6H look like an ideal spot.

Kerri Sanborn led the SA, and seeing the deuce from partner, shifted to a club.

Debbie Rosenberg pulled two rounds

of trump with the ace and queen. She played the DA and the DK. Having noted the fall of the HJ and H9 from East, she cashed the H7, remaining in dummy, pitched her club losers on the diamonds and claimed 12 tricks. 10 IMPs to Ge

What an incredibly lucky lie of the East/West cards. The only card off side was the CK and that turned out to be moot. 10 IMPs to Ge

W	N	E	S
PASS	1♦	PASS	1♥
PASS	2♣	PASS	2NT
PASS	3♣	PASS	3♥
PASS	4NT	PASS	5♣
PASS	6♥	PASS	PASS
PASS			

DDS

♠ 9
♥ AQ7
♦ AKQ954
♣ AQ8

N Michael Rosenberg

♠ AQ765
♥ 632
♦ J63
♣ 75

W Kerri Sanborn

♠ JT82
♥ J9
♦ 72
♣ KJT96

E Steve Sanborn

♠ K43
♥ KT854
♦ T8
♣ 432

S Debbie Rosenberg

Closed Room

OTHER SOUTH 6♥

2S=artificial, 6+ diamonds, GF unless 3H
2NT=asks
3C=3 card H game force
5C=1 or 4 KC for hearts

W	N	E	S
	1♠	4♣	4♠
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Table: OP 1, Round: 4			
N-S: Hamman 72 IMP			
E-W: Ge 117 IMP			

♠ AKJT4
♥ 63
♦ KJ986
♣ 4

N Bob Hamman

Open Room

♠ Q982
♥ KT9872
♦ T3
♣ Q

W Kevin Rosenberg

♠ 7653
♥ AQ5
♦ A75
♣ A86

S Jill Meyers

♠ J4
♥ J4
♦ Q42
♣ KJT97532

E Amber Lin

OTHER NORTH
NORTH
4♠

The last of the three slam swings in a row was on Board 49.

In the Open Room, Hamman opened 1S. Amber put maximum pressure on South by overcalling 4C. Meyers bid 4S and the auction ended.

Amber led the CJ and Hamman won the ace in dummy. He played a small spade to his ace getting the news. He ducked the D9

to West's DT. Kevin played the S9 and Hamman won his jack. He played the D8 to the ace and finessed against Kevin's known SQ. He extracted the last trump and played a heart to dummy's queen, losing to Kevin's king. Kevin played the HT and Hamman claimed 11 tricks.

In the Closed Room, Steve Sanborn overcalled 3C, not 4C as Amber did, leaving his opponents more room for science.

Enough information transpired between North and South that Debbie was comfortable asking for keycards without getting too high. When Michael showed two, she jumped to the slam. It was aggressive but not unsound.

W	N	E	S
	1♠	3♣	4♦
PASS	4♥	PASS	4NT
PASS	5♥	PASS	6♣
PASS	PASS	PASS	

♠ Q982
♥ KT9872
♦ T3
♣ Q

W Kerri Sanborn

Closed Room

♠ AKJT4
♥ 63
♦ KJ986
♣ 4

N Michael Rosenberg

♠ 7653
♥ AQ5
♦ A75
♣ A86

S Debbie Rosenberg

♠ J4
♥ J4
♦ Q42
♣ KJT97532

E Steve Sanborn

OTHER NORTH
NORTH
6♠

4D=artificial good but not great spade raise, about 13-15 support
4H=last train
5H=2 KC without the queen

Steve Sanborn led the CT and Michael won the ace in dummy. He played a spade to the jack, getting a read on that suit. A heart to the queen and Kerri's king followed. Kerri played the DT to the J, Q, and A, picking up that suit for declarer. Michael repeated the trump finesse and claimed his 12 tricks. 11 IMPs to Ge

Team Hamman Fights Back...

W	N	E	S
	1♣	2♣	PASS
4♣	5♣	PASS	PASS
PASS			

1C=2 if 4432
2C=5/5 Majors

DDS

Open Room

NOT
5

♠ Q875 ♥ A54 ♦ JT75 ♣ 82 W Disa Eythorsdottir	♠ 86 ♥ A642 ♦ AKJ9753 N Mike Passell	♠ AKJT9 ♥ KT732 ♦ 9 ♣ T6 E Xin Ge	♠ 6432 ♥ QJ9 ♦ KQ83 ♣ Q4 S Kristen Onsgard
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The last day miracle comeback worked in the Open USBC ... will it work in the Mixed? The Hamman team is down 101 starting play on Thursday. It is not insurmountable...

On Board 5, in the Open Room, Passell and Onsgard bid and made the minor suit game. The opponents bid to 4S but sold out at the 5-level.

Ge led the SK, ruffed in hand by Passell. Passell pulled trump, cashing one extra club for good measure. He played a heart to the queen and Disa's ace. Disa played a heart to Ge's king and Passell claimed his game!

W	N	E	S
	1♣	2♦	DBL
4♣	5♣	PASS	PASS
5♣	PASS	PASS	PASS

2D=Michaels

DDS

Closed Room

OT
N
WEST
5♠

♠ Q875 ♥ A54 ♦ JT75 ♣ 82 W Jill Meyers	♠ 86 ♥ A642 ♦ AKJ9753 N Michael Rosenberg	♠ AKJT9 ♥ KT732 ♦ 9 ♣ T6 E Bob Hammar	♠ 6432 ♥ QJ9 ♦ KQ83 ♣ Q4 S Debbie Rosenberg
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In the Closed Room, as in the Open Room, East showed a major two-suiter.

North/South bid game in clubs...

BUT, instead of passing that out, Meyers stayed the course and bid 5S.

The distribution was such that it was tough to tell who was making and who was saving.

The Rosenbergs passed it out. No double, no trouble...

Michael cashed 2 high clubs and a high diamond. He exited with the CJ, ruffed with the S9 in dummy. Debbie threw a diamond and Jill threw a heart (one card from each suit). The ace of spades was followed by a heart to the ace and a heart to the king. A heart was ruffed and declarer claimed ten tricks for down one!

11 IMPs to Hamman

On the very next hand, Board 6, Hamman picked up another 13 IMPs.

W	N	E	S
		1♣	PASS
1♠	PASS	2♠	PASS
2NT	PASS	3♥	PASS
4♠	PASS	PASS	PASS

2NT=spiral
3H=4 cards in spades, minimum

DDS

North: Mike Passell
 ♠ J2
 ♥ QT973
 ♦ 973
 ♣ 762

West: Disa Eythorsdottir
 ♠ KQ76
 ♥ K2
 ♦ A862
 ♣ JT4

South: Kristen Onsgard
 ♠ A85
 ♥ 64
 ♦ QJ54
 ♣ KQ53

East: Xin Ge
 ♠ T943
 ♥ AJ85
 ♦ KT
 ♣ A98

Open Room

Both tables reached the makeable 4S... but only one table was successful.

Passell led the HT. Disa inserted dummy's jack and it held. A spade was ducked to the king. Disa played a diamond to dummy's king and came off dummy with the ST. Onsgard ducked, declarer ducked, and Passell won his SJ.

Passell played the C7, ducked to Onsgard's queen. Onsgard cashed her SA and exited with the DQ to Disa. Disa cashed the HK. N/S has 3 tricks so declarer needs the rest. The position:

DDS

North: Mike Passell
 ♠ J2
 ♥ QT973
 ♦ 973
 ♣ 762

West: Disa Eythorsdottir
 ♠ KQ76
 ♥ K2
 ♦ A862
 ♣ JT4

South: Kristen Onsgard
 ♠ A85
 ♥ 64
 ♦ QJ54
 ♣ KQ53

East: Xin Ge
 ♠ T943
 ♥ AJ85
 ♦ KT
 ♣ A98

Tricks shown: ♠7, ♥K, ♥5, ♥6

To succeed, Disa must ruff a diamond in dummy and play the HA. South is feeling the squeeze! What does South discard?

If South throws a diamond, declarer's diamond turns good. If South throws a club, declarer also throws a club and plays the H8. South is between a rock and a hard place, squeezed in the minors.

Disa missed her opportunity. She ran the CJ to Onsgard's king and settled for down one. It could have worked but it wasn't her day...

W	N	E	S
		1♣	PASS
1♥	PASS	2♠	PASS
4♠	PASS	PASS	PASS

1C=2 if 4432
1H=spades
2C=4 spades

DDS

North: Michael Rosenberg
 ♠ J2
 ♥ QT973
 ♦ 973
 ♣ 762

West: Jill Meyers
 ♠ KQ76
 ♥ K2
 ♦ A862
 ♣ JT4

South: Debbie Rosenberg
 ♠ A85
 ♥ 64
 ♦ QJ54
 ♣ KQ53

East: Bob Hamman
 ♠ T943
 ♥ AJ85
 ♦ KT
 ♣ A98

Closed Room

In the Closed Room, Meyers/Hamman also bid the spade game. They bid it from East, however.

Debbie led the DQ. Hamman won his king. He played a spade to the queen and ducked a club to the nine and queen with South. Debbie cashed the SA and exited with the S8. Hamman won the nine and played the DT to the J, A, 7. He ruffed a diamond, played a heart to the king, played the good D8, throwing a heart, and successfully finessed against the HQ.

He claimed 11 winners. 13 IMPs to Hamman

BOARD: 20
DEALER: WEST
VULNERABLE: ALL

♠ J4
♥ AKJ5
♦ AQJT9
♣ A8

♠ A52
♥ T64
♦ K7654
♣ KT

♠ QT9873
♥ 973
♦
♣ J732

♠ K6
♥ Q82
♦ 832
♣ Q9654

Par: 600

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N
N	9	10	9	6	8
S	:	:	:	:	9
EW	4	3	3	7	3

Home team Visiting team Room By = IMP
NS EW Home Visiting

Hamman	Ge	Open	3N	N	♠T	-2	200	13
		Closed	3N	S	♠2	=	600	

On Board 20 from the second quarter on Thursday, both tables reached 3NT... however, as the flow chart on the traveler shows, South can take 9 tricks but North can only take 8 (nothing personal! j/k)

In the Open Room, Passell and Onsgard played it from North after Passell opened 2NT on his 2-4-5-2 20 count in second seat. Ge led the ST. Passell put up dummy's king; Disa won her ace. Disa continued spades and the defense collected the first 6 tricks, defeating the game 2 tricks before declarer gained the lead!

W	N	E	S
PASS	1♦	PASS	1NT
PASS	2♥	PASS	2♣
PASS	3NT	PASS	PASS
PASS			

2S=artificial negative

♠ J4
♥ AKJ5
♦ AQJT9
♣ A8
N Michael Rosenberg

♠ A52
♥ T64
♦ K7654
♣ KT
W Kerri Sanborn

Closed Room

♠ QT9873
♥ 973
♦
♣ J732
E Steve Sanborn

♠ K6
♥ Q82
♦ 832
♣ Q9654
S Debbie Rosenberg

DDSDDS

In the Closed Room, Michael and Debbie Rosenberg reached the NT game from South. They were safe! Sanborn, like Ge led a spade, however, this was TO the SK not THROUGH it!

Debbie won the spade, finessed against the DK, cashed 2 high hearts and went to her hand with the HQ. She repeated the diamond finesse, cashed the HJ, cashed the CA and the DA for NINE!

OTH
N 3N
SOUTH
3NT
13 IMPs to Ge