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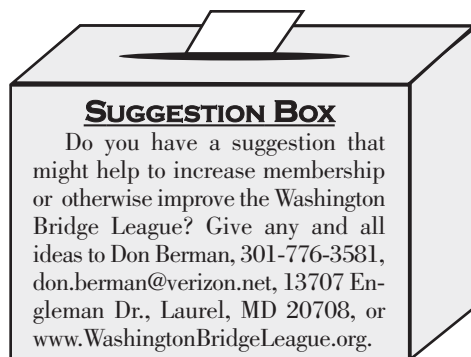
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by *WBL President, Ellen Cherniavsky*

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At our last meeting, the WBL Board faced the necessity of staunching the flow of red ink on our balance sheet. Rents are rising, and sanction and directors' fees are also increasing. At the same time, attendance is declining. This is true not only of our Unit Game, but of sectionals and regionals throughout the country, as the bridge-population ages and younger players do not replace them.

To help counteract the deficit, the Board has adopted two measures. The first was to raise entry fees: if you've been to the game you'll have notice that both Unit Game and sectional entries now cost \$11/session. (This is in line with NVBA entry fees.)

The second measure is eliminating free plays for section tops. The Board regrets the necessity for this, as we recognize the satisfaction that comes with receiving a prize for a winning performance. However this was the least painful of the alternatives considered that we believed would achieve our goal of balancing the budget. The new policy is effective as of 1 September. Moreover, existing free plays for section tops will no longer be valid after 1 January 2018. Please use those free plays as soon as possible! Free plays for volunteer work,

such as guaranteed partner or serving on a committee at the Unit Game, will continue to be issued and will be valid indefinitely.

The Board will review the financial situation in January and decide if further steps need to be taken.

The Board also decided, by email, on a revised policy for the Guaranteed Partner Program. This policy was advertised at the Partnership Desk as of 31 August (and may be found online at the WBL website). These changes: to entry fees, section top awards, and to the guaranteed partner program underline the need to provide more timely information to our bridge community. To this end, the Board plans to consider how we can best use a website to provide the most current updates to our policies. Suggestions would be most welcome.

Effective January 1, 2018, stratification caps at Sectionals and Unit Games will be raised to Unlim/4000 masterpoints for the A/X games, 2500/1500/750 masterpoints for the B/C/D games, and 500/300/100 masterpoints for the Intermediate/Novice games. This is in response to a request from several WBL members.

We love to hear from you and find ways to make the game more enjoyable for everyone.

BITS AND PIECES

TORONTO SUMMER NABC

Congratulations to our **1ST** place national overall winners in the Roth Open Swiss

Ai-Tai Lo, Reston, VA, **Beth Palmer**, Chevy Chase, MD, **William Pettis**, Chevy Chase, MD, & **William Cole**, Silver Spring, MD.

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◆ We have established a **WBL Unit Membership Email Database**.

The emailings are used for occasional bridge news only.

One use is to inform you when the bulletin is available online.

There will be no advertising, sharing or publishing of the addresses.

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WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Jerold Cohen, Pat Esslinger, Diana J Glockner, Robert R Johnston, Dina I Lipschultz, Joan Riggs, Janie Stoll, George W Usher, Mrs Joan M Walsh, Michel G Audige, Leslie Bayer, Rachel Colson, Brian Dunphy, Renate M Funk, Robin A McGrew, Wesley W McGrew, Jacqueline A Parke, Lee Payton, Samantha Schasberger, Sheryl A Segal, and Grace Stribling-Hugh.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mr Yiran Liu, Anita Mishook, Susie Tolek, Mr Abraham Akresh, Dr Gail Bishop, Carol Dyer, Mr M S Fourakis, James**

Did You Know?

The **Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club** has a game almost every day!

Join us often and spread the word!

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday*	11:15 AM	St James
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rockville S. C.
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Temple Beth Ami
Thursday*	11:15 AM	St James
Friday*	11:15 AM	St James
Saturday*	1:00 PM	St James

*0-1000 game in addition to the open game
—as attendance allows—

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Locations:

St James Episcopal Church 11815 Seven Locks Road Potomac, MD	Rockville Senior Center 1150 Carnation Dr Rockville, MD
Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Rd, N. Potomac, MD	

ALERT!

Some day games may move to another location.
Please check the website for the latest information.

Heneghan, Anne Lippold, Mr Michael T Vaughn, Mr Jim Wang, and Jane M Yasukawa.

Please join us at our weekly Unit Game on Thursday evenings and frequent the local bridge clubs in the area. Information can be found at:

www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

WBL MEMBER TALES & TRIUMPHS

Congratulations to **Roz Dixon**, one of our unit game directors, who won a American Bridge Association National event entitled the Pauline Taylor Mixed Pairs playing with **Victor Stewart**, another WBL member during the ABA Nationals in August. Likewise, kudos to **Elaine Conway** for her ABA National Women's Pairs win on the same day.

Congratulations to our youngest board member, **Alex Gretsinger** on his recent marriage!

—Let the editor know if you or another WBL unit member has had a special win or experience.

TIME TO RENEW?

If you started your paper *WBL Bulletin* subscription with the November/December 2016 issue, it's time to renew! It's not too early to renew for anyone else ;) ...See where to send your check on the top of page 3.

\$1 PAPER WBL BULLETINS

Printed copies of this issue of the *WBL Bulletin* will be available for \$1 at the Thursday night unit game until they're gone.

2017-2018 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

To be eligible, a player: (1) Must be a member (or pending member) of either the NVBA or the WBL; (2) Must attend all but one NVBA sectional and all but one WBL sectional during the contest period (August 2017 through May 2018). Points won on Tournament Thursday evenings are included in the totals, but do not count towards eligibility; (3) Must be a member in good standing of the ACBL and a local affiliate throughout the contest period and remain so through the award presentation.

Awards: Two trophies will be awarded: Open and Non-Life Master.

Standings: Here are the standings after two of eight sectionals. The asterisk* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

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OCTOBER 19-22, 2017



87th Annual D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

at the **MARGARET SCHWEINHOUT SENIOR CENTER**
1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD (Friday-Sunday only)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (1000/500/300) Pairs11:15 am
Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)
St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville NO ENTRY TILL 11AM
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C (2000/750) Pairs (both sites), 0-20 Pairs (both sites), Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) (Ohr Kodesh only), & Stratified 199er Pairs (200/100/50) (Beth El only)
Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria7:00pm
Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase7:30pm
I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4th light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1st left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left. No outside food allowed.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C Pairs (2000/750) (single sessions)11:00am, 3:00pm
- ♦ **Relaxed & Fun Stratified IMP Pairs/Teams** (unlim/2000/750)7:30pm
—2 Chances to Win!— This innovative & experimental game moves like a pair game & scores the better of your IMP pair & team game. Come as a team of 4 or as a pair & we'll find you teammates.
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) **11am, 3pm, 7:30pm**

—Lunch available for purchase—

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Win upgraded (more) masterpoints today! \$1 additional fee supports Grass Roots events.

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- ♥ **Machlin Sportsmanship Award** Presentationbetween sessions

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

♠ Eynon Trophy

First awarded in 1931— Try to add your name to the famous names inscribed here!

- ♣ Bracketed Flight B Teams (no single player >3000) (2 session playthrough w/break) 11:00am & TBA
- ♦ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions)11:00am, 3:00pm

- ♣ **Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events w/ Silver Points! ♥ 0-5 MP play FREE! ♠**
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Hospitality includes snacks, drinks, & Friday lunch & evening desserts. Sat. & Sun. lunch available for purchase. **Tournament Chair: Brad Theurer**, 301-527-8819, batheurer256@gmail.com; **Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com; **Partnerships: Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, barb.doran@verizon.net, **Online Partnership Desk** available.

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*** WBL OCTOBER SECTIONAL—FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS ***

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Friday, Oct. 20, 2017 – 7:30 pm
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Relaxed & Fun IMP Pairs/Teams

—in the OPEN game only—

The new Friday evening open event – IMP Pairs/Teams – was a big success again in August! This home-grown invention offers:

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*IMP your result on each board against each result at the other tables, then average. **Each 2- or 3-board round is also a short head-to-head match against another team. Your team's final score is your total IMPs over all the matches.

*** PLAY IN 2 CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS ON FRIDAY=FREE SANDWICH ***

The I/N GAME plays as usual as a SEPARATE PAIR GAME

2 for 1 Friday Night Special in the I/N (<500) Pair Game only

—October 20, 2017, 7:30 pm—

2 play for the price of 1

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* OPEN game ONLY is IMP Pairs/Teams *

* I/N (<500) PAIR GAME ONLY *

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

WBL Trophy Race Winners' Presentation —Lunch available for purchase—

- * Flights A/X (unlim/5000) Swiss Teams (2 session playthrough w/break) 11:00am & TBA
- * Bracketed Flight B Teams (no single player >3000) (2 session playthrough w/break) ... 11:00am & TBA
B Teams Bracketed by total team masterpoints; three overall places in each.
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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

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Congratulations to **Daniel Feldman** who came in first with a score of 480. He wins a free play to the WBL Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for second were **Donna Rogall, Barry Bragin** and **Marvin Elster** with a score of 470. Tied for fifth were **David Dong, John McAllister, Ralph Russo, Bud Morgan, Jeff Yutzler, Randall Holden, Jack Hawks, Fletcher Catlett, Judith Haney, Walter Kerns, Robert Stone, Jackie Sincoff, Paul Block, Bob Pfeiffer** and **Noble Shore** with a score of 460. The average score of the 97 solvers was 410. The average score of the experts was 465.

All readers are encouraged to send answers and/or new problems to Steve Robinson, 2891 S. Abingdon St. #A2 Arlington, VA, 22206-1329. In addition to the winner receiving a free play at the WBL Unit Game, Steve will play with anyone who gets a perfect score or who exactly matches all five of his answers. If you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address along with your answers, I will send you a copy of the new problems to ensure that you can meet his next deadline. You can pick up a copy of the problems at the WBL Unit Game in Maryland, and can send answers or requests for problems to robinswr@erols.com. You can also see and answer the problems at the WBL web site. WBL Solvers Club uses *Washington Standard* as published July 1996. I accept only the first answer from each solver unless it is clear that the solver wants to correct his answer.

I personally score all the problems. If a majority of the solvers vote for an answer, and the answer is reasonable I will give that answer 100 points. I will not give 100 points to an answer that I consider bad no matter how many experts vote for it. There are times when I want to make a point. I will give that answer 100 points and will therefore give the majority answer 90 points. For the other answers I consider how good the

answer is and how many experts vote for it for its score. If you submitted an answer that got 20 points, that bid would get a bad score at the table. A good exercise would be to figure out why I gave your answer 20 points. You might have misread the problem.

The book *Washington Standard* second edition is out. If you are a serious bridge player, this book is a must. You can purchase a copy from Steve for \$25.00 whenever you see him or can send him a check for \$30.60 which includes \$5.60 for priority mail.

1) Matchpoints None Vul

♠Q4♥KQ543♦QJ654♣Q				
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST	
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♦	
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass	
?????				
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers	
Pass	100	4	8	
3♠	90	5	35	
3NT	80	2	49	
3♦	30	0	4	
3♥	20	0	1	

You hold ♠Jxxxx♥x♦x♣KJ10xxx. Your partner opens 1♥ and you respond 1♠. 2♦ comes back to you. 3♣ is probably where you belong. If you have a good hand, you double or cue bid. Therefore, 3♣ should be non-forcing and show a weak hand with long clubs. You don't need both double and 3♣ to force. 2♣ is non-forcing in the following auction since you could double or cue bid if strong. 1♦ (Pass) 1♥ (1♠) Pass (Pass) 2♣. When partner passes instead of making a support double, you want to reopen with a double just in case partner has a penalty pass. If you don't want partner to pass your reopening double because you have a long suit, you can cue bid. Therefore new suits are non-forcing.

Seven experts are getting too high. Two of them prefer to play 3NT. I wonder how many club tricks they are getting. Partner might not have an entry.

Theurer: "3NT—I play here that partner's 3♣ is forcing. Yes, I wish he could have found a double so as much as I hate my hand, I will honor his forcing call. I could bid 3♠ here probably showing two since I did not make a support double on the previous round but then partner will not be able to bid 3NT if that's right. At least I have two diamond stoppers."

Hopkins: "3NT. Where misfits go to die."

Five experts take responder back to spades. I wonder how many players would respond 1♠ to 1♥ holding ♠Qxxx♥x♦xx♣KJ109xx?

Schwartz: "3♠—Unlikely 3NT is a good spot and would be pleased if partner as able to pass."

Parker: "3♠—I assume we are playing support doubles so I'm showing exactly two spades. No tricks in notrump with all the garbage."

King: "3♠—I didn't make a support double, so partner should expect only two spades."

Two experts play 3♣ as non-forcing but think that 3♠ will play better than 3♣. If partner has spades that will play opposite two, he might have reopened with 2♠. This is a matchpoint problem and spades is a major.

Korbel: "3♠—In my view, 3♣ is not forcing. In that case, 3NT will not be a good contract and I can hope for a six-card spade suit over there once in a while."

Shi: "3♠—Thanks partner. An easy preference at least. Partner won't have four spades and six+ clubs here - they would have responded 1NT originally with that hand type weak, and they would have doubled 2♦ with invitational or better. I expect 5-5+."

Three experts join me and pass partner's non-forcing I-want-to-play-3♣ bid.

Woolsey: "Pass—With my own agreements 3♣

would be defined as to play, so of course I would pass. However, I would not think that is a mainstream agreement."

Sontag: "Pass—Responder shows six or more clubs and a competitive hand."

Adams: "Pass—Where the heck is the balancing double partner promised to make when we agreed to play support doubles? Maybe partner is 4-7 or something, not strong enough for 2♣. Partner better have something extreme like this. If partner simply forgot to double, that's his problem, he can play 3♣."

If Responder is in pass-out seat and can double or cue bid, then there's no reason why a new suit should be forcing.

2) Matchpoints None Vul

♠AJ1032♥-♦A432♣K876				
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST	
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass	
?????				
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers	
2NT	100	3	15	
3♣	90	3	22	
2♠	90	5	36	
Pass	50	0	18	
3♦	50	0	6	

Partner passed and then responded 2♥. Since he's a passed hand, he is likely to have only five hearts. So how do you try to find a better strain assuming that you don't want to play in 2♥? If you bid 2♠, partner will assume that you have at least six spades and could pass with a singleton spade. However, if you bid 2NT, partner will know that you don't have six spades and if he has another suit, he should bid it which would make you happy.

Three experts bid 3♣. I could see partner holding ♠xx♥KQ1098♦Kxxx♣Qx, either passes 3♣ or bids 3♠. Either way, you'd miss your eight-card diamond fit.

Theurer: "3♣—UGH, just the bid I did not

want to hear. Partner did not open weak 2♥ so either he doesn't have six hearts or if he does, they aren't very good. I'm hoping to find a minor suit fit which will exist unless partner is specifically 2=5=3=3. His 2♥ presumably denying three-card spade support.ct from a likely 5-0 fit. 2♠ would be nice if it were just "waiting" and hoping partner introduces a four-card minor but here I think partner will take it as at least six spades and pass with 1-5-3-4 or 1-5-4-3 shape or even a five-card minor which is not what I want. But if partner does have a doubleton spade, 2♠ could be right so it is a reasonable alternative."

Shi: "3♣—Unless partner has 2=5=3=3 we have a fit somewhere. This will allow partner to bid 3♦ on the way to 3♠ if he happens to be 2=5=4=2."

Hopkins: "3♣—I will try to show my unbalanced hand as cheaply as possible."

Five experts rebid their five-card spade suit. If partner has a choice, he could pass 2♠ since 2♠ could be a six or seven-card suit.

Schwartz: "2♠—Partner unlikely to have six hearts so 2♠ should be better if partner passes. If he bids, it leaves room for 2NT or three-of-a-minor. Would pass 2♥ not vulnerable at IMPS."

Parker: "2♠—Yuck, only five spades but some spots, hope to scramble 7-8 tricks. Partner did not open 2♥ or 3♥ so he has some distribution or bad hearts."

Sontag: "2♠—The alternatives pass, 3♣ and 2NT to me are awful."

Korbel: "2♠—I can't leave partner to rot but I don't want to make a forward going move."

King: "2♠—Yuck. Partner didn't open 2♥ so he has only five so I need to bid again. I will go low and not imply greater strength."

Two experts agree with me and leaves room for partner to bid a minor. If partner is 5-4-3-1 or 5-5-2-1, he's unlikely to pass 2NT. If partner is 2=5=3=3, you'll play 2NT.

Woolsey: "2NT—Leaves partner room to bid a minor. If he passes, we might survive."

Adams: "2NT—The best way to find our minor suit fit is to let partner bid it. If I bid 3♣, we might miss a diamond fit. 2♠ in Washington Standard promises six."

As in many auctions, the cheapest bid is the best bid. 2NT gives partner a chance to describe his hand.

3) Matchpoints None Vul

♠873♥KJ964♦9♣A542				
<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass	
????		1♠	Pass	
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>	
Pass	100	7	32	
1NT	90	2	42	
2♠	80	2	13	
2♥	50	0	5	
2♣	20	0	5	

The experts have three reasonable choices. 1♠, bid 2♠ or rebid 1NT. Passing 1♠ loses when partner has a very good 4=3=5=1 hand such as ♠AQJx♥Axx♦Axxx♣x where 4♥ is a reasonable contract. Passing wins when partner has ♠AQJx♥x♦Axxx♣xxx where 1♠ is the best part-score. Bidding 1NT wins when partner can support your hearts or has bad spades and they lead trumps stopping opener from ruffing diamonds.

Six experts join me and pass 1♠. We hope our singleton diamond is worth a lot. This is a trump leading auction.

Parker: "Pass—Should be our best fit and I don't play 1♠ forcing so we are high enough. My bet is partner has a long 1♦ opener."

Korbel: "Pass—This will probably play better than 1NT. I think a 1NT bid is fine."

Woolsey: "Pass—We could have a game, but since partner didn't jump shift, it is more likely that 1♠ is where we belong."

Shi: "Pass—A little heavy, but sometimes it's good to stay low."

Adams: "Pass—Hate getting this in a bidding problem. I really believe pass works great on this sort of hand at matchpoints. I also know that almost no one else sees it like I do. Sticking to my guns."

Hopkins: "Pass—This has to be playable and I am not sure but that any further bidding will get us in trouble."

Four experts keep the bidding open. Two experts rebid 1NT which allows partner to support hearts with three if he wants to. BTW, I always support hearts with three even 4=3=3=3.

Theurer: "1NT—I have a bit too much to pass. My hearts are not good enough to rebid since there's a decent chance partner is short there and 2♠ should show either four-card support or at least better than three small."

Schwartz: "1NT—Enough values to keep the auction open. Playing 1♠ could be ugly."

Two experts break the 'Don't raise partner's second bid suit with only three' rule.

Sontag: "2♠—But only because I hate 1NT."

King: "2♠—I think I have too much to pass and the poor club spots lead me to raise with only three."

Holding a singleton, it's usually best to play in a suit.

4) Matchpoints None Vul

♠AK543♥KJ8765♦3♣K				
<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	
????		1♠	Pass	
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>	
2NT	100	6	30	
4NT	90	3	11	
2♥	90	2	25	
4♣	90	0	4	
4♥	90	0	1	

3♣	90	0	1
4♦	70	0	18
3♥	30	0	1
4♠	30	0	2
3♦	20	0	3

Partner opened 1♠ and we have a very strong hand. Seven will be reasonable if partner has three aces. If partner has Axx of hearts you'll have to guess hearts. Six might take a heart guess if partner has two aces and five might also take a heart guess if partner has only one ace. Partner could have xx or xxx of hearts. The simplest answer is to immediately ask for aces. However, there are problems with that. Partner might not have an ace. So how do you create an auction where partner will cue bid an ace if he has at least one ace and signoff if he doesn't have an ace? One way is to jump to 4♣ which shows spade support, club shortness and a game-forcing hand. If he has two aces, he'll bid one of them below 4♠. If partner signs off over 4♣, it's very unlikely that you have a slam.

Six experts bid Jacoby 2NT showing a game-forcing four-card spade raise. In standard Jacoby, partner jumps to 4♠ showing a weak hand. If you would not accept a limit raise you jump to 4♠ over 2NT. If you would accept a limit raise, your hand is too strong to jump to 4♠. ♠AKxxx♥xx♦AJxx♣xxx is too strong to jump to 4♠ over 2NT. ♠Qxxxx♥Ax♦Axx♣xxx as well as ♠QJxxx♥Q10x♦KJ♣QJx are examples of hands where you would pass if partner made a limit raise and therefore jump to 4♠ over 2NT. In my first example, 6♠ is cold and not many would even open the hand. In my second example, you're off three aces and they may even get a heart ruff. Jacoby 2NT is ok only if the weak bid is 3♣.

Theurer: "2NT—I will set trumps and see what partner says - there is a decent chance I will bid 4NT RKC later. It might depend on whether partner shows short hearts and/or extras."

Woolsey: "2NT—As it is possible we are off three aces, I'm not going to rush to ask for aces. If partner shows a dead minimum and then refuses to cooperate at all, we don't have a slam."

Korbel: “2NT—Let’s set spades as trumps and see what partner has to say. If he jumps to 4♠, I’m passing.”

I wonder if Opener is allowed to jump to 4♠ holding two aces.

Adams: “2NT—I am not about to give up captaincy by splintering, and bidding 2♥ when I have five-card spade support is not my style.”

King: “2NT—Let me try to find out about partner’s hand rather than try to show mine.”

Hopkins: “2NT—Set trumps and see what type of hand partner has.”

Three experts bid Blackwood, Does partner promise an ace when he opens the bidding. Wouldn’t you open 1♠ holding QJxxx♥Q10♦KQJ♣QJx? Suppose partner has QJxxxx♥-♦AKxx♣Qx. The heart void allows you to make 6♠. A slight problem will occur if opener responds 5♠. Is that three aces or two keys and the queen of spades? More investigation is necessary.

Schwartz: “4NT—All that matters is aces. Very unlikely the five-level is unsafe and want an answer before opponents interfere.”

Parker: “4NT—I will play a small slam if partner has two Aces and a grand if he has three. I know what to do if he has only one ace.”

If you’re missing the ace of hearts, slam could be on a heart guess. What if Opener doesn’t have an ace?

Sontag: “4NT—Regular blackwood.”

One expert joins me and bids 2♥. Usually I say that you should set trumps ASAP. However, it’s more important to find out if partner has heart support and how many aces partner has. If partner raises hearts, you can bid 3♠ which will force partner to cue bid at the four-level. If partner does not raise hearts, you can support spades at the three-level which will suggest that partner cue bid an ace if he has one. Either way, we won’t get to the five-level off three aces.

Shi: “2♥—All I’m planning to do is keycard but in the off chance partner can raise my hearts, I can

keycard in hearts. If partner can’t raise, I will be able to bid the grand if we have all the keys knowing he has Ax.”

Before you ask for aces, make sure you can handle all of partner’s responses. If there is a response that you can’t handle, take a different road.

5) Matchpoints You’re Vul

♠-♥QJ10764♦Q109653♣K

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			Pass
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♥	100	3	2
Pass	90	3	37
2♥	90	3	33
1♥	80	1	13
3♥	70	1	8
4♦	20	0	1
2♠	20	0	1
3NT	20	0	1
2NT	20	0	1

There are votes for pass, 1♥, 2♥, 3♥ and 4♥. The only correct answer to this problem is what bid works out at the table. If you open 4♥ LHO overcalls 4♠, partner doubles 4♠ and they go for 800. This makes 4♥ the best bid. On the other hand, if you open 4♥, LHO doubles and you go for 800, this makes 4♥ a losing bid. Same for all heart openings. As you can see from the expert answers that there is no correct bid. The only correct answer is the one that works at the table. The higher you bid, the more red honors partner needs to make your bid work.

Three experts pass hoping to be able to describe their red-suited hand later. They are more likely to be doubled if they stray too high. Passing allows the opponents to start describing their hands and he who starts the auction has an advantage.

Theurer: “Pass—I’m in second chair where pre-emption should be somewhat more disciplined.

Besides, I’m not sure how high to preempt and if I preempt in hearts we could have a big fit in diamonds. Plus my hand has a lot of soft, potentially defensive values which somewhat offset

the shapeliness.”

King: “Pass—I hope I can show my distribution at a reasonable level on the next round.”

Hopkins: “Pass—I am sure there will be plenty of action in this hand and I will likely be able to describe my distribution to partner fairly well.”

Partner will play you for 5-5 not 6-6 in the reds.

One expert opens 1♥. You’ll probably get a chance to show your diamond suit. If the auction gets competitive, the opponents won’t know whose hand it is. However, 1♥ allows the opponents to enter the auction at a low level.

Shi: “1♥—I have a very distributional hand and the opponents are not vulnerable so if I start preempting, they will just bid over me and I will be guessing. Hopefully 1♥ will keep the auction slow.”

Three experts open 2♥. I bet they’re going to bid again if they get a chance. However, it’s easy for the opponents to enter over 2♥.

Sontag: “2♥—Let’s get this party going.”

Korbel: “2♥—A tactical 2♥. If you know me, then you know I’m planning to bid again.”

Adams: “2♥—2♥ or 3♥ or 4♥ could be right. Unfavorable, second seat, reigning it in a

lot. If partner raises, I might violate protocol. Don’t really like pass. It might be at the four-level by the time it gets to me and I will have gone through the auction never mentioning any of my six-card suits.”

One expert opens 3♥. The higher you open, the less likely you are to be able to bid your diamond suit. Also, the opponents will think it’s their hand if the auction gets competitive.

Schwartz: “3♥—Tempting to pass with RHO a passed hand, and the stiff king, but that usually doesn’t work out with these distributional hands.”

Two experts open 4♥. They put a few diamonds in with their hearts. If you find the rest of the strength split, 4♥ might end the auction.

Woolsey: “4♥—Mentally moving a couple of diamonds over to the heart suit gives you the right evaluation.”

I’m not sure I like bidding 5♦ over the opponent’s black-suit bid. You are vulnerable. It up to partner to do something.

Parker: “4♥—And then 5♦ if they bid 4♠. I may go for a number but make it as hard on them as possible.”

Make aggressive preempts.

SOLVERS’ SCORES

John Adams	Pass	2NT	Pass	2NT	2♥	490
Robbie Hopkins	3NT	3♣	Pass	2NT	Pass	460
Fred King	3♠	2♠	2♠	2NT	Pass	450
Daniel Korbel	3♠	2♠	Pass	2NT	2♥	470
Steve Parker	3♠	2♠	Pass	4NT	4♥	470
Steve Robinson	Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥	4♥	490
Alan Schwartz	3♠	2♠	1NT	4NT	3♥	430
Sylvia Shi	3♠	3♣	Pass	2♥	1♥	450
Alan Sontag	Pass	2♠	2♠	4NT	2♥	450
Brad Theurer	3NT	3♣	1NT	2NT	Pass	450
Kit Woolsey	3♠	2NT	Pass	2NT	4♥	490

2017 TROPHY RACE STANDINGS

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Updated by Chris Miller and Alex Gretsinger

The Lovenberg Race is open to all WBL members; the Izzy Cohen Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with less than 1500 masterpoints; the Tubbs Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year as a Non-Life Master with less than 500 masterpoints; the Woolridge Race is open to all WBL members who started the calendar year with less than 20 masterpoints.

Winners in each category receive four sessions of free plays. Second place gets two and third place gets one.

This list is up to date as of 9/7 not including the unit KO or round robin. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

Lovenberg

1 Donna Rogall	173.41
2 Clyde Kruskal	152.88
3 Steve Robinson	141.45
4 Mark Shaw	141.07
5 Brad Theurer	127.07
6 Barry Falgout	123.09
7 Martin Graf	119.10
8 William Pettis	111.17
9 Robert Bell	105.20
10 David Ruderman	98.38
11 Lloyd Rawley	93.81
12 William Cole	86.79
13 Linda Marshall	85.96
14 Leo LaSota	84.20
15 James Geist	83.85
16 Vincent Wilmot Jr	81.54
17 Fred King	72.86
18 Peter Boyd	70.27
19 Steven Schatzow	69.36
20 David Genne	66.87
21 Peter Van Zijl	58.19
22 Richard Wegman	56.05
23 Lou Reich	55.63
24 Arnie Frankel	47.55
25 Andrew Gofreed	45.82
26 Alan Tenenbaum	45.02
27 Merrill Hirsh	45.01
28 Murat Berk	44.59
29 Melanie Manfield	39.93
30 Julian Boyce	39.29
31 Jason Meyer	39.19
32 Shawn Stringer	38.95
33 Brad Libros	37.75
34 Myron Goldstein	37.63
35 Ted Ying	36.70

Izzy Cohen

1 Peter Van Zijl	58.19
2 Murat Berk	44.59
3 Melanie Manfield	39.93
4 Myron Goldstein	37.63
5 Michael Kuehl	32.95
6 Kiyomi Shiba	32.84
7 Paul Block	32.15
8 Carole Banks	31.87
9 Brian Sutton	30.48
10 Barbara Devaney	27.96
11 Robert Royner	27.57
12 Michelle Zygielbaum	27.50
13 Barbara Teng	26.97
14 David Espo	26.82
15 Terry Klein	26.21
16 Bob Lawrence	24.63
17 Charles Dearolf	23.35
18 Barry Tash	23.02
19 Ernie Schuler	23.01
20 Jonathan Siegel	22.87

Tubbs

1 Myron Goldstein	37.63
2 Brian Sutton	30.48
3 Barbara Devaney	27.96
4 Barbara Teng	26.97
5 David Espo	26.82
6 Bob Lawrence	24.63
7 Barry Tash	23.02
8 Alexander Stille	22.36
9 Ferit Yegenoglu	21.40
10 Franny Van Dyke	20.99
Ted Van Dyke	20.99

Woolridge

1 Debra Graham	10.99
2 Leslie Beal Bloom	9.99
3 Nancy Raskin	9.28
4 Dana Best	8.38
5 Eula Thomas	5.34
6 Patsy Chick	5.28
7 Fern Lapidus	5.16
8 Beverly Stearns	4.89
9 Yuan-Jye Liu	4.87
10 Charles Brown	4.34

NOVICE LESSON & GAME

GUARANTEED PARTNERS!

7:00PM LESSON

7:30 - 10:00 SUPERVISED PLAY

JOIN ANYTIME

The cost is \$5. This includes a 30 minute lesson followed by fun, enjoyable bridge for players with 0-20 masterpoints.

Lesson will be tailored to the needs and interests of the players. An experienced director will help newcomers in learning the ropes of duplicate bridge. If you have a question while you are bidding, you can raise your hand and the director will provide some guidance.

This is a great program for beginners as well as experienced social bridge players! Partners will be provided if needed. For more information, contact 0-20 Coordinator, **Isabelle Thabault** at imthabault@aol.com or 202-362-6141.

~ ♦ ♣ SCHEDULE ♥ ♠ ~

Most games held at Ohr Kodesh at 7:30 pm

Every week, there's a separate Intermediate Game for players with less than 500 masterpoints, stratified: 500/300/100, & a separate Novice Lesson & Game for beginning duplicate or social players.

10/05/17NVBA Sectional**

10/12/17Club Appreciation BAM Teams; NLM: Swiss**

10/19/2017WBL Sectional

10/26/2017StrataFlighted Unit Championship

11/02/2017StrataFlighted Grand National Teams

11/09/2017StrataFlighted Upg Club Champ; A/X: IMP Pairs

11/16/2017StrataFlighted Club Championship

11/23/2017CLOSED: Thanksgiving

11/30/2017StrataFlighted Grand National Teams

12/07/2017StrataFlighted Grand National Teams

12/14/2017Stratified STaC Pairs — Silver Points!

12/21/2017StrataFlighted Unit Championship

12/28/2017StrataFlighted Grand National Teams

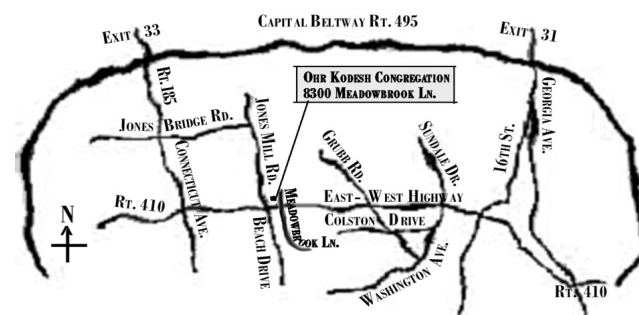
*Check website for any schedule changes. **Bold dates** held at other locations: *TBD; **Kensington Town Hall/Armory.*

WBL GUARANTEED PARTNER PROGRAM

The WBL has a "Guaranteed Partner" (GP) Program for players who *occasionally* need a partner for the Unit Game on Thursday nights.

Are you just returning to bridge? New to the area? Is your regular partner unavailable? Are you suddenly without a partner at the last minute? That's no reason not to play bridge! Our Partnership Chair will match you up with a partner (in advance or at

MAP TO OHR KODESH CONGREGATION



ALERT! The Unit Game is now played at Ohr Kodesh. NO OUTSIDE FOOD IS ALLOWED. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

the game) or the Unit's standby partner will play with you. Here's how it works. If an odd number of people in need of a partner arrive, the players are matched as best as possible, and the GP plays with the one who is left. For team games, we guarantee a pair; singles are not guaranteed a game. (If there is an even number of players or pairs looking, the GP goes home.)

A player who anticipates needing a partner is encouraged to contact the Partnership Chair in advance to see if a match can be made. To find a partner at least a day in advance, email Barbara Doran at barb.doran@verizon.net or call 301-608-0347 **between 9 am & 10 pm.**

Players in search of partners at the last minute should try to arrive between 7:00 and 7:15 (or call ahead). The partnership desk closes at 7:25.

You might want to volunteer for the GP program yourself. It's a great way to meet people. You will play for free on the evening you serve as GP, and will also receive a free play for any future Unit game regardless of whether you play on the night you serve.

For further details on the updated GP policies, go to the policy page at washingtonbridgeleague.org (note: The GP Program is not intended to be a regular replacement for finding a partner on one's own once a player is settled in the community.)

Are you new to bridge? The Thursday night Unit Novice (0-20) Game provides it's own separate guaranteed partner. Contact Novice Game Coordinator, Isabelle Thabault at imthabault@aol.com or 202-362-6141.

THE UNIT GAME

Please contact **Chris Miller**, Club Manager and Chief Director, at unitgame_director@districtsix.org if you have questions about how the WBL Unit Game is run.

YOUTHS 25 AND UNDER PLAY FOR HALF PRICE IN ALL WBL EVENTS

BRING A FRIEND TO THE 0-20 OR NLM UNIT GAME!

Bring a new player (who has not previously played at the WBL) to the Unit Game to play in the 0-20 or NLM game and you both will play free that evening.

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UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♠ October 19-22, 2017, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♣ January 4-7, 2018, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♦ February 15-18 2018, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ April 5-8, 2018, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♠ April 26-29, 2018, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ June 7-10, 2018, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♦ September 6-9, 2018, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ October 11-14, 2018, WBL, Silver Spring, MD

From setting up and breaking down tables, to publicity and events development, a little effort from you will make our bridge community even better. Busy schedule? No worries. Most volunteer assignments take only 15 minutes to 1 hour a month.

Here's how to help:

1. Reply by email, phone or in person if you are willing to help in any way.
2. Please indicate if you can offer any special skills (such as marketing or a strong back).
3. Someone will contact you shortly with a choice of assignments you can pick from.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Barbara Summers, Volunteer Coordinator, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com,

THE WBL ONLINE

The Washington Bridge League is providing two online services:

1. The WBL Online Bulletin Board

On an OPT IN basis only, this service will include an online directory of members. Send any of the following information that you're willing to have posted to the WBL webmaster, Don Berman, at don.berman@verizon.net or call him at 301-776-3581.

Name, Email Address, up to two Phone Numbers, ACBL Number

2. The WBL Online Partnership Desk

Check it out at washingtonbridgeleague.org
Contact Clyde Kruskal at cpkfam@gmail.com or 301-395-0480 with any questions.

DO YOU HAVE ANY MUSCLES OR BRAINS TO SPARE?

The Washington Bridge League could use a little of either! In order to keep events exciting and entry fees low, the WBL relies on the goodness of our members to volunteer for small jobs at the Unit Game and Sectional Tournaments. Some jobs require brains while others require muscle. We'll be happy to employ either.

AT THE TABLE: A SURVIVAL MANUAL

by **Rich Colker**, rcolker@gmail.com

—PART 11—

We continue our discussions of common problems at the bridge table. While some discussion may presume a certain amount of experience and sensitivity to the situations being described, even a novice may improve in these areas through exposure to the underlying issues. Discussions include both practical advice on how to cope with problems once they occur as well as procedures to follow to minimize or avoid disruptions in the first place. Every suggestion may not be appropriate for all games or players: some are not intended for novices or events with low MP limits; others may be modified for more socially-oriented or club games. But above all else, please remember that the emphasis of bridge should always be on fun, enjoyment and relaxation. Even in serious competition it is to everyone's advantage to avoid practices which can cause problems or ill-feelings among the contestants.

A Played Card

Principle: When a card is considered played depends on whether it came from the dummy, declarer or a defender. The key issue is: for defenders, was it possible for partner to see the card's face (not whether he actually saw it); for declarer, did he perform any action with the card which indicated an intent to play it; for dummy, was the card deliberately touched by declarer, named or otherwise designated as the one declarer proposed to play.

Deciding whether a card has been played can be a volatile and confusing matter. But understanding the underlying concepts can help simplify the issue.

For a defender, the key issue is one of unauthorized information: If a defender holds a card so that his partner *could* have seen its face (whether he actually saw it or not is irrelevant), the card is played.

For the declaring side, there is no reason to be

concerned about unauthorized information: declarer can already see both his own hand and dummy's, while dummy cannot legally participate in the play. The key issue in these cases is whether there was *intent* to play the card. Declarer may not change his mind once he has designated a card from dummy or played a card from his hand. For declarer, the Laws specify that there is evidence that a card has been played if it is held face up touching or nearly touching the table, or maintained in such a position as to indicate that it has been played. Thus, if declarer removes a card from his hand and lowers it to the table, showing it to the defenders, it is considered played. Note that players don't always release their cards onto the table so simply holding it near the table is sufficient. Some players take a card from their hand and show it to the opponents to indicate that it is being played. So if declarer shoves a card under a defender's nose, as if to say "Here, I'm playing this," the fact that it isn't near the table is irrelevant. The key is that it is maintained in such a way as to indicate the intent to play it. Conversely, a card dropped accidentally by declarer is never considered played. Also, a card detached from declarer's hand but not held or maintained in such a way as to indicate that it is being played (for example, declarer may hold it aloft while he continues to consider whether to play it) is not played, even though it's face may be clearly visible to everyone at the table. (Of course we should all refrain from detaching or touching a card until we are certain we intend to play it.)

For dummy, the same concept applies as for declarer except that the physical mechanics are a bit different. Although declarer doesn't usually handle dummy's cards, if he deliberately touches one of them—unless he does so to arrange it or to get at another card above or below it—that card is played. Also, if he names or otherwise designates one of dummy's cards as the one he proposes to play, it is played.

One final issue regarding dummy's plays. Although declarer may at times give dummy an instruction such as "Run the spades" (meaning play

them from the top), there is no basis in Law for such an instruction. Therefore, even though dummy carries out declarer's wishes, the play of dummy's cards is deemed to be conducted on a trick-by-trick basis. This means that at any point declarer may cancel his instruction to play the remaining cards, provided he does so before dummy plays the next card (detaches it or places it in a played position). Effectively, it is as though declarer's instruction had been, "Run the spades until I tell you to stop."

(See also *Changing a Played Card; Changing a Designated Card.*)

Changing a Played Card; Changing a Designated Card

Principle: A played card may be changed to comply with a penalty, to correct an illegal play, if it was played as a result of misinformation, or to change a card played after an opponent's card when the Director allows that opponent to change his card. A card which has been inadvertently (verbally) designated, as in calling a card from dummy, may be changed only if declarer attempts to do so without pause for thought (i.e., the call was a slip of the tongue).

I know the above principle sounds as if a gaggle of lawyers had been hired to write it. I wish I could have found a simpler way of saying it that would still be accurate. Let's take it one point at a time and I think you'll be pleasantly surprised. The Laws allow a played card to be retracted for any of several reasons, some technical and some legal. These are:

(1) To comply with a penalty. Suppose, for example, a defender gains the lead while his partner has a penalty card in front of him. Declarer has certain lead options available, but before he can exercise any of them the defender leads a card. If declarer chooses not to accept that lead it is canceled, the card led becomes another penalty card (and information from it unauthorized to the leader's partner) and declarer is given his choice of his original options.

(2) To correct an illegal play. Suppose, for example, a defender, in attempting to follow suit to a card led, revokes and then catches it before it becomes established. He must substitute a legal card in the suit led, after which the revoke card becomes a penalty card (this applies only to defenders, not declarer) and information from it becomes unauthorized to his partner.

(3) To change a play that was based on misin-

formation from an opponent, but only if no other card was subsequently played to that trick (or if dummy was not spread if it was the opening lead). For example, suppose after a brief distraction you ask "Whose lead is it? RHO mistakenly says "Yours" and you lead before anyone can correct the error. The Director will allow you to retract your card and information from it becomes unauthorized to the opponents but authorized to your partner. Or suppose, before playing to a trick, you ask the meaning of a call made by an opponent during the auction and are given an erroneous answer. You play, but the opponent then corrects his explanation before anyone else can play. Once again the Director will allow you to retract your card (with the same authorized/unauthorized information provisions as above).

(4) To change a card which was played after the Director allowed an opponent who played to the trick before you to change his card. Suppose, for example, declarer calls a card from dummy but the wrong card is detached and placed in a played position. The next player sees dummy's play and follows suit before declarer notices the error. The Director will allow dummy to correct the errant play and the next player to retract his play (if he wishes) without penalty. Information from the next player's withdrawn card becomes unauthorized information for the offending side (declarer) but authorized to the non-offending side (both defenders).

In all other cases, a played card may not be changed, even if it was played inadvertently (see also *A Played Card*).

Finally, these days players do not usually designate a card they wish to play orally (although a player who is having difficulty removing a card from his hand, or card holder, may name the card he intends to play to expedite things). Thus, the provision in the Laws for correcting an inadvertent designation is usually applied to declarer's oral designation of a card from dummy. A player may, without penalty, change an inadvertent designation if it is done without pause for thought. The burden of proof is on the player to show convincing evidence that: (1) his designation was inadvertent and not a change of mind; and (2) the attempted change was made without pause for thought. Also, if the next player plays before the correction is made, that play must not in any way suggest that the designation was a mistake. In other words, there is a strong presumption that the card called is the card the player intended. In fact, all of the provisions for changing an inadvertent call (see *Changing a Call (c)*) apply here as well.

Bits & Pieces, cont. from p. 4...

Open Leaders		Points
Player		
1 Barry Falgout	.....	91.35
2 Brad Theurer	.....	71.89
3 Fred King	.....	71.65
4 Mark Shaw	.....	64.77
5 Martin Graf	.....	53.29
6 Jim Wakefield	.....	50.73
7 Helene Bauman	.....	48.01
8 William Pettis	.....	44.96
9 Leo LaSota	.....	43.78
10 James Geist	.....	42.02
11 Steve Robinson	.....	40.86
12 Mark Chen	.....	40.33
13 Peter Boyd	.....	40.27
14 Kenneth Davis	.....	36.63
15 Robert Bell	.....	33.64
16 Sven Pride	.....	33.54
17 Clyde Kruskal	.....	31.77
18 William Cole	.....	29.20
19 Rusty Krauss	.....	28.70
20 Ron Sutter	.....	28.67

NonLM Leaders		Points
Player		
1 Craig Pritzker	.....	13.50
2 Brian Sutton	.....	12.62
3 Linda Meade	.....	12.03
4 Michael Corrigan	.....	11.80
5 Jim Dickson	.....	11.58
6 Robert Greenburg	.....	11.37
7 Jeffrey Yutzler	.....	10.75
8 Lisa Eklund	.....	8.86
9 Janice Scavongelli	.....	8.32
10 Gary Scavongelli	.....	8.32
11 Charles Stewart	.....	8.21
12 Vining Sherman Jr	.....	7.91
13 Maxine Penn	.....	7.81
14 Suryun Yoo	.....	7.74
15 David Lindley	.....	7.56
16 Joia Hertz	.....	7.24
17 John Wertman	7.24
18 Barbara Devaney	6.92
19 Mary Ourand	6.91
20 Kim Gandy	6.88

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WBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Thanks to Dick Wegman and Barbara Ames, for bringing this project about!

The Washington Bridge League has established a new WBL Educational Foundation. Dick Wegman is president of the Foundation. The Foundation will promote bridge in the Washington area by developing teaching programs in middle schools and high schools in D.C. and suburban Maryland, and expanding opportunities for adults to learn bridge or improve their bridge-playing skills. Thanks to the efforts by Barb Ames, the IRS has now approved the tax exempt status of the Foundation, so all contributions are tax-deductible.

Hugo Van Dyke is our new bridge-in-schools coordinator. The WBL is now looking for bridge players who would be interested in teaching in these school programs. Teachers will teach a uniform curriculum, and receive training using ACBL materials designed for first-time learners. Time commitments for bridge teachers (following training) would likely be a couple of hours per week over the course of a school semester. A modest stipend for teachers may be available from the ACBL. If you are interested in teaching (or otherwise participating) in the bridge-in-schools program, please contact Hugo at huvandyke@gmail.com.

To support the Foundation, Dick Wegman has taught several six-session bridge workshops for WBL players who are interested in improving their game. Participants have generously contributed the tuition for the workshops to the Foundation. If you would like to participate in future workshops, please get in touch with Dick at aliweg@aol.com.

The WBL Board has resolved to support the Educational Foundation in any way it can, including financially. Contributions from members are also welcome. If you would like to contribute directly to the Foundation, please contact Rose Berman, WBL Treasurer, at rose.berman@verizon.net.

JUNIOR BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO HAKAN BERK



Hakan Berk (left) was awarded the Junior Bridge Scholarship by Jim Geist (right, representing the WBL Bridge in Schools Committee) during the 72nd Annual Potomac Valley Tournament.

The WBL Bridge in Schools Committee was given a donation by Sumner Steinfeld to fund a Junior Bridge Scholarship Award.

2017 is the first year that the scholarship was awarded. It is not necessarily awarded each year, but only when there is a compelling reason to do so.

This year, the Committee recognized **Hakan Berk** primarily for being the driving force in creating and building the University of MD program at College Park to the point of holding a regular weekly game and fielding a team to compete in the ACBL's Intercollegiate Championship.

Hakan started playing bridge when he was 10

years old. His dad, Murat Berk, (the WBL's new Non-Life Master Tournament Chair) was his first teacher. Soon after, he found David Soukup as a bridge partner his own age.

Once he got to college (studying Electrical Engineering), Hakan founded the University of Maryland's bridge club. Hakan is now a junior. From a first semester average of 1 table, they now average 3.5 tables. The club is mainly instructional for beginners trying to expose new people to the game. They also competed in the collegiate championships for the first time in Maryland history. Though they didn't make the cut for Toronto, they will try again this year!

As a student, Hakan takes on a dual role of teacher as he leads in the instruction of the newer players. Hakan's twin sister, Sedef is also involved in the program as a player and they work together on player recruitment. Faculty Advisor and WBL Board Member, Clyde Kruskal, has also had a hand in the sustained success of the program.

In addition, Hakan has proven to be a strong competitor in local & international tournaments. His father, Murat, and David are still the partners you are most likely to see him with at the table. He also plays semi-regularly on the Berard Team. Over the years, Hakan and David have continued placing well in U19 and U21 events. They've even played bridge in Italy, China, and Turkey together!

Hakan has displayed good composure at the table, and maturity beyond his years. He exemplifies the WBL's vision of what a Youth Bridge Leader should be, and is a great Ambassador for the game. He is an inspiration for players of all ages.

Hakan expressed his thanks to the WBL Education Fund for all their support for the bridge club.

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TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

1	44.50	Mark Shaw
2	43.58	Barry Falgout
3	35.06	William Pettis
4	33.64	Robert Bell
5	33.51	Fred King
6	33.02	Martin Graf
7	32.38	Helene Bauman
8	31.60	Jim Wakefield
9	30.20	Leo LaSota
10	29.78	Brad Theurer

Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

1	25.56	Peter Van Zijl
2	24.08	Blake Schwartzbach
3	22.54	Murat Berk
4	11.36	Sven Pride
5	10.92	Melanie Manfield
6	10.61	Michael Kuehl
7	10.53	Donna Hickling
8	9.57	Thomas Grahame
9/10	9.28	Onorica Luculescu
	9.28	Alina Galaszewska

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	8.54	Michael Corrigan
2	7.57	Linda Meade
3	6.92	Barbara Devaney
4	6.23	Ettie Gordon
5	6.01	Ken Marx
6/7	5.94	Jess Feinman
	5.94	Mark Valavanis
8	5.86	Charles Stewart
9/10	5.60	Michael Battles
	5.60	Tina Doyle

Results

THU MOR A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 13.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables



1 Brad Theurer - Barry Falgout .63.46

2	Juline Glaz - Daniel Shankle Jr	.59.46
3	Andrew Lipps - Eric Branfman	.58.49
4	Robert Catlett - Leila Whiting	.57.53
5	Linda Barton - William Pettis	.56.09
6	Kenneth Hopke - Julian Boyce	.54.97
7	Roma Chandra - Leonid Fastovsky	.52.88

Stratum X, 8.5 Tables

1	Andrew Lipps - Eric Branfman	.58.49
2	Robert Catlett - Leila Whiting	.57.53
3	Phyllis Sonen - Irene Schulkun	.52.08
4	Lynne Groff - Dottie Terrell	.50.16
5	Calvin Konner - Mary Ourand	.50.00

THU MOR B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 15.5 Tables



1	Robert O Connor - Linda Meade	.68.13
2	Terry Coates - John Horner	.59.41
3	Michael Corrigan - James Metzger	.57.88
4	Darleen Cors - Debbie Massey	.56.96
5	Prabhakar Tamboli - Varsha Laheri	.56.57
6	Sheldon Meltzer - Mike Bergen	.56.07

Stratum C, 12.0 Tables

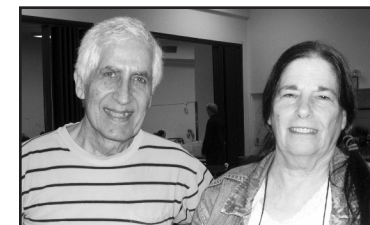
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2	Terry Coates - John Horner	.59.41
3	Prabhakar Tamboli - Varsha Laheri	.56.57
4	Sheldon Meltzer - Mike Bergen	.56.07
5	Carole Stringer - Robbie Lloyd	.56.02
6	David Espo - Andrea Weiswasser	.55.77

Stratum D, 8.0 Tables

1	Sheldon Meltzer - Mike Bergen	.56.07
2	Katherine Tardio - Randi Selehdar	.55.34
3	Marianne Keler - Robert Bogin	.54.72
4	Paula Altman - Helen Rubin	.52.61
5	Jessica Pollner - Stephanie Garshag	.51.84

THU EVE A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 24.0 Tables / Based on 80 Tables



1 Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman .59.49

2	Murat Berk - Peter Van Zijl	.58.86
3	Barry Falgout - Lyle Poe Jr	.58.42
4	Melanie Manfield - James Berry	.58.34
5	Eileen Inglesby-Hought - Robert Bell	.58.01
6	Vonnie Lavender - Bob Boyd	.57.64
7	Clyde Kruskal - Lloyd Rawley	.56.56
8	Mark Shaw - Martin Graf	.55.48
9	Ronald Kral - Kenneth Davis	.55.09
10	Steven Schatzow - Barry Goulding	.54.92
11	Andrew Gofreed - Vincent Wilmot Jr	.54.88
12	Leo LaSota - Brad Theurer	.54.73

Stratum X, 11.0 Tables

1	Murat Berk - Peter Van Zijl	.58.86
2	Melanie Manfield - James Berry	.58.34
3	Paul Block - James Geist	.54.56
4	Mark Chen - Sven Pride	.51.39
5/6	Michael Osborn - Joe Hertz	.49.77
5/6	Ryan Connors - Carol Crawford	.49.77

THU EVE B/C PAIRS

Stratum B, 28.0 Tables



1	Alina Galaszewska - Onorica Luculescu	.63.33
2	Michael Eidi - May Geadeh	.62.80
3	Joe Leighton - Ron Sutter	.59.40
4	M David Jackson - Gaurang Sheth	.58.91
5	Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman	.58.19
6	Tobey Roland - Barack Peled	.58.16
7	Arun Guha - Calvin Konner	.56.47

Stratum C, 18.0 Tables

1	Alina Galaszewska - Onorica Luculescu	.63.33
2	Michael Eidi - May Geadeh	.62.80
3	Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman	.58.19
4	Thomas Reckford - Ted Proxmire	.55.83
5	Judith Perrier - Arthur Olson	.55.29
6	Kathleen LaMarre - David Lindley	.54.73

THU EVE 499ER PAIRS @WBL

Stratum A, 8.0 Tables



1	Carole Smith - Eleanor Young	.62.42
2	Barbara Devaney - Daniel Dudis	.60.97
3	Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi	.59.61
4	Mel Orlans - David Narrow	.57.10
5	David Espo - Andrea Weiswasser	.54.59

Stratum B, 7.0 Tables

1	Carole Smith - Eleanor Young	.62.42
2	Barbara Devaney - Daniel Dudis	.60.97
3	Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi	.59.61

4	Mel Orlans - David Narrow	.57.10
5	David Espo - Andrea Weiswasser	.54.59

Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

1	Carole Smith - Eleanor Young	.62.42
2	Barbara Devaney - Daniel Dudis	.60.97
3	Mel Orlans - David Narrow	.57.10

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Stratum A, 10 Tables

1	John Wertman - Joia Hertz - Amy Elmore - Ellen Haines	.52.00
2	Ellen Simonoff - Anne Alden - Rozelin Prochaska - Joan Rineberg	.51.00
3	Michaela Battles - Tina Doyle - Rekha Arness - Joyce Perl	.48.00
4	Paul Mohler - John Graf - Beverly Smedberg - Edwin Smedberg	.45.00

Stratum B, 9 Tables

1	Ellen Simonoff - Anne Alden - Rozelin Prochaska - Joan Rineberg	.51.00
2	Michaela Battles - Tina Doyle - Rekha Arness - Joyce Perl	.48.00
3	Paul Mohler - John Graf - Beverly Smedberg - Edwin Smedberg	.45.00
4	Patricia Greason - Robert Mukai - James Bexfield - Jason Carter	.44.00

Stratum C, 5 Tables

1	Ellen Simonoff - Anne Alden - Rozelin Prochaska - Joan Rineberg	.51.00
2	Michaela Battles - Tina Doyle - Rekha Arness - Joyce Perl	.48.00

THU EVE 0-20 PAIRS

Stratum A, 10.0 Tables / Based on 9 Tables

1	Chris Siple - Deborah Wood	.69.64
2/3	Mike Barron - Amy Barron	.58.33
2/3	Christopher Lewis - Janet Coleman	.58.33
4	Charles Dunn - Sandra Dunn	.57.74
5	James Bonheimer - Ed Egan	.55.36

Stratum B, 8.5 Tables

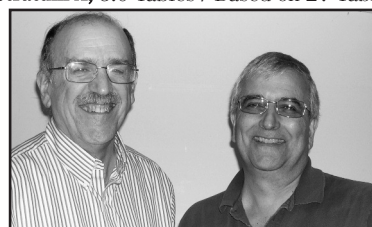
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2/3	Mike Barron - Amy Barron	.58.33
2/3	Christopher Lewis - Janet Coleman	.58.33
4	James Bonheimer - Ed Egan	.55.36
5	Shirley Long - Don Clark	.53.57

Stratum C, 5.5 Tables

1	Chris Siple - Deborah Wood	.69.64
2	Mike Barron - Amy Barron	.58.33
3	Reiko Kanda - Jeffrey Galginaitis	.53.33
4	Lynn Wilson - Sally Via	.51.19

FRI MOR A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 6.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables



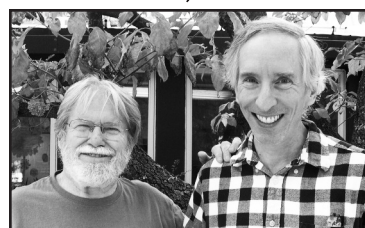
1	Robert Bell - Barry Falgout	.65.42
2	David Ruderman - Arnie Frankel	.61.25
3	Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw	.57.92
4	Fred King - Rebecca Duty	.53.33

Stratum X, 3.0 Tables

1	Jay Weinstein - Hadi Abushakra	.51.25
2/3	Alfred Caponiti - John Lowe III	.50.42
2/3	Clifford Feldman - Amanda Carter	.50.42

FRI MOR B/C PAIRS

Stratum B, 9.0 Tables



1	Thomas Grahame - Ernie Schuler	.71.68
2	Richard Wilson - Robert Gray	.61.61
3	Calvin Konner - Mary Ourand	.59.05
4	David Bort - Steven Fox	.54.59
5	Stephen Weiner - Annapurna Satpathy	.53.83

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

1	Richard Wilson - Robert Gray	.61.61
2	Stephen Weiner - Annapurna Satpathy	.53.83
3	Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan	.49.28
4	Barbara Teng - Bob Lawrence	.49.07

FRI MOR 499ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables

1	David Handwerker - Stanley Rosen	.68.58
2	Susan Dipaula - Jim Dickson	.64.29
3	Dave Marchal - John Jackson	.62.02
4	Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart	.60.38
5	James Deckant - George Fleeson	.58.08
6	Mohammed Moiduddin - Farida Mazhar	.55.74

Stratum B, 10.5 Tables

1	Susan Dipaula - Jim Dickson	.64.29
2	Dave Marchal - John Jackson	.62.02
3	Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart	.60.38
4	James Deckant - George Fleeson	.58.08
5	Mohammed Moiduddin - Farida Mazhar	.55.74
6	Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan	.55.65

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

1	Susan Dipaula - Jim Dickson	.64.29
2	Michaela Battles - Tina Doyle	.49.07
3	Elaine Kahn - Rona Greenberg	.44.94
4	Lois Gutmann - Linda Cohen	.44.43

FRI AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 8.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables



1	Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield	.64.58
2	Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw	.63.99
3	Donna Rogall - Robert Gookin	.58.33
4	Robert Bell - Barry Falgout	.57.44

5/6	Rebecca Duty - Fred King	.53.57
5/6	Steve Robinson - Jim Allen, Jr	.53.57

Stratum X, 3.5 Tables

1	Thomas Peters - Ernie Schuler	.50.60
2	John McCormick - Melanie Manfield	.50.30
3	Robert Ives - Theri Andino	.48.21

FRI AFT B/C PAIRS

Stratum B, 9.0 Tables



1	Linda Meade - Maxine Penn	.61.01
2	Thomas Reckford - Ted Proxmire	.56.85
3	Karen Blatt - Robert Blatt	.56.25
4	Leonid Fastovsky - Ken Marx	.55.95
5/6	Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan	.55.06
5/6	Eileen Inglesby-Hought - Steven Fox	.55.06

Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

1	Linda Meade - Maxine Penn	.61.01
2	Thomas Reckford - Ted Proxmire	.56.85
3	Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan	.55.06
4	Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman	.51.79

FRI AFT 499ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 12.0 Tables



1	Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza	.60.59
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Stratum B, 11.0 Tables

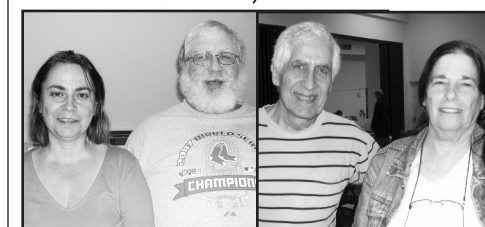
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Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

1	Ellen Simonoff - Anne Alden	.55.52
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STRATIFIED IMP PAIRS/TEAMS (TEAMS)

Stratum A, 16 Tables



1	Sorina Negulescu - Jeffrey Halle - Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman	.61.00
2	William Pettis - Rosemary Shaw - Linda Marshall - James Geist	.38.00

- 3 Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh - Peter Boyd – Carol Crawford36.00
- 4 Clayton Eisinger - Susie Eisinger - Alfred Caponiti - John Lowe III35.00
- 5 Fred King - Rebecca Duty - Brad Theurer - Barry Falgout34.00

Stratum B, 7 Tables

- 1 Dev Chattopadhyay - Azmat Ali - Ila Shah - Vinod Shah3.00
- 2 Lisa Eklund - Jim Dickson - Joel Greengard - Michele Greengard5.00
- 3 Murat Berk - Melanie Manfield - Hakan Berk - David Soukup8.00

Stratum C, 4 Tables

- 1 Dev Chattopadhyay - Azmat Ali - Ila Shah - Vinod Shah3.00

STRATIFIED IMP PAIRS/TEAMS (PAIRS)

Stratum A, 16.0 Tables



- 1 Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield43.23
- 2 Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh32.23
- 3 William Pettis - Rosemary Shaw26.85
- 4 Lynn Jones - William Cole20.92
- 5 Clayton Eisinger - Susie Eisinger20.23
- 6 Fred King - Rebecca Duty19.77

Stratum B, 8.0 Tables

- 1 Clayton Eisinger - Susie Eisinger20.23
- 2 Terry Klein - Charles Dearolf9.46
- 3 Hakan Berk - David Soukup8.62
- 4 Dev Chattopadhyay - Azmat Ali1.38
- 5 Michele Greengard - Joel Greengard3.15

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Michele Greengard - Joel Greengard3.15
- 2 Lisa Eklund - Jim Dickson4.62
- 3 Brian Sutton - Walter Beckerman7.92

FRI EVE 499ER PAIRS, 3.0 Tables



- 1 Leslie Beal Bloom - Nancy Raskin64.29
- 2 Carole Smith - Judy Rovner61.90

SAT MOR B/C PAIRS

Stratum B, 17.0 Tables

- 1 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell59.09

- 2 Donna Hickling - Jeffrey Yutzler58.71
- 3 Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan58.52
- 4 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska58.33
- 5 Carl Gutschick - Anita Gutschick57.95
- 6 Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson56.63

Stratum C, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell59.09
- 2 Donna Hickling - Jeffrey Yutzler58.71
- 3 Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan58.52
- 4 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska58.33
- 5 Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson56.63

SAT MOR 499ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 18.0 Tables



- 1 Betsy Rock - Sharon Kellett64.88
- 2 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis64.29
- 3 Alexander Stille - Barbara Devaney60.71
- 4 Janice Tucker - Diana Roberts59.52
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- 6 John Wertman - Joia Hertz58.04

Stratum B, 16.0 Tables

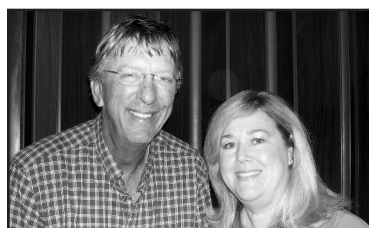
- 1 Betsy Rock - Sharon Kellett64.88
- 2 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis64.29
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- 4 Janice Tucker - Diana Roberts59.52
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Stratum C, 5.5 Tables

- 1 Betsy Rock - Sharon Kellett64.88
- 2 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis64.29
- 3 Alexander Stille - Barbara Devaney60.71
- 4 Elizabeth Jones - James Deckant54.17

SAT MOR 49ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 7.0 Tables / Based on 6 Tables



- 1 F. Fenby Moore - Jennifer Moore64.22
- 2 Michaela Battles - Tina Doyle61.74
- 3 Ruth Hansen - Lawrence Plotkin58.92
- 4 Joel Mulhauser - Selma Sawaya55.22

Stratum B, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Ruth Hansen - Lawrence Plotkin58.92
- 2 Joel Mulhauser - Selma Sawaya55.22

STEVE ROBINSON TROPHY PAIRS

Stratum A, 9.0 Tables / Based on 60 Tables



- 1 Mark Shaw - Martin Graf62.81
- 2 Blake Schwartzbach - Bob Kerchner62.44
- 3 Brad Theurer - Leo LaSota61.80
- 4 Steve Robinson - William Pettis59.56
- 5 Barry Falgout - Fred King55.92
- 6 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal54.84
- 7 Rick Deyerle - Gregory Bright54.41
- 8 Peter Boyd - Barry Goulding54.29
- 9 Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis54.20
- 10 Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh52.47
- 11 James Geist - Todd Zimnoch50.90
- 12 Eugene Kales - Ronald Kral49.37
- 13 Vincent Wilmot Jr - David Genne47.89
- 14 Gene Kuehneman - Adrienne Kuehneman46.88
- 15 John McCormick - Eleanor Schwartz44.32
- 16 Suzanne Abrams - David Grabiner42.00
- 17 Eric Branfman - Andrew Lipps40.44
- 18 Lloyd Rawley - Carole Banks39.10

Stratum X, 4.0 Tables / Based on 10 Tables

- 1 Blake Schwartzbach - Bob Kerchner62.44
- 2 James Geist - Todd Zimnoch50.90
- 3 Vincent Wilmot Jr - David Genne47.89
- 4 Gene Kuehneman - Adrienne Kuehneman46.88
- 5 John McCormick - Eleanor Schwartz44.32
- 6 Suzanne Abrams - David Grabiner42.00

SAT AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 8.5 Tables



- 1 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber64.10
- 2 Michael Berard - Peter Van Zijl61.78
- 3 Jonathan Siegel - Malcolm Stewart59.23
- 4 Jeffrey Halle - Sorina Negulescu58.85
- 5 Kim Smith - Leila Whiting55.56

Stratum B, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Jay Cherlow - Albert Lauber64.10
- 2 Michael Berard - Peter Van Zijl61.78
- 3 Jonathan Siegel - Malcolm Stewart59.23
- 4 Jeffrey Halle - Sorina Negulescu58.85
- 5 Kim Smith - Leila Whiting55.56

SAT AFT B/C PAIRS

Stratum B, 13.0 Tables

- 1 Tobey Roland - Barack Peled61.74
- 2 Prem Garg - Michael Kuehl59.66
- 3 Donald Jacobs - Robert Catlett57.95
- 4 Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson57.77
- 5 Carl Gutschick - Anita Gutschick57.58
- 6 Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods57.01

Stratum C, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Prem Garg - Michael Kuehl59.66
- 2 Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson57.77
- 3 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska55.87
- 4 Marguerite Salah - George Fleeson53.41
- 5 Ken Marx - David Abraham53.22

SAT AFT 499ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis62.20
- 2 Prabhakar Tamboli - Samina Ali60.12
- 3 Fadi Eidi - Vatsala Mehra58.63
- 4 Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza58.04
- 5 Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi55.95

Stratum B, 8.5 Tables

- 1 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis62.20
- 2 Prabhakar Tamboli - Samina Ali60.12
- 3 Fadi Eidi - Vatsala Mehra58.63
- 4 Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza58.04
- 5 Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi55.95

SAT AFT 49ER PAIRS

Stratum A, 4.0 Tables



- 1 F. Fenby Moore - Jennifer Moore68.06
- 2 Marjorie Goode - Fern Lapidus55.56
- 3 Elaine Kahn - Rona Greenberg50.69

Stratum B, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Marjorie Goode - Fern Lapidus55.56
- 2 Elaine Kahn - Rona Greenberg50.69

SUN A/X BAM TEAMS

Stratum A, 10 Tables / Based on 42 Tables



- 1 Robert Bell - William Pettis - Ai-Tai Lo - Fred King28.50

- 2 Steve Robinson - William Cole - Peter Boyd - Michael Gill27.50
- 3 Sven Pride - Vincent Wilmot Jr - David Genne - Robert Gookin26.50
- 4 Clyde Kruskal - Linda Marshall - Donna Rogall - David Ruderman25.50

Stratum X, 3 Tables

- 1 Tracy Brines - Rick Deyerle - Maureen Brines - Gregory Bright23.00

SUN B TEAMS BRACKET 1, 8 Tables



- 1 Murat Berk - Peter Van Zijl - David Grabiner - Art McCann107.00
- 2 Rex Settle - Jay Weinstein - Anne Derbes - Robert Schwab102.00
- 3 Joe Leighton - Suryun Yoo - Yuen DeAnda - Ron Sutter81.00

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2017 UNIT KO WINNERS

Congratulations to the 2017 winners of the WBL Unit Knockout!

Flight A

1 Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis - Kent Goulding - Barry Falgout - Rusty Krauss - Barry Goulding

2 Shawn Stringer - Ellen Cherniavsky - William Pettis - Beth Palmer

3/4 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal - Mark Chen - Hal Hindman

3/4 Fred King - Lyle Poe Jr - Richard Wegman - David Ruderman - Robert Bell - Brad Theurer

Flight B

1 Michael Berard - Murat Berk - Hakan Berk - Peter Van Zijl - Richard Wissing

2 David Espo - Cheri Hayes - Shaye Hester - Jim Rubin - Ferit Yegenoglu

SUN B TEAMS BRACKET 2, 8 Tables



- 1 Ettie Gordon - Thomas Grahame - Michelle Zygielbaum - Michael Kuehl89.00
- 2 Michael Corrigan - Terry Mitchell - Sharon Suttan - Donna Hickling79.00
- 3 Leonid Fastovsky - Ken Marx - Annapurna Satpathy - Dev Chattopadhyay78.00

SUN B TEAMS BRACKET 3

8 Tables

- 1 John Gauss - Lawrence Fox - Barbara Teng - Bob Lawrence91.00
- 2 Neil Cowie - Barbara Devaney - Rochelle Hilton - James Cowie81.00
- 3 Rosemary Shaw - James Heneghan - Tina Doyle - Michael Battles80.00

SUN MOR 499ER SWISS

Stratum A, 8 Tables



- 1 Carole Stringer - Sally Garfinkel - Edith Black - Robbie Lloyd54.00
- 2 Carole Smith - Judy Rovner - Leslie Beal Bloom - Nancy Raskin53.00
- 3 John Wertman - Joia Hertz - Ellen Haines - Amy Elmore46.00

Stratum B, 4 Tables

- 1 Carole Smith - Judy Rovner - Leslie Beal Bloom - Nancy Raskin53.00

SUN AFT 499ER SWISS

Stratum A, 5 Tables

- 1 Charles Stewart - George Rothstein - Andrew Swaim - Katherine Lehman51.00
- 2 John Wertman - Joia Hertz - Ellen Haines - Amy Elmore44.00

Stratum B, 3 Tables

- 1 John Wertman - Joia Hertz - Ellen Haines - Amy Elmore44.00



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Saturday, October 7

10:30 & 3	Gold Rush Pairs	Two-Session Event
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10:30	NLM 49er (0-20/20-50) Pairs	Single Session

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two single sessions)

25% Gold, 75% Red

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THE FORCING NoTRUMP

This column plans to have a series of articles on the **Two-Over-One (2/1) Game Force** system of bidding. One advantage of playing 2/1 (defined as: when partner opens 1-of-a-suit and responder bids 2-of-another-suit without jumping) as game-forcing is that it allows players to relax and engage in more precise bidding in a 2/1 auction, without any fear of partner passing.

However, as a result, the response of 1NT to partner's One-of-a-Major (1M) suit opener becomes a bid that covers a broader range of hands, and is typically treated as forcing for one round. Please note: The Forcing 1NT response only applies when partner opens 1♥ or 1♠, not when partner opens a minor suit.

Learning to use the Forcing NoTrump response when partner opens 1M is an integral part of the 2/1 game force bidding system. Here are the main criteria for using the Forcing 1NT response when partner opens 1M:

You respond 1NT to partner's 1M opener with 6 to 12 points with the following exceptions.

- (1) You should still respond 1♠ to partner's 1♥ opener holding at least four spades.
- (2) You should still raise 1M to 2M directly holding 7-10 support points and at least three-card support. With a hand worth 6 to a bad 7 in support points, respond 1NT and then support partner's major at the lowest level.
- (3) With three-card support and 11-12 support points respond 1NT and then jump in partner's major. With four-card support and 11-12 support points, raise directly to 3M. Here, using the Forcing NT allows you to distin-

guish between a limit raise with 3-card vs. 4-card support.

♠Axx ♥Kxx ♦Axxx ♣xxx or ♠Axx ♥Kx ♦Kxxx ♣xxxx are examples of three-card limit raise hands where you respond 1NT to 1♠, planning on jumping to 3♠ over opener's two-of-a-minor response.

Never respond 1NT with a game-forcing hand!

♠Axx ♥Qxx ♦xxxx ♣xxx or ♠Axx ♥Qxx ♦Jxx ♣xxxx are examples of hands where you respond 1NT to 1♠, planning on bidding 2♠ over opener's two-of-a-minor response.

So, as you can see, the Forcing No Trump response includes all of the hands on which you would have responded 1NT if using Standard American, but it expands the range of hands on which this bid is used. Remember: you will no longer bid a new suit at the two level with 10, 11, or 12 points.

♠Ax ♥Kx ♦QJxxx ♣Jxxx and ♠x ♥xx ♦KQxxx ♣Jxxxx are examples of hands where you respond 1NT to partner's 1M opener. Note that 1NT does not show a balanced hand.

Now, let's look at Opener's rebid choices when partner has responded 1 NT.

First of all: Don't pass! (Note: If you opened in third or fourth seat light, there are limited exceptions to this rule). You must find a rebid.

In general, if you are 5-4 or 5-5 or have a six-card or longer major then bid exactly as you would have over a non-forcing 1NT. If you have six or more cards in your major, rebid your major, at the appropriate level based on the strength of your hand. If you have a second suit, bid it jump-shifting if your hand is worth 17+ points. Make the same bid you would have made over a non-forcing

1NT response.

Holding ♠AKxxx ♥xx ♦AKxx ♣xx, open 1♠ and rebid 2♦ just like you would over a non-forcing 1NT. Holding ♠x ♥AKxxxx ♦xxx ♣AQx, open 1♥ and rebid 2♥ just like you would over a non-forcing 1NT.

However, suppose that you hold the common 5-3-3-2 distribution hand where you would have passed 1NT? Then, rebid two-of-your-lowest three-card minor suit.

Open 1♠ and rebid 2♦ holding ♠AKxxx ♥xxx ♦Axx ♣Qx. Open 1♠ and rebid 2♣ holding ♠AKxxx ♥xxx ♦Ax ♣Qxx. The problem hand is when you hold ♠AJxx ♥AKxxx ♦xx ♣xx. You

have to open 1♥ and rebid 2♣ over partner's forcing 1NT.

Remember, as Opener, keep in mind after partner's 1 NT response that he has disclosed a hand that could have limited or invitational values. In addition, while partner definitely does not have four-card trump support, partner could still have an invitational hand with three-card support for your major. From your point of view, game in either a suit or notrump is not out of the question, particularly if your opening bid was solid. Also remember: partner could still have five or more hearts when you open 1♠, again, with either limited or invitational values.

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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

1) Matchpoints You're Vul

♠543♥1093♦3♣AKQJ96

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
?????	2♦	2♥	2♠ (NF)

2) IMPs You're Vul

♠AKQ3♥AJ62♦3♣Q1074

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
?????		Pass	1♣

3) IMPs You're Vul

♠AQ2♥KQ7652♦3♣KJ4

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
?????			

4) IMPs You're Vul

♠K43♥A10987♦Q32♣K4

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♥	2♣	Dbl	Pass
?????			

5) Matchpoints They're Vul

♠KQ9753♥AJ74♦Q10♣K

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
?????			

Return answers by October 30 to:

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NEED A PARTNER FOR THE THURSDAY UNIT GAME?

Contact **Barbara Doran**, barb.doran@verizon.net, (301-608-0347 between 9 am and 10 pm) to find a partner. See more details on page15.

Good luck! We look forward to seeing you on Thursday evenings.