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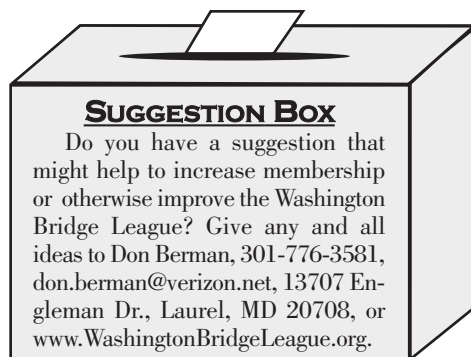
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by *WBL President, Ellen Cherniavsky*

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As President, I would like to inform you of major transitions that have taken place since my last newsletter.

**Rose Berman**, our Treasurer for many years, has resigned her post. We thank Rose for her dedicated service, and appreciate all that she has done on behalf of the Washington Bridge League. This has been a difficult and time-consuming job, and Rose has devoted many hours and much effort to making sure it was done right.

**Herb Schulken** is taking over for Rose. We appreciate his willingness to take on this responsibility and stand ready to help him as best we can.

**Julie Marquette** has resigned as NLM Tournament Chair. While she loved running the tournaments, and brought won-

derful enthusiasm to the project, she has other commitments that must take priority. **Murat Berk** has agreed to step in. I hope you will join me in helping support him.

**Rebecca Allen** has assumed the post of Hospitality Chair in place of **Mike Zane**. You may have met her at our last Sectional, where she made her debut: Rebecca has a great deal of experience in managing hospitality, quickly learned what needed to be done and suggested initiatives that improved the way we operate.

Thanks to all who have served in the past, and to those who have volunteered to take their places. And to those who have been sitting on the sidelines: We urge you to think of ways you might give back to the game.

## BITS AND PIECES

### **WBL HOLIDAY PARTY: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 BEFORE THE UNIT GAME**

*Come join the festivities!  
Latkes and Desserts at 6:30 pm*

*The Unit Game will follow at 7:30 pm as usual  
Stratified STaC Pairs — Silver Points!*

—Ohr Kodesh Congregation: 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase, MD 20815—

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## WBL BULLETIN & WBL E-NEWS

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The WBL Bulletin has ceased free mail distribution. The bulletin will continue to be available free online through our website: [washingtonbridgeleague.org](http://washingtonbridgeleague.org). You can be notified when the new issue is available online if we have your email address—see below.

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The bulletin comes out six times a year. ☛ To subscribe, give or mail a check to “Washington Bridge League” via **WBL Treasurer, Herb Schulken**, at: 12900 Daniel Rd., Chevy Chase, MD 20815-3147. Please include your full name and address (and player number if you are a WBL member).

◆ 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.

☛ Send your email, name and player number to **WBL e-List Administrator, Alex Gretzinger**, at: [agretzinger@gmail.com](mailto:agretzinger@gmail.com)

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## WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Ms Sarah M Gorman, Larry K Lewis, Marha L Longo-Swiek, Karen B Possner, Virendra Srivastava, Dr Lawrence K Barker, Richard Benassi, Simon A Carr, Mrs Barbara C Flynn, Cora M Ingram, Bernie Klein, Eloise C Poretz, and Andy Wan.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Irene M Brandt, Mrs Ruth M Greenstein, Mr Geoff Lewis, Gwen Pemberton, Mr Alan M Sontag, Mr Dorsey M Whitehead, Walt H Wolf, Mr Avinash Bhagwat, Mrs Elinor Borenstine, Mr Robert J Connor, Mrs**

### 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 Mark
Saturday*	11:00 AM	St Mark

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

**www.rockvilledbc.com**

**Need a Partner?** Call Mark Lavine: 301-503-3348

#### Locations:

St James Episcopal Church 11815 Seven Locks Road Potomac, MD	St. Mark Presbyterian Church 10701 Old Georgetown Rd. N. Bethesda, 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.

**Nancy A Erwin, Mrs Harriet Horowitz, and Joanne West.**

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](http://www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org).

### COME JOIN THE 2018 WBL UNIT KNOCKOUT!

The deadline for entering the **2018 Washington Bridge League Unit KO** is **JANUARY 18.**

There will be three flights of play: Flight A, Flight B, plus a Flight C for Non-Life Master players with fewer than 500 masterpoints. The masterpoint cutoff for Flight B and Flight C will be determined by the coordinator after reviewing the entries and the masterpoints of the teams entered. *A 0-100 flight may be instituted if entries warrant.*

For Flight C, the seeding will be random draw. For Flights A and B, the GNT qualifier on **January 11** will be used as a factor in seeding; however, you don't have to play in the GNT qualifier in order to play in the Unit KOs. If you have six members of your KO team, they can play on six different GNT teams on January 11. They will have six different seed numbers.

The cost is only \$30/team for the whole event. The winning team in each flight of the 2016 Unit KO will be awarded a cash award equal to their entry fee.

Contact **Steve Robinson** to find partners, for more information, or to sign up a 4-6 player team:

Email: [robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com)

phone: 703-379-4371

snail mail: 2891 S. Abingdon St #A2,  
Arlington, VA 22206

Contact **Chuck Dearolf** to find partners in Flight B or C at [dearolfc@mail.nih.gov](mailto:dearolfc@mail.nih.gov) or 518-596-2979.

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**56<sup>th</sup> Annual**

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1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD **(Friday-Sunday only)**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4**

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (1000/500/300) Pairs ... 11:15am  
**Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club**, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) **NO ENTRY TILL 11AM**  
*St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville*
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D (2500/1500/750) Pairs (*both sites*), Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) (*Ohr Kodesh*), Stratified 199er Pairs (200/100/50) (*KOCH*), & 0-20 Pairs (*both sites*)  
**Beth El Hebrew Congregation**, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria 7:00pm  
**Ohr Kodesh Congregation**, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase 7:30pm  
No outside food allowed. I-495 to Connecticut Ave. S. 4<sup>th</sup> light left E-W Hwy 410. Left Meadowbrook Ln. 1<sup>st</sup> left Freyman Dr. Parking lot on left.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5**

- ♣ \*StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D Pairs (2500/1500/750) (single sessions) ... 11:00am, 3:00pm
- ♦ **Relaxed & Fun Stratified IMP Pairs/Teams** (unlim/2500/750) ..... 7:30pm  
—**2 Chances to Win!**— This innovative 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



**New Life Master  
Party—between sessions**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

—Lunch available for purchase—

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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  
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*Separate I/N events & strata as advertised as attendance allows. (Director's discretion.)*

**Hospitality** includes snacks, drinks, & **Friday lunch & evening desserts.** Sat. & Sun. lunch available for purchase. **Tournament Chair: Brad Theurer**, 301-527-8819, [batheurer256@gmail.com](mailto:batheurer256@gmail.com); **Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, [jimbarb1184@aol.com](mailto:jimbarb1184@aol.com); **Partnerships: Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, [barb.doran@verizon.net](mailto:barb.doran@verizon.net). **Online Partnership Desk** available.

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**2018...**  
**Cheers to a  
New Year &  
a New Deal!**



\* WBL OCTOBER SECTIONAL—FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS \*

# 56<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL TOURNAMENT

Friday, Jan. 5, 2018 - 7:30 pm  
1000 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring, MD



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**IMP Pairs/Teams**  
—in the OPEN game only—

The Friday evening open event – IMP Pairs/Teams – continues to be popular!  
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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**

—January 5, 2018, 7:30 pm—

**2 play for the price of 1**

in a fun PAIR game just for intermediate and novice players

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# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson  
robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to **Barry Ko** and **Larry Kahn** who tied for first with a score of 490. They win a free play to the WBL Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for third were **Mark Chen**, **Lyle Poe** and **Adrienne Kuehneman** with a score of 470. Tied for sixth were **Walt Beckerman**, **Joe Trapani**, **James Heneghan** and **Mark Rosen** with a score of 460. Tied for tenth were **Wes Goldberg**, **Candy Clanton**, **William Adams**, **Mike Haubenstock** and **Mark McEneaney** with a score of 450. The average score of the 92 solvers was 405. The average score of the experts was 457.

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](mailto:robinswr@erols.com). You can also see and answer the problems at the WBL website. 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 fig-

ure 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 You're Vul

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SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST	
?????	2♦	2♥	2♠ (NF)	
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers	
3♣	100	4	19	
4♣	90	3	5	
3♦	80	2	21	
4♦	80	2	6	
4♥	70	1	30	
3♠	70	0	2	
3♥	30	0	9	

*This could be a partscore hand if the overcaller has ♠xxx♥AQJxx♦KQxx♣xx since you have five top losers. This could be a slam hand if overcaller has ♠x♥AKQxxx♦Axx♣xxx. Both of these scenarios are possible. There are plenty of hands where game is on, for instance ♠xx♥AKQJxx♦xx♣xxx. Since the opponents are non-vulnerable, I expect further bidding from them.*

*Six experts force to game. Two experts make a bid which has an obvious meaning. They jump to 4♦ which shows heart support, short diamonds and game-forcing values. If partner has long diamonds, good hearts and short spades, he'll make a positive bid. However, splinters show four-card support. Overcaller might mis-evaluate his possible AQ765 of hearts.*

**Parker:** "4♦—Lots of options, 3♥, 4♥, 3♣, 4♣. If partner has only ♥AKQxxx and ♠A we make a slam. I will make the most forward-going bid."

**Hopkins:** "4♦—I would like to be able to make a fit-showing jump, but that's not what anybody is playing. This will at least get in my support, Diamond shortness, and game-going values. I might miss a slam when partner has something like ♠Ax♥AKQxxx♦Jxx♣xx and doesn't make a try."

*If I held ♠Ax♥AKQxxx♦Jxx♣xx and partner splintered in diamonds, I would bid Blackwood.*

*One expert jumps to game in partner's suit. Partner is unlikely to move over 4♥ and will not know about your solid club suit. She will not be able to help if the opponents bid 4♠ or 5♦.*

**Shi:** "4♥—Not really thinking slam here."

*Three experts make a bid which could have two possible meanings. I admit that I would not know which. While 4♣ could be fit-showing, some play unusual jumps in this situation as a splinter. Since 3♣ is forcing, 4♣ must show heart support but is it shortness or length?*

**Sontag:** "4♣—Fit showing. Not ideal as I would like to have four hearts."

*Usually fit-showing jumps show four-card support and five of the bid suit. You could have more cards in either suit. Players who play fit-showing jumps often abuse the convention as in this hand where they only have three-card support. Assuming partner takes 4♣ as fit-showing, he might go wrong later thinking that you have four-card heart support and he might lead a heart from the KJ instead of a club from nothing against a diamond contract.*

**Korbel:** "4♣—This should be read as a fit jump, which will put us in a better position if the opponents compete to 4♠ or 5♦. If they don't, it doesn't matter much what I bid."

**Woolsey:** "4♣—I assume this is fit-showing — it should be. I may need partner's input vs. 4♠."

*Fit-showing! Where are your four hearts?*

*Two experts cue bid. If partner makes a return cue bid of 3♠, slam is likely.*

**Theurer:** "3♦—Especially at matchpoints, this hand belongs in hearts, and slam is not impossible. E/W are at favorable and one or both opponents could be bidding on air. I will cue bid cheaply and see if partner can cue bid a spade control. The interesting part could come later if the opponents

compete in diamonds or spades. 4♣ would be possible if it was fit-showing but many play it would be a splinter, or that if fit-showing the suits would be less skewed than my hand is here."

**Feldman:** "3♦—My cue bid shows limit raise or better values. With diamond and spade stoppers partner may bid 3NT. With only spade stoppers, he could clarify his stoppers situation by bidding 3♠ and we will play in 4♥. If he rebids 3♥ I will pass since we could easily have four losers."

*Three experts join me and bid their six-card solid suit. 3♣ is forcing. We bid what is in front of us.*

*If we end up defending against a high-level diamond contract, we will get a club lead.*

**Adams:** "3♣—I can live with 4♦-splinter, but if we end up defending diamonds, I will want to have bid my clubs."

**Schwartz:** "3♣—A likely high level decision is coming and I need to get clubs into the picture to help us make it. 3♣ is unlikely to be passed out."

**King:** "3♣—This is clearly forcing and shows where I live, although it violates the support with support dictum."

*Fit showing jumps show four-card support for partner's suit and at least five in the bid suit.*

## 2) IMPs You're Vul

♠AKQ3♥AJ62♦3♣Q1074				
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST	
?????		Pass	1♣	
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers	
Dbl	100	6	43	
1NT	90	5	22	
Pass	80	1	13	
1♠	70	0	8	
2♣	70	0	5	
2NT	20	0	1	

*Double, 1NT and pass got votes from experts. I'm surprised that 1♠ didn't get any expert votes. There are problems with each call. If you double, what are you going to do if partner responds 1♦? If you overcall 1NT, there are two problems. One is that partner might put you in 3♦. The other problem is that you might find partner with a six-count and a four-card*

major and you'll play 1NT instead of your 4-4 major-suit fit. If you pass, you won't have a bid if responder responds one-of-either major.

Five experts overcall 1NT. They will miss their major-suit fit if partner has a four-card major and fewer than eight HCP.

**Parker:** "1NT—Partner can bid Stayman and we will find any 4-4 major fit. I have no good bid if I double and partner bids diamonds."

**Korbel:** "1NT—I don't want to get shut out of the auction. This will get us to either major suit game if we have the values."

What if partner has ♠xxx ♥Kxxx ♦xxxx ♣Kx? You'll play in 1NT, possibly down, when you have play for 4♥.

**Adams:** "1NT—Vulnerability wrong to trap. Not my style to double with side singleton."

**Schwartz:** "1NT—No good options as I am a king light for double followed by notrump and bidding a major risks missing game in the other. At least I am near a minimum for the HCP for 1NT."

**King:** "1NT—This lies by one diamond. Double lies by two, although partner will strain to bid a four-card major if he has one."

Five experts join me and double. If partner responds 1♦, you have three possible continuations 1♥, 1♠ or 1NT, none of which are that bad. Good partners respond a major.

**Sontag:** "Double—Like this much more than 1NT which I abhor."

**Woolsey:** "Double—Partner is allowed to have a major. If he bids diamonds, I can rebid notrump."

**Theurer:** "Double—Tough problem; 1NT would communicate HCP and club stopper, but we could easily belong in a 4-4 major suit fit which could be missed if partner isn't strong enough to invite over 1NT. So I will do the modern thing and make an off-shape takeout double, hoping partner doesn't specifically bid 1♦. If he jumps to 2♦ I can bid 3NT."

**Feldman:** "Double—If partner bids a major, I will raise to show my values. If partner bids 1♦, I will be comfortable correcting to 1NT. If he bids 2♦, I will bid 3NT."

**Hopkins:** "Double—If we have a major-suit fit, I am golden as my hand has increased in value. We may even get to a making game that anyone who overcalls 1NT might not when responder just doesn't have quite enough to act. If partner bids 1♦, I will equal-level-conversion with a 1♥-bid for which I should have at least one more Heart and hope to scramble from there,"

One expert passes. Only if responder responds 1♦ will she be able to get back in the auction. If it goes 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT, double is a takeout double of hearts.

**Shi:** "Pass—Pass and double back in later will often show this hand type. I'm too strong to distort my hand with a one-of-a-major overcall and not strong enough to double then rebid notrump."

When you're 4-4 in the majors, a takeout double is more likely to get you to the right strain.

### 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
????			

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2♣	100	6	19
3♥	90	3	42
2♥	90	3	25
4♥	40	0	3
2♠	20	0	2
3♠	20	0	1

If you rebid your heart suit, you are committed to play in hearts. That would work out reasonable if partner has at least two hearts. But what if partner has fewer than two hearts? This suit will not play well opposite one heart and will play very poorly opposite a void.

Three experts make a conservative 2♥ call.

**Parker:** "2♥—Not worth 3♥ or 2NT with such poor heart spots. I will go low and hope for a plus score."

**Hopkins:** "2♥—A lot will depend upon partner's fit with my suit so this is the best way to let him know my primary feature. I'm sure partner knows to raise to 3♥ with a doubleton and some useful looking cards, especially as we are red."

**King:** "2♥—Occasionally it's good to have some extras. I won't jump with such a suit and 2♣ is too much an operation for me."

Three experts jump to 3♥. When there is a choice, I like my 3♥-jumps to play reasonable opposite shortness. I would need at least the ♥10 extra to jump in hearts.

**Woolsey:** "3♥—Hearts is our most likely game, and I'm too strong to bid just 2♥."

**Shi:** "3♥—This seems like a textbook 3♥ bid to me. My trumps are not weak enough for me to bid 2♣."

**Feldman:** "3♥—I wish I had the ♥J as well, but with a five-loser hand in hearts, I will bid 3♥. 2NT is an overbid given my diamond shortness and 2♥ is a clear underbid especially at IMPs."

Five experts join me and rebid 2♣. If partner passes 2♣, he will have at most one heart. Playing in hearts, you'd have at least two heart losers and could easily have more. If partner has two hearts, he'll take a preference to 2♥. You could then raise hearts showing 14-17 HCP and six bad hearts. You will be then playing in an eight-card fit.

**Schwartz:** "2♣—Gives us most flexibility if partner bids again. If he doesn't might be the right spot.

If partner passes 2♣, he'd most likely be 3=1=4=5 and we'd be playing our 5-3 club fit instead of our 6-1 heart fit.

**Sontag:** "2♣—Most flexible choice."

**Korbel:** "2♣—The "classic" answer to this dilemma. I will raise 2♥ to 3♥. "

**Theurer:** "2♣—Three reasonable choices are 2♥ which is somewhat conservative and could miss a vulnerable game. 3♥ is okay but would like slightly better hand or heart texture. Middle-of-the-road 2♣ which is less limited than 2♥. I will choose the latter since over 2♦ I can bid 2♥, and over other calls such as 2♥ or 2NT or even 2♠ which is a strong club raise I can bid 3♥ to show constructive hand with a sixth heart not quite right for an immediate 3♥ call."

**Adams:** "2♣—In between 2♥ and 3♥."

If you have a weak six-card major, consider bidding a minor instead your major.

### 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
????			

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
2♦	100	7	22
2NT	80	3	37
2♠	80	2	18
2♥	60	0	14
3♥	20	0	1

Partner has made a negative double which shows at least four spades. He could have anywhere from six to twenty-six HCP. If he has five or more spades, he should have fewer than 11 points. If you had four spades or four diamonds, your response would be easy. However, you're 3-3 in the two suits that partner is asking you to bid and have a minimum opener. Since you have a choice between two three-card suits, your opening five-card suit and 2NT, make the bid which does not encourage partner.

Three experts have a club stopper and bid 2NT. 2NT should show a sound opener unless you have no other choice. If responder has eleven points, he might bid 3NT. 3NT will be difficult with twelve opposite eleven without a running suit.

**Parker:** "2NT—I guess everyone will say what's the problem? Do you want me to bid a three-card spade suit?"

**Theurer:** "2NT—Many choices, all of them flawed in some way - I don't like bidding a three-card suit unless other options are worse, so I will show my minimum balanced hand with club stopper for now and see what if anything happens next."

**Hopkins:** "2NT—A balanced minimum. If partner is very unbalanced, he can bid a six-card suit or cue bid 3♣ to make me pick with 5-5. My biggest fear is partner has a reasonably balanced 9 - 10 count and we go down two vulnerable but at least we were in the highest scoring contract and our teammates could cover us by going plus."

Two experts bid 2♠. 2♠ could get partner encouraged.

Sontag bids 2♠. Partner will assume that you



have four spades and could overbid looking for the vulnerable game.

**Adams:** “2♠—Assume we are playing Flannery, and that free bids are forcing. I know we have seven spades, can't be sure we have seven diamonds or hearts.”

*Your partner is the Captain, so bid your hand correctly and let him decide where you're going.*

*Six experts join me and make a bid which will not encourage partner. This will allow partner to take us back to 2♥ if he does not have diamonds. It will also slow him down which is what you want.*

**Korbel:** “2♦—I am choosing this between the two logical suits because at least this way partner can preference back to hearts whenever he wants to.”

**Woolsey:** “2♦—I'm not rebidding this heart suit. A 2♠-rebid may cause partner to bid too much believing I have four spades.”

**Shi:** “2♦—The closest thing to my hand and my cheapest option. Partner can go back to 2♥ with a doubleton if necessary.”

**Schwartz:** “2♦—Partner should be aware that three cards are high in frequency for this bid as 2NT shows extras. Need better hearts for 2♥ as partner has at most two.”

**Feldman:** “2♦—IMHO this is the most flexible bid. I have a minimum hand. This way partner can pass and we will not be in trouble, or he can correct to 2♥ which is fine by me. If partner bids 2♠ I will pass since he couldn't bid 2♠ to begin with. If partner bids 3♣ I will bid 3NT to show my one club stopper.”

**King:** “2♦—It's a toss-up between this and 2♥.”

*Two reasons to bid 2♦. When faced with a choice of bidding three-card suits, choose the minor. When faced with three poor choices, choose the cheapest.*

## 5) Matchpoints They're Vul

♠KQ9753♥AJ74♦Q10♣K

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
?????			

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2NT	100	2	1
3♥	90	9	43
4♠	80	1	15
3♠	70	0	9
Pass	70	0	20
3♦	50	0	3
5♥	20	0	1

*Partner's direct unpassed-hand-2♠-raise in Washington Standard says that he would accept at least one game try. If he held a very weak hand such as ♠Jxx♥Qxx♦Jxxx♣Qxx, he would bid 1NT-forcing first. A direct raise to 2♠ shows at least a good seven points, therefore we're in the game-try range. If you make a game try, what do you want partner to have which will make game percentage? Remember partner will accept at least one game try. If he holds ♠xxx♥xxx♦KJxx♣Axx, he would accept a 3♦ game try but would not be a good dummy in 4♠. If he holds ♠xxx♥xxx♦Qxx♣AQxx, he would accept a 3♣ game try but would not be a good dummy in 4♠. If he holds ♠Axx♥KQx♦xxx♣xxxx, he would accept a 3♥ game try and would be a great dummy in 4♠. You want to make a game try but you don't want to give the opponents help with their lead. I like 2NT as a random game try. You don't want to stop the opponents from leading a heart. Over 2NT, partner will jump to 4♠ if he would accept all game tries and no help will be given to the opponents on their opening lead. If he has ♠AJx♥10xx♦Jxxx♣QJx he'll sign off in 3♠ and again no help will be given to the opponents on their opening lead. If he has lots of his honors in one suit, he'll bid that suit. You will then sign off if he bids three-of-either-minor and will jump to game if he bids 3♥.*

*Every expert thought that the hand was too strong to pass. Nine experts bid 3♥ as a game try. This could stop a heart lead which could be very helpful. If partner has 10xx of hearts, a heart lead will set up two heart tricks for you. If LHO has KQ98 of hearts, the 3♥-bid will tell him to lead a trump instead of a heart which would not be good for the offense.*

**Parker:** “3♥—Again what's the problem. All partner needs is an ace and ♥K for a good play for game.”

Is game good if partner holds ♠xxx♥Kxx♦xxxx♣Axx? It's certainly better with a heart lead.

**Sontag:** “3♥—Tough problem. If you make a natural 3♥-game try, responder may get overboard anytime he has four hearts but I bid it anyway. I wish I had the ♥10.”

*Sontag expects partner to raise any time he has four hearts. If you're making help suit game tries, wouldn't you bid 3♥ holding ♠KQ9753♥Kxx♦AQJ♣x?*

**Korbel:** “3♥—Just a little too much to pass, even at matchpoints. This one is close in my opinion.”

**Woolsey:** “3♥—Game is still in the picture. The singleton king of clubs is more valuable than it appears, since it is a card partner doesn't hold, so any king he does have will be working.”

**Theurer:** “3♥—If this were IMPs I'd probably just make a "game try" of 4♠... bid game and try to make it. But at matchpoints going plus is good, so making a natural/help suit game try is enough.”

**Adams:** “3♥—Where I need help.”

**King:** “3♥—This helps the opponents defend, but might get us to 4♠ when we belong there.”

**Feldman:** “3♥—With a six-loser hand I will show my distribution. Partner could easily have four hearts in this sequence. After 3♥ he should know what to do.”

*3♥ does not promise four hearts. Wouldn't you bid 3♥ if your side suits were ♥Jxx♦AKQ♣x and you were going to make a help-suit game try?*

**Hopkins:** “3♥—I think the risk of going down at the three-level is far less than getting +170 when much of the field is +420. Partner's perfect hand is ♠J10xx♥Kx♦Kxx♣10xxxxx and variations thereof.”

*Partner's perfect hand is ♠AJx♥KQx♦xxx♣10xxx. If you make a random game try, partner will jump to game with your perfect hand.*

*One expert makes a no-help-to-the-opponents game try. Bid game and try to make it.*

**Shi:** “4♠—It might go down, but I have no reasonable way to find out from partner if game will be good. It might be hard for the opponents to defend.”

*One expert joins me and makes a random game try. Random game tries can get you what you need without helping the enemy.*

**Schwartz:** “2NT—Random game try. Not enough to blast and don't want to give hand shape away with 3♥.”

*Help-suit game tries are random as to what you have in the suit and what you need. Instead after 1Major – 2Major, start using the next step as a random game try.*

## SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	3♣	1NT	2♣	2♠	3♥	460
Daniel Feldman	3♦	Dbl	3♥	2♦	3♥	460
Robbie Hopkins	4♦	Dbl	2♥	2NT	3♥	440
Fred King	3♣	1NT	2♥	2♦	3♥	470
Daniel Korbel	4♣	1NT	2♣	2♦	3♥	470
Steve Parker	4♦	1NT	2♥	2NT	3♥	430
Steve Robinson	3♣	Dbl	2♣	2♦	2NT	500
Alan Schwartz	3♣	1NT	2♣	2♦	2NT	490
Sylvia Shi	4♥	Pass	3♥	2♦	4♠	420
Alan Sontag	4♣	Dbl	2♣	2♠	3♥	460
Brad Theurer	3♦	Dbl	2♣	2NT	3♥	450
Kit Woolsey	4♣	Dbl	3♥	2♦	3♥	470



## 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 10/31 not including the round robin. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

### Lovenberg

1 Donna Rogall .....	222.92
2 Clyde Kruskal .....	222.68
3 Mark Shaw .....	190.48
4 Brad Theurer .....	186.20
5 Barry Falgout .....	178.80
6 Steve Robinson .....	162.31
7 Martin Graf .....	153.04
8 William Pettis .....	143.42
9 Leo LaSota .....	131.02
10 David Ruderman .....	128.29
11 James Geist .....	123.16
12 Robert Bell .....	121.86
13 William Cole .....	110.79
14 Vincent Wilmot Jr .....	109.89
15 Lloyd Rawley .....	108.48
16 Linda Marshall .....	98.55
17 Fred King .....	97.05
18 Richard Wegman .....	82.48
19 Steven Schatzow .....	80.88
20 Peter Boyd .....	79.43
21 David Genne .....	79.10
22 Lou Reich .....	77.57
23 Alan Tenenbaum .....	69.07
24 Peter Van Zijl .....	64.84
25 Shawn Stringer .....	57.36
26 Merrill Hirsh .....	54.96
27 Murat Berk .....	53.36
28 Andrew Gofreed .....	52.63
29 Ellen Cherniavsky .....	51.33
30 Joan Lewis .....	50.57
31 Arnie Frankel .....	48.62
32 Jason Meyer .....	46.41
33 Myron Goldstein .....	46.29
34 Julian Boyce .....	45.48
35 Chen Zhao .....	42.43
Melanie Manfield .....	42.23

### Izzy Cohen

1 Peter Van Zijl .....	64.84
2 Murat Berk .....	53.36
3 Myron Goldstein .....	46.29
4 Melanie Manfield .....	42.23
5 Brian Sutton .....	41.93
6 Michael Kuehl .....	37.31
7 Paul Block .....	37.12
8 Barbara Teng .....	34.43
9 Hakan Berk .....	34.05
10 Carole Banks .....	33.61
11 David Espo .....	33.55
12 Kiyomi Shiba .....	32.84
13 Michael Berard .....	31.72
14 Ernie Schuler .....	31.42
15 Robert Rovner .....	29.86
16 Barbara Devaney .....	29.75
17 Michelle Zygielbaum .....	29.74
18 Charles Dearolf .....	29.64
19 Terry Klein .....	27.59
20 Barry Tash .....	26.99

### Tubbs

1 Myron Goldstein .....	46.29
2 Brian Sutton .....	41.93
3 Barbara Teng .....	34.43
4 David Espo .....	33.55
5 Barbara Devaney .....	29.75
6 Barry Tash .....	26.99
7 Cate Frezza .....	26.32
8 Bob Lawrence .....	26.15
9 Kim Gandy .....	26.07
10 Alexander Stille .....	25.27

### Woolridge

1 Debra Graham .....	15.26
2 Leslie Beal Bloom .....	11.19
3 Nancy Raskin .....	10.59
4 Dana Best .....	9.34
5 Beverly Stearns .....	5.35
6 Eula Thomas .....	5.34
7 Fern Lapidus .....	5.32
8 Patsy Chick .....	5.28
9 Kathy Kopnisky .....	4.95
10 Marjorie Goode .....	4.93

## 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](mailto: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.

12/14/2017 ..... **Holiday Party**—Latkes & Desserts at 6:30  
Stratified STaC Pairs — *Silver Points!*

12/21/2017 ..... StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
12/28/2017 ..... StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
01/04/2018 ..... WBL Sectional  
01/11/2018 ..... StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
01/18/2018 ..... StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
01/25/2018 ..... District 6 STaC  
02/01/2018 ..... StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
02/08/2018 ..... StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
02/15/2018 ..... NVBA Sectional  
02/22/2018 ..... StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
03/01/2018 ..... StrataFlighted Unit Championship

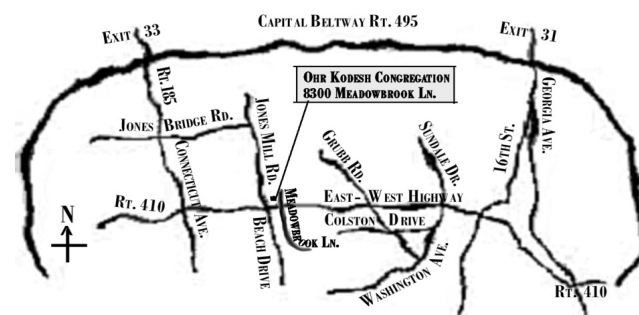
*Check website for any schedule changes. Bold dates held at other locations: \*TBD; \*\*Kensington Town Hall/Armory.*

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:imthabault@aol.com) or 202-362-6141.

## THE UNIT GAME

Please contact **Chris Miller**, Club Manager and Chief Director, at [unitgame\\_director@districtsix.org](mailto: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.

### THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE IS ON FACEBOOK!

<https://www.facebook.com/washingtonbridgeleague>

### UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♣ 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
- ♠ October 25-28, 2018, NVBA, Fairfax, VA

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://washingtonbridgeleague.org)  
Contact Clyde Kruskal at [cpkfam@gmail.com](mailto: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.

♣ **Fairfax, VA** ♦ **FEBRUARY 15-18, 2018** ♥

## NVBA WINTER SECTIONAL

The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188  
8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA ♦ 703-560-2213

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS ..... 10:30 a.m.  
*Norma's Game: K of C Hall (KOCH), 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA, 703-892-1292*  
*Evening games at: NVBA: Note special NVBA Thursday night site: Elks Lodge and*  
*WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase, MD* NVBA (Elks) WBL  
*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture* ..... 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.  
STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=4000+/4000; B/C=2500/1500/750) . 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.  
NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50); WBL 499ER PAIRS (500/300/100) ..... 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.  
NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-20) ..... 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

*Gene's Friday Morning Game at KOCH:* ..... 9:30 a.m.  
STRATIFIED OPEN (2000+/2000/750) or 500/300/100 PAIRS (NLMs only)  
**...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...**  
*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture* ..... 1:15 p.m.  
STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) or B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 2 p.m.  
I/N (500/300/100) or 99ER (100/50/20) ..... 2 p.m.  
TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board . 7:30 p.m.  
I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS ..... 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**\*\*ALL events on Sat. morning & afternoon award REGIONALLY RATED SILVER POINTS—an additional \$1 will be added to your entry fee to support Grass Roots events in our local area!\*\***  
TROPHY EVENT: MARGOT & DON HENNINGS TROPHY PAIRS  
(2 SESSIONS—Qualifying and Barometer Final) . . 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.  
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750; Single session) 10:30 a.m.  
*If too few pairs for separate game, pairs will be accommodated in Poissant Pairs*  
I/N (500/300/100) or 49ER (50/20) PAIRS ..... 10:30 a.m.  
STRATIFIED OPEN CONSOLATION (2000+/2000/750) ..... 3 p.m.  
—Open to Non-Qualifiers and New Entrants.  
*Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture* ..... 2:15 p.m.  
I/N (500/300/100) PAIRS ..... 3 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

FLIGHTS A/X (6000+/6000) BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS 10:30 a.m. & TBA  
BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >3000) 10:30 a.m. & TBA  
*B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.*  
*A/X B&M & B Teams: 2-session events, a brief break & food available on-site.*  
I/N (500/300/100) SWISS TEAMS ..... 10:30 a.m. / 2:30 p.m.  
49ER (50/20) SWISS TEAMS ..... 10:30 a.m.

**SINGLE SESSION EVENTS** are indicated by a slash (/) separating the start times.

**STRATIFICATION** of events is based on average masterpoints of the team or pair. In any event or flight with an upper limit, no individual's total Masterpoint holding may exceed that upper limit. Games under 500 MP limit will be stratified based on attendance and may vary.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West—one mile outside the Beltway, & turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road; the Elks Lodge will be on your left—parking on the side & in the rear. From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50: Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue & turn right where you see the Elks Lodge #2188 sign.

*Plenty of free parking! On-site snack bar plus lots of free treats! Many great restaurants nearby!*

*Championship Events and 499er Events for Novice and Intermediate Players on Thursday and Friday!*  
*Players with 0-5 Masterpoints play FREE in ALL games!*

#### Tournament Chair

*Margot Hennings,*  
703-560-0245

#### Partnership Chair

*Jay Simon*  
[nvbapartnerships@gmail.com](mailto:nvbapartnerships@gmail.com)  
571-789-8338 (C)

*Mid-Chart Conventions permitted in all A/X Events*

**Next NVBA Sectional**  
**Apr 26-29 at Arlington/**  
**Fairfax Elks Lodge**  
**(Thurs at KOCH)**

[www.nvba.org](http://www.nvba.org)

## WBL MEMBER TALES & TRIUMPHS

In our last issue, we congratulated WBL member Elaine Conway for her American Bridge Association National Women's Pairs win at the ABA Summer Nationals. We'd also like to congratulate her partner (and also WBL member) **Clara Berryhill**.

Clara directs the Monday and Thursday morning games at Guy Mason.

—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 January/February 2017 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 four of eight sectionals. The asterisk\* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

### Open Leaders

Player	Points
1 Barry Falgout	129.23
2 Brad Theurer	109.91
3 Mark Shaw	96.56
4 Fred King	86.24
5 Clyde Kruskal	82.52
6 Leo LaSota	77.59
7 James Geist	77.50
8 Helene Bauman	75.61
8 Martin Graf	69.61
10 Jim Wakefield	63.19
11 Donna Rogall	62.60
12 William Pettis	61.56
13 Mark Chen	60.44
14 Peter Boyd	55.05
15 Kenneth Davis	48.58
16 William Cole	47.85
17 Charles Yaple	47.78
18 Jay Kelkar	47.78
19 Rusty Krauss	47.43
20 Vonnice Lavender	46.58

## ADVERTISE?

Advertisements are welcome in the *WBL Bulletin* which is published every other month. Paid subscriptions are printed and mailed. The *WBL Bulletin* is posted online with an email message sent to notify members of its posting. Single issues are also available for \$1 at the unit game for a limited time. The current rates are:

\$90 for a full page ad	\$35 for a quarter page ad
\$50 for a half page ad	\$20 for an eighth page ad

The sixth appearance of an ad in one calendar year runs free.

## NonLM Leaders

Player	Points
1 Barry Ko	33.32
2 Chen Zhao	26.82
3 James Heneghan	25.68
4 Brian Sutton	23.03
5 Jim Dickson	22.27
6 Michael Corrigan	20.66
7 Lisa Eklund	16.43
8 Charles Stewart	15.66
9 Amy Brisson	14.79
10 Barbara Teng	14.71
11 Linda Meade	13.99
12 Craig Pritzker	13.78
13 David Lindley	13.49
14 Francesca Mazarella	12.81
15 Mark Valavanis	12.41
16 Barbara Devaney	12.04
17 John Wertman	12.03
18 Janice Scavongelli	11.95
19 Gary Scavongelli	11.95
20 Jess Feinman	11.54

## LAST CHANCE TO USE YOUR UNIT GAME FREE PLAYS

—Expiration date: December 31, 2017—

The Board regrets the necessity for eliminating free plays for section tops, 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 was effective as of September 1. Moreover, existing free plays for section tops will no longer be valid in 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rose.berman@verizon.net).



## COME JOIN THE 2018 WBL ROUND ROBIN!

**SIGN UP BY MARCH 22**

We're starting earlier this year! It's time to start forming your round robin team. Round Robin Coordinator, Steve Robinson, will gladly help you to form or join a team of four to six players to play in the A/X flights. Chuck Dearolf will do likewise for the B/C/D and NLM flights. League play runs through the summer to determine qualifiers for the knockout portion of the event. This fun event can be played in a relaxed home setting or at a club. Sign up with Steve Robinson at [robinswr@erols.com](mailto:robinswr@erols.com) or 703-379-4371, with Chuck Dearolf at [dearolfc@mail.nih.gov](mailto:dearolfc@mail.nih.gov) or 617-412-9151 or use the entry form to sign up by mail or in person. The final deadline is March 22 but it would be appreciated if teams register by March 15 as it will facilitate administration of the event. **First place in each flight will win their entry fee back!**

We invite NVBA, MBA and other unit's players to participate! Leagues normally consist of 5-7 teams with a playoff after completion of round robin play. Matches should be scheduled to complete round robin play by September 1. To the extent feasible, leagues will be designed to minimize travel for all participants.

### 2018 WBL ROUND ROBIN ENTRY FORM

Enclose check (*made out to the WBL*) for \$50 for Flight A/X, \$40 for Flights B/C/D or the NLM Flight which will all be stratified or bracketed depending on the number of entries and number of teams that fall into different brackets. Players looking for teammates in Flight A/X should contact Steve Robinson who will help you form a team. Those looking for teammates in the B/C/D or NLM Flight should contact Chuck Dearolf at [dearolfc@mail.nih.gov](mailto:dearolfc@mail.nih.gov) or 617-412-9151.

All Flights: Return entry and entry fee by March 22 to  
**Steve Robinson**, 2891 Abingdon St. #A2, Arlington, Virginia 22206-1329

☐ Open (A/X) Flight ☐ Flight B/C/D ☐ NLM Flight

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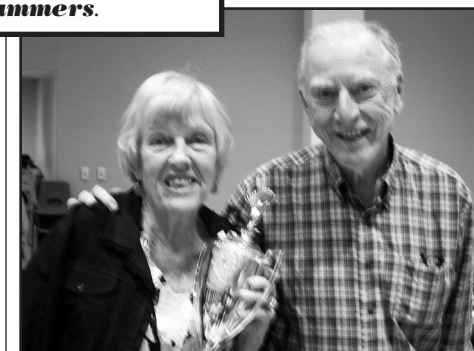
## 87TH ANNUAL D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 19-22, 2017

### 2017 MACHLIN TROPHY WINNER



During the tournament, Barbara Doran (on the right) presented the 2017 Machlin Sportsmanship Award to **Barbara Summers**.



Pictured here with her partner, William Colligan, **Barbara Summers**, this year's Machlin Sportsman Award winner, is as sunny as her name implies. Always smiling, she is a pleasure to have at the table as a partner or opponent. Always pleasant, always ethical, Barbara is a shining example of the meaning of sportsmanship.

### TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

#### All Players

1	50.75	Clyde Kruskal
2	33.27	Leo LaSota
3	29.39	Donna Rogall
4	22.73	Alan Schwartz
5	22.24	Mark Shaw
6	22.00	James Heneghan
7	21.81	Brad Theurer
8	21.47	Lou Reich
9/10	19.96	Jay Kelkar
11	19.96	Charles Yaple

#### Players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints

1	22.00	James Heneghan
2	19.68	Barry Ko
3	13.75	Chen Zhao
4	13.58	Mark Rosen
5	12.86	Yuen DeAnda
6	11.82	John McCormick
7	11.74	Ron Sutter
8	10.83	Robert Asher
9	10.69	Jim Dickson
10/	10.31	Will Colmer
11	10.31	Adam Gann

#### Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	22.00	James Heneghan
2	13.75	Chen Zhao
3	10.69	Jim Dickson
4	8.86	Michael Corrigan
5	7.57	Lisa Eklund
6	7.46	Barbara Teng
7	7.45	Charles Stewart
8	6.82	Amy Brisson
9-11	6.47	Mark Valavanis
	6.47	Barry Lieberman
	6.47	Mary Baxter

### —Results—

#### THU MOR OPEN PAIRS

##### Stratum A, 16.5 Tables / Based on 36 Tables

1	William Pettis - Barbara Ames	.65.19
2	Robert Hopkins Jr - Brad Theurer	.64.64
3	Steven Fox - Barry Ko	.59.00
4	Marshall Kramer - James Adams	.58.78
5	Margie Coccodrilli - Donald Goldman	.58.55
6	Steven Schatzow - Kenneth Davis	.58.20
7	Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal	.57.46
8	Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter	.54.79
9	Julian Boyce - Dale Sanders	.54.67

##### Stratum X, 10.0 Tables

1	Steven Fox - Barry Ko	.59.00
2	Marshall Kramer - James Adams	.58.78
3	Margie Coccodrilli - Donald Goldman	.58.55
4	Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter	.54.79
5	Harold Minus, Sr - Elaine Conway	.53.12
6	Aaron Navarro - Gerald Lerner	.52.04

**THU MOR 0-1000 PAIRS****Stratum B, 19.0 Tables**

- 1 Sarath Silva - Charles Stewart ..... .63.10
- 2 Mary Ourand - Thomas Din ..... .61.31
- 3 Terry Coates - John Horner ..... .60.42
- 4 Samina Ali - Varsha Laheri ..... .60.12
- 5 Jerold Cohen - Peter Iannicelli ..... .58.33
- 6/7 Helen Paver - Sandra Jacobs ..... .58.04
- 6/7 Diana Roberts - Janice Tucker ..... .58.04

**Stratum C, 14.5 Tables**

- 1 Sarath Silva - Charles Stewart ..... .63.10
- 2 Terry Coates - John Horner ..... .60.42
- 3 Samina Ali - Varsha Laheri ..... .60.12
- 4 Jerold Cohen - Peter Iannicelli ..... .58.33
- 5 Diana Roberts - Janice Tucker ..... .58.04
- 6 Donna Genderson - Leslie Lavalleye ..... .56.55

**Stratum D, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Samina Ali - Varsha Laheri ..... .60.12
- 2 Jerold Cohen - Peter Iannicelli ..... .58.33
- 3 Donna Genderson - Leslie Lavalleye ..... .56.55
- 4 Kathy Kopnisky - Susan Baker ..... .55.95
- 5 Michel Audige - Dolores Svec ..... .52.08

**THU EVE A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 27.5 Tables / Based on 83 Tables**

- 1 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal ..... .65.53
- 2 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher ..... .60.69
- 3 David Rodney - Avril Rodney ..... .58.90
- 4 Robert Gookin - Vonnice Lavender ..... .58.60
- 5 Richard Wegman - Barry Falgout ..... .58.17
- 6 David Ruderman - Lyle Poe Jr ..... .58.06

- 7 Jerry Miller - Margie Coccodrilli ..... .57.14
- 8 Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh ..... .55.88
- 9 David Milton - Stan Schenker ..... .55.45
- 10 Edward Rothenheber - Julian Boyce ..... .55.22
- 11 Ronald Kral - Bob Boyd ..... .55.19
- 12 Michael Richey - Ronald Zucker ..... .55.11
- 13 Donald Berman - Barbara Doran ..... .55.05
- 14 Linda Marshall - Steven Schatzow ..... .54.38

**Stratum X, 14.0 Tables**

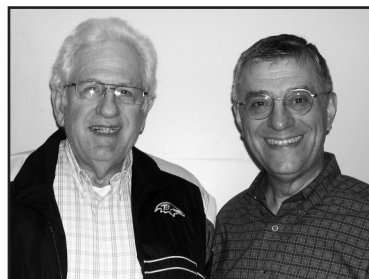
- 1 Mark Rosen - Eugene Fisher ..... .60.69
- 2 Jerry Miller - Margie Coccodrilli ..... .57.14
- 3 Michael Richey - Ronald Zucker ..... .55.11
- 4 Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic ..... .53.58
- 5 Patrick Herbst - David Goldfrank ..... .52.84
- 6 Bruce Roberts - Lloyd Rawley ..... .51.38

**THU EVE B/C PAIRS****Stratum B, 24.0 Tables / Based on 11 Tables**

- 1 Mark Jones - Jay Simon ..... .64.97
- 2 Charles Dearolf - Kathleen Zellmer ..... .63.44
- 3 Judy Retchin - Michael Cooperman ..... .63.14
- 4 Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball ..... .60.60
- 5 James Connor - Debbie Moore ..... .59.91
- 6 Annapurna Satpathy - Ernie Schuler ..... .57.14

**Stratum C, 17.0 Tables / Based on 7 Tables**

- 1 Mark Jones - Jay Simon ..... .64.97
- 2 Judy Retchin - Michael Cooperman ..... .63.14
- 3 Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball ..... .60.60
- 4 James Connor - Debbie Moore ..... .59.91
- 5 Richard Long - Benjamin Sharp ..... .56.50

**THU EVE 499ER PAIRS****Stratum A, 13.0 Tables**

- 1 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis ..... .64.39
- 2 Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann ..... .59.85
- 3 David Handwerker - Michael Shapiro ..... .59.66
- 4 Marjorie Kulash - Damian Kulash ..... .58.90
- 5 David Matusow - Phillip Shapiro ..... .57.95
- 6 Robert Johnston - Darlyn Counihan ..... .57.77

**Stratum B, 12.0 Tables**

- 1 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis ..... .64.39
- 2 Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann ..... .59.85
- 3 Marjorie Kulash - Damian Kulash ..... .58.90
- 4 David Matusow - Phillip Shapiro ..... .57.95
- 5 Robert Johnston - Darlyn Counihan ..... .57.77
- 6 Mary Mitchelson - Kate Beardsley ..... .55.87

**Stratum C, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis ..... .64.39
- 2 David Matusow - Phillip Shapiro ..... .57.95
- 3 Robert Johnston - Darlyn Counihan ..... .57.77
- 4 Mary Mitchelson - Kate Beardsley ..... .55.87
- 5 Debra Graham - Jane Yasukawa ..... .55.49

**THU EVE 199ER @ NVBA****Stratum A, 10.5 Tables**

- 1 Ellen Haines - Amy Elmore ..... .63.39
- 2 James Bexfield - Robert Mukai ..... .61.11
- 3 Pamela Yood - Jon Guyton ..... .59.96
- 4 Ellen Simonoff - Faith Klein ..... .57.44
- 5 Warren McLaine - Shirley Long ..... .54.77
- 6 Joan Rineberg - Rozelin Prochaska ..... .54.47

**Stratum B, 7.5 Tables**

- 1 James Bexfield - Robert Mukai ..... .61.11
- 2 Ellen Simonoff - Faith Klein ..... .57.44
- 3 Warren McLaine - Shirley Long ..... .54.77
- 4 Joan Rineberg - Rozelin Prochaska ..... .54.47
- 5 Joyce Wainwright - Duncan Wainwright ..... .52.96

**Stratum C, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Ellen Simonoff - Faith Klein ..... .57.44
- 2 Warren McLaine - Shirley Long ..... .54.77
- 3 Georgia Booker - Sylvester Booker ..... .52.21
- 4 James Dohlbeig - Michael Olmstead ..... .51.21

**THU EVE 0-20 PAIRS****Stratum A, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Sharon Pope - Judith Miller ..... .70.83
- 2 John Stewart - JoAnn Stewart ..... .65.00
- 3 Joan Riggs - Sharon Zeigler ..... .63.33
- 4 Jeffrey Galginaitis - M Joan Alpert ..... .61.67
- 5 Babette Smith - Willa Pickering ..... .59.17

**Stratum B, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Sharon Pope - Judith Miller ..... .70.83
- 2 John Stewart - JoAnn Stewart ..... .65.00
- 3 Jeffrey Galginaitis - M Joan Alpert ..... .61.67
- 4 Babette Smith - Willa Pickering ..... .59.17

**Stratum C, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Sharon Pope - Judith Miller ..... .70.83

- 2 Jeffrey Galginaitis - M Joan Alpert ..... .61.67
- 3 Jing Tian - Elizabeth Vincent ..... .53.33

**FRI MOR A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 7.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables**

- 1 Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw ..... .61.67
- 2 John McCormick - Margie Coccodrilli ..... .58.75
- 3 Margot Hennings - Barry Goulding ..... .58.33
- 4 Fred King - Rebecca Duty ..... .57.08
- 5 Anne Derbes - Robert Schwab ..... .55.00

**Stratum X, 3.0 Tables**

- 1 John McCormick - Margie Coccodrilli ..... .58.75
- 2 Anne Derbes - Robert Schwab ..... .55.00

**FRI MOR B/C PAIRS****Stratum B, 10.0 Tables**

- 1 Barbara Teng - Richard McMillan Jr ..... .66.92
- 2 Richard Barth - Brian Mc Namara ..... .62.20
- 3 Annapurna Satpathy - Leonid Fastovsky ..... .60.24
- 4 Thomas Reckford - Ted Proxmire ..... .58.59
- 5 Sam Pal - Dev Chattopadhyay ..... .58.04
- 6 Margaret Whilden - Isabelle Thabault ..... .56.51

**Stratum C, 7.5 Tables**

- 1 Barbara Teng - Richard McMillan Jr ..... .66.92
- 2 Richard Barth - Brian Mc Namara ..... .62.20
- 3 Thomas Reckford - Ted Proxmire ..... .58.59
- 4 Margaret Whilden - Isabelle Thabault ..... .56.51
- 5 Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter ..... .53.61

**FRI MOR 499ER PAIRS****Stratum A, 12.0 Tables**

- 1 Pamela Yood - Ellen Simonoff ..... .62.20



2	Susan Dipaula - Jim Dickson	.60.33
3	William Davis - H Wesley Ashendorf	.59.01
4	Ersie Farley - Sue Erdman	.57.36
5	Andrea Weiswasser - David Espo	.57.14
6	Noreen Hickey-Schiappa - Jennifer Krueger	.56.55

#### Stratum B, 10.5 Tables

1	Pamela Yood - Ellen Simonoff	.62.20
2	Susan Dipaula - Jim Dickson	.60.33
3	William Davis - H Wesley Ashendorf	.59.01
4	Ersie Farley - Sue Erdman	.57.36
5	Andrea Weiswasser - David Espo	.57.14
6	Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart	.55.65

#### Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

1	Pamela Yood - Ellen Simonoff	.62.20
2	Sheila Blum - Edythe Sklar	.55.06
3	Stephen Black - Dorothy Seyler	.53.64

#### FRI AFT A/X PAIRS

##### Stratum A, 8.0 Tables / Based on 28 Tables

1	Tracy Brines - Bob Boyd	.64.88
2	Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw	.62.50
3	Brad Theurer - William Cole	.59.52
4	Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzenberg	.56.85
5	James Geist - Ernie Schuler	.54.46

#### Stratum X, 2.5 Tables

1	Jim Gaarder - Jimmy Ritzenberg	.56.85
2	James Geist - Ernie Schuler	.54.46

#### FRI AFT B/C PAIRS

##### Stratum B, 8.0 Tables



1	Richard McMillan Jr - Barbara Teng	.57.14
2	Eugene Massey - Charles King	.56.85
3	Edward Rothenheber - Brian Sutton	.56.55
4	Donna Hankey-Woods - Douglas Woods	.55.95
5	Thomas Reckford - Ted Proxmire	.55.36

#### Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

1	Richard McMillan Jr - Barbara Teng	.57.14
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2	Thomas Reckford - Ted Proxmire	.55.36
3	Brian Mc Namara - Richard Barth	.54.76
4	Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell	.51.19

#### FRI AFT 499ER PAIRS

##### Stratum A, 12.0 Tables



1	Atish Sanyal - Arvind Bhand	.66.45
2	Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi	.62.12
3	Prabhakar Tamboli - Samina Ali	.62.08
4	Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart	.61.99
5	Robert O Connor - William Lowry	.59.44
6	Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza	.56.85

#### Stratum B, 11.0 Tables

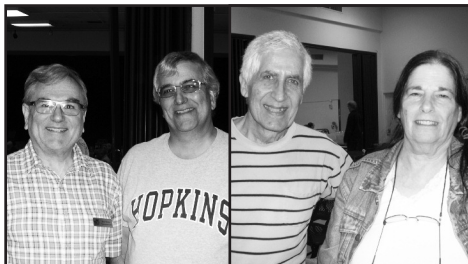
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2	Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi	.62.12
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4	Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart	.61.99
5	Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza	.56.85
6	Ellen Haines - Joan Axilbund	.55.91

#### Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

1	Atish Sanyal - Arvind Bhand	.66.45
2	Kim Schiffrin - Nancy Feldman	.55.00
3	John Graf - Paul Mohler	.50.91
4	Kathy Kopnisky - J Michael Crye	.47.32

#### FRI EVE IMP PAIRS/TEAM(T)

##### Stratum A, 12 Tables



1	Brad Theurer - Barry Falgout - Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman	.73.00
2	Lynn Jones - William Cole - Ellen Cherniavsky -	

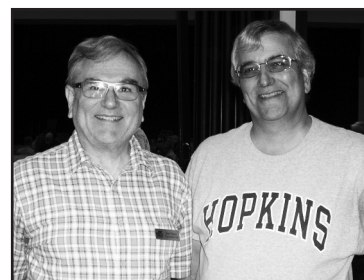
	Shawn Stringer	.58.00
3/4	William Pettis - Rosemary Shaw - Linda Marshall - Mary Tenenbaum	.48.00
3/4	Clyde Kruskal - Lloyd Rawley - Donna Rogall - Mark Chen	.48.00

#### Stratum B, 3 Tables

1	Steven Fox - Marc Stone - Calvin Konner - Thomas Din	.16.67
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#### FRI EVE IMP PAIRS/TEAM(P)

##### Stratum A, 12.0 Tables



1	Brad Theurer - Barry Falgout	.59.03
2	Lynn Jones - William Cole	.37.65
3	William Pettis - Rosemary Shaw	.35.11
4	Helene Bauman - Jim Wakefield	.30.63
5	Mark Chen - Donna Rogall	.29.07
6	Mary Tenenbaum - Linda Marshall	.23.89

#### Stratum B, 4.5 Tables

1	Brian Sutton - Edward Rothenheber	.13.86
2	Thomas Din - Calvin Konner	.2.50
3	Steven Fox - Marc Stone	.14.13
4	Jay Simon - John Mattioli	.22.50

#### FRI EVE 499ER PAIRS

##### Stratum A, 5.0 Tables



1	Karen Sandler - Alexander Gretsinger	.72.50
2/3	Stephen Rumble - Darlyn Counihan	.53.50
2/3	Susan Dipaula - Jim Dickson	.53.50
4	John Wertman - Joia Hertz	.53.00

#### Stratum B, 2.5 Tables

1	Susan Dipaula - Jim Dickson	.53.50
2	Douglas Wilhite - George Hawkins	.49.50

#### SAT MOR A/X PAIRS

##### Stratum A, 17.5 Tables / Based on 62 Tables



1	Lou Reich - Alan Schwartz	.66.80
2	Jay Kelkar - Charles Yaple	.63.35
3	James Heneghan - Clyde Kruskal	.63.15
4/5	Helene Bauman - Mickie Kivel	.59.64
4/5	Hal Hindman - Robert Asher	.59.64
6	Mary Peters - Thomas Peters	.57.94
7	Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd	.55.97
8	Leo LaSota - Alan Tenenbaum	.55.73
9	Brad Theurer - Mark Chen	.54.69

#### Stratum X, 7.0 Tables

1	Hal Hindman - Robert Asher	.59.64
2	Mary Peters - Thomas Peters	.57.94
3	Michael Richey - Lloyd Rawley	.53.41
4	Jonathan Siegel - Malcolm Stewart	.52.41
5	Rosemary Shaw - Jane Shaw	.52.13

#### SAT MOR B/C PAIRS

##### Stratum B, 16.0 Tables



1	Yuen DeAnda - Ron Sutter	.62.50
2	Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan	.59.66
3	Amy Brisson - Joyce Currie	.59.09
4/5	Barry Lieberman - Mary Baxter	.58.33
4/5	Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson	.58.33
6	Andrea Weiswasser - Leon Masiewicki	.57.39



**Stratum C, 9.5 Tables**

- 1 Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan .....59.66
- 2/3 Barry Lieberman - Mary Baxter .....58.33
- 2/3 Patrice Gordon - Arthur Olson .....58.33
- 4 Andrea Weiswasser - Leon Masiewicki ....57.39
- 5 Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter .....52.27
- 6 Patrick Frye - Jennifer Krueger .....51.52

**SAT MOR 499ER PAIRS****Stratum A, 17.0 Tables**

- 1 Lisa Eklund - Jim Dickson .....63.10
- 2 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis .....62.80
- 3 Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart .....61.61
- 4 Pat Kibler - Donald Smith .....61.01
- 5 John Wertman - Joia Hertz .....60.71
- 6 George Rothstein - Mark Brenner .....59.52

**Stratum B, 13.5 Tables**

- 1 Lisa Eklund - Jim Dickson .....63.10
- 2 Jess Feinman - Mark Valavanis .....62.80
- 3 John Wertman - Joia Hertz .....60.71
- 4 George Rothstein - Mark Brenner .....59.52
- 5 Daniel Ward - Isabelle de Zamaroczy ....53.57
- 6 Stephen Rumble - Darlyn Counihan .....52.98

**Stratum C, 3.0 Tables**

- 1 Daniel Ward - Isabelle de Zamaroczy ....53.57
- 2 Eleanor Young - Gilda Rotman .....50.30

**SAT MOR 499ER PAIRS****Stratum A, 10.5 Tables**

- 1 Marjorie Goode - Georgia Booker .....66.67

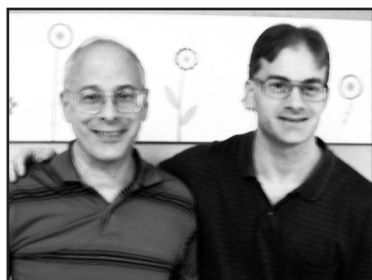
- 2 Julie Anderson - Giselle Bleecker .....65.55
- 3 James Grant - Ann Grant .....65.47
- 4 Dan Heily - Yvonne Shang .....64.94
- 5 Debra Graham - Jane Yasukawa .....58.88
- 6 Linda O'Malley - Brendan O'Malley .....57.60

**Stratum B, 6.0 Tables**

- 1 Linda O'Malley - Brendan O'Malley .....57.60
- 2 Carolyn Bloom - Sue Ellen Hersh .....52.96
- 3 Joann Robertson - Robinette Lynch .....52.85
- 4 Pat Esslinger - Charles Kauffman .....51.98

**Stratum C, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Joann Robertson - Robinette Lynch .....52.85
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**SAT AFT A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 14.0 Tables / Based on 37 Tables**

- 1 Alan Tenenbaum - Leo LaSota .....62.82
- 2 Clyde Kruskal - James Heneghan .....61.22
- 3 Tracy Brines - Gregory Bright .....58.97
- 4 Rammohan Sarangan - James Geist .....58.65
- 5 Charles Yapple - Jay Kelkar .....56.73
- 6 Rick Deyerle - Rebecca Duty .....54.97
- 7 Suzanne Abrams - David Grabiner .....54.65

**Stratum X, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Suzanne Abrams - David Grabiner .....54.65
- 2 Hal Hindman - Robert Asher .....49.04
- 3 Hadi Abushakra - John Christensen .....48.40
- 4 Witold Palosz - Jeffrey Halle .....48.24

**SAT AFT B/C PAIRS****Stratum B, 10.5 Tables**

- 1 Hal Jones Jr - Calvin Konner .....68.18
- 2 John Arnett Sr - Patti Anschutz .....64.19
- 3 Andres Doernberg - Abigail Nichols .....59.28
- 4 Andrea Weiswasser - Leon Masiewicki ....56.13
- 5 Julie Marquette - Mary Ourand .....54.50
- 6 Larry Wallace - Ernie Schuler .....53.88

**Stratum C, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Andrea Weiswasser - Leon Masiewicki ....56.13

- 2 Julie Marquette - Mary Ourand .....54.50
- 3 Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter .....53.35
- 4 Donna Hickling - Michael Corrigan .....52.73

**SAT AFT I/N PAIRS****Stratum A, 12.5 Tables**

- 1 Lisa Eklund - Jim Dickson .....72.16
- 2 George Rothstein - Mark Brenner .....61.97
- 3 Joan Axilbund - Ellen Haines .....60.36
- 4 David Handwerker - Michael Shapiro .....59.92
- 5 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart .....57.80
- 6 William Lowry - Robert O Connor .....56.80

**Stratum B, 10.5 Tables**

- 1 Lisa Eklund - Jim Dickson .....72.16
- 2 George Rothstein - Mark Brenner .....61.97
- 3 Joan Axilbund - Ellen Haines .....60.36
- 4 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart .....57.80
- 5 Mark Valavanis - David Siegel .....52.28
- 6 Stephen Rumble - Darlyn Counihan .....52.25

**Stratum C, 3.0 Tables**

- 1 Debra Graham - Jane Yasukawa .....50.25
- 2 Stefan Lopatkiewicz - Susan Trebach ....47.58

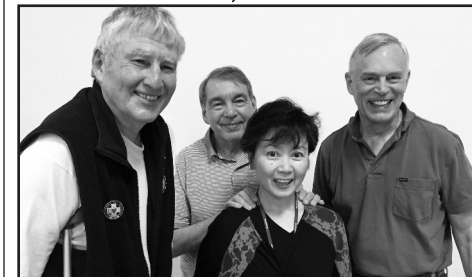
**SUN EYNON TROPHY AX SWISS****Stratum A, 16 Tables / Based on 40 Tables**

- 1 Hailong Ao - Weizhong Bao - Barry Ko - Chen Zhao .....94.00
- 2 Adam Gann - Will Colmer - Zachary Madden - Robert Maier .....77.00
- 3/4 Hank Meyer - Donald Berman - James Geist - Rammohan Sarangan .....69.00
- 3/4 Martin Graf - Mark Shaw - Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall .....69.00
- 5 Barry Falgout - Lyle Poe Jr - Robert Hopkins Jr - Joan Lewis .....68.00

**Stratum X, 10 Tables**

- 1 Hailong Ao - Weizhong Bao - Barry Ko - Chen Zhao .....94.00
- 2 Adam Gann - Will Colmer - Zachary Madden - Robert Maier .....77.00
- 3 Hank Meyer - Donald Berman - James Geist -

- Rammohan Sarangan .....69.00
- 4/5 Margot Hennings - Ronald Spieker - Jay Cherlow - Hadi Abushakra .....67.00
- 4/5 Ellie Dorsey - Ellen Cherniavsky - Robin Taylor - Christopher Kaufman .....67.00

**SUN FLT B BRACKETED****SW-1, 6 Tables**

- 1 James Augustine - Ron Sutter - Yuen DeAnda - Thomas Jennings .....64.00
- 2 John McCormick - Ralph Bayrer - Margie Cocco-drilli - Daniel Koch .....60.00

**SUN FLT B BRACKETED****SW-2, 6 Tables**

- 1 Thomas Grahame - Brian Sutton - Mike Ladd - Betty Ladd .....83.00
- 2 Michael Corrigan - Terry Mitchell - Sharon Suttan - Donna Hickling .....55.00

**SUN FLT B BRACKETED****SW-3, 8 Tables**

- 1 Patrice Gordon - Thomas Stanley - Mary Baxter - Barry Lieberman .....95.00
- 2 Amy Brisson - M David Jackson - Eleanor Schwartz - Francesca Mazarella .....94.00
- 3 Robert O Connor - William Lowry - Kim Gandy - Cate Frezza .....82.00

**SUN MOR 0-300 SWISS, 4 Tables**

- 1 Faye Bildman - Debra Malet - Dolores Svec - Susan Baker .....47.00



# NLM Master Pointers

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So far, in putting together a basic set of conventions, we've discussed Drury, 2/1 Game Force, and the Forcing NoTrump. Next, we'll continue our look at what you should respond when partner opens One-of-a-Major (1M) and add two very common and useful conventions.

## JACOBY TWO NO-TRUMP FORCING RAISE AND SPLINTER BIDS OVER OPENINGS OF ONE-OF-A-MAJOR (1M)

What do you bid when partner opens 1M, and you have four-card trump support and a game-forcing hand?

There are two choices: Jacoby Two No-Trump artificial forcing raise, or a splinter bid. The latter is only used when you have shortness (a singleton or void).

### 1. Jacoby Two No-Trump

When you use the Jacoby Two No-Trump, you are in a sense becoming captain of the partnership for the moment. As well as communicating that you have a game-forcing hand with four-card trump support, you are asking partner to describe his hand further.

Opener's rebids are as follows:

A bid at the three-level shows shortness, a singleton or void, in the suit bid. Show your singleton even if it's an honor.

♠AKxxx ♥QJxx ♦Kxx ♣x

♠AKxxx ♥KQJx ♦AQx ♣x

These are examples of opener opening 1♠ and rebidding 3♣ over 2NT.

A bid at the four-level shows a second five-card suit, with two of the top three honors.

♠AKxxx ♥AQxxx ♦x ♣xx

♠AKxxx ♥AKQxx ♦xx ♣A

These are examples of opener opening 1♠ and jumping to 4♥ over 2NT.

A bid of 3NT shows a good 13 through 15 points – a constructive minimum.

♠AKxxx ♥AQ109 ♦xx ♣xx

♠AKxxx ♥AKx ♦xxx ♣xx

These are examples of opener opening 1♠ and bidding 3NT over 2NT.

A rebid of Three-of-Opener's-Major (3M) shows 16+ points, with no singleton or void.

♠AKxxx ♥AJ109 ♦Ax ♣xx

♠AKxxx ♥AKx ♦Kxx ♣Jx

These are examples of opener opening 1♠ and bidding 3♠ over 2NT.

A jump rebid of Four-of-Opener's-Major (4M) shows a bare minimum, e.g. a hand where opener would not have bid on to game if partner had made a limit raise.

♠AKxxx ♥AJx ♦xxx ♣xx

♠AKxxx ♥Axx ♦xxx ♣xx

These are examples of opener opening 1♠ and jumping to 4♠ over 2NT.

*Remember:* After Opener's rebid, it's important to figure out whether or not slam may still be an option. The reason for collecting more information from opener is to decide if slam is a possibility. If Opener shows shortness, his strength is still unlimited.

### 2. Splinter Bids

A splinter bid in response to partner's opening 1M is a double-jump shift which shows a singleton or void, along with four-card trump support. Specifically, it works as follows:

Opposite a 1♠ opening bid, 4♣ shows club shortness, 4♦ shows diamond shortness and 4♥ shows heart shortness.

♠Axxx ♥AJxx ♦Kxxx ♣x

♠Axxx ♥AKxx ♦KJxx ♣x

These are examples of jumping to 4♣ over a 1♠ opening bid.

Opposite a 1♥ opening bid, 3♠ shows spade shortness, 4♣ shows club shortness and 4♦ shows

diamond shortness.

♠x ♥AJxx ♦Kxxx ♣Axxx

♠x ♥AKxx ♦KJxx ♣Axxx

These are examples of jumping to 3♠ over a 1♥ opening bid.

You can make a splinter bid with a singleton even if the singleton in the suit is an Ace or a King.

Following a splinter bid, opener evaluates how to proceed. Of course, overall hand strength will be important in that evaluation. In addition, opener has the opportunity to judge his suit holdings opposite partner's short suit.

For example, a holding of either an Ace opposite partner's shortness, or length (four cards) opposite shortness, are good holdings. Other than the Ace, it is usually advantageous for high cards

(such as a holding of KQx) to be opposite length, not shortness.

♠AKxxx ♥xxxx ♦AQxx ♣x

♠AKxxx ♥Axxx ♦KQxx ♣x

These are examples of good hands after a 1♠ – 4♥ (short hearts, spade support and a game-forcing hand). Ask for aces and maybe kings.

On the other hand, usually shortness opposite shortness is not good. Neither is a holding that includes a Queen opposite shortness.

♠AKxxx ♥xxxx ♦KQxx ♣x

♠AKxxx ♥QJx ♦xx ♣QJx

These are examples of bad hands after a 1♠ – 4♣ (short clubs, spade support and a game-forcing hand). You'd signoff in 4♠.

## STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

*As of November 1, 2017*

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## WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

## 1) IMPs They're Vul

♠Q97643♥KQ4♦965♣A

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

## 2) IMPs Both Vul

♠K3♥A4♦Q8742♣J743

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
			1NT
Pass	2♦*	3♣	Pass
?????	*Transfer		

## 3) Matchpoints Both Vul

You're dealer

♠3♥A98♦AQ96♣K10952

Partner will respond 1♠ no matter what you open.

- a) Do you open 1♣ and rebid 1NT?
- b) Do you open 1♣ and rebid 2♣?
- c) Do you open 1♦ and rebid 2♣?
- d) Do you open 1♦ and rebid 1NT?

Vote for a, b, c or d.

## 4) Matchpoints They're' Vul

♠-♥AKQ76432♦5♣KJ96

<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>
			2♦
?????			(weak)

## 5) IMPs Both Vul

♠AK3♥5♦AK8765♣AJ6

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

Return answers by January 11 to **Steve Robinson**

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Contact **Barbara Doran**, [barb.doran@verizon.net](mailto: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.*