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♦ Meeting and Elections......7:00 p.m.

♥ StrataFlighted Unit Championship Pair Game7:30 p.m.

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MAY 19-20

Non Life Master Sectional

Join our new WBL NLM Tournament Chair, Murat Berk, at a WBL sectional tournament just for Non Life Masters! (...with less than 500 points.) Join in for a fun weekend with lunch and refreshments included on both weekend days. Silver points, too!

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JUNE 14-17 MOVED 1 WEEK LATER (JUNE 7-10)

73RD ANNUAL POTOMAC VALLEY TOURNAMENT

Intermediate/Novice events throughout! Friday night's relaxed & fun IMP Pairs/Teams & separate 2-for-1 I/N Pairs! Saturday's Trophy Pairs! Sunday's Team Games with separate <3000 point Bracketed B Teams!

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Ellen Cherniavsky

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As I near the end of my third and final term, I reflect on what has been accomplished, and am so grateful for the support of so many hard-working volunteers, without whom none of this would have been possible.

First and foremost I would like to recognize Carole Banks, who has ably chaired our Tournament Committee. While working a fulltime, demanding job, she has led a team which has reorganized the way we run our sectional tournaments. Now our sectionals have not only been showing a profit, but are delivering an improved tournament experience to our members. I cannot overemphasize the importance of Carole's contributions to the Washington Bridge League.

Tournament Chair, Brad Theurer, has also been instrumental in insuring the success of our sectionals; he is the face of our game, a treasured representative. A team leader, he has successfully called upon players to help with clean-up: to put away their tables and chairs and pick up their trash. This is essential to maintaining good relations with the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center.

That being said, I cannot fail to recognize Bill **Cole**'s contributions: without him we never would

have gotten back into the Senior Center, the best site we have ever had for sectionals (lighting! parking! adequate space!). He has been responsible for negotiating times and fees, and has also been in charge of caddies, including directing hospitality. I hope you will join me in offering him thanks for all his hard work and dedication, which up to this point have not been adequately recognized.

I have had the pleasure of coordinating with our ombudsman. Adrienne Kuehneman. to hold a directors' workshop dedicated to improving service to our members while providing opportunities for professional enhancement to our directors. Feedback has been quite positive, and complaints about directors have fallen off. We appreciate all she has done. Adrienne has let me know that she feels it is time for someone else to step up and take her place, as due to other commitments she feels she cannot continue to fill this role. We are thankful that former WBL Board Member and Secretary, Melissa Price, has agreed to step into this role and welcome her and wish her much success.

As you peruse this message, I hope you will read between the lines and respond to the need for volunteers; reach out to a Board Member to find out how.

BITS AND PIECES

OMBUDSMAN'S LETTER

This will be my last letter as WBL Ombudsman as I am resigning. It is time to pass the job to the next volunteer.

Here's what I've learned about bridge in the Washington area, while I've served as Ombudsman over the past several years:

- Usually, games and tournaments run smoothly. But when there's a glitch, players are grateful to have the Ombudsman look into the situation. Sometimes it helps to have a person who is not on the WBL Board and not a Tournament Director investigate how the WBL could handle player complaints better or improve playing conditions.
- The WBL Board has been open to hearing from the Ombudsman about player complaints and

issues of concern to groups of players. The Board has welcomed player feedback from the Ombudsman at its monthly meetings.

• The WBL's directing staff has worked harder to create a welcoming and fair environment for play. The directors have been open to suggestions, and they have participated in customer service training to improve their ability to handle difficult situations.

Please continue, as players, to provide feedback to the next Ombudsman, so that we can continue to improve our unit game and tournaments. Your comments - both positive and negative mean a lot.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your unit Ombudsman.

—Adrienne Kuehneman

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WBL BULLETIN & WBL E-NEWS

Would you rather be reading this in print? Printed mail subscriptions are reasonably priced:

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♦ Yearly (4 issues), **Printed Mail Subscriptions** are available:

The bulletin comes out four times a year. To subscribe, give or mail a check to "Washington Bridge League" via WBL Treasurer, Herb Schulken, at: 2900 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 be 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 Gretsinger, at: agretsinger@gmail.com

Please also indicate if you would like to be included on Steve Robinson's email list in order to receive additional bridge news, bridge problems, and other tidbits. You will be able to unsubscribe from either list.

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NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (500/200/100 and separate 50/20/10)3:00 pm

Sunday, May 20 (All day playthrough with lunch break)

—All events are stratified by average masterpoints, but no individual's masterpoint total may exceed the event's upper limit. Strata may be adjusted according to attendance.—

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Murat Berk, mmberk@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS to Newport Mill Middle School: Take the Beltway (I-495) to the Georgia Ave exit (Exit 31A, MD 97) North (towards Wheaton). Go 1.6 miles then bear left onto Viers Mill Rd. Go 1.0 miles then turn left onto Newport Mill Rd. Go 1/4 mile to school on left.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 14

♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (1000/500/300) Pairs . . .11:15am Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine) St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, N. Bethesda, MD

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Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria 7:00pm Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase 7:30pm 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.

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FRIDAY, JUNE

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- —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) 11 am, 3 pm, 7:30 pm

—Lunch available for purchase—

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- ♦ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (500/300/100) & 49er Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) ... 11 am, 3:30 pm

—Lunch available for purchase—

Sunday, June (17



- ♣ Bracketed Flight B Teams (no single player >3000) (2 session playthrough w/break)11 am & TBA B Teams Bracketed by total team masterpoints; three overall places in each.
- - * Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events w/ Silver Points! ♥ 0-5 MP play FREE! ♠ 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; Partnerships: Barbara Doran, 301-608-0347, barb.doran@verizon.net, Online Partnership Desk available.

*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2500/750) Stratification by avg. masterpoints of the team or pair. No individual may exceed the event's upper limit.

Directions to the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD: I-495 to Georgia Avenue North (toward Wheaton). 1st light right on Forest Glen Rd. The Center is .7 mile on right.

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WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Howard A Brewer, Marilyn Falik, Pat A Leibowitz, Stanley N Tashoff, Jing Tian, and Lilly Trabucco.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: Mr John C Barton IV, Mr Paul L Chassy, Ms Reina L Chassy, Mr Paul J Deporte, Susan Dweck, Walt Goodale, Ann B Patton, Mrs Carole A Rhodes, Stanley B Rosen, Mrs Vivian M Rosenhauer, Mrs Marilyn S Rubinstein, Mr Mel Schloss, Henry L Thompson, and Mrs Charlotte Zaret.

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ALERT!

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

Thursday evenings and frequent the local bridge clubs in the area. Information can be found at: www.WashingtonBridgeLeague.org.

TIME TO RENEW?

If you started your paper WBL Bulletin subscription with the May/June 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 four times/year, copies 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 WINNERS!

Congratulations to this year's winners!

Open Winner: <u>Peter Boyd</u> NonLM Winner: <u>Brian Sutton</u>

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 final standings after eight of eight sectionals. The asterisk* indicates that the player has met eligibility requirements.

	Open Winners		
	Player Player	Points	
1	Peter Boyd	.197.69	×
2	Mark Shaw	.190.87	×
3	Brad Theurer	.190.66	4
4	Steve Robinson	.189.91	×
5	Barry Falgout	.182.76	×
6	Robert Bell	.155.57	×
7	Martin Graf	.147.22	×
8	Steven Schatzow	.140.73	×
9	Fred King	.134.95	×

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WBL Solvers' Club

Moderated by Steve Robinson

robinswr@erols.com

Congratulations to Mark Chen, Robert Stone | 1) Matchpoints Both Vul and Allen Veasev who came in first. They win a free play to the WBL Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for third were Noble Shore, Rusty Krauss, Lloyd Rawley, Ron Zucker, Candy Clanton, James Heneghan and Michael Richey with a score of 460. Ninth was **Merril Hirsh** with a score of 450. Tenth was **Mike Deverin** with a score of 440. Tied for eleventh were Ram Sarangan, Barry Bragin, Chris Marks and Mike Gill with a score of 430. The average score of the 78 solvers was 359. The average score of the experts was 435.

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, I 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.

♦ AKQ7♥ K84♦ 2**♣** A9862

<u>SOUTH</u>	WEST	NORTH Pass	EAST 1♦
Dbl ?????	Pass	1♥	Pass
Action	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	Solvers
2♦	100	5	18
Pass	90	6	28
2♥	70	1	15
14	70	1	6
3♥	50	0	2
2 ♣	50	0	7
2NT	20	0	2

You have a three-card 16-point raise of partner's advance of your takeout double. Seven experts think this hand is strong enough to continue, however, there is a question on how to continue. Cue bid, bidding a new suit and raising partner's suit all show extra values. A majority of the experts consider this hand too good to pass which is why I gave the cue bid the top score.

Five experts cue bid. One of the meanings of a cue bid is a strong three-card raise of partner's suit. I consider this hand a sub-minimum cue bid. Usually you have at least 17 HCPs to cue bid.

Schwartz: "2♦ —Should show a good three-card raise. Will pass partner's 2♥ rebid."

Parker: "2♦ —This shows a good hand and not necessarily heart support. I will pass if partner bids 2♥. I will bid 3♥ over 2NT. Give partner as little as ♠ xxx♥ QJxxx♦ xxx♣ Kx and we are cold for 4♥ ."

If partner bids 2NT, he probably has only

Stauss: "2♦ —Does partner have anything more to say?"

Sontag: "2♦ —Cue bidding after takeout double is frequently a three-card raise."

Hopkins: "2♦ —One of the best uses of the second cue bid is to treat it as a three-card raise with a powerful hand as the initial assumption. Partner bids accordingly unless you later show one of the other types of forcing hand."

One expert bids 1 . His 1 . bid shows heart tolerance but also shows five spades. His AKQx will play like a five-card suit.

Woolsey: "1♠ —Since there is no hand which is too strong to overcall 14, my bid logically shows something like this."

You'd really overcall $1 \spadesuit$ with $\spadesuit AKQxx \heartsuit x$ ♦ AKOx♣AOx? With this hand you double, then cue bid and then bid spades to show a hand worth at least 22 HCPs. However, usually you have at least three hearts when you make a takeout double.

One expert raises hearts. Most play that if East passes, 2♥ shows 16-19 points and promises four hearts. You have the points but have only three hearts. If RHO did something other than pass, bidding 2♥ would just show four hearts and could have as few as eleven points.

Theurer: "2♥ —Could pass but even with only three hearts, I have too much strength as game could still be on. Not 1♠ on only four since partner might pass with weak hand holding two spades and five hearts or 24 at matchpoints on a poor suit. Partner likely has diamond length since no raise by West or 2♦ rebid by East. That reduces the chance of a black suit fit and makes my hand good for suit play. I can envision crossruff potential."

Five experts join me and pass. We subtract something because of the lack of the fourth heart.

Kovacich: "Pass—Partner should jump to 2♥ with 8 HCP and five-card suit or 10 HCP and fourcard suit. Game is unlikely - would probably bid 2♥ at IMPs."

Korbel: "Pass—What can I do?"

Shi: "Pass—Anything I did would distort my hand. Since with a medium hand with 4-4 in the majors partner would bid 14 first, I don't have to worry too much about that."

With 4-4 in the majors, it's right to respond 1. to a takeout double so that you can bid hearts later. This is opposite from responding to an opening minor.

Adams: "Pass—Partner with five hearts can jump lighter, so we are either lacking an eight-card fit or lacking the values for game."

Rogall: "Pass—Vulnerable and smelling a misfit. No bid from West, no rebid from East and partner could only cough up a one-level bid. Some points are missing. There may be useless diamond values or length in partner's hand. Though I've got a very nice 16-count and we could have a better fit

in spades or clubs, I'll go low red at matchpoints. Plus, the auction isn't necessarily over and if I come back in with spades, partner will have a good idea of my shape. Bidding 14 is somewhat tempting with such good spades partly making up for the short suit, but I'd hate to play a Moysian with the shortness in the same hand as the longer spades. If it was IMPs, I'd take my chances on moving forward and say, "2♦ —guess again, partner"—not sure of strain or level. At IMPs, I'd like to try a red game opposite some pure hands that couldn't jump to 2♥ or cuebid 2♦, or that ignored clubs to favor the major. 4♥ opposite ♠ xxx♥ AQxxx♦ xxx♣ xx, 4♠ opposite ♠ Jxxx♥ QJxx♦ xxx♣ xx, and 5♣ opposite ♠ x♥ Axxx♦ xxx♣ Kxxxx."

After a takeout double, raising a major shows four-card support.

2) IMPs You're vul

♦ 0J984♥ -**♦** 9742**♣** AK95

<u>SOUTH</u>	WEST	NORTH 1♦	EAST Pass
14	Dbl	4 ♣ *	4♥
?????		*Splinter	
<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	Solvers
Pass	100	3	4
5♣	90	3	16
5♥	80	4	21
4NT	80	1	7
5♠	70	1	0
6♥	70	1	0
5♦	60	0	1
6♠	50	0	6
4♠	40	0	19
Dbl	20	0	4

Partner has shown a game-forcing hand with four-card support and short clubs. He could have $\triangle xxxx \lor AKQJ \triangle AKQJ \triangle x$ or $\triangle AKxx \lor AKQJ$ \blacklozenge xxxx \clubsuit x where you'd be lucky to make $4\spadesuit$. He could also have ♠AKxx♥xxxx♦AKQJ♣x where 7. is good. Since the opponents have bid up to 4♥, I'd guess that his values are not in hearts but you never know. We could easily have a slam so how do we explore? Since partner has made a game-forcing bid, we are in a forcing auction. I like starting with pass to see what partner does. If partner doubles, you'll know that he has wasted heart values. If partner bids anything else, you'll know that most of his values are not in hearts.

Two experts agree with me and pass. You have to

be careful when making a forcing pass. It has to be very clear that it's forcing.

Shi: "Pass—If partner wants to double 4♥ I'm fine with it. My pass suggests I'm happy to continue on."

I'm not sure I'd be happy defending with this hand. However, a penalty double would slow me down.

Schwartz: "Pass—Then pull partner's expected double to 5. Pass and pull usually shows extras and probably heart shortness."

If partner doubles 4∇ , he has wasted heart values. If you then pull his double, partner will know that you're making a slam try, probably with short hearts. You don't want to be in slam if he holds $\triangle AKxx \nabla KQxx \triangle AJxx x$. Partner should bid a slam holding as little as $\triangle AKxx \nabla KQx \triangle AKxxx x$ If partner doesn't double 4∇ , you should try to get to seven.

Eight experts guess. Cue bidding above Blackwood is always a guess. Are you cue bidding a void, an ace, a singleton, a KQ? Length or shortness? There are no rules on what are the meanings of cue bids which are above Blackwood. Actually, it's what you have in your hand at the time you're bidding it. This is why I think that RKC is usually the best slam try.

One expert bids 5. Notice he says 'should' ask for top honors in spades. Some play it asks for a heart control.

Parker: "5♠—Should ask for top honors in spades. If he has AK Of spades we should be cold for a slam."

One expert jumps to $6 \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\rlap{\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap{\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap{\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}}} AKX \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\rlap{\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}}} AKQJx \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\rlap{\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}}} aAKx \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}}} AXxx \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}}} AKxx \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}}} Akxx \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}} Akxx \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}}} Akxx \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\rlap/\hspace{0.1em}} Akxx \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em} Akxx \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}} Akxx \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em} Akxx \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em} Akxx \, \rlap{\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}\hspace{0.1em}$

Woolsey: "6♥ —I'm always driving this to slam, so I should invite a grand. This is the perfect call, showing a heart void. Partner will know if he has what is needed."

Four experts cue bid $5 \heartsuit$. What does $5 \heartsuit$ say about clubs or diamonds?

Stauss: "5♥—Shows control. I think this might be more helpful to partner than showing club control."

Sontag: "5♥ —Should be a void in this context. Need partner's opinion."

Should be a void? Why can't it be whatever you were dealt in hearts?

Korbel: "5♥ —Partner will go with good spade and diamond cards, exactly what I want."

Adams: "5♥ — Partner should know that heart cards are not what we need for slam."

Three experts cue bid 5. At least partner will know that you're not showing second round club control. If you're going to cue bid, usually the lowest control is best.

Kovacich: "5. —AK of clubs is duplication of values, but with heart void and fifth trump will make one try for slam."

Theurer: "5♣—Even with a lot of my values in clubs, my heart void and fifth spade tell me I should make a positive move. I plan on bidding 5♥ over 5♦. Its possible partner already knows I'm short in hearts, but I'll tell him later that I have first round control. Even a grand could be on if partner has ♠ AKxx♥ xxx♦ AKQxx♣ x, and if I show first round control of both hearts and clubs he should bid it, figuring I wouldn't be so cooperative with weak trumps."

Suppose partner bid 5♦ over your 5♣. Now you can bid a slam, with lots of extras and signoff if your 5♣ was a weak slam try. But what if you're not sure. 5♥ is the Last Train and says that you're too strong to signoff but not strong enough to bid a slam.

Hopkins: "5♣—I would like to ask partner how good are his Diamonds, but am going to try to do it in a roundabout way by showing the Club Ace and then the Heart control over the expected 5♦ -bid should the opponents let us and hope he works out the situation. I want to be in the grand opposite ♠ AKxx♥ Qxx♠ AKQx♣ x but not ♠ AKxx♥ Axxx♠ AKxx♣ x."

One expert makes a simple slam try.

Rogall: "4NT—It's pretty hard to be scientific at this level and with a void. If I bid 5. and partner cue bids 5♦ . I can attempt to show my heart control (it's probably last train), but it'll still be hard to know if we've have a grand. I don't think partner has six good diamonds along with four good spades, because 4♦ would have shown that hand. There aren't too many hands that I wouldn't want to try 6♠ . ♠ Axxx♥ KQxx♦ AQxx♣ x is the most minimal hand with the most wasted in hearts that partner would splinter on and I'd still want to be in slam since finesses rate to be onside. I might like to bid 5♥ as exclusion, but most play that exclusion must be a jump, so 4NT is the only RKC bid available. Maybe a forcing pass and then pull to 5♥ should be exclusion, but I wouldn't want to try that out at the table. Plus, even if pass-5♥ is exclusion, there wouldn't be enough room to find out about the \blacklozenge K and \blacklozenge Q unless it's two-suited exclusion! Another problem is we'll be stuck in slam when partner has only one key card. Over 4NT, if partner shows two key cards, I'll bid slam hoping that one of them isn't the heart Ace or if it is, that the trump finesse will work. If partner shows three key cards, I'll settle for a small slam. It's not worth the risk for a grand. However, if partner bids $5\blacklozenge$, showing one or four key cards, a $5\spadesuit$ sign-off by me may beget $6\blacklozenge$ when partner has four key cards and the \blacklozenge K, and then $6\blacktriangledown$ by me just might get partner to look for the \blacklozenge Q since \spadesuit AKxx \blacktriangledown AXxx \spadesuit AKxx \spadesuit x will have already shown his entire hand."

A forcing pass gets you a lot of information.

3) IMPs None Vul

♦ A102♥ 2♦ AKQ543**♣** A54

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
Dbl*	Pass	2♠	Pass

????? *Support double showing three spades

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
3♥	100	9	25
3♦	90	1	17
$4 \blacklozenge$	70	1	4
3♠	40	0	5
4♠	30	0	16
Pass	30	0	2
4♥	30	2	2
3♣	30	0	6
4NT	20	0	1

The support double was invented for this situation. You want to raise spades and you want to tell partner that you only have three spades. Double shows three-card support and supporting spades directly shows four. If the opponents bid 3♥, Responder can bid 3♠ when there is a nine-card spade fit and pass 3♥ when there is only an eight-card fit. Suppose Responder has $\bigstar KJxx \forall xxx \bigstar xx \bigstar Oxxx$. What does he bid in response to your support double? I'd bid 2♠. 2♠ does not promise five spades but shows a minimal hand. You'd like to have five spades. Sometimes your only option is to rebid your four-card suit. So with extra values, you can't insist on playing in spades. There are two calls which show extra values. 3♦ which is encouraging but not forcing and $3 \checkmark$ which is definitely forcing.

Nine experts cue bid. They want to be in game if responder has five spades or a heart stopper. If part-

ner doesn't have five spades or a heart stopper, he can bid 4ϕ with a weak hand.

Hopkins: "3♥ —Do you have a stopper or five Spades?"

Shi: "3♥ —Too good for a non-forcing 3♦ bid. 2♠ doesn't promise five, so I don't know which game to play yet."

Schwartz: "3♥ —Likely have nine tricks if partner has a heart stopper. Partner might have only four spades, so raising is out of the question."

Woolsey: "3♥ —Looking for a heart stopper if partner has only four spades, which he might have, I'll be passing if he bids 3♠."

If partner has ♠ xxxx♥ xxx♠ xx♣ KQJx, your best contract is 5♠.

Theurer: "3♥ —I'll force to game with such a powerhouse hand; I'm not sure 3♦ would be 100% forcing here. Yes it would show some extras since I didn't pass 2♠. I will pass 3NT, bid 4♠ over 3♠, bid 4♦ over 4♣ or 5♦ over 4♦. Does partner promise five spades with his 2♠ bid? I don't think so. What would he do with a weak hand and 4=3=2=4 distribution?"

Korbel: "3♥ —We will play 3NT if possible, 3♠ or 4♠ otherwise. I hope partner works out to bid diamonds with a 4-3-3-3 hand with weak spades."

Adams: "3♥ —Do not believe 3♣ or 3♦ are forcing here, therefore 3♥ is forcing and asks for a stopper."

3♥ is forcing and asks partner to do something intelligent. One of the intelligent things to do is rebid a five-card spade suit. Without five spades he bids 3NT with a stopper. With only four spades and without a heart stopper partner guesses.

Rogall: "3♥ —If partner has a heart stopper, the nine-trick game in 3NT might be safest even if we have an eight-card spade fit. If partner has no stopper and only four spades, I can bid 4♦ over a 3♠ bid and we may get to a decent 5♦ contract."

If partner has five spades, he'll insist on spades.

One expert shows extra values, but does not force. Same hand without the queen of diamonds.

Parker: "3♦ —Should show six diamonds and three spades. If partner goes back to Spades, showing five, I will raise to 4♠."

One expert jumps in diamonds. He can't play 3NT

Kovacich: "4♦ —Should show my hand."

Two experts assume that responder has five spades.

Stauss: "4♥ — Splinter. I think this is best way to investigate slam."

Sontag: "4♥ —Obvious to me."

The rebid of the major after a support double does not promise five. It could be his only option.

4) IMPs You're Vul

♦ AKO3♥ AJ62♦ 3**♣** O1074

SOUTH	WEST	<u>NORTH</u>	EAST
Dbl ?????	Pass	1♦	l ♣ Pass
Action	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	Solvers
1 v	100	4	13
1♠	90	4	11
Pass	70	3	7
1NT	50	2	42
2 .	50	0	1
2NT	20	0	3
3♥	20	0	1

You hold ♠ J10xx♥ Q10x♠ xxxx♣xx. It goes (1♣)
1NT (P) to you. It's clear to pass partner's 1NT-overcall, however, 4♠ has play. This is why I think it's
clear to double 1♣. Good partners respond a major.
However, today we're playing with a bad partner.

Eight experts bid one of their four-card majors. All you're lacking is the fifth card in your suit. I like $1 \checkmark$. The extra strength will make up for the lack of the fifth heart. Playing equal-level conversions (ELC), $1 \checkmark$ does not promise extra values. ELC means that you can double $1 \checkmark$ with $AKxx \checkmark Axxxx \checkmark x \checkmark xxx$ and correct partner's $1 \checkmark$ to $1 \checkmark$ without promising extra values. If you overcall $1 \checkmark$ when holding four spades you could lose the possible spade fit. What we lack in the fifth heart, we make up in extra strength.

Parker: "1♥ —This should show the majors. I would have overcalled 1NT. Bidding 1NT now shows 18+."

Hopkins: "1♥ —An off shape ELC. I hope partner has a sense of humor. I want to go back and overcall 1NT now."

If you had overcalled 1NT, partner could have \blacktriangle Jxxx \blacktriangledown xx \spadesuit Qxxxxx \clubsuit x and put you in $3 \spadesuit$.

Rogall: "1♥ — Washington Standard treats this as ELC showing five hearts, four spades and minimal values for the double. It's the least misdescription and also allows us to find a fit in either major."

Four experts rebid 1. A. 1. promises extra values and shows at least five spades. You're a queen light and a spade short.

Woolsey: "1♠ —Isn't that the way to show 5=4=1=3 shape?"

Sontag: "1 — Not the auction I hoped for but my hand looks too suit oriented and has too few high cards for 1NT."

Schwartz: "1 — I would have preferred overcalling 1NT the previous round. With double, now I have an unbiddable hand as 1NT is now overbidding by a king Thus although obviously flawed, I will bid my best suit now."

Theurer: "14 — Well, my off-shape double has led me to this decision. A 1NT rebid here should still show a balanced hand too good to overcall 1NT initially, so that's out. Passing is possible but very final since partner could even have a four-card diamond suit. So if I'm going to bid it has to be a major. Question is, bid the stronger one or the cheaper one? I'll go with stronger since it's less likely to get doubled. If partner has hearts he should have introduced them already or else he has really long diamonds and a constructive hand and if so he will be them now."

I wouldn't worry about getting doubled. I'd worry about getting to the best strain.

Two experts rebid 1NT. 1NT here shows more than a 1NT-overcall. You're a queen light.

Stauss: "1NT—Hand is barely worth one more bid."

Adams: "1NT - It's an overbid, but with the diamond lead inhibited, I might survive it. I don't hate 1♥ either."

Three experts pass $1 \spadesuit$. They deserve to find partner with $\spadesuit xxx \blacktriangledown xxx \spadesuit xxx \spadesuit Kxxx$.

Kovacich: "Pass—Do not like the double. I would have bid 1NT. If 1♦ is all partner can do I will take no further action."

Korbel: "Pass—This auction never happens this way in real life. All my options are horrible. I don't want to put my answer in print. Maybe partner can scramble seven tricks."

Shi: "Pass—I don't know why I doubled 1. I would have just overcalled 1. I guess I pass now and claim that aliens took over my body on the first call."

You doubled 1. because you want partner to bid a major.

5) IMPs You're Vul

♦ A43♥ KQ2♦ Q3**♣** KQ1074

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
			14
1NT	2♠	3♦ *	Pass
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<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	Solvers
4 .	100	6	11
3♠	90	5	29
3♥	80	1	7
3NT	70	1	26
$4 \spadesuit$	60	0	2
5♦	30	0	1
Pass	20	0	2

What are your methods in this auction over 2♠? How do you show four hearts? Is 2NT Lebensohl? The answer to these questions might help us decide how to continue. All we know is that 3♦ is natural and forcing. We have shown one spade stopper. If we had two spade stoppers such as AJ10 or AQx, we would rebid 3NT. All other calls deny holding two spade stoppers. We have three choices; 3♥, 3♠ and 4♣. The three-level bids allows partner to bid 3NT if he has a spade honor. 4♣ almost guarantees that you will play in a minor.

Five experts join me and bid their five-card club suit. 4. allows you to get to clubs if that's where you belong. How else can you tell partner that you have clubs? Keeps the auction simple.

Schwartz: "4. —Partner likely to have a stiff spade, so if partner wants to play in a suit even with my known spade stopper I agree, especially with my lack of outside aces. Might as well suggest another place to play on the way."

Stauss: "4. — If partner wanted to be in 3NT he would have bid it. We may have a slam."

Kovacich: "4♣ —Will not bid 3NT with lack of aces and no fit. If partner bids 4♦ will raise to five."

Theurer: "4. —My tricks are too "slow"for 3NT, so I will show my decent five-card club suit and likely doubleton diamond and let partner choose which minor we'll play in."

Adams: "4♣ —I doubt we can make 3NT. Might as well point toward a minor suit game."

Six experts bid three-of-a-major. This allows partner to bid 3NT with spade help. However, it does not show the best part of your hand which is five good clubs. If you don't belong in 3NT, bidding 3♥ or 3♠ will not help you find a fit. You do have a doubleton in the suit that partner has bid.

Five experts bid 3. Bids below 3NT are attempts to get to 3NT if that is a possible contract. However, it doesn't help you get to your best strain if partner does not want to play in 3NT.

Woolsey: "3♠ —This indicates that my spade stopper isn't so great. The rest is up to partner."

Shi: "3. —I guess the point of this is that it's unlikely we have nine tricks in notrump. 3. expresses doubt about notrump and partner can do what he wants."

Sontag: "3. —Temporarily marking time as 3NT is out of the question. Cue bid here should show doubt about final strain. Real problem is what to do if partner bids 3NT."

Hopkins: "3♠ —My side tricks are too slow so I am expressing concern about my Spade stopper. Opposite ♠ x♥ Axx♠ KJ10xxxx♣ xx (etc.), I want to play in Diamonds and so on. With Kx or even Qx of Spades in partner's hand, 3NT should be fine."

Rogalb "3♠ —Temporizing, not sure where we belong. I don't want to bid 3♥ because I'd rather not play in a 3-3 heart fit. I also don't want to bypass 3NT."

One expert bids $3 \checkmark$. The only upside for a $3 \checkmark$ -bid is if partner meant $3 \checkmark$ as a transfer, you can play in $3 \checkmark$.

Korbel: "3♥ —If partner raises, he's probably 1=3=5=4 or 1=3=6=3 and I will correct to 5♣."

Is partner going to know that you have five clubs? One expert bids what he has already shown.

Parker: "3NT—What else?"

Don't tell the same story twice.

Solvers' Scores

John Adams	Pass	5♥	3♥	1NT	4 .	420
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Robbie Hopkins	2♦	5♣	3♥	1	3♠	480
Mike Kovacich	Pass	5 -	$4 \blacklozenge$	Pass	4 .	420
Daniel Korbel	Pass	5♥	3♥	Pass	3♥	420
Steve Parker	2♦	5♠	3♦	1♥	3NT	430
Steve Robinson	Pass	Pass	3♥	1♥	4 .	490
Donna Rogall	Pass	4NT	3♥	1♥	3♠	460
Alan Schwartz	2♦	Pass	3♥	1♠	4 .	490
Sylvia Shi	Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠	450
Alan Sontag	2♦	5♥	4♥	1	3♠	380
Ben Stauss	2♦	5♥	4♥	1NT	4 .	360
Brad Theurer	2♥	5 ♣	3♥	1	4 .	450
Kit Woolsey	1♠	6♥	3♥	1♠	3♠	420

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2018 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. 2nd: two & 3rd: one for the WBL spring sectional.

This list is up to date as of 4/9. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

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	Lovenberg
1	Steve Robinson80.75
2	Peter Boyd69.71
3	Brad Theurer66.03
4	Clyde Kruskal60.92
5	Mark Shaw58.36
6	Steven Schatzow54.66
7	Donna Rogall50.60
8	Barry Falgout45.71
9	Linda Marshall44.88
10	Vincent Wilmot Jr41.91
11	Martin Graf41.66
12	Lloyd Rawley40.00
13	Terry Klein39.25
14	Robert Bell37.92
15	Leo LaSota37.30
16	James Geist34.77
17	David Genne34.43
18	Andrew Gofreed34.33
19	James Beller33.57
20	Ellen Cherniavsky33.46
21	Fred King32.34
22	Mita Banerjee32.21
23	James Heneghan31.94
24	Charles Dearolf31.09
25	Michael Richey30.57
26	William Pettis30.50
27	Rammohan Sarangan30.09
28	Eugene Kales28.36
29	Rosemary Shaw27.51
30	Julian Boyce27.11
31	Richard Wegman25.96
32	Leon Masiewicki25.95
33	Hanna Schepps25.63
34	Merril Hirsh25.42
35	Brad Libros24.73

Izzy Cohen

1	Terry Klein	39.25
2	James Beller	
3	Charles Dearolf	31.09
4	Rosemary Shaw	27.51
5	Leon Masiewicki	25.95
6	Melanie Manfield	22.38
7	Patrice Gordon	20.54
8	Paul Block	19.65
9	Regena Edwards	19.61
10	Michael Lawrence	18.96
11	Daniel Koch	18.71
12	Steven Fox	16.22
13	Annapurna Satpathy	15.80
14	Ernie Schuler	14.67
15	Barbara Devaney	14.05
16	Peter Van Zijl	13.88
17	Alexander Stille	13.49
18	Kim Gandy	12.88
19	Robert Catlett	12.13
20	Brian Sutton	11.91
	Tubbs	
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2	Alexander Stille	13.49

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3	Kim Gandy	12.88
4	Judy Rovner	11.50
5	Andrea Weiswasser	10.77
6	Stephen Baldwin	10.67
7	Kate Baldwin	10.67
8	David Handwerker	10.06
9	Sharona Sapoznikow	9.96
10	Reina Lerner	9.96
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2	Elliot Bernold6.57
3	Michael Mandel5.69
4	R Mani4.58
5	Joel Mulhauser4.05
6	Margaret Stouffer3.72
7	Lorraine Nacson3.58
8	Peter Wicklein3.55
9	Kate Beardsley3.05
10	Joan Riggs2.70

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7:30 - 10:00 SUPERVISED PLAY

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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.

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.

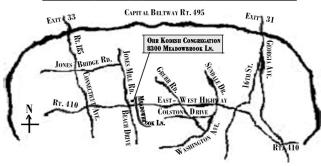
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WBL GUARANTEED PARTNER PROGRAM

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 OUT-SIDE 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 washingtonbridge league.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 <u>wblmanager@gmail.org</u> if you have questions about how the WBL Unit Game is run.

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- ▲ May 19-20, 2018, WBL NLM, Kensington, MD
- ♣ 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

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

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Through District 6, there's a link to an Online Partnership Desk by Bridge Finesse, where you can find a partner for specific WBL tournaments. Or go there directly:

http://bridgefinesse.com/D6PDeskIndex

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.

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,

...May 17, 2018...Annual Meeting...Elections... ...and StrataFlighted Unit Championship...

This year's Annual Meeting and Elections will be held on Thursday, May 17, at Ohr Kodesh, the site of our Unit Game, prior to play. There will be complimentary desserts at 6:30 p.m. The meeting and elections will take place at approximately 7:00 p.m. All WBL members whose dues are paid as of April 1 are eligible to vote. The congregation will be open early for ballot casting to those players who will be unable to attend the elections. Copies of the WBL Policies and Treasurer's Report will also be available. A StrataFlighted Unit Championship pair game will begin when the meeting concludes.

2017 MASTERPOINT RACES

During the evening, we will recognize our 2017 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners for their achievements.

ELECTIONS

The election portion of the meeting will begin with our Elections Chairperson, Jim Allen, introducing the candidates before they each speak briefly to the membership. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. The four officer positions are one-year terms. The three Unit Director positions are two-year terms.

<u>Candidate</u> for President



Linda Marshall resumed playing bridge in 2003, after learning from friends in college and then taking a long break from bridge to practice law and raise two boys.

Linda joined the WBL board in 2007. She served as Secretary from 2012

through 2015, when she became Vice President. She is now running for President, and would like to help WBL to make bridge more enjoyable for all of its members, and to attract, retain, and support newer players. Linda has been an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service for 29 years.

<u>Candidate</u> for Vice-President



Hadi Abushakra has retired from the World Bank at the end of 2015 where he'd held a number of leadership positions spanning Africa, South Asia and the Middle East. He and his wife, Kathy Stuart, have a 25 year old daughter. Hadi speaks

three languages fluently and enjoys running, reading (politics and history) and the cinematic arts. If elected, Hadi main objective will be to grow the game.

<u>Candidate</u> for Secretary



Eileen Inglesby Houghton

played a game she thought was bridge in college. She learned better after she took Edith Sack's class, "Improve Your Social Bridge" in 1979. Edith also introduced her to duplicate bridge and the WBL's novice program. In 1980 she

was elected to the WBL Board of Directors and served on it for six years. She then had two babies in quick succession, which cut down on her time to play, but did, later, add to the WBL and ACBL's pool of caddies. While all this was going on in her real life, she worked as a senior attorney in the General Counsel's office of the Department of Health and Human Services until 1995 and then transferred to the General Counsel's office of the Department of Health and Human Services until

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sel's office of the Social Security Administration. She retired in 2014 and since then has been making up for all the travelling she wasn't able to do while she was working. Over the years since she was last on the Board, Eileen has engaged in a variety of volunteer activities for the WBL. including serving as the WBL's Membership Secretary. One year ago, she re-joined the Board. If she is elected as Secretary for the Board, she plans to be a "bridge missionary," spreading the word about her favorite activity and helping others to find out about it and learn to enjoy it.

<u>Candidate</u> for Treasurer



Herb Schulken is the current treasurer of WBL, having taken over from Rose Berman last fall. He began playing duplicate bridge in 2007 following his retirement. He studied to become a club director and advanced to being a tournament assistant director in

 $2012. \ He$ has been a member of the WBL directing team since that time.

Herb had a 30 year career as a certified public accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers, beginning in his native South Carolina and moving to Washington in 1993. He had assignments in Moscow, New York and London. Following retirement from PwC, he worked with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), the regulator of the auditing profession, for two years.

<u>Candidate</u> for the Board



Alexander Gretsinger started playing bridge in 2009, and joined the WBL that same year. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a BS in Computer Science in 2006. One of Clyde Kruskal's former students, he joined a board gaming group with Clyde and other

long-time bridge players. A few years of interesting-sounding bridge discussions at the gaming table led Alex to the ACBL's excellent online resources, with which he taught himself the game. As a result, he has the somewhat unique experience of having played dozens of hands on Bridge Base Online before ever playing in person.

Today, Alex serves as the WBL's e-List Administrator, helps run the WBL website, and has served on the Board for three years. If re-elected, he will continue to work to expand the game's popularity with younger generations through social media and online presence. He would be honored to give the Board his unique perspective on how to grow the WBL and the game generally for years to come.

By day, Alex works as a defense contractor, specializing in data mining, software development, and database administration. He lives in Northeast D.C.

<u>Candidate</u> for the Board



Lloyd Rawley has been a member of the WBL for more than 20 years and on the Board since 2014. You've probably seen him schlepping two-liter bottles of Pepsi into Ohr Kodesh on Thursday nights. Lloyd's hobbies (bridge is serious!) are long-distance running and playing

Dominion with his wife and three children.

<u>Candidate</u> for the Board



Mary Tenenbaum has been a member of the WBL since 1986. Soon after joining, she served on the WBL board. She has since also served on the Round Robin/Grand National Teams committee and the Conduct and Ethics committee. Mary has recently

come back to playing bridge more actively after raising a son and would be happy to volunteer to serve on the board again.

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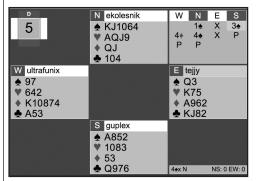
by Hakan Berk

This was University of Maryland's second year competing in the ACBL-sponsored college bridge competition. The ACBL is offering three chances for college bridge clubs to earn a free trip to the 2018 Summer NABC in Atlanta, Georgia this year. The first two chances are from two swiss tournaments, one held on March 4th, the other April 8th. The top four teams from each swiss tournament earn a trip to Atlanta for a chance to compete for the \$15,000 scholarship offered to the winning team. This year, the ACBL partnered up with BBO and created a daily individual tournament for college students across the nation. The daily tourna-

ment is 8 boards and switches between IMPs and Matchpoints every day. The last chance of achieving a trip to Atlanta is by getting points from participation in daily tournaments and 18-board practice matches against other colleges. The top two teams throughout the months of March and April also get stipends for the Summer NABC.

This year our team had four members: Teddy Corrales, Brian Scheff, Beatrice Ragogna, and Hakan Berk. We had a good amount of diversity in our majors since we are from Math and Japanese, Computer Science, Economics, and Electrical Engineering. The four of us competed in the March competition and placed 12th out of 18 teams with 70 VPs out of a possible 160. We felt that there was room for improvement and continued practicing using the daily tournaments and the matches against other colleges. On April 8th, we had the second Swiss tournament. This time we placed 6th out of 17 teams, just out of qualification with 90 VPs out of 160. Despite not qualifying, I could not be prouder of the UMD team. Most of the players are still relatively new to bridge showing lots of potential, just missing the experience of playing lots of hands. Everyone was very happy with the result and felt great about the bridge they had played throughout the day.

If you'd like to see the results, go to: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UE7 8aGfcHrf_U2jJl35CfjN1BrOYjwPUeIYmjCL9Rp M/edit#gid=107888979



The hand above is a hand from a match we had against the eventual second place finishers of Harvey Mudd. Teddy and Brian were sitting East-West respectively. Teddy did well to make a take-out double with the East cards to get into the auction early. South bid 3. alerted as mixed. Brian made an aggressive call white vs red to bid 4. I was proud that he took the lesson to bid

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE MACHLIN TROPHY FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

In 2006, the WBL initiated a new annual award, the **Machlin Trophy for Sportsmanship** in honor of Jerry Machlin, whom many of you will remember as one of the greatest directors the game has ever known.

The criteria for awarding the trophy are as follows:

"The candidate should (1) demonstrate strong ethical standards and a commitment to active ethics (e.g., full disclosure of systems and agreements to opponents, etc.); (2) behave graciously at the table after bad results or good results; (3) exhibit exemplary behavior at all times toward partner and opponents; (4) demonstrate an ability to get along with multiple partners; and (5) demonstrate a willingness to help mentor other players in the game. A player wouldn't necessarily have to satisfy all five, but these are the main criteria that the selection committee will consider."

We welcome nominations from the membership of the WBL.

Past recipients of the award are: **Dr. Charles Stenger, Peter Boyd, James Geist, Rose Berman, Barbara Doran, Millard Nachtwey, Paul Leopold, Bob Bell, Audrey Marbach, Dick Wegman, Carole Banks** and **Barbara Summers.** Each year, a committee of the five most recent winners, with the longest standing acting as the Chair (*Bob Bell this year*), recommends a candidate to the Unit Game Chief Director for final approval.

Please send your suggestions to Bob Bell at r.k.bell@outlook.com or give them to a committee member at the unit game. Please also provide a brief explanation (two or three sentences) indicating why the candidate deserves the award. The deadline for nominations is September 7, 2018.

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Top Ten Cumulative Point Winners

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2 31.65Fred King
3 31.16Leo LaSota
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9.65 Michael Berard
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10 9.35 Eric Branfman
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7	Robert Freed - Donald Blum	
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1	Reina Lerner - Sharona Sapoznikow
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3	Rosalie Kingsley - Michael Mandel 54.68
4	Donna Genderson - Lesley Lavalleye 52.48
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1	Jacques Nacson - Lorraine Nacson
2	Joan Mostow - Charles Kauffman
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SUN A/X SWISS

Stratum A, 16 Tables / Based on 48 Tables



	Ferrin - Eugene Kales (not pic)	
2	Leo LaSota - David Ruderman - Brad Theurer -	
	Mark Chen	
3/4	W Paul McGowan - Rebecca Duty - James Geist -	
	Rammohan Sarangan	
3/4	Robert Bell - Fred King - Barry Falgout - Rusty	
	Krauss	
5	Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd - William Cole -	
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	Larry Kahn
3/4	Debnarayan Dhar - Mita Banerjee - Douglas
	Grove - Terry Lavender

SUN BRACKETED B TEAMS-1. 8 Tables



1	Al Stolpe - Ron Sutter - puppy - John Gauss -
	Yuen DeAnda
2/3	Ann Atcheson - George Parkins - John Mc-
	Cormick - Eleanor Schwartz87.00
2/3	Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence - Rosemary Shaw
	- Eileen Inglesby-Houghton

SUN BRACKETED B TEAMS-2, 8 Tables



1	Mary Baxter - Tanya Rodich - Noreen Hickey-
	Schiappa - Patrice Gordon
2/3	Ernie Schuler - Thomas Grahame - Andrea
	Weiswasser - Leon Masiewicki79.00
2/3	Michael Corrigan - Richard Padgett - Bernice
	Hacke - Holly Wills

SUN BRACKETED B TEAMS-3, 8 Tables



1	George Fleeson - James Deckant - Elizabeth
	Jones - Victor Weedn
2	Michael Beaghen - Debra Graham - Jonathan Hol-
	land - Mark Gorsak
3	Johnny Marsh - Jane Marsh - Robert Leedom -
	Jacqueline Leedom

SUN MOR 0-500 SWISS, Stratum 5, 8 Tables



1	John Wertman - Joia Hertz - Amy Elmore - Joan
2	Axilbund
-	Marsha Shiff
3/4	John Graf - Paul Mohler - Jill Norvell - David
2/4	Rubin
3/4	Diana Jarrett - Cynthia Larre - Michael Miale - Pamela Yood
Stratum 3, 8 Tables	
1	John Wertman - Joia Hertz - Amy Elmore - Joan
2	Axilbund
2	Marsha Shiff
3/4	John Graf - Paul Mohler - Jill Norvell - David
	Rubin
3/4	Diana Jarrett - Cynthia Larre - Michael Miale -
	Pamela Yood
SUN AFT 0-500 SWISS, 3 Tables	
1	John Graf - David Rubin - Jill Norvell - Paul
	Mohler

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when favorable to heart. North made the decision to bid 4. Teddy then doubled again believing bridge-in-schools program, please contact that they had stretched to game (which they did). When the dust had cleared, Teddy and Brian were able to take 4 down 2 for +500. They took two diamonds, two clubs, and one heart for their five tricks. At the other table, North-South bid and made 2 for a 13 IMP gain.

The UMD team is still participating in the daily tournament and trying to squeeze in as many practice matches as possible to hopefully get one of the two remaining trips to Atlanta. Hopefully we will see everyone at the Summer NABC!

THE LONGEST DAY IS COMING!

Local team, Bridge Heroes, has joined the ACBL in it's effort to fight Alzheimer's disease through fund raising and Longest Day bridge games which may occur from June 17-24. Info is at:

http://act.alz.org/goto/bridgeheroes

WBL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

The Washington Bridge League has established the 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 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 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 at rose.berman@verizon.net.

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1 / 2 GAME FORCING AUCTIONS AND OTHER BITS & PIECES ABOUT 2/1 GAME FORCE

In the last column, we focused primarily on 2/1 game-forcing auctions after opening one-of-a-Major suit. Now we'll discuss auctions that begin specifically 1 • /2 • , as well as what certain rebids by Opener and Responder mean in all 2/1 auctions. For example: Is a jump shift rebid a splinter bid? What does a jump to 3NT mean?

Bidding 2♣ when partner opens 1♦ is 100% game-forcing when there's no intervening bid.

Note: This does not apply if your right-hand opponent (RHO) bids after partner opens $1 \blacklozenge$. In this case, your $2 \clubsuit$ bid shows invitational or better values. Your bid is still forcing for one round, but not forcing to game. Holding \spadesuit xxx \blacktriangledown Qxx \spadesuit x \spadesuit AKJ10xx after $1 \spadesuit$ — ($1 \spadesuit$), you can bid $2 \clubsuit$. (This also applies in cases where partner opens $1 \blacktriangledown$ or $1 \spadesuit$ and RHO interferes.)

The next question is: <u>How do you respond</u> when you've got a game forcing hand with 5+ clubs and a four-card Major? Do you start with 1-of-your-Major (1M) or 24? There are two styles that you can choose between.

The simple style says to always start with the game-forcing 2♣ bid. Partner, who opened 1♠, must remember to show any four-card major following your game-forcing 2♣ response. It is still possible then to find a 4-4 Major suit fit, if it exists. For example: Holding ♠ AKxx♥ xx♠ xx♣ AQxxx, respond 2♣ to partner's 1♠ -opener. Opener, holding ♠ QJxx♥ xx♠ AQxx♣ Kxx now bids 2♠ (ignoring the club support) and you get to your 4♠ game.

A more nuanced style depends on how good your responding hand is. If you have a minimum game forcing hand, the emphasis is on finding your major-suit fits and playing game there or in notrump. Finding your club fit is a low priority. 1♦ − 2♣ is an awkward auction and you don't have to go out of your way to respond 2♣ to partner's 1♦ opener. Therefore, with minimum game-forcing

hands, bid your four-card major first. If the auction goes 1♦ -1♠ -1NT -3NT, you may even get a club lead. Holding ♠ AKxx♥ xx♠ xx♣ AQxxx, respond 1♠ to partner's 1♦ -opener. However, holding ♠ AKxx♥ x♠ xx♣ AQxxxx, respond 2♣ since you could have a club slam.

Is a jump shift rebid a splinter bid?

After an auction begins with 2/1 (whether Opener started with 1♦, 1♥ or 1♠), all jump shift rebids by Opener are splinter bids. It is no longer necessary for the jump-shift rebid by opener to be reserved for showing a game-force, because the partnership is already in a game-forcing auction. When splintering by jump-shifting in these auctions, Opener should have at least sound opening bid values and at least some potential slam interest.

Example: Holding \spadesuit x \blacktriangledown Axx \spadesuit AKxxx \spadesuit Kxxx, the bidding should go: $1\spadesuit$ $-2\clubsuit$ $-3\spadesuit$. Since $2\spadesuit$ is natural, $3\spadesuit$ shows a singleton or void in spades with club support.

Responder can also splinter, by jump-shifting at his second turn to bid.

A splinter bid by responder shows support for Opener's LAST-BID SUIT.

Axx♥ Kxxx♦ x♣ AKJxx. After 1♠ - 2♣ - 2♥, 4♦ shows heart support and short diamonds. If opener rebids 2♠, 4♦ shows spade support.

What does a jump to 3NT mean?

Note that the following specifically applies to a jump to 3NT; this does not apply to jumps to other strains of game while in a game force.

For both Opener and Responder, jumping to 3NT in a game forcing auction shows extra values in the appropriate range (usually 15 to 17 High Card Points (HCP)). Then, it's easier for Opener with 16 or 17 HCP, to bid a slam.

Responder does not deny extra values by not jumping to 3NT. Responder may have doubt about playing in notrump.

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THREE WBL MEMBERS WIN 2017 ABA (AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION) MASTERPOINT RACES!

Congratulations to **Reginald O. Chapman**, winner of the 2017 ABA William Friend Race. He accumulated 1856.90 masterpoints over the year, the most in the entire league. The Spring 2018 issue of *The ABA Bulletin* featured Reggie on the cover. Jewel Chapman wrote, "Reggie was introduced to bridge and the ABA in 1970. [...] dubbed him a "Mega Star" in 1971 when he earned Player of the Spring National in the Master

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS:

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Dr David C Handwerker Carole Stringer category. [...] Now Reggie is the Number One ranked player in the ABA. He has won the distinguished William J. Friend Race serveral times."

Congratulations to **Harold Minus**, 2017 winner in the Gold Diamond category with 1020.56 pt.s. This is his third time winning in this category. Another WBL member, Elaine Conway writes of him, "Harold is a student of the game who is successful because he reads continuously and practices regularly. Harold practices with the daily hands, reads the ABA and ACBL bulletins cover-to-cover. and studies myriads of books written by bridge experts. [...] Because Harold has the unique ability to recall the details of every hand that he has played in his life, he is able to help you improve your game. As my ACBL partner and mentor, he takes the time to review the hand records with me and suggest alternate strategies for playing and bidding. Whenever you see him he has a hand for you to bid and discuss. His advice: read and count."

Congratulations to **Sandra True**, 2017 winner in the Silver Diamond category with 752.52 pt.s. Several other WBL members including Wilma Bonner, Ray Smith Lewis, and teachers, Roz Dickson and Reggie Champman helped Sandra forge her way to the top of the standings.

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The Washington Bridge League will sponsor a **FREE temporary 1-month membership** for players (who have never been ACBL members) who play in the **May 19-20 WBL NLM Sectional**

Just show up on May 19 or 20 at the WBL NLM sectional (<u>see p. 6</u>) to play and we'll sign you up for one month on the spot. The WBL pays the fee and you can deduct that amount from an annual membership should you choose to continue.

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WBL Solvers' Club's New Problems

1) IMPs Your're Vul

♦ KJ5♥ AK82♦ KJ54**♣** AJ

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2) IMPs Both Vul

South dealer

♦ J♥ AQ♦ A72**♣** A1098732

#Michaels; *weak two in diamonds

3) IMPs Both Vul

♦ A43♥ AK76**♦** 2**♣** KQ732

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Return answers by July 23 to **Steve Robinson** 2891 S. Abingdon St #A2, Arlington VA, 22206 or robinswr@erols.com

4) Matchpoints None Vul

♦ 5♥ 876♦ 962**♣** AQJ932

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST Pass 2♣ 2♠

?????*

*You made a mistake and your partner must pass the rest of the auction.

5) Matchpoints None Vul

♦ -♥ J5♦ AKQJ1062**♣** K875

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ Pass Pass

?????

NEED A PARTNER FOR THE THURSDAY UNIT GAME?

Contact **Barbara Doran,** <u>barb.doran@verizon.net</u>, (301-608-0347 between 9 am and 10 pm) to find a partner. See more details on <u>page 17</u>.

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

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