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*Happy New Year!*  
*The Washington Bridge League*  
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**57th Annual**  
**PRESIDENTIAL**  
**TOURNAMENT**  
**January 3-6, 2019**

*See page 5 for the full tournament schedule...*

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**—Final issue—**  
**The WBL Bulletin ceases publication**  
**with this issue**

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Linda Marshall

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**Happy holidays!** I hope that all of you have enjoyed a good Thanksgiving with family and friends, and that you will include our holiday party at the unit game on December 13th in your December holiday plans. As we celebrate the holidays and prepare for 2019, I wanted to make you aware of several recent and upcoming changes.

### WBL Bulletin

The WBL Board has voted to stop publishing this Bulletin. The information that has been in the Bulletin will be accessible on the [WBL website](http://www.washingtonbridgeleague.org) ([www.washingtonbridgeleague.org](http://www.washingtonbridgeleague.org)), and we have decided that it is time to stop publishing a quarterly, less timely, compilation of this information. We appreciate Donna Rogall's hard work in her long-time role as Bulletin Editor and in her newer role as Webmaster. We are in the process of developing periodic mass communications to notify our members of our activities and keep our members updated regarding new website content of interest. If you want to receive our emails, please log into your ACBL account and review your privacy settings to ensure that your email address is shared with WBL.

### New convention charts

New ACBL convention charts recently became effective. There are four charts: Basic, Basic+, Open, and Open+. The convention charts and accompanying information are available at <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/181A>

[ttachmentD.pdf](#). The Basic+ Chart will apply for our Intermediate/Novice events and the Open+ Chart will apply for open and B/C/D games. There is very little difference between the Basic+ Chart and the old General Chart, so I/N players generally will not be affected by the change. In open and B/C/D games, switching to the Open+ Chart will have two main effects. First, the new approach is to permit whatever isn't explicitly prohibited (instead of listing the only things that are permitted). This new approach is very freeing for players who like innovative bidding systems. Second, the new rules require very few conventions to be pre-alerted under the Open+ Chart. Players who are used to discussing defenses to midchart conventions at the table after an opponent's pre-alert should be aware that they will no longer have this discussion opportunity during the game.

### Discontinuance of Friday night sectional game starting with the January sectional

In recent years, we have tried a number of different formats for our Friday evening sectional games. None of them have drawn enough players on a sustained basis to support a viable Friday evening session at our sectionals. We have reluctantly concluded that there just isn't enough interest in having a sectional Friday night game to warrant its continuance. We hope that you will enjoy our earlier Friday games and then rest up on Friday night to play with us on Saturday.

## WBL HOLIDAY PARTY: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 BEFORE THE UNIT GAME

*Come join the festivities!  
Blintzes, 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 201815—




SILVER SPRING, MD  
JANUARY 3-6, 2019

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## 57<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WBL ~ PRESIDENTIAL TOURNAMENT ~

### FEATURES

- ♣ Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events with *Silver Points!*
- ♦ *New Life Master Party* Saturday 
- ♥ 0-5 Masterpoint Players play *FREE* throughout
- ♠ Annual *WBL Trophy Race Winners'* Presentation Sunday

**HOSPITALITY** includes snacks, drinks, & Friday lunch (*when you play both sessions*). Sat. & Sun. lunch available for purchase.

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### DIRECTIONS to the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center

1000 Forest Glen Rd, Silver Spring, MD: I-495 to Georgia Avenue North (toward Wheaton). 1<sup>st</sup> light, right on Forest Glen Rd. The Center is .7 mile on right.

**ALERT!**

**THE FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES (7:30 PM)  
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED**

## WBL PRESIDENTIAL TOURNAMENT — JAN 3-6, 2019

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

### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/2000) & B/C/D (1000/500/300) Pairs.....11:15 am  
**Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club**, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)  
*St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd, Potomac, MD*
- ♦ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/4000) & B/C/D (2500/1500/750) Pairs *(both sites)*, Intermediate/Novice (500/300/100) Pairs *(Ohr Kodesh)*, Stratified 199er (200/100/50) Pairs *(Beth El)*, & 0-20 Pairs *(both sites)*  
**Beth El Hebrew Congregation**, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria .....7 pm  
**Ohr Kodesh Congregation**, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase .....7:30 pm  
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. No outside food allowed.

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- ♠ Intermediate/Novice (500/300/100) & 49er (50/20/5) Pairs .....11 am, 3 pm

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

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#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

- ♥ Flights A/X (unlim/5000) Swiss Teams *(2 session playthrough w/break)* .....11 am & TBA
- ♠ Bracketed Flight B Teams *(2 session playthrough w/break)* .....11 am & TBA  
B Teams Bracketed by total team masterpoints; no single player >3000; 3 overall places in each.
- ♣ 500/300/100 Swiss Teams, VPs .....11 am, 3 pm

NOTES

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SILVER SPRING, MD  
APRIL 4-7, 2019



## 72<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CITY OF WASHINGTON TOURNAMENT

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## BITS AND PIECES

### WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Kevin T Baine, Rebecca E Brandon, Diane Bratter, Jessie A Brinkley, Ileana Crowley, Leslie Lawrence, Esther Rouffi, Steven A Seelig, Suzanne Shapiro, Cristina M Talavera, Mary E Wagner, Eric J Boswell, Eleanora Buchheister, Samantha Dies, Joseph W Dorn, Loretta Dulberg, Barbara Hankins, Michael Levy, Rhonda A Lieberman-Lapan, Natalie Pichler, Teresa C Plotkin,**

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In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mr Abraham Akresh, Irene M Brandt, Mr Frank A Evangelista, Mr Barry C Ko, Thomas P Wolf, Soleil Cotterell, Penny S Johnson, Jane Pearce, Mr Melvin A Schwarz, Dr James H Spurlin, Bob D Stillman, Mrs Roxie B Gilman, David M Grappo, Mr Aaron J Jones, Miss Jennifer Lin, Mrs M Jeanne Maloney, Dr Dorothy U Seyler, Ms Joan Shifter, and Betty Thompson.**

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).

### \$1 PAPER WBL BULLETINS

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

### —2018-2019 WBL/NVBA— PLAYER OF THE YEAR

To be eligible to win, 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. 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.

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### Did You Know?

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Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rockville S. C.
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Thursday*	11:15 AM	St James
Friday *	11:15 AM	St Mark
Saturday*	11:00 AM	St Mark
Sunday*	1:30 PM	Temple Beth Ami

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### ALERT!

Some day games may move to another location.  
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# WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson  
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Congratulations to **Bob Quisenberry** and **Barry Spector** who tied for first with a score of 480. They win a free play to the WBL Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Tied for third were **John McAllister**, **Noble Shore** and **Ralph Russo** with a score of 470. Tied for sixth were **Mike Kovacich**, **Robert Stone**, **Donna Rogall** and **Mike Richey** with a score of 460. Tied for tenth were **Bernard Klein**, **Marvin Elster**, **Mark Chen**, **Lyle Poe** and **Hank Meyer** with a score of 450. The average score of the 62 solvers was 408. The average score of the experts was 466.

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](mailto:robinswr@erols.com). You can also see and answer the problems at the [WBL website](http://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 figure out why I gave your answer 20 points. You might have misread the problem.

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

## 1) IMPs None Vul

You're South and West is the dealer

♠ AKJ3♥ AJ987♦ AJ2♣ 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	4♣	Pass
?????			

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
5♣	100	4	15
5NT	90	2	3
6♣	90	1	3
4♥	70	2	12
4♠	70	0	3
6♥	70	0	13
6♠	60	0	6
5♥	50	0	4
4♦	20	0	1
Dbl	20	0	2

Partner has made a choice of games cue bid. He could have as little as 4-4 in the majors and ten HCPs. ♠ Qxxx♥ KQxx♦ Kxx♣xx is a minimum cue bid. He wants to play in the 4-4 major suit fit rather than a 4-3 fit. He could have a four-card major and longer diamonds such as ♠ Qxxx♥ KQ♦ Kxxxx♣ Kx. The diamond suit is too weak to overcall. Over 4♥ he'll bid 4♠ showing four spades and diamonds. We could easily have a slam if partner has ♠ Qxxx♥ KQxx♦ KQx♣xx. He didn't bid over 3♣ so he's either too weak to double or he doesn't have the correct distribution for a takeout double. Partner's hand is between a pass of 3♣ and a cue bid. Somewhere around 11 HCPs.

Three experts join me and cue bid 5♣. 5♣ tells

partner that you are thinking about slam and asks partner to bid a suit.

**Woolsey:** "5♣—I think the chances of making a slam are greater than the chances of going down at the five-level, so I'll invite. If partner bids five-of-a-major, I'm done. A 4-4 fit might be better than a 5-4 fit, so if partner tosses it back to me with 6♣ I'll choose 6♠."

*I wonder what partner would need to bid a slam? Is ♠ Qxxx♥ KQxx♦ Kxx♣xx enough to bid a slam?*

**Hopkins:** "5♣—This hand is too strong to just settle for game. Hopefully this will help us find the best fit and settle into at least a small slam."

**Clanton:** "5♣—I want partner to pick a major and also imply that I had a very good hand with slam interest."

*One expert cue bids 6♣. The problem is that partner might think that you have first-round club control.*

*Three experts force to slam. Both 6♣ and 5NT are forcing to slam. There should be a difference. Maybe 6♣ should show first-round club control.*

**Parker:** "6♣—Since I plan to raise anything partner bids to six I will tell him now we are good for a small slam and if he has a great hand bid seven."

*Two experts bid 5NT. 5NT allows partner to bid 6♣ allowing you to choose.*


**Schwartz:** "5NT—Should get us to the right slam and leaves room for partner to bid 6♣ with the club ace and extras."

6♣ also tells you to choose a strain. Difference between 5NT and 6♣ is not well defined.


**Theurer:** "5NT—Considering I could be pretty light in balancing seat, I have a monster. With partner having enough to force to game opposite a minimum balancing hand, a simple 4♥-bid isn't nearly enough. Typically, partner's 5♣-bid is pick a major. He also could have four-of-a-major and long diamonds, wanting to play in his major if I have four, and diamonds otherwise. I can either cuebid 5♣ and correct 5♦ to 5♥, or I can bid 5NT pick-a-slam, again correcting diamonds to hearts to show I have both majors. The first sequence shows slam interest. The latter commits us to slam. Which will it be? I like my hand enough to force to slam, mak-

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ing opposite hands like ♠ Qxxx♥ KQxx♦ Kx♣ xxx.”

*Two experts take the low road. True, partner could have wasted club values.*

**Korbel:** “4♥ —I’m not going to bury partner for taking an aggressive action holding something like ♠ Qxxx♥ Kxxx♦ Kxx♣ Kx”

**Adams:** “4♥ —Partner could be stretching if 4-4 majors. If partner corrects 4♥ to 4♠ showing spades and long diamonds, I will bid a slam, but in hearts I see too many chances to lose two tricks.”

*While slam might not be 100%, I’d bet it would make more often than not. Therefore, it’s worth bidding.*

## 2) IMPs None Vul

♠ Q103♥ AK2♦ KQJ432♣ 4

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

<u>Action</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Solvers</u>
3♦	100	7	36
2♦	80	1	6
2♥	80	1	6
3♥	70	0	8
1♠	60	0	1
4♣	60	0	1
2♠	50	0	3
3♣	20	0	1

*You’d like to bid 2diahearts which shows six diamonds and three hearts but diahearts is not a legal call. You could raise hearts or rebid your diamonds. If you’re going to rebid your diamonds, do you jump or make a simple 2♦ -rebid?*

*I like raising hearts assuming in your partnership you’re allowed to raise on three. Majors is where the money is.*

*Seven experts jump to 3♦. The problem with 3♦ is that partner might have a six-count and five or six hearts and pass. Wouldn’t you pass a jump to 3♦ with ♠ Kxx♥ QJxxxx♦ xx♣ xx?*

**Parker:** “3♦ —Yes this is a classic hand for a 2♣ -rebid since if you get by that round you are golden, but I can’t do it on a singleton. 3♦ describes my hand and partner can bid 3♥ with five or more.”

**Hopkins:** “3♦ —About right on playing strength and there is no reason partner cannot bid 3♥ on the way to trying to find the best game.”

**Clanton:** “3♦ —I would like to raise hearts but 2♥ is an underbid so I think 3♦ is more definitive – I would be happy to play 3NT or 4♥ or 3♦ if partner is broke.”

**Woolsey:** “3♦ —This hand doesn’t have a decent solution in a Standard structure. 3♦ looks about right on strength, and if partner passes that is probably all we can make. If he bids, maybe we will get to the right game.”

**Korbel:** “3♦ —Same old story. In Precision you solve this hand type by either a) opening a strong club or b) differentiating three-card support jump rebids via 2NT or 3♦.”

*Hands like this is where the players who are playing complicated systems get good results. Wouldn’t it be nice to play a system where you can show at least 15 points, exactly three hearts and five or more diamonds?*

**Theurer:** “3♦ —Ahh, one of the known Bridge World Death Hands. Wish I was playing Cole or some gadget where I can show long diamonds and three hearts and extras, but I’m not. So do I rebid diamonds and if so how many, or raise hearts? Since it’s IMPs not matchpoints, I’ll rebid the strong diamond suit and I’m worth a jump. If partner rebids 3NT I’ll pass, but I’ll bid 4♥ over 3♠.”

**Adams:** “3♦ —No good solution without gadget.”

*One expert takes the low road. There are many ten counts where you belong in game. Partner could have ten count and pass.*

**Schwartz:** “2♦ —Worth underbidding not vulnerable at IMPs to leave room to get to hearts.”

*When you have three-card support for partner’s major, sometimes you can’t show it.*

## 3) Matchpoints None Vul

♠ Q85♥ KJ842♦ 62♣ A94

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

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2♠	100	5	15
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2♥	70	0	11
2♣	70	0	6
2♦	40	0	7
3♥	30	0	2
2NT	30	0	2

*Four choices none of which are great. You could rebid 1NT but your diamond stopper is non-existent. You could raise spades but you only have three. You could rebid your weak five-card heart suit. How would you like playing in 2♥ with partner holding a singleton? You could pass 1♠ but partner could have a hand not quite worth a jump-shift. You could take a preference to 2♣. Some players promise at least four clubs when they rebid 1♠. They bypass spades if they are 4=3=3=3. 2♣ would not be a good contract if partner is 4=3=3=3.*

*Notice that not one expert rebid hearts.*

*Three experts rebid 1NT. The good news is that no one has bid diamonds so there is unlikely to be a six-card running suit.*

**Parker:** “1NT—I have a balanced hand with no four-card fit for partner, so we bid 1NT. It will be wrong sided but no other bid describes this hand.”

**Clanton:** “1NT—I don’t like my heart suit. It is not good enough to make a new minor bid.”

**Adams:** “1NT—A queen less and I might pass, but there are some good things that can happen if I keep the bidding alive. If partner bids again, we are surely better off than passing 1♠. If partner passes 1NT, I’d like to go back to 1♠, but the board is not lost yet. I gave no consideration to inviting, or to rebidding hearts.”

*I’m passing 1♠. Passing 1♠ could beat the five experts who raise to 2♠ which turns partner on and gets you to a bad 4-3 spade game. A good partner will have a minimum opener. A bad partner will have a 16-count.*

*Five experts raise spades. Partner will expect you to have four spades and you could get to game in a bad 4-3 fit. I would jump to 4♠ if I held ♠ Kxxx♥ AQ♦ x♣ KQJxxx and partner showed me four*

*spades. If I could bar partner, I’d raise to 2♠ but partner might not be in on the joke.*

**Hopkins:** “2♠ —Out of range, high for points and low for trump length, hopefully balancing out. At least the ruffs will be coming in the short hand if the Diamond suit is the main problem on this hand. With partners who promise unbalanced hands with five Clubs likely, I might raise Clubs as the more conservative action and play for the safer part score.”

**Woolsey:** “2♠ —If partner passes, this is likely the highest scoring partial. If he bids, we can maneuver to get to the right game.”

*Why would partner not expect you to have four spades?*

**Korbel:** “2♠ —Only because it’s matchpoints; at IMPs I would try 2♣, leaving more strains open if we have values for game. But at matchpoints I’m greedy and want the extra points for playing in a major suit.”

*Passing 1♠ lets you play in spades and at a low level.*

**Schwartz:** “2♠ —Have too much to pass. 2♠ should be a reasonable spot if partner passes as most likely. Partner doesn’t have to bid 4♠ with acceptances.”

**Theurer:** “2♠ —A little heavy on points but only three-card support. Hate 1NT on xx of diamonds wrong-side potential there too. Not going to rebid that heart suit, and not a fan of 2♣ at matchpoints. Some of this could depend on agreements, what shape is partner promising with this sequence? Some always bid 1♠, even with 4=3=3=3, some promise at least 4-4 in the black suits, some promise 4-5, some promise shortness.”

*The majority of the experts think its right to play in spades. Since spades is a 4-3 fit, play as low as possible.*

## 4) IMPs Both Vul

♠ 1043♥ Q109♦ A105♣ AQ82

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

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♦	100	3	7
2NT	90	4	12
3♣	90	1	15
Pass	70	1	5
3♥	70	0	22
3♠	20	0	1

Partner made a negative double and you don't have a clear advance. The choices are 2NT without a stopper, 3♥ holding only three hearts and I detest bidding a major on only three. You could rebid your four-card club suit or bid 3♦ holding only three diamonds. Another choice is to pass and hope partner has something in spades.

Two experts join me and bid their three-card diamond suit. At least partner will be conservative because making 5♦ takes more strength than making 4♥ or 3NT.

**Parker:** “3♦ —Nothing to say except preempts work.”

**Theurer:** “3♦ —Ugh, can't pass at IMPs especially with partner being a passed hand! Wish I could let partner choose. Not going to try a stopperless 2NT either. LHO is bidding vulnerable so likely has a good suit and partner may have no help there and partner won't likely pull since for all he knows I have a real spade stopper. 3♣ would be nice if it were a punt, but doubtful that's a common agreement - normally I have six clubs, or at least a decent five-bagger. Normally I play negative doubles show two places to play. Partner could have a five-card red suit, maybe he is 2-4-5-2.”

Four experts rebid 2NT. 2NT could stop West from leading a spade when you're off the whole spade suit. Rebidding 1NT after a 1♠-overcall without a stopper makes more sense since he usually has only five spades and they could be weak. However, West probably has six spades and they are usually robust.

**Hopkins:** “2NT—Gag! I remember this hand or one very like it. I will at least get my type of hand, a weak notrump, across to partner and I pray that silence from East implies a lack of fit and that partner has something in the spade suit. Of course, partner can always bid 3♠ to ask if I was just kidding about my spade stopper. I would not give anyone who chose to bid 3♣ a hard time as

that at least tends to deny a Spade stopper although I would prefer to have a more distributional hand for that call.”

*If you have to ask partner if he really has a spade stopper in this situation, you have negated the meaning of the cue bid.*

**Woolsey:** “2NT—If partner has a five-card red suit or four clubs he will bid that, and we will have arrived in a decent spot. If he passes he will have at least two spades, maybe three, and we might survive.”

**Korbel:** “2NT—I refuse to pass. If there is a bridge hell, it'll be hands like this one over and over.”

**Adams:** “2NT—No choice really. If partner has a long suit, partner can bid it.”

*Why would partner bid a five-card red suit when you could have a singleton?*

*One expert rebids his four-card club suit.*

**Schwartz:** “3♣ —Can't pass with them Vulnerable at IMPs. Leaves room for partner to bid three-of-a-red suit.”

*One expert passes. Scary at IMPs. The good news is that declarer will not play you to be passing with 10xx in spades.*

**Clanton:** “Pass—No place to go and we should have the majority of the points – should be able to beat 2♠.”

*Bidding a three-card minor tends to slow partner down. Bidding a three-card major does the opposite.*

### 5) Matchpoints Both Vul

♠ 109♥ A109♦ AJ1053♣ J82

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♣	1♠
?????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Dbl	100	4	5
2♦	90	5	53
1NT	50	0	2
2♣	50	0	1
Pass	50	0	1

*Another hand where you have poor choices. You could make a three-card negative double. You could bid 2♦, but you're a little light. You could raise clubs, but only have three.*

Three experts agree with me and make a three-card negative double. A doubleton spade is a good spade holding to make a three-card negative double. Opener is not going to have to ruff a spade in his hand. Hopefully this is not the day that opener also bids a three-card heart suit.

**Parker:** “Double—Thanks for this easy set. Once again no bid fits this hand but raising clubs seems silly. Partner can play 4-3 fits just fine, I hope.”

**Hopkins:** “Double—I feel much more confident about the likely result if we end up in our 4-3 Heart fit. Again the ruffs will come in the short hand. Maybe my bidding like this is why my diminishing number of partners tend to shake a lot? “

**Theurer:** “Double—Yes I only have three hearts, but it's matchpoints, a 4-3 fit could play well. 2♦ is a bit much with this hand and not going to raise clubs with only Jxx at matchpoints. Too much stuff to pass.”

*If partner does not have four hearts, he'll make a normal rebid. Wouldn't you be happy playing in 1NT if that what opener rebids?*

*Five experts make a free bid of 2♦. Usually you have a stronger hand to make a free-bid at the two-level. What are you going to rebid if partner bids 2♥? Are you going to pass if opener rebids 2NT, 3♣ or*

*3♦? I don't think the 2♦-bidders thought about what they were going to do next. 2♦ puts a lot of pressure on opener if his next bid can be passed. You'd probably get too high if opener has a balanced 18-19.*

**Woolsey:** “2♦ —This hand is certainly strong enough for a two-level call in competition. I can't see any reason to do anything else.”

*What are you going to do if partner raises diamonds. Puts a lot of pressure on partner if he can't make a forcing 3♦-call.*

**Korbel:** “2♦ —A little bit light, but the red tens will see me through. I really like to play that this 2♦ -bid does not create a force ad infinitum; if partner rebids 2NT, 3♣, or 3♦, I can pass; if the opponents compete to anything, we can pass them out. Double from either side would show extra values.”

**Schwartz:** “2♦ —Ten points, reasonable suit seems most descriptive. Double is reasonable to give us a chance to get to 1NT.”

**Clanton:** “2♦ —Not a grand suit but if partner should reverse and bid 2♥, I would raise and if partner rebids 3♣ or 3♦ I'll pass. If EW win the bid in spades, at least north will know where I have some cards.”

**Adams:** “2♦ —Where's the problem? 2♦ shows 10+ points and a five-card suit. That's what I have.”

*If you have a choice between two calls, think about your rebid. It could be better to make the second best bid if you have better rebids.*

### SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	4♥	3♦	1NT	2NT	2♦	440
Candy Clanton	5♣	3♦	1NT	Pass	2♦	450
Robbie Hopkins	5♣	3♦	2♠	2NT	Dbl	490
Daniel Korbel	4♥	3♦	2♠	2NT	2♦	450
Steve Parker	6♣	3♦	1NT	3♦	Dbl	480
Steve Robinson	5♣	2♥	Pass	3♦	Dbl	460
Alan Schwartz	5NT	2♦	2♠	3♣	2♦	450
Brad Theurer	5NT	3♦	2♠	3♦	Dbl	490
Kit Woolsey	5♣	3♦	2♠	2NT	2♦	480



## 2018 TROPHY RACE STANDINGS

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

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 11/12, not including the Round Robin. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director.

### Lovenberg

1	Brad Theurer.....	245.14
2	Steve Robinson .....	231.07
3	Mark Shaw .....	181.31
4	Donna Rogall .....	153.19
5	Peter Boyd .....	148.55
6	Martin Graf .....	148.51
7	Leo LaSota .....	144.68
8	Clyde Kruskal .....	129.89
9	Barry Falgout .....	129.29
10	Steven Schatzow .....	122.76
11	Linda Marshall.....	109.68
12	David Ruderman.....	105.44
13	David Genne .....	100.08
14	William Pettis .....	92.88
15	Vincent Wilmot Jr .....	90.48
16	James Heneghan .....	89.26
17	Robert Bell.....	85.62
18	William Cole .....	82.07
19	Andrew Gofreed .....	81.08
20	Richard Wegman.....	78.23
21	Lloyd Rawley .....	75.34
22	Lou Reich .....	65.25
23	Peter Van Zijl.....	64.73
24	Ellen Cherniavsky.....	62.43
25	Terry Klein.....	59.26
26	Michael Richey.....	55.47
27	James Geist.....	55.44
28	Alan Tenenbaum.....	53.59
29	Julian Boyce.....	52.88
30	Charles Dearolf.....	52.09
31	H John Edmonds.....	50.06
32	Brad Libros.....	50.04
33	James Beller.....	47.96
34	Fred King.....	47.92
35	Melanie Manfield.....	47.48

### Izzy Cohen

1	Peter Van Zijl.....	64.73
2	Terry Klein.....	59.26
3	Charles Dearolf.....	52.09
4	James Beller.....	47.96
5	Melanie Manfield.....	47.48
6	Brian Sutton .....	46.91
7	Paul Block .....	46.85
8	Ernie Schuler .....	40.33
9	Alexander Stille .....	39.12
10	Leon Masiewicki .....	37.88
11	Patrice Gordon .....	37.73
12	Michael Lawrence.....	37.22
13	Rosemary Shaw .....	36.15
14	Annapurna Satpathy.....	35.34
15	Michael Berard .....	34.68
16	Myron Goldstein.....	33.90
17	Dale Sanders .....	33.77
18	Barry Tash.....	32.27
19	Barbara Devaney.....	31.85
20	Murat Berk.....	31.08

### Tubbs

1	Alexander Stille .....	39.12
2	Myron Goldstein.....	33.90
3	Barbara Devaney.....	31.85
4	David Handwerker .....	28.55
5	Mahmoud Katirai .....	27.88
6	Elliot Bernold.....	27.86
7	Linda Meade .....	27.61
8	Shala Panbechi .....	27.40
9	Robbie Lloyd .....	25.41
10	Kim Gandy.....	23.43

### Woolridge

1	Elliot Bernold.....	27.86
2	Robert Johnston .....	22.41
3	Margaret Stouffer .....	14.31
4	Joel Mulhauser.....	10.95
5	Joan Riggs.....	7.30
6	R Mani .....	6.70
7	Kate Beardsley.....	6.49
8	Peter Wicklein .....	5.99
9	Michael Mandel .....	5.69
10	Simon Carr .....	5.50

## 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.

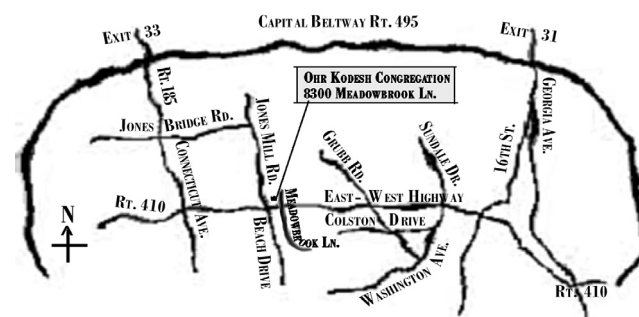
12/13/2018.....**Holiday Party**—Stratified D6 STaC—*Silver Points!*  
12/20/2018.....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
12/27/2018.....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
01/03/2019.....WBL Sectional  
01/10/2019.....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
01/17/2019.....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
01/24/2019.....StrataFlighted Club Championship  
01/31/2019.....StrataFlighted Grand National Teams  
02/07/2019.....Stratified D6 STaC pairs  
02/14/2019.....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
02/21/2019.....NVBA Sectional  
02/28/2019.....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
03/07/2019.....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
03/14/2019.....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
03/21/2019.....StrataFlighted Upgraded Club Championship  
03/28/2019.....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 [wblmanager@gmail.org](mailto:wblmanager@gmail.org) if you have questions about how the WBL Unit Game is run.

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### ONLINE PARTNERSHIP DESK FOR TOURNAMENTS

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>

### 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.

### UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♣ Jan 3-6, 2019, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♦ Feb 21-24, 2019, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ Apr 4-7, 2019, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♠ April 11-14, 2019, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ May 30-Jun 2, 2019, WBL, Silver Spring, MD
- ♦ September 5-8-9, 2019, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ October 3-6, 2019, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♠ October 24-27, 2019, WBL, Silver Spring, MD

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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),

### 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.

**Bits & Pieces**, cont. from p. 9...

**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 Brad Theurer	.212.52
2 Leo LaSota	.143.53
3 Steve Robinson	.130.27
4 Peter Boyd	.97.36
5 Mark Shaw	.94.72
6 Kenton Schoen	.83.43
7 Barry Falgout	.81.79
8 William Cole	.80.05
9 Martin Graf	.75.92
10 Kenneth Davis	.62.38
11 Charles Yaple	.62.13
12 David Ruderman	.59.52
13 Rusty Krauss	.58.37
14 Andrew Gofreed	.57.05
15 Robert Hopkins Jr	.54.71
16 Vincent Wilmot Jr	.53.56
17 Jim Wakefield	.53.03
18 Ron Sutter	.52.04
19 Jay Kelkar	.50.88
20 Yuen DeAnda	.48.96

#### NonLM Leaders

Player	Points
1 Alexander Stille	.34.15
2 Barbara Devaney	.32.86
3 Francesca Mazarella	.25.28
4 Arvind Bhand	.24.18
5 David Goldfrank	.23.62
6 Atish Sanyal	.22.19
7 Paul Mohler	.21.27
8 John Graf	.19.99
9 Ivy Broder	.18.68
10 Neil Cowie	.18.37
11 Liam Sanderson	.18.37
12 Charles Stewart	.17.83
13 Carole Stringer	.16.83
14 Patrick Herbst	.16.59
15 Ellen Simonoff	.15.98
16 William Lowry	.15.69
17 Craig Pritzker	.15.22
18 John Wertman	.14.44
19 Bernard Klein	.14.29
20 Pamela Yood	.14.03

## COME JOIN THE 2019 WBL UNIT KNOCKOUT!

The deadline for entering the **2019 Washington Bridge League Unit KO** is **FEBRUARY 7TH**.

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 31st** 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 31st. 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 2019 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.

## BRIDGE HEROES NVBA/WBL LONGEST DAY (WEEK) BRINGS IN \$31,524.38

Thank you NVBA/WBL bridge players for your incredible generosity in donating \$31,524.38 through the Bridge Heroes team to the Alzheimer's Association during The Longest Day (Week). Not only were

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## WBL MEMBERS WIN THE WORLD MIXED TEAMS

Local players, Bill Cole, Melanie Manfield (*playing sponsor*), Bill (*Buffalo*) Pettis, and Beth Palmer (*team captain*) won the World Mixed Team event at the World Championships in Orlando Florida in October. They're pictured here being



honored for their win during the celebration at our most recent WBL sectional. Also on the team were anchor pair, Debbie and Michael Rosenberg.

It was the first world championship win for Melanie, Bill and Buffalo. Beth was winning her sixth world championship. Melanie, has only been a playing sponsor once before when she competed in the USBF world mixed team trials two years ago with Bill Pettis, Debbie and Michael Rosenberg, and Sally and Kit Woolsey. They lost a close match in the final of that event.

Even with that success, with under 2,000 masterpoints and little other experience playing competition at this high a level, Melanie had few expectations from the tournament. With the experienced professionals that made up the rest of her team, they were going to compete against more than 100 other teams in a very powerful field. Since there were no other events going on at the same time, the

best players were out in force. Melanie hoped to get to the round of 16, but harbored a secret goal of doing even better – to get to the quarterfinals.

After qualifying during the first two full day qualifying swisses of five 10-board matches each day, they then had to win four 28-board KO matches against Grand Life Masters and World Champions. Due to their good performance in the swisses, they were seeded 12<sup>th</sup> out of the remaining 64 teams. They thereby got to choose 12<sup>th</sup> from the teams in 33<sup>rd</sup> through 64<sup>th</sup> place who they played in the first round. After winning all four of the 28-

board KO matches, they played against (or they drew) teams in the semi-finals and finals against teams full of world and national champions. The first half of the semi-finals, they were up 75 IMPs at the half against a team that had mostly European players with both Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup winners. In the final match, the team was down 10 IMPs at the half. The sponsor on the other team was not going to play anymore, having just played one quarter. The team had to decide whether Melanie would play in the third quarter.

The World Bridge Federation (WBF) only requires that any particular team member play one third of the boards. Many of the other teams had sponsors who played only that minimum and actually sat out entire matches against certain teams, but Melanie wanted to play half of the boards. Despite internal discussions of what might give the team their best chance of winning, Melanie stuck

with her plan of playing half. Beth's support struck a chord. Beth said that she didn't think that Melanie would be happy in the long run otherwise. It was true. Melanie simply did not feel that she would have truly earned whatever place they did earn, unless she played at least half the time. Bill Cole was impressed by Melanie's very gutsy decision to play under such extreme pressure. Melanie came to play!

Beth feels that having established partnerships helped their team. The Rosenbergs and Beth and Bill, have strong, long-standing established partnerships. While Melanie and Buffalo don't have a similar long-standing partnership, they practiced frequently before Orlando and worked on their agreements to such an extent that they didn't have any major misunderstandings during the event. Since many partnerships at tournaments are not "mixed" partnerships, this probably helped their team.

Buffalo emphasizes that maintaining an even temperament and putting bad results behind you is also very important and credits Melanie for doing that well. In addition, she had to be prepared to play with screens and to be on Vugraph. Melanie just tried to focus on each hand and do her best, just like it was any other event.

Melanie says, "It was exhilarating to read my name in the Daily Bulletin – even if it was to see a comment along the lines of: Melanie Manfield's "Weak Two" bids are close to what European players consider to be "Strong Two" bids!

"Especially, it was thrilling to play in the third quarter of the final match, for my partner and I to hold our own, and to pick up a few IMPs. Barry Rigal approached Bill Pettis and me after the final match, and said that we had set our teammates up well for the fourth quarter (when our teammates played incredibly well and pulled away from our opponents). That meant a lot to me."

The team was asked for a hand they played or defended especially well. They were unable to provide one, saying that mostly the team as a whole just played consistently well. As Beth said at our celebration event, "Bridge is primarily a game of not making mistakes and that is what the Manfield team did to win this tough event."

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

we the #6 Bridge team in the country for this year, but we were also the #12 overall team out of every single team (including activities other than bridge) that participated this year in The Longest Day.

**Here's a breakdown of the amount:**

\$14206.50 . . . Longest Day bridge games (June 18-24)  
 \$6858.00 . . . Top Players  
 \$1842.00 . . . Silent Auction  
 \$2497.00 . . . Raffle tickets  
 (for Regional Free Plays)  
 \$5525.38 . . . Bridge Heroes  
 online donations  
 \$1500.00 . . . Sponsorship money  
 ...Minus our expenses of \$904.50

A tremendous amount of work went into the success of this year's Longest Day (week), and I want to thank my incredible team in alphabetical order: Marty Bley, Sandy Carroll, Barbara DiCicco, Sheila Ellis, Joanna Hatch, Joe Hertz, Ron Kral, Robbie Lloyd, Julie Marquette, Susan Miskura, Kevin O'Brien, Mary Ourand, Karen Roseberry, Georgette Weiss, and Joan White.

The Top Player bidding was highly successful this year, and we want to thank in alphabetical order all those who participated (those who played two games are indicated with an \*): Beth Palmer, Bob Boyd\*, Carole Grob\*, Fred King, Hank Meyer\*, Jay Cherlow\*, Ken Davis, Leo Cardillo, Marcia Stein\*, Margot Hennings\*, Mark Tonnesen, Marty Bley, Peter Boyd, Robbie Hopkins, Ron Kral\*, Rusty Krauss\*, Steve Robinson\*, Steve Schatzow\*, Sylvia Shi, and Vonnice Lavender\*.

Next, we want to thank both NVBA and WBL for holding Longest Day games at their Unit games on Thursday night, and to thank all the bridge directors who held Longest Day games supporting Bridge Heroes during the longest week in alphabetical order: Marty Bley, Candy Kuschner, Kay Markell, Kevin O'Brien, Gene Schuyler, Matt Schepps, and Lennie Ward. We also want to thank all those many directors who collected monetary donations during their games, allowed raffle tickets to be sold at their games and allowed Top Player/Silent Auction items to be displayed at their game.

Finally, we want to thank both Rusty Krauss and Mark Tonnesen for super generous donations that helped with food and more at the events, and also all the donors for the Silent Auction: Linda Holz, Brion's Grille & Sports Bar, Dollar Store University Mall, Duangrat's, FEDEX at University Mall, Gathering Grounds Café, Giant Greenbriar Shopping Center, Giant University Mall, Great American Restaurants, Al Stolpe, Francesca Mazarella, Cynthia Larre, Mike Isabella Concept Group, Bethesda,

Dave Tonnesen, Sandy Carroll, McAlister's Deli, Merrifield Garden Center, Betty Ladd, Chica Brunsfold, Oh George Tables and Tap-house American, Pacci's Trattoria & Pasticceria, Barbara DiCicco, Betty Ladd, Safeway Fairfax Square, University Mall Theater, and Jane Guyton.

My mother had Alzheimer's disease and this fight is extremely personal to me, so thank you to all who contributed to this effort to help the Alzheimer's Assn., by playing on the day and/or contributing in some way. I apologize in advance if I've forgotten to thank anyone; there were so many people involved, it became difficult to keep track. All help was very much appreciated.

*Katy Culp*  
 Bridge Heroes Team Leader

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018  
 UNIT KO WINNERS!**

**Flight A**

- 1 Shawn Stringer, Ellen Cherniavsky, Bill Pettis, Beth Palmer, Bill Cole**
- 2 Donna Rogall, Clyde Kruskal, Mark Chen, Hal Hindman
- 3/4 Jason Meyer, Larry Kahn, John Edmonds, Lloyd Rawley
- 3/4 Fred King, Bob Bell, Dick Wegman Lyle Poe, Brad Theurer, Dave Ruderman

**Flight B**

- 1 Mike Berard, Murat Berk, Hakan Berk, Peter Van Zijl, Richard Wissing**
- 2 Richard Levin, Gail Singer, Peter Schiff, Neal and Ellen Rosenthal, Rochelle Cohen
- 3/4 Cheri Hayes, Jane Dolkart, David Espo, Shaye Hester, Jim Rubin, Ferit Yegenoglu
- 3/4 Michael Kuehl, Chuck Dearolf, Terry Klein, Prem Garg

It's not too early to think about joining the 2019 Round Robin! See page 19 for the details.

**SAD NEWS**

We regret to announce the passing of Ed Burke, a long-time volunteer for the WBL, and of Paul Leopold, a recent Machlin Sportsmanship Award Winner.

**NEW WBL/NVBA  
 BRIDGE DIRECTORY**

The new directory is out and available for pick up at the Thursday night Unit Game.

**88TH ANNUAL  
 D.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*October 11-14, 2018*

**2018 MACHLIN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

**Mark Lavine**, this year's Machlin Sportsmanship Award winner exemplifies the spirit of the award. Over the past few years Mark has probably done more than anyone else in the bridge community to bring players into the game and to mentor them. He has grown attendance at his duplicate games -- which now number 5 per week -- by more than 100% and provides support for the 0-20 game on Thursday nights. At his games, he has established an atmosphere where experienced players can thrive, and where new players feel comfortable and welcome. The website for his club emphasizes good behavior by referencing the zero tolerance policy and by including the "sixteen rules of etiquette" for bridge players. He takes a very active role in helping players find partners (a major reason why he has been so successful at increasing attendance at his club). When he plays bridge, Mark is always warm and courteous to other players, and

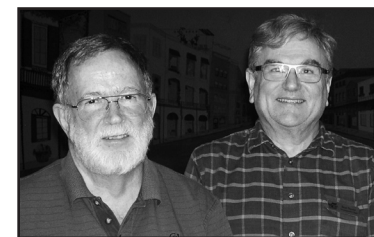
he is unfailingly kind and supportive to his partners. One of his regular partners, Barbara Doran, commented that when she leaves for the game, her husband always tells her to have fun. Her response when she is playing with Mark is always "Of course I will! I'm playing with Mark." She noted that he never criticizes and is quick to admit a mistake of his own. Mark clearly meets the criteria established by the WBL Board for the award, most especially the criteria which requires that the awardee "demonstrate a willingness to help mentor other players in the game." and "behave graciously at the table after bad results or good results" and "exhibit exemplary behavior at all times toward partner and opponents".



*During the tournament, Barbara Doran presented the 2018 Machlin Sportsmanship Award to Mark Lavine.*

**—Results—**

**THU MOR OPEN PAIRS @ RDBC  
 Stratum A, 13.5 Tables / Based on 33 Tables**



- 1 Robert Hopkins Jr - Brad Theurer . . . . .54.20  
 2 Jill Benson - Bernard Klein . . . . .58.95  
 3 Audrey Marbach - Leila Whiting . . . . .58.46  
 4 William Pettis - Kent Goulding . . . . .57.93  
 5 Mary Guandolo - Robert Bogin . . . . .57.51  
 6 Kenneth Hopke - Julian Boyce . . . . .56.26  
 7 Mary Lafferty - Lorraine Hegel . . . . .55.13

**TOP TEN CUMULATIVE  
 POINT WINNERS**

All Players	
1	68.63 . . . . . <b>Peter Boyd</b>
2	66.67 . . . . . Brad Theurer
3	51.86 . . . . . Steve Robinson
4	46.71 . . . . . Leo LaSota
5	42.70 . . . . . Mark Shaw
6	29.87 . . . . . Martin Graf
7	26.45 . . . . . Peter Van Zijl
8	23.68 . . . . . Kenton Schoen
9	19.84 . . . . . Robert Hopkins Jr
10	19.80 . . . . . Mark Chen

Players with fewer than 2500 masterpoints	
1	26.45 . . . . . <b>Peter Van Zijl</b>
2/3	14.29 . . . . . Bernard Klein
	14.29 . . . . . Jill Benson
4	14.04 . . . . . David Genne
5	13.97 . . . . . Alexander Stille
6	13.76 . . . . . Terry Klein
7	13.58 . . . . . Michael Berard
8	12.35 . . . . . Edward Rothenheber
9	11.81 . . . . . Shuba Dey
10	11.58 . . . . . Sven Pride

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints	
1	14.29 . . . . . <b>Bernard Klein</b>
2	13.97 . . . . . Alexander Stille
3	10.47 . . . . . Barbara Devaney
4/5	9.96 . . . . . Liam Sanderson
	9.96 . . . . . Neil Cowie
6	8.83 . . . . . Linda Meade
7	7.71 . . . . . David Handwerker
8	6.79 . . . . . Kathy Kopnisky
9/10	6.76 . . . . . William Perkey
	6.76 . . . . . Matt Murbach



**Stratum X, 8.5 Tables / Based on 6 Tables**

1	Jill Benson - Bernard Klein	.58.95
2	Mary Guandolo - Robert Bogin	.57.51
3	Mary Lafferty - Lorraine Hegel	.55.13
4	Joel Goldberg - Marilyn Forrest	.54.16

**THU MOR B/C/D PAIRS @ RDBC****Stratum B, 19.0 Tables**

1	Stanley Rosen - David Handwerker	.64.29
2	Carole Stringer - Joseph Lebaron	.62.20
3	Rebecca Mandir - Nanci Porten	.60.71
4	Simon Carr - Jane Dolkart	.59.52
5	Sharon Bates - Ellen Pollack	.58.33
6	Deidre Sacks - Donna Genderson	.58.04

**Stratum C, 18.0 Tables**

1	Stanley Rosen - David Handwerker	.64.29
2	Rebecca Mandir - Nanci Porten	.60.71
3	Simon Carr - Jane Dolkart	.59.52
4	Sharon Bates - Ellen Pollack	.58.33
5	Deidre Sacks - Donna Genderson	.58.04
6	Farida Mazhar - Sudha Garg	.57.74

**Stratum D, 12.5 Tables**

1	Rebecca Mandir - Nanci Porten	.60.71
2	Simon Carr - Jane Dolkart	.59.52
3	Deidre Sacks - Donna Genderson	.58.04
4	Farida Mazhar - Sudha Garg	.57.74
5	Julian Klazkin - Donald Gutman	.57.44
6	Kathy Kopnisky - Barry Shapiro	.54.17

**THU EVE A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 26.5 Tables / Based on 75 Tables**

1	Peter Boyd - Steve Reed	.65.18
2	Leo LaSota - Brad Theurer	.61.52
3	Vincent Wilmot Jr - David Genne	.60.78
4	Debnarayan Dhar - Sven Pride	.58.09
5	Andrew Gofreed - Steven Schatzow	.56.13
6	Richard Ferrin - Eugene Kales	.56.00
7	Monique Smith - Jason Meyer	.55.51
8	Dave Tonnesen - John Glynn	.54.76
9	Peter Van Zijl - Richard Wissing	.54.53
10	Kenton Schoen - Kenneth Davis	.54.46
11	Mary Tenenbaum - Alan Tenenbaum	.54.41
12/	Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz	.54.17
/13	Bob Boyd - Vonnice Lavender	.54.17
14	Jay Kelkar - Shuba Dey	.53.87

**Stratum X, 15.5 Tables**

1	Vincent Wilmot Jr - David Genne	.60.78
2	Debnarayan Dhar - Sven Pride	.58.09
3	Monique Smith - Jason Meyer	.55.51
4	Dave Tonnesen - John Glynn	.54.76
5	Peter Van Zijl - Richard Wissing	.54.53
6	Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz	.54.17
7	Dale Sanders - Robert Rovner	.52.94

**THU EVE B/C/D PAIRS****Stratum B, 25.0 Tables**

1	Vivek Choudhury - Shyam Giridharadas	.65.54
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2	Amy Bloom - Margie Coccodrilli	.65.18
3	Jean Marx - Jerry Falconett	.63.99
4	Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball	.61.70
5	Ernie Schuler - Annapurna Satpathy	.60.12
6/7	Richard Long - Eric Cassel	.56.73
6/7	Paul Mohler - John Graf	.56.73

**Stratum C, 22.5 Tables**

1	Vivek Choudhury - Shyam Giridharadas	.65.54
2	Jean Marx - Jerry Falconett	.63.99
3	Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball	.61.70
4	Ernie Schuler - Annapurna Satpathy	.60.12
5/6	Richard Long - Eric Cassel	.56.73
5/6	Paul Mohler - John Graf	.56.73

**Stratum D, 15.5 Tables**

1	Vivek Choudhury - Shyam Giridharadas	.65.54
2	Tamara Vetter - Ken Kimball	.61.70
3/4	Richard Long - Eric Cassel	.56.73
3/4	Paul Mohler - John Graf	.56.73
5	Amy Elmore - James Connor	.55.93
6	Linda Meade - Arvind Bhand	.55.36

**THU EVE 499ER PAIRS****Stratum A, 9.0 Tables**

1	Mahmoud Katirai - Shala Panbechi	.67.86
2	Elliot Bernold - Jacob Baron	.65.18
3	Carole Smith - Eleanor Young	.63.10
4	David Handwerker - Judith Perrier	.55.06
5	Robert Johnston - Darlyn Counihan	.54.76

**Stratum B, 8.0 Tables**

1	Elliot Bernold - Jacob Baron	.65.18
2	Carole Smith - Eleanor Young	.63.10
3	Robert Johnston - Darlyn Counihan	.54.76
4	Kathy Kopnisky - Margaret Stouffer	.53.87
5/6	Andrea Weiswasser - Ann Lawrence	.52.98
5/6	Fern Lapidus - Beverly Stearns	.52.98

**Stratum C, 5.0 Tables**

1	Elliot Bernold - Jacob Baron	.65.18
2	Kathy Kopnisky - Margaret Stouffer	.53.87
3	Fern Lapidus - Beverly Stearns	.52.98
4	Antony Heatwole - Emilio Cecchi	.50.60

**THU EVE 199ER PAIRS @ NVBA****Stratum A, 10.0 Tables**

1	Ellen Simonoff - Ellen Haines	.58.93
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2	Mary Frances Jetton - Ellen Marcus	.58.04
3	Anne Alden - Faith Klein	.57.44
4	Ron Shoemaker - Parvine Chowfla	.56.85
5	Ron Webne - Chris Hayden	.56.55
6	Jichong Chai - R Mani	.55.36

**Stratum B, 6.5 Tables**

1	Anne Alden - Faith Klein	.57.44
2	Ron Shoemaker - Parvine Chowfla	.56.85
3	Ron Webne - Chris Hayden	.56.55
4	Jichong Chai - R Mani	.55.36
5	Mary Beatley - Lynn Wilson	.54.46

**Stratum C, 6.0 Tables**

1	Anne Alden - Faith Klein	.57.44
2	Ron Shoemaker - Parvine Chowfla	.56.85
3	Ron Webne - Chris Hayden	.56.55
4	Jichong Chai - R Mani	.55.36

**THU EVE 0-20 PAIRS****4.0 Tables**

1	Ulric Eriksson von Al - Linda Von Allmen	.66.07
2	Peter Gergen - Cristina Talavera	.60.70
3	Ruth Hutchins - Patricia McAlamen	.55.00

**FRI MOR A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 9.0 Tables / Based on 46 Tables**

1	Leo LaSota - Mark Shaw	.70.83
2	Michael Berard - Peter Van Zijl	.64.29
3	Martha Katz - Lynne Schaefer	.60.42
4	Carl Nelson - Eric Branfman	.56.25
5	Steven Schatzow - Barry Goulding	.55.28

**Stratum X, 5.0 Tables**

1	Michael Berard - Peter Van Zijl	.64.29
2	Carl Nelson - Eric Branfman	.56.25
3	Benjamin Stauss - Jeffrey Kosnett	.52.38
4	Jay Weinstein - Rex Settle	.51.19

**FRI MOR B/C/D PAIRS****Stratum B, 13.0 Tables**

1	Simon Carr - Jane Dolkart	.59.28
2	Jill Benson - Bernard Klein	.57.39
3	Michael Corrigan - Richard Padgett	.57.20
4	Behnaz Fardshisheh - Ernie Schuler	.57.01
5/6	Asim Mandal - Azmat Ali	.56.06
5/6	Amy Bloom - Margie Coccodrilli	.56.06

**Stratum C, 12.0 Tables**

1	Simon Carr - Jane Dolkart	.59.28
2	Jill Benson - Bernard Klein	.57.39
3	Michael Corrigan - Richard Padgett	.57.20
4	Behnaz Fardshisheh - Ernie Schuler	.57.01
5	Asim Mandal - Azmat Ali	.56.06
6	Joseph Lebaron - Linda Meade	.55.30

**Stratum D, 9.5 Tables**

1	Simon Carr - Jane Dolkart	.59.28
2	Michael Corrigan - Richard Padgett	.57.20
3	Asim Mandal - Azmat Ali	.56.06
4	Joseph Lebaron - Linda Meade	.55.30
5	Ashan Rodriguez - Alexander Stille	.54.17
6	Eugene Massey - Ted Proxmire	.53.22

**FRI MOR 499ER PAIRS****Stratum A, 22.5 Tables**

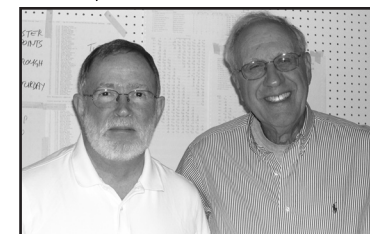
1	Noreen Hickey-Schiappa - Sandy Sheffler	.63.55
2	Andrea Weiswasser - Ann Lawrence	.61.61
3/4	Nancy Ferris - Diane Binnick	.60.71
3/4	Janet McGlynn - Jim Dickson	.60.71
5	Barbara Gifford - Irene Brandt	.58.93
6	William Davis - H Wesley Ashendorf	.58.04

**Stratum B, 19.5 Tables**

1	Sandy Sheffler - Noreen Hickey-Schiappa	.63.55
2	Andrea Weiswasser - Ann Lawrence	.61.61
3/4	Nancy Ferris - Diane Binnick	.60.71
3/4	Janet McGlynn - Jim Dickson	.60.71
5	Barbara Gifford - Irene Brandt	.58.93
6	William Davis - H Wesley Ashendorf	.58.04

**Stratum C, 8.5 Tables**

1	Nancy Ferris - Diane Binnick	.60.71
2	Monica Leid - William May	.55.06
3/4	Linda Hantman - Gilda Rotman	.53.87
3/4	Peggy Pearlstein - Linda Natale	.53.87
5	Garrett Isacco - Leslie Futrell	.51.54

**FRI AFT A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 9.5 Tables / Based on 32 Tables**

1	Robert Hopkins Jr - Richard Wegman	.62.45
2	Barry Falgout - Brad Theurer	.57.34
3	Kenton Schoen - Kenneth Davis	.55.62
4	Steven Schatzow - David Ruderman	.54.80
5	Jim Wakefield - Helene Bauman	.54.19
6	Benjamin Stauss - Jeffrey Kosnett	.51.75

**Stratum X, 4.0 Tables**

1	Benjamin Stauss - Jeffrey Kosnett	.51.75
2	Anne Derbes - Robert Schwab	.51.68
3	Michael Berard - Peter Van Zijl	.50.73

**FRI AFT B/C/D PAIRS****Stratum B, 10.0 Tables**

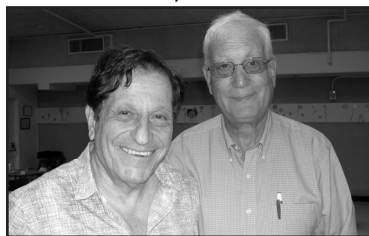
- 1 Alexander Stille (pic) - Ashan Rodriguez .69.05
- 2 Joseph Lebaron - Linda Meade .65.30
- 3 David Montague - Norman Mitchell .64.16
- 4 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska .58.51
- 5 Ann Seebth - Ruth Woods .58.04
- 6 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell .55.61

**Stratum C, 9.5 Tables**

- 1 Ashan Rodriguez - Alexander Stille .69.05
- 2 Joseph Lebaron - Linda Meade .65.30
- 3 David Montague - Norman Mitchell .64.16
- 4 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska .58.51
- 5 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell .55.61
- 6 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence .53.02

**Stratum D, 7.0 Tables**

- 1 Ashan Rodriguez - Alexander Stille .69.05
- 2 Joseph Lebaron - Linda Meade .65.30
- 3 Onorica Luculescu - Alina Galaszewska .58.51
- 4 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell .55.61
- 5 William Lowry - Ivy Broder .51.53

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

- 1 Elliot Bernold - Joel Mulhauser .65.50
- 2 Bernard Finn - Charles Stewart .63.75
- 3 Chris Napjus - George Napjus .62.92
- 4 John Graf - Paul Mohler .62.00
- 5 Betsy Rock - Sharon Kellett .60.42
- 6 Sandy Sheffler - Noreen Hickey-Schiappa .59.67

**Stratum B, 10.5 Tables**

- 1 Elliot Bernold - Joel Mulhauser .65.50
- 2 Chris Napjus - George Napjus .62.92
- 3 John Graf - Paul Mohler .62.00
- 4 Betsy Rock - Sharon Kellett .60.42
- 5 Sandy Sheffler - Noreen Hickey-Schiappa .59.67
- 6 Dave Marchal - Kathy Kopnisky .58.92

**Stratum C, 4.0 Tables**

- 1 Elliot Bernold - Joel Mulhauser .65.50
- 2 Elizabeth Lomas - Susan Dipaula .57.00
- 3 Monica Leid - William May .49.17

**FRI EVE IMP PAIRS/TEAM(T)****Stratum A, 10 Tables**

- 1 Clyde Kruskal - Donna Rogall - Barry Falgout - Lloyd Rawley 78.00
- 2 Jay Kelkar - Shuba Dey - Mark Chen - Brad Theurer .70.00
- 3 Michael Berard - Peter Van Zijl - Robert Rovner - Terry Klein .55.00
- 4 Steven Schatzow - Linda Marshall - Steven Fox - Marc Stone .13.00

**Stratum B, 5 Tables**

- 1 Michael Berard - Peter Van Zijl - Robert Rovner - Terry Klein .55.00
- 2 Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu - Sorina Negulescu - Jeffrey Halle .20.00

**FRI EVE IMP PAIRS/TEAM(P)****Stratum A, 10.0 Tables**

- 1 Donna Rogall - Barry Falgout .50.11
- 2 Mark Chen - Brad Theurer .47.44
- 3 Jay Kelkar - Shuba Dey .34.33
- 4 Lloyd Rawley - Clyde Kruskal .33.89
- 5 Steven Schatzow - Linda Marshall .32.44
- 6 Terry Klein - Robert Rovner .31.22

**Stratum B, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Terry Klein - Robert Rovner .31.22
- 2 Michael Berard - Peter Van Zijl .19.11
- 3 Jeffrey Halle - Sorina Negulescu .10.44
- 4 Daniela Tunsanu - Radu Tunsanu .10.78

**Stratum C, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Steven Fox - Marc Stone .16.33
- 2 Francesca Mazarella - David Goldfrank .19.56

**FRI EVE 500/300/100 PRS, Stratum D, 4.0 Tables**

- 1 Dorothy Osterberger - Linda Dennis .68.12

- 2 Joel Mulhauser - Elliot Bernold .58.82
- 3 Elizabeth Lomas - Susan Dipaula .53.21

**Stratum E, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Joel Mulhauser - Elliot Bernold .58.82
- 2 Elizabeth Lomas - Susan Dipaula .53.21
- 3 Sue Kushner - Charles Brown .48.95

**Stratum F, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Joel Mulhauser - Elliot Bernold .58.82
- 2 Elizabeth Lomas - Susan Dipaula .53.21

**SAT MOR A/X PAIRS****Stratum A, 17.0 Tables / Based on 67 Tables**

- 1 Peter Boyd - Steve Robinson .67.52
- 2 Lyle Poe Jr - Brad Theurer .64.30
- 3 Mark Shaw - Martin Graf .62.28
- 4 Charles Yaple - Kenton Schoen .57.33
- 5 Mark Lavine - Terri Sanker .57.16
- 6 Donald Berman - Rose Berman .56.48
- 7 Peter Van Zijl - Rolf Swenson .55.85
- 8 Vonnice Lavender - Richard Ferrin .54.21
- 9 Leo LaSota - Alan Tenenbaum .53.08

**Stratum X, 9.0 Tables**

- 1 Mark Lavine - Terri Sanker .57.16
- 2 Peter Van Zijl - Rolf Swenson .55.85
- 3 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan .52.64
- 4 Edward Rothenheber - Brian Sutton .51.66
- 5 Martha Bley - Ross Bley .51.38

**SAT MOR B/C/D PAIRS****Stratum B, 16.5 Tables**

- 1 Ettie Gordon - Mark Eisenstadt .61.76
- 2 Jill Benson - Bernard Klein .59.82
- 3 Martin Reed - Howard Tash .58.79
- 4 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell .58.51
- 5 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh .56.56
- 6 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence .56.23

**Stratum C, 15.0 Tables**

- 1 Ettie Gordon - Mark Eisenstadt .61.76
- 2 Jill Benson - Bernard Klein .59.82
- 3 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell .58.51
- 4 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh .56.56
- 5 Craig Olson - Michael Lawrence .56.23
- 6 William Neumann - George Rothstein .55.66

**Stratum D, 8.5 Tables**

- 1 Ettie Gordon - Mark Eisenstadt .61.76
- 2 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell .58.51
- 3 Terry Coates - Sheila Kaplan .55.06
- 4 Judy Retchin - Pat Tylander .53.59
- 5/6 Leo Potsiadlo - Barbara Maffei .52.10
- 5/6 Prabhakar Tamboli - Barbara Lebowhl .52.10

**SAT MOR 499ER PAIRS****Stratum A, 33.5 Tables / Based on 22 Tables**

- 1 William Perkey - Matt Murbach .63.10

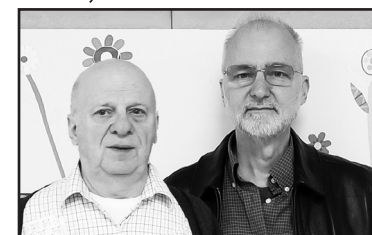
- 2 Ivy Broder - Linda Meade .62.33
- 3 Judith Fried - Donald Gutman .61.73
- 4 Kathy Kopnisky - Margaret Stouffer .61.14
- 5 Chris Napjus - George Napjus .60.98
- 6 Robert Johnston - Darlyn Counihan .60.29

**Stratum B, 30.0 Tables / Based on 19 Tables**

- 1 William Perkey - Matt Murbach .63.10
- 2 Judith Fried - Donald Gutman .61.73
- 3 Kathy Kopnisky - Margaret Stouffer .61.14
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- 1 Kathy Kopnisky - Margaret Stouffer .61.14
- 2 Joan Maxwell - David Maxwell .57.44
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- 2 Alan Tenenbaum - Leo LaSota .58.97
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- 1 Terry Klein - Charles Dearolf .56.09
- 2 Edward Rothenheber - Brian Sutton .54.81
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- 1 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Thomas Reckford .60.66
- 2 Allen Shaw - Tina Chisena .60.20
- 3 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson .57.31
- 4 Ron Sutter - Yuen DeAnda .56.39
- 5 Gerald Lerner - Jerry Miller .55.70
- 6 Joseph Lebaron - Carole Stringer .55.04

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- 1 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Thomas Reckford .60.66
- 2 Allen Shaw - Tina Chisena .60.20
- 3 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson .57.31
- 4 Joseph Lebaron - Carole Stringer .55.04
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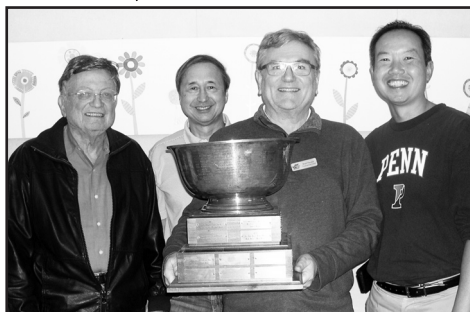
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2	Debra Graham - Jane Yasukawa .....60.38
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# NLM MASTER POINTERS

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## A 71% GAME AT THE CLUB: LESSONS THAT CAN BE LEARNED

My son, Seth, and I had a 71% game at the Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club on Saturday, October 20. I thought that sharing a few hands where the opponents could have done better, would be useful. These will not be esoteric points. These will be points that players who are moving up and want to improve, are capable of figuring out.

### First board

E-W Vul

#### North

♠ 752  
♥ AK3  
♦ A54  
♣ Q1073

#### West

♠ Q84  
♥ 10984  
♦ QJ8  
♣ A85

#### East (me)

♠ AKJ93  
♥ QJ5  
♦ 97  
♣ K64

#### South

♠ 106  
♥ 762  
♦ K10632  
♣ J92

#### South

P  
P

#### West

P  
2♠

#### North

1♣  
All Pass

#### East (me)

1♠

South led the ♣ 2 (a perfectly fine lead). I won the ♣ K in my hand and drew trumps. Then, I led the ♥ Q from my hand. North won the ♥ A and continued clubs by leading the ♣ Q. I won the ♣ K, and played the ♥ J. North won the ♥ K.

Now, the defense was at a crossroads. What to do? Here is what North should be thinking. If North thinks about Declarer's hand, he knows that she has shown up with the ♠ A, ♠ K, ♣ K, ♥ Q and ♥ J. Implicitly, she also has the ♠ J. So, Declarer

has shown up with 14 high-card points. Could Declarer also have the ♦ K? No, not really. She would have made a game-try holding 17 points.

Also, why is she leading hearts? The opponents can see the ♥ 9 and ♥ 10 in the dummy. She was trying to set up hearts so that she could pitch a losing diamond on her long heart.

In fact, North played a club after winning his second heart honor. North should have played the ♦ A, making it easier for South to cash her diamond trick. South won the ♣ J. Again, South could have determined that Declarer did not have the ♦ A. If she held that card, she would have had 18 high-card points. Also, if his partner, North, lacked the ♦ A, that would have meant that he opened the bidding vulnerable in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat with only nine high-card points.

In fact, South led a heart. Declarer was able to discard one of her two small diamonds on the 13<sup>th</sup> heart.

### Second board

None Vul

#### North

♠ AK10765  
♥ Q8  
♦ 8  
♣ 8643

#### West

♠ 984  
♥ AK9654  
♦ 6  
♣ AKJ

#### East (me)

♠ QJ3  
♥ 1073  
♦ J10742  
♣ 102

#### South

♠ 2  
♥ J2  
♦ AKQ953  
♣ Q975

#### South

3♦  
All Pass

#### West

1♥  
3♥

#### North

2♠  
3♠

#### East (me)

P  
4♥



So, I probably should not have bid 4♥. But, that was the final contract.

North led the ♠ A, and of course, now got to see the dummy. His partner played the ♠ 2. I assume that our opponents on this Board were using standard attitude and count signals.

Now, what should North be thinking? South has either one or three spades. How likely is it that South has three spades? Not at all likely. South bid her own suit, diamonds, and did not support spades.

So, although North sees partner play the ♠ 2, he should play partner for a singleton and continue spades. In fact, at the table, he did not. He switched to his singleton diamond. Now, South was in with her high diamond honor. What to do?

If she had continued diamonds, she could have set up a trump trick for the defense. However, realizing that Declarer as well as her partner was also out of diamonds, she switched to a club. Now, my partner was able to draw trumps, drive out the ♠ K and make 4♥, losing only two spades and a diamond. He didn't need the club finesse because trumps split 2-2, so he was able to ruff his third club in dummy.

Perfect defense would have beaten 4♥ two tricks. ♠ A, ♠ K and the ♠ 10 ruffed. Since the ♠ 10 was high, asking for a diamond back, South should lead the ♦ A and then ♦ K, setting up a trick with the ♥ Q.

### Third board N-S Vul

North  
♠ K6  
♥ QJ96  
♦ Q86  
♣ 10753

<u>West</u>	<u>East (me)</u>
♠ AQJ9843	♠ 10
♥ K8	♥ A1042
♦ 752	♦ AKJ4
♣ 2	♣ KQJ9

South  
♠ 752  
♥ 753  
♦ 1093  
♣ A864

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East (me)</u>
			1♣
P	2♠	P	2NT
P	4♣	P	5♣
P	6♠	All pass	

Obviously, this was not a good auction! First of all, I should have thought ahead and opened 1♦, not 1♣. That would have given me better rebid possibilities after my partner bid 1♠ – which was predictable, given that I had a singleton spade. Also, I had no clue what my partner's 4♣-bid meant (he had not played duplicate bridge in a couple of years). I decided that he meant that he had spades and clubs, so I raised him to 5♣. He meant it as keycard for spades.

Remember, when you get to a bad contract, don't give up! If you judge that it is a contract that few other pairs are likely to be in – which was the case on this board – just think about whether there is any lie of the cards that will allow you to make it. In this case there was, which was unfortunate for the unlucky opponents, who did nothing wrong.

North led the ♥ Q. From her point of view, this was a perfectly normal lead. She had the trump King, and undoubtedly was hoping she would make a trick with that card, being behind Declarer.

As West, how do you play the hand? You are missing the trump King, the ♣ A, and also have to decide how to handle the heart and diamond suits.

My partner made a sensible decision to play the opening leader for the ♥ J. It seemed unlikely to him that she would lead the unsupported ♥ Q, especially against a slam contract. So, after winning the opening lead with the ♥ K, he immediately finessed in hearts and won the ♥ 10. He then played the ♥ A from dummy, pitching his singleton club loser from his hand.

Then, my partner took the trump finesse, losing to the ♠ K. North played her fourth and last heart, the ♥ J. After ruffing that card and drawing the remaining trumps, my partner played a diamond to the ♦ A and led the ♣ K from dummy. South covered the ♣ K with the ♣ A. So, my partner was able to ruff in hand, play a diamond to dummy's ♦ K, and pitch a small diamond from his hand on the ♣ Q. Making six.

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- 1 Pamela Yoodr - John Graf - Ellen Simonoff - Paul Mohle .....57.00
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- 1 Pamela Yood - Ellen Simonoff - Paul Mohler - John Graf .....57.00
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- 1 Elizabeth Vincent - Daniel Aldrich - Jacob Baron

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- 3 Pamela Yood - Ellen Simonoff - John Graf - Paul Mohler .....46.00

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## WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

## 1) IMPs Both Vulnerable

♠ K109876♥ 4♦ -♣ A109765

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?????

## 2) IMPs You're Vulnerable

♠ A43♥ A4♦ KQ94♣ KQ104

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ 1♥ 2♦ 2♥

?????

## 3) Matchpoints You're Vul

♠ AQ1063♥ J4♦ 9765♣ K4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ Pass

????

## 4) IMPs None Vulnerable

♠ AKQJ4♥ -♦ J98765♣ 54

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

2♦ (4+) Pass 2♥ Pass

?????

## 5) IMPs You're Vulnerable

♠ KJ54♥ 942♦ J103♣ QJ4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1NT Pass

?????

(2nt natural)

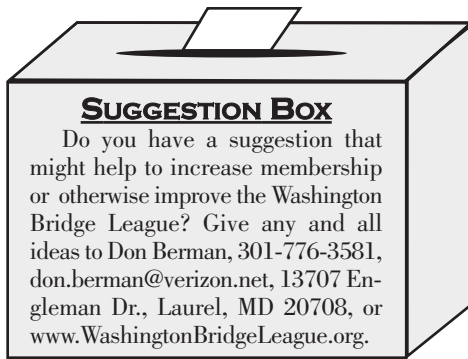
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