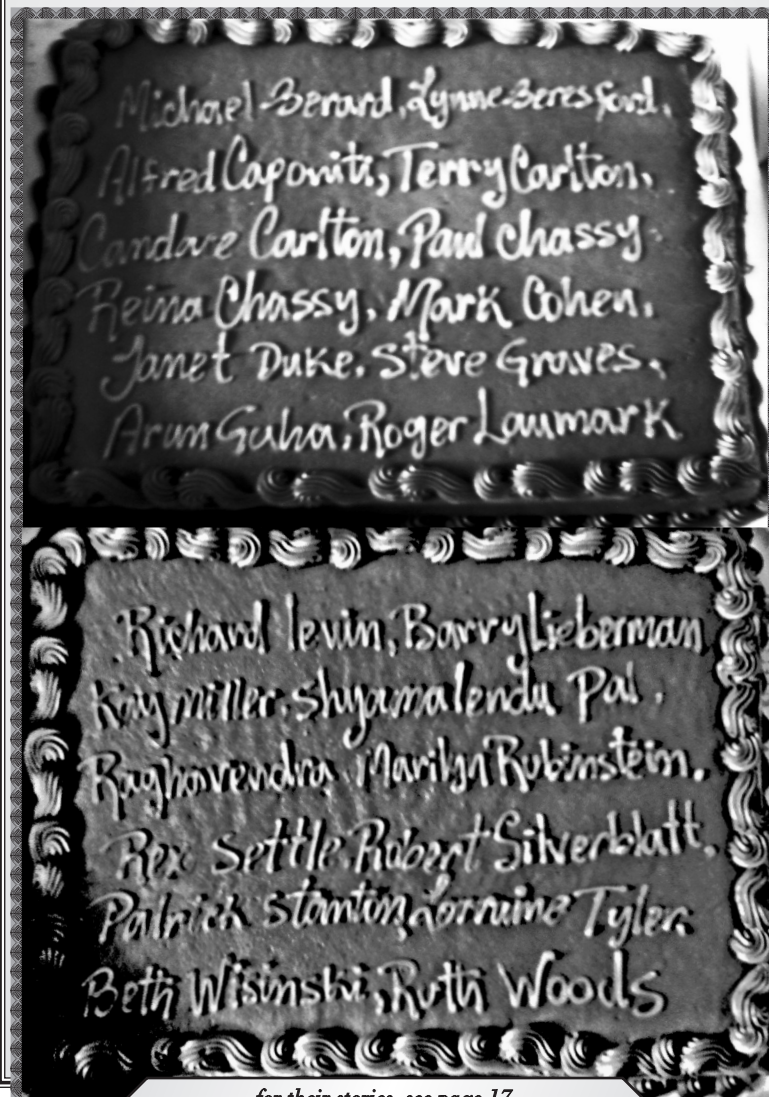


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**— 2010 NEW LIFE MASTERS —**



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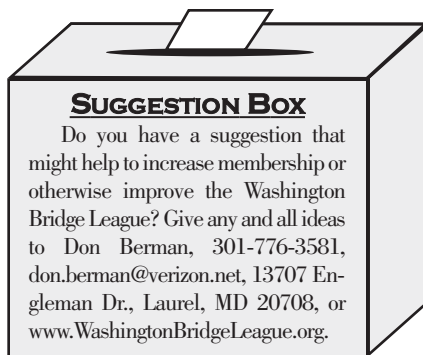
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Don Berman

Happy New Year and best wishes for an exciting 2011. We begin this year with 1756 members continuing an upward trend. Our January sectional just concluded and we had 447 tables, one of our best in many years. Also, last year we had our first Non-Life Master sectional in many years and it was a great success. In 2011 we are planning two NLM sectionals. Many thanks to **Shawn Stringer** and all the volunteers who made this possible.

Congratulations to our trophy winners of 2010. The Lovenberg (Open), **Leo LaSota**; the Izzy Cohen (less than 1500 MPs), **Patrick Stanton**; the Tubbs(NLM and less than 500 MPs), also **Patrick Stanton**; and the Woolridge(less than 20 MPs), **Fred-eric Caponiti**.

Congratulations to the Round Robin win-

ners. Flight A: **Robert Hopkins Jr., Barry Falgout, Kent Goulding, Rusty Krauss, Joan Lewis, John Miller**; Flight X: **Jason Meyer, H John Edmonds, Larry Kahn, Lloyd Rawley**; Flight B and Flight C: **Albert Lauber, James Beller, Ned Griffith, Walter Smith Jr.**

The continued upward trend in membership and attendance can only continue if our games are conducted and played in a civil manner and if we maintain the same toward our host locations and their neighbors. I ask

each and every one to cooperate toward this goal. Please do not park in the neighbors driveways or any place to cause them to complain. Please help the staff by using the trash bins and keeping the rooms clean. Please be courteous toward your fellow players and the directing staff to make the game pleasurable for them.

### OPT OUT?

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## BITS AND PIECES

### WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Mr Abraham Akresh, Cecilia De Kanga, Xing Du, Mr Stephen Grant, Mr George Joseph, Rosalie F Kingsley, Mr Robert Linn, Marcia M Littlejohn, Meg Scripps, Mr John M Steadman, Myrna Teck, Mrs Sandra True, Mr Jianping Wang, Mr Bailey G Zhang, Perry Becker, Leslie Beal Bloom, Mr Michael Campbell, Mr Noah Cannon, Haoming Guo, Edith Kuhnle, Ms Tamzin M McMinn, Judy O Connor, Mr Drew Riggs, Mr John M Silberholz, Cortney L Weinbaum, Lina Asseo, Libbie A Bvchele, Sam Carter, Ms Rita L Dominguez, Ms Cynthia B Hickman, Ms Sheri B Lanoff, Deborah R Nichols, and Mr Lester A Slaback.**

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mr Marc Fairbanks, Mr Christopher L Hall, Mrs Rita S Kanter, Charlotte Krinsky, Sylvia Levitan, Dr Marilyn Nusbaum, Mr Herb Schulken, Mr Steven R Lerman, Mrs Diane Sahr, Mrs Franny Van Dyke, Mr Ted Van Dyke, Ms Lisa J Billingsley, and Ms Diana L Blithe.**

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).

### 2011 UNIT KO UPDATE

The winning team in each flight of the 2011 Unit KO will be awarded a cash award equal to their entry fee.

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## Washington Bridge League

### 65<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Washington Tournament



**SILVER SPRING, MD**  
**APRIL 28-MAY 1, 2011**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**

- ♣ Stratified Open Pairs (unlim/1500/500) .....11:15am  
**Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club, 301-503-3348 (Mark Lavine)**  
*St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville* **NO ENTRY TILL 11AM**
- ♦ StrataFlighted Open Pairs (A/X unlim/3000, B/C/D Separate 1500/1000/500) (both sites); Stratified NLM Pairs (NLM/100/50) & 0-20 Pairs (Ohr Kodesh Congregation only); Stratified 199er Pairs (Beth El only)  
**Beth El Congregation, 3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria** .....7:00pm  
**Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln., Chevy Chase** .....7:30pm  
I-495 to Connecticut Ave. South. 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.**

**ALL FRIDAY GAMES**  
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

- ♣ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) ....10:00am
- ♦ **IMP Pairs** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) ..2:15pm  
**It's the Friday IMPs!** With only one partner, it scores like a team game. We average all but the highest and lowest results from all the tables and compare your result to it. The difference is converted to IMPs to get your IMP score on the board.
- ♥ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:15pm

**REST OF TOURNAMENT held at the Newport Mill Middle School: 11311 Newport Mill Road, Kensington, MD 20895**

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

- ♣ **Compact KOs** Four rounds of knockouts finish in one day! .....11:00am, 4:00pm  
**Tired of pair games?** You're guaranteed to play a full session of two rounds of the knockouts.
- ♦ Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500) (single session) .....11:00am
- ♥ StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) .....4:00pm
- ♠ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100) or Newcomer Pairs (50/20/5) (single sessions) 11:00am, 4:00pm
- ♣ **Don't miss the between sessions Panel Show** .....2:30pm

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

- ♦ A/X Swiss Teams (unlim /5000, 7 round playthru w/short break) .....11:00am & TBA
- ♥ B/C/D Swiss Teams, VPs (2500/1000/500, 7 round playthru w/short break) .....11:00am & TBA
- ♠ 300/100/50 Swiss Teams, VPs (single sessions) .....11:00am, 3:00pm

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SILVER SPRING, MD: MAY 14-15, 2011



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### Saturday, May 14

NLM Stratified Pairs (0-20, 20-100, 100-500 MPs) .....11:00 am

★*Expert analysis/discussion during lunch between sessions*

NLM Stratified Pairs (0-20, 20-100, 100-500 MPs) .....3:15 pm

### Sunday, May 15

Stratified Swiss Teams (playthrough with lunch break) .....11:00 am

**-Join us for a fun weekend!-**

### TOURNAMENT CHAIR

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### SAD NEWS

The WBL recently lost two long time members.

*Jane Thurman* passed away November 19, 2010 after a long illness. Jane was a beloved regular for many years at the Laurel Bridge Club, and will be missed awfully.

*Charlie Margolis* passed away in December. His family kindly provided the hospitality at the December 16 (Holiday Party) and December 23 Unit Games in his memory, and asked that in lieu of flowers to please make a contribution to the Washington Bridge League.

### -CLUB NEWS-

### GUY MASON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

**Edna Warsows** born December 14th 1913 celebrated her 97th birthday by participating in a STAC session at the Guy Mason Duplicate Bridge Club. It was an open game with 14 tables.

She learned how to play the game in 1938 two years after her marriage. She continue to play rubber bridge until 1969. At that point Edna started to play duplicate and has never stopped. This gracious lady is very sharp and provides excellent completion at our games. We celebrated with as birthday cake and a lusty happy birthday to Edna.

—Jerry Gumbiner

### 2010-2011 WBL/NVBA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**To be eligible**, a player: (1) Must be a member (or pending member) of either the NVBA or the WBL; (2) Must attend at least three WBL and three NVBA sectionals during the contest period (August, 2010 through June, 2011). 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.

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

### *Open Leaders*

<u>Player</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 Steven Schatzow .....	110.56
2 Kenneth Davis .....	69.92
3 Helene Bauman .....	62.53
4 Mark Shaw .....	61.21
5 Andrew Gofreed .....	57.50
6 Brad Theurer .....	53.95
7 Jay Kelkar .....	53.45
8 Diane Walker .....	50.83
9 David Milton .....	48.15
10 Leo LaSota .....	46.90
11 Lyle Poe Jr .....	45.98
12 John Miller .....	45.12
13 Ann Lindley .....	44.23
14 Steve Reed .....	42.82
15 Linda Marshall .....	42.82
16 Eugene Kales .....	42.74
17 Alfred Duncker .....	42.55
18 Stephen Drodge .....	40.86
19 William Cole .....	40.84
20 Arnie Frankel .....	40.81

### *NonLM Leaders*

<u>Player</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 Phillip Tseng .....	19.61
2 Thomas Jennings .....	17.10
3 Dan Emmons .....	15.24
4 Michelle Zygielbaum .....	15.19
5 Stephen Colevas .....	15.06
6 Ernie Schuler .....	14.4
7 Daniel Falk .....	14.37
8 Larry Wallace .....	13.94
9 Herb Schulken .....	12.02
10 Eleanor Schwartz .....	11.98
11 Norman Mitchell .....	11.32
12 Terry Carlton .....	11.28
13 Candace Carlton .....	11.28
14 James Mentzer .....	11.16
15 J J Jayaraman .....	11.06
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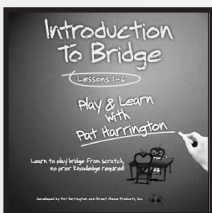
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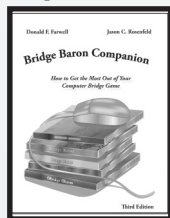


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## WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

*Moderated by Steve Robinson*

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Congratulations to **Barry Bragin, Mark Chen**, and **Sven Pride** who tied for first with a score of 500. They win a free entry to the Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. I will play with them at a future Unit Game. Tied for fourth were **Douglas Katzenstein, Pete Hughes, Millard Nachtwey, Jeffrey Klemm** and **Prahalad Rajkumar** with a score of 490. Tied for tenth were **Jim Wakefield, Douglas Katzenstein, Merrill Hirsh, Manuel Paulo** and **Larry Lau** with a score of 480. Tied for fifteenth were **Joav Steinbach, Martin Personick, Art Hayes, Lynda Flanger, Bryan Geer, Rick McDaniel, Kees Schaafsma, Mike Kovacich, Marsha Brown, Richard Wimberley, Jay Weinstein, Chris Marks, Donna Rogall, Arnie Frankel, Daisy Smith, and Sam Kaplan** with a score of 470. Tied for thirty-first were **Melissa Price, Rosemary Marks, Edgar Bowers, Ted Wilkenson, Suresh Agarwal, Rasim Sari, Carl Jeschke, Rick Essenstat, Neal Walters, Mike Frosch, Kathy Paramore, Bill Fitch, Tom Musso, Carl Gutschick, Brad Theurer, Mike Richey, Lloyd Rawley, Chris Johnson, Fred Granlich, John McAllister, Rita Waldack** and **Bill Meeks** with a score of 460. Tied for fifty-third were **John Horst, Chuck Sadowisk, Marlys Moholt, Jim Munday, Robert Stone, Lyle Poe, Jake Hudson, Forest Montgomery, Tom Grahame, Walter Taschek, Enid Hughes, Barbara Israel, Randel Holden, Jon Bessinger, Chongmin Zhang, Stephen Drodge, Dan Oakes, Mike Gill, Dorothy Russell** and **Walter Beckerman** with a score of 450. The average score of the 286 solvers was 392. The average score of the experts was 453.

**Craig Olson** got a 440 in my last set.

All readers are encouraged to send answers and/or new problems to Steve Robinson, 2891 S. Abingdon St. #A2 Arlington, VA, 22206-1329. In addition to the winner receiving a free play at the WBL Unit Game, Steve will play with anyone who gets a perfect score or who exactly matches all five of his answers. If you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address along with your answers, I will send you a copy of the new problems to ensure that you can meet his next deadline. You can pick up a copy of the problems at the WBL Unit Game in Maryland, and can send answers or requests for

problems to [robinswr1941@gmail.com](mailto:robinswr1941@gmail.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 had 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 \$29.95 that includes \$4.95 for priority mail.

### 1) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ A103 ♥ 543 ♦ A1043 ♣ AK2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
???	???	1♦	2♠

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♠	100	9	79
3NT	90	2	107
2NT	80	0	20
3♣	70	0	33
Double	70	0	34
3♦	30	0	5
4NT	30	0	1
4♦	30	0	2
5♦	30	0	2
4♠	20	0	1
4♣	20	0	1
Pass	20	0	1

Do you make a bid that's very likely to get you past 3NT? If partner opened 1♦ with ♠Jx QJx♦KQJx♣QJxx, 3NT is the only game contract that will make. Give partner ♠x AKJx♦KQJxx♣xxx and 6♦ has excellent play. Partner might have ♠Kxx♥x♦KQJxx♣QJxx, and not only does 6♦ make, 3NT fails with a heart lead. If 3NT always makes, I would bid 3NT but the chance that 3NT goes down, added to possibility that slam makes, make 3♠ the percentage bid. There's something to be said for bidding 3♣. The advantage of bidding 3♣ is that it is forcing and it gives partner a chance to bid something below 3NT. The disadvantage is that it might be difficult getting back to diamonds, especially if you play that 4♦ is RKC for clubs.

Eight experts join me, and bid 3♠. 3♠ shows diamond support and is forcing to at least 4♦. If opener has a minimum opener and bids 4♦ and you have a minimum 3♠ bid, the final contract could be 4♦. Opener with extras has to bid 4♣, which will allow you to show extras also.

**Woolsey:** "3♠—If partner bids 3NT, fine. Otherwise we get to 5♦, or maybe even 6♦ if he has some extras. This loses when 3NT makes and 5♦ doesn't but gains when we have a slam or when 5♦ makes and 3NT doesn't. If 2NT were forcing, as I think it should be since it is seldom right to stop in exactly 2NT when a long suit is out against you, then 2NT, followed by 3♠ if partner doesn't bid 3NT, would be better."

Woolsey brings up a great theory. When someone shows a six-card suit or you have an auction like this, 2NT should be forcing. For example, after 1♦ — 1♠ — 2♦ by your side, which shows six or more diamonds, you seldom want to play exactly 2NT. If the diamonds run, you will take lots of tricks. If the diamonds don't run, you probably won't make 2NT. By bidding a forcing 2NT, Opener gets a chance to show his distribution, which could lead to a 5♦ contract. Over a forcing 2NT, opener would bid 3♥ holding ♠Kx♥Axxx♦AJxxx♣x which would lead to a great 5♦ contract opposite ♠Axxx♥KQx♦Kxx♣Qxx. 3NT down, 5♦ makes. In this problem, wouldn't it be nice to be able to bid a forcing 2NT? If you hap-

pen to hold ♠A103♥543♦A103♣K432 you have bid a forcing 2NT and get to game.

**Parker:** "3♠—Strong diamond raise. If somehow partner bids 3NT I will pass, but if he bids anything else it means he has no wasted values in Spades so I will drive to a diamond slam."

I'd be worried if partner bids 3NT over 3♠. I could see the combined spade stopper of AQJ opposite Kxx and guess which suit East is going to lead.

**Roman:** "3♠—This should be unanimous. Even 3343, our excellent controls mean that 3NT is an unacceptable underbid."

**Schwartz:** "3♠—Close between 3NT or 3♠. Anytime partner is unbalanced, I want to bid 3♠. Even if partner has the balanced 12-14, 5♦ might be makable or partner might be able to bid 3NT."

**Adams:** "3♠—Can either show my spade stopper with 3NT, or my diamond support with 3♠, or really muddy the water with 3♣. 3♠ can't send both messages (Eastern cue bid or with support). It's really a guess but in favor of 3♠ is the possibility of playing it from partner's hand if his hearts are weak, and the possibility of playing slam if his hearts and diamonds are strong. In favor of 3NT is I get to play the hand. Hmm."

3♠ does not promise a spade stopper.

**Hopkins:** "3♠—I know this puts partner in a bind without or with only a partial Spade stopper, but I want to show my support. My call will probably win when partner has distributional hands and lose on many balanced hands."

**Elster:** "3♠—If partner has spade queen or king, want to be in 3NT. If not, then all his points are working, and will explore diamond slam."

**King:** "3♠—This hand can easily make a slam. Give partner as little as ♠x♥AQJx♦KQxxxx♣xx and 7♦ is a favorite. 3NT is too final."

Two experts bid 3NT. They are unwilling to go beyond 3NT.

**Landen:** "3NT—The most likely optimal contract. 3♠ is the only alternative and it risks partner being unable to bid notrump."

**Cappelletti:** "3NT—High percentage. Is usually right unless RHO has two of top four honors with a key entry and his partner has

other honor plus."

Supporting partner usually pays dividends.

## 2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠KQ9854♥2♦J10765♣6

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣			
3♠	100	5	41
4♠	90	2	8
2♠	80	3	141
1♠	70	1	75
Pass	40	0	11
2♦	20	0	2
2♣	20	0	7
3♦	20	0	1

How many spades do you bid over East's 1♣ opener? Another question would be how many spades would you open if you were the dealer? 2♠ would be unanimous if you held ♠KQ9854♥42♦J105♣65. 6-5 hands have extra playing strength and therefore 2♠ is an insufficient bid. If partner has minimal support and some aces such as ♠Jx♥Axxxx♦Qx♣Axxx, you might even make 4♠. He'll pass 2♠. Generally you want to preempt as high as possible to take away needed room from the opponents. True it could be your hand but I would guess that at least 70% of the time, the opponents have the balance of the high cards. There is no scientific reason for the 70%, just something I've seen many times. Just this past weekend I held ♠QJ10xxxx♥xx♦xx♣xx vulnerable. I opened 2♠ and the opponents got to 6NT, which made. My opponent opened 3♠, which I considered a sick bid, and his opponents stopped in game.

Four experts join me and come alive. Six-five come alive.

**Woolsey:** "3♠—6-5, come alive. 2♠ is an insufficient bid and 1♠ even more insufficient. 4♠ is too much, as holding the spade suit it doesn't pay to over- preempt."

**Parker:** "3♠—Put as much pressure on them as possible, sometimes you win and sometimes you don't."

**Roman:** "3♠—While there's no 'correct' answer to situations like this, my thinking would go along these lines: 1♠ is out, since I

can take up more room than that, 2♠ is possible, but I would bid that with fewer diamonds and more random round-suit losers, and I dismiss thoughts of bidding only 2♠ now intending to bid diamonds later, 4♠ is possible with such extreme distribution, but it's a bit too rich with such a modest suit and an unpassed partner...therefore 3♠ it is."

**Schwartz:** "3♠—With the suit qualities I'm certainly not trying to investigate diamonds. 2♠ is too wimpy and 4♠ too much with only six."

Two experts attempt to put it to the opponents. I hope the opponents don't put it to him.

**Adams:** "4♠—Anything less and I am going to want to bid again. True they get me sometimes, but far more often they have a terrible guess to make and guess wrong. If they double on points, I did the right thing. If they happen to be dealt a spade stack behind me, I did the wrong thing... maybe. They still have to pass the double, as most pairs play the double as "values" not a stack. 3♠ can be easier to get, as a stack can pass."

**King:** "4♠—Let them guess."

Four experts make an insufficient bid. Wimps.

**Landen:** "2♠—If partner were a passed hand or the vulnerability were favorable, I'd bid 3♠. This hand needs a fit, hopefully partner can raise."

**Hopkins:** "2♠—If the opponents have the majority of the deck, I am hoping partner and I are slightly misfitted and we allow them to find a suit contract that goes down on the bad splits. I fear a 3♠ call might force them to play a making 3NT and 4♠ would put us really out there when it is conceivable they don't even have a game."

**Elster:** "2♠—4♠, 3♠ and 2♠ are all possible."

**Cappelletti:** "1♠—And listen. Don't preempt yourself."

Six-five come alive.

## 3) Matchpoints, We're Vulnerable

♠AJ♥2♦Q108654♣AK75

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
3♠		Pass	Pass
3♠			
3♠			

????



Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♦	100	7	154
3NT	80	4	33
Pass	60	0	64
5♦	30	0	6
4NT	20	0	8
Dbl	20	0	15
4♠	20	0	4
4♥	20	0	2

Do we follow Hamman's rule? If 3NT is a possibility, bid it. The problem is that for 3NT to make, partner needs a perfect hand. 3NT would not be a good contract if you gave him ♠xx♥AKxx♦xxx♣QJxx, which is more than his promised six HCP. You always assume that partner has at least six HCP when making any bid. If you bid, you're assuming that partner has more than his six HCP. If partner has more than six HCP, one reason that he passed over 3♠ was that he has spade values. If partner has spade values, you belong in 3NT. On the other side, for 3NT to be a good contract, partner also needs heart values. Notice that not one expert even thought about passing. This is a bidders game and when in doubt bid.

The majority bids 4♦ and discount bidding 3NT. You wished you'd bid 3NT if partner has all his strength outside the diamond suit such as ♠10xx♥KQJ♦x♣Qxxxxx.

**Parker:** "4♦—Just like the last hand you got to take your chances. All partner needs is something in diamonds and we have a slam. 3NT is nuts."

**Schwartz:** "4♦—With better diamonds I would bid 3NT. Every once in a while opponents will lead a heart against 3NT on this action."

With a weak spade suit, I lead the unbid major against 3NT.

**Adams:** "4♦—Glad this is not IMPs, as 3NT would be tempting, but 3NT down two is unthinkable at matchpoints."

**Landen:** "4♦—3NT too big for me. Topless suit, singleton heart and likely only a single spade stopper argue for suit play."

**King:** "4♦—3NT is too much, Pass is too little and 4♦ seems just right."

**Hopkins:** "4♦—I am going to put my faith in my long suit. If it were better, I might try a balancing 3NT call, but this suit really needs too much help. My toughest choice will be

what to do if partner tries 4♥."

An interesting problem would be what to do if you bid 4♦ and partner bids 4♥. I would bid 5♣, guessing that partner is very unlikely to have a suit that can play opposite a singleton. With points, partner will bid a five-card suit on the way to five-of-a-minor.

Four experts site Bob Hamman's rule. When there is a long suit out, there is a better chance of a bad break, which makes 3NT a better contract.

**Woolsey:** "3NT—Hamman's rule is that when there are various possible calls and 3NT is one of them, bid it. Woolsey's corollary is that when the opponents preempt, follow Hamman's rule."

**Roman:** "3NT—As always, I'm prepared for this to be silly, but good partners table the dummy I need, and I certainly didn't drive all this way to play in a minor."

**Elster:** "3NT—Ask Bob Hamman."

**Cappelletti:** "3NT—And hope."

When in doubt bid your long suit.

#### 4) IMPs, We're Vulnerable

♠1073♥103♦54♣QJ10873

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????	1♣	Dbl	Pass

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	10	215
1♦	80	1	4
1♠	40	0	33
1NT	30	0	16
3♣	30	0	6
5♣	30	0	1
2♣	20	0	11

The problem should be what to do when West redoubles and East bids something. A good bidder thinks about possible rebid problems and sometimes makes a bad bid to avoid possible rebid problems. If you pass the takeout double, partner will expect you to have values. If he has a strong 4441 hand and starts doubling the opponents, he'll not be impressed by your defensive holdings. I see the possible rebid problem and bid 1♦. Notice that I avoid bidding a three-card major, which would be more encouraging then bidding a minor. Over 1♦, if he bids one-of-either-major, I will pass. Another reason to bid is that if partner has a void in

clubs you don't want him to worry about you passing his takeout double. I can see partner holding ♠AKQJxx♥AKQx♦xxx♣-. He would not be very happy defending 1♣ doubled.

Ten experts pass the double. Do they really expect to be defending against 1♣ doubled? If you asked me what I would bid holding the West hand after 1♣ doubled got passed to me, I would redouble. Then I would look at my hand. Unless you have most of the remaining clubs, you run from 1♣ doubled. You have to have a better spot.

Two experts recognize the rebid problem.

**Adams:** "Pass—And pull double of run out. How to survive partner's rebids? Two-card minors and three-card majors get raised too often to risk those bids. Bidding 1NT showing eight HCP will land us in no play 3NT. Passing, telling partner we have a better defensive hand than we actually do seems the lesser of all the evils... if LHO has good clubs, we will stay in clubs, if not, I can run to clubs. With only five clubs and a third diamond, I would bid 1♦."

**Landen:** "Pass—I don't see an alternative. The problem will come on the next round when LHO runs and partner doubles. I'll probably retreat to 2♣ hoping partner will pass."

**Parker:** "Pass—If they make it we only lose 180 otherwise we may go down 200 or more."

**Roman:** "Pass—The last time we were given this problem, we were told that passing was illegal and would be awarded zero points. Now that that restriction has been removed, passing is utterly obvious."

**Schwartz:** "Pass—Surprised there isn't a note that pass gets you zero."

OK. Schwartz's pass gets a zero.

**Hopkins:** "Pass—I have four tricks and they are down if partner produces three or more. And it won't be too expensive if they make it with no more than one overtrick. And the good news is that we aren't going set, doubled and vulnerable!"

**Elster:** "Pass—Probably our last chance for a plus, and shouldn't be too bad even if they make."

**Woolsey:** "Pass—My hand is worth at least three more tricks with clubs trump than with anything else trump. Yes, partner will play me for more strength, but if I bid 1♠ he will play me for more spades, which is a lot more

serious. Shape before strength always."

**King:** "Pass—I am afraid if I bid 1♠ partner might get carried away. If they run, I hope partner doesn't think his pass is forcing. I don't."

I agree about not bidding 1♠. That's why I think that if you're not going to pass 1♦ is the correct bid.

**Cappelletti:** "Pass—You might take four tricks in clubs."

Don't bid three-card majors if there is any alternative. Think about possible rebid problems before making your response.

#### 5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠KQJ63♥32♦AKQJ♣KQ

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
????			1♠

Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
Pass	100	7	64
Double	90	1	166
3NT	80	3	19
1NT	40	0	7
2♦	20	0	16
2♣	20	0	1
3♦	20	0	1
2♠	20	0	1
2NT	20	0	10
4♠	20	0	1

You have a powerful 1♠ opener, however, your RHO opened 1♠ in front of you. Do you wait in the bushes or do you attack? Partner is very unlikely to have enough strength to balance so if LHO passes, 1♠ will end the auction. You'll get 100 per trick. Since this is IMPs where any plus score is good and you are a lock to beat 1♠ the only reason to bid is if you have a game. If you make a takeout double, partner is going to bid either 2♥ or 2♣ and then you will rebid 2NT. If partner has a flat hand, with some points such as ♠109♥QJxxx♦xx♣Jxxx, he'll raise and you'll probably make 3NT. But that's playing partner for the perfect hand. He has something in hearts, clubs and spades. If partner has a singleton spade, you're not even guaranteed three spade tricks. If LHO leads the nine of spades and RHO has A1087x, he'll duck and you will win only two spade tricks. If partner has a very distributional hand, he'll need some strength since you're off three aces and possibly a spade ruff. Give him

♠xx♥KQJ10xxx♦x♣xxx and they could get a spade ruff to beat 4♥.

The following experts pass. They're willing to bet that there's no game. I'd even pass this hand at matchpoints. You're very likely to get at least 200 which is a good matchpoint score.

You might get a bonus if LHO has enough strength to bid 1NT and RHO rebids his spades. It seems logical that if the auction goes 1♠ — Pass (by you) — 1NT — Pass (by partner) — 2♠ (by opener), double is a penalty double. If you had a takeout double you would double 1♠.

**Parker:** "Pass—I am willing to defend 1♠ at this vulnerability."

If you're vulnerable and they're not, +100 against 1♠ will be a good result assuming that you can't make game.

**Roman:** "Pass—The most difficult problem of the set. Yes, it could be right to get involved, presumably by doubling and then bidding notrump, but aside from the problem of partner insisting on hearts or clubs, the most serious problem is that my hand is going to make transportation to the dummy difficult, if not impossible. In other words, even if I manage to find my partner with a smattering of values, those values are going to need to provide two tricks on their own, since it is extremely likely that my hand is worth precisely seven. I'll settle for however many 100s I get from defending 1♠."

**Schwartz:** "Pass—3NT only other possibility but I need a lot of help from partner with the poor spade spots. Pass most likely to get a plus score."

**Adams:** "Pass—Generally best to pass

when loaded in opponents suit. I do not have so many tricks that 3NT is a solid bet, even with a spade lead. My hand is good enough that I am not afraid of opponents finding magic fit, and quite possibly, they do not have any fit bigger than seven cards."

**Landen:** "Pass—It's expecting a lot from partner to be able to make 3NT, so I'll try to go plus 100 a trick."

**King:** "Pass—If I double and bid 2NT next, I could easily go minus. I will hope to go plus by passing."

One expert doubles and will probably follow with 2NT. The good news is that even if partner has no help, he might make it. If you're not going to pass, double followed by 2NT keeps you at a lower level. However, if partner has some distribution, he won't pass 2NT.

**Hopkins:** "Double—This could go horribly wrong if partner makes a distributional Heart call. And I will have a problem deciding how many notrump to bid if partner makes a minimum call in a further uncontested auction."

Three experts jump to 3NT. The bad news is that if partner has no help you'll probably go down at least two. For example suppose partner is dealt ♠x♥xxxx♦xxxx♣xxxx.

**Elster:** "3NT—Again, ask Bob Hamman."

**Woolsey:** "3NT—I don't see how any other approach makes any sense. I'm likely to get a spade lead, since West doesn't figure to have an attractive alternative."

**Cappelletti:** "3NT—And hope partner has heart stoppers. Double could be self destructing."

At IMPs, if you can't make game take any plus score.

### SOLVERS' SCORES

John Adams	3♠	4♠	4♦	Pass	Pass	490
Mike Cappelletti	3NT	1♠	3NT	Pass	3NT	420
Marvin Elster	3♠	2♠	3NT	Pass	3NT	440
Robbie Hopkins	3♠	2♠	4♦	Pass	Dbl	470
Fred King	3♠	4♠	4♦	Pass	Pass	490
Steve Landen	3NT	2♠	4♦	Pass	Pass	470
Steve Parker	3♠	3♠	4♦	Pass	1♠	500
Jeff Roman	3♠	3♠	3NT	Pass	Pass	480
Steve Robinson	3♠	3♠	4♦	1♦	Pass	480
Alan Schwartz	3♠	3♠	4♦	Pass	Pass	500
Kit Woolsey	3♠	3♠	3NT	Pass	3NT	460

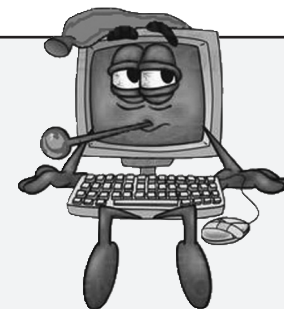
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Winners in each category receive four sessions of free plays. Second place gets two and third place gets one.

This list is final for 2010 *except for the 0-300 Round Robin*. All points are subject to audit by the WBL Director. **Congratulations to the 2010 Winners!**

**Lovenberg****1 127.53 Leo LaSota**

- 2 109.46 Steve Robinson
- 3 93.83 John Adams
- 4 91.65 Mark Shaw
- 5 83.76 Steven Schatzow
- 6 82.05 Barry Bragin
- 7 80.26 William Hacker
- 8 77.43 William Cole
- 9 75.76 Brad Theurer
- 10 66.02 Clyde Kruskal
- 11 63.05 Arnie Frankel
- 12 62.23 Leon Letwin
- 13 61.85 Michael Gill
- 14 61.23 Linda Marshall
- 15 60.44 Donna Rogall
- 16 59.34 Peter Boyd
- 17 59.29 Robert Bell
- 18 58.20 Lloyd Rawley
- 19 52.02 Andrew Gofreed
- 20 50.70 Mark Cohen
- 21 50.37 James Geist
- 22 50.07 Fred King
- 23 50.07 David Ruderman
- 24 49.43 Martin Graf
- 25 47.93 Noble Shore

**Izzy Cohen****1 43.62 Patrick Stanton**

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- 3 34.32 Alfred Caponiti
- 4 31.48 Daniel Koch
- 5 26.18 Margie Coccodrilli
- 6 25.43 Annapurna Satpathy
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- 4 7.95 Carl Rappaport
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- 7 5.96 Jean Schoen
- 8 5.20 Nancy McIntyre
- 9 5.08 Loic Braune
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- 11 4.93 Barbara Turner

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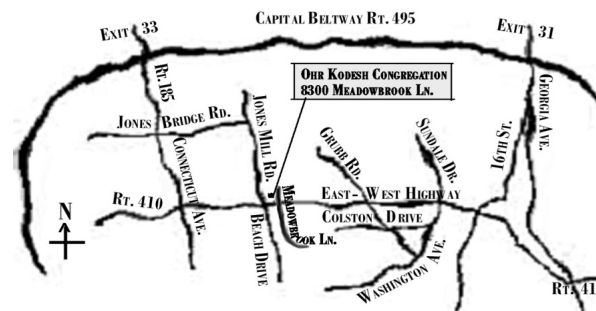
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*Most games held at Ohr Kodesh*

02/24/2011 .....NVBA Sectional  
03/03/2011 .....District 6 STaC Stratified Pairs  
03/10/2011 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
03/17/2011 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
03/24/2011 .....StrataFlighted Membership Game  
03/31/2011 .....NVBA Sectional  
04/07/2011 .....District 6 Fund Game  
04/14/2011 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
04/21/2011 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
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05/12/2011 .....Annual Meeting StrataFlighted Club Champ.  
05/19/2011 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
05/26/2011 .....StrataFlighted Unit Championship  
06/02/2011 .....StrataFlighted North American Pairs  
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06/16/2011 .....District 6 STaC Stratified Pairs  
06/23/2011 .....StrataFlighted North American Pairs  
06/30/2011 .....CLOSED — Reston Regional  
07/07/2011 .....StrataFlighted North American Pairs

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**Partnerships Close AT 7:25pm**  
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## THE UNIT GAME

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### 2011 TROPHY RACES

As the new year begins, so do the four WBL trophy races. At the end of each year, trophies are awarded to the winners of most masterpoints earned in WBL sectionals, the Unit KO and Round Robin and every Thursday evening game played at the WBL Unit Game site (regular unit games, sectionals, STaCs) – the full rules and fine print are on the [www.washingtonbridgeleague.org](http://www.washingtonbridgeleague.org) website. The current standings throughout the year are published in each edition of this bulletin.

Get into this year's race early. If you don't already have the Thursday evening bridge habit, it's a great time to start acquiring one of the few addictions that may actually be good for you!

### UPCOMING SECTIONALS

- ♠ February 24-27, 2011, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ March 31-April 3, 2011, Fairfax, VA
- ♦ April 28-May 1, 2011, Silver Spring, MD
- ◆ May 14-15, 2011, Silver Spring, MD, **NLM**
- ♥ August 11-14, 2011, Kensington, MD
- ♠ Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2011, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ October 13-16, 2011, Kensington, MD
- ♦ October 20-23, 2011, Fairfax, VA
- ♥ January 5-8, 2012, Silver Spring, MD

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2. Please indicate if you can offer any special skills (such as marketing or a strong back).
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**Congratulations!** Michael Berard, Lynne Beresford, Alfred Caponiti, Candace Carlton, Terry Carlton, Paul Chassy, Reina Chassy, Mark Cohen, Janet Duke, Steve Graves, Arun Guha, Roger Laumark, Richard Levin, Barry Lieberman, Kay Miller, Shyamalendu Pal, Rajeswaran Rajkumar, Marilyn Rubinstein, Rex Settle, Robert Silverblatt, Patrick Stanton, Rosmarie Sutor, Lorraine Tyler, Beth Wisinski, and Ruth Woods.



**Michael Berard** is a Physician. He and wife, Pat have 10 children. He enjoys many sports and games in addition to bridge. His favorite bridge authors are the Truscotts and Eddie Kantar.

Michael first played bridge in high school with a group of six, for an hour a day at least, for two years. Then, for 30 years, the only contact he had with bridge was Frank Stewart's column in *The Washington Post*. In 2004, the *Post* had a brief mention of duplicate bridge and Michael and his mother, Marie wandered into the Laurel Bridge Club and he quickly became enthralled again with the game.

Michael would like to see more outreach to social bridge players. He also thinks the ACBL has made a big mistake raising the masterpoint requirements to attain the rank of Life Master. For the majority who don't play that often, it is a true marathon to win 300 points with all of the different colored point requirements.

In the 2009 Flight C Grand National Teams, Michael and teammates, Marie Berard, Peter Van Zijl, Juan Pardo, Richard Wissing, and Murat Berk won our district and then advanced all the way to the semifinals at the nationals held here in DC that year. He was also thrilled when most of the same team entered the Mini Spingold and advanced to the quarter-finals.



**Alfred Caponiti** and his wife of 45 years, Janice, have three children and eight grandchildren. He worked for Verizon as a District IT Processing Manager. Alfred attended Villanova for his B.S. in Physics and John Hopkins for his Masters in IT Management. He's currently treasurer at the local pool and enjoys several other community

involvements. Alfred has traveled to all 50 states, nine Canadian provinces and 30 countries. He has played bridge while cruising the Atlantic between England, Norway, Iceland, Greenland, Newfoundland and New York.

In 1962, his brother and close friends learned to play bridge at the student union at the U of MD and they decided to teach Alfred the game, too. It wasn't until 2005, though, that he started to play in tournaments and joined the WBL and ACBL. Two memorable bridge moments include: of his five regional knockout event wins, he won two different knockouts on the same day for 19 masterpoints; and, playing in a very makeable slam bid, he went down seven redoubled and vulnerable for minus 3800 points. Alfred has a short term goal to become a Silver Life Master. His long term goal is to just keep playing as long as possible and maybe even make Gold Life Master one day.

**Candy and Terry Carlton** have two grown daughters, Wensday and Dominique and seven grandchildren.

Candy spent 25 years working as a Registered Nurse for Suburban Hospital. She got her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas at Galveston. Terry spent 41 years as a Software Engineer and Manager at IBM and Lockheed Martin. He earned his BA in Math from UCLA.

In 1964, Terry got his start in bridge by reading Alfred Sheinwold's daily bridge column. Five years later, when they first got married, he taught Candy to play and they played party bridge when their children were young. Eight years ago, they joined the WBL and ACBL and play locally at the Rockville DBC. So far, they have traveled for bridge to L.A., Reno, Houston, Philadelphia, and Arlington. Their goal is to play bridge in all 50 states. — Six down, 44 to go!

Candy enjoys needlework and crochet. Terry competes in online programming contests. His favorite bridge author is Victor Mollo and Terry es-

pecially enjoyed Mollo's *Bridge in the Menagerie*. Candy and Terry were thrilled to win the National 49er's event in the 2004 Reno NABC.

**Paul and Reina Chassey** have two grown children, Aaron and Mark.

Paul is a retired Attorney and Professor of Sociology. He earned his B.A. and PhD at the University of Colorado and his J.D. at the University of Michigan. His current activities include the theater, playing the bassoon, mediating, and teaching.

Reina is a retired Attorney, Mediator, and high school Social Studies Teacher. She graduated Magna Cum Laude in History and still enjoys taking courses. Her other interests include reading and music. She particularly enjoys Audrey Grant's bridge books.

Paul first learned to play bridge from a friend's parents in 1955 in Babylon, N.Y. He became a WBL and ACBL member six years ago. Reina learned to play bridge from college classmates at the University of Colorado in 1960. She became a WBL and ACBL member about five years ago. In addition to playing locally at the Rockville Bridge Club, the JCC, Mary Jan Von Moss's clubs and the Unit Game,

Paul and Reina also travel to regional tournaments within 500 miles and to Scottsdale, AZ.

Although he has at least half a dozen tournament wins, Paul's most exciting bridge moment to date came when he missed first place overall in a 0-700 gold point tournament by less than .1 point.

In 2009, Reina won a compact knockout event in Hunt Valley, but her biggest thrill came when she became Life Master by winning a Black-Eyed Susan event in 2010. Reina would simply like to continue to improve her game and play with a variety of partners.



**Arun Guha** is married to Kajal, a Montessori teacher. They have a daughter, Sumona, a U.S. Foreign Service Officer. Arun worked as an Engineer/Manager for UTC, Martin, NASA—where he won awards, and the University of Maryland. In addition to bridge, he enjoys reading, traveling and investment management.

In college forty years ago, Arun played social bridge using Culbertson-Goren techniques. Dur-

ing his professional career, he didn't play at all. It wasn't until August of 2006, when a friend took him to the Holiday Park game in Wheaton, taught him to use a bidding box, and introduced him to duplicate bridge, that he got hooked. The director made him an ACBL member that day.

In January 2007, Arun started playing in the Unit Game. After such a long absence from the game, he found that his card play was reasonable, but bidding had to be learned again almost from scratch. He says the most important skill he had to learn was how to be a good partner. It must have worked. Arun won the Woolridge that year, the Tubbs in '08 and '09 and became Life Master in '10. His plan for the future is to continue to learn and enjoy the game, without any specific ambition for titles.



**Roger Laumark** is a retired Computer Scientist, Sr. Data Base Administrator, and Sr. Systems Engineer. A WBL and ACBL member for ten years, he started playing during his freshman year of college in Nova Scotia. Roger prefers 2/1 but can handle Standard American as well. He plays locally at the Gaithersburg Bridge Club, Rockville Bridge Club, Montgomery County JCC, Montgomery County Bridge Club and Norma's Bridge Club in Arlington. Roger is a former member of MENSA.



**Richard Levin** and wife, Susan's family include Jennifer, Mitch, Andrew, Debbie, Michael and Laura, and five grandchildren. Richard is a consultant for Levin & Associates. In addition

to his family, grandchildren, and bridge, Richard enjoys golf.

He attended Lehigh for his Bachelor's and Georgetown Law for his JD. In his college fraternity, there were four bridge players and a large number of hearts and pinochle players. In 1965, one of the four bridge players graduated and the other three players drafted Richard to be their fourth. Bridge has always been a social game to him. In fact, through a social bridge group at their synagogue at the time, he and his wife met many of their currently long-time friends.

Richard has been a WBL and ACBL member

for about eight years now, preferring to play a Strong Club and 2/1. He plays at local clubs such as the JCC, Rockville DBC, and the Unit Game. Since his friend Steve Sachs moved from this area to Las Vegas, Richard also travels to play there.

His goals in bridge are to enjoy his partners and he feels lucky enough to have several partners that fit the bill — Marc Weiner, Don Goldman, Neal and Ellen Rosenthal and Steve Sachs.



**Barry Lieberman** works as a Senior Contract Administrator for Serco Inc. He has an MBA in Accounting from Drexel University and a BA in Political Science from Dickinson College.

Barry's parents played bridge and introduced him to the game, but he really started playing in college as a social event. In 1996, Barry moved to DC, joined the ACBL and started playing in tournaments. He prefers to play 2/1 and has enjoyed many of the books in Barbara Seagram's, 25 .... Series.

Barry plays locally in Rockville and Reston and has traveled to play bridge in Williamsburg, Pittsburgh and Virginia Beach. At a Hunt Valley Regional, he fondly remembers bidding a 7NT with a pick up partner as novices on the fourth hand of the day. Barry hopes to become a Tournament Director.



**Rex V. Settle** says his wife Eva is a wonderfully supportive non-bridge player; able to listen to the most dull ranting about the game with sympathy. Rex is a Business Analyst for the American

Red Cross at Biomedical Services in DC.

Rex attended Michigan State in the late '60's, earning degrees in geography and accounting, CPA. There, he says due to poor judgment, he first started playing bridge. Rex was a chess player (now out of practice—but with a USCF A ranking) and thought the new challenge was appealing. Rex's biggest thrill to date was making 6NT on an endplay, his first such purposely executed, at around 2 a.m. playing in a dormitory. He says his excitement would now be considered at the least unsporting and likely a violation of Zero Tolerance.

Rex joined the ACBL in 1969, but drifted

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away in the late '70's mostly due to smoking at tournaments. He rejoined in the 1990's as his interest was rekindled due to online play. He started playing face to face again in club games in Michigan, then larger ACBL events after arriving in the DC area in 2002.

As he learned KS before Standard American, he has a fondness for weak no-trumps. Currently carrying that to extremes with Jay Weinstein, his regular partner, they're using a 12-16 NT in a 2/1 structure. As Jay has limited time, they often play team matches on BBO. They did find time to take an afternoon off in June 2010 to play in a STaC event at a club game as Rex needed silver points. They finished first getting a little under 2 silver points which was about half of what was needed. But that evening they learned their game was first overall for STaC games played that afternoon. They had actually gotten 13.76 silver points which took care of that requirement.

Rex enjoys reading (besides bridge, mostly science fiction and history), movies and TV, all sorts of games, travel, walking /hiking, fine food and theater. His all time favorite bridge book is S.J. Simon's, *Why You Lose at Bridge*.

His current goal is to play in the mini-Spangold this summer in Toronto with his regular team: partner Jay Weinstein and teammates Anne Derbes and Bob Schwab. They did not do so at the 2009 NABC in DC and want to correct that mistake. Rex says, "Sadly work and family responsibilities may prevent this. But one can have a dream."

**Rosmarie Suitor** grew up in an avid card playing family in Switzerland... the Swiss have their own national card game, named Joss. And so, she took to bridge like a duck to water. Needing to learn the basics in bridge, she

took lessons from Edith McMullen, who introduced her to duplicate. Rosmarie likes the competitiveness of it, and says that next to travel, duplicate bridge is her favorite hobby.



When **Lorraine N. Tyler** was little ('39-'40), she frequently returned from school to find her mother and friends at the Bridge table in tears (fall of Czech., Poland & France)... Too young to comprehend the horrors and implications of these world events, she asked, "Mommy, if Bridge makes you CRY, why do you play that game??" That was Culbertson which she picked up at her mother's knee. Her father played on ly 3NT! In '56, returning to the U.S. aboard the S.S. Constitution, she and her groom joined Mr. Ogust's Goren classes and won the ship's trophies. Mr. Ogust was aghast!

For years, she contentedly played with her Georgetown and Kalorama friends and neighbors before transitioning to Am. Standard in '04. Then, when a current partner fell off a ladder and broker her leg in three places, she met David Fitzwilliam, a fellow Navy Jr., and found they shared so many of the same experiences and travels — (she, a Pearl Harbor survivor survivor) — and they have been partners and companions ever since. She became a LM in February and he in August.

Lorraine sincerely thanks all those who were instructive, encouraging, patient and approving along the way. — "You know who you are— your friendship is highly valued—always."



*Above:* Some of the new Life Masters gather for a photo during the January 49th Annual WBL Presidential Tournament: left to right: **Rex Settle, Michael Berard, Barry Lieberman, Roger Laumark and Arun Guha.**

*Left:* New LM, **Patrick Stanton** received trophies for winning both the Cohen and Tubbs races in 2010.



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## Results

### TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

#### All Players

1	36.76	Steven Schatzow
2	26.66	Andrew Gofreed
3	26.24	David Ruderman
4	25.55	David Abelow
5	23.13	Brad Theurer
6	19.24	Alfred Steinberg
7	18.20	Lyle Poe Jr
8	18.17	Alfred Duncker
9	18.14	Merril Hirsh
10	17.74	John Adams

#### Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	12.96	Michael Richey
2	10.44	Ross Bley
	10.44	Martha Bley
4	9.72	Martin Reed
	9.72	Howard Tash
6	8.42	Amy Bloom
7	7.98	Jay Cherlow
	7.98	Abigail Nichols
9	7.64	Dennis Schwanz
	7.64	Susan Miskura

#### Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	7.98	Jay Cherlow
2	7.57	Adi Peled
3	6.90	Brian Snyder
4	6.73	Loic Braune
	6.73	Brenda Thomas
6	6.23	Ernie Schuler
	6.23	Elizabeth Nash
8	5.92	M. David Jackson
9	5.64	Phillip Tseng
10	5.61	Larry Wallace
	5.61	Daniel Falk

#### Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	7.57	Adi Peled
2	6.73	Loic Braune
3	5.45	Thomas Jennings
4	5.08	Steve Schlosser
5	4.94	Eiji Ishida
6	3.92	Ruth Glen
	3.92	William Glen
8	3.81	Howard Stevens
	3.81	Ken Kimball
10	3.43	David Marshall

### THURSDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 25.5 Tables

1	Robert Levey - Warren Manison	.65.46
2	Millard Nachtwey - Barbara Doran	.64.01
3	Ann Ingram - Charleen Brand	.59.30
4	Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock	.58.82
5	John Miller - Stephen Drodge	.57.26
6	Mark Lavine - Kathleen Zellmer	.57.08

#### Stratum B, 16.0 Tables

1	Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock	.58.82
2	Amy Bloom - Alfred Liepold	.56.68
3	Robert Brady - Leo Cardillo	.56.09
4	Albert Pike III - Prabhakar Tamboli	.55.84
5	Louise Deisseroth - Wanda Debella	.53.97
6	Michael Platt - Terry Vann	.53.73

#### Stratum C, 11.0 Tables

1	Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock	.58.82
2	Albert Pike III - Prabhakar Tamboli	.55.84
3	Louise Deisseroth - Wanda Debella	.53.97
4	Michael Platt - Terry Vann	.53.73
5	Jay Gibbons - Alan Skvirsky	.53.51
6	Roslyn Weinstein - Deena Kaplan	.50.84

### THURSDAY EVENING A/X PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 36.5 Tables / Based on 79 Tables



1	Lloyd Rawley - Michael Richey	.62.37
2	Martin Reed - Howard Tash	.60.07
3	Martin Graf - Ellen Klosson	.59.64
4	Joan Lewis - Robert Hopkins Jr	.59.27
5	James Geist - Brad Theurer	.58.74
6	Ellen Cherniavsky - Donna Rogall	.58.53
7/8	Annie Schwartz - Alan Schwartz	.58.52
7/8	Paul Robb - Candyce Clanton	.58.52

#### Stratum X, 18.5 Tables

1	Lloyd Rawley - Michael Richey	.62.37
2	Martin Reed - Howard Tash	.60.07
3	Roma Chandra - Jerome Ostrov	.57.60
4	Larry Kahn - H John Edmonds	.57.45
5	Walter Smith Jr - Robert Levey	.56.93
6	Rochelle Cohen - Mark Lavine	.55.20

### THURSDAY EVENING B/C/D PAIRS

#### Stratum B, 23.0 Tables

1	James Dresser - Eva Klivington	.65.18
2	Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic	.64.29
3	Amanda Carter - Francesco Parisi-Presicce	.63.69
4	James Raber - Fred Gramlich	.61.90
5	Eric Poskanzer - M. David Jackson	.61.31
6	Richard Bingham - Daniel Feldman	.60.42

#### Stratum C, 20.5 Tables

1	James Dresser - Eva Klivington	.65.18
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2	Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic	.64.29
3	Amanda Carter - Francesco Parisi-Presicce	.63.69
4	James Raber - Fred Gramlich	.61.90
5	Eric Poskanzer - M. David Jackson	.61.31
6	Alfred Caponiti - Alfred Liepold	.58.04

#### Stratum D, 13.0 Tables

1	Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic	.64.29
2	James Raber - Fred Gramlich	.61.90
3	Eric Poskanzer - M. David Jackson	.61.31
4	William Prosser - Daniel Weinberg	.57.14
5	Robert Magruder - Eleanor Schwartz	.56.55
6/7	Richard Hart - Michael Hart	.55.65
6/7	Parween Yunus - Larry Taylor	.55.65

### THURSDAY EVENING NONLM PRS @ WBL

#### Stratum A, 7.0 Tables



1	Steven Nessler - Brenda Thomas	.62.50
2	Larry Wallace - Daniel Falk	.62.08
3	David Marshall - Jim Walsh	.60.83
4	Carl Rappaport - Ilana Rappaport	.60.42
5	Herb Schulken - Glen Insley	.60.00

#### Stratum B, 4.0 Tables

1	David Marshall - Jim Walsh	.60.83
2	Carl Rappaport - Ilana Rappaport	.60.42
3	Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett	.52.08

#### Stratum C, 2.5 Tables

1	David Marshall - Jim Walsh	.60.83
2	Carl Rappaport - Ilana Rappaport	.60.42

### THURSDAY EVENING 0-20 PRS @ WBL

#### Stratum A, 7.0 Tables

1	Mark Silverman - Nancy Silverman	.64.29
2	Les Robinson - Lina Asseo	.61.90
3	Roslyn Eisner - William Eisner	.54.76
4	Joan Malekzadeh - Todd Heidenreich	52.98
5	Carmen Fitchett - Agnes Aranyi	.50.00

#### Stratum B, 5.5 Tables

1	Mark Silverman - Nancy Silverman	.64.29
2	Les Robinson - Lina Asseo	.61.90
3	Roslyn Eisner - William Eisner	.54.76
4	Joan Malekzadeh - Todd Heidenreich	52.98

#### Stratum C, 4.5 Tables

1	Les Robinson - Lina Asseo	.61.90
2	Roslyn Eisner - William Eisner	.54.76
3	Joan Malekzadeh - Todd Heidenreich	52.98
4/6	Patricia Welty - Cecilia De Kanga	.48.81
4/6	Shala Panbechi - Mahmoud Katirai	.48.81
4/6	Lois Schwartz - Kenneth Jones	.48.81

### THURSDAY EVENING 0-200 PRS @ NVBA

#### Stratum A, 5.0 Tables

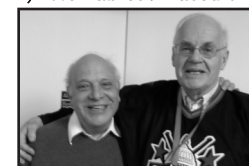
1	Sandra Ferretti - William Hughes	.67.50
2	Peggy Comerford - Joan O Connor	.56.50
3	Jeremy Billones - Kathleen LaMarre	.55.50
4	James Gerding - Virginia Ivin	.50.50

#### Stratum B, 3.0 Tables

1	Peggy Comerford - Joan O Connor	.56.50
2	Jeremy Billones - Kathleen LaMarre	.55.50

### FRIDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 17.0 Tables / Based on 34 Tables



1	Steven Schatzow - Alfred Duncker	.67.61
2	John Miller - Jay Kelkar	.63.26
3	Jimmy Ritzenberg - Robert Levey	.60.98
4	Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz	.59.28
5	Amy Bloom - Nelson Waks	.57.01
6	Douglas Fox - Larry Moran	.56.82

#### Stratum B, 12.5 Tables

1	Jimmy Ritzenberg - Robert Levey	.60.98
2	Susan Miskura - Dennis Schwanz	.59.28
3	Amy Bloom - Nelson Waks	.57.01
4	Douglas Fox - Larry Moran	.56.82
5	Abigail Nichols - Jay Cherlow	.56.44
6	Carl Noller - Brian Snyder	.56.06

#### Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

1	Azmat Ali - David Epstein	.55.49
2	Tony Robson - Richard Moss	.49.81
3	Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter	.47.16

### FRIDAY MORNING NONLM PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 17.0 Tables



1	Guillaume de Decker - Michelle Zygielbaum	.66.36
2	Norman Mitchell - David Montague	.60.68
3	Ernie Schuler - Elizabeth Nash	.60.23
4	Terence McCarthy - Barry Kerne	.59.77
5	Ken Casey - William Morris	.59.32
6	Henry Thompson - Betty Thompson	.56.36

#### Stratum B, 11.5 Tables

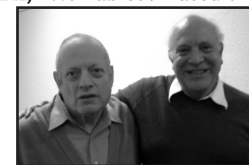
1	Norman Mitchell - David Montague	.60.68
2	Ernie Schuler - Elizabeth Nash	.60.23
3	Ken Casey - William Morris	.59.32
4	Henry Thompson - Betty Thompson	.56.36
5	Yasmina Patel - Parviz Steeds	.55.68
6	Mary Iglehart - Geane Schubert	.55.00

#### Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

1	Ken Casey - William Morris	.59.32
2	Mary Iglehart - Geane Schubert	.55.00
3	Debby Bailine - Lynn Frankenfield	.51.36
4	Mary Krenytzky - William Leishear	.50.00

### FRIDAY AFT A/X PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 17.0 Tables / Based on 49 Tables



1	David Fleischer - Steven Schatzow	.63.46
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- 2 Leo LaSota - Andrew Gofreed .....63.10
- 3 Michael Gill - Noble Shore .....60.10
- 4/5 Barack Peled - Adi Peled .....58.89
- 4/5 John Miller - Jay Kelkar .....58.89
- 6 Hanna Schepps - Shou-Ling Wang .....58.41

#### **Stratum X, 7.5 Tables**

- 1 Michael Gill - Noble Shore .....60.10
- 2 Barack Peled - Adi Peled .....58.89
- 3 Jimmy Ritzenberg - Robert Levey .....57.69
- 4 Dale Sanders - Richard Ferrin .....50.96
- 5 Amy Bloom - Nelson Waks .....48.68

#### **FRIDAY AFT B/C/D PAIRS**

##### **Stratum B, 15.0 Tables**



- 1 Kitty Gottfried - Eiji Ishida .....64.77
- 2 Michael Hart - Merna Hart .....63.07
- 3 Robert Edwards - Steven Dunn .....60.98
- 4 Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter .....59.47
- 5 Brian Snyder - Carl Noller .....58.90
- 6 Can Savasman - Joav Steinbach .....55.68

##### **Stratum C, 12.0 Tables**

- 1 Michael Hart - Merna Hart .....63.07
- 2 Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter .....59.47
- 3 Brian Snyder - Carl Noller .....58.90
- 4 Can Savasman - Joav Steinbach .....55.68
- 5 Calvin Konner - Mavis Walters .....54.73
- 6 Joyce Wiley - Thomas Jennings .....53.60

##### **Stratum D, 6.5 Tables**

- 1 Michael Hart - Merna Hart .....63.07
- 2 Lynne Groff - Ricki Kanter .....59.47
- 3 Can Savasman - Joav Steinbach .....55.68
- 4 Joyce Wiley - Thomas Jennings .....53.60
- 5 Charles Meister - David Rife .....52.84

#### **FRIDAY AFT NONLM PAIRS**

##### **Stratum A, 17.0 Tables**



- 1 M. David Jackson - Ann Atcheson .....67.99
- 2 Rosanne Kistler - Kenneth Duggin .....61.17
- 3 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorrow 58.14
- 4 Amedee Dean - David King .....57.77
- 5 Daniel Falk - Larry Wallace .....57.58
- 6/7 Alan Ferraro - Jeanne Ferraro .....56.06
- 6/7 Virginia Brockington - Bennie Martin 56.06

##### **Stratum B, 12.0 Tables**

- 1 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorrow 58.14
- 2 Virginia Brockington - Bennie Martin 56.06
- 3 Ernie Schuler - Elizabeth Nash .....54.92
- 4/5 Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett .....54.73
- 4/5 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner .....54.73
- 6 Henry Thompson - Betty Thompson .....54.55

#### **Stratum C, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Joan Axilbund - Mary Lou McMorrow 58.14
- 2 Virginia Brockington - Bennie Martin 56.06
- 3 Sharona Sapoznikow - Reina Lerner .....54.73
- 4 Dev Chattopadhyay - Asim Mandal .....53.60

#### **FRIDAY EVE A/X IMP PAIRS**

##### **Stratum A, 16.0 Tables / Based on 32 Tables**



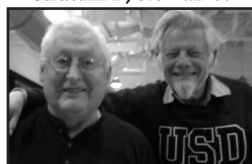
- 1 David Abelow - David Ruderman .....61.00
- 2 Loic Braune - William Zane .....45.00
- 3 Barack Peled - Adi Peled .....37.00
- 4 Steve Reed - Richard Ferrin .....32.00
- 5 Roma Chandra - Lynda Flanger .....28.00
- 6/7 D Tonnesen - Phillip Tseng .....25.00
- 6/7 Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal .....25.00

##### **Stratum X, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Loic Braune - William Zane .....45.00
- 2 Barack Peled - Adi Peled .....37.00
- 3 Steve Reed - Richard Ferrin .....32.00
- 4 Roma Chandra - Lynda Flanger .....28.00
- 5 D Tonnesen - Phillip Tseng .....25.00

#### **FRIDAY EVE B/C/D IMP PAIRS**

##### **Stratum B, 8.0 Tables**



- 1 Alan Ferraro - Alfred Liepold .....45.00
- 2/3 Stephen Colevas - Virginia Gibbons .....29.00
- 2/3 Eiji Ishida - Kitty Gottfried .....29.00
- 4 Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett .....28.00
- 5/6 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock .....19.00
- 5/6 Bernard Finn - Daniel Finn .....19.00

##### **Stratum C, 6.5 Tables**

- 1 Alan Ferraro - Alfred Liepold .....45.00
- 2 Stephen Colevas - Virginia Gibbons .....29.00
- 3 Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett .....28.00
- 4/5 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock .....19.00
- 4/5 Bernard Finn - Daniel Finn .....19.00

##### **Stratum D, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Stephen Colevas - Virginia Gibbons .....29.00
- 2 Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett .....28.00
- 3 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock .....19.00

#### **FRIDAY EVE NLM PAIRS**

##### **Stratum A, 7.5 Tables**



- 1 David Rife - Charles Meister .....63.49

- 2 Julia Thomas - Oliver Thomas .....60.32
- 3/4 Brenda Thomas - Leslie Dorsey .....58.33
- 3/4 Georgette Weiss - Ike Oren .....58.33
- 5 Indravadan Thakkar - Balu Shah .....57.15

#### **Stratum B, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Julia Thomas - Oliver Thomas .....60.32
- 2 Georgette Weiss - Ike Oren .....58.33
- 3 Indravadan Thakkar - Balu Shah .....57.15
- 4 Michael Watts - Alan Skvirsky .....51.59

##### **Stratum C, 3.5 Tables**

- 1 Julia Thomas - Oliver Thomas .....60.32
- 2 Michael Watts - Alan Skvirsky .....51.59
- 3 William Glen - Ruth Glen .....49.31

#### **SATURDAY MORNING A/X PAIRS**

##### **Stratum A, 24.0 Tables / Based on 75 Tables**



- 1 Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe Jr .....66.03
- 2 William Cole - John Adams .....62.95
- 3 Shou-Ling Wang - Charleen Brand .....62.05
- 4/5 Rex Settle - Jay Weinstein .....61.50
- 4/5 Arnie Frankel - Helene Bauman .....61.50
- 6 Mark Shaw - Martin Graf .....59.51
- 7 Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh .....58.88
- 8 Earl Clickstein - Robert Bell .....58.06

##### **Stratum X, 12.5 Tables**

- 1 Rex Settle - Jay Weinstein .....61.50
- 2 Monique Smith - Merrill Hirsh .....58.88
- 3 Sven Pride - James Geist .....56.88
- 4 Linda Marshall - James Beller .....56.52
- 5 Steven Rothman - Kathrine Loh .....55.43
- 6 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes .....55.07

#### **SATURDAY MORNING B/C/D PAIRS**

##### **Stratum B, 21.0 Tables**

- 1 Robert Wilbur - Charles Carrington .....64.58
- 2 Lawrence Nimmo - Brenda Thomas .....64.29
- 3 Donald Goldman - Steve Schlosser .....61.31
- 4/5 Carol Elfant - Arun Guha .....59.23
- 4/5 Richard Levin - Marc Weiner .....59.23
- 6/7 Pat Lonergan - J J Jayaraman .....58.33
- 6/7 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed .....58.33

##### **Stratum C, 16.0 Tables**

- 1 Lawrence Nimmo - Brenda Thomas .....64.29
- 2 Donald Goldman - Steve Schlosser .....61.31
- 3/4 Carol Elfant - Arun Guha .....59.23
- 3/4 Richard Levin - Marc Weiner .....59.23
- 5/6 Pat Lonergan - J J Jayaraman .....58.33
- 5/6 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed .....58.33

##### **Stratum D, 9.0 Tables**

- 1 Lawrence Nimmo - Brenda Thomas .....64.29
- 2/3 Carol Elfant - Arun Guha .....59.23
- 2/3 Richard Levin - Marc Weiner .....59.23
- 4 Pat Lonergan - J J Jayaraman .....58.33
- 5 Deena Kaplan - Roslyn Weinstein .....54.17

#### **SATURDAY MORNING NONLM PAIRS**

##### **Stratum A, 22.0 Tables**

- 1 William Hohe - Bob Blodgett .....65.48
- 2 Elizabeth Nash - Ernie Schuler .....60.71
- 3 David Montague - Norman Mitchell .....58.93
- 4 William Rogers - Suzanne Dawson .....58.33

- 5 Kimberly Ferguson - Albert Stolpe .....58.04
- 6 Barry Anderson - Dennis Serpico .....57.44

#### **Stratum B, 13.5 Tables**

- 1 William Hohe - Bob Blodgett .....65.48
- 2 Elizabeth Nash - Ernie Schuler .....60.71
- 3 David Montague - Norman Mitchell .....58.93
- 4 Don Schwikert - Pamela Schwikert .....56.85
- 5 Yasmina Patel - Parviz Steeds .....56.55
- 6 Dev Chattopadhyay - Asim Mandal .....56.25

##### **Stratum C, 5.5 Tables**

- 1 Dev Chattopadhyay - Asim Mandal .....56.25
- 2 Joseph Abita - Kathleen Zellmer .....51.79
- 3 Linda Lindsay - Wilma Bonner .....49.40
- 4 Mary Iglehart - Geane Schubert .....47.62

#### **SATURDAY MORNING 0-50 PAIRS**

##### **Stratum D, 8.0 Tables**



- 1 Pat Kibler - Donald Smith .....61.90
- 2 Ken Kimball - Howard Stevens .....60.32
- 3 Anne Weissmann - Karen Sandler .....59.13
- 4 Glenn Terrell - Dorothy Terrell .....55.95
- 5 Hugh McNaughton - Kathy Crandall .....55.16

##### **Stratum E, 2.5 Tables**

- 1 Stephen Black - Maree Webster .....53.97
- 2 Bonnie Cohen - Anne Shields .....50.79

#### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON A/X PAIRS**

##### **Stratum A, 17.0 Tables / Based on 45 Tables**



- 1 Steven Schatzow - Merrill Hirsh .....62.14
- 2 John Adams - Leo LaSota .....61.06
- 3 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin .....59.13
- 4 Brad Theurer - Lyle Poe Jr .....56.25
- 5 Fred King - John Klayman .....56.13
- 6 Sven Pride - James Geist .....54.33

##### **Stratum X, 7.5 Tables**

- 1 Sven Pride - James Geist .....54.33
- 2 Linda Marshall - James Beller .....53.97
- 3 Michael Lawrence - Craig Olson .....53.00
- 4 Linda Smith - Steven Dunn .....50.72
- 5 Benjamin Stauss - John Glynn .....49.64

#### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON B/C/D PAIRS**

##### **Stratum B, 11.0 Tables**

- 1 Steve Reed - Stephen Drodge .....68.15
- 2 Jane Hunigan - Shelley Kempner .....67.90
- 3 Charles Mapleshorpe - Leonid Fastovsky 57.95
- 4 Carol Elfant - Arun Guha .....57.74
- 5 Michael Platt - Roger Laumark .....56.76
- 6 Pat Lonergan - J J Jayaraman .....53.33

##### **Stratum C, 8.0 Tables**

- 1 Charles Mapleshorpe - Leonid Fastovsky 57.95
- 2 Carol Elfant - Arun Guha .....57.74
- 3 Michael Platt - Roger Laumark .....56.76
- 4 Pat Lonergan - J J Jayaraman .....53.33
- 5 Neil Selvin - Howard Grunin .....52.62

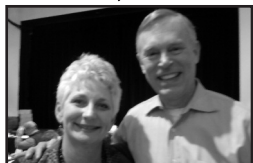


### Stratum D, 4.0 Tables

- 1 Carol Elfant - Arun Guha .....57.74
- 2 Pat Lonergan - J J Jayaraman .....53.33
- 3 Michael Hart - Merna Hart .....51.79

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON NONLM PAIRS

#### Stratum A, 17.0 Tables



- 1 Sidney Graves - Thomas Jennings .. .63.99
- 2 Margaret Mastran - Sheryl McEwan ..58.63
- 3 Ken Kimball - Howard Stevens ....58.33
- 4 Temma Kanowith - Carol Kahn ....57.74
- 5 Julie Connor - Edmund Gehan .....56.55
- 6 James Connor - Degayia Hudson ...56.25

#### Stratum B, 12.5 Tables

- 1 Sidney Graves - Thomas Jennings .. .63.99
- 2 Margaret Mastran - Sheryl McEwan ..58.63
- 3 Ken Kimball - Howard Stevens ....58.33
- 4 Temma Kanowith - Carol Kahn ....57.74
- 5 Julie Connor - Edmund Gehan .....56.55
- 6 James Connor - Degayia Hudson ...56.25

#### Stratum C, 6.0 Tables

- 1 Ken Kimball - Howard Stevens ....58.33
- 2 James Connor - Degayia Hudson ....56.25
- 3 Charles Pritzlaff - Olivia Pritzlaff ...52.98
- 4 Clara Miller - Cloe Ingram .....52.38

### SUNDAY A/X SWISS

#### Stratum A, 18 Tables / Based on 69 Tables

- 1 David Abelow - Alfred Steinberg - Andrew Gofreed - David Ruderman .....92.00
- 2 Barbara Ames - Ralph Hoffman - Larry Kahn - H John Edmonds .....89.00
- 3 Ann Lindley - Steven Schatzow - Alfred Duncker - Kenneth Davis .....88.00
- 4 Hal Hindman - Mark Chen - Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal .....85.00
- 5 Noble Shore - Michael Gill - Kenton Schoen - Diane Walker .....83.00

#### Stratum X, 10 Tables

- 1 Barbara Ames - Ralph Hoffman - Larry Kahn - H John Edmonds .....89.00
- 2 Hal Hindman - Mark Chen - Donna Rogall - Clyde Kruskal .....85.00
- 3 Noble Shore - Michael Gill - Kenton Schoen - Diane Walker .....83.00
- 4 Debnarayan Dhar - Linda Marshall - Merrill Hirsh - John Christensen .....69.00

### SUNDAY MORNING NONLM SWISS

#### Stratum A, 8 Tables



- 1 Kellen Leister - William Glen - Ruth Glen - Eleanor Linde .....59.00

- 2 Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann - Naomi Fisch - Lee Tanen .....51.00
- 3 Robert Dorosin - Reiko Lynch - Alexander Shafer - Chieko Franck .....47.00

#### Stratum B, 6 Tables

- 1 William Glen - Ruth Glen - Eleanor Linde - Kellen Leister .....59.00
- 2 Karen Sandler - Anne Weismann - Naomi Fisch - Lee Tanen .....51.00

#### Stratum C, 3 Tables

- 1 William Glen - Ruth Glen - Eleanor Linde - Kellen Leister .....59.00

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON NONLM SWISS

#### Stratum A, 4 Tables



- 1 Thomas Jennings - Sidney Graves - Georgetown Weiss - Ike Oren .....44.00

#### Stratum B, 3 Tables

- 1 William Glen - Ruth Glen - Kellen Leister - Eleanor Linde .....41.00

### BRACKET 1 B SWISS

#### 8 Tables / Based on 33 Tables

- 1 Kevin O'Brien - Lynda Flanger - Ross Bley - Martha Bley .....85.00
- 2/3 Daniel Koch - Margie Coccodrilli - Sorina Negulescu - Hadi Abushakra .....82.00
- 2/3 Jay Cherlow - Neal McKinney - Carl Nelson - Abigail Nichols .....82.00

### BRACKET 2 B SWISS

#### 8 Tables / Based on 17 Tables

- 1/2 Carl Noller - Brian Snyder - Dennis Schwanz - Susan Miskura .....108.00
- 1/2 Suzanne Abrams - Paul Black - Michael McQuistan - Brian Hartwig .....108.00
- 3 Bernice Hacke - Jean Schoepe - Maureen Shea - Carol Aitken .....73.00

### BRACKET 3 B SWISS

#### 8 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

- 1 Phillip Tseng - Raman Srivastav - Joyce Wiley - D Tonnesen .....90.00
- 2 Franz Delahan - Madeline Delahan - Maida Crocicchia - Marilyn Udell .....87.00
- 3 Albert Lauber - Jonathan Siegel - Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes .....85.00

### BRACKET 4 B SWISS

#### 8 Tables / Based on 12 Tables

- 1 Jeff Youngen - Mary O'Shea - Terry Carlton - Candace Carlton .....103.00
- 2 Rochelle Cohen - Mark Cohen - Donald Goldman - Steve Schlosser .....86.00
- 3 Guillaume de Decker - William Dillon - Leon Masiewicki - Michelle Zygielbaum ...80.00

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## SATURDAY O-NLM GAME & MINI-LESSON

Every Saturday, the **Rockville Duplicate Bridge Club** holds a 0 - Non Life Master game with a mini-lesson.

Mini-Lesson: Saturdays, 12:30 pm

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Cost: \$6.00

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11815 Seven Locks Road

Directions: Take Rt 270 to Exit 4B (from either direction) Montrose Road. This will take you to Seven Locks Road. Left on Seven Locks Rd 3 blocks. St James Church is on the left (going south), between Post Oak and Gainsboro Rd. There are two buildings, the game and mini-lesson are in the building on the left facing the church. There is plenty of parking in the rear, and a rear entrance to the building (1 flight of stairs if you enter from the rear of the building).

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#### BRACKET 5 B SWISS, 11 Tables

- 1 Daniel Falk - Barbara Sadick - Linda Barton - Larry Wallace .....101.00
- 2 Fred Gramlich - James Raber - Walton Francis - William Prosser .....91.00
- 3 David Marshall - Samuel Kaplan - David Soukup - Hakan Berk .....79.00
- 4 Ann Atcheson - Ken Kimball - Howard Stevens - M. David Jackson .....73.00



# NL Master Pointers

by I/N Columnist, Sandy Forsythe, [majslf@aol.com](mailto:majslf@aol.com)

*Sandy Forsythe has been writing this column since the summer of 2005. This is her last regular column, but we hope to hear from her again here on occasion. On behalf of the WBL, thanks, Sandy, for this and all your contributions to the NL Master community here! It's not goodbye, though, it's until we play again.*

## **YOURS, MINE AND THEIRS:** **PART 2: DEFENDING AGAINST** **A SUIT CONTRACT**

In my last column, I talked about choosing which suit to lead when you're defending against notrump. Against a suit contract, many of the same considerations apply: often you'll be leading your suit or partner's suit. But when you add a trump suit to the equation, it becomes less important to set up your long suit, since declarer will be able to ruff once he runs out. Declarer, on the other hand, can expect to run his long side suit and throw his losers away after he pulls trump. So defenders need to get busy right from the start to try to find their tricks! Your winners are more likely to come from high cards than long suits, and you may need to take them quickly, before declarer can throw his losers away.

### **When you're the opening leader:**

*Lead a singleton if you have at least a couple of small trump.* Some players always lead a singleton if they have one, but it's only going to help you if partner can get in the lead to give you a ruff. (Usually she needs a trump honor or the ace in the suit you led.) If the auction tells you that partner is broke, don't expect her to get in to lead the suit back to you. You may just be helping declarer set up his side suit with no chance of any gain for you!

Note that although the lead of a singleton has a reasonable chance to get you a ruff, leading from a doubleton almost never works. Unless partner just happens to have the AK,

your side is going to have to get the lead twice more before you can ruff, and do it *before* declarer pulls all your trump. How likely is that to happen? If your side had that many points, you'd be declaring.

*Lead the top of a sequence.* Leading the top of touching honors is often the best lead you can make. If your sequence is the AK, you might choose to start with the ace (or the king, if that's your partnership agreement) even if you have a singleton and some trump, since you can still switch to the singleton next if it looks like the right thing to do. When you lead from the AK you get to see the dummy, and get a signal from partner, while still retaining the lead. It's like making the opening lead twice!

Leading from the KQ is also a good lead and likely to establish a relatively quick winner for your side. You can even lead from QJx in a pinch. But don't choose these sequences over a singleton: you need to get the singleton out fast if you hope to get your ruff before declarer pulls your trumps.

*Lead partner's suit.* If partner has quick winners, they're likely (though not guaranteed) to be in her suit. And if they're not? If she didn't want you to lead the suit, she shouldn't have bid it!

*Lead your suit.* If you or partner has long trumps, leading your side's long suit could force declarer to ruff often enough that he'll lose control of the hand. If you can run declarer out of trump and then regain the lead, you'll be able to cash your winners.

*Lead trump.* You may have heard the saying, "When in doubt, lead trump," but like most bridge maxims, it's no substitute for thinking. There are certainly times when it's right to lead trump, but when it's not, you might end up giving a trick away, or at the least, giving up your head start in the race to grab your winners before declarer makes them go away.

### Lead trump:

- When there's a "pass-or-correct" auction; i.e., when declarer shows two suits and dummy takes a preference, either by raising or by passing or "correcting" the contract back to declarer's first suit. Dummy is likely to be short in the suit she didn't choose. A short side suit in the dummy means declarer might be planning to ruff some losers. On this kind of auction, you might want to lead trump to cut down on dummy's ruffing potential.
- When you have strength in declarer's second suit. As above, dummy may be short in the suit, and you don't want him ruffing your winners!
- When the opponents each bid a suit and then settle on a third. With offsetting shortness in the two hands, declarer may be planning to cross-ruff.
- When they've stretched to get to game; i.e.: 1♥ - 2♥ - 3♥ - 4♥ (responder shows a minimum, opener invites and responder accepts); or when you and partner bid to game and the opponents bid over you as a sacrifice (they expect to go down less than the value of your game contract). In both of these cases, they may be short on HCP, so they're going to need ruffs to generate extra tricks.
- When you have long trumps and the auction indicates a 4-4 split for the opponents. If you can keep pulling declarer's trumps (two of hers for one of yours, assuming partner is short), soon she won't have any left to use for ruffing your winners.
- When all your other possible leads look worse. If you have unsupported aces or small doubletons in all the suits they didn't bid, leading a trump might be your best bet.

### Don't lead trump:

- When you have a singleton trump. When you're so short in trumps, partner is likely to have three or four, and one of them could be an honor. He's not going to be happy when you finesse him out of it.
- When you have a trump honor. Even with Qxx or Jxx, you might give declarer an

extra trick if you lead the suit, especially if partner has a doubleton honor. Let declarer sort it out: she might guess wrong.

- When you and partner are both short in trump. When the opponents have shown a big trump fit, you might think it "can't hurt" to lead trump because declarer can easily pull them, anyway. Actually the only one that lead can't hurt is declarer...if he's got ten trump between his hand and the dummy, do you think he's going to miss two? On the other hand, your partner could have Kx, and by leading trump you hand declarer the king!

*Other leads.* What do you do when you have no sequence, no singleton, no suit, partner hasn't bid and a trump lead doesn't seem right? Pick a suit the opponents didn't bid, and just as I told you in my column about leads against notrump, you should still prefer an unbid major to an unbid minor. (You do keep all my columns, don't you?) In that column I also said that if the opponents have bid all four suits, you should lead dummy's second suit rather than a suit bid by declarer... but I didn't explain why dummy's *second* suit and not his first.

The reason for leading dummy's second suit rather than his first is that he might have bid it just because he had nothing else to bid, so it's possible he doesn't really have strength in the second suit. Therefore, dummy's second suit could actually be the defenders suit. There are no guarantees, of course: he might have bypassed a strong minor-suit holding to bid his major first.

Opening leads are tough: even the "right" lead can sometimes backfire! But following these rules can help you get it right more often.

### *Dear Readers,*

*I've enjoyed writing this column over the years, but the time has come for me to retire. I want to thank my editors far and wide: Steve, of course; my twin sister Wendy; and my dear friend and former student Myra Weinberg; all of whom have made this column much better with their insightful comments. And thank you for reading! I hope you've learned something (I know I have!), and I hope you'll continue your bridge education. See you at the table!*

—Sandy

1) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠ K103 ♥ QJ3 ♦ Q832 ♣ K75

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
????*			2 ♦ (weak)

\*2nd forces 3 ♣ so you then have to bid 3nt

2) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ A6543 ♥ QJ3 ♦ K4 ♣ 654

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♠	Pass	1NT	Dbl
???			Pass

3) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ K4 ♥ AKQ3 ♦ - ♣ Q1097643

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
???			Pass

4) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ J852 ♥ AQJ76 ♦ 6 ♣ A94

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
???	Pass	3 ♦	Pass

5) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ 873 ♥ 73 ♦ Q1094 ♣ 10962

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
???	3 ♣	3 ♥	Pass

Return answers by March 1 to:

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