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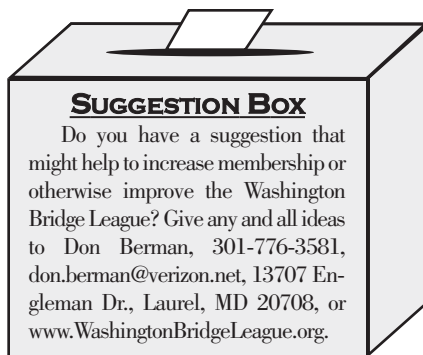
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by WBL President, Don Berman

Happy New Year! I hope that each of you enjoyed the New Year. For me it is always a chance to look ahead to good times and better bridge. Probably by February I will realize I am not going to win the Lovenberg but I am always optimistic. Bridge is a game with new horizons always just around the corner. I trust it is the same for you.

Congratulations are in order to last year's trophy winners. (*Final standings: p. 14 & winners' pics: p.22.*)

Lovenberg: John Adams; Izzy Cohen: Mike Richey; Tubbs: Larry Wallace; Woolridge: Margaret Cooke & Peter Isard.

This year is my last as President. Elections for new officers and board members will be in May. If you would like to contribute to our game please consider running for office or volunteering to help

us run the Unit. I will continue to be your Web Master and help out in any way I can and I would like to thank all of you for your continued support.

The turnout at the January sectional was very good and I thank you very much for your support. Those of you that attended might have noticed the improved lighting. I could see my cards much better. I can't blame my not so good results on that. Kensington promised to

improve it even more. Please note that in the next three Sectionals this year the Thursday evening games will also be held in Kensington.

Finally, some more good news. The WBL has received an anonymous donation of \$25,000 dollars. Your Board of Directors is considering its usage. Suggestions are welcome.

OPT OUT?

If you'd like to stop receiving the printed version of the *WBL Bulletin*, please send your e-mail address to Don Berman at don.berman@verizon.net. You will start receiving an e-mail link to the on-line version of the bulletin in lieu of your printed copy.

THE NADINE WOOD AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

As you all know, Nadine Wood was one of the WBL's foremost volunteers. Over many years she gave a great deal to bridge in our area. To honor her service, the WBL has created a new award named after her. (Her service was not just local and the ACBL has recently voted to rename the national volunteer of the year award after Nadine.) The criteria the WBL adopted for our award reads "The award would be given at most



such as parking, acting as a guaranteed partner, and other activities that contribute to an enhanced bridge playing experience."

The recipient of the first **Nadine Wood Award for Service to the Washington Bridge League** was announced at the annual holiday party. Then, Vice President Richard Ferrin, presented the award to **Kitty Gottfried**. As

most of you know, Kitty has been a tireless worker for the WBL for many years, especially in the area of providing hospitality at the sectionals, unit games and regionals. She and Nadine were close friends and worked together for the good of the WBL for many years and it is only fitting that she be the first recipient of the award.

KENSINGTON, MD: MARCH 10-11, 2012



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NLM Stratified Pairs (500/200/100 and 50/20/10)3:15 pm

Sunday, March 11 (All day playthrough with lunch break)

Stratified Swiss Teams (500/200/100)11:00 am

-Join us for a fun weekend!-

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Shawn Stringer

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DIRECTIONS: From I-495 (Washington Beltway) take Exit 33 (Connecticut Ave/MD-185) North towards Kensington. Go 2 miles and keep Left as Connecticut Ave splits. After the split, take the third Right onto Lawrence Avenue. Take the first Left onto Newport Mill Road. The school is one-half mile on the Right.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 12

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

- ♣ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) 10:00am, 2:00pm
- ♦ **Barometer Pairs** StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) & B/C/D (1500/1000/500) **7:15pm** **← EARLIER START!**
Check your matchpoint barometer every round! Friday nights are your chance to try a different form of the game. Everyone plays the same boards at the same time. (Time will be added to check scores.)
- ♥ Intermediate/Novice Pairs (300/200/100/50/20) (single sessions) 10:00am, 2:00pm, **7:15pm**

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

- ♣ **Compact KOs** Four rounds of knockouts finish in one day! 11:00am, 4:00 pm
Tired of pair games? You're guaranteed to play a full session of two rounds of the knockouts.
- ♦ *StrataFlighted A/X (unlim/3000) or B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) (single sessions) 11:00am, 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** ~

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

- ♣ **1-Day Bridge Class: Advance Your Game** 10:30am
- ♦ 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

♣ **Lots of Intermediate & Novice Events with Silver Points!** ♥

I/N events: 0-5, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300; Stratification at Director's Discretion.



Famous Washington Hospitality includes snacks, drinks, and **Friday and Sunday lunch** free of charge. **Chair: Ron Zucker**, 202-986-2166, ron@motherzucker.com. **Volunteer Coordinator: Barbara Summers**, 301-598-5838, jimbarb1184@aol.com. **Hospitality: Kitty Gottfried**, 301-587-3981, kgottfried@hotmail.com. **Partnerships: Barbara Doran**, 301-608-0347, SectionalPartner@DistrictSix.org.
*StrataFlighted if attendance warrants—otherwise combined into Stratified Pairs (unlim/2000/500)

Directions to the Kensington Town Hall/Armory: 495 Beltway Exit 33, Connecticut Avenue North (Rt. 185N—to Kensington). 1.5 miles, right at light—Knowles Ave. 1st right at stop—Armory Ave. 1st left at stop—to 3710 Mitchell St. & parking lot on right. Additional parking in nearby lots—see website maps.

BITS AND PIECES

JANUARY'S 1-DAY BRIDGE CLASS

An enthusiastic group of players participated in our **Advance Your Game** class that was held during the recent WBL sectional. The class explored in depth the *Hold Up* play as well as *Ducking plays*. The students played lots of hands and were quickly able to recognize when to hold up a winner in order to stop the opponents from running their suit. They also learned when to duck in order to be able to run their own winning tricks.

Our goal with these classes is to provide hand after hand so that the players get lots of practice and gain confidence that they can recognize and execute the technique at the table. Thanks to all who joined us and we look forward to seeing you at the next class.

—Shawn Stringer

NEXT 1-DAY BRIDGE CLASS:
APRIL 15, 2012

We will hold our next **One Day Bridge Class** on Sunday, April 15, 2012, as part of the WBL Sectional. So get your taxes done early and

join us as we continue to explore *Declarer Play* topics. We will demonstrate how executing a *Loser on Loser* play can be your winning strategy. The cost is \$30, which includes materials and lunch. Please contact Shawn Stringer at shstringer@aol.com or 301-275-6363 with any questions or to reserve a space.

2011 ROUND ROBIN WINNERS

Congratulations to last year's Round Robin Winners! Here are the overalls:

Flight A

- 1) **Bill Cole, Steve Robinson, Peter Boyd, Mark Shaw**
- 2) Jim Geist, Mike Richey, Steve Schatzow, Ron Zucker
- 3/4) Arnie Frankel, Dave Ruderman, Lyle Poe, Alan Tenenbaum, Andy Gofreed, Fred Steinberg
- 3/4) Jason Meyer, Lloyd Rawley, John Edmonds, Larry Kahn
- 5/8) Donna Rogall, Clyde Kruskal, Ellen Cherniavsky, Tom Musso

Flight X

- 1) **Mark Cohen, Patrick Stanton, Melissa Price, Richard Price**
- 2) Jason Meyer, Lloyd Rawley, John Edmonds, Larry Kahn

Flight B

- 1) **Ajit Thyagarajan, Rosemary Shaw, Bruce Roberts, Bruce Goldstein**
- 2) Richard Levin Walter Spiegel, Neal and Ellen Rosenthal

0-300 Flight

- 1) **David Marshall, Jim Walsh, Annapurna Satpathy, Julie Conner**

A NOTE FROM THE WBL
OMBUDSMAN

In any organization, there are complaints from time to time from members about how things are run. To make sure that complaints are addressed in a timely, responsible and unbiased manner, the WBL has its own ombudsman.

What is an ombudsman? Ombudsman is a Swedish word, which literally translated means "representative" or "agent." An ombudsman is completely neutral and independent.

The WBL ombudsman's job is to investigate and report when necessary to the WBL

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Friday	11:15 AM	St James
Saturday	1:00 PM	St James

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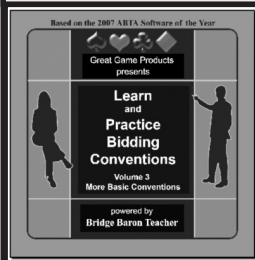


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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB

Moderated by Steve Robinson

robinswr1941@gmail.com

Congratulations to **Rusty Krauss** and **Enid Hughes** who tied for first with a score of 490. They win a free entry to the Unit Game, and will be invited to be on a future panel. Third was **Betty Pinn** with a score of 470. Tied for fourth were **Joyce Strelitz** and **Fred Steinberg** with a score of 460. Tied for sixth were **Hal Hindman**, **Mike Davila**, **Eric Poskanzer** and **Robert Bergman** with a score of 450. Tied for tenth were **Todd Zimnoch**, **Larry Kahn**, **Linda Smith**, **Art Hayes**, **Noble Shore**, **Tony Graziano**, **Saul Penn**, **Fred Allenspach**, **Hank Meyer** and **John Wasyluk** with a score of 440. Tied for twentieth were **Martin Personick**, **Govind Narayan**, **Ed Maixner**, **Frank Guido**, **Bill Bugg**, **Bob Blodgett**, **Matt Lahut**, **Brad Theurer**, **Robert Stone**, **Amy Bloom** and **Bill Meeks** with a score of 430. The average score of the 223 solvers was 372. The average score of the experts was 447.

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

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

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

The book *Washington Standard* second edition is out. If you are a serious bridge player, this book is a must. You can purchase a copy from Steve for \$25.00 whenever you see him or can send him a check for \$29.95 that includes \$4.95 for priority mail.

1) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠AKQJ543 ♥7654 ♦Q♣3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♣	2NT*
4♠	4NT	Pass	5♦
????			*(reds)
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
5♠	100	5	113
Double	90	1	34
Pass	70	1	65
5♥	20	0	4
6♠	20	0	6
6♦	20	0	1

What does a jump to 4♠ look like? 4♠ should be a hand like ♠KQJxxxx ♥x ♦x♣xxx, a preemptive hand with no defense. Partner would never expect that you have the AK of spades, the queen of diamonds and a singleton in his opening bid suit. Rather than bid 4♠, South should have bid 3♥ which shows at least five spades and at least ten points. This is part of the convention called Unusual over Unusual. Over 2NT, 3♣ would be a simple raise, 3♦ would be a limit raise or better in clubs and 3♠ would be natural and non-forcing like a weak two. You can't pass, since partner doesn't know that you have defense. If you pass, 5♦ could end the auction. So the question is, do you double 5♦ or do you bid 5♠?

I'd expect to get at least four tricks against 5♦ doubled. If it was the 2NT-bidder who bid at the five-level, I'd expect him to be more distributional than the normal 5-5. However, it is very likely that you will get three black tricks and at least one red trick for +300. If you could get +300 neither vul-

nerable or +500 when unfavorable at IMPs when they save you'd be way ahead of the game. Sometimes you get more than the value of your game and sometimes you can't make game. At match-points, you can't afford to be +300 when everyone else is +450. Plus 300 loses only four IMPs to +450 but wins eight IMPs if game doesn't make.

Five experts bid five over five. While 5♠ should make more often than not, getting +300 is ample compensation at IMPs. Why can't partner have ♠x♥x♦Kxxx♣AKJxxxx? You never gave partner a chance to describe his hand. Opposite that hand, 5♠ could easily go down. The clue to not bidding 5♠ is your holding of four hearts. If you assume that the 4NT bidder is equal in the red suits, then partner has either one heart and four diamonds or no hearts and three diamonds. I'd guess the former since if the 4NT bidder was 4-4 in the red suits, he wouldn't be asking for partner's opinion. If partner has some strength in diamonds, they could be hurting.

Landen: "5♠—No idea who can make what. When in doubt, buy the contract."

When in doubt, don't bid five over five. Do you really think they will make 5♦?

Hopkins: "5♠—Partner did not double 4NT suggesting primarily defensive values. Also,

the 4NT bid suggests length in both red suits so partner may be short in Hearts. A typical hand for partner is ♠xxx♥x♦Kxx♣AKJxxx."

Parker: "5♠—Partner's pass must be forcing. He could have doubled 4NT to say he wanted to defend, so with no defense I bid on. If I did not like the opponents I would bid 6♠ just to tick them off."

Why must partner's pass be forcing? You have not shown a single defensive trick. I don't think a preemptive raise to game creates a force.

Woolsey: "5♠—This is simply a bet that somebody can make 11 tricks. If I'm right I'll win around eight IMPs, while if I'm wrong I'll lose around four IMPs. That's good enough odds for me with this hand and this auction."

Woolsey assumes that 5♦ will go down only one. If it goes down two, his IMP odds are backwards.

Adams: "5♠—Pass not forcing as 4♠ could have been same hand missing Ace. 4NT suggests they have double fit. Partners pass suggests he does not want to double them unilaterally. Some play double of 4NT as "please bid" but that takes a specific non-standard understanding."

One expert passes. If 4♠ told your story, then pass would be reasonable.

Frankel: "Pass—I told my story when I bid 4♠. Let partner decide what to do."

When in doubt, don't bid five over five. (I wonder if I've ever said this before.)

2) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠542♥64♦KJ742♣AK3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	1♣	Pass
????		1♠	Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♣	100	3	36
3♣	90	2	53
2♦	70	1	16
1NT	60	0	22
2NT	50	1	11
2♠	50	0	29
2♥	50	0	35
Pass	40	0	6
3♠	20	0	6
3♥	20	0	1
3♦	20	0	8

There are many options — Pass, and all bids between 1NT and 3♦ and all have at least one flaw. With two little hearts and partner having at most three hearts, notrump from our side seems flawed. The system you are playing makes a difference in your answer. If you are bidding suits up the line, then partner could be 4=3=3=3. If partner could be 4=3=3=3, 3♣ is flawed unless you like playing 3-3 fits. If you're playing Walsh, where 1♦ denies a four-card major unless you have a game force, 1♠ promises at least four clubs. If partner promises at least four clubs, 3♣ is reasonable. In Washington Standard, you bid 1♠ if you're 4=3=3=3. If partner could have three clubs, 3♣ could be a disaster. The object of IMPs is to get plus scores. Unless there's game any plus score works.

Three experts join me and make a minimum bid. 2♣ and 2♦ are minimum bids and each should make.

Landen: "2♣—No good bid, so try to stay low and go plus."

Adams: "2♣—I like two-way check back, but I think in Washington Standard 2♣ is just a natural preference so I still bid it. Partner must have four clubs unless 4=3=3=3, in which case he will correct to diamonds. Sometimes I have extras when no direct invite makes sense. Note that with Walsh style, partner has to have five clubs. His likely shape is 4=3=1=5 or 4=2=2=5. We might

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

O-NLM Game: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00

Location: St. James Episcopal Church
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).

For additional information, contact **Mark Lavine**, 301-503-3348 or mlavine@gcsii.com

Open Games: Sat.: 1pm, Mon. Thurs & Fri: 11:15am, Tue: 7pm (Tue only at Rockville Senior Center—see www.rockvilledbc.com for directions.)

make 3NT, but 2♣ might also be high enough."

Frankel: "2♦— Pass, 1NT, 2♣, 2♥, 2♠, 2NT, 3♦ all have at least one flaw. I'll try the underbid of 2♦. we probably don't have a game."

Three experts invite.

Hopkins: "3♣—In my regular partnerships, partner has guaranteed four spades and longer clubs so this is easy. But even in Washington Standard, I can't think of a better call. At least my points are about right and they do match up to the suits I bid."

Woolsey: "3♣—On target value-wise, and partner will usually have five clubs for this sequence. Even if it is a 4-3 fit, that might not be so bad."

The following expert will not play in a 3-3 fit. I'd love to play 3NT with xx opposite xx in hearts.

Parker: "2NT—Wrong siding it, but no other bid works to show this hand. I would like to bid 2♣ forcing for one round and then over 2♦, bid 2♠ which should show three

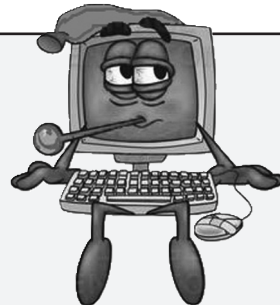
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spades and no heart stopper.”

If you don't have a fit, stay low.

3) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠ A10953 ♥ AJ ♦ 97 ♣ AQ64

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥ (GF)	Pass	2♠	Pass
????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
3♣	100	5	127
3♠	80	2	18
4♠	60	0	33
3NT	60	0	16
4♣	30	0	7
4NT	30	0	10
3♥	30	0	3
2NT	30	0	6
5♠	20	0	2
4♥	20	0	1

It is unclear how many spades partner has and therefore how many hearts. Would partner raise spades with only three instead of bidding 2♣? If partner would never raise spades with only three, then he could have three spades. If partner would

always raise spades directly with three then we don't have an eight-card spade fit. What would he bid over 2♥ holding ♠Kx♥xx♦AQxxx♣Kxxx? Most would bid 2♠. What other choice do you have? I would hope that he would bid 2♠ in tempo. If partner thought for 15 seconds and then bid 2♠, you must assume that he has three spades and bid accordingly. A good problem would be what is the lowest value of YZ in the following hand - ♠YZx♥x♦AKxxx♣KJxx - where you would raise spades directly. Would you raise spades directly holding ♠xxx♥x♦AKxxx♣KJxx?

You have an eight-card club fit. Slam in clubs needs partner to have aces and kings and a singleton heart. If you raise clubs, you can go back to spades. If you set spades as trump, it will be difficult to get to clubs.

Five experts support clubs. They assume that partner is 3=1=5=4. I think he's more likely to be 2=2=5=4.

Parker: “3♣—How can I not support partner and look for our best strain? Partner should be 3-1-5-4, so give him as little as ♠Kxx♥x♦AKxxx♣Kxxx, we are cold for 6♣ with decent breaks. Over 3♦ I will bid 3♥ and hope he shows some life.”

Frankel: “3♣—We are in slam territory.

Let partner know of the double fit.”

BTW, after 3♣, which set clubs as trump, I play that 4♦ by either player is RKC for clubs. Using 4♦ as RKC for clubs gives you the same steps as 4NT does for 4♠.

Landen: “3♣—We might end in 4♠, but we might have a slam and clubs is the slam suit. We can always play 4♠. Let's see how partner reacts.”

Hopkins: “3♣—Isn't this what fourth-suit-forcing is all about? Your immediate subsequent call should make it clear why you employed fourth-suit forcing. Partner should have three Spades, but you can elect to play there later.”

Woolsey: “3♣—Set the trump suit first, and things will take care of themselves. If I don't show that we have a playable club fit right now, we can never get to clubs.”

One expert joins me and makes a sensible bid, telling partner that we have five spades. If partner is 2=2=5=4, he needs lots of extra values in order to make a club slam. Opposite ♠Kx♥xx♦AQxxx♣Kxxx a club slam needs good breaks and luck. If partner bids 4♠ over 3♣, which denies slam values, slam will be anti-percentage and 4♠ figures to be the best game contract.

Adams: “3♠—Tempting to try for club slam, but that risks losing the spade suit, and partner sounds like 3=1=5=4, so no point in trying to play the 4-4. 3♠ confirms trump and is stronger than 4♠.”

I play jumping to 4♠ over 2♠ shows a very bad hand saying if you want to bid again you're on your own.

Don't assume that partner has the perfect hand.

4) IMPs, None Vulnerable

♠32♥AK109♦J3♣A6432

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
????			
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
4♦	100	3	17
3♠	80	1	24
3NT	80	1	30
4♣	70	2	103
4NT	60	0	4
5♦	40	0	35
6NT	30	0	1
6♦	30	0	2
3♥	20	0	3
5♣	20	0	1
Pass	20	0	3

We certainly have enough strength for game. There's a chance we could even have a slam. 6♦ is cold opposite ♠Ax♥Jx♦AKQxxx♣Kxx. In order to explore for slam a trump suit has to be established. As soon as the trump suit has been established, we can then figure out at what level we belong. Trumps then level. On the other hand, we might belong in game. The problem is that there is no way to ask partner if he has a spade stopper. The way I see it, it's either 3NT hoping partner has a spade stopper or some number of diamonds.

Two experts think we belong in 3NT. If I wanted to be in 3NT I would bid 3NT.

Parker: “3♠—I would bid 3NT with spades stopped so this must ask for a stopper. No one worries about clubs. I can't have the major since if I had five hearts I would rebid them and we can't have a spade fit once partner bids 3♦.”

What if your black suits were reversed? Would you bid 3NT assuming that partner had a club stopper? 3♠ shows something in spades.

Frankel: “3NT—It is possible that partner does not have a spade stopper but I will chance it. Often the suit breaks 4-4 when they don't bid it.”

Two experts bid 4♣. I wonder what they would they would say about 4♣ if they were dealt ♠xx♥AKxxx♦x♣AKxxx?

Landen: “4♣—Too bad we didn't bid our longest suit first. Now, I'll cue 4♣ and hope to bid to five or 6♦. At least it's IMPs, so playing the lower paying game won't be so costly.”

1♦ - 2♣ is a bad auction in standard. I don't like bidding 2♣ over 1♦ with a four-card major unless I'm very strong. Suppose you hold ♠x♥AKx♦xxx♣AKxxx. Partner opens 1♦ and rebids 2NT over your 2♣ response. Now you'd want to bid 3♥ to avoid playing 3NT opposite Jxx of spades. However, what is opener supposed to do over 3♥ if he holds ♠KJ10♥Jxxx♦KQJx♣Qx?

Hopkins: “4♣—Diamonds are trumps and I am going slamming, starting with a cue bid. I don't expect to quit unless it becomes obvious we are off two Spade controls.”

Two experts join me and support diamonds. Jx is good support opposite a 3♦ jump. 4♦ is forcing and sets diamonds as trump. His only problem would be what level we belong.

The only way you can play in four-of-a-minor is if you've supported the minor and tried for 3NT and failed.

Woolsey: “4♦—Setting trumps, and showing slam interest. Hopefully partner's next

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call will be RKC, as I have some nice aces and kings to show him.”

Adams: “4♦—We have a slam. Set trumps. 4♦ not some subtle invite, since partner’s hand is boxed.”

Set trumps clearly and as soon as possible in slam auctions.

5) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠ KQ2♥ K6543♦ -♣ K6432

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
????		1♠	Pass
Action	Score	Votes	Solvers
2♠	100	3	35
3♠	90	2	10
2♣	70	1	130
Pass	60	1	3
1NT	60	0	22
2NT	50	0	11
3♣	20	0	5
4♠	20	0	2
2♥	20	0	4
4♣	20	0	1

There aren’t any bids which describe this hand. We could bid 2♣ but 2♣ is forcing to game. Do we want to force to game? We could invite game. There are only two invitational bids which are available, 2NT and 3♠ and there are problems with both bids. 3♠ shows four spades and it doesn’t seem right to bid 2NT with a void. The third option is to make a non-game forcing, non-invitational bid such as 1NT or 2♠. We can still get to game if partner has extras.

The following two experts seem to be worlds apart. One forces to game, the other stops at the one-level.

Parker: “2♣—Forcing. I am willing to get to at least the three-level so let’s hear what partner bids next. Over 2♦, I will bid 2♠, over 2♥ I will bid 4♥.”

2♣ followed by 2♠ shows a game-forcing hand setting spades as trump. You can’t make up a system based on your current hand.

Adams: “Pass—It’s matchpoints, anything can work. Maybe my opponents will balance. Many will say, “what if partner holds.” skip the what if’s. You can win a board by going plus when everyone else guesses badly. If we miss a heart slam I will apologize to partner. At IMPs, I would not risk passing.”

Passing is extreme. Opposite ♠ AJ10x♥ AQx♦ 109xxx♣ A, you could be +260.

Two experts agree with me and keep the bidding open. 2♠ is unlikely to go down and if partner has extras 4♠ would probably be as good a contract as any. The extra values make up for the lack of the fourth spade. The rule is that you don’t raise partner’s second suit with only three. This hand shows why the verb is don’t rather than never.

Frankel: “2♠—I won’t bid notrump with a void in partner’s first bid minor. My hand is not strong enough for fourth suit forcing. KQx and ruffing value is adequate spade support.”

Woolsey: “2♠—This has an excellent chance to be the top-scoring contract if North passes. Nothing else is appealing.”

Two experts invite. 11 HCP is usually enough to invite opposite an opening bid but the lack of the fourth spade and the void in partner’s first bid suit are big negatives.

Landen: “3♠—Eccentric with only three spades, but ten tricks on a crossruff likely. My other choices aren’t any better.”

Hopkins: “3♠—I can see taking about six tricks on a cross ruff and three on the side if partner is minimum and quits here and similarly at least ten tricks when partner carries on. Even on the inspired lead of a trump, one of my suits may set up for our extra tricks. I would rather be out a trump than this much out of range in HCP by bidding 2♠ or 1NT.”

Stay low when there is a potential misfit.

SOLVERS’ SCORES

John Adams	5♠	2♣	3♠	4♦	Pass	440
Arnie Frankel	Pass	2♦	3♣	3NT	2♠	420
Robbie Hopkins	5♠	3♣	3♣	4♣	3♠	450
Steve Landen	5♠	2♣	3♣	4♣	3♠	460
Steve Parker	5♠	2NT	3♣	3♠	2♣	400
Steve Robinson	Dbl	2♣	3♠	4♦	2♠	470
Kit Woolsey	5♠	3♣	3♣	4♦	2♠	490

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—Adrienne Kuehneman

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2	192.80	Steve Robinson
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7	143.87	Lloyd Rawley
8	142.47	Mark Shaw
9	133.01	Peter Boyd
10	122.01	Andrew Gofreed
11	114.10	Donna Rogall
12	110.33	Michael Richey
13	109.64	Michael Gill
14	108.48	Alfred Steinberg
15	106.11	Robert Bell
16	104.64	James Geist
17	103.23	Ronald Zucker
18	95.18	David Ruderman
19	89.81	Noble Shore
	89.81	Barry Falgout
21	82.95	Earl Glickstein
22	81.49	Leon Letwin
23	81.02	H John Edmonds
	81.02	Larry Kahn
25	79.97	Merril Hirsh

Izzy Cohen

1	110.33	Michael Richey
2	103.23	Ronald Zucker
3	68.22	Daniel Koch
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5	60.32	Hadi Abushakra
6	57.98	James Beller
7	56.86	Larry Wallace
8	56.60	Daniel Falk
9	51.66	Alfred Liepold
10	50.61	Ernie Schuler
11	45.01	John McCormick
12	43.86	Alfred Caponiti
13	43.11	William Goldman
14	41.39	Guillaume de Decker
15	37.97	Patrick Stanton

Tubbs

1	56.86	Larry Wallace
2	56.60	Daniel Falk
3	50.61	Ernie Schuler
4	45.01	John McCormick
5	41.39	Guillaume de Decker
6	36.53	Leon Masiewicki
7	34.17	Edmund Gehan
8	34.14	Ajit Thyagarajan
9	33.95	Eldon Compton
10	33.87	Namik Haveric
	33.87	Mirsad Mujezinovic

Woolridge

1	21.86	Peter Isard
1	21.86	Margaret Cooke
3	19.33	Paul Chassy
4	12.92	Charles Dearolf
5	11.87	Stanley Hurwitz
6	11.64	Shala Panbechi
	11.64	Mahmoud Katirai
8	11.59	Alexander Gretsinger
9	11.33	Jane Dolkart
10	9.01	Lindsay Eakin

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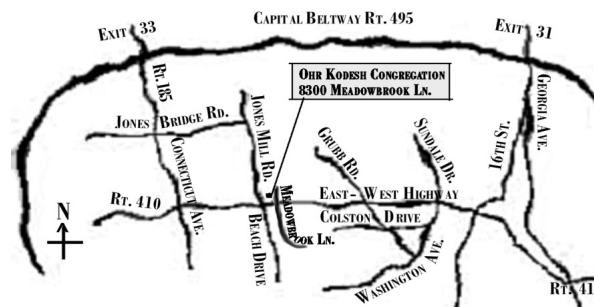
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 03/22/2012StrataFlighted Unit Championship
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 04/05/2012StrataFlighted Unit Championship
04/12/12**WBL Sectional
 04/19/2012StrataFlighted Grand National Teams
 04/26/2012NVBA Sectional
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You never need to miss the unit game because you don't have a partner at the last minute! The WBL has a guaranteed partner (GP) program for players who occasionally need a partner for the unit game. Here's how it works: we provide a standby partner; if an odd number of people in need of a partner arrive, we match the players as best we can, and the GP plays with the one who is left. (If there is an even number of players looking, the GP goes home). You can always get a game.

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To find a partner in the Open or B/C/D game at least a day in advance, contact **Barbara Doran** at UnitGamePartner@DistrictSix.org or barbd@star-power.net, or call 301-608-0347 between 9am and 10pm. To find a partner for the NLM game, contact **Shawn Stringer** at 301-275-6363 or ShStringer@aol.com.

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- ♣ September 6-9, 2012, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♦ September 22-23, 2012, WBL NLM, Kensington, MD
- ♥ September 27-30, 2012, WBL, Kensington, MD
- ♠ October 25-28, 2012, NVBA, Fairfax, VA
- ♣ January 3-6, 2013, WBL, Kensington, 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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2011 WBL NEW LIFE MASTERS

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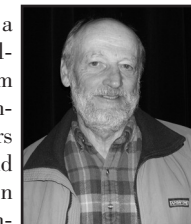


Edward Anania and his wife, Jean have three grown children, Jay, Jill and Dale. He is a retired Analyst and Foreign Representative with the DOD. In 1952, Edward earned a B.A. from the University of Vermont where he also played four varsity sports. Edward has been the Maryland #1 ranked player for tennis age groups 55 and 70. It was also in 1952 that bridge entered Edward's life. At that time, his wife's sister was infirmed, so the three of them used Fred Karpin's interesting pamphlet to pass the time! He has switched over to 2/1 game forcing style, but maintains a Roth-Stone hand evaluation technique. Edward has been an ACBL and WBL member for 54 years, but stopped playing serious duplicate around 2000. His most exciting thrill came in 1997 as a team member winning the District 6 Flight C Grand National Teams. He has played bridge in Rome, Italy, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, Hong Kong, China, Connecticut, Hawaii and South Carolina. Edward continues to enjoy traveling.



Linda Barton started playing duplicate bridge at the Bridge Forum owned and operated by Harold Feldheim in Hamden Conn. After moving to Europe for 10 years, she enjoyed playing Acol at her club in Winchester, England and Multi in Steyr — her hometown, an ancient walled city in Austria, which is also a World Heritage site. She wants to thank all her wonderful partners for her success.

Lotta Brafman and her husband Stuart have two grown children, Lester and Michelle. She is a retired Federal Reserve Librarian and Travel



Planner. She earned a B.S. from Simmons College and an M.S.A. from the University of Wisconsin. Lotta spent 25 years with non-profits, and started a food pantry in Milwaukee. She also enjoys knitting, quilting and golf.

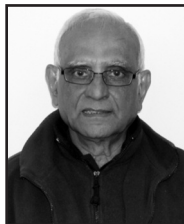
Lotta started playing bridge in college and continued to play with friends in Milwaukee. In Aspen, she started to play serious bridge with Robert Todd as her teacher. Barbara Seagram is her favorite bridge author. Lotta started playing in tournaments in 2010. Her biggest bridge thrill came in the October 2011 sectional, when she and Jesse Stern won first overall in the Thursday Morning Open Pairs to give her enough silver points to satisfy the requirement for Life Master. For the future, she hopes to keep on enjoying the game and improving her skills.



David Epstein and his wife, Wendy, have three grown children: Benjamin, Max and Shoshanna. They own All Ways Travel which has operated bridge cruises. Previously, David was a GAO Analyst and a Navy Supply Corps Officer. He earned a B.A. in Mathematics and Statistics and an M.B.A. in Operations Research from the University of Rochester in New York.

In high school in the late '60s, David's honors math teacher taught bridge to the entire class during their lunch period. The instruction generally lasted well into the regular class period, but it seems that it did no harm — *Did it help?* — as David was still able to score an 800 on the math half of the SATs. He started playing in tournaments in 2005, preferring to play

Standard American. Best result? Setting 6NT, doubled and vulnerable four tricks! David's next goal is to qualify as a director. His other interests include travel, bicycling, and philately (*wiki def: the study of stamps and postal history—more involved than stamp collection*).



J J Jayaraman is retired from real estate sales. He has a degree in graphic arts and prior to real estate, he worked as a printing estimator. He and his wife, Mrs. Sara Jayaraman have one son, Mr. Deepak Jayaraman. Some office friends originally taught him some party bridge in 1971, but J.J. didn't join the ACBL and start playing in tournaments until about ten years ago. He prefers methods he learned from Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell's, *2 Over 1 Game Force* and plays in Arlington, Alexandria and India. J.J. enjoys travel.



Adrienne Kuehneman plays bridge twice a week – at the WBL unit game and with friends at a weekly social game. Although she doesn't travel to tournaments (two teenagers at home), she plays and volunteers at the local July 4th regional, and she especially enjoyed being Volunteer Coordinator for the 2009 NABC in Washington, DC. She has also just been signed up as the WBL's new Ombudsman. [See p. 5—Thanks, Adrienne!]

In the 1990s when Adrienne began playing bridge, she suggested that the *WBL Bulletin* provide articles geared to less experienced players. As a result, Adrienne was appointed the WBL's first NLM editor of the Bulletin. She invited local experts to share insights in each issue, and she named her section of the Bulletin "NLMaster-Pointers". More recently, Adrienne noticed that a number of women in her temple's sisterhood group were playing bridge and taking bridge classes. Adrienne formed a committee and started a round robin "bridge-go-round" for the ladies. In 2010, Adrienne launched a social duplicate club for the sisterhood women which continues to thrive.

Adrienne prefers bridge software to bridge books. She's presently reading/playing the interactive versions of Eric Jannersten's *Card Reading*

and Eddie Kantar's *Modern Bridge Defense*.

A native Californian, Adrienne got her BA from the University of California at San Diego, then her MBA at Georgetown. She runs Idea Promotions, which supplies companies (*and sometimes bridge tournaments!*) with imprinted convention giveaways and corporate gifts. Adrienne's second favorite game is Boggle.



Norman Mitchell and wife, Sandy, have two children, Tod and Tracy. Norman is a retired dentist. He earned his D.D.S. at Temple University's Kornberg School of Dentistry. He is Past President of the

James Renwick Alliance Board and Past President of Visual Arts. His other hobbies are hiking, running, photography, clay studio, and travel.

In the '70s, Norman played a little bridge, but then didn't play again for 35 years. Sandy suggested they take lessons from Leslie Shafer and off he went. Norman joined the ACBL three years ago and plays locally at the Montgomery DBC, Schweinhaut Center, Gaithersburg DBC and Camp Springs DBC. He has also travelled to play in regionals in Gatlinburg, Virginia Beach, Raleigh, Williamsburg and Ocean City. Barbara Seagram, Audrey Grant and Marty Bergen are Norman's favorite bridge authors. Achieving Life Master was very exciting.



David Montague is a retired Colonel from the USAF. He earned his B.A. from Yale in 1961 and his M.A. from Auburn University in 1971. Although David learned bridge as a child from his mother,

the air force is responsible for his introduction to duplicate. In 1963, out of the clear blue sky, David's military superior asked him if he knew how to play bridge.

"Yes, sir."

"Good! Meet me at the Officer's Club at 7:00 p.m. I need a partner for duplicate."

"Yes, sir.", said David and thus began a multi-country duplicate tour of duty including Goose Bay in Labrador, Canada, Bangkok, Thailand, and here in Plattsburg, NY, Montgomery, AL, and Cheyenne, WY. Now, David plays lo-

cally at the Montgomery DBC, Schweinhaut Center and Andy's Bridge in Camp Springs.

He preferred bidding system is 2/1 and favorite author is Watson. David loved winning the knockouts in Raleigh and Reston, thus fulfilling the gold requirements for Life Master. When not playing bridge, David, and his wife, Clemmer, enjoy collecting studio craft, the opera, ballet, and classical music.



A native of Mississippi, **Amelia Montjoy** is Vice President of Resource Development and Operations at the DC-based nonprofit organization, Ocean Conservancy, and has worked in nonprofit fundraising for over 20 years. A graduate of the University of Mississippi, Amelia earned her Masters in English from Auburn University and taught school before "coming north" to DC in 1995. Amelia says she learned the basics of the game "by osmosis." Her mother played almost every day of the week, and Amelia was allowed to kibitz after coming home from school as long as she remained still and quiet. While she enjoyed bridge in her younger days, Amelia quit playing when her three children were small and didn't take up the game again until 2006 when she moved briefly to Charleston, SC. After returning to the D.C. area in 2007, she began playing several times a week. In addition to bridge, Amelia enjoys reading, travel and following the New Orleans Saints. She lives in Bethesda.



Dale Edwin Sanders is a trial lawyer with an active practice in civil and criminal litigation. He grew up in Fairfax County just a few miles from his home in Cleveland Park DC, around cards, animals, political discourse and trips to the shore. He learned to play bridge in high school from his parents. At UVA, he played in the college duplicate game but mostly played in fraternity money games (penny a point). After Law School, he played occasional duplicate games at Terry Michaels game and money games at the 2929 club on Connecticut Ave where there was an ongoing money game. Duke Ziebert was a regular "contributor". He recalls this newcomer in town from VA Beach always looking for a money

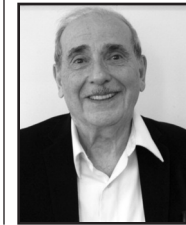
game. He played in a few games against her and she moved on out of town. Her name was Lynn Deas. He seems to recall she was pretty good. Anyway, Dale quit playing bridge in the 80's to manage an expanding practice and just resumed play in '09. His favorite author is Marty Bergen and believes that *Points Schmoints* also applies to masterpoint accumulation.



Marilyn Udell's dad was a bridge instructor, so she started playing bridge when she was a teenager. She especially enjoyed playing during finals week in college! Marilyn joined the ACBL and started playing in tournaments in 1980. She likes Standard American and plays locally at the Rockville DBC and Gaithersburg Bridge Club. Marilyn's most exciting bridge moment so far came when she became a Life Master at the Hunt Valley Regional playing with teammates: Maida Crocicchia, Reni Malloy and Elaine Conway.

Terry Vann and his wife Linda have two grown children, Adam and Brian. Terry earned his B.A. at CCNY and his J.D. from UNC. He worked as a mediator and attorney. Terry was honored to be a member of the Human Rights Commission of Montgomery County. Currently, he enjoys Spanish, travel, and classes at Montgomery College in addition to bridge.

Terry played social bridge for many years, but didn't get serious about it until taking lessons on a cruise in 2005 at which point he joined the ACBL and started playing in tournaments. His biggest thrill came when he earned his first gold points at a regional. His tournament wins include several KOs during various regionals. Terry particularly enjoyed Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell's, *2 Over 1 Game Force* and Mike Lawrence's, *Opening Leads*. Terry currently plays locally at the Rockville DBC and Norma's in Arlington.



Larry Wallace served as Deputy Solicitor General of the U.S. under eight Presidents and ten Solicitors General. He is currently retired except for occasional engagements as a professional violinist

and violist. Larry is also an active performing member of the Friday Morning Music Club.

In his moonlighting career as a union musician, Larry has performed at the Kennedy Center, Library of Congress, National Gallery of Art, Constitution Hall, Wolf Trap, and other venues. His recordings include Leonard Bernstein's Mass with the composer conducting, several recordings with the American Camerata for New Music, and DVDs with Beverly Sills and M. Baryshnikov.

His bachelor's and master's degrees are from Syracuse University and his law degree is from Columbia University. Prior to attending law school, he served two years of active duty as a U.S. Air Force officer. After law school and a brief period of private law practice, he served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black and then joined the Duke University law school faculty.

Larry's principal career has been participating in Supreme Court litigation on behalf of the United States government. He has personally made 157 oral arguments before the Supreme Court. That is more arguments than any other living person has made before that Court; he holds the 20th century record number of Supreme Court arguments. For his public service, Larry has received Presidential, Department of Justice, Bar Association, and university awards. Check out <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/69689-1> to see a c-span television interview with Larry.

Larry's older sister is a Silver Life Master. His family members all live in other parts of the country. Larry joined the ACBL in March of 2008. He enjoys bridge in Rockville, Beth Ami, Hunt Valley, and in Florida when visiting his sister. His wish is to continue to improve.

Bits & Pieces, cont. from p. 13...

Awards: Two trophies will be awarded.

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

Open Leaders

Player	Points
1 Leo LaSota	.97.59
2 John Adams	.85.93
3 William Cole	.83.32
4 Stephen Drodge	.72.62
5 Steve Robinson	.72.07

6 Barry Falgout	.70.12
7 Helene Bauman	.63.86
8 John Miller	.62.64
9 Kenneth Davis	.59.78
10 Andrew Gofreed	.54.59
11 Peter Boyd	.52.22
12 Mark Shaw	.51.98
13 Robert Hopkins Jr	.51.47
14 James Geist	.50.81
15 Margot Hennings	.50.44
16 Joan Lewis	.50.00
17 Steven Schatzow	.47.57
18 Rusty Krauss	.47.54
19 Earl Glickstein	.46.57
20 David Milton	.43.67

NonLM Leaders

Player	Points
1 Thomas Jennings	.30.94
2 Larry Wallace	.27.25
3 Daniel Falk	.26.19
4 Ernie Schuler	.20.20
5 Sylvia Shi	.19.40
6 Dottie Terrell	.16.88
7 Georgette Weiss	.16.12
8 Paul Setzer	.15.40
9 Phillip Tseng	.15.07
10 Glenn Terrell	.14.89
11 Carolyn Baird	.14.81
12 Kellen Leister	.14.66
13 Ron Sutter	.14.34
14 Yuen De Anda	.14.34
15 Wayne Bardsley	.13.81
16 David Soukup	.13.78
17 Hakan Berk	.13.78
18 Eldon Compton	.13.53
19 John Gauss	.13.38
20 Penelope Paddock	.12.32

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

The WBL welcomes the following new ACBL members: **Mrs Charlotte C Buxton, Lillian Glaser, Mr Myron I Goldstein, Mr Christopher E Goldthwait, Gail L Klein, Ms Barbara G Raskin, Helen R Voss, Gail Edie, Mrs Phyllis Lessans, Mrs Jane E Marsh, Mr Johnny M Marsh, Ms Judith A Moline, Ms Joy I Oliver, Joann Robertson, Stanley B Rosen, Ms Mary L Sivertsen, Eleanor Sontag, Mrs Isabelle Zamaroczy, Mrs Barbara G Baldwin, Mr Nathaniel P Baldwin, Ginny K Feldman, Dr Jonathan C Javitt, Beverly C Klein, Judy Retchin, Howard L Robins, Mrs Lois G Robins, Ms Dolores A Royston, Mr Neil M Singer, Ms Ruth S Baker-Battist, Mr John D Barker, Mrs Laura B Barker, Mr Carl A Barth, Irene M Brandt, Ellen B Futterman, Mrs Sarah B Jenkins, Ms Marlene Shusterman, Mr Norman**

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

SPRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA; 703-560-2188

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) & 299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 10:00 a.m.

Norma's Game: First Presbyterian Church, 601 N. Vermont St., Arlington, VA 22203, 703-892-1292

Evening games at: NVBA: Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA or

WBL: Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chery Chase, MD — E-W Hwy 410 E., left Meadowbrook, left Freyman, lot on left.—No outside food.

NVBA (Beth El) WBL

Novice/Intermediate Lecture (Jeff Roman) 6:30 p.m.

STRATAFLIGHTED OPEN PAIRS (A/X=3000+/3000; B/C=2000/750) .. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

NVBA 199ER PAIRS (200/100/50/20); WBL NLM PAIRS (NLM/100/50) . 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

...REST OF TOURNAMENT AT ELKS LODGE...

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

NEW!! Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture at 1:15 p.m.!!

STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) OR B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 2 p.m.

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.

TRIPLE NICKEL SWISS—5 rounds, 5 boards, 5 minutes a board . 7:30 p.m.

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

STRATAFLIGHTED A/X (3000+/3000) OR B/C (2000/750) PAIRS 9:30 a.m.

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20) 9:30 a.m.

NEWCOMER PAIRS (0-5) 9:30 a.m.

Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture at 1:15 p.m.!!

10,000 MP Roasts for Ken Davis and Alan Schwartz 1:15 p.m.

BRACKETED COMPACT KO 2 and 7:30 p.m.

4 12-board matches start Sat aft—end Sat eve. All teams play 1st 2 matches.

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 2 p.m.

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) and 49ER PAIRS (50/20/5) 2 p.m.

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (2000+/2000/750) 7:30 p.m.

299ER PAIRS (300/200/100) 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

FLIGHTS A/X (5000+/5000) SWISS TEAMS 11:00 a.m.

& BRACKETED FLIGHT B TEAMS (no single player >2000) .. 11:00 a.m.

B Teams Bracketed by Total Team Masterpoints: three overall places in each.

A/X and Bracketed B Swisses are 2-session events, with a brief break in-between

—food available on-site.

299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single session) 11:00 a.m.

49ER SWISS TEAMS (50/20/5) (Single session) 11:00 a.m.

299ER SWISS TEAMS (300/200/100) (Single session) 3:15 p.m.

DIRECTIONS: From Route 50/Arlington Boulevard heading west from DC and Arlington AND from Route 495/Beltway: Continue on/Take Route 50 West about one mile outside the Beltway, and turn left at Javier Road (the second stoplight after the intersection of 50 and 495). Take an immediate right onto the access road that runs parallel to Route 50. The Elks Lodge will be two buildings down on your left—parking on the side and in the rear. From Fairfax, heading East on Route 50: Pass the intersection of Route 50 and Prosperity Avenue—the Prosperity Medical Center will be on your right. Between the first and second lights after Prosperity, turn right into the access road that runs parallel to Route 50 and look for the Elks Lodge immediately to your right—parking on the far side of the building and in the rear.

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50TH ANNUAL WBL PRESIDENTIAL TOURNAMENT

January 5-8, 2012

Results

TOP TEN CUMULATIVE POINT WINNERS

All Players

1	30.90	Leo LaSota
2	30.22	John Adams
3	20.39	James Geist
4	19.61	Lloyd Rawley
5	17.25	Stan Schenker
	17.25	David Milton
7	17.15	Steve Robinson
8	17.00	Barry Falgout
9	16.17	Jason Meyer
10	14.78	Andrew Gofreed

Players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints

1	14.08	Irv Kipnis
2	13.96	Robert Schwab
	13.96	Anne Derbes
4	12.52	Stephen Drodge
5	9.99	Rosemary Shaw
6	9.81	Calvin Konner
7	8.39	Dale Sanders
8	7.68	Fred Gramlich
9	7.28	Bruce Roberts
10	7.17	Arun Guha

Players with fewer than 500 masterpoints

1	8.39	Dale Sanders
2	7.68	Fred Gramlich
3	7.28	Bruce Roberts
4	7.17	Arun Guha
5	7.05	Thomas Jennings
6	6.71	Louise Hayes
	6.71	Penelope Paddock
8	6.15	Larry Wallace
	6.15	Daniel Falk
10	5.89	Namik Haveric
	5.89	Mirsad Mujezinovic

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints

1	5.68	Thomas Grahame
2	3.73	Wayne Bardsley
3	3.72	Thomas Pratt
	3.72	Nathalie Kaye
5	3.40	Loic Braune
6	3.20	Howard Stevens
7	2.93	Eileen Street
	2.93	David Street
9	2.92	Maree Webster
10	2.84	Gary Weinstein
	2.84	Stanley Legum

2011 TROPHY RACE WINNERS



The 2011 WBL Trophy Race Winners were awarded their trophies during the sectional: l to r: **John Adams** (Lovenberg, Open), **Mike Richey** (Izzy Cohen, 0-1500), **Larry Wallace** (Tubb, Non-LM), not pictured: **Margaret Cooke & Peter Isard** (Woolridge, 0-20). See p. 14 for all of the 2011 final standings.

2011 NEW LIFE MASTERS



Congratulations to our 2011 New Life Masters! We celebrated their achievements during the sectional — Check out their stories starting on p. 17.

THUR MORN PAIRS @ROCKVILLE Stratum A, 20.5 Tables

1	Steven Mendelsohn - Walter Lawrence	63.43
2	Millard Nachtwey - Rosemary Shaw	.62.04
3	Raman Srivastav - Thomas Herzog	.60.19
4	Roma Chandra - Donald Goldman	.58.87

5	Shawn Stringer - Terry Feetham	.57.72
6	Jim Pestaner - Marshall Kramer	.57.64

Stratum B, 14.5 Tables

1	Steven Mendelsohn - Walter Lawrence	63.43
2	Raman Srivastav - Thomas Herzog	.60.19
3	Carol Fouts - Janet Berman	.57.63
4	Charles King - Cynthia Helms	.56.65
5	Robert Claypool - Jon Ranhand	.53.68
6	Jean Sobieski - Dennis Serpico	.53.24

Stratum C, 8.0 Tables

1	Steven Mendelsohn - Walter Lawrence	63.43
2	Jean Sobieski - Dennis Serpico	.53.24
3	Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock	.52.25
4	Sally Hollman - Narda Ehrlich	.51.16
5	Sally Schlein - Geane Schubert	.49.77

THURS EVE FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 34.5 Tables / Based on 92 Tables



1	H John Edmonds - Larry Kahn	.64.38
2	Rose Berman - Beta Nahapetian	.62.54
3	Hanna Schepps - Shawn Stringer	.60.72
4	Irv Kipnis - Michael Mullendore	.60.62
5	Richard Ferrin - Eugene Kales	.58.84
6	Jason Meyer - James Geist	.58.81
7	Steve Robinson - John Adams	.58.34
8	Donald Berman - Leon Letwin	.57.48
9	David Rodney - Avril Rodney	.57.26
10	Bruce Houston - Kenneth Davis	.56.39

Stratum X, 19.5 Tables

1	H John Edmonds - Larry Kahn	.64.38
2	Rose Berman - Beta Nahapetian	.62.54
3	Irv Kipnis - Michael Mullendore	.60.62
4	Jason Meyer - James Geist	.58.81
5	Kevin O'Brien-Francesco Parisi-Presicce	55.61
6	Sven Pride - David Genne	.54.93

THURS EVE FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 33.5 Tables

1	Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic	62.88
2	Fred Gramlich - James Raber	.62.50
3	Thomas Jennings - Larry Taylor	.62.00
4	Steve Reed - Daniel Feldman	.60.77
5	Arun Guha - Calvin Konner	.60.04
6	Jenny Shaefer - Ann Atcheson	.59.88

Stratum C, 30.5 Tables

1	Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic	62.88
2	Fred Gramlich - James Raber	.62.50
3	Thomas Jennings - Larry Taylor	.62.00
4	Arun Guha - Calvin Konner	.60.04
5	Jenny Shaefer - Ann Atcheson	.59.88
6	Jay Simon - Mark Jones	.56.66

Stratum D, 21.5 Tables

1	Namik Haveric - Mirsad Mujezinovic	62.88
2	Fred Gramlich - James Raber	.62.50
3	Thomas Jennings - Larry Taylor	.62.00
4	Jenny Shaefer - Ann Atcheson	.59.88
5	Jay Simon - Mark Jones	.56.66
6	Michael Kuehl - Julie Connor	.56.25

THUR EVE NLM PAIRS @ WBL Stratum A, 8.5 Tables



1	Adrienne Kohn - Garry Grossman	.57.67
2	Julie Thomas - Ollie Thomas	.56.97
3	Theodore Michos - Dottie Donnelly	.56.77
4	Charles Dearolf - Judith Dausch	.55.63
5	Abigail Murton - Doug Brasse	.55.31

Stratum B, 4.5 Tables

1	Theodore Michos - Dottie Donnelly	.56.77
2	Charles Dearolf - Judith Dausch	.55.63
3	Richard Barth - Carl Barth	.53.65
4	Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke	.52.34

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

1	Theodore Michos - Dottie Donnelly	.56.77
2	Charles Dearolf - Judith Dausch	.55.63
3	Peter Isard - Margaret Cooke	.52.34

THUR EVE 0-20 PAIRS @ WBL

Stratum A, 5.0 Tables

1	William McLeese - Jenneke Fijn Van Draat	.63.33
2	Eleanor Sontag - Lillian Glaser	.56.67
3	Julie Marquette - Cecily Wolfe	.55.83
4	Carmen Fitchett - Kenneth Jones	.54.17

Stratum B, 3.0 Tables

1	Eleanor Sontag - Lillian Glaser	.56.67
2	Julie Marquette - Cecily Wolfe	.55.83

THUR EVE 199ER PAIRS @ NVBA

Stratum A, 10.0 Tables

1	Margarett Whilden - Thomas Grahame	62.50
2	Cathy McGarrigan - Sherry Griffin	.61.90
3/4	Nate Coddington - David English	.58.33
3/4	David Street - Eileen Street	.58.33
5/6	Bushra Shamma - Maura McGinn	.56.55
5/6	Katherine Culp - Brian Brunsvold	.56.55

Stratum B, 6.5 Tables

1	Cathy McGarrigan - Sherry Griffin	.61.90
2/3	Nate Coddington - David English	.58.33
2/3	David Street - Eileen Street	.58.33
4	Arlene Schettler - Rollin Huntington	.54.46
5	Marilynn Schuyler - Don McKenzie	.54.17

Stratum C, 4.0 Tables

1/2	Nate Coddington - David English	.58.33
1/2	David Street - Eileen Street	.58.33
3	Arlene Schettler - Rollin Huntington	.54.46

FRI MORN FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 6.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables



- 1 Stephen Drodge - John Miller69.26
- 2 Alfred Steinberg - Andrew Gofreed63.70
- 3 Martha Bley - Ross Bley59.63
- 4 James Adams - Ann Ingram56.30

Stratum X, 3.5 Tables

- 1 Martha Bley - Ross Bley59.63
- 2 Amy Bloom - Margie Coccodrilli48.15
- 3 Linda Smith - Gerald Marcovsky46.67

FRI MORN FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 16.0 Tables



- 1 Calvin Konner - Arun Guha61.36
- 2 Jo Anna Mencarelli - Juanita Beeson60.80
- 3 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh57.20
- 4 Anne Vaeth - Jean Sobieski56.06
- 5 Brenda Thomas - Anita Christman55.87
- 6/7 Prem Garg - Donald Goldman55.11
- 6/7 Kathrine Loh - David Loken55.11

Stratum C, 13.0 Tables

- 1 Arun Guha - Calvin Konner61.36
- 2 Jo Anna Mencarelli - Juanita Beeson60.80
- 3 Thomas Reckford - Behnaz Fardshisheh57.20
- 4 Anne Vaeth - Jean Sobieski56.06
- 5 Brenda Thomas - Anita Christman55.87
- 6 Prem Garg - Donald Goldman55.11

Stratum D, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Jo Anna Mencarelli - Juanita Beeson60.80
- 2 Anne Vaeth - Jean Sobieski56.06
- 3 Brenda Thomas - Anita Christman55.87
- 4 Arthur Olson - Marilyn Courtot54.92
- 5 Howard Stevens - Patricia Mozer54.17

FRI MORN NONLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 9.0 Tables

- 1 David King - Amedee Dean63.39
- 2 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda58.63
- 3 Yasmina Patel - Parviz Steeds56.85
- 4 Thomas Pratt - Nathalie Kaye53.87
- 5 John Metzler - Christopher Goldthwait53.27

Stratum B, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Thomas Pratt - Nathalie Kaye53.87
- 2 John Metzler - Christopher Goldthwait53.27
- 3 Mark Terrell - Dottie Terrell51.49
- 4/5 Jo Turner - Mary Ourand50.00
- 4/5 Madeline Nevins - Etsuko Smith50.00

Stratum C, 3.5 Tables

- 1 John Metzler - Christopher Goldthwait53.27
- 2/3 Jo Turner - Mary Ourand50.00
- 2/3 Madeline Nevins - Etsuko Smith50.00

FRI AFT FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 14.5 Tables / Based on 40 Tables



- 1 Irv Kipnis - Margie Coccodrilli59.17
- 2 Alfred Steinberg - Andrew Gofreed57.54
- 3 Linda Smith - Gerald Marcovsky57.08
- 4 Stephen Drodge - John Miller56.50
- 5 Mark Cohen - Richard Price56.43
- 6 Lyle Poe Jr - Mark Shaw56.25

Stratum X, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Irv Kipnis - Margie Coccodrilli59.17
- 2 Linda Smith - Gerald Marcovsky57.08
- 3 Mark Cohen - Richard Price56.43
- 4 Katherine Rabenstein - Janet Dence56.16
- 5 Melanie Manfield - Seth Manfield52.62

FRI AFT FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 17.0 Tables



- 1 Carolyn Baird - John Gauss64.96
- 2 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock61.17
- 3 Merna Hart - Michael Hart60.80
- 4 Kathrine Loh - David Loken59.28
- 5 Guillaume de Decker - Michelle Zygielbaum57.95
- 6/7 Leon Masiewicki - William Dillon57.01
- 6/7 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte57.01

Stratum C, 15.5 Tables

- 1 Carolyn Baird - John Gauss64.96
- 2 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock61.17
- 3 Merna Hart - Michael Hart60.80
- 4 Guillaume de Decker - Michelle Zygielbaum57.95
- 5/6 Leon Masiewicki - William Dillon57.01
- 5/6 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte57.01

Stratum D, 10.0 Tables

- 1 Carolyn Baird - John Gauss64.96
- 2 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock61.17
- 3 Merna Hart - Michael Hart60.80
- 4 Guillaume de Decker - Michelle Zygielbaum57.95
- 5 Jerry Nolte - Elizabeth Nolte57.01
- 6/7 Daniel Falk - Larry Wallace53.60
- 6/7 Kellen Leister - Wayne Bardsley53.60

FRI AFT NONLM PAIRS

Stratum A, 8.5 Tables



- 1 Eldon Compton - Gabriel Cornett61.62
- 2 Charles Pritzlaff - Olivia Pritzlaff61.28
- 3 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda59.77
- 4 Susan Weiss - Bernice Felix59.71
- 5 Amedee Dean - David King56.46

Stratum B, 7.0 Tables

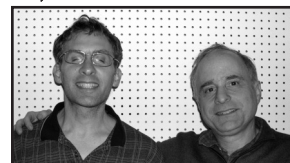
- 1 Charles Pritzlaff - Olivia Pritzlaff61.28
- 2 Ron Sutter - Yuen De Anda59.77
- 3 Maree Webster - Mary Ourand53.55
- 4 David Street - Eileen Street52.46
- 5 Ruth Glen - Margie Mastran50.20

Stratum C, 3.0 Tables

- 1 Charles Pritzlaff - Olivia Pritzlaff61.28
- 2 Maree Webster - Mary Ourand53.55

FRI EVE FLT A/X IMP PAIRS

Stratum A, 15.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables



- 1 Lloyd Rawley - Merrill Hirsh60.00
- 2 David Fleischer - Rosemary Shaw33.00
- 3 Earl Glickstein - Barry Falgout30.00
- 4 Mark Shaw - Martin Graf28.00
- 5 Mark Lavine - Sheryl McEwan27.00
- 6 Katherine Rabenstein - Carole Banks26.00

Stratum X, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Lloyd Rawley - Merrill Hirsh60.00
- 2 Mark Lavine - Sheryl McEwan27.00
- 3 Katherine Rabenstein - Carole Banks26.00
- 4 David Soukup - Hakan Berk23.00
- 5 Seth Manfield - Sabrina Manfield19.00

FRI EVE FLT B/C/D IMP PAIRS

Stratum B, 14.5 Tables



- 1 Amelia Montjoy - Eleanor Schwartz59.00
- 2 Joe Hertz - Michael Osborn40.00
- 3 Paul Setzer - Donna Setzer39.27
- 4 Merna Hart - Michael Hart28.36
- 5 David Street - Eileen Street24.00
- 6 Barry Anderson - Dennis Serpico21.00

Stratum C, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Joe Hertz - Michael Osborn40.00
- 2 Paul Setzer - Donna Setzer39.27

- 3 Merna Hart - Michael Hart28.36
- 4 David Street - Eileen Street24.00
- 5 Barry Anderson - Dennis Serpico21.00
- 6 Michael Schuller - David Wampler18.00

Stratum D, 7.0 Tables

- 1 Paul Setzer - Donna Setzer39.27
- 2 David Street - Eileen Street24.00
- 3 Barry Anderson - Dennis Serpico21.00
- 4 Ruth Glen - Margie Mastran16.00
- 5 Alexander Gretsinger - Jane Dolkart15.27

SAT MORN FLT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 20.0 Tables / Based on 71 Tables



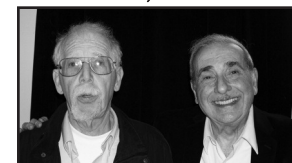
- 1 Steve Robinson - Peter Boyd65.24
- 2 John Adams - William Cole64.91
- 3/4 Leo LaSota - William Hacker60.09
- 3/4 Kenneth Davis - Robert Boyd60.09
- 5 Ronald Kral - Eugene Kales57.79
- 6 Lowell Sawyer - Don Probst57.24
- 7 Steven Schatzow - Mark Laken57.13
- 8 John Lowe III - Howard Grunin56.47

Stratum X, 10.0 Tables

- 1 John Lowe III - Howard Grunin56.47
- 2 Andrew Lipps - Eric Branfman51.54
- 3 Allen Lord - Eva Klivington51.21
- 4 Katherine Rabenstein - Amy Bloom50.22
- 5/6 Richard Ferrin - Ronald Zucker50.00
- 5/6 Benjamin Stauss - John Glynn50.00

SAT MORN FLT B/C/D PAIRS

Stratum B, 29.0 Tables



- 1 Daniel Falk - Larry Wallace64.02
- 2 Brenda Thomas - Lawrence Nimmo63.26
- 3 Thomas Grahame - Nancy Lea Ross61.17
- 4 Michael Schuller - David Wampler59.66
- 5 John McCormick - Loic Braune58.33
- 6 Albert Stolpe - Thomas Jennings57.95

Stratum C, 25.0 Tables

- 1 Daniel Falk - Larry Wallace64.02
- 2 Brenda Thomas - Lawrence Nimmo63.26
- 3 Thomas Grahame - Nancy Lea Ross61.17
- 4 Michael Schuller - David Wampler59.66
- 5 John McCormick - Loic Braune58.33
- 6 Albert Stolpe - Thomas Jennings57.95

Stratum D, 14.0 Tables

- 1 Daniel Falk - Larry Wallace64.02
- 2 Brenda Thomas - Lawrence Nimmo63.26
- 3 Michael Schuller - David Wampler59.66
- 4 John McCormick - Loic Braune58.33
- 5 Albert Stolpe - Thomas Jennings57.95
- 6 Ernie Schuler - Annapurna Satpathy57.77

SAT MORN NLM PAIRS **Stratum A, 15.5 Tables**



- 1 Howard Stevens - Ken Kimball69.63
- 2 Jane Dolkart - Alexander Gretsinger .59.09
- 3 Diane Cohen - Ken Casey57.85
- 4 Joan Anderson - Ruby Brooks57.39
- 5 Julie Thomas - Ollie Thomas55.11
- 6 Ruth Glen - Margie Mastran54.75

Stratum B, 11.0 Tables

- 1 Howard Stevens - Ken Kimball69.63
- 2 Jane Dolkart - Alexander Gretsinger .59.09
- 3 Diane Cohen - Ken Casey57.85
- 4 Julie Thomas - Ollie Thomas55.11
- 5 Ruth Glen - Margie Mastran54.75
- 6 Joseph Abita - Kathleen Zellmer . . .53.92

Stratum C, 5.0 Tables

- 1 Howard Stevens - Ken Kimball69.63
- 2 Jane Dolkart - Alexander Gretsinger .59.09
- 3 Hugh McNaughton - Kathy Crandall .53.60
- 4 Sarah Watson - Geane Schubert52.08

SAT MORN 49ER PAIRS **Stratum A, 6.0 Tables**



- 1 Claudia Rathbone - Carolyn Lundelius 62.50
- 2 Maxine Isaacs - Anne Shields60.00
- 3 Jacques Delente - Gail Delente59.58
- 4 Joanne Berens - Michael Berens59.17

Stratum B, 2.5 Tables

- 1 Stephen Black - Maree Webster54.58
- 2 Tamara Vetter - Jayne Lynch54.17

SATURDAY AFT A/X PAIRS

Stratum A, 17.5 Tables / Based on 50 Tables



- 1 Robert Schwab - Anne Derbes60.68
- 2 Leo LaSota - William Hacker59.77
- 3 Monique Smith - Merril Hirsh57.94
- 4 Sven Pride - James Geist55.99
- 5 Diane Alexander - William Zane . . .55.47
- 6 Alan Tenenbaum - Andrew Gofreed .54.97

Stratum X, 9.0 Tables

- 1 Anne Derbes - Robert Schwab60.68
- 2 Monique Smith - Merril Hirsh57.94
- 3 Sven Pride - James Geist55.99
- 4 Diane Alexander - William Zane . . .55.47

- 5 Elliot Grant - James Davenport, Jr . . .54.95

SATURDAY AFT B/C/D PAIRS **Stratum B, 21.0 Tables**



- 1 Ernie Schuler - Annapurna Satpathy .62.50
- 2 Guillaume de Decker - Dale Sanders .61.53
- 3 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock . . .61.39
- 4 John McCormick - Loic Braune60.69
- 5 Sheryl McEwan - Margie Mastran . . .58.75
- 6 Ellie Clark - Betsy Eliot58.06

Stratum C, 17.5 Tables

- 1 Ernie Schuler - Annapurna Satpathy .62.50
- 2 Guillaume de Decker - Dale Sanders .61.53
- 3 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock . . .61.39
- 4 John McCormick - Loic Braune60.69
- 5 Sheryl McEwan - Margie Mastran . . .58.75
- 6 Behnaz Fardshisheh - Charles King .55.97

Stratum D, 11.5 Tables

- 1 Ernie Schuler - Annapurna Satpathy .62.50
- 2 Guillaume de Decker - Dale Sanders .61.53
- 3 Louise Hayes - Penelope Paddock . . .61.39
- 4 John McCormick - Loic Braune60.69
- 5 Sheryl McEwan - Margie Mastran . . .58.75
- 6 Howard Levenson - Melany Levenson 55.83

SATURDAY AFT NONLM PAIRS **Stratum A, 11.0 Tables**

- 1 Thomas Pratt - Nathalie Kaye57.27
- 2 Lynne Groff - Alfred Groff57.06
- 3 Sharon Perryman - Richard Padgett . .55.06
- 4 Charles Dearolf - Judith Dausch . . .54.85
- 5 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell54.68
- 6 Marguerite Salah - Elinor Stolar . . .53.69

Stratum B, 9.5 Tables

- 1 Thomas Pratt - Nathalie Kaye57.27
- 2 Lynne Groff - Alfred Groff57.06
- 3 Sharon Perryman - Richard Padgett . .55.06
- 4 Charles Dearolf - Judith Dausch . . .54.85
- 5 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell54.68
- 6 Marguerite Salah - Elinor Stolar . . .53.69

Stratum C, 6.5 Tables

- 1 Thomas Pratt - Nathalie Kaye57.27
- 2 Sharon Perryman - Richard Padgett . .55.06
- 3 Charles Dearolf - Judith Dausch . . .54.85
- 4 Dottie Terrell - Glenn Terrell54.68
- 5 Lynne Battle - Heide Blaker52.26

SUN BRACKETED TEAMS #1 16 Tables / Based on 59 Tables



- 1 John Adams - Stan Schenker - David Milton
- Leo LaSota92.00

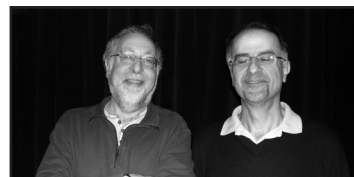
- 2 Jason Meyer - Lloyd Rawley - James Geist -
Michael Richey86.00
- 3 Robert Hopkins Jr - Rusty Krauss - Barry
Falgout - Joan Lewis85.00
- 4 Donald Berman - Leon Letwin - Ronald
Zucker - Bruce Roberts84.00
- 5 M Webster Ewell Jr - Michael Klein - Jim
Wakefield - Helene Bauman83.00

SUN BRACKETED TEAMS #2 8 Tables / Based on 33 Tables



- 1 John Glynn - Ellen Glynn - Judy Weisman -
Carl Weisman100.00
- 2 Robert Stearns - Lynn Boardman - William
Goldman - Charles Young Jr87.00
- 3 John Glynn - Benjamin Stauss - Ronald
Susi - Saul Penn81.00

SUN BRACKETED TEAMS #3 8 Tables / Based on 17 Tables



- 1 Daniel Koch (*pic.*) - Hadi Abushakra (*pic.*)
- Walter Smith Jr - Dale Sanders . . .95.00
- 2 Rex Settle - Anne Derbes - Robert Schwab
- Gail Zamboni73.00
- 3 Neal McKinney - Steven Rothman - Julia
Brown - Linda Burton72.00

SUN BRACKETED TEAMS #4 8 Tables / Based on 14 Tables



- 1 William Mendez Jr - Michael Goldman -
Alan Ferraro - Alfred Liepold93.00
- 2 Cathy Stryker - Eva Klivington - Paul Sty-
gar - Willis Paley Hume82.00
- 3 Norman Sweed - Ronnie Sweed - Richard
Wedgewood - Calvin Konner74.00

SUN BRACKETED TEAMS #5 8 Tables / Based on 11 Tables

- 1 Fred Gramlich - Daniel Weinberg - Walton
Francis - William Prosser99.00
- 2 Michael Schuller - David Wampler - John
Hudson - Alan Munro96.00

- 3 Ronald Starr - Jerry Pruzan - David Mon-
tague - Norman Mitchell81.00

SUN BRACKETED TEAMS #6, 11 Tables



- 1 Richard Cassell - Gary Weinstein - Stan-
ley Legum - Mitchell Karlic107.00
- 2 Georgette Weiss - Thomas Jennings -
Wayne Bardsley - Kellen Leister . . .94.00
- 3 Bob Hartsell - Saroj Gulati - Warren Beeton
- W Taschek89.00
- 4 Ruth Glen - Maryellen Leister - Catherine
Bardsley - Donna Setzer78.00

SUN MORN NONLM SWISS **Stratum A, 6 Tables**



- 1 Alice Ling- Margie Mastran - Joseph Abita
- Lynne Groff62.00
- 2 Margaret Whilden - Hanna Wagner -
Stephen Black - Maree Webster51.00

Stratum B, 3 Tables

- 1 Margaret Whilden - Hanna Wagner -
Stephen Black - Maree Webster51.00

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Shusterman, and Barbara Yuravlivker.

In addition, we welcome the following transfers from other units: **Mrs Conner Forsyth, Nancy D Ross, Mrs Natalie D Zatz, Mr Joseph S Bracewell, Mrs Denise B Gogarty, Mrs Rita S Kanter, Ms Anne Derbes, Mrs Barbara Z Johnson, Mr Herbert Rubinstein, Mrs Marilyn S Rubinstein, Mrs Pat A Scholz, Mr Robert M Schwab, Jerome P Sikora, Mrs Angela S Sugar, Mr Elliott S Turley, Mr R James Alwood, Brian G Gordon, Mrs Sarah B Jenkins, and Mr Melvin Schick.**

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.

LOST & FOUND

There are many convention cards left behind on Thursday night games at Ohr Kodesh. Also a few glasses. If you lost yours, come see me.

—Kitty Gottfried



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MAJOR SUIT RAISES, PART 3: THE GAME FORCING RAISE

The first two parts of this series on Major Suit Raises focused on evaluating hands after partner opened 1♥ or 1♠. We divided hands with support for partner's suit as game forcing, invitational, constructive or simple raises. Now we want to look at how to bid when we have support and a game forcing hand.

When partner opens 1M (1 of a Major) and you, as responder, also have an opening hand, and you have extra trump support, you can best describe your hand by using *Jacoby 2N*. This is a popular conventional bid that conveys a hand with these characteristics:

- 13+ support points;
- No singleton or void in a side suit (assuming you also play Splinter Bids); and,
- **FOUR OR MORE** card support for opener's major.

The last point is very important. *Jacoby 2N* is a specific bid that promises 4+ cards in Opener's major. The bid should not be used with only 3 card support. We'll discuss what to do with 3 card support at the end of this article.

Benefits of *Jacoby 2N*:

In some auctions, you and partner may not know until the 4th bid that together you have game values. And even after that 4th bid, you still may not know the best strain to play the hand. The beauty of *Jacoby 2N* is that both of you know after only 2 bids that you will play in no less than 4 of your Major.

Value of Nine Card Fit:

Volumes have been written about the value of 9+ card trump fits. In a nutshell, having at least nine cards in a suit roughly triples your chance of getting a good trump break. Consider this trump suit:

A Q 8 7 3 opposite K 5 4

You play this suit by taking the top three honors. With eight cards, you will get a favorable (3-2) break 68% of the time. (See March-April *WBL Bulletin* for more on dis-

tribution and probabilities.) That means that 32% of the time you will lose a trump trick.

Now add a 4th trump to responder's hand, giving her K542. The addition of the lowly "2" reduces the probability of losing a trump trick to a mere 10% (the chance of a 4-0 break), substantially lowering the risk of a bad trump break. Additionally, after pulling trump, declarer may be able to use one or more trumps in dummy to ruff side suit losers. For all of these reasons, a *Jacoby 2N* raise will always promise 4+ card support.

Opener's Second Bid:

Another significant benefit of the *Jacoby 2N* convention is the wealth of information that Opener can convey about her hand with her second bid. Opener can show a good second five-card suit (4-level bids); Opener can show a singleton or void (3-level bids); or Opener can show relatively balanced hands and pinpoint her HCP range. Here are the specific bids:

Bid	Shows
4♣, 4♦ (or 4♥ if trump suit is spades)	A good (2 of the top 3 honors) 5 card suit
3♣, 3♦ or 3 of the OTHER major	A singleton or void in the suit bid
4 of the agreed major	12-14 points, no singleton or void *
3 of the agreed major	8+ points, no singleton or void *

*these are suggested ranges that can be tweaked by partnership agreement.

Responder can now bid either game or slam with suitable hands, cuebid to show an ace and ask about slam tolerance, especially after a bid that neither showed nor denied extra values, such as a 3-level bid showing shortness, or bid 4NT (Blackwood) if she has sufficient values no suits with two fast losers (i.e., no suit with Qx or worse).

To see how this works, let's look at a few hands for opener. You open 1♠ and partner responds 2NT. You hold:

♠AQ853 ♥KQT42 ♦K9 ♣5	Bid 4♥, promising a 5 card suit. Since partner knows about 10 of your cards, she is sure that you hold a singleton or void in a minor. Partner will know immediately how to evaluate her hand and will downgrade with wasted values in the minors such as ♦KJx or ♣QJxx
♠AJT84 ♥T ♦KT53 ♣KQ6	Bid 3♥, showing your heart shortness. Partner, with as little as ♠KQ53 ♥9732 ♦A84 ♣A8, can envision a 6♠ slam being very possible. With ♠9732 ♥KQ53 ♦A84 ♣A8, partner knows that the ♥KQ are not as valuable, and will stop in game. You want low cards opposite partner's short suits; high cards other than the ace are wasted.
♠98643 ♥KQ5 ♦A7 ♣K42	Bid 4♠. You have a minimum hand with bad trumps and no distributional points. Partner, with a very big hand, can still bid on, but you need to warn her not to expect more than a bare opening bid from you.
♠A8643 ♥KQ5 ♦A7 ♣K42	Bid 3NT. You still have mediocre trumps and no shortness, but you have a very good hand with 16 HCP. Slam would be very good opposite ♠KQ75 ♥J862 ♦K94 ♣AT, losing only a heart if trumps are 3-1 or 2-2 (90%).
♠AQJ43 ♥KQ5 ♦A7 ♣K42	Bid 3♠. You have 19 HCP. If partner has almost anything useful, you will want to be in 6♠, and 7♠ is not out of the question. Blackwood will keep you out of slam if partner holds ♠KT87 ♥JT ♦KQJ5 ♣QJ8. Even though she has 13 high card points, you are missing two aces. But most other game forcing hands will make slam.

NOTE: both the *Jacoby 2N* bid and the follow up bids are alertable. Make sure to alert the bids and explain their meaning to opponents if asked.

Finally, what do we do if we do not have 4 card support for partner, but do have 13 or more high card points and 3 card support? We bid another suit, and then jump to game in partner's suit if you are playing Standard American. If you are playing 2/1 Game For-

cing, you bid a side suit at the two level, and then show support for partner, since you are in a game forcing auction. Opener will know you have only 3 card support since you did not use *Jacoby 2N*.

Next month: Putting it to the opponents!

STEPPING UP TO NEW HEIGHTS: As of February 1, 2012

Junior Masters: 5 Masterpoints

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Mrs Judith F Barth
Mr F Scott Bush
Mrs Patti Kemmer
Dr Esar G Margolin
Dr Judith A Prask
Lawrence F Sancilio
Michael C Barth
Jill I Benson
Mr Joseph S Bracewell

Kurt Fernstrom
Authur Lazarus Jr
Blair R Peace
Mrs Mary E Perini
Ms Theresa H Raines
Mrs Jane E Marsh
Mr Johnny M Marsh
Mrs Nancy Presley
Dr Les Robinson
Ms Marsha B Shiff
Club Masters: 20 MP's
Mr Alexander N Gretsinger
Ms Connie Corvette
Jane Dolkart
Mrs Lindsay Eakin
Oscar W Lease Jr
Ms Anne H Shields
Joanne Massey Howes

Suzanne P Dawson
Sectional Masters: 50 MP's
Gay Pirozzi
Mr Lester A Slaback
Mr Loic Braune
Mrs Caroline S Despard
Ms Yasmin C Jiwa
Reina Lerner
Ms Cathy McGarrigan
Mrs Patricia A Monroe
Regional Masters: 100 MP's
Mr David L Marshall
Ollie Thomas
Betty Thompson
Mr Duane E Webster
Dr Can M Savasman
Mr Jack Schiff
Alan L Skvirsky
Mr Michael Kuehl

Della Morris
Geoff M Turley
Mrs Vivian Pollock
Mrs Susan S Weiss
NABC Masters: 200 MP's
Mr Peter H Gould
Ms Donna L Hankey-Woods
Mr James M Gerding
Ms Susan W Morris
Ernie Schuler
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Mrs Jennifer L Elliott
Mr Leon Masiewicz
Mr Jerome Ostrov
Mr Douglas R Woods
Hakan Berk
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WBL SOLVERS' CLUB'S NEW PROBLEMS

1) IMPs, You're Vulnerable

♠ 432 ♥ 10986 ♦ KQ3 ♣ Q74

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1 ♣		Dbl
Pass	3 ♠	Dbl	Pass
???			

2) Matchpoints, You're Vulnerable

♠ AJ543 ♥ 9 ♦ 6543 ♣ 832

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1 ♥		Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
???			

3) Matchpoints, None Vulnerable

♠ AQ962 ♥ K75 ♦ KJ873 ♣ -

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1 ♥	4 ♣
???			

4) IMPs, Both Vulnerable

♠ AQJ8 ♥ AKJ87 ♦ 7 ♣ AQ6

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

5) IMPs, They're Vulnerable

♠ J109872 ♥ - ♦ Q64 ♣ J975

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		3 ♦	Pass
???			

Return answers by March 8 to:

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